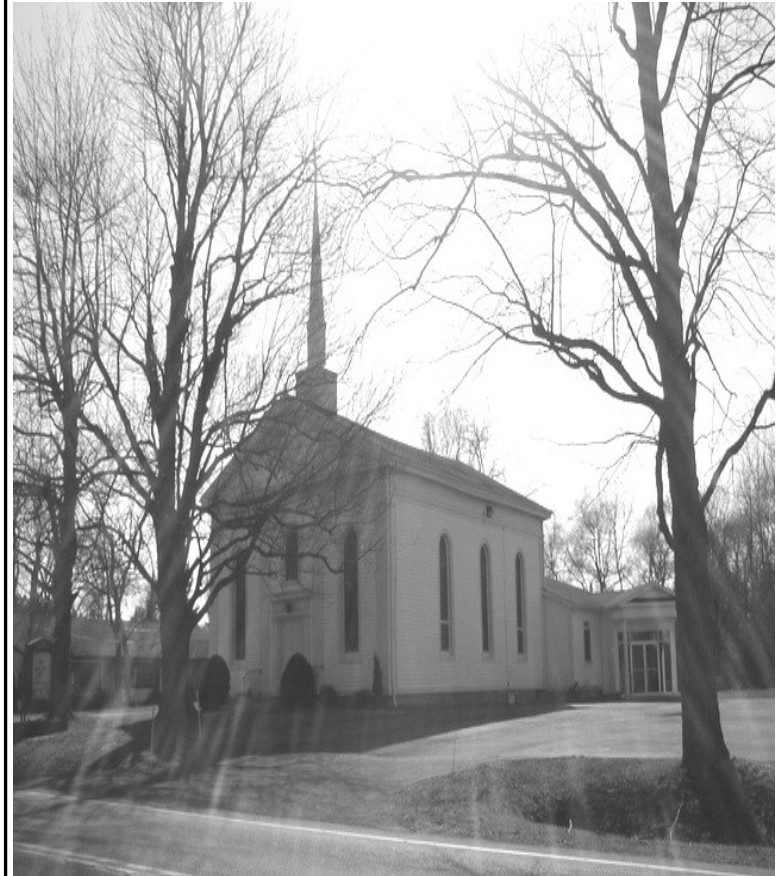


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A Message from the Pastor...



The question that I hear most often when people call and inquire about our church is: "What translation of the Bible do you use?" It seems that the translation used by a Christian church is a sign indicating specific notions about their faith beliefs. And I picture a match up game with Bible versions on the left side and topics like eternal life, confession, salvation, heaven and hell on the right and wonder which translated version(s) are paired best with which key topics.

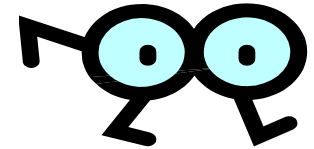
Here at Ogden Baptist we don't have a one-version answer to this question. We take turns each week in worship reading Scripture from our own Bibles. Over the past year, we have heard the Scriptures read from the King James Version, New International Version, Revised Standard Version, New Revised Standard Version, Good News Bible, New American Bible, New American Standard and from paraphrased Bibles like the Living Bible and The Message. And I'm sure I have probably left out someone's favorite version.

There is not a standard translation used in our church family and this is significant because each of us finds study and devotion through the translated word that speaks to us, with the aid of the Holy Spirit. As part of our witness, each of us shares from the Bible version that helps us proclaim the Good News with others.

All of this translation talk makes me wonder if we're elevating the Bible itself above the ministry and saving work of Jesus Christ. Rather than worshipping a particular translation as the "one" true word, let us allow God's Word to *lead* us toward living a Christ-centered life, one where we acknowledge and follow Christ as Lord and Savior.

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Looking Ahead



In October:

World Mission Offering will be taken

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| October 5 | Bible Study |
| October 10 | Trustees & Deacons Church Council |
| October 12 | Bible Study |
| October 13 | Auxiliary |
| October 13 | Guild |
| October 19 | Bible Study |
| October 26 | Bible Study |
| October 29 | Smorgasbord |



Thank you goes out to David Benjamin for his help in construction and installation of the pergola over the bench in our Meditation Garden. Another season will see a climbing vine to offer shade. Thank you David and Linda for the beautiful addition to our garden.



September Birthdays

- 1 - Joe Maurici
- 6 - Rebecca Castellano
- 10 - Bill Rybak
- 17 - Will Shoeneman
- 18 - Allyn Hill
- 19 - Kristine Burns
- 20 - Cameron Vargo
- 27 - Barry Hartman
- 29 - MacKenzie Green



A big thank you goes out to Dave Haines for his work on the front door of the sanctuary. The door looks great in its new color. Also, Dave has done some outdoor work, painting all railings, spraying for weeds in the front. This work is greatly appreciated! Many, many thanks.



September Highlights



- Sunday Sept. 4— **Worship** at 10a Communion Sunday
- Monday Sept. 5— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Sept. 6— AA meets
- Wednesday Sept. 7— **Choir** practice 7:30p

- Sunday Sept. 11— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at **11a**
Memorial Service at Spencerport Gazebo 6:00p
Gathering for Prayer 7p
- Monday Sept. 12— **Trustees & Deacons** meet at 7 p
Church Council at 8 p
- Tuesday Sept. 13— OBC at Wedgewood 11:15a
AA meets
- Wednesday Sept. 14— **Choir** practice 7:30p
- Thursday Sept. 15— Laurel Guild 7p at Bette Voorheis'

- Sunday Sept 18— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
Membership Classes begin 4:00 – 5:30p
- Monday Sept. 19— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Sept. 20— AA meets
- Wednesday Sept. 21— **Bible Study** 5:30—7:00p
Choir practice 7:30p
- Saturday, Sept. 24—**ABCRGR Annual Gathering at**
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

- Sunday Sept. 25— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
Membership Class 4:00 - 5:30p
Gathering for Prayer 7p
- Monday Sept. 26— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Sept. 27— AA meets
- Wednesday Sept. 28— **Bible Study** 5:30—7:00p
Choir practice 7:30p





Restoration Day September 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Nursery (babies and toddlers under 2)

Leader: Emily Cole

Preschoolers (ages 2-5)

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Cole

From the *Read and Share* curriculum, preschoolers will begin with Genesis, learning about Creation, the stories of our ancient ancestors and the promise of Abraham.

Children (grade school ages)

(One Room Sunday School)

Leaders: Mary Jo Green and Dorothy Kanous

We will be studying the Early Church beginning with Pentecost

Youth (Middle and High School)

Leader: Gail Serratt

Learning about our Christian Faith

Adults

Leader: Tom Olney

Beginning a Bible-based study, so bring your bibles!

Membership Classes scheduled for this Fall

Adult classes will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning September 18 from 4 - 5:30pm
If you are interested in attending, let Gail know!



September 11 Memorial Service

at the Gazebo in Spencerport, September 11 at 6:00pm
This is a community event and choirs will join to provide special music. You don't have to be a choir member to participate. If you are interested in singing call Sue Feuerherm for details.

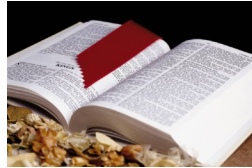
Rehearse with OBC choir on August 31, September 7.
Rehearsal of all choirs at the White Church,
September 8 at 7:30pm



Choir Resumes

Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday,
August 31st at 7:30pm
Choir members and anyone who enjoys singing
are invited. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.





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These are tough words for one like me who loves to study the Bible, albeit in several different translations. I have to sometimes remind myself that our Bible is a path to relationship with God and not the relationship itself. Still I mourn that many folks have set aside God's Word altogether. References to Scripture in our culture fall on blank faces with no familiarity.

This fall on Wednesday evenings we will begin an overview of the Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures (see below). Our hope is that these Scriptures will "teach us to hear, read, learn, connect and inwardly digest them" (BCP) so that they become a part of our lives and we become walking translations that point to our loving Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Come bring your favorite versions and let's share,
Gail

(BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

BIBLE STUDY

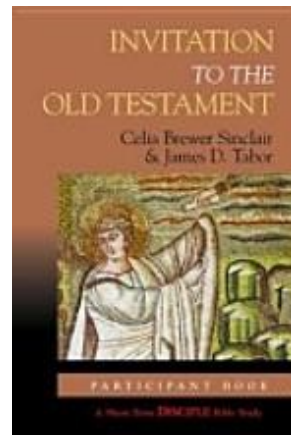
Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm

Invitation to the Old Testament

This study of the Hebrew Scriptures begins
Sept 21—Nov 16.

This nine week study invites us to hear the story of God and God's calling of his people through the many voices of the biblical text—narrative stories, poetry, proverbs, history and prophecy.

Can't make Wednesday evenings?
An established women's group at Ogden Presbyterian Church is also participating in this study and those interested may join their study at OPC. Their meeting time is 9:30—11:00am and begins Tuesday morning, **Sept. 20.** (Sorry guys, women only for this morning group.)



\$5 donation
for participant book.
Please bring to first
Wed eve orientation
meeting (Sept 21).



Laurel Guild

September 15 at 7:00pm

This month's meeting will be at the home of
Bette Voorheis with refreshments
provided by Barb Koepke.

The Smorgasbord is on
for Saturday, October 29th thanks to all who
have signed-up to help.

Planning begins in earnest and all women are invited
to attend.



Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary will meet in the Fellowship Hall on
Thursday, September 8 at 11:00am

We gather for service and fellowship.

Bring a sandwich for lunch, dessert will be provided.

ABCGR Annual Gathering



the hands and
feet of Christ

receiving the
least of these

Mark 10:13-16

Saturday, September 24
at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church,
Peace Breakfast 8:30a
Registration begins at
9:30a. Anyone may
attend, registration is
required.



3rd Annual Benefit Pig Roast for Aurora House Saturday, September 17th

Includes pork, potato, corn, baked beans, coleslaw, roll and dessert! Take out available.

\$12.00 Adults

\$7.00 Children 5-12

(food grown and donated by Town of Ogden farmers)

Event held at the American Legion Post at 691 Trimmer Road, Spencerport and you can purchase tickets by calling Ann at 743-1168 or Joanne at 352-6486

Save the date and support Aurora House!



The Auxiliary collects returnable cans & bottles

To raise funds to support missions

Barrels for your donations are

in the education wing near the office

or call Nancy Dean for pick-up

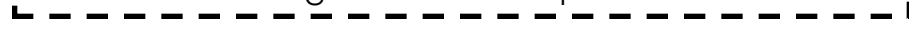
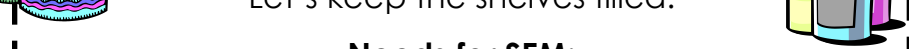
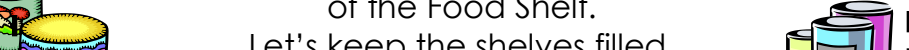
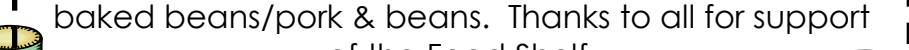
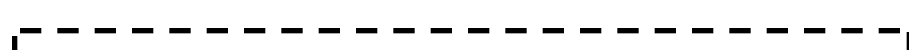
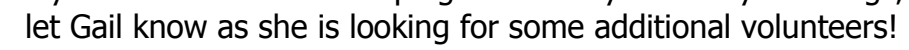
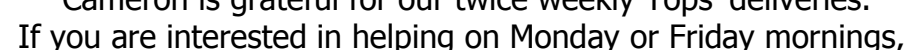
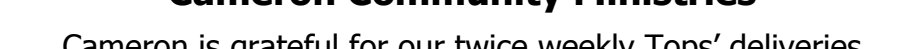
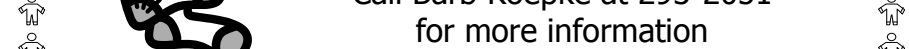
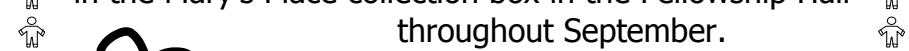
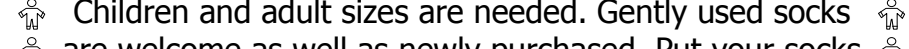
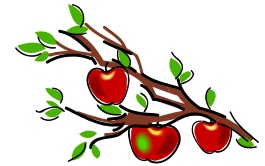
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Also, please save **Campbell's product labels** which are used by the Fairport Baptist home.

Women's Service Board Fundraiser

We are selling Tops gift cards in values of \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100. These can be purchased for face value and a percentage of the purchase goes to the Women's Service Board of the Fairport Baptist Homes. See Nancy Dean if you would like to participate.



Mary's Place

For Refugee Outreach in the Maplewood area

September is **SOCK** month!

Our goal is to collect **200** pair of socks!

Children and adult sizes are needed. Gently used socks are welcome as well as newly purchased. Put your socks in the Mary's Place collection box in the Fellowship Hall throughout September.



Call Barb Koepke at 293-2051 for more information

Cameron Community Ministries

Cameron is grateful for our twice weekly Tops' deliveries. If you are interested in helping on Monday or Friday mornings, let Gail know as she is looking for some additional volunteers!

Our small projects "fix-it" day is coming soon. Cindy will let us know by mid-September!

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Current needs at the food shelf include: pudding, canned meat or chicken, peanut butter, and baked beans/pork & beans. Thanks to all for support of the Food Shelf.

Let's keep the shelves filled.



Needs for SEM:

Canned goods, paper products, cereals, pasta, etc.
No glass containers please.