

OBC Newsletter

JUNE 2021



Pastor's Corner

Hello Friends:

The Bible is loaded with stories about people, churches, and nations who experienced new beginnings once they understood God's purpose for their lives. For example: Adam and Eve enjoyed a new beginning outside the Garden of Eden. Noah constructed an ark, and God provided his family with a new beginning. God invited Abraham to leave his homeland, and after he did, God led his children to become a vast nation. The history of Israel is filled with stories like these, stories about new beginnings. And God's greatest miracle—the death, burial and Resurrection of Jesus—stands out as an eternal testimony of God's desire and ability to bless the world with new beginnings.

My favorite of all stories of new beginnings is the story of the big fisherman—Peter, who was quick to speak and strong to act at the Lord's Last Supper. The Church was going well but a problem arose—what are we going to do with the non-Jews who have never been Jews who want to come to church? Peter said, "We'd better not try to put them together." Then God gave Peter a new beginning on the rooftop when a tent came down like a sheet in front of him and he was told to eat things he'd never dared to eat. He came out of the experience declaring that God is no respecter of people.

Revelation 3:14-22 pictures Jesus best for me. John wrote to the church at Laodicea, a church with problems that seemed to be pushing the church in the wrong direction. He ended his letter by saying, "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends." The Christian Church is a Church that always prays, searches, and hopes for new beginning. John says, "Jesus is at the door knocking so he might bring us our new beginning now."

If Jesus were to come to Ogden Baptist Church, how would he get in? Would he come through the roof, a window, or the door? Would he come in the middle of the service or near the end? Friends, Jesus comes to church in your experiences and mine. He comes with insights as we teach and read the Scriptures. He comes in the person of the Holy Spirit as we share ourselves in honest and loving ways, always finding among our differences the *Jesus way* of doing things.

Joe Priest Williams mentioned that years ago someone identified the Church as *God's New Thing* in the world. With Christ's help, we (the Church) become new people whose life is from above, complete with a new nature and new values. The Church as *God's New Thing* is the agent, power, force, and instrument of the Holy Spirit. OBC is now trekking through a time of transition. We are grateful for our over 200 years of ministry in and to Ogden, Spencerport, and the world, but we are also praying, searching, and hoping for a new beginning, a brand new way to speak and serve in ways people today will understand. Praise God, OBC, for new beginnings.

Yours,

Cliff Houston, Interim Pastor

PS: Be sure to be on the lookout for my Friday Note and share your prayer requests with the church when you are able. Blessings! C

Happy Father's Day!



Join us to celebrate Dad's
on Father's Day!

We will be having a picnic on June 20th after service. We will keep it simple and safe. Grilled hots, individual bags of chips, soda, and individually bagged cookies.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Plant Sale Update: Thank you everyone for making the plant sale a great success! We asked for pots to plant in, and a multitude appeared. Then the plants came. Every time we stopped at the church someone else had dropped off plants, and they continued to show up. The day of the sale was perfect. Customers arrived in a nice gentle flow and were incredibly pleased with the plants they got. We made \$1,135.28 most of which will be the beginning of a new parking lot fund and some went to the Ladies Auxiliary.



Thank you again,

Nancy Dean and Linda Benjamin



We want to thank Pat Thomas. Last year she delivered the 69 school kits from our church for Church World Service to the drop off site at the Downtown Presbyterian Church.

When the school supplies go on sale in the summer months keep this list in mind. We have the bags for school kits here are items that we need:



- 3 @ 70 page spiral notebooks
- 6 @ #2 pencils NOT sharpened
- Handheld pencil sharpener
- BLUNT children's scissors
- Box of 24 crayons
- Ruler @ 30cm/12 inches
- 1 large Eraser

Vacation Bible School

VBS is a go!

Rocky Railway will run from July 12th-16th from 9am - 12noon.

We will be following Covid-19 protocols with group sizes, hand-washing etc. However cooking camp details are TBD as we will not be doing our usual camp (although I am working on a scaled down version for August).

Any inquires and those interested in learning more please email Dale at OBCKidsmin@gmail.com or reply with PDF of registration form which can be scanned or snail-mailed back.

~Dale Shonk

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf Wish List:

nonperishable food items:

canned: vegetables, fruit juice, fruit, baked beans, tuna, meat (stew, chicken, ham)

boxed potatoes, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce

pudding, Jell-O, peanut butter, jelly

hamburger helper

tea, coffee, cocoa

cake, brownie, muffin mix

cookies, crackers

money donations to buy gift cards for perishables

personal care items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant

toilet paper, Kleenex, soap, small bottles of dish detergent



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The Auxiliary continues to collect cans and bottles for their ministry.

One Great Hour of Sharing ("OGHS") is one of four annual offerings received by American Baptist churches. OGHS makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, poverty or severe economic hardship, and for those who find themselves refugees or displaced within their home country.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING



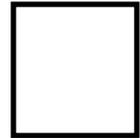
Monday Yoga

Chair Yoga: There are two chair yoga classes in the morning at 9:00 and 10:15. The 10:15 class may also be taken on Zoom. Classes are held in the fellowship hall and the chairs are at least 6 feet apart.

Gentle Yoga: In the evening there are two gentle yoga classes, 5:30 and 7:00 and the 7:00 class may be taken on Zoom. Classes are held in the yoga room with limited class size.

If you are interested in attending a yoga class contact Linda Benjamin 7734465.

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Rummage Sale - August 20 and 21

There is going to be a rummage sale. Please start putting aside items that you think will sell. We request that all items be brought in clean, and no clothing, it just does not sell. The plan is to be open Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Please consider setting aside a few hours to help the days of the sale and the week before to price items.

Any questions contact Linda Benjamin or Nancy Dean.

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JULY DEADLINE: All newsletter items need to be in the church office by 9am June 22nd.