



OBC Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2022

Hi Friends:

• There's a reality dating show on Netflix called, *Love is Blind*, that tries to test whether relationships can be successful based on emotional connection rather than physical appearance. Couples are placed in separate rooms for a series of *dates* where they get to know each other without being able to see each other until the big moment when they're ready to get engaged. Then the engaged couples get a month to spend time face-to-face before a marriage ceremony that proves whether a blind beginning can guarantee true love.

In the magazine, *Variety*, Meredith Woerner asked the show's creator, Chris Coelen, why the show seems so popular in a time when social media and dating apps make so much of outward appearance: "Everyone wants to be loved for who they are on the inside. It doesn't matter where you live, what you look like, how old you are, what your background is, which class you know, or social structure you feel like you're a part of, everyone wants to be loved for who they are."

But is *blind love* the way to love someone as they truly are? The British writer G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "Love is not blind; that is the last thing that it is. Love is bound; and the more it is bound the less it is blind." Chesterton argued that real love depends on commitment. The way to love someone as they truly are is to vow to love them no matter what comes, and the more one is committed to another, the less blind they are to the real person who desires to be loved.

February is the home of Valentine's Day. Romantic love is one of God's greatest gifts to the human race. It's no accident that the *Romantic Movement*, with its emphasis on romantic poetry, art, and music arose on a Christian continent at a time when Christian influence was strong. However, like any good thing, romantic love can be misused, which is why I believe Chesterton is right in saying that real love is always bound by commitment. It fits with both our love for God and our love for others.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul tells the believers at Corinth to be the best in everything they are and do — to be the best in faith, speech, knowledge, commitment, and love (2 Cor 8:7). In Paul's thinking, and I hope in ours too, commitment and love will always live side by side. Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

Yours,
Cliff

Source: "Love is Blind" Netflix (February, 2020); Meredith Woerner, "How Netflix's New Reality Series 'Love Is Blind' Works," *Variety* (2-14-20); G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy* (NuVision Publications, 2007), p. 57





The Deacon's Offering for FEBRUARY is the
Fairport Baptist Homes Service Board.



The following items are needed:

Canned Pasta, Boxed Potatoes, Stuffing, Crackers, & Muffin Mix.

Thank you for your support of the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

Yoga:

Chair Yoga: There are two chair yoga classes on **Monday mornings at 9am and 10:15am.** The 10:15am class is on Zoom. Classes are held in the fellowship hall and the chairs are at least 6 feet apart.

Gentle Yoga: Classes on **Monday evenings at 5:30pm and 7pm;** and are held in the classroom at the end of the hall. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the im-person classes are limited to 5 students, and they must have received the Covid-19 vaccination. The 7pm class is also on Zoom.

Melanie McDonald teaches a gentle yoga class on **Thursday evenings, 6-7:15pm**

Procedure for closing the church during inclement weather

If Monroe County declares "no unnecessary travel", the church building will close.

During the week if Spencerport schools are closed, all church activities will be canceled

If there is no electricity at church, it will close.

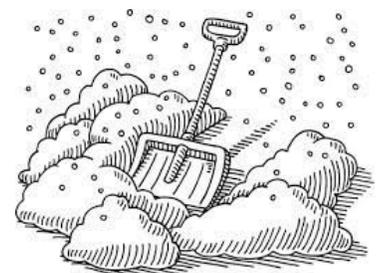
If the building is not fit to safely and comfortably occupy the congregation (I.e. Furnace failure, leak in roof), it will be closed.

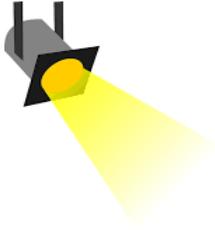
The chair of the trustees and the pastor will make the decision and begin the notification process:

- The trustee chair will first notify Laurie Cole and those who attend Sunday school, and ask Dale Shonk to post it on Facebook
- Laurie Cole will send out an email to friends and members announcing the closure of church
- The trustees will call the chairperson of the deacons, and the deacons will contact anyone on their list who would not receive an email

We will hold a shorter version of service via Zoom.

Pastor Cliff will listen to joys and concerns and then share a devotion.





Ogden Baptist Church Member Spotlight

Name: **Karen Weathers**

Family Members: **Adult Son: Michael, Grand-dog: Mia**

Started Attending OBC: **2017**

Some of Your Favorite Things ~ Book, Movie, Music, Food: **I like a good romance novel, pop & country music, and just about any food.**

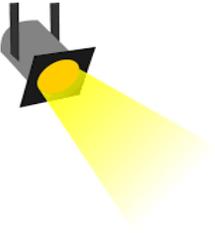
Something That Brings You Joy: **Nature. I like watching and listening to the birds and any kind of nature. I also enjoy nature-themed TV shows.**

Little Known Fact about You: **My first job was selling corn & vegetables at the stand at the dairy farm near where I grew up.**

A Message to Your OBC Family and Friends: ***The moment I entered the sanctuary on my first visit, I felt at home ~ I knew I had found my church family. I love the care and support everyone exhibits.***



Ogden Baptist Church Member Spotlight



Name: **Nancy (Nance) K. Dean**

Family Members: **Bob (deceased 1/2/20), William Dean (Cathy), James Dean (Sue), Cathy Gretzinger (Bob), Nissa Kendra, Jacob Dean. Amanda Oscar & Isaiah Chavez, Josh & Jonathan Gretzinger, Rebecca (Nate) Baggett, Micah & Aiden Baggett.**

Started Attending OBC: **December 2017 (formerly belonged to Parma Baptist for 54+ years)**

Some of Your Favorite Things ~ Book, Movie, Music, Food: **Ice Cream, Christian Books, "Words with Friends", "The Sound of Music", camping, canoeing, mountains, trout fishing, & cross stitch. (even though I can't do some of these things anymore.)**

Something That Brings You Joy: **Music, Helping Others, Our Family & Friends.**

Little Known Fact about You: **I played the Accordion from age 6 through age 80. Lots of fun times with it. I am now 87.**

A Message to Your OBC Family and Friends: ***Thank you for your prayers and friendship as I continue my battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. I would love to get to know more of you better, tough to do with Covid and precautions needed due to my cancer.***

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**Children's Sunday School at 9:55am
Sunday Service 11 am**

