



**October 2016**

**Worshiping God With Joy.**

**Serving Others.**

**Embracing All.**



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*There has never been a better time to think about peace, or to teach our children how to create it...we each have a vital role to play in making the world a more peaceful place.*—President Jimmy Carter

Sunday, October 2, is World Communion Sunday; but it's also Peacemaking Sunday. Which is why the idea of peace was on my radar – and then I came across this quote by Jimmy Carter in something I was reading. And all of a sudden I had the genesis of this idea to write about peace.

It might be a lot easier to write about war, violence, hatred, bigotry, enmity, anger. That's what seems to be the focus of just about every day's top news stories. What is this madness that is whirling around us constantly? And we might consider ourselves lucky if that madness is only experienced through the news because for a lot of people, it's their everyday reality.

As I write this, I think about the failed ceasefire in Aleppo and the Syrian refugee crisis. I think about the racial issues closer to home, the shootings, the cover-ups, the protests, the injuries, the taking of sides which seems to deepen the divide. And – yes I'm going there – the absence of peace between those actively engaged in this year's presidential political campaign.

So I 100% agree with Jimmy Carter – “There has never been a better time to think about peace...” Maybe I disagree a little now that I think about it. Because it's not the best time to *think* about peace – it's time to take on the

role as someone who somehow and in some way – big or small – makes the world a more peaceful place.

There are so many ways to do that and I'm not even going to try to cover that – except to say that something as small and easy as a smile or a kind word can be the best form of peacemaking. And if you have some grand ideas, go for it! But be intentional about it. Make a commitment to peace. Make a commitment to stand up for peace. Make a commitment to live in peaceful ways. And most of all, make a commitment to help those who have no peace – beginning with praying for them and the situations they are in. Look for ways to be part of the solution – and not part of the problem. And finally, words of wisdom from that great agent of peace Mahatma Gandhi: “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” I have faith in you all. Blessings on your peacemaking efforts!

Pastor Kathi Heath

## MOMENT OF REFLECTION

"At the heart of autumn's gifts are the twin energies of relinquishing and harvesting. It is a season of paradox that invites us to consider what we are called to release and surrender, and at the same time it invites us to gather in the harvest, to name and celebrate the fruits of the seeds we planted months ago. In holding these two in tension we are reminded that in our letting go we also find abundance."

**What are you called to release and surrender? What fruits planted previously are you now gathering as you harvest? Where might you find the gifts of abundance in the action of surrender?**

--- Christine Valters Paintner, *Sacred Seasons: A Year-long Journey*

*through the Celtic Wheel of the Year*

## **Kick-Off Sunday was a great success!**

While the weather kept us wondering if being outdoors would be possible, it turned out to be a decent day. We enjoyed worshipping outdoors – and at the very moment Pastor Kathi pronounced the benediction, raindrops began to fall. Despite a quick movement indoors to enjoy lunch, some delicious desserts, and the special music, the weather cleared up quickly. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the bouncy house – and young and old alike enjoyed the Good Humor treats from the truck parked right outside our doors. The young people also enjoyed the treats which tumbled from two piñatas! There were several attendees at the celebration from MMO as well as some other friends. All in all, it was a great start to what we hope and pray will be a great year here at Ogden.

### **Sundays at Ogden – October**

#### **Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday**

9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir
9:20 a.m.	Chimes Ensemble
10:00 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
11:15 a.m.	Youth Music

#### **Sunday, October 9**

9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	Mini Craft Sale - Narthex
11:15 a.m.	Youth Music

#### **Sunday, October 16**

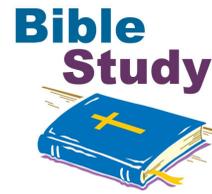
	No Ensembles
10:00 a.m.	Worship
	Loretta Suttles, guest organist
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
4:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Dinner

#### **Sunday, October 23**

9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir
9:20 a.m.	Youth Music
10:00 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

#### **Sunday, October 30**

9:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m.	Worship
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
11:15 a.m.	Youth Music



Our next biblically-based Discussion Group will be held on Tuesday, October 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. No preparation or materials are required. No in-depth Bible knowledge needed. Just come, relax, and talk. Refreshments served. Hope to see you then.

## News From Session

At its September meeting, the Session:

- Congratulated everyone involved in Kick-Off Sunday, September 18;
- Were pleased to hear that Ogden had received a gift from the family of long-time member Ethel Brackbill;
- Learned that Dmitri Apostola solved a serious problem with Ogden's computer;
- Moved to make more permanent arrangements to back up our computer files;
- Learned that Ogden's gym will host a series of meditation sessions, as a fundraiser for Chatham Bridging the Gap;
- Had an extensive discussion of changes made to employee benefits available through the Board of Pensions;
- Heard of plans to change the Sunday School curriculum;
- Learned that Mission and Outreach plans regular dinners, and mission opportunities;



## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A particularly rewarding September at Ogden has transitioned to fall and another season of celebration. Our recent highlights continue to bring a smile to my face, especially the outdoor Kick-Off service and celebrations, a special September 11 worship, plus our return to the sanctuary and ensemble rotations. Like others, I'm also excited for autumn at Ogden, especially a number of happenings for our Music Ministry.

As always, we try to involve folks no matter what their schedule or musical background. So, if you're interested in joining the ensemble fun, please don't be shy and feel free to reach out to me with any questions about:

\* **Chancel Choir** – open to all in High School or older (singing many Sundays)

\* **Youth Music** – kids through the end of elementary school plus Middle & High School students (generally singing once a month, depending on participants' schedules)

\* **Chimes Ensemble** – open to all (generally playing the first Sunday of most months)

The enclosed monthly calendar details musical plans for each Sunday.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings,  
Casey



Ogden's music series is set to re-emerge later this year!  
[www.ConcertsOnMain.org](http://www.ConcertsOnMain.org)

Later this year our beautiful sanctuary will again be filled with special music for Concerts on Main. Based on helpful feedback from many Ogdenites we'll again present different genres of music in the late Fall and Winter.

**Please be on the lookout for full details in the very near future (especially so you can attend plus start telling friends and family about our events).**



**Middle & High School Youth Group**

We are in the midst of trying to see what might be possible for our next Youth Group gathering. Based on participants' schedules, it is looking most likely that participants will next gather in November date. More details will soon be shared with parents and participants.



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START SHOPPING NOW**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SHOEBOXES WILL BE DUE BY NOVEMBER 14th**

Operation Christmas Child, a project of the Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to millions of children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. Our church once again has an opportunity to touch the lives of boys and girls all over the world. All you need to do is take an empty shoe box and fill it with things like school supplies, toys and hygiene items. The shoe boxes are not only meant to bring joy, but also demonstrate God's love.

Operation Christmas Child is an easy mission project that every member and family can participate in by bringing a gift-filled shoe box to church **by Sunday, November 14th**. Operation Christmas Child brochures and ready-made boxes will be located in the narthex soon. Think of the difference we can make in the lives of so many children worldwide. Don't pass up the opportunity to show a child love and caring this holiday season. Encourage your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to take part and bring their boxes to Ogden. Let's see if we can collect many more boxes this year!

For additional information and to learn more you can visit:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

The website has been newly updated with wonderful stories to view and share, updated idea lists for items you can put in your boxes, ways to volunteer etc. You can also follow Operation Christmas Child on Facebook or look for shoebox ideas on Pinterest.

If you have questions, please see Gail Paradise or Ginnie Trowbridge. Additionally, if you would like to support this mission project but are not able to fill a shoebox, you can provide a cash donation to Gail or Ginnie and they will shop for and fill shoeboxes with your donated funds!



### **Pot Luck Dinner**

The next community church event will be a Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, October 16, at 4.30pm. This will allow us to come together and share our home made creations as well as enrich our sense of community with each other. Please bring the whole family.

## **DONATIONS FOR HOMELESS SOLUTIONS**

**Thanks so much!!** to all who contributed to our recent Homeless Solutions collection. A goodly amount was received and your generosity towards those in need is greatly appreciated.



Please take time out from your busy schedules to remember the October birthdays listed below. Send a card or make a phone call. Your greetings will be appreciated by all! If you have not seen your name on the lists, please call the church office so that we can update our files with your birth date. We promise not to print the year in the “Birthday Corner.”

Barbara Molitor	16
Tyler Kidd	20
Lisanne Wildauer	22
Casey Molino Dunn	22
Dmitri Apostola	25



**Let Us Pray...**

Let us pray for our members...Marcia Casais, Becky Jarvis, Martha Kiff, Barbara Molitor

Let us pray for...

Kevin Boettger  
Gina Cocchiaro-Hoang family  
Kathy Dixon  
Ed Dunn  
Josh Fernandez  
Auriel Gonzales  
James Guishard  
Paul Horgan  
Marie LaPena  
Patricia Maher  
Denny Mayer  
Ron McBride  
The Mears family  
Charles Molino  
Clark and Jean Paradise  
Dennis Paradise

nephew of Pat Hammeke  
friends of Cindy Parlavecchio  
sister-in-law of Marcia Casais  
great-uncle of Casey Molino Dunn  
12 year old neighbor of the Roos family  
mother of Sandy Roos  
friend of Janice and Balcom Parcels  
friend of the Crescas family  
friend of Mariclaire Miller  
friend of Marcia Casais  
friend of Marcia Casais  
uncle of Cheryl Conklin  
our missionaries in Haiti  
uncle of Casey Molino Dunn  
parents of Allan Paradise  
brother of Allan Paradise

Steve Raas  
The Roche family  
Gloria Rodgers  
Kathy Scotton and family  
Mindy Shaw  
Laurie Sheppard  
Frank Squindo  
Mark Squindo

friend of Bob and Colette Crescas  
neighbors of Marcia Casais  
cousin of Ginnie Trowbridge  
friends of the Knolls  
friend of Janice Parcels  
friend of Cindy Parlavecchio  
son of Janice Parcels  
son of Janice Parcels

Let us pray for those serving our Country...Scott Armstrong, James Glendening, Morgan Glendening, Robert Traver, Doug Verblaauw.

**Please Note:**

**From the Board of Deacons**

For the purpose of improving the maintenance of the Prayer List, the following change has been made: any name(s) to be added to the list will appear for a period of four consecutive Sundays in the church bulletin unless additional time is requested. Thank you for your cooperation.