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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 8 –
Children's Christmas
Pageant during worship
– a snow delay!

Sunday, Jan. 8 –
Annual reports are due
in the office.

Saturday, Jan. 14 –
Come help with
removing Christmas
decorations starting at 9
AM

Sunday, Jan. 29 –
Annual congregational
meeting after worship,
followed by a potluck
meal.

Winter Weather and OCPC

While December 21 marked the “official” beginning of Winter, we know that it really arrived the first weekend of December and has kept coming back each of these past 3 Sundays. For the first time in many years, we had to cancel worship on two consecutive Sundays. While one snow day can be fun, two is too many and a big hassle to cancel. It is difficult to notify everyone of such cancelations. For the rest of the winter, we will attempt not to cancel. If the weather makes travel difficult, and it is not recommended by the DOT or County, or if there is a Winter Storm Warning for a Sunday, we will not hold a regular worship service. While a formal service may not be held, we will keep the doors open for anyone who can walk or has a short drive, and wishes to come to share in the liturgy and a warm cup of coffee. This will be at your own discretion. Pastor Scott, like many of our members, lives a long way from Cambridge, and may not make it. It is rare that this will happen, though as we know now, it does happen. So please check your email, voice mail, or the church Facebook page for weather updates and possible changes in worship service or other activities.

Finances and Winter

With the cancelation of the past two Sunday services, and the fact that we will not have a worship service on December 25, we have three straight weeks without receiving our regular offering. While the weather may have forced us to cancel, our monthly bills did not get cancelled! I know, bummer. We also have the extra expense of snow removal this month. The Session would really appreciate if you could send in your pledge and/or monthly offering. Our mailing address is: 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth in our church office at (608)423-3001. She is here between 8-Noon (Monday-Thursday). Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"As children of our Creator, we are inspired by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ and we seek his continual guidance through the Holy Spirit. Our mission as a congregation of individuals is to minister to all peoples through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach in order to meet spiritual needs."

PASTOR'S PAGE

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Worship

December 24 - 5pm

With the arrival of the Winter Solstice, many of us look forward to the return of the light, as our days finally begin to length, driving back the dark. Last week, we affirmed our faith in the Light that shines in the darkness, by witnessing to its eternal presence in our world through our celebration of the Incarnation of God's Love in the birth of Jesus. Special Music was provided by Cheryl Spore (Organ & Piano), Mare Stewart (flute), and Sylvia Jensen (percussion). The children were also invited to join Pastor Scott in placing the Christ Child figurine in the Crèche.

Sunday, January 1 Worship with Communion 10am

Rev. Hugh Drennan

Sunday, January 8 Sunday School Christmas Pageant During 10am Worship Service

(Postponed from December due to the inclement weather.)

Thank you to the people who donated poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during Advent and the Christmas season.

GIVEN BY:

Stan & Kay Lund

Richard & Jody Wolf

Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen

Charleen Janus

Jo Kubina

Jo Kubina

Sylvia & Larry Jensen

Virgil & Kris Runge

Monty & Judy Pearson

Monty & Judy Pearson

Mike & Cheryl Stitz

Melanie & Mike Rumpf

Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey

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Marilyn Schuster

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

In memory of our loved ones and friends in heaven

In memory of Dustin Zuelsdorf and Jill Runge

In memory of Our Parents

In memory of Alice Quam

In memory of Ed Kubina

In memory of Geh & Harriet Gerstner, Ed & Leona Kubina

In memory of our mothers and fathers

In memory of loved ones who have gone before us

In memory of parents Vic & Dorothy Pearson

In memory of parents Chet & Helen Campbell

In memory of Mike Stitz, Jr.

In memory of Grace Rumpf and Lou Gates

In memory of Leo & Loris Touhey and Ernie & Doris Schroeder

In memory of Brendan Schroeder Touhey

In memory of Jean Gunnulson

COMMITTEE NEWS

Worship/Theology News

By Judy Pearson

Thank you to all who purchased a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary. It looked so lovely on Christmas Eve. (See list on page 2 and photos by Cheryl Spore.)

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and talents to serving as ushers/greeters, liturgists and communion servers during the year.

Our committee meetings this year have mostly been held by emails and texts due to schedule problems by all.

Thank you to Pastor Scott for his ideas and taking care of many details.

If we have not sought you out to be on our W/T Committee, it has been our oversight. Please step up to join!

Mission News

By Cheryl Stitz, Moderator

Mission funds of \$250 were sent to the Cambridge Food Pantry and \$50 to the Deerfield Food Pantry. These funds were received during 2016 from the Least Coin Collection and Piggly Wiggly receipts.

Christmas Joy Offering Giving – We received \$120.



Souper Bowl 2017 will be on Sunday, February 5. Wear your favorite team jersey and bring a non-perishable food item to church. Soup will be served during Fellowship time. All donations of non-perishable food items will be given to the Cambridge Food Pantry.

DEACONS & SESSION

THE SESSION:

Class of 2016:

Cheryl Bettenhausen
 Fellowship
 Mission
 Nominating
 Judy Pearson
 Clerk of Session
 Memorial Hostess
 Worship/Theology

Class of 2017:

Kay Lund
 Fellowship
 Worship/Theology
 Charleen Janus
 Fellowship
 Nominating
 Dick Trailer
 Building and Grounds
 Finance-Stewardship
 Personnel

Class of 2018

Renee Roland Johnson
 Christian Education
 Mark Touhey
 Building and Grounds
 Finance-Stewardship
 Personnel

Treasurer: Dick Trailer

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Class of 2016:

Al Bettenhausen
 Building and Grounds
 Worship/Theology
 Linda Porter, Co-Moderator

Class of 2017:

Trent Bettenhausen
 Nancy Kristiansen

Class of 2018

Julie Anderson
 Ann Febock
 Secretary
 Mission
 Judy Schroeder, Co-Moderator

Pastor / Moderator of Session:

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
 (608) 417-0231 Cell
 Pastor@OCPChurch.com

2016 Budget Update:

Year-to date Income:
 \$72,451

Year-to-date Spending:
 \$76,576

DEACONS CORNER

By Deacon Ann Febock, Secretary

The Deacons did not meet in December due to the weather. Our next scheduled meeting will be on January 15th. and we will be discussing the Community Supper that we host with Rockdale Lutheran church in March. Watch for sign- up sheets in January.

SESSION NOTES

By Elder Judy Pearson, Clerk of Session

Due to the inclement weather in December, regular stated Session meetings scheduled for December 11th and 18th were canceled. On Tuesday, December 20th a stated Session meeting was held to take care of important financial business. Pastor Scott opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

- Treasurer's reports and financials were discussed. Pledge offerings are down this month due to canceled services. Snow plowing costs have increased. A reminder of the need for continuing giving will be sent by email to members.
- The Bernice Gillingham fund has grown significantly this year. The amount eligible to be withdrawn this year will be transferred to the Hazel Main fund, which is more easily accessible.
- Manse update—a new 12 month lease will be offered to our tenant. He will also be asked to shovel the sidewalks, etc. around the church whenever volunteers Touhey and Thiltgen are unavailable. He will be paid for the gas used and his services.
- Thank you to Jerry Thiltgen for the donation of a snow blower to the church.
- The Pastor's contract for 2017 was reviewed and approved, increasing his hours to 50%, or 20 hours/week and changing his benefits. A few details still need to be worked out between the Personnel Committee and Pastor.
- Our Session records have been reviewed by the JKPresbytery Stated Clerk and approved with no exceptions. Thank you to Ruth Poole for her excellent recordings. This volume contains minutes from 18 years of Session meetings. Earlier volumes go back to the founding of the church.
- Upcoming holiday events were reviewed.
- The Sunday School Pageant has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 8 during worship. It was canceled December 18 due to the weather.
- The nominating committee will meet soon.
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017 following worship. This meeting will also include nominations, election, and installation of church officers.
- The 2017 church budget will be very similar to 2016's. Any suggestions for changes should be given to the Finance Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ken Bilstad
Mary Trailer

FRIENDS

Stacey Brandenburg (friend of OCPC & Julie Floyd Anderson)
Judy Brandt (choir director at Grace Lutheran Church)
Gretchen Burt and her family (cousin of Kay Lund)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
Nancy & Lori Davis (relatives of Kay Lund)
Don Dieter (Marilyn Schuster's brother-in-law)
Marjorie Erickson (friend of Kay Lund)
Jane Feggstad
Jacque Freund (friend of Kay Lund)
David Gunnulson
Don Hawkins (new visitor to the church)
Judy Hottman (friend of Judy Pearson)
Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother in Oslo, Norway)
Mariah Miller (daughter of Cheryl Spore's friend in Oregon, WI)
Charlene "Charlie" Porter
Marilyn Schuster, our pianist
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

Families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Our Sympathy

Our church family sends our sympathy and prayers to the family, and friends of

Jean L. Gunnulson

August 16, 1935 – November 25, 2016

Jean served OCPC as an organist for over 30 years.

A funeral service was held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at Nitardy Funeral Home, followed by burial at East Koshkonong Cemetery.

Volunteers

If you are unable to serve Communion, as Usher/Greeter, or Lector, please try to find someone to substitute for you. Or, contact Al Bettenhausen (608) 322-2932 or Judy Pearson (608) 764-8159.



Communion Servers

JAN 1	* Cheryl Bettenhausen
FEB 5	* Judy Pearson

* Indicates responsible for set-up.



Greeters/Ushers

JAN 1	Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
JAN 8	Kay & Stub Lund
JAN 15	Al Bettenhausen; Mark Olson
JAN 22	Leto Family
JAN 29	Linda & Mike Porter
FEB 5	Judy Pearson; Jo Kubina

Liturgist



JAN 1	N/A
JAN 8	Melanie Rumpf
JAN 15	Julie Anderson
JAN 22	Roman Leto
JAN 29	Mare Stewart
FEB 5	Joe Leto

Nursery workers



JAN 1	Deacons
JAN 8	Deacons
JAN 15	Deacons
JAN 22	Deacons
JAN 29	Deacons

Coffee Hour servers



JAN 1	New Year's Day – Judy Pearson
JAN 8	Kari & Trent Bettenhausen; Sue & Derek Bettenhausen
JAN 15	Kelly Homann; Jodi Kelter
JAN 22	Renee & Randy Johnson
JAN 29	Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
FEB 5	Fellowship Committee; Cheryl & Mike Stitz – Souper Bowl Sunday
FEB 12	Sylvia & Larry Jensen



Clean Church

JAN/FEB	Jan 1-15: OPEN; Jan 16-31: OPEN; Feb 1-14: OPEN
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CALENDAR



DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
Jan 3	Amber Rumpf		Jan 16	Melanie Rumpf	
Jan 10	Monty Pearson		Jan 16	Cathy Thiltgen	
Jan 12	Clay Rumpf		Jan 17	Wendy Yeadon-Stark	
Jan 13	Maxwell Rumpf		Jan 27	Sam Marrese-Wheeler	
Jan 16	Shelby Kelter		Jan 29	Judy Schroeder	

Sunday Schedule

- Worship Service 10:00
- Communion first Sunday of each month
- Sunday School 10:00 from September through May

Abbreviation Key

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
CCA: Cambridge Clergy Assoc.
CC: Communications Committee
CE: Christian Education
FC: Fellowship Committee

GN: Good News

MG: Membership & Growth

OA: Overeaters Anonymous

SG: Support Group

WT: Worship & Theology

YG: Youth Group

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 8:30 AM OA	3	4	5 7:30 PM AA	6 8:30 AM OA	7
8 Sunday School Christmas Pageant during worship 11 AM Session Annual Reports Due	9 8:30 AM OA	10	11 12 PM CAP Senior Meal	12 7:30 PM AA	13 8:30 AM OA	14 9:00 AM Remove Christmas decorations
15 11 AM Deacons	16 8:30 AM OA	17	18	19 7:30 PM AA	20 8:30 AM OA Newsletter articles due	21
22 Annual Reports Available	23 8:30 AM OA	24	25 12 PM CAP Senior Meal	26 7:30 PM AA	27 8:30 AM OA	28
29 11 AM Annual Meeting and Election followed by Potluck Meal	30 8:30 AM OA	31				

♥ Kudos To:

- ♥ All those who helped decorate the church and trees for Advent and Christmas, including Al Bettenhausen, Cheryl Stitz, the Leto family, Mare Stewart and Judy Pearson. Also to Kay and Stan Lund for getting all the supplies out of storage and organizing them.
- ♥ Al Bettenhausen, Kay Lund and Judy Pearson for the setup of poinsettias in the sanctuary. Also Ruth Poole for printing labels for the plants.
- ♥ Al Bettenhausen, Kay Lund and Judy Pearson for cleaning the church.
- ♥ Mark Touhey for shoveling the church sidewalks after all our snow storms!
- ♥ Mark Touhey and Judy Schroeder for the service and fellowship organized for those brave souls who made it to church through the bitter cold on December 18.
- ♥ Mare Stewart and Cheryl Spore, our musicians on Christmas Eve, who were simply awesome!
- ♥ The Thiltgens for donating a snow blower to the church.



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Return Service Requested



CHURCH SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE & CHURCH SCHOOL: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

COMMUNION: First Sunday of each month

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS: Following worship service each week.

VIDEO OF WORSHIP: Cable Channel 98 or 987

Sun 5:30 PM; M-T 8 AM & Noon

(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

OFFICE HOURS

PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS: Generally 9:00 - 12:00 Tue

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 - 12:00 Mon – Thu

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Pastor@OCPChurch.com

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Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church

Annual Election of Officers, Congregation Meeting and Reports

The Session has called for the
**Annual Meeting of Oakland-
Cambridge Presbyterian Church
on Sunday, January 29 following
worship. The deadline for reports
is Sunday, January 8.**

**Potluck Luncheon after the
meeting.**

Hope to see you there!