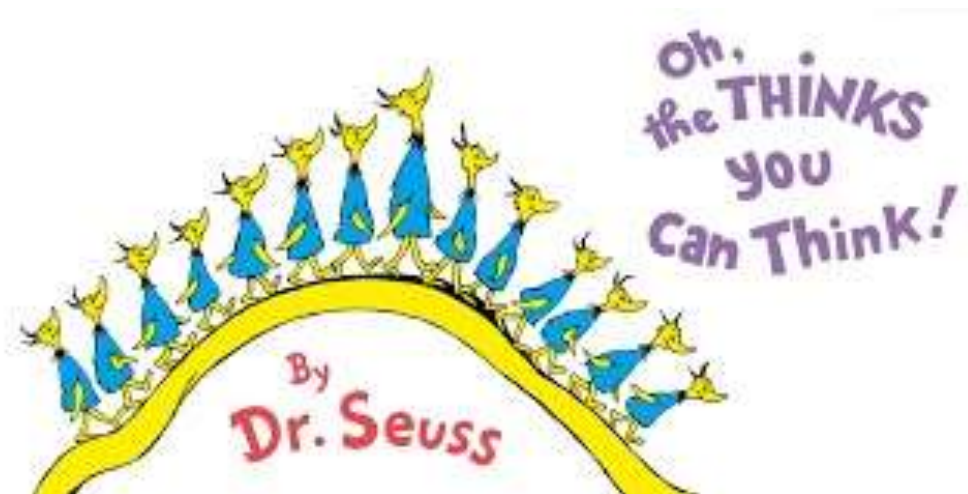


To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



“THE PSALMIST, DR. SEUSS AND GOD” summer sermon series continues this week with a reading of “Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!” We will be pairing this story with Psalm 63. As we bring to a close our series on the Psalmist, Dr. Seuss and God, we will be reflecting together on the different Dr. Seuss stories we read. Of the one you heard, which one was your favorite? Which one did you find the most meaningful? Which Dr. Seuss story challenged your way of thinking about the social justice issues raised in his books? Did he challenge you to think in new ways about other people and the world? In the same way, how did your understanding of God change because of Dr. Seuss? Would you be willing to share during worship or if not, would you be willing to send me a note prior to Sunday to share with the congregation?



NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: Outdoor Worship & Tailgate Party! We will worship outside with music provided by The Promised Band, then join together for a Wisconsin tradition - a Tailgate Party! We will provide the brats and hot dogs, buns, condiments and paper products. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, we will be inside. You can also wear your favorite team jersey.

THE NARRATIVE LECTIONARY... Beginning in September, we will be shifting from the Revised Common Lectionary to the Narrative Lectionary. I know, you are saying to yourself - "What!" As in what is the lectionary to begin with and I didn't know there were options. There are. Over my 35 years of ministry, I have only used the Revised Common Lectionary. The RCL offers four weekly readings: An Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament and an Epistle reading. Preachers can pick and choose, so one week we may focus on a prophet and the next a parable, and then a letter from Paul to one of the early churches. Moving back and forth through these four Biblical options, while offering a preacher plenty of options to explore for sermons, it does not lend itself to a consistent read through the whole of the Bible. The Narrative Lectionary, which is relatively new, tells the biblical story from start to finish—starting in "Genesis each September, sweeping its way through the Old Testament until Christmas, then working through one of the Gospels and Acts in the spring." Generally, there is only one longer Scripture Reading which will flow into the next one the following week. We will begin our use of the Narrative Lectionary Reading on September 10 with Genesis 1:1-2:4a. The summer offers some sermon series ideas, like the one we have doing with the Psalms, which Pastor Scott connected to some of Dr. Seuss' books.

<https://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2013-10/why-im-trying-narrative-lectionary-fall>

NEW WINDOWS: In the coming weeks, you will see the installation of all new windows in the offices, stairway, kitchen, and fellowship hall. (Note: This does not include the small upper windows in the fellowship hall or any of the storm windows in the sanctuary.)

Our old windows were not in good shape. Many did not work. When we remodeled in 1999 nothing was done to improve the windows – meaning they are old and inefficient. Our new windows will be very energy efficient, and easy to clean. This is a major step forward!

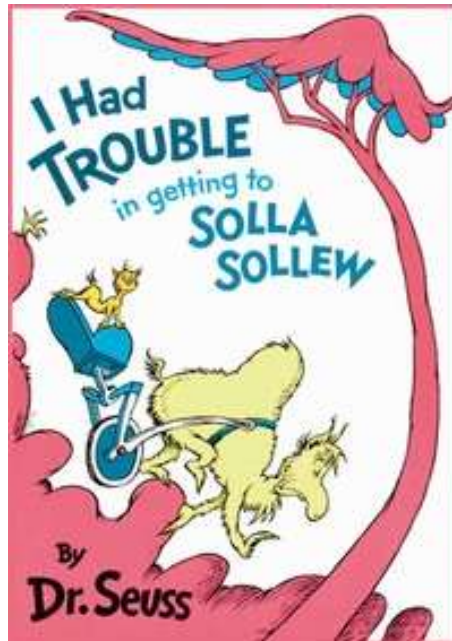
The entire cost of the project is covered by the investments of Bernice Gillingham and Hazel Main. Their gifts are greatly appreciated.

KUDOS:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Cambridge school supply drive. We collected assorted supplies, backpacks and clothing, as well as \$90 in cash.

August 22, 2017

“THE PSALMIST, DR. SEUSS AND GOD” summer sermon series continues this week with a reading of “I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew.” We will be pairing this story with Psalm 23. We will conclude the Seuss Series on September 3 with a reflection back on our Summer of Seuss.



In Seussical the Musical, there is a beautiful song, a lament of sorts, and yet one of hope, that the characters of Seussical can find their way to the promised place where they would be free from their troubles in “Solla Sollew”. Here a link to the song, if you care to listen to it: https://youtu.be/dPu0_0lc3_Q

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS... AUGUST 27: On Sunday, August 27, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks as students and teachers head back to school. Our students, school staff and teachers are invited to bring either their backpacks or something that represents their work in the school for a special blessing. Thank you to everyone who also brought school supplies!

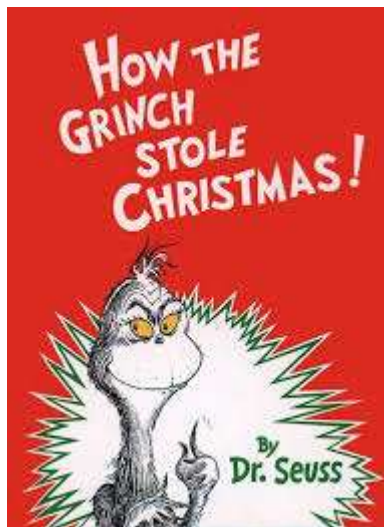
PER CAPITA/PLEDGE: Summer can be a busy time, and for many, we are here and there, and sometimes our schedule prevents us from attending worship. While we want you to enjoy your summer, we would also like to remind everyone to be mindful of the financial needs of the church as our expenses do not take a summer vacation. **If possible, we would appreciate your keeping your financial giving current. Thank you!**

In the wake of the white supremacist/neo-Nazi marches in Charlottesville, Virginia, the PCUSA has issued a statement condemning racism and white supremacy.

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2017/8/14/pcusa-leaders-condemn-white-supremacy-racism/>

August 15, 2017

“THE PSALMIST, DR. SEUSS AND GOD” summer sermon series continues this week with a reading of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” We will be pairing this story with Psalm 98. We also welcome to our worship the Briddell family (Andrew, Beth, Nora, Katherine and Jacob). Andrew Briddell is the Superintendent of the McFarland Schools, a former orchestra director, and a professional oboe player. His daughter, Nora, is a rising junior at McFarland High School, a cellist, and plays in the Wisconsin Youth Symphony. They are also proud owners of one of our former church pews which now graces their home music studio where Nora gives cello lessons.



Looking Ahead here is the Dr. Seuss line-up for the rest of the summer:

- Aug 27 - I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew (Psalm 23)
- Sept 3 - Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?

KUDOS:

Thank you to **Dick Trailer** for replacing ceiling tiles in the church office.

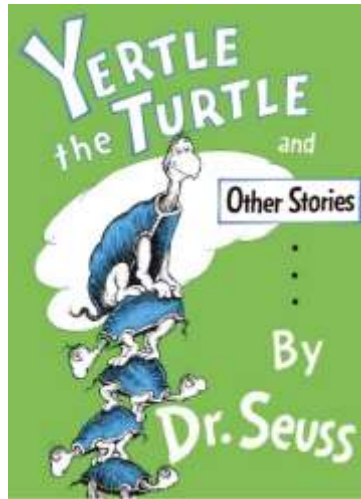
Thank you to **Ann and Dale Febock** for hosting the joint meeting of Session and Deacons this past Sunday.

Thank you to **Mike and Melanie Rumpf** for loaning your wagon to the Febocks for our ride around the farm.

Thank you to **Sam Marrese-Wheeler** for stepping in at the last minute to help as liturgist this past Sunday.

August 9, 2017

“THE PSALMIST, DR. SEUSS AND GOD” summer sermon series continues this week with a reading of “Yertle the Turtle.” We will be pairing this story with Psalm 146.



Looking Ahead here is the Dr. Seuss line-up for the rest of the summer:

- Aug 20 - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Aug 27 - I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today!
- Sept 3 - Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are



DEACON/SESSION JOINT MEETING: Sunday, August 13 at 4:30 p.m. – Dale and Ann Febock’s home.



ANNUAL DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST REPORT: Thank you to everyone who helped, donated, cooked and/or cleaned up from the Deacons Annual Pancake Breakfast! While attendance for the breakfast was down, we did have a wonderful morning, making about \$400. Proceeds will be divided between Paddy’s Paws Animal Rescue Group, Heifer International, and the Deacons ministry.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 21st** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Donation deadline is this Sunday, August 13. Feel free to drop things off during office hours, or before/after worship this Sunday.

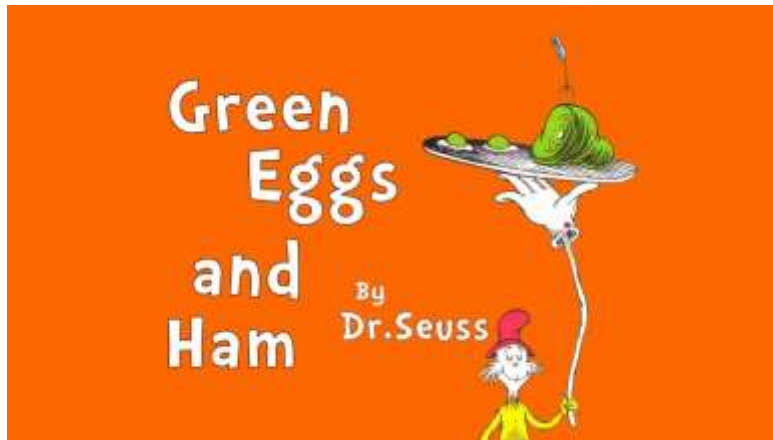
Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text) if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance.

CLEAN UP, CLEAN UP, EVERYBODY, CLEAN UP! OCPC does not have a paid person to clean or do maintenance. We rely on volunteers for these tasks. As our congregation, how to say this delicately and pastorally, ages, it becomes increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help with these tasks. The Session is once again exploring hiring a cleaning person or service. Until a determination is made about this possibility, please help us keep our sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and bathrooms clean. Thank you!

NORWEGIAN FISH BOIL: Friday, September 8 at 4:30, 5:30 or 6:30 pm @ West Koshkonong Church, 1911 Koshkonong Rd, Stoughton. Menu includes fish, red potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, bread, lefse, Norwegian goodies, coffee and milk. Entertainment provided by The Promised Band. Advance tickets for \$14 available at West Koshkonong Church 873-9456, Old Deerfield 764-5743, Nordic Nook 877-0848 and All in the Family Hair Care 873-6736. At the door, tickets are \$15; \$5 children 6-12 years; 5 & under free.

August 2, 2017

“THE PSALMIST, DR. SEUSS AND GOD” summer sermon series continues this week with a reading of “Green Eggs and Ham.” We will be pairing this story with Psalm 34.



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- Aug 13 - Yertle the Turtle
- Aug 20 - How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- Aug 27 - I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today!
- Sept 3 - Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are

ANNUAL DEACONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday, August 5 from 8-11 am @ OCPC. This year proceeds will go to Heifer International, Paddy's Paws animal rescue organization, and Deacons ministry. Cost is: \$6 - Adults. \$3 - Children (under 12).

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Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 13.** Following are ways to donate:

Monetary Donations: will be accepted at our church as well as our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. Make checks payable to Cambridge Schools.

Most needed school supplies: scientific calculators, ear buds, back packs (no wheels), washable markers, color pencils, narrow-ruled notebooks, glue sticks, red pens, watercolor paints, Ticonderoga pencils, 24 count Crayola crayons, and 3-inch 3-ring binders. An expanded list showing items needed in grades 4K-8 is available at church, while grade-specific supply lists can be seen at www.cambridge.k12.wi.us or available at big box stores.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off at school district office, CART or OCPC.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 21st from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria.

Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text). Thank you for your assistance.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

- **Sunday, September 3**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: Kay Lund
Liturgist: Mare Stewart
Ushers/Greeters: Kay & Stub Lund
Fellowship Hosts: Labor Day Weekend – No coffee hour

- **Sunday, September 10 – Rally Day!**
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Peace Garden
 Liturgist: Matthew Mandli
 Ushers/Greeters: Al Bettenhausen; Mark Olson
 Fellowship Hosts: Potluck Tailgate Party

- **Sunday, September 17**
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Liturgist: Matthew Mandli
 Ushers/Greeters: Kay & Stan Lund
 Fellowship Hosts: Karin Mandli

- **Sunday, September 24**
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Liturgist: Cheryl Stitz
 Ushers/Greeters: Linda & Michael Porter
 Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus

- **Sunday, October 1**
 10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
 Communion Servers: Charleen Janus
 Liturgist: Joe Leto
 Ushers/Greeters: Charleen Janus; Jo Kubina
 Fellowship Hosts: Deacons (2 people)

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Lance BettenhausenAugust 30
 Deacon WurtzSeptember 2
 Joe LetoSeptember 3
 Nancy VanValkenberg.....September 4
 Angela WurtzSeptember 9
 Cashton WurtzSeptember 9
 Nate Bowe.....September 10
 Jodi KelterSeptember 13
 Kodi PorterSeptember 13
 Angela Stitz-KennedySeptember 22
 Peter StarkSeptember 23
 John FieserSeptember 30

Anniversaries

Andy & Amber Rumpf.....Sept 4
 Mark Touhey-Judy Schroeder...Sept 9
 John & Shelly KennedySept 11
 John & Tina Fieser.....Sept 15
 Randy & Renee JohnsonSept 15
 Stan & Kay Lund.....Sept 16
 Jeremy & Abby PorterSept 25
 Harry & Debra Cade.....Sept 26
 William-Patricia StrobuschSept 27

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Ken Bilstad

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother in Edinburg, Scotland)

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)

Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)

Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)

Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother in Oslo, Norway)

Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)

Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara's husband, deploying to Iraq)

Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)

Mary Trailer

The family of Elizabeth Gates (mother of Melanie Rumpf); Corinne Hommen (mother of Kris Runge) and other 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.

STANDING DATES – These are regularly scheduled events

- Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship;
 - Communion first Sunday of each month
 - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. from September through May
- Monday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. – OA
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA
- Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon – Community Activities Program Senior Meal