

There shall be ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)** ruling elders (deacons) divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at a congregational meeting for a three-year term. Each year, two (2) elders (deacons) shall be elected while every third year ~~a third~~ **only one** ruling elder (deacon) shall be elected, so that the total number of elders (deacons) is ~~seven~~ **five**. No ruling elder (deacon) shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year has elapsed.



Here is one example of a possible sign we might consider posting:

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper. We will be doing a dramatic (and fun) reading of our scripture story from Daniel 3.

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent. Our scripture lesson is from Ezekiel 37, which takes us to the valley of dried bones, begging the question “Can These Bones Live?” We will have a special liturgy marking the 5th anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre that killed 20 First & Second Graders and 6 teachers.

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent. The children and youth will be delivering the message through their play titled: “The 12 Symbols of Christmas”. We will have a special prayer liturgy and anointing as we approach the longest night of the year.

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
No morning worship. We will have one service at 5 PM with Communion, Carols, and Candlelight.

CHRISTMAS HAM BASKETS... THANK YOU to all the churches and their members and other individuals in the Community who contributed food and money donations toward the Thanksgiving Baskets. The Food Pantry with donations received was able to put together a complete meal—so Thank you for your generosity!!!! Also we will be putting a Christmas Ham Basket together for anyone who would like to donate to a basket. Churches or individuals can send money donations for baskets to Cambridge Food Pantry, P.O. Box 54, 211 South Street, Cambridge 53523, or church representative can call Nancy at Food Pantry 423-8142 to collect a food item for the baskets.

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

AGENCY: Rhonda Kruse from the PDA made a personal call to thank you, the members of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, for your generous support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s work in response to Hurricane Maria. “This generous gift is part of a huge effort, and we are grateful for your help. FYI, PDA Director Laurie Kraus and other staff members recently returned from Puerto Rico where they met with presbytery and synod leaders, FEMA, and our ecumenical partners to assess needs and determine next steps (see article links below). Some National Response Team members have already been deployed, and we anticipate there will an opportunity for long-term volunteers to help with the recovery. For more information about traveling to TX, FL, or PR to help with PDA’s recovery work, folks can visit this PDA site or contact the PDA call center at pda.callcenter@pcusa.org or (866) 732-6121.”

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-delegation-travels-remote-communities-puerto-rico/>

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-visits-puerto-rican-seminary-presbytery-leaders/>

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Finally, here is the link to a brief (under 4 min.) PDA update. Please share!

<https://vimeo.com/241897222>.

BLUE JAY BACKPACK NEEDS... The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines **food insecurity** as a lack of consistent access to enough **food** for an active, healthy life. To combat this problem for Cambridge students, the Cambridge Activities Program coordinates the Blue Jay Backpack program. The program is in need of cash or food donations which could include the following items: Ramen noodles, beef jerky, microwave popcorn, peaches and pears in snack packs, pudding snack packs, breakfast fruit cereal bars, and fruit pop tarts. You can leave your donations at the church and they will be delivered to the Cambridge Food Pantry. Thank you for any assistance.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24... is on a Sunday. The Session, after discussion, has decided to hold one service on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. This will be our traditional Candlelight Communion Service. There will be no morning service.

CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY FLOWERS... The deadline for ordering poinsettias through OCPC was yesterday, November 27. However, we can add some flowers to our order if you get information to the church office by the end **of tomorrow, November 29.** ANYONE can purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one, in memory of a friend or family person, or in celebration of the Christmas season. There is a choice of red, white or pink poinsettias in 8" pots for \$16.50 each. Ribbon and a bow may be added for an additional \$2.00. Please contact the church office (608-423-3001).

WINTER WEATHER POLICY... As we head into the winter weather months, the Session would remind you of inclement weather policy. If due to bad weather we need to cancel worship, we will post to our Facebook page, send out an email, and make calls to those who do not use the internet. Please make sure to check your email, Facebook page or answering machine. There may also be a rare occasion when, due to poor driving conditions, Pastor Scott is unable to make it safely out to Cambridge. On those Sundays, he will share his sermon with an Elder to read and worship will go on as scheduled.

November 21, 2017



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, RUTH POOLE, ON BECOMING A GRANDMOTHER! Her son and daughter-in-law, Geoff & Katie Poole, had a daughter, Samantha Marie, who was born on Monday, November 20 in Kenosha. Grandmother, Ruth Poole, is doing fine.

PASTOR SCOTT is on vacation this week, visiting his mother and family in Indianapolis. The Rev. Hugh Drennan will be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 26. Hugh is the former pastor of OCPC. Please make him feel welcome!

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BASKETS AND CHRISTMAS HAM BASKETS... The food pantry will be putting together turkey meal baskets for Thanksgiving and ham meal baskets for Christmas---churches or individuals can send money donations for baskets to Cambridge Food Pantry, P.O. Box 54, 211 South Street, Cambridge 53523, or church representative can call Nancy at Food Pantry 423-8142 to collect a food item for the baskets.

November 14, 2017

OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT ENOUGH... Two weeks ago, a 26 year old man armed with a legally purchased AR-15 Semi-Automatic Assault Rifle walked into the First Baptist Church in Sutherland, Texas and killed 26 people before he shot and killed himself. This mass shooting, while tragic and heartbreaking, is just one of many. It was actually the second one at a church that Sunday morning. Two people were shot and killed at a church in California. While we offer our prayers, we also offer our voices, by letting our prayers be heard by our local Wisconsin Representatives: Senator Scott Fitzgerald and Representative Joel Kleefisch. Both support the passage of Senate Bill 169 & House Bill 247 which will 18-year-olds and up to legally carry loaded handguns on to school property, parking lots and at non-school activities held on and in school buildings. They will not need a background check, permit or any training. Here is what these bills will do:

The proposed "permitless gun carry" bill would wipe out our current, reasonable regulations of public gun carrying. Specifically, this dangerous bill would:

- Eliminate the current requirement for training and a background check prior to carrying a concealed weapon
- Eliminate Wisconsin's current gun-free school zones law, allowing guns on school grounds and in school buildings unless signs have been posted, and then the penalty will be lessened from a Felony to a simple Misdemeanor Trespass.
- Mandate that schools must allow guns in cars parked or traveling on school property and allow people to carry loaded weapons on school property for all "non-school Activities".
- Reduce the minimum age requirement to conceal and carry a loaded weapon from 21 to 18.

Here is an excellent Theological reflection on the most Recent Mass Shooting by the Rev. Marcia Glass: <https://revgalblogpals.org/2017/11/05/pastoral-is-political-no-lifeguard-on-duty/>

KUDOS:

Thank you to **Melanie Rumpf, Renee Roland Johnson, Anne Febock, and Kari Bettenhausen** for working with our children and youth as they prepare for their December 17 Christmas program.

November 7, 2017



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YO-YO CHAMPION... Congratulations to Matthew Mandli on taking third place at the Wisconsin State Yo-Yo Championships. Here is a link to the YouTube video of his performance: <https://youtu.be/vgKoiSGSDZg>

FFA PANCAKE BREAKFAST is this Sunday, November 12. 7:30-noon. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, etc. \$7 in advance. \$8 at the door. Tickets available from FFA members or local businesses. Emily Hanson and Tyce Bettenhausen will be there serving up hotcakes and sausages! Go before or after church for some delicious pancakes!

HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING... Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Special Hurricane Relief Offering. People generously contributed \$615.00 towards our gift of \$3,000. A check has been sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency

KUDOS:

Thank you to **Cheryl Spore, Mare Stewart and Lisa Leadholm** for providing special music!

Thank you to **Jerry Thiltgen** for loaning his projector to us for the Halloween Party!

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

(If you are able to volunteer to fill an opening, please call the church 608-423-3001. Thank you!)

- **Saturday, December 2**
9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for Advent
- **Sunday, December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: Melanie Rumpf
Liturgist: Grace, Roman & Trevor Leto
Lighting of Advent Candles: Grace, Roman & Trevor Leto
Ushers/Greeters: Melanie Rumpf; Judy Pearson
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Pearson; Kay Lund
11:00 a.m. Meeting of the Congregation.
- **Sunday, December 10**
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Children's Library open.
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School – Christmas Pageant Practice
Liturgist: Mare Stewart
Lighting of Advent Candles: Elaine & Charlie Schabla
Ushers/Greeters: Bettenhausen Family
Fellowship Hosts: Marilyn Schuster; Judy Pearson
11:00 a.m. Children's Library open.
11:00 a.m. Session
- **Sunday, December 17**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Children's Christmas Pageant
Liturgist: Randy Johnson
Lighting of Advent Candles: Renee & Randy Johnson
Ushers/Greeters: Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
Fellowship Hosts: Birthday Party for Jesus – Worship/Theology Committee
11:00 a.m. Deacons

- **Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**
10:00 a.m. No morning worship service
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
 Communion Servers: Cheryl & Mike Stitz
 Liturgist: Cheryl Stitz
 Lighting of Advent Candles: Stitz Family
 Ushers/Greeters: Judy Pearson & Emily Kilian
- **Sunday, December 31** with guest pastor Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher
10:00 a.m. Worship with NO Sunday School
 Liturgist: Judy Pearson
 Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Kay Lund
 Fellowship Hosts: New Year’s Eve – No Coffee Hour

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Richard Trailer.....December 3
 Ralph Spaulding (90th!!)December 4
 Jan KristiansenDecember 5
 Kari BettenhausenDecember 6
 Cheryl BettenhausenDecember 9
 Trevor Leto.....December 13
 Mike StitzDecember 19
 Stan LundDecember 21
 Phillip YeadonDecember 28
 Larry JensenDecember 29
 Rose Ann West.....December 30

Anniversaries

Dale & Ann FebockDecember 28

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
 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)
 Andy Schieffer (Rose Ann West’s nephew-in-law)
 Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
 Joan Spaulding
 Mary Trailer
 Betty Willmore
 Jim Willmore

The family of Hal Shaw (friend of Marilyn Schuster); Carl Martin (Meg's husband Bob Stilling's uncle); Lawrence Janus (Charleen's husband); 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

- Pastoral Office Hours – Generally 9:00 a.m. to Noon Tuesdays
- Business 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
 Fellowship & Refreshment following worship service each week.
- 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

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