

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

December 26, 2017

There will be no weekly update issued during the week between Christmas and New Year's. The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and December 26, as well as on Monday, January 1.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's!

December 19, 2017



CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve.
No 10AM Morning Worship. We will have one service at 5 PM with Communion, Carols, and Candlelight.

OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH presented - The 12 Symbols of Christmas this past Sunday, December 17. A special thank you to Renee Roland Johnson, Ann Febock, Melanie Rumpf, Kari Bettenhausen, and Marian Korth for their leadership and music!



PASTOR SCOTT will be on vacation from December 25-January 2. Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher will be our guest on December 31.

CELEBRATING GOD'S INDESCRIBABLE GIFT – CHRISTMAS JOY

Interesting Facts

1. \$1.1 million of gifts from 2016 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need.
2. \$1 million of gifts from 2016 are being used to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.
3. Income supplements from the Board of Pensions helped nearly 291 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves.
4. Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges are the first in their families to enroll in higher education.
5. Shared and Emergency Grants from the BOP helped more than 110 households facing times of great financial need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstance

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, we can share in the hope of Christ and celebrate his leadership by providing support to our church workers, racial ethnic young people, and their families.

Please give generously:

- Through your congregation
- Text JOY to 20222 to give \$10
- presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy

To learn more about the Christmas Joy Offering, please visit:

- Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions: www.pensions.org, click on Plans & Programs
- Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/resc/

From this page, you can also link to the institutions supported.

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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you also to **Judy Pearson** and **Ruth Poole** for organizing the flower sale. The following people dedicated their flowers as listed here.

GIVEN BY:

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

Stan & Kay Lund

In memory of all our relatives and friends who have gone to heaven

Mike & Cheryl Stitz

In memory of Michael Stitz, Jr.

Kris Runge

In honor of mother, Corinne Hommen

Dave Gunnulson

In memory of Jean Gunnulson

Monty & Judy Pearson

In memory of our parents: Chet & Helen Campbell and Victor and Dorthy Pearson

Sylvia & Larry Jensen

In memory of our parents

Jo Kubina

In memory of Ed Kubina

Jo Kubina

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

Emily Kilian

In memory of my cousin David

Joe Leto

To honor Grandma Boom!
In celebration of our love!

Julie Anderson

In memory of Carol Floyd

Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey

In memory of Brendan Schroeder Touhey

Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey

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

The plants may be taken home any time after the Christmas Eve Service.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS: On Sunday, December 17, we installed our new Elders and Deacons. Elders: Renee Roland Johnson & Ann Febock. Deacons: Judy Pearson & Randy Johnson.

KUDOS:

Thank you to **Judy Pearson, Pastor Scott and all those who helped** clean and prepare the sanctuary and church for the events held this past weekend—the funeral for Donald Rumpf and the Children’s Christmas Pageant.

Thank you to **Mare Stewart** for creating a new angel tree-topper for the sanctuary.

Thank you to **Judy Pearson** for donating a new-to-us vacuum cleaner to the church.

Thank you to **Cheryl Spore** for her dedicated service as a musician for the church. She will be retiring from the position after the Christmas Eve service this week.

WE OFFER OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS to the family of Don Rumpf (Mike & Melanie Rumpf). Don died on December 11. His funeral service was this past Saturday at OCPC. A copy of his obituary follows.

WE ALSO OFFER OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS to OCPC members, Jan & Nancy Kristiansen. Jan’s brother, Egil Kristiansen, who lived in Norway, and Nancy’s brother, Jim, who lived in Scotland, both died early this month following illnesses.

Donald F. Rumpf, age 94, of Cambridge, Wisconsin passed away on Monday, December 11, 2017 at Home Again in Cambridge, WI.

Donald was born in Cambridge, Wisconsin on June 6, 1923, the son of Maxwell J. and Alice (Jacobson) Rumpf. He graduated from Cambridge High School in 1941. Don served his Country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a welder in a Manitowoc shipbuilding yard before he became a navy pilot.

On February 9, 1945, Don married Grace Jones in Jacksonville, Florida. Grace preceded him in death on December 9, 2007.

Following service to his country, Don attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison earning a business degree in 1949. Following his undergraduate degree, Don entered law school earning his law degree in 1952 from the UW-Madison and began his law practice in Cambridge, Wisconsin that same year.

Don was a member of the Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, a member of the Cambridge Foundation since 1954 where he served as secretary for 17 years and president for 20 years, a member of the Lake Ripley Country Club where he served as president for 22 years, a member of the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Cemetery Board (Lake Ripley Cemetery) from 1965 until the present, and a former board member of the M& I Bank of Cambridge.

Don enjoyed UW athletics attending football games for 60 plus years, loved his Canadian fishing trips with his son and grandsons, always looked forward to travel whether it be to Ireland, Europe and Turkey with his daughter, Mexico with his family or around the world with his brother, Bud.

Surviving are: Two children: Michael (Melanie) Rumpf, Cambridge, WI and Lynn (Thomas) Zentner, Merrill, WI; four grandchildren: David (Lesli) Rumpf, Andrew (Amber) Rumpf, Jonathon (Kristi) Zentner, and Rachel Semrow; eight great grandchildren: Jack, Ryan, Lauren, Evelyn, Kaila, Maxwell, Clay, and Charlotte; and two brothers: James (Donna) Rumpf, New Mexico and Richard (Barbara) Rumpf, Florida.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Grace, and a brother, Duane.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI with Pastor Scott Marrese-Wheeler officiating. Burial will be in the Lake Ripley Cemetery, Town of Oakland, WI.

Friends may call after 9:00AM on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the church until the time of the services.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial to the Cambridge Foundation, Rainbow Hospice of Jefferson, WI, or to a charity of one's choice.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Home Again, Rainbow Hospice and a committed caregiver, Lori Leek.

The Nitardy Funeral Home, Cambridge, Wisconsin is assisting the family,
www.nitardyfuneralhome.com

December 12, 2017



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.



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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.

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.

December 5, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING... On Sunday, December 3, the OCPC membership voted to change the bylaws, reducing the size of the Session and Deacons from 7 to 5. The bylaws will now read:

12. There shall be ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) ruling elders 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 shall be elected while every third year ~~a third~~ only one ruling elder shall be elected, so that the total number of elders is ~~seven~~ five. No ruling elder 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.
15. There shall be ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) 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) deacons shall be elected while every third year ~~a third~~ only one deacon shall be elected, so that the total number of deacons is ~~seven~~ five. No deacon shall serve on the board of deacons 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS...

Elders Class of 2020: Renee Roland Johnson and Ann Febock.

Deacons Class of 2020: Randy Johnson and Judy Pearson.

We also want to say a special thank you to our Elders and Deacons who are rotating off the boards: Dick Trailer, Kay Lund, and Charleen Janus from the Session and Trent Bettenhausen and Nancy Kristiansen from the Deacons. (Ann Febock resigned from the Deacons to come on to the Session).

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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.

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KUDOS:

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church this last week, including **Grace, Roman, Trevor & Joe Leto, Judy Pearson** and granddaughter **Emily Kilian, Cheryl Stitz, Jo Kubina, Mare Stewart** and **Stan & Kay Lund**, and any others we may have missed!



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>.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**
10:00 a.m. No morning worship service
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
Special music by Mare Stewart & Cheryl Spore
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 and HYMN SING!
Liturgist: Judy Pearson
Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Kay Lund
Fellowship Hosts: New Year's Eve – No Coffee Hour
- **Sunday, January 7**
Annual Reports due in the office
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: Ann Febock
Liturgist: Jerry Thiltgen
Ushers/Greeters: Dale & Ann Febock
Fellowship Hosts: Kari & Trent Bettenhausen; Sue & Derek Bettenhausen
- **Wednesday, January 10**
7:30-9:30 a.m. Grace Lutheran Church will be offering a free hot breakfast for all Cambridge High School students the second Wednesday of each month. This is open to all high school students. Come socialize with your friends while getting a free hot yummy breakfast before school starts.
- **Saturday, January 13**
9:00 a.m. Remove Christmas Decorations

- **Sunday, January 14**
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
 Liturgist: Charleen Janus
 Ushers/Greeters: Joe Leto Family
 Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Homann; Jodi Kelter
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.
11:00 a.m. Session

- **Sunday, January 21**
Annual Report Available
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
 Liturgist: Julie Anderson
 Ushers/Greeters: Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
 Fellowship Hosts: Renee & Randy Johnson
11:00 a.m. Deacons

- **Sunday, January 28**
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
 Liturgist: Mare Stewart
 Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Sylvia Jensen
 Fellowship Hosts: Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation followed by potluck meal.

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Mike StitzDecember 19
 Stan LundDecember 21
 Phillip YeadonDecember 28
 Larry JensenDecember 29
 Rose Ann West.....December 30
 Amber Rumpf..... January 3
 Monty Pearson January 10
 Clay Rumpf..... January 12
 Maxwell Rumpf..... January 13
 Shelby Kelter January 16
 Melanie Rumpf January 16
 Cathy Thiltgen..... January 16
 Wendy Yeadon-Stark January 17
 Sam Marrese-Wheeler..... January 27
 Judy Schroeder January 29

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)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)
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 Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother); Donald Rumpf; Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother); 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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