

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

January 24, 2018



**ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH...** Sunday, January 28 is our annual meeting followed by a potluck meal. At the meeting, the Session will present the 2018 Budget (not much different than the 2017), elect Members-At-Large for the Nominating Committee, hear about the Parking Lot, and tend to any other business.

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY NEWS – The Annual Reading Program will begin this coming Sunday, January 28.** The program will last 10 weeks. **The program will end on April 8, 2018.**

Please mark your calendars and pass the word around. A letter, a sign-up sheet, and guidelines will be sent out this week through the post office for each child. We're looking forward to another program of fun and reading.

And, as a bonus, remember that the children will be eligible for a movie outing if they reach their goal!!! All they have to do is earn 10 credits during the 10-week program.

Thank you so much for your continued support!!! Please don't hesitate to share your questions or suggestions with Cathy Thiltgen anytime.

**DID YOU KNOW...** that this year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day and Easter is on April Fool's Day (April 1)!

**COMING EVENT... February 4—Souper Bowl of Caring.** The Packers may not have made the playoffs this year (and the Vikings, we know, won't be in the Super Bowl, even if they are hosting it), but we will celebrate it with our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. We will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the Food Pantry. We will also have our annual soup lunch provided by Mike and Cheryl Stitz!

**COMING FEBRUARY 11** – Mardi Gras Celebration and Jazz Worship complete with a King Cake and other treats!

**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.

January 16, 2018



This past Sunday, as a part of our worship where we read the story of the wedding in Cana, four of our couples renewed their wedding vows: Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder, Dick & Mary Trailer, Renee and Randy Johnson, Stan & Kay Lund. Congratulations! We also attempted a very first in worship - The Chicken Dance! Thank you to Kelly Homann and Jodi Kelter for providing a beautiful wedding cake and sparkling juice!



**SESSION UPDATE:** At the January 14 Session meeting, Elder Ann Febock was elected Clerk of Session. Thank you, Ann. She received the enthusiastic endorsement of our Non-Clerk Clerk Mark Touhey. Mark has gained another star in his crown by graciously volunteering to serve the larger church as a member of the Committee on Ministry of John Knox Presbytery. Thank you, Mark! Dick Trailer was elected to another term as church treasurer.

If you are interested, **Pastor Scott has a new Facebook page** where he shares pictures he takes on his walks up Hidden Farm Road overlooking Lower Mud Lake and the meadow. Here are a few samples:



January 9, 2018



**Thank you to everyone who helped to make our sanctuary look beautiful for the Advent and Christmas season! We will be taking down the decorations on Saturday, January 13 at 9 a.m. Your help would be most appreciated! Also, please TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS HOME.**

**JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE...**

January 14 – Wedding at Cana Celebration!

January 21 – Winter worship indoors!

January 28 – Annual Meeting and potluck

**A WEDDING CELEBRATION AT OCPC!** You are invited to join in the wedding festivities at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-11). If you are interested in renewing your wedding vows, and would be open to doing so during worship, please let Pastor Scott know.

**“THANK YOU”** to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. We collected a total of \$220.00.





**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY UPDATE...** Christmas and New Year's may be behind us now but as we start a new year, we can look ahead to more seasons, more holidays, and more opportunities in the library. Please know that everyone is welcome to visit the Children's Library anytime especially on Library Days throughout the Sunday School year. Library days for January include Jan. 14 and 28. Please contact Cathy Thiltgen, Children's Librarian for more information.

January 2, 2018

**JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE...**

- January 7 – Epiphany Sunday with communion
- January 14 – Baptism of Jesus/Renewal of Baptism vows
- January 21 – Winter worship indoors!
- January 28 – Annual Meeting and potluck

**A WARM "THANK YOU"** to Mare Stewart and Marian Korth for stepping in to help lead worship on December 31!



**A NOTE FROM PASTOR SCOTT AS WE WELCOME THE NEW YEAR – 2018!**

One of my favorite quotes about the sunrise is by Terry Pratchett. In "A Hat Full of Sky" he writes: "There's always a story. It's all stories, really. The sun coming up every day is a story. Everything's got a story in it. Change the story, change the world." We have closed the chapter on 2017, and as the sunrise rises, greeting us with a sun-kissed smile of light, we begin to tell the story of us as it unfolds in 2018. May this new chapter of our lives, find our stories full of love, hope, healing,

and peace, even as we face our sorrows, grief, uncertainties, and fears about the coming year. May our collective stories find a way to change the world by our simple acts of kindness, compassion, generosity, empathy, understanding, acceptance, and love. Blessings to you and your families from our family - Staci, Sam, Shadow, and me.



**A BLESSING AS YOU JOURNEY INTO THE NEW YEAR** by Lynda Wright.

May your eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around you and your sense of mystery deepened.

May you be aware of the light that shines in the darkness, and that the darkness can never put out.

May you be blessed with the companions on the journey, friends who will listen to you and encourage you with their presence.

May you learn to live with what is unsolved in your heart, daring to face the questions and holding them until, one day, they find their answers.

May you find the still, quiet place inside yourself where you can know and experience the peace that passes understanding.

May love flow in you and through you to those who need your care.

May you continue to dream dreams and to reach out into the future with a deeper understanding of God's way for you. Amen.

**OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

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

- **Sunday, January 28 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation**  
**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. Beginning of Children’s Reading Program.  
**11:00 a.m.** Annual Meeting of the Congregation followed by potluck meal.

- **Sunday, February 4 – Souper Bowl of Caring**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and communion  
Communion Servers: Renee Roland Johnson  
Liturgist: Matthew Mandli  
Ushers/Greeters: Renee & Randy Johnson  
Fellowship Hosts: Souper Bowl Sunday – Fellowship Committee
- **Sunday, February 11 – Transfiguration of the Lord; Mardi Gras Celebration**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Jazz Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: OPEN  
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
Fellowship Hosts: Sylvia & Larry Jensen  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**11:00 a.m.** Session
- **Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday**  
**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, February 17**  
**9:30 a.m.** John Knox Presbytery meeting at Covenant PC, Madison
- **Sunday, February 18**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: OPEN  
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**11:00 a.m.** Deacons
- **Sunday, February 25**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: Judy Schroeder  
Ushers/Greeters: Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen  
Fellowship Hosts: Ann & Dale Febock  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open.

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

- Sam Marrese-Wheeler.....January 27
- Judy Schroeder .....January 29
- Libby Porter ..... February 3
- Michael Kennedy ..... February 5
- Cori Traeder ..... February 6
- Mary Olson ..... February 8
- Tyce Bettenhausen ..... February 12
- Jenine Spack..... February 14
- Jeremy Porter ..... February 15
- Ruth Poole ..... February 20
- Jerry Thiltgen ..... February 25
- Virgil Runge..... February 27

**Anniversaries**

- Jack & Jenine Spack ..... February 11

**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 Rosemary Mandli (Jerry Mandli’s mother—family Karin, Jake, Conner, Matthew and Luke); 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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