

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



**PARKING LOT UPDATE:** Orange Barrels, Road Work, God and You! Since Spring has sprung and the melting snow sprouted the annual resurgence of orange construction barrels along roadways, we at OCPC thought... why should road construction sites be the only ones enjoying their sight? Later in May or early June, we will begin our own project with the repaving and striping of the church parking lot. There will be two phases to this project. The initial phase will to tear off the old black top and lay down a new gravel foundation. The paving company will leave it this way so it can "settle." Once it is settled, they will come back within the week to pave and stripe. The money for this project has come from the interest off of Hazel Main, Bernice Gillingham and Clyde Heberlein funds. More information on exact dates and other details will be shared as they are made known to us.

**FROSTY FREEZE ANYONE?** On Sunday, May 20 following worship, the Sunday School Children, Youth and their teachers will venture over to Fort Atkinson to Frosty Freeze. You are welcome to join them! P.S. While Pastor Scott has been to Fort many times to visit family and for cross country meets, he has never stopped at Frosty Freeze!

**BOOK STUDY AT OCPC...** We will continue our discussion of John Irving's novel - A Prayer for Owen Meany on Sunday, May 20 at noon. We will have a light lunch to go with our discussion. Even if you were unable to make the first one, please feel free to join us this time.

**CAMBRIDGE POSTAL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE...** Help The Cambridge Food Pantry on Saturday, May 12th by filling a bag with food and putting it out by your mail boxes for the mail carriers/volunteers to collect. The food will be brought to the Food Pantry to be sorted and put on shelves. Have bags of food out by mail box by 8:00 a.m. **The Cambridge Food Pantry can use the following items:** Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Ketchup, Mayo, Sugar, Crackers, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jams and Jelly, Adult large bladder control briefs, Paper Towel, Toilet Tissue.

## **RECLAIMING JESUS: A CONFESSION OF FAITH IN A TIME OF CRISIS:**

Prior to Easter, for our Affirmation of Faith, we used the Declaration of Barmen. Written in 1934, it “was a call to resistance against the theological claims of the Nazi state which pressured the Church and its leaders to adopt the Nazi ‘Führer Principle’ as the organizing principle of church government.” Many in the Church embraced these principles that glorified Adolf Hitler as a ‘German prophet’ and preached that racial consciousness was a source of revelation alongside the Bible. In response to Hitler and the Nazi state, “some church leaders gathered at Barmen to write and adopt a declaration drafted by Reformed theologian Karl Barth and Lutheran theologian Hans Asmussen, which expressly repudiated the claim that other powers apart from Christ could be sources of God’s revelation.”

In a similar way, a group of Church leaders here in the United States gathered on Ash Wednesday to address growing concerns around a variety of moral and social justice issues facing our nation today. Similar to the Declaration of Barmen, these religious leaders (see signers below) drafted a new declaration called – “Reclaiming Jesus - A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis”

<http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/> We will be exploring their confession during worship as our Affirmation of Faith. Each section has two parts. It begins with a “We Believe” and then follows with a “Therefore We Reject”. While this Declaration is not a part of the PCUSA’s Book of Confession, it does, like the Declaration of Barmen, offer us much to think and reflect on as followers of Jesus Christ. I would invite you to read through their Confession of Faith at <http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/>. If you would like a printed copy of the Confession, please speak with Pastor Scott. He can make arrangements for you to have a printed version. As a side note, the entire Book of Confessions is found online at:

[https://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc2014.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/boc2014.pdf) A related article about this new Confession can be found at: <https://sojo.net/about-us/news/reclaiming-jesus-church-elders-release-confession-faith-time-crisis>

### **Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in A Time of Crisis ([ReclaimingJesus.org](http://www.ReclaimingJesus.org))**

From the religious leaders: WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED for the soul of our nation, but also for our churches and the integrity of our faith. The present crisis calls us to go deeper— deeper into our relationship to God; deeper into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, ethnic, and national lines; deeper into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk. The church is always subject to temptations to power, to cultural conformity, and to racial, class, and gender divides, as Galatians 3:28 teaches us. But our answer is to be “in Christ,” and to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable, and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2) The best response to our political, material, cultural, racial, or national idolatries is the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus summarizes the Greatest Commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, and your mind. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:38). As to loving our neighbors, we would add “no exceptions.” We commend this letter to pastors, local churches, and young people who are watching and waiting to see what the churches will say and do at such a time as this. Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. If Jesus is Lord, there is always space for grace. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of

Jesus Christ—to whom be all authority, honor, and glory. It is time for a fresh confession of faith. Jesus is Lord. He is the light in our darkness. “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

Signers: Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore, President and CEO, Global Alliance Interfaith Network; Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff, Executive Director Emeritus, Christian Reformed Church in North America; Dr. Amos Brown, Chair, Social Justice Commission, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary; Dr. Tony Campolo, Co-Founder, Red Letter Christians; Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference; The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. James Forbes, President and Founder, Healing the Nations Foundation and Preaching Professor at Union Theological Seminary; Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, General Secretary Emeritus, Reformed Church in America; Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, Senior Pastor, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA; Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm, former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Rev. Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Faith Community Organizer and Chairman, Community Resource Network; Rev. Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent Emerita, The Wesleyan Church; Bishop Vashti McKenzie, 117th Elected and Consecrated Bishop, AME Church; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Co-Convener National African American Clergy Network; Dr. John Perkins, Chair Emeritus and Founding Member, Christian Community Development Association; Bishop Lawrence Reddick, CEO, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Fr. Richard Rohr, Founder, Center for Action and Contemplation; Dr. Ron Sider, President Emeritus, Evangelicals for Social Action; Rev. Jim Wallis, President and Founder, Sojourners; Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Director, NCC Truth and Racial Justice Initiative; Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Co-Convener, National African American Clergy Network; President, Skinner Leadership Institute; Bishop Will Willimon, Bishop, The United Methodist Church, retired, Professor of the Practice of Ministry, Duke Divinity School

## **OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

- **Sunday, May 6 –**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion  
Communion Servers: Joe Leto  
Liturgist: Judy Schroeder  
Ushers/Greeters: The Letos  
Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen
- **Wednesday, May 9**  
**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.  
**6:30 p.m.** Session
- **Sunday, May 13 – Mother’s Day**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
Liturgist: Grace Leto  
Ushers/Greeters: Al & Trent Bettenhausen  
No fellowship coffee hour – Happy Mother’s Day!
- **Tuesday, May 15 –** John Knox Presbytery meeting at Christ PC, Oelwein, IA

- **Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School- Wear red for Pentecost!  
 Recognition of Sunday School Children and Teachers  
 Liturgist: Mare Stewart  
 Ushers/Greeters: Ann & Dale Febock  
 Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack  
 11:00 a.m. Frosty Freeze!  
 11:00 a.m. Deacons  
 12 Noon Book Study Group meets
- **Sunday, May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 Liturgist: Melanie Rumpf  
 Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Sylvia Jensen  
 No fellowship coffee hour – Memorial Day Weekend

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Jerry Mandli ..... May 2  
 Karin Mandli..... May 3  
 Ken Bilstad ..... May 4  
 Sandra Schimelpfenig ..... May 7  
 Sam Yeadon-Stark..... May 10  
 Bob Spore..... May 11  
 Paul Anderson..... May 19  
 Randy Johnson..... May 20

Jack Spack ..... May 21  
 Andy Rumpf ..... May 25

**Anniversaries**

Richard & Mary Trailer ..... May 11  
 Paul & Julie Anderson..... May 19  
 Jerry & Cathy Thiltgen ..... May 20  
 Michael & Melanie Rumpf..... May 31

**PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)  
 Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)  
 Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)  
 Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)  
 Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)  
 Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara’s husband, deployed to Iraq)  
 Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)  
 Mary Trailer  
 Rose Ann West  
 Betty Willmore  
 Jim Willmore  
 Phillip Yeadon

The family of Patrick & Irene Sullivan, 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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