

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

MAY 20 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY! We invite you to wear the color “red”. It is the liturgical color representing the Spirit.



PARKING LOT UPDATE: As the say, “Off with the old, and in with the new!” The old black top has been removed, and hopefully, when it dries out, the new pavement will be laid down, along with the parking spaces being striped.



LANDSCAPING PROJECT: With the Parking Lot improvements, we are also planning on a landscaping addition to the “Peace Garden”. While it looks a little like a “Mud Wrestling Arena” at the moment, there are plans to landscape this particular section. We hope to have this completed by the end of June.

FROSTY FREEZE POSTPONED! Due to scheduling conflicts, we are postponing our trip to Frosty Freeze to a future, undetermined Sunday. That doesn't mean you have to wait to eat Ice cream!

BOOK STUDY AT OCPC MEETS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 20 AT NOON. We will continue our discussion of John Irving's novel - A Prayer for Owen Meany. 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.

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

We continue exploring this new faith statement during our Sunday morning worship. 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

KUDOS To **Jo Kubina, Kay Lund, Melanie Rumpf, Judy Schroeder** and **Jenine Spack** who delivered Meals on Wheels.

BLUEJAY BACKPACK NEEDS As school winds down for another year, the needs of our students do not take a summer break. The Bluejay Backpack Project is in need of non-perishable items: Granola Bars, Squeeze Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Protein bars, Pudding Cups (non-refrigerated). .

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

- **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
- **Sunday, June 3 – Graduate Recognition**
 - 10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion
Communion Servers: Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder
Liturgist: Mark Touhey
Ushers/Greeters: Judy Schroeder
Fellowship Hosts: Bobbi & Bud Rumpf
 - 11:00 a.m.** Session

MILESTONES

Birthdays

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, Wednesday 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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