

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

May 29, 2018



PARKING LOT UPDATE: It's Paved! We will not be able to park on it until Saturday. We WILL be able to use it and park on it by Sunday, June 3.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018: We will be celebrating and honoring our graduates this Sunday, June 3rd during worship. Our 2018 graduates are:

HIGH SCHOOL

Angela-Ryann Stitz – iForward Wisconsin High School, Daughter of Shelly and John Kennedy; granddaughter of Cheryl & Mike Stitz.

Sam Marrese-Wheeler – McFarland High School, Son of Pastors Staci & Scott Marrese-Wheeler.

COLLEGE

Shelby Kelter – Graduate from UW-Whitewater, daughter of Jodi and Joe Kelter.



WEAR ORANGE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3: Help us raise awareness the growing epidemic of gun violence. Every year, Americans shoot and kill 30,000 other Americans. This includes homicides, suicides, accidental shootings, hunting accidents, domestic violence, police shootings, mass shootings. Gun violence does not care if you are Republican or Democrat, rich or poor, educated or uneducated; it does not care if you live in the city, a suburb, small town or rural area. It does not care if you are a child or an adult, male or female; it does not care what color your skin is, or your ethnic or cultural background; it does not take into consideration your religious beliefs or spiritual practices. Gun violence affects us all! This weekend, June 1-3, we are invited to join millions of other Americans who are concerned about the growing epidemic of gun violence in our schools, churches, communities, homes, and nation in the Wear Orange campaign. This is a chance for us to continue to raise awareness about this national tragedy as we work together to end gun violence.

Pastor Scott will be speaking about the “Wear Orange Campaign to End Gun-Violence” at a press conference at the Wisconsin State Capitol Building on Thursday, May 31 at 10 am. He will be representing WAVE (Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort). WAVE is a state wide organization that Pastor Scott has been volunteering with for several years. To learn more about this organization go to: <https://waveedfund.org/> You can also learn about Mom’s Demand Action at <https://momsdemandaction.org/>

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: MAY 27, JUNE 3 & 10... Over the next three weeks, we will be reading and reflecting on the Decalogue (10 Commandments) along with the two Greatest Commandments as shared by Jesus. The Decalogue appears in two places – Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Accompanying both of these texts, will be Jesus’ teaching on the Greatest Commandments (Matthew 22:34-40) and his offering a new one (John 13:34-35).

PASTOR SCOTT will be away from the pulpit on Sundays June 17, 24 & July 1. He will be celebrating Sam’s graduation with family on the 17th, then away for continuing education at the Washington Island Forum. Rev. Hugh Drennan, former OCPD pastor, will be our guest on June 17 & 24. Communion will not be served on July 1.

STRAWBERRY SALAD LUNCHEON: On **Saturday, June 23** the Fellowship Committee will once again host a strawberry salad luncheon. As in the past, we are requesting monetary, salad (hot or cold) or food donations. Your assistance is also needed for setup, preparation, serving and cleanup. Any hours that you can help out on this day will be greatly appreciated.

A committee member will be contacting you soon with signup information and how you can be of service. Proceeds from the luncheon are given back to our own church.

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). .

May 22, 2018

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“I wasn’t always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950’s!”

PARKING LOT UPDATE: Not much of an update. The rain continues to delay this project. We will let you know when they are finally able to begin paving. Stay tuned!

GRADUATION CELEBRATION! If you have a family member who is graduating from high school, college or grad school this year, please let Ruth or Pastor Scott know. We will acknowledge them during worship on Sunday, June 3.

May 15, 2018

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.

May 8, 2018

PARKING LOT UPDATE: Well, as of this E-news addition the parking lot repaving project has yet to begin. Bartelt Paving Company had hoped to begin last Thursday, but due to weather, their start date was delayed. They are hoping to begin sometime this week. Once they begin, they will tear off the old black top surface and lay down a new gravel foundation. We will be unable to park in the lot for a few days until the gravel base settles. They will then return about a week later to pave and stripe the new surface. **Work began this morning, Tuesday, May 8!**



Part of the current lot will not be repaved. The two sections pictured below, will have the old surface torn off, but will not be totally repaved. The Southeast corner facing the street will have a 24' section unpaved. The East facing section by the Yew bushes will have a 7' section left unpaved. The plan is to return this to green space, possibly even a garden? We will not be losing parking space, while improving the green space around the church.



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!

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.

May 1, 2018



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? **During the first week of May**, 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 about a 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.

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 there 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 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>

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

- **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
- **Sunday, June 10 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Roman Leto
Ushers/Greeters: The Leto Family
Fellowship Hosts: Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen
Last day this period to turn in Piggly Wiggly receipts.
- **Sunday, June 17 – Father’s Day**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
Liturgist: Julie Anderson
Ushers/Greeters: Kay Lund
Fellowship Hosts: No fellowship coffee hour – Happy Father’s Day!
- **Saturday, June 23 – Strawberry Salad Luncheon**
Serving 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- **Sunday, June 24 –**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
 Liturgist: Judy Schroeder
 Ushers/Greeters: Mark Touhey
 Fellowship Hosts: Strawberry Salad Luncheon Fellowship

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Neal Traeder June 6
 Emily Hanson June 13
 Jamie Schauer June 17
 Julie Anderson June 21
 Marian Korth..... June 24

Anniversaries

Michael & Melanie Rumpf..... May 31
 Virgil & Kristine Runge June 6

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)
 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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