

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

LANDSCAPE WORK DAY... SATURDAY, JULY 21! As you can see by the pictures below, we are in the process of finishing up the landscaping project around our new parking lot. This Saturday morning we will have a morning work time. We are in need of people to help us spread eight yards of mulch, some additional dirt to lay down, and grass seed to plant. If you are able to lend us your hands for an hour or two between 8 am - noon, it would be greatly appreciated! We are also looking for some wheelbarrows, a few garden rakes and shovels. Questions? Please contact Mark Touhey.



RECLAIMING JESUS STATEMENT AND THE DECLARATION OF BARMEN:

Over the past months, we have been exploring both of these important statements as a part of our Sunday morning Affirmation of Faith. Beginning July 22, Pastor Scott will be leading us through a Sermon Dialogue/Education Discussion time instead of a regular sermon. Questions will be listed for you to consider as we read and reflect on these two faith statements. The link to the Reclaiming Jesus is: <http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/> The Declaration of Barmen link is: <http://www.westpresa2.org/docs/adulted/Barmen.pdf> A handout with questions for each Sunday will be in our next E-news.

As we read through the Declaration of Barmen and the Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis, we are invited to listen, and then mark the words or phrases that stand out for you. Here is a paragraph from the introduction to the Reclaiming Jesus Confession for you to practice on. The questions for us to reflect on follow.

“Let us listen to the introduction to Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis. As you listen, please mark the words or phrases that stand out for you. Invite the second and third readers to read the following, alternating paragraphs. We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake. It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography—our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus’ words in us. “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church’s role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government’s role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bad behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.” It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God. This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. During Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hearts are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ.”

Reflection Questions

- What stood out for you in listening to these two statements of faith?
- For you, I wonder what it means to be a Christian first and everything else second?
- For you, what does it mean that Jesus is Lord? What does that look like in your life?
- How would our fellow citizens know we are Christians by our love?
- What does it mean to commit ourselves as Christians today?

GIVING UPDATE... It's the summer, and with it many of us are busy with all kinds of outdoor activities. While you may be on vacation, our bills are not. Please remember your OCPC pledge and support our ministry with your financial gifts. Thank you!

PANCAKES, EVERYONE! The Deacons are once again holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 4 as a part of Maxwell Street Days.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND HAYRIDE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 4:30

PM. The congregation is invited to join the Session and Deacons for a cookout at the home of Ann and Dale Febock. Hot Dogs, Brats and Burgers will be provided. People are invited to bring a dish to share, chairs, and their own beverages. There will be some games and a hay wagon ride!

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are Hamburger Helper, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Ketchup, Cereal, Mayo/Hellman's, Jelly and Jams---Also nonfood items are really needed---Regular Feminine Pads, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel. They can be dropped off in the red basket located in the entry by the parking lot.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 20th** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 12.** Following are ways to donate:

Monetary Donations: will be accepted at our church as well as our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. **Make checks payable to Cambridge Schools.**

Most needed school supplies: scientific calculators, ear buds, back packs (no wheels), washable markers, Expo markers/erasers, color pencils, glue sticks, graph paper, Post-It notes, watercolor paints, Ticonderoga pencils, 24 count Crayola crayons, and 3-inch 3-ring binders. An expanded list showing items needed in grades 4K-8 is available at church, while grade-specific supply lists can be seen at www.cambridge.k12.wi.us or available at big box stores.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—

babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off from August 1-13 at school district office or OCPC.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 20th from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria.

Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text)

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

- **Sunday, July 22 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship with special music by Wind & Strings Ensemble
Liturgist: Cathy Thiltgen
Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Sylvia Jensen
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Committee
- **Sunday, July 29 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Judy Pearson
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Melanie Rumpf
- **Saturday, August 4 – Maxwell Street Days Pancake Breakfast**
Serving 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, August 5**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: OPEN
Liturgist: Bud Rumpf
Ushers/Greeters: The Letos
Fellowship Hosts: Pancake Breakfast Fellowship – Joe Leto; Judy Pearson
- **Sunday, August 12**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: Al Bettenhausen; Derek Bettenhausen
Fellowship Hosts: Bobbi & Bud Rumpf
4:30 p.m. Congregational Picnic and Hayride along with Joint meeting of Session and Deacons at Dale & Ann Febock's. (See previous article.)

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Staci Marrese-Wheeler July 17
 Nancy Breitsprecher July 18
 Ann Febock July 19
 Linda Porter July 20
 Patty Strobusch..... July 25
 Samuel Hanson July 28
 Sue Bettenhausen..... July 31
 Judy Pearson July 31
 Mim Jacobson August 5
 Pat Kruger August 11
 Joe Kelter August 12
 Evelyn Reiner August 15
 James Wurtz August 15

Dylan Homann August 18
 Jenna Fieser August 22
 Alden Johnson..... August 27
 Tara Bettenhausen August 28
 Lance BettenhausenAugust 30

Anniversaries

Mark & Mary Olson July 19
 Michael & Linda Porter July 23
 Jan & Nancy Kristiansen August 10
 Richard & Barbara Rumpf August 16
 Phillip Yeadon &
 Rose Ann West..... August 17
 Trent & Kari Bettenhausen August 28

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
 Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
 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

The families of Jim Willmore; 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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