

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



**LANDSCAPE WORK AT OCPC...** When you come by the church again, you will notice some changes to the landscape around the parking lot and in the Peace Garden. A huge shout-out to Mark Touhey and Judy Schroeder for organizing the work times at church! We also want to say a big “thank you” to Stub Lund for firing up his chainsaw on multiple days, even starting at 5 AM on Monday. With the help of Mardy Schilleman and Kay Lund, Stub and his early morning crew (5-11A M) cut down all the yew bushes and the over-grown lilac tree. Thank you also to the Village of Cambridge for hauling away all the brush!



The hard work was begun on Saturday morning, and then on Monday evening, a crew of 9 showed up to move dirt, spread mulch, weed and trim bushes. Thank you to Mark Touhey, Judy Schroeder, Randy & Renee Johnson, Bud Rumpf, Joe Leto, Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Pastor Scott. But the work isn't yet complete. There's more dirt and mulch to be moved. Then the new garden area needs to be planted and mulched. Let Mark know when you can help!



**RECLAIMING JESUS STATEMENT AND THE DECLARATION OF BARMEN  
SERMON DISCUSSION SERIES (JULY 29, AUGUST 5 & 12)**

This Sunday, July 29, we will begin our worship in the Sanctuary. As we share in our “Two Plus” time, we will move into the Fellowship Hall, gathering in small groups around 4-tables (5 people per group). Each Group will have a Table Facilitator to guide our discussion. To assist us, here are some guidelines for respectful listening and sharing. For those who wish to do some prep in advance, here is this Sunday’s Scripture, Faith Statement Section, and questions.

**Following Jesus: Guidelines for Our Time of Reflection. Listening and Learning Together:**

Your call to follow Jesus means that you are called to be the best version of yourself that you can be—who God made you to be. Civil discourse requires that we treat people with respect as we seek and serve Christ in each other and strive for the respect and dignity of every human being. It means treating people how we want to be treated, even in disagreement and even if we do not have shared values.

**\*Respect** – Respect each person you meet and take the time to truly consider what they are saying. Respond, don’t react. No blaming, shaming or attacking another person.

**\*Listen Deeply** – Listen to what each person is saying, focus on the ideas presented, and discuss ideas and issues – not people. No side conversations as they distract from engagement and listening. Do not interrupt while others are speaking.

**\*Speak for Yourself** – Use “I” statements when commenting or responding. Share your personal experience.

**\*Try to Understand** – Try to understand the thoughts and ideas of others. Ask questions for clarification.

**\*Share Talk Time** – Make sure everyone has the opportunity to speak before speaking again. Take notes if there are things you want to follow up on. Ask what others think.

**\*Speak Respectfully** – When you choose to speak, respect your fellow learners and do not try to be the one that knows everything about the topic at hand.

**\*Gratitude** – If someone has shared something or asked a question that helps with your own learning, say thank you.

**\*Suspend Judgment** – We all have presumptions, biases, stereotypes, prejudices, and other prejudgments. Try to suspend these and seek to understand.

**\*Disagree, Don’t Debate** – We are here to learn and listen. You can disagree with someone and still love them and listen to them. This isn’t about who is right, but about listening and learning together.

**\*Practice Forgiveness** – We learn from trying things out and sometimes we make mistakes. Seek to forgive and to be forgiven as we learn together.

**\*Pay Attention to Your Feelings and Thoughts** – If you do not feel safe asking a question or commenting on a topic, write it down and ask someone to help you give voice to it or talk it through. If something hurts your feelings, acknowledge that the comment (not the person) hurt and explain why.

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion as Followers of Jesus on Scripture & Statements:**

**Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:9-15**

‘Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.’

- What stood out for you as you heard the reading from the Gospel of Matthew?
- What does this scripture call you to believe about Jesus?
- When we say, “Your kingdom come, your will be done,” what does that mean for you?

**The Declaration of Barmen and Reclaiming Jesus**

- What stood out for you in reading and listening to these two faith statements?
- 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?
- Who is Jesus Christ for us today?
- What does our loyalty to him require?
- What does it mean to be disciples who regard Jesus as Lord at this moment in our history?



**HISTORY REVISITED:** This past Tuesday, we were blessed to have two Great-Great Granddaughters, and a Great-Great Niece of OCPC’s founding pastor, The Rev. Dr. William Cargen and his wife Mary Ann, stop by the church for a visit. They live out of state, but were in the Cambridge area. Having done some family genealogy, they wanted to see the church he had helped to start. Mark Touhey, Ruth Poole, and Pastor Scott played host by showing them church historical records, the beautiful quilt of the church history, and then a guided tour of the family graves in the Lake Ripley Cemetery.

**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. Volunteers are needed to work several shifts. Donations of various items would also be welcomed. Sign up this Sunday!

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to everyone who turned in receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly. We received a check for \$165 which will be used for local mission.

**BIG READ: *TROUBLE I'VE SEEN: CHANGING THE WAY THE CHURCH***

***VIEWES RACISM*** "Just as Jesus defied Herod and then continued on with the work of liberating healing and justice-filled shalom, so too must Christians subvert every way that our society's racial hierarchy is allowed to exist. This subversion must happen first and foremost in the church."

This fall, [Madison Christian Community](#) would love to have individuals, small groups, or big groups in your congregation join a multi-congregational inter-denominational BIG READ of Drew Hart's book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, with the opportunity and resources for a variety of events and ways to engage. The book is very accessible and engaging for what is not an easy topic, and we have recently confirmed for the author to be here for the conclusion of the Big Read the weekend of December 1 & 2. Order books [here](#). Let them know you're part of the MCC (Madison Christian Community) ordering, and you'll receive 40% off the cover price, so books are only about \$10 each! Contact Pastors [Sonja Ingebritsen](#) or [Nick Utphall](#) for more information or to let them know you're interested!

**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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us) or 608.213.5819 (cell/text)

## **OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

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

- **Sunday, July 29 -**  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Liturgist: Judy Pearson  
Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Sylvia Jensen  
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: Margaret Hawkins  
 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.)
- **Sunday, August 19 -**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship with guest pastor  
 Liturgist: OPEN  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Renee & Randy Johnson
- **Sunday, August 26 -**  
 10:00 a.m. Worship with Blessing of Backpacks  
 Liturgist: OPEN  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Nancy & Jan Kristiansen
- 5819 (cell/text)

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Patty Strohbusch..... 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 Bettenhausen .....August 30

**Anniversaries**

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 Strohmusch)  
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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