

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

August 28, 2018

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, we invite our students, teachers and parents to join us for a special Liturgy, Blessing their Backpacks, Classrooms, and schools. Pastor Scott will be preaching on the Feeding of the 5,000, comparing it to the lunchroom at school. We will also celebrate communion.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Presbyterian Triennium 2019
July 16-20 **Purdue University**



<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

Pastor Scott and Megan Meier (who attended as a youth) are planning to attend the Presbyterian Church's National Youth Triennium, serving as Residence Hall Coordinators.

Young people who are rising Freshmen (just finishing 8th grade) through Seniors (Class of 2019) will come together from around the United States and world for worship, bible study, recreation, fun, and of course, food. We would love to invite the youth of our congregation to consider joining us. We will be having an informational meeting in the next month to talk about Triennium. Click on this link to learn more and to watch the promo video: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

UFF-DAH AND GOD! POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE – SUNDAY, SEPT. 9!

Join us as we kick-up our heels and kick-off our way into Fall Liturgical Season. We will also have a kick-off Tail-Gate Potluck. Brats and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Worship will be outside, weather permitting.

MISSION UPDATE: MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Thank you to **Melanie Rumpf** and **Bud & Bobbi Rumpf** for delivering Meals on Wheels for August! If you are interested in helping, please contact Cheryl Stitz.

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!

NORWEGIAN FISH BOIL West Koshkonong Church (1911 Koshkonong Road, Stoughton) is hosting this event on Friday, September 7 with tickets available for—4:30 PM, 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Menu: Fish, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Cole Slaw, Bread, Lefse, Norwegian Goodies, Coffee, Milk, (Carry-outs available). Advance—\$15; Door—\$16; Children 6-12—\$5; 5 & under free. Tickets available at: West Koshkonong Church, 873-9456; Old Deerfield, 764-5743; Nordic Nook, 877-0848; All in The Family Hair Care, 873-6736. Entertainment provided by The Promised Band.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are Cake Mixes, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Hearty Progressive Soups, Regular Feminine Pads, Diapers size 2 and 6, Shampoo and Conditioner. They can be dropped off in the red basket located in the entry by the parking lot. Thank you!

August 21, 2018

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND HAYRIDE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12: Thank you to Ann and Dale Febock for hosting the All Church Cookout on their farm. We were not only treated to wonderful food, stimulating fellowship, an adventurous Wagon ride, but we also were able to pick sweet corn from their garden!



UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENTS:

September 2: Blessing of the Back Packs! Join us on this Labor Day Sunday as we send our students and teachers back to school with God’s blessings.

September 9: Outdoor Polka Service and Potluck Tailgate Party. Join us as we kick-off another new Fall ministry season and Sunday School.

August 7, 2018

**DUE TO RUTH BEING ON VACATION NEXT WEEK,
THERE WILL BE NO E-NEWS FROM OCPC ON AUGUST 14.**



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

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. This year, will someone please bring a Dessert? Last year, we had 5, count them, 5 Veggie Trays and no Desserts!!!! There will be some games and a hay wagon ride! The Session and Deacons will hold their required "Joint" meeting and the Session will have their monthly business meeting too.



**RECLAIMING JESUS STATEMENT AND THE DECLARATION OF BARMEN
SERMON DISCUSSION SERIES (AUGUST 12)**

This Sunday, August 12, 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.

Here is our Scripture Lesson and the Section of the Reclaiming Jesus Confession we will be focusing on this Sunday, August 12:

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-7

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis (Part 4)

WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. A commitment to speaking truth, the ninth commandment of the Decalogue, "You shall not bear false witness" (Exodus 20:16), is foundational to shared trust in society. Falsehood can enslave us, but Jesus promises, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32). The search and respect for truth is crucial to anyone who follows Christ.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political

and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined. The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation's highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behavior of families and children. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light.

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

- What stands out for you in this Scripture reading?
- For you, what is the "truth" about Jesus that helps direct your "way" in your "life"?
- In this section of the Reclaiming Jesus, the focus is on the rejection of "lies as truths." How do you as a follower of Jesus, discern the "truth" from the "lies"?
- As a follower of Jesus, how do you seek to tell the truth in the world today?
- How do we as followers of Jesus, call out the "lies" that are becoming more prevalent and lead others to truth?
- How do you, as one who is created in the image of God who is a follower of Jesus, live into your beliefs?

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: Our secretary, Ruth, will be out of town from August 13-20. Please note the church office will be closed those days, except for when Pastor Scott is present.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Sunday, August 12 is the last day we are collecting much needed school supplies for the Cambridge School District. Here is the information regarding school supplies 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)

As our children head back to school, we all need to be mindful of the rise in "Hate Speech" not in our society but also in our schools today. This is an excellent article around that issue. It is worth your time to read and discuss with your families and in the community: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/projects/hate-in-schools.html#.W2mEHsghY6Q.facebook>

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."
1 John 4:7-8

"Hate can be a deeply stimulating emotion. The world becomes easier to understand and much less terrifying if you divide everything and everyone into friends and enemies, we and they, good and evil. The easiest way to unite a group isn't through love, because love is hard, it makes demands. Hate is simple. So the first thing that happens in a conflict is that we choose a side, because that's easier than trying to hold two thoughts in our heads at the same time. The second thing that happens is that we seek out facts that confirm what we want to believe - comforting facts, ones that permit life to go on as normal. The third is that we dehumanize our enemy."

— Fredrik Backman, *Beartown*

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Sunday, September 2** – Labor Day Weekend
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion with Blessing of Backpacks
Communion Servers: Judy Pearson
Liturgist: Randy Johnson
Ushers/Greeters: Sylvia & Larry Jensen
Fellowship Hosts: Labor Day Weekend – No Coffee Hour
- **Sunday, September 9** – Rally Day & Potluck Tailgate Party
10:00 a.m. Worship with The Promised Band playing polkas in the Peace Garden
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Potluck Tailgate Party
Noon - Session
- **Sunday, September 16** -
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Bud Rumpf
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Karin Mandli
- **Sunday, September 23** -
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Bud Rumpf
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus

- **Sunday, September 30 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
 Fellowship Hosts: Mary & Dick Trailer

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Tara Bettenhausen August 28
- Lance BettenhausenAugust 30
- Deacon WurtzSeptember 2
- Joe LetoSeptember 3
- Nancy VanValkenberg.....September 4
- Angela WurtzSeptember 9
- Cashton WurtzSeptember 9
- Jodi KelterSeptember 13
- Kodi Porter.....September 13
- Angela Stitz-Kennedy.....September 22
- Peter StarkSeptember 23
- Luke MandliSeptember 25

Anniversaries

- Trent & Kari Bettenhausen August 28
- Andy & Amber Rumpf.....September 4
- Mark Touhey &
 Judy SchroederSeptember 9
- John & Shelly KennedySeptember 11
- Randy & Renee Johnson ...September 15
- Stan & Kay Lund.....September 16
- Jeremy & Abby PorterSeptember 25
- Bill & Patty StrobuschSeptember 27

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 Hawkins)
- Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
- Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
- Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
- Joan Spaulding (wife of Ralph Spaulding))
- Mary Trailer

The families of Jerry Mandli (Karin, Matthew, Luke, Connor and Jake) on the death of his father, Paul Mandli; 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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