

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

September 25, 2018

WATER IS OUR THEME for this Sunday, September 30. Our Biblical Narrative Readers Theatre will be the story of the Exodus through the waters of the Reed Sea (No, that is not a typo. It is believed that it was actually this body of water, referred to as the Sea of Reeds in Hebrew and not the Red Sea that the Israelites crossed.) The story is Exodus 14. In addition to our retelling of this story, we will journey into the waters of Baptism with Lydia Grace Meier and her parents, Matt and Megan Meier. Lydia's grandparents will be our guests this Sunday. The Meiers are also providing a special cake for Fellowship Time.



Blessing of the Animals “Critter-gy” On October 4, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of the Animals.” If you have a special animal(s) in your life, you are invited to attend a special event for you and your furry, feathered, and finned friends. On **Sunday, October. 7**, some of the Cambridge area clergy, including Pastor Scott, will be doing a community “Blessing of the Animals Critter Liturgy” (Crittergy) at 4:00 in the afternoon. We'll gather at Veterans' Park for a brief service of blessing and celebration, followed by a time for refreshments for the two-legged and four-legged who attend. Please feel free to bring your animals on a leash or in a carrying case (for their own safety). If you can't bring your animal, you're welcome to bring a picture of him/her. Come join us as we ask God's blessings of all God's creatures.

LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY CLEANUP — Beginning Saturday, October 6th, the caretakers of Lake Ripley Cemetery will be getting the cemetery ready for winter. **By Friday, October 5th, please remove any grave decorations you wish to save for next year!**

PRESBYTERIAN TRIENNIUM 2019 - JULY 16-20 AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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/>

BLUE JAY BACKPACK COLLECTION: There are 75 students currently receiving weekend food through the Blue Jay Backpack food program. We are being asked EACH MONTH to collect 75 of each of the following items: microwaveable ravioli and/or spaghetti cups AND low sugar fruit cups and/or applesauce. These should be non-refrigerated. You can also make a financial donation to OCPC. If you are interested in helping with this collection, we could use a volunteer or two to shop for these items if we receive some financial gifts towards them.

MISSION CHALLENGE FOR OCPC: Hunger is a daily issue in our schools. The number of children and youth facing food scarcity at home continues to increase while federal funding for school lunch (and breakfast programs) face further government cuts. The Blue Jay Backpack Program currently only provides food to 75 K-12 graders once a month. It is hoped that over this year that the program can begin to meet the needs on a weekly basis. Many schools have begun food pantries in the school building. McFarland High School, where Pastor Scott works, has one. The hope would be that Cambridge School District working with the Food Pantry with the support of the local churches and community groups could also have food pantries in the middle and high school. To do this, more volunteers and financial gifts would be needed. This is a local mission we as a congregation should support with our donations and also with volunteers.

PRES HOUSE MEAL: Mark your calendar for **November 18**. We will be providing the meal for the students at Pres House following their worship on Sunday evening. Watch for more details.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: All types of Canned Soups, Canned Peas, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Snack Crackers, Ketchup, Regular Feminine Pads, Diaper sizes 2 & 5, Shampoo and Conditioner. They can be dropped off in the red basket located in the entry by the parking lot. Thank you!

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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT comes to OCPC!

Okay, not the musical, rather our Narrative Lectionary reading for this Sunday, September 23, is the story of Joseph and Potiphar's Wife in Genesis 39. If you have ever watched the Broadway musical or have seen the movie, you might remember this is a very "racy" scene. Here is the link to a YouTube clip from the musical: <https://youtu.be/BmbfqCII5X4> You can also just read the story in Genesis. Let's just say, our Reader's Theatre will be interesting this week!



ALL ARE WELCOME - EVEN CATS! This beautiful cat greeted Pastor Scott this past Sunday morning. In case you did not know, Pastor Scott is a dog person, so this was a clear case of learning to love your enemies! On a serious note, **October 7, you are invited to a Blessing of the Animals service.** It will be held at 4 pm in Veterans Park. People are invited to bring their pets (and 4-H animals) to the park. Pastor Scott will join with several Cambridge clergy to offer a special blessing of God's creatures.

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HOW WAS THE ICE CREAM? Delicious! This past Sunday, the youth went to Little Dipper's Sweets and Treats shop to sample their ice cream treats. We are planning an October outing to Schuster's Farm and Corn Maze.

MISSION BEYOND THE WALLS OF OCPC: The Session is wondering what forms of service we as members of OCPC are involved in out in the community?

Within our walls, OCPC has been collecting food items for the local food pantry, donations of school supplies and food for the Blue Jay Backpack program which helps provide students whose homes may not have adequate food to eat on the weekends (yes, hunger is a real issue even here in Cambridge), delivering Meals-on-Wheels (it is not just students who face hunger issues). We have collected money for Heifer International and then shopped for animals like Water Buffalos. Our Sunday School children raised funds for the Jefferson County Humane Society. Last summer, following the devastating hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, we donated close to \$3,000 through the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund. Each year we serve prepare and serve a meal to the college students at Pres House, our Presbyterian campus ministry on the UW Library Mall. We also have supported other local missions. We want to hear from you as members of OCPC about how you are living out your faith through mission beyond the walls of OCPC? We will be exploring this question over the coming months during worship and Fellowship time.

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OCPC WAS FILLED WITH TOE-TAPPING, POLKA WORSHIP MUSIC provided by the Polka Cousins (Promised Band) this past Sunday as we kicked off another Fall season with our annual Tailgate Potluck. Thank you to everyone who provided brats and hot dogs, delicious dishes to share, and of course, yummy dessert!

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, ALL OUR YOUTH SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM: This Sunday, September 16, following worship and fellowship, our 6-12th grade youth will be going for ice cream at the new Little Dipper Sweets and Treats in Cambridge. Bring money for ice cream and a friend! While we eat, we will be discussing future activities and a service project for the year.

NEW MEMBERS AND A BAPTISM! Matt and Megan Meier have been worshipping with us for the past year. They have now joined our church as members. On Sunday, September 30, they have requested that their daughter, Lydia Grace, be baptized. The Session has approved their request. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with them and with Lydia's grandparents during worship. Fellowship time will follow.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY CYCLE BEGINS... This past Sunday, September 9, we began a new cycle of the Narrative Lectionary by reading through the story of Noah and God's Rainbow Covenant. This Sunday, September 16 we will be exploring the Call and Covenant God makes with Abram and Sarai in Genesis 12. Over the coming weeks we will hear stories from the Hebrew Scriptures (OT) about Joseph in Prison, Moses and the Exodus through the Sea and Wilderness, Joshua, David and Bathsheba, Solomon's Wisdom, Micah's Call to do Justice, Elisha's Healing of Naahman, Jeremiah, Esther, Isaiah's Swords into Plowshares. As we move through Advent, Christmas, and into Epiphany, we will begin to explore the stories of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew.

September 4, 2018

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

Join us as we kick-up our heels and kick-off our Fall Liturgical Season—ironically, beginning with Noah and the flood! 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.



PROPERTY UPDATE... This summer, as part of a work day, we (and by “we” I mean Stub Lund!) began to clean up our property line between the church parking lot and the former “Melster” property. We met informally with the new owner, Samantha Dalsing, to discuss how we could improve our properties. We agreed that the overgrown shrubs should be removed, the lilac either cleaned up or removed, and the rock wall along the property line be removed. We (Stub) accomplished those tasks and we then discussed what might come next. Among the priorities: planting more grass in “new” or unpaved green space, adding dirt to level the two properties, and planting replacement shrubs. Then Samantha announced that she and her husband may be interested in purchasing the property. That possibility changes everything.

OCPC can foresee no realistic use for land on the far side, south and east, of the new parking lot. We saved money by not blacktopping all of it. However, we are still responsible for mowing and maintaining the property. Selling the land would allow us to rid ourselves of land that has little or no value to us. (We are talking about an area of approximately 4,000 square feet or less.) We can reshape our property to make it both more attractive and more maintainable.

With the **possible** sale of the land in mind, Session approved Building and Grounds to have the property surveyed. Our church is actually four lots – one for the church, one for the manse, one for the parking lot area directly behind the church, and one for the parking lot behind the manse. The first three have been annexed by the village of Cambridge. The

fourth remains in Jefferson County for tax purposes. And there seems to be a boundary issue with each lot. For example, the lot line of the church plot apparently follows the county line, running right through the church. As it stands now, the church sanctuary and kitchen belong to the manse lot. A survey, followed by a restructuring of the lot lines, would be necessary if we were to ever sell the manse. And there are other lot line issues...

Understand that this survey is just the first step of what could be a long and awkward process. How much land would we sell? How would we establish a price? How do we deal with boundary issues with other lots? Where do we establish a new property line between the church and manse? At this time, we have more questions than answers.

We will keep you informed as the process unfolds. Feel free to discuss this with Session members.

By Mark Touhey

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Sunday, September 30 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism of Lydia Meier
Liturgist: Melanie Rumpf
Ushers/Greeters: The Letos
Fellowship Hosts: Mary & Dick Trailer - Baptism
- **Sunday, October 7 – World Communion Sunday**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: Mike Stitz
Liturgist: Cathy Thiltgen
Ushers/Greeters: Judy Pearson
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons (2 People)
4:00-6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals at Veterans' Park
- **Sunday, October 14 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: Matt Meier
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Karin Mandli
- **Sunday, October 21 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Ann & Dale Febock
11:00 a.m. - Deacons
11:00 a.m. – Session

- **Sunday, October 28 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
 Fellowship Hosts: Linda Porter

SOME OTHER LOCAL EVENTS We've received notice of a number of Fall events in our area. Please check our bulletin board in the back entry for details.

Sat., Sept. 29 – West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Dramatic Program on Golda Meir; Reservations by Sept. 26

Sat., Oct. 6 – St Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church Fall turkey dinner & bake sale

Sun., Oct. 14 – 1st Presbyterian Church in Cambria; Gymanfa Ganu Welsh hymn Sing

Sat., Oct. 20 – St. Olaf's College Band, concert at Memorial High School in Madison

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Luke MandliSeptember 25
- Rachel Kelter October 2
- Eva Wurtz..... October 5
- Trent Bettenhausen October 12
- Kelly Homann..... October 13
- Lindsey Vanderbilt October 13
- Scott Marrese-Wheeler October 21
- Linda Johnson October 21
- Abby Porter October 23

- Kay Lund..... October 26
- Sue Bettenhausen..... October 27
- Cheryl Spore..... October 28
- Maggie Porter October 29

Anniversaries

- Jeremy & Abby PorterSeptember 25
- Bill & Patty StrohbuschSeptember 27
- Bob & Cheryl Spore..... October 26

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 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 Nancy Van Valkenberg, 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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