

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



JOIN US FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 7. The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world... World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church.

The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor...Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930)...World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another...

The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.



Blessing of the Animals “Critter-gy” This 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 PM. 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.



BAPTISM This past Sunday, September 30 we shared in the Sacrament of Baptism, welcoming Lydia Grace, daughter of Matt and Megan Meier, into God's family. It was wonderful to meet Lydia’s grandparents, Dan and Marsha Meier and Jim and Penny

Thomson who joined us for the baptism. Thank you to Elder Melanie Rumpf, Charlie Schabla and Grace Leto for assisting Pastor Scott with Lydia's baptism.

"In the ritual of baptism, our ancestors acted out the bizarre truth of the Christian identity: We are people who stand totally exposed before evil and death and declare them powerless against love. There's nothing normal about that."

— Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*

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.



"For I was hungry and
you fed me."

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.

THANK YOU to **Richard and Jodi Wolf** for their donation of dirt and hauling old blacktop and rocks away; **Ann & Dale Febock** for the straw; **Stub Lund** for his landscape work of leveling, raking and seeding the area that was formerly part of our parking lot; **Melanie Rumpf, Anne Febock, Renee and Randy Johnson** for cleaning up the basement in preparation for the new Sunday School year; **Julie Anderson** for keeping our church clean; **Ruth Poole** for all she does for our church and for the cemetery board! **Mark Touhey** for mowing the church yard and snowplowing and shoveling our walks. Thank you!

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/>

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!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Cambridge EMS has a great opportunity to work for a young, vibrant, and engaged handicapped 29 year old who lives independently. Overnights and weekend may be necessary. This is a paid job. Full time or part time available. Call or text (920) 222-2028.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **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 Judy Pearson and Joe Leto
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: Stan & Kay Lund
Fellowship Hosts: Karin Mandli

- **Sunday, October 21 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship with special music by Mare Stewart and Barb Brown
 Liturgist: Cheryl Stitz
 Ushers/Greeters: Cheryl Stitz
 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: Mare Stewart
 Ushers/Greeters: Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen
 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., 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

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

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 Strohmusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Jim & Mardy Schilleman
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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