

October 30, 2018



To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



FALL BACK! Remember to turn your clocks back this Sunday, November 4!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY... This Sunday, November 4, we will share in our annual All Saints' Worship Service. This year, in addition to our All Saints' Liturgy, we will have four different prayer stations.

Station 1: You are invited to light a candle of remembrance for a loved one.

Station 2: Communion (Receive the Bread, dip into the cup, partake).

Station 3: Prayer, blessing and anointing for healing and wholeness.

Station 4: You are invited to touch the waters in the baptismal fount and remember that you too are a child of God.

TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS OF A STOCK MARKET-LINKED BUDGET –

by Mark Touhey

For almost a decade our church finances have been linked to the stock market. Our budget has exceeded our income – a deficit budget – and we have made up the difference at the

end of the year by withdrawing money from our investment accounts – accounts created largely through the gifts of two former members, Hazel Main and Bernice Gillingham.

For almost a decade, the market has been very good to us. How good? We recently repaved our parking lot at a cost of \$37,000 and did not request a penny from the congregation. New windows, new storms, a new floor in the kitchen – the bottom line is that we have done well with money generated in the stock market.

Session has based our budget mostly, but not completely, on contributions from current members and income from the manse. Session has also really tried to be frugal. But the bottom line is that we take in about \$5,850 each month on average, and spend \$6,750. We need our stock market investments to provide about \$11,000 each year just to cover expenses.

This is not the church finance structure most of us are used to. This is a different time and a new and scarier path to financial solvency. However, in the long run this funding plan will work. In the bigger picture we are doing well, and will continue to do well financially. Over time, we will pay our employees, meet our expenses, and still have money left for improvements, like the parking lot.

However, in the short term, when the market falls, (as it is doing now) church finances get a little dicey. This is not always a smooth ride. We need to accept a certain level of uncertainty. And we need members to know that while our investments may help us, the annual budget is dependent, first and foremost, on current member giving. Please continue to support your church financially.

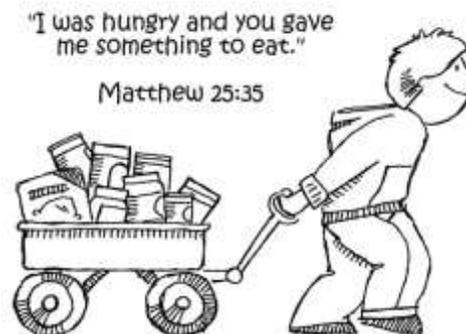
FAITH FORMATION AND YOU: Each Sunday, you will find the following questions in the bulletin. These questions are for the whole congregation to reflect on individually during worship. Following worship, you are invited to join a round table discussion on these questions. We will gather at the round table in the back of the Fellowship Hall for a shared time of reflection and discussion.

1. What is the theme of worship?
2. What was the scripture reading/story for the morning?
3. What was one thing you found interesting or insightful or learned from the scripture, sermon, the liturgy, or hymns?
4. What questions did it raise for you about our faith and your own beliefs in God, Jesus and the Church?
5. What were some of the vocabulary words used in the worship bulletin that you had not heard before or did not know their meaning? Write them down and then look them up or ask someone what they think they mean.
6. What other questions about your faith come to mind as you reflect on the worship this morning?

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATT AND ELAINE STEGALL! They were married this past Friday, October 26 in Cudahy, Wisconsin. Pastor Scott was privileged to officiate at their wedding.



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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITYS – ON NOVEMBER 18 WE WILL HOST A MEAL AT PRES HOUSE. Each year, under the organization of Mike and Cheryl Stitz, OCPC members prepare and serve a meal to the UW- Madison students at our Presbyterian Campus Ministry Center. Pres House is located on the Library Mall. **There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are able to donate food for the meal or attend and assist with the meal. We will be carpooling to Pres House and leaving the church at 3:00 p.m.**

MEALS ON WHEELS – Volunteers are needed for November 12-23. Contact Cheryl Stitz at 608-695-1838 if there are any questions about either of these mission opportunities.

BELLS OF PEACE is a National Bell Tolling sponsored by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. It is in remembrance and honor of all those who served in the Great War. The United States participated from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918. **It will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time across the United States and its territories.** We will toll our bell slowly, 21 times with a five-second interval between tolls. The 21 tolls of the bell symbolize the nation's highest honor; it is based on the 21-gun salute.

Tolling of bells is the traditional way to mark someone's passing. On special national occasions, bells are tolled in honor of the fallen. November 11 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War 1. In the war, 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 4 AT 1 PM... Join Nitardy and Schneider-Michaelis for a Holiday Service of Remembrance. This celebration is for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them and will be presided over by Sarah Hoffman MS, LPC. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. This event is being held November 4th, 1:00 p.m., Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. **Please RSVP to (920) 563-5898 or (920) 674-3960.**

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/>

BIBLICAL NARRATIVE CONTINUES...

November 4 - 2 Kings 5 (Elisha and NaaMan) All Saints' Sunday and Communion

November 11 - Micah

November 18 - Isaiah 36 & 27

November 25 - Jeremiah 1 & 7

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Shampoo and Hair Conditioner, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue. Thank you!

October 23, 2018

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND MOVIE... This Sunday, **October 28 at 2:30 PM**, children, youth and adults are invited to join us at OCPC for some Halloween fun and food. Who knows, maybe there will even be some candy?





A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made a monetary donation for a pumpkin with the proceeds going to our Blue Jay backpack mission. We collected \$55.00 and with that money, 140 pieces of food items were given to the food pantry for the backpack program. Additional donations totaling \$45 were used to purchase ravioli/spaghetti pasta bowls.

October 16, 2018

HOW YOU ARE WIRED – DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS.

7-8:15 p.m. Mondays Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5 at Grace Lutheran; 501 Skogen Road, Cambridge Utilizing the Auditory/Visual and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, participants will learn that preferences were being developed by alignment of nerves during the brain's development. There is a reason for the preferences by which you function: head rules the heart or heart rules the head, filing systems or piling systems, ideas or facts, details or experiences, speaking to think or thinking to speak, initiating or responding, etc. This self-knowledge will enhance relationships; helping you clarify for yourself why some people, or responsibilities or activities (including work or leisure), give you energy and others exhaust you. Ultimately you will be able to *Create Space for Grace... grace with yourself, knowing how you are wired (gifted), and grace with others, knowing they are wired (gifted) differently than you. All are welcome!*

Where: Grace Lutheran Church 501 Skogen Rd, Cambridge, WI

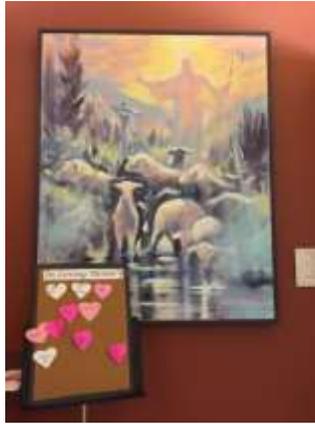
Cost: \$10 person for materials

Presenter: Dr. Michael C. Rehak, retired pastor mcrehak9556@charter.net

Please e-mail Dr. Michael Rehak with your questions. No pre-registration necessary.

October 9, 2018

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS... Now we know how Noah felt when he had to bring the animals inside during the rain! Due to the soaking rain, our first annual Cambridge Community Blessing of the animals moved indoors at Grace Lutheran Church. We had a small, but enthusiastic group of canines of all sizes and their owners joined us for a Liturgy and blessing. Treats followed for all Two and Four legged participants!



THANK YOU to Karin Mandli for donating art supplies to our Sunday School program; and to Dennis Lund for providing most of the straw for our landscaping project. 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.

October 2, 2018



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*

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!

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Sunday, November 4 – All Saints' Sunday**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
Communion Server: Judy Pearson
Liturgist: Judy Pearson
Ushers/Greeters: Mark Touhey
Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus
- **Sunday, November 11 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: Jenine Spack
Ushers/Greeters: The Letos
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Anderson
11:00 a.m. – Bells of Peace
11:05 a.m. – Session
- **Sunday, November 18 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen
Fellowship Hosts: Nancy & Jan Kristiansen
11:00 a.m. – Deacons
3:00 p.m. Carpool to Pres House for 4:30 p.m. worship with meal to follow

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Charleen Janus November 8
 Kristine Runge November 9
 Matthew Mandli November 11
 Kaila Rumpf November 13
 Mare Stewart November 17
 Cheryl Stitz November 19
 Derek Bettenhausen November 20

David Rumpf November 26

Anniversaries

Monty & Judy Pearson November 7
 Derek & Sue Bettenhausen Nov. 16
 Kurt & Sandra Schimelpfenig Nov. 25

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 David Stockwell (grandson of Jim & Mardy Schilleman); 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. on 2nd & 4th Sundays 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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2018 CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY FLOWERS

OCPC will be offering poinsettias this year for the holiday season. *America's Best Flowers* will be furnishing our beautiful flowers. ANYONE can purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one, in memory of a friend or family person, or in celebration of the Christmas season. Please contact the church office or Judy Pearson (764-8159). You may purchase as many as you wish.

Thank you to everyone.

Worship and Theology Committee

POINSETTIAS (Indicate number desired on each line)

8 INCH POTS HAVE 3 FLOWERING PLANTS (about 15 blooms)

**Circle
CHOICE OF FOIL**

_____ 8 inch Red	@ \$ 16.50 = \$ _____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver
_____ 8 inch White	@ \$ 16.50 = \$ _____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver
_____ 8 inch Pink	@ \$ 16.50 = \$ _____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver

ADD A RIBBON AND BOW TO ANY FLOWER FOR \$2 EACH

(Indicate number desired on line)

**Circle
CHOICE OF BOW**

_____ Ribbon & Bow @ \$ 2.50 = \$ _____ Red Green White

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

We (I) am enclosing my payment (check or cash) payable to OCPC.

For checks, include memo 'Christmas flowers'

Donor's Name: _____

Please circle your choice of text below:

Flowers given to the glory and honor of God and...

In Memory of or To Honor or In Celebration of

Deadline for purchase is Monday, November 26, 2018, but please return as soon as possible. Checks may be made out to OCPC. You may take your flowers home after the December 24th, Christmas Eve worship service. Questions can be addressed to our office at 608-423-3001.