

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

November 27, 2018



HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY... DECEMBER 1 AT 9 AM! You and your family are invited to join in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas this coming Saturday, December 1.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent (Hope) and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent (Joy) Blue Christmas Anointing Prayer Liturgy.

Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love) All-Church Christmas Pageant.



Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 5 PM Service with Communion, Carols, and Candlelight.

Sunday, December 30 – First Sunday after Christmas – Rev. Hugh Drennan.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT... On Sunday, December 23 we will once again have our annual Christmas Pageant, though this year will be a bit different. In years past, we have enjoyed having our children and youth present the Christmas Pageant. This year - YOU too will be involved. Together, we will be presenting the Best Christmas Pageant Ever (that will be left up to you to decide). We will be staging the Nativity as told according to each of the four Gospel writers. Here is your chance to be Mary or Joseph or a Shepherd or a Magi or a Camel or a Sheep or a, wait for it - Star!

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON UPON US, while much focus is on this season of joy celebrated with gatherings and parties, meals and festivities, many of us experience grief over the death of a loved one, a change in a career, a broken relationship, the loss of a job, a move to a new location, even the death of family pet. **On Sunday, December 16,** as a part of our worship, we will have a special prayer liturgy which will include a blessing with an anointing for those who desire one. You are also invited to bring a special ornament that represents a loved one or special memory that ties you to a loved one you are remembering this Christmas. If you are further interested, here is a link to a recent article about how we might be mindful and helpful to others (and ourselves) who are grieving. https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/how-to-help-a-grieving-friend-at-the-holidays-an-illustrated_us_5a3482b9e4b0e7f1200cfb11?fbclid=IwAR03jOEAhr0O0QyhdI3QTpHE1h9DwXyCB_YWNmogG3NtDcn1-LU3PfrcxgY

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS: Piggly Wiggly receipts are due at the church on Sunday, December 16. The monies received from the Piggly Wiggly receipts will be used to support the local food pantries.

THANK YOU to **Ann Febock, Judy Pearson, Melanie Rumpf, Judy Schroeder, Jenine Spack, Mike Stitz,** and **Mark Touhey** for delivering meal on wheels for the last two weeks. If anyone would like to have a meals delivered to them, they can contact Marlene Hussey at 608-423-3773 for details.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY... As we head into the winter weather months, the Session would remind you of inclement weather policy. If due to bad weather we need to cancel worship, we will post to our Facebook page, send out an email, and make calls to those who do not use the internet. Please make sure to check your email, Facebook page or answering machine. There may also be a rare occasion when, due to poor driving conditions, Pastor Scott is unable to make it safely out to Cambridge. On those Sundays, he will share his sermon with an Elder to read and worship will go on as scheduled.

LIBRARY DAYS... Cathy Thiltgen, our church librarian, is once again inviting our children and youth to come to the church library and check out books. Library Days are scheduled for December 9th & 16th. Thank you, Cathy, for this reading ministry! On these dates, the children's library is open both before worship at 9:00 a.m. and after worship at 11:00 a.m.

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?

BELLRINGERS NEEDED!! Are you looking for an easy, fun and rewarding way to volunteer as a family this Christmas season? The Salvation Army of Dane County has an opportunity for you! By ringing bells for only two hours, you will raise over \$90 to help house the homeless, feed the hungry, and provide mentoring and education to at-risk children. The **Christmas Red Kettle Campaign** runs from November 9th through December 24th, with many locations and shifts available. Please go to www.ringbellsdane.org to sign up or call 250-2235 for more information.



CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Paper Towel and Toilet Tissue, Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Deodorant, Size 2, 5 & 6 Diapers, Hair Shampoo and Conditioner. Thank you!

November 20, 2018





LAST SUNDAY AT PRES HOUSE... Last Sunday, November 18, 12 members of OCPC journeyed to Madison to worship at Pres House and provide the fellowship meal afterwards. Pres House is a Presbyterian church located on the Library Mall on the UW Madison campus. Pres House provides ministry for students and community on and near the campus. More information on the Pres House ministry including the Sunday sermons can be found on their web site <https://preshouse.org/>



Thank you to **Mike and Cheryl Stitz** for coordinating the meal and cooking up some delicious chili and fixings. Also thank you to the following OCPC members who offered their ministry by prepping and serving the meal: **Melanie Rumpf, Joe, Roman, Trevor, & Grace Leto, Jenine Spack, Renee Roland-Johnson, Randy Johnson, Ann Febock, Judy Pearson, Cheryl Bettenhausen, Pastor Scott, and Mike & Cheryl Stitz.**

PASTOR SCOTT WILL BE ON VACATION THIS WEEK. Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher will be our guest preacher on Sunday, November 25. Nancy, a Quaker minister, is a frequent guest in worship and in our pulpit.

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. There is a choice of red, white or pink poinsettias in 8" pots for \$16.50 each. Ribbon and a bow may be added for an additional \$2.50. Please contact the church office (608-423-3001) or Judy Pearson (608-764-8159). Order forms are available at the church. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, November 26.**

November 13, 2018

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP... This Sunday, November 18, our worship theme will be focused on gratitude and thanksgiving. As a part of our worship, we invite you to share some of the following food items for the Cambridge Food Pantry:

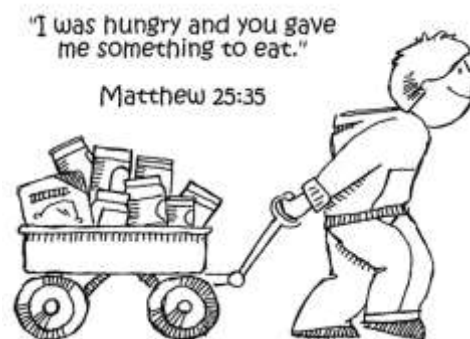
Ritz and Town House crackers and Cream of Mushroom soup for Thanksgiving baskets; **microwaveable ravioli and/or spaghetti cups AND low sugar fruit cups and/or applesauce for Blue Jay backpacks;** Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Shampoo and Hair Conditioner, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue,. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOU FAMILY:

***Meals on Wheels will be delivering meals on Thanksgiving Day.** OCPC 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.

***Pres House Meal and Worship this Sunday, November 18.** 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. **We still need a pan of bars or a couple dozen cookies.** If you can donate these items, please bring them to church on Sunday morning. Volunteering to help at Pres House are: Mike & Cheryl Stitz, Melanie Rumpf, Judy Pearson, Cheryl Bettenhausen, Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder, and Pastor Scott. We will be carpooling to Pres House, leaving the church at 3:00 p.m.

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.

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/>

November 6, 2018

BELLS OF PEACE is a National Bell Tolling sponsored by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. It was to be the "War to End All Wars". Europe erupted into global war beginning in July 1914 and lasting until November 11, 1918. World War One was one of the deadliest conflicts in the history of the human race. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people. The United States fought in the war from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918. During America's involvement, 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded. In remembrance and honor of all those who served, were killed or wounded in during WW I, we have been asked to participate in "The Bells For Peace" which marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I. **It will take place this 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.

PROPHETS-R-US... During the month of November, our readings in the Biblical Narrative turn toward the Prophets Elisha (November 4), Micah (November 11), Isaiah (November 18), and Jeremiah (November 25). Fredrick Buechner offers these words to help us understand the meaning of a "Prophet" is:

"Prophet means "spokesman," not "fortune-teller." The one whom in their unfathomable audacity the prophets claimed to speak for was the Lord and Creator of the universe. There is

no evidence to suggest that anyone ever asked a prophet home for supper more than once...The prophets were drunk on God, and in the presence of their terrible tipsiness, no one was ever comfortable. With a total lack of tact, they roared out against phoniness and corruption wherever they found them. They were the terror of kings and priests. The prophet Nathan tells King David to his face that he is a crook and an adulterer (2 Samuel 12:1-15). The prophet Jeremiah goes straight to the Temple itself and says, "Do not trust in these deceptive words, 'This is the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord'" (Jeremiah 7:4). It was like a prophet to say it three times, just to make sure...No prophet is on record as having asked for the job. When God put the finger on Isaiah, Isaiah said, "How long, O Lord?" (Isaiah 6:11), and couldn't have been exactly reassured by the answer he was given. Jeremiah pled that he was much too young for that type of work (Jeremiah 1:6). Moses sounded like a prophet when he pointed out to God that he'd never been much good at public speaking and the chances were that Pharaoh wasn't going to give him so much as the time of day (Exodus 4:1-13). Like Abraham Lincoln's story about the man being ridden out of town on a rail, if it hadn't been for the honor of the thing, the prophets would all have rather walked...Most of the prophets went a little mad before they were through, if they weren't a little mad to begin with. Ezekiel kept seeing wheels with eyes around the rims. John the Baptist ate bugs. You can hardly blame them. Like Robert Frost's, a prophet's quarrel with the world is deep down a lover's quarrel. If they didn't love the world, they probably wouldn't bother to tell it that it's going to hell. They'd just let it go. Their quarrel is God's quarrel." ~originally published in *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*

POLITICS AND JESUS IN THE PULPIT... Here is an article that was recently shared by Pastor Scott. If you are interested, you might find it worth reading, especially if you are uncomfortable with "politics" mixing with what you want to hear on Sundays from the pulpit. The article is by Mark Wingfield, a Baptist minister. It was shared on the Baptist News Global website. ...<https://baptistnews.com/article/think-your-pastors-preaching-is-too-political-try-listening-to-jesus/?fbclid=IwAR1pLvTB6HNjiL2bdSCoad6-gtppEDtb5V0kAqCG5lw3CRdsIZh4HedYzw#.W9-2H3pKiu6>

You are invited to join Pastor Scott for a discussion about this article and the worship topics this Sunday, November 11 during Fellowship Time.

HALLOWEEN FUN... On Sunday, October 28, our young people gathered at the church for some Halloween fun, Pizza and a movie! Thank you to Renee and Randy Johnson for organizing our party! It was a "Thriller" of a good time!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – 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.**

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BIBILICAL NARRATIVE CONTINUES...

November 11 - Micah

November 18 - Isaiah 36 & 27 (Thanksgiving Themed Service)

November 25 - Jeremiah 1 & 7 (Christ the King Sunday)

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Saturday, December 1 –**
9:00 a.m. Decorate church for Advent and Christmas
- **Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent (Hope)**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion
Communion Server: Cheryl Stitz
Advent Candles: The Leto Family
Liturgist: Cheryl Stitz
Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Kay Lund
Fellowship Hosts: Sylvia & Larry Jensen

- **Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Advent Candles: Trent & Kari Bettenhausen Family
Liturgist: Mare Stewart
Ushers/Greeters: Dale & Ann Febock
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Pearson; Joe Leto
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
11:00 a.m. – Session
- **Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent (Love)**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship with Blue Christmas Anointing Prayer Liturgy
Special music by Lisa Leadholm, Mare Stewart, Barb Brown
Advent Candles: OPEN
Liturgist: Judy Schroeder
Ushers/Greeters: Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder
Fellowship Hosts: Kay Lund
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
11:00 a.m. – Deacons
- **Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)**
10:00 a.m. Worship with All-Church Christmas Pageant
Advent Candles: Sunday School
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Worship/Theology Committee
11:00 a.m. Birthday Party for Jesus
- **Monday, December 24 -**
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Communion
Advent Candles: OPEN
Communion Servers: Judy Pearson
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
- **Sunday, December 30 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: Sylvia & Larry Jensen
Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Richard Trailer.....December 3
 Ralph SpauldingDecember 4
 Jan KristiansenDecember 5
 Kari BettenhausenDecember 6
 Cheryl BettenhausenDecember 9
 Trevor Leto.....December 13
 Mike StitzDecember 19

Stan LundDecember 21
 Matt Meier.....December 23
 Phillip YeadonDecember 28
 Larry JensenDecember 29
 Rose Ann West.....December 30

Anniversaries

Dale & Ann FebockDecember 28

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

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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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Thank you to everyone who brought flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you also to **Judy Pearson** and **Ruth Poole** for organizing the flower sale. The following people dedicated their flowers as listed here.

GIVEN BY:

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

Stan & Kay Lund

In memory of family and friends in heaven

Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen

In memory of Our Parents

Jo Kubina

In memory of Geh & Harriet Gerstner and Edward & Leona Kubina

Jo Kubina

In memory of Ed Kubina

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

Monty & Judy Pearson

In memory of our parents

Monty & Judy Pearson

In celebration of our children and grandchildren

Emily Kilian

In memory of Dylan

Julie Anderson

In memory of Clark & Carol Floyd

Jim & Mardy Schilleman

In memory of Our Grandson

Julie Smid

In memory of Dorothy Rollins

Mike & Melanie Rumpf

In memory of Don & Grace Rumpf;
Lou & Beth Gates

The Letos

To honor Great Grandma Kitty

The Letos

To honor Grandma Jan

The plants may be taken home any time after the Christmas Eve Service.