

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

December 25, 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 18, 2018



Sunday, December 23 – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! Well, maybe in the top 100? Join us at OCPC this Sunday, December 23 for our annual Christmas Pageant, but with a twist this year. We will be staging various scenes of the Nativity stories as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. 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 a – Star!



Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – 5 PM Service.

We will gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus with the traditional service of Carols, Candlelight, and Communion. This is always a wonderful service as we welcome out-of-town family members, friends who are visiting, and community neighbors.



As is our tradition we will conclude our service with candlelight and the singing of Silent Night.

Sundays, December 30 and January 6: We welcome to our pulpit, the Rev. Hugh Drennan. Hugh served as pastor of OCPC for many years. He is now retired and living with his wife, Doreen, in Lake Mills. They are not strangers to our church and community. Doreen is the mother of Ann Febock. Pastor Scott will be on vacation the week and will also be off on January 6.

Church Office Holiday Schedule: Ruth will off from December 24-27. Pastor Scott is on vacation from December 25-January 6.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped assemble our new candles for Christmas Eve!

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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING...

Every generous act of giving ... is from above. — James 1:17

Supporting Past, Present and Future Leaders with your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering has provided assistance in the following ways:

- \$1 million of gifts from 2017 are being used to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.
- Many of the students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color are the first in their families to enroll in higher education.
- \$1.1 million of gifts from 2017 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need.
- Income supplements from the Board of Pensions helped 312 households, assisting retired church workers and surviving spouses with the means to provide for themselves.
- Housing supplements from the Board of Pensions helped 255 households to remain in their homes, afford assisted living, or long-term care.
- Shared and Emergency Grants from the Board of Pensions helped 362 households facing times of great financial need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstances.

More information on the Christmas Joy Offering can be found at

<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>

You can donate online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/cj999999/>

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?

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Pancake Mix and Syrup, Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Hearty Soups, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towel, Size 2, 4, 5, 6 Diapers and Regular Tampons and pads, large Women's Depends. Thank you!

December 11, 2018

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent (Love)

Christmas Ornament Memories... You are invited to bring a Christmas Ornament that holds special memories of a loved one or a Christmas past. During worship, you will be invited to bring it forward to hang on a small tree in the front of the sanctuary. The picture of the Christmas ornament with the two turtle doves over a small heart belonged to Staci's parents, Sam and Bess Marrese. It was a gift to them on their first wedding anniversary. Each Christmas, when Staci decorates the tree, this ornament is placed on our family tree to remind us of their love for each other and for their family.



Special Music for Sunday, December 16... To add to our worship, we welcome musicians Mare Stewart, Lisa Leadholm, and Barb Brown who will be providing special music during our worship.

With the Holiday Season upon us, while much focus is on this season of joy celebrated with gatherings and parties, meals and festivities with family and friends, many of us experience grief over the death of a loved one, a change in a career or loss of a job, a broken relationship, a move to a new location, even the death of family pet. 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=IwAR03jOEAhr000QyhdI3QTpHE1h9DwXyCB_YWNmogG3NtDcn1-LU3PfrxgY

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



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.

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. The final Library Day of the year is scheduled for December 16th. Thank you, Cathy, for this reading ministry! On this date, the children's library is open both before worship at 9:00 a.m. and after worship at 11:00 a.m.

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.

December 4, 2018

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

Our theme for worship this Sunday is "Peace". The Prophet Isaiah (11:6) offers these famous words referencing what is known as the *Peaceable Kingdom*: "The

wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them Our Narrative Lectionary reading is Esther 4:1-17.



OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Joy)**
10:00 a.m. Worship with All-Church Christmas Pageant
Advent Candles: TBA
Liturgist: Julie Anderson
Ushers/Greeters: Cheryl Bettenhausen; Judy Pearson
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: The Leto Family

Communion Servers: Judy Pearson; Joe Leto
Ushers/Greeters: Judy Pearson & Emily Kilian

- **Sunday, December 30 -**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
Liturgist: Mare Stewart
Ushers/Greeters: Sylvia & Larry Jensen
Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack
- **Sunday, January 6 - Epiphany**
ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
Communion Servers: Deacon Judy Pearson
Liturgist: Margaret Hawkins
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Kari & Trent Bettenhausen; Sue & Derek Bettenhausen
- **Saturday, January 12 –**
9:00 a.m. Remove Christmas Decorations
- **Sunday, January 13 –**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Kelly Homann; Jodi Kelter
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
11:00 a.m. – Session
- **Sunday, January 20 -**
ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Renee & Randy Johnson
11:00 a.m. – Deacons
- **Sunday, January 27 –**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Followed by a potluck meal.
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Phillip YeadonDecember 28
 Larry JensenDecember 29
 Rose Ann West.....December 30
 Amber Rumpf..... January 3
 Monty Pearson January 10
 Clay Rumpf..... January 12
 Maxwell Rumpf..... January 13
 Shelby Kelter January 16

Melanie Rumpf January 16
 Cathy Thiltgen January 16
 Charlie Schabla..... January 20
 Sam Marrese-Wheeler..... January 27
 Judy Schroeder January 29

Anniversaries

Dale & Ann FebockDecember 28
 JANUARYNONE

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))

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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WEB: www.OCPChurch.com

 Visit us on Facebook: Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church

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:

Stan & Kay Lund
Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
Jo Kubina

Jo Kubina
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Monty & Judy Pearson
Monty & Judy Pearson

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

In memory of family and friends in heaven
In memory of Our Parents
In memory of Geh & Harriet Gerstner and Edward & Leona Kubina
In memory of Ed Kubina
In memory of our brothers and sister
In memory of our parents
In celebration of our children and grandchildren
In memory of Dylan
In memory of Clark & Carol Floyd
In memory of Our Grandson
In memory of Dorothy Rollins
In memory of Don & Grace Rumpf; Lou & Beth Gates
To honor Great Grandma Kitty
To honor Grandma Jan

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