

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

February 26, 2019

Happy Birthday to OCPC!

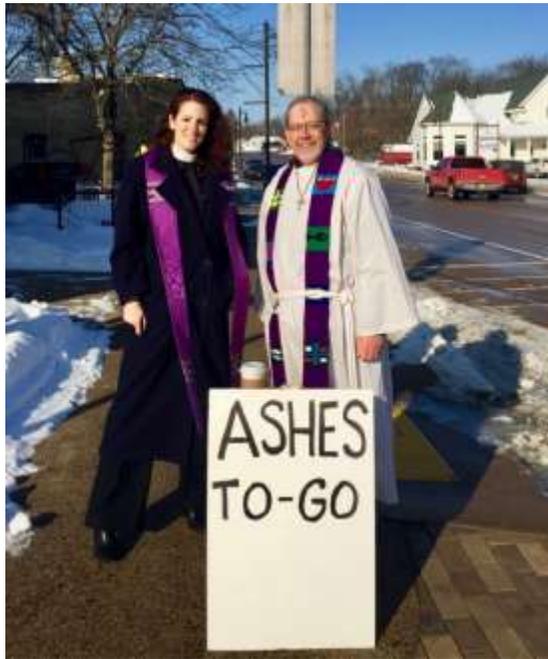


ON MARCH 3, 1849 on the shores of Lake Ripley, OCPC was born, well, founded to be more exact! We are now 170 years old!

WITH WINTER HANGING ON SO TIGHTLY, and all the snow (not to mention, ice) it is hard to believe that March is here. I am not sure if March will “roar in like a lion” but with March’s arrival, we in the Church, move from the season of Epiphany into Lent. The first week of March will seem like a giant roar of activities here at OCPC, beginning this Sunday, March 3 with a Mardi Gras Celebration, followed by Ashes-to-Go in downtown Cambridge on March 6, then serving the Community Meal on March 7.



MARCH 3 – Mardi Gras Celebration with Communion, maybe some jazz music, followed by Fellowship with some yummy Cajun dishes served up by the Deacons. We will even have some King Cakes! Remember, the person who finds the baby Jesus in the King Cake is responsible for bring the cakes for next year! I think it was Grace Leto last year?



ASHES-TO-GO ON ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6)... Pastor Scott will once again be joining with some of the Cambridge area clergy to mark the beginning of Lent with “Ashes to Go” on March 6 in Downtown Cambridge. We will be present on both sides of the street outside of Kindfolk Coffee from 7-9:30 a.m. For those unable to stop, Pastor Scott will be at the church from 10 a.m. to noon for those desiring imposition of ashes and prayer.



Community Meal

COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEAL... Thursday, March 7. Our church, along with Rockdale Lutheran and London Moravian Churches, will again be providing and serving one of the meals this year. We are asking for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up, as well as provide some of the food. Signup sheets are located in Fellowship Hall.

If you sign up to provide food, please drop it off at the church before 3:30 p.m. on March 7, or between 3:30 & 5:30 p.m. at Cambridge High School. **Barbecue should already be warm if bringing it to the school.**

Any questions? Call Judy Schroeder (608-423-3075).

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. **Also, if the Cambridge Schools are closed, the church office will be closed.** 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.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Detergent to wash clothes, Paper Towel, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Ramen Noodles, Ketchup, Crackers all kinds and hearty soups. Thank you!

Also in April the Cambridge Food Pantry will be putting together an Easter Ham Meal Basket for clients who come to the Food Pantry. **The Food Pantry will be putting together around 80 Ham Baskets.** Monetary Donations are always appreciated for the Meal Baskets. The Food Pantry along with CART and the School District will be collecting clothing to have free **Spring and Summer Clothing and Footwear** for clients to pick out the evening the Food Baskets are handed out---anyone wishing to donate slightly used clothing or footwear may bring it to the Food Pantry the beginning of April.

February 19, 2019





“Those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them.” 1 John 4:16
CONGRATULATIONS TO BRUCE ERICKSON AND LORI PETERSON ON THEIR MARRIAGE! While the snow fell all day long this past Sunday, we were still able to gather for worship and then share in their wedding at the end of worship. We enjoyed having both Bruce and Lori’s families join them for this special occasion. Thank you also to Ann and Dale Febock for creating a mini-wedding reception for Fellowship Time!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Fort Memorial Hospital invites our church members to experience the personal satisfaction of being a hospital volunteer as part of the Fort HealthCare Partners Organization. The hospital is in need of more volunteers to assist with services in many different areas. Just by volunteering a few hours a month, you will be able to learn about the field of medicine, gaining new experiences and new skills. It’s an education, a proven way of meeting interesting people, and it’s FUN! You will enjoy personal satisfaction by helping others. Flexible scheduling, even for snowbirds! Call Kari Behling, Volunteer Services Manager, at 920-568-5276 for more information on becoming a hospital volunteer. You will be glad you did!

February 12, 2019



FEBRUARY 14 – CAMBRIDGE “EVERYONE EATS” CHILI DINNER

FUNDRAISER: A new program has been introduced in the Cambridge Community to provide funding at the Cambridge Schools to subsidize meal accounts for children that may not be able to afford a hot lunch. The program is 100% community funded and they continue to look for ways to fund this important program. As a result the Cambridge School District and Badger Bank are hosting a **Chili Dinner at the Cambridge High School Commons on Thursday, February 14th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Chili bowls provided by CHS art students are \$5.00. Chili dinner is a free-will donation.



BOWLING ANYONE?! The youth of OCPC will be going bowling on Sunday afternoon, February 17, at 1 pm in Fort Atkinson. Please bring money for 2 games of bowling and snacks!

February 5, 2019



Hunger in Our Schools and in Our Community E-News Edition.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." Matthew 25:35

As you read through this edition of the Oakland-Cambridge E-News, you will find several upcoming mission activities that deal with hunger in the Cambridge Area Schools and Community. If we really paid attention, we would find that it also is a concern in area

churches too. We profess a faith in Jesus who said: "I am the Bread of Life." We "love to tell the story" of Jesus who fed 5,000 men, women and children with an abundance of food.

Last week, we participated in the Souper-Bowl-Of-Caring, collecting food items for the food pantry. We will be serving the free community meal on March 7. We will be delivering "Meals-On-Wheels" to area elderly residents. We are collecting food for the Blue Jay Backpack Weekend food program. We also have a new opportunity to participate in a new fundraiser called "Everybody Eats Cambridge". All of these important community events are aimed at helping to address the growing issue of hunger in our schools and community.

We as a people of faith, followers of the one who said: "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," have a calling to participate more fully in addressing the issue of hunger and food scarcity in our schools and community. While we tend to keep things brief in this issue, I would like to share with you an article I wrote several years back when I was supervising the lunchroom at McFarland High School. I would ask you to take the extra time to read this article and then continue to read the mission opportunities that we hear at OCPC can join the larger Cambridge Community in tackling the issue of hunger.

Pastor Scott

"Walter Cunningham was sitting there lying his head off. He didn't forget his lunch, he didn't have any. He had none today nor would he have any tomorrow or the next day."
(To Kill A Mockingbird; Harper Lee, Chapter 2)

With the arrival of August, summer vacation from school is ending. Each Monday seems to bring a whole new round of Facebook posts from parents, who like me, share pictures of their kids heading back to school. I love looking at all the bright, smiling faces of these young scholars dressed in new outfits, backpacks slung across their shoulders, and lunch boxes held tightly in their hands, posing for that annual family photo.

Yet, there is another picture we all need to see as we send our nation's children back to school. However, this one you will probably not find posted on Facebook. It is the face of Hunger. It's presence in our schools and in each classroom of every grade is growing at an alarming, some would say, epidemic rate, that is threatening our nation's future!

According to No Kid Hungry: Share Our Strength website: www.nokidhungry.org more than 48.8 million Americans—including 16.2 million children— live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. As a result, they struggle with hunger at some time during the year. That is 1 out of 5 kids in America.

22% of kids under the age of 18 (16 million) live in poverty.

Nearly half of all people who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps) are kids.

On an average day - 9.8 million students receive a free or reduced priced breakfast.

Another 10.6 million eligible kids go without such a meal.

You do not need to tell teachers or lunchroom staff about the face of hunger in our schools. They see it every day in their classrooms and in the school lunchroom. They know hunger has a major impact on a student's ability to learn as well as effecting classroom behavior. I know from my own experience working in a school; many educators and lunchroom staff quietly spend their own money to buy students food during the school day. According to one report: "Fifty-three percent of teachers spend an average \$26 of their own money each month providing snacks for their students." (Ava Wallace, August 24, 2012 - <http://neatoday.org/2012/08/24/child-hunger-in-schools-a-growing-problem>)

Sadly, there is also a stigma attached to hunger in our schools. Many students do not want to let their peers or even their teachers to know they are going without food. In Harper Lee's classic American novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Scout's new teacher, Ms. Caroline, asks the students for a show of hands of those who go home for lunch and those who have brought their lunch. Every student did so, save for one, Walter Cunningham. When Ms. Caroline asks if he forgot his lunch, he hesitates. She asks again. A bit embarrassed, Walter answers: "Yes'm." Ms. Caroline offers him money so he can buy some lunch, but he declines her offer. Harper Lee writes: "Walter Cunningham was sitting there lying his head off. He didn't forget his lunch, he didn't have any. He had none today nor would he have any tomorrow or the next day." The Cunninghams were dirt poor and they were proud. They did not want to take a hand-out, even if it meant they went hungry. There are still far too many "Walter Cunninghams" in our schools.

As a pastor, I have been aware of hunger, or thought I was aware of it. I have helped collect food for local food pantries. I have served meals at soup kitchens. I have shared money with people looking for a meal. Yet, until I started working in a school, I had not come face-to-face with hunger on a daily basis. Teachers, support staff, kitchen crew, and school administrators know the face of Hunger. A growing number of students know its face as well. They see it each time they look in a mirror. Tragically, there are a growing number of students each year who see the image of Hunger reflected back to them.

There many organizations, community groups, and individuals, who having seen the increasing need in our schools, are working to find a solution.

So the next time you see the face of a student walking to school, or waiting at the bus stop, or studying in the public library, or playing on the playground, or bagging your groceries, or passing you on the street, or in a picture posted on Facebook, I would invite you to look beyond the face - and see if you can see something more - the Face of Hunger. And if you do, tell me if you can catch a glimpse of one more thing - the face of Christ.

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry...and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" Matthew 25:44-45



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING... Last Sunday, February 3, OCPC members participated in the national Souper-Bowl-of-Caring. Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items or made a financial contribution! Both will be donated to the Cambridge Food Pantry. Our totals of \$153.00 and 49 food items will be reported to the national site.



MEALS ON WHEELS... Volunteers are needed to deliver meals from February 18 to March 1. If you can help, please contact Cheryl Stitz clstitz@charter.net or 608-695-1838.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY... The Annual Reading Program began in the Children's Library on January 27. This program will last ten weeks and will end on April 7. All children in the church are welcome to sign up. Those who participate and reach their goal will be eligible to attend a movie outing at the end of the program. Prizes will be given out throughout

the ten weeks as incentives. Sunday School students need to turn in their reading slips often. Their progress charts will be updated regularly and posted on the bulletin board in the library. The goal for each child will be to earn ten credits. More credits can be earned and will result in bonus prizes. For more information, contact Cathy Thiltgen.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

- **Sunday, March 3 – Transfiguration of the Lord; Mardi Gras Celebration**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: Kay Lund
Liturgist: Margaret Hawkins
Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Kay Lund
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons (2 people) with help from Session
- **Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**
8:00-9:30 a.m. Ashes-to-Go in downtown Cambridge, near the coffee shops.
After 10:00 a.m. Stop at OCPC to see Pastor Scott for a blessing and ashes.
- **Thursday, March 7 – Community Café Meal at Cambridge High School**
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Meal is served. Volunteers needed! See signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday, March 10 – 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: Matt Meier
Ushers/Greeters: Larry & Sylvia Jensen
Fellowship Hosts: Kris & Virgil Runge; Angela Wurtz
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
11:30 a.m. Session
- **Sunday, March 17 – 2nd Sunday of Lent**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Linda Porter
11:00 a.m. Deacons
- **Sunday, March 24 – 3rd Sunday of Lent**
9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
Liturgist: Megan Meier
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Mare Stewart
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open

• **Sunday, March 31 – 4th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: OPEN

Ushers/Greeters: OPEN

Fellowship Hosts: Kari & Trent Bettenhausen; Sue & Derek Bettenhausen

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Virgil Runge..... February 27
- Bill Strobusch March 3
- Grace Leto..... March 6
- Michael Porter March 6
- Mark Olson March 11
- Charlotte Rumpf March 11
- Vivian Olson March 12

- Mark Touhey..... March 16
- Mary Trailer March 23
- David Homann March 24
- Michele Kennedy March 27

Anniversaries

- Scott & Staci Marrese-Wheeler.. March 5
- Joe & Jodi Kelter March 22

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

- Linda Bagley Korth
- Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
- Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
- Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
- Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
- Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
- Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
- John “Jack” Swank and his family (birth father of Renee Roland Johnson)

The family of Joan Spaulding, 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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