

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

March 26, 2019



THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT: The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) To read more about the meaning and history of Lent: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/worship-resources-lent/>

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday: April 14

Maundy Thursday Communion (Fellowship Hall): April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Cambridge Area Cross Walk (Veterans’ Park): April 19 at noon

Easter Services: April 21

Sunrise Communion Service at Lake Ripley Cemetery – 8:00 a.m.

Worship at OCPC – 10:00 a.m.

Holy Humor Sunday: April 28

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian disaster assistance, the

Presbyterian Hunger program, and Self-development of people — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of lent (March 6 – April 21), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

To find out more about OGHS or make a donation you can access this link <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html>. Donations can also be left in the collection plate at church.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019 – July 15-20 Purdue University

The theme of the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium gets right to the heart of the matter. Drawing from the words of the hymn, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, “Here’s My Heart” expresses our deepest desire to be part of something bigger and more beautiful than the tiny flicker of our own candles. It speaks of passion and identity. It speaks of purpose and action. Interestingly enough it started with shenanigans! The story behind this beloved song by Robert Robinson begins with a group of teenagers showing up at an evangelistic meeting with the sole purpose of heckling the preacher. But a greater purpose and force was at work, and God’s calling haunted Robert until he was able to one day proclaim, “Here’s my heart.”

We invite young people and their adult leaders to come experience God’s love in a way so powerful and compelling that they, too, are moved to say, “Here’s my heart”. And together we will learn what it means to serve Christ with our intelligence, energy, imagination and love.

Three members of OCPC will be joining thousands of other youth and adults on the campus of Purdue University for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Roman Leto will be attending as a youth delegate through the John Knox Presbytery. Megan Meier and Pastor Scott will be attending as adult volunteers serving as Resident Hall Coordinators. Here is the link to the PYT website. You will find the promotional video on the home page.

<https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>





CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Ketchup, Mustard, Snack Chips, Crackers, Cereal, Tuna, Sugar, Size 5 diapers, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY... The deadline to order flowers will be Sunday, April 7. You may choose from Easter Lilies (\$11.50 each), blue, pink or white Hyacinths (\$10.50 each) or blue or pink Hydrangeas (\$20.50 each). Add a bow for \$2.00 each. Order forms are available at church, or you may call or email the office 608-423-3001 or office@ocpchurch.com.

March 19, 2019

PEOPLE OF FAITH UNITED FOR JUSTICE... Pastor Scott will be joining other people of faith from around Wisconsin for the 2019 "People of Faith United for Justice" Advocacy Day on **Thursday, April 11**. We will gather at First United Methodist Church near the Capital Square at 8:30 am. After a morning of learning, discussing, sharing along with some training, we will walk to the Capital to make visits with our Wisconsin State Legislators

about issues related to faith and justice. In past years, we have learned and advocated for issues like human trafficking, clean drinking water, climate change and other issues. Pastor Scott invites you to join him at this event. If interested, please let him know. Registration information can be found at this link: <https://www.wichurches.org/calendar/event-list/advocacy-day/>

As people of faith we are called to join the public conversation about the common good – about the kind of a state and nation we can be justifiably proud of, the legacy we want to leave our children and future generations. Past generations of citizens, through government, made the decisions and investments that benefit us today. Now it is our turn.

People of Faith United for Justice is a day-long gathering to learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin. As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities, and concerns, our expectations and aspirations. Issues for Advocacy will be Clean Water, Expanding Badger Care and Early Child Education. Whether we expect them to agree with us or not, they *need* to hear from us. Together, we can ensure that our commitment to compassion and justice is reflected in that budget.

March 12, 2019

OCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE: From time to time, it is important to update the congregation of our financial picture. This past Sunday, the Session met to receive this report from the Finance Committee.

“Due to the Stock Market, we are currently in a deeper financial hole than normal, however, we are nowhere near where we were three months ago. Things are looking up again. We normally transfer funds from the Gillingham and Main funds into the General Fund at the end of the year, and start the new year in the black. (In 2018 we finished with a deficit of almost \$4,000.) But because both the Gillingham and Main funds were below the “do not withdraw” thresholds, we withdrew no funds. So we started 2019 with a deficit, which has grown as the first months, partly due to weather considerations and limited giving, have not been good financially. By the end of February, the General Fund was -\$7,000. Not quite check-bouncing territory, but close. Also, January and February are expensive months – property tax on the manse, snowplowing, heating, and insurance all come due. On March 1 we got our usual \$2,000 from Gillingham (March, June, September, December) which is keeping us afloat. And Gillingham and Main accounts have rebounded so that both are two thousand above the minimum thresholds – so we could now take money out. However, with Easter approaching and March/April normally being good months, Finance would prefer to wait another month before doing so.”



COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEAL... Thank you to everyone who helped with the recent community meal! We served close to 225 people!

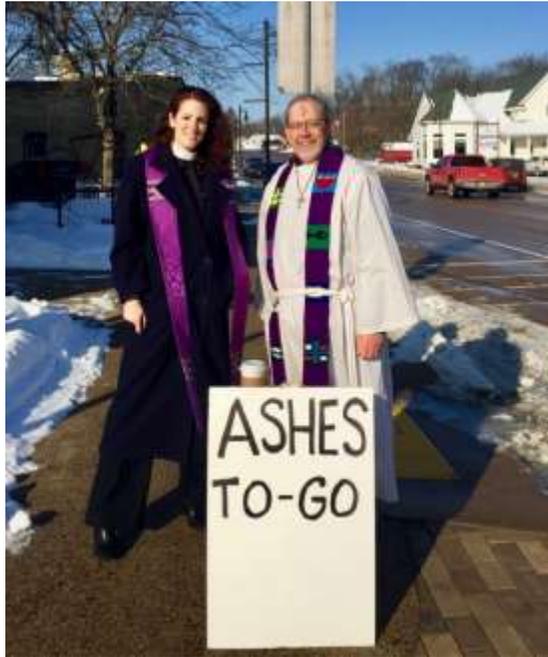
“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”



March 5, 2019



SPRING (It feels great saying that word) AHEAD! Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour this Sunday, March 10!



ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 6)... For Christians, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. Lent is a time of contemplation and reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer and repentance, reminding us of our mortality and the mercy of God. In many Christian traditions on Ash Wednesday, an ashen cross is traced onto our foreheads accompanied by the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This cross of ashes is a reminder of our mortality, but it's also a reminder that we belong to God. For many of us, a similar cross was traced on our foreheads in baptism, a sort of invisible tattoo to remind us that God has claimed us and will love us forever. This year, Ash Wednesday is March 6. Many churches have worship on Ash Wednesday. If you won't be attending worship on Ash Wednesday but would like a blessing with ashes, **Cambridge clergy will be offering "Ashes-to-Go" on March 6 in downtown Cambridge from 7:00-9:00 a.m. outside Galleria 214. All are welcome. Pastor Scott will also be at the church from 10am-noon for those desiring a blessing and to receive the imposition of ashes.**



ONE OF THE TRADITIONS leading up to Ash Wednesday is the burning of the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. This past Sunday the youth (Trevor, Roman and Grace Leto) of OCPC took part in the ritual, burning the palms (outside of course). Pastor Scott will use the ashes as a part of the community Ashes-to-Go ministry.



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).

KUDOS...

- To all the people who delivered Meals on Wheels in February with all of the cold and snow: **Ann Febock, Jo Kubina, Judy Pearson, Judy Schroeder, Jenine Spack, Mike Stitz, Bill & Patti Strobusch** and **Mark Touhey**.
- Everyone who helped with our Mardi Gras Celebration last Sunday: **Karen Brunk** for providing some jazz-style music during worship, and **Ann Febock, Renee Roland Johnson** and **Pastor Scott** for our Fellowship luncheon with jambalaya and King Cake!
- With this crazy winter weather, we have had some issues with water in the basement due to the snow melt and freezing rain. Thank you to **Mike and Melanie Rumpf** for cleaning up the water and shoveling snow away from the windows!

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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2019 EASTER SANCTUARY FLOWERS

OCPC will be offering lilies, hyacinths and hydrangeas this year for Easter. *We will be ordering them once again from the Deerfield Greenhouse.* ANYONE can purchase a flower in honor of a loved one, in memory of a friend or family person, or in celebration of the Easter season. Please contact Judy Pearson or someone on the Worship/Theology Committee (listed in our church directory). You may purchase as many as you wish, or bring in your own flowers to brighten the sanctuary.

Thank you to everyone.

EASTER LILY — 6 ½-INCH POTS HAVE UP TO 8 BLOOMS

Color: White; Number: _____ @ \$ 11.50 = _____

HYACINTHS — 6 ½-INCH POTS HAVE 3 BULBS

Color: Blue; Number: _____ @ \$ 10.50 = _____

Color: Pink; Number: _____ @ \$ 10.50 = _____

Color: White; Number: _____ @ \$ 10.50 = _____

HYDRANGEA — 8 TO 10-INCH POTS, MULTIPLE BLOOMS

Color: Blue; Number: _____ @ \$ 20.50 = _____

Color: Pink; Number: _____ @ \$ 20.50 = _____

ALL POTS ARE FOIL-WRAPPED — ADD A RIBBON AND BOW TO ANY FLOWER FOR \$2 EACH

Ribbon & Bow Number: _____ @ \$ 2.00 = _____

GRAND TOTAL = _____

Enclose payment (cash, or check payable to OCPC). For checks, include memo '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: _____

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Deadline for purchase is Sunday, April 7, 2019. Checks may be made out to OCPC. You may take your flowers home after the April 21st, Easter worship service. Orders can be left with, and questions addressed to our office at 608-423-3001.