

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT OCPC**

**April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday.** Join as we read together the Passion Narrative of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. We will begin with the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem continue through his breaking bread and sharing a cup with his disciples, his arrest in the garden and then his trial before Pilate, and conclude with his death on the cross and burial. There will be no sermon.

**April 18 – Maundy Thursday Communion (Fellowship Hall) at 7 p.m.** We will gather around the table together to share in food, liturgy, and communion. You are invited to bring a finger food to offer as a part of our service.

**April 19 – Good Friday Cambridge Area Cross Walk (Veterans' Park) beginning at 12 p.m. (Noon)** This annual service is outdoors, so please dress for the weather and walking. While Cambridge has had to schedule this as a make-up school day, they have given permission to parents who wish to bring their children or youth to join us for this service.

**April 21 – Easter Sunday**

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



10:00 a.m. – Worship at OCPC in the sanctuary



**April 28 – Holy Humor Sunday. What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.** Join us for our third annual Holy Humor Sunday. Some background on Holy Humor (Bright) Sunday:

"Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity-"Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "*Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it."

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it "Holy Humor Sunday," with the theme: "Jesus is the LIFE of the party." Many churches from different traditions responded enthusiastically. Holy Humor Sunday services are bringing back large crowds to churches on a Sunday when church attendance typically drops dramatically." (The Joyful Newsletter)



**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.



**THE CASE OF THE MISSING CANDY: A WHO-DUN-IT OCPC MYSTERY!** Over the past few weeks the candy from Ruth’s desk has been mysteriously disappearing, with the hard candy and cheaper chocolates left behind. She had been refilling the candy, only to have it disappear again. Suspects from within the church membership were named. You know who you are, you chocolate lovers! As in all great mysteries, there are twists and turns, that reveal a surprising culprit that was not suspected. It was a mouse! It seems our furry little friend had been sneaking under Pastor Scott’s office door, taking lots of candy, squeezing it back under the door, and then chowing down behind Pastor Scott’s book case! Ruth’s candy is now under lock and key, or rather, under wraps in a container! We apologize for all of you innocent members who we named as possible suspects in this chocolate caper!

**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.**

**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.

**BEL CANTO WOMEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS... Tea & Tunes Dessert Show –** Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 501 Skogen Road Cambridge. Instead of charging for tickets, your donation supports our community chorus and theater productions

**OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

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

- **Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY** – Children’s Library open  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
 Liturgist: Mare Stewart  
 Ushers/Greeters: Tyce & Tara Bettenhausen  
 Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus  
**11:00 a.m.** Children’s Library open. Last day of reading program. Return only - no check out.  
**11:30 a.m.** Session
- **Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday**  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening worship service
- **Friday, April 19 – Good Friday**  
**Noon** Cambridge Area Cross-Walk at Veterans’ Park. Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather and comfortable shoes.
- **Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday**  
**8:00 a.m.** Sunrise Communion Service at Lake Ripley Cemetery  
 Communion Servers: OPEN  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion  
 Communion Servers: Cheryl Bettenhausen  
 Liturgist: Judy Schroeder  
 Ushers/Greeters: Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen  
 Fellowship Hosts: Happy Easter! No Coffee Hour
- **Sunday, April 28 – Holy Humor Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and Sunday School  
 Liturgist: Margaret Hawkins  
 Ushers/Greeters: Stan & Kay Lund  
 Fellowship Hosts: Cheryl Bettenhausen  
**11:00 a.m.** Deacons

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Renee Roland Johnson.....April 10  
 Sylvia Jensen .....April 14  
 Michael Rumpf.....April 16  
 Dale Febock.....April 19  
 Dave Gunnulson.....April 22

Al Bettenhausen .....April 26  
 Marilyn Schuster .....April 27  
 Lori Peterson Erickson .....April 30

**Anniversaries**

Neal & Cori Traeder .....April 10  
 Mike & Cheryl Stitz .....April 20

**PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

Linda Bagley Korth

Judy Brandt

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

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 families of Hugh & Doreen Drennan on the death of his brother, Bill; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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