

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

April 23, 2019



APRIL 28 – HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY. What do you call a bear with no teeth? A **gummy bear**. Join us this Sunday for our annual Holy Humor Sunday. Here is your chance to be a comedian and to do so during worship to boot! Bring your own, borrow a couple (most of us do), print them, recite them from memory, and however you find your material, join us at 10 am for the merriment of 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.

Churches in 15th century Bavaria used to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as Risus Paschalis ('God's Joke,' or 'the Easter laugh'). Priests would deliberately include amusing stories and jokes in their sermons in an attempt to make the faithful laugh. After the service, people would gather together to play practical jokes on one another and tell funny stories. It was their way of celebrating the resurrection of Christ – the supreme joke God played on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead.

The observance of Risus Paschalis was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X in the 17th century. Perhaps people were having too much fun.

In the Orthodox tradition, people would gather on Easter Monday to tell jokes and funny stories, and to dance and eat together.

Other traditions celebrate Laetare Sunday (also known as 'Mothering Sunday') on the fourth Sunday in Lent. "Laetare" simply means 'rejoice,' and comes from the opening collect for that day: 'Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow.' On this Sunday, the usual Lenten purple vestments and altar cloths are replaced by rose-coloured ones instead. Flowers (not normally present during Lent) are also brought into the sanctuary.

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 and Re-Worship blog)



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



EASTER WORSHIP AT OCPC



OPENING THE ALLELUIA BOX!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We were able to raise \$395.

CAMBRIDGE POSTAL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE: Help the Cambridge Food Pantry on **Saturday, May 11th** by filling a bag with food and putting it out by your mail boxes for the mail carriers/volunteers to collect. The food will be brought to the Food Pantry to be sorted and put on shelves. Have bags of food out by mail boxes by 8:00 a.m. The Food Pantry can always use Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner along with Food Items: Soups, Crackers, Tuna, Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup and Mustard, Jams and Jelly.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Ketchup, Mayo, Sugar, Crackers, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jams and Jelly, Women's large bladder control briefs. Thank you!

AUTHENTIC INDIAN FOOD... Join Willerup Church at 414 W. Water St., Cambridge on **Sunday, May 5, 2019**. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. they will be serving a menu to include a variety of Indian dishes (meat and vegetarian) served family-style. Adults: \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door; Children 10 and younger: \$5; Take-outs available; Call 423-3777 for tickets. This is a fundraiser for Willerup Missions.

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

April 16, 2019



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.



Yes, this is Pastor Scott. He was auditioning for his big break playing Tom Cruise’s stunt double in the remake of Top Gun. He has a new call name “Bug Eyes” as “Maverick” was already being used.

EASTER FLOWERS –

Thank you to everyone who gave flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The following people dedicated their flowers as listed here.

GIVEN BY:

TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

Stub & Kay Lund

In memory of all our loved ones and friends in heaven

Dale & Ann Febock

In celebration of our grandchildren—Ella, Adam, Claire, Elin, Henry, Benjamin, Oscar (and Hazel-due to be born April 17)

Sylvia & Larry Jensen

In memory of all good mothers and fathers

Lorin Fulton

To honor Ruth & Harry Amey

Lorin Fulton

To honor Rev. David J. Watkins

Lorin Fulton

Jo Kubina

In memory of my mother, Harriet Telfer Gerstner

Mike & Melanie Rumpf

In celebration of Kaila, Max, Clay and Charlotte

Julie Anderson

In memory of Carol Floyd

Trent, Kari, Tyce & Tara
Bettenhausen

In celebration of Great Grandma Tyler and Grandparents

Monty & Judy Pearson

To honor our parents

Monty & Judy Pearson

In celebration of the OCPC

Jim & Mardell Schilleman

In memory of David Stockwell, our grandson

Ralph Spaulding

In memory of Joan S. Spaulding

Virgil & Kris Runge

In memory of all loved ones who are in heaven

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Dan & Kathy Klecker

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In memory of Stephen & Johanna Pazak

Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen

In memory of our parents and sisters

April 9, 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.



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!

April 2, 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

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

- **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

• **Sunday, May 5 –**

10:00 a.m. Worship and communion
Communion Servers: OPEN
Liturgist: Jenine Spack
Ushers/Greeters: Kris & Virgil Runge
Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack

• **Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day**

9:00 a.m. LIBRARY DAY – Children’s Library open
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Happy Mother’s Day! No coffee hour.
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open. Last day time for the school year. Return only - no check out.

• **Sunday, May 19 – Confirmation**

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School recognition
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen
11:00 a.m. Deacons
11:30 a.m. Session

• **Sunday, May 26 –**

10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Memorial Day Weekend – No coffee hour.

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Al Bettenhausen April 26
Marilyn Schuster April 27
Lori Peterson Erickson April 30
Jerry Mandli May 2
Karin Mandli..... May 3
Ken Bilstad May 4
Sandra Schimelpfenig May 7
Paul Anderson..... May 19

Randy Johnson May 20
Jack Spack May 21
Andy Rumpf May 25

Anniversaries

Richard & Mary Trailer May 11
Paul & Julie Anderson..... May 19
Jerry & Cathy Thiltgen May 20
Michael & Melanie Rumpf..... May 31

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

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 Linda Bagley Korth; 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 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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