

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

July 23, 2019



PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FIRE FEST! The Deacons annual Pancake Breakfast is **this Sunday, July 28**. We are holding our annual breakfast in conjunction with the Midwest Fire Fest Weekend in Cambridge. Once again, we will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausages to the public from 8-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the breakfast. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

A SPECIAL EDUCATION: THE CHURCH AS A WELCOMING PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES.

“Faith is a common thread among people of all backgrounds. Eighty-three percent of Americans identify with a religion. Everyone has the right to be welcomed in the House of God of their choice. Disability should never be a barrier to inclusion.” Our question for this Sunday is what are the barriers still in place in our physical facilities and in our worship and mission that prevent people from being more fully included in the ministry and mission of our church? Join us as we explore this question through two stories in the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 2:1-12 & Chapter 10:46-52), when Jesus encountered people who had physical challenges to overcome in order to see him.

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: This summer we are exploring questions of faith and life and sermon topics that have shared with Pastor Scott over the past year. This sermon series is meant to offer us a deeper biblical and theological lens through which to better understand and converse with one another about these questions and topics during Fellowship Hour, over coffee, or in a group discussion. Other sermon topics will include:

- **August 4:** Created in God’s Image: A Conversation on Transgender Identity and God.
- **August 11:** Afternoon Worship and All Church Picnic. We will be hearing from Roman Leto, Megan Meier and Pastor Scott about their recent experience at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium Report.
- **August 18:** The Church and Mental Health
- **August 25:** God is both Pro-Life and Pro-Choice: A conversation about Abortion.
- **September 1:** A Minister, a Rabbi, and an Imam walk into a bar: Living in community with our interfaith neighbors.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019 IS NOW BEHIND US. Roman Leto, Megan Meier and Pastor Scott attended, representing OCPC as a part of the John Knox Presbytery Delegation. They joined over 4,100 youth and their adult advisors from across the country and around the world on the campus of Purdue University. The Theme

for the week was “Here’s My Heart” which comes from the hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”. We worship each day in Elliot Music Hall, met in small groups and with our delegations in various places around the campus for prayer, bible study, discussion, and fun based on our theme. Megan and Pastor Scott volunteered as Residence Hall Coordinators helping to oversee 350 youth and their adult advisors in Shreve Hall. Roman, Megan and Pastor Scott will be sharing their experience on Sunday, August 11 during our afternoon worship and all church picnic.



If you are interested in seeing more pictures from Triennium through the eyes of the John Knox Presbytery delegation, here is the link to a slideshow put together by the adult leader and a youth from First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo: <http://presbybaraboo.com/pyt2019/>

KUDOS TO... Thank you to Karin & Jerry Mandli, and Dan Klecker who painted the side entry and hallway down to the Sunday School area. A second coat and painted door is also promised very soon. It already looks great!

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who turned in receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly. We received a check for \$175 which will be used for local mission.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE We are looking to update our Church Directory. While many of you still have the same contact information, occasionally mailing addresses, emails or phone numbers change. We will have a copy of our current directory on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **Please check your information, writing “Same” beside it, or if it has changed, share your updated information beside your name.** You may also contact Ruth in the church office with your information.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP – AUGUST 11 We will be having our annual picnic at Ann & Dale Febock’s on August 11. **This year, we are moving our morning worship to the afternoon, at 4:00 p.m. (There will be no morning worship.)** Worship will be followed by a picnic. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. Prior to worship, there will be a joint meeting of Session and Deacons at 3 :00 p.m. at Febock’s.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 19th** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are a Cambridge area community member or Cambridge School District family in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 11**. Following are ways to donate:

Monetary Donations: will be accepted at our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. **Make checks payable to Cambridge School District.**

Most Needed School supplies: backpacks, scientific calculators (TI 30x), graph composition notebooks, Expo/dry erase markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils, binders, Sharpies markers, Post-It notes, glue sticks.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or any school office.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 19th (see first paragraph). Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text)

HELP OUR CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS START THE YEAR EQUIPPED TO SUCCEED!

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: Currently we can use Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Ketchup, Cereal, Mayo/Hellman's, Hearty Soups --- Also nonfood items are really needed--- Shampoo, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, and Paper Towels. Thank you!



CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE: OCTOBER 21-24. *Sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches:* Over the course of four days, traveling by bus from Memphis to Montgomery, we will visit and reflect on some of the iconic sites in our nation's history of grappling with slavery, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement and our contemporary reality.

Rev. Hugh Drennan will be leading our worship this Sunday as Pastor Scott, Megan Meier and Roman Leto are sweltering this week at Purdue University, participating in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.



Megan Meier and Pastor Scott are at Purdue preparing to welcome over 4,000 youth and their adult leaders for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium! Watch for updates on Facebook and in emails from the church office!

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**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM
PURDUE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
JULY 15-20**

This Sunday, July 14, we will be commissioning our Triennium participants: Roman Leto, Megan Meier and Pastor Scott. Roman is attending as a youth participant. Megan and

Pastor Scott will be working as Resident Hall Coordinators in Shreve Hall, overseeing 400 youth and their adult leaders. Yes, they volunteered to do this!

About Triennium 2019: 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. Here is the link to the PYT video: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

SUMMER SERMON SERIES CONTINUES WITH THE BOOK OF RUTH:

**Sunday, July 14 –The Book of Ruth, Chapters 1&2 (The Journal of Grief)
and**

Sunday, July 21 –The Book of Ruth, Chapters 3&4

Fun Facts about the Book of Ruth:

1. The book of Ruth is only four chapters long.
2. It is most often read during the Jewish Festival of Shavuot - Pronounced: shah-voov-OTE (oo as in boot), also shah-VOO-us, Origin: Hebrew.
3. Shavuot is the holiday celebrating the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, falls in the Hebrew month Sivan, which usually coincides with May or June.
4. Some scholars suggest it was written as a play to be read or acted out during the Festival of Shavuot.

Learn more about the Book of Ruth:

<https://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/ruth-midrash-and-aggadah> or

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/why-do-we-read-the-book-of-ruth-on-shavuot/>

"About the book of Ruth: In Contrast to the story of the Israelite tribes in Joshua and Judges, the book of Ruth focuses on a single family. The story underscores the loyalty and fidelity that bind the family together. The book is highly entertaining because it skillfully moves winsome characters through an engaging plot. The mysterious ways of God are an important part of the story, which illustrates how God is at work in the lives of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. These individuals serve as models of faithful commitment to the God of Israel. It is difficult to be certain about a date for this book yet ascertaining the dating is central to determining the reason for its composition. A date before the exile leads to the view that

the book intended to establish David's ancestry, to affirm the practice of levirate marriage, or to commend the virtues of the book's protagonists to ancient Israel. A date after the exile supports the conviction that the author (unknown) wished to show that a non-Israelite could become a faithful worshipper of the Lord. This would counter the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, both of which consider intermarriage wrong. Like the books of Jonah and Isaiah chapters 40-55, Ruth affirms that the concern of the Lord extends beyond the people of Israel to people of every culture of every nation in the world." (Introduction to Ruth - The new Oxford annotated study bible).

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SUNDAY, JULY 7 – WAR, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR? THE QUESTION FOR

THIS WEEK IS "Why does it seem like there is always a violent conflict going on in the Middle East?" Given the rising tensions between the United States and Iran, this is a good question for us to explore. In the third of his book, "Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through The Bible's Greatest Stories", author Bruce Feiler writes: "The collision of politics, geography, and faith has dominated nearly every story in the Middle East since the birth of writing." Some might say that every story involves war too. Feiler traveled to Iraq (Babylon) and Iran (Persia) both of which have been central to our faith story. Did you know that Iran has the second most number of Biblical Holy Sites outside of Israel? It is the land where the story of Queen Esther takes place. Her tomb is located there. Daniel and the prophet Habakkuk are also said to be buried in Iran. Join us as we explore some of the history of the ongoing conflicts. While religion certainly has played a major role in these wars, we have to ask ourselves, can the three major religions connected to the God of Abraham (Jewish, Muslim and Christian) bring us together?



Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove speaking at the Washington Island Forum

PASTOR SCOTT AND PASTOR STACI had a great week up on Washington Island where they attended the Wisconsin Council of Churches Theological Forum. The presenter, Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove, was one of the best speakers they have heard over the 18 years attending the Forum. He has authored several books, most recently “Re-constructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion.” Jonathan was raised a Southern Baptist in North Carolina, where he lives in an intentional community with his family, sharing home with those who have been previously housed and/or homeless. He serves as an associate minister in Durham, and works closing with the Rev. Dr. William Barber II on the Poor People’s Campaign and helping to organize and lead the Moral Mondays events at the North Carolina Capitol Building. North Carolina has a very similar political dynamic as we do here in Wisconsin. Jonathan’s presentations were: 1) How the Religious Right Distorted Our Moral Narrative; 2) Reclaiming Moral Language in the Public Square; 3) Reading the Bible with the Rejected; 4) A National Call for Moral Revival. I would love to invite OCPC members and friends to join in a book group, reading his book and discussing it together. Let me know if you think this might be of interested to you?

KUDOS TO –

Cathy Thiltgen, Melanie Rumpf and Ann Febock who gave the basement a thorough cleaning.



Mark Touhey and Mike Stitz for mowing the yard—Mark for doing it regularly, and Mike for taking over when Mark is out of town. Also, a shout-out to Mark for finishing spreading the mulch around the church. Our landscaping looks great!

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:

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

The Worship Committee does its best to create this calendar, but doesn't know everyone's schedule. If your name appears on a date you can't serve, please try to trade with someone else or find a replacement. Thank you!

- **Sunday, July 28 –**
8:00-10:00 a.m. Deacons' Pancake Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Matt Meier
Ushers/Greeters: Judy Pearson and Cheryl Bettenhausen
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons

- **Sunday, August 4 –**
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion with flute duet
Communion Servers: OPEN
Liturgist: Mark Touhey
Ushers/Greeters: Mark Touhey
Fellowship Hosts: Joe Leto, Judy Pearson

- **Sunday, August 11 –**
10:00 a.m. No Morning Worship
3:00 p.m. Joint meeting of Session & Deacons at Febocks’ Farm
4:00 p.m. Worship at Febocks’ Farm
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
 Fellowship Hosts: Summer Picnic Potluck
5:00 p.m. Summer picnic and potluck meal

- **Sunday, August 18 –**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
 Fellowship Hosts: Bobbi & Bud Rumpf

- **Sunday, August 25 – Blessing of Backpacks, Students and Teachers**
10:00 a.m. Worship
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
 Fellowship Hosts: OPEN

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Patty Strobusch..... July 25
 Samuel Hanson July 28
 Sue Bettenhausen..... July 31
 Judy Pearson July 31
 Mim Jacobson August 5
 Pat Kruger August 11
 Joe Kelter August 12
 Evelyn Reiner August 15
 James Wurtz August 15
 Dylan Homann August 18
 Jenna Fieser August 22

Alden Johnson..... August 27
 Tara Bettenhausen August 28
 Lance Bettenhausen August 30

Anniversaries

Michael & Linda Porter July 23
 Jan & Nancy Kristiansen August 10
 Bud & Bobbi Rumpf August 16
 Phillip Yeadon & Rose Ann West.. Aug 17
 Matt & Megan Meier..... August 17
 Trent & Kari Bettenhausen August 28

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)

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)

Teagan Mae, Pastor Scott’s great-niece (born July 11 to his nephew, Heath, & his wife, Samantha)

The families of Linda Bagley Korth; Hugh & Doreen Drennan on the death of his brother, Bill, 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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