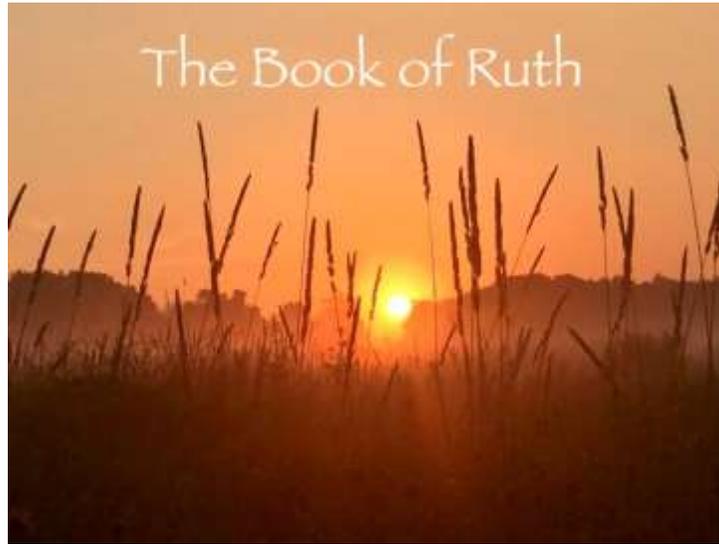


To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



“...there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem (House of Bread) in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.” Ruth 1:1-2

OUR NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS CONTINUE... This Sunday, October 13, we are revisiting the Book of Ruth. A famine in one country forces some to cross a border to another country, seeking refuge there because of hunger. We will be exploring this remarkable story of hospitality and welcome extended to foreigners who come to live among them and how God’s loving presence is found in their midst.

- **October 20:** Samuel 5 & 6 - David becomes the King of Israel.



**CAMBRIDGE AREA FORUM ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
OCTOBER 14 – 6:30 PM
OAKLAND-CAMBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Gun Violence is a National Health Crisis. On **Monday, October 14**, OCPC will be the host for a community forum. A panel discussion will be led by people who are working to address the epidemic of Gun Violence in our community and state. Panelists include:

- Mr. Bernie Nikolay - Superintendent of the Cambridge School District
- Kristin Aasan-Gowan - Cambridge School District Social Worker
- Jean Papalia - Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Safe Communities Madison-Dane County

- Dr. Betsy Peterson - board-certified pediatrician at Community Pediatrics in Beaver Dam and Waupun, fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Peterson has a private practice pediatric clinic with 2 offices (Beaver Dam and Waupun) and has been a member of the Dodge County Child Death Review team for 8 years.
- Dr. Tom Wright, Child Psychiatrist
- A Representative of the Dane County Sheriff's Office
- An Area Youth Representative of March for Our Lives

As Presbyterians, we too join our voices. The PC(USA) offers this witness through these resources: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/standing-our-holy-ground/> As congregations, we are encouraged to address the issue of gun violence prevention in our churches and communities. Education is important in our ministry here at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church. To that end, we are hosting a Cambridge Area Forum on Gun Violence Prevention.

This community forum on gun violence prevention is an opportunity for us to gather as a community to discuss with experts ways we can work together with (or without) our elected officials to address this national heal crisis and end gun violence. We have invited local and area experts to be a part of our panel. They will each share information about their particular area that has been impacted by gun violence sharing with us how we might work to make a difference in addressing this national health crisis. Those in attendance will also be involved in a question and answer session.

While this is an educational forum and not a political town hall, we did feel it important to include our elected officials in the conversation. While they will not be on our panel, we have extended invitations to Governor Tony Evers, Congressman Mark Pocan, Senators Ron Johnson and Tamie Baldwin, State Senator Scott Fitzgerald, State Representatives Barbara Dittrich (38), Cody Horlacher (33), and Jimmy Anderson (47). We are pleased that Congressman Pocan and Rep. Anderson will have staff present. They will be able to share with community members legislative bills coming before the state assembly and U.S.

House of Representatives. Candidate Tom Palzewicz who is running for the 5th Congressional District will also be present.

Please join us for this important community conversation on:

1. Universal Background Checks
2. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)
3. Waiting Periods
4. Limitations for those with known violent histories
5. Permitting Laws

Volunteer Opportunity: *we are expecting between 50-100 community guests. It was suggested we offer them some cookies or bars, water and coffee. If you could make a pan of bars or cookies, or donate a case of bottled water, that would be greatly appreciated. We could also use some help in greeting and welcoming guests, maybe setting up extra chairs if needed. If you can donate food, help serve it, or be a greeter, please call or email the office or Pastor Scott. Thank you.*



Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m.
Veterans Park – Cambridge

THE BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God's power in person! The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners.

The Animals Bless Us First
By Karen Tirabassi

We blessed the animals today --
Stuart MacGyver, snoring as loudly
as a seasoned parishioner
through the sermon,
but willing to be petted by anyone,
guinea pigs Coffee and Caramel,
many in-cellphone-absentia cats,

chickens, fish, birds,
and more dogs,
ones who don't play well with others
even in ecclesiastical setting,
and ... did someone lift up in prayer
the earthworms
who aerate his fields?
But really animals bless us first --
those beautiful, wild and free
give us inspiration,
those who live with us as companions
lower blood pressure,
reduce depression,
prevent allergies in children
boost the immune system, improve sleep,
sooth anxiety in military veterans,
and outbursts in Alzheimer's patients,
those remembered and mourned,
shape forever
how we understand love.
The animals bless us first --
the blue whale teaches us to be happy
with our own shape
whether of fashionable size or not,
the starfish reminds us
it's possible to re-grow
even from terrible losses,
the oyster makes pearls
from irritations, even wounds,
and the ostrich demonstrates
that we can't really hide
by burying our heads in the sand.
We are even blessed
by those we will never see again --
the Dutch alcon blue butterfly,
golden toad, javan tiger,
Hawai'ian Po'ouli, a songbird,
the vaquito porpoise and tecopa pupfish,
both the west African black rhino
and the northern white rhino,
their thundering hooves silenced,
and even the Spix blue macaw,
you know, the one cartooned in "Rio,"
... soon the giraffe.
It's time to learn from the ostrich

AGING AND SENIOR CARE RESOURCES [Caring.com](https://www.caring.com) is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have been featured by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet. The following is a link to their Senior Care and Assisted Living Guide for communities in Wisconsin: (<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/wisconsin>)

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



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. Also please include the month and day of your birthday in the listing.** You may also contact Ruth in the church office with your information.

FILM FELLOWSHIP Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove formed a committee to develop a film fellowship. The film fellowship will begin on Sunday, September 22 and will be on the third Sunday of each month (unless otherwise noted) and will begin at 2:00 p.m. The films are being chosen with the idea that what we believe affects the actions we engage in. After the film there will be relevant discussion as well as refreshments. EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to attend.

- **October 20** “In America” – A story of the struggles of an immigrant family.
- **November 17** “Hacksaw Ridge” – The story of the invasion of Okinawa in WWII.
- **December 15** “The Power of Forgiveness” – A Documentary.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY... On Sunday, November 3, we will share in our annual All Saints' Worship Service. We will remember the names of loved ones who have died over the past year with a special liturgy and lighting of candles. Communion will also be celebrated.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 3 AT 1 PM... Join Nitardy Funeral Homes for a Holiday Service of Remembrance. This celebration is for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them. The Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler will present a program that will give helpful suggestions for managing your grief during the holidays. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. This event is being held November 3rd, 1:00 p.m., Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. **Please RSVP to (920) 563-5898.**

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: Currently we can use all types of Canned Soups, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Snack Crackers and Saltine Crackers, Ketchup, Shampoo and Conditioner, Paper Towels. Thank you!

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, October 13 –**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Special Music by Mare Stewart
Liturgist: Cheryl Stitz
Ushers/Greeters: Mike & Cheryl Stitz
Fellowship Hosts: Deacons (Judy Schroeder; Cheryl Stitz)
11:45 a.m. Session
4:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals at Veterans Park, Cambridge
- **Monday, October 14 -**
6:30 p.m. Cambridge Area Forum on Gun Violence Prevention at OCPC
- **Sunday, October 20 –**
10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: OPEN
Ushers/Greeters: OPEN
Fellowship Hosts: Julie Anderson; Lorin Fulton
11:00 a.m. Deacons

- **Sunday, October 27 -**
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Liturgist: OPEN
 Ushers/Greeters: Bruce & Lori Erickson
 Fellowship Hosts: Ann & Dale Febock
- **Wednesday, October 30 -**
 5:00 p.m. Nomination Committee at OCPC

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Trent Bettenhausen October 12
 Kelly Homann October 13
 Lindsey Vanderbilt October 13
 Scott Marrese-Wheeler October 21
 Linda Johnson October 21
 Abby Porter October 23

Kay Lund October 26
 Sue Bettenhausen October 27
 Maggie Porter October 29

Anniversaries

(None in October)

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Georgia Bankson (mother of Lori Peterson)
 Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
 Teagan Mae Groves, Pastor Scott’s great-niece (born July 11 to his nephew, Heath, & Heath’s wife, Samantha)
 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)

The family of Vivian Olson 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

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2019

- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA
- Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon – Community Activities Program Senior Meal

TELEPHONE/FAX: 608-423-3001 **EMAIL:** Office@OCPChurch.com or Pastor@OCPChurch.com

WEB: www.OCPChurch.com

 **Visit us on Facebook:** Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church