

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

**Pandemic**

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Center down.

And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.  
(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands.  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar

**OCPC AND THE COVID-19 VIRUS:**

The Session of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, after much prayerful discussion around the pandemic and guidance from the CDC, Dane County Public Health and the Presbyterian Church (USA), has voted to postpone in-person worship until Easter Sunday.

During this time, while the office is “closed,” Pastor Scott will continue to work with Ruth Poole, our church administrative assistant to develop a liturgy and bulletin along with a meditation. These will be shared in a weekly email and posted on our Facebook page. In addition, Pastor Scott will be posting short video meditations throughout the week.

As a faith community, we will also be checking in with our church membership and friends of OCPC, making sure they remain connected and have the support they need as we all do our part to help #flattenthecurve of this COVID-19 pandemic.

In this prolonged period, we will also be staying active in the Cambridge community, working together to find creative, helpful, and hope-filled ways to meet the needs of everyone, and most especially, the most vulnerable in our community.

Friends, we have never been through anything like this before. As followers of Jesus, we are to reach out with our hearts, our words, our love as a way to continue to touch one another in acts of compassion, care, kindness, healing, and hope. It is only together, even in this time of isolation.

If you need help or support, prayer or a phone call, please let us know. You are loved! Be not Afraid! God is with us and so are the members of OCPC.

The Session of OCPC:

Mike Stitz

Melanie Rumpf

Renee Johnson

Joe Leto

Ann Febock - Clerk of Session

Scott Marrese-Wheeler - Pastor

## **“MEDITATION IN THE MEADOW”**

By

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

With our in-person worship service being postponed until at least Easter Sunday, Pastor Scott is video-taping some reflections for our OCPC members and friends. He is calling them “Meditations in the Meadow”. As some of you know, he often walks up Hidden Farm Road in McFarland. The road winds up and around several meadow areas that overlook Lower Mud Lake. If you follow him on Facebook, you have seen some of his pictures of the sunrises and sunsets he takes when walking with Staci and their dog, Shadow. You can find his video reflections on his Facebook page, on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page, and on YouTube. Here is the link to his YouTube site:

<https://youtu.be/I4KkoCtzn8k> Or Search: “Meditations in the Meadow.”

**FINANCES AND OCPC:** As we are all aware, the economy is in great flux. Our investments, like yours, have been on a wild and crazy rollercoaster ride, making us all a bit anxious. With worship postponed to a future date, our in-person offering is also a bit uncertain. Like you, the church still has bills and staff to pay. We would encourage you to mail in your offering and pledge: OCPC 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING** – For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work toward a better world.

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.

**175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – March 3 marked the 171<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the founding of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church. The Session has discussed seeing if there is any interest from some members in serving as planning committee for a possible 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration? If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Scott.



**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?** Here is a link to check your voter registration status and to register to vote. <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/RegisterToVote> A link is also there to request an absentee ballot. Our Wisconsin primary is April 7. The General Election is November 3.

**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>)

**CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER:** The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Detergent to wash clothes, Paper Towel, Shampoo and Conditioner, Ramen Noodles, Ketchup, Crackers all kinds, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup. 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 last week in March.**

**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!*

**ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP POSTPONED UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY**

- **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.** Communion Service at Lake Ripley Cemetery  
 Communion Servers: OPEN
- **Sunday, April 19 – Holy Humor Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship  
 Liturgist: OPEN  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Jenine & Jack Spack  
**11:00 a.m.** Deacons
- **Sunday, April 26 –**  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship  
 Liturgist: OPEN  
 Ushers/Greeters: OPEN  
 Fellowship Hosts: Charleen Janus

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Mary Trailer ..... March 23  
 David Homann ..... March 24  
 Michele Kennedy ..... March 27  
 Jim Schilleman ..... March 28  
 Roman Leto ..... April 4  
 Tina Fieser ..... April 7  
 Jo Kubina ..... April 8  
 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**

Joe & Jodi Kelter ..... March 22  
 Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen ..... April 6  
 Neal & Cori Traeder ..... April 10  
 Mike & Cheryl Stitz ..... April 20

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

Betsy (friend & caretaker of Ken Bilstad) Cards can be sent c/o Ken at 230 Bilstad Rd.

Judy Brandt

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Teagan Mae Groves, Pastor Scott's great-niece

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)

Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)

Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy Pearson)

Nancy Kristiansen

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 Pastor Scott on the death of his mother, 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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