

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

March 31, 2020

**The Church Offices and Building are Now Closed!**

**Ruth and Pastor Scott will be working remotely.**

**If you need them, they may be reached at**

**Ruth: 608-577-5815 [office@ocpchurch.com](mailto:office@ocpchurch.com)**

**Pastor Scott: 608-417-0231 [pscottmw@icloud.com](mailto:pscottmw@icloud.com)**

**If you do need to enter the church, please let one of us know.**

**Thank you!**



**“Do This In Remembrance of Me”**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – SUNDAY, APRIL 5 AT 9 AM.**

On the first Sunday of each month, it is our tradition to celebrate Communion. So, this Sunday, April 5, we will be doing so together, just not in person. Pastor Scott will live-stream the Communion liturgy, breaking bread and sharing the cup on Facebook Live at 9 a.m. He will be in the Hidden Farm Road Meadow with a table, the Chalice and Patton seen in this picture. For those watching live, or those who join later on YouTube, are invited to participate by having their own bread (bread, pastry, cracker, even a cookie) and juice (water, coffee, tea, milk or soda). As we do in the liturgy, an invitation to partake will be offered. This will be new to all of us, and it is a symbolic meal that reminds us no matter where we are gathered at table - together in a church or in our own homes, over social media or Zoom, Christ is present with us. We believe the bread and cup (wine or grape juice) are common, everyday food and drink. We ask God to consecrate them, setting them aside from their common to their sacred use. During this difficult, stressful, and uncertain time, sharing this sacred meal together in this way, continues to connect us

with Christ and one another. If you have questions, please email him at [pastor@ocpchurch.com](mailto:pastor@ocpchurch.com)

## “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 his wife, Staci, his son, Sam, 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://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSUOp-wvfWwhyH6BXsP7UA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSUOp-wvfWwhyH6BXsP7UA?view_as=subscriber) Or Search: “Meditations in the Meadow.”

**Looking for ways to Help Support Our Community? Please see the information on this flyer.**

## Community Needs & Support Team



# Community Call to Action

***Are you looking for a way to help?***

### **Volunteer your time!**

[Sign up here to volunteer your time!](https://sites.google.com/a/cambridge.k12.wi.us/kristin-aasen-gowan/)

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### **Donate items to the Food Pantry**

Drop off bins will be located outside the Nikolay Middle School office entrance and the CAP main office entrance at the Cambridge High School.

Items needed include paper products, hearty soups, pancake/waffle mix, snacks, paper & plastic bags

### **Financially Support CART or the Food Pantry**

[CART Donation](http://www.cartforhelp.com)  
[www.cartforhelp.com](http://www.cartforhelp.com)

[Food Pantry Donation](http://www.cambridgecap.net/get-involved/donate/)  
[www.cambridgecap.net/get-involved/donate/](http://www.cambridgecap.net/get-involved/donate/)

If you would like to make a donation by cash or check, please contact Kristin Gowan with the Community Needs and Support Team at (608)213-5819.



**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. **There are drop-off bins outside the CHS and Nikolay School buildings.** Thank you!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** for those people who delivered meals and helped to get meals out to people in the Cambridge area over the past two weeks. A special thank you to the Keystone Restaurant which is now providing meals for the program. These people helped deliver meals, Anna Febock, Judy Pearson, Judy Schroeder, Ralph Spaulding, Mike Stitz, Bill & Patty Strobusch, and Mark Touhey.

## **HOLY WEEK 2020**

**Maundy Thursday Service – No In-Person Service.**

**Good Friday Service – Live-Streamed Local Cable Access Channel  
from Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary.**

**Easter Sunday – While we will not have in-person worship, Pastor Scott is working with the Cambridge Area Clergy to arrange for a Live-Stream Worship. Details will be shared via email and Facebook.**

### **“Holy Week.”**

Holy is the week...  
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...  
We move from hosannas to horror  
with predictable ease  
of those who know not what they do.  
Our hosannas sung,  
our palms waved,  
let us go with passion into this week.  
It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.  
It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.  
It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One,  
to lavishly break our alabaster  
and pour perfume out for him  
without counting the cost.  
It is a time for preparation...  
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.  
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.  
Eat, drink, remember:  
On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine,  
“Is it I?”  
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand  
beneath the tree  
and watch the dying

if we are to be there  
when the stone is rolled away.  
The only road to Easter morning  
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.  
Only then will the alleluias be sung;  
only then will the dancing begin.

### 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

What are you doing for yourself and your loved ones while learning to “Shelter-in-Place”? Can you take a picture and send it to Ruth or Pastor Scott? We will include it in a future E-news.

**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, OGH 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.

**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>)

March 24, 2020

**“By the rivers of Babylon or near the shores of Lake Ripley, there we sat down and there we wept, as we remembered days gone that were just a few weeks ago? How can we continue to sing the Lord’s song in this new and scary time?” Psalm 137:1&4 (adapted)**



**My friends and faith family, it is indeed a strange and unfamiliar place we all find ourselves living in today. Just a few weeks ago, we were gathering to celebrate Christmas, Souper Bowl Sunday, Mardi Gras Sunday, and the ordination and installation of our new Elders and Deacons. Now, here we are unable to be together in person, unsure of what is happening, fearful of the future, uncertain when we will be able to worship in person again. Our communication is no longer in the sanctuary or around the tables in the fellowship hall. We now, as a church, must stay connected in some familiar and not so familiar ways. The familiar ways will continue to be by our E-newsletter, emails, phone calls, and text messages. The unfamiliar, but important, new ways of staying in touch with our faith community, will be through live-streaming daily mediations by Pastor Scott, Zoom meetings (the Session is exploring this new video meeting tool), Face Time, and YouTube. We are all learning what this means for us. While there is a deep sadness over what we are having to give up, there is also a wonderful opportunity for us to discover new ways to be Christ's Body, the Church! So together, let us hold one another in our prayers, while staying open to the Spirit as it moves among us, within us and through us to continue to serve the community and each other, and in doing so, reflect the Love, Grace, Mercy, Peace and Hope of God in whom we live and move and have our being! Grace & Peace, Pastor Scott**



This is Pastor Scott live-streaming his new “Meditation in the Meadow” from Hidden Farm Road overlooking Lower Mud Lake in McFarland. Yes, he has had a few fellow walkers join him for his evening vespers, though everyone practices “physical distance and social cohesion,” a more positive term than “social distancing.”

March 17, 2020

**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

March 10, 2020



**SHARING JESUS AND NOT GERMS PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT:**

With the cold and flu season still going strong, and the news of the Coronavirus (Covid-19), we are offering some friendly precautions to help us spread the love of Jesus and not germs! Please remember to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. You can time your handwashing and make it a bit more fun by singing “Jesus Loves Me” or “Happy Birthday” or “The Alphabet Song”. If you are able, please remember to use hand-sanitizer too. Please cover your cough (using your arm and not your hands), do not use your hand to touch your mouth or nose and then some other surface.



**LENT...** We are entering the 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.) In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the paschal mystery, and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To appropriate the new life that is beyond the power of death means we must die with Christ who was raised for us. To live for Christ, we must die with him. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace the new humanity...Therefore, at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our rulers, our empires, our projects, our families and even our lives do not last forever. “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).” (PCUSA website - Presbyterian Mission)



**SUNDAY, MARCH 15...** is the third Sunday during Lent. We will continue our journey through the Gospel of Mark. This Sunday, we will be reading Mark 12:1-12 (13-17), exploring the economic injustices through the parable of the workers in the vineyard and in this our tax season, paying taxes!

**CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CAFÉ** – Thank you to Randy and Renee Johnson for organizing the community meal. Thank you also to everyone who volunteered and donated food! We served close to 130. These meals are wonderful ways for us to be a Christ-like presence in the Cambridge community through the gift of spiritual hospitality!

March 3, 2020



**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR!**



**COMMUNITY MEAL:** OCPC will be joining Rockdale Lutheran a Church in serving the Cambridge Community Meal on **Thursday, March 5**. We are once again serving Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, sides, and desserts. **We could still use a few more desserts (bars, cookies, brownies). We also need some more volunteers to help serve and then clean up.** A sign-up sheet for volunteers and food donations is in the Fellowship Hall, posted on the bulletin board. The meal is served from 5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Cambridge High School.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 8...** is the second Sunday during Lent. We will continue our journey through the Gospel of Mark. This Sunday, we will be reading Mark 10:32-52, learning about how Jesus responds to the request of the brothers, James and John to sit in power beside him in the Kingdom, followed by the healing of the blind man named Bartimaeus.



**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.

**ASHES-TO-GO ON THE STREETS OF CAMBRIDGE** – Pastor Scott joined Pastor Jennifer Jelnick (Grace Lutheran) and Pastor Brenda Lovick (East Koshkonong) providing the imposition of ashes and a blessing on the streets of Cambridge. We blessed around 30 people of all ages.



**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 MAY**

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

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**

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**

- All office hours and events canceled until further notice!

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