

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

July 28, 2020

The Church Offices and Building are 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

Pastor Scott: 608-417-0231 pscottmw@icloud.com

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

Thank you!

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP
WITH COMMUNION**



Weather permitting, we will gather at 9 a.m. in the Peace Garden for worship and the celebration of Communion. If the grass is too wet or if the weather is unfavorable to sit outside, we will gather in the parking lot as we did the last time. You will tune into 104.3 on your radio to listen.

As we have been doing at our previous outdoor services:

- Please wear a mask.
- Bring your own lawn chairs
- Please sit at least 6 feet from each other. Families may sit near each other.
- Bring your own communion elements (Some form of bread and cup/beverage).



--The worship order will be emailed to you. You may download it and print off a copy or upload it to your own phone or tablet.

--Please call the church office or email Pastor Scott (pastor@ocpchurch.com) to make a reservation.

--If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who has had the virus, please stay home!



INDIANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Scott was back in his hometown of Vincennes this past weekend for his mother's graveside service. It was also the 35th anniversary of his ordination into the Presbyterian ministry. Here are a few pictures from his trip.



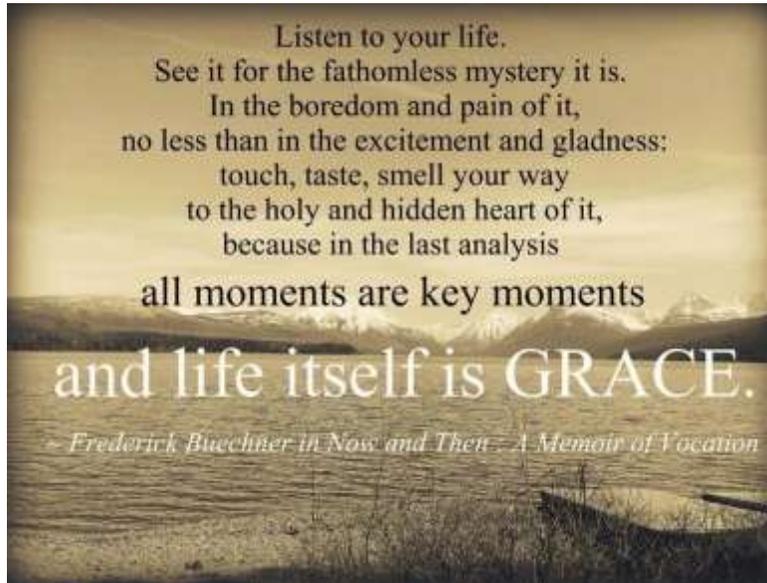
Thirty-five years ago, Pastor Scott was ordained into the ministry. His father, Jim Wheeler, is in the baby blue robe.



Thirty-five years later, masked up, he stepped back into the sanctuary. At my Mother's graveside service, she even had a flyover!



A crop-dusting plane just happened to make several passes during the service.



**SUMMER OUTDOOR & PARKING LOT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
SCHEDULE: ALL SERVICES ARE AT 9 AM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
Please call or email the church office.**

August 16

August 30

September 6

At each worship service, we will now celebrate Communion. You are invited to bring your own form of bread (crackers, pastry, pretzels) and a beverage (juice, wine, coffee, tea, water). Due to the virus and health code restrictions, the Session asks that you wear a mask, bring your own lawn chair (we can provide a chair if you need one), and sit six feet apart. Families may sit together. There will be no bulletin. You may download and print the bulletin from your home or open it on your electronic device. There will be a basket for your offering. Hand Sanitizer will also be available.

If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who has had the virus, please stay home!

Please call or email the church office for reservations. Why reservations to attend worship? Due to the Dane County COVID Restrictions, gatherings are limited in number. We are also asked to record the people in attendance. If someone who does attend contracts the virus, the public health department use our record for tracing of those who also may have been exposed to the virus.

We will also be broadcasting on FM 104.3, so if you feel more comfortable and safer remaining in your vehicle, we invite you to do so. Please park near the water tower. You should be able to see Pastor Scott in the Peace Garden, and hear him over the radio! We will also be live-streaming the service on Facebook and then on YouTube.

On the Sundays when we are not gathered for outdoor worship, Pastor Scott will be live-streaming a message from the sanctuary.

July 21, 2020

COMMUNION IN THE PEACE GARDEN



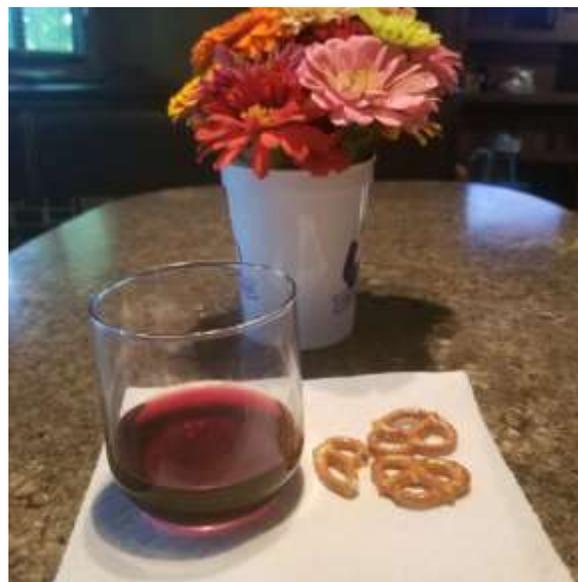
COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT



This past Sunday, July 19, nineteen of us gathered in the church parking lot for worship and to celebrate communion. Some were able to stay in their cars, tuning into 104.3 on their car radio to listen. Others brought their own chairs and found shady places to sit while participating. Others joined us via Live-Stream on Facebook and YouTube.



Mare Stewart provided our special music. Thank you, Mare!



Kris Runge joined us for communion in her camper while watching on Facebook Live.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, on July 26, 1985, Pastor Scott was ordained into the ministry. This is a picture taken of him with his father, the late Rev. James T. Wheeler in the receiving line following his ordination service at the Indiana Presbyterian Church. This week, Pastor Scott will be back in his hometown of Vincennes, gathering with his family for his mother's interment service.



July 14, 2020



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, WEAR A MASK CAMPAIGN by the Wisconsin Council of Churches... We are launching our new campaign "Love Your Neighbor, Wear a Mask." Face coverings help protect you from spreading disease if you are asymptomatic or do not realize you are sick.



#loveyourneighborwearamask #covid19

July 7, 2020

OUTDOOR COMMUNION IN THE PEACE GARDEN

This past Sunday, July 5, we held our second worship in the Peace Garden. This time, we celebrated communion. Sixteen of us gathered, spreading out at safe distances, all wearing our masks, and each with their own communion elements. With the help of Sam Marrese-Wheeler, we live-streamed the service, so those who did not feel comfortable attending in-person, were still able to participate. Kay and Stub Lund joined us from home. Kay shared this picture of their communion elements: fresh, hot brownies, and juice in wine glasses.



DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT WORSHIP OPTION... Thanks to Matt Meier, we now have the option of offering drive-in worship for those who wish to join us, but would feel safer staying in their vehicles (and in air-conditioning). With this new option, you are able to park near the water tower spots, and tune into a designated channel (104.5 FM) and listen to the service from the Peace Garden. This option also allows us to gather, even if it is raining, inviting people to remain in their cars, and participate while remaining dry.

Our next Outdoor Worship Service is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 at 9 a.m.

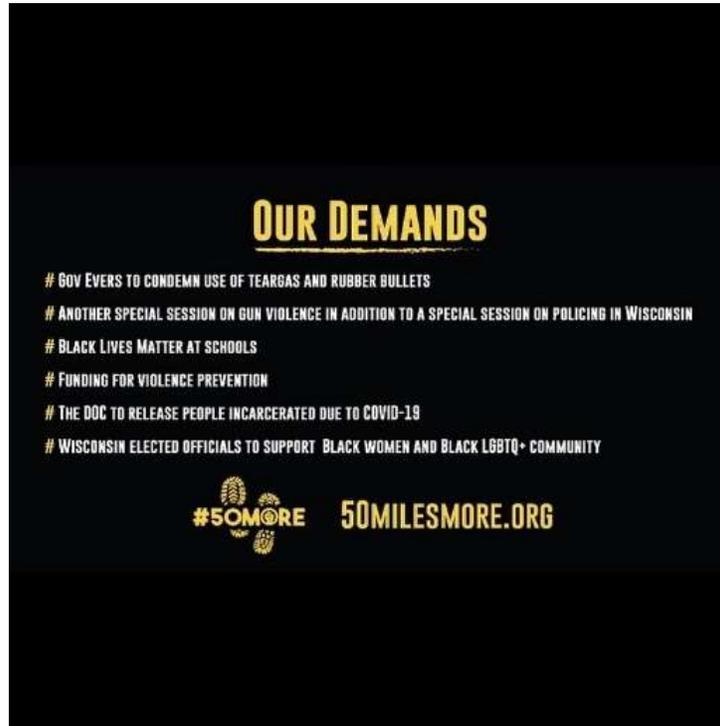
**The Spiritual Gift of Radical Hospitality
“I was a stranger, and you welcomed me”**

Matthew 25



This past week, with the permission of the Session, we opened the building to offer safe sanctuary for an overnight stay as they passed through our area. They had spent the previous evening at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Jefferson. This was not an easy decision given the pandemic. This small group of youth with their adult chaperones were the youth from the #50MilesMore walking from Milwaukee to Madison. Jesus said when you welcome one of these, you welcome me. In taking the risk in the midst of this pandemic, to extend ourselves, I believe we were receiving the Christ. And hopefully, in our doing so, these young people caught a glimpse of Christ in our radical hospitality. And maybe together, we worked to repair just a bit of the breach in our nation, and modeled what God's justice might look like for all?

I am so grateful for the members of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church who opened their doors to these wonderful young people. To Mark Touhey, I am so grateful for your willingness to be their overnight guardian. To community members, Matt Huck Gent and daughters, Ada and Shy, thank you for all your assistance in making these youth feel safe and welcomed in our church and community. Thank you to Julie Floyd Anderson for cleaning and disinfecting after they left. And finally, To Mel Rumpf, Ann Febock, Mike Stitz, Renee Johnson and Joe Leto for your leadership and courage to open church doors to these youth, who are working to open the doors to our future as a people!



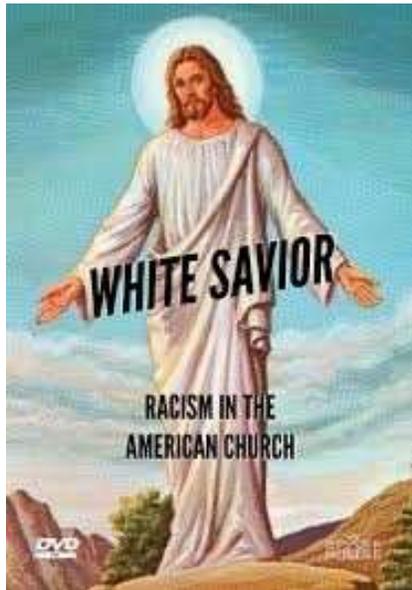
Pastor Scott joined the youth on their walk from Jefferson to Lake Mills, and then on Saturday at the State Capital. Also participating was Ada Gent from Cambridge and several of Pastor Scott's students from McFarland High School. We have much to learn from these young people who are providing leadership in their communities, in their schools, in their places of worship, and in our state. Pastor Scott would love to talk with you about his experience and why his faith in Christ, called him to join the youth in their march.



“MEDITATION IN THE MEADOW”



Pastor Scott continues to offer a “Meditations in the Meadow” from Hidden Farm Road overlooking Lower Mud Lake in McFarland. While this began as a daily way to communicate a message of hope and comfort during the early days of the pandemic, he is now offering them 3-4 mornings a week. When he does live-stream, you can watch on his Facebook page, or find them on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page, and on YouTube. If you subscribe to OCPC’s YouTube channel, you will be notified of when his new meditations are uploaded for your viewing. Here is the link to his YouTube site: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSUOp-wvfWwhyH6BXsP7UA?view_as=subscriber



21-DAY RACIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE: As Presbyterians, we are being challenged to join the 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge, which is well suited to individuals, churches and mid councils. The challenge invites us to do something every day to raise awareness about the perniciousness of racism and encourage action in response to that awareness. The

PC(USA) has joined several nonprofits, organizations and school systems in adapting the challenge for our use. https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/?fbclid=IwAR0PEg1fJ7Tyi2cCWu02yCkh9JiXkiDsLAcwqP_Tt7lW0ISmepfmVuxSvGo

Here is an example of how the challenge works:

Day 1. Read the PC(USA) churchwide anti-racism policy, “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community,” at facingracism.org.

Day 2. Study the Week One lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

Day 3. Watch an updated version of the Clark doll experiment, which explores how early-in-life ideas of racial inferiority and superiority are internalized.

Day 4. Study the Week Two lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

Day 5. Read the resolution of the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) on environmental racism.

Day 6. Watch the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s webinar, “Impact of Environmental Injustice on Low Income and Communities of Color.”

Day 7. Read what youth at the 2016 Triennium learned about environmental racism.

Day 8. Study the Week Three lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

Day 9. Choose a resource on the Doctrine of Discovery to read from facingracism.org.

Day 10. Watch the PBS documentary “Unspoken: America’s Native American Boarding Schools.”

Day 11. Take the awareness test. Go out and change what you notice.

Day 12. Study the Week Four lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

Day 13. Read the Confession of Belhar. Reflect on how your church is using and living into it.

Day 14. Visit the Presbyterian Intercultural Network’s website. Connect with a chapter near you or inquire about creating one.

Day 15. Study the Week Five lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

Day 16. Watch the TED Talk “How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them” by Verna Myers.

Day 17. Read “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack” by Peggy McIntosh.

Day 18. Study the Week Six lesson from the Facing Racism Study Guide.

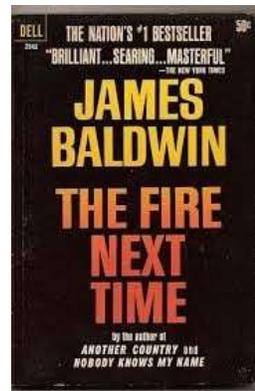
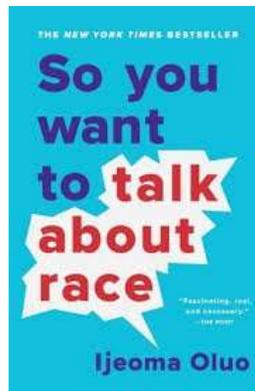
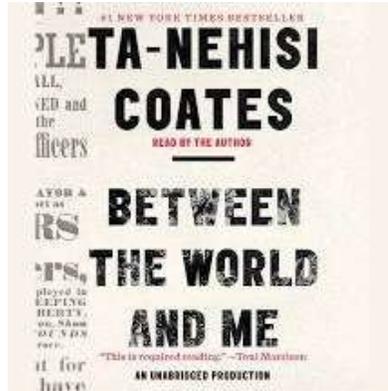
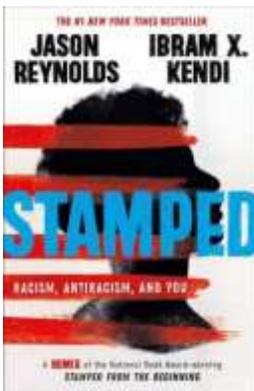
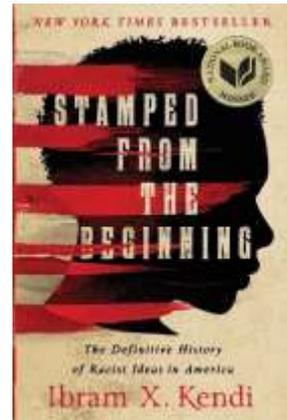
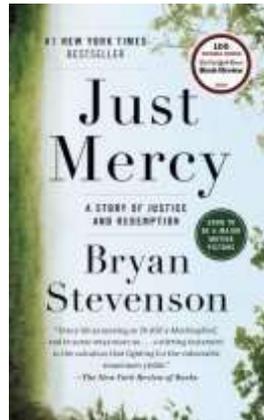
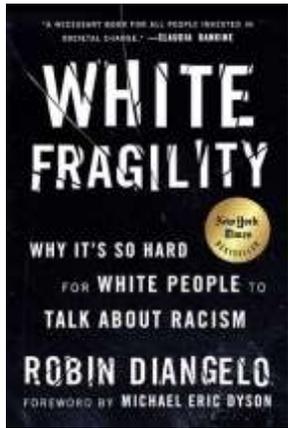
Day 19. Notice the structures and practices in your church. Raise questions about how they help or hinder racial equity.

Day 20. Engage: Suggest studying the Facing Racism Study Guide as a church or mid council to your leaders.

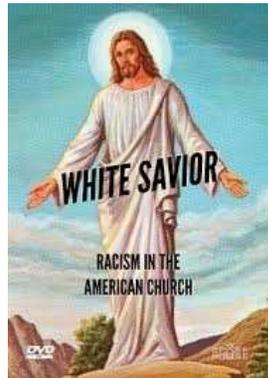
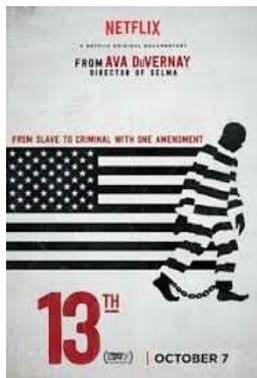
Day 21. Act: Commit to doing the challenge again. Invite someone to join you.

Pastor Scott recommends the following books and documentaries for us to read or watch and discuss as followers of Jesus Christ.

Books on Racism and Racial Justice... Pastor Scott has read, is reading or has on hold to read these books:



Documentaries and Movies on Racism in America and the Church:



REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT OCPC:



1. Masks will be required.
2. Physical Distancing will be maintained. You may not be able to sit in your normal places.
3. No congregating in the fellowship hall before or after worship.
4. Everyone will be required to sanitize their hands before and after worship.
5. There will not be using bulletins. Liturgy will be on the screen.
6. There will be no singing. Instrumental music is possible, if our accompanists feel comfortable attending.
7. There will be no “Two+” or movement during the service.
8. We will not pass the offering plates. An offering plate will be placed near the entrance of the sanctuary.
9. There will be no Fellowship gathering or food.
10. Those in attendance will be expected to arrive, sit, participate, and then leave immediately following worship.
11. We will need to disinfect the sanctuary, doors, bathrooms, and other spaces we use.
12. Communion will not be celebrated in-person.

NEW! Donate to our church, Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge, using the app, **Give+**. Search for “GivePlus Church” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR go directly to our donor page by using the QR Code below, or the link on our webpage, www.ocpchurch.com . Thank you!



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: We wanted to update members of the congregation as to church finances during these difficult times.

As you know, we currently are not holding services – and not passing a collection plate. Church income has been reduced to a trickle.

As a result, Session has taken some steps to cut back on our budget. For example, thermostats have been dialed down. The number of hours Ruth is paid to do church work has been reduced by a third. (Note: the Cemetery Board is taking advantage of this opportunity to employ Ruth for cemetery business for those “lost” hours.) Building and Grounds has put purchases on hold – for example, replacing our furnaces at a cost of \$6,000. And there are miscellaneous savings each week – no musicians, for example. We will save where we can.

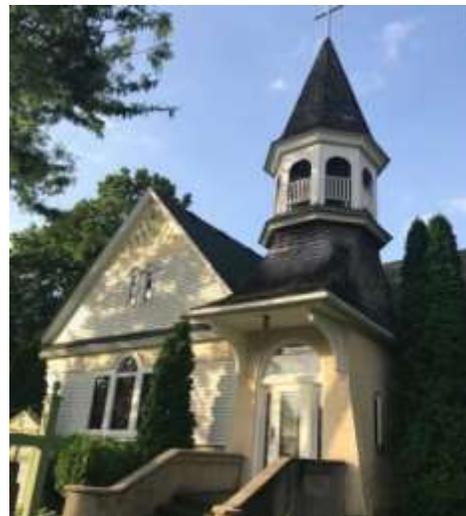
However, the great majority of our expenses are fixed – salaries, insurance, etc. Bills must be paid. Also, the investment funds we use to meet our budget each year have taken a tremendous hit. If the current situation persists for an extended period of time, we could be in serious financial trouble.

The good news is that we are in very good shape in the short term. Our building is in good shape due to recent upgrades, such as the new parking lot or replacement windows. We had transferred money from investments into the checking account before the current crisis began, and are well-positioned to pay our bills. Unlike other small churches – or many businesses, for that matter – we have no reason to panic. Our finances are in order.

If you have the ability to continue your support of the church at this time, we will welcome your contribution. And if you are unable to contribute at this time, we understand. Our most important message to you is that we are getting through this together.

We would encourage you to mail in your offering and pledge: **OCPC 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.**

Dick Trailer and Mark Touhey
Finance Committee



175TH ANNIVERSARY – March 3 marked the 171st 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 175th 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>)

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER: The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are: Cereal, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Flour, Tuna, Diapers sizes 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Poise Pads, Women’s Large Depends, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel. Donation bins are located outside both the middle school and high school buildings and monetary donations are gladly accepted via the Food Pantry website or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Cambridge WI 53523. Thank you!

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

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES

(NO CLOTHING OR MEAL THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19)



WHEN & WHERE: DRIVE-UP ONLY
MONDAY AUGUST 17TH . 4:00PM-7:00PM
NIKOLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL (NMS). 211 SOUTH STREET CAMBRIDGE
PULL INTO CIRCLE AND WE WILL BRING SUPPLIES OUT TO YOU BASED ON GRADE
CALL/TEXT/EMAIL KRISTIN GOWAN FOR MORE INFO: 608.213.5819. KGOWAN@CAMBRIDGE.K12.WI.US

TO DONATE:
CASH OR CHECK ARE
MOST HELPFUL THIS YEAR:
 PAYABLE TO CAMBRIDGE
 SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT
 OFFICE 403 BLUE JAY WAY

DONATIONS DUE
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH
 DROP OFF AT THESE
 CAMBRIDGE LOCATIONS:

(BINS OUTSIDE IF OFFICE CLOSED)
 SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE
 NIKOLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL
 CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY

MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES:

BACKPACKS,
 SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS (TI 30x),
 GRAPH COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS,
 HIGHLIGHTERS, MECHANICAL
 PENCILS, BINDERS, SHARPIES
 MARKERS, POST-IT NOTES,
 GLUE STICKS



THANK YOU!

HELPING OUR CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS START THE YEAR EQUIPPED TO SUCCEED!

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 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

- 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 —

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

Ron Guthery (father of Michelle Wagner)

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)

Linda Johnson (mother of Rady 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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