

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

August 25, 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](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 in advance.

Thank you!



**OUR NEXT OUT DOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

**9 AM**

**Join us Sunday, August 30 at 9 a.m.** for outdoor worship with Communion. You are invited to bring your own form of bread (crackers, pastry, pretzels) and a beverage (juice, wine, coffee, tea, water).

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## **MATTHEW 25:31-46**

### **“WHAT IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION?”**

**Pastor Scott will be exploring this with us Sunday, September 6.**

**The Presbyterian Church (USA) launches the Matthew 25 Project!** What is a Matthew 25 church? Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

**How the vision unites all Presbyterians:** By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ’s urgent call to be a church of action, where God’s love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

**Become a Matthew 25 Church!**

**Where to begin?** There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses:

1. Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
2. Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
3. Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Each Sunday when we gather for outdoor worship, the Session voted to take up a special collection for the food pantry. We will place the red bin in the parking lot. You may bring your non-perishable food items to donate to place in the bin. If you wish to make a financial donation, please make checks out to OCPC, noting it is for the food pantry.

**SHOE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS:** We will also be collecting gently worn shoes to donate a homeless shelter in Madison. Elder Mike Stitz will have a special bin outside of the parking lot entrance. You may bring men’s or women’s shoes and place in the bin.

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION SCHEDULE:**

September 6

September 20



**THANK YOU** to Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Nora Briddell for providing special music for our live-stream worship this past Sunday, August 23. If you were unable to watch live, you

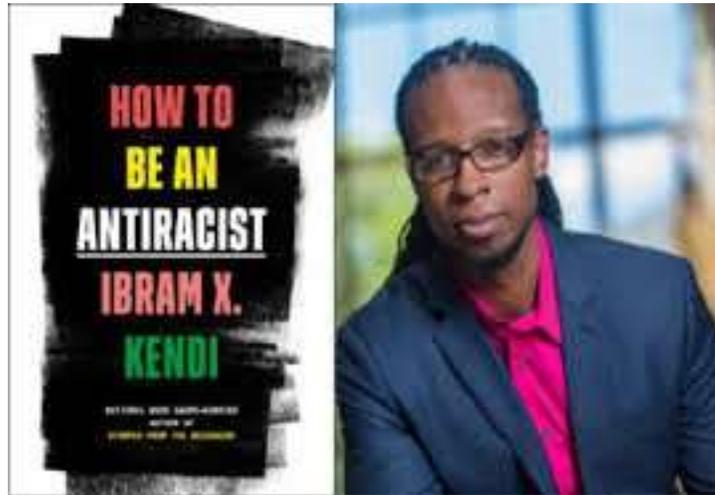
can view the service with their music on our Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/cifDr\\_nplPc](https://youtu.be/cifDr_nplPc)



**THANK YOU!** To Marian Korth who keeps an eye on our piano by coming in regularly to “exercise” it, and to our piano technician, Jim Forrest, who gave the piano an extra tuning when Marian told him it was hurting her ears!

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**PASTOR SCOTT IS PARTICIPATING** in a Presbyterian Church Peace Fellowship National Book Study. We are reading Ibram X. Kendi’s book: “How To Be An Antiracist.” Ibram X. Kendi’s concept of antiracism reenergizes and reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America--but even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. In How to be an Antiracist, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it. In this book, Kendi weaves together an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science, bringing it all together with an engaging personal narrative of his own awakening to antiracism. How to Be an Antiracist is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society. ([goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com))



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**Statement from the Presbyterian Church (USA) concerning the #weekofaction:**

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supremacy and dismantle institutionalized racism. Furthermore, in an effort to do the “hands & feet” work the Lord ordains, we must act and bear witness to the gospel in these crucial times.

■ **Thursday 8/27: BLACKOUT Day and COVID-19 Memorial and Farmworker webinar**

**All Day** — All year long, Presbyterian Women joins the World Council of Churches in “Thursdays in Black” to protest gender-based violence. Throughout the day, we will share information about ways Presbyterians can support ministries and efforts that benefit Black communities in preparation for Give 828 Day (also known as “Give Black Day”) the following day, which is a national effort to encourage giving to Black-led non-profits. We urge the entire denomination to wear black in solidarity with both “Thursdays in Black” and the struggle for Black lives.

**12 noon – 1:15 p.m. EDT** — Join the Farmworkers in the Pandemic: Essentially Disposable webinar — the last in the COVID at the Margins Discussion Series. This 75-minute webinar starts at 12 noon EDT and will update you on the situation and resistance of farmworkers, and offer ways we can accompany and support them. Register in advance for the webinar. We will also livestream it on Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/presbyhunger](http://www.facebook.com/presbyhunger).

**2–3 p.m. EDT** — Join the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) on Zoom and Facebook Live to learn about curation and responsibility as we discuss the African American Leaders and Congregations collecting initiative. In recent years, PHS has brought human and capital resources to bear on collecting records of the African American Presbyterian experience — both the original records of African American congregations, and documentation of people’s lives and ministries. As a corrective measure for what Presbyterian historians have called a “historically racist ecclesiastical body,” PHS seeks to represent in the archives the integral presence of African Americans in the PC(USA).

**5–6 p.m. EDT** — The COVID-19 Memorial will be a sacred moment to pause and remember those who have died during the pandemic. The service will include Scripture, storytelling, music and prayer. Participants will be invited to share names of those we have lost. Registration link will be available soon.

■ **Friday 8/28: Give 828 Day, Documentary Premiere and Young Adult Round Table**

**All Day** — On August 28, 2020, the PC(USA) will be joining #Give828, a national day of giving focused specifically on supporting Black-benefitting organizations. #Give828 isn’t like other fundraising campaigns. This day takes place during Black Philanthropy Month and commemorates multiple important historical landmarks in Black Americans’ march toward freedom. Donate now to support the Racial Equity & Women’s Intercultural Ministries. Gifts to #Give828 will go to support leadership development for leaders of color by funding the Katie Geneva Cannon Scholarship and the Conference for Seminarians of Color.

**1 p.m. EDT** — Join the Young Adult Round Table for a conversation around how young people are engaging and processing faith in the midst of racial and health pandemics. Young adults will include Destini Hodges, Christian Choi, Gene Burke, Madison McKinney, Yenny Delgado, Lee Catoe and Melva Lowry; facilitated by co-moderators Elona Street-

Stewart and Gregory Bentley. This event will livestream on the PC(USA) Facebook and at the top of this website. The recording of the livestream will be posted here after the event.

**3 p.m. EDT** — Join the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the premiere of their collaborative documentary series and e-course titled *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance*. Attendees will watch episode one of the series and then join a round table discussion of racial justice organizers and leaders. The full episode will be shared with those who register for this event. Register [here](#). The round table discussion will livestream on the PC(USA) Facebook and at the top of this website. The recording of the livestream will be posted here after the event.

August 18, 2020



**Scenes from the OCPC Parking Lot Worship with Communion August 16.**

**Thank you to Mare Stewart for her beautiful flute music and to Sam Marrese-Wheeler for his video production work for our live-stream!**

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August 11, 2020



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The PC(USA) staff expressed a deep yearning to be more engaged in responding to the murders of Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and countless others who died at the hands of the police and racism. From this need has come the “Bearing Witness” working group which has participation from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, Administrative Services Group and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. From this group a number of strategies are being formulated to provide advocacy campaigns, education initiatives and opportunities to join with community efforts organized by the Movement for Black Lives, Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice, the Bail Project and other grassroots groups.

As a centerpiece of this movement, we will host a Presbyterian Week of Action. This endeavor is structured to provide a public witness that facilitates education, visibility, and action that reinforces our PC(USA) statements and policy around the support of eradicating racism and acknowledging that God loves all Black lives. By joining together as national staff and the greater church, we hope to provide faithful leadership in the area of justice, love, and equality within our denomination and communities.

■ **Monday 8/24: Global Day of Solidarity**

This event will focus on how we uplift the solidarity expressed through our global partners.

■ **Tuesday 8/25: Town Hall**

In this event, moderator(s) will engage guests in and outside the church around critical issues of the movement for social justice.

■ **Wednesday 8/26: Liberation Bible Study and Twitterstorm**

The Liberation Bible Study will lay a Biblical foundation for justice work and more specifically why Black lives matter. It will also discuss how our denomination supports this and how we can improve.

The Twitterstorm will be our first event completely on social media. The goal of a twitterstorm is to engage a variety of people around how the church can be a presence within the movement.

■ **Thursday 8/27: BLACKOUT Day and COVID-19 Memorial**

In joining with Presbyterian Women, who already wear black on Thursdays to honor the murdered and missing Black and Indigenous women, we encourage the entire denomination to wear black in solidarity with the struggle for Black lives and encourage the support of Black-owned business, which is in line with our policy.

The COVID-19 Memorial will be a uniquely sacred moment to pause and remember those we have lost during the pandemic.

■ **Friday 8/28: Film Screening and Young Adult Roundtable**

The Film Screening is an opportunity to watch and engage with a film that highlights the racial disparity in our nation.

The Young Adult Roundtable is an opportunity to have a conversation with and see how young people are engaging and processing faith in the midst of racial and health pandemics.

■ **Saturday 8/29: Rally/ Public Action**

Engage the entire denomination in a multi-city rally that calls attention and action to the racial injustice happening in our country. This will include various speakers, music, poets, etc.

■ **Sunday 8/30: Day of Service**

This day encourages congregations and mid-councils to forgo worship service or in addition to it, engage in some type of service outside the walls.

**UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** It would seem that there is a real need for good news this summer – so here is a triple dose of good news!

The church financial picture is so much better than one would expect! Despite the fact that we are not holding regular indoor services, nor taking up a weekly collection, we are actually ahead of the budget on the year! While we have saved some money – no organist, no air conditioning bill, etc. the real key has been increased giving! Thank you so much to all of you who have continued to support the church in these difficult times!

Next, our investments took a serious hit in March when the stock market collapsed, down over \$60,000 at one point, but gradually our portfolio has come back. We currently have recovered all of our losses, and are in the black for the year. We really appreciate the work our investment company does for us!

And more good news. With the help of Mike Stitz we carpeted the front steps at a cost of \$1,200. And we replaced two of our three furnaces. The furnaces were installed by Jack Taylor in 1983, so we really got our money's worth! The replacement and installation cost \$7,400. Both the carpet and furnaces were paid for using Memorial Fund money. We did no fund raising, and took no money from the General Fund. That is great news!

So what is the Memorial Fund? Money is given to the church in memory of someone who has passed away. Some of the money is designated for specific causes. Undesignated funds can be used as Session sees fit. As a church, we have not done a good job of spending Memorial Funds – recently the total had climbed to over \$20,000, and some has not been spent for a decade. People give this money with the expectation that it will be spent, not held on to for years. So it is good to have projects like the front step carpeting and new furnaces to allow us to use Memorial Funds appropriately! In recent years the Memorial Fund has purchased a new computer, contributed to the paving of the parking lot, purchased new coffee carafes, and paid for the new technology in the sanctuary.

Currently, the Memorial Fund still has almost \$4,500 available, including money designated for basement improvement. If you have a project that would be appropriately funded by Memorial Funds, please share your ideas with Session members.

Dick Trailer and Mark Touhey, Finance Committee



These are some of the beautiful flowers (Phlox and Black-eyed Susans) found in our Peace Garden. Thank you to Mark and Judy for their green thumbs in tending to the garden!



Thank you to Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Shadow for their assistance with this past Sunday, August 9 live-streaming of worship. Sam played his guitar and sang too! You can watch the service on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/PowE1QEVXzI>

August 4, 2020



New outdoor carpeting for the front steps! Thank you to Mike Stitz for helping to install the new carpeting for the front entrance to the church building! A remnant of the carpeting was also installed at the parking lot entrance to the church building.



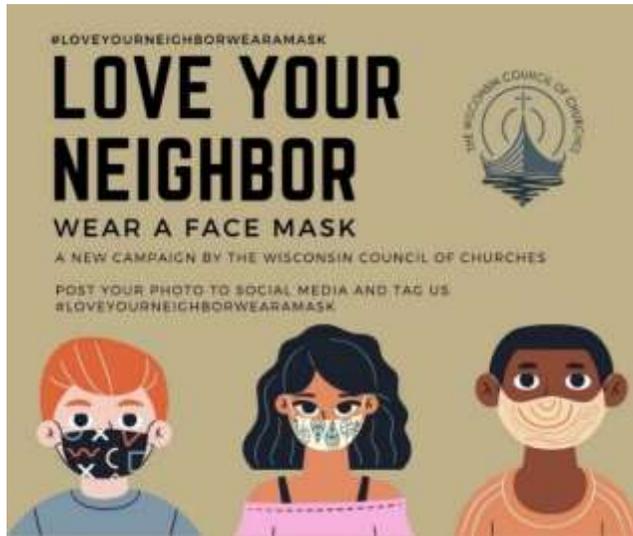
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 PARKING LOT WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**

Twenty-one of us physically distanced in the parking lot for worship and communion this past Sunday, August 2. We were joined by numerous members and friends of OCPC via Facebook Live and on YouTube. Thank you to Sam Marrese-Wheeler who served as our videographer and to Judy Schroeder for taking pictures. Our next outdoor Worship with Communion Service is scheduled for Sunday, August 16 at 9 a.m. On the Sundays we do not have parking lot worship, Pastor Scott will live-stream his sermon from the sanctuary via Facebook Live and then upload it to YouTube.

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

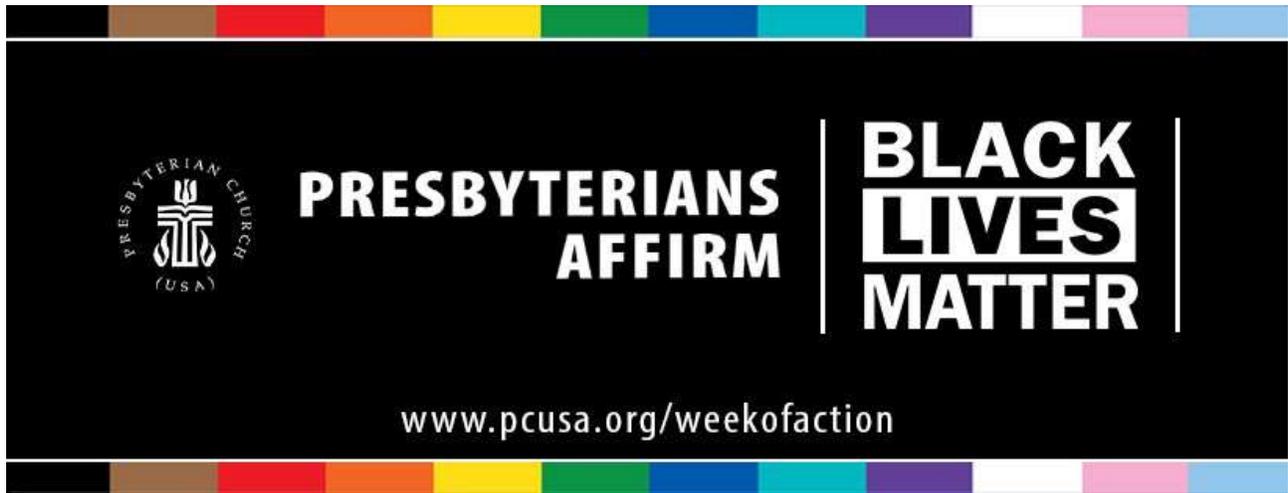
- August 16**
- August 30**
- September 6**
- September 20**

**BABY, IT'S HOT OUTSIDE, SO WHY NOT INSTALL NEW FURNACES!** Yes, while the temperatures have been hovering above 90 degrees, OCPC had new furnaces installed. Our old furnaces survived beyond their years, so the Session decided it was time to install new furnaces. They were installed last week. Our hope is we will be able to feel the warmth from the new furnaces this winter while enjoying the warmth of our fellowship too!



**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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who sent in their Piggly Wiggly receipts for us. The total submitted for the last 6 months earned us \$120 in local mission funds! Please continue to collect those receipts for this ongoing mission project.

### “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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSUOp-wvfWwhyH6BXsP7UA?view_as=subscriber)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT OCP:**



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](http://www.ocpchurch.com) . Thank you!





**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>)

**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!

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Dylan Homann ..... August 18  
 Jenna Fieser ..... August 22  
 Alden Johnson..... August 27  
 Tara Bettenhausen ..... August 28  
 Lance Bettenhausen ..... August 30  
 Deacon Wurtz .....September 2  
 Joe Leto.....September 3  
 Angela Wurtz .....September 9  
 Cashton Wurtz .....September 9  
 Jodi Kelter .....September 13  
 Kodi Porter.....September 13  
 Angela Stitz-Kennedy.....September 22

Luke Mandli .....September 25

**Anniversaries**

Trent & Kari Bettenhausen ..... August 28  
 Andy & Amber Rumpf.....September 4  
 Mark Touhey &  
     Judy Schroeder .....September 9  
 John & Shelly Kennedy .....September 11  
 Randy & Renee Johnson ...September 15  
 Stan & Kay Lund.....September 16  
 Jeremy & Abby Porter .....September 25  
 Bill & Patty Strobusch .....September 27

**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 Strobusch)

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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