

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

September 29, 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 OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**10 AM**

**REMEMBER WORSHIP IS NOW AT 10 A.M!**

**PLEASE DRESS FOR THE COOLER WEATHER**

**WITH COOLER SUNDAY MORNINGS AHEAD OF US**, you have three options as you join us for Outdoor worship:

1. **Bring your own lawn chair**, sit outside, dress warmly including having a blanket.
2. **Remain in your vehicle**, tuned into FM 104.3.
3. **Watch the live-stream worship** on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page or later on YouTube.



**Join us Sunday, October 4 at 10 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). As the weather turns cooler, please dress appropriately for the change in temperatures.

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!**

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.

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGING TO 10 AM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4!** As we move into our cooler/colder months, the Session voted at their monthly meeting to move worship time to 10 a.m. This would allow for warmer temperatures (we hope!). They also voted to continue our outdoor worship services on Sundays, October 4 and 18th. On Sundays October 11 and 25, Pastor Scott will be live-streaming from the sanctuary. You can watch the service live on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page or recorded on YouTube. We are encouraging everyone who is on Facebook to “Like” our page (Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church - @OCPCambridgeWI). We would also like everyone to go to our YouTube Channel (Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church) and “subscribe” to it. You will receive notifications of when our worship is uploaded, and if we can get one hundred subscribers, we are able to better use a URL which helps us share our worship with more people).



In memory of Shadow, our video assistant during the pandemic.

**RACE: THE POWER OF ILLUSION:** You are invited to Join Pastor Scott for a three-part series on the Origins of Race and Racism in our nation and in our faith communities. We will meet at 7 pm via Zoom on Tuesdays October 6, 13, and 20. In advance of each stand-alone session, you will be invited to watch an hour-long PBS video. You may join us for one or all three of the Sessions. This is a password protected video series. If you are interested, please email Pastor Scott [pastor@ocpchurch.com](mailto:pastor@ocpchurch.com). He will send you the link and the password so you may watch the video. He will also send you the accompanying questions for discussion and bibliography.

**EPISODE ONE: The Difference Between Us**

Our eyes tell us that people look different. Everyone can distinguish a Norwegian from a Nubian, so why doesn't it make sense to sort people into biological races? This first episode demonstrates how scientific finding- including genetics – have toppled our assumption that humans come bundled into distinct groups. This episode follows a dozen students, including Black athletes and Asian string players, who sequence and compare

their own DNA. The results surprise the students – and the viewer – when they discover their closest genetic matches are as likely to be with people of other “races” as their own. Much of the program is devoted to understanding why. One by one, our myths and misconceptions about racial differences are taken apart.

**EPISODE TWO: The Story We Tell**

Hasn't race always been with us? Ancient people stigmatized “others” based on language, custom and religion, but not on physical differences. This episode traces the race concept to the European conquest of the Americas, including the development of the first labor system where all slaves shared a physical trait: dark skin. Ironically, it wasn't until slavery was challenged on moral grounds that early prejudices— emboldened by the need to defend slavery in a nation that professed a deep belief in freedom – crystallized into a full-blown ideology of white superiority. By the mid-19th century, race had become the “commonsense” wisdom of white America, explaining everything from individual behavior to the fate of societies. “The Story We Tell” reveals how these social inequalities came to be disguised as “natural.”

**EPISODE THREE: The House We Live In**

If race doesn't “live” in our bodies, where does it live? And why should it still matter? This final episode reveals how our institutions give race its meaning and power by advantaging the “unmarked” race – white people. Who is white? In the early 20th century, the answer wasn't always clear. Often the courts had to decide, and they resorted to inconsistent racial categories to maintain the color line. After World War II, European ethnics, once considered not quite white blended together and reaped the advantages of whiteness in new suburbs (made possible by government money and policies) while African Americans and other nonwhites were locked out. Today, the typical white family has eight times the wealth of the average Black family. Forty years after the Civil Rights Movement, the playing field is still not level and “colorblind” policies only perpetuate these inequities.

**Before viewing the series, you will be sent a handout to read and reflect on the following:**

“Ten Things Everyone Should Know about Race” (HANDOUT)

Remember, guilt or shame are not helpful in conversations about the history of race/racism. None of us alive today are responsible for history. All of us are only responsible for the present and future and we best understand the present by understanding the past. White people do not have conversations about race/racism to “help” people of color. People have conversations about race/racism to help us be better humans and make the world a better place for all people.



**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:** Each Sunday when we gather for outdoor worship, we will be taking up a special collection for the Cambridge Area Food Pantry. Financial Donations are the most needed at this time. As you can see by the picture above, a \$10 gift allows our food pantry to purchase a greater amount of needed items from Second Harvest Food Bank. However, they are also in need of non-perishable items too. 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.

**FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:** Hearty Soups, Canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni), Canned or packet tuna, Heat and serve complete meals (non-refrigerated/shelf stable), Individual cereal boxes/bowls, Individual oatmeal packets, Saltines, Ramen, Shampoo and conditioner, Laundry soap, Dish soap.

**SHOE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS: Our shoe bin runneth over!** Thank you to everyone who is donating shoes! With Fall and Winter not far away, please consider donating any cold weather shoes or boots you may have and no longer use. Our collection of gently worn shoes and boots will be donated to 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.

**PASTOR SCOTT'S FALL SCHEDULE:** While he is not working as a guest teacher in the McFarland Schools due to their virtual learning at this time, Pastor Scott has picked up additional ministry-related work beyond his responsibilities with OCPC. He is once again assisting Gunderson Funeral Home, working as a Service Associate. He has also been contracted for 2-3 hours a week with First Presbyterian Church of Oregon to assist with their congregational care team, serving as their "Parish Associate." His work schedule with Gunderson Funeral Homes and FPC Oregon are flexible and will not take priority over his ministry with OCPC.

September 22, 2020

**PASTOR SCOTT IS INTERESTED IN BEGINNING A BOOK STUDY GROUP**

**VIA ZOOM.** The dates he previously suggested have not worked for a few people who expressed interest. If you are interested, please send him an email ([pastor@ocpchurch.com](mailto:pastor@ocpchurch.com)) or call 608-417-0231 to discuss days and times that would work for you.

**"MEDITATION IN THE MEADOW"**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN PASTOR SCOTT TUESDAY-THURSDAY** for a meditation from the Hidden Farm Road meadow area overlooking Lower Mud Lake in McFarland. Times will vary, though generally he will live-stream from his Facebook page (Scott Marrese-Wheeler) between 7:30-9 a.m. You will be able to find them on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church YouTube channel as well.



September 15, 2020

**OUR NEXT OUT DOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 9 AM**

**(PLEASE NOTE, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 WORSHIP WILL MOVE BACK TO 10 AM)**

**MATTHEW 25:31-46**



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

**Pastor Scott began exploring how we at OCPD might participate in this new ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).** 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.

There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. Here in the Madison area of John Knox Presbytery, we have three congregations who have already pledged to be a “Matthew 25” church: First Presbyterian in Oregon, Union Pres in Monroe, and Westminster in Madison.

Pastor Stacy Cavanaugh and the congregation at Union in prayerfully deciding to participate in this new mission, asked themselves “Are we doing enough in our community?” After studying and reflecting together on the “Matthew 25” Mission Study, they felt called to do more. They chose to focus on “Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.” To that end, they read the book “Neighborhood Church,” and now ask themselves when making any decision, “How will this impact our neighbors and community?”

Pastor Kathleen Owen and the members at First Presbyterian in Oregon feel like it has helped them connect what they are doing in ministry and mission locally with the denomination as a whole. One of the things they have undertaken to address how they as a congregation can work to help dismantle structural racism which still exists in our churches today.” To that end, they are engaging in a Bible Study of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous “Letter from the Birmingham Jail.”

The people of First Presbyterian Church are accepting the challenge to work to dismantle structural racism in their congregation and the larger Church.

Pastor Scott Anderson and the members of Westminster in choosing to become a Matthew 25 congregation are focusing on “Eradicating systemic poverty.”

Westminster is located on Nakoma Ave. in Madison. While situated in a more affluent neighborhood, they are located near Thoreau and Cherokee schools, both of which have a high percentage of underserved students living in poverty and facing food scarcity.

Westminster, partnering with other Allied-Dunn Neighbor Churches, including Glenwood Moravian, where Staci serves, has turned their fellowship hall into collection and food distribution site, which is especially needed during the pandemic.

They see the effects of poverty not only on the students, but their families, and our schools. In response, they are working collectively to meet the daily needs of students, but also working to change the economic and political structures that continue to oppress people in the growing economic disparities.

So what about us? How might we serve “The Least of These” through one or all three of these areas of ministry of justice and mercy here in the Cambridge area?

September 8, 2020

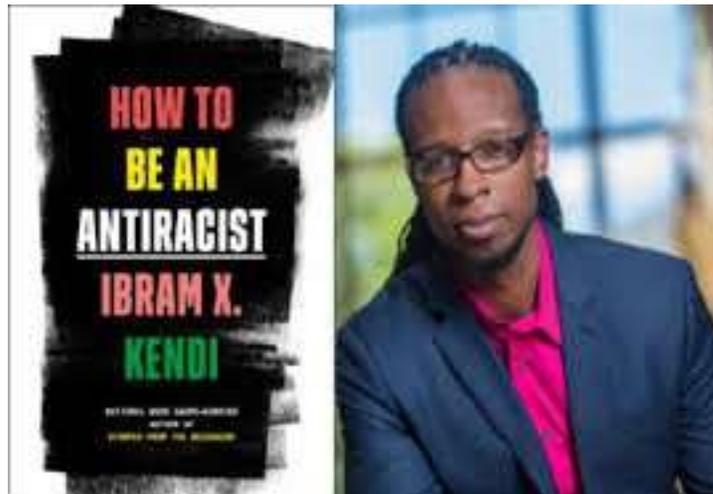
**NO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!**

After a week of moving into their new home, and now preparing to take Sam back to Lawrence University later this week, Pastor Scott is going to take one of his Sundays off. Staci also has the Sunday off. **Our next outdoor worship service is scheduled for Sunday, September 20.** Our hope is to continue outdoor worship through the end of October.

**OUR NEXT OUT DOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION  
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**PASTOR SCOTT IS INTERESTED IN BEGINNING A BOOK/BIBLE STUDY** via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 pm. This would be a four-week session around a particular topic or book. Our first gathering would be **September 22** and conclude on October 13. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott know ([pastor@ocpchurch.com](mailto:pastor@ocpchurch.com))

**THE MARRESE-WHEELER’S HAVE MOVED!** Our new address is 6401 Hidden Farm Road, McFarland 53558.



**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))



**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

**“MEDITATION IN THE MEADOW”**

**PASTOR SCOTT HAS TAKEN A BREAK** from His Meditation in the Meadow. He hopes to revisit these meditations in the coming weeks.

September 1, 2020

**OUR NEXT OUT DOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – 9 AM**

**Join us Sunday, September 6 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).



**Kay & Stub Lund continue to join us for worship & communion via our Facebook Live Stream. Kay is always good at sending a picture of their communion table setup.**

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**OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION SCHEDULE: September 20**



**THANK YOU** to Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Nora Briddell for providing special music for our live-stream worship this past Sunday, August 30. 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)

**THE MARRESE-WHEELER'S HAVE MOVED!** Not far, mind you, but still moving. After 11 years on West Open Meadow, we are moving around the corner onto Hidden Farm Road. As of September 1, our new address is 6401 Hidden Farm Road, McFarland 53558.



**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

### **“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)

**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!



**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 – WISH LIST:** Hearty Soups, Canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni), Canned or packet tuna, Heat and serve complete meals (non-refrigerated/shelf stable), Individual cereal boxes/bowls, Individual oatmeal packets, Saltines, Ramen, Shampoo and conditioner, Laundry soap, Dish soap. Donation bin is located outside of the lower level middle school/food pantry entrance 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**

- Rachel Kelter ..... October 2
- Eva Wurtz..... October 5
- 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 —**

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

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Ron Guthery (father of Michelle Wagner)

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)

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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