

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,



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!

OUR NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

10 AM

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 18 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.



Home Communion Table of Kay & Stub Lund.

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.

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY WORSHIP
LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY
NOVEMBER 1**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 we will gather in Lake Ripley Cemetery at 10 a.m. to celebrate All Saints' Sunday by reading the necrology of the saints who have over the past year joined the church triumphant and celebrate communion. For this Service, you are invited to drive into the cemetery, and follow the circle drive way so that we are spaced out around the center section We will have someone to help guide you when you arrive. As we have doing in our parking lot service, you are invited to bring your own lawn chair and sit outside of your vehicle, or you may remain in your vehicle tuned into 104.3 FM. Please bring your own communion elements (bread and beverage). If you have the name

of a loved one you wish read and remembered, please send it to office@ocpchurch.com or call the church office at (608) 423-3001.

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. There has been some interest and the agreement is that we will explore this. We will meet at 7 pm via Zoom on Tuesdays with the start delayed to October 13. 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. 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.



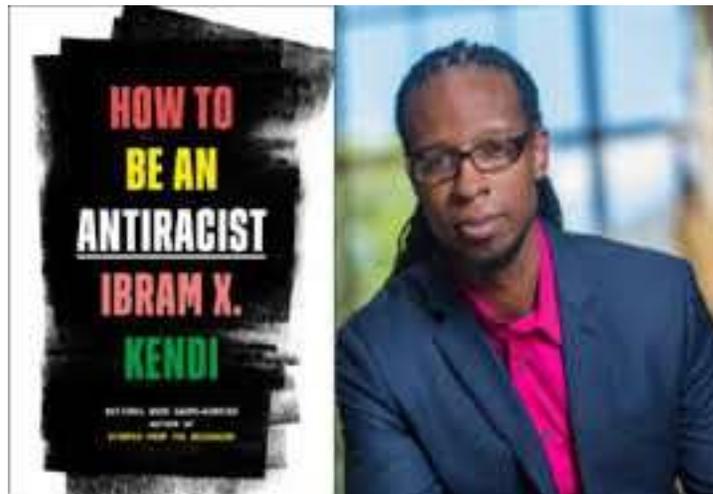
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Each Sunday when we gather for outdoor worship, we will be taking up a special collection for the Cambridge Area Food Pantry. Financial Donations are the most needed at this time. As you can see by the picture above, a \$10 gift allows our food pantry to purchase a greater amount 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 ran over! Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and boots! With Fall and Winter not far away, please consider donating any cold weather shoes or boots you may have and no longer use. Our previously collected pairs of gently worn shoes and boots have been donated to a homeless shelter, but we continue this mission. 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.



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”

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.



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! (You may also mail in your offering and pledge: **OCPC 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.**)



AGING AND SENIOR CARE RESOURCES 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>)

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MILESTONES

Birthdays

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 Strobusch)
 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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