

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

October 27, 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!



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
COMMUNION & READING OF THE NECROLOGY
LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY**

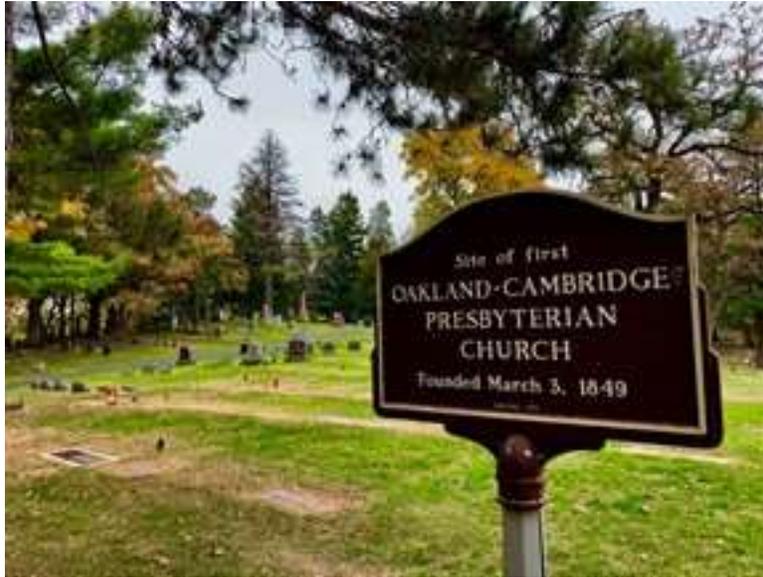
10 AM

(REMEMBER THIS IS WHEN WE SET OUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)



BACK IN MARCH, when the Session voted to close the Church building and cancel worship, our plan was to gather on Easter Sunday, April 12 in the Lake Ripley Cemetery for our Sunrise Service. Those plans, as so many of our plans, continue to change because of the pandemic. Over these past months, we have all experienced so much loss and grief. Loved ones have died, many due to the virus. Others have experienced the loss of jobs, daily activities, family connections and our way of life as individuals, families and community. In the picture of above, you will see our dog, Shadow. Shadow joined Sam and me at the cemetery to live-stream our sunrise Service. As many of you know, Shadow died a month ago. We are all grieving, each in our own way, and together. While the pandemic is still taking its toll on human life, we have been finding ways to safely gather. This Sunday, November 1, is all Saints' Sunday. Since we have been gathering outdoors in our church parking lot, it seems appropriate for us to move our location for our next outdoor service to the Lake Ripley Cemetery. As we do at our Sunrise Service, we will celebrate communion together (please bring your own bread and beverage). We will also be remembering the names of our loved ones who have died over the past year.

For this special service, we ask that you drive your vehicle into the cemetery and around the circle drive. You may either park, remaining in your vehicle, tuning into FM 104.3 or if the weather is warm enough, you are welcome to bring your own lawn chair and sit outside, staying safely distanced from others. Masks are required if you sit outside of your vehicle. We will also be live-streaming the service on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page and later, uploading it to YouTube.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, November 1 following outdoor worship in Lake Ripley Cemetery. The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee report and voting on new Elders and Deacons. We recognize these are unusual times, and we are working to make sure we can honor our Presbyterian process while keeping everyone safe and healthy. It will be a short meeting. People may remain in their vehicles or if weather is permitting, sitting outside. More information will be shared in the coming weeks prior to the meeting.

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.

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 below, 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.



**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lake Charles suffered severe damage when Hurricane Laura hit the area. St. Paul's is pastored by a seminary classmate and friend of Pastor Scott, the Rev. Tim Norris. In the midst of their clean-up effort, a second hurricane, Delta, struck the area, adding more damage and delaying the clean-up effort. Pastor Scott would like to invite you to join him in making a financial donation to help Pastor Tim's congregation with their clean-up and rebuilding effort. If you wish to offer a financial gift of assistance, please make your check out to OCPC and note that it is for the St. Paul Lutheran Church Recovery Fund. We will be collecting money until November 15 and then send one check to the church. Thank you.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 8 AT 1 PM... Join Nitardy Funeral Homes for a Holiday Service of Remembrance. This year, due the virus and the surge here in the area, the event will be live-streamed (and recorded) on the Nitardy Funeral Home website. This celebration is for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them. The Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler will present a program that will give helpful suggestions for managing your grief during the holidays. Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538.



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.

October 20, 2020

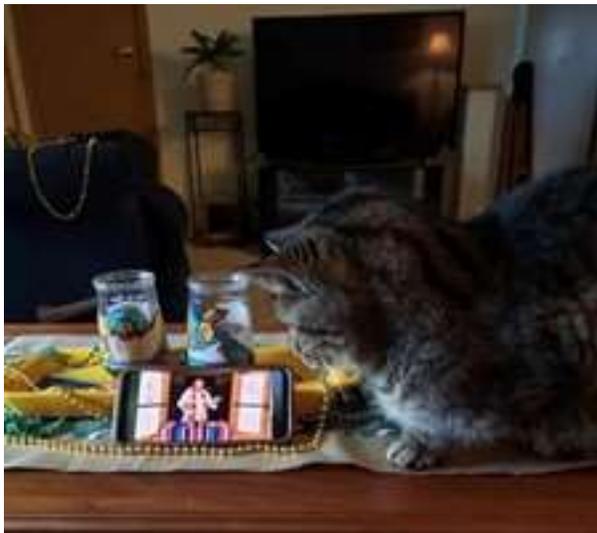


**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY
10 AM**

ON 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 been 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.



The view from Derek Bettenhausen's pick-up truck on October 18.



Kris and Virgil Runge along with their cat, K.C., joined us for worship and communion via the live-stream on the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI>). We invite you to "Like" our page so

you can watch all our live-streamed worship services as we head into the Advent and Christmas season.



PASTOR SCOTT AND PASTOR STACI shared the following COVID-19 Safety Pledge from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, both faith organizations that they are active with here in Wisconsin. OCPC has also financially supported the ministry of the Wisconsin Council of Churches through the Washington Island Forum and other ecumenical and interfaith events they host.

#wichurches #wfvj #covidsafepledge

Together with other Wisconsin faith leaders, we offer this pledge: We are faith leaders, representing diverse faith communities, with varying practices and theologies. We pledge to do all in our power to keep our congregations and communities healthy and safe in the midst of this pandemic. All our traditions hold life as sacred, and believe the imperative to protect and preserve life outweighs all other considerations. Our state is facing a crisis and we must meet this challenge together. As people of faith, we trust in a higher power to help us through crises, but we must also trust science and what the medical experts are telling us.

Wearing masks, washing hands, and staying physically distanced are all very important. But the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is by reducing our contacts with anyone beyond the people we live with. It is crucial that we stay home as much as possible to protect ourselves, our neighbors, and especially first responders and other health care workers who risk their lives to care for us. As faith leaders, we pledge to steward the health of all by prioritizing remote worship and other community activities until the crisis has passed. As faith leaders, we pledge to do what we can to keep our communities safe.



October 13, 2020



**OUR NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
10 AM**



PLEASE DRESS FOR THE COOLER WEATHER

October 6, 2020

**OUR NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
10 AM**



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.



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.

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!

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>)

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!



MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Sue Bettenhausen..... October 27
- Maggie Porter October 29
- Charleen Janus..... November 8
- Kristine Runge..... November 9
- Matthew Mandli November 11
- Kaila Rumpf..... November 13
- Mare Stewart November 17

- Cheryl Stitz..... November 19
- Derek Bettenhausen November 20
- David Rumpf November 26

Anniversaries

- Monty & Judy Pearson..... November 7
- Derek & Sue Bettenhausen Nov. 16
- Kurt & Sandra Schimelpfenig..... Nov. 25

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)

The family of Judy Brandt 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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