

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!

WORSHIP UPDATE

Due to the uncertainty of the winter weather, the Session voted to move worship to all-virtual through the end of February 2021. Pastor Scott, with the assistance of Sam Marrese-Wheeler, will be filming from the sanctuary for these worship services. As we are able, we are hoping to add some music. **Communion will be served on Sunday, December 6; Christmas Eve - December 24; Sunday, January 3; Sunday, February 7.** As we have been doing, on Communion Sundays and Christmas Eve, we invite you to have some form of bread and beverage with you.

CHRISTMAS EVE UPDATE

5 PM – PARKING LOT

The Session voted, weather permitting, to hold a parking Christmas Eve worship service. We will be worshipping in our vehicles, tuned into 104.3. We do have battery operated candles to share for our traditional candlelight portion of the service. If the weather permits and it is not too cold or snowy, we hope to invite people to step out of their vehicles, masked up, to turn on their candles, and join in the song “Silent Night”. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.



**COMMUNITY VIRTUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 25
7 PM**

The Cambridge/Deerfield clergy are recording a Thanksgiving Worship Service to be shared on each church’s Facebook page, website and YouTube Channel. It will also be shown on the local cable channels.

**NOVEMBER 22 WORSHIP
10 AM**

Pastor Scott will be live-streaming worship on November 22 and November 29 from the sanctuary via the OCPC Facebook page and over our YouTube channel.



ADVENT 2020

For Advent this year, we are inviting you to create your own Advent wreath at home. All you need are four candles, with a fifth one in the center. While the liturgical color of Advent is blue, you may use any candles you wish. They may be placed in a circular design or straight line. Be creative or keep it simple. Each week, Pastor Scott will share an Advent liturgy for you to use when lighting your Advent candles at home. He will also be lighting our Advent candles during his live-streamed service on Facebook and YouTube.

November 29 - Advent 1: Hope (Isaiah 64:1-9)

December 6 - Advent 2: Love (Isaiah 40:1-11)

December 13 - Advent 3: Joy (Isaiah 61:1-11)

December 20 - Advent 4: Peace (Luke 1:46-55)

December 24 - Christmas Eve: Celebrate (Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 2:1-15)



DECORATING OCPC FOR HOLIDAY SEASON... While we will not be able to decorate the sanctuary or fellowship hall as in past years, plans are being made to do some decorating so we can enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary when Pastor Scott live-streams the services from the sanctuary. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.

MARILYN SCHUSTER is recovering from a fall and subsequent surgery at Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge in Sun Prairie. Cards may be sent to her address there: Oakwood Village East, 5565 Tanco Dr., Madison, WI 53718-1901.

SYLVIA JENSEN is recovering from a fall and subsequent surgery at Waunakee Manor. Cards may be sent to her address there: Waunakee Manor, 801 S. Klein Dr., Rm. 302, Waunakee, WI 53597-1599.

RENEE ROLAND JOHNSON has asked for prayers. She is having surgery later this month. Please keep her and Randy in your prayers.



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. 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!

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS: Piggly Wiggly receipts are due at the church on Sunday, December 13. The monies received from the Piggly Wiggly receipts will be used to support the local food pantries.



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.



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.

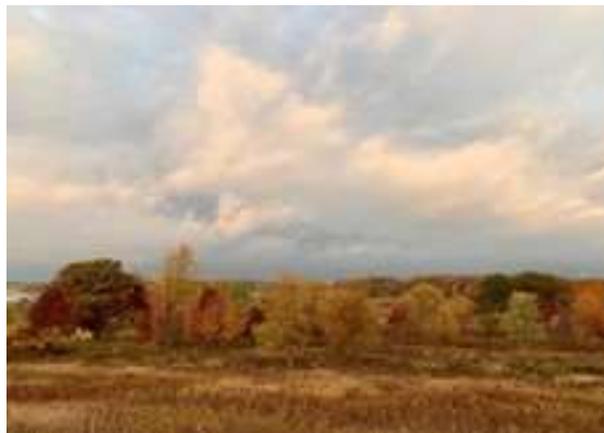


LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, WEAR A MASK CAMPAIGN by the Wisconsin Council of Churches... We are launching our new campaign "Love Your Neighbor, Wear a Mask." Face coverings help protect you from spreading disease if you are asymptomatic or do not realize you are sick.



#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.

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



MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Mare Stewart November 17
- Cheryl Stitz November 19
- Derek Bettenhausen November 20
- David Rumpf November 26
- Richard Trailer December 3
- Ralph Spaulding December 4
- Jan Kristiansen December 5
- Kari Bettenhausen December 6
- Cheryl Bettenhausen December 9
- Mardy Schilleman December 12

- Trevor Leto December 13
- Mike Stitz December 19
- Stan Lund December 21
- Matt Meier December 23
- Phillip Yeadon December 28
- Larry Jensen December 29
- Rose Ann West December 30

Anniversaries

- Kurt & Sandra Schimelpfenig Nov. 25
- Dale & Ann Febock December 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.
- Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
- Ron Guthery (father of Michelle Wagner)
- Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
- Sylvia Jensen (Waunakee Manor, 801 S. Klein Dr., Rm. 302, Waunakee WI 53597-1599)
- Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
- Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy Pearson)
- Nancy Kristiansen
- Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
- Renee Roland Johnson
- Marilyn Schuster (Oakwood Village East, 5565 Tanco Dr., Madison, WI 53718-1901)
- 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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