

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

November 24, 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!

### **WINTER 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.

### **OCPC ZOOM FELLOWSHIP**

#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10:30-11 AM**

Pastor Scott invites you to join him for a virtual Zoom Fellowship time on Sunday mornings following worship. A Zoom link will be shared with you in the email along with the bulletin and sermon.



**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.



**ADVENT 2020**

**I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS CHRISTMAS**

BY HOWARD THURMAN

I will light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long

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: Peace (Isaiah 40:1-11)**

**December 13 - Advent 3: Love (Luke 1:46-55)**

**December 20 - Advent 4: Joy (Isaiah 61:1-11)**

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



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**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.



**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 had surgery this week. Please keep her and Randy in your prayers as she recovers at home.



**GOOD NEWS**, the Meier family is expecting a baby in March of next year. Lydia will be a big sister. Everyone is doing well and misses seeing the congregation.



Lydia says, “Go Bucky!” and “Boiler Up” too!



**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.

November 17, 2020

**NOVEMBER 29 WORSHIP  
10 AM**

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





## **ADVENT 2020**

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November 10, 2020



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**10 AM**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION  
OCPC PARKING LOT**

**Join us Sunday, November 15** in the parking lot for worship and communion. While we have enjoyed some lovely summer like temperatures, the forecast is for more seasonable weather on Sunday. We will be broadcasting the service over FM 104.3, so you may

remain in your warm vehicles or watch via our live-stream on our Facebook Channel. For communion, as we have been inviting people to do, please have your own form of bread (pretzel, cracker, pastry) and cup (juice, water, wine, coffee, tea, milk).

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 at the back entry, and hear him over the radio! We will also be live-streaming the service on Facebook and then on YouTube.

### **A SERVICE OF HEALING**



### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

This past Sunday, November 8, Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church joined with the members of First Presbyterian Church in Oregon, Wisconsin for a joint virtual worship service. Pastor Scott recorded his portions of the service from our sanctuary while Pastor Kathleen Owens and members of FPC Oregon, recorded in their sanctuary. For this special service of healing, Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Scott invited people to have a candle, a glass

of water and a rock to use for reflection during the worship. The picture above is from Kay and Stub Lund. They along with Judy Pearson recommend you watching the worship service. You may do so on YouTube <https://youtu.be/5jZvzOixkzQ> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fpcoregon/videos/1004986326687595>

November 3, 2020

**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
10 AM  
YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK**

This Sunday, November 8, Pastor Scott will be joining with Pastor Kathleen Owen to lead a joint worship for healing and hope. We will be recording the different parts of the worship service from each of our churches. Because First Presbyterian Church has hired a video editor, and have better video production capabilities, members of FPC will be also recorded sharing in the liturgy. It is also their Stewardship Sunday, so we will be hearing from members of FPC about their hopes for the coming year. While we listen to their reflections for their congregation, I invite you to consider our own hopes for OCPC as we head into 2021. One thing for us to be mindful of as we join them in their Stewardship reflections, is that while we are debt free, owning an older church building, they built a new church building, moving from their downtown location to growing neighborhood area of Oregon. They have a mortgage they are trying to pay down. Like us, they are also exploring creative ways to share their church building with different outside groups, both as way of generating income and as a way of offering the hospitality of space to these groups.

For this worship service, Pastor Kathleen and I invite you to have a candle to light, a glass of water (water only, please), and a rock. The candle we will invite you to light at the beginning of the service. The water will be to drink as reminder of God who provides us with water even in the wilderness moments of our lives, reminding us that God is always present with us and within us. The rock will become a prayer stone, one you can hold while offering a prayer, and then placing it in a place in your home so you will be reminded of our prayers for healing and hope.

Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Scott will be offering reflections on Joshua 24:1-3a and 14-25.

**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.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 10 AM  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION  
OCPC PARKING LOT**



**Join us Sunday, November 15 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.

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**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.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Last Sunday, following our worship in Lake Ripley Cemetery, a meeting of the congregation was held for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee. After hearing the report, Randy Johnson and Ann Febock (Elders) and Judy Pearson and Mare Stewart (Deacons) were voted in as our new church officers.



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



**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

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 Strohbusch)  
 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)  
 Stan Lund  
 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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