

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

December 22, 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!



Pictures from Christmas 2019

HOLIDAY E-NEWS EDITION! Due to Ruth Poole and Pastor Scott being on vacation, there will be no E-news the week of December 28. Nor will there be a bulletin for December 27 and January 3.



**CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING LOT OUTDOOR WORSHIP
5 PM**

(Please note, due to the weather forecast, communion will not be celebrated.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE FIRST but not annual (we pray), outdoor, parking lot Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. We will gather in the parking lot, remaining in our warm vehicles, tuned into FM 104.3 to listen to Christmas Carols, hear the story of the birth of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke, and then share together in our annual candlelight service, concluding with the playing (and singing?) of “Silent Night.” For this service, as you arrive, please park so you can face the back (main) entrance. Pastor Scott will be set up in the entry way to lead our service. Battery operated candles will be provided for your use. At the bottom of each candle is a switch to turn them on.

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIRTUAL SERVICE
7 PM**

You are invited to join us at 7 pm via our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI/?view_public_for=215503228637056 and YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd0gTRImVIEbNw1sOAJDJ5A?view_as=subscriber for this more traditional service from the sanctuary of OCPC. There will be plenty of Christmas Carols and other special music provided by Marian Korth (piano), Mare Stewart (flute), Norbert “Nib” Studelska (guitar), and the Briddell family (Andrew - bassoon, Nora - cello, Catherine - viola). Pastor Scott will lead our liturgy and read the birth narratives from the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. We will celebrate communion and conclude with the lighting of candles and singing of “Silent Night.” For communion, as is becoming our

pandemic tradition, please have your own form of bread and some type of beverage to represent the Cup of the New Covenant. For the candlelight portion, please have your own candle to light. Marian Korth will play "Silent Night" and you are invited to sing along. A copy of the bulletin will be shared with you via an email.



**A JOINT WORSHIP WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OREGON
DECEMBER 27
10 AM**

On Sunday, December 27, the First Sunday of Christmas, at 10 AM, we invite you to join us on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI/?view_public_for=215503228637056 or our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd0gTRImVIEbNw1sOajDJ5A?view_as=subscriber.

A digital version of the service will be sent on Saturday. There will be links to YouTube Christmas music, though not fully in coordination with the music in the online service.

**JANUARY 3
COMMUNION SERVICE
10 AM**

Pastor Scott will offer pre-recorded communion liturgy for Sunday, January 3. This Communion service will be shared on our Facebook page and YouTube channel at 10 AM.



MEALS ON WHEELS... Volunteers are needed to deliver meals from January 4-15. There are about 7-8 meals to be delivered in Cambridge. If you can help, please contact Cheryl Stitz at 608-695-1838 to volunteer.

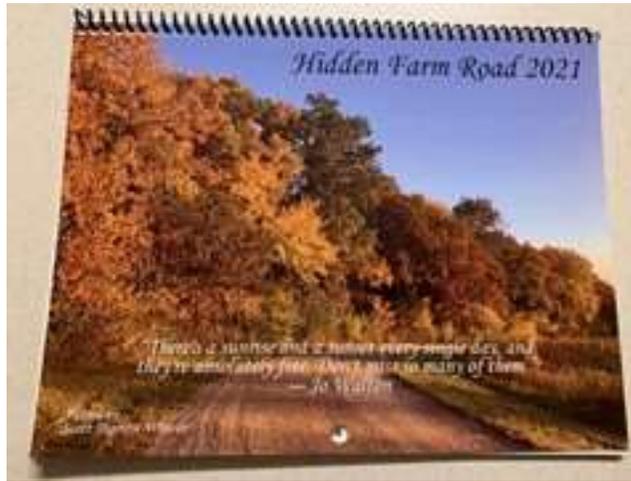
OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021 are available by request and appointment. Please contact Ruth in the church office 608-423-3001 to arrange pick-up.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Ruth will be off from December 29—January 3. Pastor Scott is on vacation from December 25—January 4.

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 continues her recovery at home.

RENEE ROLAND JOHNSON Following surgery, Renee continues her recovery at home. Please keep her and Randy in your prayers.



HIDDEN FARM ROAD 2021 CALENDAR – Since March, Pastor Scott has been offering weekly “Meditations in the Meadow” from the meadow area overlooking Lower Mud Lake off of Hidden Farm Road in McFarland. On his walks with Shadow, and now, Sunday, he takes pictures of the beautiful area, often sharing them. This year he has developed a 2021 calendar. The cost is \$15 with all profits going to the food pantry. If you are interested in purchasing one, please send him an email (pastor@ocpchurch.com) or leave a message at the church office.



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!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. More information about the Christmas Joy Offering can be found on the web site below. www.pcusa.org/christmasjoy Donations may be mailed to the church. Please make checks out to OCPC, noting it is for the Christmas Joy Offering.

December 15, 2020



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - DECEMBER 20 – 10 AM

On Sunday, December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, at 10 am, we will offer a special service of Christmas Carols and Reflections. This festive service will be led by Pastor Scott, Marian Korth (piano) and Miriam “Mim” Jacobson (narrator). We invite you to join us on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page

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OCPC ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 11-11:30 AM

Pastor Scott invites you to join him for a virtual Zoom Fellowship time on Sunday mornings following worship. We have been having a wonderful time seeing each other, if only virtually, and catching up on our lives during the pandemic. A Zoom link will be shared with you in the email along with the bulletin and sermon.

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.



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

December 8, 2020



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
10 AM
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – LOVE
BLUE CHRISTMAS LITURGY**

ON THE Third Sunday of Advent we will be lighting the candle of Love. In addition, we will have a special “Blue Christmas” liturgy. A “Blue Christmas” sometimes referred to as a “Longest Night” Service is a time to remember in the midst of the Holiday Season, our grief and sorrow over the death of a loved one or the loss we have experienced in other ways. “During the holiday season and especially at church, we don’t acknowledge our pain, as worship services tend to be more upbeat. But it’s hard to be upbeat and happy when you are grieving. You need to have a space to have the tears and the anger and all of that when you are grieving.” (Rev. Christine Canton, retired PCUSA minister)

Each year, we at OCPC, have shared in this service with a special liturgy for Healing and Wholeness. Pastor Scott will be leading us in this liturgy with the lighting of candles and a virtual anointing with a blessing. You are invited to join him this Sunday, December 13 at 10 AM on our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/OCPCCambridgeWI/?view_public_for=215503228637056 or our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd0gTRImVIEbNw1sOAJD5A?view_as=subscriber

A digital bulletin with the liturgy and Advent reflection will be shared on Saturday for you to follow along with on Sunday morning.

COPING WITH HOLIDAY BLUES

- Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable
- Make a list and prioritize the most important activities. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do.
- Remember that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely. There is room for these feelings to be present.
- Let go of the past. Don’t be disappointed if your holidays are not like they used to be.
- Do something for someone else.
- Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as driving around to look at Christmas decorations
- Don’t be afraid to try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a way you have not done before.
- Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you.
- Find time for yourself. Don’t spend all your time providing activities for your family and friends.

Source: The National Mental Health Association



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC – By recording our worship services, we are now able to incorporate special music into them. Marian Korth has been playing for our worship. This Sunday, December 13, in addition to Marian, the Briddell family will be sharing some seasonal musical pieces. On December 20, Marian Korth with the assistance of Mim Jacobson, will be providing special Christmas music and readings to accompany some favorite Christmas Carols. Mare Stewart will also grace us with her flute. On December 24, we will also provide special music for our virtual Candlelight, Carols and Communion Service. Please note, we will have a parking lot Christmas Eve Service at 5 PM (weather permitting).

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)

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RENEE ROLAND JOHNSON Following surgery, Renee continues her recovery at home. Please keep her and Randy in your prayers.

MARK OLSON – Following the death of his wife, Mary, a private family graveside service is scheduled for this Friday. Pastor Scott will be presiding. Cards may be sent to Mark at 228 Water St., Apt. 1C4, Lake Mills, WI 53551-1673.



WELCOME SUNDAY! Pastor Scott, Staci and Sam are pleased to announce the addition of their new family member, Sunday. Sunday is a fourteen-month-old Australian Shepherd mix.

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'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.

December 1, 2020



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.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

10 AM

ADVENT - PEACE

We will be celebrating Communion this Sunday. It is also the second Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the candle of Peace. Worship will be at 10 a.m. You can watch it on our Facebook page or YouTube channel. Please have some form of bread and cup (beverage) for communion. A digital bulletin and Advent reflection will be shared on Saturday for you to follow along with on Sunday morning.

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)



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.



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

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

Matt Meier.....December 23
 Phillip YeadonDecember 28
 Larry JensenDecember 29
 Rose Ann West.....December 30
 Amber Rumpf..... January 3
 Monty Pearson January 10
 Clay Rumpf..... January 12
 Maxwell Rumpf..... January 13
 Shelby Kelter January 16

Melanie Rumpf January 16
 Cathy Thiltgen January 16
 Margaret Hawkins January 20
 Sam Marrese-Wheeler..... January 27
 Judy Schroeder January 29

Anniversaries

Dale & Ann FebockDecember 28
 JANUARY.....NONE

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
- Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
- Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy Pearson)
- Nancy Kristiansen
- Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
- Stan Lund
- 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 families of Mark Olson on the death of his wife, Mary; 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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