

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  
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If you do need to enter the church, please let one of us know in advance. Thank you!



**“The Last Supper”  
painting by the father of Andre E. Key**

Friends, this past week has been a troubling and challenging one in our nation. As followers of Jesus Christ, while we join in prayer, we also are called in Christ’s name to stand against bigotry, hatred, racial injustice, violence, and people who encourage such actions that defile and harm the sacred image of the Creator in others. Further, as followers of Christ, we are called to speak on Christ’s behalf words of love, compassion, reconciliation, that offer grace, forgiveness, healing and hope. It is not easy being a follower of Christ. Jesus showed us that God’s way is of suffering love which leads us to confront the powers-that-be, and may cost us even our lives. It is a costly form of discipleship, and yet, it is the way that leads to true life. The following is an excerpt from the “Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis” which we have used in worship and studied together. It is worth our reminding ourselves of our calling as those who bear the Light and Love of God to others in our daily lives and relationships.

**WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God’s image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). That image and likeness confers a divinely decreed dignity, worth, and God-given equality to all of us as children of the one God who is the Creator of all things. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God (the imago dei) in some of the children of God. Our participation in the global community of Christ absolutely prevents any toleration of**

racial bigotry. Racial justice and healing are biblical and theological issues for us, and are central to the mission of the body of Christ in the world. We give thanks for the prophetic role of the historic black churches in America when they have called for a more faithful gospel.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership. We, as followers of Jesus, must clearly reject the use of racial bigotry for political gain that we have seen. In the face of such bigotry, silence is complicity. In particular, we reject white supremacy and commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Further, any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin—one that goes back to the foundation of our nation and lingers on. Racial bigotry must be antithetical for those belonging to the body of Christ, because it denies the truth of the gospel we profess.

**WE BELIEVE** we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class (Galatians 3:28). The body of Christ, where those great human divisions are to be overcome, is meant to be an example for the rest of society. When we fail to overcome these oppressive obstacles, and even perpetuate them, we have failed in our vocation to the world—to proclaim and live the reconciling gospel of Christ.



OCPCC hosted 15 youth from the “50 Miles More” on their walk from Milwaukee to Madison this past July.

**JANUARY 17 WORSHIP**



**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

**10 AM**

**FACEBOOK**

[https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI/?view\\_public\\_for=215503228637056](https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI/?view_public_for=215503228637056)

**OR**

**YOUTUBE**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd0gTRImVIEbNw1sOAjDJ5A>



**JESUS TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES**

Indian artist Frank Wesley's work 'Jesus in Varanasi' presents Christ as an Indian (sitting center in yellow robe) conversing with people on the banks of the Ganges, the Hindu holy river.

**THIS SUNDAY**, as we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, we will focus on racial justice and the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr and others who lifted their prophetic voices calling us to confess our national sin of racism, seek forgiveness and work for racial justice and equity for all God's people. In the digital bulletin, you will find liturgy and music that

speaks to our calling as God's people to work for justice that brings healing and hope to our hurting and broken lives and world.

**OCPC WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP  
SUNDAYS AT 11 AM**

You are invited to join other OCPC members and friends for a weekly Zoom Coffee Fellowship Time following worship. This is a wonderful way for us to stay in touch during the pandemic, and until we can once again gather safely in person. You can click on the following link, which will take you to the Zoom gathering. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81083160341?pwd=MU9LTW4vWE40SWsxQm05am1MbCtsQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 8316 0341 Passcode: 188265

**DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS AROUND IT**, we will not be having our Annual Meeting on the last Sunday of January. We will keep you informed as to when it will be held.

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

**MARILYN SCHUSTER** is recovering from a fall and subsequent surgery. Though she's not yet home, cards may be sent to her there: PO Box 310, Cambridge, WI 53523.

**SYLVIA JENSEN** continues her recovery at home.

**CONGRATULATION TO MEGAN, MATT AND LYDIA GRACE MEIER.** Megan is pregnant and they are expecting the birth of their second child in March.



**HIDDEN FARM ROAD 2021 CALENDAR** – Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar from Pastor Scott. He raised \$1,200 for the McFarland 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. 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!



**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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). Thank you! (You may also mail in your offering and pledge: **OCPC 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.**)



**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

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**

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 Strobusch)

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 (PO Box 310, Cambridge, WI 53523-0310)

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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