

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING OMICRON SURGE



Due to the rising number of cases of the COVID virus and the strain on local hospitals to care for patients and bed space, we are encouraging everyone who is able to worship with us virtually on Sunday morning. While we will still offer an in-person option, we are strongly encouraging people to worship with us on-line instead of in-person. If you do attend in-person, please abide by the following:

- 1. Masks are required.**
- 2. Sit spaced out in the sanctuary, suggested seating every other pew and only with your own household.**
- 3. There will be no singing at this time, though music will still be offered.**
- 4. Food Fellowship is suspended until further notice.**
- 5. Refrain from close contact, hugging or handshaking.**
- 6. If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so.**

Fellowship Hour Suspended until February: Due to the highly contagious Omicron strain of the virus and mindful of the health and safety of all our members, we are suspending fellowship time following worship. Our hope is that once this current

strain peaks, hopefully by the end of January, we can resume food fellowship in February.



JANUARY 16
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEKEND
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 16... The third weekend of January is Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend. Each year, The Presbyterian Church (USA) invites its congregations to reflect on our role in systemic racism and how we can work together in Christ's name to end racism. To this end, through study and prayerful discernment, the PCUSA has invited churches to consider becoming a "Matthew 25" congregation. Through our worship this Sunday, we will be exploring what that might mean for us here at OCPC. Our musician is Marian Korth. We will be live-streaming this worship service on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI>



Members of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, (a Matthew 25 congregation where Pastor Scott served and he and Staci were married) get ready to clean up their community on their annual “Day of Caring.” (Courtesy of Northminster Presbyterian Church).



When a congregation or mid council accepts the **Matthew 25** invitation, they help the denomination become a **more relevant presence in the world** and respond to **Christ's urgent call to be a church of action.**

What does it mean to become a “Matthew 25” congregation?

Where to begin? We sign the pledge to prayerfully study and become engaged in one or all of the following mission commitments and then share our story.

1. Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
2. Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
3. Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.
4. We share our story of how we are faithfully living into our Matthew 25 commitment.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are available in Fellowship Hall. You may pick them up any time.



Worship in January

(We will continue with hybrid worship format)

January 16 - Matthew 25 PCUSA Racial Justice Sunday

January 23 - Special Musical Guest - Tim McNurlen on guitar

January 30 - Wear Your OCPC Shirts/Sweatshirts to Worship Sunday. We will also be wearing them later that day when serve the meal at Pres House. Our own Sam Marrese-Wheeler is a part of the Pres House worship team and is playing in their worship band.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped take down and stow away the Advent and Christmas decorations this past Saturday.

NEW BOOK FROM MARIAN KORTH: Marian Korth has written her third book in the “Talking with God through Music” series. The book, *HYMNS FOR ALL SEASONS*, is about the stories behind 110 seasonal hymns, including Christmas carols, Easter hymns, even a few patriotic hymns. If you are interested in purchasing one of Marian’s books, the price of is \$20, tax included. For more details about the book, click on this link to her blog: <https://whisperingwindblog.com>. There are some copies in the church office, along with payment envelopes. Anyone who wants a book can help themselves and leave a check or cash in the envelope in a small box next to the books. On Sundays, the books will be in Fellowship Hall.



THE OCPC CLOTHING ITEMS THAT MANY OF US ORDERED HAVE

ARRIVED! Everything looks great too. If you have not picked up your order, please stop by the office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:30-11 a.m. or on Sunday morning. We will be wearing our new shirts and sweatshirts to worship on Sunday, January 30.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in your communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness.

Did you know?

We are #tacklinghunger now! 1 in 6 American children are food insecure.

An estimated 111 million people watch the Big Game while 48 million Americans struggle with hunger. What if each person watching the game gave just one dollar to feed their neighbor in need? Don't sit on the sidelines.

Since 1999, OCPC has raised over \$2,600 and 953 food items for our local food pantry as a part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Started by the youth of the Springfield Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina as a way to raise awareness of food scarcity facing far too many people in our nation on a day when Americans consume the second most amount of food (Thanksgiving being the first). The Souper Bowl of Caring has grown into a national event on Super Bowl Sunday. We invite you to donate to this cause with either a financial gift or food items. All donations are shared with our local food pantry. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 13—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING... We will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the local Food Pantry. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have our annual soup lunch provided by Mike and Cheryl Stitz. However, please be generous in order to help the Cambridge Food Pantry!

OCPC HAS A MISSION FUND. The Session is looking for mission opportunities who might need our support. If you have a suggestion, please send it to pastor@ocpchurch.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... On Sunday, January 30, we will be going to Pres House in Madison to attend the afternoon service and serve the fellowship meal after the service. Please save that date! **If you have purchased an OCPC t-shirt or sweatshirt, we invite you to wear them to Pres House.**



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Coffee, Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, Laundry detergent, Toothpaste, Body wash, Dog and cat food. 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>)

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