

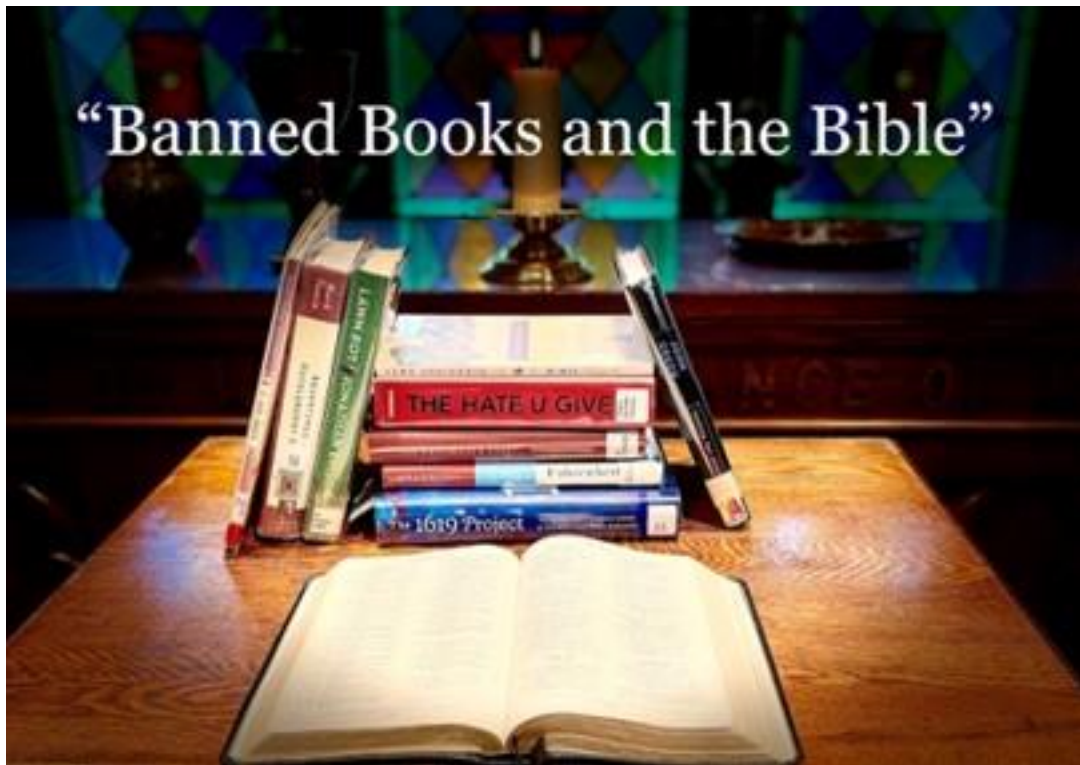
To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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**A Matthew 25 Congregation
“Lord, When Did We See You...?”**



**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
...banned for being too explicit for our children!”**

**JUNE 19
WORSHIP
10 AM**



If Books are Banned, the Bible should top the List!

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 19, we begin our summer sermon series on “Banned Books and the Bible.” If you have ever opened the Bible, and read any part of it, you have read one of the most dangerous books that has been banned in over 52 countries. Should it be? During this sermon series, we will be reading and exploring the theological and biblical images in books that people are banning.

Our accompanist is Jimmy Paton. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go “Live”, go to the church Facebook page, click on the “Follow” button and you will be notified when we go “live.”



“Across the country, debates about censorship, critical race theory, LGBTQ+ and Transgender issues, are giving rise to revival of book bans. Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin leveraged banning CRT as a campaign promise to win his election last November. Now the debates have reached a new height in Texas. In one small Texas town, angry parents swarmed school board meetings. They demanded the banning of books centered around diverse LGBTQ+ or BIPOC characters or issues like sexual assault. Throughout history, people and governments have sought to censor what people of all ages can read. But should books be banned? And if so, what about a book that talks openly about rape, murder, incest, mass killings, sexuality, adultery, child abuse, domestic violence, and gay relationships? The Bible has all of those topics in it and more. Should it be banned? This summer Pastor Scott invites you to join him on Sunday mornings as we explore some of the books that have been banned, exploring the theological and biblical imagery in each of them, and connecting them to stories in the Bible. A display of banned books will be coming soon to the sanctuary. You can find a list of the books we will be exploring. Have you read any of these? Pastor Scott has, including the Bible.

June 19 - The Bible as a Banned Book (John 1:1-5)

June 26 - “Gender Queer,” “Lawn Boy” “I Am Jazz” (Jonathan & David - a Love Story)
Rev. Brenda Lovick will join Pastor Scott for this Sunday.

July 3 – “The 1619 Project” (From Bondage to Freedom in the Bible -Genesis and Exodus)

July 10 – “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood (Genesis 16-22)

July 17 – “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury (Job)

July 24 – Banned Books versus Banning Guns (Isaiah 2:4)

July 31 – “The Hate U Give” (Song of Solomon 1)

August 7 – “Looking for Alaska”

August 14 – “Of Mice and Men”

August 21 – Harry Potter Series

August 28 – “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”

INVITATION TO A BENEFIT CONCERT: John Knox Presbytery has passed this invitation (below) along on behalf of the musicians of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Pres House in Madison, WI. Please contact Melissa Hinz (mhinz@covenantmadison.org) or Joe Chrisman (westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net) for more information. Thanks!

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The strife and war in Ukraine has come to trouble us all. Yet, in the midst of such conflict, we must work even harder to share the love of Christ. It is in that spirit that the musicians of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Pres House invite your congregation to share music in a benefit program for Ukrainian relief efforts.

At **3:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 17**, we will gather at Covenant Presbyterian Church ([326 South Segoe Road](#)) for a musical program. Your congregation is invited to attend the program. If the musicians of your congregation are interested in sharing a musical offering in the program, they are invited to contact Melissa Hinz (mhinz@covenantmadison.org) at Covenant (608-233-6297) not later than June 30, 2022. The music offered can be of Ukrainian origin, but it does not have to be. The selection should, however, be limited in length to no more than 3 to 4 minutes.

Individuals may also choose to sing in a massed choir organized especially for the event. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evening, July 10, at 7:00 pm, and again on Thursday evening, July 14, at 7:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Singers may attend either one or both rehearsals and additional information is available from Melissa.

We look forward to seeing you on July 17 as we share our thoughts and prayers with those in need in Ukraine.



“God shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4)

On June 11, Pastor Scott joined with hundreds of volunteers, many of them Presbyterians, across the nation for the first National “Guns to Gardens” event. Pastor Scott volunteered at Midvale Lutheran Church in Madison. He was joined by Elder Lois from the Oak Park, Illinois Presbyterian Church, who works with him on the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention ministry.



“We have well over 400 million guns in the United States,” says Rev. Deanna Hollas, Coordinator of the Gun Violence Prevention Ministry of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, which supported the national event with a training program, in conjunction with the nonprofit group RAWtools. “There are many reasons that someone would surrender a gun. There may be conflict, illness or a crisis in a family. Older hunters and gun collectors may no longer feel that they can safely handle guns. Or they may have children and teenagers visiting in the home. Or law enforcement may have returned a gun to a family after their loved one used it in a suicide. The church is well-equipped to accompany gun owners through the surrender process. For the church to help turn guns into garden tools can provide hope and healing to communities that have been traumatized by gun violence. It

also challenges our national and state elected officials to do everything they can to save lives.” (Press Release quote through the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and Presbyterian Outlook)

**COMING TO OCPC AND CAMBRIDGE
GUNS TO GARDENS
SUNDAY, JULY 24 10 AM**



ON SUNDAY, JULY 24, Jeff Wild, a retired Lutheran minister in Madison, who is now doing Blacksmithing, will be our guest for worship. Like Pastor Scott, and many of us, Jeff felt like he needed to turn his prayers into action. He decided to participate in a national movement called “Guns to Gardens.” Jeff takes donations of guns, disassembles them, and then melts the metal parts down, to forge them into garden tools, using the wood for the handles. He will have enough gun parts for his demonstration, however, he said if someone wants to donate a gun they know longer use, he will trade them for a garden tool he has made from another gun.



https://captimes.com/news/forge-peace-retired-madison-pastor-hammers-guns-into-garden-tools/article_f01cc4df-59b2-5b5a-8e76-a2cca769ce43.html?fbclid=IwAR3S9z4srQeerN7tnUw7GCdqS4U2rSlnP3q51kiqHDXlt1Uza-LkN7HmeB4

The following provides more information about this national Movement.

<https://rawtools.org/>

Our nation has been through a variety of horrific events surrounding gun violence, and it has brought the conversation to the forefront of our current events and “water cooler” conversations. It has largely become a binary conversation of either more guns or more laws. RAW tools wants to open a new option, a third way: What if we made a commitment to solve our problems without guns and violence? By using weapons to make garden tools and other hand tools, we are creating a symbol for change and we’re asking you to participate, to dare to use our imaginations to change our impulse. Beating swords into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, and guns into garden tools creates a dynamic shift in our investment in time and resources. If we are no longer training for war, what else would we be doing? It doesn’t mean we are all to become gardeners, but it does mean we can invest in providing life sustaining resources for our communities. RAWtools’ mission to “disarm hearts and forge peace” is driven by our ability to make a choice about the tools we use to navigate conflict. As we lose more than 100 people a day to gun violence in the United States, it’s becoming more and more clear that guns have no place in conflict resolution. Many folks donate their guns to RAWtools because they realize they don’t need them anymore.

Our Sword to Plow program allows you to donate your gun to RAWtools and receive a garden tool from that gun for free.

RAWtools keeps any remaining parts to make more tools or items to raise money for our work. We walk you through the process of legally disabling your gun and connect you to our disarming network.



OCPC COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY... This year on **Saturday, July 30**, OCPC is once again helping with the Lake Ripley Ride To Cure Juvenile Diabetes. We will be volunteering at the London Community Center Rest Stop from 9am-1 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Pastor Scott know. If you are interested in riding in this family friendly event, here is the link to learn more:

<https://cambridgecap.net/programs/special-events-2/lake-ripley-ride-4-0/>

ANNUAL MEETING OF OCPC SUMMARY... This past Sunday, June 12, thirty members and friends of the congregation gathered the fellowship hall for worship, our annual congregational meeting, and our first pot-luck since the pandemic began. Pastor Scott led those gathered in a discussion on the changing ministry of the “Church” and what



our ministry at OCPC might look like in the future. Each week, Pastor Scott will lift up ideas for us to prayerfully consider. These are not recommendations, just “What if’s...” to see if some new, creative possibilities might emerge from you as members and friends of OCPC. What if... once a month, we had “dinner” worship, meeting around the tables in the fellowship hall, sharing a meal together, and having a conversation about topic relevant to the future of church? Some churches are already doing this type of ministry. Those attending are invited to bring a guest, some food to share, and an open heart and mind, as faith and spirituality topics are explored over a meal. What if we tried this at OCPC?

MISSION FUNDS! WE HAVE THEM! Over the past year, we have financially supported the LGBTQ+ ministry at Pres House, provided several meals for the students at Pres House, supported the mission to the Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy. We have also supported the Lake Ripley Juvenile Diabetes Ride both financially and by our presence at the London Community Center Rest Stop, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk. If you have suggestions for possible use of some of our funds, please speak with Pastor Scott or any of the Session members.



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Cereal, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Granola Bars, Crackers/Saltines, Cookies, Body Wash, Laundry 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 <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/> 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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MILESTONES

Birthdays

- Jamie Fieser Schauer June 17
- Julie Anderson June 21
- Lydia Meier June 22
- Marian Korth..... June 24
- Don Hawkins June 26
- Nancy Kristiansen July 1
- Bud Rumpf July 12
- Bobbi Rumpf July 14
- Staci Marrese-Wheeler July 17
- Nancy Breitsprecher July 18

- Ann Febock July 19
- Linda Porter July 20
- Patty Strohbusch..... July 25
- Bruce Erickson July 26
- Samuel Hanson July 28
- Sue Bettenhausen..... July 31
- Judy Pearson July 31

Anniversaries

- Michael & Linda Porter July 23

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

- Lorin Fulton
- Don Hawkins is in the Edgerton Care Center
- Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
- Jenine Spack

The families of Jack Spack, Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, 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

- Pastoral Office Hours – Generally 9:00 a.m. to Noon Wednesdays
- Business Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship;
Communion first Sunday of each month
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA

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