

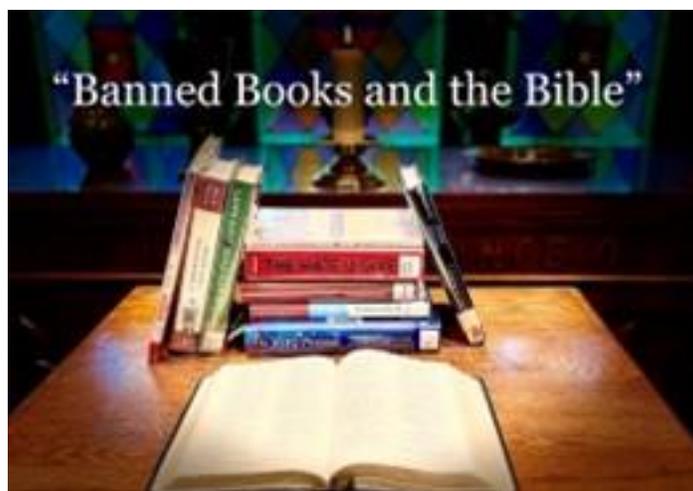
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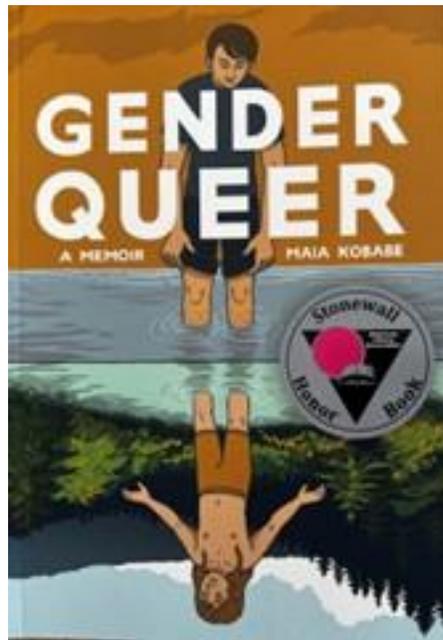


**A Matthew 25 Congregation
"Lord, When Did We See You...?"**

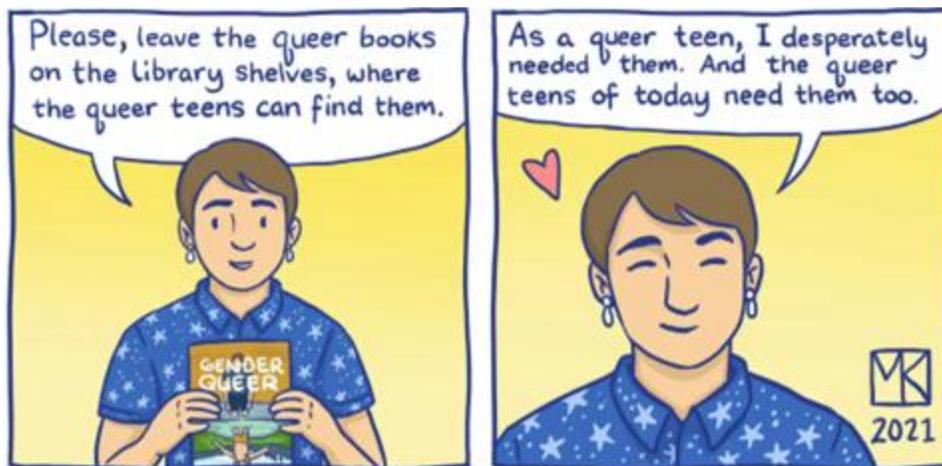


**"In the beginning, there was the Word; the Word was in God's presence,
and the Word was God."**

**JUNE 26
WORSHIP
10 AM**



“Maybe this whole gender identity and sexual orientation thing is a little more complex and expansive than we can glean from a 4,000 year old poem (Genesis 1-2), and maybe we should stop using it to destroy other people. Maybe, rather than shrinking God any longer, we need to release God from that confining space inside our heads... God is decidedly nonbinary, and that is really good news, because it means that we can discover the character of that God in every human being we encounter without exception.” John Pavlovitz, in *If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk*



THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26, we continue our “Banned Books and the Bible” sermon series. With June being “Pride Month,” we will be exploring several LGBTQIA+ (Queer) Books that have been banned. One of the more recent books, “Gender Queer” is facing a challenge by a few people in both Cambridge and McFarland Schools and Public Libraries. We will be reading a portion of a few of these books as we lift up the Scriptural images in

them, reflecting together on our call to see the Sacred Presence of the “Word” Made Flesh that dwells Among us and Within us. For this particular Sunday, we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Brenda Lovick. Pastor Brenda recently served the East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. A licensed Counselor, she is currently employed at the Samaritan Counseling Center in Monona. Brenda is also the President of the Cambridge Area pFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay) Group. OCPC supports this group as a financially contributing member. As a teacher, Pastor Scott is an educator Ally with the LGBTQIA+ student group.

Our accompanist is Karen Brunk. 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 26 - “Gender Queer,” “Lawn Boy” “I Am Jazz”

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”

IT IS WITH DEEP SADNESS we share that OCPC friend, Don Hawkins, husband of Margaret, died this past Friday. At this time, arrangements are pending. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers. Cards of condolence can be sent to 201 Highland Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523-9309.



“Lord, when did we see you...?”

THIS PAST FRIDAY, Pastor Scott in his work as a Service Associate with Gunderson Funeral Home, had the chance to share in a Celebration of Life for a gentleman who often took shelter at “The Beacon.” The Beacon is a day shelter located near the Capital Square in Downtown Madison. In his memory, his niece bought food for over 200 people. As we served the people, like the disciples, our eyes were opened to the presence of Christ. It would be wonderful if OCPC used some of its mission money to support the outreach of the Beacon.



ON JUNE 19, we had as our guest accompanist, Jimmy Paton. He played the guitar, sang, and led us in singing too. Jimmy has held positions of “worship leader” in several Madison area congregations. A worship leader is someone or a team of people who with the pastor, coordinated the music with the pastor(s), leading the congregation in singing. Sam Marrese-Wheeler is part of the worship team at Pres House. Many congregations are moving away from traditional organ and piano music to worship bands or an individual like Jimmy to enhance the music ministry on a Sunday morning. The Future Church will not

have organ music during worship. What if... OCPC used some of its investment funds to hire a musician like Jimmy to be a part of our worship on Sundays?

**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/forged-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/>

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:

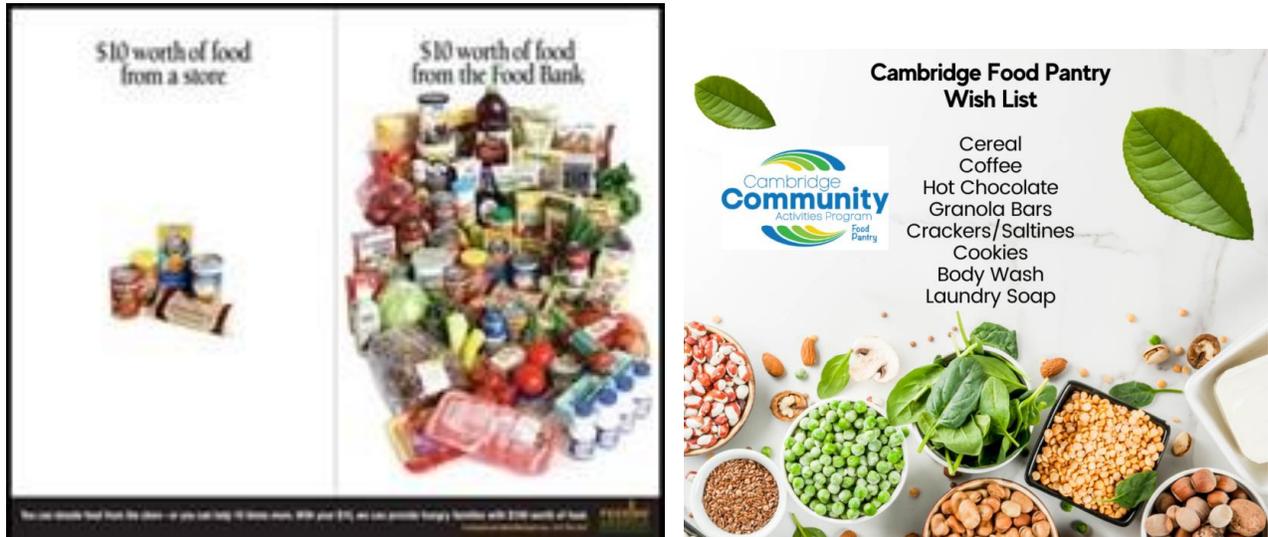
The strife and war in Ukraine has come to trouble us all. Yet, in the midst of such conflict, we must work even harder to share the love of Christ. It is in that spirit that the musicians of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Pres House invite your congregation to share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

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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