

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

10 AM – 12 NOON

OCPC PARKING LOT

ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, we will be joining the nationwide Guns to Gardens Gun Buy Back event. Our event will be held from 10 am - 12 noon.

The Rev. Jeff Wild, who was our guest back in July, Pastor Scott, Pastors Eric and Jennifer Jelinek, volunteers from OCPC, the Cambridge area and Madison will be assisting at our event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Scott pjscott@icloud.com or leave a message with Ruth at the church office office@OCPChurch.com We need volunteers to greet people as they arrive off of Highway 12, checking them in at the next station, walking beside their vehicle to the gun drop off location (near our back entrance), assisting with gift card distribution, exiting direction, refreshments, along with set-up and clean-up.



We are performing the service of dismantling unwanted guns for gun owners who want the assurance their gun will not be used for future harm. All guns must be unloaded. We do not accept ammunition. Those bringing guns will be instructed to have them in the trunk or back of their vehicle. Trained volunteers will be the ones to handle the unwanted guns, checking to make sure the weapons are indeed not loaded.

Those donating dismantled gun parts will receive gift cards to Pick-n-Save grocery stores.

If you have an unwanted gun(s), all you need to do is on the morning of December, make sure your gun (handgun, rifle, shotgun, assault rifle, machine gun, semi-automatic rifle, AR-15) is unloaded. Then safely place them in the trunk or back of your vehicle. You will drive to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church (313 E. Main Street), entering off Highway 12. You will be greeted as you enter and then instructed on the drive-thru event, never having to leave your vehicle.

Gift Cards: **\$50 for a rifle or shotgun;**
 \$150 for a handgun;
 \$250 for an automatic or semiautomatic



DECEMBER 4
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
“PEACE”
CELEBRATION ON COMMUNION
10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, is the second Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the Advent Candle of Peace on this Second Sunday of Advent. Our Scripture readings for this Sunday are from Isaiah 11:1-11 and Matthew 3:1-3. We will also be celebrating the Joyful Feast of the People of God. Following worship we will have a congregational meeting for the election of new church Elders to the Session.

Our accompanist is Karen Tordera. 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.”

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 FOLLOWING WORSHIP. The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to hear the report of the Nomination Committee and elect the two new church Elders, Joe Leto and Melanie Rumpf.



(Photo by Charleen Janus)

THANK YOU to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! As always, it looks beautiful!

December Worship Schedule

December 11 – Advent 3: “Joy” or “Shepherds” We will have a special liturgy for “Healing and Wholeness” as we face the seasonal darkness struggles of grief that the holidays bring to many of us.

December 18 – Advent 4: “Love” This Sunday we are planning a service of special Christmas music with guest musicians Marian Korth, Mare Stewart and her quartet, Sam Marrese-Wheeler on guitar, along with possibly other Madison area musicians. Since we do not have a choir or perform a cantata, we decided that this would be a wonderful way to celebrate as we head into Christmas. Join us for this fest service.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship at 5 p.m. We will gather to listen to the story told in Matthew and Luke, sing carols, celebrate communion, and end our service with the traditional candle lighting and singing of Silent Night.

December 25 – No Sunday Worship. Merry Christmas!

January 1 – Special Meditative Communion Worship

POINSETTIAS: This year, we are again inviting people to donate a poinsettia. If you would like to purchase one, we invite you to do so, **bringing them to the church on Sunday, December 11.**

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.

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase.

Gifts can be made online by clicking [here](#), or by making out a check to OCPC with the comment “Hurricanes.” Donations will be forwarded to PDA.

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS: Piggly Wiggly receipts are due at the church on **Sunday, December 18.** The monies received from the Piggly Wiggly receipts will be used to support the local food pantries. The amount collected in 2022 of \$285 was sent to the Cambridge Food Pantry to help with holiday baskets.

DO YOU NEED A HANDYMAN? – OCPC friend David Ludington is interested in doing some handyman work. If you have some little projects around your house, please talk to David at church, call 608-480-9448, or email him at numberonedad1989@gmail.com.

MISSION FUNDS! The Session voted to donate \$100 of our mission funds to support the work of the Trevor Project. The Trevor Project is the world’s largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) young people. Pastor Scott also made a personal donation which was matched by his other employer, Gunderson Funeral Home. If you would like to learn more about the Trevor Project, click on this link: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/explore/>
If you have a Mission or non-Profit that fits into the ministry and mission of OCPC, please speak with Pastor Scott.



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Soup (variety of canned soup), Corned Beef Hash, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, other canned meals and pastas, Crackers (Saltines, Ritz, etc.), Baked Beans, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Pancake Syrup, Shampoo and Conditioner, Men’s and Women’s Deodorant, Razors, Bath Soap, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste. 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!

November 22, 2022



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
“HOPE”
NOVEMBER 27
10 AM**

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the first candle of Advent – “Hope.” We welcome back to our pulpit, the Rev. Hugh Drennan. Our accompanist is Angie Williams. Pastor Scott has the Sunday off.



HANGING OF THE GREENS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 9 AM. We will be meeting at the church at on Saturday, November 26 to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please consider helping as we prepare for the holiday season at OCPC.

November 15, 2022



Image Source: Dance for All People

NOVEMBER 20
10 AM
THANKSGIVING THEME



THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, our worship theme will be around Thanksgiving. In our faith story, we know that as the Hebrew people crossed over the Jordon River into the new land, people already lived there. When the first settlers arrived in our area and the land that the first Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church was built on, as was our own current building and community, the First Peoples of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi Nation lived here. In honoring their presence on this land, and remembering with gratitude what

we have come to learn about caring for creation and the Creator, our worship this Sunday will reflect Psalms of Thanksgiving (Psalm 107, Psalm 23), Scripture reading (John 17:20-23), hymns and sung response, and sacred words from the Thanksgiving Address of the Haudenosaunee people. “The Thanksgiving Address acts as a traditional thanksgiving by acknowledging the Haudenosaunee people, the earth, the animals, and the Creator. Through this process of thanksgiving, the Haudenosaunee worldview is expressed and defined, presenting interconnectedness and interdependence with nature, the earth and human beings.”

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: St. Pius X Catholic Church will be hosting a community Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. on Sunday November 20. Pastor Scott will not be able to participate. Prior to the date being selected, he and Staci had already purchased tickets to see the musical, “Come From Away” at the Overture Center as a part of his birthday gift.

November 8, 2022

Jim Schilleman Don Hawkins Jack Speck Chuck Piper

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nancy Ellen Sjoberg Ken Bilstad Dale Brierton Doreen Drennan

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses”

28 OCPC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS GATHERED ON NOVEMBER 6TH in the new “Scatter Garden” area of Lake Ripley Cemetery for our All Saints’ Sunday Service of Remembrance. We were blessed to have as our musical guest, Bill McInnes, who played his bagpipes. We lifted up the names our loved ones who have died over the past year, celebrated communion, and following the service, walked among our family, friends, and neighbors who are buried in Lake Ripley Cemetery.



“This flower blooming in November in the Scatter Garden symbolizes the promise that life always answers death!”



INVESTING IN OUR UNKNOWN FUTURE



NOVEMBER 13

10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, we finish our sermon series “How We Write The End of The Story”. The end of the story hasn’t been written yet. The Spirit of Christ is inviting small membership churches like ours to explore new and creative ways to utilize our resources and buildings for ministry beyond Sunday mornings. We will be reflecting on what this meant for past OCPC members and the challenges they faced and what it means for us today, as we seek to offer hope for a future at OCPC in the Cambridge community. Our Scripture is from Matthew 25:14-30.

Our accompanist is Karen Brunk. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCCambridgeWI>. 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.”

What Is Christian Nationalism and Why is It Dangerous?

Over the past year, we have heard in the news and from some elected national political leaders and religious figures the phrase “Christian Nationalism”, as they speak about America being founded as a “Christian Nation”. This is a myth. Christian Nationalism is a dangerous political ideology, and has nothing to do with Christianity or the teachings of Jesus. When you study the use of this mixing of religious and political ideology, you will find it being used from the likes of the Roman Emperor Constantine to Hitler to White Supremacy Groups in our own nation. Since the January 6 Insurrection, this dangerous political ideology has become more mainstream, and has crept into our own communities, school boards, and even churches. It is important for us as followers of Christ Jesus to be aware of what it is, and who we are as followers of Jesus, so we can differentiate between the two. Below you will find some information. One is a link to an article from the National Council of Churches. Another is an article from Sojourners magazine. And the

third is a statement from a national Interfaith leaders group Christians Against Christian Nationalism which I signed.

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/common-witness-ncc/the-dangers-of-christian-nationalism-in-the-united-states-a-policy-statement-of-the-national-council-of-churches/>

<https://sojo.net/articles/what-does-white-christian-nationalism-even-mean-anyway>

<https://act.faithfulamerica.org/signup/christian-nationalism-resources/?t=3&akid=7626%2E587502%2EEZ-5D2>

- Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America’s constitutional democracy. Christian nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy and racial subjugation. We reject this damaging political ideology and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.
- As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that: People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.
- Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.
- One’s religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one’s standing in the civic community.
- Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.
- Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.
- America’s historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.
- Conflating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginalized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.
- We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation—including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship—against religious communities at home and abroad.
- Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue, or temple, America has no second-class faiths. All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: The Cambridge Area Food Pantry is once again looking for donations to help with their growing number of Thanksgiving Food Baskets. While Second

Harvest Food Bank will help with the main items, the various churches are providing different items to supplement those items. OCPC has made a financial donation to cover any needed items **If you wish to assist us, we ask that you make a financial donation which we will forward to them.** You can bring it to the church on Sunday or stop by the office in the morning, Monday – Thursday. Currently, the Food Pantry is planning on 100 baskets with a deadline of Sunday, November 14.

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – On **Sunday November 13th at 1 PM**, Nitardy Funeral Home is hosting a celebration at 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them. The program will give helpful suggestions for managing your grief during the holidays. Please RSVP at 920-563-5898 or nitardy@nitardyfuneralhome.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Cambridge FFA/FFA alumni are having their "all you eat" pancake breakfast **Sunday November 13th** at the CHS commons from 7:30 till noon. Tickets are available at "The Pig" and both banks in Cambridge, from FFA members, and at the door. Come and support this children's education fund raiser.

November 1, 2022

Fall Back!

**Remember to set your clocks back one hour
before you go to bed Saturday night!**





**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6
10 AM
LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY
(WEATHER PERMITTING)**

On Sunday, November 6, we will gather in Lake Ripley Cemetery (weather permitting) for our annual All-Saints' Sunday Communion Service. If the weather does not permit, we will gather in the sanctuary for the service. Whether at the cemetery or in the sanctuary, we will be remembering our loved ones who died over the past year. If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned in the liturgy, please send us an email at office@OCPChurch.com or pscottmw@icloud.com. Special Music will be provided by Bill McInnes, a professional bagpiper. Bill works with Pastor Scott at Gunderson Funeral Home as a Service Associate.



About Bill McInnes:

Canadian born transplanted bagpipe player

Pipe Major of several bands over the past years including:

Zor Shrine Pipes and Drums, Madison Wisconsin

Badger Pipes and Drums, Madison Wisconsin

Bravest and Finest Memorial Pipe Band, Madison, Wisconsin

Pipes and Drums of the Celtic Brigade, Madison, Wisconsin

Competed with bands in the Mid-West Pipe Band Association

Billy Mitchell Scottish Milwaukee, Wisconsin

La Crosse District Pipes and Drums La Crosse, Wisconsin

Badger Pipes and Drums Madison, Wisconsin

Currently Pipe Major and instructor of The Pipes and Drums of the Celtic Brigade.



Election Day is Tuesday, November 8

Remember to Vote!

For voting information see: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

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>)

DONATE ONLINE TO OUR CHURCH, Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge, using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for “Vanco Mobile” 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

- Richard Trailer.....December 3
- Ralph SpauldingDecember 4
- Jan KristiansenDecember 5
- Kari BettenhausenDecember 6
- Cheryl BettenhausenDecember 9
- Mardy SchillemanDecember 12
- Trevor Leto.....December 13
- Mike StitzDecember 19

- Stan LundDecember 21
- Matt Meier.....December 23
- Phillip YeadonDecember 28
- Larry JensenDecember 29
- Rose Ann West.....December 30

Anniversaries

- Dale & Ann FebockDecember 28

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton

Margaret Hawkins

Linda Johnson

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

Evelyn Reiner

Mardi Schilleman

Marilyn Schuster

Jenine Spack

The people impacted by Hurricanes Fiona, Ian and Nicole

The families of Caleb Wipperfurth (CHS graduate who died of cancer), Jim Schilleman, Donald Hawkins and 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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