

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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**175TH ANNIVERSARY OF OCPC
MARCH 3, 1849 – MARCH 3, 2024**

The Session has begun planning for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of OCPC which will take place in 2024. Watch for further details from the Session in the coming months.



“It matters that we hold the light for one another. It matters that we bear witness to the Light that holds us all, that we testify to this Light that shines its infinite love and mercy on us across oceans, across borders, across time. Who holds the light for you?” Jan Richardson

MARCH 19
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
WORSHIP
10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 19: This Sunday, we continue our Lenten Sermon series: “Walking the Road of Sorrow: The Endurance of Love Along a Trail of Tears and Grief.” This Sunday, we will be exploring how we can bear the sacred Light and Love for one another and the world, in times of grief and sorrow. Our text is John 9:1-41. We will be reading this text as a readers’ theatre.

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.”

WITHOUT “U” THERE IS NO “CH-RCH”



You may recall the Sunday School saying “Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the door, and see all the people.” We have been missing many of “U” at church over the past months. Winter months are always a challenge to get out, and many of you have other commitments with family and in the community, still, it would be wonderful to have you join us for worship during these last Sundays of Lent as we head into Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

SMALL CHURCHES IN CAMBRIDGE/DEERFIELD AREA GATHERING: On Tuesday, February 28, leaders from 5 area churches (Rockdale Lutheran, OCPC, London Moravian, Deerfield Lutheran, and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian in Cottage Grove) gathered at the Galleria in Cambridge. The reason for the gathering of these specific congregations was our commonality. Each averages around 20 people in worship or less. All 5 of the churches are geographically close to each other. All 5 are struggling financially, each in their own way with aging buildings and aging membership. Of the 5, only 3 are served by a part-time pastor. Of those 3, two are retired and serving less-than-part-time. OCPC is the only one who is being served by a pastor who is not retired. The other churches would like

to find even a retired pastor to assist them, but do not have the finances to do so at this time.

We introduced ourselves, shared briefly about how many we had in worship each Sunday, how pastoral leadership was being handled for each congregation. In our discussion, we talked about being a people of faith and this gathering being a Pentecost-like moment with Spirit inviting us to leave our buildings to gather out in the community together to do a new thing. To this end, everyone who was present, agreed they wanted to continue this conversation. We will be gathering for another conversation on Tuesday, April 18 at 1 pm at the Galleria (Millie's Coffee).

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: In response to the recent catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the Session of OCPC approved a gift of \$500 of our mission money to be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Mark Touhey shared with the Session that he and Judy had hosted an exchange student years ago from Turkey. They have remained in contact with her and have heard from her recently. But she and her family have many acquaintances in the affected area that they are unable to contact. Bud and Bobbi Rumpf also have lived in Turkey when they were teaching. So far, over 40,000 lives have been lost. The devastation is massive. In addition to the financial gift from OCPC, individuals who wish to make a financial gift to this relief effort, may do so through Presbyterian Church Disaster Assistance Agency listed below or by sending it to OCPC marked for earthquake relief. Thank you.



The scale of the disaster facing Syria and Turkey after the Feb. 6 earthquake is becoming clearer. The 7.8-magnitude quake and its aftershocks have left more than 11,000 people

dead and thousands more injured; these numbers will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

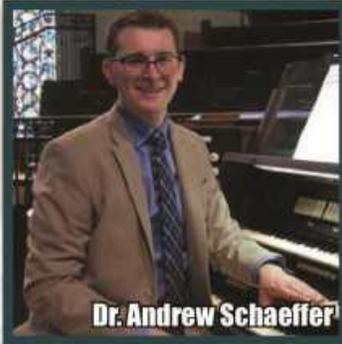
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through long-standing partners in Syria, in addition to ACT Alliance members in Syria and Turkey, all of whom are already on the ground. PDA will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Financial support for relief efforts can be made [online by clicking here](#), or by check made payable to OCPC with "Earthquake Relief" written on the memo line.

Historic Organ Recital

First Presbyterian Church of Waunakee, WI

Sunday, March 19, 2023 - 2 PM

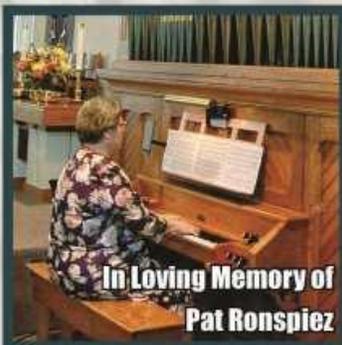


First Presbyterian will host an organ recital on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2 pm featuring highly regarded organist Dr. Andrew Schaeffer, Director of Music at the Luther Memorial Church in Madison, WI. The recital will be dedicated to the life and service of Pat Ronspiez who served as organist at FPC for 37 years.

Our historic 1873 Schuelke organ built in Milwaukee, WI and rebuilt by Wahl Organ Builders of Appleton, WI in 1992.

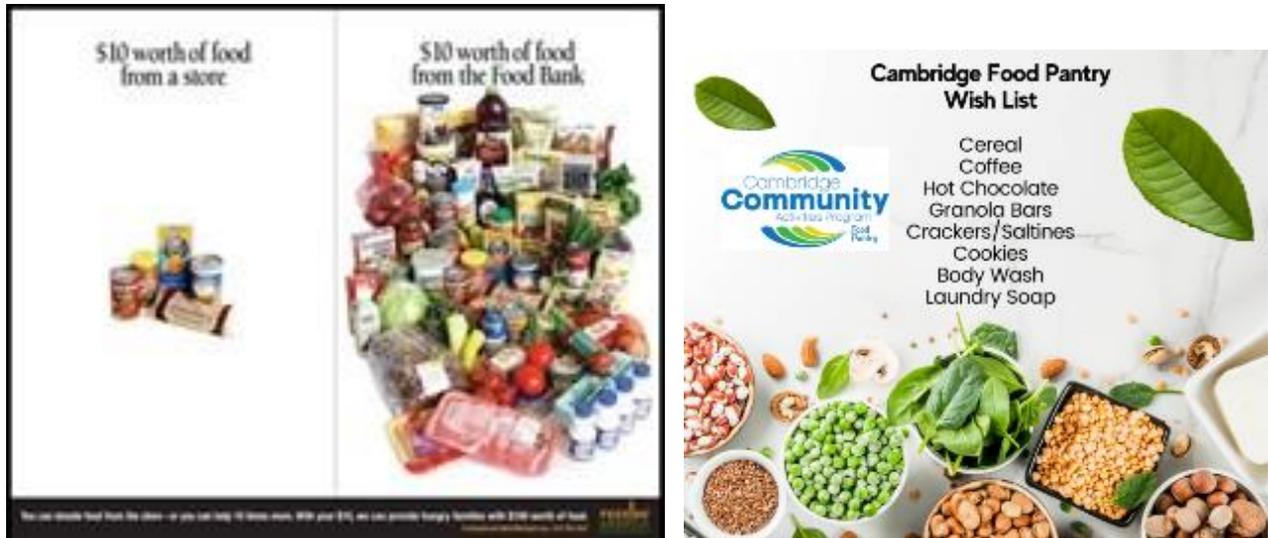


Dr. Andrew Schaeffer is the Director of Music at Luther Memorial Church, Madison, Wisconsin. A Chicago native, Schaeffer holds degrees from St. Olaf College, Yale University and a doctoral degree from the University of Oklahoma. Andrew's responsibilities include playing organ for Sunday services, directing the children, youth and adult choirs, various instrumental ensembles and overseeing the general music ministry of the congregation. He has been at Luther Memorial Church since 2018. Schaeffer is also editor-at-large of *The Diapason*, a nationally published organ and church music magazine.



There will be a free will offering with 90% going to the Waunakee High School Music Department for the purchase of a new grand piano and 10% towards church mission projects.

Any questions should be directed to
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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!

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