

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ROMAN LETO

This past Sunday, OCPC honored our own Roman Leto, as he prepares to graduate from Cambridge High School on June 4, 2023. It was a wonderful morning reflecting on his faith journey growing up in the church and growing up in faith and life, as we blessed him and offered our prayers to him and his father, Joe. Then we had cake! Roman plans to attend UW-Whitewater in the fall. Congratulations, Roman!





**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. March 3, 2024 is a Sunday. While we will celebrate our anniversary on that day, the Session is looking at late June weekend when we can hold a Saturday anniversary celebration in the Lake Ripley Cemetery where the original church was established, followed by a picnic in the shelter at Lake Ripley Park. There is a gate which we can use to allow us access to both locations. Then on Sunday, we would have a special worship celebrating our 175th Anniversary.



MAY 28
PENTECOST SUNDAY
10 AM
PLEASE WEAR RED!



JESUS MAFA. Pentecost in Acts 2; Cameroon, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 28: is Pentecost Sunday, when we in the Christian tradition tell the story of the Holy Spirit, giving new life to the followers of Jesus, who had been locked

up inside of the walls of a house, afraid of the unknown future before them without Jesus. The Spirit of God suddenly like a rush of mighty wind, blows open the doors, sending them out into the world to share the Good News of God's love for all people, and they go in all directions, leaving the safety of rooms to follow the Spirit's leading. Pentecost Sunday is always a Sunday and a season of the liturgical year for followers of Christ to reflect together on how we are still be called by the Spirit out into the world beyond the comfort and safety of our church walls to share the Good News of Christ's love through our presence in the community today.

Our accompanist is Angie Williams. 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."



"The Holy Spirit Arrives" by Douglas Blanchard

SMALL CHURCHES IN CAMBRIDGE/DEERFIELD AREA GATHERING:

Today, May 23, at 3 p.m., at the Keystone Grill, lay leaders from 5 area churches (Rockdale Lutheran, OCPC, London Moravian, Deerfield Lutheran, and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian in Cottage Grove) will continue their conversation about how we can join together to provide an active community ministry and mission presence in the area. This is a cutting-edge conversation that has drawn the attention of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, John Knox Presbytery and the ELCA South Central Synod, as many other small churches face similar challenges in the near future. For this meeting, we are planning a common event to be held out in the community together. Pastor Scott has been helping to

facility this conversation. He would love to have other lay leaders from OCPC join him as we make plans for this joint mission/ministry event.

Our conversation is not the only one taking place among small churches connected geographically. This type of conversation is happening across the United States as small membership congregations who are seeing a decline in membership and an aging congregation find new, creative ways to continue to live into an active future ministry together. One group of churches in Montana came together, as we are doing here in our area, and after similar conversations, formed a new “parish” called the Milk River Parish, consisting of 5 churches. You can read about their journey here:

<https://www.blainecountyjournal.com/story/2022/07/20/news/new-parish-has-a-new-name-milk-river-churches/7885.html>



WEAR ORANGE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The United States has faced at least 210 [mass shootings](#) (and counting) so far this year, according to the [Gun Violence Archive](#). There have been more mass shootings than days in 2023. As followers of Christ, and Children of God, we are called to beat our weapons into instruments of healing. (Isaiah 2:1-8). Jesus tells us to put away our swords (guns) for those who live by them will die by them. (Matthew 26) At OCPC, we have participated in a national gun buyback event, and a Guns-to-Gardens event with Pastor Jeff Wild.

This year, we once again unite in our call to end gun violence as we come together for Wear Orange. We honor the communities shattered by gun violence alongside the 120 people who are shot and killed, and hundreds more who are wounded, every day in our country. Together, we call for meaningful action to save lives.

We should not have to live in fear that gunfire can ring out at any moment, whether it's at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, while grocery shopping at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, a party in San Bernardino, or graduations across the country. We deserve more. Raise awareness by participating in Wear Orange online and in your community on June 2, 3, 4.



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

ANNUAL MEETING AND BBQ DATE SET: The Session is calling for the annual meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, June 11 following worship. We are planning to grill Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs and have some sides to offer as well. **Some of the things we will be discussing at our annual meeting will be plans for the 175th Anniversary celebration, a discussion about selling the manse, improvements at Lake Ripley Cemetery, budget challenges, and the challenges we face as an aging congregation with declining attendance.**



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!

SAVE THE DATE!

LAKE RIPLEY RIDE

JULY 29, 2023

**RIPLEY PARK
CAMBRIDGE, WI**

18, 40, 62 MILE DISTANCES



A banner for the Lake Ripley Ride. On the left is a stylized logo with a bicycle and the text 'Lake Ripley Ride cambridge, wi'. In the center is the JDRF logo with the tagline 'IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES. RIDE TO CURE DIABETES'. On the right is the Cambridge Community Activities Program logo. At the top right of the banner, it says 'ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the website 'WWW.LAKERIPLEYRIDE.COM' in white text, flanked by two white circles.

OCPC VOLUNTEERING FOR LAKE RIPLEY RIDE: Our Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is again volunteering to staff the London rest stop for the Lake Ripley Ride! When? **Saturday, July 29 from about 9am-12noon.** Proceeds equally benefit JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and the Cambridge Community Activities Program. Please save the date if you can help. We'd love to have you join us a volunteer! **T-shirt orders will be coming soon, so if you want to volunteer, let us know!**

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

Andy Rumpf May 25
Neal Traeder June 6
Paul Anderson..... June 8
Emily Hanson June 13
Jamie Fieser Schauer June 17
Julie Anderson June 21

Lydia Meier June 22
Marian Korth..... June 24

Anniversaries

Michael & Melanie Rumpf..... May 31
Virgil & Kristine Runge..... June 6

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Barbara Baker (Judy Pearson’s sister)
Charleen Janus
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Marilyn Schuster

Victims of the growing number of Mass Shootings and gun violence in our nation.
Those recovering from storm damage across the United States.

The family of Betty Mennenga (mother of Angie Williams), 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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