

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

October 31, 2017



**Fall Back! Retreat! Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday (2 a.m. if you want to be exact), so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!**



**NOVEMBER 5 - ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND**

**COMMUNION...** This Sunday, we will be remembering the lives of our saints who have lived and now live eternally in God's loving Presence with a special liturgy followed by communion.

**WISCONSIN ANTI-VIOLENCE EFFORT (WAVE) LOBBY DAY IS NOV. 1.**

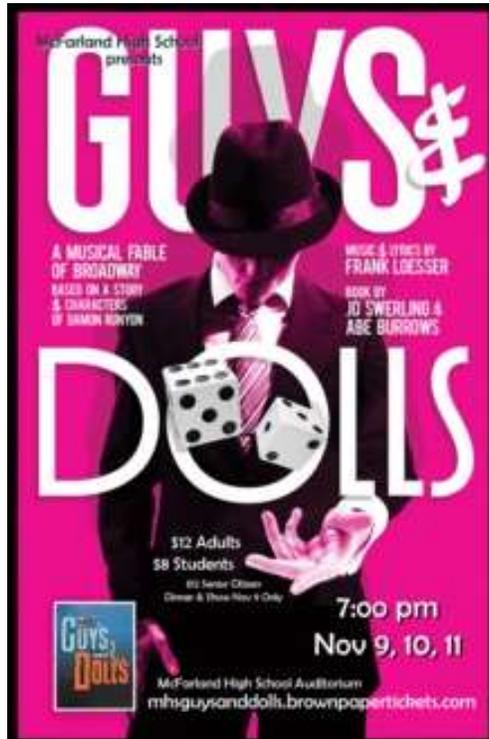
Pastor Scott will be joining hundreds of other Wisconsin Citizens at the State Capitol tomorrow. Our purpose is to encourage our state representatives (Senator Fitzgerald and Rep. Kleefisch for Cambridge) to enact Laws that would prevent the growing epidemic of Gun Violence. One major bill up for votes would allow anyone 18 or older to purchase a gun or semi-automatic weapon without a background check, training or license. This bill would also drop the "Gun Free School Zone" allowing people coming on to school property to carry loaded weapons in their vehicles and carry them into schools and sporting events.

While schools may post “No Weapons Allowed,” this bill changes the penalty for doing so from a felony to a simple misdemeanor Trespass. Pastor Scott has long been involved in working to end gun violence and advocating for common sense laws. He has preached several sermons on our response to gun violence as followers of Christ. In addition, He has testified at several public hearings around these bills. Here are two links for those of you interested in learning more about WAVE: <http://waveedfund.org/2017/10/09/join-us-for-lobby-day-2017/> and <http://waveedfund.org/>



**HALLOWEEN PARTY!** A fun time was had by 12 children and youth this past Sunday as they gathered for a Halloween Party at OCPC! Dressed in costumes, they enjoyed pizza, spooky snacks, and a movie! Thank you to **Renee Roland Johnson, Melanie Rumpf,** and **Kari Bettenhausen** for planning the event!

**HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING...** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Special Hurricane Relief Offering. People generously contributed \$615.00 towards our gift of \$3,000. A check has been sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency



**THE MUSICAL GUYS AND DOLLS...** will be performed at McFarland High School on November 9, 10, & 11. Showtime for each performance is 7pm. Two of our youth, Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Matthew Mandli are in the cast. Sam is playing Nathan Detroit. Matthew is a part of the gang of gamblers, and will be sharing a special talent but it does not involve a yo-yo! Thursday, November 9, there is a meal for seniors prior to the show. Here is a link to a preview of their performance:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=16&v=sUSbfBDpdHE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=16&v=sUSbfBDpdHE)

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24...** is on a Sunday. The Session, after discussion, has decided to hold one service on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. This will be our traditional Candlelight Communion Service. There will be no morning service.

**KUDOS:**

Thank you to **Kay Lund, Patricia Strobusch, Judy Pearson, Jo Kubina, Jenine Spack, Judy Schroeder, Mark Touhey** for delivering Meals-on-Wheels. (Judy P., I hope you were able to clean the soup from your car!)

Thank you to those who donated food for the fellowship meal after the Pres House service on October 29: **Randy Johnson, Renee Roland Johnson, Linda Porter, Judy Pearson, Charleen Janus, Cheryl Bettenhausen** and **Joe Leto**. We served about 50 people. People who attended the event were **Linda Porter, Randy Johnson, Angela Stitz, Cheryl Bettenhausen,** and **Mike & Cheryl Stitz**.

October 24, 2017



***EAT, DRINK AND***

***WATCH A SCARY MOVIE!***

**Bring a friend, Wear Your Costume &**

***JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HALLOWEEN FUN!***

***Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm***

***Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church***

***313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523***

***Hosted by Youth Group & Christian Education***

**PRES HOUSE AND OCPC...** On Sunday, October 29, OCPC will be making its annual trip to the UW campus to worship with and serve the meal to the students who attend worship at Pres House, our Presbyterian campus ministry center on Library Mall. Mike and Cheryl Stitz are coordinating the menu. They will be making Chili for the students. Volunteers are still needed to make and/or donate salad/salad dressing, French bread, crackers, dessert items, milk and soda. I will also have an area to sign up for carpooling. In addition to providing food and serving the meal to the students, we join them for their 4:30pm worship. If you have never been before, you are missing a great experience! Please consider joining us this year!

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.** This past Sunday, Pastor Scott addressed the issue of sexual violence and sexual harassment through the lens of the story of King David in 1 Samuel. Here is a link to his sermon:

<https://2revs.wordpress.com/2017/10/22/metoo-sexual-violence-against-women-and-god/>

**OCPC MISSION GIVING...** At a recent Session meeting, Session discussed our cash donations to various causes, including: Presbytery, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Heifer International, Presbyterian Women, and local charities. (Note: this is only cash donations, and does not include material gifts to the food pantry, the school supplies drive, etc.) It was noted that twelve years ago we donated over \$6,000 in cash to various causes, and this year we anticipate that total to be closer to \$1,500. Session is wrestling with how we can more Christian and giving in monetary support of others while at the same time being sure to provide for the needs of our church. Session wrestles with this dilemma over its dual missions, and is sure open to suggestions from the congregation!

**PARKING LOT GARDEN...** OK, we need to come up with a better name than that. But the area to the left as you enter the back door soon will be a flower garden.

Previously, the area had been blacktopped. However, there was no practical way to park there, and the black top was falling apart. The blacktop has been removed, and will be replaced with black dirt. We will be planting the area with colorful perennials. We have plans from Paul Haffely of McKay Nursery. We are hoping for an easily maintained but colorful addition. Paul helped us with the Peace Garden about 14 years ago and a redo of the front garden about seven years ago. However, the entrance most of us use has not been spruced up for almost 20 years.

Funds for the project come from Memorial funds from Bernice Gillingham and Howard Gaffney. We suspect Bernice would approve of flowers for the sanctuary coming from the parking lot!

October 17, 2017



**HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING...** At the 2016 National Presbyterian Youth Triennium on the campus of Purdue University, Pastor Scott was privileged to meet the youth and their leaders from Puerto Rico. He has been in contact with their adult leaders. They are all safe, but like the vast majority of people, they are in need of more than paper towels. Our special offering for hurricane relief, shared with the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency, will be used to help the people and churches of Puerto Rico as well as the many other islands and states that have suffered devastation from these hurricanes, and now the wildfires.

**TO DATE, WE HAVE RECEIVED \$500 OF OUR \$3,000 GOAL. Please make your checks out to OCPC, designating them to Hurricane Relief.** You can also give with a credit card by visiting <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/> or by phone at 800-872-3283. Designate gifts to DR000194-Atlantic Regional Hurricanes.

**MEALS ON WHEELS... VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** OCPC will be delivering meals on wheels on October 16 – 27, if you can help deliver meals contact Cheryl Stitz at 608-423-4539. If you know of someone that is in need of this service you can contact Marlene Hussy, meals on wheels coordinator, at 608-423-3773.

**ARE YOU MISSING A SERVING DISH?** Thank you to everyone who has supported our potluck meals and fund raisers this past year. We have enjoyed a number of delicious meals!

However, our kitchen has now accumulated a number of unclaimed serving dishes and pans. They are currently in a box on the south kitchen counter. Please check them out and remove any that belong to you. **After Sunday, October 22, we will be sending unclaimed dishes to St. Vincent's.**

October 10, 2017

**HURRICANE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING...**With Hurricanes Harvey and Irma recently hitting our coastal areas in several states and now with Hurricanes Jose and Maria following, there is a growing need for relief assistance. While there are many ways to help, and the need is great, at this time, after doing some research, the best way we as a congregation can help is by making a financial donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. We will be taking up a special offering over the next couple of weeks. **Please make your checks out to OCPC, designating them to Hurricane Relief.** We will then send one check from the church to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund. The Session is challenging our congregation to give up to \$3,000 to this offering. You can also give with a credit card by visiting <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/> or by phone at 800-872-3283. Designate gifts to DR000194-Atlantic Regional Hurricanes.

**NEW SANCTUARY STORMS...** Hopefully, everyone has had the opportunity to admire our new windows – far more efficient, easier to use, easier to clean, allowing fresh air into our church. We are thrilled with the results.

We would now like to turn our attention to the storm windows in the sanctuary. Our current aluminum storms have held up well enough for thirty years or more. However, we are interested in replacing the storms with new glass – preferably without the divider that mars the beauty of our stained glass. Our current storms are drafty and rather ugly. The new storms would be sealed and inoperable, so that they would provide greater efficiency. They would be of stronger glass surrounded by durable white PVC. Next time you look at our stained glass windows, think of how we could make them more attractive while conserving more energy.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “The heart is the inner face of your life. The human journey strives to make this inner face beautiful. It is here that love gathers within you. Love is absolutely vital for a human life. For love alone can awaken what is divine within you. In love, you grow and come home to your self. When you learn to love and let yourself be loved, you come home to the hearth of your own spirit. You are warm and sheltered.”

— John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*

October 3, 2017

**ON MONDAY MORNING**, we once again woke to the devastating news of yet another mass shooting in our nation. This one, in Las Vegas, is the deadliest to date in American history, replacing The Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando. The number of dead is reported at 59 with over 527 wounded. It's hard to even find words in response to such random madness and terror. Of course, we hold the victims and their families in our prayers for comfort and healing, but we are also called as Christians to respond with acts of love and work for justice. We need to talk about one another and our elected officials about sensible gun laws, funding for mental health services for all of our citizens, the glorification of violence in our culture, and many other topics. Here is a helpful article regarding being the church in such violent times: <https://careynieuwhof.com/thoughts-church-age-terror/>



**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DEAM COAT...** A small group from OCPC had a wonderful time watching our own Matthew Mandli perform in the Sun Prairie Civic Theatre's excellent production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat! Matthew played Gad, Jacob's son and one of Joseph's brothers. Great job, Matthew!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...** The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, October 8** following worship in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the recommendation of the Session to consider a change to the Bylaws around the size of the Board of Deacons and the Session, moving each board size from 7 to 5. The rationale is that for the size of our congregation (64 members) and as we age, the number of members available to serve is shrinking. The second purpose of our meeting is to hear the recommendation of the Session concerning the repaving our current parking lot by May 2018. An estimated cost of this project is around \$32,000. This includes tearing up the old blacktop, increasing the base, new blacktop, and then painting parking stalls.

For your review, here is the wording of our bylaws with the proposed changes to paragraphs 12 and 15. (The paragraphs are identical EXCEPT that #12 deals with ruling elders, and #15 with deacons.):

There shall be ~~seven (7)~~ **five (5)** ruling elders (deacons) divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at a congregational meeting for a three-year term. Each year, two (2) elders (deacons) shall be elected while every third year ~~a third~~ **only one** ruling elder (deacon) shall be elected, so that the total number of elders (deacons) is ~~seven~~ **five**. No ruling elder (deacon) shall serve on the Session for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year has elapsed.

**OUR SYMPATHY...** Please hold Charleen Janus, her son and daughter and their families in your prayers. Last Wednesday, Charleen's husband, Lawrence, passed away. The funeral was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Friday, September 29.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We lose eight children and teenagers to gun violence every day. If a mysterious virus suddenly started killing eight of our children every day, America would mobilize teams of doctors and public health officials. We would move heaven and earth until we found a way to protect our children. But not with gun violence." Elizabeth Warren

### **OUR CHURCH CALENDAR:**

(If you are able to volunteer to fill an opening, please call the church 608-423-3001. Thank you!)

- **Sunday, November 5** – All Saints' Day  
**2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends!** Turn clocks BACK one hour!  
**10:00 a.m.** Worship and communion  
Communion Servers: Judy Pearson  
Liturgist: Mare Stewart  
Ushers/Greeters: Nancy & Jan Kristiansen  
Fellowship Hosts: Nancy & Jan Kristiansen

- **Tuesday, November 7**  
6:00 p.m. Session
- **Sunday, November 12**  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School – Christmas Pageant Practice  
Special music by Mare Stewart , Lisa Leadholm and Cheryl Spore  
Liturgist: Mark Touhey  
Ushers/Greeters: Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen  
Fellowship Hosts: Mare Stewart  
11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.  
11:00 a.m. Deacons
- **Sunday, November 19**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School – Christmas Pageant Practice  
Liturgist: Judy Schroeder  
Ushers/Greeters: Trent & Kari Bettenhausen  
Fellowship Hosts: Sylvia & Larry Jensen
- **Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King Sun.** with guest pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan  
10:00 a.m. Worship – No Sunday School  
Liturgist: Jenine Spack  
Ushers/Greeters: Al Bettenhausen  
Fellowship Hosts: Mardy & Jim Schilleman; Judy Pearson
- **Saturday, December 2**  
9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for Advent
- **Sunday, December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and communion  
Communion Servers: Melanie Rumpf  
Liturgist: Grace, Roman & Trevor Leto  
Lighting of Advent Candles: OPEN  
Ushers/Greeters: Melanie Rumpf; Judy Pearson  
Fellowship Hosts: Judy Pearson  
11:00 a.m. Meeting of the Congregation.

**MILESTONES**

**Birthdays**

Charleen Janus.....	November 8	Richard Trailer.....	December 3
Kristine Runge.....	November 9	Jan Kristiansen .....	December 5
Kaila Rumpf.....	November 13	Kari Bettenhausen .....	December 6
Mare Stewart.....	November 17	Cheryl Bettenhausen .....	December 9
Cheryl Stitz.....	November 19	Trevor Leto.....	December 13
Derek Bettenhausen .....	November 20	Mike Stitz .....	December 19
David Rumpf .....	November 26	Stan Lund .....	December 21

**Birthdays**

Phillip Yeadon .....December 28  
Larry Jensen .....December 29  
Rose Ann West.....December 30

**Anniversaries**

Monty & Judy Pearson..... November 7  
Derek & Sue Bettenhausen ..... Nov. 16  
Kurt & Sandra Schimelpfenig..... Nov. 25  
Dale & Ann Febock .....December 28

**PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)  
Ken Bilstad  
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)  
Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen’s brother in Edinburg, Scotland)  
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)  
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)  
Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)  
Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen’s brother in Oslo, Norway)  
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)  
Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara’s husband, deploying to Iraq)  
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)  
Mary Trailer  
Jim Willmore

The family of Hal Shaw (friend of Marilyn Schuster); Carl Martin (Meg’s husband Bob Stilling’s uncle); Lawrence Janus (Charleen’s husband); Corinne Hommen (mother of Kris Runge) 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 Tuesdays
- Business Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship;  
                     Communion first Sunday of each month  
                     Sunday School 10:00 a.m. from September through May  
                     Fellowship & Refreshment following worship service each week.
- Monday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. – OA
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA
- Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at noon – Community Activities Program Senior Meal

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