

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING OMICRON SURGE



Due to the rising number of cases of the COVID virus and the strain on local hospitals to care for patients and bed space, we are encouraging everyone who is able to worship with us virtually on Sunday morning. While we will still offer an in-person option, we are strongly encouraging people to worship with us on-line instead of in-person. If you do attend in-person, please abide by the following:

1. Masks are required.
2. Sit spaced out in the sanctuary, suggested seating every other pew and only with your own household.
3. There will be no singing at this time, though music will still be offered.
4. Food Fellowship is suspended until further notice.
5. Refrain from close contact, hugging or handshaking.
6. If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so.

Fellowship Hour Suspended until February: Due to the highly contagious Omicron strain of the virus and mindful of the health and safety of all our members, we are suspending fellowship time following worship. Our hope is that once this current

strain peaks, hopefully by the end of January, we can resume food fellowship in February.



JANUARY 23
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 is the third Sunday of Epiphany. We will be exploring the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Luke 4:14-21, and how our ministry in the public embodies the words of Jesus. Our musician is Tordera, with special music by Tim McNurlen playing the guitar. We will be live-streaming this worship service on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI>



Worship in January

(We will continue with hybrid worship format)

January 23 - Special Musical Guest - Tim McNurlen on guitar

January 30 - Wear Your OCPC Shirts/Sweatshirts to Worship Sunday.



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are available in Fellowship Hall. You may pick them up any time.

MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION: The Session has voted to become part of the Matthew 25 ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), committing ourselves to becoming a more vital congregation in our community. During 2022 we will be exploring how we American life has changed radically over the past generation. The Christian share of the U.S. population is declining across every region, age and demographic group, and the number of adults who do not identify with any organized religion is growing. As a result, the church is no longer at the center of American culture. Some say the church is no longer relevant at all. As much as this new reality is alarming, it is also an opportunity for our

congregations, worshiping communities and mid councils to wake up and seize the moment.

What does it mean for us to commit to Congregational Vitality as a part of the Matthew 25 Project?

You might think that the vitality of a congregation or worshiping community is based on the number of members, the scope of programs, the size of financial gifts or some other statistics.

Not so — at least not entirely.

Rather, a community's vitality is primarily its spiritual strength and its capacity for purposeful mission. Congregational vitality is evident in a worshiping community when its structural systems, finances and discipleship practices are aligned in such a way that the community is actively engaged in the mission of God in their local community and the world, and they are powerfully focused on growing as disciples in the way of Jesus Christ. Faith comes alive when we boldly engage God's mission and share the hope we have in Christ.

What must we do to revitalize our own congregation?

To some extent, many local churches find themselves spiritually exhausted, financially fragile and structurally unsound. Sometimes, congregational life is discouraging — both for pastors and other church leaders who see apathy in their members, and for members who see the numbers in the pews declining year by year.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) has made a profound commitment to help you turn things around.

We propose that there are seven marks to help you determine your current level of vitality — and then various processes for self-assessment, discernment and renewed commitment to the habits that foster an energetic engagement with the Spirit's work in the world.

Here are the seven marks:

1. A commitment to forming disciples over every member's lifetime. This leads first to personal transformation, as people put on the heart of Christ, and then to social transformation, as people joyfully go forth into the community and tackle the issues facing today's culture.
2. Embracing the call to evangelism. We show forth the love of Christ by our actions and our lives even more than by our words. Our relationships are genuine and caring. People know we are Christians by our love.
3. An outward focus. Our church is not a place to escape from the world, but rather our gateway to our community where we may be the hands, feet, heart and mouth of Jesus Christ for people who are suffering or marginalized.
4. Empowering every member to discover their individual calling and the gifts God has given them so they can go forth and serve.

5. Spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts and energizes us so when we are sent out, we have experienced the wonder of God and are changed for the better from when we arrived.
6. Caring relationships modeled on God's love. We open our doors and hearts to all people, and we build relationships modeled on God's love, which leads to genuine reconciliation and peace.
7. Congregations with healthy systems. Our mission focuses are clear. There is fiscal responsibility and accountability. We have thoughtful decision-making structures. Our leaders and staff enjoy a sustainable balance of work/rest time.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in your communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness.

Did you know?

We are #tacklinghunger now! 1 in 6 American children are food insecure.

An estimated 111 million people watch the Big Game while 48 million Americans struggle with hunger. What if each person watching the game gave just one dollar to feed their neighbor in need? Don't sit on the sidelines.

Since 1999, OCPC has raised over \$2,600 and 953 food items for our local food pantry as a part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Started by the youth of the Springfield Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina as a way to raise awareness of food scarcity facing far too many people in our nation on a day when Americans consume the second most amount of food (Thanksgiving being the first). The Souper Bowl of Caring has grown into a national event on Super Bowl Sunday. We invite you to donate to this cause with either a financial gift or food items. All donations are shared with our local food pantry. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 13—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING... We will be collecting food items and monetary donations for the local Food Pantry. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have our annual soup lunch provided by Mike and Cheryl Stitz. However, please be generous in order to help the Cambridge Food Pantry!

OCPC HAS A MISSION FUND. The Session is looking for mission opportunities who might need our support. If you have a suggestion, please send it to pastor@ocpchurch.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR... On Sunday, January 30, OCPC will be providing the meal at Pres House. However, due to the COVID surge, we will be doing so through a catered meal and not in person. The Session has approved up to \$300 for this meal. If you wish to contribute to the cost, please send a check to the church office, noting it for the Pres House meal. Pastor Scott hopes to be able to attend the service and meal.



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Coffee, Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, Laundry detergent, Toothpaste, Body wash, Dog and cat food. 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 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>)

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

Margaret Hawkins January 20
Sam Marrese-Wheeler..... January 27
Judy Schroeder January 29
Libby Porter February 3
Michael Kennedy February 5
Megan Meier February 5
Cori Traeder February 6

Jenine Spack..... February 14
Jeremy Porter February 15
Ruth Poole February 20
Virgil Runge..... February 27

Anniversaries

JANUARY NONE
Jack & Jenine Spack February 11

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jack & Jenine Spack

The families of Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, 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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