Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church November 24, 2026

To Members and Friends of Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church,

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HANGING OF THE GREENS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 9 AM. We will be meeting at the church on Saturday, November 28 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. **If time permits, we will also look at doing some cleaning in the basement.**

OUR SEARCH FOR A PASTOR: As you know, Presbytery has not been able to help us in our search for a minister. And we are not alone. A while ago, I was told that twelve of the fifty-five churches in John Knox Presbytery are searching for ministers.

But recently, Presbytery has offered a new approach: help us to help ourselves. Here is how it works: several churches would send teams of individuals with an interest in church leadership. They meet with similar teams from other Presbyterian churches, and are trained over a two-year period to provide leadership within their church. The three main areas of study are preaching, planning a worship service, and pastoral care.

This team then uses their training to lead their church, reducing the need for a minister. (However, they cannot serve communion or lead Session.) The end result is that the members of the church are helping themselves, rather than waiting for Presbytery to find ministers. (A separate but related program Presbytery is looking at involves four churches hiring and sharing a single minister, who preaches, serves communion, hosts Session and arranges pastoral care one Sunday a month at each of the four churches, which do not have to be near to each other. The other Sundays churches would use pulpit supply and take care of themselves. This approach would provide a minimum of ministerial services to more churches.)

The program is being offered to up to six churches in the Presbytery. We have been advised that this program would be perfect for us. It comes at no cost to individuals involved, but requires a two year commitment to training. **We need to commit in December.** If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mark Touhey.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WORSHIP
10 AM



ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, our guest preacher will be Rev. Hugh Drennan. Our musician will be Karen Brunk. Please join us!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 29 following worship. This is for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing a church Elder for the Class of 2029, Renee Johnson. We will also elect two members of the Lake Ripley Cemetery Board for the Class of 2029.

POINSETTIAS NEEDED FOR THE SANCTUARY



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 6.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10 AM

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, our guest preacher will be Melissa Schmidt. Melissa is a candidate for ordination in the PC(USA) and is completing her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She is a ruling elder at her home church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Madison, where she has taught Sunday School for years. She is also a nonpartisan lawyer with the State of Wisconsin. She lives in Fitchburg with her husband, JR, and their three boys, Jacob, Andrew, and Noah. Our musician will be Marian Korth. **A fellowship meal is planned for after worship, allowing people to share a meal together who might eat by themselves.**

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for at-risk children, youth and young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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.

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS: Piggly Wiggly receipts are due at the church on **Sunday, December 20**. The monies received from the Piggly Wiggly receipts will be used to support the Bluejay Backpack program. The amount collected in 2026 was $345, part of which was used for Blue Jay backpacks, with the remainder sent to the Cambridge Food Pantry.

CAP SENIOR MEAL ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9: Served in our own Fellowship Hall at OCPC, the December meal will feature a Christmas ham dinner. Entertainment will be a program of Christmas music presented by Marian Korth and Mim Jacobson. Reservations can be made by calling 608-423-8142 (Food Pantry line), or emailing kmarren@cambridge.k12.wi.us. The cost is $5.00 per person. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and the meal is served at noon. Join us the second Wednesday of each month.

WE NEED YOU AS A LITURGIST!!!!!

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as liturgists. This is a great help as we welcome guest pastors to the pulpit.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

November 29 – Kris Runge 1st Sunday of Advent Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drennan)
December 6 – Randy Johnson (Guest Pastor Melissa Schmidt)
Dec. 13 – Kris Runge Service of Christmas Music & Carols (Guest Pastor Rev. Sam Massey)
December 20 – Kris Runge (Guest Pastor Marilyn Krichko)
December 24 – Jacob Wagner (Guest Pastor Rev. Hugh Drenan)
December 27 – Music Service (Guest Pastors Mim Jacobson and Marian Korth)

A liturgist will lead the Call to Worship, introduce our opening hymn, and read one of the passages of Scripture. They may sit in the chair by the pulpit or sit in a pew, coming up to share in their parts of worship. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Hearty Soups, Corned Beef Hash, Spam, Cereal, Coffee, Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Salad Dressing, Ketchup/Mustard, Cleaning Supplies (dish soap, laundry soap), Personal Care Items (Feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant). 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!

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. Thank you! (You may also mail in your offering and pledge: **OCPC 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523**.)

MILESTONES

Birthdays

Jacob Wagner .....December 4
Jan Kristiansen .....December 5
Kari Bettenhausen .....December 6
Cheryl Bettenhausen .....December 9
Trevor Leto.....December 13
Mike Stitz .....December 19
Matt Meier.....December 23
Phillip Yeadon .....December 28
Rose Ann West.....December 30

Anniversaries

Kurt & Sandra Schimelpfenig..... Nov. 25
Dale & Ann Febock .....December 28

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Tara Nye, Ann & Dale Febock's daughter
Meghan Strohbusch Family (daughter of Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey)
Neal & Cori Traeder for relatives with serious health issues

Those suffering from fires, storms and floods, as well as from the conflict and humanitarian crises in the Middle East and violence around the world and here in America.

The families of: Richard Trailer; John Campbell (Judy Pearson's brother); Margaret Hawkins; Bill Campbell (Karen Tordera's father); Larry Jensen, Dennis Verburg; Lisa Murphy (Brian Ewer's partner); Ginger Campbell (Karen Tordera's mother), and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Those who hunger and thirst, and who yearn for shelter and safety, and those who hunger, thirst, and yearn for justice and mercy, that all will be satisfied.

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

- Business Office Hours – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship; Communion first Sunday of each month
- Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. – Yoga
- StrongBodies Workout; Session 1: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. – StrongBodies Workout; Session 2: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. –Contact UW Extension https://events.humanitix.com/draft-strongbodies-registration for more information and to register.
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA

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