

**THE BULLETIN
OF THE
OXFORD SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.
Pastor

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and
are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly in
heart: and ye shall find rest
for your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden
is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Church Worship, 10:30 a. m.

Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.

The Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Ladies Aid Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2:30 p. m.

The Lord's Supper is observed at Easter, and on the second Sundays of July, October and January.

The Annual Business Meeting comes in last week of March.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders—Abram Pittenger, Elisha B. Foss, Edward T. Green, Lewis Bergenback.

Trustees—Harry Miller, James Radel, George Docker, Jr., Charles Renner, Fred K. Sarson, Lewis E. Green, Edward Sharps, Charles Dux, Benjamin Green.

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Superintendent—E. B. Foss.

Asst. Superintendent—Mrs. Edward T. Green.

Treasurer—Miss Ida Smith.

Secretary—Alvin Renner.

Organist—Elizabeth Zapp.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Honorary President—Mrs. Charles Renner.

President—Mrs. Benjamin Green.

Secretary—Mrs. Clark Wilkinson.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lewis E. Green.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

President—Emily Austie.

Treasurer—Chris Seiple.

Secretary—Helen Snyder.

CHOIR

Leader—Mrs. Edward T. Green.

Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 48 sel 17

Hymn 129

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 164

Sermon

Hymn 233

Benediction

Prayer

"O Lord, thou knowest what is best for us, let this or that be done, as thou shalt please. Give what thou wilt and how much thou wilt, and when thou wilt.

Deal with me as thou thinkest good, and as best pleaseth thee. Set me where thou wilt and deal with me in all things just as thou wilt. Behold I am thy servant, prepared for all things; for I desire not to live for myself, but unto thee and Oh, that I could do it worthily and perfectly! Amen."

The Young People will have for their topic tonight, "The benefit of religious training."

Annual Canvass This Afternoon.

The members of our Congregation will be called upon at their homes this P.M. by the officers of the Church for their pledges for current expenses for the coming year beginning April 1st.

Let all pledge something, and a way will be found during the year to pay it.

The Need is great for the church has for three years past fallen far behind the amount of the budget. They did a little better the past year than the year before, and we are expecting a substantial increase this next year over the past. For times hereabout are better and there is much more general employment in the town than formerly.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and April 1st, will be Easter with special music and Holy Communion etc.

The annual Business meeting on 30th.

School Census, 1891

Old Oxford Days
By Clinton E. Weston

Mr. Searing has placed in our hand the official public school census of the year 1891. The copy was left by H.S.Sliker. It is for District No.32, and was taken in the month of May. It includes the names of school children from the age of 5 to 18; the total of them was 490, not including 137 who attended "no school during the year"

The census goes by street, giving name of parents or guardians, then the names of school children with their ages and grades. It starts with Church street, evidently Washington ave.

The Bulletin will from time to time print portions of this list, in this way:

Parent	Church Street	Children
Joseph Docker---	Harry, Emma, Etta	16, 14, 11
G.R.Searing-----	Herbert	7
E.C.Allen-----	Richmond	5
Many Pittenger,---	Charles	5
Charles Creveling--	Etta May	5
Fred. Bigelow-----	Jane M.	10
E.T. Lukens -----	Bessie c.	8, Jacob V, 8.
E.C. Perkins-----	Fannie S.	16
Wm. S. Hummer-----	Edwin	14
John H. Zulauf-----	Evangeline	11
Levi Rice -----	Gertrude	9
Samuel Myers-----	Amanda	16
Thomas Reese-----	Frank	12, Delvon 5
John Sohner -----	Katie	15, Charles 13
Jacob Silverman---	Sadie	9, Ada 9
Elmer E. Frome-----	Robert	14, Ida 12
Peter donaldson---	Eva	10, Sadie 8
Peter Johnson ---	Lizzie	8
Fred Tanger -----	Howard	14, Lydia 11
Whitefield Ort-----	Rosie May	8
Wm Smith -----	Harry	12, Tommy 11
George P. Dreisbach--	Anna	9, Mary 7
Fred Fox -----	Samuel	5
	Mollie Staley	17
	<u>Wall Street</u>	
	Charles	14
	Dinney	8
	<u>Cinder Street</u>	
	Russel	6
	Alma	11
	Fred	12, Ingeborg 10
	Honas	8
	Annie	16, Charles 5
	Bell	5
	Lillie	6
	Lydia	17, Tillie 14
	Floyd	12, Flora 9
	Clara	6
	Rupert	7, Peter 5

There is no town but what has it's sage--a man of general information whocan be depended on to have the latest news and gossip of the village, and who has his own ideas and notions relative thereto.

Oxford was no exception. To find such a man one would only have to drop in the cobbler shop presided over by one Bartron, known as the Counsellor. In appearance he was a short man with a wide expanse amidstips, and always good natured and witty. His goatee was discolored, caused by a certain juice aimed in the general direction of a cuspidor.

To catch Bartron in a reminiscent mood was to have a short period of entertainment. A visitor enters the shop:

"Mornin' Counsellor! How are you this morning?" "Mornin'. Well, as old Pete Van Dyne use to say, 'I may look like and old razor but I feel like a young blade,' I'll admit though I'm not as keen as I used to be. Didja ever know Pete? Him and me used to be thicker than fleas on the end of a houn's tail, and when he could get away from his job of being a chamber maid in a livery stable and I could get off from my job as first mate of a packet running on the Morris Ocean, we used to go fish shootin' "Never heard of that dija? Fish were so numerous in the old creek down at Sussex they would jump six feet in the air, and when a nice big one came out of the water we would stand on the bank and shoot 'em. We got to be expert shots, and one Fall thought we would try it on some bears up in Pike County. One evening found us in a small hotel ready to go out early the next morning. On getting up I unfortunately had a bad head ache, so Pete started off alone. I sat on the front porch and in a couple of hours happened to look up the road and saw something that resembled a cyclone coming in my direction. As it drew nearer I saw it was Pete running for dear life; his clothes torn, his face bleeding, and he only carried the stock of his gun, and a bear was pursuing him close behind. "When he got within hearing distance I cried out, 'Hey, Pete, why don't you shoot him? And Pete yelled back, 'I haven't got the heart to shoot him (over)

so I'm bringing him home alive.'

Silence for a while. The listener to this tale being in somewhat of a haze but in coming to, finally said, "Say, Counsellor, what became of the bear?"

"Oh yes. Well, when the bear got close enough to Pete he fainted dead away and we had to call in a veterinary.

"Now I must be going over to the Post Office to see if uncle Billy has the mail sorted, 'sides I got to get a package of Lane & Lockwood's chewing.

"Come again some time."

Mr. George Weber's 80th birthday anniversary brought him showers of cards and letters. In a note of thanks to the Editor he writes: "I could not understand why such numbers of letters were coming in until some friend wrote:

'I saw in the Bulletin that you are about to celebrate your 80th etc..'

"Then I thought there must be something in the Bulletin that caused such an avalanche of letters from 23 towns and cities in 8 states as follows: N.Y., N.J., Pa., Mass., Ala., Ga., Conn., and Ohio. Five came in this A.M. (Mch.8th)"

The Bulletin of course was not sent to Mr. Weber until later.

Old Lime Kilns

The Editor has for years been puzzled about the great number of old lime kilns to be seen along the roads sides in this region. It seemed that almost every farm had one at some time long ago.

Mr. Elmer Pittenger solved it for us by stating that farmers used them to make lime for fertilizing their land, which with barn manure were their only fertilizers. This explains how the farmers grew such fine crops of grain and hay on land that is now generally abandoned to weeds and other wild growths.

He told how they burnt the lime.

It was thus: in the bottom they laid a layer of dry wood, and on this they put a ring (layer) of coal. On top of the coal a ring of limestone broken up to a convenient size. Then rings of coal and limestone until the kiln was filled to the top. When the lime was burnt it was taken out and when the field was ready it was slacked with enough water to turn it to a dry powder, when it was spread over the prepared ground.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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