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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.

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Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation

Psalm 98

Hymn 26

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 274

Sermon

Hymn 113

Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, turn my necessities into virtue; the works of nature into the works of grace; by making them orderly, regular, temperate; and let no pride or self-seeking, no covetousness or revenge, no little ends and low imaginations, pollute my spirit, an unhallow any of my words and actions.

But let my body be a servant of my spirit, and both body and spirit servants of Jesus, my Master. Amen."

Rev. D. Linton Doherty

The Pastor by direction of the Session invited Mr. Doherty to preach at the Morning Worship on May 20th, and we are delighted announce that he is able to come. This will give very great pleasure to his old parishoners and his many friends in Oxford, and the former members will be equally glad to meet and hear one who was lately the pastor of our Church.

Mrs. Ellen Hayes Griffin, widow of John Griffin, died at her home in Yonkers N. Y., on April 24th. She was born in Wales and at the age of twelve came this country, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayes. She married John Griffin who was employed in the Oxford Iron Works, and they lived here many years.

Mrs. Griffin was devoted to Oxford and frequently visited friends here, and she has been a subscriber to the Bulletin over a year. We are indebted to Miss Ida Smith for this information.

There will be a special meeting of the ladies of the church next Wednesday at 1:30 P.M. to clean Chapel kitchen and other important matters. All take notice

R E U N I O N M A Y 2 0

Gathering Evergreens
By Cortland Cook

The Fourth Annual Reunion will take place on Sabbath, May 20th.

There will be two services-- the hour of Worship at 11 A.M. D.S.T., and the popular meeting at 2:30 P.M.

The period between will be taken up with luncheon and visiting among friends.

The Choir will furnish special music at both morning and afternoon meetings.

Mr. Clinton Weston has been busy planning for the afternoon meeting, which will be made of talks by many of the former members of the church and other citizens of Oxford in times gone by.

He reports that already he has the promise of several to take part, among them are George S. Humphrey; Samuel J. Cooper; Edwin C. Perkins; George Searing; Fred. K. Fowler, and others to be made known later. It will be a notable occasion for all who come.

If we may judge by our mail there will be a large attendance at this reunion.

Mr. Weston says, "I have had considerable correspondence with various ones, and they all seem to be planning to be there the 20th.

John Zulauf writes: "Just a word to let you know we are looking forward with great joy to the reunion and another blessed opportunity of again meeting our dear friends of Oxford."

Cortland F. Cook says he is expecting to be present.

Mrs. Luther Godschalk and daughter left word at the Manse of their purpose to attend, and also Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Fowler made reservations for the luncheon.

Mr. L. R. Dohm, Secretary and Treasurer of the Warren Foundry and Pipe Corp., of Phillipsburg, writes: "We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of the Bulletins... and are particularly interested in the articles about the old Welsh Mine on Mine Hill. We would like very much to receive future bulletins containing historical matter in reference to the mining and blast furnace activities at Oxford, as well as any previous articles we have missed. May we ask you to forward us such future bulletins as they are edited, as well as the back numbers we have missed."

Back in the 90's there was connected with the church a society of youngsters called "Sunbeams" or "Little Lights" organized and most ably superintended by Mrs. E. T. Lukens. In the presentation of one of their entertainments (pageant) in the old "Wigwam" the stage setting required a large quantity of evergreens, and Mrs. Lukens asked Frank Perkins to get them. At that time Frank and I were High School chums and he solicited my help, as I was a farmer boy and knew the woods somewhat better than he.

On Saturday morning, having borrowed an old horse and a spring-truck wagon, we started up the hill to Jonestown, past the old Harris mines, to Hartman's corner, then up the road toward Little York (Now Cornish) as far as Billie Miller's farm where we turned west into a lane leading past the Chris. John Cole place and on up an old stretch of wood-road about half a mile to the foot of Scott's Mountain. We soon had the wagon loaded to capacity with pine and cedar branches and started back. Then the fun(?) began.

You don't know how slippery evergreen branches are unless you have tried hauling them over a wood-road. In spite of roping and holding them on we were obliged to reload several times on that half mile stretch of so-called road. We finally got out, however, only to meet with trouble of another nature. Chris. John stopped us and with no delicacy of language threatened to have us arrested for stealing evergreens.

At first Frank, to whom Chris. John was an entire stranger, was a bit frightened but I knew old Chris. too well (our farms joined) or else I was too dumb to get scared. After arguing for a while he ordered us to move on and get off his property QUICK; and we did. Out on the main road we made better time (about 3 miles an hour) and arrived at the Wigwam without further mishap. The pageant was a grand success and I can still see those youngsters arrayed in their many fanciful costumes, prettily displayed against that background of evergreens; and having been given a "free" ticket I enjoyed it immensely, and felt fully repaid for all my trouble and labor.

The Old Welsh Mine (concluded)

By Patrick Kempsey

After the bottom dropped out of the shaft into the tunnel the men thought, "Here is where we can reach the Welsh mine," but going a short distance they found it entirely closed where the ground had caved in. They thought the matter over and said; "Why, the water in the mine is higher than this point, and if we undertake to remove this dirt the water will rush in quickly and drown us in a twinkling." So they stopped work, and Mr. Wm.H.Scranton made a survey and at a point 80 feet west he said; "We will start a slope and strike under the bottom of the Welsh mine." This work was done by Mr. Con. Delaney who had charge of the Staley mine. He was the father of Edward Delaney now living in town.

As in the case of the Welsh mine it was called the Delaney Slope, a name it still bears. It was the first slope sunk in this region, and a great quantity of ore was taken out of it.

They took the large pillars out of the Welsh mine and sluiced the ore down into the Slope and hoisted it to the surface through the slope shaft.

The engineers were Michael Hilbert, Matthew Repp, John Cooper, and the blacksmith John L. Smith; all of whom have passed to the other side.

By the way, the old miners at that time claimed that if they took away the pillars from the Welsh mine the whole mine would fall in from the surface; but they guessed wrong as the surface is the same now as then.

Now as we have recalled all we can about the Welsh mine and the Delaney Slope, we will move a short distance where there is a group of 6 mines shafts which have some history attached to them, and we will in the near future try to uncover some of it.

(In the last issue, April 29th, there was a misprint. In the eighth line it should read "30 feet" instead of 300. Ed.)

Mrs. Dr. L.B. Hoagland is visiting her niece, Mrs. W.W. Carson, at Nottoway, Va.

Mrs Carson attended two of our reunion and has long been getting the Bulletin through the kindness of Mrs. Hoagland.

We shall greatly miss them at the coming reunion.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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