

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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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 and Invocation
Psalm 8
Hymn 48
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 214
Sermon
Hymn 113
Benediction

Prayer

"O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy that, thou, being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Amen."

Chicken Waffle Supper Thursday Oct. 11.

This annual feast is now only ten days away, and all who wish to have a part in it should plan to be present to enjoy the good eating and the meeting of old time friends.

The Holy Communion will be administered two weeks from this morning, Oct. 14th.

Baptism will be administered to adults and infants if such are presented.

New Members will be welcomed if any have been received by the Session.

Mrs. Jane McNear died suddenly last Sabbath afternoon at her home on lower Axford ave. One the day before we enjoyed a most pleasant visit with her and she seemed to be in excellent health.

She probably had premonitions of the great change, as she spoke of being in constant prayer, a comforting preparation for the divine summons.

Yet it was a great shock to her family and friends who were not expecting her passing to her eternal home at this time.

Our deepest sympathy go out to those in sorrow.

The funeral was from the home, with burial in Hillside Cemetery.

The Treasurer reports cash donations to the new church boiler as follows: The Sunday School \$25.00

\$10.00 each by Mrs. Edmund Oram and Mrs. Edward Smith.

\$5.00 each from Charles Renner, E.B. Foss, W.A. Gabelle, C.E. Weston, and a friend.

\$3.00 each from Mrs. Del. Green, Mrs. Jennie Fichtel, Charley Skov.

\$2.00 each from Mr. Ford of Wash. N.J., James LaRue, Mrs. Elizabeth Pyne and daughter of Scranton,

\$1.00 each from R.M. Holey, Marie Linnemann, M.A. Pierson, James Jensen, Wm. Hornbaker, Margaret Baylor, Wash. Hardware Co, Dr. Robert Zulauf, Cohen and sons, Mr. Rinchart, Clark Wilkinson, G.R. Searing.

Others will be reported next issue.

Mrs. Edward T. Green S.S. reports the proceeds of their special efforts to raise money for the furnace last spring as follows:

Easter Flower sale,	\$15.67
Uncle Pete Entertainment	10.60
Mother's Day Flower and food.	9.90
Total	36.17

The Class undertook to raise \$50.00 and are now selling Christmas cards in the effort to reach that sum, and request members of the congregation to buy of them, as one half of the money goes to the Boiler fund.

As will be seen from above most of the donations due to special soliciting recently come from non-members of the congregation, and it is hoped that our members will volunteer their gifts soon and without being personally solicited. We expect the heater to be installed this coming week and ready for next Sabbath, Oct. 7th.

We invite donations from our friends everywhere, as we need help and desire to pay cash for the new heater.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hilpert Pyne and daughter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker last week. Her father was Wm. Hilpert, a brother of Michael Hilbert of Oxford, who was the husband of Aunt Becky Hilbert. Margaret Hilpert, a sister of these brothers was the mother of Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker.

They generously left a donation for the church heater. The Pastor was much pleased to meet them.

Mr. George R. Searing during a long period in the 1880s and 1890s, was in the Iron Company's office in charge of various out door affairs, the farms, timber supplies teaming, and looking after the needs of the many operations of the Company, and he kept a private journal of all these duties which he still retains. From this Journal he will give us some valuable information in future issues of this paper.

Here is one that will interest many readers.

"March 30 1893. Mr. G.P. Dreisbach commenced delivery of milk today.

"The Company purchased the milk route from Mr. Marcus A. Pierson who had served the Oxford customers and all his dealings with them had been satisfactory, but he wished to go into other business. Mr. Pierson has resided in Washington for several years, and is a highly esteemed citizen whose counsel is sought on troublesome problems each day. Mr. Dreisbach suggested that disinterested parties, but prosperous farmers, be asked to inspect the stock and equipment at the farm #1.

"Their report reads as follows:

'This is to certify that we the undersigned have at the request of Mr. Dreisbach, now farming Farm # 1., and running a milk wagon from this farm. We find they have good stock which is in good health, and the milk from them is a good grade. The equipment, the handling and caring for the same is equal to the best.

Signed. W.A. Jones

Samuel Sherden
Henry Race.'

Another note in Journal reads:

"August 9th, 1893. Mr. Hal. B. Perkins died today. At the time he resided in Oxford he was a member of Mr. E.T. Lukens' Sextett Band. The other Members were E.T. Lukens, E.C. Perkins, Ezra Estler Sam Stout, and Philip Radle."

(Mr. Searing informs us that this Band was prior in date to the large military Band, recently mentioned in the Bulletin.)

Another item runs: "Mr. H.R. Tigar, foreman of the carpenters repair crew left, March 30, 1893. He resided in Dutch Hill, and was an obliging neighbor."

The Boiler Explosion 1884
By Patrick Kempsey

A few weeks ago the Washington Star referred to the boiler explosion at the Nail Mill as being 50 years ago. Well do I remember that morning at six thirty, on my way to work. I was near the brick school house when I heard the blast. I looked in that direction and saw a great cloud of debris in the air. The large boiler house contained three large boilers of the camel back type which were much used at the coal mines.

I worked in the erecting and repair gang for Mr. James H. Lukens who was then in charge of the Oxford Iron and Nail Co.

About two months previous we had taken out this boiler, loaded it on a flat car on which it was shipped to the Boiler Works at Allentown, where it was rebuilt in good shape. When it came back we placed it along side of the other two and worked for many days connecting it with the main steam line. When all was done it was fired, and a light head of steam raised, as is always done in starting new boilers. We spent two days in tightening up all joints, during which time we worked on top of the boiler.

At that time everything looked good and the next morning the fireman steamed up to the regular load. Everything went well for a half an hour, then it let go; the first ring behind the smoke box parted and the boiler itself was heaved 40 feet from its foundation. It landed on its side and dented its firebox badly.

One half minute before the Supt. of the Nail works, Mr. Charles Weston, had left the boiler house and stepped into the other boiler house when the explosion took place. He must have missed it only by a few seconds. It was Mr. Weston's practice every morning to visit the engine rooms and the boiler house to see that everything was in order for the day's run.

The fireman happened to be in the other boiler house at the time, which saved his life. I think the fireman was Edward Shults who lives somewhere down in Jersey.

All in all it was a lucky explosion as no one was hurt.

(to be continued)

Last Thursday and Friday our good friend George R. Searing visited in Oxford. He has a host of friends here and all were glad to see him again.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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