

**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.
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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 103 sel. 37
Hymn 43
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 220
Sermon
Hymn 287
Benediction

Prayer

"O Lord, bind us to thyself with cords of love and faith that can never be broken. May we feel the impulse of our divine childhood, and find rest in thee.

Feed us out of thy word, and may it be sweet to our souls. May prayer daily acquaint us with thee, and make us strong and calm. Cause the light of thy face to shine upon us, so that we shall ever see our path and find the world our Father's home. Give us patience and peace under every burden.

May we not be anxious and troubled over over many things, but have the one thing needful and be content. Amen.

Mary Virginia Hood, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hood died at the home of her parents April 9th in Oxford N. J. She was in her 17th year of age and until a week before death had been in perfect health.

She was a member of our Church; active in the Sunday School and the Young Peoples' Society. She attended High School, and was an excellent student.

The pathetic character of her untimely death was intensified by the strict quarantine from infectious diseases—diphtheria, scarlet fever and pneumonia—so that the community was deeply moved with compassion for the stricken family.

Virginia was esteemed and liked by every one, beloved by those who knew her well; lovely in the home, dutiful to her parents, affectionate and helpful.

"Thy day without a cloud hath passed,

And thou wert lovely to the last:
Extinguished, not decayed.

As stars that shoot along the sky
Shine brightest as they fall from high.

Interest in the coming reunion in May is manifested in our daily mail.

Mr. Samuel Cooper writes,; We have been looking forward to such an event with pleasant anticipations. If it is thought that anything can be added to the success of the day by my taking part in the exercises you may call upon me."

He expresses his "Sincere wishes for the continued success and prosperity of the 'old home church'."

Mr. J.L. Searing called at the Manse and left money to pay for his dinner ticket. He deserves to be the first served by the ladies on that day.

The Editor asks our readers to send any names of former members and Oxford citizens who may not get the Bulletin by mail. Give correct addresses, and the Bulletin will be sent them until the Reunion. Also any suggestions for the exercises will be welcomed.

Mr. Charles Edgar Weber, the only son of George and Sarah Weber died suddenly April 2nd, at his home in Waterbury, Conn.

He was the manager of the Noera Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Conn.

A clipping from a Waterbury news paper states that "He was a native of Oxford, N.J. but had been a resident of this city for the past 15 years..

"Mr. Weber was highly interested in experimenting with short wave radio transmission. He was one of the few Waterbury members of the International Short Wave club during its early existence. One of his treasured souvenirs was a photograph of Pope Pius XI which was sent him in recognition of his assistance in the testing of the Vatican City radio station before the Pope began his broadcasts. He was one of the first six persons to receive the test. His hobby brought him into contact with stations all over the world and he was in constant correspondence with short wave operators in all sections of the Globe."

The Editor is under obligation to Mr. George Weber for the clippings, and for a good letter in which he says: "I am thankful, since his time had come, that he did not suffer a long illness.

"On Saturday evening a party of friends were in and he was as well as usual, and enjoyed the company as he always did; and the next day he was taken with a heart attack and breathed his last that night."

By Mrs. G.E. Haufler

When reading the Bulletin I have often wondered why no one has spoken of the splendid work accomplished for so many years in the Oxford Presbyterian Church by Mrs. Mary E. Lukens. Perhaps its familiarity has made the mention thereof unnecessary.

Therefore I will assume this responsibility and endeavor to recall some of her numerous activities, especially those in behalf of the children of the Church and community.

Perhaps the first and dearest to her was her S.S. Class, known, I believe as the "Infant Class", although as I recall many were far from the infant age.

I think the class numbered close to 100. An elaborate card system had been worked out. We had four cards, and each to be punched for two different items. These included attendance at S.S., Church attendance collection, memorizing Bible verses and hymns.

The class was so large it was necessary to meet in the church and with so many wriggling bodies to be kept quiet, older girls were appointed monitors who patrolled the aisles carrying long sticks.

Many a time have I felt a tapping on my shoulder, to be reminded that I was turning around or whispering to my neighbor.

How much we enjoyed the talks she gave us, well illustrated with chalk drawings, the work of her brother, Joseph Scranton; and how thrilled we were when a visitor came to talk to us. Especially do I remember the first appearance of Mrs. Joseph Scranton, and how we were impressed with her sweet gracious personality. Also the visits and talks of Mrs. Belden are well remembered.

Easter never rolls around but I recall the large glorified baskets of gaily colored Easter eggs. Christmas was also a glamorous occasion, with Santa Claus oranges, pop corn balls and candy for the whole school, and numerous awards for work accomplished, in the shape of booklets and Bibles.

Sometimes during winter there was always a sleighride over the beautiful country roads.

One year Mrs. Lukens divided the class by months and each month gave a birthday party for those whose birthday came in the month.

On one occasion she engaged the services of Miss Florence Bennett, now of Newark, to conduct a singing class.

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(From last page)

Another activity organized by Mrs. Lukens at that time, was "The Little Lights Society" which met on Saturday afternoon in her daughter's schoolroom over the Company's offices. At this time we did many things now ordinarily done in the kindergarten.

There was one other activity of which I have a faint recollection. With my sister I attended a cooking class at Mrs. Lukens' home. I was evidently a total loss at this, as I recall that I promptly cut my finger and Mrs. Lukens asked me if I would like to go coasting.

Now this was something I always longed to do--coast on Church street. Its long, smooth, slippery slide had long intrigued my fancy, but at that time being somewhat shy, I hung my head and murmured, "I don't care". "Oh well," she replied. Whereupon I quickly let it be known that I would like to very much.

I never said "I don't care" again.

I trust these incidents are not too long and that they will serve to jog the memory of others who were of the younger element at that time, and who may recall many more incidents than I am able to do.

We will all hope Mrs. Haufler (who most will know was Jennie Pittenger) will jog her own memory again soon, and send us another charming paper.

Mr. Edwin Perkins writes, enclosing \$5.00 and a fine article for the Bulletin.

"Needless to say, the Bulletin is very greatly enjoyed in my family, particularly by my mother, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on the 16th of March last, and sat down to an eight o'clock dinner party with twenty members of her family present, including her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. While laid up for a few days last winter I wrote the article enclosed herewith."

This article will appear in next issue.

Mrs. O.N. Perry sends \$2.00 for the Bulletin, with a very kind personal note for the Manse family. "We had such a stormy winter it was hard to keep well"

We shall all hope to see Mrs. Perry and the Maxwell family at the May Reunion.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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