

The Weekly Bulletin
of the
Oxford Second Presbyterian
Church

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, *Ph.D.*,
PASTOR

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of **my** life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.—Psalm 27:4.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Church Worship, 10:30 a. m. - 7:30 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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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 61,62 sel.20
Hymn 53
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 171
Sermon
Hymn 251
Benediction

TEXT

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-----I Thess. 5:23

" O Lord, Perfect the faith of us who believe, and sow the good seed of faith in their hearts who as yet lack it; that we may all look steadfastly unto thee, and run with patience the race set before us,

Give us grace to show our faith by our works; teach us to walk by faith, having respect unto the promises: which of thy mercy make good unto us in thine own good time, for Jesus Sake. Amen."

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday April 24th. Plan for it now so that the Sunday school children get to the church on time. It is a good plan to retire Saturday night an hour earlier so as to have customary time for the night's rest and sleep.

Young People's meeting to-night at 7 o'clock. The topic will be "Echo meeting." Miss Irene Nudge, Leader.

"Safety First" a comedy will be given to-morrow night in the School hall by the West Portal Community League. The Ladies Aid Society has charge of the matter and will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Tickets are on sale and it is hoped a large number will attend.

Mr. Callender of the M.E. Church has returned from the Conference and will continue his pastorate here. This is very pleasing to our own church and the entire community. He and his good wife have endeared themselves to all.

The 69th Anniversary

The announcement last week that no special plans were being made to observe the 69th year of our Church has been altered by the Session which met last Monday at Elder Pittenger's. It was then decided to invite one or more ministers in some way connected with the Church in the past, to preach for us on that day.

The Pastor was instructed to make all arrangements possible. He was happily able to carry out this plan, and at the Presbytery consulted Rev. W. A. Wagar, now of Beateystown, but formerly a pastor of this Church. As he does not preach in the evenings, he was free to come to us for the evening service on May 8th. This will delight his many old friends in the Church and community, and we expect a large audience to welcome him. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Wagar whose health has greatly improved in the past year.

For the Morning worship on May 8th we were favored by a good providence.

Rev. Henry M. Bruen, our presbyterial Missionary to Corea, was at the Presbytery and told us of the old days when he was in the theological Seminary, that he at times preached in our Church. Then as we had planned to have him with us at some future date, it appeared very proper to invite him for the Anniversary day.

Of course all know that Mr. Bruen is the son of Dr. De Hart Bruen of Belvidere. We are deeply thankful that he found it possible to be with us on Sunday morning May 8th. He will be gladly heard.

Doubtless many of our former members will spend the day with us to attend one or more of the services, and renew old time memories.

LOST RECORDS FOUND

The original Registrar of Church membership and the Session Records which have been misplaced for many years, have been found. For more than a year all efforts to find them have been unavailing, and it was thought they were lost beyond recovery. However Mrs. Edna Orem, in going through her father's (N. A. Jones) old papers and books discovered them. Both books are in perfect condition, and their records go back to the year 1863 when the Church was organized. They contain many matters of interest which will be used in the Bulletin occasionally. Some will appear in the issue of May 8th. The Session is under much obligation to Mrs. Orem for restoring them.

Mrs Ellen A. Fowler-Attribute

By George S. Humphrey.

"I am much interested in 'Clin' Weston's letter... 'Clin' is much younger than I, but I remember him as one of the fine boys when I was in Oxford. His parents were among my good friends and as 'Clin' is not likely to mention it, I want to say that his father, Capt. C.C. Weston, was about the handsomest man in Oxford, with a fine military bearing, which attracted attention wherever he went. He was Senior Warden of Oxford Lodge No. 127 F. & A.M., when I was initiated in 1879.

"I have been thinking that any account of Oxford during the active days of the old 'Company' is not complete without a reference to Mrs. Ellen A. Fowler. She was a cousin of the Scranton brothers and came to Oxford from Connecticut not very long before my arrival early in 1875. She took charge of the boarding house which was maintained chiefly as a home for the young men employed in the Company's Store and Office. It was located in the old 'Castle' or 'Manor House', then known as the 'Fowler House', a name which continues to this day, and by which all of us old 'Boarders' will remember it with affection.

"Mrs. Fowler was much more than a 'Land-Lady', she was a real 'House-Mother' to us young chaps who really were ungrateful. A lot, though down in our hearts we knew that she was very good to us; and as years have gone by, we have come to appreciate her, and to realize what a solicitude she had for our well being. If any of us were ill (and I speak from experience) she was untiring in her attention, and ministered to our needs as she would those of her own son.

"We had comfortable rooms and good food for which we paid the princely sum of \$18 00 per month, and then found fault! I say paid. As a matter of fact, the amount was charged against our salaries and credited to Mrs. Fowler' on the Company's Books. She was then expected to trade it all out in the 'Store', and so she never saw any cash. That was a part of the System of which I mean to write you more fully some time.

"And what a lot we were! Many times I was one of a party of us who had spent the evening in Washington or Belvidere, and coming home late and hungry, made a raid on the pantry and store room, cleaning out everything that could be eaten. And then the next morning we would complain because, forsooth, we thought we had a slim breakfast! (Over)

"And the tricks we played on one another would fill a book, and many of them so upset the house that Mrs. Fowler had to spend hours to put things right! Then she would start to scold us, but end by laughing at us. If any of the 'old boys' read this, they will recall our pranks, some of which are 'not fit for publication'.

"As nearly as I can recall them, the following is the list of the regular boarders during the time I lived in the house. There were others who staid for a few days now and then, but we considered them as 'transients.'

Elias C. Allen	George Innes
Mr. & Mrs. Barlow	James E. Loder
Robert Cook	Milton L'Homadieu
Dr. Creveling	Rev. Wesley Martin
Fred Fowler	George R. Searing
Charles E. Freeman	William H. Searing
Robert Gray	Benjamin Walton
William H. Gray	Joseph Walton
George S. Humphrey	S. Brown Hill

"No doubt there were others whose names I do not now recall.

"It is sad to think that before more than half of the above names 'the fatal asterisk of death' must be placed, and those of us who remain are widely scattered.

"But none of us can forget the happy days we spent in the old Fowler House, and I know that every one of us will join in a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Ellen A. Fowler, and 'rise up and call her blessed'."

Mr. Humphrey requests that the Bulletin be sent regularly to W. S. Cooke, "one of five of the twenty still living." He also directs it mailed to Miss Eugenia Henry, Middletown, Conn. "She is the daughter Mr. Eugene T. and Emma Henry, who were very devoted and active in our church in the old days." It will be a pleasure to add these names to our mailing list.

Mr. Humphrey also inclosed a check of five dollars for our "last year's deficit. I wish it were larger, but I have to do the same thing (only more so!) for our Montclair Church!" It is very thankfully received.

The Pastor and elder Pittenger attended the Newton Presbyter at Greenwich last Tuesday. The Ladies Presbyterial Missionary Society held an inspiring meeting at the Washington Church last Thursday. The attendance was very large, and the exercises were interesting.

The evening meeting for young People was fine. Seven went from our Church.

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