

The Weekly Bulletin  
*of the*  
Oxford Second Presbyterian  
Church  
OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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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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### STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

#### 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.  
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### Morning Worship

Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 91 sel. 33  
Hymn 129  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Solo "My Shepherd Thou."  
Mrs. Edward Green

### Offering

Hymn 271  
Sermon  
Hymn 29  
Benediction

### Text

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts;  
and be ready always to give an answer  
to every man that asketh you a reason  
of the hope that is in you with meek-  
ness and fear. I Peter, 3:15

"O God, we implore thy mercy in behalf  
of all classes and conditions of men;  
that it may please thee to visit them  
with thy help, according to their many  
needs. Have compassion upon all who are  
out of Christ, and draw them unto him.

Show thy pity upon all prisoners and  
those grievously afflicted. Be mindful  
of the sick and the suffering, and enable  
them to look unto thee, O Father, and to  
find in thee a Saviour in their time  
of trouble." Amen.

The Young People meet tonight at  
seven o'clock. "What shall the harvest  
be," is the topic. Mrs. Ritzer  
will lead. Mrs. Margaret Hunt will sing.

The Ladies Aid will hold their  
meeting next Wednesday afternoon at  
the home of Mrs. Carroll Meyers.

The Pastor is planning a morning  
hour of worship especially for the  
young people of the congregation, and  
requests the cooperation of our many  
capable and earnest young workers. The  
services will be different, and of course  
will be for folks of all ages, but the  
effort will point to enlisting the  
young in devotional life. The hope of  
the future lies with the young, and they  
must be encouraged and helped to enlist  
for this great work.

Last Thursday evening the Ladies of the Church gave their fair and supper, and were favored by perfect weather, and a liberal patronage. The chicken-waffle supper was up to the high standard of past years, and met with general praise by all, and especially by those who partook of it for the first time.

The excellence of the waffles was due to Mrs Katherine Morgaard, who has made them for these Suppers for many years. The financial results have not yet been determined, but will be given in the next issue.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of the full and hearty co-operation of the ladies of the congregation.

There was general willingness to help, and many hands made the work lighter. The social feature was noticeable, for people did not eat and leave, but remained for friendly conversation and visiting.

This was emphasized by the large number of out-of-town visitors, many of whom came for the first time.

The Bulletin was able to get the names of most of them, and if any were overlooked, it was unintentional, and to be regreted.

Washington was well represented by Mr. and Mrs Charles Ford; Mr. F.W. Smith; Mr. and Mrs James Shafer; Mr and Mrs. W.T. Cyphers; Mr. E.H. DeVoe; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anstett,

From Belvidere came the following: Prof. Harry Pierson; Mr. James Ford; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Belford;

As usual Phillipsburg sent a good delegation:-

Floyd E. Dreisbach, and sister Tille; Stanley C. Drake; candidate for Freeholder. Harry F. Force, Candidate for Sheriff.

A Company of six, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Green, came from Stroudsburg, Pa. for their first visit to our church suppers. We were glad to have them with us, and hope they will come again. They were;

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Owens; Mr and Mrs. Harold Rinker; Mr. and Mrs. Verner Reynolds.

Among the others were Mr. and Mrs. Fred. K. Fowler, Hackettstown; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wert, and Mrs. Henry Zulauf, of Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pierson of Newark, Mr. and Mrs Edward Lackey of Bloomfield.

We are very grateful for the visit of these friends of our Church.

Stand on any of the hills in Oxford and the panorama set before one is as beautiful and inspiring as one could wish.

I have seen more extensive views in the far west and in Europe, but the one presented here in my opinion cannot be surpassed. One can only visualize the wilderness and the beauty that attracted Wm. Shippen when he selected the site on the hillside for his home: after receiving the grant from King George to a thousand acres or more in that section of the country numerous sites were taken into consideration, and the one he chose took in what we call now-a-days "The brown derby." This mansion first known as the Shippen Manor, afterwards the Robeson Manor, and later known as the Fowler House has been beautifully described in a former Bulletin by my mother. One can only guess at the time taken to build it, for much of the finer material had to be trucked from Philadelphia along the trail on the easterly side of the Delaware river through Milford to Belvidere, and over the hill to Oxford. Numerous slaves were used for the hauling, and it is safe to assume that the same deep mud existed as in our generation when boots were necessary, especially in the spring-time.

It had its use however in forcing rhythmic exercises in dodging the puddles and miniature rivers; and this perhaps accounts for the many fine dancers in the town. The mention of slavery seems to harken back to the ages, but it is remembered that while emancipation took place in 1820, it was only gradual by which those who became 21 became emancipated while the older ones were still in bondage. In 1840 there were still 72 slaves in New Jersey, and in 1860 there were 18 left, though very old.

The Map that Miss Scott has, showing the location of many of the early homes, is indeed a relic that would be worthy a place in any memorial that might be established. Before the homes noted were built, log cabins were constructed in different sections of the place to take care of the workers that had been brought in. Many of these log cabins were in existence in the '70s. One being in the field beyond the blast furnace, one at the foot of Mechanic street and several in what is known as Cat Swamp.

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Coming down to the thriving days, every one was known and called by his or her first name. Other names were sometimes used, but to greet anyone with "Mr." would put one in the "High Hat Class" at once. There were two or three exceptions however, and one of them was Alfred H. Skinner, the school Principal.

He succeeded a Mr. Casterline who was a very estimable man but had not the temperament to be ruler of a brain factory. Once he said to one of the boys, "Dan, stand up, I want to try you in a sum in arithmetic, Supposing your mother owed the landlord \$40., the butcher \$30., and the baker \$18., what would it amount to?" And the answer came back,—"It wouldn't amount to anything—we would move." With the advent of Mr. Skinner the atmosphere quickly changed and the school became known for its high standing. At first I thought he was too skillful and enthusiastic with birch switches, so much so that it was a common thing for some of the boys to go to school with re-inforced trousers. Mr. Skinner made it a graduate school and graduation exercises were always an event.

Mr. Floyd B. Dreisbach has provided for the renewal of the Bulletin, and we are glad to welcome a new subscriber, Mrs. Lizzie Hummer of Hackettstown.

Many of her old friends of other days will remember her by her maiden name. Lizzie Sparrow, and will be glad to know that she has joined the Bulletin family. Her first Husband, Jay R. Huffman was the first person to be buried from the Chapel (1886). Mrs. Hummer united with our church in 1877.

Her daughter Mrs. James Shafer, and her husband, who is the son of Rev. C. S. Shafer, of Pineville, N. J. were both born in Oxford, and have not lost their interest and affection for the old home.

A year ago the Bulletin was supplied with 8000 covers, which we thought at the time more than sufficient a year, but now they are nearly exhausted, and new ones must be prepared in the next few weeks.

There has been a 30% increase in the circulation during the year. The number of readers and friends grows weekly.

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