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## Presbyterian Church

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.  
Pastor

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*Be careful for nothing; but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your  
requests be made  
known to God*

*And the peace of God, which passeth all  
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Philippians IV. 6, 7*

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## 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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## Morning Worship

Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 8 sel. 2  
Hymn 26  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 324  
Sermon  
Hymn 315  
Benediction

## Text

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications, with strong crying and tears, unto him that was able to save him from death and was heard, in that he feared.

---Hebrews 5:7

"Merciful Father; We confess all our shortcomings and offenses against thee. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned: In wandering from thy ways; In wasting thy gifts; In forgetting thy love. But thou, O Lord, have pity upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all where in we have displeased thee. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins; For the sake of thy dear Son our Saviour.

The Young People meet at 7 o'clock. "Following Christ," will be the topic, with Miss Ruth Snyder as the leader. The attendance last Sabbath evening was above 90. It was the last meeting of the contest for attendance at the meetings, which was started six weeks ago, when the Society was divided into two parties. The attendance had before averaged 20. Of course it is not to be expected that so large a number will attend regularly in the future, but it will doubtless increase the average number. The Society is preparing topic cards with the names of leaders.

A special Meeting of the Ladies Aid Society has been called by the president for next Wednesday afternoon to complete unfinished business, at the home of Mrs. George Docker Jr.

The Ladies held their monthly meeting last Wednesday, at the home of the President, Mrs. Charles Renner. They met at noon for their covered dish luncheon and worked on a new quilt. The occasion was of special interest, as it occurred on the birth-day and the wedding anniversary of the hostess. To commemorate the event the Ladies presented her with a very nice lamp stand of the latest pattern, which was a complete surprise and cause of delight to their esteemed president.

Those present were: Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. G. Docker Sn; Mrs. J. Docker Jn; Mrs. Mrs. B. Green; Mrs. L. L. Green; Mrs. Del. Green Mrs. R. Hood; Mrs. C. Meyers; Mrs. Yount; Mrs. E. Oram; Mrs. Ray Frey; Mrs. Chas. Renner.

The prize was drawn by Mrs. R. Hood who will be the hostess for the February meeting.

The local Red Cross chapter supplies us with this summary of its activities in the distribution of flour to the needy in Oxford.

"During the months of June 1932 to January, 1933, inclusive, the local chapter of the Red Cross has delivered flour to 51 families, representing 288 people.

"The flour was all received in 25 pound bags, and a total of 528 bags, -or over six and a half tons, have been distributed in Oxford. Deliveries are being made once a month by the Alan Wood Mining Company's truck without cost to the chapter."

Miss Rosalie Sarson who always prepays her subscription to our current Church expenses, has sent in her pledge for the next three months. It is a timely help to the church.

It was a pleasure to have with us at the Morning worship last Sabbath Mr. Floyd E. Dreisbach, of Phillipsburg.

He was a guest for New Year's Day at the home of Elder E. B. Foss.

Our genial fellow citizen, Patrick Kempsey, was a caller at the Manse, last week. He contributed to the expense fund of the Bulletin and also furnished some odd old relics from the old Company store, which will be noticed later.

## Skating in Oxford Fifty Years Ago

Mr. George R. Searing has sent us the original subscription list to raise money to have the snow removed from furnace pond. It is dated January 19th, 1883.

The heading runs: "We the undersigned members of the 'Spring Lake' Skating Club, hereby subscribe the following amounts for the purpose of defraying the expense of clearing snow off the ice at the above named lake, near the new furnace. (signed) by, G. R. Searing; A. M. Ryan; Eugene Pittenger; J. A. Price; W. H. Searing; C. H. Axford; Harry Lukens; J. M. Searing; Henry Lanterman.

The total was \$ 2.45.

Mr. Searing adds some explanatory remarks of much interest, saying :

"Oxford had only about fifteen skaters before the dam was built near the furnace; and they called it Spring Lake. The first fall of snow after we had skating interfered with the sport, and the above petition was started. They employed Shafer Reese, Anson White and Young Edwards to remove the snow from the Lake.

There was a great demand for skates at the Store. All enjoyed the sport and thereafter assisted in removing the snow.

I recall several young ladies who were graceful skaters: Misses Lanning; Lizzie Ward; Wilkinson; Mellie Vosseller; Sadie Ward; Mamie Lukens; Mellie Weston; Ruth Axford; Mollie Staley; Meta Baylor; Ida Zulauf.

Mr. Searing also sends a note about some Jonestown children. Miss Annie Lukens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lukens, married James Wilson. "They had one daughter, and Mrs. Wilson was very fond of Misses Grace and Mabel Maxwell. It was some time before she could decide which one to name her daughter for, but finally called her Grace.

"Mrs. Wilson related to me a very interesting conversation between two little ladies, about five years of age, regarding a little colt belonging to Miss Edith Jones, who had invited Grace to see it. Edith was very much excited about this fine colt, and taking Grace to be the hand, hastened to the barn, and when she had worked the door open, Grace stood amazed and did not express any opinion.

Then Edith exclaimed, "Well, why don't you say something! You don't know a good thing when you see it!"

Mr. Searing has sent postage for another year of the Bulletin, which he says "looks good in its new dress; Better all around, dress, paper, letters."

In another letter he gave a list of about sixty names of persons who had contributed interesting letters and various information, during the past year or more, and expressed his gratitude to them in earnest words. The Bulletin "has renewed old friendships I had some fifty years ago. I greatly prize it, and look for its arrival upon a certain day, because it keeps me in touch with friends of mine so many miles away. And in my mind's eye I can see and hear them as they write."

From the notes of Mr. Lunison we can add a few more names to the list of old Oxford school teachers, especially principals. An important change took place about the first of the century, when the two Oxford school districts were combined by State authority, and required the employment of a supervising Principal.

The first S. Principal was Prof. Wistmiller. The next was Harvey Miller, brother of J. C. Miller and Mrs. Raymond Rush. Next came Wm. Jones, a descendant of the original Elias Jones.

Prof. Wright, who taught in the high school, was, like Prof. Terwilliger, a self-taught man.

The Christmas seal sale has about ended, though money for them still comes in, and the total will be about the same as last year. The County Board of Health sent out 300 letters with the seals in this district, and about 200 have been returned. Fifty-four took all the seals and ten took a fraction of them. Those who returned all the seals, 130 of them have the thanks of the Board as it shows courtesy and interest in the work. There were some letters of explanation which were very touching, a good proof that the work of the Board is near to the hearts of many of our people.

Doubtless, many who took some or all the seals, did so at a sacrifice. It is all very much to the credit of our community.

We had intended to print the names of all who took the seals, but the Secretary of the Board called for the envelopes, and we failed to take the names.

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