

The Bulletin
OF THE
Oxford Second
Presbyterian Church
OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.
Pastor

*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
understanding, shall keep your
hearts and minds through
Christ Jesus
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

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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 51 sel 18
Hymn 219
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Offering
Anthem
Hymn 248
Sermon
Hymn 237
Benediction

Prayer

"Lift upon us the light of thy countenance, O God, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee and send into our souls the purifying gift of thy pardon, that our sin may be utterly removed from us, and we may go forth with a clean spirit, a joyful courage, and strength sufficient for our daily needs. And grant, Merciful Lord, that we may neither forget the precepts and promises of thy holy Word, nor depart in thought, word, or deed from the obedient faith of thy true children in Jesus Christ

"Our Community's need" is the topic for the Young People tonight. The leader is Virginia Hood. All are invited.

The young people gave their play "Listen to Leon," at Roxburg last Wednesday evening to a good house. It was well received.

The Annual Congregational meeting will meet next Friday evening at 8 P.M. in the church. Reports will be given for the year from all societies of the church. Elders and trustees will be chosen where their terms have expired.

This call was made from the pulpit last Sabbath also, as our law requires.

An important question will come before the meeting relating to the reunion in May. Many of our former members are looking forward to it. The Congregation should take what action in the matter seems wise and prudent.

The Spring meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Franklin on April 11th, two weeks from next Tuesday. The Pastor and an Elder will attend this most important meeting of the year.

Mrs Oscar Johnson (Greda Wartenberg) passed to her reward at her home on Jonestown, on Saturday, March 18th.

The funeral was last Thursday from the home. The pastor and Rev. W.A. Wagar, a former pastor were in charge. Mrs. Edmund Oram sang hymns selected by the deceased. The body was laid to rest in Hillside cemetery.

Mrs Johnson was admitted to our Communion, together with her husband, on confession of faith, on March 21st, 1909, during the pastorate of Mr. Merrill, and was deeply religious.

She is survived by her husband and three children—Charles Leslie; Mrs Ethel Roth; and Wilbur. Also by two brothers and a sister—Martin and Hannah of Los Angeles, Cal., and Hans Wartenberg of Phillipsburg. Mrs James Garris of Jonestown, is a step-sister.

Mrs Johnson was a devoted wife and mother and her affection for her family was returned by them most tenderly in ministering to her wants during the long periods of painful illness through which she passed in recent years.

Mr. Martin Wartenberg is in Oxford on account of the death of his sister Mrs. Oscar Johnson, and expects to be here about a month, when he will return to his home in Los Angeles. He has been a member of our Church since 1901, and retains his connection with us, for which we are glad. His many friends will be pleased to greet him again, and renew old time memories.

The recent epidemic of measles which decimated attendance at Sunday school, and closed the public schools for two weeks, has abated, and the general health is very good. If it were not for so many bank failures, and unemployment, stagnant business conditions, we should all be prosperous and happy— at least we think so.

The Bulletin is always ready to print historical articles, and we want more of them; but there is a lack of personal letters from former and absent members. Many who have long been receiving the paper have not written as yet, and a word from them would give great pleasure to their old time friends.

Old Furnace Methods By Patrick Kempsey

Let us go back and unearth some of the history pertaining to the old Blast Furnace. How many today can remember when ore from the Harris mine, now called the Washington mine, was hauled by teams to the kilns to be roasted, to take away the sulphur, a non-metallic element which is injurious to the making of iron?

The roasting kilns were located about 50 feet on the south side of Mr. Harry Miller's Garage, where the foundations can still be plainly seen. Unlike lime or the modern kilns of today, they were of the broad open top type, which answered the purpose very well in those days.

But it was slow, hard work unloading the ore from the wagons by hand into the kilns and after being well roasted was reloaded into wagons and hauled out cinder street, then turning to the right and up a steep grade to the stockhouse, where it was again shovelled into two wheeled buggies, and pushed a long distance to the scales to be weighed, and thence on to the furnace top and dumped into the great mass of fire which soon began to melt it. At the end of twenty hours it came out of the bottom hearth and was led into sand molds. It was then what is called Pig Iron, and ready for whatever use its high or low quality best fitted it for.

In muggy damp weather the sulphur fume from the kilns was like a dense fog. It was almost necessary to carry a lantern to get where you wanted to go. And it made the eyes, nose and throat smart. It was said that it was very good for asthma and many other ills.

Many times when we as boys would stand on the outer wall of the kilns to see who could stand there and drink in the most of the sulphur fumes, as luck would have it, men from near by would see us and come over and drive us away before we were overcome by the deadly fumes. We did not realize the danger; so thanks to the good men who have long gone to their Happy Home, for driving us away.

(This is the first account we have had of the roasting kilns of the old furnace giving their location. It is all new to the Editor, and the paper makes a valuable and interesting addition to our history of the furnace. We presume this method of operation points to a time before the building of the railroad).

An Interesting Photograph

Mr. Searing has put in our hands a fine picture taken Saturday, P.M., 1897, at the completion of the slope at the Washington Mines. The picture is large and clear showing the mouth of the shaft and the men who worked on the repairs to the shaft and in the engine house.

Mr. Searing gives the names as below.

Jacob Bergenback	C. Bush
August Badrow	C.C. Cooper
F. Cook	B. Jones
James Martin	C. Raddatz
M.N. Skov	R. Story
Wolfinger	Wick
Julius Zulrich	S.J. Cooper

Another item of the same date, Nov. 1897, describes the burning of what was known as Father Matthew Hall, located back of Burns' livery stables.

The building was erected by the F.M. T.A.B., of the St. Rose Catholic Church in the year 1891.

In 1895 the hall was rented to a company which put in machinery for silk dyeing, and printing, and for a time did well, but owing to company trouble and a heavy mortgage was to be sold the very afternoon when the fire occurred. The loss was given as \$15,000., with \$11,000 insurance.

Still another item from Mr. Searing's journal refers to a Thanksgiving union service in the Presbyterian Church, on Nov. 25th, 1897. The sermon was given by the Rev. Mr. Hubach, of the Methodist Church. "Mr. Hubach's son is now Mrs. F.G. Everitt's Pastor at Blairstown. His father was a very forceful speaker."

Cut Nails vs Wire Nails

Mr. Searing's old scrap book yields us a reminder of the fierce battle that was waged by manufactures of cut and wire nails in the 1880s. Oxford was vitally interested in that contest, because of its large cut nail works, which supplied cut nails to all parts of the world. The reminder in question is an appeal "to the Nail Trade," a circular (1885) signed by seven cut nail works in Ohio and West Virginia, and giving results of comparative tests, showing cut nails to be cheaper and more satisfactory than wire nails. "One dollar's worth of cut nails will give the same service as \$1.78 spent in wire nails, at the same pound price

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