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OF THE  
Oxford Second  
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  
understanding, shall keep your  
hearts and minds through  
Christ Jesus  
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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.

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### Morning Service

Doxology

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 48 sel. 17

Hymn 44

Creed and Gloria

Scripture lesson

Prayer

Hymn 167

Sermon

Hymn 308

Benediction

" Our Heavenly Father: Strengthen us to keep thy commandments; deliver us from our infirmities, and uphold us with thy free Spirit. Enable us for those duties which thou hast laid upon us, that our work being well done, we may enjoy the fruit of our labour, in good conscience and a contented mind. And so direct us in all our ways, that we may have the light of thy Word upon our path, and the fellowship of thy Spirit in our hearts, and may ever continue among the faithful followers of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Topic for the Young People's meeting tonight will be "What Does it Mean to be a Christian?" Helen Hynal will lead.

The Cottage prayer meeting next Wednesday night will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Petty. All are invited.

We had a good meeting last week and the interest is growing in these services.

The Supper given by the Ladies of Group I. in the Chapel last Friday night proved to be a most pleasant occasion. About 80 suppers were served, the provisions were nearly exhausted, and a net profit of near twenty dollars was realized.

We were all surprised and delighted when George R. Searing Sr. and Floyd E. Dreisbach entered the room, and what a good time there followed is visiting and talking over old times! Such occasions are well worth the effort apart from the financial rewards. We should have them oftener in our church.

We have received money from Mr. Clinton L. Weston to continue the Bulletin to his Mother, Mrs. A.M. Weston at Hacketts town, N.J.

George Hunt, son of Isaac and Alice Hunt passed away last Tuesday in California. He became a member of our church March 1st, 1895, and never changed his relationship with the church of his youth.

He was the nephew of Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker, and leaves his mother and brother Willard who live in Rockaway, N.J., who have our prayerful sympathy. The ashes will be brought home and interred in the Hazen cemetery.

Mrs Arletta C. (Harling) Daniels went to her reward last February, at North Arlington, N.J. She received into our church March 2nd, 1888.

She was the sister of Mr. George Docker-son's first wife. Other brothers and sisters are Mrs. Mary Cooper, Phillipsburg, Mrs. Agnes Purcell and Thomas Harling of Easton, and Benjamin and William Harling of Scranton.

Mrs Millie Vosseller Hartman of Phillipsburg sends postage for another year and writes pleasantly of old Oxford friends, saying:-

"I find great pleasure in reading the Bulletin about my dear old home town, and to learn where some of my dear friends are today. Jessie Glen was one who taught school in the summer months. I went to her; also Ellie Keen, who was bitten by a Spitz dog. When I went to Mr. Warner, and Mr. Frank Atwood.

It gave me great pleasure to read all about Miss Lanterman, as I well remember the Farewell party which Mrs. E. T. Lukens gave her. We had a lovely time.

I also went to Mrs. Charles Wiseburn, a lovely mother she was. My mother and I used to help many times at the Chapel. Mrs. Laura Seiple is another so good and kind. If at any time you are going to have a Fair, I will make or send some little thing that may help."

Rev. D. L. Doherty, pastor at Milford, and former pastor of this church, sends us a statement about the notable Centennial celebration of the Milford Church, held last Sabbath, March 19th.

There were many prominent leaders of the Church, officers of the General Assembly Synod, and Presbyteries, present to take part in the exercises.

We join his multitude of friends here in sending him our greetings and warm congratulations for his successful and long pastorate in Milford.

## An Old Oxford Hero

In the late Seventies an attempt to rob the safe in the Company's office was foiled by the brave and crafty night watchman, Mr. Wm. H. Searing, in a manner that thrilled the community and gave the town a hero to be proud of. The following account of the event is furnished by Mr. Wm. L. Hornbaker, who was present on the scene soon after it occurred and also was present at the trial in Belvidere when two of the robbers were tried and convicted.

An officer of the Company went to N.Y. City to get cash for the approaching pay day. Four men—Fisher, Hughes, two Greers (brothers) were waiting for him and followed him from the bank to Hoboken, and there, with tickets for Bridgeville, got on the same train, and rode in the same coach with the officer with the pay roll.

That night the four men walked to Oxford and hid behind the stone wall north of the Store, where they masked themselves, and then scouted around the Store to see if any one was on guard. They saw the watchman in the cellar, and then posted one man on the outside to guard the entrance door to the office. The others climbed through a window into the office. There were two doors to the office, the outside one, one leading to the cellar. Hughes went to work to open the safe while the other two took a position as they thought before the door to the cellar, but by mistake, before the outside door.

Finally Mr. Searing, bearing a load of wood and a lantern, mounted the steps to the office, still ignorant of the presence of the robbers. When he opened the door he saw Hughes at the safe, and grabbed his pistol from his overcoat pocket, and being a crack shot, put a bullet through Hughes's heart before the latter could shoot. The two men rush across the room and fell upon Searing and they all tumbled to the floor, but in the scramble Searing shot Greer through the shoulder. But he was at their mercy, and but for a strange circumstance, would have effected their robbery.

Mr. Searing had a large dog which was ever at his heels, but having been once shot was gun shy. The dog followed his master to the office, but at the pistol shot ran back into the cellar in fright, and overturned some boxes or cans, making a great racket. The two robbers hearing the noise below, said that somebody was in the cellar and the quick witted watchman, taking advantage of their illusion, called out loudly "Come on up Bill, but don't shoot." (Over)

This fooled the robbers so that they ran and jumped through the window, and with the man outside fled. They went first to Pequest and early in the morning got a farmer to take them to Mock Chunk, Pa., and the one shot in the shoulder succeeded in getting out West, where he was later arrested and imprisoned for another crime. But the blood from his wounded shoulder left a trail for the detectives to follow to Pequest, and from the farmer learned that they had gone to Penna.. Fisher and one of the Greers were captured and brought to Belvidere, where they were tried and sent to the State prison, in which they both died.

At the trial Fisher confessed, and as he corroborated the account of Mr. Searin there was no trouble to convict them.

Fisher on the stand remarked that Oxford was the hottest place he had ever been in not only for the shooting, but on account the loads of glowing hot cinders in cars from the furnace every ten minutes.

Hughes who died instantly was buried in Hillside Cemetery. He left a wife and two children, who were ignorant of his criminal habits.

Mr. Searing became the local hero, and continued as the watchman, undaunted by his terrible experience, and narrow escape from death.

Oxford also had a heroine about the same time, in the person of Miss Jenni Scranton. The following note from Mr. Humphrey, just received, tells about it

"Yesterday while looking over some old letters, I found one from James E. Loder, dated June 23rd, 1880. Below is an extract which I think will be appreciated by those who knew 'Jennie Scranton,' afterwards Mrs. A. J. Roe, of Fort Worth, Texas.

"They had quite a scare up at Charles Scranton's last night. There was no one home but the girls, and a tramp came there and wanted to come in the house however, through the bravery of Miss Jenni he was finally compelled to vacate the premises. I went up afterwards and found her on the porch, pistol in hand, standing guard."

It does one good to hear of such courage as the above stories and one wonders, in these days when robbers and highwaymen rob and kill at will, if the present generation is lacking in skill and bravery to defend themselves.

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