

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



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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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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 Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 124 sel 49
Hymn 21
Credo and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 177
Sermon
Hymn 243
Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, we commend to thee our families and our children. Dwell in our homes, we beseech thee, protect our dwellings from all evil and fill them with peace and holiness. We pray for all who are dear to us, that they may be delivered from all the dangers of the present life, and kept by thy grace unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The young people meet at seven o'clock, and the topic is "What is Gambling? Why it is wrong." Joseph Sadlon is down to lead.

The Children's Day Exercise last Sabbath was a happy time for the large audience present. The church had been attractively decorated for the occasion, and the excellent program was carried out without a hitch, the result of careful preparation by the Committee.

The following children took part—
Addie Wilson, Gerald Green, Alvin Austie, Florence Wildrick, Edmund Oram, Fanny Miller, Mabel Ritzer, Charles Dux, Jr., Rose Austie, Irene Poch, Doris Docker, Jane hood, Larry Hunt, Dorothy Ritzer, Robert Dux, Beth Green, Lawrence Meyers, Helen Poch, Jeanne Oram, Lizzie Poch, Donald Oram, Betty Green, Ilona Austie, Ruth Seiple, Mary Korzecki, Edward, T. Green, Jr.

The special new songs by the school were beautiful and well sung, and the children performed their parts with much credit.

The Committee consisting of Mrs. Ed. T. Green, Mrs. Laura Seiple, Miss Myra Radel and Miss Adelaide Yount are to be thanked for their careful work, which made the very delightful service possible.

The Presbytery of Newton will hold its Stated Summer meeting in the Stillwater church on Tuesday, June 27th, 1933, at 9:30 A.M., Standard time.

Helen Margaret; Addie Madeline; and Joyce Pearl, -children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson received Christian Baptism last Sabbath during the Children's Day services.

Mr. Jesse Seiple of Watertown, Mass., in sending donation to the Bulletin, says; "Having spent considerable of my boyhood in and around Oxford I have always been interested in its history.. and being present at your Mother's Day services gave me much delight. Taking everything into consideration my impression was, as an outsider, that it was a huge success."

In disposing of the household effects of the late Mrs. Rebecca Hilbert, Mrs. W.H. Dawe selected some antique articles which she will preserve for the Museum which Oxford will surely have in the future. The objects will be of great interest in themselves and also for the reason that Mrs. Hilbert's life in Oxford covered almost the last hundred years.

Public interest continues to grow in the project of preserving the old furnace and fixing up the old Boiler house for an historical museum, for which a large amount of material is already to put in it.

Oxford is on the way to be put on the map. Prof. Stoughton's new edition of his standard book of the Metallurgy of Iron and Steel, of which forty thousand have already been sold, and which will contain a picture and account of the old furnace, will publish it far and wide over the country. Articles have appeared in many scientific papers and magazines, and more will be given in the future; all which means that Oxford will in time become an historical point of interest.

In a new road map gotten out by one of the Oil companies, one whole side of the Jersey map pictures and notes the historical points of interest. In it are Andover and Greenwood furnaces, etc., but Oxford is not on that map. It is a shame and must be remedied; as it will surely be in the future. But every body must talk it up and help in every possible way.

Let us all work together to put Oxford on the Map!

(Some weeks ago Mr. Humphrey sent the Editor for his personal enjoyment a letter written to his mother from Oxford, August 12th, 1861. But why not pass the fun along?)

Here it is in part:- "Last Saturday and Sunday will always be memorable days with me. About the middle of last week a Mr. Atkinson, mining and civil engineer, came here to make a survey of some property 12 miles 'up the valley' belonging to S.T.S. & Co., which is soon to be sold. It adjoins the 'Kishpaugh', a very valuable mine owned by the Crane Iron Co., and the Scrantons wish to show that the ore extends into their property, which it undoubtedly does.

Well, Atkinson took Will Henry with him as an assistant. Friday afternoon Will came back for some instructions and went up again Saturday Morning. He expected that the 'old man' would finish up that afternoon and so I went along for the ride, which is a very pleasant one. We got to the mines at noon and found that nothing had been done in Will's absence. So after dinner at a farm house, where they boarded, we all went at it again and worked till dark, but found it impossible to finish that night. I was anxious to get back, but didn't relish the idea of walking, and so consented to remain and help finish Sunday morning. The farm house is very pleasantly situated, and we spent the evening sitting on the porch 'gassing' with the 'old man', who was extremely entertaining. When we got ready for bed they gave Will and me a room up stairs which, except that the window was small, seemed very pleasant. As the house is old and the roomed didn't seem to be used much we concluded to examine the bed before getting into it--altho' as the people are very nice and neat, we did not expect to find it inhabited. It appeared to be all right and we turned in at 10:30. It had been very warm during the day, and after a while I felt 'hives' starting out on my legs, and soon they were all over me. I couldn't stand it in bed and so got up and squeezed myself into the little window and sat there. Will had for some time been also scratching, but he supposed from sympathy with me. But after a while he said he believed there was something in the bed, and got up and lit the lamp. I got out of the window to look too, and behold a sight the most disgustingly horrible I've ever seen. The bed was completely alive with bed-bugs and fleas! The next morning we concluded that there was at least one or the other of these animals on every square inch of

surface which would show about 4608 of them in sight ! Besides the live ones there were numerous spots of blood where we had mashed them in rolling around.

Of course we didn't care about getting back into that nest and so put the pillows on the floor and tried it there for a while

My 'hives' continued to trouble me so that I couldn't tell whether we were being attacked in our new position or not, but after some time Will thought he felt symptoms of the presence of the enemy, and so we lit the lamp again which revealed one or two on the pillow. Examining the bed again we discovered the things descending the bed posts and making across the floor toward us. It was now about 2 A.M. and we hadn't slept yet. After the last discovery we tried sitting in the wooden chairs for some time, till we thought we'd try the floor again. About 4 o'clock Will fell asleep, but I was almost wild with the 'hives' and other things too, and couldn't feel easy anywhere. The best place was in that window, as the air blew over me there. But the sill was old and every few minutes a miserable mouse would go through a hole right under me. I alternated from the floor to the window by way of a chair till 5:20 when Will woke up and we dressed and went down stairs, -Will having slept about 2 hours and I not a wink.

After breakfast we choked our consciences and went out and took levels till noon which finished the job. We got dinner, and after a very pleasant drive by way of Green's Pond, where we took a refreshing swim, reached Oxford about 4 o'clock, dressed up and went to early meeting and to bed at 8 o'clock and slept soundly enough I assure you. Altogether it was a great experience."

(The following paragraph in the same letter indicates trouble at the Mill and general bad times:- "A compromise has been effected with our puddlers and the Rolling Mill will be started Monday which will improve matters here very much. The Nail Mill will start on the 22nd, when every thing will be running except the old furnace. The prospects at our mine are a good deal better, and it is to be hoped that the business generally will be more encouraging than it has been lately.

"The weather continues very hot and dry. The thermometer now (2:15) stands at 97 in a cool place in the office window, and while walking over our cinder roads in the bright sun, it seems as though one were on a stove!"

(The letter is printed of course with the writer's consent.)

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