

The Bulletin  
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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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

Dozology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 121 sel. 48  
Hymn 334  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 254  
Sermon  
Hymn 328  
Benediction

## Prayer

"O Lord God, who hast created every thing beautiful in its time, grant us a pure heart, that we may discern thee, the giver in all beauty of creation, worshipping thee as the Creator of all, and gratefully acknowledging thy love and goodness in the same, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

During August the Pastor will take his vacation and there will be no Sunday service except the Sabbath School.

The Bulletin likewise will not be published during this period. In September all will start again.

The Service conducted last Sunday night in our Church by the Men's Bible Class of the second Presbyterian Church of Belvidere was very interesting and impressive. The music by the large male chorus was the special feature and gave great pleasure to the large audience.

Their leader, Mr. Wm. Griffin, of Bangor Pa. showed himself to be a very capable conductor and a fine singer as well.

Mr. Robert Clark sang well as a soloist and in duets, having a voice of pleasing quality.

The short sermon was taken by the Rev. Wm. J. Hampton, who, in the early nineties was Pastor of the Oxford M. E. Church, and spoke pleasingly of that experience. His sermon was listened to with deep and moving attention.

The Congregation is very grateful to the Bible Class for their presence and fine service. Many of their families were present, and though the weather was oppressively hot, it was a successful and delightful occasion. And we trust that the Class will visit us again soon.



Old Oxford Legends  
Adventures of Nicholas Van Zandt  
By George J. Humphrey

"White man! Tonight you have seen your house, built on our land without our consent, burned with fire; so would you burn the wigwams of our people; the hats of your friends were untouched, but you would destroy our homes, so that our wives and little ones would have no shelter to cover them; you have this morning partaken of our venison and our fish; but you would cut down our forests and pollute our lakes and streams, so that the deer will flee away and the fish be poisoned; you have for a short time felt the dazzling glare of the sun in your eyes; you would destroy all trees so that there will be no shade in the land and men will be blinded with the hot sun.

'The fierce Mohawks would tie you to a tree and burn you with fire like that with which you have been burning our forests; they would strike your head with a tomahawk like the hammers in your forge, which you drive with water taken from dams in our trout streams; they would pierce your body with arrows and spears as you have pierced our woods with wide dusty trails; they would take the scalp from your head, as you would take every green tree and bush from the mountains, leaving them bare masses of rock to blister in the sun.

'But the Delawares are more merciful, and we will not take your life; but you must use it for US! Our sentence is that you come with us to our villages on the Susquehanna, and that you make our tomahawks and repair our rifles; we will show you where coal, such as you never have heard of, can be dug out of the ground along the high banks of the streams, without cutting down a single tree, and which will make a fire hotter than your charcoal and which will burn from sunrise till noon without adding to; also we will show you places where iron can be taken from the mountain-sides; but you must use it only for the Indians. Take up your load and come with us.'

"So they made me carry such poor pots and such like as they had, and we started on a journey which lasted many days. First we went straight up the mountain until we came to a place where there were rocks piled about, making a great square in the middle of which there was a clear spot. Here the Indians staid a long time, worshipping the Great Spirit after their manner. Then we went down the

mountain on the other side where there a brook with beaver dams. We followed up this stream till it grow small; then we went through the woods till we came to another brook in which there were many trout. This we followed down and at last came to the great Delaware river. We went up the river along the foot of prodigious mountains through which there is a great Gap, made--so the Indians say--by the great Spirit, to let the water pass on toward the Ocean. Soon we came to a broad valley when we left the river and turning toward the west, crossed the valley; then over a great mountain, called by the Indians Po-co-no, and down the other side to the Susquehannock River, more beautiful than I can tell you of. Here we found the Delaware villages, and among them I lived for many years, repairing their rifles and making many implements for the women to help them in cultivating the maize of which they raise a great store. They also have apple and peach trees and grow tobacco and melons and pumpkins. I found the coal which grows like stones; also some iron-stone though not very good; but all these things are too far away to be ever used by any one except the Indians.

"After a long time I learned that a man was to go on a run to a far river called the Ohio, to fort Duquense, which the French built where the river is formed from two branches, called the Allegheny and Monongahela. The fort is now in the King's domain and is called Fort Pitt.

"I begged that I might go with the young man, and the old Chief, seeing that I had done no more harm and had served the people well, told me to go; but that I must return to help in the villages again before another snow. It was then the time of freshets when the ice was breaking up and floating down the river.

"So I went with the young runner, and after many adventures we reached the Ohio, a broad, muddy stream, but deep and grand. We came back by the Monongahela, and along its banks I saw stone coal, like that near the Delaware villages, but softer, and when it burns, as it does easily, it makes a great smoke. There is also iron stone there, and, except that I am afraid of the Iroquois who live in those regions, I would find some friends who would go with me and we would make iron and float it down the Ohio river to the Spanish and French settlements. (over)



"Near the head-waters of the Monongahela the Indian and I parted, he going straight to the Susquehannock, and I to the Potomac, so to Virginia, and then to Philadelphia, whence I came with the traders up the Delaware to the bad rapids which you now call Foul Rift and so to the Furnace.

"For I wished again to see the country from which I was taken so long ago. You make much more Iron in this blast furnace than I did in the old forge; but you are sadly marring the mountains by cutting the trees to make so much charcoal; for now I love the forests and the streams and my old Delaware Chief."

"The Dutch" went to the furnace-top and I returned to bed, having first routed out Caesar and made him drive out the cold with the Bed-warmer which he filled with fresh coal. After pulling the curtains close together and covering myself up well in the pillows and blankets, I soon fell asleep.

P.S.--A few days after this I went to the furnace to see Van Zandt, intending to ask him more particularly about the coal and iron stone which he had seen near the Ohio river; but the furnace master informed me that he had quit his work, tied his few belongings in a pack, and taking some provisions with him, had started for the Water Gap, intending to cross the Pocono mountains and to reach the Delaware villages on the Susquehannock before snow should come.

The End.

Recent visitors in Oxford and the church were Mrs. Thaddeus Smith (Mary Elizabeth Seiple) of Westfield, Mass. and Mrs. F. Everton (Carrie Seiple) of Springfield, Mass. Also Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Cutler, of Rutherford, N.J. Mrs. Cutler is the daughter of Mrs. Everton.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Everton are daughters of James and Martha Seiple, and were both born in Oxford, and baptized in our church by Mr. Clark. Their mother was a member of our church, joining in 1864.

They recall attending Sunday School in the old Stone Chapel, and worshipping in the Church. They even remember the family pew--no. 22-- and sat in it again with great pleasure. Their delight in the old church was very moving to us. They want the Bulletin, and provided for the postage.

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