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



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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  
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.

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## Morning Worship

Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalter 67 sel 22  
Hymn 33  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 191  
Sermon  
Hymn 239  
The Lord's Supper  
Benediction

## Prayer

"O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

"Sowing and Reaping" is the topic of the young people's meeting tonight. Adelaide Yount is the leader.

For the last two Sundays the attendance at Sunday School has run over 100, we hope that the average will exceed that for the coming months.

The Sunday and School and the Young People's Society have each paid for a ton of coal for the Church. This will last for about two months. These two societies have bought nearly all the coal for the church in the past year.

The ladies Aid will hold a covered dish luncheon at the Chapel on Wednesday Oct. 18th, 12:15 o'clock.

The Ladies cleared \$130. at their Chicken Waffle Supper, Sept. 28th.

They had not anticipated large results and though less than in some former years, under present conditions, it is most gratifying to all.

The large attendance of visitors and of Oxford people generally was quite noticeable and very pleasing. The Church has many friends.



Jasper Smith  
By. Samuel J. Cooper

Mr. G.S. Humphrey writes:—"It is with unusual interest that I have read Mr. Weston's description of the Selden P. Scranton house with which I am very familiar. My first visit there was in 1871 with my father, who was a close friend of Mr. Scranton; and when I came to Oxford to live in 1875, my home was there for six months. After that, hardly a week passed without my spending at least one night in my room on the third floor.

I believe that even now I could find my way about the house in the dark without difficulty. 'Clin's' account of his experience with the burglars reminds me of an incident which occurred one night when I was 'on guard' during Mr. Scranton's absence. Sometime about midnight Mrs. Scranton awakened me, saying that there was a strong smell of smoke down stairs, and she feared that the house was on fire.

I was of course startled and immediately began investigations. There was no doubt about the odor being 'strong,' but I soon realized that it was not caused by smoke or fire but was supplied by a 'wood-pussy' which had been prowling about and announced its presence, perhaps under the porch, in the fragrant manner common to those animals.

At any rate we were much relieved to know that there was no danger of a conflagration, and returned to our respective beds to resume our peaceful slumbers.

"But the occurrence became a sort of family joke, and to this day, when there seems to be evidence of the proximity of one of those elusive little animals, some one says to me, 'George, I think there must be a fire somewhere around here'.

"It is a great pleasure and satisfaction to know that the fine residence is in such good hands, and that Dr. Neumann is interested in keeping the house and grounds in such excellent condition."

The Editor had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. A.B. Carr, of Phillipsburg, at the home of her niece Mrs. Edward Badrov of this place. She has been an interested reader of the Bulletin, and arranged to have it mailed to her weekly. Mrs. Badrov's father was Edward Butler, of Hazen, where she was born. She still holds her church membership in Oxford 1st, Church. Her three children are members of our Sunday School.

We hope she will become actively interested in our church work and life.

Herewith a little poem entitled "The Kingdom Immortal" which I found a short time ago in an old Bible of my grandparents, Samuel and Eleanor Jones, both of whom long since passed to "the other shore," who will be remembered by the older people. Grandfather was a deacon of this church when he died, and for many years previous.

The finding of these verses brings up memories of their author, Jasper Smith, who too has passed from time to eternity.

As I remember him he was short of stature, stout of build, kindly of countenance and of gentle speech. At different times he composed little religious poems, had them printed and then went from door to door selling them for a few cents a copy. He was quite well known by Oxford people in the 80's and earlier years. He lived on a small farm on the road from Washington to Montana. He was of a very religious nature, having faith greater than most of us, as evidenced one day when he discovered his home on fire.

He dropped to his knees and began pleading with the Almighty to put out the fire.

His good wife "Becky," a practical woman, seized water pails and advised her praying husband to bestir himself and do all he could if he wanted the Lord to put out the fire. The happy sequel is that by their united efforts the fire was subdued and their home saved.

Another incident in the life of this rather unique character, as related to me many years ago by one of his neighbors who was a witness from a distance and who considered it quite amusing, took place one Sunday morning. Mr. Smith was out on a hillside field looking over his flock of sheep to see if all was well with them and all were there. Apparently he could not count the full number and walked out on a large rock, one side of which was level with the soil but on the down hill side was several feet above the earth, in order to get a better view of the field.

While he was standing on the lower edge of the rock and intent upon his sheep, a large ram a member of the flock but on the upper side of the field, took notice of Mr. Smith's position and resenting his occupancy of that particular vantage point, charged without warning. Gaining momentum as he came down the hill with accurate aim he hit the mark square. Whereupon Mr. Smith appeared to have suddenly mastered the art of flying, for he sailed through the air.

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but the force of gravity dominating the direction of his motion he found himself again resting on mother earth. I believe he was not seriously injured physically; but what the moral damage was has not been learned. "

The religious poem of Mr. Smith, which Mr. Cooper inclosed in his letter is too long to quote here, but here is one verse:-

"We judge from knowledge clear and bright  
From Scripture and from science  
God's kingdom never can unite  
With Pluto's in alliance."

The Chicken Waffle Supper was favored by the attendance of a large number of visitors from neighboring towns. Washington was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christine; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. DeVoe; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Neighbor; Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Auer; Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Zuck; Mrs. Elmer Pittenger; Mrs. Bibinger and her daughter Mrs. Timmer; and Daniel Osman.

From Phillipsburg came Floyd E. Dreisbach and sisters Lydia and Matilda; Mrs. Flora Wynn; Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Pinsman.

Belvidere sent Dr. and Mrs. Cummings; Dr. and Mrs. Beesley; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Malt; Mr. and Mrs. Belford; -

Hackettstown lent us our devoted friends Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Fowler, and Mrs. Edith Cline. Great Meadows is on the list with Fleming Morgan, Edward Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wildrick. Two of our faithful friends, Mrs. Alice Hunt and Mrs. Henry Repp with her daughter Margaret were here from Rockaway.

Six residents of Stroudsburg, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Green, who were here last October, liked us well enough to come again. They were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Owens; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rinker; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds.

Harold Pierson of Newark and Mr. Bailey of Nutley were present. There were others whose names we failed to get.

The electrical wiring in the Chapel was changed so as to provide special current for twelve Electric Waffle Irons. Eleven of them were kept busy at the Supper, and for the first time the waffles were crisp and browned. The installation of this wiring was done by our electrician Preston Scharrer, who gave three days to without charge. It was a generous donation for which we are grateful.

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