

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 126 sel. 49
Hymn 71
Credo and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 262
Sermon
Hymn 31
Benediction

Prayer

"O God, make perfect our love toward thee and to our Redeemer and Justifier; give us a true and unfeigned love to all virtue and godliness, and to all thy chosen people wheresoever they be dispersed throu out all the world; increase in us strength and victory against all temptations and assaults of the flesh, the world and the devil, that according to thy promise we be never proved or tempted further than thou wilt give us strength to overcome. Give us grace to keep a good conscience; give us a pure heart and mind, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen."

The young people's topic for this evening will be "Safety First." The Pastor will be the leader.

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 7th, the Session met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Ott, in the Edward T. Green building, and received them into our Communion. Mr. William Ott came with a letter from the Belvidere First Church, and Mrs. Helen Amanda was received on confession of faith and Baptized. They will be warmly welcomed by our congregation.

The Pastor accompanied by Mrs. Benjamin Zapp, and Miss Myra Radel conducted religious services, last Sabbath afternoon at the Synodical Home for the Aged, in Belvidere.

Mr. Humphrey sends word of the death Mr. James E. Loder, in Philadelphia on Saturday, Oct. 7th., and pays to his old and very dear friend a beautiful tribute which will appear in the Bulletin for next week.

The Death of Mr. Schoonover

Word has come to us from two independent sources conveying the sad news of the passing of Rev. Frank B. Schoonover, at his home in Unionville, N.Y., on Oct. 3rd

He had driven his family to Middletown, N.Y., 16 miles away to do some shopping, and either at Middletown, or at his home in Unionville upon his return, he drove his car into the garage, and when his family became anxious about his non-appearance for quite a while, they went to the garage to look him up, and found him sitting at the wheel, dead from heart failure. The two reports differ only as to the place of death.

He had been apparently in perfect health, and the sudden passing was a great shock to his family and people in Unionville; and the host of his old friends here in Oxford where he was pastor of our church for four years, from April 1910, to November, 1914. At our 70th Anniversary on the 14th of last May Mr. Schoonover preached at the morning worship, and spoke in the afternoon.

His was an admirable character both as man and minister. He was kind and friendly with all the people in and out of the congregation, winning their high esteem by his sterling qualities. As a pastor, diligent in looking after the welfare of the flock, and being of a studious inclination, his sermons were always carefully prepared.

The sympathy of our people here will be given to Mrs. Schoonover and the children in their irreparable loss.

Mr. Charles Wildrick died very suddenly and unexpectedly last Monday while at work, from heart failure.

He has always had fine health and no one suspected anything wrong with his heart, which had become badly dilated.

He was 34 years of age, unmarried, and lived with his mother and aunts, Misses Ida and Catherine Smith. His father, George Wildrick, died four years ago, and Charley has faithfully cared for his beloved mother who is greatly bereaved at the loss of her son. Besides the above one sister, Mrs. Grace Wiseburn, and four brothers survive, Lewis, Clifford, Preston and Earl.

The funeral was from the home last Friday at 10 A.M., and burial at Belvidera.

Old Oxford Days— HOPE By Clinton E. Weston

One day in the recent summer, the writer his mother who is usually his "Pal" on auto trips, and sister went to Hope and called on our congenial friend George R. Searing. We were fortunate to find him strolling along the main street working off the effects of a bountiful repast--the kind that long ago put Hope at the top of the gastronomical world, and also absorbing the ozone for which that part of New Jersey is famed. To our delight George offered to take us on a personally conducted expedition of the old place and believe me, as a tourist agent, George belongs to the front ranks. He even conducted us to Blairstown where we called on other congenial friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Everitt. It is no exaggeration when I say that the latch string on the door of their home is a token of welcome and the said welcome is as refreshing as it is sincere.

Hope was Christened by the Moravians. It was formerly called Greenland, a name given by members of the Provincial Helpers Conference at Bethlehem, Pa. It was surveyed in 1774, the town was laid out and February 8, 1775, it was decided by lot to call it by the name of Hope. At that time there were about six houses, mechanic shops, one store and a mill--all generally constructed of stone.

On July 25, 1782 General Washington and two aides passed through the town on their way to Newburg, and were escorted through the town by the Moravian clergyman, John Etwein. They halted under a buttonwood tree, still standing, about a mile and a half south of the town. The old Moravian tavern burned in 1864 and on its site was erected a Christian Church that burned in 1918. In 1828 William Hibler bought what had been the old Moravian church and turned it into a hotel. In this building were held the first courts of Warren County. Green and Howell, of whom we have spoken in previous articles, were the first settlers.

Samson Howell was the son of Hugh Howell who came from Wales in 1699. His ship was captured by pirates and he and his two brothers saved their lives by acting as sailors on the pirate ship. Hugh Howell lies buried at Baptistown where he died in 1745. The Union M.E. Church located two miles north east of Hope was organized in 1785 and the M.E. church in Hope was erected in 1832. (over)

The Presbyterian Church in Hope was organized in 1854 and a building was erected in 1855 but had a poor existence and was shortly afterwards abandoned.

The St. Luke Episcopal Church was begun in 1832 and was completed in 1839.

In this latter Church is an Erben Organ that was ordered built for Trinity Church New York City by Queen Anne. Trinity Church presented it to St. Lukes in Hope.

The organ is still in fairly good shape and the writer had the pleasure of playing it while friend George pumped, and the way he pumped showed he had had some experience at the old town pump.

It was suggested that we play a duet, George playing his clarinet with one hand while pumping with the other, as I accompanied on the organ. The tune selected was "Never More We'll Roam," and in case of an encore, "On the Road to Mandalay," without detours.

There are 46 pews in this church, each one having an entrance gate and the hymnals were contributed by St. James Church of Hackettstown. As a finale the writer did succeed in playing "The End of a Perfect Day."

Don't forget, folks. When you go to Hope, see George first. All tours a-la-carte or table-de-hote.

Megaphones extra.

An Old Autograph Album

Those old enough to recall events of forty years ago and more, will remember the craze for Autograph Albums in the '80s and '90s. This is suggested by the kindness of Miss Mary Kinney, who has put in our hands one of them which was presented to Miss Eugenia M. Henry by her brother Will, as a birth-day present, on May 1st. 1889.

It was sent from New Orleans, La., according to the dedication. It is bound with heavy red plush, with an elegant ivorine plate, interwoven with orange blossoms.

Among her friends who wrote in the Album are Gertrude and Evangeline Lukens, Lizzie M. Lawton, Kate Morgan Ward, and Mrs. Sadie C. Searing. The last wrote the beautiful old blessing:

"As the ripples follow the waves to the sea
So may God's blessing follow thee."

Miss Henry who now resides in Middletown, Conn., will probably be surprised to learn that her old Album has been preserved so long.

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