



Lamplighter

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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Our Vision

Oxford Presbyterian Church is a family of Christians dedicated to sharing the unconditional love of Jesus Christ with the local and world communities

Please join us for an evening of Ecumenical Praise and Thanksgiving for the benefit of the Lighthouse Youth Center's food pantry and Oxford Neighborhood Services.

Items will be collected in the narthex of the Sacred Heart Church or in the Sacred Heart School.

Needs for Lighthouse Youth Center:

- ◆ Spaghetti
- ◆ Tomato sauce
- ◆ Pancake mix
- ◆ Brownie/Cookie mix
- ◆ Pancake Syrup
- ◆ Ice cream toppings
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Paper Products
- ◆ Plastic Utensils

Neighborhood Services Needs:

- ◆ Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- ◆ Canned Soup or Stew
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned beans, any kind
- ◆ Canned potatoes
- ◆ Chicken/Tuna Helper
- ◆ Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes
- ◆ Pancake mix and syrup
- ◆ Cereal and oatmeal

Annual Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 7:00PM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
203 Church Road
Oxford, PA

Sponsored by Oxford Area Ministerium

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

The Thanksgiving holiday is something of an anachronism. It was timed to match the fall crops being gathered in and the harvest stored up to sustain the pilgrim family through the cold winter. A bountiful harvest was crucial to survival in the early years. Those hardy settlers understood the precarious nature of farming and counted heavily on the providential hand of God to make the crops successful, or the livestock healthy.

Today, we can get pretty much anything we'd want to eat any time at Redner's, or Acme, or Giant. Is something out of season? That's OK, it's still on the shelf, just a little bit more expensive because it came from California, or Argentina, or it is embalmed in preservatives to last forever. Most of us are so far removed from the harvest that we don't even know what is being harvested at any given time, unless we see the tall corn stalks suddenly disappearing.

Nevertheless, we give thanks to God, who has remained the source of the bounty, even though we are not currently walking behind the plow, praying for rain. Our distance from the farming process gives us even more reason to pray. In addition to thanks for the sun and the rain, now we give thanks for all of those farmers who dedicate their lives to the land to feed us. Whether it is a small family farm plot, or a large corporate conglomerate, somebody has to drive the tractor or combine – somebody has to go out in the field to set the irrigation, or spread the fertilizer. We give thanks for the farm workers, some of whom follow the harvest around the country with their families, picking the harvest from the vines. They make our comfort possible, and we ask God to make their lives more comfortable as well.

Even though we are not actively engaged with the land and its bounty, we can and should be truly grateful for all the wonderful flavors we enjoy all year through.

And as we give thanks, we celebrate the other side of this holiday – sharing. Tradition has it that the first Thanksgiving meal was shared between the settlers and the natives who had made room for their new neighbors. We know now that the scene was probably less idyllic than our traditional pictures would have us believe.

But the twin spirits of thankfulness and sharing are still providing the model for our lives of Christian witness – the vertical and horizontal of faith: Be grateful, and love your neighbor.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends...and I'll see you in church!

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry

National Adoption Awareness Month

November is National Adoption Awareness month. This month was established with the purpose of raising awareness of the needs of the well-over-100,000 children, legally cleared for adoption, in the U.S. foster care system.

This year, the focus has been placed on training and encouraging professionals to find Adoptive Parents for children in foster care who are waiting for homes.

Some History

- ◆ 1974 in Massachusetts, the first "Adoption Week" was established.
- ◆ 1984 "National Adoption Week" was established by President Reagan.
- ◆ 1995 President Clinton established November as "National Adoption Awareness Month."
- ◆ Each year, the President of

the United States officially proclaims November to be National Adoption Awareness Month (also known as National Adoption Month).

"November is National Adoption Month, a month set aside each year to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care. This year's National Adoption Month initiative targets adoption professionals by focusing on ways to recruit and retain parents for the 115,000 children and youth in foster care waiting for adoptive families."

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/nam/>

This month, please keep the needs of the children in our foster care system in your thoughts and prayers.

Military Parents

We are starting a new support group. If you have a son or daughter in the military, please join us on Thursday, November 11, at 7:00PM in the OPC library for an informal gathering.

For more information, contact Janet Hudler

Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in the Fellowship Hall, Monday, November 15, 1:00-7:00PM.



Hanging of the Greens!

November 27 starting at 5:00PM there will be a covered dish supper followed by the decorating of OPC for Advent and Christmas. Please contact the church office to volunteer to help plan the festivities and decorate our church.

All are welcome!



“When I fight about what is going on in the neighborhood, or when I fight about what is happening to other people’s children, I’m doing that because I want to leave a community and a world that is better than the one I found.”

—Marian Wright Edelman

Outreach

Mission Highlight



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES®

For ten days the **Alternative Gift Bazaar** offers the Oxford, PA community an opportunity to invest in their world and shop fair trade. Items featured will be from Ten Thousand Villages, Equal Exchange, Palestinian Olive Oil, and Threads of Hope from Honduras. Shoppers will discover hundreds of handcrafted gifts, musical instruments, baskets, ornaments, toys and jewelry made by more than 130 skilled artisan groups in 38 countries. Proceeds from vendors benefit artisan partners. In past years, sales benefited tens of thousands of artisans around the world.

Ten Thousand Villages is an exceptional source for unique, handmade gifts, jewelry, home decor and personal accessories representing the diverse cultures of artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. One of the world's largest fair trade organizations and a founding member of the International Fair Trade Association (IFAT), the company strives to improve the livelihood of tens of thousands of disadvantaged artisans in 38 countries. Ten Thousand Villages accomplishes this by establishing a sustainable market for handmade products in North America, and building long-term buying relationships in places where skilled artisan partners lack opportunities for a stable income. Product sales help pay for food, education, healthcare and housing for artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed.

OPC's Alternative Gift Bazaar is open! Regular shopping hours are on Sundays, November 7 - December 19 from 9-1:00PM. The shop is also open on Saturdays, November 20 and December 11 from 9-1:00PM. Individuals or groups who would like a "special opening" may contact the Church for availability.

The Shop is located upstairs at OPC, Room 6. This is the 7th year that Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee, Outreach Ministry, has hosted the Alternative Gift Bazaar.

For more information, visit www.tenthousandvillages.com.

"Least of These"

Please continue to support this mission. In the Church Narthex you will see a basket where canned good, non-perishable items, cleaning and toiletry supplies may be donated. Neighborhood Services Center is meeting the growing needs of the community.

We've met our goal of 1,000 pounds for 2010. Now we can work on the next 1,000!!!

Jesus said, "Whenever you did this for one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it for me."

Current special needs are for breakfast cereals, canned kidney or black beans, instant or canned potatoes, jelly or spaghetti sauces.

Children's Shoes Needed for Neighborhood Services Thrift Shop

Sizes 1 thru 9

New or Gently used



DROP BOX BY CHURCH OFFICE

Ministry

Missions We Support

Local

Neighborhood Services Center



Oxford Senior Center

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

Lighthouse Ministry

Miscellaneous Local Mission

Peacemaking Offering (25%)

Christmas Food Boxes

Beyond our Area

Onesimus Prison Ministry

Good News for India

Missions with the Larger Church

Per Capita (sent to Presbytery)

Basic Mission Support/to Presbytery

Theological Education Fund/to Presbytery

Meeting Ground

One Great Hour of Sharing

Pentecost Offering

Peacemaking Offering (75%)

Christmas Joy Offering

Mthatha Visitors are coming

Donegal Presbytery will host a delegation from our sister Presbytery November 12-22. We are celebrating our 10-year partnership with the Presbytery of Mthatha.

You are invited to participate in a "MONTH OF PRAYER AND SUPPORT" for Mthatha Presbytery. You will find a calendar and soup can label in your mailbox to use in November with your family.

This is a fundraiser to help buy computers, and to support our SISTER PRESBYTERY. We would also like to send back pictures and letters from our Congregation, especially from our children.

A member of the delegation will be preaching at the 8:15 service on November 14. This is a good chance for OPC to meet members of the delegation and to learn more about life in South Africa.



"We are walking in the light of God together"



Children from our Sister Church, Khulani Church, Mthatha Presbytery

You are invited to a "Pot Luck" Dinner in our Fellowship Hall on November 19th at 6:30p co-hosted by OPC and Second Presbyterian Church. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and place settings provided. This is your chance to meet our South African Visitors from Mthatha Presbytery and learn more about their culture.

Our Members' Birthdays



November

1 Benjamin Gerich	10 Mark Godfrey	17 William Berg
1 Amelia Meyers	10 Maria Lombardi	18 Galen Pugh
1 Richard Terry	11 Graham Albrecht	19 William Hoffman
1 Clyde Williams	11 Hayley Allport	20 Valerie Beimfohr
4 Lauren Hoberg	11 Jeffrey Gehm	21 Adrienne Grube
4 John Jennings	11 Geoffrey Henry	21 Cowan Hahn
4 Jennifer Quigley	11 Vaun Newill	22 Peter King
5 Kathy Lilley	12 Allan Andrews	22 Ivana Wilson
5 Bonnie Rhodes	12 William Skinner	23 Beth Keefer
5 Vernon Ringler	12 David Williams	23 James McLeod
5 Paul Staller	12 Richard Winchester	25 Matthew Woolston
5 Cathy Sherman-Turns	13 Isabelle Ringler-Friedrich	27 Scott Kelly
7 Colton Sherman-Turns	14 Eugene Allport	28 Matthew R. Woolston
8 Stephanie Templin Ashford	14 Steven Carbonara	29 Jake Stevenson
8 Gabriella Lombardi	15 Charles Stoltzfus	29 Marcella Workman
9 Samantha Gane	16 Gretchen Godfrey	30 Theodore Lorah
9 Karen Olivieri		30 William Ringler

Because I want to....

Be listened to
 Be treated fairly
 Be included
 Be accepted by everyone
 Have fun
 Feel like I fit in
 Know I won't be judged unfairly
 Feel beautiful inside or out

Therefore I will....

listen to others
 treat others fairly
 include everyone
 not exclude, ignore or insult anyone
 not be disruptive
 see the God in everyone
 not make judgments or gossip
 see the beauty in others and affirm one another

December

1	Dorothy Fike	11	Jennifer Semple	17	Trevor Carter
1	Richard Forcey	11	Peter Vernooy	17	Hillary Spotts
1	Judith Zenker	12	Lynn McAllister	18	John Hammond
4	Richard Busko	12	Mary Ross	18	Leslie McFadien
5	Carlton Groff	12	James Tierney	19	Wayne Sallurday
6	Brian Hahn	12	William Townsend	24	Gretchen Adams
6	Barbara Hill	12	Jane Trimble	24	Jason Lechette
6	Abigail Johnson	13	Emma Busko	24	Charles Tipton
6	Eric Lechette	13	Wallace MacKrell	25	Meghan Barlow
7	Laura Holton	14	Vivian Brown	27	Tyler Hopkins
7	Cooper Johnson	14	Paul Johnson	29	Lisa Claypoole
8	Reba Gray	15	Colin Smith	30	Preston Godfrey
11	Ellie Arthur	16	Charles Hammond	31	Maria Forcey
11	Donna Davis	16	Susan Lombardi	31	Elizabeth Taylor
11	Victoria King	16	Elizabeth Miller		

If yours or a loved one's birthday does not appear in our lists, please contact the office. We'd love to include you in our well wishes.

Crowns of Praise—The Hats That Women Wear

2011 Calendar Benefits 2nd Presbyterian Church Building Fund



This calendar features women from our local and surrounding communities including our own Jackie Caleb.

Donation: \$20.00

Please Pre-Order by November 30, 2010. Calendars will be delivered by December 17, 2010.

Order forms are in the office or see Jackie Caleb to order your calendar.

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NO Lectionary Bible Study <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 Walking Club-9a Wellness Council Meeting <i>Election Day</i>	3 Adventure Club Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	4 Naomi Circle	5 First Friday Lunch Bunch	6
7 Communion Deborah Circle	8 Lectionary Bible Study Nominating Committee Mtg.	9 Walking Club-9a WIC	10 Adventure Club Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	11 Naomi Circle Shalom Circle Military Moms Support Group <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 Lighthouse Preview Dinner Mthatha Visitors from South Africa	13 Lighthouse Auction
14 Session Meeting Deborah Circle	15 Lectionary Bible Study Red Cross Blood Drive Christian Ed Meeting	16 Walking Club-9a WIC Mthatha Visitors from South Africa	17 Adventure Club Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	18 Naomi Circle	19 Women of Faith Circle Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm guests	20 Serafin Quartet 7pm
21 Deacon's Meeting Deborah Circle Community Thanksgiving Service	22 Lectionary Bible Study	23 Walking Club-9a WIC	24 NO Adventure Club NO Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	25 Happy Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed	26	27 Hanging of the Greens 5:00p
28 Communion Blood Pressure Readings Deborah Circle	29 Lectionary Bible Study	30 Walking Club-9a				



Christian Education

Confirmation

Please keep our confirmands and their mentors in your prayers:

- ◆ Kathleen Kamp -- Jackie Caleb
- ◆ Courtney Yaletchko -- Jackie Montgomery
- ◆ Richard Forcey -- Ann Terry
- ◆ Tanner Smith -- Andy Ralston
- ◆ Mackenzie Smith -- Eryn Gallagher
- ◆ Kasey Busko -- Beth Keefer
- ◆ Brooke Stolfus -- Barb Hill

These folks will meet monthly to discuss topics like the church, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the sacraments.

Adventure Club

Adventure Club had an amazing Halloween Party on October 27th. The kids dressed as Bible characters and headed to the Ware Villas of OPC members and handed out goodie bags they made the week before. They learned about reaching out, the parable of the Good Samaritan and giving instead of receiving!! Praise God!

Scholarship Opportunity

Westminster College is offering a \$68,000 scholarship to a rising senior in a Presbyterian Church. In order to be eligible, the student must be a member of the PCUSA, have a 3.5 or higher GPA and be nominated by someone in the congregation.

Westminster is a private liberal arts college in New Wilmington, PA with a 12:1 student-faculty ratio. For more information, see Stephanie.

Youth Group Trip

On December 5th, the Youth Group will head to Old First

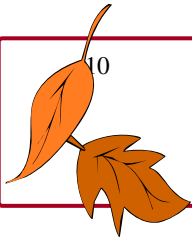
Reformed Church in Philadelphia PA to serve a meal at the Men's Homeless Shelter. If you would like to help with food or accompany us on this trip, please see Stephanie ASAP!!!



Here's Kasey Busko giving Stephanie the wink and the nod before her amazing performance of Blackbird by the Beatles.



OPC Adventure Club ready for their Halloween Party



News & Events

Lighthouse Youth Center Auction

Don't forget the 22nd Annual Benefit Auction, which will be held November 13, 9:00AM at the Oxford Presbyterian Church. You can still donate items by calling Buzz Tyson at 484-880-2018 or buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org. The preview dinner is the evening before from 4:30-7:30PM. See Eryn in the office for tickets.

Soup and Sandwich Day

The Oxford Area Senior Center at 12 E Locust Street is holding its fall Soup and Sandwich Day fundraiser on Friday, November 12th. Food will be available from 10:30AM to 1:00PM. The menu will consist of homemade Chicken Corn and Vegetable Beef soups, assortment of homemade sandwiches, homemade desserts, and drinks, All items priced \$2.00 or less. Take-out is available. Just walk in and enjoy the great food.

For information please call the center at 610-932-5244.

WPV Trip

The Ware Presbyterian Village trip to Washington has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

The Serafin String Quartet

There will be a concert on Saturday, November 20th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary of Oxford Presbyterian Church. The Serafin String Quartet will be performing works

by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Higdon. Please join us for an evening of wonderful music!! Tickets are FREE. Donations are accepted at the door.

Hanging of the Greens

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" will be held on Saturday, November 27th. This is a time when church and community people are invited to help decorate our beautiful Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. There will be a Covered Dish Supper beginning at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall; please bring a dish to share. Mounds of garlands, wreaths, ribbons, and candles will be on hand. It's always an enjoyable evening for the whole family, with special activities for the children. Everyone is welcome!

Apple Festival

"Beautiful feeling -beautiful day"

This phrase from an old song describes September 25, 2010 - Apple Festival Day.

Everything came together to make the 2010 Apple Festival one of the most successful ever. The weather was lovely, the attendance high, the entertainment excellent and the food plentiful and delicious.

Many people helped in the effort and they all need a big round of applause:

- ◆ Apple Butter makers - Donna Krauss and Ray Vanover
- ◆ Apple pickers and transporters - Charlie Wichhart and Charlie Tipton

- ◆ Entertainment (a huge undertaking) - Henry Whitesel
- ◆ Patty McComsey and Ila Barlow and the food crew
- ◆ Sally Tipton and Jean McCauley - the pie table
- ◆ Judy Kamp - bake table
- ◆ Jim Sumner and helpers - beverages
- ◆ Lorraine Holton and Barb Woods - books
- ◆ Bonnie Rhodes for manning the Silent Auction and the many merchants who contributed the items
- ◆ Stephanie and the Youth Group for providing activities for the kids and for helping in the setup
- ◆ The Stevenson family for driving the Barrel Train and Mr. Dennis Byrne for lending us the train
- ◆ The King family for pressing the cider all day
- ◆ Mr. Paxon for donating apples for us to sell
- ◆ Charlie Stoltzfus for our "stage"
- ◆ Tom Williams for providing Straw bales to sit on
- ◆ All the venders and craftspeople
- ◆ Jane Freeman and Donna Purcell, our bankers
- ◆ And, not least, Jackie Montgomery for setting up, tearing down and cleaning up. She left the grounds spotless!
- ◆ Presbyterian Women, Sponsors

We made over \$8,000 and will give the youth group \$5,500 toward their trip to Jamaica next year.

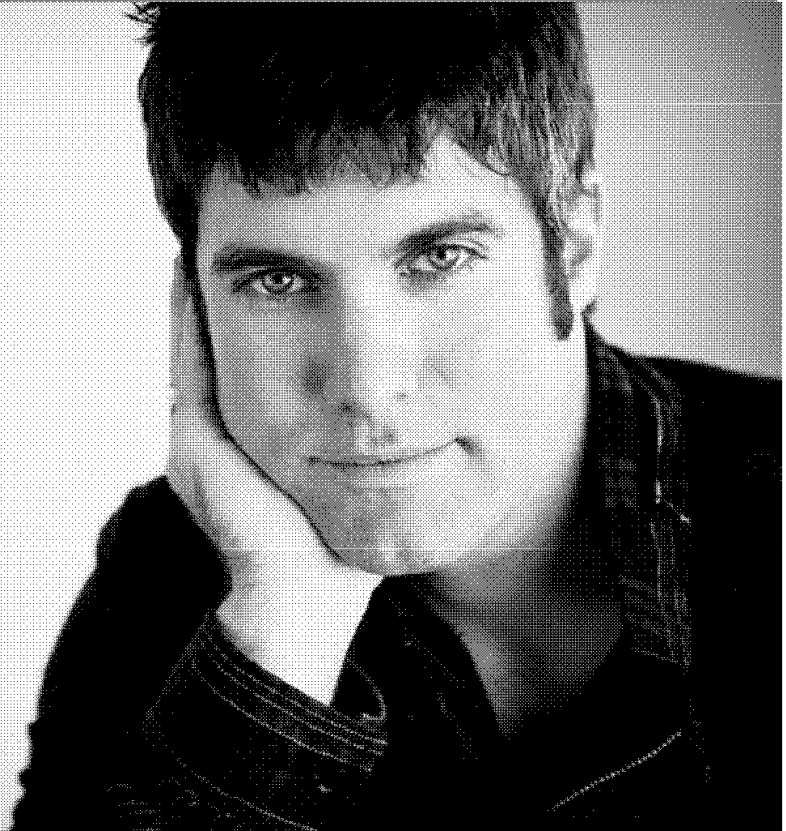
YOUTH EVENT:

Andy Braner

<http://andybraner.typepad.com/>

Finding God's
purpose for your
life

"For I know the
plans I have for
you," says the Lord
Jeremiah 29:11



Sunday, November 14th
Oxford Presbyterian Church

6:00 PM

Event is free and open to the public

\$1 contribution toward pizza

Join us and bring friends!

RSVP's desired, but not necessary

stephanieopc@oxfordpresbyterian.org

610-932-9640

Andy is a teen speaker, director of KIVU teen camp in Colorado and author of books: *Love This! Learning to Make It A Way of Life and Not Just A Word And Duplicate This! Showing your friends how to live like Jesus*



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Our Session

The Session meets the second Sunday of each month at 7:00PM

<i>Class of 2010</i>	<i>Class of 2011</i>	<i>Class of 2012</i>
Richard Forcey	Jackie Caleb	Christine Arthur
Andrea Evans	Warren Vosburg	Vivian Brown
Beverly Hartgrove	Carol Carter	Fred Brubaker
Don MacMillan	Jim McLeod	Guy Hager
Susan Sizoo	Don Drennen	Rebecca Kelso
Wendell Higgins		Ashley Talley

Our Deacons

The Deacons meet the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 service

<i>Class of 2010</i>	<i>Class of 2011</i>	<i>Class of 2012</i>
Andrew Ralston	Dennis Tierney	Ann Terry
Jessica Hammond	Jackie Montgomery	Victoria King
Patty McComsey	Cindy Hager	Jamie Workman
Mark Verbanas	Herman Wharton	Gene Turns



Return Service Requested

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