



# Lamplighter

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

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## How to Plant Your Garden...

*Submitted by June Hoffman*

First you come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses....

### **For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas:**

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### **Plant four rows of squash:**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### **Plant four rows of lettuce:**

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

### **No garden is without turnips:**

1. Turnip for meetings

2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

### **To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:**

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There will be much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

**“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”**

**-Galatians 6:9**

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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

I have shared this tidbit in a sermon but I thought it would be good to offer it in black and white:

When I was in college, my summer job was running the control board at the local television station. This was in the good old days when stations actually stopped broadcasting. Imagine that- 4 hours without TV! All stations who subscribed to the National Association of Broadcasters standards included the playing of the national anthem at the end of the sign-off. I often had the 6pm-2am shift and I could pick from a number of video clips of the Star-Spangled Banner with scenes of huge ships at sea, or a squadron of Air Force jets streaking by while the Navy chorus sang or the Army band blared away. I usually picked a very different version, with a scene of a beautiful spreading tree standing alone out on a hillside of waving grass. Under the tree was a young woman with a guitar, quietly sharing - not the familiar first verse, but the last verse of Francis Scott Key's poem. It went like this:

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
    between their loved homes and the war's desolation.  
Blessed with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven-rescued land  
    praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, when our cause, it is just;  
    And this be our motto: In God is our trust.  
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
    o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

As we celebrate this month the birth of this "heaven-rescued land" I hope we will commit ourselves each day to "praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation."

See you in church!

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry



**"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the Nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the Government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the Nation that sets it forth."**

*-Henry Ward Beecher*



# Walking and Praying

Have you been remembering to pray for the Oxford Prayer Walk?

The Oxford Prayer Walk, lead by Rev. David Willerup of the Nottingham Presbyterian Church, is composed of concerned individuals from various churches in the community. The group is meeting weekly to walk through the borough, stopping to pray and talk with neighbors.

In an email Rev. Willerup writes:

“Southern Chester County suffers from the state’s highest incidence of teen recreational drug and alcohol use. Black tar heroin is becoming more popular these days as it is actually cheaper than marijuana and far more addictive. Just in the Oxford area alone there are between 50-100 dealers for pot, cocaine and heroin servicing some 4,000 of our youth each week. As you know, it is not a problem of any particular ethnicity or class. Drug use is common to all and thrives in silence.”

He continues:

“My group found people on the street to be both curious and helpful, pointing out the hot spots where drugs are dealt and encouraging us to continue this work. I fully expect our attendance to grow as word spreads

of this ministry unique to our faith.”

According to the August 2007 Brown University Child & Adolescent Behavior Letter, parents can take proactive steps against teen drug use. Learning drug slang and monitoring a teen’s computer use and posts to friends on social networking sites is vital. Talks with kids about peer pressure needs to include helping them resist peer pressure from online. Lastly, they suggest making the teen drug use issue a community issue. Encourage community members to get involved to help rid the community of drugs.

**“Drug use is common to all and thrives in silence.”**

Which is exactly what the Oxford Prayer Walk is doing. Walking through the borough and stopping to pray with neighbors.

To receive weekly updates, please email [eryn@oxfordpresbyterian.org](mailto:eryn@oxfordpresbyterian.org)

### References:

(2007). Teen drug use and the Internet: A parent’s guide. *Brown University Child & Adolescent Behavior Letter*, 23(8), 8.

## Thrift Shop at Ware Presbyterian Village has moved!

The **New to You** shop is now located at Steward Place Building.

Hours are Monday 10-3, Thursday 10-3 and Saturday 10-1. Call us at 610 998-2672. Open for sales and donations at these hours.

Benefits enhance the lives of Ware residents. If you have any questions, see Kay Skinner who works in the shop.

## Save this date!

Hymn Sing/OPC Building Art EXPO

September 19 at 6:30 pm



## Golf Tournament!

The Lighthouse Youth Center is having it’s 20th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament to raise money for the summer programs to help the youth of Oxford.

August 13th at Tanglewood Golf Club in Quarryville, PA at 1:00pm, ending with a fried chicken dinner. Prizes will be awarded during the dinner.



# Outreach

## Mission Highlight

### Alternative Gifts International

**MISSION** Alternative Gifts International (AGI) is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. The organization offers donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends, and associates.

**HISTORY** AGI started in 1980 with Harriet Prichard who wanted to model for the church's children a new, noncommercial way to give authentic gifts at Christmas. She organized a market in which children and adults sold relief and self-development goods and animals for persons in need in the Third World as alternative gifts. Cards were inscribed with the gifts purchased and sent to friends and relatives to inform them that an alternative gift was given in their honor.

*In the course of over 20 seasons over \$17 million has been raised for people in crisis around the world and for the environment.*

**GLOBAL SHOPPING LIST** Each year AGI develops a network of agencies designed to meet the needs of hungry-sick-homeless people and our endangered planet. AGI has chosen nonprofit agencies with excellent reputations and track records to send the gifts to the poor. Over eighty validated nonprofit agencies and their established projects have received grants to benefit their international mission.

### Take Action with Gifts inspiring CHANGE

Order the catalog at [www.alternativegifts.org](http://www.alternativegifts.org) or by calling 800.842.2243. There are 39 projects in the US and all over the world to choose from. The gifts allow life-saving and transformative opportunities for so many families around the world. Look for AGI catalogs and information downstairs by the Mission Bulletin Board.

### School Supplies Needed

Our Summer mission for July and August is to collect school supplies for Neighborhood Services Center. Supplies will then be dispersed to all the local schools. NSC needs supplies by August 23rd so they can get them to the schools. School starts early this year.

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### “Least of These”

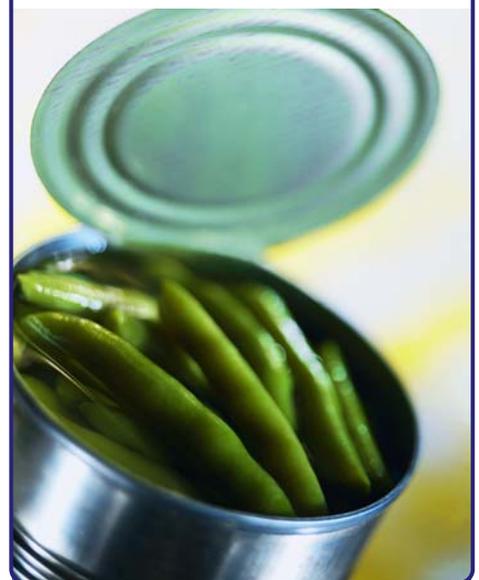
Please continue to support this mission. In the Church Narthex you will see a basket where canned goods, non-perishable items, cleaning and toiletry supplies may be donated.

Neighborhood Services Center is meeting the growing needs of the community.

So far this year we have collected over 400 pounds! Our Goal for 2010 is 1000 pounds.

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

Current needs are for Pampers®, size 3 and 4 for bigger toddlers, any food items, especially snacks for summer.



# 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

## Items needed for School Supplies

- ◆ Pencils (Regular or Mechanical)
- ◆ Large Erasers
- ◆ Pencil Sharpeners (the small ones that fit in school bags)
- ◆ Black, Blue, & Red Ink Pens
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Fine & Bold Markers
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Calculators
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Wide & College Ruled Three-Ring Binder Loose Leaf Paper
- ◆ Spiral Notebooks Wide and College Ruled
- ◆ Pocket Folders
- ◆ Three-Ring Binders 1" to 3"
- ◆ Plastic Pencil Boxes
- ◆ Glue Sticks and Liquid Glue
- ◆ Cloth Book Covers

Boxes will be put out to collect supplies. School items cost more all the time, and many students cannot afford to purchase all they need.

Thanks for your help in collecting these items over the summer. I anticipate these being good sale items in the stores.



# July/August



07/01	Sheri Arroyo	07/23	Laura Wilson	08/16	Joyce Ray
07/01	Robert Cantarera	07/24	Justin Folker	08/16	Erin Semple
07/02	Olivia Nelles	07/25	Wendell Higgins	08/17	Lisa Crawford
07/03	Julia Hartman	07/26	Eleanor Inforzato	08/17	Anne Jennings
07/03	Michelle Taylor	07/26	James Sumner	08/18	Elizabeth Evans-Ralston
07/05	Paul Templin Ashford	07/27	Diana Albrecht	08/18	Fran Jackson
07/06	Anne Bailey	07/27	Lora Deecki	08/19	Alice Cullen
07/07	Elijah Albrecht	07/27	Lorraine Vines	08/19	Walter Montgomery
07/07	Melissa Sarver	07/29	Teresa Duppel	08/19	Zoe Zenker
07/09	Audrey Neyman	07/29	Tabitha Hollender	08/20	Sally Bush
07/11	Sarah Kelso	07/30	Beth MacMillan	08/20	Matthew Gerich
07/12	Andy Arthur	07/30	Dorothy Taylor	08/21	Kaitlyn Crawford
07/12	Abby Busko	07/31	Braydon Ringler-Friedrich	08/22	Laura Beimfohr
07/12	Patrick Kurman	07/31	Cindy Shrom	08/23	Donald Flessner
07/12	Alan Pugh	07/31	Kristen Tozzo	08/23	Megan Randall
07/12	Conner Quigley	08/02	Sarah Taylor	08/23	Nadiene Ringler-Friedrich
07/13	Mikayla DiFabrizio	08/03	Margaux Elters	08/24	Jim Abel
07/15	Colin Barlow	08/04	Leon Slauch	08/25	Christine Reisinger
07/15	Cora Terry	08/04	Beverly Hartgrove	08/26	Madelyn Reisinger
07/16	Andrea Evans-Ralston	08/05	Millie Loughhead	08/26	Harold Walls
07/17	Sandra Slauch	08/07	Arlene Singleton	08/27	Judy Kamp
07/18	Tyler Grube	08/07	Krista Staller	08/28	Dylan Adams
07/18	Laura King	08/08	Jason Chimchirian	08/28	Kurt Hoberg
07/18	Nancy Thomson	08/09	Jason Grube	08/28	Peter Hoberg
07/19	Kristen Gerling	08/10	Molly Esposito	08/28	Dotty Philips
07/20	Stephanie Johnson	08/12	Kevin Colmary	08/28	Katherine Stullken
07/21	Kasey Busko	08/14	Eryn Gallagher	08/29	Darlene Moore
07/22	John Kraybill	08/15	Jordan Hastings	08/29	Ashley Whiteman
07/23	Marsha Grier	08/15	Connie Winchester	08/29	John Zenker III
07/23	Dennis Tierney	08/16	Amy Jones	08/30	Anna Catherine Slezak
				08/31	Dustin Jones
				08/31	Connie Slauch

# July 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Book Group 7p	2	3
4 Communion Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans	5 Youth Mission Trip	6 Walking Club-9a Youth Mission Trip	7 Youth Mission Trip	8 Youth Mission Trip	9 Youth Mission Trip	10
11	12	13 Walking Club-9a Apple Fest. Mtg.-7p WIC	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Walking Club-9a WIC	21	22	23	24
25 Blood Pressure Read- ings—after both services	26	27 Walking Club-9a WIC	28	29	30	31 Lincoln Community Center Dinner

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# August 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Well Baby Clinic	10 Walking Club-9a WIC	11	12	13	14 Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie 5-8
15	16	17 Walking Club-9a WIC	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Walking Club-9a WIC	25	26	27	28
29 Blood Pressure Read- ings—after both services	30	31 Walking Club-9a Red Cross Blood Drive				



# NOMADS

*Submitted by Margo Kraybill*

## 2009-2010 SEASON

The 2009-2010 NOMADS year has come to a close. From a lovely autumn evening to a winter snow-out to the final spring gathering, each dinner was a great success, and all those attending enjoyed fun, food and fellowship. Thanks to all those who hosted.

A special thank you goes out to Carol Groff and Bev Hartgrove, who organized the winter and spring dinners. Great job, ladies.

## A LITTLE HISTORY

I love the Nomads program at OPC. In fact, we enjoyed our first

social experience, long before we became church members, when we were invited to the Asels for a Nomads dinner. That fun evening was one of the reasons that we continued to attend and eventually joined OPC. This history with the program has made the decision to resign the coordination of the program a difficult one. However, retirement has offered us the opportunity to follow our long-time dream of traveling to places both familiar and unknown, and the road beckons.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Because of my commitment to Nomads, it was important to me

to find just the right person to take the reins. I couldn't be more pleased that, beginning this fall, Rebecca Kelso will be the new Nomads coordinator. Rebecca's enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and fresh ideas will bring a great new perspective to this worthwhile program. Welcome, Rebecca. I know that under her leadership Nomads will be even bigger and better.

Watch for further information in upcoming Lamplighters.

See you around the dinner table!

**“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”**

**Matthew 18:20**

# Oxford Area Senior Center

## News from the Oxford Area Senior Center

*Submitted by Jim McLeod*

Are you over the age of 65 and have questions regarding the complicated Medicare Part D decisions you need to make?

Are you in need of finding what state or county services are available for senior citizens?

Need a place to interact or socialize with people your own age?

Need a daily, nutritious, low-cost noontime meal?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, or if you know anybody needing any of these

services, then call us or stop by to see what the Oxford Area Senior Center can do for you.

We have a trained Information & Assistance Specialist on our staff ready to help you or someone you know with some of these issues you are facing.

We offer informational, educational and recreational programs designed to increase the quality of life for senior citizens.

Our mission is “To enhance the quality of life of senior citizens in Southern Chester County by providing programs and services that promote health, wellness, and fellowship.”

## Visit us at:

Oxford Area Senior Center  
12 East Locust Street  
Oxford, PA 19363

(610) 932-5244

[oxsrctr@zoominternet.net](mailto:oxsrctr@zoominternet.net)

[www.oxfordseniors.org](http://www.oxfordseniors.org)





# New Orleans Mission Trip

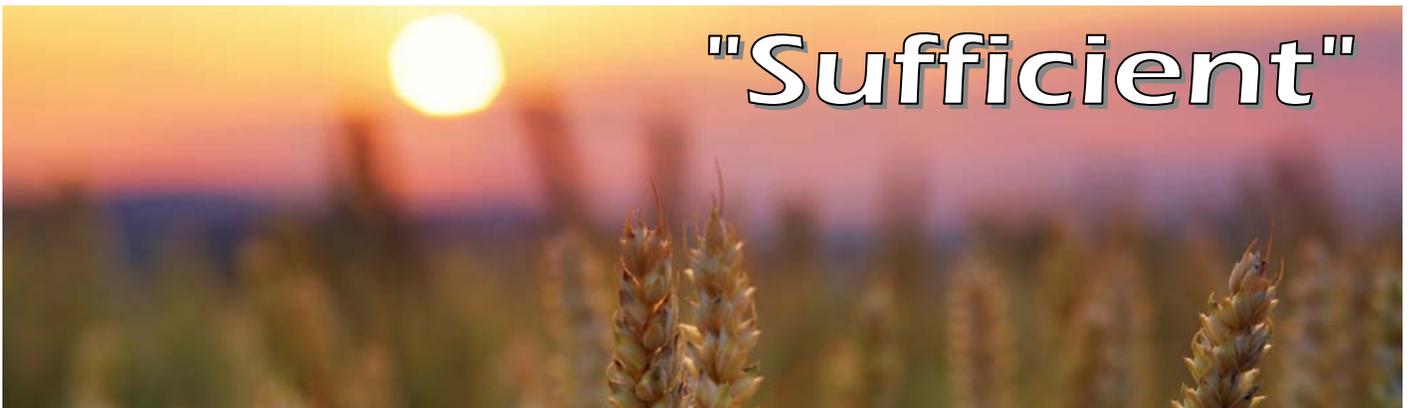
*From the Son Servants Mission Manual*

“This is my seventh year volunteering with Son Servants. I have been blessed to be in Jamaica, the Texas/Mexico border, and New Orleans. Each trip is a different kind of blessing – much more to me than to the people we go to serve. My mother-in-law is a breast cancer survivor who five years ago had a recurrence in the form of bone cancer. She is a remarkable woman and continues to do great considering her physical battle. She had to “break

in” a new oncologist a few months ago and it was a very rocky start. In short, my feisty mother-in-law just detested this doctor. She said he was cold, unconcerned and lacking any type of compassion for his patients who are all dealing with pain, fear and uncertainty. Recently she went for a visit and was prepared to be angry one more time but instead she said she was greeted with a warm smile, genuine interest and a totally new attitude. Being who she is, she confronted him with his new style, not so gently reminding him what a “jerk” he had been in

the past. He told her he had just gotten back from a mission trip to Africa and that it had changed his life and his outlook on what he did. He had been brought face to face with what mercy meant and that he was intended to be a carrier of God’s love not just a provider of clinical care. He obviously was taken back to his roots. My prayer is that New Orleans will be the same kind of roots reminder for us all.”

**Let’s pray for transformation for all of our mission volunteers!**



# "Sufficient"

We were discussing a variety of topics in Eryn’s Sunday morning group when someone brought up the word “sufficient.” Stephanie pointed out that in the land of excess and instant gratification that we live in, the word “sufficient” is one we rarely hear. I think not only is it a word you rarely hear, something being “sufficient” has almost become a negative to some in a world where we demand the “biggest” and the “best” of everything.

But taking a moment to reflect “sufficient” brings us back to

feelings of appreciation, of contentment, and of perspective.

Stephanie brought up a song that she likes, one that I grew up singing at school and I thought I would share the lyrics with you”

Jehovah Jireh

Jehovah Jireh

My provider

His grace is sufficient

For me, for me, for me

Jehovah Jireh

My provider

His grace is sufficient for me  
(chorus)

My God shall supply all my needs

According to his riches in glory

He will give His angels

Charge over me

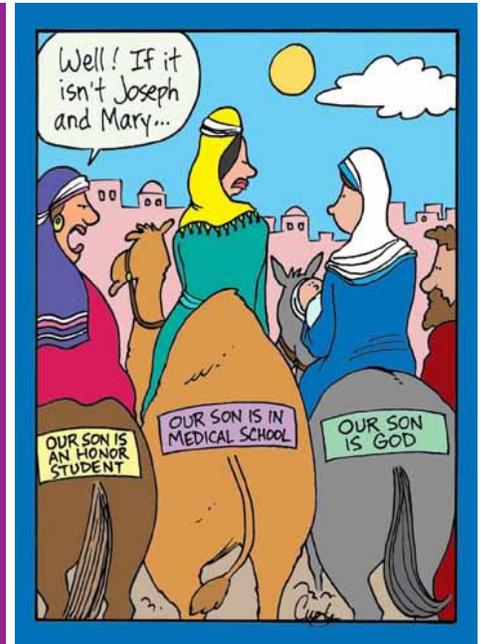
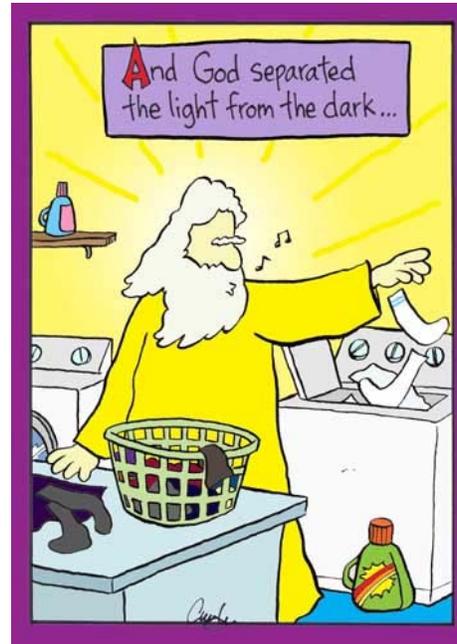
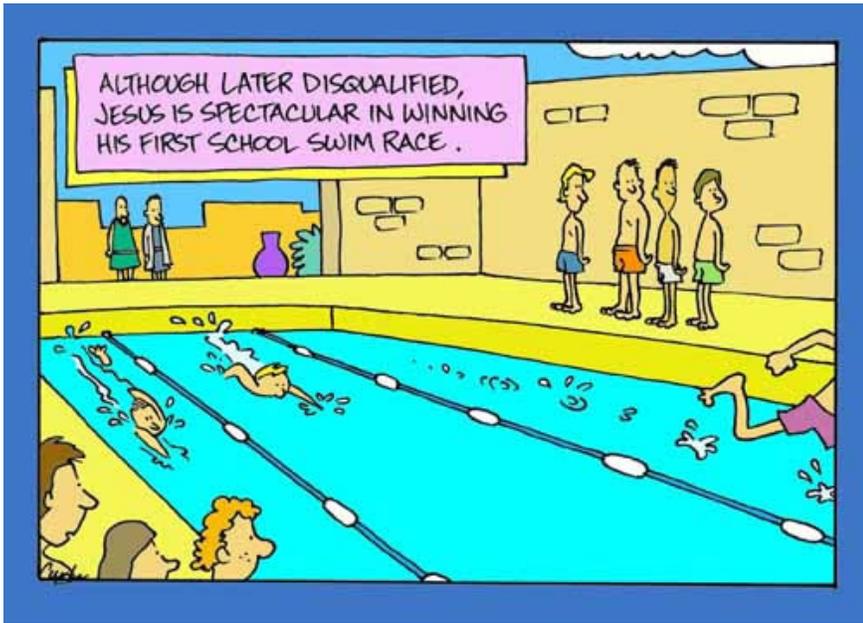
Jehovah Jireh cares

For me, for me, for me

Jehovah Jireh cares for me”



Here are some "Far-Side" like comics for your enjoyment!



# Presbyterian Women

Yes, it's only July and September 25 sounds a bit into the future. September 25 - APPLE FESTIVAL - remember? Yes, we have some time, but the committee is trying to get everything lined up so that we won't be nervously scrambling to get everything in place at the last minute.

We were able to give our Youth Group \$2500 from the 2009 Apple Festival for their Mission trip.

Wouldn't it be great to be able to give them \$3500 or more from the 2010 Festival for their mission activities next year? They are going to help with several activities September 25, but in order to have a successful Festival we will need a lot of help.

We will have sign-up sheets available very soon. Please join us in making September 25 a fun and profitable day in the Park.

## General Assembly of the PC(USA)

*Submitted by Dorothea Murray*

The biennial meeting of the General Assembly of PC(USA) will be meeting July 3-10 in Minneapolis. The June/July 2010 issue of *Presbyterians Today* has information about the meeting. There are five people (two women and three men) running for Moderator. There will be 712 elder and minister voting commissioners. They will be discussing and dealing with many issues. Among them is a Middle East study committee report, "Breaking Down the Walls," which was requested by the 2008 Assembly. There will be reports on two studies, one on Christian-Jewish relations and the other on Christian-Muslim relations. There are many more subjects they will be dealing with including ordination and governance issues.

### Seven Hopes for the 2010 General Assembly were listed:

General Assembly Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons lists the following as his greatest hopes for the 2010 General Assembly:

1. The spirit in which decisions are made will be a prayerful and

careful witness of decision-making for the entire church.

2. Participants will gain a deeper awareness of the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church (USA), realizing they are part of something much larger than themselves.

3. Participants will discern with the whole church issues facing congregations.

4. A clear, common calling will emerge to actively and hopefully engage with the reality of a church in change.

5. Attention will move beyond ourselves to a world in great need, both spiritually and physically.

6. Participants will talk about their faith with a contagious enthusiasm.

7. Participants will have a deep sense that what they did will further the mission of Christ in the world.

Our own Kris Gerling is an elder commissioner from Donegal Presbytery to General Assembly this year.

For more info: [PCUSA.org/ga219](http://PCUSA.org/ga219)

# Can Tabs!

Are you remembering to bring your can tabs into the church office?



# Apple Festival

Presbyterian Women have begun planning the 2010 Apple Festival. We are going to need a lot of help and we hope that we will have many volunteers.

The various areas that will make the Festival work are below.



- ◆ Food Booth
- ◆ Beverage Booth
- ◆ Bake Table
- ◆ Apple Butter - stirring
- ◆ Apple Butter - jarring
  - ◆ Apple Pies
  - ◆ Paring Apples
  - ◆ Silent Auction
  - ◆ Kids Activities



Grounds - setting up, tearing down, cleaning up (very important).

Please find a spot, and let us know



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www.oxfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.oxfordpresbyterian.org)*

### Our Session

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

<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	Eileen Loeliger	Rebecca Kelso
Wendell Higgins	Don Drennen	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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