



Lamplighter

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

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Happy Mothers Day

Back in 1872, just a few years after the Civil War came to a close, Julia Ward Howe, a poet, suffragist, and social reformer, had a vision. Julia envisioned the establishment of a day to honor mothers — women who understood the cost of war and who attempted to bring the brutality of armed conflict to an end. Some 30 years later, Anna Jarvis picked up the cause. Anna was dedicated to the memory of her mother who had been an activist for peace and reconciliation following the Civil War. Thanks to their efforts, and the efforts of countless others, in 1914, after World War One, “The War to End All Wars”, President Woodrow Wilson finally declared Mother’s Day a national holiday.



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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

Gracious and loving God,

this Mother’s Day we stop to give you thanks for our mothers. We remember the times that they have set-aside their own needs to tend to ours. We remember those moments where they have expressed love for us when no one else would.

Creator God, we give you praise for the gift of human creation. And on this day we remember moms that we have lost and ask that your spirit hold them fast – and that you watch over us as we still grieve. We also ask for your healing touch for mothers who have lost children and for women who have tried to conceive but been unable to. Help us in different ways to be the family for those that have no other.

God of Justice, we also lift up to you today those mothers who are struggling to provide shelter, food and medical care for their children. Use us as instruments of your will as we seek to build the Kingdom you have promised – a place where all such inequities are washed away. We also acknowledge, O God, that not every mother is perfect. Help us to forgive those that have wronged us. Forgive us too, dear Lord, for the times we have not shown our mothers the love and appreciation they deserve for all the mighty gifts they have given us. In the name of Jesus Christ, born of Mary, we pray. Amen.

Pastor's Corner

In the article below this one, you will meet seven remarkable young people. They are completing a school-year's worth of preparation toward becoming full members of OPC this month. Stephanie Templin Ashford and their individual mentors have led them on this journey during which they have learned about all of our ministries (Worshiping, Learning, Serving, Nurturing, Outreach, and Supporting) and the impetus behind them: "Sharing the unconditional love of Jesus Christ in the local and global communities." They have all participated in various ways in the life and worship of OPC. Each of them has their own "take" on what it means to be a Christian, as well as their own plans to continue their journey of faith beyond their official Confirmation. I want to thank Stephanie and the mentors for their dedication to this process, and to applaud the confirmands for their diligence as well as their patience in absorbing the sometimes maddening part of the body of Christ that we older adults are. As for the rest of us, I recommend some of the confirmation curriculum as a good refresher to remind us of why we "do church" the way we do. Ask a confirmand. They'll be able to help!

See you in church!

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry

Welcome Confirmands



Tanner and Mackenzie Smith

On Sunday May 22, 2011, seven young men and women will be confirmed as members of Oxford Presbyterian Church in our sanctuary. They are the youth that we have seen Sunday after Sunday and sometimes in between. In fact it is not unusual to see their picture in the paper or on their school district website for some of their many achievements. But how well do you really know them? Please allow me to introduce you to the Confirmation Class of 2011!

Tanner Smith is a 14 year old student at Oxford Area High School. The oldest of three children, Tanner was born in Maryland and moved to Nottingham in 2007. You may see him at church on Sundays, but did you also know that he is a man of many talents? Tanner plays a couple of different drums and performs in the marching band as well as in school concerts. Active in the school council, he hopes to run for president this year. Despite his other commitments, Tanner still finds time to achieve academic success as an honor student and participant

in the districts ATP class. His philosophy in life is to "strive to do your best and make due with what you have".

Tanner has decided to undergo confirmation at OPC because he wants to learn more about the Bible and decide for himself if he wants to remain at OPC or try somewhere else. Fortunately for us, he wants to stay here.

Mackenzie Smith, age 12 attends Penns Grove Middle School and is Tanner's younger sister. Members may remember her as the talented young gymnast who did a few back flips during the service a couple of months ago. In fact, McKenzie is an accomplished gymnast and cheerleader, cheering for the Oxford Golden Bears. She has also made the All American Team and performed in the Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia. It is no wonder her motto in life is "eat, sleep, cheer!"

Mackenzie chose to become confirmed because she wanted to know what it felt like to be a part of a church. One of the most fulfilling experiences for her this year occurred while the confirmation class volunteered at a homeless shelter. There, she encountered a blind man who spoke to her about homelessness. I am sure she brought some joy into this man's life as well.

Kasey Busko, age 13 is an eighth grade student at Penns Grove Middle School. Her father's military career allowed Kasey to become a bit of a world traveler with South Korea topping the list of most interesting places she's lived and Eatontown, New Jersey as the most fun. Since settling in Oxford, Kasey has spent her time playing guitar, (you may remember her performance at the talent show), swimming for the YMCA swim team and running track. An avid writer, Kasey would like to one day write comedy.



Kasey Busko

Kasey decided to become confirmed as a way of showing her belief in God. Her philosophy in life is something we should all take to heart: "enjoy everything even if it does not seem enjoyable. If you do things in a sour mood, you will be remembered as a sour person."



Kathleen Kamp

Kathleen Kamp, age 12 is a seventh grade student at Penns Grove Middle School. She lives in Oxford with her parents and older brother Andrew. It is not unusual to find Kathleen at church during the week with a book in her hand and a mischievous smile on her face. The Harry Potter series and Hours of Night series are among her favorite reads. When she is not reading, Kathleen enjoys softball and music. In fact she comes from a family of musicians and first learned to play the trombone by "borrowing" the instrument from her brother.

Kathleen is a great help at Adventure Club, leading the children through games and crafts, but participating in Youth Group is probably her all time favorite church activity. Kathleen also has many fond memories of Vacation Bible School and describes herself as always happy around church. She chose to be confirmed this year because she wants to be more involved with the church and her church family. Her motto in life is "to be true to yourself."

Richard Forcey age 14 attends Penns Grove Middle School, where he is in the eighth grade. He has lived in Lincoln University with his parents all his life. An avid musician, he plays the keyboard and drums, participates in the school band and the jazz band. If you attended this year's Easter Sunday Service you got to hear him perform!. If you think back a few more years, you may remember seeing Richard in the OPC talent show, where he left us all laughing with a stand up comedy act.



Richard Forcey

Richard decided to become confirmed this year because he wanted to learn more about the Bible and the philosophy around the Bible. He is looking forward to joining the church. Richard believes it is important in life to be nice to people and to try to get to know everyone. We just might not see him too much this summer, as he plans to spend much of it in sunny Florida.



Courtney Yaletchko

Brooke Stoltzfus

Courtney Yaletchko, age 12 attends Avon Grove Charter school where she is in the seventh grade. She has lived in Oxford all her life with her parents and younger brother John. Courtney has spent 7 years playing softball for the Wildcats and over the past 2 years she has studied karate, earning a Black Belt with a stripe. She is also active in Girl Scouts and Junior Rifle, where she has placed second in competition and even won a gun in a raffle. Courtney has fond memories of Adventure Club at OPC and even though she has moved on to Youth Group, she loves to come back to AC and help out. Courtney has been baptized and feels confirmation will complete this part of her journey in the church. Her motto in life is that "Math is a language and you have to speak the language."

Brooke Stoltzfus is an eighth grade student at Avon Grove Charter School. She lives in Cochranville with her parents and younger sister. Although she suffers from asthma, she does not let it keep her from having fun, like playing travel softball or soccer. Brooke enjoys hunting and participates in Junior Rifle, having placed first, second and third in different competitions.

Brooke's fondest memory at OPC is as a cherub choir member singing at the Christmas Eve service. Brooke admits her Dad told her she was going to be confirmed but she finds the process exciting and looks forward to being a member after so many years of not being able to "check the member box." She looks up to her older sister, Lena who is also confirmed. Brooke's motto in life is "no one is normal, everyone is unique."

Finally, I must add that each of these seven young men and women are certainly unique and wonderful people whom I am glad to have had an opportunity to interview and get to know better. I hope you as a congregation will take some time to get to know them as well. Each one of them shares natural leadership qualities and with our guidance and support will continue to make the world a better place. - Andrea Evans

Outreach

OPC Mission Fair

Displays in Fellowship Hall gave the congregation from both services, Sunday School and Youth, a chance to learn about some of the ways their mission giving is put to good use by the individuals and organizations OPC supports. On March 27 we had 18 organizations participating in the Mission Fair, hosted by Outreach Ministry of OPC.



Global Aid Network Needs Sewing Supplies

We are collecting sewing supplies that will be sent to Haiti. Their needs consist of one-yard cuts of cotton fabric, spools of white and colored thread, packets of needles, boxes of straight pins, measuring tapes, assorted buttons, pin cushions, and pairs of sewing scissors.

Gain" which is Global Aid Network's logo has adopted this project for one year. I know there are sewing people in the congregation who may be interested in this. A collection box is in the lobby.

"Least of These"

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

If every family brought in one bag of groceries each week, we would fill up the basket!! Let's collect 2000 pounds of food in 2011. That is double the food collected in 2010, and we know the need is double.

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

Collecting Children's Shoes for Neighborhood Services Thrift Shop

Sizes 1 thru 9

New or Gently used



DROP BOX BY CHURCH OFFICE

Think Spring...

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

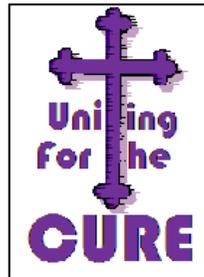
You can help the Oxford Presbyterian Church and Preschool team “Uniting for the Cure”

There are many ways for you to show your support. You can join our team, make a monetary donation, purchase a luminaria, donate an item for our silent auction, or participate in our fundraising events.

At 6:00p on May 21st Uniting for the Cure will host a talent show for all ages right here at OPC. There is no charge to perform or attend. Donations will be accepted. To sign up, please contact: **Nicole Hartman** at 610-932-3186 - nicoleharty16@hotmail.com.



The impact we make together is much greater than what any of us could do alone. Please visit our website www.relayforlife.org/paoford and show your support for our team: Uniting for the Cure. For more information, please contact: **Teresa Verkamp** at 610-467-0302 paverks@live.com.



Thank you!

- * **to Jim Sumner** for leading the Lenten Study on *Rediscovering our Values*. Great discussions!
- * **for all of you who contributed** to our Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. I am sure we will meet our goal of 100 kits again this year.
- * **to all who bring groceries** and supplies each week for our Food Basket for **Neighborhood Services Center**. NSC is always appreciative and thanks us for every bag we bring over. So far we have contributed close to 750 pounds!!
- * **to all who participated**, helped and visited the Mission Fair. All of our OPC Missions groups had displays plus many others in the community.
- * **to a giving Church**. Through your contributions we are able to help meet the needs of a church community. So far this year OPC has given \$1,000 to the Japan disaster through Donegal Presbytery. OPC gave \$1,000 to the Youth Group Mission Trip Fund. OPC is again sponsoring a Relay for Life Team and has contributed \$500 to the American Cancer Society. The team comes from our own church members. OPC gave \$250 to the Huete's Medical Fund to assist the Pastor and his wife at L'Englisa Church in Toughkenamon. This is church giving in addition to our regular missions listed in the Lamplighter.

Submitted by Beverly Hartgrove, Outreach Committee Chair

May Birthdays

1	Abigail Boohar	10	Donna Kelly	19	Jamie Workman
3	Bennett Spotts	10	Joanna Pugh	20	Matt Miller
3	William Gundrum	10	Seth Allport	21	Lauren Bradford
3	Zoe Verbanas	11	Carol Carter	22	Nelson Beimfohr
4	Amanda Woolston	11	John Slauch	25	Jayne Bower
4	David Keefer	13	Amanda Boyd	25	Mary Drake
4	Yujie Slinkard	13	Helen Mulholland	26	Bruce Hastings
5	Catherine King	13	Jane Freeman	26	Emma Spotts
6	Aiden Quigley	15	Emily Koza	26	Sandra Bauguess
6	Ian Barlow	16	Benjamin Semple	27	Val Walker
6	John Stapleton	16	Louise Gehron	28	Alison Verbanas
7	Anne Harlan	17	Donald Drennen	29	June Hoffman
9	Brian Quigley	18	Emily Meyers		
9	Jamie Chimchirian	18	Lisa Koza		

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.

Financial Update

We are sliding behind in our anticipated member contributions for 2011. Below is a summary of our position. Summer is always difficult with so many of us away on vacations and we often slip even further from June through August. Just a reminder to try to keep current in your contributions. By the way, you don't have to attend to contribute to our ministries. We can actually receive checks in the mail now! And if you bank online, you can set up OPC to receive automatic or manual contributions.

(Through 3/11)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Member Giving	75,151	78,505
TOTAL INCOME	102,320	119,003
TOTAL EXPENSE	133,025	124,767
NET	(30,705)	(5,764)

New Babies in our Church Family



Mason, son of John and Anne Jennings born April 2

Lilly, daughter of Danielle and John Stapleton born February 24

William, son of Matt and Amanda Woolston born April 6

May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion – Both Services Youth Sunday 12p Jamaican Lunch & Silent Auction	2 Autism Support Group 6:30p Parlor	3 OPC Walking Club 10a Lobby POMS 7p Library	4 Adventure Club Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	5 National Day of Prayer Naomi Circle 7a at Liz Miller’s Shalom Circle 7p Library	6 First Friday Arts Stroll – Celtic Music on the Green-benefits Jamaican Mission Trip POMS Yard Sale Set Up	7 Confirmation Retreat 9a-1:30p Car Wash 9a-2p POMS Yard Sale Fellowship Hall 8a-??
8 Mother’s Day Birthday Offering Worship 8:15a and 11a Prayer Shawl Blessing 12p Chapel 7p Session Library	9	10 OPC Walking Club 10a Lobby	11 Adventure Club Last Youth Choirs Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	12 Naomi Circle 7a at Liz Miller’s Property Comm. Mtg. – 6-8p Library	13	14 Car Wash 9a-2p
15 Worship 8:15a Youth Choir Musical 11a 12p Deacons Library	16	17 ELECTION DAY OPC Walking Club 10a Lobby	18 Adventure Club Wrap-up and Family Picnic Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	19 Naomi Circle 7a at Liz Miller’s	20 Youth Group Serving dinner at the Lighthouse	21 Car Wash 9a-2p Zumba class 1-3p Relay for Life Talent Show 6p-??
22 Worship 8:15a and 11:00a Confirmation Sunday	23	24 OPC Walking Club 10a Lobby	25 Bells of Praise Chancel Choir	26 Naomi Circle 7a at Liz Miller’s OCPreschool Graduation 11:30a	27 OCPreschool Clean Up Day	28 Car Wash 9a-2p
29 Baptism Sunday Worship 8:15a and 11:00a	30	31 OPC Walking Club 10a Lobby				

Christian Education

Youth Group and Christian Education Schedule

- May 1 – Youth Sunday.
Youth will lead at both services.
Jamaican Lunch: Jerk Chicken, Coconut Rice, and Smoothies!!
Mini-Concert by Mr. McCormick doing Bob Marley Music!
- May 7 – 9-2 Car Wash
9-1:30 Confirmation Class to Black Rock
- May 8 - Mother's Day,
No Evening Youth Group
- May 14 – 9-2 Car Wash (Stephanie Away)
- May 15 - Stephanie Away
- May 20 – Lighthouse Youth Center Service. 3:30p at Lighthouse-serve Spaghetti and Bread from 4-6. This counts as confirmation service hours.
- May 21 – 9-2 Car Wash
- May 22 – Confirmation Sunday
No Evening Youth Group
- June 5 – Graduation Breakfast – 9:45-10:45a

The members of the OPC 2011 Mission Team would like to say THANK YOU for all of your support with all of the fundraising and just for your love and care!!! The final list of people who will travel abroad is listed here for you!

Sarah Carter	Catherine King
Tyler Carter	Danielle McCormick
Tanner Talley	Bridget McCormick
Stephanie Templin Ashford	Kerry Gerich
Neeley Spotts	Jacob Roten
Emma Spotts	Meredith Cripps
Alyssa Stevenson	Avian Curry
Dyan Stevenson	Webster Prigg
Clyde Prigg	Preston Ray
Ryan Montgomery	

Today I bit the bullet and bought our flights!!! It's official! We are flying out of Baltimore on June 13th. Our flight leaves at 9:00a and arrives in Jamaica at 1:55p. We return at 9:38p on June 21st. We are all on the same flight. Thank God!!!

We will discuss more in the next few weeks about arrival times, etc. Please note that at this point in time if you cannot join us you are responsible in full for the cost of your trip. There are no changes or cancellations from this point forward. We're in it for the long haul!!!!

It's going to be wonderful!!!

Stephanie

The flight information is:

DELTA CONFIRMATION #: G17Y6F
TICKET #: 00623484091893

Day	Date	Flight	Bkng Status	Class	Meals/ Seat/ City	Time	Other	Cabin
Mon	13JUN	DELTA 1825	OK	L	LV BALTIMORE	900A		**
					AR ATLANTA	1055A		COACH
Mon	13JUN	DELTA 361	OK	L	LV ATLANTA	1211P	V	**
					AR MONTEGO BAY	200P		COACH
Tue	21JUN	DELTA 442	OK	U	LV MONTEGO BAY	155P	V	**
					AR ATLANTA	550P		COACH
Tue	21JUN	DELTA 2024	OK	U	LV ATLANTA	738P		**
					AR BALTIMORE	938P		COACH

Redner's Sav-A-Tape Ministry

Our Youth Group can get 1% back on your grocery bill by using your Sav-A-Tape Card! If you use a Redner's Grocery Card, they will get 5%. Put them both together, and the Youth will get a 6% return on your grocery bill!

Here's how it works: Stop by the Redner's Office and get a Sav-A-Tape Card. This is the same card you can use for gas points. Have the cashier swipe your card when you go to the checkout. There will be a note "Sav-a-tape" at the bottom of the receipt. Save your receipt and put it in the red box on top of the mailboxes by the office! Every couple of months, we tally up the tapes and turn them in, and Redner's sends us a check! It's that simple! Thank you so much for supporting our youth!



Vacation Bible School 2011

Save the dates July 17-21 for this summer's VBS. Preschool VBS (ages 3-5) is July 18, 19, and 20th from 9:00-11:00a and PreK through Grade 6 is July 17-21 from 6:00-8:00p. VBS for Grades 5

and 6 will be July 17-21 from 6:00-8:00p, and this group will have a special Service Camp option to do community service projects (more details to follow).

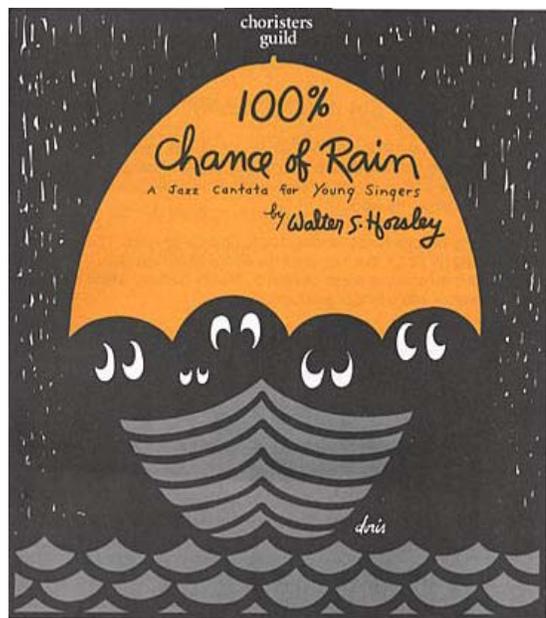
****Note**—Children may register for one VBS program or the other (morning OR night). One child may not attend both morning and evening programs. Families may choose to have one child attend morning and another child attend evening if it better suits them.

Car Wash!

Car washes at OPC every Saturday in May! Proceeds benefit the youth group mission trip to Jamaica



What's Happening?



May 15, 2011 - 11:00a Worship Service
Oxford Presbyterian Church
Youth Choirs

Organ Concert

On May 15 at 7:00p, OPC will host Dr. Neil Harmon in an evening of music on The Smithson Family Organ. Dr. Harmon enjoys a career as organist, conductor, composer, and teacher. Since 1999, he has served as Director of Music and Organist at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington, DE. A graduate of The Eastman School of Music (DMA, MM) and Brigham Young Univ. (BM), Dr. Harmon has performed in the United States, Brazil, and Italy, at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Longwood Gardens, and the Salt Lake Tabernacle. His compositions have been performed on the CBS national television broadcast, *Music and the Spoken Word*. His works include music for solo organ, handbell choir, mixed chorus, woodwind quintet, and brass quintet and are published by Hinshaw Music, Morning Star Music, Paraclete Press, and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Dr. Harmon serves as Co-Director of the DE Pipe Organ Encounter 2011, a summer music camp for teens interested in the pipe organ. He is married to Anese Judy, and they have five children.



Healthy Living

Got Walking Shoes ?

There are many benefits of walking regularly: physical activity can promote weight loss, reduced risks for heart disease, colon cancer, stroke, high blood pressure, stress reduction, more restful sleep, and healthier bones and joints. This is, by no means, an all inclusive list.

Thirty to sixty minutes per day is generally recommended; but you can still benefit from just a little bit of walking.

OPC has a walking club that is scheduled to walk every Tuesday at 10:00a (no sign up required, just show-up....meet at the Church office). Due to mostly inclement weather, we have not been walking but, Spring IS here and better weather. Anyone is welcomed to walk with us. Our walk is about 1½ miles at a moderate, brisk pace.

If this day and time is not convenient for you, consider forming another group(s) at a different time. We may even get a few groups that might be interested in a little competition: which group walks the most combined miles in a given period of time?!! The Wellness Council would provide pedometers.

Please respond to the brief survey below, cut out and return to office or to June Hoffman's mailbox

Yes ____ I am interested in joining a walking group at a different day and time.

NAME _____

YES ____ I am willing to organize a walking group.

NAME _____

Thank you. And, always walk in the light of God.

June Hoffman, Your Faith community Nurse

Living Healthy, Living Well...

nutrition class and weight management offered at Oxford Presbyterian Church — *You are invited to be a guest. We meet at 4:15p on Tuesdays in the church library.*

Birds are singing, flowers are blooming and days are getting longer. Spring is here to motivate you to break out and renew yourself. Of all the seasons, spring probably offers the best shot to make the life changes necessary to lose weight. It's a time of rebirth: the trees are budding, caterpillars are becoming butterflies, it's getting warmer, there's more energy in the air, and you have a sense of renewal. It's time we get inspired to embark on new beginnings. Here are a few suggestions, tips, revelations and diet-busting pitfalls to be aware of in this season of renewal:

1. **Plan now.** Set yourself up to know exactly what you're going to do to make your healthy lifestyle changes a success.
2. **Walk and Hike More.** There is more daylight, so all you non-morning people out there have no excuse at the end of the day.
3. **Go Biking.** It builds muscle, particularly in your quads, glutes, hamstrings and calves. You can control the level of your workout by riding slow or fast on city streets, suburban roads or scenic trails. Parking is always simple, and you can get some exercise while you're running your errands
4. **Eat More Asparagus** — it's in season, and very low in calories at about 4 calories per spear. It's loaded with Vitamin K, required to make at least three proteins that are essential for bone formation, and studies have also linked it with a reduced risk of hip fracture in the elderly. Asparagus is also an excellent source of folate, which is important for brain development (essential for pregnant women) and red blood cell formation
5. **Eat More Egg (Whites)** Eggs are the perfect symbol for new life. In that spirit, there are many fast, easy, healthy meals you can make with eggs. Most specifically, egg white omelets with lots of veggies make some of the healthiest breakfasts. Remember, as you add low-cal veggies, you increase the density and amount of food without noticeably adding calories.

Interested in learning more about healthy food choices? Come visit Living Healthy, Living Well. Our next 16-week session begins on May 3rd but you are welcome to visit the class anytime to see if you would be interested in joining. Have questions? Contact Phyllis Bullins, RN, CCM,CNT, 610-299-2622. Or check the web site www.Beefit.org.

Presbyterian Women

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RETREAT FOR THE WOMEN OF OPC

In mid-March, 34 women of all ages enjoyed the 6th annual retreat at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Stephanie Templin-Ashford led the group in a 3-part study called "Fill My Cup." We learned that in order for God to fill our cup (our life) we need to leave



some extra room...room for the cream! If the day-to-day causes our cup to overflow, as sometimes happens, there's no room for God and we're missing out on His bounty.

The retreat was a really special time to visit with old friends and make many new friends. Our abundant leisure time was spent with friends, relaxing our minds and bodies with massages, meditation, and a craft called Zentangle. Our Sock Auction netted \$2,200 which we donated to charity. It was a lovely weekend!

23rd APPLE FESTIVAL.....already???

YES! It's definitely time to begin work on the Apple Festival; as a matter of fact, the committee has already held the first planning meeting. The Festival is a great opportunity for OPC to bring the community together for a day of fun, games for the kids, live music, craftsmen, and of course great food! It's always fun to help with the stirring of the Apple Butter. Last year the weather was perfect, and we're certainly hoping for a repeat! **In 2010, the Apple Festival raised \$5500 for the Youth Mission Trip!**

It takes many, many people of all ages to hold a successful festival. We really need you; would you be willing to help?

Food Pavilion - Games -
Silent Auction - Book sales -
Bake Table

Cider pressing (the King family can't help this year but have lent their press).

Please call the church office and make your commitment to help with the 23rd OPC Apple Festival.

Thanks.



Birthday Offering



The annual Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will be received Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day. This is one of two special offerings sponsored by Presbyterian Women - the other being the Thank Offering in the Fall.

This year's offering will go to Jonglei, South Sudan to help promote education; Albuquerque, New Mexico to help reestablish the residential program at Menaul School; and the Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Inc. for helping women and children in Anderson, S.C.

Envelopes will be in the bulletin that Sunday, and we hope you will be as generous as possible.



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Our Session

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

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Jackie Caleb	Chris Arthur	Whitney Bradford
Warren Vosburg	Vivian Brown	Bob Cantarera
Carol Carter	Eryn Gallagher	Kerry Gerich
Jim McLeod	Barb Hill	Rich Lombardi
Wendell Higgins	Nancy Andress	Andy Ralston
Don Drennen	Bev Hartgrove	Mark Verbanas

Our Deacons

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

Class of 2011	Class of 2012	Class of 2013
Steve Hill	Ann Terry	Andy Arthur
Jackie Montgomery	Victoria King	Lisa Slinkard
Cindy Hager	Jamie Workman	Neeley Spotts
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