



# Lamplighter

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

## Our Leadership Team

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- Deacons Moderator**  
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Eryn Gallagher
- Secretary**  
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- Sexton**  
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- Treasurer**  
Beth Keefer

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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.



*Our Mission Team has returned safely after 8 days in the mountains of Jamaica serving others and growing in faith. Welcome Home!!*





*Summertime, and the livin' is easy;  
fish are jumpin, and the cotton is high....*

These languid lyrics from George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* were certainly NOT written about OPC. The Mission Team just returned from Jamaica. This past weekend, our Relay for Life Team walked to support cancer research. The Crop Walk planning team is meeting; the

Apple Festival Team is hard at work (we are teeming with teams); the handbells are getting a long-awaited polishing; we are looking at new ways to keep our grounds more beautiful; Vacation Bible School preparations are ramping up even as adult Sunday School classes breeze on; a NOMADS picnic dinner is coming up soon.. oh, and we continue to worship together, celebrating this summertime and God's manifold blessings.

*It was you who opened up springs and streams; you dried up the ever flowing rivers.*

*The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon.*

*It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter*

*Psalm 74:15-17*

All this is a gentle reminder that our ministries (and the costs associated with them) do not sit back and rest for summer. Please remember your financial commitments, even if you might be away. You can put your check (with or without your contribution envelop) in the mail. You can also set up via online banking to have the bank automatically send us a check on a regular schedule, so you don't have to remember each week or each month.



See you in church!

PEACE,

*Pastor Kerry*

# Presbyterian Women

## COMING SOON !

Presbyterian Women of OPC will be taking on two missions in the near future. Our first mission will be collecting school supplies for Neighborhood Services (NSC).

The school supplies mission will begin on July 17<sup>th</sup> and will end on August 21<sup>st</sup>. This will allow us to get the supplies to NSC in time for the opening of school. A list will be published in the Bulletin soon.

Our second mission is the Baby Layette Mission that we do every year. It will begin September 18<sup>th</sup> till October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you knit or crochet, baby sweaters and caps are needed, as well as baby blankets 30" x 40". This info will give you lots of time to make something if you wish. More information will be coming as the time draws closer. Be looking in the bulletin and September Lamplighter.

Kay Skinner/ PW Missions OPC

# CELEBRATING A LIFETIME WITH OPC

This month we celebrate the following, who have been members of Oxford Presbyterian for over 70 years!



Polly Ireson, member for 80 years, joined May 8, 1931



Ann Harlan, member for 79 years, joined April 9, 1932



Jackie Slauch, member for 73 years, joined May 1, 1938  
Leon Slauch, member for 73 years, joined August 5, 1938



Mary Hindman, member for 72 years, joined May 5, 1939



Sally Bush, member for 72 years, joined May 5, 1939

Doris Groseclose, member for 70 years, joined January 31, 1941

Claire Herr, member for 70 years, joined January 31, 1941



Clyde Williams, member for 70 years, joined May 4, 1941



Don Drennen, member for 70 years, joined May 4, 1941

We rejoice in these members and thank them for a lifetime of serving the Lord here in our house.

# Outreach

## 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

## Who is our Neighbor?

Our church building sits in the middle of a small community that has many needs. We have an opportunity to meet our neighbor by the programs we offer, but do we? As Christian stewards we must understand that the destiny of OPC and our neighbors are all tied together. They may be the poor, hungry, lost, and lonely who are just outside the church building.

Biblical prophets have always challenged the way things were. They defined true religion as "*doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with the Lord.*"

We are starting a new ministry with the help of our congregation. Our passion is to grow in fellowship and discipleship as well as reach out to the surrounding community. Our need is to create a new way to reach the present and next generation.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35*

With your support a COMMUNITY MEAL will be open to everyone the last Sunday of each month beginning August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00p. The Outreach Committee will coordinate a schedule of cooks, food managers, menu and helpers. *We need families and church committees to host one month.* Food costs will be supported by Outreach and a donation basket will be available. The Youth Group is committed to helping serve. For information, call the Church office.



***We can do this with  
your help.  
I challenge you to  
sign up!***

*A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9*

# Ministry

## Christmas in July

The Outreach Committee starts working on Christmas Food Boxes in September. We need volunteers to help organize, pick up cans of food, and commit to help us. Our goal is to provide 160+ Christmas dinners for needy families in the Oxford area. Annually, this is sponsored by Outreach and the Deacons. Consider joining our team! Call Bev Hartgrove or Sue Sizoo or put a note in our mailboxes.

## Relay for Life

Thank you for supporting the Oxford Presbyterian Church Team! "Uniting for the Cure"



It is not too late to make a donation.

The impact we make together is much greater than what any of us could do alone. Please visit our website [www.relayforlife.org/paoxford](http://www.relayforlife.org/paoxford) 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](mailto:paverks@live.com)

## Thrift Shop Needs

I took over a large amount of shoes in mid June. Thank you! What is needed now are **school shoes and boys jeans** for September. If you see a good buy in stores, consider making a donation that will help out a school child.

submitted by Beverly Hartgrove

## "Least of These"

**THANK YOU!!** We have collected **OVER 1000 POUNDS!!** 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.

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, 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."*

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Collecting Children's Shoes for  
Neighborhood Services Thrift Shop

Sizes 1 thru 9

New or Gently used



**DROP BOX BY CHURCH OFFICE**

# July Birthdays

1	Sheri Arroyo	12	Abby Busko	23	Laura Wilson
1	Robert Cantarera	12	Patrick Kurman	24	Justin Folker
2	Olivia Nelles	13	Mikayla DiFabrizio	25	Wendell Higgins
3	Julia Hartman	13	Hannah Northrup	25	Bruce Van Kleeck
3	Jacob Holmes	15	Colin Barlow	26	Eleanor Inforzato
3	Michelle Taylor	15	Cora Terry	26	James Sumner
4	Lori Sallurday	16	Andrea Evans-Ralston	26	Hugh Wyles
5	Paul Templin Ashford	17	Sandra Slauch	27	Lora Deecki
6	Anne Bailey	18	Tyler Grube	27	Lorraine Vines
7	Elijah Albrecht	18	Nancy Thomson	27	Diana Albrecht
7	Melissa Sarver	18	Laura King	29	Teresa Duppel
9	Audrey Neyman	19	Cassidy Colmary	30	Beth MacMillan
9	Elyse Baccino	19	Kristen Gerling	30	Dorothy Taylor
10	Walter Montgomery	20	Stephanie Johnson	31	Braydon Ringler-Friedrich
11	Sarah Kelso	21	Kasey Busko	31	Kristen Tozzo
12	Conner Quigley	22	John Kraybill	31	Cindy Shrom
12	Alan Pugh	23	Marsha Grier		
12	Eugene Arthur	23	Dennis Tierney		

# August Birthdays

24	Kolby Colmary	4	Leon Slauch	18	Frances Jackson
21	Kaitlyn Crawford	5	Mildred Loughhead	18	Roger Mason
10	Molly Esposito	7	Arlene Singleton	19	Walter Montgomery Jr.
18	Elizabeth Evans-Ralston	7	Krista Staller	20	Sara Bush
9	Chase Gallagher	8	Jason Chimchirian	23	Donald Flessner
31	Dustin Jones	9	Jason Grube	23	Megan Randall
26	Maddie Reisinger	11	Alice Cullen	23	Nadiene Ringler-Friedrich
16	Erin Semple	12	Kevin Colmary	24	James Abel
19	Zoe Zenker	14	Eryn Gallagher	25	Christine Reisinger
28	Dylan Adams	15	Jordan Hastings	26	Harold Walls
20	Matthew Gerich	15	Constance Winchester	27	Judy Kamp
15	Connor Verkamp	16	Joyce Ray	28	Dorothy Philips
2	Sarah Taylor	16	Amy Jones	28	Katherine Stullken
3	Margaux Elters	17	Lisa Crawford	29	Ashley Whiteman
4	Beverly Hartgrove	17	Anne Jennings	31	Connie Slauch

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> First Friday Lunch Bunch Oxford Arts Alliance Children's Play 11a-9p	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Communion Worship 8:15a and 11:00a	<b>4</b> Independence Day—Office Closed	<b>5</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby POMS 7p— Bride's Parlor	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a Session Meeting 7p Library	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby Women Infants & Children	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> NOMADS Picnic 4:30p Eryn Gallagher's Farm
<b>17</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a School Supplies Mission Begins Deacon's Mtg. 12p Library	<b>18</b> Pre-School Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:00a through Grade 6 Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:00p Lighthouse and 2nd Pres. Sports Camp	FH <b>19</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby Women Infants & Children FH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby Women Infants & Children FH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a						

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby POMS 7p— Bride's Parlor	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> First Friday Lunch Bunch	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Worship 8:15a and 11:00a	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lighthouse Benefit Golf Tournament	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 8:15a and 11a Session Meeting 7p Library	<b>15</b> Mon. Pin Busters 6-9p FH	<b>16</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a Deacon's Meeting 12p Library School Supplies Mission Ends	<b>22</b> Apple Festival Mtg. 7p Lib	<b>23</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 8:15a and 11:00a Community Meal 5:30-7p	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Walking Club 10a Lobby Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7p FH	<b>31</b>			



# Christian Education

## Vacation Bible School 2011

July 17-21

Contact Nicole Hartman for  
Preschool VBS (ages 3-5) – July  
18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-  
11:00a **Andy Ralston** for PreK  
through Grade 6 – July 17-21  
from 6:00-8:00p and Grades 5  
and 6 VBS – July 17-21 from  
6:00-8:00p.

Grades 5 and 6 will have a special  
Service Camp option to do  
community service projects.

Register for Bible School at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/shakeitupopc>. There is also a link to the registration site on our website

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

## 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 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!



snacks and registration. This is one of the most fun and exciting of OPC's yearly events. This year we will be exploring the Biblical holy days, so let Stephanie know if you want to join in the fun!

If you can't spare the time to volunteer, consider helping out by donating supplies. As always thank you so much for your support!

### Supplies Needed:

1 box cornstarch	Markers
1 packet rapid rise yeast	Matzo bread
1/2 inch wooden dowels	Measuring cups
2 boxes of cotton swabs	Napkins (cloth or paper)
3 once paper cups	Paper clips
3.4 once instant pudding mix	Paper or plastic cups (lots)
3x5 cards	Paper towels
Aluminum foil	Pencils
Artificial flowers	Plastic bowls
Baking soda	Plastic cups
Balloons	Plastic dessert plates
Baskets	Plastic fruits and vegetables
Blanket	Plastic or paper dishes and bowls
Blue food coloring	Plastic spoons
Broom	Plastic wrap
Crackers	Plastic zip lock gallon bags
Dark green, light green, purple and red construction paper	Rubber bands
Drinking straws	Sauces (ketchup, mustard, etc.)
Flatbread or soda crackers	Tablecloths or sheets (to cover a folding table)
Flour	Toothpicks
King sized white sheets	Twine
Light weight fabric	Two buckets
Lima beans (dried)	Yarn
Lollipops	Zip lock sandwich bags, various sizes

# Healthy Living

## News from the Oxford Area Senior Center

Do you or someone you know need a nutritious noon-time meal? The Oxford Area Senior Center offers a noon-time meal (your choice of hot or cold) for senior citizens over 60 years old. These meals not only taste great but also meet all of the nutritional requirements of the Department of Aging. You can also order a take-home cold meal (salad or sandwich including side dishes). A three (3) day advance reservation is required. A donation of \$1.50 per meal is requested. We serve over 6,000 meals each year to senior residents of Southern Chester County. Please call or stop by the Center for menu selections and to place your order.

Please call or email us if you would like to receive our monthly newsletter containing our daily menus and all of the activities, programs and services available to seniors.

The Oxford Area Senior Center is accessible to all Chester County senior residents by the Rover (Paratransit) senior bus service. For more information on Rover, please contact us.

Oxford Area Senior Center

*Where fun and friendships begin*

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www.oxfordseniors.org

## Exercise Classes at the Oxford Area Senior Center

Healthways Silver Sneakers Fitness Program is a comprehensive older-adults physical activities program that addresses the needs of the 65+ year old population. Muscular Strength & Range of Movement is the core class of this Program and the focus of this creative multi-level conditioning exercise class.

This fitness program is normally offered to seniors who contract with Blue Cross for their health care coverage. However, due to the large participation base at our Center, we are allowed to offer this beneficial program to our consumers who don't have Blue Cross.

Senior Center membership is not required for individuals 60 and older to participate in the Silver Sneakers exercise class and there is no cost for this program. Please join our instructor Stephanie Daney on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-10:45a, and get yourself back in shape. Come and see how much better you'll feel after a 45-minute workout.

**Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

*Thoughts on Today's Verse...*

When we honestly evaluate where we use our time, how we spend our money, what we think about most often, and where we put forth our best efforts, what do we find? Is God our consuming passion? Is he our first love?

# What's Happening?

## Lighthouse/2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church's Sports Camp

Penn's Grove Middle School. 6:00-8:00p from Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> is the site for the Lighthouse/2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church's Sports Camp. We are always looking for volunteers to help with crafts, serving food, football, soccer, kickball, basketball activities. There is usually 120-200 children that come to this each day.

## 2011 Apple Festival

September 24, 2011—that's the date for the 2011 Apple Festival—our 22<sup>nd</sup>. The first took place in 1989, following the devastating fire that destroyed our lovely old church. It began as a fund raiser for the kitchen and we have continued to raise funds each year—not always for our church, but for various groups in the community with needs. Last year we were able to give our Youth \$5,500 toward their mission trip to Jamaica. No decision has been made as yet for this year's funds.



We are going to need plenty of help this September. Please think about how you can contribute your time and energy and ideas.

We met June 20 to begin planning — to see what we need to do to make this year's event extra special. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 22 at 7:00p in the Church Library. Keep in mind that the whole town of Oxford looks forward to the OPC Apple Festival every year. Let's try to make this one they will really enjoy!

**First Friday Lunch Bunch** - July 1st - Gallery Grille at Tanglewood Golf Course. The reservations are for 12 Noon. We will meet at the Church and leave at 11:30. Please sign up in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Patty McComsey at [610-932-0719](tel:610-932-0719) or [mccomseyp@zoominternet.net](mailto:mccomseyp@zoominternet.net).

## NOMADS Picnic Saturday, July 16 Eryn Gallagher's historic family farm

After another wonderful year of food and fellowship, NOMADS will wrap up with a picnic at Eryn Gallagher's farm on

Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

We will gather at 4:30p

Kids are welcome!

Eryn has graciously offered to provide BBQ and Hotdogs  
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share

RSVP Lisa Slinkard  
[theslinkards@yahoo.com](mailto:theslinkards@yahoo.com)

See you there!

## Lighthouse Benefit Golf Tournament

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lighthouse Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Tanglewood Golf Club in Quarryville, PA. The tournament will begin at 1:00p and end with a fried chicken dinner. Prizes will be awarded during the dinner. All proceeds from the event will benefit Lighthouse Youth Center which provides mentoring and activities for the Oxford area youth. For more information, sponsorships or a registration form, call (484) 880-2018 or contact by email at [buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org](mailto:buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org).





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### Our Session

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

#### Class of 2011

Jackie Caleb  
Warren Vosburg  
Carol Carter  
Jim McLeod  
Wendell Higgins  
Don Drennen

#### Class of 2012

Chris Arthur  
Vivian Brown  
Eryn Gallagher  
Barb Hill  
Nancy Andress  
Bev Hartgrove

#### Class of 2013

Whitney Bradford  
Bob Cantarera  
Kerry Gerich  
Rich Lombardi  
Andy Ralston  
Mark Verbanas

### Our Deacons

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

#### Class of 2011

Steve Hill  
Jackie Montgomery  
Cindy Hager  
Herman Wharton

#### Class of 2012

Ann Terry  
Victoria King  
Jamie Workman  
Gene Turns

#### Class of 2013

Andy Arthur  
Lisa Slinkard  
Neeley Spotts  
Judy Walls



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