



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

Take me out to the ball game....

Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Salem Red Socks

Family Faith Day!!

Sunday, August 2nd at 1:35 pm

Come early and enjoy a parent/child catch on the field!

The first 50 kids also get to run the bases after the game!

Checks should be made payable to OPC-

Mark them for the Blue Rocks.

Forms and Payment may be dropped in the office or in the communion plate.

Additional Packages:

Blue Rocks Hat—\$5

Hot Dog, French Fries and Soda—\$7

Hot Dog, Soda

& Blue Rocks Hat- \$9





There are as many as 47,000 characters in Chinese writing. “Full literacy” is considered to be fluency in maybe 4,000 characters. Chinese characters are syllabic—each character usually represents one full syllable, rather than individual phonic components like our letters. The meaning of the characters has evolved over almost 7,000 years of use. They began as pictures of concepts like rain, mouth, heart, tree, run, etc. These basic concepts could be combined in different ways to create new words as the language developed.

For westerners used to only 26 letters combining to make words, all of those Chinese characters are incredibly intimidating. Even for the Chinese, the characters were so complicated that in the 1950’s the government (mainland China, not Taiwan) decided to simplify many of the more complicated common characters so that more Chinese could become literate. This process has had some interesting consequences.

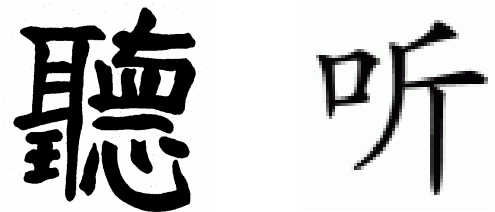
The two characters below are the word “listen” (*ting* in Chinese). The one on the left is the traditional character and the one on the right is the simplified one. The traditional character has four components: upper left—ear; lower left—person (scholar); upper right—straight (refine); lower right—heart. The combination of the two right-hand components means “virtue.” So to listening is when a disciple refines in the heart what comes to the ear. The simplified character now has only two components: left—mouth; right—discern. So now listening is to discern what comes from the mouth.

Originally, listening needed the ear and the heart. Now it only needs the mouth. Now that is certainly a simplification, and everyone knows that you need an ear to hear and to put your heart into listening if you are to understand. But still, it is a shame to lose that visual connection.

As we seek to live our vision to be a family here at OPC, listening will always be at the core of sharing Christ’s love with one another and our surrounding community. I hope we will all continue to listen to one another with our ears and hearts.

See you in Church!

PEACE, Pastor Kerry



June Birthdays

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 06/01 Linda Love | 06/25 Jackie Caleb |
| 06/02 Brenda Baccino | 06/25 Scott Mason |
| 06/03 Andrew Atkinson | 06/27 Marlene Hammond |
| 06/04 Sue Sizoo | 06/27 Linda Allen |
| Kerry Slinkard | 06/29 Ediene Ringler |
| 06/06 Christina MacKrell | 06/29 Frederick Taylor |
| 06/07 Phyllis Buffington | 06/29 John Deecki |
| 06/09 Ann Terry | 06/30 Christopher Guzzo |
| 06/09 Michael Adams | |
| 06/13 Polly Ireson | |
| 06/14 Priscilla Smithson | |
| Joseph Gerling | |
| 06/15 Danielle Stapleton | |
| 06/16 Megan Kelly | |
| 06/18 Erica Gallagher | |
| 06/24 Lisa Slinkard | |



Congratulations Graduates

- Oxford Area High School
 Gregory Hudler
 Rising Sun High School
 Hillary Spotts
College
 Wilmington University
 Andrew T. Atkinson
 Master’s High School Counseling
 Delaware Tech School
 Colleen Mackrell
 Assoc. in Occupational Therapy
 Pierce Business College
 Christy Mackrell
 Bachelors in Business Finance

Landfill gas is a renewable energy source.

In landfills the gas-to-energy projects generate enough energy to power 400,000 homes every day. That offsets almost 2 million tons of coal per year. These projects also reduce emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere – an added bonus for our environment.

In an effort to reduce OPC's "carbon footprint," the Property Committee has begun a process of converting our incandescent lighting to fluorescent bulbs where possible (up to 60% energy savings). We are also converting our existing T-12 fixtures to T-8's (20% energy savings). Next, we are replacing our incandescent EXIT signs with LED's (85% energy savings).



Let's Get Ready to Renovate!

Hi! My name is Catherine King! I am planning to renovate the first section of the basement completely for my Girl Scout Gold Project. This includes re-lighting and fixing the ceiling, repainting the walls, and replacing the current carpeting with tile. Fixing up this room would not only benefit the community programs that are currently using it but also the church family. This space has a lot of potential and renovating it would give us the change to utilize it. It is an enormous project and I could never do it alone. So I am looking to get teams organized to work together on one specific task. The jobs range in intensity and difficulty so everyone can get involved.

Clean Out Team: Removing all the current furniture and cleaning the walls, vacuuming etc...

Electrical Team: Re-wire existing fixtures

Carpet Removal Team: removing the carpet- vacuuming after

Painting Team: will take several days- primer coat- paint coat- possible design

Unveiling Team- volunteers to help out with the opening party

If you are interested in helping out keep your eyes open on Sundays over the next few weeks. I will be posting sign up sheets for the different work teams.

I will also be putting updates in the Lamplighter every month as well as notices and pictures in the weekly bulletin. If everything goes as planned, we are hoping to get the majority of the work done over the summer. If you have any questions or suggestions you can e-mail me at plking1@verizon.net or call me at 610-932-2779.

The Gold Award Project



The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold." It is something that a girl can be passionate about—in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), creates change, and hopefully, is something that becomes ongoing. If it is an event, the event should be something that people will want to continue for the next year; if it is a service, it should be something that creates change or action with long-term possibilities, empowering others besides just the girl; if it is something tangible, it should come with a plan for use and maintenance within the community. The project is more than a good service project—it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills. If a group of girls work on the project together, each girl must be responsible for a specific part of the project and must evaluate her participation as an individual and a member of the group.



How's Your Bible I.Q.?

— A Pop Quiz —

When Candidates for ministry are finishing their seminary training, there are five major tests that must be passed. One of them is the Bible Content Examination. The test is comprised of 100 questions broken down into various sections of the Bible. Just for fun, now that the school year is coming to a close, I thought I'd give you some of the questions from the Pentateuch section (Genesis – Deuteronomy) of one of the Bible Content Exam. Here goes:

1. The Ten Commandments are recorded in which two books?
 - a. Genesis and Numbers
 - b. Exodus and Numbers
 - c. Exodus and Deuteronomy
 - d. Numbers and Deuteronomy
2. Melchizedek is first mentioned in connection with whom?
 - a. Abraham
 - b. David
 - c. Joseph
 - d. Moses
3. What was found in Benjamin's sack of grain?
 - a. a silver cup
 - b. clothing
 - c. extra grain
 - d. money
4. What happened to Miriam after she and Aaron spoke against Moses?
 - a. She contracted leprosy.
 - b. She fell down dead.
 - c. She became barren.
 - d. She was removed from her leadership position.
5. Abraham was called by God to go out of what place?
 - a. Arabia
 - b. Canaan
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Haran
6. Which of the following statements is not a part of the conversation between God and Moses at the burning bush?
 - a. God: "I have observed the misery of my people..."
 - b. God: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."
 - c. Moses: "[If] they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"
 - d. God: "You shall have no other gods before me."
7. Whose story involves the following: the city of Nahor, a water jar, and Isaac?
 - a. Hagar's
 - b. Leah's
 - c. Rebekah's
 - d. Sarah's
8. Israelite law demanded scrupulous care in the treatment of the blood of slain animals. What reason for this is given in Leviticus?
 - a. Blood is holy.
 - b. Blood is inedible.
 - c. Blood is life.
 - d. Blood is the choicest part of the animal.
9. "I will sing to the Lord, for his has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea is found in which book?
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Exodus
 - c. Leviticus
 - d. Deuteronomy
10. What did Caleb do?
 - a. He opposed Joshua.
 - b. He tried to lead a revolt against Moses.
 - c. He gave a good report of the promised land.
 - d. He was killed by Pharaoh as Joseph predicted.
11. Who asked her husband to take a concubine, and later demanded that he cast the concubine out?
 - a. Leah
 - b. Lot's wife
 - c. Rachel
 - d. Sarah
12. Which book contains Moses' final speeches to Israel?
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Exodus
 - c. Deuteronomy
 - d. Joshua
13. When God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac what did Abraham do?
 - a. He cursed the day of his birth.
 - b. He pleaded for God to relent.
 - c. He sacrificed his younger son instead.
 - d. He took Isaac to the land of Moriah.
14. Who was hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel?
 - a. Abiram
 - b. Balaam
 - c. Dathan
 - d. Korah

By the way, this is not an open book test! Look for the answer key elsewhere in this Lamplighter and let me know how you did.

P E A C E, Kerry



Presbyterian Women

submitted by Jackie Slauch

The Presbyterian Women of OPC will be sending three of our members to the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY, July 11—15th. This event takes place every three years for Presbyterian Women.

The ladies attending this year will be Nancy Andress and Jackie Caleb, both of whom attended in 2006. Also attending this year is Christina Tackett and this will be her first time.

Nancy Andress has been active in PW for many years, she has served as both moderator of Oxford Presbyterian and Moderator of Donegal Presbytery Women. Both Nancy and Jackie were chosen to receive extensive training in Anti-Racism through the Churchwide and the Synod Level. They conducted many workshops throughout Donegal Presbytery and the Synod, traveling many miles to do so.

These ladies and also Dorothea Murray were instrumental in establishing a Diversity Camp at Camp Donegal. Nancy and Jackie led this training and Christina Tackett became one of the leaders of the first camp.

Since that beginning Camp Donegal now works with all its leaders and campers in Anti-Racism.

Christina has helped to develop this program.

These three women take with them training, talents, and vital interest in PW.

We are proud at Oxford Presbyterian to sponsor them at Churchwide.



*Then Joshua said to the people
"Sanctify yourselves;
For tomorrow the Lord will
Do Wonders among You."
Joshua 3:5*

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women give you the opportunity to:

- ◆ nurture your faith in community with women from around the world
- ◆ learn about mission opportunities and justice and peace issues
- ◆ develop leadership skills
- ◆ participate in workshops
- ◆ hear from Bible Study leaders and plenary speakers
- ◆ meet new friends, including Global partners from around the world
- ◆ and much more

Nutritional

Opportunities

Meeting

At

Different

Gites

NOMADS enjoys a great 2008-2009 Season

The 2007-2008 Nomads seasons has been a great success. Thanks to all those who participated and especially to the hosts. A special thank you goes out to Joyce and Polly who stepped in to organize the winter festivities. Great job ladies! We'll look forward to the 2009-2010 season and more fun evenings together.

NOMADS picnic set for July 18

The annual NOMADS summer picnic is scheduled for 5:00 on Saturday, July 18 at the home of Barb and Steve Hill for inviting us all back this year.

Their lovely home in the countryside is located at 190 Village Road, Cochranville.

Hot Dogs with the fixin's and beverages will be provided. All you need to bring are your lawn chairs and your covered dish.

RSVP to the Hills if you are able to attend:

717-529-6428 or bphill@zoominternet.net

June 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4 5 6

Lect. Bible Study Wellness Council
7pm Bible Study 7 am

7 No 8:15 Service 8 9 10 11 12 13

Worship with Second Presbyterian Lect. Bible Study WIC Blood Drive Bible Study 7 am OAHHS Graduation
Baccalaureate Service 2 pm

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Town Watch 7 pm Bible Study 7 am Circle of Faith 2 pm

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

WIC Book Discussion Bible Study 7 am

28 29 30

GET FIT – BE FIT ! Part III

submitted by June Hoffman



Sticking with an exercise program may be difficult. There are all kinds of things that get you off track of continual activity or your personal exercise plan: a bad cold, a trip out of town, bad weather, etc. To be successful, make exercise something you do as routinely as eating, sleeping, taking that morning shower. Plan ahead.

Make It Personal

Identify what works for you. Think of what kind of activities suit your life-style, time constraints, and physical condition.

Make It Fit

Make a schedule of your week and write in the best times for you to add bits of activity and recreational exercise into your routine. It may mean changing the times for exercise to fit your schedule – like getting up an hour earlier – but be realistic.

Set Some Goals

Unrealistic expectations can set you up for frustration and failure. It is best to set a long-term goal. For example, a goal to walk 30 minutes five days a week could be planned to gradually be achieved by starting out 3 days a week for ten minutes and increasing the walk times over a period of say one month – until by month 3, you have reached your goal of 30 minutes five times a week.

Record Your Progress

Keep track of the minutes of activity and your exercise program by writing on a daily planner or calendar. You will be able to see clearly what you are accomplishing.

Reward Your Efforts

Meeting your exercise goals, even short-term goals are cause for celebration. Find ways to “pat yourself on the back”. Your self reward should be something meaningful or enjoyable; but not detrimental to your healthy livinglike a big ice cream sundae ! Instead, buy something for yourself like a new CD or special outfit to wear.

Now, go back and read Part I of these articles about the benefits of exercise. Hopefully it will help to keep you on track with routine activity and exercise. Have a safe and healthy summer...and keep moving!



Walking Club

Tuesday 8:50 am

Living Healthy, Living Well

Come Join the Fun!

Join me on this wonderful Journey to a healthy & fit new YOU!

We are coming to a close of our current 16 week session of Living Healthy, Living Well, a weight management program offered on Tuesday's at 11:30am and 3:45 pm in the Church Library.

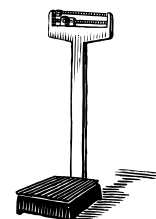
The class is taught by Nurses and Nutritionists and offers the motivation and education to reach your healthy living goals.

We meet every Tuesday for 45 minutes for 16 weeks. Have you noticed some of the congregation shrinking? Want to be part of the group?

The next session begins on June 16th.

The cost of the program is \$10.00 per week, with a 16 week commitment. Want a free sample of what we do, join us any Tuesday.

If you have questions see June Hoffman or call Phyllis at 610-299-2622.



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Bedding: Twin Sheets, Pillows, Blankets
Bath Towels and wash cloths
Bath Tub and Floor Mats
Plastic Shower Curtain & Hooks
Trash Bags (33 gal)
General Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Liquid and Dishwasher Detergent
Sponge Mops & Brooms
Bleach
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Paper Plates
Plastic Cups
Coffee Mugs

General Wish List

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

Silverware
Antibacterial Hand Soap
Personal Hygiene Products
Ethnic Hair Products
Deodorant
Pampers Size 4 & 5
Small Bedroom Lamps
Battery Operated Wall Clocks
Small Alarm Clock
Office Supplies: Copy Papers, folders, legal tablets, staples, paper clips
Craft Supplies: Glitter Glue, Fabric Paint
Food Items: Juice Boxes, Apple and Orange Juice
Individually Wrapped Snack Items
Grocery Store Cards: Acme, Giant, Wal-Mart

P.O. Box 832, West Chester, PA 19381

Office: 610-431-3546 - 610-431-2462 (Fax) - www.dvccc.com



Sign up to give blood, June 10th

Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Stewardship

Submitted by Peter King

The Order of the Cross

Early in the 19th century, Frederick William III the King of Prussia was in financial difficulty. After a lot of thought, he decided to ask the women of Prussia to donate their gold jewelry to be melted down and made into money for their country. In exchange for each gold ornament, he gave each woman an iron decoration of his gratitude. Each decoration had written on it, "I gave gold for Iron, 1813."

There was a huge response. In fact, the women very much prized their gifts from the king even more than the gold jewelry they used to own. The reason is obvious. The iron decorations were proof that these women had sacrificed for their king and country. It even became unfashionable for women to wear jewelry, and the Order of the Iron Cross was begun. Members of this order wore no jewelry except for a cross of iron.

Stephen Olford once wrote about this story, "The Church today needs an army of people who are so committed to the King of Kings that sacrifice becomes a way of life...recruits for this army should be known as members of the Order of the Cross of Christ because they have experienced the grace of giving."

When Do We Begin to Teach Financial Stewardship?

(Adapted from Rev. Kurt Nordby)

When do we begin to teach stewardship? The answer, of course, is with our children. This emphasis upon teaching our children about stewardship can be one of the most important components of a congregation's stewardship ministry. All too often, however, this aspect of stewardship education can be overlooked. Let me underscore the importance of involving our children in stewardship ministry.

As we teach our children about stewardship, a foundation begins to form upon which they can build throughout all of life. Three basic principles provide this foundation:

First, all of us are gifted by God.

Second, stewardship is our joyful and thankful response to what God has done for us in Christ.

Third, a lifestyle of stewardship is a life long process.

Of course, these are basic principles for both children and adults in nurturing a sense of stewardship. Let me suggest some objectives that you might consider in emphasizing stewardship education for children:

1. Promote in the congregation a sense of stewardship that includes both children and adults.
2. Involve children and youth in the stewardship ministry of the congregation.
3. Help children and youth understand WHY we give.
4. Help children and youth understand HOW we give, that stewardship is a lifestyle.
5. Be intentional in stewardship ministry by setting aside times to talk with children and youth about stewardship. An example of settings might include Sunday School, the children's sermon or children's time during worship, intergenerational stewardship events, confirmation programs, and talk times in a youth program.
6. Parents can spend time over supper sometime and explain why and how the family contributes to the church and other charities. Be creative and have fun in your stewardship education. Helping children understand life-style of stewardship is an essential aspect of their faith journey.

Book Club

Submitted by Woody Hartgrove

Pope Joan By Donna Cross



“Engaging...Pope Joan has all the elements: love, sex, violence, duplicity, and long buried secrets.”

Los Angeles Times Book Review

For a thousand years men have denied her existence—Pope Joan, the woman who disguised herself as a man and rose to rule Christianity for two years. Now this compelling novel animates the legend with a portrait of an unforgettable woman who struggles against restrictions her soul cannot accept.

When her older brother dies in a Viking attack, the brilliant young Joan assumes his identity and enters a Benedictine monastery where, as Brother John Anglicus, she distinguishes herself as a scholar and healer. Eventually drawn to Rome, she soon becomes enmeshed in a dangerous mix of powerful passion and explosive politics that threatens her life even as it elevates her to the highest throne in the Western World.

“Brings the savage ninth century vividly to life in all its alien richness.

An enthralling, scholarly historical novel.”

—Rebecca Fraser, Author of *The Brontës*

Next Meeting:

June 29th

Answers to Bible Content questions: 1-c; 2-a; 3-a; 4-a;
5-d; 6-d; 7-c; 8-c; 9-b; 10-c; 11-d; 12-c; 13-d; 14-b.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JULIE ALLPORT

The youth choirs had a very busy and exciting year. Beth, Dave, and I are very proud of their exceptional hard work as they presented “The Tale of the Three Trees” in worship on May 17. The children were all very focused on making sure they understood what to do, when to do it, and did a wonderful job memorizing all of the songs! We also appreciate all of the support and words of encouragement from the congregation. We thank Judy Kamp for playing the piano, Jim McLeod for his help and extra time spent with the sound system, and Clyde and Pastor Kerry for setting up and taking down the ramp and moving Chancel furniture repeatedly! We also appreciate greatly the loan of ladders from Oxford Feed and Lumber.

In addition to our musical being the culminating event of the choir season, our choir members have practiced faithfully, sang and played bells in worship regularly and presented an annual Christmas Eve Pageant. We thank these children for their dedication and service to our church and hope that they will continue. Our youth choir members this year are: Gabby Lombardi, David Arthur, Yilan Slinkard, Maya Hahn, Sarah Kelso, Lillie Spotts, Yujie Slinkard, Karaline Barry, Hayley Allport, Bennett Spotts, Kathleen Kamp, Neal Kelso, Grace Eagle, and Seth Allport.

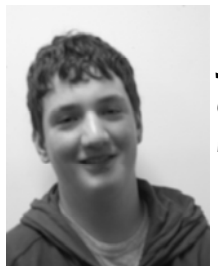
I would like to conclude this article by thanking some faithful teens who were a big help this year. Emma Spotts was a youth choir member for many years and was a great helper for much of this year. Alyssa Stevenson, who was also a youth choir member for many years stepped in at the last minute and made props for our Christmas Eve Pageant. Lastly, I want to offer thanks to our eighth grader, Seth Allport for his years of participation in the youth choirs. Seth has been an active participant in youth choirs since beginning in the Cherub Choir at the age of 4 and is also a member of the Bells of Praise. Seth, your choir director (and your mother) thank you!

Youth Choirs will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays beginning in mid September. Watch the Lamplighter and the Youth Choir bulletin board for more details!



Grace Eagle

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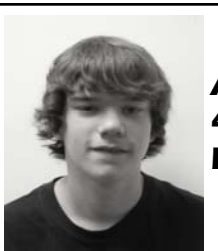
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**Confirmation Class 2009
Please Welcome them into the
Congregation!**



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Our Session

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

<i>Class of 2009</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>	<i>Class of 2011</i>
Nancy Andress	Richard Forcey	Jackie Caleb
Peter King	Andrea Evans	Warren Vosburg
Vaun Newill	Beverly Hartgrove	Carol Carter
Bill Stullken	Don MacMillan	Jim McLeod
Eryn Tierney	Susan Sizoo	Eileen Loeliger
Jane Trimble	Wendell Higgins	Don Drennen

Our Deacons

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

<i>Class of 2009</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>	<i>Class of 2011</i>
Dianne Hammond	Andrew Ralston	Dennis Tierney
Bob Hudler	Jessica Hammond	Jackie Montgomery
Jean McCauley	Patty McComsey	Cindy Hager
Raymond Vanover	Mark Verbanas	Herman Wharton

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Return Service Requested

