



Lamplighter

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

May 2015

SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION

by Norman Hogg

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On Easter Sunday, the Communion table was adorned with a number of objects to remind us of the many aspects of Christ's death and the Resurrection. A number of comments about these symbols prompted us to offer this photo and the accompanying descriptions for you to think about as the season of Eastertide continues.



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THE JARS - These jars of spices and ointments remind us that very early on Easter Day some women came to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for proper burial. The women were the first to hear the good news of Christ's resurrection.

THE STONE - This stone reminds us that on the resurrection morning, the stone which sealed the tomb was rolled away. The Christ was ready to greet his people.

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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.



Proverbs 31:28-29

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

**SCHOOL,
School, School, School**



Look at that word above. Does it look strange to you? When I typed it out, I had to check to make sure I spelled it right! The word derives from Greek and the original meaning was “leisure.” A *schola* was a place to relax and philosophize and maybe listen to someone lecturing about some esoteric subject or another. How times have changed!

Nowadays, say “school” and your thoughts are filled with schedules and tests and sports and snacks and homework and conferences and

Well, CONGRATULATIONS, you’ve made it! School’s almost out for this year and students, teachers and parents can once again hope for *schola* - leisure—at least until the summer hub-bub begins.

But school is never really over. We children of God are always learning—sometimes formally, sometimes informally. Sometimes we learn cool things, sometimes we learn cruel things. But we are always learning. We are never the same person we were yesterday. This continual growth is part of our journey with God and it is a blessing. Imagine how boring it would be if we were the same every day.

Breathe in the fresh air of spring. Feel the excitement of new things. Give thanks to God!

See you in church!

PEACE,

Pastor Kerry

SESSION NOTES

By Bonnie Rhodes, Clerk of Session

We have just learned that Second Presbyterian has changed its name back to the one in their original charter – **SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!!** Same location, same great people, just a new name!!

A Motion from Outreach was passed by Session to suggest to outside Community Meal sponsors that they pay for or make a donation toward the food they buy to help defray expenses.

Steve Doutrich will be leading training for the new Child Care Law taking effect in July. See Steve if you are interested.

Oxford’s Chamber of Commerce will purchase a replacement fir tree for the Green. They must ask OPC Session for approval of specific decorations.

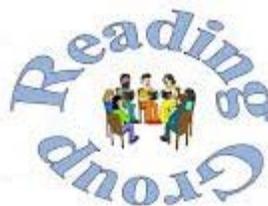
Janet Hudler and Membership Ministry are updating our membership rolls. If you know whereabouts of anyone who has been “missing” in Church, please let them know.

Many thanks to all our Ministry Committees for their great work all year long!

God bless us every one!

The Atkinson Reading Group

is actively seeking new members. We meet ten times a year; we skip December and July. We meet at the church at 7 P.M. on the last Monday of the month; all are welcome. We have not selected a book for May but ask that you check future Sunday service bulletins or check with Woody Hartgrove after April 27.



Thoughts on a Maundy Thursday

Lorraine Holton

Our annual Maundy Thursday service was held on April 2. As I sat in the pew, I thought about what Jesus was doing on that long-ago Thursday. Although we did not wash each other's feet, we did serve each other communion. We've done this for a couple of years now, and it has always been a very moving service to me. The act of serving the Lord's Supper to a fellow Christian really brings home to me what it's all about—serving others.

The stripping of all the adornments in the Sanctuary, and then leaving the service in silence is also very poignant. So, if you haven't experienced a Maundy Thursday service yet, please keep it in mind for next year—come and see if you agree with me.

WE'RE ON OUR FIRST MISTER MISSION!

**Men in Service Team
MISTERS**

By Roy Caudill

The Men In Service Team of OPC (MIST) will celebrate their inaugural mission on Saturday, May 9. All the Misters are called to breakfast at the Shiloh Presbyterian Church (AKA "Second Presbyterian") for food, fellowship, praise, and inspiration. Clyde Prigg wants us at the door, 8:30 A.M. sharp. Severely late comers may have to eat solo in the parking lot just off Broad Street, so don't press your luck.

A service project will immediately follow the repast, but it's a secret. That's right...it's a secret service! All members will be notified in advance of the task at hand so that appropriate tools and preparations can be made.

Gentlemen of the church, remember...if you are between the ages of 18 and 108 (sorry, there had to be a cut-off age restriction) IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BECOME A MISTER!

Discourse from the Director



Steve Doutrich

Jesus was a man of prayer. If you read the Gospels, you will see that Jesus often went to solitary places to pray (Luke 5:16). Even Jesus' disciples saw the need for prayer and asked Jesus to teach them to pray. We recite the prayer during our worship services. Prayer is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

On Thursday, May 7, we have an opportunity to come together as a community to pray during the National Day of Prayer. Please come and join me at the Oxford United Methodist Church fellowship hall at 7 P.M. Bring a group of people with you as we will be sitting around tables praying for all of our Government leaders, our military personnel, our First Responders, our School Directors and teachers, our churches and pastors, ourselves and friends in the community.

This day holds very special significance to me; it was the day my father told me he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I shared that with the crowd gathered there that night and they prayed for my dad and my family. God intervened in a marvelous way for my family during my dad's illness.

Pray works bigtime!! Please come and join me to pray. Psalm 32:6 says, Therefore let everyone pray to you ...

Steve



OPC missions are funded per the OPC budget. Missions funded are Meeting Ground, Neighborhood Services Center, Oxford Senior Center, Domestic Violence Center, Lighthouse Youth Center, Onesimus Prison Ministry, and Good News for India. Additional missions are the Christmas Food Box Ministry and Community Meals.

In addition the Outreach Committee plans to disperse miscellaneous local funds. It is in thanks to a generous congregation that we are able to have these funds.

Miscellaneous Local Mission 2015

\$8,320

\$2,000	Disaster Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Fund
\$ 500	Relay for Life
\$750	Varaso Mission
\$750	The Village
\$100	Oxford Fire Department
\$300	Oxford Presbyterian Youth Group for Mission Trip
\$300	Chester County Children and Youth
\$500	Family Promise Program
\$500	Camp Donegal
\$300	ACE (Anti Human Trafficking Organization) Mother's Day
\$300	Church World Service- Blanket Program Father's Day
\$100	Oxford Fire Department Ambulance Fund
\$500	African Mission
\$500	Miscellaneous Expenses

National Day of Prayer - May 7, 2015 - MARK KOENIG

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held in the United States on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation. In some places, groups gather for prayer services, walks, or vigils. In Oxford an observance will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 7pm at the Oxford Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Thank you from Ten Thousand Villages (TTV)

In 2014 TTV customers created \$7, 500,000 in sustainable income which supported 20,000 artisans in 34 developing countries. With these proceeds, TTV was able to add to our community of artisan partners. One of our newest partners is Mujibha Exports from Zimbabwe. Founded in 1994, Mujibha Exports works with over 100 artisans throughout Zimbabwe. In a country which suffers from unemployment of roughly 97%, Mujibha Exports works to provide full work to as many as possible. Mujibha Exports also offers support to artisans in acquiring raw materials and the capital to produce their work. Thank you for bringing the hope and dignity of fair trade to people around the world.



Community Meal - May 31
Hosted by the Kitchen Crew

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THE SHROUD – This shroud reminds us of the cloth in which they wrapped the body of Jesus for hasty burial just before the Sabbath began. On Easter morning it was found empty, lying in the tomb where Christ’s body had been placed.

THE FLOWERS – The flowers surrounding the chancel help us to remember that Jesus was buried in a borrowed grave in a garden. It was in that garden that Mary Magdalene was the first to meet the risen Christ. Until he spoke her name, she thought he was the gardener.

THE BREAD – This bread reminds us that on the first Easter evening Jesus walked and talked with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. It was not until he broke the bread with them at the meal table that they recognized who he was. Overcome with joy, they raced back to Jerusalem to share the good news of the risen Christ with the disciples.

THE CUP – This cup, representing Christ’s blood, helps us to remember that Jesus died for our sins and that through his death and resurrection we are put right with God and each other.

THE BIBLE – This book gives unique witness to Jesus Christ the living Word of God. From its pages we read of God’s power over sin and death by raising Christ from the grave, and of his invitation to share that victory.

THE CROSS – The cross you see is an empty cross. Jesus is not dead. He is risen! This empty cross is our constant reminder that not even such a cruel death could defeat God’s love for us.

THE CANDLE – Christ is Risen! He is risen from the dead! Hallelujah! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out. This candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May his light so shine in our lives this Easter day that we may ever share in his victory over sin and death.



I am a Christian

When I say that “I am a Christian,” I am not shouting that “I am clean living.” I’m whispering “I was lost, but now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say “I am a Christian,” I don’t speak of this with pride. I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

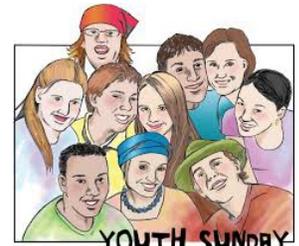
When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not trying to be strong. I’m professing that I’m weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not bragging of success. I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say “I am a Christian,” I’m not holier than thou. I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow!



YOUTH SUNDAY

May 31, 2015

Children's Classes

Nursery (birth-36 months)- Room 204

Tricia Barlow, Nursery Supervisor

Pre K & K - Room 103

Chris Arthur, Emma Spotts - teachers

Grades 1-2-3 - Room 102

Donna Krauss, Kim Smith - teachers

Grades 4-5-6 - Room 105

Andy Orechovesky, Bob Hudler, Mitch Perry

Youth (Grades 7-12) - Room 202

Steve Doutrich

Adult Classes

Sunday School Discussion Class - Brides Parlor (2nd level)

Adult Bible Study Class - Library/Conference Room (1st floor)

Women's Bible Study Class - Side Parlor (2nd level)

Adult Bible Study Class - Thursday Nights, 6:30 P.M., Brides Parlor (2nd level)



Vacation Bible School – Camp Discovery

June 21-25, Sunday – Thursday 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Sunday, June 21 Dinner With Dad 5:30 P.M. out on the lawn

THE CAMPERS ARE COMING! THE CAMPERS ARE COMING!

You've marked your calendars (June 21-26); you've eagerly awaited the announcement of our theme; you've thought about how you could be blessed by joining in the fun. Well, open up your hearts to let the sun and Son shine

in...the OPC Vacation Bible School Planning Team has some exciting news for you all.

This year we will celebrate God's great outdoors. If you thought last year's JUNGLE SAFARI was an amazing journey through Bible learnings, just wait until we pack our youngsters off to CAMP DISCOVERY for a fun-filled week of sharing the good news about God's love and the ultimate camping manual...The Bible! Our campers are going to gather 'round the campfire to sing rousing songs of celebration and hear wonderful stories and Old Testament tales. Their Camp Counselors will be hiking with them from campsite to campsite for awesome multisensory excitement that will include creating rustic crafts sure to become treasured family keepsakes. Snack-time treats will feature nature's bounty, of course; and do you think we might even make s'mores one evening? The closing celebration promises to be truly unique, complete with a Campers' Craft Show, old-timey singalong, and lots of other surprises.

Perhaps you can help us gather materials needed to make CAMP DISCOVERY truly unforgettable. We anticipate a whole herd of new campers this year, so to be prepared, we could use the following:

Tree branches cut to 4 to 5 foot lengths (walking sticks).

Large plastic sour cream or yogurt containers with lids.

Craft adornments such as beads, feathers, glitter, and such.

Country-crafty castoffs such as yarn, cord, thin rope, canvas drop cloth, and more.

You can drop them off in the parlor where someone on the planning team will spot them for storage and use.

Do you think this just might be a little bit of FUN? Would you like to be a part of it? Well, dig into your backpack, find those long-lost binoculars, and zoom in on that beautiful sign-up board in the narthex. Carve your name into the activity of your choice and get ready to let the good times roll.



Presbyterian Women Mission

theVillage

HOPE IN ACTION SINCE 1877

A big *Thank You* to the congregation for being so generous in their giving to “theVillage” mission. We delivered 42 Gifts of Love in March with the help of Bethany Atkinson and Vivian Brown who drove up to the children’s village braving the large pot holes all the way up and back. Thanks Bethany and Vivian for your time and devotion to the mission.

A big thank you also goes to Nicole Hartman and her preschool staff for their efforts of planning an event to benefit theVillage that brought in over a thousand dollars towards the mission. According to Betty Wu, Mission Support Representative for the children’s village, the preschool donation will supply beds-in-a-bag as they are needed. Each child receives one as they come into the village.

Our missions’ success only happens if our OPC congregation opens their hearts and offers a helping hand, and you have done just that. How wonderful, you are appreciated.

Kay Skinner, PW Missions



An Opportunity to Serve:

The Deacons would like to reactivate serving communion to OPC’s homebound members. Pastor Kerry requests assistance. Any ordained Elder or Deacon who would like to help please contact Teresa Verkamp and/or the church office.

Elders and Deacons are permitted to serve Communion without Pastor Kerry on the Sundays we have Communion. When Pastor Kerry serves on non-communion days the team member would assist.



Notes from the Organ Bench...

Julie is in the process of scheduling special worship music for the summer when the Chancel Choir is on hiatus. If you sing, play an instrument, or have a small group who would like to share your music with us in worship on one Sunday during the summer months, please contact the church office. Give your name and contact information (email is preferred), and Julie will contact you to schedule.

Giving

Andrew Atkinson

What does the Bible say about stewardship?

The Bible teaches that people who take seriously the stewardship of all that God gives them have these characteristics: They give *through the Church* (Malachi 3:10), *liberally* (Luke 6:38), *sacrificially* (2 Corinthians 8:1-4), *cheerfully* (2 Corinthians 9:7), and *regularly* (1 Corinthians 16:2).

What do Presbyterians believe about stewardship?

(From the PCUSA *Book of Order*)

Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God's gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to minister to and share with others in the world. Tithing is a primary expression of the Christian discipline of stewardship.

Those who follow the discipline of Christian stewardship will find themselves called to lives of simplicity, generosity, honesty, hospitality, compassion, receptivity, and concern for the earth and God's creatures.

Why do we give?

- + We feel gratitude to God.
- + We see giving as part of our spiritual relationship with God.
- + We desire to share the love of Christ with others.

How can I support the mission and ministry of Oxford Presbyterian Church?

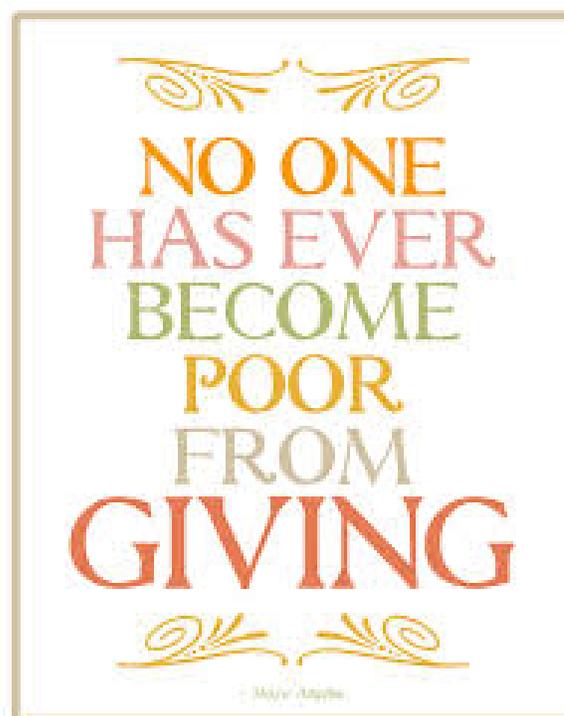
- + Through weekly or monthly tithes and offerings to the general operations of the church. "Estimate of Giving" cards and offering envelopes are available through the church office and are provided to new

members when they join the church. Read the Oxford Presbyterian *Annual Report* to learn how these offerings were used in 2014.

- + Through response to a variety of special opportunities to support mission throughout the year such as preparing a Community Meal, Preparing and Delivering Community Christmas food boxes, etc..
- + Through gifts to Oxford Presbyterian Endowment Fund, which supports mission projects within Oxford Presbyterian Church and in the wider world and enable members to leave a legacy.
- + Through giving to the denomination's special offerings: Peacemaking, One Great Hour of Sharing and the Christmas Joy Offering.

Let Us Give Thanks

As we enter the summer let us all take time to think about what we are thankful for here at Oxford Presbyterian Church. I am thankful for the talents of the many unique members of our church. I am thankful for the amount of time our members contribute into making sure our church operates and remains a bridge to our local community. I am thankful for the financial generosity that past and current members have blessed our church with.



What's Up with Worship?

(A Conversation Starter by Pastor Kerry)

In Session, we have been discussing worship and talking about a variety of worship styles that are available to us here at OPC. Worship is the most consistent, most attended activity in (almost) any congregation – certainly here at OPC. Most people who become involved in a congregation do so based initially on how they feel about the worship “experience.” This includes not only the details of the service – music, message, prayers, etc. – but also the atmosphere, the attitude and the ambience. And, often most importantly: “How friendly are the people?” and “Do I *connect* with others here?”

Ambience, friendliness – these are very subjective things and are very difficult to “design” and “program.” But if we don’t continually think about worship, this most cherished, most ancient of the ministries of the church will become an irrelevant anachronism. Most of us have participated in a variety of worship experiences. These might include:

Little Church – 10-30 attending, most related to one another, loose order of worship

Mega Church – 1,000-5,000 attending, many non-members, order carefully stage-managed

Medium Church – 100-200 attending, better defined order but not obsessively controlled

Traditional Church – hymnbook with music dating back to Isaac Watt, Charles Wesley, and Fannie Crosby, pipe organ, detailed bulletin, choir in robes

Contemporary Church – modern songs, projection screens with words only, praise band, simple order, lead singing team, concert-style

Blended Church – mix of music styles, multiple hymnbooks

Catholic Church – well-defined order with “missal” and designated prayers, sacraments only for Catholics, confessional, incense, priests in ornate robes, lots of kneeling

Protestant Church – everyone else... Well, that’s not quite right –

High Church – “Liturgical” – Episcopalians, some Lutherans, some Presbyterians, etc.

Low Church – “Non-Liturgical” – Baptist, Methodist, Brethren, “Bible Fellowships,” etc.

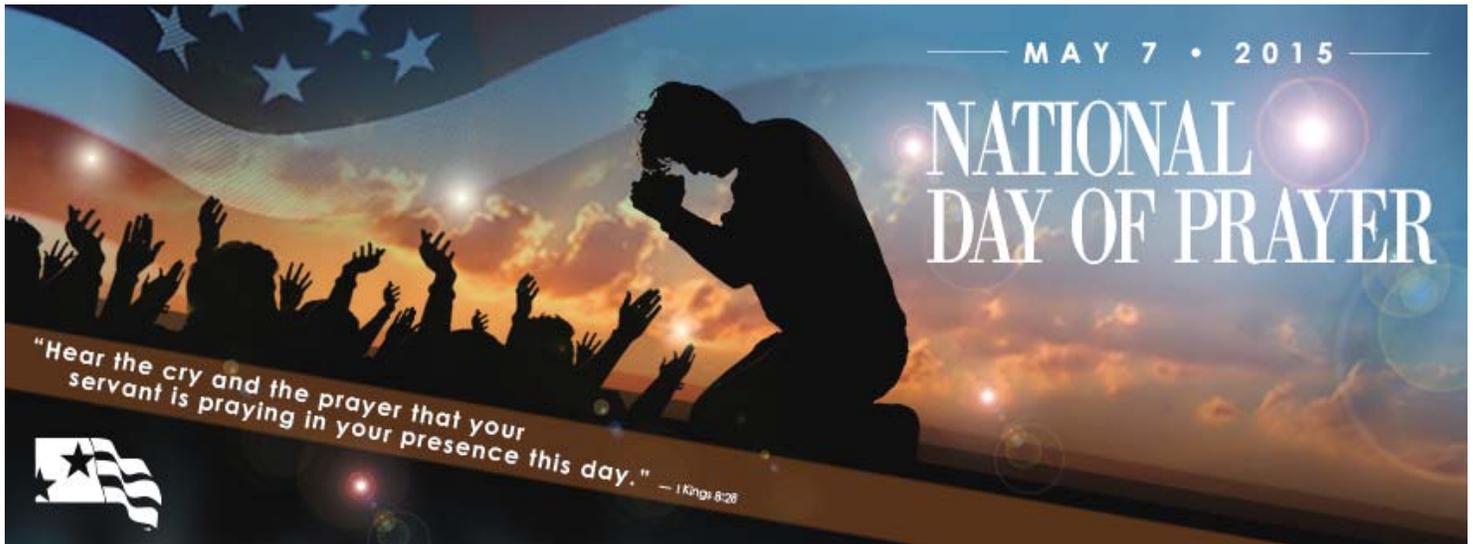
By “Liturgical” I mean churches that observe the “seasons” of the church year, often follow the three-year Common Lectionary for scripture readings, and tend to have robed clergy.

There is an age-based preference that is not universal, but general: Older worshipers tend to prefer traditional, ordered styles, while younger worshipers prefer contemporary, more flexible styles. We live in an era that is commonly referred to as “Post-Christendom” – the dominance that the church has enjoyed in western societies since the 4th Century is declining significantly due to many factors – local/global and cultural/social/economic. We can no longer operate under the assumption that “everyone is a Christian.” The Church (capital “C”) now needs to actively show its relevance in an increasingly skeptical world.

Some are saying that the “institution” of the church and its dogma and rituals – including worship – are no longer valid, and we need to convert to a more “missional” model – focusing on actively sharing the gospel through more intentional evangelism and social witness to address the spiritual and physical needs of the community and world around us.

I think there will always be a place for corporate worship as a way of bringing us together in love to reconnect with God’s word and to offer prayers and praise as a community journeying toward God’s kingdom. Of course, I have to say this since most of my time as your Pastor is focused on worship. But I don’t think I am totally alone in my appreciation of worship.

What do you think? Is worship irrelevant? Is there a place for worship in your faith journey? How can worship at OPC be more meaningful for you? What would you like to know about the whys and wherefores of worship? Let me know your thoughts (pastoropc@oxfordpresbyterian.org.) I hope to continue this conversation through the summer.



Oxford United Methodist Church
Market and Addison Streets, Oxford, PA
Community
National Day of Prayer Gathering
May 7
7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served following prayer gathering.

Please Join Us in Prayer
ALL ARE WELCOME

What If He Actually Came Today?

April 14, 2015 by Thom Schultz of Holy Soup
(<http://holysoup.com>)

After watching some of the latest historical Jesus shows on television, I wondered how Jesus would be received if he'd make a similar physical visit today. Would his mission be similar? He'd be coming at a similar time when the religious establishment has calcified around certain practices, places, rules and rituals. Would he seek to shake that up? I wonder.

Where would he hang out? Would he make his appearances and do his remarkable work primarily on Sundays in beautiful, theater-like church buildings? Or somewhere else? For whom would he prioritize his ministry? The religious establishment status quo? Or someone else?

Would he construct an intricate membership organization that relies on sizable weekly attendance to survive? Or would he simply touch people wherever he'd find them? With whom would he share a meal? Celebrities? Or the "little people" and the scorned?

If religious leaders would bring a person caught in sexual sin, how would Jesus react? Condemn the person? Or protect the person from the condemning leaders?

What would he say to those who staunchly guard the religious traditions and practices of the day—the Sunday rituals, the 30-minute lecture/sermon, the musical formula, a particular English translation of the scriptures? Congratulate them? Or challenge their human assumptions?

What would be his mission's end game, his measure of success? Convincing the people to become habitual spectators at Sunday morning presentations? Or to join him on a mission of love? I wonder.

Pics from the March Community Meal



Spring Breakfast Fundraiser

Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause!



Benefits senior citizens in Oxford and our surrounding communities.

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast complete with scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, dried beef, juice, coffee and tea for only \$7.00 per person.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.
Friday, May 8th from 7-10 A.M.

Thank you for supporting the Oxford Area Senior Center.

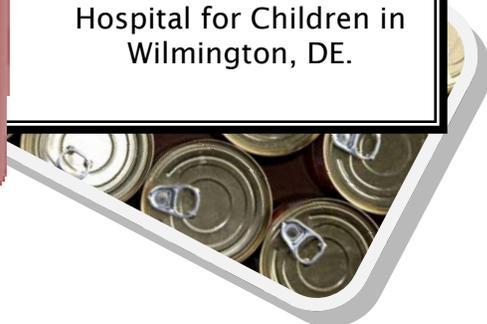
12 East Locust Street, Oxford, PA

610-932-5244

All are welcome!

Can Tabs

Please bring your can tabs to the church office. They are being collected to donate to Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE.



It doesn't take much...

Really, it doesn't take much to thrill me, but I have to say that I am **totally** thrilled with our new ice machine! It is so wonderful to be able to stand erect with the door held open on its own and load up the pitchers for a meal in our Fellowship Hall. Our old ice machine had given us over twenty-two years of faithful service, but, I was glad to see it go.

Lorraine Holton



Tony Bement interacting with the new machine at the repast after Gene Turns' service.





OXFORD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Enhancing the Quality of Education in the Oxford Area School District

Oxford Educational Foundation is seeking volunteers to serve as tutors, mentors, and classroom assistants in Oxford Area Schools. Tutors work on a regular basis with one or two students having problems in math, science or other subjects. Mentors meet on a regular basis with one student who seems to be in need of adult support and advice. Classroom assistants go into classrooms and listen to students read or help the teacher with a variety of tasks to help meet the educational needs of the students. For further information please send an email to volunteer coordinator, Karen Olivieri, at oxfordedfound@yahoo.cOm or call 610-932-7200.

Dear Prayer Shawl Warriors,



My mom and I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful shawl. She took it with her to the hospital and used it for warmth and comfort. And the news was what we all prayed for. NO CANCER CELLS! They were able to get it all.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. It will never be forgotten! God bless you!

With love and thanks,

The Todd Family
(Laurie Todd is co-director of our Community Preschool.)



Does anyone know who this young man is?



Congratulations
MacKenzie Smith!
The 2015 Oxford Area High School Prom Queen!

May Birthdays

1 Abigail Boohar	7 Anne Harlan	16 Ben Semple
3 Bill Gundrum	7 Tanya Walsh	17 Caitlin Klein
3 Bennett Spotts	9 Jamie Chimchirian	18 Emily Meyers
3 Zoe Verbanas	9 Brian Quigley	18 Lisa Koza
4 Dave Keefer	10 Donna Kelly	18 Emily Koza
4 Amanda Woolston	10 Joanna Pugh	25 Jayne Bower
4 Yujie Slinkard	10 Seth Allport	26 Sandy Bauguess
4 Kimberly Perry	11 Carol Carter	26 Bruce Hastings
5 Catherine King	11 John Slauch	26 Emma Spotts
6 John Stapleton	13 Amanda Boyd	27 Val Walker
6 Ian Barlow	13 Jane Freeman	28 Ali Verbanas
6 Aiden Quigley	16 Louise Gehron	29 June Hoffman

*If your 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.*

Oxford Presbyterian Church

March 2015 Financial Review – Congregational Giving

	March	YTD Income	YTD Budget
Members' Giving	27,847.00	66,725.00	60,008.00
Loose Offering	1,696.00	3,891.06	4,492.00
Other Income*	4,754.68	17,520.40	27,640.75
TOTAL INCOME	34,297.69	88,136.52	92,140.75

Ministry Expenses

	February	YTD Expense	YTD Budget
Worship	0	48.10	175.00
Learning	0	250.05	3,250.00
Nurturing	101.12	639.91	1,470.00
Outreach	10,138.32	11,207.67	12,070.87
Serving	1000	1,141.05	150.00
Supporting	37,334.81	109,520.91	108,021.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,574.25	122,807.69	125,137.86

NET INCOME (14,276.56)

*Other income is comprised of committee offerings, building use fees and non-living gifts.

Recurring Meetings/Events at Oxford Presbyterian Church (summer schedule may differ)

- Sundays:** Worship every Sunday at 8:15 and 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Communion the first Sunday of every month. Coffee Fellowship follows each service in the Parlor.
 Sunday School for All Ages every Sunday at 9:30 A.M.
 Women's Praise Chorus Practice at 9:30 A.M. in Room 206
 Kids of the Kingdom Choir Practice every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. in Room 206
 Revolution Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 P.M.
- Mondays:** Girl Scout Troop 4644—First and Third Mondays of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.
 Girl Scout Troop 451—Second and Fourth Mondays of every month from 6:30 to 8 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesdays:** PW Coordinating Team—First Sunday of every month at 12 NOON in the Chapel/Library.
 Living Healthy/Living Well—Every Tuesday at 4:15 P.M. in the Parlor.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop—Every Tuesday from 12:00 P.M to 2:00 P.M. in the Bride's Parlor.
 Family Literacy Program—Every Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Parlor and Room 201.
 Women, Infants and Children—The second, third and fourth Tuesdays of every month from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. (Room may vary throughout the year.)
- Wednesdays:** Office Staff Meeting—Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. in the Pastor's Study.
 Adventure Club—First, Third, and Fifth Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. (October-April)
 Bells of Praise Practice from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.
 Chancel Choir Practice at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.
- Thursdays:** Family Literacy Program—Every Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Parlor and Room 201.
 Battleground Ministry—Third Thursday of every month at 6 P.M. in the Sonshine Room
 Bible Study with Steve Doutrich—every Thursday at 6:30 P.M. in the Bride's Parlor.
 Shalom Circle—First Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the Library.
 Cub Scout Pack 213—Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Fridays:** Family Literacy Program—Every other Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Parlor and Room 201.
 The Friendship Circle—Third Friday of every month at 2:00 P.M. in the Ware Mansion.
 NA Clean and Serene—Every Friday at 7:00 P.M. in the Sonshine Room.

Special Events/Meetings in the Oxford Presbyterian Church

5/3 - 5th Sunday of Easter - Communion			
5/4	7p	Membership Development Meeting	Library/Conference Room
5/8	4p	Property Committee Meeting	Library/Conference Room
5/9	6p	Family Movie Night	Fellowship Hall
5/10 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Birthday Offering Received			
5/17 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Last Day of Sunday School for Youth			
	11a service	"Creation" - Kids of the Kingdom Musical	Sanctuary
	7p	Session Meeting	Library/Conference Room
5/18 -	6:30-9p	Oxford Area Historical Association	Fellowship Hall
	7p	Deacons Meeting	Library/Conference Room
5/19	all day	Election Day	Fellowship Hall
	6-9p	Oxford Area Historical Association	Fellowship Hall
5/21	6-8p	Battleground Ministry	Sonshine Room
5/24 - Day of Pentecost - Pentecost Offering Received			
	Both Services	Presenting New Members	
5/25 - Memorial Day Observance—Office Closed			
5/30	3p	Prayer Walk sponsored by Allen AME Church	Begins in Memorial Park
	3-7:30	Oxford Arts Alliance	Sanctuary
5/31 - Trinity Sunday - Blood Pressure Readings after Both Sundays			
	Both Services	Youth Sunday	
	5:30p	Community Meal	Fellowship Hall



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Our Session

The Session meets the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Barbara Hill	Andrew Atkinson	Karen Olivier
Peter King	Janet Hudler	Andy Orechovesky
Bonnie Rhodes (Clerk)	Dave Keefer	Rob Shaffer
David Sauer	Ediene Ringler	Ali Verbanas
Rebecca Zundel	Kay Skinner	Amanda Woolston
Hayley Allport (Youth)		

Our Deacons

The Deacons meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Lisa Koza	Laura King	Roy Caudill
Cristina Tackett	Sue Sizoo	Jenna Hammond
Herman Wharton	Teressa Verkamp	Bob Hudler
Ethel Backenstose	Debbie Waltman	Lara Orechovesky
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