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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.

December 2013

Advent Celebration
at Oxford Presbyterian Church

Please join us as we
prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ!

Call the church office with any questions.

Everyone is Welcome!

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November 30–Saturday

Hanging of the Greens–8:00 A.M. Refreshments Provided. Decorating the
church for Christmas. Activities for children–8:30-11:30 A.M.!!!

December 1–First Sunday of Advent (Hope)  Matthew 24:36-44
Communion

December 8–Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)  Isaiah 11:1-10
Dove Tree Memorial Service–2:00 P.M. in our Sanctuary

December 10

Women’s Christmas Fellowship Dinner–6:30 P.M.

December 15–Third Sunday of Advent (Joy) Romans 15:4-13

December 20

Christmas Food Boxes-Sorting: 9 –11:30 A.M. – Packing 6:30 P.M. until...

December 21

Christmas Food Boxes pick-up and delivery: 9:00 A.M.

December 22–Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love) Matthew 1:18-25

11:00 A.M. service–Christmas Cantata
Christmas Joy Offering
Community Meal–5:30-7:00 P.M.

December 24–Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Eve Service–6:30 P.M.
Bell Choir Prelude–9:30 PM
Candlelight Communion Service–10:00 P.M.

December 25–Christmas Day

A Savior is Born!!!

December 29

Lessons and Carols
New Beginnings

The church liturgical calendar begins anew with Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Christ child at Christmas. Advent gives us a chance to explore our faith and what motivates us to grow as disciples of this miracle child from heaven.

There is always a little bit of tension during Advent because we hold off on the actual Christmas carols until later in December (“But, they’ve been playing Christmas carols in the malls for a month already!”). I take some heat for those hymn choices, but for me it’s worth it because it makes us all think just a little more about this thing we call Christmas. I look at this anticipation and tension as a blessing. The family of God waited a thousand years for the promised Messiah to arrive. Surely we can wait three more weeks.

I attended a continuing education week at Union Seminary in November that focused on ways of helping congregations re-discover or re-shape their identities, particularly in times of transition. The Session has been talking about how we deal with the transitions of the community around us, and our own internal transitions. These pressures call for churches to make “adaptive” changes in how we minister in these times. We need to be asking some new questions and finding new answers so that we can continue to “Share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.” I hope to incorporate some of what I learned at the conference in the coming year. I think it will be a good experience and offer new beginnings for all of us.

I wish you all a blessed and happy Advent and Christmas.

See you in church!

PEACE, Pastor Kerry

Angel Tree In The Parlor

Angel Tree was created by The Salvation Army in 1979 by Majors Charles and Shirley White when they worked with a Lynchburg, VA shopping mall to provide clothing and toys for children at Christmas time. The program got its name because the Whites identified the wishes of local children by writing their gift needs on Hallmark greeting cards featuring pictures of angels and placing them on a Christmas Tree at the mall. Thanks to the Whites, who were assigned by The Army to the Lynchburg area at the time, more than 700 children had a brighter Christmas that first year.

The program at OPC works with local elementary schools to help brighten the Christmas of local families. This year we will adopted two families.

Won’t you please adopt one of our family members by taking a tag from one of the angels on our tree, fulfilling the wish and returning the wrapped gift with the wish tag attached under the tree by December 18?

Contact Missy Sarver with questions.

Peace be with you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop is going on a brief hiatus. There will be no meetings on December 17, 24, or 31st. Needle work will resume on January 7th. Come and join the fun!
I am continuing the discussion on why Christian Education is important from last month and how it is different from secular education. It is especially relevant in light of my sermon on November 17. Jesus warned the people that were with Him at the temple to not be deceived, because many people will proclaim to speak for Christ, but will not speak the truth about God. So we need to know the truth and the truth is found in the Word of God. That is why studying the Bible is so important.

The second difference between Christian Education and Secular education is that Christian Education is God centered. Secular education assumes that human observations and interpretations are the basis of reality. Christian Education is based on the fact that God is the creator and sustainer of all things. Just because it cannot be proven by the scientific method, does not make it untrue. It is like studying the solar system from an earth centered theory as opposed to a sun centered theory.

God centered education puts all history into the right perspective; it brings meaning to literature, respect and sanctity to life. It gives meaning to the trials and difficulties in life. It gives standards and authority about social problems and direction to philosophy.

I will finish my thoughts next month.

Mark Verbanas, Finance Committee Chair

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Through October, the members’ giving and loose offering totals exceeded the YTD budgeted amount by $2,995. Our YTD expenses were also under budget by $13,254. Please remember though that we started the year with a budget shortfall of roughly $46,000 so the Congregation voted in favor of borrowing the necessary funds from the church Endowment in an effort to have a balanced budget for 2013. This income is reflected in the “Other Income” section above.

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Stewardship Update through November 26, 2013

Commitment Year 2014 * 2013
Total Commitments $274,998 $233,278
Number of Commitments 106 * 106

*The 2013 commitment total is for the same church families as those for the 2014 commitments received to date.

The campaign is going very well so far. The commitments received represent an increase of over $40,000 over last year. THANK YOU! There are still 100 families that have not responded in the campaign. Please return your card as soon as possible (even if you decide not to designate an amount) so we can prepare for our 2014 ministries.

Don MacMillan, Stewardship Campaign Chair
Missions We Support

Local

Neighborhood Services Center .......... $8,140
Oxford Senior Center ..................... $1,200
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County ....... $1,300
Lighthouse Youth Center ............... $2,020
Meeting Ground ......................... $1,000
Miscellaneous Local Mission ............. $8,320
Christmas Food Boxes .................. $3,450
Community Meal .......................... $2,000
Onesimus Ministries ........................ $880
American Cancer Society............... $500

Beyond our Area

Presbyterian Coffee Project
Mthatha Presbytery
Good News for India ................... $1,320
Church World Service ................. $2,500
Ten Thousand Villages ................. $3,500

Missions with the Larger Church

Per Capita (sent to Presbytery) .................. $12,398
Basic Mission Support/to Presbytery ........ $6,000
Theological Education Fund/to Presbytery ......... $3,500
One Great Hour of Sharing ............... $2,400
Pentecost Offering ....................... $600
Peacemaking Offering (75%) .......... $900
Christmas Joy Offering ................. $1,600

Mission Highlight

Christmas Food Box

Sponsored by the OPC Outreach Committee
Saturday December 20 and 21
Volunteers needed!!!

As is the annual tradition, Oxford Presbyterian Church will be providing Christmas dinners for needy families in the Oxford area on Saturday, December 21. Last year, we provided generous food boxes for approximately 141 families. The Food Box Committee has been working since September to plan and prepare for this event. Local merchants have provided some financial support and, in addition to our congregation and Sunday Schools, local area schools, businesses and Scout troops have been collecting canned goods for the Christmas dinners.

With the help of lots of folks from OPC and the community, it all comes together the week of December 15th! WE DEPEND ON MANY HELPING HANDS and hope we can depend on you! If you can volunteer at any or all of the times below, please call the church office or just show up!

Friday 12/20/13 at 9:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall – sort canned food and prep for packing the Christmas food boxes.

Friday 12/20/13 at 6:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall – pack and organize the food boxes for delivery/pick up

Saturday 12/21/13 at 9:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall – hand out Christmas food boxes and deliver boxes to families between 9:00 A.M. and NOON. Please let the office know if you are able to help with delivery, either as a driver or a helper with strong arms!

Many thanks to the members of the Christmas Food Box committee for lots of hard work: Amy Van Kleek, Patty McComsey, Vivian Brown, Ila Barlow, Sue Sizoo, Andy Arthur, Teressa Verkamp, Bev Hartgrove and Charlie Wichhart.

See the article on the help the Scouts gave us on page 7.
COLLECTING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **SOCK/UNDERWEAR TREE** for the fourth year. We will be collecting for children ages 2-18 years **through December 13**. Please put all donations either on tree or in boxes by the tree that will be set up on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will be delivered to Neighborhood Services Center.

Any new **clothes or toys** that you wish to donate may be put by the tree also. No need to wrap.

**Thank you for your support**

New Items in Ten Thousand Villages Gift Shop are **Threads of Hope**. Children’s dresses with crocheted jackets are 20% off. American Doll dresses are available. A variety of tea has been restocked.

**SHOP FAIR TRADE** and give back to people in 33 countries who need our help.

Remember those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines. Individuals who wish to contribute may submit a check to OPC for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Community Meal

December 22
5:30-7:00 P.M.
Hosts: NSC Thrift Shop
It is free and open to everyone.

Come for Food and Fellowship.

“Least of These”

Pease continue to support this mission. 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.

So far this year we have collected over 1,400 pounds! Thanks to a very supportive congregation!!

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

Collecting Children’s Shoes and Boys Jeans for the Neighborhood Thrift Shop

Sizes 1 thru 9
New or Gently used

ALSO NEEDED
BOYS JEANS size 4-16

DROP BOX BY CHURCH OFFICE
Many, many thanks to generous and committed OPC folks who walked, contributed funds, or volunteered with the 2013 Crop Hunger Walk. We have processed over $15,500 and are on our way to $16,000—still need a couple of envelopes returned and any on-line figures to get out final report to Church World Service.

Special thanks to Andrew Atkinson and Don MacMillan who were the recruiters for OPC.

The pieces of the Oxford Community walk are coming together with much friendly assistance from the OPC office team. Thanks to Lorraine and Eryn. The final details should be ready for the next Lamplighter.

Peace, Connie Winchester, Treasurer

CUB SCOUTS HEAD UP FOOD DRIVE for OXFORD COMMUNITY

Cub Scouts, Pack 213 are the first to collect canned goods for our Christmas Food Box project. On November 9, Scouts distributed 400 grocery bags in Oxford. On November 16, Cub Scouts collected canned goods and delivered them to Oxford Presbyterian Church. Pack 213 consists of Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos I and II, ages 6-11 years old. This has been an annual project for Scouts for many years.
to Richard Forcey, Kasey Busko and Alex Coleman for being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Congratulations
Way to go!

Summer Mission Trip 2014
Niagara Falls, NY
July 13-18, 2014

This trip is open to all students who have completed 7th grade through 12th grade and any adults who desire to minister to our students and the people we will serve in Niagara Falls, NY. Youth Works Mission organization is organizing this trip. We will be helping in food distribution and children’s ministries. Please pray about coming along and making a difference in the lives of people. An application will soon be available to register for the trip.

Christmas Food Box Project

Sorting Friday, December 20, 8 A.M. to 12 NOON.

You can be excused from school to help with this event. Please contact Steve to get a letter to give to your school. Permission from the school must be obtained by December 6.

Revolution Youth

December 22 – 4:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

We will meet as a Youth Group from 4:30-5:30 P.M., then we will help with the Community meal at 5:30 P.M. There is usually a large crowd for this meal, so we will need all of you to help. Thanks! We will have an ugly Christmas Sweater contest. So find an ugly, gaudy Christmas sweater (probably from your parents or thrift store) and wear it that night.

Prizes will be awarded!!

Revolution Youth and PARENTS MEETING!! – Sunday, December 8
5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall!

PLEASE make every effort to come to this important meeting. We will be discussing important changes to the Youth ministry. I WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! We will also discuss upcoming events and the Summer Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, New York. This is an extremely important meeting, so please mark your calendar for this event.

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Mariawald Retreat March 14-16, 2014

Ladies, mark your calendars as it’s time to start planning for the OPC Women’s 9th annual retreat! Join the women of OPC for a weekend away! The retreat is open to adult female members and friends. A peaceful weekend filled with relaxation, bonding, walking, hiking, reading and spiritual exploration. There will be structured programs and plenty of free time as well.

We have chosen a new speaker for the weekend and her name is Alicia Conklin-Wood. Alicia is a retired PC(USA) minister. She and her husband Len have three grown children and five grandchildren scattered about the country. They also have a large yellow Labrador retriever and trained therapy dog. Alicia is a retreat leader and an experienced spiritual director/guide who enjoys accompanying with seekers on their spiritual journeys. In her spare time Alicia enjoys time with her family, reading, quilting and counted cross stitch, and walking outdoors in nature.

Title and brief description of this retreat: Nature’s Gift: The Unfolding of Seasons in Our Own Lives

Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer- each of nature’s seasons invites us to listen closely for what wisdom it might teach us about our own journeys. As we explore the relationship between the seasons of the earth and the seasons of our lives, they help us discover the seasons as stepping stones along the path of the great circle of life, and guides for life’s journey. There will be time for solitude and community, for enjoying the beautiful outdoor setting and the company of friends.

The annual retreat is held at Mariawald in Reading, PA. For more information on the facility please visit their website at: www.MariawaldRenewal.com.

The cost of the retreat is $95.00 for a triple room, per person rate, $105.00 double room, per person rate and $125.00 for a single room rate. Rates include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There are only a total of 16 rooms so if we can triple up as much as possible we’ll be able to accommodate more of us.

If you are interested in attending there will soon be a sign-up sheet in the office. Deposit information will follow but will most likely be due in November this year.

If you are interested in helping with the retreat planning or any ideas, or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Amy Jones 610-998-9369 JonesRanch1@verizon.net.
**Memory Garden**

The Memory Garden was created for Oxford Presbyterian Church as a sacred place within the domain of the church and dedicated to provide a final resting place for a loved one’s ashes (remains). It is a place of peace and serenity, providing a retreat for meditation, reverent visitations, remembrance and prayer. The Memory Garden offers an attractive, dignified alternative to cemeteries for the interment of ashes.

Need a Christmas Gift?
Buy a gift certificate for a brick for the Memory Garden Walk.

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**Presbyterian Women**

**To All Presbyterian Women:**

The annual Christmas Fellowship Dinner, sponsored by Presbyterian Women in our congregation and prepared and served by Dave Keefer and the men, will be held on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

Last year over 100 women from the Oxford area churches gathered together for an evening of carols and songs of the season. We are hoping that even more women will join us this year.

Dave needs to know how many to prepare for. Make your reservation by December 6 by calling the church office.

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**COFFEE HOUR**

**Isn’t it great to come out after worship and share coffee or tea and snacks with our church family each Sunday?**

Those few moments of fellowship and conversation can really make our Sunday special. The Deacons need your help to continue this important time in our life together. No experience is necessary! Anyone can do it! Detailed instructions are provided for making coffee and starting the hot water for tea and cocoa. You just need to bring a light snack (homemade or store bought), lemonade or other juice, and straighten up afterwards. NO DISHWASHING INVOLVED. Don’t like to bake? Team up with a friend who does! Families and groups are welcome too! We’d also be grateful for those willing to just provide baked goods or cleanup. ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED!

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**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.
Nurturing Ministry

"Nutritional Opportunities Meeting At Different Sites"

This is an OPC group that gets people together in each other’s homes once a quarter to share a meal. The hostess prepares a meat and others bring a dish to share. If you are interested in participating, please let the office know (610-932-9640).

Everyone is welcome! We would like to have new members, young and old, as well as families with children. Our first meal is December 14. Hope you will join up to meet new friends and get to know each other!

Many people requested the recipe of the punch that was served at the Festive Meal in November. Missy Sarver has graciously provided it below.

Seasons of Life

A Gathering of Widows…

Will meet next on January 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor (next to the Sanctuary).

Please come and enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing, and consider inviting another widow who may not be a part of our OPC family.

Peace, June Hoffman
To all my dear friends and supporters, I send my love and my sincere appreciation for all you’ve done and are still doing for me, like for a member of your own families.

Every day I thank you and our Lord Jesus Christ, for your never-ending care. I truly believe I would not have survived if not for your involvement. You literally saved my life.

I thank you all and everyone in particular for my health being reversed from death to life, from misery to hope. For my warm home, for ability to keep working, helping my faraway family, and you, my second family in a beautiful town of Oxford.

Once, at the service at our church you asked me how I prayed, what I was saying in my native tongue. In our two languages so different with no one word sounding alike, we all express our will to commit our lives to our Lord Jesus Christ, from now on and forever.

Let us stand in front of Him who sacrificed his own son to save us. Let us open our hearts to Him, and may He lead us towards eternity. May His purity and mercy, His never-ending love reach us all, lead us and protect us, throughout our lives. Amen

This is what I say in my daily prayers. And, I never forget to mention you all, for I think He needs to know that I understand—\textit{through you He spread His mercy on me}.

May all of you and your families, our church, our pastor, and our beautiful Oxford be happy and healthy.

\textit{Galina Semckiv}

\textbf{THANKS}

\textbf{YOU HELPED TO MAKE OUR WARE HOLIDAY BAZAAR A BIG SUCCESS!}

This year our bake table was filled to overflowing, thanks to all the people who responded to our request for baked goods. The bake table made a profit of over $600. The profits go to enhancing the lives of the residents that live in Personal Care and the Health Center. We are blessed to have your support.

\textit{Kay Skinner}

\textit{Key Person at OPC}

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\textbf{Dear Members of OPC,}

Thank you for your support of Meeting Ground. Your congregation will always hold a special place for me in my memories as your is the first church I met with as new Executive Director of Meeting Ground.

As we start another season of the Rotating Shelter, I have you in my prayer of thanksgiving and love.

Remember, God is smiling about you.

\textit{Pat}

\textit{Dr. Patricia N. Marks is the new Executive Director of Meeting Ground. Dr. Marks began work in her new role on April 15, 2013.}
If you enjoyed seeing “Fiddler on the Roof” this past spring, don’t miss Jennersville Y’s production of “Sound of Music”! There will be four performances, all held at Penn’s Grove Middle School in Oxford.

- **Friday, December 6th, 7 P.M.**
- **Saturday, December 7th, 2 P.M.** (Sing-along Show) and 7 P.M.
- **Sunday, December 8th, 2 P.M.**

Tickets are available through Jennersville YMCA, and there will be limited tickets at the door.

**Adults $8.00 each, Children 12 and under $6.00 each**

OPC youth members Bennett Spotts and Abby Boohar are cast in the show and would love your support.

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**Friends Folk Club 2012-2013 Concert Series**

**Charlie Zahm**

**December 13**

All concerts are held at the Oxford Friends Meetinghouse located at 260 S. 3rd Street, Oxford, PA. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. and the concert starts at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for senior citizens (65+) and students (13-21), and children 12 and under are free. Refreshments are available at a reasonable price.

Proceeds from all our of concerts benefit the George Fox Friends School.

For more information call 610-593-7122 or email: friendsfolkclub@aol.com

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**OXFORD AREA SENIOR CENTER**

**FRIDAY, December 6, 2013**

7 A.M. to 10 A.M.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

Pancakes, bacon, sausage, dried beef gravy, juice, coffee, tea

$6.00

12 East Locust Street, Oxford, PA

(610) 932-5244
Thoughts on Gratefulness

Karen Russell
Excerpt from PC(USA) Blog:

'Tis the season for gratitude. I see Facebook friends listing things for which they are grateful, and I feel a tug of guilt. I should be grateful for all the gifts God gives to me. All we are, all we have, all we will ever be comes to us only as a gift from God. So why don't I spend the month telling the world the things for which I am grateful? Don't I want to be a person full of gratitude, perceived as truly grateful for the gifts that are my life?

Yes, I do.

Disclaimer: I in no way mean this to be critical of those that post gratitude updates on social media. I enjoy reading them (especially the funny ones). But gratitude for me is bound up in things that can't be expressed in a Facebook status or a hashtagged tweet. I'm not good at offering up quick answers when folks are gathered 'round the table and tell each other the things for which we give thanks. Truly, I AM grateful for the gifts of my life – a place to live, a job I like, a family I love, just to name a few – but my appreciation of these things is inextricably bound up in the reality of mistakes and sorrow that brought me to this place. My love for my family sits on the same shelf in my heart as my regret and pining for the family that is no more due to medical surprises and fear that overcomes everything else. My love for my job is balanced by regrets of the years I wasted not being where I belonged.

One doesn’t cancel out the other – the losses don’t outweigh the gifts. But they balance each other in a way that makes them more precious and creates a depth of gratitude that makes me stutter when someone asks me to name something for which I'm grateful. That balance also reminds me from whence this gratitude springs. My gratitude is for the unearned, undeserved knowledge that I am a child of God, whose relentless love turned my mistakes and losses on their head and urges me to remember who I am.

What truly and wholly fills me with gratitude is the grace that has redeemed the mistakes I've made and allowed me to be this person in this place in spite of rather than because of myself. I am very grateful that God didn’t like me just the way I was but instead pushed and pulled me toward something better. A better that's infused with hope – for me and for the world.

I will be filled with gratefulness. Even if I don’t say anything.
December Birthdays

1 Dorothy Fike 11 Ellie Arthur
1 Carol Warner 11 Victoria King
1 Judith Zenker 11 Peter Vernooy
2 Hayden Whiteman 11 Jen Semple
2 Mason Whiteman 12 Lynn McAllister
4 Richard Busko 12 Mary Ross
5 Carl Groff 12 Jim Tierney
6 Abigail Johnson 12 Bill Townsend
6 Barb Hill 12 Jane Trimble
6 Eric Lechette 12 Dave Sauer
6 Brian Hahn 13 Emma Busko
6 David Smith 14 Vivian Brown
7 Cooper Johnson 15 Colin Smith
8 Reba Gray 16 Charlie Hammond
8 Linda Wyles 16 Liz Miller
10 Jacob Little 16 Alyssa Stevenson
16 Sue Lombardi
17 Trevor Carter
17 Hillary Spotts
17 Richard Forcey
18 Leslie McFadie
19 Joe Bauer
24 Jason Lechette
24 Gretchen Adams
25 Meghan Barlow
27 Tyler Hopkins
27 Joanne Herr
29 Lisa Claypoole
29 Lauren Gingerich
30 Preston Godfrey
31 Beth Taylor
31 Maria Forcey

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.

Christmas Nativity Crossword

ACROSS
4. Birth, especially the place, or circumstances of being born
7. One who tends, feeds and guards sheep
8. Baby Jesus was laid here
9. The husband of Mary
10. Christ the Lord

DOWN
1. The mother of Jesus
2. Brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh
3. The town of David
5. There was no room here
6. To feel joy
Regularly Occurring Meetings/Events in the Oxford Presbyterian Church

**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.

**Mondays:** Lectionary Bible Study—Pastor’s Study (except first Monday of the month when Pastor Kerry leads worship at Ware.)

**Tuesdays:**
- POMS—First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor.
- 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 the Children’s Church Room.
- 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.
- 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 the Children’s Church Room.
- Cub Scout Pack 213—Every Thursday 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. (Dates may vary.)
- 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.

**Fridays:**
- Family Literacy Program—Every other Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Parlor and the Children’s Church Room.
- The Friendship Circle—Third Friday of every month at 1:00 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

**12/1**
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—COMMUNION**
**BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS AT BOTH SERVICES**
- 9:00a-1:00p Ten Thousand Villages Shop Opens
- Room 206

**12/2**
6:30p Christian Education Meeting
Library

**12/3**
7:00p Stewardship Meeting
Library

**12/6**
5:30p Ten Thousand Villages Shop Open
Room 206

**12/7**
9:00a-1:00p Ten Thousand Villages Shop Open
Room 206

**12/8**
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 9:00a-1:00p Ten Thousand Villages Shop Open
- Room 206
- 2:00p Dove Tree Service
- Sanctuary
- 5:30p Youth Group Parents Meeting
- Youth Group Room
- 7:00p Session Meeting
- Library

**12/10**
6:30p Presbyterian Women’s Fellowship Dinner
Fellowship Hall

**12/14**
NOMADS Dinners

**12/15**
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 9:00a-1:00p LAST DAY Ten Thousand Villages Shop Open
- Room 206
- 12:00p Deacon’s Meeting
- Library

**12/16**
12:30-2:00p Mom’s Club Christmas Party
Parlor

**12/20**
9:00-11:00a Sort Canned Goods for Food Boxes
Fellowship Hall
6:30—
Packing Food Boxes
Fellowship Hall

**12/21**
Delivery of Food Boxes

**12/22**
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**
11:00a Service
Choir Christmas Service
5:30p Community Meal
Fellowship Hall

**12/24**
**CHRISTMAS EVE**
- 6:30p Family Christmas Eve Service
- Sanctuary
- 9:30p Bells of Praise Prelude
- Sanctuary
- 10:00p Candlelight Communion Service
- Sanctuary

**12/25**
**NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST—MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**12/29**
**BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS AT BOTH SERVICES**—Lessons and Carols
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Our Session
The Session meets the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Class of 2013
Whitney Bradford
Kay Atkinson
Vivian Brown
Rich Lombardi
Dotty Philips
Mark Verbanas

Class of 2014
Joe Bauer
Bill Gundrum
Don MacMillan
Hal Walls
Charlie Wichhart

Class of 2015
Barbara Hill
Elizabeth King
Kay Skinner
Bonnie Rhodes
David Sauer
Rebecca Zundel
Tanner Smith (Youth)

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

Class of 2013
Andy Arthur
Lisa Slinkard
Neeley Spotts
Judy Walls

Class of 2014
Lisa Claypoole
Alberta Gehron
Charlie Stoltzfus
Teresa Verkamp

Class of 2015
Lisa Koza
Cristina Tackett
Herman Wharton
Ethel Backenstose
Emma Spotts (Youth)