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FROM THE PASTOR

Springtime is exciting! Around our “Magdalena” home I can see at least six flowers in full bloom: crocus, jonquils, dwarf hyacinths, dwarf iris, hellebore and pansies. I also have spinach, kale, lettuce and beets growing in a raised bed. Thank you God. We survived the winter, and that’s always a good thing.

I am also excited with the new fitness programs at Oxford. It is great to see the number of good folks who show up for the fun, the friendship, and the huffing and puffing. My warm thanks to Jane for the enormous screen, and especially to Trudy. She is our “poster girl”, and a wonderful example to inspire the rest of us. Give it a try. You can set your own pace, and rest whenever you wish. The workouts can bring miraculous results, as proven by some of the participants on the screen.

I do encourage better attendance at our Sunday morning worship services. Some recent weeks have brought fewer people than I recall. I am not ashamed to tell you....I like a full house. When you are not there, I miss your face and your friendship. I believe God also is pleased to see your face and to hear your songs and prayers.

I am ready for another hike. Someone has suggested we try the Devil’s Marble Yard in Arnold’s Valley. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

It amazes me how many local leaders are willing to come and meet with the Oxford Forum. They can provide a wealth of valuable information. The Bible Class is currently studying the Gospel of Mark. Bring the family and participate!

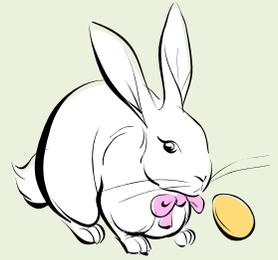
I pray that all of you have a happy springtime filled with good health and good cheer. I love every one of you. Tell me whenever you would like for me to visit and say a prayer of blessing on your home.

Horace



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCH

Oxford Presbyterian Church will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children immediately after the morning worship service on Palm Sunday, April 17th. All children should provide their own baskets. Adults wishing to volunteer should contact John Pinson at 540-353-8282 or jp14@msn.com.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Easter, April 24th. The money collected from the offering is used for the many organizations around the world supported by the Presbyterian Church and Church World Service. This is a fulfillment of Jesus' command to "feed my sheep". Some of the countries served include Indonesia, India, Serbia, Afghanistan, Sudan, and the U.S. Take a look at the poster outlining specific projects on the downstairs bulletin board.

RURITAN DINNER

Following is the report from the Ruritan Dinner which the Presbyterian Women served on Feb. 17:

25 plates guaranteed	\$ 250.00
Cash donations	<u>71.00</u>
	321.00
Expenses:	<u>48.53</u>
Amount cleared	\$ 272.47

Thanks to everyone who contributed money and food items for the dinner and to those who helped prepare and serve the meal.

EXERCISE AT OXFORD

Join your friends at Oxford for fun and fellowship as we exercise together! A low intensity group gathers each Tuesday morning at 9:00 A.M. for an hour of exercise including warm-up, aerobics and stretching. The aerobics could include walking and/or dancing. It will be fun, smooth and lower impact. A slightly higher-intensity group meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 P.M. for walking, dancercise, and we are trying Zumba! Each person moves at their own level. Contact Jane Birzenieks or Trudy Melvin for more information. Give it a try!



Come to Oxford's Fellowship Hall –
We'd love to have you join us!

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee is managing Oxford's invested monies with the primary focus continuing to be: developing a long-term, broadly-diversified investment strategy with an asset allocation consistent with the goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance established by the Committee to grow the church's financial assets entrusted to the Committee by generous benefactors.

The 2010 total return of the New Century and the Permanent Memorial funds was above 12 %. The future Sessions of Oxford will be able to utilize the income earned on the investments in the New Century and Permanent Memorial funds to help pay the increased expenses for the budget of the church.

We all realize that Horace and Ellen are giving Oxford a huge gift of a minimal expense for an extraordinary Pastor. Thank you to Horace and Ellen for your leadership in contributing to the spiritual and financial future of Oxford!

Each one of us who cares so deeply about Oxford's future can help build on the shoulders of past generations of donors to ensure that Oxford continues to be the strong church it is today.

Please consider making an annual donation either by writing a check or donating appreciated assets to Oxford Church New Century and Permanent Memorial funds. Your donations will be invested for the future of Oxford Church by the Investment Committee.

Also, as you review your bequests, please consider including Oxford Church New Century and Permanent Memorial funds as recipients of your lifetime of generosity to continue on after you are gone. If you have questions call any member of the Investment Committee listed below.



Investment Committee members: Clinton Anderson, Pat Donald, Ray Hickman, John Wm. Johnston, Bruce Macdonald, Jay Melvin, Dave Yawars, Carolyn Yawars; and non-voting members: Mike Meads and Horace Douty.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATION

Oxford Presbyterian Church has money available for educational scholarships. If you have a need for financing please contact a member of the Session for further information.

CEMETERY REPORT

Hamric Memorials have made repairs to twenty-six of the forty-five stones listed for repairs. Thanks to Clinton Anderson for his generous contribution toward this project. The current cost opening and closing a grave site, removing excess dirt and replacing the sod is Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00).

An agreement has been signed for the mowing this season of the cemetery, church yard and manse yard. All cemetery ground flowers and ornaments need to be removed from the cemetery for mowing and trimming purposes.

If any one sees trash or dead tree limbs or extra trimming or weed cutting that needs to be done, go ahead and take care of it, after all it is for the beautification of our church property. And, as always, please remember the Oxford Cemetery Fund in your bequests and gift giving.

Thank you,
Herb Rhodenizer, Cemetery Committee Chair

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT



The manse is spring cleaned and ready to rent. Recent renovations for the manse have been: upstairs bathroom – new bathtub, vanity, sink, lighting and floor; downstairs bathroom- new pedestal sink, flooring and lights; foyer – new flooring as well as structural repair under the foyer. A new railing has also been completed for the outside back stairs and a new dishwasher has been purchased and installed.