



November 2015

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Thank You Pastor Jann

We will wish PJ a fond farewell on Sunday November 22 after worship. Please join us for worship, fellowship, and a piece of cake. We know you'll want to thank Pastor Jann for his leadership during our transition time. We'll miss his wise sermons, which frequently began with a bit of humor. We will be praying for Pastor Jann's health and healing. We know COL will continue to be in his prayers.

Attention: All Youths!

Did you know the Community of Love has a Youth Group? Young people in the 5th grade through high school are invited to join our group known as "Forever Young". Your friends are welcome, too.

We meet in the Church Office on the 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 5PM, usually lasting until about 7PM.

Dinners will be provided during this time and there are off-site activities planned by the group.

Along with meals and games we sprinkle in devotional themes. During the winter months we will be discussing the Life of Jesus Christ. If you want further information or are interested please get ahold of Bob Milley, Sue Repetz, or Pete Hill.



The Recipe Box



Feathers are Flying

Did you get your feathers yet? We mean the food feathers that remind you to buy items for our Thanksgiving baskets. Our church may be small, but we are known throughout Oxford and its environs for our strong outreach -- especially at Thanksgiving. Be on the watch for sales on Thanksgiving food items and buy some extra for the baskets. You'll be glad you did!

Lighthouse Youth Center – Fall Harvest Auction

Saturday – November 14 at 9:00 AM, with Pork Roast Preview Dinner (adults \$15, 9 and under \$5) the evening before 4:30 – 7:30 PM. both at Oxford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. You can still donate items. Contact Buzz 484-880-2018 or buzz@oxfordlighthouse.org for dinner ticket or to make auction donations.

Fall means pumpkin time. Why not make this pumpkin dip that was enjoyed during refreshment time recently?

Pumpkin Dip

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie filling)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- Gingersnap cookies

Directions

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in the pumpkin, sour cream, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and ginger until blended. Serve with gingersnaps. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 4 cups.

Birthdays *November & December*

Denise Cordivano	11/08	Nikki Cimino	11/29	Sophia Santinelli	12/13
Karen Bradley	11/09	Thomas Repetz	11/29	Jack Hoffert	12/16
Tina McHugh	11/13	John Pollich	12/04	Joyce Vasques	12/16
Michael Brandt	11/14	Tom Repetz	12/09	Brad Petersen	12/18
Jackie Plystak	11/18	Ralph Petersen	12/10	Rebecca Deeves	12/21
Susan LaBranche	11/22	Lauren Graham	12/11	Lisa Deeves	12/26
Nanci Hunsinger	11/26	Paul Jann	12/12	Kathryn Brandt	12/28
				Janis Walker	12/29

Words of Wisdom

From www.gratefulness.org.....

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be the miracle.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

Share Your Christmas Recipes

Speaking of recipes, if you'd like to share your favorite Christmas recipe, we'd love to publish it. Of course, taste testers are always available after worship on Sundays!

Please submit your favorite recipe to The Light via email to debbie110@mac.com or Brad Petersen (bwpetersen@verizon.net). You can also pass us a note on any given Sunday.

Giving Thanks

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday evening November 22 at 7:00 PM at Oxford Church of the Nazarene. Canned goods will be collected and will be split between Neighborhood Services and The Lighthouse.

Christmas Shopping

If you don't like driving to the mall, there is a great chance to "shop local and think global" in Oxford. There will be Ten Thousand Villages shop at the Oxford Presbyterian Church. You can invest in the world, shop fair trade and find some unique items for the people on your gift list (or yourself!)

The Shop is open First Fridays, November 6 and December 4 at 5:00-8:00 PM.

Shop also on Saturdays and Sundays, November 8 to December 13, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Room 206.

News from the Call Committee and Council

The Call Committee has recommended that an invitation to interview be extended to a pastoral candidate. The invitation is for an interview with the Church Council. Depending on the outcome of this interview, there will be an opportunity for the congregation to meet the candidate and to hear the candidate preach.

Please continue to keep the candidate, the church council and the call committee in your prayers.

Many thanks to the call committee for their dedication and hard work in searching for the best candidate for COL. Much of their work is confidential, but this much we do know. They are a dedicated group who have spent many hours in travel, in meeting and in prayer. We thank God for you.



Oxford Halloween Parade (Look Closely At The Stars)



Congratulations and all hail to Philips Florist for their participation in the Oxford Halloween Parade! Vicki Robinson, owner of Philips and daughter of Don and Linda Hettinger, designed a magnificent nautical themed float. The float included sea horses, mermaids, a pirate ship main sail, and the piece de la resistance – a giant clamshell throne. On the royal throne sat Lady Tina, mother of the mermaids and Sir Paul, aka King Neptune, Papa-tune! The royal couple greeted their many fans with smiles and waves.

Is it any surprise that this float won the prize for BEST OVER-ALL FLOAT!

Yes, we know that your flower arrangements are beautiful and grace our altar every Sunday, but we thank God for your talents and vision.

Are you a PowerPoint Wizard?

If you are and are willing to help create our worship presentations, please see Brad Petersen or Debbie Bradley.



"Houston We Have a Problem"

The Plystaks - through their son Jon -- have invaded NASA and space travel will likely never be the same.

The truth is Jon Plystak, a student at York College of PA, received a terrific opportunity to become a NASA Intern this past August. Moreover, he has the distinct honor of becoming the first student from York College to intern at NASA.

Just look at the list of experiences he has had:

- Worked on mechanical engineering projects involving reliability testing of apparatus to be used on the planned 2035 mission to Mars
- Toured the facility (11,000 employee site), including the Neutral Buoyancy Lab
- Met a couple of actors from "The Martian" (sorry, not Matt Damon) who toured NASA to get a first-hand view of some of the research that went into making the movie as realistic as possible. As Jon says; it's not science fiction, but science future

- Interacted with the humanoid robot (non-communicative, but responds to gestures)
- Was an observer in the Mission Control Center of the 10/28/15 International Space Station EVA

During his free time Jon enjoys working out and visiting the beaches in Galveston. What a great experience. We look forward to his return in December to hear more about this honor.



Jon also met Buzz Aldrin at a book signing. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Jon to get some priceless career advice from a real NASA legend. With his future hanging in the balance, Jon stood up straight, looked Buzz straight in the eyes and asked, "So how was it to be on Dancing with the Stars?" (Just kidding!)



"SPOOKY SOCIAL"
SATURDAY, OCT. 24TH



ABOUT 20 ATTENDEES HAD A "SPOOKTACULAR" TIME AT OUR "SPOOKY SOCIAL" ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH! EVERYONE ENJOYED PLAYING THE SCARY MOVIE TRIVIA GAMES, THE HALLOWEEN/FALL THEMED SCAVENGER HUNT, THE SEASONAL SNACKS AND JUST GETTING TOGETHER TO HAVE SOME FUN. MANY THANKS TO SUE TROYAN WHO PROVIDED MOST OF THE DECORATIONS AND HELPED WITH THE GAMES. AND THANKS TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FESTIVITIES!



ANYONE NEED A "HAND"???



FIGURED PASTOR HAD SOME "DEVIL" IN HIM!



TRIVIA GAMES IN ACTION.



BOB BRADLEY DOES HAVE HAIR!!!



DANCING ON THE DECK TO THE "MONSTER MASH"



WE EVEN HAD STARBUCKS BARISTAS!