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End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Abound in Our Community

Block Party, Heritage Day, Halloween and Much More!

The greater Orwigsburg community is blessed to have so many businesses, organizations, groups of individuals, and unflinching support from the Borough ... all enthusiastically working for the betterment of and enjoyment for residents and visitors.

It's been an active spring and summer with the Square Time "Farm-to-Square" having just concluded, Memorial Day parade and service, the recent Kite Festival, youth baseball and softball, swimming at the BMMS pool, playground instruction at Albright's Woods, and so much more.

Face it! There are a lot of things to do in Orwigsburg if you seek them out, thanks to a variety of people and groups. But wait, we're just getting revved up. The momentum keeps building now through the end of the year.

End-of-Summer Block Party

All are invited and it's all FREE! Free food and drink, entertainment, fun and games are yours at the annual Community Block Party hosted by Salem Church. Fundraising throughout the year provides



this gift to all who want to attend.

This is a "block" party in the truest sense as the one-block area of West Independence St. between S. Warren and S. Liberty streets, adjacent to the church, will be closed to vehicular traffic on Sunday, Aug. 29 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Games, crafts, a bounce house and slide, live music, street performers, and exhibitors will party the entire time.

Make history on September 11

The 29th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 on and about Centre Square. The event welcomes visitors and invites residents to reflect on our historic past, enjoy the present, and look toward the future of Orwigsburg.

All attention focuses on Centre Square with spill-over to adjacent streets where a wide variety of vendors and crafts, games and live music, street per-

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COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 29 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 – Orwigsburg Heritage Day
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – "On the Square" and adjacent side streets.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 – St. John's UCC "Apple Fest"
9 a.m. until "sold out" at Fellowship Hall, E. Market St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27 – Halloween Parade,
coordinated by the Orwigsburg Lions Club and Orwigsburg Borough, steps off at 7 p.m. Rain date is Thursday, Oct. 28 at the same time.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31 – Halloween Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat. (Raindate is Monday, Nov. 1; 6 to 8 p.m.)

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Currently there are no unique COVID-19 precautions in place for public attendance at either of these meetings. The public is urged to exercise masking and social distancing as one's personal needs dictate.

OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

Orwigsburg Borough offices and services will be closed in observance of the stated holidays in 2021 – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Presidents Day, Feb. 15; Good Friday, April 2; Memorial Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 5 (observed); Labor Day, Sept. 6; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 and 26; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 23 and 24 (observed); New Year's Eve and Day, Dec. 30 and 31 (observed).

Summer / Fall Events



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formers and displays of all kinds will delight from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Planned and coordinated by the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association, the town's Heritage Day celebration brings together Borough support services; church, social, and service organizations; and the various resources of the Orwigsburg Historical Society to mark a truly "historical" event enjoyed by thousands each year.

A Heritage Day tradition, St. John's UCC presents Apple Fest, held in its Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church on East Market St. The best in homemade apple products – including pies, dumplings, crisps, and many more apple delights – will be offered beginning at 9 a.m. until sold out (get there early; they go fast!).

Live bands will be performing on the Community Lot at Market and Warren Street.

There will be fun for all ages, including a bounce house, horse-drawn carriage rides, and facepainting. The streets will be lined with vendors including food trucks, wineries, distilleries, crafters, local organizations and churches.

Kids' activities such as balloon art and a petting zoo will be spread out in the Square area and on adjoining streets, so the day will be full of fun!

It being Heritage Day, be sure to visit the Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum just one block north of Centre Square at 109 E. Mifflin St. The headquarters will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Fall Activities Abound in Our Community

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Halloween shrieks and scares

Halloween is a special time in Orwigsburg.

This year's ghoulish parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The parade route will again be designed to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past, the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers, floats, and service vehicles will begin the parade, stepping off at 7 p.m.

To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or mike1swenson@gmail.com.

Trick-or-Treat - Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night - Sunday, Oct. 31 - between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat could be postponed to Mon., Nov. 1.



Labor Day & Veterans Day

The national holiday to honor workers - Labor Day - will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 6. All Borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 11.

Veterans Day services "on the square" at Bicentennial Park in Orwigsburg are always marked on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Thursday, Nov. 11 this year. Please plan to be a part of this solemn event. Being an official holiday for workers, all Orwigsburg Borough operations will be closed on Veterans Day. Refuse collection will not be affected by the holiday.

Mark your calendar

Much more information on Thanksgiving and Christmas season activities will be included in the November issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*, but a couple key events that attract family and friends from near and far should be noted.

The Orwigsburg Holly Trail tour of decorated homes and other places of interest will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. That evening, Orwigsburg's Festival of Lights program and arrival of Santa Claus will be held on Centre Square beginning at 4:30 p.m.



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Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kmengle@orwigsburg.gov or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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Orwigsburg Borough Trash & Recycling

Things to Know for Curbside Pick-Up of Unwants

The vast majority of Orwigsburg Borough residents take personal pride in maintaining a safe, attractive and healthy community, respectful of one another and welcoming to visitors.

Remember to respect your neighbors and to lend assistance, if needed, when storing and then placing trash and recycling containers for collection.

The Borough requires that all waste receptacles be stored behind or to the side of your property. Particularly, we ask that trash and its receptacles not be stored along any property side that faces a sidewalk.

Please see the rules below and the Borough website, Orwigsburg.gov, for schedules and information.

Refuse/recycling collection

The Borough contracts with County Waste for the weekly refuse and biweekly recycling collection. Curbside pickup is on Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north ... and on Friday for properties south of Market Street.

Keep Orwigsburg Beautiful! Residents are asked to be considerate of the "streetscape" in front of their properties. Store your refuse and recycling containers to the rear or side of your building out-of-sight for neighbors and passers-by.

Ensure that your containers are closed and secure to avoid scattering by wind or animals.

How do holidays affect trash/recycling?

County Waste observes six major holidays - Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day - that may change the normal Tuesday/Friday collections.

Here are the simple Holiday Schedule Rules:

- If the holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, trash/recycling pickup will be delayed one day for every household ... Tuesday pickup will move to Wednesday; Friday pickup will move to Saturday.

- If the holiday falls on Wednesday thru Friday, the Tuesday pickup will not be affected; but, the Friday pickup will move to Saturday.

- If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, the normal Tuesday and Friday pickups will not be affected.

Labor Day, of course, is always observed on a Monday - this year on Sept. 6. Normal Tuesday collection will be delayed until Wednesday, Sept. 8; normal Friday collection will be on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Recycling electronics

Federal law prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptops, monitors and peripherals, and televisions. These electronics must be recycled during special collection events or arranged privately (usually at a cost) with companies offering responsible electronics recycling.

Recycling sources for electronics and other household hazardous waste can be found on the Schuylkill County government website. Search for Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management.

County Waste will not take these in normal refuse or recycling collection.

Schuylkill County conducts a Fall Clean-up that allows residents to dispose of large items at a number of drop-off locations. Unfortunately, the County collection has not included electronics for several years.

Monthly large item pickup

One large item (furniture, etc.) may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north ... and the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m.

on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 800-832-1332.

Month	Tues.	Fri.
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Sept	14	17
Oct	12	15
Nov	9	12

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The COVID pandemic has slowed to a crawl; even as new strains of this virus spread. Currently, the Borough is operating at a "new normal" nature. We are open daily for business. We now have our monthly Borough Council meetings fully opened to the public. Street, water, sewer work, and other projects in the Borough are progressing.



RANDY MILLER
Borough Manager

Work on the exterior of Orwigsburg Borough Hall is underway. This year a planned "face-lift" of the west side of the building along with a chimney repair, were joined with roof repairs needed following a severe storm in June.

Infrastructure in the Borough

Water, sewer, and stormwater are being coordinated and completed as materials become available. COVID has put a major strain on supplies that are needed for projects.

The Sewage Treatment Plant is undergoing upgrades in two phases - Phase 1 has already started and Phase 2 is slated for later this summer. The Maintenance Department has been marking, milling-out, and filling potholes. Again, this is going to be a long process. Sewer line replacements are planned, as are new stormwater pipe improvements.

Hard look at stormwater drainage

Stormwater projects will be under construction soon.

As many will recall, the storm on June 9 dumped nearly six inches of rain on Orwigsburg within an hour of time. This led to flooding of many areas of the Borough, including areas of elevation. The underlying cause of this flooding, other than the significant amount of rain estimated to be a 25-to-40-year storm, are the bottlenecks of restricted culverts at Ridge Road, West Market Street and Long Avenue.

The Borough is working to upgrade these areas of undersized pipe restrictions to allow for higher capacities. This takes time, however, requiring permission from DEP, PennDOT, and the Schuylkill Conservation District. In addition, the Borough has begun a "long-term" engineering design and is applying for grant funding from the federal government. The design would be to hold back rising flood waters, at some location up-stream during the storm event, and slowly release these waters after the event.

Borough Council has gone back to having twice a month meetings. The first Wednesday of each month is for work session discussions. The second Wednesday is for moving and voting on the previous week's discussions. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. At some point in the future if COVID numbers again start to spike, Borough Council along with input from myself and the health agencies of the Commonwealth, meetings might again revert to Zoom simulcasts.

During these hot days of summer, I ask that all residents keep an eye out for each of their neighbors, especially the elderly and infirmed. It only takes a few minutes to check on them.

- Randy Miller, Borough Manager

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GCE Concert

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Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and the Gabriel Chamber Ensemble have partnered to share the healing powers of music and nature on September 11 with "Music on the Mountain" a one-hour presentation of classical selections held at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary's new accessible amphitheater.

During the performance, the Gabriel Chamber Ensemble's original string quartet will perform selections that feature themes of love and patriotism. Proceeds from this event will benefit both organizations. Light refreshments and a chance to meet the performers along with a live raptor will immediately follow.



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Proclamation From the Orwigsburg Mayor

Welcome to Police Chief Vince McDonald!

Greetings, residents and friends of Orwigsburg!

He's been on the job for more than a month now. News and social media have run articles/posts announcing his position. But, as this communication



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

reaches every Orwigsburg household, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in welcoming and congratulating Vince McDonald on his selection to serve as Chief of our Police Department.

Vince has been a professional peace officer since 1993, when he started under the guidance of Chief Brozana as a part-time patrolman in Orwigsburg. After serving in Tremont and Hegins, he became a full-time officer with the Schuylkill Haven Police Department in 2002. There, Vince performed various duties, including instructing the D.A.R.E. program for second, fourth, and sixth grade students in Schuylkill Haven Area schools. He is further involved with community

youth, having coached basketball, flag football, and soccer.

The path to Chief McDonald's June 21 oath of office was challenging. The Borough began a very thorough selection process in February of this year, receiving 23 well-qualified applications. Ten candidates checked all the boxes regarding our published advertisement. Nine were interviewed and scored by our selection board staffed by retired District Judge Jim Ferrier, retired and former Schuylkill Haven Chief Bob Schaeffer, Assistant District Attorney A.J. Serina, and Orwigsburg Civil Service board member Mike Malone.

Their dedicated efforts resulted in three candidates recommended to Council for consideration. Following Council's interviews of the candidates, Chief McDonald was offered the position. After clearing standard pre-employment hurdles, Vince hit the ground running.

Vince's approach is to be a visible and engaged leader. Expect to see him around town frequently as he acclimates to Orwigsburg and its citizens.

Feel free to offer your comments as he enjoys nothing more than learning the town's concerns and developing solutions. I look forward to what I expect to be Chief McDonald's very productive service to our Borough.

- Barry J. Berger, Mayor



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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

\$750K Grant Is Approved; Work Should Begin In 2022

Orwigsburg Borough received the formal grant agreement electronically in March for the RACP Grant, indicating the final approval of the grant was imminent. The Borough signed and returned a hardcopy for acceptance and signature by the Office of the Budget.

This began the final signature process of required agencies' approval for a fully executed grant. Special thanks again to PA State Representative Jerry Knowles who championed the process.

An online meeting between the Borough of Orwigsburg, the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce and Alfred Benesch was held on April 7. The coordination efforts are important to maximize the \$750,000 grant to the remaining scope prioritized by the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce. The Borough and the Taskforce have worked over the last three months to prepare final documents ready for bid.

These efforts have required patience since the two processes are intertwined to assure all aspects of the RACP were deemed eligible expenses, the maximum number of desired renovation elements are approved and achieved, and that the Taskforce funds can be appropriated to complete the remainder of the project elements not authorized in the RACP process.

The original intent of the building from its conception in the late 1940s to its dedication in 1950, through today, continues to be to honor and commemorate the great service of our Veterans, in the Veterans Foyer of Honor and through the completion of the renovations.

Work to move forward

The design will include the Veterans Honor Board, organized by named conflict, a Veterans Memorial Donor Board to recognize the major contributors to the renovations, initiated in 2005, various Veteran murals, a conflict timeline and display cases for Veteran and conflict memorabilia to be displayed. Eventually the original Schuylkill County Court House clock, which was once housed on a chimney tower of the origi-



nal 1950 Veterans Community Memorial Hall, will be proudly displayed in the Veterans Foyer, following restoration by the Orwigsburg Masonic Lodge.

The Borough received the formal signed grant agreement from

the Commonwealth of PA on June 4, 2021 electronically, authorizing the project to be bid minimizing any risk to the Borough. Benesch is working with the Borough and the Task Force to have final documents ready for bid proposals. The coordinated core group anticipates having TMT Design's prefinal documents by July 2021.

Task Force members have spent considerable effort finalizing the names for the Veterans Honor Board, coordinating each veteran by conflict, and clarifying the contributors for the Donors Board. Levkukic Associates is finalizing the kitchen renovations and location of the propane gas tank.

A final bid package will be presented in August and issued in September. The project will be bid in the fall, but work may not start until the spring 2022. There is concern that certain construction items - like light poles - will be delayed due to availability. Post-pandemic pricing has been coming in high due to contractor workload, amount of work available, and supply chain shortages. A delayed start, if necessary, might offset the short-term price increases.

Private donations still needed

Because of this, the Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce is still seeking additional contributions to bring the project to successful completion for the continued use and enjoyment of the facility by the greater Orwigsburg community. Contributions are encouraged, sent to Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

The Taskforce was pleased to recently receive a \$10,000 contribution from an international manufacturer with a local plant employing a large number of workers. All contributions of any size will be graciously accepted and will assist in bringing the project to completion.

This has been a great public-private partnership in fundraising and in securing the necessary resources for this historic building restoration. The Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall remains a one-of-a-kind facility in our greater Schuylkill County region. The Taskforce and Borough are committed to providing a completed community gathering place in honor and appreciation of our Veterans.

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As our country, state, county, and the greater Orwigsburg community continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Orwigsburg Lions Club remains dedicated to serving the Orwigsburg region.

To get everyone ready for the Easter holiday, our Lions Club partnered with the Orwigsburg Fire Department (OFD) to bring the Easter Bunny to town! The bunny traveled through the streets of Orwigsburg from atop the OFD's fire-truck, bringing smiles to the faces of young and old.

On Memorial Day, the club was very excited to bring back its annual Chicken Barbeque at the Veterans Memorial Building. This event was sorely missed in 2020 when it was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year's event featured drive-through service for the first time ever. Advanced sale tickets were gobbled up as quickly as the chicken. It was a HUGE success!

Other activities this spring and summer included the purchase and distribution of Easter meals to families-in-need through the Orwigsburg Food Pantry, participation in the monthly distribution days at the pantry, running litter clean-up days along the main roads approaching town, as well as maintenance and clean-up events at Albright's Woods and the walking trail.



Upcoming activities

This September, the Orwigsburg Lions will be hosting its annual Golf Tournament at Hidden Valley Golf Course. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and your support is needed!

Gather a foursome and enjoy a fun day of golf ... lots of food, drinks, and laughs. If you are a local business owner, please consider being a tee or green sponsor and advertise your business to our golf tournament participants. All monies raised will be used to fund community improvement projects. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As the days get shorter and the leaves turn brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange, so too comes one of the Lions Club's signature events – the annual Orwigsburg Halloween Parade. This year the parade will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, with the rain date on Thursday, Oct. 28. We hope to see you there!

Interested in joining?

If you are interested in becoming an Orwigsburg Lions Club member or would just like to learn more about the organization, email Lions Club President Tom Mealing at tmealing@jackrich.com. The Lions hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.



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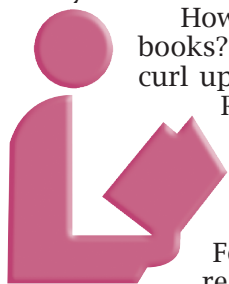
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Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

A Busy Summer Leads to An Active Fall Schedule

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library had a wonderful Summer Reading season. Whether in person, watching the Library's YouTube channel or participating through the Library's Facebook page, there was a steady stream of Library users.



How do you read? Physical books? Digitally or perhaps you curl up with a great audiobook?

Remember, the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is here to help you get your books in the manner you wish.

For every means, there is a reader!

New Library hours this fall

To meet the needs of the Orwigsburg community, the Orwigsburg Library will be changing its hours of operation slightly come this fall. Why? To better serve the Library's community and patrons, hours will be Monday - 10 to 7; Tuesday - 9 to 6; Wednesday - 10 to 7; Thursday - 9 to 6; Friday - 10 to 5; Saturday - 9 to 4.

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library has worked diligently to get the Library back open with a full, wonderful variety of programming.



Programming this fall

Children's Programming - Story Time for pre-school-age children will be offered every Tuesday at 10 a.m.; Lap Sit - for ages 2-years and younger will be featured on Thursdays at 10 a.m.;

Weird and Wacky Wednesdays will return at 6 p.m. for elementary-age children. Media Madness is featured on the fourth Wednesday of the month for Tweens, Teens and Young Adults

Adult Programming - One-on-one Computer Assistance at 2 p.m., but you must sign-up in advance; Knitters meet every Monday at 4:30; Monday Manifestations - first Monday each month at 6 p.m.; Book Club meets the last Monday of the month at 6 p.m.; Mahjonn enthusiasts play on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday each month at 6 p.m.. Want to learn how to play Mahjonn? Meet every Friday at 1 p.m.

There are ALWAYS things happening at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library. Watch for Saturday Children's, Adults and Family events. Watch for notices on the Library's Website, Facebook Page and, of course, in-house.

Holly Trail set for December 4

Even though it is months away, the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is planning its Holiday Holly Trail - Night of Lights Event - on Saturday, Dec. 4. Santa has already been in touch with our Library Director checking on our Library patrons. Miss Claudia reports that all the young readers have been very good so far this year.

The Poker Run will be back and the Holly Trail Wreath Raffle should start by November 1 at the Orwigsburg Library. If you wish to donate a wreath or a fabulous basket for the raffle event, please call the Library and speak to the Library Director, Claudia. All wreaths need to be at the Library by October 22.

Remember, our doors are open and the lights are on! Hope to see you at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library soon!

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

Discover the History and Early Beginnings of Our Town

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) and Museum, 109 E. Mifflin St., is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon to 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

Of course, the OHS and Museum - including the "Old Jail" located immediately behind on Church Street - will also be open during Orwigsburg's Heritage Day activities on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Support local history; be a member

In addition to restoring and revitalizing the former Friendship Hose Co. No.1 firehouse and our town's "Old Jail," the Orwigsburg Historical Society provides free public programs on local history topics, conducts genealogy and property searches, houses a research library, and maintains a museum filled with local artifacts that tell the story of Orwigsburg and Southern Schuylkill County's rich cultural heritage and history!

OHS exists, and continues to operate, thanks to donations and annual membership contributions from people and businesses, past and



present, that consider the Orwigsburg region their hometown or adopted new town.

Won't you please consider a membership in the OHS? Memberships start at \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and \$50 for a business membership. Any denomination is greatly appreciated and desperately needed to preserve our historical collection.

Mail your contribution - made payable to "Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum" - to 109 East Mifflin St., Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

All current members receive access to genealogical research, invitations to special programs, reduced admissions to special events, rental of the museum & "Community Center," and a 20% discount on museum store purchases! Please mention membership at time of purchase.

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State Senator David G. Argall

Will It Take A Constitutional Amendment?

Eliminating unfair, archaic school property taxes and replacing those taxes with a fairer system of supporting our public schools in Pennsylvania has been a goal for many local people for many years. When the Senate voted on my Senate Bill 76 to achieve this goal, it ended in a 24-24 tie, broken by the Lt. Governor who voted to kill the bill. Governor Wolf has also stated that he would veto any such proposal if it reached his desk.



Senator
David Argall

A recent study by the Independent Fiscal Office illustrates how the burden of this school property tax impacts people in different counties throughout Pennsylvania at greatly different rates by showing the average percentage of yearly income that was paid in school property taxes. Neighboring Berks County faced one of the highest burdens in the state, 4.4%, while Philadelphia County faced one of the lowest burdens at 2.1%. In Schuylkill County, the rate is 2.8%.

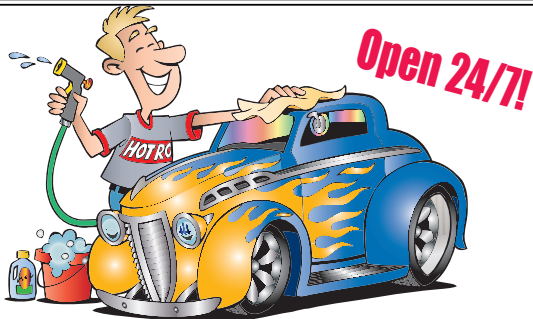
To put it simply, not every community in Pennsylvania feels the burden of high, unfair property taxes like we do. That simple fact has made it very difficult for us to obtain the votes of those low-property tax counties. Many powerful interest groups have also

joined Governor Wolf in opposing SB 76.

To break this long stalemate between the supporters and the opponents of our current system, I'm co-sponsoring a new constitutional amendment to give voters the opportunity to eliminate all school property taxes via a ballot question. The best news: the Governor can't veto a constitutional amendment!!

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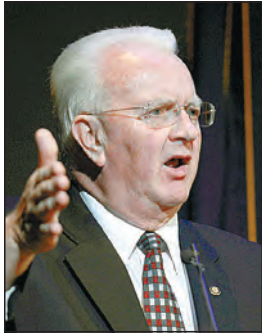
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State Representative Jerry Knowles

Property Tax & Rent Rebate Program Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply for Pennsylvania's Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program for tax year 2020 has been extended to Dec. 31.



**Representative
Jerry Knowles**

Claimants are encouraged to file their rebate applications online by visiting my-path.pa.gov. The Department of Revenue launched the online portal to make it easier for those who benefit from the program to submit their applications. Previously, all applicants were required to submit a paper application.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians, age 65 and older; widows and widowers, age 50 and older; and people with disabilities, age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, with half of Social Security income excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. Applications take four to six weeks to process.

Applicants are reminded they need not pay someone to file the forms. Copies of the forms, as well as

free assistance with filing them, are available at my district office. My office is located at 202 E. Broad St., in Tamaqua.

Rebate claim forms are also available online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling, toll-free, 1-888-222-9190.

Since the program's inception in 1971, older adults and those with disabilities have received more than \$6.9 billion in property tax and rent relief. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and revenue from slots gaming

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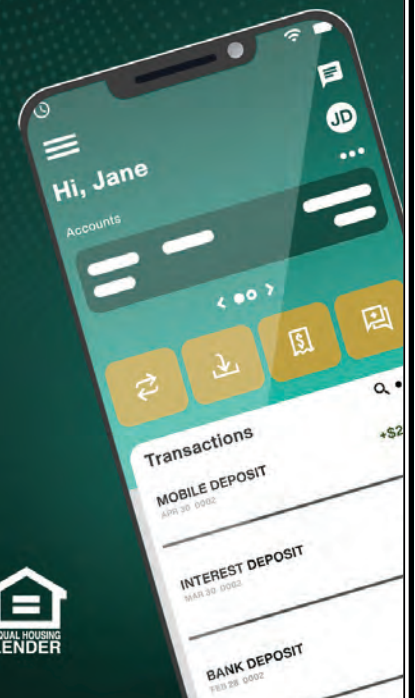
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Orwigsburg town-wide yard sale

Much anticipated by townspeople as well as yard sale enthusiasts throughout the Schuylkill and Berks county region seeking treasures and bargains, Orwigsburg will hold its second town-wide yard sale of the year on Saturday, August 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A map showing residents exhibiting their "treasures" is available online and on paper at Boyer's Food Market service desk.

In the event of rain, the planned sale could be postponed until the following Saturday.

New president for Orwigsburg Lions

On Tuesday, July 13, the Orwigsburg Lions Club met at Fighter's Heaven to induct new officers, board members and general members for its 2021-22 year. Tom Mealing became the Club's 86th consecutive non-repeat President. Tom (shown standing in this photo) succeeds Kevin Steele (seated), the club's outgoing president.



The presidency is a one year term for the local service organization. Mick Stefanek, director of Fighter's Heaven, gave club members a tour of the historic Muhammed Ali training camp prior to the meeting.

The Orwigsburg Lion's Club was chartered in 1935 and has been an integral part of the Orwigsburg community ever since. The Orwigsburg Lion's Club is part of Lion's International, the world's largest service organization whose motto is "We Serve".

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

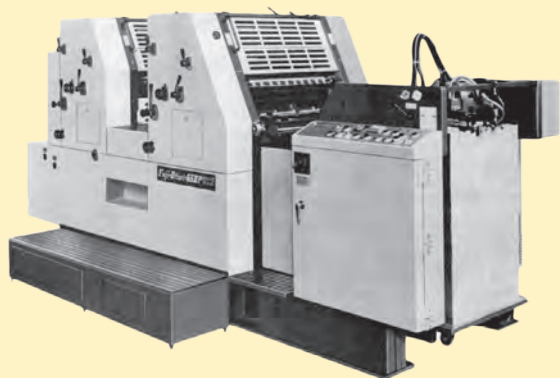
Distribution of food for the needy from the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, operating from St. John's UCC, 232 East Market St., will continue for the foreseeable future as a drive-thru on the third Saturday of each month. Cars are to line up on Market St to Sherman St. between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m., weather permitting. All cancellations will be announced on our Facebook page, T-102 radio station, or on the St John's UCC sign across from the church entrance. Pet food and children's books will be available as long as the supply lasts.

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needed. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.

Permits and codes protect all

If you own property in Orwigsburg Borough or are a contractor or handyman doing work here, the Borough may require a permit for that new or repair/replacement project. That permit is required if you hire someone to do the work as well as if it is a do-it-yourself project on your private property.

Contrary to the beliefs of many, the Borough is not here to stop you from working on your private land. Codes and permits ensure that contractors and owners are not endangering other residential owners/occupants, either to their properties or personally.

Likewise, the Borough wants to ensure, through standardized codes, that the hired contractor is completing the work in a standardly recognized manner.

It is always nice to see visual indicators of maintenance to homes and properties. However, sometimes appearance can be only "fresh-paint" covering if the substrate is not fixed correctly.

Additional information is available at our webpage: orwigsburg.gov/government/building-zoning/.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices/operations will be closed on the upcoming holidays: Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day) and Thursday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

Board and Event volunteers needed



The Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association (OBPA) has concluded its annual membership campaign for the coming year, July 1 through June 30, 2022. But, new individual and business members are encouraged to join at any time and enjoy prorated dues based on the number of months remaining.

OBPA is reorganizing based upon the current businesses, professionals, non-profit groups, and individuals on the member rolls. New members to serve on the Board of Directors, Events Planning Committee, and to be considered for important officer positions are needed!

Enthusiastic persons desiring to be a valuable force to maintain and improve the greater Orwigsburg business community and our community events are asked to step forward. Please email your interest to the organization at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com.

Team Orwigsburg

Team Orwigsburg is a local faith-based mission team, comprised of volunteers who enjoy doing mission work in both Schuylkill County and beyond.

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Last year's projects were limited due to COVID-19 precautions and concerns. Yet, Team Orwigsburg remained active, as many members simply helped a friend or neighbor on their own.

Formed 15 years ago, the group's mission statement is "healing hearts and homes" and has lived up to that by responding to natural disasters in our area (remember the flooding destruction in Pine Grove and Gilberton). Annually, except this past year, Team Orwigsburg travels out of state to help people rebuild their lives following hurricanes or other devastation.

The Team appreciates the continued support and suggestions from the greater Orwigsburg community for its mission work. Meetings have not been held during the pandemic, but the Team hopes to resume monthly meetings again soon.

If you would like any information or have questions, please contact Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103. Salem United Methodist Church, at South Liberty and West Independence streets, is the location of meetings.

Curb your animal

The Borough Office has received numerous complaints of pet owners walking their dogs and failing to clean up after defecation on both public and private property. Property owners, also, are reminded to pick up the feces of their own pets from their property



within a reasonable time.

Failure to do these are public health violations as stipulated in Borough Ordinance 299 and subject to a fine up to \$600 for each offense.

The Orwigsburg Police Department has been made aware of this growing problem by inconsiderate resi-

dents. Neighbors and property owners witnessing these violations are urged to call the police at 570-366-3101 and file a complaint.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners. Homeowners in the Borough who take great pride when maintaining their properties feel violated when having to clean feces left by a passing dog or roaming cat when their masters seem oblivious to the community responsibilities of pet ownership.

Lions Club H.E.L.P.

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

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- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" (HELP) provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149.

Do you have one or more of these health aids in your home or garage you no longer need? Consider donating any of these items to the Lions Club H.E.L.P. program. Call Larry to make arrangements.

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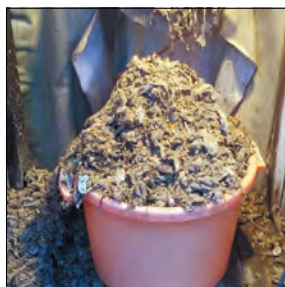
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Don't flush sanitary wipes

When store shelves became empty of everyday items, such as toilet paper, use of "flushable" wipes, disinfection wipes, paper towels, and other cleaning supplies have been put into service during the health crisis.

Orwigsburg Borough wishes to remind all that wipes – even the ones that say "flushable" – and paper towels do not break down like toilet paper does in water. These items should never be flushed down your toilet; but, rather, should instead be thrown away with the trash.



Flushing of wipes and paper towels can cause raw wastewater backups in your home or neighborhood homes by wrapping around broken or misaligned drain pipe joints, thus forming a clog. If these items do pass through the system, they end up at the sewage treatment plant, causing mechanical breakdowns.

Flushing of wipes and paper towels has become a significant concern in recent times due to the shortage of toilet paper and the potential need to utilize alternate means combined with increased cleaning/disinfection recommendations by the CDC for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses

in households and community settings.

Only flush toilet paper and human waste down your toilet. All other items should be thrown away with your solid trash.

Now available – Credit/debit bill pay

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Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, the Borough now accepts credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www.orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in the 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to Borough Hall.

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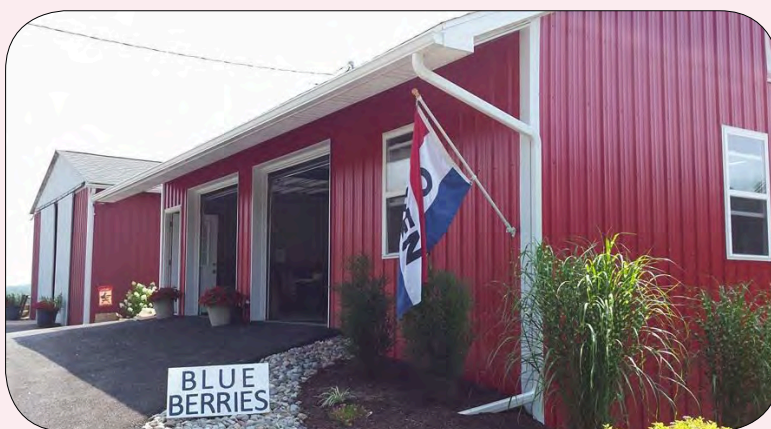
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Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. This regulation, however, does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also address weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website Orwigsburg.gov as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.



The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body.

The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed,

including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's **Swiftreach 911** emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Single Stream Recycling program



The Borough and County Waste Recycling, LLC have prepared updated definitions of the items that can be recycled in our biweekly recycling collection program.

A handy chart of typical recyclable items and a description of the overall program was distributed two years ago.

If you have misplaced this insert or need another, printed copies are still available at the Borough Office or by viewing and download from the Borough website, Orwigsburg.gov.

Compliance with these changes by most residents has significantly improved the quality of Orwigsburg's recycling. County Waste has requested that we follow three of the guidelines more closely.

- All items placed in the bin are to be loose, no bagging!
- No styrofoam; it is not a recyclable in their program.
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St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market Street, welcomes everyone to join in worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome at St. John's.

Pastor Jeff Johnson leads the congregation in worship and Trena Murphy provides musical direction with the choir and guest musicians throughout the year.

Our Apple Fest celebration is back! Held in conjunction with Orwigsburg Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 11, everything apples – crisps, pies, dumplings, and so much more – will be for sale inside St. John's Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church on E. Market St. Doors open at 9 a.m. Get there early because these home-made delectables sell out quickly.



Sunday school for children will begin once again on Rally Day – Sunday, Sept. 12. The children will begin worship with their parents and/or grandparents. After the children's message, they will be escorted to their Sunday school room for a class. Ages kindergarten through sixth

grade are welcome to join this lively group every week as they learn how they can be an active member of St. John's and help others in need throughout the world.

St. John's continues to support area Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts with a safe meeting place in the Fellowship Center. Diakon programs are sponsored during the year.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Panty is housed in St. John's Church. Donations of non-perishables are always needed to help provide assistance to area residents in need. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the designated box at Boyer's Markets in Orwigsburg. Please phone the church office at 570-366-2255 for office hours. Food is distributed the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

An ongoing Bible Study is available during the church year. Contact Kay Jones at 570-366-1333 for information.

Upcoming programs will be announced via Facebook or on the church website, stjohnorwigsburg.org. An upbeat message is posted by Pastor Jeff twice weekly on Facebook. Our Sunday worship can be found on our St John's United Church of Christ Orwigsburg Facebook and YouTube pages.

We wish all teachers, administrators, staff and students of area schools a healthy school year for 2021-2022.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located at 215 North Warren Street in Orwigsburg, welcomes everyone to join our worship, help us to serve our neighbors, and consider becoming part of our community of faith.

Our summer schedule continues with worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Following the Labor Day weekend, we will return to our regular schedule with services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion is shared during worship on the first Saturday of the month and at every Sunday service.

A "Worship Without Walls" worship service will be held at Albright's Woods Pavilion beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15. A program by our

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WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY**

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Stewardship Together-in-Creation Team will follow the service. Everyone is invited!

All students and school personnel are invited on Sunday, Aug. 22 for our "Blessing of the Backpacks" service, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. What better way to start a new school year than by gathering to pray and receiving a blessing?

Also beginning in August, St. Paul's will continually collect basic personal care and household items for the Opportunity House located in Pottsville. These items will be used to help area veterans and their families in need and are part of our annual "God's Work. Our Hands" outreach to the community.

St. Paul's Lutheran will help celebrate Orwigsburg Heritage Day with an information table on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please stop and visit with us!

Following our 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Sept. 19, all are invited to our annual church picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion. Beverages and hot dogs will be provided. Covered-dish items to share are appreciated, but not required. Join us for worship-in-the-forest followed by good food, good fellowship, and good fun. Please add your name to our sign-up sheet in the gathering place or call our church office, so we have an idea how many hot dogs and drinks will be needed.

Join us Saturday, Oct. 2 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - for our annual Service Ministry Bazaar in Reidler Hall, the lower level of the church. The event will feature lots of good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, many local vendors and craft dealers showing and selling their wares, a variety of homemade candies and pies for purchase, and an opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds from this event will benefit community residents in need.

In commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Paul's "Blessing of the Animals" service will take place at Albright's Woods Pavilion on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. All friendly leashed (or housed) animals, who slither, crawl, hop, walk, swim, or fly, are welcome to participate in this lively outdoor event! Donations of pet food, supplies, and cash gifts for the Hillside and Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCAs will be received at this event. Everyone is invited!

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Men of St. Paul's will host a "Spaghetti Dinner Giveaway" to aid hungry families who depend on our local Food Pantry. Additional details will follow at a later date.

If you would like to contact our pastor, the Reverend Michael T. Petresky, or church staff members, our church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon during the summer months. Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, we return to regular office hours - Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. You can always call us at 570-366-2316. Leave a message if our office is closed when you call.

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty and Independence meet - at 133 S. Liberty Street and the corner of W. Independence St.

The past year+ has been rough! That's one thing we can probably all agree on. We all have experiences from this season that have impacted our lives, and they remind us just how much we need each other. If you are looking for a space to belong, to find community, and to experience God's love- you are always



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

215 North Warren Street • Orwigsburg

Office: 570-366-2316

www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org

Summer Office Hours

Tues. thru Fri. - 9 a.m. to Noon

Summer Worship Times

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m.

Regular Worship Times

(Return on Sept. 11)

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8 & 10:30



Our worship space is accessible and air conditioned

Holy Communion is shared on the first Saturday of the month and at every Sunday service.

Upcoming Services & Events

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - Sun., Aug. 22, 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - Sun., Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m.

ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR - Sat., Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Sun., Oct. 3, 4 p.m.

Please check out our Facebook Page and our Website.

Visit us on YouTube to watch our online worship. Or call our Church Office at 570-366-2316 for more information.



SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of **Orwigsburg Happenings**? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or kmengel@orwigsburg.gov.

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welcome at Salem United Methodist Church.

My name is Stacy Gonzalez and I am the new pastor at Salem. I want to personally invite you to connect with us. If you haven't been to church in a while (or ever!) this is a great time to join us because we will both be new and we can find our way together!

We are in the middle of a sermon series right now talking about the story of Salem UMC. I have been so inspired to learn of the ways that Salem has had an impact on this community. This church has such a big heart for the people of Orwigsburg and Schuylkill County and all of our neighbors around the world.

Come and experience a sense of this community at our Free Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 29. This is our gift to the community to let every single one know you matter to us! Save the date to join us for an evening of free food and family activities.

You are also invited to join us any Sunday for worship. We have a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service at 10:45. On select Sunday evenings we have a special movie night at 6 p.m. Children are always welcome to our worship services and we also have a nursery available on Sunday mornings. You can find our Sunday morning services live-streamed at facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg or on our website at salemum.com

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us anytime. Our office number is 570-366-0201. You are loved by God and by us! See you soon!

Faith Church

Faith Church is located at 1168 Centre Turnpike, just outside Orwigsburg on Rt. 61. I'm senior pastor, Doug Cresswell.



It's hard to believe that fall is around the corner. I love this time of year and look forward to new activity at Faith Church as we renew and reactivate.

All of us are reentering life and hoping it returns as we knew it. We are welcoming everyone as Faith returns to its normal life of Loving God, Loving People and Serving Our Community.

We are all imperfect people in an imperfect world, so we need to be understanding and loving towards each other as we try to endure in this world.

Faith is placing new energy in our outreach and community inclusion. We recognized our "Bikers" by having two "Bless the Bikers" Sundays. We pray for their safety as they travel the busy roads of PA.

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Salem United Methodist Church



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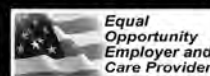
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We place special interest in the care of our local veterans as they navigate difficult times. We have partnered with Opportunity House SSVF to raise awareness and supplies for these folks who risked everything for our freedom.

This fall, Faith will return to its tradition of a fall church-wide campaign. This year we are doing "A Time to Dream" where our church community joins together and studies, worships and grows together, learning new ideas about how to "Open the Doors of Your Future."

We stay connected with Pastor Doug's Virtual VIPs that tune in each week through Livestream to watch our services live. A mid-week video study is sent each week to help those who can't get out to church.

Faith's Healthy Living Team works to drop pounds and make healthy choices.

All are welcome as a member or attender for worship and celebration together. Folks, life is hard enough. We need to stick together and meet the needs of each other as life places us in difficult times. It is our responsibility to share in each other's burdens to lighten the load.

Kimmels Church

Kimmels Church is a growing church family that has been an integral part of the Orwigsburg community for 170 years. We may have been around for a

long time, but we are very young, alive and active. Not only are we active with our own church family, but we are and want to be more active in your family and our community.

Whether you have been a church-goer for a long time, gotten out of the habit since your teenage years, or never been one at all, there are so many things going on here that we are excited to have you participate. Everyone is welcome, and we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you and help you, wherever you are on your life's journey. At Kimmels you will find loving people, real answers, and a purpose for your life that comes from a faithful teaching and understanding of God's Word.

Our current Sunday morning teaching series is entitled "ReDiscover Jesus." We are being encouraged as we learn from God's Word about who Jesus is through the gospel of John. Everyone has an opinion about Jesus. Some think that he was a great teacher, some a prophet, some a miracle worker or even a lunatic. Some would even deny that he existed. While no true historian would deny his existence, they will



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Be sure to stop by our booth!

Our bounce house will be in action too!

Join us on Sunday mornings for our worship service at 10 am

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debate who he is. We should not be interested in the opinions of others. Instead, look to what God the Father says about Jesus, and who Jesus himself says he is. The apostle John wrote this book so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, by believing, you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

Our desire, as a church, is for you (everyone) to know that Jesus is the One True God, and he has the ability to give life to anyone who will trust him as their only way to be made right with him.

Another way that we want to be a help to you is through prayer. All of us have an area in our lives that we would like to see God work and/or do a miracle. We would love to be able to hear about what is going on in your life and have the opportunity to pray with you about any request. On the first Wednesday of every month, we will have a prayer booth open on the town square at the Bicentennial Park from noon until 7 p.m. Come and go as you please, but consider coming back at 6:30 for a time of community prayer all together.

Also, stop by and see us on September 11 at the Orwigsburg Heritage Day. We will have our bounce house set up for your children and some fun activities as well. We would love to get a chance to meet you.

We would love to connect with you and your family! Check out our website for more information www.kimmelschur.ch.org

Zions Red Church



Welcome to Zion's Red Church, the oldest congregation located in the heart of southern Schuylkill County. We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Route 61). Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Melber, Jr.

We hope this summer has been a time of rest and renewal for the many families of our community. As the rhythms of fall come upon us, we continue to serve God through the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Service.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, the pastor will be available from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to introduce anyone interested to Zion's Red Church, its ministries, and what we believe and teach. If you are unable to join us, the pastor is always open to connecting one-on-one. Feel free to call on us.

A Fall Festival will be held on the church grounds Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1-2 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Food, games, and rides will be provided by Huey Amusements. Bring family and friends to this church fundraiser for some fun in the autumn season. Check out Zion's or Huey's website or Facebook page closer to the time for any additional details.

Starting on Tuesday, Oct. 5, a weekly Bible study on the Book of Daniel will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for six weeks. All are invited to come and join the lively conversation and fellowship together.

If you are looking for a church home, all are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month. For youth, the Pastor will be holding catechism classes for those in seventh grade and above, starting in September. Call the church office to register.

Contact the church office at 570-366-1178 for any information about our Sunday service, Bible study sessions, church rental spaces, or other events.

Find us online at zionsredchurch.com or join our Facebook page. Livestreams and other online resources can be found at website NRLP.org of Friedens Lutheran Church, our sister congregation. See the right panel for links.

WELCOMING all with God's love,
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Friday & Saturday, Oct. 1 & 2 – 5:30 to 10 p.m.

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