

ORWIGSBURG HAPPENINGS

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BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, PA

February 2020

State of the Borough – 2019 Reserves to Fund Infrastructure Repairs

Opportunities Ahead Will Keep Orwigsburg Thriving

By Randy Miller, Borough Manager

Orwigsburg Borough's year-end financial picture for 2019 was a winner, showing revenue outdistancing expenditures, enabling us to direct \$300,000 to "reserve accounts" to fund improvements to the Borough's infrastructure.

Our largest source of revenue each year comes from Property Taxes. Additional significant revenues come from Earned Income, and other Act 511 Taxes. Together, they account for 79.8% of the Borough's revenue.

Expenditures for 2019 were \$1,747,700 – the largest block of these costs in the General Fund is for the operation of our police department at \$693,500. Parks and Recreation, which includes Veterans Memorial Hall, amounts to \$167,500. The remainder of expenditures fund operations – tax collecting, financing, auditing, building maintenance, street and bridge maintenance, stormwater, snow removal, street cleaning, street lighting, traffic control, operating the fire department, and donations to various Borough organizations.



A number of Borough repairs are planned for this year – Borough Hall needs exterior work; storm water issues along Long Avenue and infrastructure improvements in other areas of town will be addressed; and the Ridgeview Development will get an overlay of the street where needed.

The Borough's contract with County Waste for the weekly collection and removal of waste expired, but has been extended annually for the past three

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OBPA Works For All

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) has elected new members to its Board of Directors, officers of its Executive Board, and announces its calendar of 2020 community events with exciting, entertaining and affordable activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

Be an active community member

New members of OBPA are enthusiastically welcomed. Our annual Meet & Greet Mixer will be held at the Schuylkill Country Club on Thursday, April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

It's an opportunity for old, new and prospective members of OBPA to meet, network, and interact with leaders from Schuylkill County and Orwigsburg Borough. OBPA is business-oriented, but non-business individuals eager to be involved are encouraged. An RSVP is required.

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2020 EVENTS

Orwigsburg Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Albright's Woods Community Park, Saturday, April 4, noon.

Memorial Day parade/service and Lions Club Chicken Barbecue – Monday, May 25; activities begin 8 a.m.

Garden Tour & Tea – Sunday, July 5; Hosted by the Orwigsburg Historical Society.

Square Time – Farm-To-Square, Thurs., Aug. 13 5 to 8 p.m. Featuring local farm market goods, wineries, breweries, local restaurants, live music, and more.

Orwigsburg Heritage Day – Saturday, Sept. 12; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orwigsburg Halloween Parade – Wed., Oct. 28; 7 p.m.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Thurs., Oct. 29; 6 to 8 p.m.

Orwigsburg Holly Trail and Festival of Lights Saturday, Dec. 5; noon and 4:30 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.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAYS

Orwigsburg Borough offices and services will be closed on the following days in 2020 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, April 10; Memorial Day, May 25; Independence Day, July 3 (observed); Labor Day, Sept. 7; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 and 27; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 24 and 25.

Borough Manager

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years. This has worked to the Borough's benefit, but now a new contract needs to be negotiated for this service beginning in 2021. Higher costs for trash and recycling collection are expected due to the decline of the recycling industry and higher fuel and landfill costs.

The Water and Sewer accounts finished 2019 barely in the black overall, netting \$16,000 available at the beginning of 2020. This amount is not nearly enough, in reserves, to make much-needed repairs to the systems.

Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) of ground and storm water from sump pumps, rain leaders, etc. is clean water that, when it enters the sewer lines, must be treated before being discharged from the sewer plant. There are efforts going on to help reduce this I&I; however, these corrections are not easily done and are expensive to accomplish.

The final point I would like to place before you is this. Development is coming to this region. The Borough needs to be vigilant in its responses to the flow of progress. There will be opportunities the Borough will need to pursue to keep the Borough thriving.

– Randy Miller, Borough Manager



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NEW PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of the law firm of Williamson, Friedberg and Jones' continued expansion, the firm is delighted to announce the appointment of two new partners:



Ashley Securda, Esq.

A graduate of Misericordia University, cum laude, and the Widener University School of Law, Attorney Securda joined the firm in 2016.

A lifelong member of the community, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John "Bucky" Rogers, Mahanoy City. She resides in Minersville with her husband, Leo A. Securda, and their two daughters, Raegen and Kennedy. Attorney Securda practices primarily in:

Elder Law (Estate Planning, Medicaid Planning
Asset Protection, Estate Administration
Wills & Trusts, Guardianships)
Municipal Law | Civil Litigation
Real Estate | Debt Collection
Worker's Compensation | Personal Injury
Social Security Disability



Douglas Taglieri, Esq.

A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and the University of Baltimore School of Law, Attorney Taglieri joined the firm in 2014.

He is a former Assistant District Attorney and has tried over 25 criminal jury trials to verdict and has argued appeals before both the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Born and raised in Minersville, Attorney Taglieri still resides in his hometown and is active in his community. He is the son of Joseph and Patrice Taglieri and just welcomed his first child, daughter, Emmalina Joy Taglieri. Attorney Taglieri practices primarily in:

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Orwigsburg Business & Professional Assoc.

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Square Time activities aplenty

FARM-TO-SQUARE - A returning favorite and promising town tradition is "Farm-To-Square." This popular **Square Time** celebration will be held on Thursday, August 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. on Centre Square at the M&T/OBPA Community Lot.

Last year this event attracted 30 visiting vendors, including wineries, breweries, merchandise handlers, community organizations/businesses, and food trucks. Local restaurants, family-friendly activities, and lively music had nearly 500 people last year dancing among local farm stands of produce and market goods.

HERITAGE DAY - OBPA has begun planning the 29th annual Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, always slated for the Saturday after Labor Day. This year it will be on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 2000 people attended last year, perusing 75 vendor stands, demonstrations, and enjoying music throughout the Square.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - It seems we've just gotten over last year's Christmas and Holiday season events, but residents and visitors can mark their 2020 calendars for the annual Festival of Lights celebration

slated for Saturday, Dec. 5 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This OBPA-coordinated time always brightens the festive season and puts an exclamation point on the year.

Involvement is valued and rewarding

More than ever, OBPA needs community members to volunteer and be active. Please email orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com with the subject line "Volunteer" to discover the rewards that come with planning and/or implementing our town's celebrations and doing so with other energetic people.

In addition to our events benefiting both the community and local businesses, OBPA supports young aspiring business professionals.

In the past year, we've sponsored a scholarship for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!), an after-school program encouraging students in grades six through 12 to learn the foundations of business by interacting with area business owners. YEA! is facilitated through the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce with classes held at a local college.

OBPA also sponsors an annual Blue Mountain High School graduation award and continually supports many area non-profit endeavors.

To answer an oft-asked question, "No, you do not have to own a business to join OBPA." Our membership consists of business principals and managers, but we gladly welcome any individual having the betterment of this community at heart.

Monthly meetings are held at 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at rotating host locations. Find out more on these activities and how to be a part of this organization on our web page: orwigsburgbusiness.org, join us on Facebook, or email us at: orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com.

2020 Board of Directors

OBPA Executive Board Officers elected at reorganization in January are: President, Amber Zanolini (M&T Bank); Vice President, Steward Warner (pastor of Salem UM Church); Treasurer, Jennifer Pyzowski (M&T Bank); and Secretary, Lisa Cutler (RealtyMark Associates Real Estate).

Additionally, General Board of Directors members are David Teter (Orwigsburg Borough / Friendship Hose Co.), Attorney Jim Crossen (Williamson, Friedberg & Jones law offices), and Bill Knecht (South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing).



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SPREAD THE WORD

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GABRIEL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

30th Anniversary Season

*3 p.m. – Jerusalem Lutheran Church
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Sunday, February 23



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Gerrall Hieser, Cello*

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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Leaders of Borough Government Get Down to Work

Greetings and Happy 2020 to citizens and friends of Orwigsburg.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

Allow me to open with my apologies for failing to offer an entry in the holiday issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*. As much as I bemoan the challenges and social effects of modern technology, I found myself at the mercy of my "rotten" Apple.

Things started going "hinky" on my laptop about three weeks prior to last season's newsletter deadline. It started with a few screen lock-ups, slow email retrievals, blank screen websites, and assorted failures to launch applications. By the time my submittal was due, the computer was fully useless.

Over the course of at least a week, all levels of Apple "geniuses" were engaged. After scores of "safe mode" restarts, multiple contorted keyboard commands, and endless reload progress graphs locking up at 98% completion after hours of patient optimism, deliverance was finally provided by a super-

colossal senior technical service supervisor.

After five and a half hours of expert remote guidance, everything was restored and operational. The key to solving this problem was not offered by a device. The solution came from a knowledgeable, genuinely (as opposed to artificially) intelligent human being.

Dedicated people make our world work

With the turn of the year, the knowledge and intelligent service of three members of Orwigsburg Borough Council concluded.



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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Susan Murphy has served on our Council for 20 years, most recently as President and previously as Vice President for a number of years. She also was the COG (Southern Schuylkill Council of Governments) liaison seemingly forever. Paul Bedway served two terms on Council, offering his guidance on budgetary and financial concerns. Brian Baldwin volunteered to join our council to fill a vacancy and stayed on, elected for an additional term, providing his valuable insight into infrastructure, building code, and recreation issues.

Among the three, the body of knowledge is enormous. I thank them for their service and urge you to do the same when the opportunity arises.

Newly elected Councilors seated

We are equally fortunate to welcome the services of four newly elected members of Borough Council who will add a wide range of knowledge gained from their experience in business, community and public service.

Rick Bubeck joined Council last spring, filling a vacancy. Voters in November elected him to complete that term of office and fellow council members just last month chose him to be President of the group.

Brock Stein, Madeline Bartush and Kerry Mariano were elected to fill the "West Side" Council seats. I



NEW COUNCIL ORGANIZED – Mayor Barry Berger, second from right, administered the oath of office to four newly elected Orwigsburg Borough Council members to start the year. They are, from left, Madeline Bartush, Kerry Mariano, Rick Bubeck, and Brock Stein.

thank them for stepping forward and look ahead to the perspective I know they will provide.

Thank you for entertaining my ramble. Stay warm, dry, and safe.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

Senator David Argall

Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital officially opened its doors in November. The hospital has created hundreds of sustainable jobs for the southern Schuylkill County region and is making healthcare more accessible and affordable for those in need.



Senator David Argall

Invited to speak at the Grand Opening celebration, my remarks noted its importance for the region:

"This is a historic day for southern Schuylkill and northern Berks counties. As my parents aged, I learned much more about our local hospitals than I ever had before. Up until that point, my visits had been few and far between, but then everything began to change.

"Believe me, I appreciate what our local health care professionals do today – much more than I would have before my parents turned 75. Rep. Knowles sometimes seems to enjoy noting what color green this Dr. Argall turns when he describes a certain medical condition or another. Trust me, it's not an accident my Ph.D. is in public policy and not medicine.

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EASTER EGG HUNT FOR AGES UP TO 10

April 5 – 1 p.m. Bring your baskets!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

April 12 – 6:30 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. Meal

MOTHER'S DAY BELLS AND TREATS

May 10 – 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

"Walking with Jesus" Sermon Series on Gospel of Mark

Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Easter egg hunt

The Easter Bunny will make a special, early visit to Orwigsburg on Saturday, April 4 for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the Orwigsburg Lions Club. The event will be held at Albright's Woods, located on Grove Street, just east of the Little League field and will begin at 12 noon.



All children from the Orwigsburg community through the age of 10 are invited to hunt for eggs, all filled with yummy candy treats. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Special "prize" eggs will be part of the selection for each age group.

This will be a B.Y.O.B. event ... Bring Your Own Basket! After the Easter egg hunt, there will be a chance to take your child's picture with the Easter Bunny. This is a free event and will be held rain or shine.

Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

Don't forget the annual Orwigsburg Lions Club Memorial Day chicken barbecue held as part of the Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 25.

The chicken is barbecued on the spot at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. A

full dinner is available for eating there or packaged for takeout. Tickets will be sold in advance and some will be available during the event. All proceeds are used by the Lions to sponsor local events.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices and operations will be closed on Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, May 25 observing Memorial Day.

Monthly large item pickup

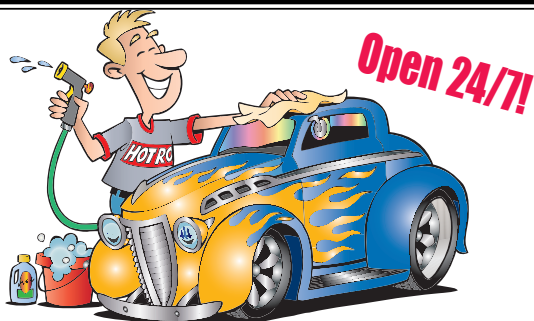
One large item (furniture, etc.) may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month. The collection date is the second Tuesday of each month for residents on Market Street and north ... and the Friday following the second Tuesday for residents south of Market Street.

| Month | Tues. | Fri. |
|-------|-------|------|
| Feb. | 11 | 14 |
| March | 10 | 13 |
| April | 14 | 17 |
| May | 12 | 15 |

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Residents should place trash at the curb anytime after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

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Borough Services

with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Recycling and large item collection

Not sure when trash, recycling, and monthly large item collection will take place? The Borough website - www.Orwigsburg.gov - has monthly calendar pages with everything you need to know. Click on the "Services" tab, then on the "Garbage/Recycling file."

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.



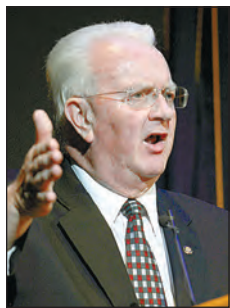
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State Rep. Jerry Knowles

LIHEAP Help Available


Residents who are struggling with their home heating bills can apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now through April 10, 2020.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through energy assistance grants. The program also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel, or termination of utility service.



The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$18,735; for a couple, the limit is \$25,365; and for a family of four, it is \$38,625.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the County Assistance Office. Or, stop by one of my offices if you need assistance with completing your LIHEAP application. My offices are located at 202 E. Broad St. in Tamaqua and 61 N. 3rd St. in Hamburg.



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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

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The next major holiday will be Memorial Day on Monday, May 25. Because the holiday falls on a Monday, the usual Tuesday pickup will be delayed to Wednesday, May 27, and the usual Friday pickup will be delayed to Saturday, May 30.

Declared "Snow Emergency"

Three years ago Orwigsburg Borough reduced the number of designated "Snow Emergency" streets



in order for the snow plow crews to efficiently stay ahead of major snowfalls. Fewer snow emergency streets also mean less stress for many residents by not having to move their vehicles off the street right away ... and, if they are required, will have convenient streets allowing parking.

The designated "Snow Emergency" routes are: all of East and West Market streets, including both sides of Centre Square; South Liberty Street from Rt. 61 to Market, North Warren Street from Market to Lehigh Avenue, and North Washington Street from the blinker light to the Borough line.

During a snow and/or ice event, the Mayor of Orwigsburg may declare an official "Snow Emergency." Residents will be made aware of the emergency by notice posted to the Borough website and Facebook page, through announcements on radio stations WPPA-AM and WAVT-FM, and by notice in the Republican Herald daily newspaper.

Households registered with the Borough's direct notification system - Swiftreach 911 - will receive a phone call with a pre-recorded message from the Borough, an email, or text message depending on which method was requested. If you have not already done so, add your contact information via the Swiftreach link on the home page of the Borough website: Orwigsburg.gov.

All vehicles parked on the designated "Snow Emergency" streets must be removed for a period of 24 hours once the emergency is declared or for a longer period as instructed.

Vehicles not removed, in violation of the emergency procedure, will be ticketed and will be towed. The vehicle owner is responsible for all towing costs. Ignorance of the declared emergency is not an excuse. It's your responsibility to find out.

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed at St. John's UCC, 232 E. Market St., and is supported by eight area churches. Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. Distribution to qualified individuals and families is made the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.



Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces



Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meeting, or other gathering?

Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is available for rent. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. Indoors, facilities at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall can be rented.

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

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- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Used eyeglasses can be recycled

Lions International and all of its local Lions Club affiliates focus on eye/sight conservation as part of their global mission. The Orwigsburg Lions Club has an Eyeglass Collection Receptacle (mailbox-like, but

specially marked for eyeglasses) located outside the front entrance to Heiser's Hardware store on West Market Street. A collection box is also located at the service desk of Boyer's Food Market.

Law firm partners hail from Minersville

The Schuylkill County law offices of Williamson, Friedberg & Jones have named two of its attorneys, both of whom reside in the Minersville area, as the newest Partners in the firm.

Additionally, Schuylkill County native and Blue Mountain grad, attorney Rick Forbes, has joined the firm.

Ashley Securda is a lifelong member of the community and resides with her husband Leo and two daughters, Raegen and Kennedy. She offers a wide range of legal services and adds a special emphasis with Elder Law matters.



Douglas Taglieri was born and raised in Minersville and still resides in his hometown. He has one daughter, Emmalina. Attorney Taglieri specializes in Criminal Defense matters and Family Law.



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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 can be found on the borough website - **Orwigsburg.gov** - under the "Services" tab. Select the "Garbage/Recycling" link. Printed copies are available at the Borough Office.



Since early 2018, the world-wide recycle materials market has been in disarray. Only the best quality recycle stream sources are now acceptable. Putting anything and everything in the recycle containers is no longer acceptable. Please follow the new guidelines and clarifications.

The acceptability and/or preparation of some items has changed. Your cooperation in following these guidelines is needed to make the program practical and effective. Any future updates to the guidelines will be amended on the borough website.

Recycling and/or proper disposal of items not covered by our program may be found on the Schuylkill County Solid Waste website:

www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Recycles

We have asked the county solid waste coordinator to update this site and to add more options for items with little known local recycling or reuse options.

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.



Both are public health violations as stipulated in 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 residents. 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.

Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #432 establishes requirements for owners of rental properties in the Borough. This ordinance can be referenced on the Borough website: **www.Orwigsburg.gov** under "Government - Ordinances".

Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling and dwelling units, must be registered with the Borough each year between January 1 and February 28, and upon any change in the occupancy of the property dwelling unit(s). Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the Borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$140 for the first unit, \$75 for the second, and \$55 for each additional unit per address. Upon inspection approval for habitation, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued. No person shall operate a rental property unless a valid certificate has been issued. Any newly designated rental unit is required to have an initial inspection at a cost of \$380.

Owners/landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property and provide all contact information. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

All owners of rental units shall provide for and designate a location for storage of trash and recycling containers on the rental property to be an area other than the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Additional requirements for owners and tenants are detailed in the ordinance.

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.

Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Veterans Foyer Work to Begin Later This Year



The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce remains focused on working with the Borough of Orwigsburg for the completion of the Veterans Community Memorial renovation.

The project continues to have a dual funding stream. The first is continued community fundraising through personal, business and foundation donations and gifts. The second is government grants – most recently was a \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) approved by Governor Tom Wolf and championed by state Rep. Jerry Knowles, state Senator Dave Argall, and state representatives Neal Goodman and Mike Tobash.

Interim financing, needed to pay for work prior to reimbursement of the RACP grant monies funds, was gained in December 2019. The approved work covered by the grant consists of the Veterans Foyer / Hall of Honor interior improvements.

Bid documents for this work are expected to be released in the spring/summer timeframe of 2020. Construction is expected to take one year following contract award.

In total, using combined funds of the grant, Orwigsburg Borough, and locally raised amounts by the Taskforce, work yet to be done consists of interior improvements to the main gym area and meeting room. Acoustic panels for sound and audio-visual

enhancements for public presentations will be added.

Kitchen improvements include new utility connections, new appliances/equipment and improved storage, creating an approximate 500 sq. ft. catering kitchen.

Renovations will also increase ADA accessibility and site safety, enhance the community center recreation facilities, and provide for wider range of usage.

A permanent office and meeting space will be created for use by the local VFW and American Legion organizations.

A Veteran's Honor Board will recognize all known local veterans and allow for the addition of future names. Contributors to the Veterans Community Memorial Hall renovations since the inception of the project, including individuals, businesses and non-profits, will also be recognized.

Local contributions continue to be needed. Check amounts, small and large, can be sent to: Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.



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Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) and Museum, located at 109 E. Mifflin St., proclaims its ongoing mission to preserve a legacy for our children.

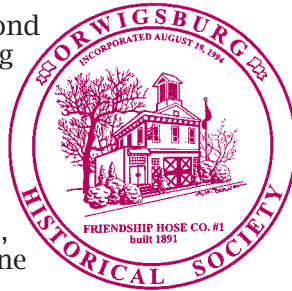
The public is welcome to tour the facility and view its collection on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. Arrangements for other times can be made by appointment. Contact the Society by calling 570-627-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

Monthly programs are open to all

Visitors are always welcome to bring photos and items for sharing at historical society programs. The Society has announced the following monthly programs – part of its ongoing “Tracing Schuylkill County’s History” series.

All are featured on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7 p.m. All society programs are free and open to the public.

- **April 9 – Pennsylvania’s Railroad History** – Avid historian of Schuylkill County’s railroad and mining heritage, James Eisenhart will examine the local and state railroads.
- **May 14 – Pennsylvania’s History & Trivia** – Publisher of Pennsylvania Magazine, Al Holliday presents this eye-opening program focusing on



25 facts and opinions about some of our noted personalities and happenings over the past 250 years. Attendees will receive the latest edition of his magazine.

- **June 11 – The Art of Blacksmithing** – Founder and owner of Fisher Forge, blacksmith David Fisher explains his avocation honed while restoring an old stone farm house. His passion for metalwork grew and he will explain the materials and tools used to create various items.
- **July 9 – Your Backyard Geology & Archaeology** – Jeri Jones, owner of Jones Geological Services, will take the audience on a Southern Schuylkill County journey into local geology and archaeology.

Did you know?

Orwigsburg’s “Centre Square” was first paved in 1921 and illuminated for the first time when street lights were installed. The current lights “on the square” are not original.

Garden Tour & Tea returns!

Mark your calendar! The Historical Society will bring back a popular past event. The long-awaited return of the Orwigsburg “Garden Tour & Tea” will be held on Sunday, July 5. Several gardens are already booked on the tour, but if you have a “secret garden” you would like to share, contact OHS at 570-627-7809 or through the society’s Facebook page.

Support your Historical Society

The Orwigsburg Historical Society exists, and continues to operate, thanks to donations and annual membership contributions from people and businesses, past and present, who consider the Orwigsburg region their hometown or adopted new town.

With the start of the new year, 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.

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Message from the Council President

Controlled Growth, Safety, Fixing Our Infrastructure Are Priorities

Goals: Let's Keep Improving and Moving Forward

My name is Rick Bubeck. I'm honored to have been elected to Orwigsburg Borough Council serving all the residents of this town and to now serve that governing body as its President.

I have been a resident of Orwigsburg for forty years and I have witnessed many changes to our community and the surrounding area - new store fronts, restaurants, banks, the credit union, and homes.

The next decade will bring additional challenges and opportunities to our Borough. The Geisinger/St. Luke's Hospital is now open and there are future plans for new housing and businesses along the Rt. 61 corridor. This is exciting!

It is Borough Council's duty to work together with our Borough Manager Randy Miller to develop, support, and embrace future growth.

The most important priority is the safety of our citizens and community. We will continue to support our police and our volunteer fire

departments. One of our objectives in support of the police and fire services is to develop a plan to incorporate them along with the ambulance services into one building.

Another key objective is infrastructure stability. Among the top needs here are to improve and maintain our streets, repair and restore our storm water drains, and to build retention areas to minimize flooding. And, with future growth, we need to continue to revitalize our downtown. This will help attract new businesses and bring more people to our shops and restaurants.

I encourage all residents to get involved in our goals and projects.

One last thought during the cold and snowy winter months, please take the time to look after your neighbors that may need a helping hand. Remember to protect your pets from winter's harsh elements.

- Rick Bubeck, Borough Council President



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Orwigsburg Police Department

Six Full Time Officers Protect Residents 24/7/366

Looking back on the year that was, the Orwigsburg Police Department had a busy 2019.

With Police Chief John Koury, a sixth full time officer - Patrick McBreen - was added to the department last February. The added officer has allowed us to drastically reduce overtime, at times allow for a second officer on duty, and fill shifts when officers are on training, vacation, or sick leave.

Business owners and residents should know the Orwigsburg Police serve 24 hours per day, seven days per week, and 365 days per year. (It will be 366 days in 2020, a Leap Year!)



This past December the department took delivery of a new patrol vehicle - a black 2020 Ford Explorer. This new vehicle will be fully marked with an a new graphics scheme. Unlike our "ghost lettered" unit, the graphics on this vehicle will be readily identifiable both day and night.

This gives the department three dedicated vehicles to utilize. Previously when we had events or a vehicle was out of service, we would need to use the borough manager's vehicle or even one of the vehicles utilized by the street department. The new vehicle will be set up with the same equipment as the other two units, including an in-car camera, computer, and AED.

Year-end log figures show a total of 3,176 incidents, an average of nearly nine calls per day. This activity compares similarly to 2018 when 3,194 incidents were tracked.

Of last year's incidents, 137 were reportable crimes that resulted in 67 total arrests. Patrol officers issued 822 warnings and handed out 399 traffic citations - a total of 1,221 vehicles stopped. Actual number of stops would be higher when adding those that resulted in a DUI or drug arrest, and apprehension of a wanted person. Fifty-eight vehicle accidents - everything from fender benders to total losses - were logged and reported. There were 211 parking tickets issued.

And, a look ahead

Orwigsburg and the surrounding area are already a very desirable place in which to live and do business. With continued development of the Rt. 61 corridor, we expect the Orwigsburg economy and population to increase.

With this anticipated growth, the Orwigsburg Police Department also expects its statistical numbers to increase - perhaps not immediately, but surely in the coming years as more people and businesses see the wonderful life and opportunities Orwigsburg can offer!

- Officer Robert Bechtel, Orwigsburg Police

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Your Library – A Place to Gather; A Place to Enjoy!

It's that time of year! Cold outside; but, oh so warm inside the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library! So much is happening; so many are gathering; and there are so many activities to enjoy.

The Library is at 216 W. Independence St. on the first floor of the Independence Square senior living apartment building. Hours are Monday through

Bad libraries build collections; Good libraries build services; Great libraries build communities!

– R. David Lankes

will feature Saint Patrick's Day, Spring, and Poem-in-a-Pocket Day themes.

Saturdays feature lots of activities for children and interesting topics for patrons of all ages.

Looking ahead to summer

The Library's Summer Reading Program will be held Tuesdays, starting June 16 through August 4. The very popular Wacky Science programs will be held Wednesdays from June 17 through August 5.

Any child – teen or adult, for that matter – who says, "Awwhh, there's nothing to do!" needs to plan a visit to the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library ... any day and any time. Be surprised! A whole new world will open up!

The Library has a wide variety of written materials for every age and reading level – fiction, non-fiction, large type, audiobooks, DVDs,

e-books, magazines, public access computers and WiFi if you want to bring your own device. All are free and available with a Library Card.



Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To find out more on weekly and special activities, visit the website www.orwigsburglibrary.org; follow us on Facebook at OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary; call 570-366-1638; or just stop in and take a look around.

Here's just a sampling

Here are some of the traditional programs that the community really enjoys:

Children's Programming – Story Time for preschoolers on Tuesday morning; Lapsit for tots from birth to two years on Thursday morning; Play K on Fridays gets children ready to attend kindergarten; and homeschool students meet the second Wednesday each month.

Special Interest Clubs – Book Club meets the last Monday of the month; Knitters meet on Tuesdays; Lego Club builds the second Wednesday; play Mahjongg on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday; learn how to play Mahjongg every Friday; and Media Madness meets on the fourth Wednesday each month.

New additions by popular demand

Your Library will try to accommodate what members of the community want to do. Recent new additions that are gaining popularity include Manifestation Mondays (first Monday each month); New Age/Awareness/Mindfulness events and topics are scheduled each month; Chess Club meets the first Thursday for playing and learning; Art Club gathers on the third Thursday; and Coloring with Chris is featured on the first Thursday each month. There's even a special Harry Potter Book Club.

Check the websites for times and a more complete list of activities and topics. Upcoming holiday events

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St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg welcomes everyone regardless of where you are on life's journey. All are welcome to attend any of the church activities and services through the Lenten and Easter season and throughout the year.

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10 a.m., with Sunday school held for youngsters of kindergarten age through sixth grade immediately after the children's sermon.

Ash Wednesday services will be held February 26 at the church. St. John's will join with other area churches attending joint Wednesday meals and worship throughout Lent. A soup and sandwich meal is served at 6 p.m. and followed by worship at 7.

An inspiring Easter Cantata at St. John's will be held Sunday, April 5 during the 10 a.m. service. Music director Trena Murphy will join the church choir and the Seventh Day Adventist choir from Hamburg for this special time.

St. John's has been a mecca for community groups for decades and continues to sponsor Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, a Diakon Senior Services exercise group, yoga



classes, and Team Orwigsburg diners. The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for private parties (no alcohol). Church secretary Kelley Moyer can provide the details and take reservations at 570-366-2255.

Bible study, currently on Psalms, meets every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the church office. Immediately after worship every week, a healthy lifestyle "Daniel Plan" group meets in the movie room.

A newly formed group for women, the "Chit Chat" group, meets several times during the year and hopes to visit Lessie's Garden in Pottsville in the spring.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed in St. John's. Eight area churches, many civic organizations and businesses, and private individuals provide donated food to serve more than 150 families every month, all year long. Volunteers and canned goods donations are needed and always welcomed. Phone 570-366-2255 and leave a message for the pantry organizers.

We welcome new faces. Please join us any Sunday at 10 a.m. Light refreshments are served after worship.

The Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church (TLC) is located along Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg. Information of church activities and events can be found at www.thelighthousechurch.com or by calling the office at 570-366-1300.

Regular Sunday services include contemporary worship, a children's program following worship, a message and a time of fellowship following the service.

Students in grades 7-to-12 are encouraged and invited to "hang out" with TLC youth on Sunday evenings for two hours of games, good conversation and a short lesson beginning at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night, each week from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., offers classes for all ages with a variety of Bible study groups. The Women's Bible study, Elijah, will inspire women to grow and develop spiritual

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ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 9 at 7 p.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
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GOOD FRIDAY – April 10 at 7 p.m.

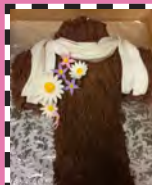
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TLC also offers a children's class for grades preschool through sixth grade. The children play games and will learn about the wonderful stories when Jesus walked on earth with his disciples.

The Lighthouse Church hosts a number of family events throughout the year. The website is kept current to inform all.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. Weekly services are held on Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Church information and activities can be found at www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org or call 570-366-2316.

St. Paul's will mark the beginning of Lent with an

Ash Wednesday worship service on February 26 at 7 p.m. Join us as we gather to repent our sins and recognize our mortality. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday worship at the Saturday service on April 4 and then both services on Sunday, April 5. Join us as we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and hear the reading of the Passion according to St. Luke.

Maundy Thursday worship will be held on April 9 at 7 p.m. as we observe the events of the Last Supper and recount how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. The Sacrament of Communion will be shared and worship will end with the Stripping of the Altar.

A Service of Tenebrae (Latin for "Darkness") will be held on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m.



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Hear how our Lord suffered and died upon the cross for our sake. During this service, scriptures will be read and candles extinguished.

The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated with a vigil on Saturday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 12 at both 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. Join us as we announce the blessed news, "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!" Joyous music will be sung, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared.

Faith Church

Faith Church, located next to Ark Rentals at 1168 Centre Turnpike on Route 61, welcomes its new neighbors at Geisinger Saint Lukes Hospital. Senior pastor Doug Cresswell had the privilege to visit a patient last week and was impressed with the well-equipped facility's beauty.

As we are almost halfway thru the winter, we are excited to enter a new year at Faith and are organizing several new ministries and recreating others.

Our longstanding Celebrate Recovery program is being revived as one of the first to offer this program in our county. Also, new ways to help and service area veterans are being explored with ideas or suggestions from the public welcomed.

Addiction and recovery care is a passion at Faith, led by our Hope Initiative team. We want to care for and help as many families as possible deal with the

issues and challenges in dealing with the impact on families. Our Life Ministry helps those dealing with all the challenges and complications of mental illness.

Ministries at Faith offer small group meetings each week. Our men's MUSCLE group meets on Monday nights and is led by airline pilot Doug Purin. Each week they tackle the issues facing our world and step outside the church to help families in need. Women at Faith reach out to women in all stages of life to engage them in activities and events.



Visit our new "under REconstruction" website at atfaithchurch.com. There is a large resource of videos of Sunday services and personal testimonies as we are rebuilding the ministry structure to better serve family and community.

Visit Faith's non-judgment zone on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Classes for all ages are available as the adults enjoy music from our live worship band and an

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We at Kimmels Church would love for you to be a part of our church family as we continue our current sermon series entitled "BELIEVE ... Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus." BELIEVE is designed to help all of us - regardless of age - answer three significant questions: What do I believe? What should I do? Who am I becoming?

This 30-week series began in September and finishes the end of May. Even though you may have missed the first several weeks, it's not too late to join us as we learn how to think, act and be more like Jesus.

In addition to our Sunday sermons, we offer two adult small group studies each week that may suit your schedule - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. - to delve deeper into the "BELIEVE" message from the previous Sunday sermon.

Easter always brings with it the time of excitement for the whole family. We invite you to take a journey through Holy Week to deepen your knowledge of the power and ability of Christ to change us completely. It begins with our 10 a.m. Palm Sunday worship service on April 5 with an "every-one-is-invited" Community Easter Egg Hunt that afternoon at 3 p.m. More than 4,000 filled eggs for children up to age 10, as well as crafts, and activities for the family will be enjoyed.

Be on the lookout Good Friday, April 10, for many of our families walking through town carrying a large cross. This provides us with an opportunity to connect with God on a personal level as we carry a cross while remembering His act of selfless love in carrying our cross many years ago. Our Cross Walk will end at the church at 6:30 p.m., where we will begin our Good Friday service and communion.

You can also join us for the Easter sunrise service

at 6:15 a.m. at our Chapel on the Hill and our morning worship service at 10 a.m., celebrating the excitement and power of that first Easter morning.



National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 7. Come, visit with us at Orwigsburg's Centre Square. Throughout the day, members of Kimmels Church will be available to listen and pray with you about your needs and concerns. You are not alone; we care about you; know that you matter to God, and He is also concerned about your needs. Those who may feel uncomfortable praying together can write their requests, drop them off at our booth, and know that one or more will pray for each request.

For more information about these and other events and activities at Kimmels Church can be found on our website kimmelschurch.org or contact the

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church office during the week at 570-943-2759.

Also, mark your calendar for our spring rummage sale on Sat., April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit those in need. Thinking ahead to warmer temperatures of summer, take a trip to Mystery Island during Vacation Bible School week, July 20-24.

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church - where Liberty and Independence meet at 133 S. Liberty St. - offers three unique worship services each Sunday with traditional-style at 8:45 a.m., contemporary at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome at all our worship times and community events.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffee-house style worship experience, held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall. Share the Good News of Christ through messages, discussions and Christian films. Monthly movie nights start at 6 p.m. to allow for a light meal before the movie. Next up for movie night is "Catching Faith" on February 23.



Family Movie Night is offered during the winter months on a Friday. "Maleficent 2" will be featured on Friday, March 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Everything, including the popcorn, is free.

Lay leader Brenda Binns offers "Eat, Pray and Color" every Wednesday afternoon at 2 at The Cake Pros in Schuylkill Haven. Supplies and coffee are free.

Salem Church partners with five other local churches to host community-wide Wednesday Lenten supper-and-worship services on a rotating basis. Each church will hold its own Ash Wednesday service on February 26 and then join with a host church for subsequent Wednesdays. Supper begins at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 7. The full Lenten schedule can be found at www.SalemUMC.com.

All area children, up to age 10, are invited to a free community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5 beginning at 1 p.m. Bring you baskets and appetite for a time of fun, food and fellowship.

Easter Day - Sunday, April 12 - begins with a sunrise worship service beginning at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast in Sandherr Hall at 7:15. Make your first stop the cross outside the church where flowers will be available for all to place on the cross. An Easter tradition for years, we remember that "He is risen! He is risen, indeed!" Regular worship times of 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. will also be held.

The God Squad, Salem's bell ringers, will offer two performances this spring - March 15 (welcoming the start of spring) and May 10 (celebrating Mothers Day) at both Sunday services at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Spring Bells and Brunch will feature a mid-morning brunch at 10 a.m. between performances. Bells and Treats will honor all women (and all that attend) to wonderful sounds and delicious treats. Both promise great food and great music, so bring a friend!

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Zions Red Church

All are welcome at 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. You can't miss the Red Church, we're at 1287 Centre Turnpike at the intersection of Rt. 61 and Brick Hill Road, Orwigsburg.

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Melber, Jr.

It is during these seasons of Lent and Easter that we proclaim the mystery of our faith - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We remember Jesus' journey to the cross for our redemption. We remember Jesus' resurrection that reminds us that death does not hold the final word.

We will begin the season with our Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on February 26. During the season of Lent, we will also be studying world religions, beginning on Mon., February 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and continuing each Monday for six weeks.



Holy Week will feature a shared Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion to be held at Frieden's Lutheran Church, New Ringgold.

Easter Sunday celebration will be at Zion's Red Church at a 10:30 worship service with Holy Communion.

Kauffman's chicken will be available on Friday, March 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. from the church parking lot. Tickets are \$8 and will benefit the cemetery fund. A snow date has been set for Monday, March 16. Call the church office to purchase tickets or feel free to just stop by as long as the dinners last.

The renovated basement social hall, including an updated kitchen, is available for birthday parties, baby showers, or other events. The social hall accommodates 50-to-60 people and rents for \$10. The middle floor room of the church can be rented for \$60 and can comfortably seat 25 to 30 people.

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.



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