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Meet Your 2022 Borough Council & Officials



2022 ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH OFFICIALS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS – Sitting from left, Solicitor Paul Datte, Borough Manager Randy Miller, Council President Rick Bubeck, Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards, and Mayor Barry Berger; Standing, Council members Angie Hoptak-Solga, Ed Keyworth, Council Vice President Brock Stein, Ed Winkelbauer, Maddie Bartush, and Kerry Mariano.

2022 EVENTS

Listed are the planned community events that have been scheduled at this time.

Orwigsburg Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Albright's Woods Community Park, Saturday, April 9, noon.

Fisher's Dam Youth Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam on So. Washington St. Date is T/B/A beginning at 9 a.m.

Memorial Day parade/service and Lions Club Chicken Barbecue – Monday, May 30; activities begin 8 a.m.

Square Time – June Jamboree – Thurs., June 9 – 5 to 8

Farm-To-Square – Thurs., Aug. 11 – 5 to 8

Orwigsburg Heritage Day – Saturday, Sept. 10; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orwigsburg Halloween Parade – Wed., Oct. 26, 7 p.m. (Rain Date is Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.)

Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Mon., Oct. 31; 6 to 8 p.m. (Rain Date is Tuesday, Nov. 1; 6 to 8 p.m.)

Orwigsburg Holly Trail and Festival of Lights Saturday, Dec. 3; starts at noon and 4:30 p.m.

Local municipal elections take place biennially, the most recent this past November. Roughly, one half of Orwigsburg Borough Council positions reached the end of their previously elected 4-year terms. Those members either decided to run for election for another term or declined to run, moving on to other endeavors. Elections to fill vacant seats open the opportunity for any civically-minded resident to share their leadership and ideas, striving for a better Orwigsburg community.

At the beginning of each new calendar year, Orwigsburg Borough conducts a "reorganization" to

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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 2022 - Presidents Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday, April 15; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas Eve and Day, Dec. 23 and 26 (observed); New Year's Eve and Day, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, 2022 (observed).

2022 Borough Council

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reestablish its elected and non-elected personnel, staff committees, and set the business agenda to carry the Borough through the year.

Orwigsburg Borough said good-bye and offered thanks for the time, commitment and service given by two former Council members - Katie Bedway and Rodney Schaeffer - who did not run for re-election.

Councilor Angie Hoptak-Solga was re-elected for a new 4-year term. Council President Rick Bubeck was not on the ballot; but, was re-elected by write-in vote count and then reinstated as President by vote of the full council during the January 3 reorganization meeting.

Two new members of Council - Ed Keyworth and Ed Winkelbauer - each won 4-year terms after waging successful write-in election campaigns.

Let's Find "27 to R"

An article from the Orwigsburg Historical Society published in the November 2021 issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* enlightened readers to the transportation



and economic lifeblood once known as the Centre Turnpike built in the nineteenth century. This highway spanned from Sunbury to Reading, and ran right through Orwigsburg.

For travelers, white marble monuments, known as Mile Stones ticked off the number of miles remaining to Reading. A number of these stones have been preserved and set in place. To date, according to the article, there are six of these mile markers still missing from southern Schuylkill County. Stones that have recently been rescued were found repurposed as a stepping stone buried in the ground or as a step to a porch.

This prompted local history buff and Orwigsburg resident Daryl Kunkle, who owns property along the turnpike route, to issue a "challenge" to those living inside the Borough or in adjacent townships to help find Mile Stone "27 to R" (27 miles to Reading). If found, please call Orwigsburg Borough at 570-366-3103.

About the year 1810, according to Kunkle, the stone was originally placed on the northern side of East Market St., 75 feet to the east of the North Washington St. intersection (flashing traffic signal).

In a published report of Sept. 24, 1913, according to Kunkle, "Mile Stone '27 to R' was not standing" having been moved to some other location or unknown property.

Kunkle says this Mile Stone may have been repurposed as a stoop/step, covered with leaves or soil build-up over the years. If still in one piece, he indicates the stone is five (5) feet in length, originally set 2'-6" in the ground with 3'-0" above ground. The stone is 5 inches thick, 12 inches wide and engraved with the "27 to R" marking. The stone weighs in the neighborhood of 400 pounds.



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Borough Manager's "State of the Borough"

Infrastructure Repair/Improvement Still Our Focus

Orwigsburg Borough finished 2021 operations financially in the black. Expenditures were under budget. Additionally, on the other side of the ledger, Receivables generated an overall savings transferred to reserve accounts to fund future needs.



RANDY MILLER
Borough Manager
North Warren Street

Accomplished projects this past year included:

- Demolition of the building at 119 South Liberty St.
- Culvert repair on Long Avenue, creating a new open section of creek
- Replacement of a sewer line at Long Avenue, extending through the open areas behind the Borough's Water Treatment Plant and over to North Warren Street
- Stormwater upgrades and repairs along Lehigh Avenue
- Paving projects on Lee Court and Erb Street, as well as patch repairs elsewhere in the Borough
- Upgrades to Albright's Woods.



Looking ahead to 2022

As we continue to progress through this COVID pandemic, the Borough continues to operate and work on infrastructure. In 2022, the Borough will continue work on several projects to repair buildings and infrastructure. Plans include:

- Sewer line replacements along North Warren Street, across North Warren toward Lee Court and also west from the same location. These projects are to replace deteriorating terracotta pipes that are allowing large quantities of ground water to infiltrate the sanitary sewer, requiring unnecessary treatment.
- Upgrades to the Sewage Treatment Plant, located near the South Liberty St. and Rt. 61 intersection, will continue in 2022.
- Borough Hall will have its second year "face-lift." The Police Department side of the building (facing Mifflin Street), and possibly the North Warren front facade, will receive needed maintenance and upgrades.
- Stormwater infrastructure systems will again be a focus this year with multiple repairs planned in various areas of the Borough. These, along with street repairs will be handled either by our Borough maintenance department (for smaller jobs) or planned and bid-out through the Liquid Fuels funding process.
- The Veterans Foyer of Honor project at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall will be started this spring and be completed by Thanksgiving. The RACP grant for the work is in place and the notice to proceed is expected soon.
- The Appalachia grant to refurbish Industrial Drive and Long Avenue is in hand. Once the final plans are completed and approved by the Commonwealth, the project can begin. The expected start date is in the fall, with the paving to occur next spring 2023.
- North Street repairs, inclusive of stormwater problems, are on the calendar for 2022.
- And, a few other smaller projects will also be completed.

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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

New Life, New Thinking – Cures for Cabin Fever

Greetings, Residents and Friends of Orwigsburg. Welcome to the “shank” of the year ... when the days are short and chilly, the holidays are scattered, and going South is preferable to going sideways. These are the days that generate that dreaded disease – “cabin fever.”



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

My wife Lauren and I have found a new antidote with the arrival of our first grandchild, Madeleine Rose Kelly, who appeared on Nantucket Island a little over three months ago. We’ve braved the 16 hour drive up/ferry over/ferry back/drive home round trip four times since she’s been born and look forward to maintaining an aggressive visitation schedule in order to enjoy as many of Madeleine’s milestone moments as possible.

Today’s technology permits our immediate and extended family to hilariously share this growing newborn’s tiny but accumulating victories. Digital videos have been particularly entertaining for my father as he endures his COVID prevention detention.

Looking back through my life’s experiences, no occasion caused me to give greater consideration to the

future than beholding new life. It’s an opportunity to reset, reboot, restart – however you wish to phrase it. My daughters’ births shaped many of my actions over the past few decades.

My granddaughter’s birth is a hard stop reminder that, at best, I have a few decades left to help leave a better world for her. I need to focus my efforts on matters that I can affect positively while doing my best to avoid the attractive nuisances that waste my time.

My daughters live in areas that are experiencing the extremes of booming development. Emily’s island of Nantucket is a finite piece of sand. Building restrictions are vast in order to preserve historic integrity, maintain the aesthetics, and limit pressure on its infrastructure. Carolyn lives an hour out of Austin, Texas. There, thousands of acres of family ranches are being subdivided into sprawling developments of new homes that sell as soon as the lots are released.

This evening, as I write this, I attended a gathering of local representatives hosted by Senator Argall to explore the issue of local residential development availability and how the lack thereof stifles the area’s ability to attract new, quality businesses. Although not to the extremes of my daughters’ situations, as the I-78 and I-81 corridors experience dramatic growth and many post-COVID work environments allow some remote performance, the heavy local demand for housing is only bound to increase.

The borough is currently considering zoning modifications that may shape the form and function of Orwigsburg for many years to come. Now is the time to decide what kind of path we’ll follow.

State of the Borough

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- The Borough has reserve funds available for accomplishing these projects. Coupled with budgeted expenditures from the General Fund and Liquid Fuels account, we expect a substantial amount of infrastructure can be repaired. The Federal Government has granted, through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, about \$350,000 over two years.

- Several development opportunities are being eyed throughout the Borough. Some may see progress this year.

Borough Council meets twice a month, on the first and second Wednesday at 7 p.m. At present, these meetings are held in-person in council chambers on the second floor of Borough Hall. The public is welcome at each of these meetings.

During the last remnants of winter weather and always, I ask those who are able to continue to keep our elderly residents – and those who find it difficult to shovel, or haul ashes, or get out and do simple chores like shopping – in your minds and look out for them with the aid that they might need.

– Randy Miller, Borough Manager

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Orwigsburg Police Department

Activity Recap for 2021 & Looking Ahead to 2022

The year that was, 2021! It was a time of change for the Orwigsburg Police Department (OPD). In February, Chief John Koury retired after a remarkable 30+ year career with OPD. In June, council voted to hire Vince McDonald as the department's new Chief of Police.

While leadership changed, our patrolmen continued to be proactive on the streets, resulting in 285 traffic citations, 432 warnings, and 142 parking tickets. The department recorded a total of 2,314 incidents in 2021. Ninety-six reportable crimes came from those incidents, resulting in 52 arrests.

One area we are emphasizing is an increase in foot patrol. Since most of our shifts are spent in a patrol car, people can't approach us. Walking around the community allows for a different, more informal environment to see and converse with people. We can also better notice suspicious activity such as an open door or window.

In 2021 we recorded 287 hours of foot patrol - an increase from 164.5 hours in 2020. We hope that number will grow in 2022. Officers hope you say hello when you see us out and about!

Neighborhood Watch goes digital

The Orwigsburg Police Department is proud to announce that we are the FIRST public safety agency in Schuylkill County to utilize the "Neighbors by

Ring" app. This free app is a digital neighborhood watch, allowing users to share pictures and video of crimes or suspicious activity. Users receive real time community safety updates - such as crimes, road closures, and reminders - from the Orwigsburg Police Department.

This app is specifically made for public safety agencies to interact with the public to share information. By using this app, it opens another line of communication for us to better protect our community and to solve crimes. Simply go to your phone's app store to download. The app doesn't require that you have any Ring products.

Thefts can be avoided

Stated above, Orwigsburg had 96 reportable crimes in 2021. The vast number of crimes that any police department deals with are petty thefts. Orwigsburg is no different.

Perhaps tools are taken from a garage or a wallet was taken from a vehicle. These crimes typically occur late at night and are often committed because bandits have the opportunity to commit them. Thus, they're referred to as "crimes of opportunity."

If a garage door is wide open at 2 a.m., anyone could potentially walk in and take whatever is there. If a wallet is sitting in a center console of an unlocked car, a thief can take it without anyone knowing. In both cases, it's easy for someone to commit such a crime because there's almost no risk in committing it. A thief doesn't have to do much work to steal your possessions in such cases.

While most people are sleeping late at night or early in the morning, our officers will attest that there are people awake and walking the streets at such times. Don't allow yourself to be a victim. Make sure your valuables are removed from your vehicle and that your windows are up and doors locked. In addition, make sure your garage doors are down and house doors are locked. By doing these simple tasks every night, you can help to prevent crimes from occurring and thus help us to make Orwigsburg a safer community.

- Officer Robert Bechtel, Orwigsburg Police



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Orwigsburg Business & Professional Assoc.

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) has elected its 2022 Board of Directors and announces its calendar of 2022 community events with exciting, entertaining and affordable activities for residents and visitors of all ages.

2022 Board of Directors

OBPA has elected its Board of Directors to begin the new year. They are Brenda Binns (Brenda Binns Fine & Graphic Art), Allen Fidler (Advisemint Financial Partners), Attorney Ben Forbes (Williamson, Friedberg & Jones law offices), Kay Jones (St. John's United Church of Christ), Bill Knecht (South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing), David Teter (Orwigsburg Borough), and Melissa Valentine (Edward Jones). One additional seat on the Board remains to be filled.

Forbes serves as OBPA Secretary and leads the group's monthly business meetings; Knecht holds responsibility as OBPA's Membership Chair and acting Treasurer.

Square Time activities aplenty

Square Time is a time of celebration, sponsored and coordinated by OBPA, for residents and visitors. All festivities in the 11th annual schedule will be held

on or about the OBPA Community/M&T Bank lot at the center of our beautiful town square. Square Time showcases local businesses, area performers, artists, crafts-people, food trucks and other unique vendors.

JUNE JAMBOREE – Back by popular demand, June Jamboree 2022 will take place on Thursday, June 9 from 5 to 8 p.m., featuring family fun, games, food, and entertainment.

FARM-TO-SQUARE – This annual town favorite will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. It's our end-of-summer blow-out event, featuring local famers and their market goods, wineries and breweries, activities for children, live music and more.

HERITAGE DAY – A huge success last year following its absence in 2020 due to COVID-29 precautions, OBPA is busy planning the 30th Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration. Always slated for the Saturday following Labor Day. This year it will be on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK – True to the mission of OBPA, nothing is more important than the promotion and support of our small business members in Orwigsburg and surrounding communities. Kicking off the day after Black Friday, Small Business Week will run from Saturday, Nov. 26 thru Saturday, Dec. 3. Promotional ideas are now being explored and solicited from its membership, residents, and non-members alike. Email us at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com.

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 2022 calendar for our town's annual Festival of Lights celebration slated for Saturday, Dec. 3 beginning at 4:30 "on the square." This OBPA-coordinated time always brightens the festive season and puts an exclamation point on the year.

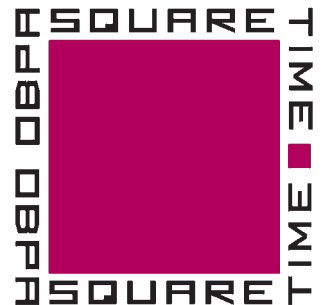
Improving our community for all

Supporting other organizations in Orwigsburg Borough, and the surrounding region, is a prime part of OBPA's mission.

In past years, OBPA has purchased sidewalk benches and trash/recyclable containers for the Orwigsburg downtown "square." The directional way-finding sign, located at the M&T/Community Parking Lot at Market and North Warren St. was also an OBPA project as was the purchase of an AED unit for use in one of the Orwigsburg Police vehicles.

Last year, OBPA provided funding for four trees planted on/near the town square and assisted a local Eagle Scout project to provide quick connectors on Borough fire hydrants and street markings for their locations.

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State Sen. David Argall

Funds for Health Workers

The Pennsylvania Senate and House began 2022 with an impactful action, passing a bill that provides \$225 million for frontline health care workers and hospitals, including Orwigsburg's Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital. I was proud to support this funding, that received unanimous, bipartisan support in the Senate and the House.



**Senator
David Argall**

The bill requires that the funding be directed to staff on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, in recognition of the important role our health care heroes play in keeping us all safe and healthy. Hospital executives and administration are not eligible for these payments.

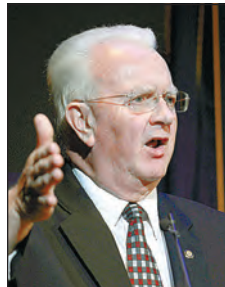
A portion of this funding will be directed to the Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program, to help encourage these critically important professionals to begin their careers here in Pennsylvania. Applications will be accepted for this program through March 1.

Our local health care workers have sacrificed so much to keep us all safe throughout the pandemic. I'm thankful the General Assembly was able to come together to support our health care workers, including those at Geisinger St Luke's.

State Rep. Jerry Knowles

Property Tax / Rent Help

Forms for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program are now available for eligible Pennsylvanians. Application must be made for rebates on 2021 property taxes or rent paid.



**Representative
Jerry Knowles**

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Maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The Dept. of Revenue automatically calculates supplemental rebates if you qualify.

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As we all look forward to spring, there are already many events scheduled here at the Library and many more being planned. Check our website, www.orwigsburglibrary.org, often and "like" us on Facebook to discover the latest schedule as details are finalized.

Magic and the love of reading

There are "magical" things happening at the Orwigsburg Library! Climaxing in June, our "Happy Anniversary Harry Potter" extravaganza marks the

25th anniversary of the Harry Potter book series; but the Library has planned special activities each month



now through the Harry Potter Fandom Event on Friday, June 24. A large section of the Library is decorated in honor of Harry's Anniversary!

Going on right now, Miss Robin shares the love of reading on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. with Story Time - sing-

ing, movement and craft for the preschool-age reader. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. feature Lapsit for babes in arms to 2-year-olds.

Play K on Fridays at 11 a.m. is for children who must be in the 3-to-5 year-old range. This program models kindergarten activities and behaviors. Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a wonderful program to get children started on their love of reading and a way to earn books for their home Library.

Long standing favorites

There are programs for all ages and all interests at your Library. Too many to mention all of them here, but here are some popular ones: Adult Computer Help (advanced sign-ups required for this one-on-one training) - Mondays at 2 p.m.; Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. (new members welcome); Knitters Group will be back in April - watch for updated information; and Mahjonn play on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays with beginners learning the game on Fridays at 1 p.m.

Learn and explore something new

Science Night for elementary-age children is the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. Media Madness brings together like-minded tweens, teens, young adults, and adults to discuss the topic of the month on the fourth Wednesday, beginning at 5 p.m. All ages are welcome to enjoy Coloring with Chris at 4:15 p.m. every third Thursday.

Creative Play is enjoyed on the first Saturday at 11 a.m.; Adults Crafting the third Saturday followed by Kids' Crafting on the fourth Saturday, both at 1 p.m.

Special events planned

All ages are welcome at the following special presentations and event days. Vultures will be the focus of Red Creek Wildlife slated for Saturday, April 9 beginning at 1 p.m. Learn about solar power and enjoy family-friendly solar activities presented by Redtail Solar on Saturday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Free Comic Book Day is all day on Saturday, May 7. And all are invited to support the Library all day on Wednesday, May 11, marking Schuylkill Gives Day.

Give the gift of reading, fun, and games to someone in your life. The Orwigsburg Library has an ongoing book sale. Book bundles, puzzles, and games start at just \$1.



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Safety Alarms from the Orwigsburg Fire Chief

Enjoy the Winter Wonderland, But Do It Safely

I know I'm showing my age; but "ages ago" about this time of year, I remember the local TV station (now known as WNEP) would broadcast a short public service announcement. A gentleman, named Manny Gordon, would exude "Enjoy, enjoy the winter wonderland of northeastern Pennsylvania!"



Yes, it's a fun time during the winter months for many, but I would like to remind all of a few cautions at this time of year. In your home or place of business ...

- Home fires occur more frequently in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

- Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February.

- One in every seven home fires - and one in every five home fire deaths - involve heating equipment.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.

- Install and then repeatedly test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (like a

space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Please clear snow/ice from fire hydrants

Anyone that has a fire hydrant on or near their property can help keep themselves, their neighbors, and the town safer - while assisting the fire department at the same time - by keeping fire hydrants clear during the winter months.



- Remove snow/ice from a 3-foot radius on all sides of the hydrant.

- Shovel a pathway from the hydrant to the street so firefighters can access it.

- Try to remove any ice that might have formed on the hydrant itself.

Thank you for assisting the fire department keep our neighborhoods fire-safe during this winter season. See everyone in the spring!

- Jesse Zimmerman, Orwigsburg Fire Chief

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Easter egg hunt

The Easter Bunny will make a special, early visit to Orwigsburg on Saturday, April 9 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 accompa-

nied 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

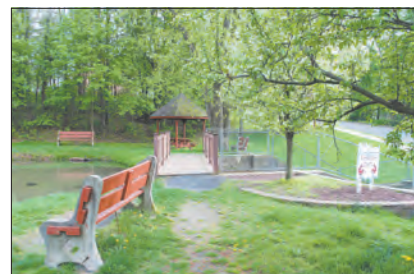
Don't forget the annual Orwigsburg Lions Club Memorial Day chicken barbecue held as part of the Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 30.

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.

Fishing Rodeo

What used to be an annual event, the Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo has been missing the past three years from the spring event schedule due to a lack of organizing volunteers.

It is tentatively on the Borough's official schedule of 2022 events with a "date to be determined" qualifier. The fishing rodeo is held at Fisher's Dam, located near S. Washington and E. Independence streets. Previously, the dam would be stocked with fish for the event. Children, age 15 and under, were invited. Stay tuned to the Borough website or Facebook page for a date if the event will be held this year.



Anyone interested in helping to organize the event should contact Borough Hall at 570-366-3103.

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.

Non-perishables or monetary donations are always needed. Call the Pantry at 570-366-2255 for more information, need, or to help in any way.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices/operations will close on Monday, Feb. 21 (Presidents Day); Friday, April 15 (Good Friday); and Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day).

It's never too early . . .

We are accepting applications now for school year 2021-2022. Our staff are busy adding names to the waiting list.

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- Hospital bed – manual & electric
- Cane – single and multi-legged
- 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.

Be a part of Senior Citizens

Orwigsburg Senior Citizens was established in 1967 and continues to meet twice each month, spring through December. Meetings are held at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly from March to December.

All residents of Orwigsburg and surrounding areas – 55 years young and over – are enthusiastically invited to attend and consider membership. Dues are only \$3 per year. Members look forward to meeting new people with new interests, new ideas, and stories from their lives.

New this year, members will gather at 11 a.m. for social conversation, coffee, tea and cookies until 11:45 when a short formal meeting will take place. Bring your own lunch to be enjoyed from noon to 12:30 p.m., after which the meeting continues to about 1 p.m.

Plan to stay longer. Some meeting dates will include a guest speaker who will present a topic of interest for all or we'll continue with fun and fellowship, bingo, cards, etc. Upcoming scheduled speakers are Scott Rarick, deputy chief of the Orwigsburg Fire Department on Tues., March 22 and Claudia Gross, librarian of the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library on Tues., April 12.

Special activities – a spring banquet, summer picnic, and a Christmas party – are scheduled through the year. Local trips via STS – though halted the past two years due to COVID precautions – were highlights in the past. Our organization hopes to continued these in the future.

Current officers of the Orwigsburg Senior Citizens are Gerri Rae, president; Irene Geiger, vice president; and Bev Onuskanich, secretary-treasurer. For more information, call Gerri at 570-366-4670. We hope to meet and greet you at our next meeting.

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

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Mar.	8	11
Apr.	12	15
May	10	13
June	14	17

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

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R&J TOURS – 2022

March 12 – Philadelphia Auto Show	\$53
March 19 – Pinkalicious @ DADT	\$53
March 31 – Yakov @ Tropicana \$25 FSP	\$89
April 2 – Spring Doo Wop @ AMT	*\$102
April 6 – Murder at Mt. Hope	*\$89
April 9 – Singing in the Rain @ DADT	*\$99
April 9 – Washington DC Free Day	\$56
April 12 – Resorts Casino AC \$20 FSP	\$67
April 15 – David with Hershey Farms	*\$128
April 20 – Delaware Park \$30 FSP	\$46
April 27 – Bermuda Triangle	\$92
April 28 – Forever Young @ Caesars \$25 FSP	\$92
Call for Dates – NYC Free Day	\$50

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

April 24-25 – Turning Stone Resort & Casino	\$253 pp DBL
May 2-3 – Gettysburg	\$299 pp DBL
May 15-17 – Seneca Casinos Trifecta	\$342 pp DBL
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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 570-874-3047.

Holiday refuse/recycling collection

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

Collection will delay one day due to Memorial Day holiday. Tuesday pickup that week moves to Wed., June 1 and normal Friday pickup moves to Sat., June 4.

You're invited to Public Meetings

Orwigsburg Borough Council meets twice monthly - a "work session" on the first Wednesday and a "business session" on the second Wednesday - in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 209 N. Warren St.

All meetings are open to the public. Council affords any Borough resident the opportunity to speak on any topic of local concern during a "Public Comment" period on the agenda. Those persons wanting to speak should contact the Borough Office

in advance.

The meeting agenda will be posted no later than noon the day of the meeting at Borough Hall, 209 N. Warren St., and on the Borough's website at Orwigsburg.gov.

The Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board meets, as needed, on the third Wednesday of the month, also beginning at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Declared "Snow Emergency"

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.

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.

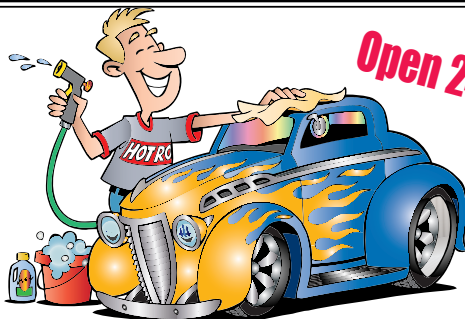
Vehicles not removed, in violation of the emergency procedure, will be ticketed and will be towed. The vehicle owner is responsible for all towing costs. Ignorance of the declared emergency is not an excuse. It's your responsibility to find out.

Help available for heating costs

Residents struggling to pay home heating bills can begin applying for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now. This program runs until April 8, 2022.

The federally funded LIHEAP program helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance cash grants that are sent directly to your fuel/utility provider. The program also includes crisis grants should there be 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 limit for an individual is \$19,320; for a couple, the limit is \$26,130; and for a family of four, it



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is \$39,750. The grant award amounts vary from \$200 to \$1,000 depending upon income, fuel source, and household size.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting your County Assistance Office.

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.

Utilities problem? Call the Borough first!

"I have a problem with my Water or Sewage system. What do I do?"

If you have a simple leak, call a plumber. But, if you have a clog and don't know why or you need to have your water turned off because of burst pipes, call the Borough Office.

Orwigsburg Borough requires all Water and Sewer utility customers to notify the Borough Office when there is any situation involving these systems requiring maintenance performed by a contractor.

For example ... if your property has an apparent clog in the waste system resulting in your need to hire a contractor (i.e. Roto Rooter, or others) to remove the clog, you must notify the Borough before you do. This will allow the Borough to perform an inspection to determine where the problem lies and to possibly resolve the problem. Failure to contact the Borough in advance may result in all costs being your responsibility.

The Borough, at its discretion, may hire the contractor ... might perform the work itself ... or, if the issue is determined to be the property owner's responsibility, recommend to the owner that they hire the contractor.

Did the recycling truck pass you by?

"Why Wasn't My Recycling Collected?"

In order for recyclables to be truly "recyclable," the quality of the items put into your bin for collection is highly important.

- All recycling needs to be washed and rinsed of all food debris.
- Only the allowed items are to be placed into recycling. This means . . .
- No bags; No aluminum foil; No lids or caps; No garbage, etc.!

Don't overfill your recycling container. Flatten all cardboard boxes. Don't place loose recyclables adjacent to the container. If you can't close the lid tightly, the contents are subject to being spread by wind. Collectors will not pick up YOUR litter.

Current instructions and information can be found on the Borough website - Orwigsburg.gov! If these are not followed, the Borough's Contractor may pass YOU by.

LIHWAP

may be able to assist you with
overdue water and wastewater bills.

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a crisis grant. You may be eligible to receive one crisis grant for your drinking water service and one crisis grant for your wastewater service up to \$2500. You do not have to repay it.

Crisis situations include past due water bills, termination of utility service, or if you have received notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days.

Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us starting Jan. 4, 2022. Applicants can be either renters or homeowners. Request an application by calling 877-395-8930 or obtain one at your local county assistance office.

The application asks the name, date of birth, Social Security number, proof of income for each household member, and your current water and/or sewer bill.

Maximum annual income for the entire household starts at \$19,320 for a single person and allows for \$6,810 for every other person in the apartment or home.

After your application is processed, you will receive written notice if you qualify, if eligible and the amount of the grant.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Veterans Foyer of Honor Construction to Start This Spring

Orwigsburg Borough finalized the final bid package and successfully awarded the contract for the RACP Grant in December 2021. The Borough has been working through this process since Governor Wolf announced the grant award in 2018.

The grant process and the process through the PA Office of the Budget (OB), leading to a fully executed grant, came to fruition in the fall of 2021 as the package was put out for bid and awarded to Miller Brothers Construction, the low bidder, by Borough Council this past December. Special thanks again to PA State Rep. Jerry Knowles, who championed the \$750,000 RACP Grant received.

Since the two processes are intertwined, coordination, collaboration and partnership by Orwigsburg Borough and the Veterans Memorial have required patience to assure all submitted aspects of the RACP were deemed eligible expenses; the maximum number of desired renovation elements were approved, successfully specified and bid; and that the publicly-raised funds of the Taskforce could be appropriated to complete the remainder of the project elements not authorized in the RACP process. This has been a true public/private partnership by the Borough and the Taskforce. Construction is expected to begin in the spring this year.

The commissioned design by TMT Design Group

for the Veterans Foyer of Honor assures the appropriate recognition of all area veterans. 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.

The design includes: 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 original 1950 Community Memorial Building, will be proudly displayed in the Veterans Foyer following restoration by the Orwigsburg Masonic Lodge.

Task Force members have spent considerable effort finalizing the names for the Veterans Honor Board, coordinating the veterans by conflict, and clarifying the contributors for the donors board. It is anticipated the Borough and the Taskforce will post these lists for public review and accuracy in a public setting, possibly Orwigsburg Borough Hall and the Veterans Memorial Community Hall.

Levkulic Associates finalized kitchen renovation plans and the location for the propane tank on the property. Due to current supply chain delays, rising costs and labor shortages, certain construction items, such as parking lot light poles, could be delayed and some material/labor costs might be coming in high.

Hall events help raise funds

A Veterans Breakfast, organized by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce and attended by more than 200 persons, many of whom were veterans, was held November 5. Keynote speaker at the breakfast was Robert J. Darling, Lieutenant Colonel (ret.), U.S. Marine Corps, who served the President of the United States, Vice President and National Security Advisor in the President's Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) on September 11, 2001.

Many honored guests and speakers were introduced and a special video produced through the Taskforce was played, honoring all veterans as a fitting Veterans Day tribute and the symbolic importance of this landmark building.

A Veterans Day Dance was held on November 20 in the Memorial Community Hall. Two hundred attendees enjoyed the dance. And, a Valentine Dance was just concluded this year on February 5. Proceeds from both dances support the ongoing renovations at the Memorial Hall.

Local funding still needed

With the probability of post-pandemic price increases, the Taskforce is seeking additional contributions to complete renovations. Send contributions to the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce, P.O. Box 157, Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

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News Submittals

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.

Advertising

Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Orwigsburg are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Orwigsburg.

A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

Faith Church

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

I'm so excited with what is happening at Faith Church as we enter another spring season in Pennsylvania. Our area is so beautiful at this time of year and Orwigsburg has so much to offer in beauty and scenery.

For 20 years at Faith Church, we have worked to develop ways for people to find their "purpose" in life. Our mission statement at Faith is to "Love God, Love People and Serve our Community." This all sounds good; but, sometimes the function of finding purpose is daunting and uncertain. Our lives are often overwhelmed and busy. There seems to be little time for "finding purpose."

So we have developed a unique and innovative way to help people find their purpose for which God created them. With the guidance of Faith's own Dr. Tiffany Cresswell/Yeager, who has a doctorate in Leadership, we have created a process called "Finding Your Purpose With E's" (Explore-Engage-Equip-Empower-Entrust).

The E's are measured by your personal experiences, your background, your interests and other areas. But what I feel is so significant and original, is the "process" is based on you and most importantly your available time. Everyone is very unique in experience, age, commitments, families ... you name it. This process is designed to fit you and the effort you wish to put in, at the pace you can do. I love how it will work in all situations.

Ultimately, everyone who is interested can find their purpose. We believe God created everyone with a plan and a purpose for their lives. He gave them the skills and abilities for that direct purpose. Our job is to find out what that purpose is and fulfill it. Faith Church wants to help you on that pathway.

This concept has taken some 20 years to develop and put into place. We are entering a whole new way of developing our personal lives in these super busy and hectic lifestyles.



We all have a purpose. The churches have a responsibility to provide people pathways to a better life, to understanding who we are and why we're here. That's what Faith Church is all about. We are a group of imperfect people, in an imperfect world, trying to do the right thing.

Life can be tough, so we need places to go that can offer peace, possibly some answers and, most of all, hope. We all need hope in our lives. We would love for you to stop by Faith Church sometime. Our Sunday services are at 10 a.m. There are student programs for all ages with a welcoming atmosphere. Come on by and we will make you feel right at home.

Amazing Grace Baptist Church

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Led by pastor Adam Shedal, Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday school starts the day at 10 a.m.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Additional information and upcoming events can be found at amazingbaptistpa.com.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg wishes everyone a safe and healthy winter of 2022.

As this article goes to print, we are currently worshipping in-person at the church every Sunday at 10 a.m. We also broadcast the worship service live on Facebook and, after worship, the service can be found on YouTube and on the church website at StJohnOrwigsburg.org.

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are always welcome at St. John's. Our communion service is held the first Sunday of every month. Pastor Jeff Johnson leads the service each week and also has a live Facebook devotional every Tuesday afternoon

and a Facebook "thought for the day" every Thursday morning. These remain available for viewing anytime on the St John's Orwigsburg Facebook page."



Trena Murphy provides musical direction with an adult choir and a bell choir. Please phone the church office at 570-366-2255 to get the practice schedule if interested. New faces and voices are always welcome!

St. John's Sunday school program is for ages kindergarten through 7th grade. Several times during each

calendar year, the young people present a program for the entire congregation to enjoy.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, housed in St. John's, is supported by eight area churches, the Orwigsburg Lions Club, local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Blue Mountain School District and many private individuals. Distribution to those in need is made the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m., presently by drive-thru only. Donations of canned goods are always welcomed and can be dropped off during church office hours on a Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursday or Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. There is also a donation box, provided by Boyer's Market, located in the entrance of its Orwigsburg store. Items may be placed there for pick up by pantry volunteers.

Bible Study is ongoing. Phone Kay Jones at 570-366-1333 for details. Pastor Jeff will be offering a Bible Study, both virtually and in-person, during the season of Lent beginning in March. Contact the church office for dates and times.

In-person church worship is planned for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday during Lent.

We invite anyone interested in St. John's congregation to come to one of our "Learn about St. John's" sessions, held periodically. Learn more and have questions answered. Call the church office at 570-366-2255.



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New Awakening Church

Did your Valentine's Day bring the love? While every person is loved, whether they know it or not, sometimes it doesn't always feel that way. That's where God comes in. If you can find a quiet moment, ask Him to help you experience the love and peace that He is eager to give you.

You are also welcome to join us each Sunday. We're not perfect people, but we really want you to know that you matter and that you are valued by God. You



can connect and meet some new faces during one of our mid-week group gatherings. We

have a men's fellowship, a women's fellowship, and even a fellowship for moms and school-aged youngsters that includes a gym class!

New Awakening began with a vision to create a space where you could encounter God's love, realize His purpose for your life, and delight in who you were created to be. In short, it would be a place of love, truth, and new beginnings. If you are tired, if you are lonely, if you are questioning ... there's a place for you here.

We meet in a gym. Yup, a gym. It's actually pretty

awesome. Jesus brought hope to the people by living and ministering among them. We want to do the same. So, when we say that we want to meet you where you're at... we really mean it.

The service begins with contemporary-style music and prayer. Children then make their way to their own church service. Kids' church and nursery are provided every week. The service concludes with a practical and relatable message. Then it's time for coffee (and cookies and cakes and just about everything else!).

So, come join us Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Schuylkill Racquet Club, S. Greenview Rd. just west of Orwigsburg. You can also join us for services online at facebook.com/newawakeningchurch or on YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. Check us out at www.newawakeningchurch.com for more information.

Need some place to go for Easter? Join us on April 17 at 10 a.m. It's a time for celebration!

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 us for worship and consider becoming part of our growing community of faith.

Our worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion is shared at worship on the first Saturday and at every Sunday service. Every-

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Worship Times

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

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ASH WEDNESDAY – March 2 at 7 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14 at 7 p.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – April 15 at 7 p.m.

A Service of Tenebrae

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Many Joyous Alleluias!

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Visit us on YouTube to watch our online worship.

Or call our Church Office at 570-366-2316
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Join Us!

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday, April 10 - 3 pm

Good Friday Service
April 15 - 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Services - April 17
Sunrise Service - 6:15 am
Morning Worship Service - 10 am

Join us on Sunday mornings for our worship service at 10 am
In-Person & Live Stream on FB

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one who is unvaccinated is encouraged to wear a mask in church and avoid close contact with others.

We host a Sunday school for children every second Sunday of the month. Children, one year old through age 10, are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. service. Teenagers may also participate as helpers.



St. Paul's will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service on March 2 at 7 p.m. The imposition of ashes and the sharing of Holy Communion mark this special service.

A short mid-week Lenten service will be held in the church at 7 p.m. beginning Wednesday, March 9 and continuing every Wednesday throughout Lent. The Topic of this year's series is "The I AM Saying of Jesus."

Our Holy Week worship begins with Palm/Passion Sunday on Saturday, April 9 and then at both services on Sunday, April 10. Join us to hear of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as the story of

his Passion.

Our Maundy Thursday worship will be held on April 14 at 7 p.m., as we reflect upon the events of our Lord's Last Supper. The sharing of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar are part of this special service.

A service of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") will be held on Good Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Our worship focuses on our Lord's suffering and death upon the cross for the sake of the world. During this service, lighted candles are extinguished, and hymns are sung that remind us of the price Jesus paid for our sins.

We worship on the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) on April 17 at 8 and 10:30 a.m., respectively. Our worship is filled with festive music as we gather to share the very Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. Join us as we celebrate the most timeless and blessed news, "Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed."

Please check out our Facebook page, website, or YouTube to watch our weekly online worship. Our church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Leave a message at 570-366-2316 outside of our regular office hours.

Kimmels Church

We invite you, in-person or live on Facebook, to our service and teaching series - "The Rediscovered Jesus" - every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. In our study through the gospel of John, we will rediscover who Jesus truly is, not what the world would have us believe.

Jesus is God. Jesus is in search of you. Jesus gives life when you believe in Him. Jesus wants His life in you to be your priority. Our theme verse for this series is John 20:31, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Easter always brings with it the time of excitement for the whole family. We invite you to take a journey through Holy Week where we will deepen our knowledge of the power and ability of Christ to change us completely.

Our Easter celebration will begin with our morning worship service at 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, followed with a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. Our Egg Hunt will

include over 4,000 filled eggs for kids up to age 10, as well as fun for the whole family.

Be on the lookout Good Friday 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 2,000 years ago. Our Cross Walk will end at the



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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., held at our Chapel on the hill, and our morning worship service at 10 a.m., as we remember the excitement and power of that first Easter morning.

Thursday, May 5 is the annual National Day of Prayer. We invite you to visit with us on the Orwigsburg town square. Throughout the day we will have people from our church available to listen and pray with you about your needs and concerns. It always helps to know that you are not alone. We want you to know that we care about you, that you matter to God, and He is also concerned about your needs.

If you are uncomfortable letting us pray with you, then feel free to write your requests and drop them off at our booth. We will take time during the day to pray for each of the requests. We invite everyone to join us and other community churches at 6 p.m. for a time of group prayer for our community and nation.

Zion's Red Church

All are welcome at Zion's Red Church, the oldest congregation located in the heart of southern Schuylkill County. Located at 1287 Centre Turnpike near the intersection of Brick Hill Road and Rt. 61, we are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Church of Christ.



Although our former pastor, the Rev. Ken Melber, has answered a call to two churches in the Palmerton area, we continue to have Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. We have been blessed with guest supply pastors or members of the congregation volunteering to lead worship.

Zion's Red Church continues to support the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and donates money to different organizations in need from our Bible study offerings. Plans for our June Bazaar are in the works with all the details published in the next issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

Bible study is offered each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The current topic is 1st Corinthians led by Kim Stoudt. Come join us and discover what the apostle Paul had to say to the first century church in Corinth and how the teachings in this epistle are relevant to us today. All are welcome.

Contact our 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. We would love to meet you and have you worship with us Sunday mornings.

Salem UMC

Do you ever find yourself tired of the never-ended race to be better, do better, earn more, do more, etc.? Success. Perfection. Accolades. What are you wearing yourself out about, striving so hard to attain?

We have all been there. Many of us are there right now! So, what happens if we stop striving and instead begin to embrace who we are and where we are, right now, today? What if instead of seeking more, we begin to embrace all that is? And, what if we discover that what is, is good enough?

Join us for Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2 and continuing each Sunday, through to Easter on April 17, as we embrace that God is with us and that is enough.

We at Salem Church are also about to embark on a year-long visioning process where we dream and pray together about our future. If you have had hopes and dreams for what a church can be and the impact it can make on our community (and in your life), now is a great time to come and dream with us!

– Pastor Stacy, Salem UMC



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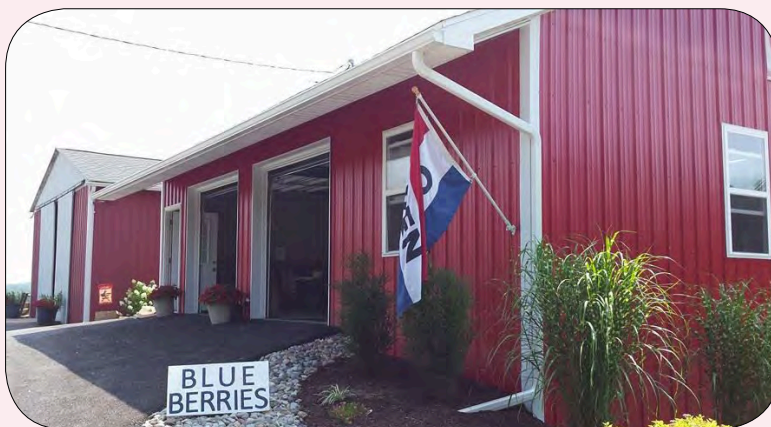
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