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Refocused Theme Promises New! New! New! All-Day Long

Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration is Sat., Sept. 6

“Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future” is the theme of this year’s new Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration to take place Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year’s event features a new location, new sponsors, new entertainment, new vendors and the renewed theme focusing on “heritage.”

Sponsored by the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association and the Orwigsburg Community Revitalization Committee, the celebration’s venue has been upgraded. The Community (M&T Bank) Lot on Market Street will still be home to the main stage and some wonderful food vendors. Additional vendors and entertainers will extend up North Warren St. and onto Mifflin Street, allowing these streets to be closed to vehicles and opened to pedestrians to safely “party in the street.”

This Mifflin Street extension will surround the old Friendship Fire Company, now home to the



BE A PART OF THIS YEAR’S CELEBRATION

Orwigsburg Historical Society, giving more visitors a chance to learn about our town’s history.

Catch a ride on the trolley

A new feature this year will be a Historic Trolley Tour, sponsored by Riverview Bank. Boarding will begin at the “trolley station,” a historic building on Market Street, and feature seven of Orwigsburg’s historic log homes, the home of George Washington’s drummer boy, the Hamilton Funeral Home with its interesting historical past, and the oldest surviving children’s shoe manufacturer in America – Kepner Scott Shoe Company – in business since 1888.

A historian will narrate each tour and feature four stops for inside touring. Two tours are scheduled at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the trolley are \$10 adult, \$5 for youngsters five to 12 years of age, and free for children under five. Refreshments

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COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 31 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – “On the Square,” North Warren and Mifflin Streets; Apple Fest, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. John’s UCC Fellowship Hall, E. Market St.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 – Halloween Parade, begins at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30 – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.

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will be included for each trolley rider. Tickets can be purchased at Looking Your Best, PawPrints Pet Salon, Divinely Designed Wigs and M&T Bank.

Also new this year will be two stage venues featuring entertainment. On the main stage will be a pet parade beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Culture Shock MaluLani Dance Troupe at 10:30, Jay Smar's folk and coal mining songs of northeast Pennsylvania at 11:30, and a yet-to-be-announced music performer at 1 p.m.

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 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 each month. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

Prizes and a free gift for all registered animals will be included with the pet parade.

The auxiliary stage and entertainment venue will feature on-going acts from Strawberry Hoops, a circus arts performer who can walk on stilts and hoola hoop with fire; the balloon twisting and artistry of Splash the Clown; Disney Comes to Orwigsburg, featuring costumed princesses and



SIGHTS TO SEE EVERYWHERE

superheroes with Elsa and Ariel singing; and some amazing birds from the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will sell pies and the always popular Apple Fest celebration will be held at the St. John's UCC Fellowship Hall on East Market St.

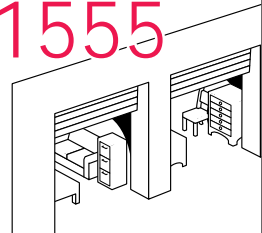
Many vendors, local crafters, farmers, community groups and businesses will line the streets showcasing their wares. Keep up to date with the latest information by joining the Facebook page "Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration" or contact Pat Falco at 610-462-9167 for information.

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Message from the Council President

\$1 Million Sewer Line Replacement Project OKd

The major topic of recent borough council meetings has been what to do about our sewer system issues. Over the past several years, the borough staff and our engineering firm went through several steps to help eliminate all potential sources of significant inflow and infiltration plaguing our system.



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

Pipes and manholes with known problems were repaired. Inspections of all properties in the borough were done to correct and eliminate rainwater from entering the system. Even though these efforts greatly reduced flow to the sewer plant during

storms, it was not enough to eliminate the problems. During heavy rains, several residents cannot flush their toilets, manholes surcharge, and the plant still experiences larger than ideal peak flows.

The borough engineer identified one of the two main lines leading to the sewer plant as a major culprit. It runs from Ridge Road to the plant along Mahannan Creek. It is an older pipe that is nearing the end of its lifespan, and most likely has several areas where groundwater is entering the pipe during

storms. This pipe is 12 inches in diameter, but the pipe leading into it is 18 inches, creating a bottleneck and further contributing to the problem. Finally, the pipe has poor access; so if there is a problem, crews will have difficulty repairing it.

Given all of the issues with this pipe, the engineer recommended abandoning it with a new pipe constructed along South Liberty Street. This will be large enough to replace the pipe along the creek and one that currently runs along South Liberty Street. It will improve flow to the plant and eliminate the problems noted above.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1 million. The borough will use \$200,000 in reserve funds, and the sewer authority will match with \$200,000 for the down payment. The additional amount will be financed. According to our estimates, a rate increase is most likely not necessary. As a result of paying off a loan within the past year and a projected surplus in the water budget, we will be able to make loan payments using our existing cash flow.

Borough council voted unanimously to approve the project. We estimate this project to be completed in 2015. A map illustrating the sewer replacement project area can be viewed on the borough's website: www.orwigsburg.net.

– Buddy Touchinsky, Council President

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Free Block Party

The Salem Church Block Party will be held Sunday, Aug. 31 from 3 to 7 p.m. on Independence St. The block at the church, from Liberty to Warren streets will be closed to traffic. All of the fun and activities are free.

This year the block party is a mix of old and new features. A bouncy slide and bouncy house set up along with face painting for youngsters, a nail design station for all ages, and a duck pond for the youngest family members will be pure fun for all. Live music, featuring two bands – “Forgiven” from 3 to 4 p.m. and “Stormcrow” from 4 to 7 p.m. – offer different music genre. So plan to stay for the entire day.

Splash the Clown will perform with light magic from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and create his famous balloon animals for the children. A new ball game will test throwing abilities of the younger set; a health station will be open featuring a nurse from Salem’s congregation to answer questions and offer advice; and Just Joanie will be set up inside the social hall, helping young and old craft items from clay and then bake the finished product. Look for Huck, the certified therapy dog, who is also a member of Salem Church. He will be out and about greeting the block party visitors.

All the food you care to eat and drink will be offered, including fresh-grilled dogs, snack bags, soft drinks, fresh-popped popcorn, icy sno-cones, and sweet cotton candy.



EVERYTHING IS FREE AT THE SALEM BLOCK PARTY

Last but not least, a special pet corner at the Warren St. end of the block will, throughout the day, feature the CART Team showing pet owners how to help their pet in an emergency, the GSD Club demonstrating basic obedience and the rescue team showing the proper way to approach a strange dog. Making it Pawsible will promote pet responsibility with spay/neuter information, and Orwigsburg’s PawPrints Pet Salon will have its mobile grooming van offering nail trims and providing information on its other services.

The annual end-of-the-summer free block party is Salem UMC’s gift as an expression of God’s love to one and all in the greater Orwigsburg community.

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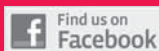
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New route for Halloween parade

The Orwigsburg Halloween parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

A new parade route has been planned this year to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers and vehicles will begin the parade stepping off at 7 p.m. onto North Warren St. advancing toward the town square.

At Mifflin Street, immediately after passing Borough Hall, the parade will turn right and proceed to North Liberty Street. There it will make a left turn, passing by the Friendship Fire Company. The parade will approach Market Street at the western end of the square, turn left on the eastbound side, and will end at the intersection of Warren Street in the center of the square.



A map of the parade route is available for view on the borough website:

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

Honoring a fallen soldier

Orwigsburg residents and business owners shared the love and grief of the family following the death of U.S. Army Captain Jason Jones as a result of injuries sustained in a small arms firefight in Afghanistan.

Parents Jay and Suzy sent the following thank you to all in the community:

"From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. Amy, Suzy, Jay, Lizzy and our families express our deepest gratitude to everyone. Your love and comfort have provided tremendous support to us. And, a spe-

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cial thank you to our troops, guaranteeing our freedom and safety. Rest in peace, Captain Jason Jones, forever loved.”

Veteran-designated license plates

State Rep. Jerry Knowles reports that a “Veteran” designation is now available on Pennsylvania vehicle license plates and on state issued driver’s licenses or non-driver identification cards.

With the designation, veterans will be able to more easily demonstrate their veteran status and to take advantage of special offers and discounts

available from businesses that choose to offer them. Further documentation, however, will still be required to obtain VA benefits.

Give the gift of life

A Miller Keystone blood drive will be held Thursday, Aug. 28 in the St John’s UCC Fellowship Center, East Market St. Walk-ins are accepted. All blood stays in this area for use at regional hospitals.

Help feed the needy

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry food supplies are running extremely low. All non-perishable items are needed. If you are able to give, drop off all donations at St. John’s UCC, 232 East Market St. on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, noon till 1 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. All donations are voluntary and appreciated.

Making It Pawisible

Pet overpopulation has exploded! Increasingly, pets are not being spayed or neutered caused by a lack of understanding and knowledge about pet reproduction, financial difficulties, lack of time to care for pets due to job demands or a change of housing situations, and many other reasons. These are some of the same reasons why many pets are not being cared for, abandoned, or surrendered to shelters.

Euthanasia is a solution – a final one; but, prevent-

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ing pet overpopulation by a dedicated spay/neuter program and TNR (trap/neuter/release) for ferals, is a positive alternative to euthanasia.

Contact Diane at 570-573-3366 or Debbie at 570-366-2473 of the non-profit group, Making It Pawsible, with any questions and for advice and assistance in helping to control pet overpopulation.

In need of health aids?

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

- Wheelchair
- Walker – stationary & folding
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- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" 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 at 570-366-0784.

St. Paul's bazaar and auction

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on North Warren St.

will host its annual bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Soups, barbecue, chili and hot dogs will be available to eat-in or take out. Baked goods, a Chinese auction, candy, crafts and jewelry will be featured.

Run for the Eagles

The Blue Mountain High School Cross Country team will host its annual "Run for the Eagles" 5K race and a 1.5 mile junior high run/walk fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the "Eagles Nest" sports stadium at the high school off Rt. 443. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the race stepping off at 9 a.m. Contact Bret Challenger at 570-739-0992 for additional information.



Lions golf tournament

The Orwigsburg Lions Club seventh annual "8-Inch Golf Tournament" will tee off on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Hidden Valley Golf Course. One of the club's premier fundraiser, proceeds support the many service and community projects spearheaded by the Lions throughout the year.

Team registrations are now being taken. The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid golfers and includes snacks, drinks, prizes, and dinner at the chateau following play.





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Join the ranks of the fire police

It seems many are confused about the role Fire Police play and who they are. A fire police officer is a volunteer firefighter who has been sworn by their local municipality to provide traffic control, security and crowd control. Fire police are most closely tied to their fire department, but also follow instructions given by local and state police.

Traffic control consists of managing the flow of vehicles around or through the immediate vicinity of an emergency. This may be closing roads, detouring traffic, reducing the number of travel lanes or control of intersections.

Crowd control – residents, owners, occupants, relatives, transients, spectators and the media are among those who may approach the scene of an incident. Fire police prevent them from being harmed or hampering the work of emergency services personnel working at the scene.

Scene security – a fire police officer may be asked to provide scene guardianship in order to preserve evidence, or prevent theft.

Fire police are called upon to perform these du-

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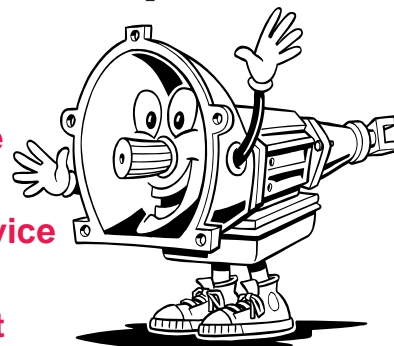
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Like firefighters, fire police are a dwindling resource. Become part of the solution and help your community. Anyone interested in becoming either a fire fighter or a fire police officer should call 570-366-2473.

Market Street resurfacing.

Resurfacing of Market Street (PA 443) from the Rt. 61 jughandle to Lincoln Avenue (post office) by PennDOT is scheduled to begin this week. Storm water inlets will be repaired and curb ramps installed

at the intersection of Market and Lincoln inside the Borough.

Last month PennDOT received bids to extend the Market Street resurfacing through the Borough from Lincoln Avenue to North Washington St., then Rt. 443

to McKeesburg and ending at Rt. 895. This paving is expected to begin August 25 with much of the work to be done from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at night. Inside the Borough, curb ramps will be upgraded under separate contract to be awarded in the next two years.



Independence Square

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) approved funding for the conversion of the vacant Fessler Knitting Mill into elderly apartments. The plan calls for converting the building into 20 apartments with additional space available for a permanent home for the Orwigsburg Free Public Library.

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Master Gardeners

The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners program will hold its next event – Field to Fork – on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hope Hill Lavender Farm, Panther Valley Road, west of Friedensburg.

Learn about container vegetable gardening, lavender growing, and make a gourd birdhouse. Lunch, baked goods, produce, plants and fresh-cut flowers from the Master Gardeners will be for sale. For more information, call 570-622-4225, ext. 23.



Wipes clog pipes

Many companies now produce bathroom cleansing wipes, toddler wipes, sanitary wipes, and hard surface cleaning wipes. The companies state the wipes can simply be flushed down the toilet. Many of these wipes do not break down in the wastewater system and are causing major expense for the wastewater treatment plants and also for the homeowner.

The wipes have a variety of mesh materials to make them stronger. This will prevent the wipes

from breaking down. Consumer Reports tests reveal that toilet paper disintegrated in eight seconds while many of the wipes still had not broken down after thirty minutes. This will cause the wipes to block lines, causing flow backup and the need for the line to be unblocked. Please do not flush these wipes down your toilet.

Refuse collection

The Borough contracts with Kreitzer Sanitation for the weekly collection of refuse. Curbside collection is every Tuesday for properties on Market Street and north and every Friday for properties south of Market Street.

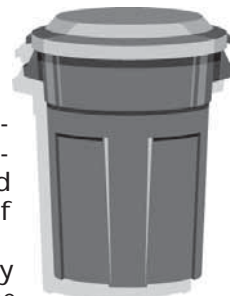
Pickup will be delayed one day the week of September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday. Pickups will be Wednesday, Sept. 3 instead of Tuesday and Saturday, Sept. 6 rather than Friday.

The Borough has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code which requires refuse kept outdoors to be stored in a leak proof container with a close-fitting cover.

Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

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Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, Kreitzer Sanitation at 570-366-6360.

Recycling electronics

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions. If these items are placed on the curb for pickup, Kreitzer Sanitation will not take them. Schuylkill County will accept the items for recycling during its annual fall cleanup at various locations throughout the county.

Residents may also take computers and components to Staples in Cressona. TVs up to 32 inches may

be taken to Best Buy stores in Reading, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre.

Electronics recycling events are held periodically by the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste. When dates and locations are known they will be posted on the borough website and Facebook page.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



Help us to help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the

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numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.

Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of the borough building.



Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs to be made to be placed on the cones.

Owner/tenant forms

Reminder to all landlords: Orwigsburg Borough Ordinance #396 requires that every owner/lessor of any apartment, house or other type of rental building shall register with the Borough every year. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the borough office

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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 Borough Manager Michael Lonergan in the borough offices, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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In addition, landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the borough.

Albright's Woods

There is still time to book a fall event at our community park. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your celebration party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. 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. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.



Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited. Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term does not include cultivated flowers

and gardens.

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

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net 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.

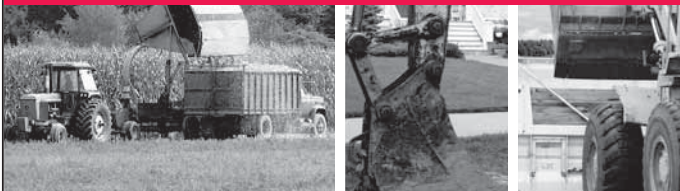
The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms are also available, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. 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.

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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 e-mail of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner. In 2013 we also used the emergency notification system to remind residents to be careful when they are solicited by people they don't know for utility services or home repairs.

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Data Update Form and return it to Borough Hall. The office will update your information for you. The Borough also takes advantage of Social Media to provide information. "Like" the Borough on its Facebook page and stay up-to-date with what is happening in your community. Emergency information can also be received via Twitter by following @OrwigsburgMgr.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be

accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Utility bills

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with the Borough. Have accounts up to date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.



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Single-Stream Recycling

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Shaded days are trash collection days

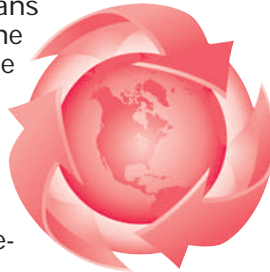
Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and Kreitzer Sanitation, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

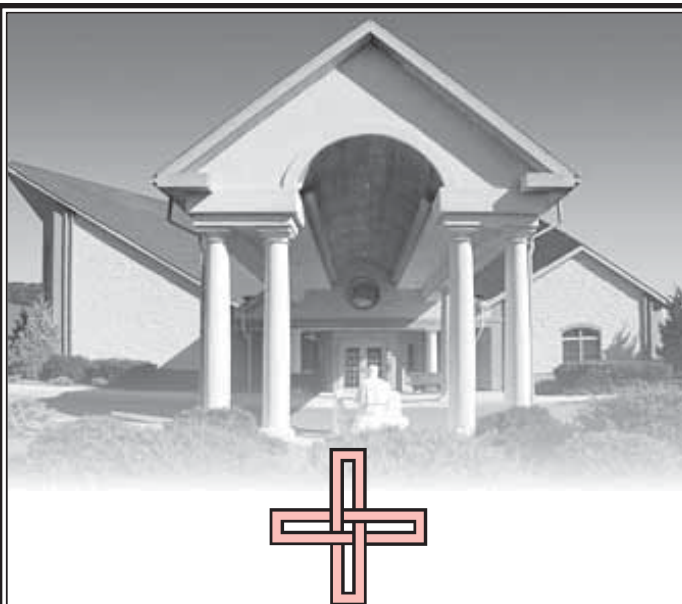
Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your re-



cycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
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- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection truck is used.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.

Single-Stream Recycling

Yes





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Message from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Ironically, when I read my comments as published in the May issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* it occurred to me that I missed a key point. While I plowed up some of my own young memories and mentioned folks that make Memorial Day special, I really missed the reason for observing the holiday.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

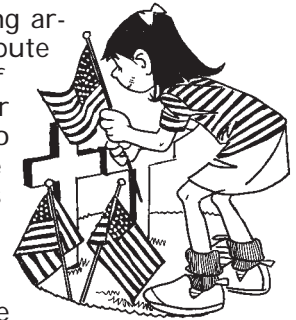
I "marched" the parade route, though our program speaker Theresa Gaffney correctly noticed I was usually on the wrong foot in the wrong cadence. We observed our Memorial Day service "on the square," ate our chicken dinners served up at the Lions' annual holiday tradition at the Memorial Building, and then ... went upon our regular

ways.

One short week later, news had arrived that Jason Jones, a young man of extreme promise, had lost his life in battle in Afghanistan. May God rest his soul. Though our community's grief pales in comparison to that of his loved ones, the cost of freedom had come home to Orwigsburg, again. We were harshly reminded that we don't celebrate Memorial Day, we observe it.

I join Jason's family in their gratitude expressed to the residents, businesses, organizations and staff

of the Borough and surrounding areas who participated in the tribute to the service and sacrifice of an outstanding citizen of our community. Please continue to keep this family and our active service people in your thoughts and prayers.



The hard question regarding this tragic event that we need to answer is: What must we do to ensure positive consequences are the greater result? I confess that I haven't reached that conclusion yet, but I'll offer a few suggestions:

- As I heard Jason's mother say, let his actions serve each of us as an inspiration to "make me a better person."
- As do all who serve, put the needs of others before your own.
- Life is life. We never know when our time here is through. Try to fill yours with honor and purpose.
- Children are a treasure. Enjoy them, teach them skills and talents that will help them think through their own problems and desires, encourage their independence, and be prepared to honor their choices.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

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The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library has so many opportunities to help develop a love of reading and learning. Tuesday morning "Storytime" with Miss Robin begins at 10:30 and is always a special time. Technology assistance is available for all ages every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book Club meets once per month on a Monday at 6 p.m. ... come find out what the library group is reading.

Other interest clubs are the Knitters on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; Mahjongg on the first, third, and fifth



Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Lego Club (builders of all ages welcome) meets on the second Wednesday each month at 6 p.m.; family activities, special events, storitime and crafts are held on Thursday evenings.

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is filled with adventure, romance and intrigue. Come check us out! Like us on Facebook, check out the library's website, www.orwigsburglibrary.org and, of course, stop in!

Hours for the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library, 214 E. Independence St., are Monday through 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.



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Sept 12 – Star Spangled Spectacular Baltimore Inner Harbor (Tall Ships).....	\$36
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Sept 13 – New York City Free Day	\$37
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Sept 24 – “Drinking Habits” @ Rainbow Dinner Theatre.....	\$74
Sept 25 – Magical Fall Festival @ Ehrhardt’s.....	\$76
Sept 26 – “Spirit of America” @ Giant Center 7:30 p.m.	Veteran \$15 \$20
Sept 27 – “Spirit of America” @ Giant Center 2:00 p.m.	Veteran \$15 \$20
Sept 27 – Washington DC Free Day	\$41
Sept 28 – PHILLIES vs. Atlanta Braves (Fan Appreciation)	\$59
Oct 4 – Eastern State Penitentiary & Ghost Walk.....	\$49**
Oct 4 – Mark Lowry @ American Music Theatre	\$68
Oct 5 – Mount Nittany Wine Trail	\$89
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Orwigsburg Historical Society News

We can chart our future clearly and wisely, only when we know the path which has led to the present.

Residents and visitors have a unique opportunity to view the expansive collection of Orwigsburg area memorabilia, relics, preserved heritage and published works ... as well as tour the 125-year-old historic Friendship Fire Company firehouse that is the headquarters of the Orwigsburg Historical Society ... during the Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 6.

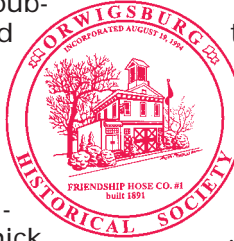
Located at 109 East Mifflin Street, one block north of the town's square, the historical society headquarters will be right in the thick of activities. Be sure to stop in between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A special "silent auction" and a raffle will be featured along with food served in the Community Room – pulled pork sandwiches and ribs, a variety of homemade soups, and desserts. Take-outs will also be available.

A visit to the museum

The society's museum regular hours open to the public are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. In addition to artifacts related to the history and culture of Orwigsburg, you will find information, photographs, and displays that focus on the history of southern Schuylkill County. The society's holdings include many rare publications con-

taining information on the early history of Schuylkill County, cemetery records, and DAR information.

The museum is available for private and group tours. The Community Room can also accommodate small groups for luncheons and meetings. For additional information or to schedule a tour, contact society president Jennifer Bowen at 570-617-7809.



Become a donor member

Please consider making a donation so the society can continue to grow and sustain its contributions to Orwigsburg and surrounding communities.

Following is an annual membership form. To become a member and supporter to preserve the heritage and history of the greater Orwigsburg area, it's as easy as completing the form and sending it with your donation to: Orwigsburg Historical Society, 109 East Mifflin St., Orwigsburg, PA 17961.

Each year it becomes increasingly more difficult to maintain our historic headquarters and keep the museum open to the public. The cost of heating, building maintenance, and other utilities continue to increase at a rapid rate. As you all know, this past winter was particularly difficult with oil and electric-

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ity costs continually rising. A donation in any amount will help to keep your society and museum alive.

American Hobo featured

The next featured presentation at the Orwigsburg Historical Society will be an informational depiction of the American Hobo portrayed by living historian Matthew Dodd.



The public is invited to experience this special program – Songs & Stories of the American Hobo – on Wednesday, Sept. 24 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the society headquarters. Dodd sings and tells the true stories of the “knights of the road” who traveled by rail in, on, and under boxcars moving from job-to-job and town-to-town in the early 1900s. He uses period songs

and stories from hobo autobiographies to tell how the true hobo (not a tramp or a bum) lived and why he chose that unique style of life.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Building Improvements Take Shape; Funding Still Needed

Exterior improvements on the Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Grove Street near North Washington have begun and will be substantially completed before the cold weather arrives.

Through funding provided by two separate grants, Orwigsburg Borough support, and task force dollars, two separate contracts have been awarded to local contractors based on the sealed bids they submitted.

Spotts Brothers Construction, will install a new metal roof and insulation system. L&K Construction, will install a new entryway on the front corner of the building and install new doors, windows and exterior façade improvements on the existing building.

At the completion of these two contracts, the exterior of the building will be relatively complete with the exception of future lighting improvements. This work will provide a weatherproof and energy efficient building. Say goodbye to the drab cinder block exterior.

A few upcoming projects yet to be tackled include a lighting/electrical contract and finishing the interior for the new entryway. The commercial kitchen upgrade is another stand-alone project targeted for next year or beyond ... with about \$100,000 needed for that effort.

Additional site work – outdoor basketball court, concrete curbs, sidewalks, play equipment, drainage and stormwater improvements, parking, and access – is still required with funding applications being prepared.

The final element to complete the project will be the display area to honor and remember all the veterans who have served our country and who are at the heart of the original dedication of this building.



Derby Day

The development task force had a very successful "Derby Day" on July 19. The all-ages Home Run Derby event at the Little League field in the morning was a fun time for the 125 people who attended and/or participated in the event. Young boys and girls, as well as men in their 60s, took a chance at hitting a few home runs and winning their division.

That evening, about 120 people attended the Kentucky Derby themed semi-formal event at the Schuylkill Country Club with many silent and live auctions raising nearly \$30,000 for future building improvements, a huge success.

Still time to join the 300 Club

Individuals can help the funding initiative immensely. Join the 300 Club! Members of this exclusive club pledge a contribution of \$1,000 paid in three equal installments of \$333 annually (less than \$1 per day) for three years.

This project provides a facility to better serve our community and honor our Veterans. The building was extensively used over the winter and spring months by many groups and organizations. With your help this building will once again flourish as a cornerstone of our community.

For additional information on the improvements to Veterans Community Memorial Hall and how you can do your part to help, view the brochure and additional information on the project website:

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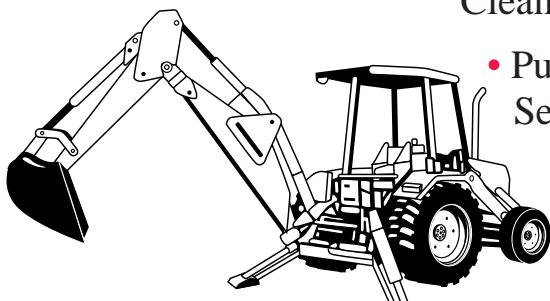
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State Senator David G. Argall

Senate Committee Takes a Bite Out of Blight

For the past year-and-a-half, I have served as the chairman of the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee. The committee went on a fact-finding mission going right to the source – holding three public hearings across Pennsylvania to learn more about issues affecting communities large and small – and focused on two key issues, money and blight.



**SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL**

While much of the focus in June was on the state budget, the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee passed several proposals targeting the problems plaguing downtown growth and revitalization, along with boosting the housing markets in areas in need.

Strengthening penalties

Property owners and landlords who have two serious code violations within a municipality could be subject to fines of \$1,000, at least six months of probation, and a potential 10 days of imprisonment based on the proposal that the committee unanimously approved.

Another proposal the committee passed would allow the state's Department of Transportation to suspend a property owner's driver's license if the owner is guilty of three serious violations within a municipality. This targets the worst-of-the-worst property code violators across the state.

Investing in housing

Several properties in each of our communities across the county may be beyond the state of disrepair. The cost to rehabilitate these properties far outweighs the cost of demolition. I put together a bill that would place a small additional amount on every deed or mortgage recording fee within a county to be used exclusively for demolition within that county. Additionally, the committee advanced a bill that would place up to 10 percent of a final sale price of a property sold at judicial sale to be used exclusively for demolition and rehabilitation purposes within that specific county.

These two funding streams would provide help where it is needed the most – in counties with higher proportions of blight – and would leave a lot of the decisions to local and county governments on how to best utilize the investments.

Finally, the committee advanced legislation to utilize future Realty Transfer Tax revenues towards a statewide Housing Trust Fund. This fund, which is capped at \$25 million, would help with rental housing rehabilitation, blight remediation and homelessness assistance in communities large and small.

All of these proposals have broad, bipartisan support in an effort to continue our ongoing "War on Blight."

Locally, the former Fessler Knitting Mill will be transformed into housing for senior citizens and a new space for the library. This is just one example of blight being fought in our communities.

Blight comes in many forms and the goal is to continue to provide more teeth to take major bites out of blight affecting communities across Schuylkill County and Pennsylvania. I'm optimistic Orwigsburg can continue to utilize tools and programs to make the community a better place to live, work and raise a family.



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The annual Apple Fest will be featured during the Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 6 beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until "sold out." Fresh apple pies and dumplings will be featured, along with a light lunch and "schnitz

and knepp" meals. A queen size handmade quilt – Disappearing Nine Patch – will be given away to one lucky winner when the drawing for the quilt takes place at 1 p.m. Two other handmade quilts will be available for bid at a "silent auction" with the minimum bid of \$400. In addition, a yard sale will be held outside, but will be moved to the basement of the Fellowship Center in the event of rain.

St. John's is proud to feature many musical talents throughout the year during its 10 a.m. worship

service. This is coordinated through the Music and Worship Committee and under the direction of Trena Murphy.

In conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Vespers Series, St. John's will host a weekend of Jazz on Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5. A series of lectures and performances will conclude that Sunday with the 10 a.m. worship service entirely in the jazz tradition, featuring the Bernie Brilla Jazz Ensemble. At 4 p.m. that day, Bill Carter, the leader of the nationally recognized "Presbybops," will speak and perform at St. John's.

Sunday school will begin again on September 14 at 9 a.m. and will incorporate Bible lessons, songs, play and snack time for children three years old through sixth grade. Adults are welcome to join the adult Bible study group at 8:30 a.m., also beginning in September.

There is a hub of activity every week as St. John's sponsors local Cub and Girl Scout meetings; and hosts a quilting group every Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Wednesday Diakon seniors exercise group which meets at 10:30, and Orwigsburg Senior Citizens every Tuesday. New faces are always welcome at any activity sponsored by St. John's. Phone the church office at 570-366-2255 for more information.

The Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry is housed in the church's lower level. Volunteer help and donations of non-perishable items are always needed to help provide monthly food boxes to area residents in need. Many area churches, community organizations including Orwigsburg Lions, scout groups and Blue Mountain School District are all a vital part of this local mission.

A Health Ministry, led by Kay Jones, offers flu shot clinics, blood drives, good nutrition and other healthy habits workshops for the church, Orwigsburg residents and the wider community.

Kimmels Church

Great things are happening at Kimmels Church! Praise God for allowing the church to reach out to so many throughout our community and impact lives in different ways. The desire is to remain a vital part of the heartbeat of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County and the world. The fall schedule is full of programs for the whole family.

Don't miss Kimmels' booth at this year's Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 6. A bounce house will be available for children, courtesy of Kimmels Church.

A gospel magic presentation and food will all be part of the day's offerings. Stop by the church



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A day after the community celebration, Kimmels fall sermon series kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the

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10 a.m. service celebrating "The Lord's Prayer is My Prayer." The Lord's Prayer has been memorized and repeated for centuries, but what exactly are we praying when we say these words? What will be discovered during this eight-week series will most likely shock us, and will definitely change the way we view this prayer. The hope is you will join in this series; you are invited and welcomed by this church.

The annual Kimmels Harvest Family Festival will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's "Build for Life" event will be a fundraiser benefiting the Orwigsburg Fire Department, a fully volunteer emergency service that does a great job – not only protecting people of Orwigsburg Borough but surrounding communities.

The fall festival will include live music, juggling entertainment, food, a large rummage sale, games, dunk tank, food, bounce house, a pick-your-own-pumpkins from our patch, hayride, food, kids' train ride, pumpkin decorating, mums, baked goods, playground, face painting ... and, did we mention food, and more! Don't miss this great community event for the whole family and support our volunteer fire department!

In the Blue Mountain School District, fall screams "Football!" On October 31, following the season rivalry, Blue Mountain vs. Schuylkill Haven varsity game, both school's teens are invited to be part of the "Fifth Quarter" at Kimmels Church. After the game, 'til midnight, gather with friends for lots of food and great fun with inflatable and video games, music videos, turkey bowling and Ga-ga! Why should the fun end at the last buzzer of the game!

Service veterans will be honored at a special Veteran's Day worship service on Sunday, Nov. 9 beginning at 10 a.m., featuring a special color guard, patriotic music, a message and special gift for our nation's heroes. Veterans have a special invitation. Allow Kimmels Church and the greater Orwigsburg community thank you for preserving the freedoms all of us so greatly enjoy. All residents and visitors also have a special invitation to attend.

Salem UMC

Every resident and visitor of the greater Orwigsburg community are invited to come and enjoy the annual

Salem Church Free Block Party! This year the date is Sunday, August 31. All activities are free for everyone who attends. It is the church's gift returned to the community.

All the fun starts at 3 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. outside the church on Independence Street. Bands playing will be Forgiven from 3 to 4 p.m. and Stormcrow from 4 to 7 p.m. From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Splash the Clown will be making balloon animals and performing simple magic. Just Joanie will lead craft making; and a bounce slide, bounce house, face painting, nail designs, a duck pond for the littlest ones, a ball game just for fun, and simple arts and crafts will be featured. A pet corner will be created at the Warren Street end of the block. Grilled hot dogs, drinks, snacks, fresh popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and a health station will all be available and free of any charge. Save the date. Come and enjoy!

Salem Church offers two disciple courses beginning in September – Disciple 1 and Disciple 4. These are open to the community. Contact the church at 570-366-0201 or e-mail Office@SalemUMC.com to find

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out times and starting dates.

October is right around the corner and Salem is again welcoming all children of Orwigsburg and surrounding communities to join in the Halloween parade, marching as a part of the church contingent. Children will receive a "bigger than fun-size" candy bag and prizes for costumes. Parents, you have a special invitation to join Salem Church in the parade with your child. Children will be pre-registered starting October 1. Go to www.AWholeNewBoo.com for more details or call the church office with questions.

Salem's ninth annual Holiday Stop and Shop will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Up to 17 vendors for your shopping pleasure, plus Team Orwigsburg providing a soup/bake sale, will be featured. Save the date ... support two great causes while you get an early start to your Christmas shopping.

Throughout the fall and winter months, Salem will hold spaghetti dinners and family movie nights. Reference the website for dates and times.

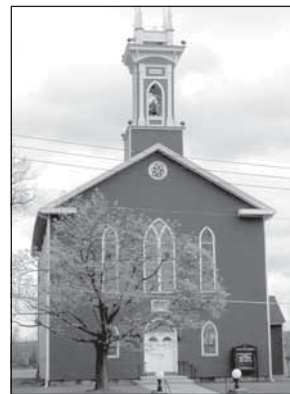
Weekly, small group activities at Salem Church includes SUMO JV and Varsity Youth Fellowship, women's small group book studies, Bible study with the pastor, United Methodist women, Team Orwigsburg adult/youth missions, and scrapbooking, and rubber stamping. Music ministry presentations include senior and junior choir, handbell choir; and Praise Singers.

Zion's Red Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church. Every week adult Bible study and Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

Special events this fall will start with a "backpack/briefcase/planner" blessing on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Messy Church first Sundays will be featured October 5, November 2, and December 7. All are invited to experience something new! At 4 p.m. a family-style creative worship starts with joyful praise and scripture, followed by activity centers for deepening spiritual practices in our daily lives, then re-gathering to share learned wisdom and prayer. Each month the experience concludes before 5:30 p.m. with a pot luck dinner and fellowship. Our lives tend to be messy and, if we are honest, our faith is often messy too. Come and get messy with us.



World Holy Communion is offered on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. St. Francis's pet blessing will take place in Zion's prayer garden on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. with each pet receiving a blessing and a gift. Many types of pets, more than just dogs and cats, are welcome. Totenfest/All Saint's Sunday is slated Nov. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Members and friends who have passed since last year will be recognized.

Prayer circle meets at 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month. At prayer circle, we learn a variety of contemplative prayer practices which can include art, intercession, music, body prayer, and practicing silence. Prayer Walkers meet at a variety of places on a variety of dates. Check the website: www.zionsredchurch.org, for details or join our Facebook page discussions.

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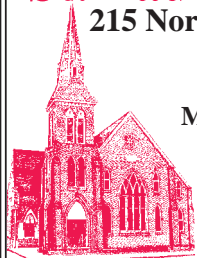
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Great things are happening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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Approximately one year ago St. Paul's started a men's group, the Men of St. Paul's. This has become a very active group purposed to not only serve the church, but the community. Refurnishing work and renovations have been made in various parts of the church. A new church office has been constructed; a new kitchenette is being set up; the floors to the large Sunday school room are being sanded and refinished; and the nave of the church, along with the northern area, is being repainted. After everything is complete, the Men of St. Paul's are planning a community open house to meet and greet the pastor and see all the renovations.

The Russians are coming! St. Paul's 2014-2015 Concert Series resumes on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. with the return of an amazing choir from St. Petersburg, Russia - LYRA. These five powerful singers provide beautiful harmonies as they sing both Russian sacred and secular music selections, including Russian folk music complete with authentic costumes!

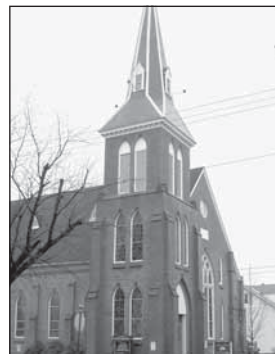
Additional concerts scheduled this year will feature:

Jazz Vespers with the Rev. Bill Carter on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. This concert will be held at St. John's UCC, East Market Street, Orwigsburg and will also feature local jazz musicians Bernie Brilla, Greg Senich, and Charles Kershner.

Mary Beth Carlson, from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, will return for a repeat concert of her inspirational sounds on the piano Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.

Celebrating the Christmas season, the annual Service of Lessons & Carols, featuring St. Paul's vocal and handbell choirs, organ and instrumentalists, will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

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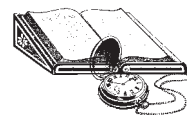
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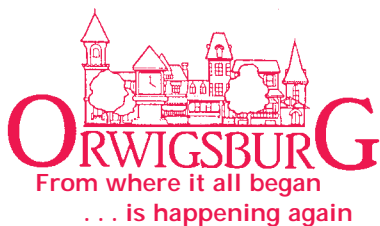
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Several of the skilled Team Orwigsburg members were selected and spent two weeks in Alaska over the summer. There is great pride in knowing the "Team" has so many skills able to be shared with so many in need. Team funds were not used for this trip, as FEMA funds were available.

Family Fun Day

The annual Family Fun Day will be Saturday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – this year held at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall on North Washington St. in Orwigsburg. There will be many, very inexpensive activities for family members of all ages, including bingo, pony rides, dime toss, pumpkin drop, bean bag toss, fish pond, Bob the Builder, and more.

Music will be lively throughout the day and food will be available to purchase. The Team's version of "Antiques Road Show" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Up to three items per attendee, at a cost of \$5 each, may be brought to be appraised by Jane Sharadin.

Further featured activities are still being formulated for an overall great day in Orwigsburg and a fan-



JOIN BOB THE BUILDER AT FAMILY FUN DAY

tastic way to raise funds to do local volunteer work and to travel one time each year to a hurricane-torn area in the USA. The team is always grateful for the community support.

The annual community turkey dinner fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ Fellowship Center. A full turkey meal will be served and take-outs will also be available. A free will offering is appreciated.

Team Orwigsburg meetings are held the first Monday of each month at Salem United Methodist Church on S. Liberty St., Orwigsburg beginning at 7 p.m. New faces are always welcome. Contact Susan McCartney 570-943-2103 for additional information.