

# GREENSTONE GAZETTE

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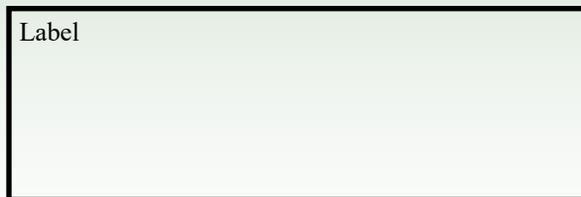
## Mid-September 2020

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Bring the love of Jesus to our community by fostering an accepting, nurturing and compassionate environment. Expanding our missions, infrastructure and worship experiences to meet the community's needs. Passionately and enthusiastically developing opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. Seeking partnerships with local organizations in pursuit of God's vision for the greater Nottingham area.



### When can we get back together?

The short answer—Not until at least January 2021.

*“For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. (Romans 1:11-12)*

What Session prayerfully considered:

The medical information about how serious COVID infections are.(see the Sept health supplement)

The number of high risk folks in our congregation.

The limits we have on air flow in the sanctuary.

The limits on “how we worship” in a confined space (no singing, no communion as we know it...)

The need for Advent/Christmas planning—do we plan for an in-person worship service then all of a sudden have to change, or can we plan for a virtual service and think about special ways to celebrate.

**Worship links are found on our website:  
[nottinghampc.org](http://nottinghampc.org)  
or on our Facebook page.**

### Zoom Congregational Meeting Sunday October 4 at 11am

The purpose of this meeting is to elect 3 “at large” members to our Nominating Committee. Jerry Davis entered the Church Triumphant in January, Dave Pohlig is now a Deacon and Yvonne Herr is unable to continue to serve. The Nominating Committee elected at the Oct 4 meeting will present a slate of nominees for Elders, Deacons, Memorial Committee and the 2021 Nominating Committee at the Congregational meeting to be held on November 15, 2020

### *A new addition to our Worship Services!*

We now have DVD copies of our entire Worship Service, in addition to being posted on our website and Facebook.

The DVDs are being mailed to folks that lack computer connections with us. If you know someone that would like to worship with us via DVD, please let the office know.

We continue to celebrate God’s grace and love for us!



### What a *Great* Back to School Fair!

#### Pictures on our website under “Ways to get involved; Back to School Fair”

This year was very different than past years.... Oxford School will be meeting virtually, at least to start. COVID-19 dictated social distancing making a “drive through” event our best option.

Shiloh Presbyterian Church organized a shuttle to our fair, and distributed more kits after the fair. Oxford Baptist and Waterway Mennonite Churches have in person school support for children who have working parents. We have sent them additional supplies in addition to kits to Oxford’s Neighborhood Services.

We distributed about 600 kits the day of the Back to School Fair, with additional kits and supplies going out after!

We are answering God’s call to partner with others to meet community needs..... Nottingham Presbyterian Church.



### Flu shots

Chester County has announced their Community Flu Shot Schedule.

If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you to the clinic. Participating private insurance plans can be billed.

If you do not have insurance, you will still receive a flu vaccine and will not pay any out-of-pocket costs.

Please see <https://www.chesco.org/843/Influenza-Flu> for information about procedure changes for this year because of COVID-19

Unionville High School	Oct 1	3 P - 7 P
Kennett High School	Oct 8	2:30 P - 6:30 P
Gordan Early Literacy Center	Oct 15	3 P - 6 P
Owen J Roberts Middle School	Oct 19	3 P - 6:30 P
Collegium Charter School	Oct 22	3:30 P - 6:30 P
West Chester East High School	Oct 24	9 A - 1 P
Octorara High School	Nov 9	2:30 P - 6 P
Coatesville Area Senior High	Nov 12	2:30 P - 6:30 P
Phoenixville Area Middle School	Nov 16	4 P - 7 P

Flu shots are also available at most pharmacies in the area. Check the locations for costs and insurance coverage.

*By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, with Summer’s best of weather and Autumn’s best of Cheer. Helen Hunt Jackson*



Deacons are conducting another Food Drive from October 17 until November 15 with a drive through community drive

Saturday Nov 14. They are asking you to drop off your donations on the Church House porch any time. They will be collected from the porch daily. Please help our neighbors in need.



We express our Sympathy to the families and friends of Connie MacNeal and Marian Bush. Both members entered the Church Triumphant this month.

Constance F. MacNeal, 84 of Oxford, passed away at Ware Presbyterian Village in Oxford, PA on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.



Constance was the wife of the late William H. MacNeal III who passed away December 25, 2004, and with whom she shared 44 years of marriage. Born in Oxford, PA on August 7, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Florence (Taylor) Fisher. She was a lifelong resident of Oxford, PA. Connie was a 1953 graduate of Oxford Area High School. After high school Connie worked for RCA in Lancaster. Later she worked as the secretary of East Nottingham Township for 31 years. Connie was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, and annual beach vacations with her family. She also enjoyed spending time with her two granddaughters who brought her great joy. Connie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice Price (James) of Oxford; two granddaughters, Ashley Price-Gillinger (John) and Sarah Price both of Oxford; a brother, Joseph Fisher (Gayle) of Oxford; two foster brothers, David Bristow and Frank Jobeck both of Oxford; sister-in-law, Cheryl Russell of Weirton, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Barbara England; brother-in-law, Floyd England; brother Howard Fisher; sister-in-law, Sandy Fisher; foster brother, James Russell; and sister-in-law, Nancy Hicklen.

Connie's family would like to thank the staff at Ware Presbyterian Village and Willow Tree Hospice for the wonderful care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Connie's memory may be made to Willow Tree Hospice care of Amedisys Foundation 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Marian P. Beatrice Bush, 95, of Oxford, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2020 at home.



She was the wife of the late Charles W. Bush with whom she shared 65 years of marriage on April 25, 1943.

Born in West Grove she was the daughter of the late Robert Jamison and Alta Fiester Pierce.

Marian was employed for 25 years with Hewlett Packard, Avondale.

She was an active member of Nottingham Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed participating in the many dinners (fellowship and fundraising). She and her husband Charlie were strong supporters and members at NPC.

Marian enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting, gardening and word find puzzles.

Her greatest joy was her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Marguerite E. Keene, wife of Bill of North East, MD and Virginia Woollens, wife of the late Carl Woollens of Oxford; one son, Charles R. Bush and wife, Patricia of Oxford; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and twenty great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; one brother, Robert Pierce of Avondale; and one sister, Catherine Duncan of Landenberg.

She was preceded in death by one son, John W. Bush.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Nottingham Presbyterian Church, 497 W. Christine Rd. Nottingham, PA 19362.

**Session (our Ruling Elders):** Jean Bender, Donna Davis, Jerry Jackson, Jim Lewis, Nina Hansen, Becky Reiber,

**Deacons:** Brian Dewees, Chris Dolinger, Dar Gray, Eric Hansen, Connie Lewis, Dave Pohlig, Chris Ulrich



**We support Braindin**

The Mission Ministry Team continues to support Braindin Jareth Luna Ponce, a seven-year-old boy in Honduras. Braindin is entering his second year of school and did great in his first year. If you are interested in writing letters to Braindin through ChildFund, please let Cindy Sudnikovich know.

**What does the Lord require of you.....**

but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8

Oxford Presbyterian Church hosted a book study of the book Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Speak Faithfully about Racism. Four serving Elders and Two serving Deacons of NPC and Pastor Merritt, attended this Zoom study. The repeated question from NPC attendees was “how to we walk the talk?” NPC is a rural church with a different surrounding community than urban white churches. Session decided to give Shiloh Presbyterian Church a monetary contribution to be used as their Session deems necessary. Shiloh continues to have a large mortgage on their Community Building and has been unable to engage in fund raising since March. Session also acknowledged through this contribution that we are blessed as a family of faith. Our members continue to support NPC and our missions during this time. In addition we received a Payroll Protection Practice loan/grant from the Federal Government through our bank. This loan paid for our payroll for 2 1/2 months. The loan will be completely forgiven by the government. We thank everyone for their support.

**VOTE in November!**

Votespa.com is the website to check and make sure you’re registered to vote. You can register to vote and you can also apply for an absentee ballot (remember the “S” in the address)

**VOTESPA.COM**

September Birthdays

- 07—Frances Dolinger
- 17— Rob Glover
- 21—Jean Bender
- 21—Dave Pohlig
- 28—Virginia Shainline
- 29—Kenny Sumner



September Anniversaries

- 10—Eddie Jr andolan Squires
- 20—John and Anna Durbano

**One Great HOUR OF SHARING**

We will show Minute for Mission videos during Worship about One Great Hour of Sharing. Presbyterian Disaster Agency is

one of the beneficiaries. PDA has been very active this year, with COVID-19, Westcoast fires, Hurricanes, Midwest Derecho and more. We hope you will consider generously contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing. You can send your check to the Church with OGHS in the memo line.

**On The Lighter Side**

