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Council President's Report on the State of the Borough

A Strong Future Thru Quality of Life & Services

Although the calendar only says February, Orwigsburg Borough Council is “spring”-ing to a busy start for 2019. While there are many new issues being explored, many others are carryovers from last year offering benefits to residents for years to come.



MICHELE RUDLOFF
Council President

Too often, municipalities feel there are only two choices to keep up with the increasing cost of doing business to provide necessary services – raise taxes or grow the tax base.

Orwigsburg Borough has done a fantastic job growing its tax base, as evidenced by a robust increase in real estate transfers last year. We expect that to continue in 2019. Providing a high level of services that current and prospective residents expect, combined with strong economic development in the Borough and surrounding areas, will certainly benefit the borough's financial bottom line.

Just last month, Borough Council discussed and adopted a resolution to create a Local Economic

Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) program in the Borough. This is a program allowing government entities to offer real estate tax abatement to businesses that invest in new projects or expansion of existing operations. The tax reduction is offered over a 10-year period and applies only to the increased value of expansion or new construction.

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OBPA Works for All

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) proudly announces its calendar of 2019 community events with exciting, entertaining and affordable activities to satisfy all ages, lifestyles and tastes.

Be an active community member

Have you ever considered joining the OBPA? Our annual Meet & Greet Mixer will be held at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Thursday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Square Time is a time of celebration. All festivities in OBPA's 8th annual Square Time program will be held on and about the OBPA Community/M&T Bank lot at the center of our beautiful town square. Square Time showcases local businesses, area performers, food trucks and unique vendors.

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2019 EVENTS

Orwigsburg Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Albright's Woods Community Park, Saturday, April 13, noon.

Children's Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam, Saturday
May date to be announced; 9 a.m. start.

Memorial Day parade/service and Lions Club Chicken Barbecue – Monday, May 27; activities begin 8 a.m.

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

Orwigsburg Heritage Day – Saturday, Sept. 7;
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Orwigsburg Halloween Parade – Wed., Oct. 23; 7 p.m.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Thurs., Oct. 31; 6 to 8 p.m.

Orwigsburg Holly Trail and Festival of Lights
Saturday, Dec. 7; noon and 4:30 p.m.

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

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2019 in observance of the stated holidays - New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, April 19; Memorial Day, May 27; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 2; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 24 and 25.

State of the Borough

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Council adopted the LERTA exclusively to the Borough's Industrial-zoned properties in an effort to "jump start" new business or expanded growth in a part of our community that has been stagnant for years. In addition to the Borough, our hope is the Schuylkill County Commissioners and Blue Mountain School District will also adopt the LERTA, giving incentive to add tenants and expand current businesses in our industrial park.

Another critically important objective for 2019 is a continued aggressive pursuit of grant funding. I think most residents would be surprised to know that in 2018, Orwigsburg Borough received well over \$1 million in funds from a variety of state grant programs, all of which benefitted our community and helped with our bottom line. Most notable of these was the \$750,000 we received for the continuation of the Veterans Memorial Hall renovations.

Additionally, the Borough received funding for recreation improvements and to assist with infrastructure upgrades and needs.

We have achieved great success being awarded these grants and can thank many in the community for their involvement. Not every municipality has the success that Orwigsburg has had with these programs, due in large part to our administration producing professional and worthy applications and the close relationships built with our state government officials to help secure this necessary funding. We hope to continue this success pursuing these valuable and highly competitive grant funds in the coming years.

As we move forward throughout the year, we will continue to refine our methods to provide the most cost effective and quality services to our residents.

- Michele Rudloff, Council President

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Farm-to-Square and more!

Back by popular demand, Farm-to-Square will be held Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. This is our end-of-summer blowout event, featuring local farmers and their market goods, wineries and breweries, activities for children, live music and more!

We expect to surpass our number of vendors from last year (30!) and make this year's event an even bigger success. OBPA has also started planning the 28th annual Heritage Celebration - this year set for Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - and Orwigsburg's annual Festival of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Involvement is valued and rewarding

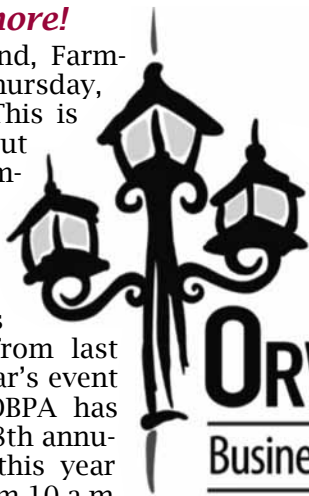
More than ever, OBPA needs community members to volunteer and be active. Please email orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com with the subject line "Volunteer" to discover the rewards that come with planning/implementation our town's celebrations and doing that with other energetic people.

In addition to our events benefiting both the community and local businesses, OBPA supports young aspiring business professionals. In the past year, we've sponsored a scholarship for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!), an after-school program encouraging students in grades 6 through 12 to learn the foundations of business by interacting with area business owners. YEA! is facilitated through the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce with classes held at a local college. OBPA also sponsors an annual Blue Mountain High School graduation award and continually supports many area non-profit endeavors.

Finally, and to answer an oft-asked question, "No, you do not have to own a business to join our organization." While our membership primarily consists of business proprietors,

we gladly welcome individual members. OBPA wouldn't want anyone to miss out on the fun and great feeling of accomplishment when you work to better your community.

OBPA's meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at various local businesses. Find out more on these activities and how to be a part of this organization on our web page: orwigsburg-business.org, join us on Facebook, or email us at: orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com.



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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.

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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.

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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Meeting Challenges and Embracing Opportunities in 2019

Greetings to residents and friends of Orwigsburg! I like to look back through my prior **Orwigsburg Happenings** comments for each season's edition as a warmup, of sorts, to composing the current issue's submittal. Winter weather, pre-Super Bowl football,



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

new budgets, and personnel changes seem to be the predominant subjects so I'll try not to wander too far from the program.

I started writing this article over the weekend that winter storm "Harper" was predicted to be our next Snowmageddon. Luckily, we received limited frozen precipitation but strong winds brought plunging temperatures.

Late that Sunday night, with 30 mph winds and a temperature of 5 degrees, Maggie and I ventured out back for her bedtime potty-break and to view the lunar eclipse of the Super Blood Wolf Moon.

I was pretty well bundled up but the wind blew

a hard chill through my sweatpants. I wrapped a lap throw around my legs for extra cover and began to stare up at the Moon being covered by the Earth's shadow.

As Maggie wrapped up her business, she headed for the back door, stopped short, bristled, and gave me the "big dog" growl reserved for high alert status.

I was puzzled by her behavior until I caught my own moonlit reflection in the storm door window. Geared up as I was, I looked like the crazy frocked and bonneted Marlon Brando from the 70s film "Missouri Breaks."



Even after going inside and giving her a few bribe/treats, she continued to eyeball me with some apprehension.

Attracting and controlling growth

Drawing a bit of analogy, I see some similarities in Orwigsburg's current SOTB (State Of The Borough). Some predicted storms have been luckily averted. Subsequent unexpected conditions can create consequences that are equally challenging.

We are looking at the unusual phenomenon presented by the Saint Luke's/Geisinger project. It will bring a lot of opportunities we haven't seen before in our locality. But just as my odd garb and wind-dispersed scent confused my dog, it may take us awhile to recognize and digest the accompanying benefits and challenges.

I feel it is in our best interests to put our best foot forward in order to attract smart peripheral growth that will inevitably come to our area. Part of that process will be to make our community an attractive, well-served, and secure place in which to work and live. I also believe making a small investment now will increase our future tax and utilities revenues through an increase in residents, customers and tax base.

Our first step in that preparation is the pending hiring of a sixth full time peace officer, enabling reliable 24/7/365 police coverage of Orwigsburg. As I write this article, we are nearing the end of testing, vetting, and interviews with several promising candidates. By the time this edition hits the streets, it's my intention that our newest selection will be doing likewise.

So it looks like I covered all the prime topics except one - the run-up to the Super Bowl. For the third year in a row, the Patriots are back in it. Only the opponents change!

- Barry J. Berger, Mayor



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Hunters' Banquet set March 23

Kimmels Church is once again hosting its annual Hunters' Banquet, this year to be held Sat., March 23 at the Landingville Fire Company Hall. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

The program features Brodie Swisher, winner of the Great American Game Calling Challenge World Championship, also known as the "super bowl" of game calling competitions. Outdoor writer and blogger, Swisher presents hunting, game calling, and exciting hunting video presentations across the country.

Tickets cost \$20 and must be purchased in advance through the church website at KimmelsChurch.org/events. All present will be eligible to win 100 hunting-related prizes.

Easter egg hunt

The Easter Bunny will make a special, early visit to Orwigsburg on Saturday, April 13 for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the Orwigsburg Lions Club. The event will be held at Albright's Woods, located on Grove Street, just east of the Little League field and will begin at 12 noon.

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



part of the selection for each age group.

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

Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

Don't forget the annual Orwigsburg Lions Club Memorial Day chicken barbecue held as part of the Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 27.

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

The 29th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held one weekend in May (yet to be announced) for children 15 and under. Fisher's Dam, located near South Washington and East Independence streets, will be stocked for spring fishing.

Borough holiday schedule

Orwigsburg Borough offices and operations will be closed on Friday, April 19 in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, May 27 observing Memorial Day.

Monthly large item pickup

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

Month	Tues.	Fri.
Feb.	12	15
March	12	15
April	9	12
May	14	17

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

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Recycling and large item collection

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

How do holidays affect trash/recycling?

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

Here are the simple Holiday Schedule Rules:

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

the Tuesday pickup will not be affected; but, the Friday pickup will move to Saturday.

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

The next major holiday will be Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. Because the holiday falls on a Monday, the usual Tuesday pickup will be delayed to Wednesday, May 29, and the usual Friday pickup will be delayed to Saturday, June 1.

A handy Trash/Recycling Holiday Schedule card detailing the dates affected for 2018-2019 was mailed with previous utility billings. Additional cards are available at Borough Hall, 209 N. Warren St., for anyone who would like one.

Declared "Snow Emergency"

The Borough, two years ago, reduced the number of designated "Snow Emergency" streets through Orwigsburg in order for the snow plow crews to efficiently stay ahead of major snowfalls. Fewer snow emergency streets also mean less stress for many residents by not having to move their vehicles off the street right away ... and, if they are required, will have convenient streets allowing parking.



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

During a snow and/or ice event, the Mayor of Orwigsburg may declare an official "Snow Emergency."



Residents will be made aware of the emergency by notice posted to the borough website and Facebook page, through announcements on radio stations WPPA-AM and WAVT-FM, and by notice in the Republican Herald daily newspaper.

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

gency 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.

Getting the word out

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

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



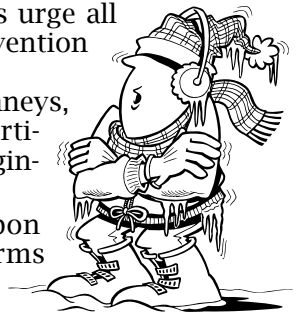
The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

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

Winter fire prevention tips

The Orwigsburg Fire Department and its Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman wish residents, businesses, and visitors a healthy and safe new year. To help ensure that wish, the emergency responders urge all to heed the following fire prevention measures.

- Have your furnace, chimneys, and vents serviced by a certified technician at the beginning of the heating season.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors/alarms and test them monthly.
- The nation returns to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 10. The time change of clocks in your home is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- Always cover your fireplace with a screen to prevent flying sparks and embers. Do not burn trash or Christmas wrapping paper in fireplaces.
- Beware of lit candles. Although they look very nice from the outside, candles are one of the leading causes of fire in the winter months.
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precautions. When using a space heater, keep all combustibles, pets, and children away from the heater. A heater's use should be monitored at all times. Adding fuel to space heaters should not be done indoors and only when the unit has cooled.

Statistics show that every day, seven people die and 36 are injured in home fires, most in the absence of working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives. More than \$7 billion in property damage results from structure fires each year.

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry

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



Indoor and outdoor event rental spaces

Do you need an event space for an upcoming family reunion, holiday or birthday party, business meet-



ing, or other gathering?

Outdoors, the pavilion at Albright's Woods on Grove Street is avail-

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

For further details and to lock in your reservation at either call the borough office at 570-366-3103 or download the rental form on the Borough website www.Orwigsburg.gov.

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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.

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Borough Services Update . . . and Events

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The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide the service. MuniPAY is an electronic payment processing option currently used by local Schuylkill County municipalities designed specifically for local government and utility agencies.



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

Questions concerning these payment options may be directed to kmengle@orwigsburg.gov or call 570-366-3103.

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.

In need of health aid?

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
- Hospital bed - manual & electric
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- Crutches
- Shower seat
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- Over-toilet seat with handrails
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- 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,

Team Orwigsburg!

Team Orwigsburg is again planning a busy 2019 with local projects in Schuylkill County and the annual week-long mission trip out of the area. This year, the Team will keep it in the Commonwealth, traveling to Bradford County where many homes and bridges need repair and rebuilding following last year's flooding in August.

Team Orwigsburg is entering its 14th year as a mission team professing its "Healing Hearts and Homes" slogan. Many outside the organization are not aware the Team works on many projects right here in Schuylkill County. The group doesn't print local names or locations where it does its mission work; but rest assured, we stay busy.

Most of the volunteer members hold down full time jobs; yet, find time to dedicate many hours to mission work as there are so many needs on a regular basis.

The Team's annual turkey dinner for the community will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 in the Fellowship Hall of St. John's United Church of Christ on East Market St. from 4 to 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be gladly accepted for the benefit of Team Orwigsburg. Take-outs will be available.

Want to be part of a community group that benefits so many? Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church at S. Liberty and W. Independence streets. New faces are always welcome! For questions and more information, contact Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103.

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Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #396 and newly enacted Ordinance #424 establishes certain responsibilities for owners of rental properties in the Borough. These ordinances can be referenced on the Borough website: www.Orwigsburg.gov under "Government - Ordinances."



Every owner/lessor of any rental property, including but not limited to dwelling, dwelling units, rooming houses, rooming units, or dormitory rooms must register with the Borough each year between January

1 and February 28 identifying the tenants residing. 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 or can be printed from the borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$110 for the first unit, \$45 for the second, and \$25 for each additional unit per address.

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

Property owners, landlords and tenants are asked to store trash and recycling containers at a location out of view from the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

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 \$20. 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.



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Check It Out! Much More than a Collection of Books!

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library is at 216 W. Independence St., on the first floor of the Independence Square senior living apartment building.

Have you made your way to your Library lately? There are so many services, so much to see, and so much to do! It's a special space built and programmed for people of all ages and interests. Oh, and as the name suggests, just about everything is Free!

There are "tons of stuff" going on – old favorites, new events and plenty of surprises.

Hours 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. To find out more on weekly and special activities, visit the website www.orwigsburglibrary.org; follow us on Facebook at OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary, call 570-366-1638, or just stop in and take a look around.

Here's just a sampling

Do you have an interest in any of these club gatherings? You are welcome to come and share.

Book Club meets the last Monday of the month at 6 p.m.; Knitters (all levels) gather on Tuesday eve-

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know ... is the location of the Library."

- Albert Einstein



nings at 5:30 p.m.; Lego enthusiasts build and share on the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m.; play Mahjongg on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday each month at 6 p.m., and learn to play each Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Newly formed, Chess Club welcomes all levels – from beginners to "grandmasters" – every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Media Madness discussion group meets on

the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Adults wanting to learn more to get the most from their computer can get one-on-one help on Tuesdays, but please sign-up in advance. Family programming is scheduled each Thursday at 6 p.m. Check with the Library for a schedule of topics and activities.

Programs specifically for children include:

- Tuesday Morning Story Time, 10:30 a.m. – Features a story, singing, movement, and an easy craft to develop social interaction and a love of reading at an early age.
- Homeschooler Thursday, 2 p.m. – Held the last Thursday each month, February's program will be on Hibernation; March – Butterflies; and April – Seeds.
- Play K Friday, 10:30 a.m. – Each Friday, three-to-five year olds gather to "play" kindergarten, an important preparation for more structured school. Activities include circle time, calendar, a story, singing and movement.
- Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. feature a Building Block Party, Traditional Story Time, and Crafty Saturday on the first, second, and fourth Saturday, respectively. Tweens, Teens, and Adults crafting begins at noon on the third Saturday each month.

Monthly calendar events

Thursdays feature special programs focusing on a monthly theme. All begin at 6 p.m. Check at the Library for all the details.

February is "Love your Library Month" with a Kids Story & Craft on Valentine's Day and a Book Bingo for all ages on Feb. 21.

March is "Money Month" featuring a Learn to Save with Coupons program on March 7; a children's St. Patty's Day program on March 14; Etsy home business on March 21; and Learning to Budget on March 28.

April is "Health & Well Being Month" with interesting programs slated each Thursday.

Special events and fundraisers

Cupcake War returns! Be a baker or a taster on Sunday, March 10 at the Fairlane Village Mall in Pottsville. There will also be a children's coloring contest.

A Calendar Raffle in March benefits the children Summer Reading programs and a Meat Raffle in April will kick off backyard barbecue season.



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State Senator David G. Argall

School Safety Report – Protecting our Students

In December 2018, the state's Senate Majority Policy Committee, which I chair, released its report on School Safety. The report is based upon information from 10 public roundtable discussions held across the state and input from a large number of safety professionals, students and local officials.



**Senator
David Argall**

Following the deadly Florida shooting last year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that claimed the lives of 17 students and staff, many school districts around the country have been studying new strategies to keep their students safe.

The Policy Committee report is the result of state officials, safety experts, concerned citizens and school officials coming together to talk about an issue that is never easy to address. Each discussion was broken down into three parts – the impact of recently passed legislation; pending proposals in the General Assembly; and perhaps most important, new ideas to be further developed for legislature consideration.

Most of the participants from the roundtable discussions agreed that school resource officers are the best deterrent against school violence and one of the

most important safety investments districts could make. A mental health focus was also a key point of new strategies to combat school violence.

Earlier in 2018, the General Assembly and Governor Wolf agreed to a new \$60 million investment in school safety initiatives in the 2018-2019 state budget. Many schools plan to enhance anti-violence efforts and to invest in equipment designed to keep students safe.

It is my hope the coming year's budget effort will continue to provide school district resources to keep our children safe. I plan to ask questions and raise the Policy Committee's findings at this year's budget hearings in February.

The full report is available on my website: www.SenatorArgall.com and, as always, let me know what you think about these important issues affecting our state!

SPREAD THE WORD

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

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

Celebrating 25 Years Preserving Local History

Thank you to the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that rallied to the aid and answered the call of the Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) with memberships, financial support, and donations of time, labor, historical items, and services.

Not surprising in our beautiful and historic town, the unusually urgent call for support by the OHS Board of Directors in the previous issue of *Orwigsburg*

Happenings was graciously met with an outpouring of love from the community.

A recent OHS communication lists work volunteer individuals and groups by name, features Eagle

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Scout candidate Daniel Morrow whose project focuses on the "Old Jail", dozens of corporate and business donors, announces a new historical preservation partnership with the Coal Region Racing organization, and new members.

Thank you all - you are truly appreciated! The immediate crisis may have been averted, but the need and the work is ongoing.

Volunteers and financial support

This year, OHS is celebrating its 25th year preserving the history and culture of Orwigsburg and southern Schuylkill County. Won't you please consider volunteering your time, skills, or labor? There are many needs and opportunities for all ages and physical conditions to be a part of saving and maintaining history. Financial donations, society membership, and gifts of products and services are greatly appreciated.

The Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. and can

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or services.

Individuals or groups are invited to schedule a visit to or rent the museum for private parties, educational lectures, class reunions, Boy Scout or Girl Scout merit badge work or troop field trips. The large community room is also available for family reunions or other social or business gathering.

State Rep. Jerry Knowles

On Tuesday, Jan. 1, I was sworn into office to begin my sixth term representing the people of the 124th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. It is quite an honor for me to serve. I am thankful to my wife, family, and especially my grandsons, who held the Bible, for joining me on this special day.

The House is now comprised of 110 Republicans and 91 Democrats, including 43 first-term members. Swearing-in Day also included the certification of election results and adoption of rules that will govern the House during the 2019-20 Legislative Session.

Again, I am truly honored and humbled to serve the people of Berks, Carbon and Schuylkill counties. Residents can get the latest district event information and state government updates by following information at Facebook.com/RepKnowles. My weekly Legislative Report can be automatically delivered to your inbox by registering your email address at www.RepKnowles.com.



Coming clean on Wash Day

The public is invited to the next monthly presentation kicking off the spring-summer-fall season of OHS's "Tracing Schuylkill County's Heritage" program series on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 7 p.m. in the society's Community Room.

Bob and Sue Lee will present "It's Wash Day!" - a focus on the history of doing laundry in America from the early days to the present. This program will be a nostalgic memory for some, but an eye-opening and informative piece recalling machines, soaps, tools, and "theories" on doing laundry.

Visitors are always welcome to bring photos and artifacts for sharing. Refreshments and fellowship accompanies all programs at OHS.



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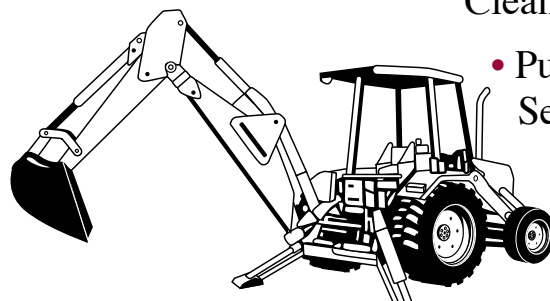
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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Looking Back ... and Ahead to the Veterans Foyer!

As plans and dreams for the 2019 new year get underway, it's always important to take a moment to look back and reflect on how far we've come.

There is never a truer sentiment that can be said for the upgrades and remodeling efforts at our Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

What's the buzz?

Right now, the building is buzzing with activity. Hundreds of youngsters and their parents, are spending their evenings and weekends in the building, enjoying warmth and protection from the elements while enjoying their favorite recreational activities.

Families are gathering for birthday parties; church groups are congregating; and community civic groups are planning their next community project ... all from inside the building. It is due to the support from Borough and surrounding community residents through the years that continue to drive the success of this restoration effort for all to enjoy.

In November, the Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Task Force, partnering with the Captain Jason Jones Memorial Foundation, hosted an event that will be remembered for some time. Supporters from far-and-

wide showed their true colors that evening - Red, White and Blue - as they gathered in the building to hear the inspirational words of General George Joulwan. The event was a huge success for the task force and the community. Not only was it a financial success and task force boost to continue with the building efforts, it was also a showcase for the deep heritage and multi-use opportunities existing within our community.



Next up ... the Veterans Foyer

All of the money raised will be invested in further development, primarily focused on the completion of the entryway. This Veterans Foyer, as it is called, will pay special tribute to those who served our country and resided in our community. It will be a constant reminder of what the original builders of this structure had in mind when they laid the first bricks - a building honoring veterans of all wars while providing a space welcoming the entire community to enjoy.

The Orwigsburg Borough office is continually accepting honor roll applicants for service identification on display in the Veterans Foyer. The form to submit an honor candidate can be downloaded from the Task Force website: www.orwigsburgmemorial.com or by contacting Borough Hall at (570) 366-3103.

Planning for the construction is well underway and will continue into the spring to not impact visitors through the winter. Once construction begins, building entrances and exits may be temporarily moved or altered to allow for safe public use. Please pay close attention to signage.

The building's website has a great deal of information on the building, its history, and how you can donate to the cause. You can also follow activities on Facebook, send us an email to memorial@orwigsburg.net, or reach out to a task force member for more information. Rental rates, agreement and calendar of activities can be found by contacting Borough Hall at (570) 366 3103.

- Nick Bagdonis, Taskforce Director

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Call for dates - Washington DC Free Day	\$49
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March 5 - California Dreaming @ Hunterdon Hills.....	\$94
March 15 - The Irish Cabaret @ Hunterdon Hills.....	\$97
March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Parade.....	\$45
March 20 - Menopause the Musical @ Caesars.....	\$86
April 6 - Murder at Mount Hope Mansion	\$80
April 6 - Jersey Boys OFF Broadway	\$129
April 13 - A Century of Song @ Antietam Recreation	*\$88
April 13 - Spring Doo Wop Cavalcade @ AMT	\$93
April 14 - Branson on the Road-DADT.....	\$96
April 16 - Take Me Away @ Hunterdon Hills.....	\$96
April 19 - Jesus @ Sight and Sound.....	*\$118
April 20 - Baltimore National Aquarium	*\$70
April 23 - Magic of Manilow & Midler @ Mt. Airy.....	\$68
April 27 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.....	\$94
April 27 - New York International Auto Show.....	\$56

OVERNIGHTS

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A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

Salem UMC

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

Our mission at Salem Church is TLC - Transforming Lives through Christ. If you are searching and seeking, we welcome you to visit and learn how your life can be transformed through Christ. All are invited for worship and to share in our activities and community events. Complete information can be found at our website www.SalemUM.com or call the church office at 570-366-0201.

Lenten and Easter services and activities abound at Salem. Lent begins on March 6 with an Ash Wednesday service at the church. Salem will then partner with five other local churches hosting subsequent Wednesday Lenten community suppers followed by worship. The Lenten schedule can be found on Salem's website.

Salem Church will host a free Community Easter Egg Hunt for all children up to age 10 on Sunday,



April 14 beginning at 1 p.m. Bring your baskets and appetite for a time of fun, food and fellowship!

Easter Day on Sunday, April 21 begins with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service and followed by breakfast in Sandherr Hall at 7:15. Make your first stop the cross outside the church where flowers will be available for all to place on the cross. An Easter tradition for years, we remember that "He is risen! He is risen, indeed!" Regular worship times of 8:45, 10:45 and 6:30 p.m. will celebrate the day.

Salem's God Squad team of bell ringers offer two Sunday worship performances this spring at both morning services - March 17 will ring in St. Patty's Day and May 12 will honor Mother's Day.

SNL is Salem's open door, coffee-house style worship experience held Sunday evenings in Sandherr Hall. The good news of Christ is shared through messages, discussions and Christian films led by Salem's lay leaders with guest appearances by Pastor Steward Warner.

A special SNL meal and movie night is planned Feb. 24 beginning at 6 p.m., with the showing of "Freedom," starring Cuba Gooding. SNL's winter weekly video series is underway each week through

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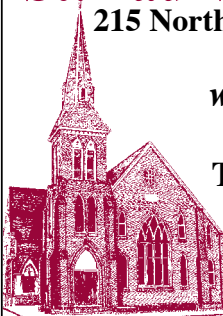
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Ash Wednesday - March 6 at 7:00 p.m.
**Imposition of Ashes and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Maundy Thursday - April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
**The Sacrament of Holy Communion and
Stripping of the Altar**

Good Friday - April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Tenebrae

The Festival of the Resurrection
Sunday, April 21
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A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

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March 31.

Several community activities through early spring are still in the planning stages. Check back on our website or the activity signboard in front of the church for dates and details for a late winter Community Craft Night and, after Easter, a spring Women's Night featuring a guest speaker/musician. The UMW group will hold a Chicken and Ham Pot Pie Dinner on Sat., March 30 - eat in or take out from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lay leader Brenda Binns offers "Eat, Pray and Color" every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at The Cake Pros in Schuylkill Haven. Join Brenda for an hour of fellowship, fun and food.

Family Movie Night will be held the second Friday each month this winter beginning at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited for these free events featuring popcorn and snacks. The movie "Sing" will be shown February 8 and "Moana" is slated March 8.

Numerous small group meetings and activities are offered weekly or monthly. These can be found on the website.

Zion's Red Church

Welcome to Zion's Red Church, a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ. The oldest congregation in Schuylkill County is located at 1287 Centre Turnpike (Route 61) at Brick Hill Road.



This season, we celebrate Lent - a time to remember Jesus' journey to the cross for our redemption, culminating in a joyous celebration of Easter, whereby we are given the gift of new life in Christ. We begin the season with our Ash Wednesday evening service on March 6. During Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, April 18, we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples.

Also during the season of Lent, Bible study held each Tuesday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. will focus on the letters contained in Books 1 and 2 Peter. All are welcome to attend any or all of these study times.

May God grant you a meaningful Lenten season and a joy-filled Easter celebration. Contact the church office at 570-366-1178 for additional information/needs or online at ZionsRedChurch.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. Weekly services are held on Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The office is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at www.stpauls-orwigsburg.org.

St. Paul's will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday worship service on March 6 at 7 p.m. Join us as we gather to repent our sins and recognize our mortality. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared.



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Ash Wednesday - Penitent Service, March 6 - 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday - Cantata, April 14 - 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - Supper & Service, April 18 - 6 & 7 p.m.

Good Friday - April 19 - 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration - Sun., April 21 - 10 a.m.

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Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday worship services, celebrating our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, at regular times on April 13-14. Hear the Reading of the Passion according to St. Luke.

Maundy Thursday worship will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m. observing the events of the Last Supper and recount how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Communion will be shared and worship will end with the stripping of the altar.

A Service of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") will be held on Good Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Hear how our Lord suffered and died upon the cross for our sake. Scriptures will be read and candles extinguished.

The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated Easter Sunday, April 21 at 8 and 10:30 a.m. announcing, "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, alleluia!" Joyous music will be sung and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared.

Kimmels Church

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Our Holy Week celebration begins with our Palm Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. on April 14 and is followed by a community-wide Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. All are welcome as more than 4000 filled eggs will be collected by children up to age 10. Crafts and activities for the entire family will add to the celebration.



Be on the lookout Good Friday, April 19 for many of our families walking through town carrying a large cross as we connect with God on a personal level remembering His act of selfless love. Our Cross Walk ends at the church at 6:30 p.m. when our Good Friday service and communion begins.

An Easter sunrise service will begin at 6 a.m. at our Chapel on the Hill. The celebration continues with a morning worship service at 10 a.m. All have a spe-

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21st – Easter Service

Holy Communion @ 10:30 a.m.

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See our article for more details!



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cial invitation to join our church family at any and all of these services and activities.

You just missed an amazing night of great food, friends and laughs at our annual Sweetheart Dinner that featured comedian Gordon Douglas. But, it's not too late to purchase your tickets to our annual Hunter's Banquet happening March 23 at the Landingville Fire Company Hall. This year's speaker will be Brodie Swisher, NRA's Great American Game Calling Challenge World Champion. His hunting and game calling seminars and exciting hunting video presentations have been featured at events across the country. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the church office.

National Day of Prayer will be celebrated Thursday, May 2. All are invited to take part at the flagpole on Orwigsburg's Centre Square. Individuals from Kimmels Church will be available throughout the day to listen and pray with you about your needs and concerns. If you are uncomfortable letting us pray with you, then write your requests and drop them off at our booth. We will take time during the day to pray for each of the requests.

Come and be our guest one Sunday morning and for one of our great events. We look forward to meeting new friends this spring at Kimmels Church and hope that you are one of them.

Additional information on these and other events

can be found at kimmelschurch.org or phone the church office at 570-943-2759. Kimmels Church is located at 179 Pine Creek Drive, just off Kimmels Road on the eastern end of Orwigsburg.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St., Orwigsburg, welcomes everyone - no matter who you are or wherever you are on life's journey - to join us in worship and all other church activities.

Sunday worship service is at 10 a.m., focusing on "Living out the Holy Spirit." Children in kindergarten through sixth grade enjoy Sunday school lessons after hearing the children's sermon and receiving a blessing. A coffee and fellowship hour follows the service.



St. John's offers spirit-filled worship for contemporary souls. Communion is offered the first Sunday of every month and the Lord's table is open to anyone who is seeking Jesus. Children can take commu-

nion with the permission of their parents.

Pastor Jan Remer-Osborn is celebrating her second year at St. John's and enjoys holding a Pastor's Coffee Hour each Wednesday at the 419 Market Café & Eatery from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Market Square Coffeehouse from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Bible study will be held each Thursday, March 7 to April 11 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the church conference room. "Beyond the Walls" Lenten study group will be held each Tuesday afternoon, March 12 to April 9 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Valenti's Restaurant, 218 West Market.

Lenten and Easter worship services begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. St. John's will partner in ecumenical Lenten worship services with other area churches from March 13 to April 10 with Wednesday



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Palm Sunday, April 14 - 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service
April 19 - 6:30 pm

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services hosted at different sites. Our Facebook page, St. John's United Church of Christ - Orwigsburg will provide weekly information or call us at 570-366-2255.

A Palm Sunday Cantata concert, directed by Trena Murphy will begin Holy Week services on April 14 beginning at 10 a.m. at St. John's UCC. Maundy Thursday will feature a "simple supper" at 6:30 p.m. followed by worship at 7:30 on April 18. A candlelight Good Friday Taizé worship is an introspective and penitent service on April 19 at 7 p.m. and will include meditative music on the Celtic harp. The Easter Sunday celebration service on April 21 is at 10 a.m.

All are welcome once again at the church's Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the parsonage. The event will include breakfast. Please let us know you plan to take part by calling the church office at 570-366-2255 or Pastor Jan at 630-254-9236.

St. John's hosts many community groups including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Senior Citizens, Team Orwigsburg, and houses the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry supported by a number of area churches.

St. John's Fellowship Hall, adjacent to the church on East Market St., is available to rent for private parties (no alcohol) during the year. Phone the church office at 570-366-2255 with any questions about programming or hall rental.

The Lighthouse Church

The Lighthouse Church (TLC), located along Rt. 61 at 10 Hollenbush Lane just south of Orwigsburg, is excited to enter a new season. Regular Sunday services at TLC begin at 9 a.m. with contemporary worship, a children's program, and a time for fellowship afterwards.

Wednesday Family Nights offer classes for all ages. The Men's Bible Study topic is currently Tony Evans' "Kingdom Man" while the Women's Bible Study is jumping into Priscilla Shirer's "The Amor of God." The children's program is currently "Heroes and Villains" and the middle school students are taking a "Journey" thru the sixty-six books of the Bible.

All are welcome to worship. A sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 21 will be held in addition to the regular 9 a.m. celebration.

Additional information about The Lighthouse Church and events can be found at www.thelighthousechurch.com or by calling the office at 570-366-1300.



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