

WORSHIP AT WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Nurseries for children 3 and under are provided
- Restrooms are located on the right side exit by the choir loft, down the stairs to the right and or on the left and right side of the main hallway in the new building.
- Listen to sermons on our website at <http://www.whiteoakarp.org/Sermons.html>.

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are grateful you're visiting with us. Our hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to you through the preaching of God's Word, the sacraments, hymns, and prayers.

If you're so inclined, please complete a contact information card located on the back of the pews. There is also a prayer request card for your requests, and they may both be placed in the offering basket.

We look forward to meeting you following the worship service!

ABOUT WHITE OAK ARP

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has been worshipping since 1836 and was organized as a congregation in 1848 in Coweta County. Our congregation is part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) denomination (arpchurch.org). We hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and emphasize the following:

- The Bible is the Word of God; the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to begin and continue to live the Christian life
- Salvation is by God's grace and is not earned but is received through faith.

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175 YEARS - 1848-2023



MARCH 19, 2023

PRELUDE

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MEDITATION

1 John 5:2–3

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32 (Selected)

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Minister: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Minister: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

All: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

† HYMN

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

In Bulletin

† THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Those who are able, please stand.

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

1. Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness; make thy way
2. Teach me, Lord, teach me tru-ly how to live, that I may

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
come to know thee, and in thy pres - ence serve thee with

on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.
glad - ness, and sing songs of praise to thy glo - ry.

What Blessedness

1. ¹What bless-ed-ness be-longs to him Who has for-giv-en been,
2. ³I lan-guished, si-lent in my guilt; My days were filled with groans.
3. Then You re-leased me from my sin, And took its guilt a-way.

For whom trans-gres-sions have been cleared, And cov-ered is his sin.
⁴On me Your hand pressed day and night, And heat dried up my bones.
⁶And there-fore while You may be found, Let all the god-ly pray.

²Blessed is the one for whom the LORD Counts no in-iq-ui-ty,
⁵My sin I then con-fessed to You, Not hid-ing guilt-i-ness;
They'll not be harmed by ris-ing floods. ⁷In You I hide in peace;

And in whose spir-it is no taint Of in-sin-cer-i-ty.
I said, "I will be-fore the LORD Trans-gres-sions now con-fess."
You keep me safe, sur-round-ing me With songs of my re-lease.

† CONFESSION OF FAITH

† CATECHISM

Westminster Catechism, Question #165 & #166

Q. 165 What is baptism?

A. **Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ has ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into Himself, of remission of sins by His blood, and regeneration by His Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord’s.**

Q. 166 Unto whom is Baptism to be Administered?

A. **Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, but infants descending from parents, either both, or but one of them, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to Him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized.**

† OUR RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALTER (PSALM 32A)

“What Blessedness”

In Bulletin

WORSHIP IN GIVING

(PLEASE PLACE PRAYER/VISITOR CARDS IN OFFERING PLATES.)

† DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 382

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (11:00 SERVICE)

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

The Gloria Patri is an ancient hymn of praise to our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has been part of the church’s worship for centuries.

The offering is an act of thanksgiving and worship commanded by God. By giving our tithe, we demonstrate our dependence on the Lord, the maker and sustainer of all things.

From Greek *doxa*, (glory, splendor, grandeur) and *logos*, (word or speaking); short hymns of praise to God in response to His gifts to us.

The Gospel/Scripture Reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to focus our attention on the greatness and Work of Jesus.

Sin is a pervasive part of our lives, and we must confess our sin to God and then receive the forgiveness that Christ gave the Church the authority to declare.

The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ..

God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.

† GOSPEL READING

John 12:36-50

Jake Wasdin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Father God, we praise you for your love and mercy, and for calling us to be the children of light! We rejoice that by your Spirit you have opened our blind eyes, softened our hard hearts, and granted us grace to believe in Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Yet we confess that while we are the children of light, we still have a strong affinity for the darkness of sin. Our old nature is like an anchor that drags us down to things that are passing away and not of your kingdom. We break your commandments, we fail to love you and one another, and we sin in many ways. Forgive us, we pray, for our many sins. Give us grace that we would walk in the light as Jesus is in the light, and that we would more and more reflect His holiness. In His Name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Ain’t No Grave”

Darrell Hester

† SCRIPTURE

Daniel 4:1-18

SERMON

“The Practical Atheist”

Rev. Dr. John Cook

† HYMN

“Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness”

In Bulletin

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

EVENING WORSHIP: Tonight, God willing, we will conclude our journey through the book of Acts. Paul finally arrives in Rome. Many have argued that the book of Acts “leaves you in suspense.” Is there a message for us in the way the book of Acts ends?

Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

1. Shout, for the bless - ed Je - sus reigns; through dis - tant
2. He calls his cho - sen from a - far; they all at
3. Gen - tiles and Jews his laws o - bey; na - tions re -
4. O may his ho - ly church in - crease, his Word and
5. Loud hal - le - lu - jahs to the Lamb, from all br

lands his tri - umphs spread; and sin - ners, freed from
Zi - on's gates ar - rive; those who were dead in
• mote their of - f'ings bring; and un - con - strained their
Spir - it still pre - vail, while an - gels cel - e -
low and all a - bove! In loft - y songs ex -

end - less pains, own him their Sav - ior and their Head.
sin be - fore by sov - 'reign grace are made a - live.
• hom - age pay to their ex - alt - ed God and King.
brate his praise, and saints his grow - ing glo - ries hail.
alt his name, in songs as last - ing as his love.

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- The Session

Dr. John Cook-Moderator Rev. Ronny Hull Rob Gentry, Clerk

2023: Mark Dodds, Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill

2024: Jason Coffee, Rob Gentry, Bill Minton

2025: Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Jim Wessells
- The Diaconate

Todd Weaver - Chairman, Tom Gridley - V. Chairman, Haddon Schroeder - Secretary

2023: Bryan Hurst, Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder

2024: Tom Gridley, Adam Wade, Todd Weaver

2025: Cole Beatenbough, Jason Headley, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips, David Troyer
- Cemetery Trust

Ben Sewell - Chairman June Bowers - Secretary/Treasurer

Charlie Newman, Denny Robertson, Don Smith
- Christian Ed. Committee

Bob Abernathy - Chmn., Andy Hemphill - V. Chmn., Robin Sewell - Sec./Treas.

2023: Bob Abernathy, John Cook, Stacie Headley, Andy Hemphill, Ronny Hull, Alison Newman, Joe Roberts, Robin Sewell, Cindy Ward, Johanna Wessells
- Sunday School

Tracey Schroeder - Coordinator, Robin Sewell - Secretary
- Fellowship Committee

David Didier - Chairman

Debbie Didier, Katie Gridley, Tom Gridley, Sandie Hester, Donna Kirbow, Cammy Tidwell, Forrest Tidwell, David Troyer
- Missions Committee

Andy Hemphill - Chairman, Bill Minton - V Chairman, Todd Weaver - Secretary

2022: Jason Headley, Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill, Kari Hurst, David King, Bill Minton, Denise Vermilya, Jake Wasdin
- Personnel Committee

Jim Wessells - Chairman, Tracy Schroeder, Donna Kirbow
- Visitation Committee

Mark Dodds - Chmn., Roger Schroeder - V Chmn., Dianne Minton - Secretary

Lynne Dodds, Andy Hemphill, Bill & Dianne Minton, Nancy Schroeder, Mary June Wade
- Women’s Ministry Helper Team

Susan Fulmer - Chmn., Billie Gentry - V Chmn., Katie Gridley - Secretary, Vickie Duncan - Treasurer, Tanya Roberts - Meal Train
- Worship Committee:

Jason Coffee - Chairman

Tanya Roberts, Carol Robertson, Haddon Schroeder, Todd Weaver, Johanna Wessells

Other Church Officers & Staff

Rev. Ronny Hull Associate Pastor	John Hemphill Congregational Chairman	Jason Headley Church Treasurer	Donna Kirbow Asst. Church Treasurer	Vacant Memorial Fund Treasurer
Gail Brook Church Secretary	Kari Hurst Music Director	Bokhee Min Pianist	J. Beatenbough Custodian	

QUOTES FOR MEDITATION

- The Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, that I should recall my sins.
– St. Patrick
- If the Lord be with us, we have no cause to fear. His eye is upon us, His arm is over us, His ear is open to our prayer – His grace is sufficient and His promise unchangeable.
– John Newton
- He that sins because of mercy is like one who wounds his head because he has a plaster.
– Thomas Watson
- It is a sad thing to be Christians at a supper, heathens in our shops, and devils in our closets.
- Stephen Charnock
- And ye peoples, to whom God gave the liberty to choose your own magistrates, see to it that ye do not forfeit this favor by electing to the positions of highest honor, rascals and enemies of God.
– John Calvin, *Commentary on 1 & 2 Samuel*

Next Week We Welcome Frank & Emily van Dalen to White Oak

Next week we will be having Frank & Emily van Dalen with us to share their mission work in Lithuania. We will have a combined adult Sunday school class in the sanctuary to hear a presentation from them on their recent work. Rev. van Dalen will also be preaching the morning services. Make an effort to be with us, and to support the van Dalen’s by your attendance.

Easter Hydrangeas

Easter Hydrangeas are now available for purchase in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The plants will be displayed in the Church Sanctuary during our Easter Services. You may take your plant home after the Worship Service.



The cost is \$14 each for a 6” potted plant that will stand 18”-20” from the floor. **This sale begins today and concludes April 2.** Please find the basket in the Gathering room on the table for order forms. Please make checks payable to White Oak ARP and write “Easter” on the memo line. Orders may be placed in the offering basket or left in the Church office.

Church Calendar

Today	8:30 a.m.	Early Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship Service
	12:10 p.m.	Called Session Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 208
	2:30 p.m.	Sisters In Christ Meet in Room 111
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Midweek Bible Study Meets in Room 111
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Connect Meets in White Oak Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet in White Oak Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study in Room 108 (Educational Bldg.)
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Thursday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 111
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Girls Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Prayer Group Meets
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Friday Women’s Bible Study in Room 111
	5:00 p.m.	Guys Bible Study
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in White Oak Hall
March 26	8:30 a.m.	Early Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Combined Sunday School - Adults & Sr Youth in Church Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship Service
March 27	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting
March 28	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 208
March 29	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Midweek Bible Study Meets in Room 111
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Connect Meets in White Oak Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet in White Oak Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Bible Study in Room 108 (Educational Bldg.)
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 30	5:00 p.m.	Thursday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 111
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Girls Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Prayer Group Meets
March 31	5:00 p.m.	Guys Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Girls Slumber Party
April 2		Palm Sunday

MISSIONS

BE/France—Erik & Laurie Meberg

The massive earthquake in Southeast Turkey is part of the same region in which we lived and served years ago. We continue to love and pray for the people in this area where over 48,000 have died and many more remain buried under the rubble.

In the face of this sheer destruction and loss, we weep. Texts and messages to our friends, money and aid are important, but ultimately all we have are our tears and prayers. David writes in Psalm 56:8: *“Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll – are they not your record?”* In the face of tragedy, words often fail. And yet, the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and cherishes their weeping.

It's hard, though, to know what to do for the many people around us who are affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. What we’ve learned from these cultures, and from experience, is that often the best thing to do is sit with people in their pain. In those moments of listening and even embracing, we allow the Holy Spirit to be present.

In late February, Erik joined some of our Turkish brothers and sisters in Turkey for earthquake relief work. May God continue to use this tragedy to enlarge the hearts of His people in caring and praying for one another.

THANK YOU

Charlie and Alison Newman would like to thank everyone for your calls, prayers, texts, and food during our recent unexpected illnesses. We are so blessed to have our White Oak family love us.

Love,
Charlie & Alison

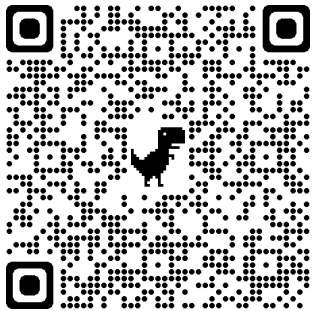


NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 8:30 SERVICE

Our Nursery needs additional volunteers for the 8:30 service.
If you can help, please contact Amy Coffee at 678-549-1968

WEDNESDAY CONNECT

Scan this QR code with your
smartphone for the March 22,
Wednesday Connect RSVP link:



VBS 2023

JUNE 26-30

RECIPES NEEDED!

As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebration this
year, we would like to publish a cookbook! We
have a lot of great cooks at White Oak, and it's
time for them to share their recipes!

Also included in the cookbook will be recipes
from previous cookbooks submitted by
members who are no longer with us.

We would love to have recipes from our visitors
and new members! We know you have
something special to share!

And MEN! We are not forgetting about you!
We know you have special recipes just waiting
for publication!

Recipes forms are located on the 175th Celebration
table in the Lobby. Once you have completed your
form(s), please return to Sally Estes, Linda Clarke or
in the Church Office.



GRADUATES LUNCHEON 2023

The 2022 Graduate luncheon is coming up soon! Please let Ronny
know if you will have a high school graduate this year!



VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK at BONCLARKEN - April 17-21

The information is available at the ARP Events section of the
Bonclarken Center website (www.bonclarken.org.arp-events/).
Registration forms are available there. For more information, speak
to Mark and Lynne Dodds, David King, Sandie Hester,
Margaret Hunter, or Sally Estes who've attended before.

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: **JOE ROBERTS**
TODD WEAVER

ELDER OF THE MONTH: **JOHN HEMPHILL**

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: INITIAL CONTACT: JOHN & CHARLOTTE HEMPHILL (770-254-1263)
BACK-UP CONTACT: FORREST & CAMMY TIDWELL (770-304-9585)

Small hearing devices are available from an usher or Deacon for those
wishing to use them.

Church Office Hours This Week: Tuesday - Thursday, 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
March 19	Amanda Beatenbough Carol Robertson	Robin Sewell Haley Sweetin Denise Vermilya	Stacie Headley Priscilla Loutzenhiser Hanna Wessells	Mark Dodds Stacie Headley
March 26	Ben Sewell NEED VOLUNTEER	Lynne Dodds Haley Sweetin Mary June Wade	Jason Headley Abby Headley Melinda Hemphill	Lynne Dodds Jason Headley

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Service	43
11:00 Service	110
YouTube Views	44

CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF

3/12/2023

	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 137,143	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 144,585	\$ 50
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 128,687	
YTD Actual Difference	\$ 15,898	

Online giving available at <https://www.whiteoakarp.org/give>

Matters for Prayer

Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for God’s Word to take root in our hearts and change our thinking and living.

Homebound: Joy Bowers

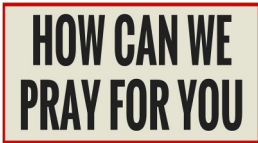
Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Betty Newby, Joe Zito, Mary Effie Bridges, Charlene McDaniel, Sonny Oliver, Sam Phillips

Expectant Parents: Helen Ward Crawford

Military: Kevin Cook, Jack Ward, Paul Lee (Son of Bokhee Min & Ken Lee), T.J. Hemphill

Missions: Oran Hurst - Support team raising for a 9-month Internship in Japan.

Sermon Notes



There are prayer cards on the back of the pews you can fill out and put in the offering basket. These are sent out to a group of people committed to pray for needs that are expressed. You can also email your prayer requests to Elder Bill Minton at bminton35@yahoo.com.

Sunday School Classes
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Children’s Classes

<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	T.J. Sweetin, Cindy Ward	Room 116	The Wonders He Has Done
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Olds	Sally Estes, Phyllis Howard Eileen Zito, Susan Sloan	Room 115	God Keeps His Promises
1st & 2nd Grade	Need Volunteer	Room 113	
3 rd – 5 th Grade	Andy Hemphill, Johanna Wessells	Room 112	God’s Servants
Middle School	Ronny Hull, Stacie Headley	Room 203	Identity According to God
High School	Currently attending P. Loutzenhiser’s class	Room107	

Adult Classes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
“Every Thought Captive, A Study Manual for the Defense of Christian Truth	Peter Loutzenhiser	Room 107
Miracles (Friendship Class)	John & Susan Sloan	Room 111
Revelation	Bob Abernathy	Room 206
Foundations—Basic of the Reformed Faith	Jim Wessells	Room 209

WOARP



HISTORY

In this 175th year of White Oak ARP Church, we ask what was going on in the world in the 1850s?

- ◇ Millard Fillmore was sworn into office as the 13th President of the United States, following Zachary Taylor's death on July 9, 1850.
- ◇ Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin was published in 1852.
- ◇ The December 30, 1853, "Gadsden Purchase" gave the United States a strip of land in the Southwest that later became the states of New Mexico and Arizona.
- ◇ * Dred Scott Decision 1857 stated that a slave moving to a free state never ceased to be a slave despite residing in a free state, denying him citizenship.
- ◇ Drilling was completed on the first productive commercial oil well in Titusville, PA in 1859.
- ◇ First transpacific telegraph cable laid
- ◇ First safety elevator installed by Elisha Otis
- ◇ Railroads began to supplant canals in the United States as a primary means of transporting goods.
- ◇ First commercially successful sewing machine made by Isaac Singer
- ◇ Charles Dickens published A Tale of Two Cities
- ◇ Crimean War (1854-56) between Imperial Russia and an alliance of the UK, Second French Empire, Sardinia, and Ottoman Empire
- ◇ The Great Exhibition, considered to be the first world's fair, was held at the Crystal Palace in Hyde Park, London in 1851.
- ◇ Charles Darwin published The Origin of Species, putting forward the theory of evolution by natural selection in November 1859.
- ◇ Commodore (US Navy) Matthew Perry played a leading role in the opening of Japan to the West in the Convention of Kanagawa (1854).
- ◇ In 1850 Oakland Cemetery was founded southeast of young Atlanta, where it remains today within the city limits.
- ◇ In 1851, a third rail line in Atlanta arrived, the Western and Atlantic Railroad, connecting Atlanta to Chattanooga.
- ◇ Temple College (for women) opened in 1853 and was among the first to grant women a Master of Arts Degree, Newnan, GA
- ◇ 1854 Willow Dell was established near modern Senoia.
- ◇ The Atlanta and LaGrange Railroad service came to Moreland in 1852, along with a wooden train station called Puckett Station.