Churches to install new pastor

Mark Carlson will be ordained and formally installed as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford and the Musconetcong Valley Presbyterian Church of Hampton at a service in the Oxford church Saturday at 3 p.m.

Former pastors, the Revs. William Cabell and Tom Collins, will participate. The Rev. Catharine Carlson, wife of the pastor-elect, will deliver the charge to the new minister and Dr. Edward Dowey of Princeton Theological Seminary will preach the sermon.

Other participating ministers will include the Revs. William Bender of the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church in Califon, Walt Siegel of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomsbury, Harry Freebairn of the First Presbyterian Church in Easton, Maurice Farr of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington and Richard Gibbons of the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Phillipsburg.

Marian Harrison and Ruth Byerlee will represent the Oxford and Hampton churches. Other participants will be Robert Farley, Pilgrim Church elder, and Mary Lecrone as soloist.

The 25-year-old pastor-elect was born in Albany, N.Y. and received degrees from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y.