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1890 - Grace Church
And Parsonage



1935 - Fifty
Years Ago



1985 - Today, our Church
on its 100th
Anniversary

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FOREWORD

Events in the life and times of institutions always add a significant touch, especially to those observing their 100th anniversary.

In this, the Centennial Observance of our Grace United Church of Christ, a review of records shows a continuing stream of church related events.

In its development, there is to be noted a thread of personal interest and involvement by members of the congregation. Our church history is liberally punctuated by their prayerful participation. Evidence of faith, love, and devotion is continuously documented in the growth and spiritual service of the church in its relation to God and the community.

What were the circumstances surrounding the founding of Grace Church? In understanding the growth and development of our church, it seems appropriate to describe the life and times of the community and its development over the past century, the charter membership, the clerical, lay leadership and many organizations and their contributions in the evolution of our church.

In planning for the 100th birthday observance, the consistory in late 1983 appointed a general committee headed by chairperson Melba (Mrs. Edward) Easterday, to develop an appropriate program.

The scheduled Centennial Year Program of events beginning on Sunday, September 16, 1984 and continuing through June, 1985, included a series of special services marking the historical background of our church and its importance to the membership.

Among plans for observing such a historical milestone, the Centennial Committee authorized a research of church records as the basis for publishing a church history. It was noted that historical reviews of Grace Church were published for the 50th anniversary, 1935; for the 75th anniversary, 1960; and in a booklet entitled "This is Grace Church," published in 1975. In addition, the late Mrs. D. H. Smith, whose deep and abiding interest in our church included a vivid memory, compiled a most valuable resume in the mid-1930's.

It is hoped that the life and times of Grace Church detailed in this historical review will be interesting and informative.

Robert Rust,
1985

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Culver, Indiana 1885 - 1985 "A Century of Christian Service"

ONE hundred years — a century — represents a period of time that goes beyond all but a very few lifetimes, and beyond any one person's memory. Yet the lapse in time since the founding of Grace Church, like the yesterdays or anniversaries of other institutions and happenings is relative.

— By-Gone Days Neglected —

Too often the importance of our yesterdays is neglected. Thus, historically, we are oft prone to think of those who had a role in shaping and developing an organization or institution as relics of bygone days or an unrelated era.

Actually through our own living presence and association we can recall quite a few changes in a brief span of time. And with the increased tempo of our times, the changes for our tomorrows, are being set just as they were in any period of bygone days.

For example, the life span of a male is said to be near 70, the female 75 years. Thus if the last 5000 years were divided into lifetimes of 67 years each, there have been about 75 such lifetimes.

There have been less than five lifetimes since the Peace of Westphalia, 1648, and in the use of the printed word, just four lifetimes, has it been possible to measure time. The vast majority of consumer goods has been offered only in the present lifetime.

It has been less than three lifetimes since Marshall County was first settled, and less than two since Grace Church was chartered in 1885.

— Our Community 100 Years Ago —

What was it like in this, our community area one hundred years ago? Culver, then known as Marmont was a rural village of 300 or less on the north shore of Lake Maxinkuckee. Like spokes on a wagon wheel, neighborhood settlements of more or less prominence clustered nearby — Maxinkuckee, Washington, Mount Hope, Leiters Ford, Marshland (Delong), Buena Vista (Monterey), Mt. Pleasant, Long Point, Zion, Winona, Ora, Burr Oak, Hibbard, Rutland, Wolf Creek, Poplar Grove and Shawtown. Centering neighborhood pioneer settlements were schools, churches, general stores, sawmills, gristmills, etc.



The Early Years

1880-90 Views

Top left: Marmont Main St. business bldg., present site of Bank (Photo, July 12, 1894). Top: Popular Assembly Grounds, Ralston House, 1880's-1900's. Left: North Main St., Marmont, 1898; and Below: Marmont's Vandalia Depot, late 1880's-90's.



Lower left: Aub-beenaubbee Bay view from Culver (CMA) Assembly Grounds. Note: Original frame bldg. Lagoons, pools. Below: Late 1890's CMA Campus view.



In 1885, more often than not, the family lived in a frame dwelling, many of which had involved a "do-it-yourself" pattern of construction. Wood or coal burning stoves and fireplaces were the source of heat; oil lamps and candles offered dim light for reading, sewing, or a game of checkers. It was a rare home that had indoor plumbing. Other home furnishings probably involved the pot bellied heating stove. For the real affluent there was the coke burning base burner.

The kitchen featured a wood burning cook stove, perhaps a cistern pump. The 1880 records show that in Marshall County there were 192 sewing machines, 174 organs and 88 pianos.

— Changing Living Patterns —

One hundred years ago, all this was destined to change. And among the dynamic altering factors, locally, regionally and nationally was the development of local churches. (In January 1885 Marmont's only church was the Methodist-Episcopal.)

Public education and the advent of inventive and manufacturing genius were destined to revolutionize agriculture production, communication, and transportation.

— Schools —

In the early 1890's Indiana mandated public transportation for pupils living more than 1 1/2 miles from school. Thus came horsedrawn hacks later superceded by motor powered busses.

The 1959 school reorganization law based upon enrollment and tax base, brought about a merger of schools. In the Culver Community School District, records show that there were once more than 40 public school buildings, including 4 high schools. Today students are housed in three buildings with one high school.

— Our Community 1880's —

Back in the 1880's Marmont (Culver) had few streets; about 8 to 12 mostly unimproved. In fact in 1915 records show that our town had only 1-1/8 miles of brick paved streets. The road around the lake was finally made passable year-round as a gravel road in 1903.

In 1880 main roads included one from Maxinkuckee to Wolf Creek and to Poplar Grove, one from Marmont to Zion and Monterey, one to Mt. Pleasant (Albright Church), Marshland (DeLong), Leiters Ford and one to Plymouth.

— Pioneers —

On July 26, 1836, forty-nine years before Grace Church was

chartered, area settlement began as pioneer settlers arrived by ox-drawn wagons. They settled east of Maxinkuckee, near Wolf Creek, Poplar Grove, Twin Lakes, "Prairie" (Crosslanes, later Rutland), Plymouth, Leiters Ford and Buena Vista (Monterey). A year after their arrival, the first emigration of Pottowatomi tribes (Maxinkuckee-Bruce Lake) to Kansas was carried out.

One hundred years ago there were thousands of acres of area swampland (45,780 - Marshall County, 1870) including Hawk's Marsh, Green's Marsh and Manituau Wetlands, locally. Land quality varied greatly—light ginger sand to clay and muck.

— 1880 Survey —

In 1880, in Marshall County 3,515 persons owned farms; 1,272 owned town or city lots. In Union Township 2,935 acres produced 117,300 bushels of corn; 3,281 acres produced 81,025 bushels of wheat.

When Grace Church was first organized there were twelve schools in Union Township, four brick and eight were frame buildings. There were nine women and two men teachers. The school term was six and four-tenths months; teachers salary was \$1.73 daily. The first Culver High School class graduated in 1899.

In the 1870's the favorite embarking points for fishermen included Wolf Island at the east end of Mill Street and Long Point. Hawk Lake and the Rocky Point North Shore of Maxinkuckee were important to fishermen. Records show that fishermen's catches exceeded 25,000 pounds annually.

As late as 1892, there were 50 to 100 free flowing wells along the east and north shores of Maxinkuckee. Some had a flow rate of 50 gallons a minute. A survey showed that the wells produced 600,000 gallons daily.

— Lakeshore Development —

In the 1880's development of lakeshore properties began. One parcel of 100 ft. frontage lots south of Maxinkuckee Landing were offered for \$200 to \$300 each. Earlier a 160-acre farm, South Shore, Lake Maxinkuckee brought a record price of \$2.00 to \$5.00 per acre. In 1906, Long Point lots were offered for \$6.00 per front foot, and in 1921, a 65-ft. Eastshore lakefront lot sold for \$1,200. Lakeside Inns, The Allegheny House, The Palmer House, and The Arlington (1886) were popular tourist rendezvous. Eventually some 20 hotels served visitors. There were also clubhouses which served as gathering places for Rochester, Peru, Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Plymouth groups.

Lakeside homes were being built in the late 1870's. And, in the early 1880's, the McQuat, Woodbank (1896), Vonnegut (Dale Long home), the Wigwam, the Norris home, the Bigleys, and the Benedict's "Pine Tree" house were among the early homes. In 1919, records show that there were 146 cottages on 196 Lake Shore lots.

Two years before Grace Church was organized the Vandalia R.R. (Logansport-South Bend) reached Marmont, June 30, 1883. On August 30, 1882, the New York Chicago, St. Louis R.R. (Nickel Plate) operated its first passenger train. The same year Burr Oak, Hibbard and Rutland were platted. In 1907, the C&O railroad, Cincinnati to Chicago, reached Kewanna.

— Development —

In terms of communication the Morse Code, the telegraph system, and the hand set type in newspapers were to be superceded by wireless, machine set type, and still later by telephone, radio (1920's), and electronic processes. In June 1926, WCMA, a Culver radio station was on the air with a 1018 transmitter.

In transportation the livery stable and surrey of the 1880's gave way to the train, the auto and later the airplane. Gravel roads were replaced with pavement and bridges replaced river "fording" and ferries; later, came the super highway.

Locally residential lighting came in 1911. In 1910 Culver's Central Union Telephone Company reported that it served 300 lines. In 1902 gasoline powered autos made their appearance locally. In 1904 Knight Culver drove his 24 H.P. Winston from St. Louis to Culver in four days. In 1916, records show that 36 Fords were sold in Culver.

— Health —

Health problems involved many human ailments. In the 1880's a common lung ailment was consumption. Later it became known as tuberculosis and still later as a respiratory congestion.

In the 1880's "Ague" was a withering malady. Later it was called Malaria. There was a wide range of remedies to combat ailments. One hundred years ago, panaceas were the trademark of street corner salesmen offering tonics, salves, etc.

The advancement of medical science and practice was most noticeable in the 1890's and the 1900's. At the turn of the century, Culver had four doctors, and neighboring Maxinkuckee had one.

— Standard Time —

Clockwise in the early 1880's, Indiana operated on twenty-three separate times. On November 26, 1884, the nation adopted a uniform

This Was The Way It Appeared Around 1900



Right: Southbound train, Marmont, late 1890's

Below: Vandalia Park Steamboat Pier Scene, 1900's



Below: Long Point's famed Arlington Hotel



Below: Volunteer Fire Department



Depot Pier, excursionists await steamboats, 1900's



Popular Lakeview Hotel



1900's Looking South, Main Street



standard time, four months before Grace Church was founded.

In 1885 Capt. Edw. Morris launched his newly-built sidewheeler steamer, "The Lake Forest." Steamboats on Lake Maxinkuckee were a very important means of transportation through the early 1900's.

— Making A Living —

What was the livelihood pattern of the early Grace Church members one hundred years ago? Farming, lumbering, ice making, railroading, milling, marine activities, hunting, fishing, harness making, carpentry, and storekeepers were vocationally important. Then there were small factories — The Hibbard Steam Tile & Brickworks, the Marmont Ice Cream Factory, the pickle factories, saw mills, the Rutland Brickworks, the Burr Oak Cheese Factory and other small industries.

Early in the century on rolling land east of Lake Maxinkuckee, the Norris family started their well known apple orchard setting trees on an eight-acre plot. Later, in 1928-30, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Norris increased their fruit production by setting trees on an additional 17-acre plot.

Close by the lake, in 1910, the 30-acre Vonnegut orchard was planted and for a number of years produced a large crop of apples.

The 25-acre planting of fruit trees, (apples, peaches) on the Bigley homestead farm took place in 1928. Later, expanded to a 65-acre orchard, its development was managed by John F. Bigley for 45 years and since 1972 by his son, David Bigley. The harvesting and storage of apples, has provided part time seasonal employment.

The Owen Banks orchard southwest of Culver was set out in 1915. The 20-acre orchard produced, mainly, four varieties of apples. It became necessary, following World War I, to employ Mexican labor during the busy harvest season. The trees were bulldozed in 1958.

In addition to the seasonal employment (1890's - 1930's) during the harvesting, storing and shipping of ice, from the late 1890's there has been a broad range of agricultural activity.

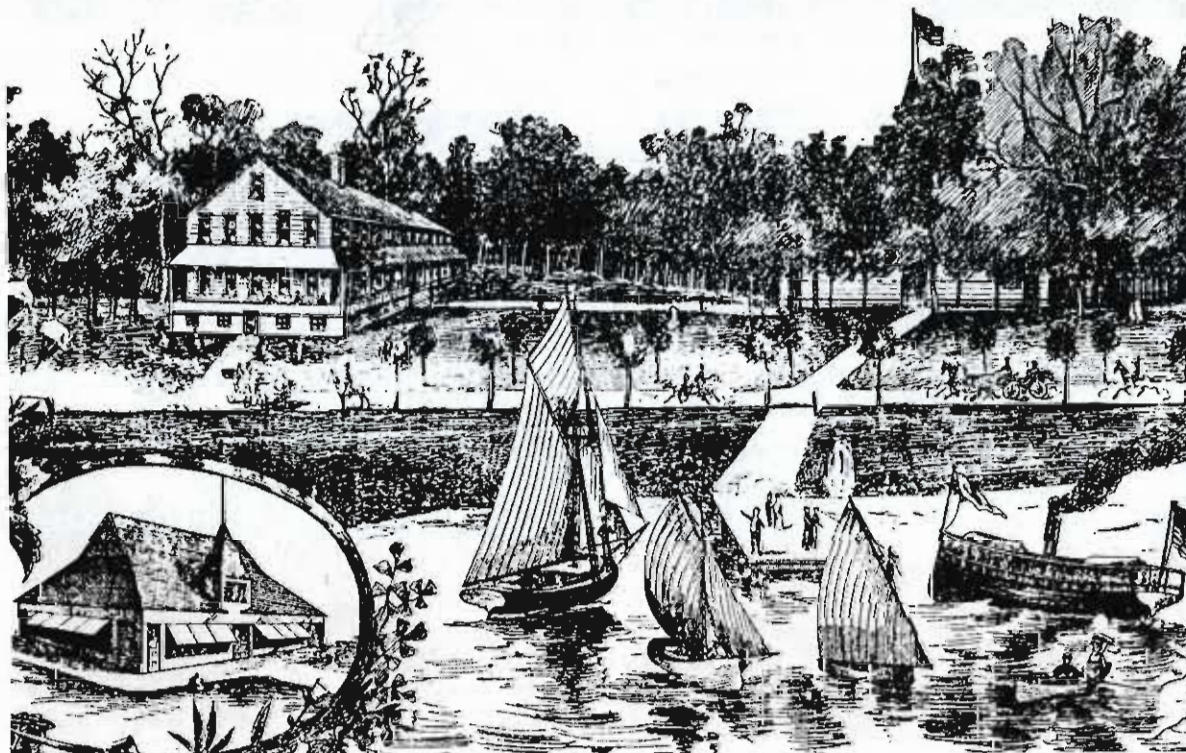
Muckland areas have been the setting for mint production involving mint distillation, and other crops including onions, potatoes, etc. Then, too, clay pockets provided the raw material for the once-upon-a-time brick-tile production. Other land was found suitable for hybrid seed production.

— The H. H. Culvers —

In 1864, Henry Harrison Culver and Emily Jane Hand were married at the Wolf Creek home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hand. Nearly 20 years later in the summer of 1883, following an illness, the Culvers returned to Lake Maxinkuckee where Mr. Culver convalesced.



Photo shows Culver Park Assembly Grounds, 1889. At left, frame structure provides for dining room, administrative center, and 16 guest rooms, top floor. At right can be seen the Tabernacle, where 1889 Assembly Series was held.



The 1889 Assembly Bulletin carried the above artist's drawing of the "Tabernacle, Dining Room, and Steamboat Pier at Culver Park." (Note: flag is on the Tabernacle.)

Subsequently, Mr. Culver built a cottage on an East Shore bluff overlooking Aubbeenaubbee Bay. The same year he purchased the 98-acre Hisson farm and in 1884 he bought the 208-acre adjoining Aubbeenaubbee Bay farm.

Reclaiming the wetland area, north of Aubbeenaubbee Bay, Mr. Culver built a tabernacle, several cottages and an Inn. In July, 1889, The Culver Park Assembly, directed by Ben Deering, attracted more than 20 thousand visitors to Evangelistic Services, featuring nationally famous evangelists including "Sad" Sam Jones, Atlanta, Georgia; J. Dewitt Talmadge, Brooklyn, N.Y., and John Matthews, Philadelphia, Pa.; and hymnist, E. O. Excell.

— Summer Chautauquas —

The same year the first Maxinkuckee Chautauqua was held in Culver. Still later came the popular Gordon Players stage presentations. The summer Chautauquas continued here into the 1930 era. Many of them were held near Grace Church on the then vacant land where the Town Hall now stands. In the early 1900's, the famed Redpath Chautauqua National Organization, seriously considered establishing, but later aborted plans, for national headquarters at Bass Lake.

At the time of the birth of Grace Church in mid-1880, author Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published. It marked the era of the first Women's Suffragette Convention, 1884; the riding plow was patented, and Grover Cleveland was the newly elected president of our nation.

— A Century of Crises —

The development of our nation has not been devoid of crises during the past century. From 1885 through the mid 1980's our nation has been involved in two Indian uprisings (South Dakota), the Philippine Insurrection, five major wars plus labor strikes and other disturbances. During the century there have been instances of rationing of food, clothing and fuel, and spiraling inflation.

From forty states in 1885 our nation has grown to a Federal Community of 50 states. In recent years there have been vast changes in the modes of travel and communication.

Locally, though thoroughfares need constant maintenance, most streets are paved. Today only five blocks of poster brick pavement remain.



Saine's General Merchandise store (Earl Eckman was once employed here)



Home Grocery, Osborn Bldg., Main Street



Left: Circa 1908, Vandalia Park Beach scene: Underneath: Once famous Lighthouse, east of Vandalia Park; Below: Rare photo showing Will Rogers, famed Radio-Stage humorist, at the WCMA Radio microphone, 1928.



**Around
Our Town
Early
1900's**



1906, - Culver's street oiler along Main St.



Early 1900's—Once famous Indiana Boathouse, East Shore, Lake Maxinkuckee

— Changing Living Patterns —

Home living patterns have rapidly changed in the last four decades. For example, consider that automated home washers, dryers, electric refrigerators, freezers, powered lawn mowers and other equipment were not commonplace before 1940. It was in the late 1940's that television was available. Locally in 1921 home stove heating was beginning to be replaced by furnace central heating.

Thus, from a small beginning with geographic and topographic limitations, area development has been remarkable in terms of spiritual, educational, economic and technical growth.

— Population Growth —

Today's Marshall County population of 39,155 is a far cry from that of 1885. With less than 300 living in Marmont a century ago, today the same community (Culver), though still comparatively small, has grown to nearly 1700; Union Township to more than 3600. There are more than 340 homes in Culver and 260 Lakeshore residences. Then, too, the Culver Academy's enrollment regular term exceeds 700 and the summer term 1000. (In 1884 Culver's population was 394; in 1908, 661; 1911, 810; 1920, 1080.)

— Hymns - Evangelism —

Back through the centuries, from the feudal time bards to later hymnists, to still later choral groups, music has had an integral role in religious services.

Herman Rodeheaver's "The Old Rugged Cross," Barbold's "I Love To Tell The Story," Toplady's "Rock of Ages," and Fanny Crosby's "Rescue The Perishing," were well known hymns sung 100 years ago.

Long before the advent of the modern print and electronic media, especially in the 1880's through the 1900's, the place of the public speaker, the orator, the evangelist, and the philosopher occupied a prominent educational role in every community.

With subject matter involving politics, economics, social and religious themes, audiences gathered from far and near to hear their favorite speaker. Thus it was that William Jennings Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech became famous as did Robert G. Conwell's "Acres of Diamonds," a speech presented more than 1000 times.

— Overall Interest in Religion - 1880's —

Nationally, there was a marked increase in religious oriented activity especially in Bible Study in churches in the 1880's extending into the 1900's. The era was marked by great religious conferences with

"spellbinding," if not fervent evangelism. It was an era of camp meetings, "psalm singing," hymn composing, and the establishment of many community churches.

Evangelists were heralded nationally in the 1880's. Billy Sunday (1896-1935) whose famed theme "Get Right With God" was always preceded by chorister, Herman Rodeheaver's rendition of "Brighten The Corner Where You Are." Billy Sunday, Grady Wilson and other evangelists were associated at nearby Lake Winona.

— Local Christian Conference —

Historically, Christian influence in the area dates back more than 200 years ago when French Jesuit Missionaries ministered to the Pottawatomie Indians at missions in Ft. Wayne and at Ft. St. Joseph, Michigan. More than 160 years ago (1821), Rev. Isaac McCoy, who founded Carey Mission near Niles, Michigan, began ministering to the Pottawatomies at Menominee Village, north of Marmont (Twin Lakes). Rev. McCoy's mission and his teaching had great influence on all those he served.

Later, Father Stephen Petit and Father DeSeille and Padre Benj. Marie Petit served Indians at Menominee Village. In the early 1830's Rev. Stephen Marsters, Methodist Episcopal missionary, held services at missions in Marshall, Starke and Kosciusko counties.

— Pioneer Religious Activity —

The first pioneers who arrived in 1836 settled in the Maxinkuckee, Wolf Creek and Poplar Grove areas. With a religious background based on "New Light Christianity," the early pioneers regularly met for services in their homes.

Eventually, the "New Light Christianity," following the teaching of Alexander Campbell, was a guiding tenant for the pioneers in the Maxinkuckee and Wolf Creek areas.

It led to the acceptance of the (Campbell Light), Christian Advent Doctrine (1843). Their fervent enthusiasm led to the establishment of the famed "Pisgah" Church of God, 1846, and subsequently to the "Antioch Church," 1862.

Pioneers pursued the faith of their heritage. Thus, it was from England and the Eastern Seaboard came the Methodist Episcopal faith; from England, the Episcopal faith; from Scotland, the Presbyterian; from Germany, the Evangelical, the Reformed and the Catholic faiths; and from the Eastern Seaboard and Southern States, the Baptist faith.

— Local Church Beginnings —

In 1850, east of Marmont, the Poplar Grove Methodist Church had its beginning as an outgrowth of Sunday School studies. A year later, the St. Mary's Mission began serving Catholics near Monterey. At the same time, in Marmont, preliminary Christian Study sessions led to the organization of the Methodist Episcopal (Wesley United Methodist) Church. Marmont Methodists erected their new church at Main and Washington streets. It was remodeled in 1898-1899.

With reference to the local area, Swedish Lutherans established churches in the Donaldson area; German Lutherans in the Hartz Lake (western Starke and Pulaski county) areas; German Reformed in five areas; Zion in Bruce Lake, Marshland (DeLong) and Twin Lakes and Marmont; and German Evangelical (E.U.B.), Mt. Pleasant, south of Marmont.

— Fifty-Four Churches, 1836-1985 —

Since 1836 to the present, more than 54 churches have served Culver and the immediate four township areas. Many original churches have closed due to unification and population and developmental changes. Today 23 to 25 churches serve the area.

— Church, Sunday Schools —

Sunday School, religious study groups, have been most important in the organization and development of churches. As a matter of fact, in the late 1880's through 1906, Culver Assembly Grounds (a 26-acre site south of Davis Street) was the setting for a large Tabernacle, a hundred-room Inn and a spacious Camp Ground. It was the setting for regional, state, and local church school and evangelistic services. Train excursions brought large groups to the Culver Assembly Grounds and lake steamboats and ferries served the area.

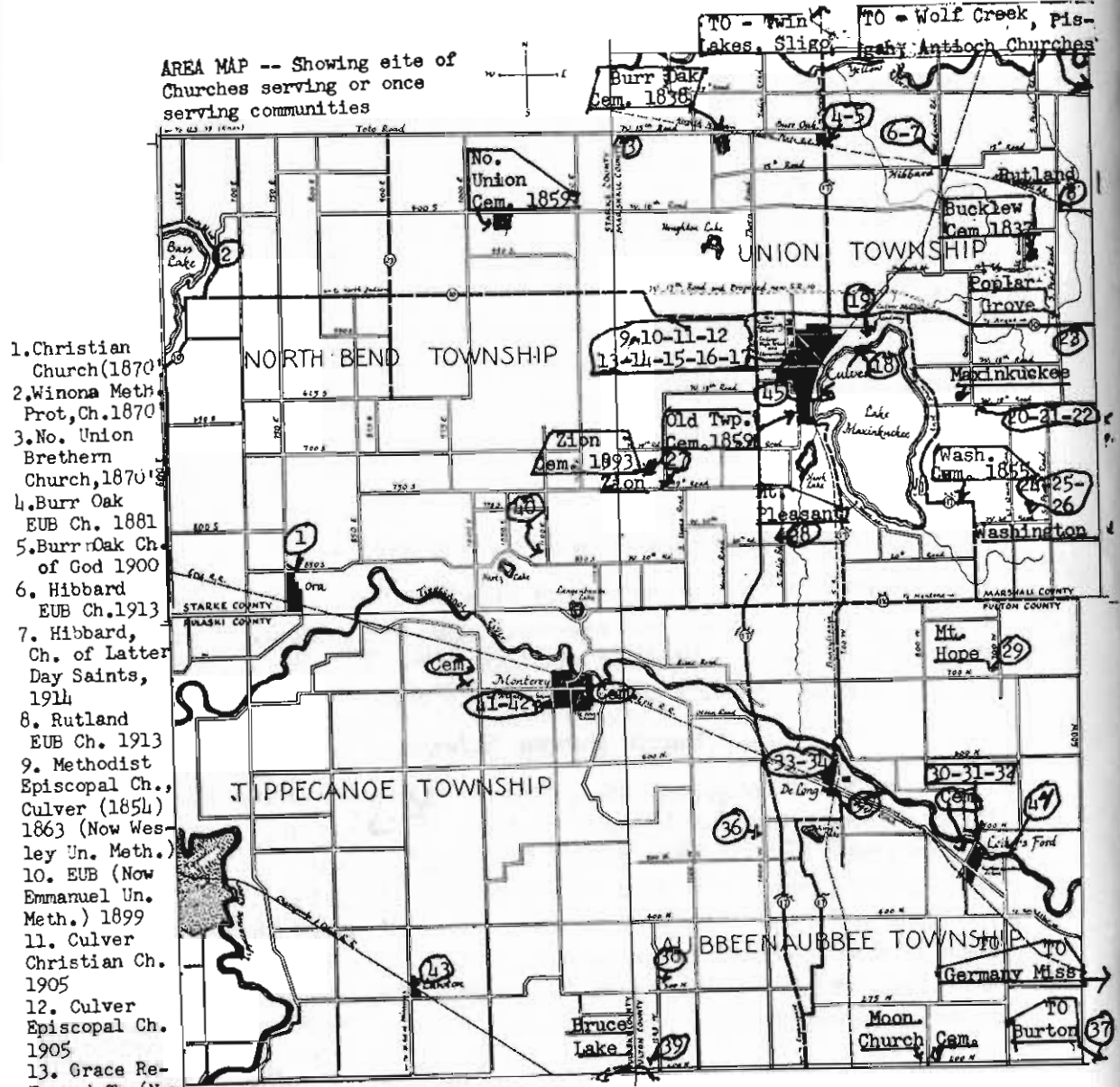
— Grace Church Organized —

Thus it was that the developing spiritual interest played an essential role in the founding of Grace Church 15 years before the turn of the century.

With strong ties to Zion Reformed Church, located southwest of Marmont, and through continuing get-together sessions — Sunday School — Church study groups, the Marmont Reformed Church was organized March 11, 1885.

Preliminary to the birth of our church, the history of the Reformed Church Classis indicates that visiting Reformed Church pastors were discussion leaders for the local group. They included Rev. J. B. Henry,

AREA MAP -- Showing site of Churches serving or once serving communities



1. Christian Church (1870)
2. Winona Meth. Prot. Ch. (1870)
3. No. Union Brethern Church (1870)
4. Burr Oak EUB Ch. 1881
5. Burr Oak Ch. of God 1900
6. Hibbard EUB Ch. 1913
7. Hibbard, Ch. of Latter Day Saints, 1914
8. Rutland EUB Ch. 1913
9. Methodist Episcopal Ch., Culver (1854) 1863 (Now Wesley Un. Meth.)
10. EUB (Now Emmanuel Un. Meth.) 1899
11. Culver Christian Ch. 1905
12. Culver Episcopal Ch. 1905
13. Grace Reformed Ch. (Now Grace United Ch. of Christ) (1870's) 1885
14. A.M.E. Rollins Chapel 1917
15. St. Mary's Roman Catholic (1892) 1897
16. Trinity Lutheran 1958
17. Culver Bible Ch. (1940's) 1955
18. Culver Park Assembly (Site of Regional Evangelistic Serv. 1889)
19. CMA Memorial Chapel 1951
20. Maxinkuckee (New Light Christian Ch. 1836) Christian Ch. 1854, 1888
21. Max. Meth. Prot. Ch. 1854
22. Max. Meth. Epis. Ch., 1939
23. Poplar Grove Meth. Ch., 1850
24. E. Washington Meth. Prot. Ch., 1854
25. Washington Evangelical, 1880
26. W. Wash. Meth. Epis. Ch. 1891
27. Zion Reformed Ch. (1853) 1866
28. Albright Evan. Ch., 1872
29. Mt. Hope Meth. Prot. 1887
30. Leiters Fd. Meth. Ch. 1860's
31. L.F. Baptist Ch. 1860's
32. Presbyterian Ch. 1860's
33. DeLong (Marshland) Reformed Ch. 1880's
34. DeLong Methodist Ch., 1880's
35. DeLong Baptist Ch. 1970's
36. King's Lake Bapfist 1960's
37. Burton Methodist, 1860's
38. Zion Evan. Ch. 1870's
39. Bruce Lake Ref. Ch. 1880's
40. German Lutheran Mission, 1869
41. Monterey Meth. Ch. 1871
42. St. Ann's Roman Catholic Ch. (1880) 1882
43. Lawton Meth. Ch. 1880's
44. Picnic Island (Site of Area Sunday School Picnics 1900's)
45. Assembly Grounds (1895-1905) (Site of Regional Church Activities)



The Kaley School House
The School House Church



Zion Reformed Church
The Family Church

Jacob Zechiel and co-partner Charles Stahl were the builders of Zion Church (right) in 1872.

1877-82; Rev. W. A. From, 1883-84; and Rev. J. B. Spangler, 1884-85.

The study group met rather regularly in the Methodist Episcopal Church, southwest corner Main and Washington Streets. It was the only church in Marmont in 1885.

— Zion Church —

Zion Reformed Church in the late 1870's and early 1880's had an active membership of over 150. Zion Sunday School had more than 110 participating students with 10 instructors teaching in both German and English. The Marmont study group included several affiliated members of Zion Church. Of the original 18 charter members of Grace Church, 12 were from Zion Church. In fact, the heritage of our church shows a strong historical linkage to Zion Reformed Church.

More than 120 years ago, in the early 1860's, a group of Christian pioneers began holding religious services in the old Kaley schoolhouse west of Zion Church.

From this beginning, Zion Reformed Church was established. As the mother of Grace Church, it is fitting that the history of our church begin with a brief history of Zion Church.

— Zion Services —

Services and meetings were held at the Kaley school for several years with the prayer meetings held in the homes. Rev. Bassler, a Reformed Church Home Missionary, initiated preaching services in 1855. Two other ministers followed him with German language sermons.

Later, Rev. James Michael, Winamac Reformed Church, began English language services with intermittent services with German speaking pastors.

Still later, St. Joseph Classis assigned Rev. Schlosser to organize the congregation and on April 1, 1866, the Zion Reformed Church was founded with 18 charter members.

The Consistory was composed of Elders John Romig, John Zechiel and Deacons John Adler and J. F. Stahl. The Zion Church building, three miles southwest of Marmont, was erected and dedicated free of debt, on May 4, 1873.

— Zion Sunday School —

The first Zion Reformed Sunday School was organized in 1873 with 88 enrolled. Meetings were held only during the warm months. The church continued to grow with 150 active members and a Church School of 200.

Zion Church groups including the Women's Missionary Aid Society, the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, the Girl's Guild, a teacher training program, and other special groups had an active role in the church's development.

The outreach of Zion Church over the years, is shown by the fact that from its membership, 5 members of the church filled the ranks of the Christian Ministry.

In later years, Zion, as a member of the Marmont Reformed Church Charge, shared with sister churches the assigned ministers.

— Zion-Grace Church Merger —

Because of developing changes in transportation, in social and economic conditions, after more than 80 years service, Zion merged with Grace Church in 1950. The small but distinctive white church building is gone but a nearby reminder of the famed church is the well-cared for Zion Cemetery which was originally platted May 14, 1893.

— Chartering Grace Church —

It was a late winter day, March 11, 1885, when a small but intensely interested group of 18 persons formally organized the Marmont Congregation of the Reformed Church of America. Services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1885 until construction was completed on their new church in the fall of 1890.

Rev. Peter Spangler, Pastor, Plymouth Charge, Reformed Church, (Plymouth, Twin Lakes, Jacoby and Zion) was the first pastor of the newly organized Marmont church for one year. Rev. N. H. Loose, the second pastor served two years.

— Charter Members —

Charter members of Grace Church, March 11, 1885, were as follows:

Elizabeth Behmer	Sarah Blanchard	John Souder
Joseph Bender	Ora Brown (Menser)	Matilda Souder
Mary Bender	Margaret Morris	Henry Zechiel
Emiline Benner	Oliver Morris	John Zechiel
Joseph Benner	David Reed	Lozetta Zechiel
Ezra Blanchard	Mary Reed	Rosina Zechiel

In 1888 the Marmont Reformed Charge Reformed Church was organized with congregations at Twin Lakes, Marmont, Zion, (Trinity) Marshland (DeLong), and (St. Paul's) Bruce Lake. Rev. Samuel Shaw was the first pastor of the newly formed Charge.

— Rev. Shaw's Pastorate —

Rev. Shaw began his new work with his residency in the parsonage at Marshland near the Tippecanoe River. This parsonage was later purchased by the Marmont Church and Rev. Shaw soon moved to his new residence, the first house south of where our church was to be built.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. Shaw, that our church, a small white frame church at 307 Plymouth Street, was erected. Though our church has undergone many changes in the past century (nine major projects involving enlargements, redécoring, 1890-1969) the locale remains the same as it was determined originally.

— Building Our First Church —

What were the circumstances in which our small charter membership could initiate construction of our church, the second church to be built in Marmont?

It all came about at a congregational meeting held October 25, 1889 at the parsonage home of Rev. Shaw when John Zechiel generously offered, on behalf of himself and his children, to erect a church in memory of his wife, Rosina.

The Zechiel family assumed the cost of erecting and enclosing the building, ready for lathe and plastering and the congregation was to finish and furnish the interior. The proposal requested that a suitable inscription "Erected in the memory of Rosina Zechiel, wife of John Zechiel" be properly placed.

The proposal also asked that the congregation assist in procuring an appropriate site, hauling the necessary logs to a saw mill, and to name a committee to supervise construction. Unanimously accepting the offer,



John Zechiel
1832-1923

Born, Baden, Germany, John Zechiel and his bride-to-be emigrated to America where they were married in Pennsylvania, May 23, 1853. Later they moved to Marmont, Indiana area and here they raised their six children. In a moving tribute to his wife, John Zechiel generously provided for the original Grace Church. Among the great-grandchildren of John and Rosina Zechiel are Jerome Zechiel, Jr., and Katherine Easterday.



Rosina Zechiel
1832-1889

the congregation chose John and Henry Zechiel, John Souder and Oliver Morris as a building committee.

— Site Selection —

The membership, no doubt, considered various locations for their new church, since there were ample Marmont building sites in 1889, before finally selecting the proper place to build our church on September 9, 1890. The original selection on Plymouth Street (lots No. 49 and No. 50) has been the home setting for Grace Church for 95 of its 100 years.

It must have been a busy, if not an exciting 1890 summer construction scene with congregational and community artisans pursuing site preparation, hauling logs to local water-powered saw mills and return-



Receipt, \$98.19, dated September 9, 1890, to John Zechiel, Grace Church benefactor, shows payment in full for Church belfrey bell.

ing lumber to the site, sledding fieldstone for the foundation and other construction activity.

— Dedication of Marmont Reformed Church —

Stonemason, D. H. Smith, had the honor of laying the cornerstone in June, 1890. In early September the building was formally dedicated to the service of God.

To many early members it was fondly referred to as "Our little white church." The interior was extremely plain. A cluster of oil lamps supplied light for evening services. On each side of the room was a round oak stove. Three plain upholstered chairs were at the back of the pulpit. To the left of the pulpit was the choir section. At some point in time a small balcony was installed. On September 9, 1890, John Zechiel purchased the belfry bell, still in use, from a Cincinnati, Ohio firm, for \$98.19.

With a charter list of 18 members, growth of the church was very slow in the early years, numbering only 22 members in January, 1890.

— Golden Anniversary —

Some 45 years later, March 3rd to 10th, 1935, Grace Church observed the Golden Anniversary of its founding. The anniversary program featured a special reminiscing session, Church School and Guild programs and worship services led by Rev. E. E. Zechiel, Louisville, OH; Rev. H. N. Smith, Carrollton, OH; Rev. A. J. Michael, Maywood, IL; Rev. J. F. Tapy, Fort Wayne; and Rev. R. S. Mathes, Goshen, IN.

— Remembering —

Remembering the early days of the church was historically refreshing. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary, there were three charter living members, Henry Zechiel, Mrs. Sarah Blanchard, and Mrs. Ora Brown Menser were honored.

It was most interesting to hear long-time members informally tell about selecting the church site, construction details, the early pastors — their families, and church services, church projects, organizations and the changing decor of Grace Church.

In such a get-together there was always a vivid interchange of reminiscences. For example, Claude Newman who was joined by his wife, Augusta, remembered hearing how they sledded fieldstone from west of town on wooden pole skids for the foundation. Evidence of the original stone masonry can be noted today (south base wall of the church).

Conversation ranged from sledding stone, cutting timber, hauling or sledding logs to saw mill, setting rafters, plastering, placement of hitching racks, and other items. Some thought logs were sawed at the Benedict Maxinkuckee Mill; others thought the timber might have been sawed at the Maxinkuckee Outlet Mill in Fulton County.

As an aside, one person pointed out that the large ceiling beams for the new Methodist Church came from a large East Shore Maple tree which was sawed at the Benedict Mill and then floated across the lake to Marmont.

Among those who could relate "first hand" about the earlier Marmont days were Perchis Blanchard, Irene Bogardus, Wilbur and Hattie Brown, Ora Byrd, Arthur Dillon, Walter and Blanche Hand, Arthur Morris, Henry Henning, Walter Johnson, Homer Kemple, Conrad Mattox, Cloyde Miller, John Mitchell, Sylvester and Ola Zechiel, Albert Stahl, Austin and Louise Romig, David and Flora Smith, Edna and Osie Stahl, Dr. H. H. Tallman, Cecil Smith, Deane Walker, Elnora Asper and Arthur and Velma Hatten, among others.

Named to the first four-member Consistory (Lay Board) in 1885, were John Zechiel and David Reed, elders; and John Souder, and Oliver Morris (secretary) deacons. Today's Board includes four elders and six deacons.

— The Gay Nineties —

The 1890's represent an era of national growth and activity including, the climactic westward movement, railroad building, urban growth, mining, agriculture production, and political, social and economic movements. It was the era of the Populist, the Free Silver party in the north, the Klan in the south, and the spread and growth of other groups throughout the land. Late in the decade came the sinking of the Battleship Maine and the Spanish-American War.

Oft referred to as the "Gay Nineties," locally, the name can be said to be appropriate in many ways. Resort aspects of the area attracted visitors from far and near. Lakes and streams attracted fishermen, summer cottagers, and excursionists. In season, the wetlands and grassy prairie areas attracted hunters who came by train and stage.

In September, 1890, our new Reformed Church was dedicated. Earlier in the year the Lakeside Vandalia Park was established and rail excursions became the order of the summer weekends. In 1891, H. H. Culver arranged for the Marshall County Agricultural Fair to be held on the north side of the present Academy campus. The Fair was discontinued in 1895.

On September 25, 1894, the first session of the Culver Military Academy began as thirty-two cadets registered. Earlier in July, 1894, the first issue of the Marmont Herald was published. In 1895, a company was organized to colonize that area of the Great Western Prairie extending from Bass Lake and north of the Nickel Plate Railroad to the Marshall County Line.

Following a disastrous fire at Mexico, Missouri, in 1896, Missouri Military Academy accepted the invitation of Mr. Culver to merge with CMA. On October 4, 1896, in a referendum, local citizens approved changing the town's name from Marmont to Culver City. On October 16, Rural Free Delivery began in Indiana.

In 1897 St. Mary's Catholic Church was built, corner of Lake Shore Drive and Lake View Street. In 1899, Emmanuel United Methodist Church erected their new church, South Main Street. Timbers from their dismantled "Albright" EUB Church, located south of Culver were utilized in the construction.

— Pastors During Past Century —

Grace Church was organized in March 1885, President Grover Cleveland had just been inaugurated as the 24th President of the United States. In the 25 presidential terms, from Grover Cleveland through Ronald Reagan, 18 have served as presidents of our nation. Interestingly, during the past 100 years, from the pastorate of Rev. Peter Spangler through Rev. Walter Vonderohe, Grace Church has been served by 18 ministers. They include:

1884-87	Peter Spangler	1920-25	J. F. Tapy
1887-89	N. H. Loose	1926-31	C. H. Lang
1889-92	Samuel Shaw	1932-42	Harvey E. Harsh
1892-00	J. W. Barber	1944-49	Victor D. Weidler
1900-01	H. N. Smith	1950-59	M. D. Sprunger
1902-07	S. E. Klopfenstein	1960-68	Harold W. Hohman
1907-15	A. J. Michael	1968-75	John H. Krueger
1915-17	J. W. Bechtel	1976-82	C. Thomas French
1917-20	G. P. Fisher	1983-	Walter Vonderohe

Among many interim pastors and laymen were: Hardigg Sexton, Charles L. Haney, Matthew Worthman, Henry Kroehler, David Pitts and William MacQuillan.

From the outset, active interest in church development and the zeal

craft Camp, 1912. The newly built Culver Elementary School was dedicated in 1906 and the same year Culver began operating a central waterworks.

— Grace Church 1907-15 —

In March, 1907, our church welcomed its new pastor, Rev. A. J. Michael. For more than eight years the Michael's led in all phases of church activity. During his pastorate, the Culver Reformed Church Charge was reorganized. Services at Grace Church were held Sunday evenings and alternate Sunday mornings; the church basement became the setting for Sunday School and church activities including Box Socials; a gasoline lighting plant was installed; an individual communion set was presented by Mrs. Kate Hawk; John Zechiel was made a life-long consistory member and many new members were added.

A report of the 10-member building committee, headed by Walter Hand, published April 7, 1912, showed that in 5 years, contributions totaled \$8,266.77. Other records of the era showed congregational membership 120; Sunday School 168, Christian Endeavor 35, and the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society 32. Rev. Michael's salary in 1908 was \$700 and \$1,000 in 1913.

Accepting an assignment with the Home Mission Board, Rev. Michael left on June 12, 1915 for Freeport, Illinois. A bit earlier in 1911, Edward Zechiel, of Grace Church, began a life-long ministerial record service, serving Ohio churches and finally the Sandusky Home for the Aged, before retiring in 1955 when he returned to Culver.

— The Living Patterns, 1910-20 —

Living patterns, both locally and nationally were affected by the events, 1910-1920. Nationally, the decade was marked by the effects of a series of European confrontations climaxed by the start of World War I, 1914, in which the United States became involved in 1917, and climaxed by its postwar adjustments. The industrial revolution with its far reaching effects was initiating changes in most localities. On March 20, 1918, the Daylight Savings Time Law was enacted.

Locally, in 1917 oil and gas fueled lighting began giving way to electricity as franchises were granted for commercial and residential lighting. Earlier in 1914, Culver could boast of having 37 streetlights. On April 17, 1911, the CMA Mess Hall was dedicated. The mid-part of the decade saw hundreds of young men participating in a series of special short course training at CMA. Some have suggested that this was the forerunner of the World War I Citizens Military Training Camps.

The area's appeal brought distinguished persons to the shores of

Lake Maxinkuckee: Lew Wallace, James Whitcomb Riley, Madam Schuman Heink, Will Rogers, and others. On June 8, 1912, Governor Thomas Marshall, George Barr McCutcheon, J. M. Studebaker, Meredith Nicholson and Booth Tarkington were among distinguished visiting guests.

In December, 1914, plans for Culver's new Carnegie Public Library were announced. Later, on October 22, 1916, the CMA Riding Hall burned destroying 66 horses. Plans were announced for construction of a new 104x212-foot Riding Hall to house 136 mounts. Renewal of the Ku Klux Klan in the area was reported by newspapers in 1915.

Panhandle railroad employees' wages in 1917 were raised from \$1.90 to \$2.00 per hour for a 10-hour day. Two years later in 1919, a contract was signed to construct a road from Bunker Hill (Lake Shore Drive) 5,500-feet north and east to CMA Riding Stables. Earlier the Lake Road ran along Aubbeenaubee Bay from Logansport Gate. In 1919 the Culver Depot was a busy center as six passenger trains a day served the community.

— Rev. Bechtel - Rev. Fisher —

In October, 1915, Rev. and Mrs. John W. Bechtel arrived from Fairview, Kansas. He served Grace Church for 2 years. During the era, new hymnals were purchased and \$700 was paid to the Delong congregation for its share of the parsonage. Zion Congregation celebrated its Golden Anniversary before Rev. Bechtel left to serve an Ohio Reformed Church.

Rev. G. P. Fisher began his 2-year Grace Church pastorate in late 1917. The new pastors salary was set at \$1200. At Christmas time, CMA presented Township Sunday Schools with a cash gift. On New Year's Day, 1918, the budget system for our church financing was introduced and the membership was urged to contribute weekly. Also in 1918, a new furnace was installed; the church was redecorated; a new porch was built on the parsonage and the young people built a tennis court at the rear of the church. Rev. Fisher left in late 1919 to accept the pastorate of a Warren, Ohio church.

— The 1920 Era —

Our new minister, Rev. John F. Tapy, came in time for our congregational meeting January 1, 1920 and remained with us until he became superintendent of the Fort Wayne Children's Home, June, 1925.

On January 12, 1920, visiting pastor, Rev. Good presented the "forward movement" and nearly \$3000 was subscribed to that cause. With

membership of 153, our church and furnishings were valued at \$12,000, the parsonage and grounds at \$3500.

During Rev. Tapy's ministry, the parsonage was remodeled at a cost of \$1,064; the church basement received a new wood floor; ceiling ventilators were installed; Elders Lewis, Wm. and Jacob Zechiel were elected honorary consistory members and Grace Church, again, entertained Classis.

In January, 1920, Rev. Tapy, serving on the committee for realignment of Classis and Synod, the Culver Charge became a part of the Fort Wayne Classis of Midwest Synod. Previously the Culver Charge was under the jurisdiction of the St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod.

A historic item from the 1920 records was an order: "No parking signs to be posted along the hitchracks, south of the church, as this space is reserved for horses." The 1920 and 1923 budgets list the pastor's salary as \$1600 and \$2000 respectively.

— The Roaring Twenties —

The 1920's are often referred to as the "Roaring '20's." It was the era when the Radio became an important communicative device. Then there was a growing interest in the theatre and a variety of other activities, sports, music (from the martial airs of John Phillip Sousa to music of dance orchestras), and in graphic journalism.

Adjusting to the aftermath of World War I, European nations, many of them war ravaged, were broadly involved in political, economic and social upheavels. The decade saw the rise of Communism, inflationary panics, the rise of Fascism and National Socialism, and the faltering of the League of Nations. In our nation, the focus of public attention involved political scandals (Teapot Dome), and religious influence in political party action.

Locally in November, 1920, the State Highway Commission announced plans for a new East-West highway, State Road #50 (S.R. #10) from Warsaw to Demotte. This became feasible after drainage of wetlands, especially old Lake Manitaue extending to the west of Culver. In 1923, plans for paving the Behmer Road (Plymouth-Culver) were announced. Later a 1929 petition asked the county to pave the road around Long Point, and the same year, it was announced that Culver's Ohio and Madison streets were to be paved.

Several buildings of note were dedicated in the '20's — Culver's new three-story high school, November 3, 1921; CMA Recreation Building, 1924; Ancilla Domini's new Motherhouse, 1923; and Culver's Community Building, 1929.

On Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929, prices collapsed on the New

York Stock Exchange. This marked the beginning of America's Great Depression.

— Sports —

As suggested elsewhere, the area has teemed with a variety of personal sports, — fishing, hunting, trapping, boating, etc. Competitively our community has been well represented and in many instances, excellently so, through the years. There were the great town football teams of the early 1900's, the great high school basketball teams, 1913-15; 1929-31; 1941-45; 1946-47; the championship marksman-ship teams, the champion horseshoe men; the bowlers, and even the parlor game of checkers. Then, too, there has been the on-going CMA 16 major sports program.

On January, 1926, Rev. C. A. Lang became our pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Lang and their children, Victor and Helen, were actively involved in all phases of the church program. In 1926-1930, the pastor's salary was raised to \$2500, and in 1930 the deacons presented the largest budget in the 45-year history of the church, \$4234.05.

— Girls Missionary Guild —

During the late '20's the church was re-roofed and redecorated. Membership increased as 54 were welcomed into Grace Church. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. A. Lang and Miss Osie Stahl, the Girl's Missionary Guild of Grace Church was organized in 1928. Among the 11 charter members were Margaret Swanson (President), Daisy (Eckman) Overmyer, Lois Bess (Morris) Hand, Margaret (Zechiel) White, Doris (Menser) Rogers, and Marjorie (Tallman) Asper. On February 15, 1931, Rev. Lang became the pastor of the Federated Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

— The 1930 Era —

The 1930's, the depression years, affected patterns of livelihood of people throughout the world. In our nation, foreclosures, depressed farm prices, food lines, unemployment, and bank failures in the early part of the decade were very much in evidence. The urgency was also reflected by the eight-day National Bank Holiday in March, 1933, and in other government emergency programs and projects—the CCC, the NRA, the TVA, and new Federal Bank regulations, among others.

In Europe the 1930's saw the rise of new political regimes and dictators—Stalin (Communism) Russia; Hitler (National Socialism) Germany; Mussolini (Fascism) Italy; and Franco (Falangist) Spain; among others. In the Far East, Japan's Militaristic Junta was to lead that nation aggressively for many years. In 1939, Germany's invasion of France, Belgium, and the low countries marked the beginning of World War II.

Locally in September, 1930, the price of gasoline was 14.4 cents plus tax, per gallon. In 1932-33, farmers, because of low price, used corn for heating fuel. On January 12, 1932, the State announced establishment of State Road 17, a North-South, Logansport-Plymouth highway. The gravel base road ran through Culver (West Shore, Main Street and Lake Shore Drive).

The Culver-Union Township Council of Churches was organized in 1934, and in 1935 over 330 men joined for the first Good Friday luncheon sponsored by the Council of Churches. The Town of Culver in 1935 purchased the four-acre Vandalia Park beach area from the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$6,500.

Earlier in 1930 Naturalist William C. Vogt was commissioned by the Academy to develop the CMA Bird Sanctuary. In June, 1932, the Culver family heirs in a historic and generous gift announced establishment of the Culver Educational Foundation to assure the future of the educational institution. Radio Station WCMA presented its final broadcast, November 30, 1932.

— Reverend Harsh —

When Rev. Harvey Harsh began his ministry, notwithstanding many crucial concerns including a severe economic depression, the membership and consistory gave him loyal support which was reflected in renewed spiritual interest. Because of financial limitations of individuals and institutions, the church budget was drastically reduced. In 1934-36 it was necessary to reduce the pastor's salary to \$1,400 for a period of two years. It was later raised to \$1,500 and in 1941 to \$1,600.

Rev. Harsh introduced the "Church Visitor" which he edited and distributed weekly. New hymnals were bought by the Ladies Aid Society in 1932. In 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio, the Reformed Church of the United States and the Evangelical Synod merged to become the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

As recorded earlier, it was during Rev. Harsh's ministry that Grace Church celebrated its 50th Anniversary, March 3-10, 1935. Seven ministers plus many lay persons participated in the program arranged by our Church School Committee, headed by Robert Rust, Superintendent.

— Zion Church - 75th Anniversary —

Also during Rev. Harsh's ministry, Zion Church celebrated its 75th Anniversary, July 12, 1941. The all-day program featured a talk by Rev. C. A. Lang whose sermon, "Gratitude and Courage" liberally referred to the 75-year Christian heritage of Zion Church.

Records show that during the three-quarter century era, Zion had placed on the membership roll nearly 400 members. Older members remembered when people drove their horse-drawn surreys, spring-wagons or carts through mud or sand to attend services.

Those who lived quite a distance from Zion Church were asked to eat dinner with those who lived nearby, making it possible to attend both Sunday School in the morning and preaching services in the afternoon.

Many remembered when Rev. J. W. Barber and Rev. A. J. Michael drove 22 miles with horse and buggy to St. Paul's Reformed Church at Bruce Lake for the morning service and then back to Zion for their 2:30 service, making it necessary to eat lunch while driving.

Rev. Harsh terminated his ten-year ministry at Culver on July 1, 1942 to become pastor of a Detroit, Michigan Evangelical and Reformed Church.

— The 1940's World Struggle —

Many problems, nationally and internationally were reflected in every community during the 1940's. With our nation on war footing, —rationing, production of supplies, Armed Forces enlistment, manpower requirements, fuel shortages, etc., a new challenging urgency faced churches and other institutions.

In 1940, State Road 110, an east-west highway along the Fulton-Marshall County line, was established by the state. On November 27, 1947, the last passenger train passed through Culver. That same year, U.S. Highway 31 was scheduled to become a four-lane highway, Plymouth-South Bend, and on July 11, the new State Road 17 bridge over the Yellow River, north of Burr Oak, opened and the Behmer Road route was used less.

At one time in the early 40's, because of the severity of fuel shortages, local churches, including Grace Church, were involved in feasibility studies of merger possibilities.

Traveling daily from Culver to Kingsbury, LaPorte, South Bend, and Plymouth, were many war industry workers. In addition to the urgencies so prevalent, Grace Church was without a pastor for nearly two years, 1942-44. However, the lay leadership, so in evidence through the Consistory, the Guild, the Church School and other organizations, sustained the church in this period as in other like periods.

— Interim Pastors —

To provide for Sunday services, neighboring church ministers often filled Grace Church pulpit, and capably so. Among the interim pastors was Dr. Hardigg Sexton, director of religious activities at Culver Military Academy. A Presbyterian minister, he was a graduate of Miami and



Above: Members visit following worship service. Near entrance are Arthur and Josephine Morris. (Terry Hand Photo).

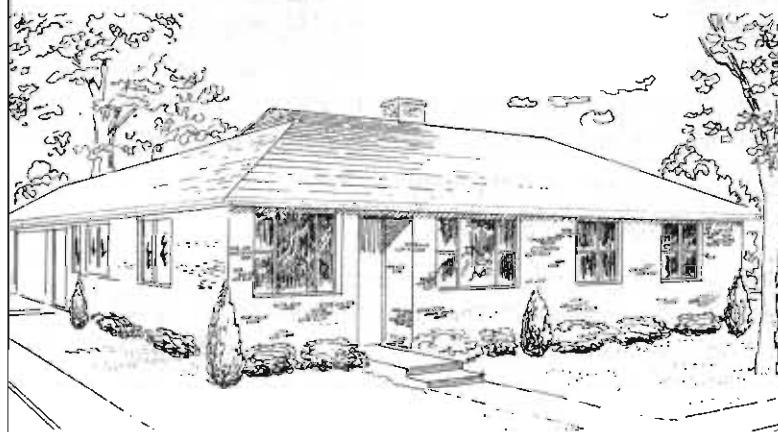


Above: Dr. Meredith Sprunger views new Church furniture, dedicated, Sept. 4, 1957.



Above: Grace Church Sunday School Class. (Terry Hand Photo).

Scenes from the 1950's



Left: Artist Frank Persell's sketch of Parsonage, dedicated Sept. 25, 1955

Princeton Universities. He joined the CMA staff in September, 1940. The relationship of Dr. Sexton with our church, which began with his occasional pastoral assistance, extended more than thirty years.

He contributed heavily of his ministerial talents as well as his material assistance. His wife, Grace Dean and son, Bill, were members of Grace Church. In 1955, Dr. Sexton left Culver to become pastor of the Point Loma Church, San Diego, CA. He returned, later, to become Chaplain of Miami, Ohio, University. In 1971, he presented the dedicatory address for our newly rebuilt Grace Church.

Rev. Victor D. Weidler, his lovely wife and family, Charlotte, Ruth and Coleen, began his nearly six-year Grace Church pastorate in early 1944. His structured sermons, word enunciation, with slight German accent, is remembered by members of the 1940 era. He left Culver July 31, 1949 to become pastor of St. John's Church, Waverly, Iowa.

— Dr. Meredith Sprunger's Pastorate —

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger accepted the unanimous invitation of our Joint Consistory to become our pastor in May, 1950. On July 16th, Dr. and Mrs. Sprunger and daughter, Ruth, arrived to begin their work at Grace and Zion Churches.

A native Hoosier, Dr. Sprunger came to Culver from Elmhurst, Illinois, College, where he was Chairman, Department of Psychology. A graduate of Mission House College, he held graduate degrees from Mission House Seminary, Princeton, University Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Purdue University.

He had served as pastor, Highland Avenue Methodist Church, Chicago; Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Mulberry, Indiana; and Memorial Evangelical and Reformed Church, Toledo, Ohio.

In a complimentary vein, Dr. Ralph Holland, Indiana Council of Churches, wrote Dr. Sprunger upon his acceptance of Grace Church pastorate, "I want to extend congratulations to you upon your acceptance of this pastorate, because it is an excellent church with some of the finest people in our denomination . . . Grace Church has long been one of the fine cooperative churches in the State."

Installation services for Dr. Sprunger were held September 17, 1950. On the occasion, Dr. Hardigg Sexton suggested, "A pastor's relationship with his church is more than a trusteeship, and guardian, or pulpiter. It is one in which love should be the only standard and service, the only measure of reward." Rev. Matthew Worthman, president, Indiana-Michigan Synod, conducted the service.

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Since the founding of the church, the Senior Elder had been chairman of the Consistory and in 1952, the leadership was in the capable hands of Elder Arthur Hatten. A studied proposal, in which the Consistory would elect a chairman, who would serve as lay president of the congregation was approved at the annual meeting where Robert Rust was elected to the post in 1953.

— Long Range Planning —

A Consistory named committee composed of Conrad Mattox, W. C. Craft, Everett Easterday, James Marshall, Judson Dillon, Lovina Wesson, Naomi Kaiser, Melba Easterday and Robert Rust conducted studies for the long range development of the church.

At the 1954 annual meeting, plans for the improvement of facilities were presented by the committee. It was noted that over the years, Grace Church had been remodeled, enlarged or redecorated on five different occasions, 1906, 1912, 1920, 1926 and 1951.

— Propose New Parsonage —

The proposal to build a new parsonage was assigned to a special committee. At a called congregational meeting held March 7, 1954, plans for the proposed parsonage were shown. Estimated costs of \$22,000 covered the dwelling and site.

Located three blocks west of the church, at the intersection of Cass and Slate Streets, the 110 x 67 ft. site was purchased from Mrs. H. H. Tallman. The 62-year-old original parsonage, which had served us as pastoral home for eleven of our ministers, was scheduled to be used for educational purposes.

Martha Marshall headed the committee composed of Jack Easterday, Sadie Hoesel and Glen Doll, which in cooperation with the Amicus Class, staged the kick-off meeting, March 1954, where more than \$5,000 in cash and pledges was contributed to the parsonage project.

— Parsonage Construction —

In view of the congregation's parsonage goal, the Consistory voted to delay plans for remodeling the church, but to purchase a new chancel. In executing the parsonage construction, Jack Easterday headed the six-member Planning Committee; Homer Kemple, the eleven-member Finance Committee, and Judson Dillon, the five-member Advisory Committee.

With construction plans approved by mid-summer 1954, construction started in late August. Before December the new home was under

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— Changes in 1953 —

Since the founding of the church, the Senior Elder had been chairman of the Consistory and in 1952, the leadership was in the capable hands of Elder Arthur Hatten. A studied proposal, in which the Consistory would elect a chairman, who would serve as lay president of the congregation was approved at the annual meeting where Robert Rust was elected to the post in 1953.

— Long Range Planning —

A Consistory named committee composed of Conrad Mattox, W. C. Craft, Everett Easterday, James Marshall, Judson Dillon, Lovina Wesson, Naomi Kaiser, Melba Easterday and Robert Rust conducted studies for the long range development of the church.

At the 1954 annual meeting, plans for the improvement of facilities were presented by the committee. It was noted that over the years, Grace Church had been remodeled, enlarged or redecorated on five different occasions, 1906, 1912, 1920, 1926 and 1951.

— Propose New Parsonage —

The proposal to build a new parsonage was assigned to a special committee. At a called congregational meeting held March 7, 1954, plans for the proposed parsonage were shown. Estimated costs of \$22,000 covered the dwelling and site.

Located three blocks west of the church, at the intersection of Cass and Slate Streets, the 110 x 67 ft. site was purchased from Mrs. H. H. Tallman. The 62-year-old original parsonage, which had served us as pastoral home for eleven of our ministers, was scheduled to be used for educational purposes.

Martha Marshall headed the committee composed of Jack Easterday, Sadie Hoesel and Glen Doll, which in cooperation with the Amicus Class, staged the kick-off meeting, March 1954, where more than \$5,000 in cash and pledges was contributed to the parsonage project.

— Parsonage Construction —

In view of the congregation's parsonage goal, the Consistory voted to delay plans for remodeling the church, but to purchase a new chancel. In executing the parsonage construction, Jack Easterday headed the six-member Planning Committee; Homer Kemple, the eleven-member Finance Committee, and Judson Dillon, the five-member Advisory Committee.

With construction plans approved by mid-summer 1954, construction started in late August. Before December the new home was under

roof. Though no direct solicitations were made, the continuing free-will contributions made it nearly a "pay-as-you-go" construction project.

Included among the contributions were the skilled craftsmanship and work of 65 men and women. Though the greater number were Grace Church members, there were quite a few who were friends of the church. Not included in the cash or work contributions were donations of flooring, windows, paint, mortar, oak trim, buffet, shingles, cork flooring and ceiling tile.

In 1955, Don Hand was elected church treasurer and director of the Board of Christian Education. Other officers included Howard Albert, vice president; Henry Henning, secretary; Walter Johnson, finance secretary; Everett Easterday, director of property and Robert Rust, president.

— New Chancel —

The Church Chancel was formally dedicated September 4, 1955. Installed earlier, the new chancel represented many memorial gifts. Included were: the Lectern (memory of Rev. A. J. Michael, pastor, 1907-15) by his wife, Mrs. Aletha Michael and daughter; Pulpit (Albert F. and Josie Stahl) by Mrs. Charles Zechiel, Mrs. F. Easterday, Austin Romig and Mrs. S. Zechiel; Altar (Nancy and Abram Hayes) presented by the Hayes family; Reredos, (Lovina M. Newman) by John Newman family.

Other memorials included Cross and Candlesticks (Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Swanson) by Astrid Heminger and Margaret Swanson; Vases by Mr. and Mrs. R. Dukes; Chancel Paneling (Dr. Homer H. Tallman) by the Tallman family; Baptismal Font (Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Barber) presented by Mrs. W. M. Hand; and Altar Bible (Mr. and Mrs. William G. Zechiel, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Newman) by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Newman.

Earlier, in November 1953, the Hardigg Sextons left our community for Southern California and a Grace Church Family Night Supper honored them. Dr. Sexton served as pastor of the Point Loma Presbyterian Church and returned in 1956 to the Midwest to accept the Directorship of the Sesquicentennial Chapel, Miami, Ohio, University, his Alma Mater.

— Other Events in the 1950's —

In January 1956, Donald Hand was elected president of the congregation. During the same month, several men joined the choir, swelling the Choral unit to 26 members. In June 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church united in a

historic Cleveland, Ohio, conference to form The United Church of Christ.

A unique "Sew-a-Patch" project for the parsonage financial fund, a feature of the '56 summer, was culminated by a late August Sunday Breakfast, where Bertha May and Bob Rust with Verda Romig and Margaret Eckman assisting, hosted 54 men on the lawn at their home. The "patches" yielded a total of \$725.00.

In a March, 1957, announcement it was learned that the entire cost of our new parsonage had been met in less than three years time. During the year, new cabinets were built for choir robes and music and a new drinking fountain was installed.

In 1958, the fruition of contributions to the improvement fund were felt as the property committee, headed by W. C. Craft, initiated plans for redecorating the church which were carried out in 1959. The church budget in 1958 was \$14,127.30. Bob Rust succeeded Don Hand as president of the congregation at the end of 1958.

Scheduled work on the interior of the church included an accoustical tiled ceiling, interior painting, supervised by Howard Warner, and new rest room facilities. Dr. Meredith Sprunger, having accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Psychology, Indiana Technical College, Fort Wayne, Ind., submitted his letter of resignation in May, 1959, to be effective in September. Rev. R. A. Worthman, Millersburg, IN was secured to serve as Interim Pastor. Others who served in the interim were Rev. H. Koehler, Jackson, MI, Dr. Hardigg Sexton, and Rev. Kendall Sands.

The Pastoral committee named by the Consistory (Chairman C. W. Brooks, Margaret Swanson, George Boots, Don Grothaus, Zora Craft, Harold Hatten, Betty Kose, W. Johnson, and Robert Rust) began its work on securing a new pastor.

— Rev. Hohman Accepts Grace Pastorate —

In the late fall, Congregation President Rust announced that Rev. Harold W. Hohman, pastor Peace Church, Bensonville, Illinois, had accepted the invitation to become our new pastor, the 14th minister to serve Grace Church.

Rev. Hohman, who had served the 500-member Peace Church for nine years, and Mrs. Hohman were the parents of three children, Wayne and Fred, both college students in 1959-60, and Sheryl, a high school freshman.

A native of Nashville, Ill., Rev. Hohman held the A.B. degree, Elmhurst College, and the M. Div. degree, Eden Theological Seminary,

Scenes Other Years



Left: Don Hand greets arrivals here at entrance to newly built Church. Dedication Sunday, June 6, 1971.

Below: Family joins (1919) for 60th wedding anniversary. Jacob and Regina Zechiel, Oct. 10, 1869. Seated: Mary Zechiel, Regina and Jacob Zechiel, and Minnie Crossland; standing: Chester Zechiel, Louise Romig, Arthur Zechiel, Elnora Asper, and Edu. Zechiel. (Cleta Middleton family photo collection)



Above: Terry Hand photo shows entrance, Grace Church, June, 1969



Left: Early postcard Church photo. Remodeled, enlarged, 1906-07 brick replaced the exterior white frame. (NOTE: Culver Citizen, April 12, 1906, reported, "Mr. Tracy, North Judson, was in town yesterday consulting with Reformed Church people relative to furnishing brick for new church." In same issue, a front page item: "Ladies, Reformed Church will give a supper, Lakeside Hotel, Thursday. Price 25¢, children 15¢ with proceeds for building fund.")

St. Louis. Before going to Bensenville, he had served churches in Garber, Iowa, Dupo, Illinois and Niles, Michigan. The Hohmans took up their residence in Culver in February, 1960.

— The 1960's —

The 1960's came on with a rush with national attention focused on the 1961-62 communist missile build-up in Cuba which caused an international confrontation. In November, 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

The Viet Nam warfare, which had simmered for several years, flared up and the United States became greatly involved and by 1967 our nation had 475,000 troops in South Viet Nam. The strife brought on the 1969 Anti-Viet Nam demonstrations throughout the nation.

On July 20, 1969, Captain Neil Armstrong was the first to set foot on the moon. His feat was an international topic for many days. Locally, a new Culver school district was formed in 1962 and expanded in 1967. A new High School building was dedicated in 1969. In 1966, the McGill Manufacturing Company, Culver, began operation. It was in the '60's that the old town hall, fire station and jail, and eventually the water tower were moved from the site across from the church.

— Plan 75th Anniversary Celebration —

With our newly installed pastor, Grace Church began the 1960 decade with hope and aspiring projects. On March 1, Howard Albert, congregation president, named a six-member 75th anniversary planning committee including: Zora Craft, Della May, Don and Bess Hand, Bertha May and Bob Rust.

A constitutional amendment adopted at the January 8, 1961 meeting reduced the number of deacons serving on the Consistory from twelve to six and the number of elders from six to four. Dr. Oscar Wesson was elected president of the congregation.

It was announced on October 21, 1962, that Grace Church was to be transferred from the Indiana-Michigan Synod to the Southern Indiana Synod. This was the first step in the formation of The Indiana Conference of The U.C.C. and later the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Dollis Dillon headed the committee to study and purchase a piano in 1964. A year earlier, in his annual report of 1962 clerical activities, Rev. Hohman pointed out that there were 65 worship services, 471 communion participants, six marriages, six funerals, five new members and the \$11,513 budget included \$2,629 in benevolences. At the annual 1963 meeting, W. C. Craft was elected president.

— Celebrate Diamond Anniversary —

Earlier in 1960, under Rev. Hohman's leadership, Grace Church celebrated its Diamond Anniversary, October 2nd to 9th. Four former Grace Church pastors, along with Rev. Hohman and four interim pastors and Grace Church laymen and laywomen appeared in the 75th Anniversary Program.

Former ministers included: Rev. C. H. Lang (1926-1931); Rev. Harvey Harsh (1932-1942); Rev. V. D. Weidler (1943-1949) and Dr. Meredith Sprunger (1950-1959); interim pastors and laypersons, Dr. H. Sexton, Rev. R. H. Worthman, William MacQuillan, Rev. Kendall Sands and Deane E. Walker.

Fellowship Hall of Culver's Methodist Church was the setting where Don Hand was the host for the mid-week anniversary banquet catered by the ladies of the Burr Oak Church of God.

More than thirty 50-year members were honored at a special recognition service. They included Charles Asper, Mr. and Mrs. Perchis Blanchard, Ada Cromley, Marie Cowen, Lucas Duddleson, Tressa Duddleson, Edna Garn, Clara Gottschalk, Lulu Henderson, Elsie Long, Rex Mawhorter, Della May, Elma Menser, Josephine Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris, Augusta Newman, John Newman, Clara, Edna and Osie Stahl, Esther Stahl, Flora Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Romig, Ethel Zechiel, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Zechiel and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Zechiel.

— First Pancake-Sausage Supper —

The Fidelis Class, in 1959-1960, sponsored the First Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper. Grace Church, in the 1960's continued its benevolent support of O.C.W.M. as well as a wide range of worthy projects.

In late 1968, a new gas furnace was installed in the parsonage. Earlier, a ten-member planning committee headed by Margaret Jewell, presented their studied proposals which included installation of a new basement floor, a sanctuary archway, an audio system and a passageway from the sanctuary to the adult class area. A 1967 annual report of the United Church of Christ showed membership of 2,052,857; 6,909 churches; and 40 conferences.

A personal health problem was of deepening concern to Rev. Hohman, his family and many friends following a coronary attack in November, 1967. In a letter to the Consistory, in early April, 1968, because of his health, he asked to be relieved of his pastoral duties.

A. J. Dillon, congregation president, was asked on May 10, 1968 to head a seven-member pastoral committee of Elizabeth Systma, Sandra

Middleton, Verl Shaffer, Dr. Oscar Wesson, Harold Hatten, Harold Fiterling and Robert Rust.

— Reverend Krueger —

After studying submitted applications and following personal contacts, the committee agreed to interview Rev. John H. Krueger, pastor, First Congregational Church, Appleton, Wisconsin. Subsequently, on June 24, Rev. Krueger was introduced and presented his sermon in Grace Church.

Following the service, the congregation unanimously requested that our church extend an invitation to Rev. Krueger to become our pastor.

On July 28, 1968, following his acceptance to serve Grace Church, Rev. Krueger advised that he and his family planned on moving in late September and that he would begin his pastoral duties on October 1.

The Consistory, in a response to a family request, unanimously voted the Hohman's membership in Grace Church in the summer of 1968. Following a decision to remain in Culver, the Hohman's moved from the parsonage to their newly purchased residence on Lewis Street.

Though physically limited, Rev. Hohman continued an active interest and served the church in many ways for eight years following his retirement. He passed away in October, 1976.

Installation services for Rev. Krueger were conducted December 8, 1968. Participating in the special service and a congregational reception which followed, were Rev. Krueger's father, Dr. Arthur Krueger, Lafayette; Rev. Marwood Rettig, Bremen; and Rev. Paul Koepke, Plymouth.

Born into a pastoral family in St. Paul, Minn., he received both undergraduate and Master of Divinity degrees from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. For five years before coming to Culver, he was the pastor, First Congregational Church, Appleton, Wisc. Rev. and Mrs. Krueger and children began their residency in our parsonage in late September, 1968.

— Constitution Revision —

Earlier in September, Consistory President Dillon assigned Don Osborn, Verl Shaffer, and Don Davis to a constitution revision committee. A revised constitution and by-laws were presented to the Consistory on December 10 and later at the Congregational Meeting, January 12, 1969, where it was accepted as amended. Under a provision of the new constitution, the date for the annual congregational meeting was changed from January to October.

The 1969 special Lenten season program of services attracted wide interest as well as a spiritual response to church leadership.

— Fire Destroys Church —

Shockingly, a late Friday afternoon fire, June 6, 1969, extensively damaged Grace Church. Persons had been in the church as late as 4:30 p.m. About 5:00 p.m., neighbors noticed smoke pouring from the roof and called the Fire Department.

The Fire Department reported promptly, but even so, the blaze, believed to have started in the social room ceiling, spread rapidly and devastatingly so. Even though brought under control, the damage extended through the basement into the sanctuary above, where the Chancel, ceiling, furniture and windows were badly damaged. The brick walls remained standing.

Response of the membership, church officers, neighbors, Culver churches and business people was immediate during the late evening hours. It was not possible to hold Sunday service June 8 and members accepted invitations to attend neighboring church services.

— Assessing the Damage —

An on-the-spot check showed the social rooms and contents destroyed—including music, piano, choir robes, chairs, tables, library, and audio visual materials. Extensive damage was noted in the sanctuary—chancel, furniture, organ, piano, choir chairs, ceiling, pews, interior walls, carpet, stained glass windows and other fixtures.

Partially covered by insurance, adjustors were on the premises on Monday, June 9, to survey the damage. Tuesday evening, June 10, in an urgent session to develop criteria-guidelines for church membership consideration, the Consistory sought a place to hold services and to do so immediately. An outdoor service and pot luck dinner at the American Legion Home was held Sunday, June 15th.

In other action the Board procedure involved securing a qualified architect-engineer to assess damage to the building and naming a committee (Chairman, Margaret Jewel; Bertha May Rust, Dollis Dillon, Genevieve Osborn, Naomi Kaiser, Lee Jewell, Walter Johnson, Jane Davis, Don Davis, and Rev. Krueger) to carry out an inventory of damaged contents.

— Church Restoration Options —

In its consideration, the Consistory studied various alternatives including restoring the church to its former condition, remodeling the church, merging with another church, and/or building a new church. Though considered, the suggestion to merge with another church was

not viewed as a viable option.

A negotiated proposal to hold Sunday and special services in the Culver Community Building was arranged and the first service was held there June 22.

— Employing an Architect —

On October 12, the congregation empowered the Consistory to employ an architect and to form a building committee to develop plans. On November 4, 1969, William Wilcockson, architect-engineer, Plymouth, was selected to develop plans.

All groups of the church cooperated in the all-congregation effort, including the Consistory, Board of Christian Education, Women's Guild, Fidelis, Loyal Women and Crescent Classes, Young Adult and Youth Fellowship groups.

On September 25, 1969, the insurance company and church members agreed to a settlement of fire damage as follows: \$56,113.18 church building; contents \$9,218.47, for a total cash settlement of \$65,331.65 plus a sum not to exceed \$1000.00 for displacement.

Under the leadership of Rev. Krueger, Judson Dillon (president 1969-70), and Don Hand (president 1970-71), and the co-chairman of the building committee, W. C. Craft and Margaret Jewel, plans were initiated for the rehabilitation of the fire-gutted structure. Serving on the planning committee were: Sadie Hoesel, Sylvia Shaffer, Albert Sytsma, Jane Davis and Rev. Krueger. The committee set guidelines (200 seating capacity, 11-12 classrooms, etc.) for the architect.

At a special Congregational Meeting, February 23, 1970, the architect presented preliminary sketches, slide projections of proposals together with roughly estimated costs. Following considerable discussion, the proposals were referred back to the building committee for further refinement.

— Congregation Approves Rebuilding —

On July 6, 1970 at another Congregational Meeting overwhelming approval was given to proceed to rebuild and refurnish Grace Church at an eventual total cost in excess of \$199,000. Low bidder for the project was the Berger Construction Company. Construction was to start July 13 with estimated completion in 210-220 days.

The planning provided architectural features to make the edifice functional as well as to enhance the worship needs. Dominate feature of the sanctuary was the communion table-altar and the large natural wood cross of Maple and Walnut construction.

Ground Breaking For New Church, July, 1970



Above: Judson Dillon, Bob Berger, Oscar Wesson, Rev. Harold Hohman, Rev. John Krueger and Donald Hand join for ground breaking



Present for the occasion were Clara, Edna and Osie Stahl.



Rev. Krueger with his spadeful of earth



Building Committee, Consistory listen as Judson Dillon speaks.



Honors here involve Margaret Jewell and W. C. Craft.



Don Hand takes his turn with the spade.

The plan provided for eleven classrooms, a pastor's study and the Zion Hall social all-purpose room and a 1600 sq. ft. excavated area to be developed by the church. The area outside the building was scheduled to be landscaped under direction of A. J. Dillon. The rebuilt church utilized the land space to the north where the parish house, used for church school classes, was removed to make room for the new church wing.

— Financial Planning —

Following approval and authorization to proceed with the building, a building fund committee was appointed. Members appointed included Sadie Hoesel, Florence Page, Lovina Wesson, Don Hand, Kenneth Grether, Rev. Krueger and Robert Rust. After consideration of options the committee agreed that (1) No outside professional fund raising organization would be used; (2) Members of the congregation were not to be subjected to a crash fund raising campaign; (3) The congregation was to be kept fully informed concerning costs and methods of payment; and (4) special gifts, bequests, organization contributions and individual gifts were to be properly recorded and gratefully acknowledged.

— Ground Breaking Services —

Though construction began July 13, ground breaking services followed the regular morning worship service, July 19. Removal of the parish house meant moving the five S.S. classes—one to the home of Margaret Jewell, four to the parsonage.

Work progressed rapidly on the building project. W. C. Craft represented the Consistory—congregation as "Clerk-of-the-Works." Financially, on November 30, 1970, the church had paid building costs amounting to \$96,698; estimated costs remaining to be paid were \$102,384. The report showed building fund cash amounting to \$19,739 with a difference of \$82,645 to be raised.

In early March, 1970, a new Baldwin organ was purchased. It was to be stored until the church facility was completed.

As construction neared completion in early 1971, came the installation of carpet, pews (\$4,228.60), and other furnishings. The generous offer of a pool table for the recreation room by Chaplain Foster was accepted.

— Borrowed Funds —

Arrangements were made to borrow funds at the State Exchange Bank, at 7% interest to meet the remainder of the building costs as they became payable. On August 9, 1971, a projected accounting pro-

cedure showed that with monthly payments of \$415 the indebtedness could be met in 15 years or less.

A most generous and thoughtful non-interest bearing \$10,000 loan by Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Wesson was received January, 1971. Later, a \$10,000 estate bequest came from the Stahl family and among earlier bequests, 1960's, were \$5000 from the Irene Bogardus estate and \$2000 from the Flossie Beauchamp estate plus a considerable number of other generous memorials and gifts.

Construction neared completion in early 1971, lending the promise that worship services could be moved from the Community Building and in March, services were held in the newly-built church.

— Dedication —

Plans for the dedication service set for Sunday, June 6, 1971, were announced in early March by Rev. Krueger. The calendered dedicatory day marked the second anniversary of the destructive fire on June 6, 1969.

Dr. Hardigg Sexton (former CMA chaplain 1940-53), pastor Point Loma Presbyterian Church, 1953-56, and Sesquicentennial Chapel, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio), was the dedication service speaker. The Litaney of Dedication at the afternoon service was led by Dr. Harry Bredeweg, U.C.C. Indiana-Kentucky Conference minister.

Earlier, a cornerstone-laying ceremony followed the morning worship service. Among those participating in the cornerstone-laying were congregation presidents; Don Hand, 1970-71 and A. Judson Dillon, 1969-70; Trustees, Jerome Zechiel Jr., Verlin Shaffer, Glen Doll, and Kenneth Grether; Consistory men, Dr. Oscar Wesson, W. C. Craft, Albert Systema, Kenneth Reininga and David Bendy; and other planning committee members, Margaret Jewell, Sadie Hoesel, Sylvia Shaffer and Jane Davis.

— The 1970 Decade —

The 1970 decade was marked nationally by continuing political economics and social crises, many of which reached into the life and times of every locality. The opening of relations, with Mainland China in 1972, the Mid-East political crisis, the close of the Vietnam War which brought the return of U.S. prisoners held by North Vietnam; and the Camp David (Egypt-Israel) Accord, were important earmarks of the decade. The era was also marked by the resignation of our president, a severe energy crisis (March, 1978), spiraling inflation and the November 3, 1979 seizure and holding of 63 U.S. diplomatic representatives as hostages in Iran.

Gasoline rose from a low of 34 cents to as high as \$1.50 per gallon. Living costs rose drastically. Locally, in 1973, McGill Manufacturing Company doubled the size of their Culver plant and in 1978 another industry, The Shirt Shed, began operation. A survey in the early '70's, showed 1,558 dwellings in Union township (812 Culver; 348 rural; 298 Lakeshore and CMA). In the 1977-78 winter, heavy snows caused many local churches, but not Grace Church, to cancel services. New UCC Hymnals were first used in January, 1975. In April 1974, a devastating tornado damaged nearby areas. In the 1970's Grace Church, as always, extended its prayers, good will and gifts to three families who suffered tragedies.

Throughout its history, Grace Church has been a center not only for worship with a wide range of services of youth and adult activities, but also it has served as a community center.

— Pastoral Letter —

In a pastoral report to the congregation, in 1972, Rev. Krueger wrote, "My personal goal is to help Grace Church become the best church in town:

1. "By being the freest place in town. A place where all kinds of ideas and opinions can have a fair hearing, where every person is accepted as a worthwhile individual since fellowship is a person's desire to grow in Christian faith.
2. "The best church in town is the most alive place in town with our building being used by our membership and our community, all because we believe God is alive, is with us and his spirit is working within each of us.
3. "Our goal should be to become the lovingest church in town. A loving church is concerned about each person. It rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep. Its members are willing to forgive each other, to love each other and work and study together."

— A Community Center —

Though perhaps not too historically significant, Grace Church continues to serve as a "live place," being used by our membership and our community. It is in Zion Hall where the EMS had its beginning, where folks join for Bazaars, for Friends Night, for Pancake and Sausage pre-Lenten suppers. It is the setting where REAL Services serve Senior Citizens, where Culver City Club, Home Economics Club, TOPS, Boy



Above: The Epley Family. 1964

Family Album Mementos



Vickie Dearth, left, as youngster. She says 20 yrs. ago, (20 years? ?)



Wedding Bells. Dollis and Jud Dillon, December 28, 1941



The Westafers. 1975



The Wesson's. Christmas. 1960



The W. C. Crafts, 50th Anniversary. 1974



The Swanson Sisters. Astrid and Margaret. 1959



Sylvester Zechiels 60th Anniversary, 1964

Scouts, Brownies and Maxinkuckee Players meet among other organizations.

— Pastoral Activities —

On April 23, 1972, Grace Church was the host for the Northwest Conference. Church membership in 1972 showed 254 members. The 1972 annual report showed a broad range of pastoral activities. Rev. Krueger conducted 71 services, attended 330 meetings, made 511 pastoral calls, plus 138 sick calls, conducted memorial rites, 7 baptisms, 5 weddings and welcomed 29 new church members.

During the 1973 year, 454 persons were served at the pre-Lenten Pancake-Sausage Supper. Earlier, on January 25, the Lakeland College Choir presented a concert at Grace Church. In response to the 1974 Palm Sunday tornado, which damaged homes of two of our members, the congregation contributed to a special aid fund.

— Church Evaluation —

On November 4, 1974 members of the Consistory and representatives of our church organizations met with Rev. Clyde Flannery to evaluate and to seek goals for our church. The resulting study and format of objectives was announced by Rev. Krueger, early in December, as follows: (1) Need for lay visitation; (2) Awareness of an involvement in community decision-making; (3) Community service - food pantry; (4) Immediate steps to be taken to prepare - publish brochure setting forth Grace Church programs, services and opportunities. (Ed Easterday, Melba Easterday, Don Hand, Judy Patton, Rev. Krueger, and Robert Rust were named to develop brochure); and (5) prepare questionnaire for membership through visitation program.

— 1974 Attendance —

Though weather can influence attendance, traditionally, the Advent Season annually finds church members renewing their faith. In a 1974 Grace Church comparative study, it showed December attendance for six years; average attendance for December, 1969 was 123; 1970 was 136; 1971 was 164; 1972 was 156; and 1974 was 180.

Early in 1975, senior high youths used their Sunday School hour to visit shut-ins. Records show that assigned members were actively involved in each area of the 1975 goals for our church — community service, food pantry, visitation, community awareness, and preparation of the church brochure.

— 1975 Grace Church Brochure —

In early February, Robert Rust presented the draft of the proposed in-

formational Grace Church booklet to the five-member committee for their review and suggestions. Entitled "This is Grace Church," it included an introduction, "a Statement of Beliefs, a United Church of Christ resume, a historical chronology of Grace Church 1885-1975, a historical review of area churches, description and utilization of Grace Church facilities, programs, finances, organizations and opportunities for serving. On Sunday, April 20, 1975, copies were presented to members of The Congregation.

— Rev. Krueger Accepts Call —

As the 16th pastor of Grace Church 1968-1975, our congregation prospered spiritually under the leadership of Rev. Krueger. On August 1, 1975, he tendered his resignation, effective September 30, to accept the call to a new responsibility—the starting of a new church in Aboite Township, a rapidly developing suburban area, southwest of Fort Wayne.

At a special Consistory meeting held at the home of President Judson Dillon and Mrs. Dillon on August 5, 1975, Rev. Krueger's resignation was accepted. The Board appointed a pastoral committee to work in cooperation with the congregation and the Ministerial Placement Bureau of The Indiana-Kentucky Conference to fill the pulpit vacancy.

Named to the Pulpit Committee were Steven Ulery, Sylvia Shaffer, Zora Craft, Judson Dillon, Kelly Middleton, Donna Reininga, Robert Rust and Judy Patton. At the congregational annual meeting, October 12, President Dillon reported that the committee was studying the qualifications of twelve applicants.

Following a series of visitations and applicant interviews, the committee, in mid-November, invited Rev. C. Thomas French, pastor of Bethany, U.C.C., Louisville, Kentucky to present a trial sermon, Sunday, November 30th and to join the congregation with his family in a Zion Hall dinner following the worship service. After the dinner, the congregation membership met in special session where President Dillon presided. Upon motion, a call, unanimously approved, was extended to Rev. French.

— Rev. French Accepts Pastorate —

The newly named pastor accepted the call indicating he and Mrs. French and the family hoped to begin their Culver residency in mid-January, 1976, so that their children, Michael, Douglas, and Angela could enter school at the start of the semester. On January 18th Rev. French began his pastoral assignment.

Rev. French received his B.A. degree from Indiana University and M.

Div. degree, from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Earlier, as a graduate of Bluffton, Indiana, High School, he attended Heidelberg College, worked at Zollner Pistons, Ft. Wayne, served as Youth Director, St. John's U.C.C., Fort Wayne, and served in the U.S. Marines. While at United Theological Seminary, he served the Bethlehem U.C.C., Maple Lake, MN, and the Community U.C.C., Rochester, MN.

— Installation Service —

On March 14, 1976, a Consistory-planned installation service and Zion Hall reception formally welcomed Rev. French to Grace Church. Participating in the service were President A. J. Dillon; Vice-President Oscar Wesson; the Choir; Thomas Sholly, Soloist; Pastors Maurice Kessler, president Culver Community Churches; Alfred Dwenger, First U.C.C., Bremen; Donald Buckthal, Indiana-Kentucky Association Conference Minister, and Robert Rumsey, Michigan City, president, Northwest Association.

During the '76 year, at the request of Mildred Hohman, memorials to Rev. Hohman were used to purchase Bibles for the pews.

A mid-'76 report by the property committee showed that the church urgently needed to replace the roof on the old part of the building. Bids by roofing contractors, methods of financing the more than \$3,000 cost were weighed by the Consistory. Special gifts by members, \$1,040 contribution by the Guild provided the funds for the project which was completed in 1977.

— Church Bank Loan Paid —

In a letter to the congregation, February, 1978, Dr. Oscar Wesson, president, announced that the church rebuilding indebtedness had been paid in full. Dr. Wesson, with a welcomed headline, "Grace Church Did It!" wrote as follows:

"In seven years, we have paid the bank the \$46,000 borrowed in 1971, to pay construction costs on our new buildings, then near completion.

"The first money was borrowed February, 1971, at 7% interest. In January, a \$10,000 interest-free loan was negotiated from one of the church families.

"The fire was on June 6, 1969. On July 6, 1970, our congregation voted to rebuild at a then estimated cost of \$187,342. Construction began July 13th. Total cost of the building and contents exceeded \$199,000. We held our first service in the new



Dollis-Jud Dillon proteges. 1950—Gary, Cheryl, and Joan.



The Hoesel Family, Mar. 28, 1943.



Margaret, Earl Eckman, 1975

Family Album Photos



Celebrating anniversary, Mr. & Mrs. Art Hatten here with Phil, Clea Middleton, 1970



Judy and Evan Sholly, May, 1977



Santa at Altenheim visits with Verda Romig, 1982



The Edw. Easterdays, 1962



Rod, Mary Ann Dutt and Ann and Kirkk, 1964.



John-Sandy Middleton, Susan, age 8, Kelly, 6. 1965



The Kaisers, Christmas, 1962

building March 28, 1971, and the dedication on June 6 was just two years after the fire.

"We have paid \$10,693.51 in interest. We saved \$100 a year on the non-interest bearing note which has been reduced to \$4,000 and will be carried to maturity. In 1974, we received \$10,000 from the Stahl Estate which was applied on the note and the interest was cut another \$700 a year.

"On last Christmas morning, (Dec. 25, 1977), a call was received from a church family who said: 'We will pay the balance due on the building note at the bank.'

"The giving during these seven years has been at a high level with support coming from all kinds of financial situations. Since 1970, our operating budget has increased from \$13,260 to \$29,360 for 1977-78. Currently we lack \$880 of meeting our OCWM budget which we hope to erase this year. I would also like to point out that during this time \$2,725.96 for carpeting Zion Hall, two classrooms and hallway and recently we replaced the roof on the old section of the building at a cost of \$3,264. Our giving to special offerings have remained at a high level.

"As has been the tradition in Grace Church, we did not seek pledges to meet our budget or our building obligation, neither did we employ any outside 'money-raising firm,' to put on a fund raising campaign.

"I would say that many of us thought we could not pay our debt in less than 10 years. We had faith in ourselves and said 'We Can Do It!' and 'We Did It!' And we say 'Thank You' to everyone that helped make this possible."

(Signed) Oscar Wesson,
President Grace Church Consistory

—Energy Crisis - Weather —

The energy crisis in the late 1970's was felt throughout the area with efforts to gain cooperation, the public was urged to curtail use of fuel, utilities and transportation. Heavy snows with huge drifts in the winter

of 1976-77 and 1977-78 made roads nearly impassible at times. In 1978 Northern Indiana received more than 140 inches of snow. Though many area churches were closed, Grace Church held regular Sunday worship services.

Weatherwise, in the past century, extremes have seldom interrupted activities at Grace Church, with one exception, that coming in January 1982. Because Town and County officers requested that people stay off the roads, this caused cancellation of services on three Sundays. However, during the recent bitter 1983-84 winter when the temperature slid to -20 below zero, the Christmas service was well attended.

From 1885 into the 1900's, weather conditions did not seem to deter church activity. On the contrary, before the automobile, wintertime travel was by horse-drawn sleigh, or the use of hay-laden heavy rudered wagon beds for class parties. In the heat of the summer with windows open, members used hand fans to stir the air.

Records show on the day when our church was chartered, March 11, 1885, Lake Maxinkuckee was covered with 18-inch ice. The lake remained ice-bound until April 7, 1885. On October 13, 1907, the lake was frozen over. In January-February, 1912, there were 17 days with below zero temperatures. A mid-November snowstorm in 1918 blocked all roads and caused a tragic Nickel Plate train wreck at Burr Oak.

— Weather Extremes —

Heavy blizzards and extreme cold also marked the winters of 1930, '34, '37, '50 and 1967. An unusually mild winter came in 1982 before the zero extreme days of 1983-84. The intense summer heat in 1924 brought many 90 to 100 degree days during July. In 1911 from July 2-7, there were five days above 105 and in the summer of 1936 there were 46 days of 90 degrees plus.

Though the 1984-85 winter season began with reasonably mild weather, the Lake became ice-covered before mid-January. Our Centennial Year winter, not unlike the 1885 winter season, came on with vengeance in mid-January, 1985. On Sunday, Jan. 20th, the temperature dropped to 26 below with wind chill factors reading more than 50 below. Then on Feb. 11, a heavy snow storm accompanied by high winds, blocked highways and streets through the area for the entire week, closing down all activity.

As always, the adjustment to climatic extremes of temperature or tornadoes or blizzards, spells of summer heat, droughts as well as floods did not outweigh the spiritual living of the faithful. On the contrary, the church and its teachings afforded, as always, surcease from distraught.

Perhaps weather extremes or operative costs were related to the efforts of our church trustees in 1978 through 1980, as they executed the upgrading of the church heating plant and insulation and the installation of a new parsonage furnace (\$3,166). Then in June, 1980, the congregation unanimously approved installation of a sanctuary central air conditioning unit - cost of which (\$8,000 plus) was paid in 1984 through special gifts.

— Parking Lot —

In the early 1980's, the old town hall, fire station and water tower were removed from the 66 x 99 ft. lot across from the church. In July 1982, the Consistory reached an agreement (\$100 annually for five years) to acquire the site as a parking area.

Throughout history, nationally as well as worldwide, religious oriented activities have been a factor in all phases of human activity. In the past century, religious interests have grown immensely. In our nation, in our time, we have seen growth of the church through the electronic media and the printed word. The Bible remains the world's best seller. Collectively, the spiritual appeals and activities involve a broad range of funding for support, much more support than the missionary activity of early years.

In the past century, in terms of Christian service and projects, together with our fiscal operation, our church has merited continuing support. Thus it was in 1885, when the generous zeal of 18 charter members provided the means for the birth of our Church.

— Operating Costs —

In the decades following, Grace Church oft faced with difficult situations, through good times and times of severity, records show that in the first fifty years, the church maintenance, remodeling, pastor's salary, benevolent support were met without indebtedness.

In 1930, the church budget of \$4,234.05 included the pastor's salary of \$2,500. Fuel (then coal) and utility costs were small items. As a point of reference, school teachers' salaries (eight month term), were in the \$800 to \$1,000 range. There was no minimum wage law. Prices of corn and wheat were less than \$1 per bushel. First class postage was two cents.

Thirty years later, in 1960, the Grace Church budget of \$14,506 included an estimated cost of \$470 for utilities, \$475 for fuel. Incidentally, electricity became available in Culver in 1914 and in the early 1900's, the source of heat was coal, coke or wood. The church furnace became oil fired at mid-century and gas fired in the 1960-1970's.



Dan Adams, as a high school senior.



The Arthur Birk Family, 1969



1973.—Lee & Margaret Jewell, George & John



The Rusts, Christmas, 1943

More Personal Album Photos



Jeanne Epley and mother, Helen Heller, Gettysburg, Pa., 1954



Mrs. D. H. Smith and Elaine Kaiser, July, 1959



Austin & Louise Romig, 1960



Left: The Homer Kemples; Walter Johnsons, 1973



The Vonderohes late 1960's—1st row: Eric, Frances, and Walter; 2nd row: Kathy and Keith

In 1960, teachers' salaries ranged from \$2,500 to \$4,400 (nine-month term); hourly wages from 90 cents to \$1.25; gasoline, 33 cents a gallon; first class postage was 4 cents. (Note: February, 1985, postage was raised to .22 cents. Interestingly postage stamps were made compulsory in 1885. Before use of stamps, rates for a one-page letters going more than 400 miles was .25 cents.)

— Compare Church Budget Years —

In 1980, our approved church budget was \$35,343; the cost of utilities was \$3,573; fuel, \$2,872; teachers' salaries ranged from \$9,000 to \$12,000; minimum hourly wages exceeded \$3.00; first class postage reached 20 cents in 1983; and the cost of gasoline reached \$1.40-\$1.50 a gallon.

The annual church sponsored pancake and sausage supper in 1980 grossed \$1,433.77; March 7, 1981, \$788.05; and in 1983, 349 persons were served. Milan Rakich was elected Consistory president in 1980 and Judy Sholly, chairman, Board of Christian Education. The average worship service attendance in 1980-81 was 121.

— The 1980 Decade —

From the outset of the 1980 decade, there was evidence of prayerful hope and praise, as always, for people of good faith. This was especially so in relating to the many national, international, and even local happenings and concerns including the Mid-East crisis, where American diplomats were still held hostage. The hostage crisis happily ended when a negotiated release was arranged and they were welcomed home in early 1981.

Then in 1980-81, there were the ever rising living costs, unemployment, record high interest rates, the public uprisings in Latin America, the Syrian-Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the British-Argentina, Falkland Island dispute, the U.S. Granada intervention, and locally the economic hardship caused by the State Exchange Finance Company closing with its tragic aftermath.

Our Grace Church, a center of multiple activities as a worship center, in the 1970-85 era, included a more broadly based neighborhood membership outreach. A socio-economic membership analysis shows that in the last fifteen years more lake residents, more residents of the Academy area and residents from some distance away became members.

— Grace Church Growth —

With a March, 1885 charter membership of 18 zealous souls, growth was slow, numbering less than 25 members in 1890, but as reported

earlier, a year later, 1891, the membership doubled. A review of the 50-year membership records, 1885-1935, shows that 531 persons had been associated with Grace Church.

Twenty-five years later, in 1960, on the occasion of our 75th anniversary, the list lengthened to 1,787 and twenty-five years later, here in 1985, our centennial year, the estimate of persons that have been associated with Grace Church is more than 2,559.

— Vocational Backgrounds —

Individually, our membership has vocationally represented nearly all "walks-of-life," — from housewives, husbands, children, and single individuals, all seeking spiritual guidance.

In the "work-a-day" world their leadership and talented efforts continued to be noticed collectively and individually as, — skilled craftsmen, in industrial production, as businessmen and women, as government officials, as bankers, as teachers, as office staff members, as writers, designers, artists, musicians, as construction and masonry artisans, as agriculture farm specialists, and other pursuits.

— Outreach —

The congregational outreach can also be noted through its membership cleric interests, association, and leadership contributions to the United Church of Christ, regional conferences, neighboring churches and worthy causes.

Rev. E. E. Zechiel, a member of Grace Church, successfully pursued the ministry and served for several years as superintendent, Home For The Aged, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, before his retirement in 1955.

Earlier, Grace Church minister A. J. Michael, 1907-15, was called to head Home Missions, Freeport, Ill. In 1925, Rev. John Tapy was called from his Grace Church Ministry to become Superintendent, Children's Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Other ministers followed their Culver pastorate to accept leadership roles with the church-at-large. They included: Rev. C. A. Lang, 1926-31, left to head a new Federated Church, Youngstown, Ohio; Rev. Harvey Harsh, 1932-42, later organized new U.C.C. Church, Indianapolis; and Rev. John Krueger, 1968-75, left to organize the new Peace U.C.C., Fort Wayne, Ind., and later became Moderator, U.C.C. General Synod, Ames, Iowa, 1985.

It is also noted that our Rev. Walter Vonderohe has served as secretary to our Conference for many years. Grace Church laymen have contributed of their leadership talents to the church-at-large, also. Walter M. Hand, of Grace Church, served as treasurer, St. Joseph

Classis, 1910-20 and Fort Wayne Classis, 1920-35.

Dr. Oscar Wesson, delegate to regional and state conferences, has served in many posts. Currently, Mrs. Walter Vonderohe is vice-president, Women's Division, Northwest Conference; Lovina Wesson, program chairman, and Dollis Dillon, treasurer. Melba Easterday has served as president of the Women's group. Through the years, many of our laymen and laywomen have contributed of their leadership to the regional and the Indiana-Kentucky conference programs.

— Local Outreach —

For more than sixty years, Grace Church has been a member of the Culver-Union Township Council of Churches and for many years the United Religious Council of Marshall County. Our pastor serves as a Hospital Chaplain. Our church works closely with the aged, providing programs at convalescent nursing homes. In a broad spectrum suggesting active interest of our church, we have supported the E.M.S. program, the REAL services, the food pantry and other projects and programs.

— Grace Church - Peace Church Interest —

Our church has had a special interest in the organization and development of the new Peace U.C.C., Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In seven years, 1975-82, the suburban church attracted and spiritually served a growing membership under the leadership of Rev. John Krueger. From a small beginning in the Aboite Township area, southwest of Ft. Wayne, Peace Church grew rapidly, and on October 3, 1982, Grace Church members were most interested as the new church was dedicated.

Our W. C. "Bud" Craft, whose craft and artisanship is to be noted throughout Grace Church, designed and constructed the pulpit and kneeling bench for the new Peace Church. Earlier, in December, 1978, he had constructed pieces of furniture for the, then, temporary Peace Church.

— Rev. French —

During the pastorate of Rev. French, 1976-82, the number added to the church roster by confirmation or baptism was 55. Totally, through transfers, there were 108 new members. There were 15 transfers of membership, all of whom had moved from the community. There were 51 memorial rites, and the record shows there were 57 marriages during the seven-year period.

On October 14, 1982, Rev. French resigned as our minister to accept the pastorate of St. Luke's U.C.C. at Parma, Ohio. On December 12, more than 100 persons joined for a potluck dinner-reception for Rev.



Thelma Smith



Elsie Wojdyla



Florence Banks

More From The 1970's



The Donald Davis family



The Allen Smiths



The Albert Systma family



Terry & Marcia Beck



Mr. & Mrs. Norman Tanksley



The Jerome Zechiels



1961 photo shows four generations: Della (Stahl) May, with great grandchild, Timothy Poling; Jacquelyn (Doll) Poling and Eva (May) Doll.



Lois & Kenneth Tasch



Daisy and Jesse Overmyer

terests of those who desired an early 9 a.m. summertime service and those who wanted a 10 a.m. service, Rev. Vonderohe conducted both a 9 and 10 a.m. service from June through August, with attendance averaging 128.

— Intra-Communication —

News of church events, programs, projects, personal interest information reports are all vital to the continuing efforts of our membership. Gathering and presentation of information has been especially important in the development of Grace Church.

In the very early days, communication was literally a "one-to-one" or "family-to-family" matter. Thus the neighborhoods, the general store, the school, and certainly, the church were centers where discussions, from trivial to major events and happenings, provided basic knowledge. As a matter of fact, it was through communicative interests that churches had their origin and development.

In our Grace Church, pulpit presentations have been the source of spiritual communication. In addition, development of our Church School, our Youth Groups and our Guild has afforded a specialized communicative relationship. In terms of media, pastoral letters, worship service programs, Consistory and organization reports have been an important source of information.

— News Letters - Decor —

Rev. Harvey Harsh, 1932-42, introduced the "Grace Church Visitor" which he edited and distributed weekly. In August, 1950, under the direction of Dr. Meredith Sprunger, 1950-59, the monthly "Grace Notes" bulletin was first published. Later, it was edited and published by Margaret Eckman. With changes in the format, the current "Grace News Letter" has been faithfully and with extended coverage, edited and published under the direction of Lovina Wesson.

It relates news of the church, the church school and organizations. It also reports items of interest about members, presents reports and carries a calender of events along with a pastoral letter. The worship service bulletin presents the format for the service and publishes announcements.

Important, too, in terms of communications, is the decor of the church, featuring talents of those whose interest and artistic ability is exhibited in seasonal decorations or other special display.

There are seasonal floral arrangements to grace the altar. For several years the Christmas season has featured a large suspended Advent

Wreath in the center of the sanctuary. Candles adorning the Wreath are lighted as a part of the weekly services.

— Bible School-Confirmation Class —

In July, 1983, Karen Easterday and Sherri Mayfield were directors of the Vacation Bible School. There were six members in the '83-'84 Confirmation Class. The congregation approved several constitutional revisions at the annual meeting held in October, 1983.

Included in the changes were those affecting membership status; consistory duties as they relate to those serving as deacons and as elders; change of fiscal year from October to calendar year; congregational meetings, annual meeting in January and semi-annual in October; with election of officers in October to take office in January. Later, at the Family Thank-Offering In-Gathering, Phil and Shirley Hiatt, who served as Missionaries in Africa, presented an excellent program.

An Open House at the parsonage, sponsored by Rev. and Mrs. Vonderohe, was a mid-November, 1983, highlight, which attracted a large number of guests. Also in the late fall, under the leadership of Rev. Vonderohe, the Grace Church Centennial Committee, with Chairman Melba Easterday; members, Tom Sholly, Margaret Swanson, Alan Bunner, Margaret Jewell and Dollis Dillon met in the first of a series of meetings to plan for The Centennial Year Program.

— Christmas - 1983 —

The 1983-84 winter season arrived early with a temperature each week dipping below zero, from December 10 through early March. Remarkably on Christmas Day, 1983, with temperatures 20 degrees below zero, churches with one exception in our area, did not hold services. The exception was our Grace Church where members and visitors joined for the traditional service.

Bleak winter days did not hinder plans for the 1984 Lenten series with its series of meaningful services. The annual pre-Lenten Pancake and Sausage Supper attracted a great number of patrons.

With the addition of new choir members, the Easter service was enhanced with the choir presenting special music.

Special guest teachers for the 1984 adult classes included Dr. Michael Deery, and Supt. of Schools, William Mills. Our church school classes were benefited greatly by excellence of teaching including Rev. Vonderohe and veteran Norman Tanksley.

— Centennial Program Gets Underway —

A series of special services in observance of our centennial year began September 16, 1984, when Pastor John Krueger, Peace Church, Ft.

Wayne, was welcomed as guest speaker. The special homecoming service was followed by a carry-in dinner.

Celebrating Grace Church involvement in conference programs, Rev. Donald R. Buchthal, associate minister, Indiana-Kentucky Conference, was guest speaker at the second special service, October 21.

Heritage Sunday was a "not-soon-to-be-forgotten" service on November 18th. The church youth were involved in a special centennial Christmas program.

The continuing schedule of birthday events in 1985 included a February service featuring community involvement; Charter Covenant Sunday, March 10; former Grace Church pastors, C. Thomas French speaking, April 21, and Dr. Meredith Sprunger, May 19, and the Homecoming celebration, June 16.

During the 1984 Holiday Week, on December 28, Rev. and Mrs. Vonderohe with their visiting family planned an Open House Buffet in Zion Hall, but illness cancelled the event.

New 1985 members of The Consistory and Board of Christian Education elected at the semi-annual congregational meeting, October, 1984, were duly installed Sunday, December 30, during the regular worship service. Elected by the Consistory in November to serve during the 1985 Centennial Year were: Don Slyh, president; John Sage, vice president; Margaret Swanson, secretary; Bill Strauch, financial secretary; Dollis Dillon, treasurer; Alan Bunner, chairman, financial committee; Lowell Safford, usher chairman; John Sage, greeter chairman; and Tony Mayfield, property committee chairman.

Heading the 1985 Board of Christian Education were: Sherri Mayfield, chairman; Jolene Westafer, vice chairman; Dollis Dillon, secretary; Sandra Middleton, treasurer; and Ann Dutt, nursery supervisor; and Connie Richie, purchasing agent.

— Leadership —

In recording the life and times of Grace Church, pastoral leadership has been detailed to some extent and reference has been accorded here and there to the individual efforts of the laity. Great credit for the continuing progress, interest and development of Grace Church from its birth through 1985 has been due, in no small way, to the leadership of our church laymen and laywomen.

It was a small group of charter members who initiated its founding and provided the spark which still ignites interest. In any given era or through all ten decades it has been the Consistory men and women,



Church Lay Officials 1985

Grace Church Consistory: From left: 1st row: Dollis Dillon, Judy Patton, Margaret Swanson, John Sage, and Steve Richie; 2nd row: Bill Strauch, Tony Mayfield, President Don Slyh, and Alan Bunner. Not pictured: Lowell Safford and Rev. Vonderohe.



Board of Christian Education: Clockwise, starting with Rev. Vonderohe (with back to camera), Judy Patton, Chairman Sherri Mayfield, Dollis Dillon, Jolene Westafer and Sandra Middleton. Not pictured: Connie Richie and Ann Dutt.

(Photos by Ruth Birk)



Women's Guild Officers: From left: Lovina Wesson, vice president; Mildren Hohman, treasurer; Bertha May Rust, secretary; Gwen Hoesel, president; and Margaret Jewell, ass't. secretary.

church school leaders, the Women's Guild, the choir, and other groups, each in its own way who have, in a sense, carried our spiritual torch.

Today, as in the very early days, to serve as a member of the Consistory, is a privileged opportunity. In fact, there are several instances in the first half century where our laymen were honored by being elected to Consistory life membership (Elder or Deacon Emeritus), — 1907, John Zechiel; 1920's elders, Lewis, William and Jacob Zechiel.

For more than six decades, (1885-1952) the senior elder was Chairman of The Board, a position held by Arthur Hatten in 1952. In the early years, a number of officers served for many years, — Arthur Morris (30 years), treasurer; Henry Henning, secretary; Walter Hand, Dr. H. H. Tallman, Cecil Smith, among others.

Since 1953, the Consistory has elected a chairman who serves as lay president of the congregation. With the chairman, other elected officers include the vice chairman, recording secretary, treasurer and property chairman.

— Consistory Officers —

For the past 32 years, the following have served as president. The figure following each name represents the number of terms served, but not necessarily concurrently: Howard Albert, 1; W. C. Craft, 2; A. Judson Dillon, 7; Donald Hand, 5; Milán Rakich, 4; Robert Rust, 4; John Sage, 2; Don Slyh, 1; and Dr. Oscar Wesson, 7.

Since 1955, vice chairmen, who have served include: Howard Albert, 3; Terry Beck, 2; Edward Easterday, 2; Donald Hand, 2; Harold Hatten, 2; Walter Johnson, 5; Homer Kemple, 2; Anthony Mayfield, 2; Robert Rust, 1; John Sage, 1; Verlin Shaffer, 4; Roger Thews, 1; and Dr. Oscar Wesson, 4.

Recording Secretary: Stephen Clark, 1; Alan Cornett, 1; Donald Davis, 2; Jane Davis, 2; Glen Doll, 2; Harold Fitterling, 4; Sharon Hartz, 2; Harold Hatten, 4; Henry Henning, 2; Sadie Hoesel, 4; Shelton Kaiser, 1; Judy Patton, 2; Robert Rust, 1; Thomas Sholly, 2; and Margaret Swanson, 1.

Financial Secretary: David Bendy, 2; C. W. Brooks, 1; W. C. Craft, 6; A. Judson Dillon, 4; Donald Hand, 1; Ed Helphrey, 2; Walter Johnson, 1; Antol Marton, 2; Larry Lindvall, 1; Verlin Shaffer, 2; Don Slyh, 4; and William Strauch, 4.

Treasurer: Dollis Dillon, 1; Edward Easterday, 6; Donald Hand, 1; Gwen Hoesel, 3; Conrad Mattox, 4; Ebba Maynard, 1; Kenneth Reininga, 4; Al Teach, 1; Joan Ulery, 4; Connie Van Horn, 2; George Vondra, 2; and Jerome Zechiel, 2.

In recent years property committee chairmen included: David Bendy, Lyman Craft, W. C. Craft, Bob Curtis, A. Judson Dillon, Forest Geiselman, Hugh Hartz, Ed. Helphrey, Tony Mayfield, Dr. Thomas Pugh, Milan Rakich, John Sage, Albert Systma and Roger Thews.

— Longstanding Membership —

It is said that the relationship between yesterday and today involves a bridge with three spans, Memory, Record, and Interest. In the continuing development of Grace Church, it is noteworthy that the personal memories of a few of our members span many years of close association.

Charter Member Sunday was a program feature of our Grace Church 50th anniversary celebration, March 3-10, 1935, where three living charter members, Mrs. Sara Blanchard, Mrs. Ora Menser and Henry Zechiel were honored.

On the occasion of our Diamond Anniversary, October 2-9, 1960, 32 fifty-year members were honored. Among many oldtime members honored 25 years ago were two 1984 members, Edna Garn and Rex Mawhorter, both of whom had long been associated with Grace Church.

Florence Banks whose association with Grace and Zion Church (merged with Grace Church, 1950) reaches back many years. In 1984, she celebrated her 99th birthday. Her year of birth was 1885, the year Grace Church was founded.

Memories of earlier days were meaningful to Ruby Hawkins whose family has long been associated with our church. Among others whose association extends back many years are Verda Romig, whose baptism in 1907 is recorded in the Stahl Family History and Eva Doll, whose association dates back to her baptism in 1912.

On this, the occasion of our Centennial, among those who have been associated with Grace or Zion Church for fifty years are:

Florence Banks	Evert Hoesel	Jesse Dick Newman
Louis Banks	Sadie Hoesel	Genevieve Osborn
Dollis Dillon	Margaret Jewell	Verda Romig
Eva Doll	Fern Lewis	Thelma Smith
Edna Garn	Rex Mawhorter	Margaret Swanson
Lois Bess Hand	Charles Newman	Lovina Wesson
Ruby Hawkins	J. Allen Newman	

The current Church roll lists nearly seventy persons who have been associated with Grace Church for 25 years or more, some of whom have been members of our family for 35-40 years or more. At the risk of

omission, the 25-year roster includes the following: Alice Banks, Randel Banks, Charles and Donnabelle Bernhardt, Cheryl Boswell, Mary Lou Brown, Wilford and Izora Craft, Callie Culter, Judy Cultice, Donald Davis, Glenn Doll, Edward and Melba Easterday. Also Earl and Margaret Eckman, Jeanne and C. W. Epley Jr., Michael Fitterling, Veda Fitterling, Forrest and Jeanette Geiselman, Donald E. Hand, Vona Belle Hartz, Patricia Hisey, John and Gwen Hoesel, Albert Hosimer, Blanche Jacobsen, Walter Johnson, Shelton and Naomi Kaiser, Homer and Esma Kemple, Marjorie Ann Kemple, Mary Louise Krieg, Ermil Lewis, Antol and Blanche Marton, Sandra Middleton, Leota Miller, David Osborn, Donald Osborn, Daisy Overmyer and Orville T. and Beulah Phelps.

Also Edward Ruhnnow, Ermil Ruhnnow, Bertha May and Robert Rust, Verlin and Sylvia Shaffer, Arthur and Jane Smith, Violet Starr, Roberta Sulzberger, Emma Swigart, Kenneth Tasch, Dorothy Thews, Roger Thews, Toby Warner, Charles and Mildred Weiger, Charles T. Wesson, Oscar Wesson, and Jerome and Betty Zechiel.

— Grace Church Sunday School —

In 1885, there were no organized Sunday Schools in Marmont. In earlier years, the Marmont Methodist Episcopal Church had a school but for some reason did not keep it going. Area churches, Zion, Poplar Grove, Albright, E.U.B., and others did have Church Schools. It should be pointed out that 100 years ago, there were church related, minister led, study groups which met occasionally.

Organized between 1887-92, through the interests of charter members, Grace Church was the first community Sunday School organized to facilitate the work of the church.

How did it come about? Several men, led by John Sander, Thomas Medbourne and Oliver Morris persuaded Henry Zechiel to organize the Reformed Church Sunday School. The school first met in the Methodist Church. In 1890 it was moved to our new little white church.

In the beginning there were no separate classes. The Sunday School group was taught by the Superintendent. The school, though small at first, was successful from the beginning. Enrollment in 1903-04 reached 176, with the largest attendance recorded that year coming on June 12 with 148 present. Total collection for the year was \$90.

By 1908, enrollment grew to 300 and in 1912, average attendance was 168. Collections were small with not more than \$2,000 contributed in the first 18 years. In 1935, John Mitchell, who had served as treasurer for 15 years, reported that during his term, \$13,895.50 had been collected. Today's annual contributions range from \$1,100 to \$1,600 annually.

Grace Church Sunday School, 1985



Opening Program, Announcements



Students Assembled, Sunday School, Zion Hall



Margaret Jewell's Class



Youth Group, sponsor Marty Easterday



Adult Class,
Rev. Vonderohe,
instructor

(Photos by
Ruth Birk)

— Church School Activity —

The Grace Church Sunday School formed the bulwork of community social activities, — picnics, taffy pulls, carpet rag sewing, Bible study groups, box socials and skating parties. In 1891, it organized the Christian Endeavor, a lively affiliate of the church.

Though early superintendents and teachers were not highly educated, they were thorough students of the Bible. They required students to commit verses to memory. For perfect attendance and excellence, in memorization, students were rewarded with certificates or special mementos.

— Classes —

As classes were organized, the program was elaborated with opening and closing sessions. Classes met in every nook and cranny of the little white church, even in the little gallery, except during the "wasp season." Students assisted in caring for the church, — cleaning the lamp chimneys, sweeping, blackening the stoves, washing windows, etc.

In 1905, several Grace Church Sunday School members joined with Methodists and other church groups in the presentation of "Passion Week in Jerusalem," a feature of the Lake Maxinkuckee Chautauqua Assembly. Among those in the Cantata were Grace Church members: Myrtle Medbourne, pianist; Chester Zechiel, tenor; Henry Stahl, Edwin Zechiel, Frank Baker and Captain H. S. Noble managed the tableaux.

In 1910, Class 6 was the first class to be organized under the leadership of Ethel Zechiel. Basic in the development of our Sunday School was coordinating the school under a written constitution in the 1910 era.

In 1921, a class taught by Mrs. C. E. Reed met to organize the Crescent Class. "The Searchers," a class of girls organized in 1910, united with the Crescent Class in the 1920's. The 64-year history of the Crescent Class is filled with extensive service to the church and meaningful associations among members. Over the years it has sponsored bake sales, bazaars and other projects to support a wide range of worthy endorsements. In recent years, it has been headed by Zora Craft, Mrs. Howard Albert, Emma Swigart, Allen Smith, and Pearl Onesti among other.

Earlier in 1914, Class 8 taught by D. H. Smith, met to organize the Loyal Women's Class. There were 26 charter members. For more than 60 years this devoted class, whose teachers in addition to Mr. Smith included Howard Albert and C. C. Mattox, has contributed greatly to the well being of Grace Church.

Even though our church had been enlarged in the early 1900's, it became apparent that more room was needed for the Sunday School, especially for the primary group. The need was met in 1913 by moving the childrens' classes (cradle roll, beginners, primary and junior) into the basement where they could have their separate opening worship service and class period. Gradually, the classes were more closely graded and the use of graded lessons was begun.

Records name other classes of other days, — Mizpah, 1914; Loyal Christian Workers, 1915; Loyal Christian Endeavors, 1915 (became a part of the Adult Class, 1935); Young Ladies Class, 1922; Tri C Class and The Three L's Class, 1933. The Searchers Class, the United Class and Senior Adult Class merged with the Willing Workers Class which later merged with the Loyal Women's Class in 1933.

— Fidelis Class —

Though early records are skimpy, today's Fidelis Class originated about 1945. In 1955, the membership roster listed 46 members with George Kerrigan as president and in 1956, Larry Lindvall headed the class. The Name "Fidelis" which translated from Latin means "Faithful" was suggested by James Marshall. In late November, the class met with 27 members. Harold Robinson and Alice McCarthy were president and secretary-treasurer respectively. In 1957, with James Marshall as president and Blanche Marton, secretary, the group attendance averaged 25 to 35. The class voted to continue as a social entity instead of as a discussion group. Meetings were not held during the summer months.

The Fidelis Class noted for its fellowship through the years, has sponsored and supported a wide range of church and community projects. Members, in the early 50's painted and redecorated the parsonage Sunday School rooms and the group transformed the old coal room in the basement so it could be used as a classroom. About this time, Naomi Kaiser was the teacher of the Fidelis Class.

The group initiated the Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper in 1959-60. The annual fete in Zion Hall attracted 500 patrons. The class continued sponsorship of the project for a number of years until it became an all-church event.

In 1960, with C. W. Brooks as president, the class sponsored benevolences for Parkview Hospital, Migrant Camp, Michiana Benevolent Society and Mission House and installed vestibule lights. In other years, they purchased folding doors for the church, contributed to the parsonage construction fund; purchased a 16 mm projector, 1951; contributed to publishing costs "This is Grace Church" brochure, 1975;

sponsored garage and bake sale, 1979, to provide over \$600 to the ambulance fund; contributions and support, 1970's, church rebuilding and furnishing; and the sponsorship of an Easter breakfast beginning in 1976, among many other projects.

Since 1961, the following have served as president of the Fidelis Class. The number following the same represents the number of years served but not concurrently: John Bigley, 1; Judson Dillon, 2; Edward Easterday, 4; Harold Fitterling, 1; Shelton Kaiser, 3; Don Osborn, 2; Milan Rakich, 1; Kenneth Reininga, 1; Verlin Shaffer, 4; Al Teach, 1; John Torr, 1; Lovina Wesson, 1; and Dr. Oscar Wesson, 2.

Also, in the past 24 years the following have served as secretary-treasurer of the class: Dollis Dillon, 3; Melba Easterday, 4; Edward Helphrey, 1; Mildred Hohman, 1; Naomi Kaiser, 2; Genevieve Osborn, 2; Jean Rakich, 1; Donna Reininga, 1; Sylvia Shaffer, 3; Margaret Swanson, 1; Elizabeth Systma, 1; Ellen Teach, 1; Vera Lee Tweedie, 1; and Lovina Wesson, 2.

— Amicus Class —

In November 1959, a group of young married couples, many of whom were members of the Fidelis Class, organized the Amicus Class. Jack Easterday was the first president of the group which made its presence felt in church related programs and projects during the near ten-year existence of the class. The Amicus group's role in the planning and execution of our parsonage construction in the 1950's, was especially significant.

— Youth Fellowship —

For many years the program of our Grace Church Youth Fellowship has been a most important activity in the ongoing development of the Sunday School. Forerunner of the Youth Fellowship was the Young People's Christian Endeavor founded May 23, 1891. A review of available records indicate a variance of interests and activities with many eras of enthusiastic support of programs and projects.

Over the years, our Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships have been involved in church oriented summer camps, retreats and special trips. In 1950, Sandra (Hoesel) Middleton was president, Jane Ann Marshall, vice president, and Miriam Starr, secretary. The membership roster included Judy McFeeley, Richard Maynard, Jacquie Walaitis, Mona Andrews and Judy Heeter. In 1955, Charles Wesson was president of the Jr. Youth Fellowship and Betty Kose, secretary.

The Youth Fellowship banquet committee (Judy Onesti, Barbara Rust and Ed Lane) had as their guest speaker in February, 1956, Dr. J. E. Hartzler.

With Donald Hand, Jr. as president, the highlights of the youth program in 1956 included, the banquet, presentation of a Christmas play, and participation of nine members in summer camp.

— Youth Activities —

In 1961, our Grace Church Youth Fellowship, headed by Cheryl Dillon, enjoyed a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. In 1971, the group as sponsors of the pre-Lenten Pancake and Sausage Supper, netted nearly \$300. In 1975, the Youth Fellowship enjoyed three trips; to South Bend; to Turkey Run State Park and to Niagara Falls.

In 1978, projects included entertaining other church groups with a hayride, then came a sledding party, and in July a trip to St. Louis. Bret Overmyer was president of the 1978 Youth Fellowship.

In 1979, with Douglas French as president, program highlights included caroling at Christmas time, hosting the Bremen U.C.C. youth at a beach party and a trip to Spring Mill State Park. A skating party, sponsorship of the Pancake-Sausage Supper featured the 1981 year for our youth.

— Board of Christian Education —

Through the years organization of our Sunday School — the planning, use of teaching materials and teaching methods have involved the study, training and efforts of many persons. In the 1950's, it was felt that there was a need to coordinate efforts to better serve, educationally, all age groups and this could be improved through establishment of a Board of Christian Education.

As noted in 1890, the superintendent was the sole teacher, then came the division by age groups, the use of study material, and the organization of classes. For many years the International Uniform Series of Lessons was used. Today, multiple types of teaching, class and audio-visual materials are involved. In other years, too, enrollment and attendance at times, made it necessary to hold classes in the parish house and the Lions Den, among places other than the church. In the mid-50's, Sunday School attendance often reached over 225.

The December, 1961, record shows 36 people were present every Sunday and in January, 1962, 45 had perfect attendance records. The Vacation Bible School has been co-sponsored for many years. Since the 1950's, supervision of the educational divisions — cradle roll, kindergarten, primary, junior, adult, and the audio-visual, and the purchasing have been meaningful.

—Church School Leadership —

During the first 70 years available records show the following served as superintendents of the Sunday School: Henry Zechiel Samuel Ulery, Samuel Buswell, Walter Hand, Charles Zechiel, Albert Stahl, D. E. Walker, Earl Zechiel, Mrs. A. J. Dillon, Cecil Smith, W. E. Friend, David H. Smith Arthur Hatten, Robert Rust, Howard Albert, James Marshall, Dr. Oscar Wesson and Donald Hand.

Over the past 30 years, the following have served as chairmen of the Department of Education: Sheri Mayfield, Donald Hand, Dr. Oscar Wesson, Lovina Wesson, Florence Page, Jane Davis, Steven Ulery, Betty Zechiel, Pat Birk, Judy Sholly and Marcia Beck.

In recent years, vice chairmen of the Department of Education have included: Wayne Mattox, Fern Lewis, Mrs. Lee Tweedie, Florence Page, Steven Ulery, Pat Birk, Betty Zechiel, Richard Balkema, Peggy Clark, Marcia Beck, Jolene Westafer, and Connie Richie.

Serving as secretary: Pat Wesson, Christine Hand, Naomi Kaiser, Barbara Ogden, Sandra Keyser, Genevieve Osborn, Betty Zechiel, Elizabeth Systma, Marcia Beck, Mary Louise Krieg, Barbara Quivey, and Dollis Dillon.

Treasurers: Harold Hatten (12 years), Fern Lewis, Twyla (Shaffer) Bean, David Bendy, Richard Balkema, Peggy Clark, Mike Rowe, Sandra Middleton, and Pat Birk

Serving as Audio Visual Supervisors: Wayne Mattox, Edward Easterday, L. Geiselman, Don Osborn, Sandra Middleton, Shelton Kaiser, Hugh Hartz, Sandra Keyser, Ned Overmyer, Barbara Quivey, and Lowell Safford.

— Instructors —

The roster of teachers who have contributed of their talent and study in serving as instructors since 1890 number more than 240 laymen, laywomen and clergymen. In addition, in terms of interesting presentations and resourceful information, many guest teachers have contributed to the continuing program of instruction.

It is near impossible to record all leaders, pianists, cradle roll and primary class instructors and their assistants, the choristers, the adult and youth teachers and all those who have aided in the programs of our Sunday School.

There are a number of persons who have served more than 15 years. For example, Deane E. Walker was a Grace Sunday School teacher for 33 years, Walter Hand, more than 20 years, 1912-35; Robert Rust,

more than 20 years, 1935-55, 57, 58; and Donald Hand; 1939-57. Harold Hatten served as treasurer for many years as did John Mitchell, 1915-38; and Lovina Wesson has served as superintendent, chairman, Department of Education, teacher and in many other roles since 1950.

Indeed, times have changed since our Sunday School was founded more than 95 years ago, but our Grace Church educational efforts continue to provide a "divine spark" as it fulfills a most worthy purpose.

— Women's Missionary and Aid Society, 1889-1915 —

November 2, 1889, marked the beginning of the women's organizations in Grace United Church of Christ. Reverend Shaw was pastor and ladies of the church met in his home and organized the Women's Missionary and Aid Society. Eleven were enrolled as charter members with Mrs. Shaw as the first president.

Object of the organization was to create interest and unite the efforts of the women of the congregation in missionary work, to raise funds for missions, and for congregational purposes. The organization grew in numbers, in interest, and continued meeting every two weeks with good attendance, doing mission work and being of great assistance to the congregation.

During this period, members had public meetings and Thankoffering boxes with offerings going to Home and Foreign Missions. They made comforts, quilts, aprons, bonnets and handkerchiefs to sell. They hemmed napkins and tablecloths for Culver Military Academy. Box Socials, Ice Cream and Strawberry Socials were a source of fund raising projects.

The group furnished chairs, table and trimmings in the amount of \$26.69, on July 30, 1890, for our Church and \$3.25 was paid for lumber for the first pulpit. In the same year they paid \$2.50 for a pulpit bible and \$46.39 for carpet, matting, and window shades.

The organization paid to have water piped into the Church basement, wiring for electricity, the window behind the pulpit and other items. From 1899 at all meetings, whether a regular meeting or a full work day, they always had devotions, hymns and prayers.

— Women's Missionary Society - 1918-1940 —

In April of 1918, thirteen ladies and Pastor G. K. Fisher met to organize the Women's Missionary Society. The object was to create an interest in missionary work through study and to support Missions with donations of money and supplies.

Contributions were made to the Mission Home, Old Folks Home, the Hospital in Yocho, China, the Mission Band and to the Scholarship Fund.

Money was raised by means of annual dues, free will offerings and an Annual Thankoffering. In October, 1940, the Society moved to disband after January 1, 1941; at this time there still were two charter members, Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Swigart.

— Ladies Aid - 1919-1935 —

The Ladies' Aid Society continued to meet faithfully from 1919 to 1935, serving the church and befriending each other. They served lunch for Zechiel Farm Sales and other sales, knotted comforts, quilted quilts, served Classis meals, made aprons, held bazaars, socials and food sales, sold Skido Soap and vanilla, all lucrative fund raising pursuits.

A different kind of money making project was dividing into ten groups, each group to turn in money from some kind of work. Another time they sent a surprise basket around among members, each member paying for the "surprise" and adding a surprise of their own.

With the money they made and offerings, they caused the parsonage porch to be built, put lavatories in the church basement, 1919; remodeled the kitchen in the church basement and bought new dishes, 1923; made new curtains for the basement, 1924; bought table cloths, a piano, and other things down through the years. They purchased a new carpet for the church for the 50th Anniversary at a cost of \$303.88.

In 1924 they paid \$200 towards the parsonage debt and loaned \$200 to the men for 4% interest. Again, in January, 1930, they paid the parsonage debt of \$795.86.

Among many good deeds done by the group were sewing garments for cyclone victims, serving an annual New Year's Dinner, making grape juice, cleaning rugs, sending two comforts to the Old People's Home, Sandusky, Ohio, through the Missionary Society, canning mixed pickles and pears for the Orphan's Home, and sewing curtains for the Christmas play.

— Grace Church Women's Guild, 1940-1984 —

(PLEASE NOTE: Women's Guild secretary books are not available for the years, 1940 to 1960. They are believed to have been lost in the Church fire. Guild program books are the only source of information from the year 1948 through 1966.)

The Women's Guild has continued through the years to contribute to the needs of the Church as well as many other worthy causes. In 1966, at a cost of \$1,225.00, new kitchen cabinets were purchased.

At other times contributions included: \$1,000 to the Roof Fund,

\$700 toward Carpet Fund, \$400 to the Organ Fund, \$50 to Peter Kratzat (Habitat for Humanities), \$85 for two new coffee makers, \$300 toward the carpet cleaning as well as the purchase of several Thermal coffee pots, two step stools and a new electric sweeper. A bi-annual bazaar has netted funds for many of these contributions.

Each year monetary gifts are sent to many worthy causes. Among them are Migrant Ministry, Winnebago Children's Home, Hoyleton Home, Crossroads (Ft. Wayne Children's Home), Emaus Home, Brooklawn Children's Home, Altenheim and United Theological Seminary. Also gifts of school supplies, sewing needs, layettes, sweaters, used eye glasses and used clothing are sent to those in need.

Friends Night, when the Guild is hostess to the women of all churches in the community, has been an annual event for many years.

Since 1969, the Guild has annually held six general meetings and six Circle meetings. The Circle activities include devotional programs as well as projects such as lap robes, house slippers, pillows and tray favors for nursing homes and hospitals. Banners have been made for Grace Church and for Crossroads on their 100th anniversary. Circle I also sponsored a yard work project.

Each year a Daughter's Party is held in the spring for all the ladies and girls of the church. The Guild has had adopted patients from the Westville Hospital and Shady Rest Home. Useful gifts are sent to these patients at various times of the year.

Grace Church Women have been represented by Guild members at local, state and national meetings. The most recent was the second annual United Church of Christ National Women's Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Five members attended and the theme was Women In The Spirit, Called and Free.

— Presidents of Women's Organizations - 1889-1985 —

Since its founding in 1889, leadership has been vital to the on-going activity of the Women's organizations. Were they available the complete naming of officers, program chairmen and those whose leadership has been most meaningful, would be quite extensive.

As a matter of record the following incomplete list chronologically represents those who served as president of our Women's Society. It is to be noted that presidents for certain years are not available.

Mrs. Samuel Shaw served as the first president, 1889.
Mrs. T. Souder served in both 1890 and 1893;
Mrs. Emma Menser, 1891;

Mrs. Lozetta Zechiel, 1892;
Mrs. J. W. Barber, 1894 through 1898;
Mrs. Hayes, 1902 and 1904;
Mrs. Rebecca Klopfenstein and Mrs. John Zechiel, 1903;
Mrs. Charity Stahl, 1905;
Mrs. Henry Koontz, 1906 through 1908;
Mrs. Austin Romig, 1909-1910, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937.
Mrs. Samuel Buswell, 1911, 1912, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1926;
Mrs. J. H. Zechiel, 1914;
Mrs. Henry Zechiel, 1921;
Mrs. David Smith, 1921 and 1922;
Mrs. Robinson, 1922;
Mrs. Dora Swigart, 1926;
Mrs. Minnie Crossland, 1927 and 1928;
Mrs. Elsie Long, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933 and 1934;
Mrs. Wayne Von Ehr, 1938 and 1954;
Mrs. James Marshall, 1939, 1957, and 1958;
Mrs. Wilfred Craft, 1948 and 1949;
Miss Florence Page, 1950, 1951, 1971, and 1972;
Mrs. Shelton Kaiser, 1952, 1953;
Mrs. Judson Dillon, 1955, 1956, 1973, and 1974.
Mrs. Lawrence Lindvall, Sr., 1959 and 1960;
Mrs. Peter Onesti, 1961 and 1962;
Mrs. Edward Easterday, 1963, 1964, 1964 and 1975;
Mrs. Oscar Wesson, 1965, 1966;
Mrs. Evert Hoesel, 1967, 1968, 1976, 1977;
Mrs. Donald Osborn, 1969, 1970;
Mrs. Donald Davis, 1978, 1979;
Mrs. Glen Patton, 1980, 1981;
Mrs. Jerome Zechiel, Jr., 1982, 1983;
Mrs. John Hoesel, 1984, 1985.

— Grace Church Choir —

A review of records suggests many inspiring, historical facets in the 100-year history of our church. Like a gem in the spiritual atmosphere, each worship service has always been enhanced by the program of music. In this respect, our church choir, soloists, directors, accompanists and assistant directors and accompanists have richly contributed of their talents to the beauty and spiritual meaning of every service.

In this Centennial Year, the present mixed choir of around 20 voices is directed by Bertha May Rust and accompanied by organist Margaret



Centennial Year Grace Church Choir

Grace Church Choir: 1st Row: From left: Sadie Hoesel, Mary Louis Krieg, Bertha May Rust, Pat Birk, and Margaret Swanson. 2nd Row: Dollis Dillon, Beth Fierno, Vickie Dearth, Judy Patton, Sandra Middleton, and Rev. Walter Vonderohe. 3rd Row: Arthur Birk, Dan Adams, Judy Sholly, Mary Ann Dutt, and Jack Quivey. Not Pictured: Jeanne Epley, Esma Kemple, Dolly Martindale, and Lowell Safford.



Caroling Christmastime 1984

Group of carolers including many Grace Choir members pictured here as they pause during a serenade, downtown area, Christmastime, 1984.

Swanson. Dollis Dillon is assistant director and organist. From early fall to late spring, the choir choral group presents 4-part anthems along with organ meditations and congregational singing at each service. In the summer, special music features the program.

During Lenten and Christmas seasons, the choir presents a series of special seasonal anthems for the worship services.

For more than 50 years, Mrs. Rust has directed the choir and Margaret Swanson has been the accompanist. Fifty-year members of the choir include Dollis Dillon, Sadie Hoesel and Esma Kemple.

Today the Grace Church choir includes the following:

Sopranos: Sadie Hoesel, Mary Louise Krieg, Pat Birk, Mary Ann Dutt, Dolly Martindale and Judy Sholly.

Altos: Judy Patton, Sandra Middleton, Jeanne Epley, Vicki Dearth, Dollis Dillon and Beth Fierno.

Tenors: Arthur Birk and Dan Adams.

Basses: Rev. Walter Vonderohe, Jack Quivey, Lowell Safford.

Henry Zechiel was the first director of the choir. He was followed by Mrs. Samuel Buswell and later by Edna Stahl and still later by Osie Stahl.

— Background United Church of Christ —

Although Grace Church is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, in 1985, the historical trace of the United Church of Christ pre-dates the founding of our nation.

United Church of Christ had its beginning during the reformation, and more importantly, from its development in America's colonial days. English Pilgrims and Puritans, Newlight Christians, and German immigrants of the early 18th and 19th centuries form the U.C.C. ancestral background.

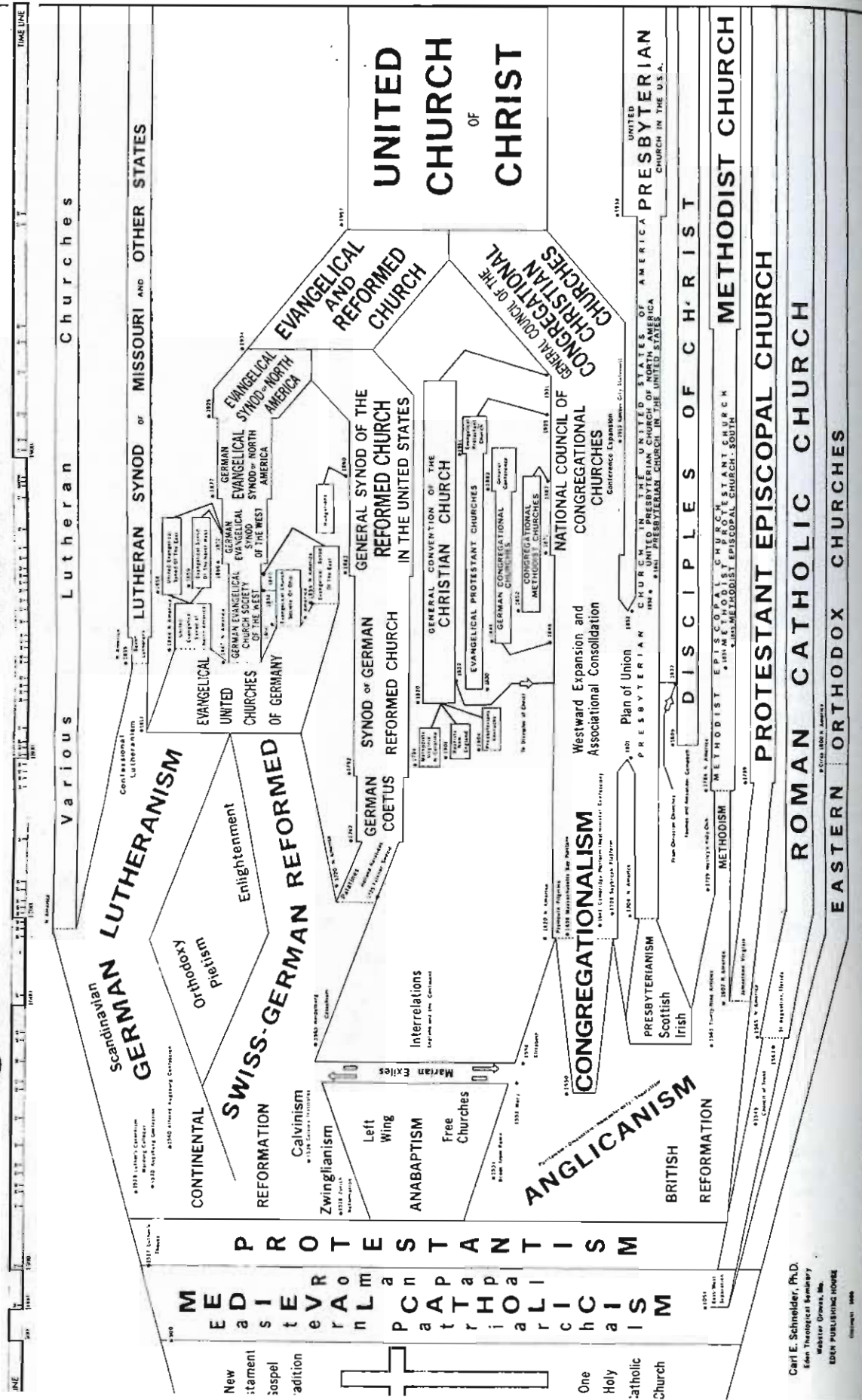
Even though the United Church of Christ, as a denomination, is relatively recent, 1957, it traces its roots back to colonial days when Pilgrims and Puritans settled in new England in the 1600's and became Congregationalists.

Newlight Christians of the Second Great Awakening, in the early 1800's were known as "Christian Churches" and when they united with the Congregationalists, in 1931, they became the Congregational Christian Church.

A sizeable group of German immigrants, who came to America in the early 1700's, settled in Pennsylvania then moved West and eventually formed the Reformed Church of America.

In the early 1800's, another German migration came to the St. Louis,

Origins of the United Church of Christ



Missouri area and subsequently created the Evangelical Synod of North America. The Reformed and Evangelical Churches united in 1934 to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In a 1957 historic Cleveland, Ohio, conference, the United Church of Christ became a reality with the merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Now, in its 28th year, our United Church of Christ, in keeping with its heritage, supports many Christian programs. Our U.C.C. sponsors Academies, Colleges, Seminaries, Hospitals, Homes for children, the aged and the afflicted, city missions, and many other ongoing projects.

— Through The Years —

In commemorating our 100th birthday, one is reminded of glorious events and also of the vicissitudes of the past. Involved, as the record shows, have been the efforts of people, both individually and collectively through their relationship with others.

Certainly woven into our community's historical fabric are contributions of Grace Church and its membership.

During the past century, our church has been a center of worship services for people of all ages. It continues to be a center where young people, adults, young married persons, middle aged and older persons, single persons, widows and widowers join for worship, for study, and church related social, educational and choral activities.

— Participation —

Our church has reason to be proud of its continuing record of Christian service and participation. Members have contributed liberally of their talents and efforts to worthy causes.

Our members and visitors have shared in a religious oriented fellowship. Consistently, our church has sought to offer Christian opportunity to all persons in the continuing belief that if one has sought or is seeking God, the opportunity to find Him is in our church. If surrounded by sorrow, he has been comforted; if discouraged, he has found hope; if friendless, he has found companionship and Christian love. There has been the friendly interest in the merited progress of others. The prayer continuity has included all of these and other blessings.

— Beliefs —

As the record indicates, in our continuing efforts, as Christians, our guiding principals have involved the belief that reality in living involves a

**Grace Church
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— 1985 —**



The Lighted Cross



The Acolytes



Children's Sermon



The Pastoral Message

(Photos by Ruth Birk)



Congregational Singing



The Choir Special Anthem

continuing and a personally intimate faith and relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

A second guiding principle which has permeated every aspect of our church program, is and has been a belief that in a changing world, with dynamic, and at times, thought shattering consequences, the constant appeal of God's love is always basic to understanding.

Third, Grace Church continues to have a working purpose, namely, to support a more satisfying personal, social and professional pattern of living.

As our constitution states, "the purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the church universal; to render loving service toward mankind and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace."

As always, the Bible is our source of religious insight, and as through the years, we believe God reveals Himself in many ways in man's world and through myriad experiences.

— Associations —

With respect for our heritage and the opportunities it has afforded, we are mindful of the support, the meaningful programs and the prayers of all who have blessed us by their association.

As the record shows, we have had and will continue to have problems, concerns and frustrations. Not everything runs smoothly. However, Grace Church, our Church, reaches deeply into our lives and the life and times of our community.

Sequentially, the ever changing living patterns with accompanying events of happenings are actually historical pegs or touch-stones. Thus this presentation has historically detailed both church and community happenings. It is hoped that it shows a relationship that is both meaningful and interesting. In fact, our Grace Church Centennial, a hundredth-year anniversary, is indeed a garland of the devotion, the faith and the service of many human beings under the spiritual leadership of God.

Both on the occasion of our 50th and 75th anniversaries, a poetic expression by Mrs. D. H. Smith was appropriately used to conclude the golden and diamond anniversary reviews. It, again, seems appropriate to paraphrase and present it on this our 100th Anniversary.

— This Our Church —

Our Church, a century of service to mankind!
And still the belfry stands beneath the sky,
Thrones rise and fall and fashions drop behind,
The church is all we have that doesn't die.

Now one hundred years and still the church is young,
Still men keep faith and seek the finer things,
Still hymns of faith and praise to God, are sung,
While time rusts fame, ends power and humbles kings.

Men come and go upon the stream of change,
Through new and old, God keeps His place on earth,
Abiding faith! Oh, is that phrase so strange
Since centuries, our century adds luster to its worth?



— Acknowledgement —

This centennial history of Grace United Church of Christ is based upon available church records including Consistory records, newsletters, Grace Notes, annual reports, church programs and bulletins and historical brochures. In addition other sources of information include local county and state historical books and newspapers.

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One Hundred Year
Roster

These names have been connected in some way with Grace and/or Zion Church down through the years (1885-1985). Some may be duplicates, others may have been omitted, but we hope it will bring back memories to you.

Dan Adams
Howard Albert
Mrs. Vivian (Hatten) Albert
Allen Alderfer
Christine Alderfer
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Alderfer
Phyllis (Jewell)
Kimberly Alderfer
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ames
Mary (Westcott)
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Anderson
Ronda (Carswell)
Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Anderson
Mary Lou (Gysin)
Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson
Jean (Shaw)
Stella Anderson
Frank Armstrong
Harry Armstrong
Minnie Armstrong
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Arnold
Sylvia (Van Meter)
Wilbur G. Arnold
Steve Arthurhultz
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Aspar
Marjorie (Tallman)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asper
Elnore (Zechiel)-1st marriage
Iva - 2nd marriage
Mrs. Mona Pearl (Fechner) Ault

Dr. F. L. Babcock
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Babcock
Joyce (VonEhr)
Alice Bagely
Charles Baker
Mrs. Beverly I. (McGaffey) Baker
Frank Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker
Grace - 1st marriage
Charlene - 2nd marriage
Mrs. John Baker
Mrs. Louise Baker
Mrs. Mary Baker
Mrs. Nancy (Graham) Baker
Vera Baker
Mrs. Virginia (MartIn) Baker
Mr. and Mrs. William Baker
Lottie
Andrew Balkema
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Balkema
Anna - 1st marriage
Lynn - 2nd marriage
Richard Todd Balkema
Audrea Kay Balmer
Donelle Balmer
Mr. and Mrs. James Balmer
Jody
Patrick Alan Balmer
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Banks
Janet
Andrew Jay Banks

Angela Kay Banks
Carolyn Banks
Mrs. Florence Banks
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Banks
Edith (Hatten)
Jerry Banks
Kenneth Banks
Mr. and Mrs. A. Lamoin Banks
Jean (Warner)
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Banks
Eva
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Banks
Alice
Mr. and Mrs. Randel E. Banks
Gloria Jean (Baker)
Mrs. Marsha (Lindvall) Banning
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Barber
Weanna D.
Nancy Barnett
Mrs. Barbara (Dillon) Barnhart
Daune Basham
Mark Basham
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Basham
Benita
Eliza Basher
Ruben Basher
Tenna Basher
Ellen Bates
Mr. and Mrs. Gano Batz
Estella (Hawk)
Maria Bayner
Harold Bays
Ashley Bean
Cheryl Bean
Clifford Bean
Jessica Bean
Mr. and Mrs. John Bean
Sarah (Hoesel)
Kimberly Bean
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bean
Margaret
Norman Bean
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bean
Twyla (Shaffer)
Mrs. Flossie Beauchamp
Barbara Bechtel
Eula Bechtel
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bechtel
Lena Bechtel
Ruth Bechtel
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beck
Heath Beck
Ida Beck
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beck
Olive
Mogan Beck
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Beck
Marcia
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beck
Charles Beemer
Elizabeth Behmen
Milton Belle
Mrs. Janet E. (Zechiel) Bellick
Joseph Bender
Mary Bender
Daniel Bendy
Mr. and Mrs. David Bendy
Susan (Gelselman)
James Bendy
Lori Bendy
Thomas Bendy
Martha E. Benner
C. A. Bennett
Mrs. Jane Ann (Marshall) Bennett
Mrs. Lorene Bennett
Lucie Bennett
Emiline Bermer

Joseph Bermer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernauer
Martha Ann (Waite)
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bernhardt
Donnabelle (Hosimer)
Deborah Bernhardt
Douglas Bernhardt
Mr. and Mrs. David Bigley
Ladyne - 1st marriage
Mattie - 2nd marriage
Mr. and Mrs. John Bigley
Bea (Rassner)
Teresa Bigley
Tim Bigley
Tom Bigley
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Birk
Patricia (McGaffey)
Ruth Birk
William Birk
Archie Blanchard
Mrs. Clara Blanchard
Mr. and Mrs. E. Perchis Blanchard
Mary (Murphy)
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blanchard
Helen (Allerman)
Essie Blanchard
Ezra Blanchard
Jessie Blanchard
Mrs. Sarah Blanchard
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bleck
Joan
Mrs. E. V. Boblett
Irene Bogardus
Ashley Bogardus
Mrs. Olive (Hays) Bogardus
Thomas Bogardus
William Bogardus
Mrs. Denise (McKee) Bohn
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Patricia Booker
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Mr. and Mrs. George R. Boots
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Andrew Boswell
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boswell
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Timothy Boswell
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Irene Bowers
Martha M. Bowers
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bromley
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David Brown
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Florence Brown
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Mrs. Ruth Brown
Sandy Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brown
Hattie
Mr. and Mrs. William Browne
Linda

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Reba Bryant
Chloe Buckhister
Mrs. Amy Bucklew
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Francis Buffington
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Mrs. Orilla M. Bunner
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Lawrench Burch
Ralph Burch
Virgil Burch
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Susie Burns
Theresa Burns
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Jasper Bush
Alice Buswell
Grace Buswell
Jack Buswell
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Gary Butler
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Butler
Eva
Mr. and Mrs. James Butler
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Jeff Butler
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler
Eileen
Scott Butler
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Mr. and Mrs. Or Byrd
Gertie
Walter Byrd

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carl
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Essie Carlyle
Goldie Carr
Bruce Lee Carter
Maggie Carter
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Mike Castelleo
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Beulah Chrisman
Jennifer Christner
Matthew Christner
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James Clark
Mrs. Pamela (Pheips) Clark
Polly Clark
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Mr. and Mrs. James Clemens
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Ryan Colvin
Carson Conn
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Charles Cooper
Lulu Cooper
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Wesley Couch
Jennle Covert
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Tressie Cowen
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Orpha (Cook)
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crabb
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Gale Craft
Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Craft
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Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Craft
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Mr. and Mrs. Elza Cromley
Ada (Hays)
Gladys Cromley
Helen Cromley
Lizzie Cromley
Merit Cromley
Merwyn Cromley
Willie Crossgrove
Mr. and Mrs. Zenith Crossgrove
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Mabel Crossland
Mrs. Minnie (Zechiel) Crossland
Reynold Crossland
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Krista Cultice
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Scott Cultice
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Mr. and Mrs. Forest Curtis
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Stephanie Czako

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John Davis
Lillie Davis
Wid Davis
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Karen Döhne
Nellie Demolt
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Robert Leroy Dickson
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Dillon
Mildred (Cooper)
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Dr. and Mrs. Gary Paul Dillon
Judith Ann (Kruyter)
David Michael Dillon
Margaret Louise Dillon
Matthew Judson Dillon
Travis John Dillon
Mr. and Mrs. Wally Dinsmore
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Mrs. Florence (Barber) Dirr
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Doll
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Ralph Doxzen
Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Duddleson
Tressa (Hawk)
Mrs. Lottie Duddleson
Mable Duddleson
Maud Duddleson
May Duddleson
Nellie Duddleson
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Ann Dutt
Kaarin Dutt
Kirrk Dutt
Mr. and Mrs. Rod Dutt
Mary Ann

Alvin Easterday
Bess Easterday
Mrs. Carol Easterday
Chester Easterday
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Easterday
Melba (White)
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Easterday
Catherine (Zechiel)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Easterday
Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Easterday
Karen (Banks)
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Easterday
Suzanne (Goheen)
Mr. and Mrs. James Easterday
Lynda
Joseph Banks Easterday
Julia Easterday
Kaley Easterday
Larry Easterday
Leander Easterday
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Easterday
Carol - 1st marriage
Elizabeth (Pinder) 2nd marriage
Richard Easterday
Suzanne Easterday
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Easterday
Susie
Victor Easterday
Benjamin Ebling
Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Eckman
Margaret (Bolin)
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Eckman
Della (Saine)
Louie Mae Edington
Mrs. Mildred (Miller) Egelski
Mrs. Carol - Surber - Eiseman
Mrs. Cynthia Eisenhard
Wilma Eisenhard
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eller
Susie
Mrs. Susan (Thews) Eller
Fred Lewis Elliott
Mr. and Mrs. John Albert Elliott
Carol Jean
Kyle Elliott
Michael Elliott
James Ely
Ruth Gwin Emerick
Brooke Eilyn Epley
Brittney Anne Epley
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Epley
Jeanne (Keller)
Jennifer Jean Epley
Mr. and Mrs. William Epley
Kathy
Elizabeth Everett
Gene Everett
Herman Ewald

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Bridgett Elaine Farlow
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Farlow
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Christine Rennee Farlow
Heather Ann Farlow
Tonya May Farlow
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Agnes (Jordan)
Mr. and Mrs. Max Fechner Jr.
Helen (Cromley)
May Fechner
Jack Allen Fenimore
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ferrier
Clista (Easterday)

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ferrler
Rosa (Gwinn)
Mrs. Charlotte (Page) Fetters
Diane Fieldhouse
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fieldhouse
Nettie
Beth Fierno
Eva E. Fieser
Paul Fieser
Linnie Fieser
Grover Filar
Mrs. Filhour
Belle Filhour
Millie Filhour
Rena Filhour
Theima Jane Fishbeck
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fishburn
Frances
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fishburn
Helen (McColge)
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fishburn
Emma Fishburn
Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Fisher
George Fisher
Paul Fisher
Phipps Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fitterling
Veda (Foss)
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fitterling
Theresa
Michelle Ann Fitterling
Robin Fitterling
George Flagg
May Flagg
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flebeher
Mira
Frank Fletcher
Brad Flora
Mr. and Mrs. Cary Flora
Susan
Leslie Flora
Robert Flora
Scott Paul Flora
Travis Flora
Adam Frees
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Frees
Joan (Dillon)
Erich Frees
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Rev. and Mrs. C. Thomas French
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Margaret - Clark - 2nd marriage
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Michael French
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O. C. Fuller

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Richard Gaba
Shirley Gaba
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gaines
Patricia (Batemán)
Mrs. Eleanor (Gettinger) - Galbreath
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Emaline Gandy
Gusta Gandy
Helen Gandy
Maud Gandy
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gandy
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Waneetha Gandy
Donald Gardner
Bertha Garn

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Mrs. Catherine (Hissong) Garn
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Effie Garn
Glenn E. Garn
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garn
Nellie
Julia Garn
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garn
Emma
Mrs. Lucinda Garn
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Garner
Angela Kay (Guy)
Mrs. Cora Garver
Mr. and Mrs. David Gaskill
Jane
Chester Gast
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Geiger
Lynne
Mr. and Mrs. Max Geiger
LaVerne
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Geiger
Cindy (Kemple)
Leslie Geiger
Richard Geiger
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Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Geiselman Sr.
Pearl
Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Geiselman Jr.
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Larry E. Geiselman
Lisa Geiselman
Leona Geiselman
Michael Geiselman
Sue Ann Geiselman
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Geiselman
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Mrs. David Gesus
Robert Gilbert
Clarence Gormanaskada
Beatrice Goss
Mr. and Mrs. George Gottschalk
Clara (Blanchard)
Mr. and Mrs. John Gouwens
Debbie
Anna Green
Mrs. Don Green
Emeline Green
Emma Green
Estella Green
James Green
John Green
Mrs. Lossie (Hunter) Green
Myrtle Green
Mrs. W. E. Gregory
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grether
Donna
Kimberly Grether
Kathryn Griffin
Larry Grolick
Aldred Gross
Brian Gross
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gross
Debbie
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grothaus
Patricia B.
Steve Alan Grothaus
Tom Grothaus
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Nellie Grubb
Mr. and Mrs. William Grubb
Hettie
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ray Grubbs
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Mr. and Mrs. James Grund
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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Guynn
Elizabeth
John Gysin

Danny Haenes
Helen Hahn
Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hahn
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Linda L. (Kose)

Suzanne Hall
Thomas Hall
Trudy Hall

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hand
Lois Bess (Morris)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Hand
Terry O. Hand

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Hand
Hattie

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Hand
Blanche (Barber)

Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Haney
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George Hardin

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Mrs. Martha Ann (Mawhorter) Harrell
Ada Harris

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Rev. and Mrs. Harvey E. Harsh
Mary

Mervin Harsh
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Sarah

Vernon Hartman
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Hartz
VonaBelle (White)

Brad Hartz
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hartz
Judy

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hartz
Sharon

Jeffery Hartz
Michael Hartz
Nicholas Hartz
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartz
Agnes

Troy Hartz
Daniel Lee Harvey

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Vicki Jo (Morrison)

Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield
Christine (Hand)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hatten
Elva (Zechiel) - 1st marriage
Veima (Zechiel) 2nd marriage

Chad Hatten

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Howard Hatten

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Susie (Woods)

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Charles Hawk
Cora Hawk

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawk
Ella

Mrs. Frank Hawk
Franklin Hawk
Grace Hawk

Mrs. Hattie Hawk
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hawk
Birdie (Snyder)

Kate Hawk
Merle Hawk
Pauline Hawk
Robert Hawk
Roland Hawk
Rollen Hawk
Edward Hawkins
Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hawkins
Mary Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hawkins
Bertha

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Hawkins
Helga

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins
Ruby

Mrs. Mary Hawkins
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W. M. Hays

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Maxiene

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Elizabeth

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henning
Ruby

Mrs. Emma (Zechiel) Hepler

Mrs. Elsie (Wasson) Herrmann

Mrs. Margaret (Newman) Hetherington

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Wilma (Feltz)

Adam Hines

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Amanda

Harry Hissong

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Fred Hoesel

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoesel
Gwen (Graham)

Richard Hoesel

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Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hopper
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Lester Houghton

Knight Houser

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Berneice

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Amy Huddelson

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Ora Hutchins

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Blanche - Albert

Mitch Jacquish

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Marilyn

Jeff Jenkins

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Kerry

Isabel Sara Ann Jewell

Joel Jewell

Mr. and Mrs. John Jewell
Rhonda

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jewell
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Lorena - 2nd marriage

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Carol Jones

Carrie Jones

Elmira Jones

Emma Jones

Ethel Jones

Lena Jones

Lloyd Jones

Lulu Jones

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Christel Katlun

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Tom Koontz

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kowatch
Louellan

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Randolph Kretch

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Mary Louise (Kemple)

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Michael P. Krieg

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Matthew Krueger

Nathan Arthur Krueger

Rebekkah Krueger

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Edward A. Lane

Gwendolyn Lane

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Helen Lang

Victor Lang

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Sue

Orville Leighty

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Hulda

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Brian Lewis

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Fern (Hawkins)

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis
Kathie (Dill)

Sandra Lewis

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Lawrence Lindvall Jr.

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Jean Liniger

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Liniger
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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Long
Collette

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Samuel Long

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Gurnie Lohr

Rev. H. M. Loose

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James Loser

Marion Rose Loser

Samuel Loser

Virginia Loser

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Curtis Lowry

Dan Lowry

Daniel Larry Lowry

Darci Lowry

Deanna Lowry

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Sherry Lou

Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Lowry
Sheryl

Shane William Lowry

Shawna Leah Lowry

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Betty Jo

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Charlene Lucas

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Kelly (Middleton)

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Elaine

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mackey

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mackey
Ruth (Mattox)

Malcom MacQuillan

Mr. and Mrs. William MacQuillan

Mr. and Mrs. James MacQuire
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Jerry MacQuire

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Lottie (Hawkins)

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Mary

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin
Lois

Mary May Martin

Ruth Virginia Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Martindale
Dolly

Tim Martindale

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Blanche

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marton
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Macole Eileen Master

Shelly Master

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Evelyn (Miller)

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Ethel

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wayne Mattox
Susan (Fletcher)

Roy Mattox

Carrie Matzdort

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Freeman Mawhorter

Mrs. J. K. Mawhorter

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rex Mawhorter
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Della (Stahl)

James May

Mr. and Mrs. Robert May
Kathryn (Triplett)

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mayfield
Sherri

Brooke Mayfield
 Ryan Mayfield
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbyn D. Maynard
 Ebba H.
 Richard H. Maynard
 Hope Elizabeth McBeth
 Mr. and Mrs. William McBeth
 Priscilla
 William Reid McBeth
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarthy
 Alice E.
 Mrs. Carol (Lucas) McCoige
 Mrs. Edith McCoige
 Kate McDaniel
 Mrs. Evelyn (Fishburn) McFarland
 Harry McFarland
 Fern McFeely
 Mrs. Jean (Menser) McFeely
 Charles E. McIntyre
 Berneice McIntyre
 Guy A. McIntyre
 Mrs. Sadie McIntyre
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKee
 Betty (Tripplet)
 Marcia Ann McKee
 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McLane
 Elva (Menser)
 Mattie McLane
 Will McLane
 Clecia McMillan
 Ethal Mead
 Mrs. Katie Bell (Oyler) Medbourn
 Lena Medbourn
 Mary Medbourn
 Mrs. Theresa (Cowen) Medbourn
 Thomas Medbourn
 Anna Catherine Menser
 Catherine Menser
 Chauncey Menser
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Menser
 Pearl (Morse)
 Edna Menser
 Frank Menser
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Menser
 Elma E. (Overman)
 Jesse Menser
 Mena Menser
 Mr. and Mrs. Moses Menser
 Emma
 Mrs. Ora (Brown) Menser
 Robert Menser
 Urias Menser
 Wayne Menser
 Mena Meyer
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 Dr. Elizabeth Michael
 Forest Michael
 Paul Michael
 Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton
 Sandra (Hoesel)
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Middleton
 Cleta (Zechiel)
 Robert Middleton
 Mrs. Ruth (Mahler) Middleton
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mikesell
 Peggy Ann
 Clurel Mikesell
 Henry Mikesell
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mikesell
 Mrs. Ruth (Taggart) Mikesell
 Mrs. Violet Mikesell
 Willie Mikesell
 Timothy Millea
 Aaron Douglas Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. Beckham Miller
 Martha (Davis)

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 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller
 Wanadean
 Charles Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. Cloyde B. Miller
 Leota
 Culver Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Miller
 Imogene (Overmyer)
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Miller
 Pamela
 Earl Miller
 Elza Faye Miller
 Mrs. Ermadine (Zechiel) Miller
 Ervin Miller
 Evely Miller
 Glenn Miller
 Irvin LeRoy Miller
 James C. Miller
 Jerry L. Miller
 Mrs. Josephine Miller
 Mrs. Lois Cathleen (Easterday) Miller
 Mrs. Martha Jane (Davis) Miller
 Merle Meredith Miller
 Mrs. Orpha (Barber) Miller
 Mrs. Pamela (Hartz) Miller
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 Walter Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. William Mills
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 Mrs. Fred Miser
 Edward Mitchell
 Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell
 Olga
 Gladys Minardow
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Mohr
 Norma (Brown)
 Mrs. May (Holt) Montgomery
 Gail Moore
 Mrs. Ruby (Mikesell) Morland
 Alda Morris
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Morris
 Josephine
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris
 Gayle
 Clyde Morris
 Mr. and Mrs. Eric David Morris
 Laura Jo (Keyser)
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