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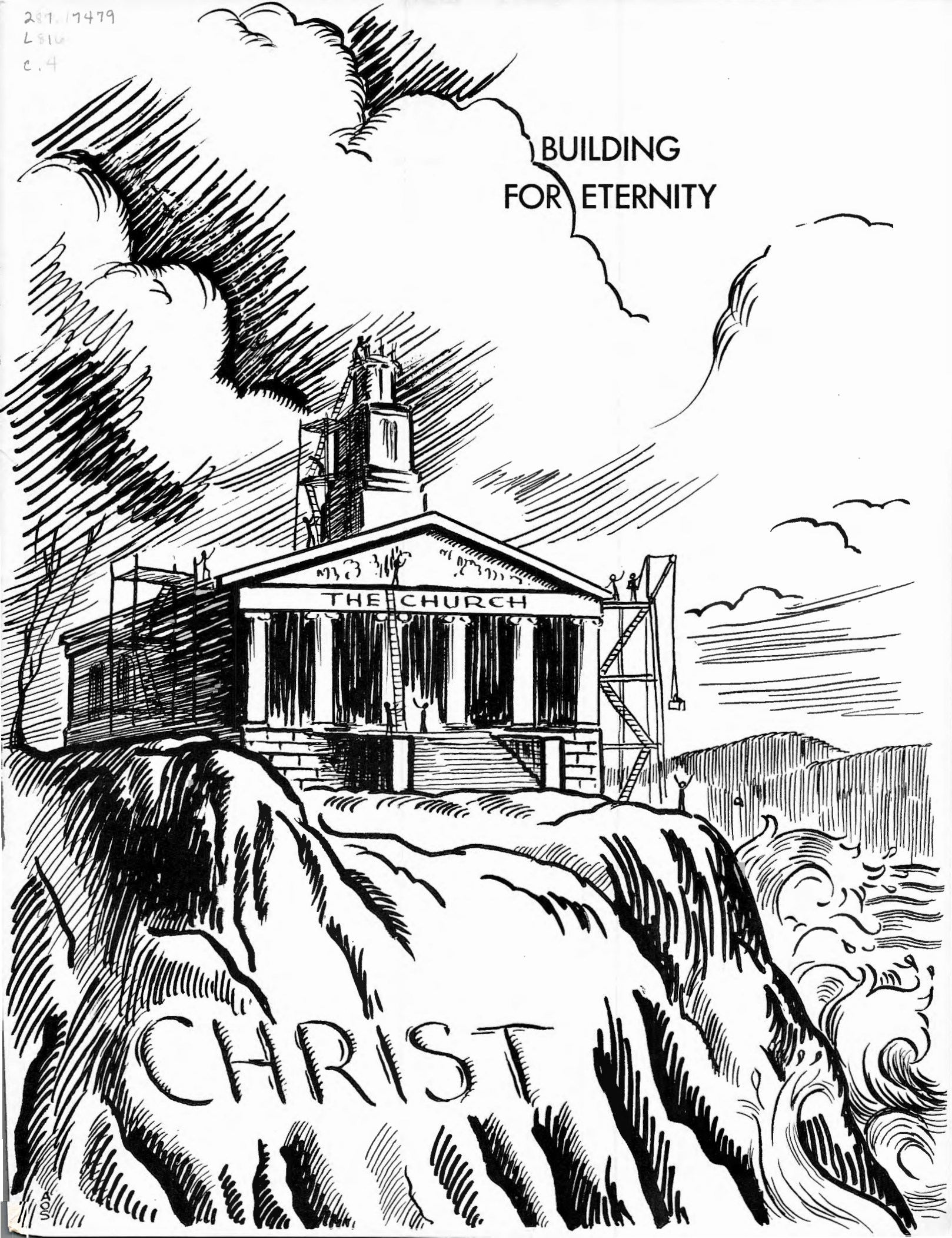


Mr. Taylor and his wife
who has worked untiringly at his side



We pay tribute to the Rev. Arthur J. Taylor whose ministry in the Lockport Conference has covered fifty-three years. He has pastored different churches, and at the same time served as conference president for thirteen years. His diligent prayer life and loyal devotion to the church have reaped rich rewards in the Lockport Conference. To him we dedicate THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL BOOK.

BUILDING
FOR ETERNITY





l. to r. G. N. Osgood, M. W. Cox, D. A. Heinz, C. Schultz

LOCKPORT CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Rev. Daniel A. Heinz, President
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1. Conference Ministerial Ellicott Wesleyan Methodist Church, November 15, 1960
2. Ordination Class, 1956. Rev. Daniel A. Heinz presenting class. l. to r. Charles Wheeler, Ray Strawser, Howard E. Parks, Robert Knowlton, Robert B. Lewis, David Shannon, Wilbur E. Beers, Carl Schultz, Milton Putnam. Inside altar rail, Dr. O. G. Wilson, Price P. Stark

BIBLE CRUSADER CAMP

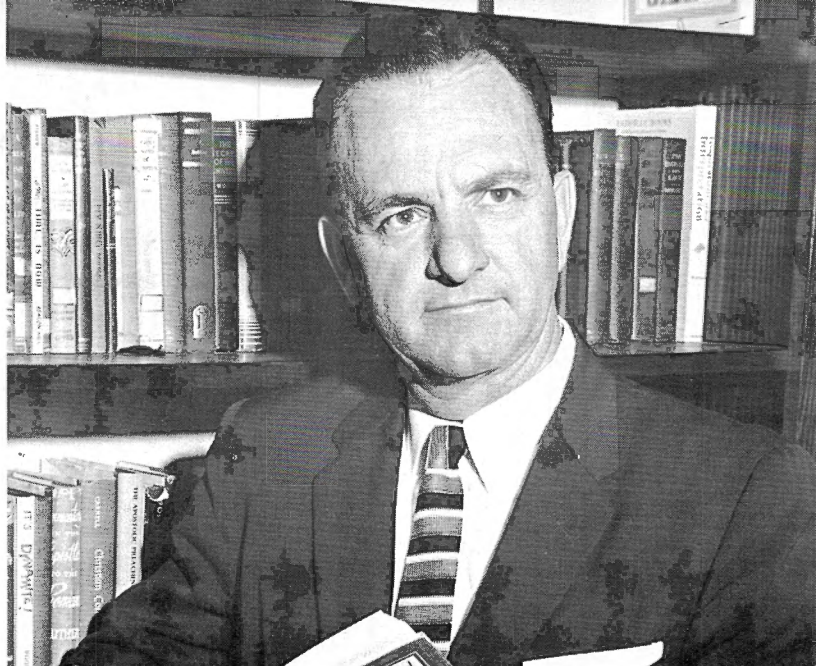
3. Handcraft class, Mrs. Aileen O. Shea, instructor
4. Bible Drill to determine camp champion
5. Sword Drill with Bibles
6. Bible Crusader Camp, 1959



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CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

1951 - 1960

The Rev. Everett E. Elliott served the Lockport Conference for nine years, retiring from office during the ninety-ninth session of the annual conference held at Houghton, New York, August 9 - 12, 1960.

During Mr. Elliott's leadership pioneer work received a new impetus; efficient administration was given to many areas, and a building boom without precedent in the history of the conference was carried on.

Having accepted a call to pastor the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Corinth, New York, Mr. Elliott transferred to the Champlain Conference where he is now residing.



Rev. Everett E. Elliott

Rev. and Mrs. Elliott,
Robert, Janet, James, Sharon, Jonathan



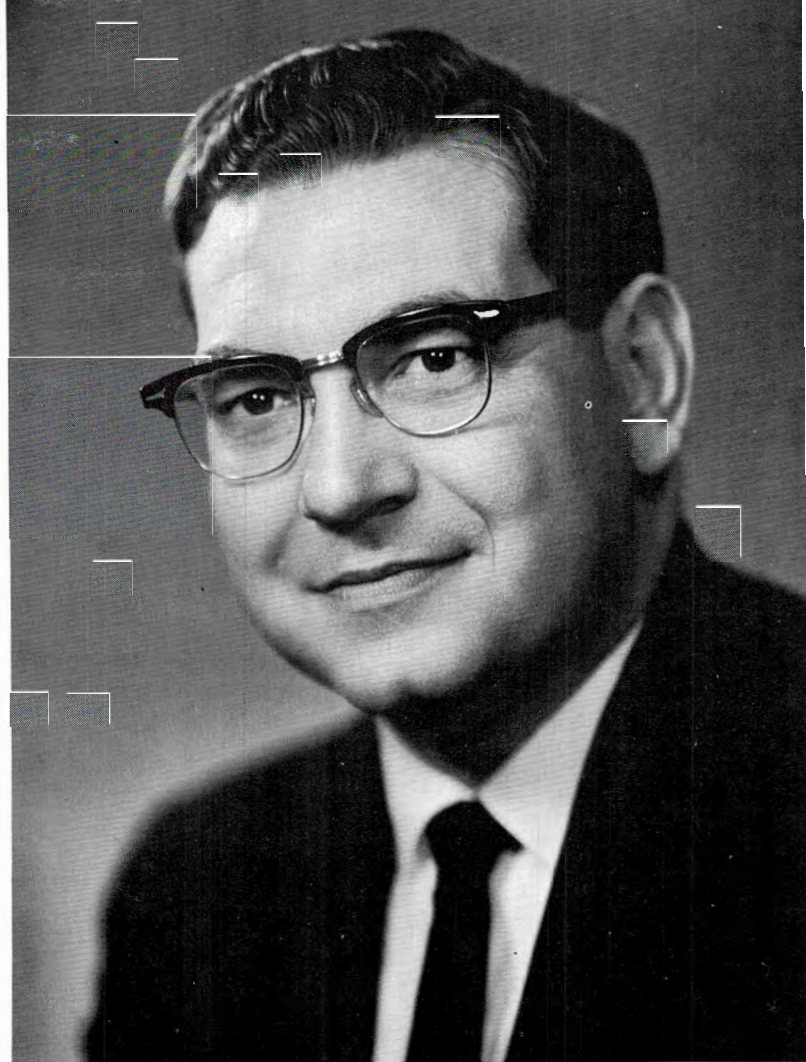
CHURCHES SERVED

Higgins	1939 - 1944
Hess Road	1944 - 1949
Fillmore	1949 - 1952





President and Mrs. Heinz
Barbara and Daniel



Rev. Daniel A. Heinz

CHURCHES SERVED

Fillmore	1945 - 1948
Hess Road	1949 - 1952
Levant	1952 - 1960

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

1960 -

CONFERENCE PARSONAGE



The Rev. Daniel A. Heinz was elected to the presidency of the Lockport Conference in the annual session of August 9 - 12, 1960.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Mr. Heinz was educated in the Buffalo public schools, Moody Bible Institute, Houghton College, Asbury Theological Seminary, and Southern Baptist Seminary.

Mr. Heinz spent fourteen years pastoring local churches of the Conference prior to his installation into the office of President. Gifted with organizational abilities and showing evidences of deep piety, the Lockport Conference anticipates years of successful service under his leadership.

THE LOCKPORT CONFERENCE AND THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

by Daniel A. Heinz

There are many factors which are pertinent to the forming of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. As we retrace some of the facts which led to the organizing of the Wesleyan Methodist Church we can better understand our present existence. We quote from two of our historians:

"The final cause which led to the organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection was composed of many factors, but it should never be lost to view in estimating the work of the men who founded the denomination that they did not design until forced to do so to leave the Methodist Episcopal Church.....They remained in the church until there were but two courses open before them: silence on the question of abolition and slavery, or suspension and expulsion from the church. They would not remain silent and keep a clear conscience, hence they preferred the other course, but did not wait to be expelled, quietly withdrawing and taking up their course with a great dignity and consideration for others as the exigencies of the time would permit." (Rev. Arthur T. Jennings)

"The first formal meeting for the purpose of organizing the church was the now famous Andover Convention, which met in Andover, Massachusetts, early in 1843. The announcement printed in 'The True Wesleyan' read as follows: 'A Wesleyan Anti-Slavery Convention will be held in the Methodist Church in Andover, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, the first day of February 1843 to commence at ten o'clock, a.m. The principal object of the convention is to discuss principles, pass resolutions, and prepare for the grand rally in the Spring.

'All, both ministers and laymen, who are in favor of the ultimate formation of a Wesleyan Methodist Church, free from episcopacy and slavery, are invited to attend as spectators will not be excluded.' " (Dr. Ira Ford McLeister)

The Utica Convention met at Utica, New York, May 31, 1843. Dr. McLeister states: "The business was opened by the reading of the official call, which declared the purpose of the convention was 'To form a Wesleyan Methodist Church.....free from episcopacy and slavery, and embracing a system of itineracy under proper limitations and restrictions, with such disciplinary regulations, as are necessary to preserve and promote experimental and practical godliness.' "

The General Conference of 1844 granted permission for the formation of the Rochester Conference which included all the western territory of New York State.

As the churches in Western New York grew, and as new ones were organized, it became necessary to divide the conference. The General Conference of 1860 granted permission for the formation of a new conference. In April, 1861, the Rochester Conference, meeting at Yates, New York, voted to divide the territory. The portion located generally west of Rochester was to be known as the Lockport Conference. The Rev. John Johnston was elected president.

The first session of the Lockport Annual Conference was held April 16, 1862 at Belmont, New York. The following is a listing of the churches as copied from the official records of this first session: "Ransomville, Olcott and Hess Road, Chestnut Ridge and Royalton, Eagle Harbor and Yates, Jamestown, Forestville, East Ashford, Belmont, Alleghany, Eagle and Centerville, Fillmore, Granger, Lyndon, Cuba, Napoli, Ellicottville, Birdsville."

As we embark upon our second century of service, let us remember that the future is as bright as the promises of God.

LOCKPORT CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

John Johnston	1861-1863	V. H. Sibley	1898-1899
Samuel Salsbury	1863-1866; 1868-1870	C. H. Dow	1899-1910
D. B. Douglas	1866-1868; 1870-1875	C. W. Smith	1910-1913
E. Jones	1875-1878	Charles Sicard	1913-1917; 1920-1921
H. T. Besse	1878-1882	John R. Babcock	1917-1920
G. W. Sibley	1882-1884; 1895-1898	Wallace W. Rolf	1921-1924
F. M. Mosher	1884-1887	James A. Bain	1924-1931
B. S. Laughlin	1887-1891	Edward E. Elliott	1931-1939
R. F. Dutcher	1891-1893	Arthur J. Taylor	1939-1951
S. Bedford	1893-1895	Everett E. Elliott	1951-1960
Daniel A. Heinz		1960-	



LOCKPORT CONFERENCE SESSION AT EAST AURORA, N. Y. — APRIL 12-16, 1939

Ashwood Church

PASTORS

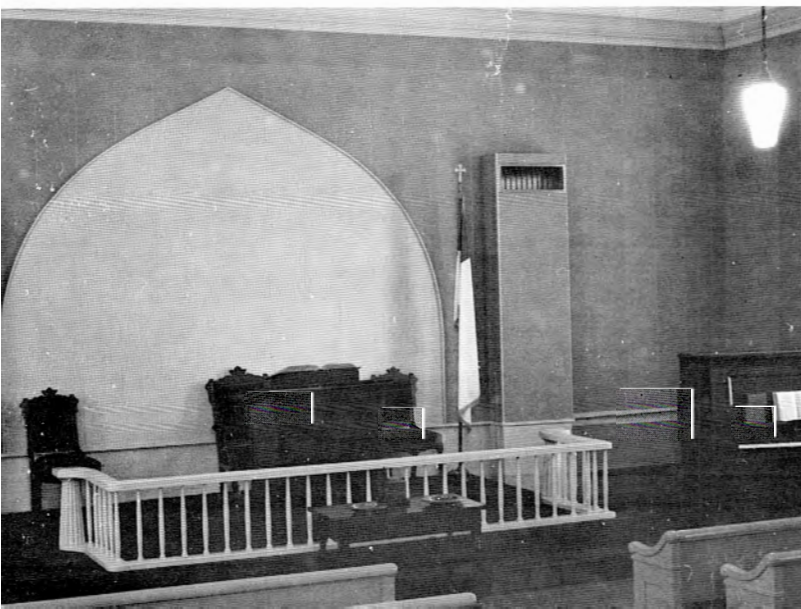
S. Salsbury 1862-1865
 C. W. Swift 1865-1870
 J. Sibley 1870-1871
 D. E. Baker 1871-1872
 S. W. Krah 1872-1875
 No record 1875-1881
 H. T. Besse 1881-1882
 T. B. Fleming 1882-1884
 D. F. Dutcher 1884-1888
 O. White 1888-1890
 F. S. Lee 1890-1891
 H. McDowell 1891-1895
 E. H. Post 1895-1896
 G. F. Porter 1896-1897
 E. Ellett 1897-1898
 C. H. Dow 1898-1900
 C. Sicard 1900-1903



CHURCH EXTERIOR

In 1854 a district school was erected on the half acre of land where the Ashwood Wesleyan Methodist Church now stands. A small group of Christian people held worship services in the building. After the building burned in 1855 the group appointed seven trustees. The land where the school building stood was purchased and in 1855-1865 the present church was erected at a probable cost of less than \$1,000. Abel Plummer and Parker Sargent, two of the trustees, provided much of the lumber. Mr. Sargent built and donated the first communion table which is still in use. The trustees received the deed of the church property November 21, 1856. The church was then known as the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Yates.

A Wesleyan Methodist Church was built at Eagle Harbor in 1845 of which the Yates Church became a branch, with one pastor supplying both churches. The records show that the Lockport Conference was organized in the Eagle Harbor Church.



CHURCH INTERIOR

near
Lyndonville, New York

T. R. Jeffrey 1903-1904
 R. F. Dutcher 1904-1905
 T. D. Russell 1905-1906
 In hands of President 1906-1907
 H. R. LaVere 1907-1912
 In hands of President 1912-1913
 Walter Readett 1913-1918
 F. C. Adams 1918-1920
 Noah and Mae K. Shaffer 1920-1924
 Fred Collins 1924-1925
 Clarence Dudley 1925-1927
 G. E. Bathurst 1927-1931
 Walter Readett 1931-1936
 O. G. and Dianna Wyman 1936-1940
 A. Gordon Wolfe 1940-1942
 In hands of President 1942-1943
 Frank Taylor 1943-1948
 Beverly Barnett 1948-1950
 Adrian R. Everts 1950-1956
 Eldyn B. Simons 1956-1958
 Otis McDonald 1958-1960
 Hudson Hess 1960-



REV. AND MRS. HUDSON HESS

The ~~Women's~~ Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized July 19, 1907 with ten charter and four honorary members.

In 1917 the Eagle Harbor Church burned and was not rebuilt. The Yates Church then became known as the Ashwood Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1956 the Ashwood Church celebrated its hundredth anniversary.

The present parsonage was begun in 1919. On March 3, 1920, Mrs. I. A. Verbridge, Treasurer of the building committee, reported the completion of the building, free from debt, at a cost of \$2,798.53. The first pastors to occupy the new parsonage were the Revs. N. R. and Mae K. Shaffer.

The church building has undergone many changes. Many of its members have gone to work in the Master's Vineyard, some on foreign soil, some to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and many to establish Christian homes.

PARSONAGE



Batavia Church

PASTORS

O. G. McKinley 1926-1927
John Woodhouse, Sr. 1927-1929
George Clement 1929-1931
In hands of President 1931-1932
O. G. McKinley 1932-1934
In hands of President 1934-1940
Building rented 1940-1945
John A. S. Woodhouse 1945-1951
Lloyd Mack 1951-1956
A. Gordon Wolfe 1956-



REV. AND MRS. A. GORDON WOLFE,
David and Raymond

In the Spring of 1926 the Lockport Conference purchased the present church site on West Main Street. The Rev. O. G. McKinley was appointed pastor, April 1926. A basement auditorium was erected and dedicated late in that year. Because of the scattered condition of the congregation and the handicaps resulting together with the heavy indebtedness on the property, it was thought best to close the work in 1940 and rent the building.

The church was re-opened September 16, 1945 under the direction of the Rev. John A. S. Woodhouse. Because of an intensive promotional effort preceding the opening date about two hundred interested and curious persons attended the meeting.

On September 9 the first "Voice of Faith" program was broadcast over WBTA. For five years a half-hour daily and a one-hour Sunday program were conducted. The activity continued with a half-hour's weekly program until early 1957.



CHURCH EXTERIOR

Batavia, New York



PARSONAGE

The work had reopened with intensive evangelistic and doctrinal emphases which resulted in many conversions. This nucleus group together with others organized into a Wesleyan Methodist Church in June 1947. The records show thirty-one charter members.

The first Sunday school session opened October 21, 1945 with 68 present.

The building fund was initiated in March 1946. At the time of the dedication in June 1949, \$36,000 had been raised. The cost of completing and equipping the church was \$58,000. On December 8, 1957 a mortgage burning ceremony was held.

Approximately 700 attended the dedication service. Dr. R. D. Reisdorph delivered the dedicatory address. At this service Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ortlip, portrait artists, unveiled the mural which they had painted. Those entering the church are impressed with its beauty and message as it speaks from its prominent position in the choir loft.

CHURCH INTERIOR

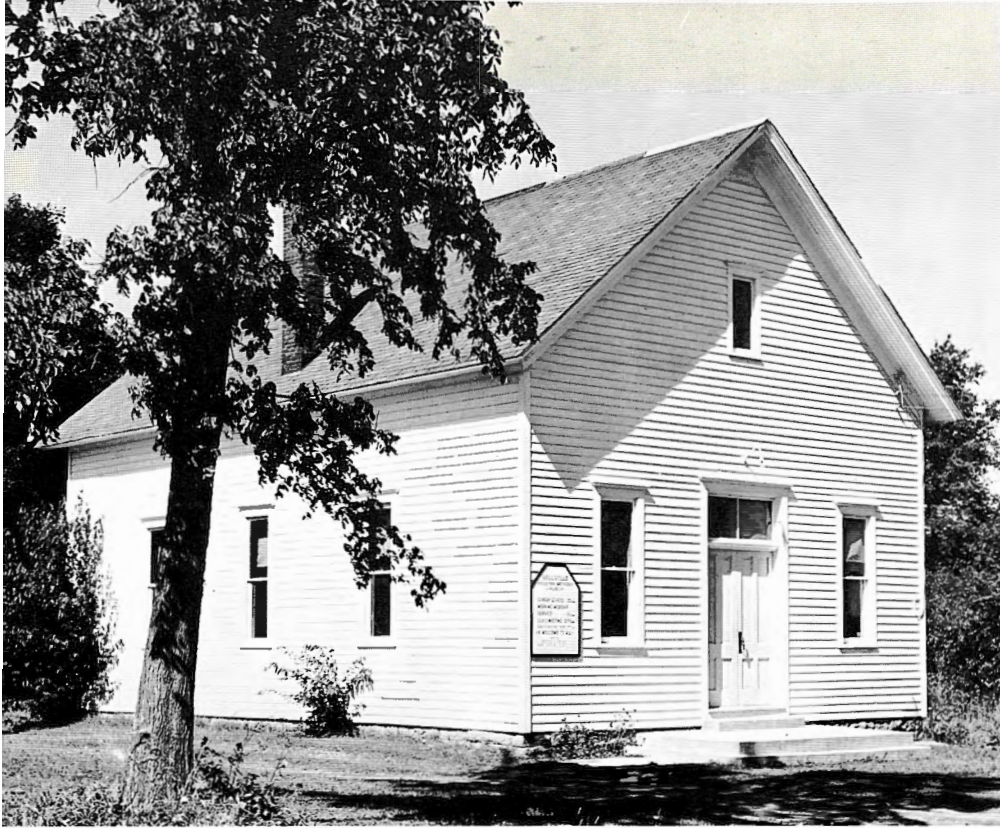


Bellville Church

PASTORS

1869 – 1960

L. W. Krah
Mr. Pepper
Mr. Pope
Mr. Stanfield
Mr. Scribner
N. F. Robb
LeRoy Strong



CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Bellville class was originally one of several comprising the Allegany Circuit. According to the records of 1869, there were six groups: Houghton Creek, Maple Grove, East Rushford, East Hill, South Hill and Higginsville with L. W. Krohl, pastor. Worship services were conducted in various school houses with the parsonage at East Rushford. On November 19, 1871 the Rush Creek class was organized by C. H. Harris and on June 28, 1885, the Bellville class by W. A. Stanfield. These were added to the Allegany Circuit.

The Bellville class had eight charter members. Two years later, June 12, 1887 Mr. and Mrs. George Washbon, parents of Mrs. Eva Dietrich, Mrs. Dora Sicard and Mrs. Achsah Willett united with the group. Mr. Elbert Baker was the first class leader and Jerry Cooper the first steward.

Various changes and divisions came to the circuit. By 1894 the Rush Creek and Bellville groups constituted the "Allegany Charge" as it was then listed in the conference minutes. Each group worshiped in their local schoolhouse with the parsonage at East Rushford, the pastor serving the two appointments. In 1896 the people of Bellville built the church in which they are still worshipping.

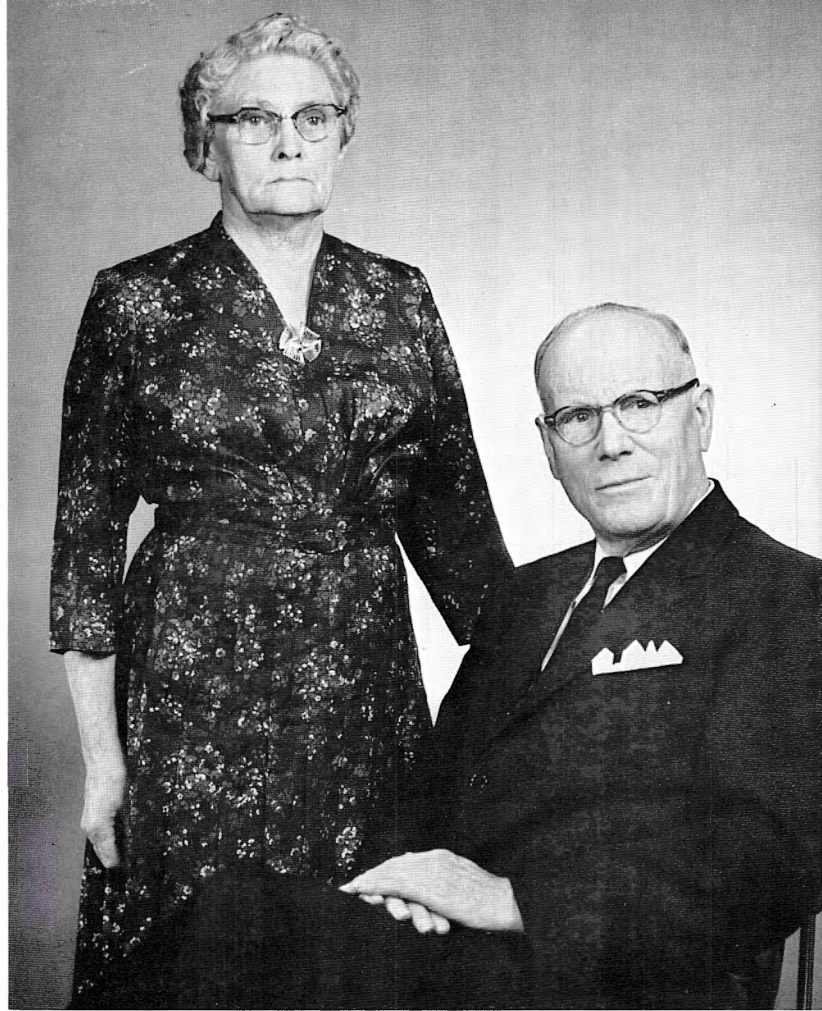
In 1901 the Rush Creek church was erected. Twenty-five years later the Rochester Gas and Electric Power Company purchased land to construct Caneadea Dam. Rushford Lake now covers the area where the church and parsonage were located. The Rush Creek group transferred to the Bellville class and a public building in Bellville was purchased and converted into the present parsonage.

At present the church full membership numbers 17.

near Rushford, New York



G. W. Sibley
G. O. Bruce
C. W. Smith
E. W. Bruce
J. F. Wright
H. C. Bedford
A. D. Fero
L. C. Mattoon
A. C. Dow
M. D. Warburton
Adrian R. Everts
E. H. and Zelia Johnson
A. Gordon Wolfe
Theodore R. Pagett
Frank C. Taylor
Robert George
A. J. Taylor, supply



REV. AND MRS. A. J. TAYLOR



CHURCH INTERIOR

Wesleyan Church
ARCHIVES

Big Tree Church

Under direction of
Miss Marietta Fancher 1932-1943

PASTORS

Supply from Houghton 1943-1946
Adrian R. Everts 1946-1947
Charles Foster 1947-1948
Warren Hartway 1948-1950
Edgar Lewellen 1951-1952
Clair Day 1952-1959
Theodore Pagett 1959-

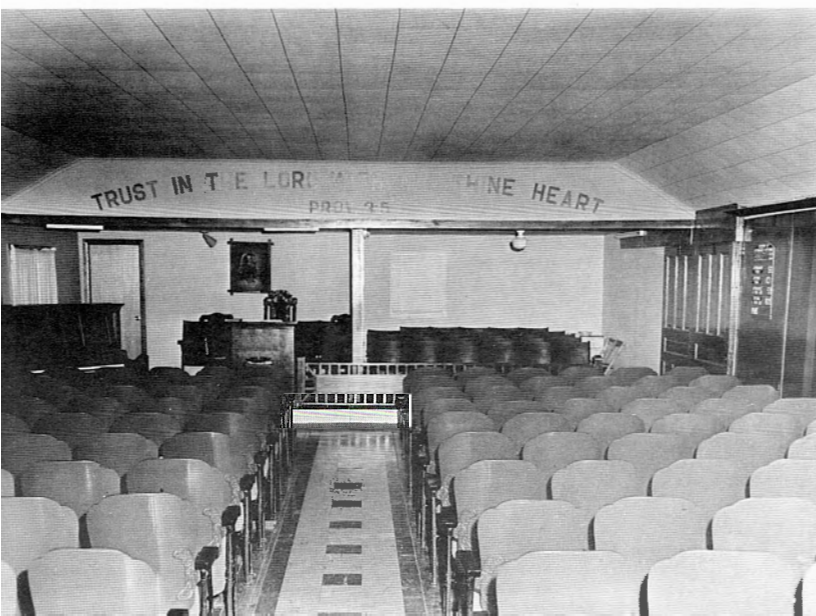


CHURCH EXTERIOR

Miss Marietta Fancher opened a Sunday school in the Big Tree public school basement. Prayer meetings were held in the homes of the Scranton area. Soon the Big Tree Volunteer Firemen permitted the use of their hall for meetings.

Miss Fancher envisioned a church for both children and adults. Mr. William Blume and Mrs. Jane Colwell offered building lots in the Highland Acres section. Mrs. Colwell's lot was accepted and plans were made for a church. With donated labor from Houghton and materials from the Becker Lumber Co. a one-room chapel was erected in 1938 as a non-denominational church named the Big Tree Bible School. The first trustees were S. Hugh Paine, Charles G. Palmer, Charles Stenzel, Claude Hatch and Charles Wagner. In 1943 Miss Fancher was called to her heavenly home and the work was carried on by volunteers from Houghton.

In the Spring of 1946 the local group deeded the property to the Lockport Conference and requested a pastor.



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Buffalo, New York



REV. AND MRS. THEODORE PAGETT
Aletha and Carol

In 1949 a campaign was begun to raise the building, complete the basement and build a small rear apartment for the pastor. In 1950 the enlarged building was dedicated.

The first missionary convention was held in 1952.

In 1956, under the Rev. Clair Day's ministry, a seven room parsonage was built, the rooms having been joined to the church building. Additional adjacent land was purchased for parking and future expansion. The parsonage and improved church building were dedicated later that year.

A limitless field challenges this church to spread the good tidings of Christ's Gospel to the South Buffalo area.

PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

Blossom Church

PASTORS

Student pastor 1951-1952
Richard E. Weber 1952-1957
O. G. McKinley 1957-

The present Wesleyan Methodist Church building was built by the German Evangelical Association in 1880. The congregation was an active member of the German Evangelical Association and eventually became a member church of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The other church on the circuit demanded full time pastoral service and the Blossom Church was given freedom to secure pulpit supplies outside the denomination.

Under the leadership of a pulpit supply forty-one members left the church and formed the nucleus of the present Ebenezer Free Methodist Church. When the denomination considered selling the building contact was made with a group of people who were then worshiping in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haess in Cheektowaga; also with the officials of the Lockport Conference.

After some negotiation, the Evangelical United Brethren officials sold the building to the Lockport Conference. The congregation worshiped in the building during the two years required



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Buffalo, New York



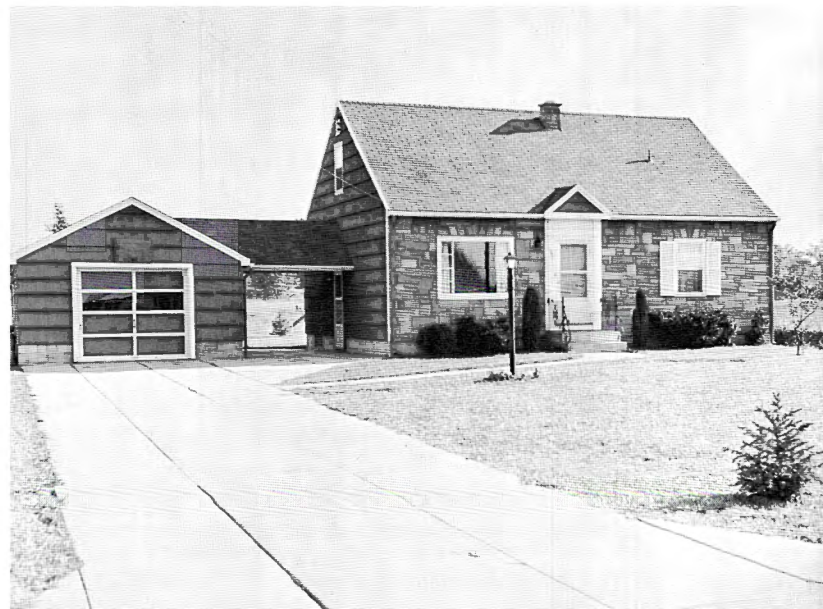
REV. AND MRS. O. G. MCKINLEY
Virginia and Catherine Hyne

to clear the title to the property. The Blossom Wesleyan Methodist Church was officially organized May 18, 1951. The Rev. Richard E. Weber was appointed pastor May 20, 1952.

A new parsonage was built on Como Park Boulevard, Depew during Richard E. Weber's pastoral ministry. This was sold in the summer of 1960 and the church purchased property on Seneca Creek Road, a short distance from the church site.

Improvements have enhanced the church interior. God has blessed the work of the faithful in the Blossom Church.

PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

Bradford Church

PASTORS

Levi E. Fenton 1908-1912
 C. Leslie Smith 1912-1914
 Maurice Gibbs 1914-1916
 William Donaldson 1916-1918
 David Green 1918-1919
 David Scott 1919-1920
 George Bathurst 1920-1921
 I. A. Grise 1921-1922
 C. I. Armstrong 1922-1933
 David Anderson 1933-1950
 Price Stark 1950-1956
 Lloyd Mack 1956-1958
 Carl Schultz 1958-

The history of the Bradford Church shows persistence under difficulties. The first sixteen years no permanent church location existed and services moved to six different places. The work began with a tent meeting in August, 1907 conducted by Gertrude Preston, Belle Willihan, Earl Cookson and Arnold Hendricks.

On May 22, 1910 the Rev. Levi Fenton organized the first Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School. Thirty-six were present at the first session; the offering, 64¢. During Mr. Fenton's pastorate, the Bethesda Home for girls at 29 Boylston Street was purchased. In 1911 the church was officially organized.

In 1920 the church moved from the Barbour Street Mission to the Universalist Church at the corner of South Avenue and Corydon Streets. Sale of the church forced the Wesleyans to move to a hall on Pearl Street.

During the Rev. C. I. Armstrong's pastorate, a parsonage not mentioned in earlier records was sold



CHURCH INTERIOR

Bradford, Penna.



REV. AND MRS. CARL SCHULTZ
Barbara Ann and Esther Marie

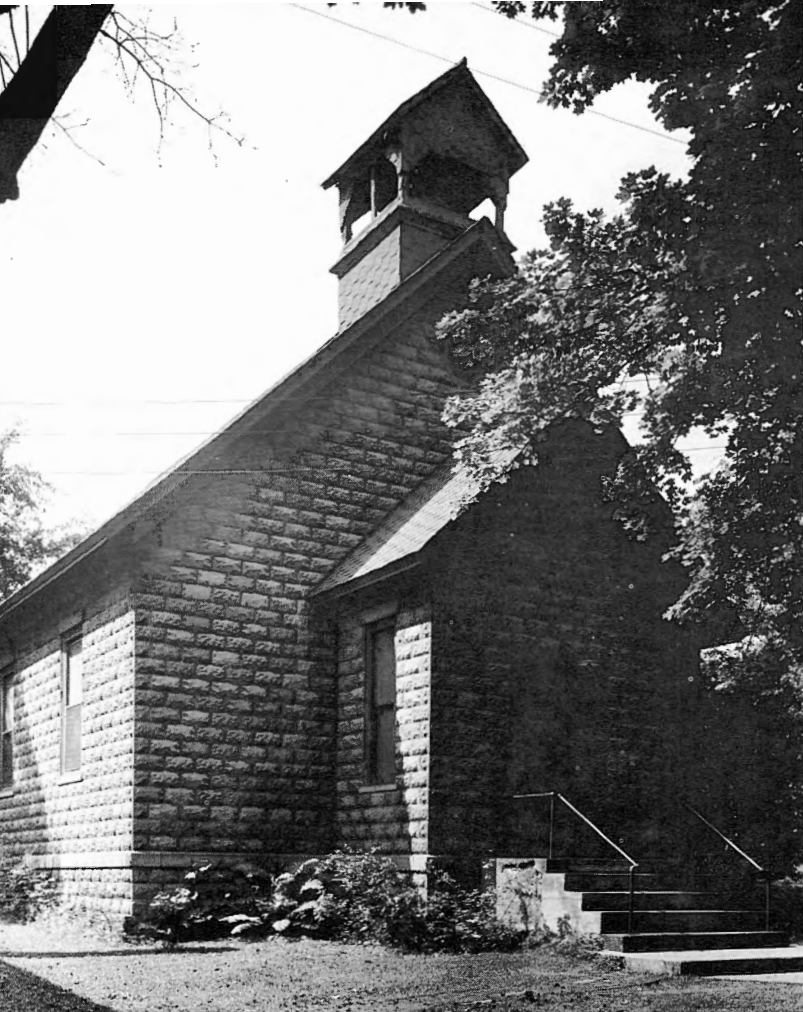
for \$3350 and a lot for a church at the corner of Bishop and Boylston Streets purchased for \$3500. In May 1923 work began on "The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bradford." The church was dedicated October 14, 1923 with the Rev. S. C. Kinnison, Marion, Ind., Prof. F. H. Wright, Houghton, Rev. L. A. Grant, Syracuse, and the Rev. James A. Bain, president of Lockport Conference, participating. The parsonage at 51 Hobson Place was purchased in 1927, and in 1929 a balcony was added in the church interior.

Needed expansion to meet the growing congregation was accomplished, a basement under the church to provide Sunday school rooms and a lot at the rear of the church was purchased during the Rev. David Anderson's pastorate.

In the years of 1950-1956 many needed repairs were made on the church building and the church annex built at an approximate cost of \$14,000.

PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

Castle Garden Church



PASTORS

Miss Ettie Hayward 1905
 W. F. Hall
 Miss Isabelle Wellahan 1908-1910
 S. I. Smith and J. L. Benton 1910
 No record 1910-1912
 George Bathurst 1912-1916
 James Elliott 1916-1919
 Albert Egger 1919
 Arthur O. Northrup, Sr. 1919-1924
 F. B. Markell 1924-1930

Castle Garden (formerly known as Driftwood) was organized by the Rev. A. D. Fero in June, 1915 with seven members. The services were held in school buildings. During two summer vacations C. A. Hendrix and E. E. Cookson, students at Houghton, held successful tent meetings which greatly increased the church attendance. Encouraged by these added numbers, Mr. and Mrs. John English and pastor urged the building of a church. Mainly through their instrumentality a cement block, slate roof church was dedicated July 18, 1909.

Two outstanding revivals have been God-sent and Spirit-led. The first came in 1911 under the leadership of the Rev. L. L. Cookson; the second, during the pastorate of the Rev. Arthur O. Northrup, Sr. Twenty members were added while Mr. Northrup was pastor, the deed to the church property



PARSONAGE

Driftwood, Penna.



A. C. Dow Apr. 1930-Sept. 1930
 D. O. Beach and F. H. Wright 1931
 George Bathurst 1931-1936
 Price P. Stark 1936-Feb. 1937
 Albert Egger Feb. 1937-Apr. 1937
 James R. Redstone 1937-1944
 A. A. Hickok 1944-1954
 Theodore R. Pagett 1954-1959
 Pulpit Supplied 1959-1960
 Robert Wolcott 1960-



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WOLCOTT
 Timothy, Priscilla, Joel,
 Matthew and Rebecca

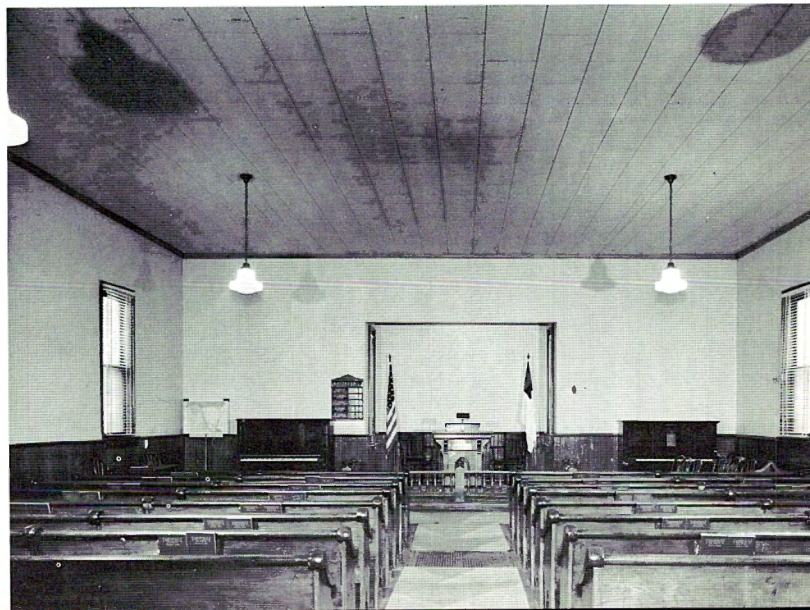
secured and many improvements made. Pews, pulpit chairs, the John English Library, electric lights, and a new furnace enhanced the church.

During the Rev. George E. Bathurst's ministry the YMWB was organized, a debt free parsonage erected, the church repaired and a garage built. The prayer meetings became seasons of the outpouring of God's Spirit upon His people.

The Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark were sent to fill the place made vacant by Mr. Bathurst's death. Their successful ministry was terminated by their return to Africa as missionaries. Many needed repairs were made during the years of the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Hickok's ministry.

The ministry of the church continues in blessing to the community.

CHURCH INTERIOR





Cattaraugus Church

PASTORS

F. M. Mosher 1878-1882
R. F. Dutcher 1882-1883
G. W. Sibley 1883-1887
Edgar Fuller 1887-1888
Sylvester Bedford 1888-1894
C. H. Dow 1894-1897
M. E. Williams 1897-1901
A. L. Schuman 1897-1901
Levi Bird 1901-1903

CHURCH EXTERIOR

In 1878 the Rev. F. M. Mosher began holding meetings in Cattaraugus in private homes. Interest increased and a room in a wagon shop was rented (now the site of the Free Methodist Church). This was called the Tabernacle and a church was formed with seven charter members: George W. and Percis Cobb, Jacob and Harriett Phillips, Louisa Waite, Charlotte and Esther Day. The society incorporated and elected trustees. The Certificate of Incorporation was recorded April 9, 1880 by J. M. Rich, County Clerk. In October the trustees purchased property for \$310.00. Later the church building was erected.

In 1883-1887 the church built their parsonage, and in 1894-1897 water was put into the parsonage and bars and locks purchased for the horse sheds. The petition from the New Albion Church asking for admission to the Cattaraugus charge was granted. In 1897-1901 the Snyder Hill class requested release from the church in order to join with the East Leon group.



CHURCH INTERIOR

Cattaraugus, New York



Charles Sicard 1903-1907
F. S. Lee 1907-1913
J. R. Babcock 1913-1918
James A. Bain 1918-1929
A. J. Taylor 1929-1939
Noah Shaffer 1939-1944
J. R. Redstone 1944-1946
D. W. Summers 1946-1947
Mervyn Summers 1947-1950
Glenn Barnett 1950-1951
Theodore R. Pagett 1951-1954
Robert Lewis 1954-1959
David Buck 1959-



REV. AND MRS. DAVID BUCK

During the pastorate of the Rev. F. S. Lee the church experienced a mighty revival under the leadership of the Rev. George Bernard, Evangelist. The work progressed and it was found necessary to build Sunday school rooms during the Rev. James A. Bain's ministry. Improvements were also made in the parsonage.

Under the Rev. Robert Lewis' ministry the church added Sunday school rooms thus enabling them to offer the community excellent Sunday school facilities. A pioneer spirit inspired the church to an outreach into Little Valley where they were instrumental in founding a pioneer appointment.

PARSONAGE



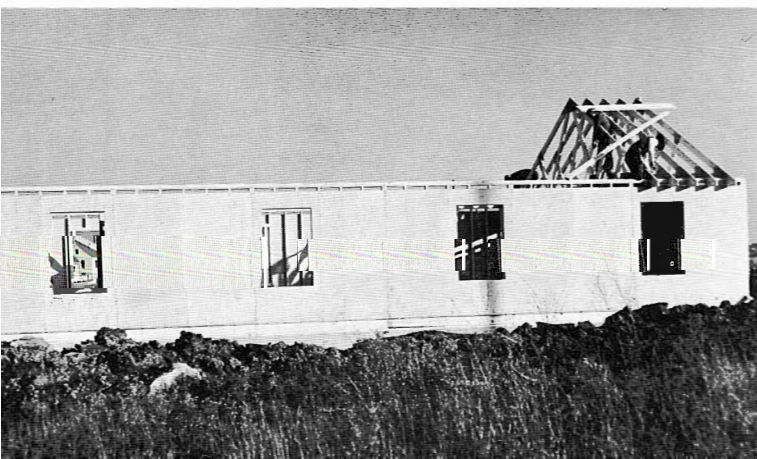
Cleveland Drive Church



CHURCH EXTERIOR

Following the Lockport Annual Conference in 1953, plans were made to start a pioneer work in Cheektowaga, a suburb of Buffalo. Accordingly in January 1954, the Rev. Burnett Thompson began a series of Tuesday night meetings in the homes of interested families in the community. Some of the families included the Thomas Kemlers, the Clair Smiths, the Leonard Wilkoviches, the Maurice Cornelius' and Mrs. Margaret Cook. The first Sunday school superintendent, Calvin Alt, also took an active part in the early efforts to establish a church. From this small beginning by June 1954 there were twelve cooperating families.

In June 1954 the Rev. Carl Schultz became pastor. The Tuesday evening services continued but there was a growing desire for a church home. Suitable ground was purchased in October 1954 and with the aid of Conference Extension funds, Wesley Chapel was begun with dedication December 5, 1954. The following Sunday twelve attended Sunday school and thirty-four, the morning worship service. In 1957-58 average Sunday school attendance showed one hundred eight with morning congregation of approximately fifty.



INITIAL CONSTRUCTION

Buffalo, New York



PASTORS

Carl Schultz 1954-1958

Nelson Crowell 1958-



REV. AND MRS. NELSON D. CROWELL
Sharon and Karen

The church was organized August 1, 1958 as the Cleveland Drive Wesleyan Methodist Church, with fourteen full members and one associate. At its annual session that year the Lockport Conference appointed the Rev. Nelson Crowell, pastor.

Under the inspiration of the Rev. Arthur Bray, president of the Illinois Conference, who held special meetings at the church, the group embarked on a building program. May 17, 1959 ground was broken for these additions and construction began June 8. Nearly two thousand hours of voluntary labor supplemented the work of the contractor. Dedication was held December 6, 1959.

Although only seven years old, the work is making good impact on the community.

PARSONAGE



CHURCH INTERIOR





CHURCH EXTERIOR

Cuba Church

Mrs. Hazel Balcom 1933
Rev. Frank Smith

Workers in Sunday School until 1940:

Miss Florence Smith
Kenneth Wright
Mr. and Mrs. Alton J. Liddick
Miss Anne Schlegel
Miss Roma Lapham
Claude Scott
Mrs. Calla Babcock
Gerald Beach

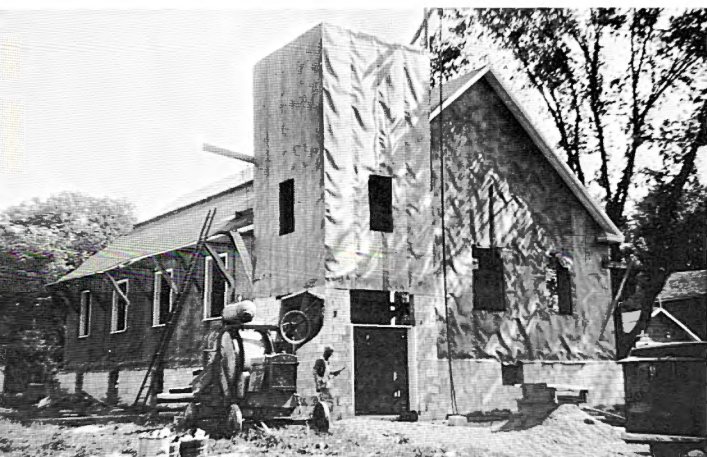
A Christian teacher, Mrs. Hazel Balcom, teaching in the Moulton District, with the help of her pastor, the Rev. Frank Smith of Rushford, started a Sunday school in 1933. Several Houghton College students, backed by the prayer and financial help of one of the Houghton Sunday school adult classes, assisted in the project.

In 1940 Mr. Herman Smith, Miss Helen Reynolds and Miss Genevieve Rathburn became the leaders of the work which now included preaching services. Later, the work moved from Moulton Chapel to Odd Fellows Hall in Cuba where space was rented to continue conducting services.

Following a series of meetings held by the Rev. A. Gordon Wolfe and during the pastorate of Jack Harris, the church was organized in March 1946 with ten charter members.

A house purchased in Wellsville, was dismantled and rebuilt at its present site as a modern parsonage. This was occupied debt free on Thanksgiving Day, 1949, largely through the labors of the Rev. George N. Osgood.

In May 1951 the excavation for the church basement was begun. In November 1952 the first service was held with formal opening the following Easter Sunday with Dr. Frank Birch, speaker. The building fund offering at this service was \$626.



INITIAL CONSTRUCTION

Cuba, New York



Sunday School and Church 1940-1944

Herman Smith
Miss Helen Reynolds
Miss Genevieve Rathbun

PASTORS

H. Blaine West 1944-1946
Jack Harris 1946-1947
A. Gordon Wolfe 1947-1948
George N. Osgood 1948-1957
Adrian R. Everts 1957-1959
Mary E. Bennett 1959-



REV. MISS MARY E. BENNETT

Through the faithful labors of the pastor, this time helped and encouraged by many others, the superstructure was begun, the interior completed and the first service held in the new sanctuary June 12, 1955. Men who gave their labor and skills were Henry Mosser, head carpenter, L. Lloyd Dadd, architect, Henry Roeske, Peter Cole, Bezel Thayer, and Harold Feuchter.

The church was bricked in 1957 and the final dedication of the completed church held August 2, 1959. The sermon was preached by Dr. Charles Wilson, Houghton College professor.

CHURCH INTERIOR



PARSONAGE





East Aurora Church

PASTORS

George N. Osgood 1933-1935
 Gilbert Baker 1935-1937
 J. R. Pitt 1937-1945
 Harlan Hill 1945-1946
 Charles Foster 1946-1949
 George F. Kilpatrick 1949-1954
 Robert Knowlton 1954-1956
 Mr. and Mrs. Price P. Stark 1956-1959
 Reggie Baker 1959-

CHURCH EXTERIOR

The East Aurora Church was the fruit of a pioneer outreach of the Ellicott Church. In 1917 a prayer meeting was started in East Aurora in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Newbury. This was during the pastorate of the Rev. and Mrs. William Donaldson, pastors of the Ellicott Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mrs. Newbury (now Mrs. Lulu Arndt) is still an active member of the church.

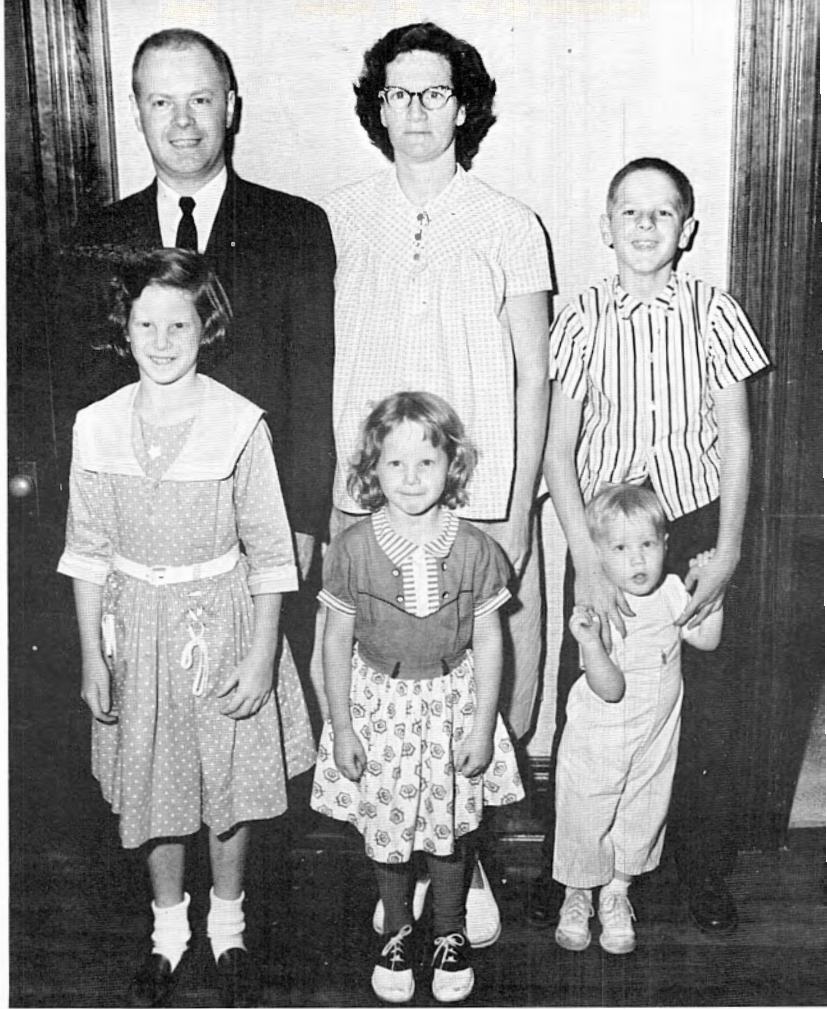
Later tent meetings were held followed by a revival meeting in the Jewett-Holmwood school house. As a result a group was organized in the home of Dela Place (East Aurora) on August 13, 1920. The Rev. John R. Babcock was then conference president and the Rev. John Mann, pastor of the Ellicott Church.

In 1924 a tabernacle was built on North Willow Street and dedicated while the Rev. George Bathurst was pastor. Charter members were Edward and Viola Nieman, Minnie Underhill, Mrs. Isaac Lupton, Gladys and Hazel Lupton, and Mrs. Louise Kerr. Later John and Susan Reed, George and Lulu Newbury, Gertrude and Susan Newbury and Niel Kerr became members of the church.



PARSONAGE

East Aurora, New York



MR. AND MRS. REGGIE BAKER
Robert John, Judith Gail, Bonnie Jean,
Brian Dale, Janine Louise

The church continued to be an outstation of Ellicott until 1933 when the Rev. George N. Osgood was called as first full time pastor.

In 1935 the church rented the abandoned Universalist Church and parsonage for \$15.00 per month. This move provided parsonage facilities for the pastor.

The tabernacle on Willow Street was sold and on July 10, 1951 the Main Street Church (Universalist) and parsonage was bought for \$18,000.

During Robert Knowlton's pastorate the Sunday school rooms and church auditorium were improved. A lovely Allen organ was also purchased.

CHURCH INTERIOR



East Leon Church

Formerly Known As Leon

PASTORS

Edgar Fuller 1885-1887
L. Strong 1887-1888
Pulpit Supplied 1888-1890
E. Fuller 1890-1891
R. F. Dutcher 1891-1892
J. A. Adams 1892-1894
A. D. Fero 1894-1895
R. L. Johnston 1895-1896
H. W. Espy 1897-1898
G. W. Steele 1898-1900
Nellie Easton 1900-1901
Sarah Wilcox 1901-1903
E. H. Pace 1903-1904



CHURCH EXTERIOR

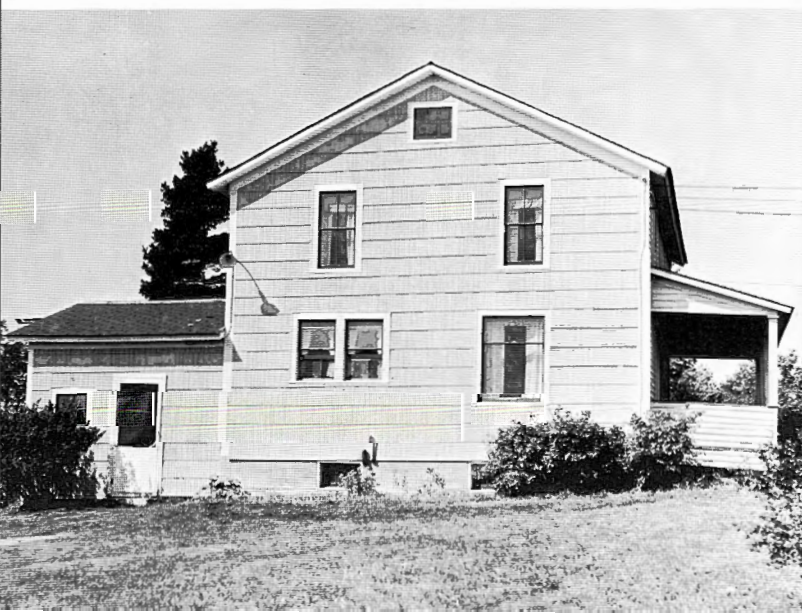
The first services of the East Leon Church were held in 1877. People came to the services in lumber wagons. One man was converted while attending for sixty consecutive nights. Edgar Fuller, an early convert, was given an exhorters license and became the first pastor.

During the pastorate of Miss Sarah Wilcox, returned missionary from Africa, the Snyder Hill group joined with East Leon and continued as part of the charge for twenty-five years.

About 1900 the parsonage, with one and one-half acres of land, was purchased. This building has been remodeled and modernized several times.

Due to depleted funds and a small congregation, no pastor was engaged for several years. However, services continued under the consecrated leadership of Mrs. Nellie Easton, a well educated lay member.

While the Rev. George Clement was pastor several church improvements were made. A tent was purchased and the first tent meeting held in a nearby grove. Families for miles around were reached.



PARSONAGE

near Cattaraugus, New York

R. M. McConnell 1904-1908
Walter Readett 1908-1909
George Bathurst 1909-1914
C. W. Smith 1914-1915
A. D. Fero 1915-1916
F. C. Adams 1916-1918
Francis B. Markell 1918-1922
J. R. Babcock 1922-1924
George Clement 1924-1929
Jesse Steves 1929-1933
James Redstone 1933-1935
George N. Osgood 1935-1940
Theodore R. Pagett 1940-1943
A. Gordon Wolfe 1943-1945
Howard F. Parks 1945-1948
In hands of President 1948-1949
Maurice Moore 1949-1951
Myrtle B. Squires 1951-1953
Herman A. Smith 1953
Howard F. Parks 1953-1956
Wilbur E. Beers 1956-



REV. AND MRS. WILBUR BEERS
Marlene, Wilbur, Jr., Gary Lee,
Denise, and Kathleen

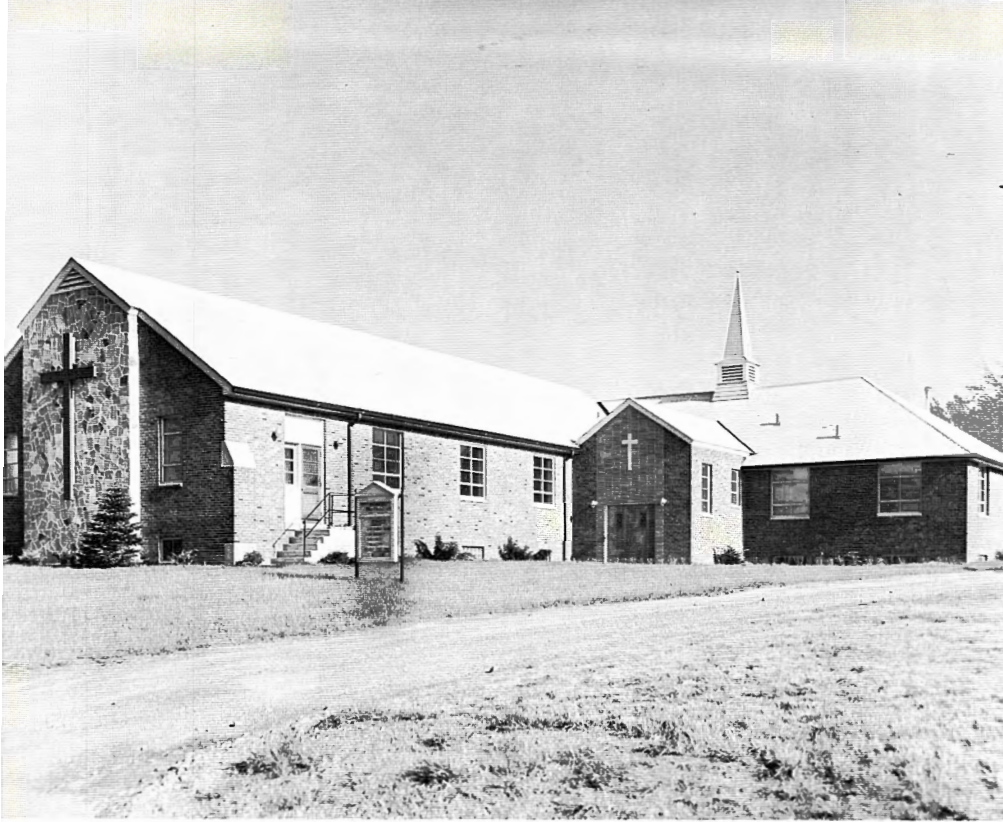
In 1928 the tent burned and another was purchased. This was destroyed during a severe rain storm. Following this catastrophe, the tent ministry was not resumed.

In 1949 during the remodeling of the church, difficulty was encountered from quicksand and the building slipped from its "jacked-up" position. As it was impractical to continue remodeling, a new church in a better location was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Pritchard. One year later, the building was completed debt free. Gratitude and praise swelled from auditorium and basement on the day of dedication. Dr. Rufus Reisdorph preached the dedicatory sermon.

CHURCH INTERIOR



Ellicott Church



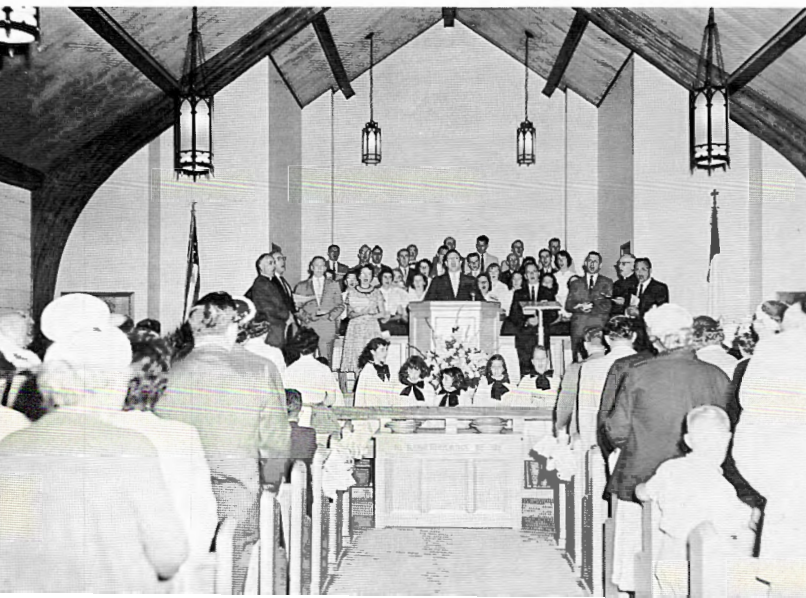
CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Ellicott work had its beginning in a Sunday school promoted by Mr. Hunt, ardent Sunday school worker, of Hamburg. The group met in the former Methodist Episcopal Church. A young pastor, the Rev. A. D. Fero, serving the Wesleyan work in Hamburg, learned of the Sunday school through Mr. Hunt. He visited the school in late summer, 1892, and offered to speak to the class on the following Sunday. He received hearty response.

Revival meetings began September 14, 1892 continuing approximately three months with about one hundred twenty people seeking God. The first class was organized October 31, 1892.

The first church building was erected in 1894 on property donated by Frank Griffin. The logs were donated by Ed Benning. On June 14, 1894 the building was dedicated as the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Ellicott, New York. In 1906 the house on the property west of the church was purchased from Alfred P. Palmer and converted into a parsonage.

Following World War II Ellicott community began to grow, and by 1948 it was necessary to provide more space for Sunday school. The original church was remodeled and a Sunday school wing



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Orchard Park, New York



PASTORS

1892 - 1960

A. D. Fero
Miss Sarah Wilcox
Miss Gertrude Preston
A. J. Bullock
Frank Adams
Mr. Dondelson
Mr. Davidson
John Mann
George Bathurst
Mr. Bateman
George Clement
A. A. Hickok
Mark Russell
Adrian R. Everts
Paul F. Markell



REV. AND MRS. PAUL F. MARKELL
and Sharon

added. Sunday school attendance rose from forty-nine to two hundred. The church membership tripled and the annual receipts increased from \$6,400 to \$25,000. In 1958 the Sunday school won the conference award for being the outstanding Sunday school of the year.

The basement for the new church building was built in 1952 and served as a place for the growing Sunday school. In August, 1958, a superstructure was started on the basement. This beautiful building was completed and dedicated June 19, 1960 as a monument to God's faithfulness and to the cooperation of the pastor, the Rev. Paul F. Markell, and the Ellicott people.

PARSONAGE



Fillmore Church



PASTORS

Among early pastors were:

Luther Lee
Z. T. Petty
Mr. Pepper
John Watson
F. R. Masten
John Kitchell
E. P. Barnes
A. Bixbey
G. M. Harris
John Busch
Howard C. Harris
G. M. Hardy
D. W. Ball
John Randolph
William Willihan
Willard J. Houghton



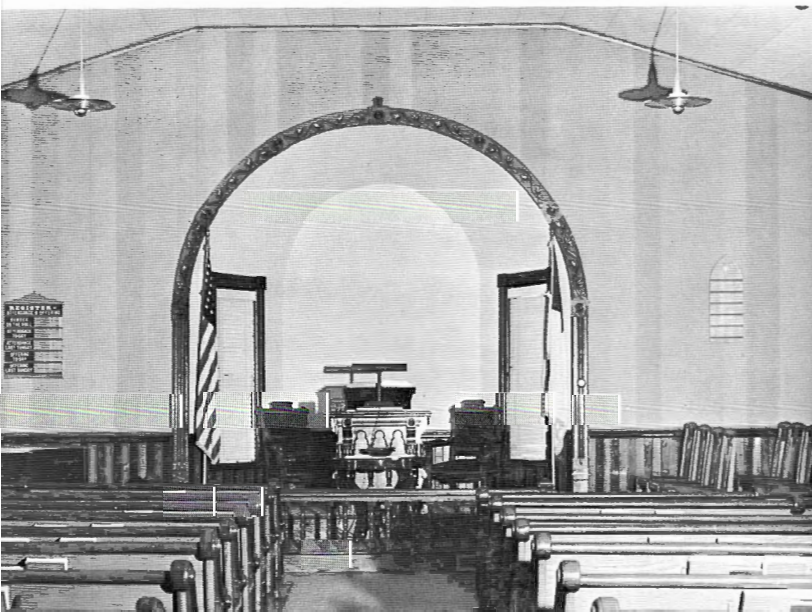
REV. AND MRS. DAVID SHANNON

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was organized in 1843 and in that same year the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized by the Rev. John Watson. Meetings were held in an old log school house on the east side of the Genesee River. Two years later the school house was abandoned and the congregation worshiped in another log school house near the site of the present church.

James Wadsworth gave the lot for the church. The building, a rectangular structure thirty by forty feet without a spire or vestibule, was begun in 1850 and located on the site of the present parsonage. It was completed in 1851 at a cost of \$795.50.

The Rev. Luther Lee, Connectional Editor 1844-1852, preached the dedicatory sermon. The church had fifty members with an average Sunday school attendance of sixty. The pioneer church was the first of its kind in that section.

During the winter of 1880-1881 the church was closed. Later Willard J. Houghton and D. W. Ball came to Fillmore and organized a Sunday school which met every two weeks. One year later Fillmore and



CHURCH INTERIOR

Fillmore, New York

1884 - 1919

George W. Cooper
A. W. Hall
A. R. Dodd
A. L. Shumann
Ralph Davy
H. W. McDowell
H. J. Bullock
Dean S. Bedford
E. W. Bruce
H. C. Bedford
E. E. Cookson
David H. Scott

1919 - 1960

George E. Bathurst
L. C. Mattson
J. A. Bain
Royal Woodhead
Noah R. Shaffer
George E. Failing
Robert N. Lytle
Daniel Heinz
Earl Thompson
Everett E. Elliott
Dale Gainer
David Shannon



CHURCH EXTERIOR

Houghton united for services. In 1883 Houghton began a work independent of Fillmore.

In 1884 the building was moved to its present site and a spire and vestibule added. It was lengthened ten feet and the interior remodeled.

The Rev. A. W. Hall pastored the church before he left for Sierra Leone, West Africa to survey possibilities of beginning missionary work there. Mr. J. B. Omerod, converted in the Fillmore Church, was among the earliest missionaries to Sierra Leone. The Rev. Robert Lytle and his family left the church to do missionary work in Colombia, S. A. Peter D. Miller, a member of the church, is a missionary in San Blas Islands.

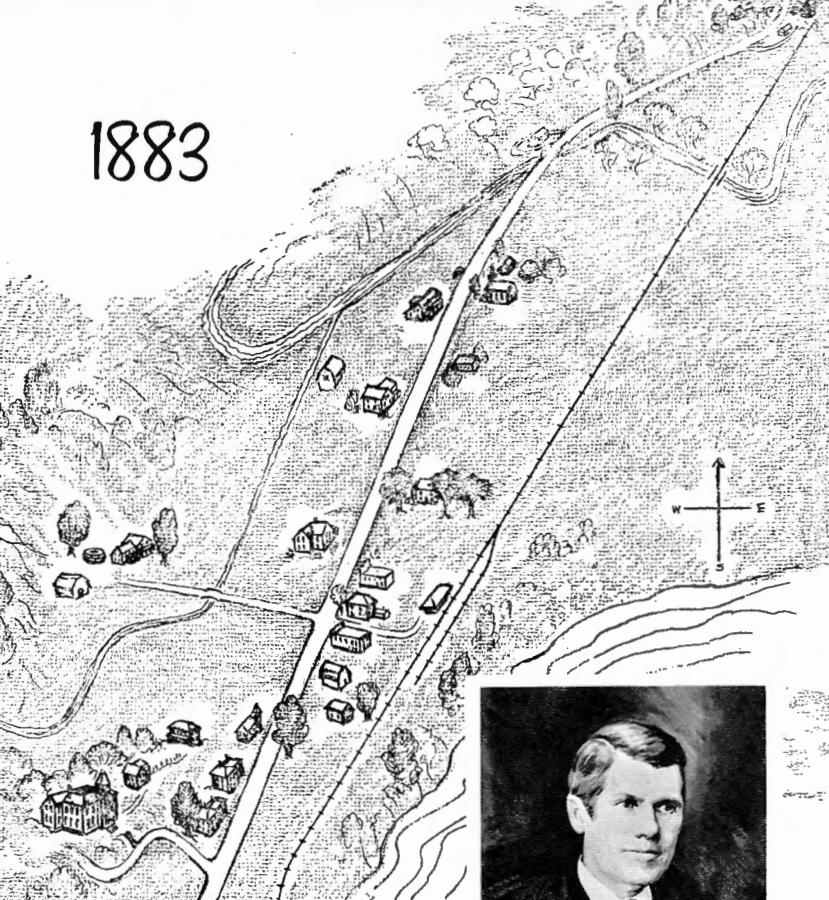
A parsonage was built in 1917 at a cost of \$2000, of which \$800 was given by John Shay, former Fillmore resident.

Many improvements have been made in the Fillmore Church in these latter years. The interior has been completely redecorated and the basement enlarged to afford greater facilities to the growing Sunday school.

PARSONAGE



1883



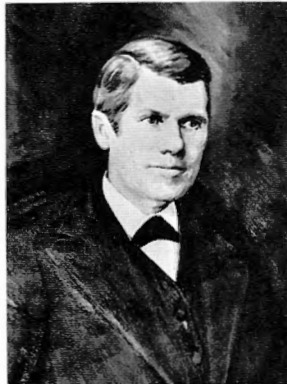
Serving Lockport Conference

... yesterday

Since her founding in 1883, Houghton College has been closely associated with the Lockport Conference.

Called into being at a meeting of Lockport Conference pastors in the village of Houghton Creek, arranged by Willard J. Houghton, the school has continued to serve her home conference.

Houghton College has remained true to the dream of her founders and has retained the high spiritual and scholastic standards they desired.



"Pray for our school work. For this will go on benefiting the world after we have all gone to our fathers."

Willard J. Houghton, 1889



Houghton College
Chapel-Auditorium

Graduating Class
of 1906

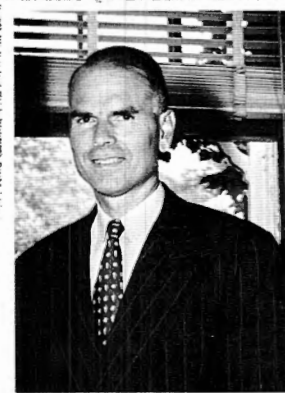
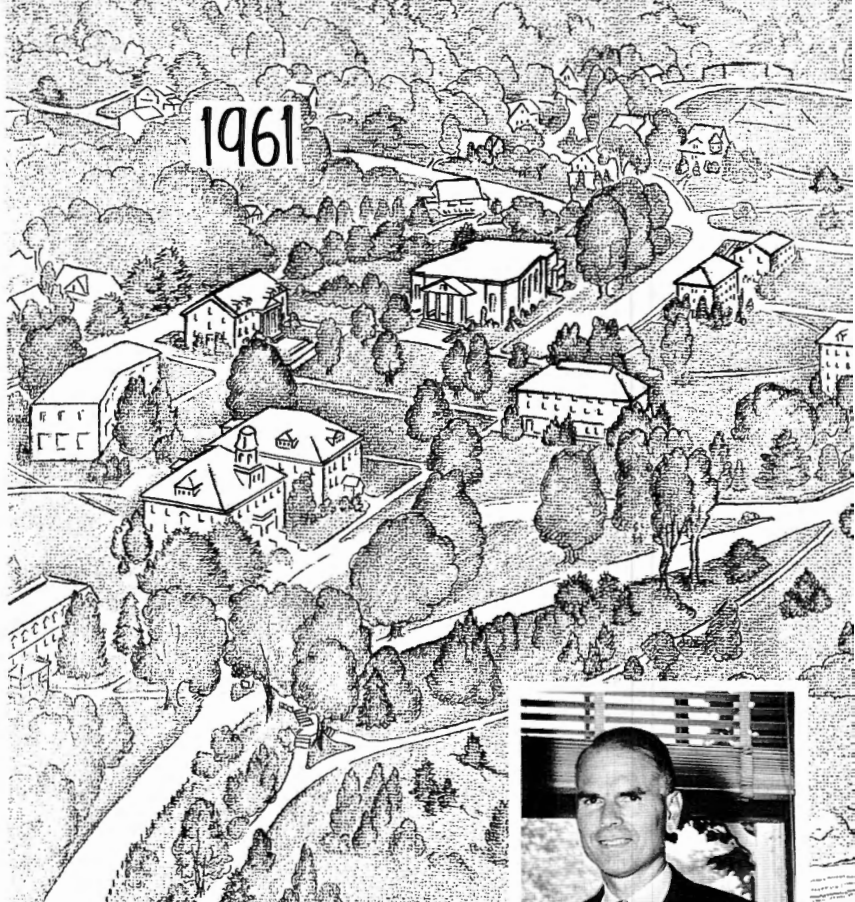
Prof. Gordon Stockin teaches under the summer sky—on the steps of Luckey Memorial.

... and today!

Today Houghton still maintains a close cooperation with the Lockport Conference.

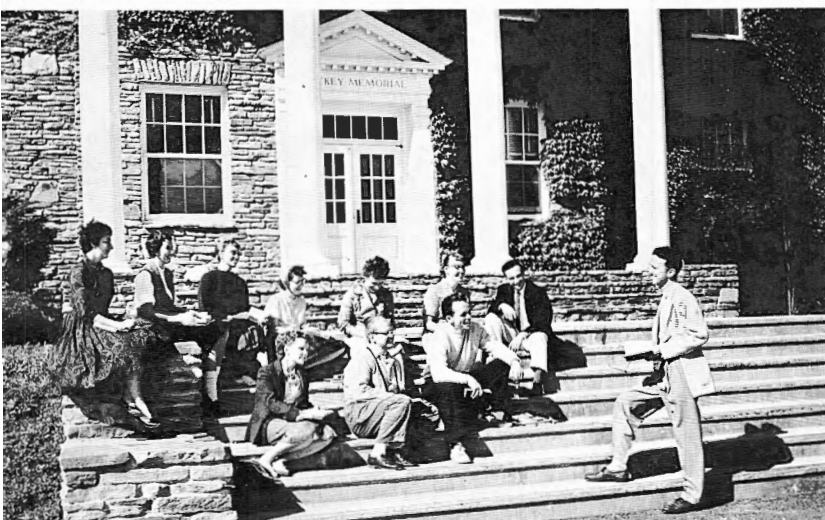
Almost 90% of the conference leaders claim Houghton College as their alma mater. Conference representatives on the Local Board of Trustees are Mr. Elmer Hudson and Rev. Daniel Heinz.

A 50% scholarship is given each semester to a worthy conference student. Present recipients are Raymond Wolfe and Lynford Strong who share the tuition scholarship.



"One of the great privileges of working and living in Houghton is that of seeing God's ways and being among those who seek out His works and 'have pleasure therein.'"

President Stephen W. Paine



home of Houghton College

— spiritual center for the Conference



CHURCH EXTERIOR

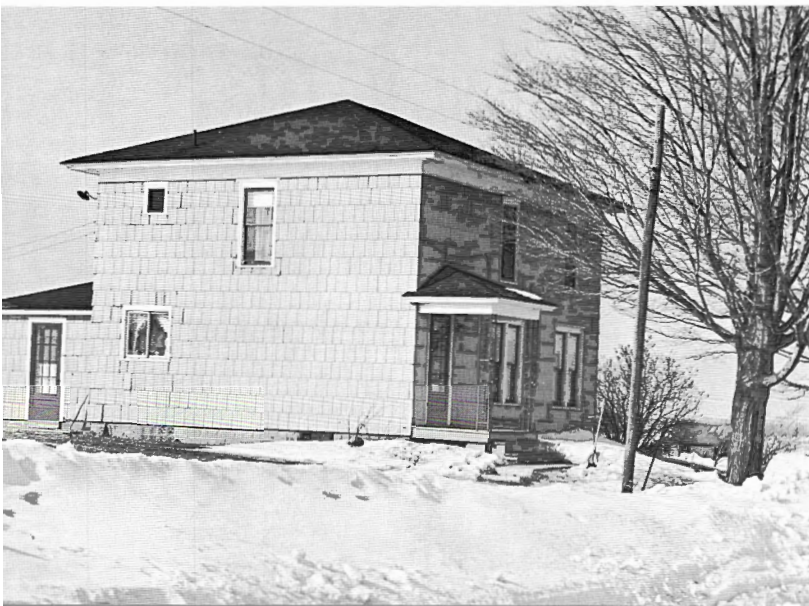
Forestville Church

PASTORS

G. W. Sibley 1858
 No record until 1863
 E. Jones 1863-1865
 Pulpit supplied 1865-1867
 E. Jones 1867-1869
 D. B. Douglas 1869-1871
 E. Jones and D. W. Ball 1871-1874
 D. W. Ball 1874-1875
 No record 1875-1881
 G. W. Sibley 1881-1883
 No report 1883-1884
 N. E. Heald 1884-1887
 G. W. Cooper 1887-1888
 Pulpit supplied 1888-1889
 N. E. Heald 1890-1891

Three years prior to the organization of the Lockport Annual Conference, the Forestville Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized with twenty members by the Rev. G. W. Sibley, first pastor, in 1858. For some years the group met in the Ball Hill school house for their worship services. At the tenth Lockport Annual Conference session in April 1871 the Rev. D. W. Ball was assigned pastor of the church. There was no church edifice, but the immediate building of one was contemplated. However it was not until 1881 or 1882 that the church was built, and in the Spring of 1882, the Lockport Conference held its twenty-first session in the church.

A gift of property on which the present edifice stands was made by Linus Ball. James Ball of Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania was employed as contractor, and with the help of his brother, George, the present church was built. A large tree from George Ball's farm furnished wood for the backs and ends of the present pews. The trim and seats of the pews came from a bass wood tree. The building was dedicated and



PARSONAGE

Forestville, New York

J. Adams 1891-1892
 H. Hazlett 1892-1894
 E. T. Pope 1894-1896
 R. McConnell 1896-1900
 H. Hazlett 1900-1901
 In hands of president 1901-1903
 G. O. Bruce 1903-1905
 N. E. Heald 1905-1909
 A. J. Taylor 1909-1911
 H. J. Bullock 1911-1915
 In hands of president 1915-1916
 Noah and Mae Shaffer 1916-1920
 Pulpit supplied 1920-1921
 H. H. Schoonover 1921-1926
 J. H. Woodhouse 1926-1927
 Pulpit supplied 1927-1928
 A. A. Hickok 1928-1930
 C. L. Horton 1930-1932
 In hands of president 1932-1933
 O. G. and Diana Wyman 1933-1936
 Maurice A. Gibbs 1936-1945
 Miss Mary E. Bennett 1945-1952
 Roy M. Gibbs 1952-1957
 Richard Weber 1957-1960
 Robert Shannon 1960-

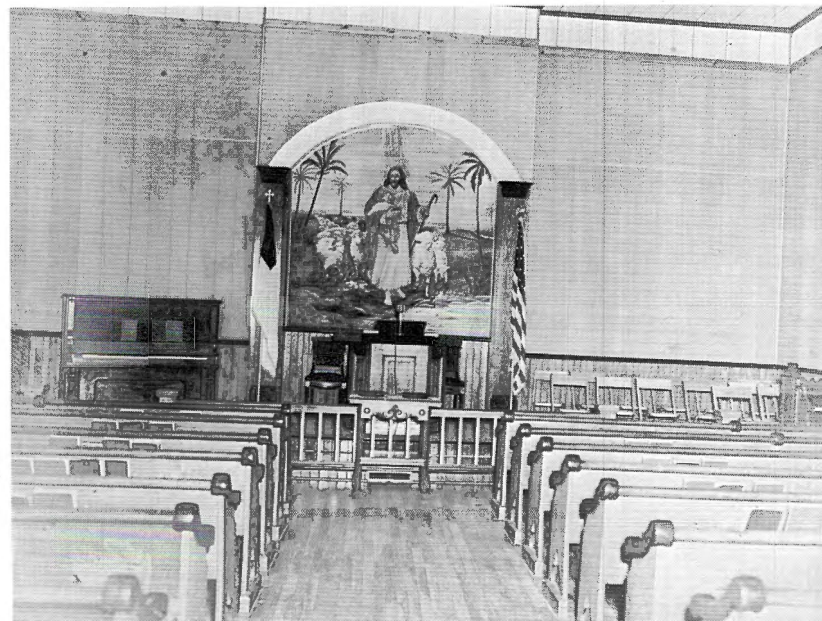


REV. AND MRS. ROBERT SHANNON

for nearly eighty years Christ's Gospel has been proclaimed. Preachers and missionaries from the Forestville Church are laboring on home and foreign fields.

To meet changing needs the church has been remodeled and redecorated and a new basement fitted for Sunday school rooms. In 1957, Daniel Ball's heirs, who had deeded the land for the school building located near the church, gave the property to the church. The school house was remodeled and redecorated to be used as a youth recreation center, missionary meetings and other church activity.

CHURCH INTERIOR





REV. AND MRS. ROY M. GIBBS
Ethel, David, Rebecca,
Faith and Joy

Hamburg Church

PASTORS

Burnett Thompson 1957-1959
Roy M. Gibbs 1959-



Burdened hearts, willing hands and praying people explain in part the actual origin of the Hamburg Church. The vision received activation when a survey was conducted by the ministers of the Lockport Conference on January 6, 1955. Sufficient interest was discovered in the community to warrant regular meetings in the area. A prayer group was formed and conducted by the Rev. Burnett Thompson in the homes of the local people. Mr. Thompson was then pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Silver Creek, New York and secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension.

In the Spring of 1955 the major responsibility of the work was turned over to the Rev. Paul F. Markell, pastor of the nearby Ellicott Wesleyan Methodist Church.

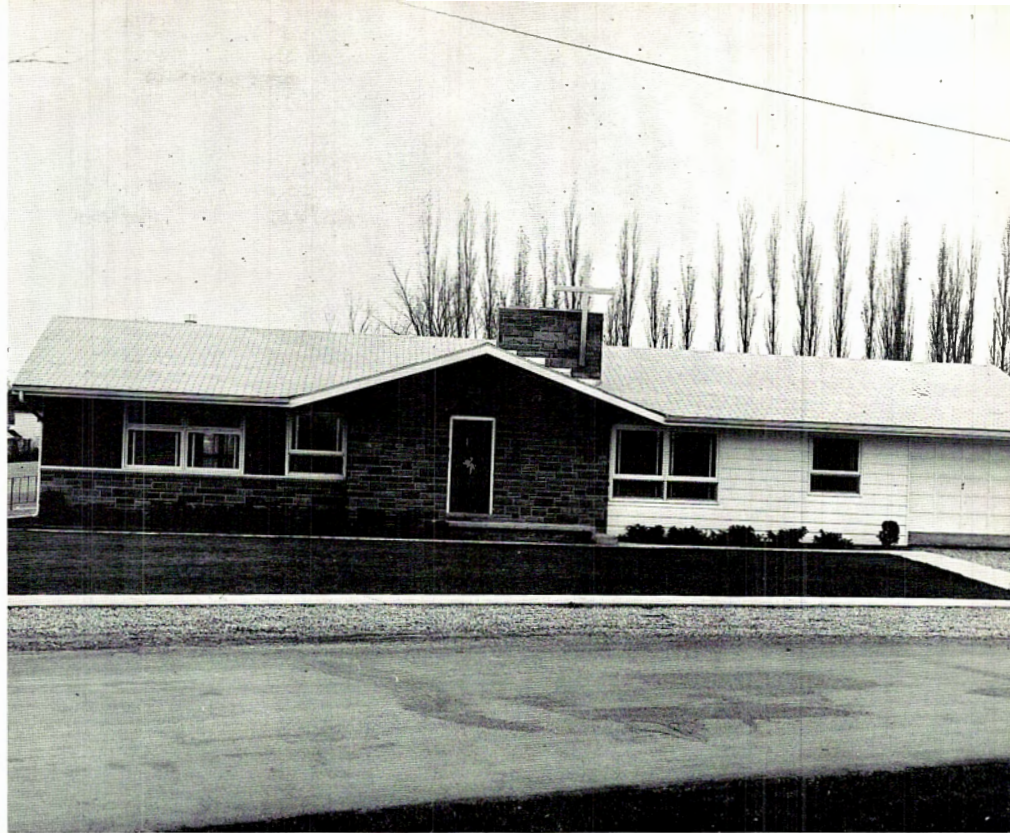
In June 1957 the Rev. Burnett Thompson came to Hamburg to pastor the work. Suitable lots were purchased in 1957-1958. The present building, a parsonage-chapel, was erected during the period extending from June 1957 to November 1957. The Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church became the "mother church" to the new work. The first combined Development Committee meeting of the Houghton Church and the local group was held October 3, 1957. The first services in the building were held November 1, 1957.

On April 19, 1959 Mr. Thompson resigned as pastor. The pulpit was supplied by guest speakers for about a month, after which the local group extended a call to the Rev. Roy M. Gibbs, who was then serving as assistant pastor at the Houghton Church. He accepted the call and moved into the living quarters of the parsonage-chapel July 1, 1959.

April 2, 1961 the church was organized with seventeen full members. The church is self-supporting insofar as the regular expenses are concerned. Current financial assistance is applied toward building indebtedness which is approximately \$20,000.



Hamburg New York



CHURCH EXTERIOR



CHURCH INTERIOR

Hess Road Church

PASTORS

Pulpit supplied 1862-1863
 O. B. Douglas 1863-1866
 Pulpit supplied 1866-1867
 J. Sibley 1867-1868
 Pulpit supplied 1868-1869
 C. F. Hawley 1869-1872
 D. B. Dunlap 1872-1873
 William Pepper 1873-1875
 No record 1875-1881
 T. L. Benton 1881-1884
 G. S. Lewis 1884-1886
 Pulpit supplied 1886-1888
 G. W. Cooper 1888-1892
 H. Kelley 1892-1894
 S. W. Jennings 1894-1895
 W. P. French 1895-1896
 Pulpit supplied 1896-1898
 H. W. Espy 1898-1901



CHURCH EXTERIOR

About 1884 members of the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, and Wesleyan Methodist Churches all worshiped in the old school house at Olcott. From this early group the Baptists built at West Somerset, the Methodists at Somerset Corners, but the Wesleyans did not build until 1878. The church building, a well built brick structure, is still in good condition despite its 82 years.

Previous to 1878, the organized church met for worship in the Hess Road district No. 3 school house. Many of the pastors lived at Olcott, but came to preach to the Hess Road people.

Charter members of the Hess Road Church in 1844 were William and Abigail Mudge, Aaron Wood, James and Marie Ferguson, Almira Harwood, Mary Hardy, and William Willoby.

The parsonage was built in 1901 during the first pastorate of the Rev. John S. Willett who later became connectional agent for the Wesleyan Methodist Publishing House at Syracuse, New York.

Those who planned the church building in 1878 did so with a vision for the future, for two full-sized doors were placed in the front of the church. These doors were opened in 1956 into an eight-room Sunday



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Appleton, New York



J. S. Willett 1901-1904
 G. P. Sage 1904-1905
 J. R. Jeffry 1905-1906
 G. W. MacClinchey 1906-1909
 C. W. Smith 1909-1913
 In hands of President 1913-1914
 O. S. Bedford 1914-1919
 H. J. Bullock 1919-1920
 John Wilcox 1920-1921
 Charles Sicard 1921-1923
 Noah and Mae Shaffer 1923-1924
 A. O. Northrup 1924-1930
 Francis Markell 1930-1933
 In hands of President 1933-1934
 Charles Sicard 1934-1944
 Everett E. Elliott 1944-1949
 Daniel A. Heinz 1949-1952
 Milton P. Putnam 1952-1956
 Nelson D. Crowell 1956-1958
 Donald K. Stanton 1958-



MR. AND MRS. DONALD K. STANTON
 and Donna

school annex. The project cost approximately \$9,000, but the Lord enabled the church to build on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

A large furnace with hot water radiators throughout the church and annex has been installed. Lovely lights serve the church well. In 1958 a new Hammond organ was purchased.

Many have been called from the church into full time service for the Lord, one of whom is Miss Clarice Strong now working with the Wycliffe Translators.

In the earlier years of the church the rolls show the names of Benjamin Laughlin who became a minister and theological teacher in Houghton Seminary; Reuben F. Dutcher, an elder and president in the Lockport Conference; and Verna Hanford, a missionary to Africa and who also aided in a gospel translation.

Eason Muir is remembered because of his marvelous conversion in 1917. Largely as a result of his witnessing and personal work unusually large prayer meetings were held in private homes during the busy farm season.

PARSONAGE





Higgins Church

PASTORS

E. A. Sisson 1895-1896
 In hands of President 1896-1897
 G. W. Cooper 1897-1902
 J. Dean Brown 1902-1903
 G. W. Cooper 1903-1909
 F. H. Wright 1909-1913
 Clarence White 1913-1916
 A. J. Taylor 1916-1921
 J. A. Mann 1921-1922
 Mrs. Mina Mann 1922-1923
 W. T. Roth 1923-1925

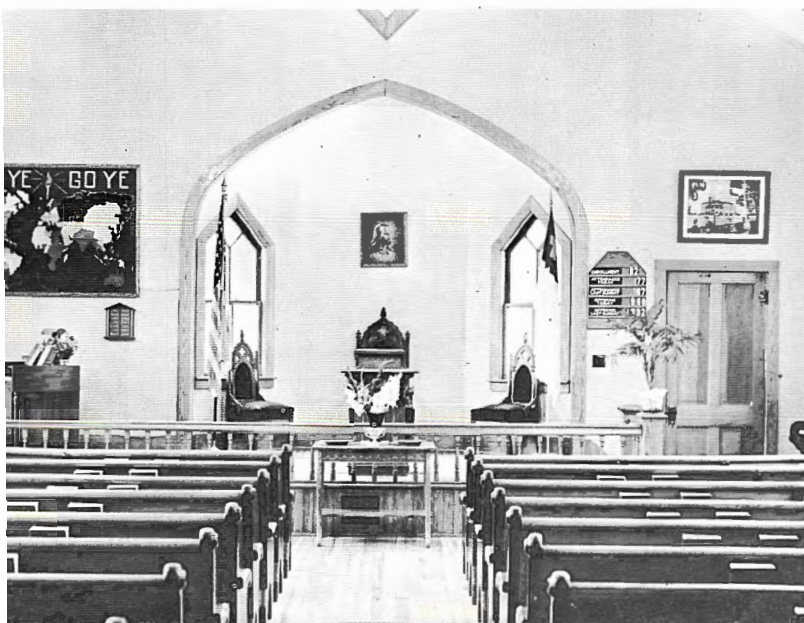
CHURCH EXTERIOR

Early records of the Higgins Church have been lost, but it is known that the beginning services were held by Willard J. Houghton. In 1846 at the first business meeting conducted in the new school house, resolution No. 10 reads: "To have meetings held in the new school house when not wanted for school purposes."

In an old diary kept by George Mearns the following items are of interest: April 14, 1878, "Commenced Sunday school in the school house;" May 12, 1878, "About sixty there;" June 2, 1878, "Mr. Ball preached."

The church was organized in 1882 and in 1885 it was declared a church by the Rev. F. M. Mosher, the conference president. In 1887 the church was incorporated as "The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Higgins."

In 1889 a building used by Russel Higgins for a store was purchased from Angeline Whaley. The partitions were removed, planks and potato crates brought in, and it was ready for service. The next Spring Mr. Mearns made benches which were used until pews were purchased from the Presbyterian Church in Hume.



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Centerville, New York



Pulpit supplied 1925-1926
C. E. Horton 1926-1930
In hands of President 1930-1931
William Osgood 1931-1933
Edward Rupert 1933-1936
Noah and Mae Shaffer 1936-1939
Everett E. Elliott 1939-1944
Herman Smith 1944-1948
Howard Parks 1948-1951
Nelson D. Crowell 1951-1956
Milton P. Putnam 1956-



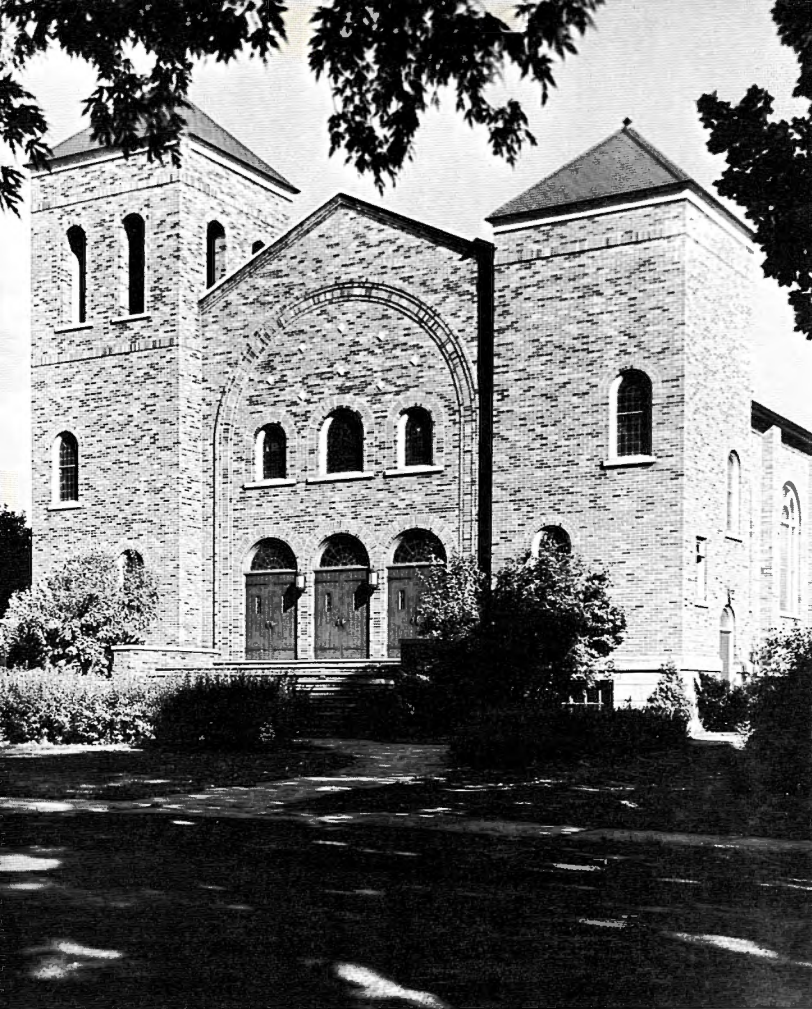
REV. AND MRS. MILTON PUTNAM
Thomas and Bruce

In 1909 the first parsonage was purchased from Albert Hamer. The Rev. Clarence White was the first pastor to occupy it. Mr. White inspired the building of the present church and did much of the work himself. The church was dedicated in 1916 and the basement added during the Rev. Nelson D. Crowell's pastorate was dedicated in 1955.

During the Rev. Milton Putnam's pastorate the parsonage was exchanged for the "brick house" situated on property adjacent to the church. Thus, property which was a unit a century ago is once more "one."

PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR



Records concerning the origin of the Houghton Church are fragmentary. The oldest record available gives the names of a few charter members as of 1852. Until 1876 services were held in the village school house. In that year a church thirty feet wide and thirty-eight feet long which, with some enlargement, served as the place of worship until 1934 when the present brick structure was erected to care for the growing congregation of community and students.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Houghton were among the charter members of the church. Mr. Houghton was influential in the selection of Houghton as the location of the denominational school, Houghton Seminary. Classes began at the Seminary in the fall of 1883. Since that time the church and the school have grown along together.

God used the ministry of Bishop Charles Fairbairn of the Free Methodist Church in 1926 to stir college professors as well as students and members of the community. The Rev. B. N. Miner, also of the Free Methodist Church was God's messenger in 1942 and scores of lives were transformed and dedicated to Christ.



Houghton Church

PASTORS

John Watson }
L. W. Khral } 1852-1876
Mr. Pepper }

G. W. Cooper 1876-1880
D. W. Ball 1880-1884
J. E. Tiffany 1884-1887
B. S. Laughlin 1887-1891
G. W. Sibley 1891-1892
E. W. Bruce 1892-1895
J. R. Jeffrey 1895-1897
S. Bedford 1897-1903
H. W. McDowell 1903

REV. AND MRS. RICHARD KAYLOR
(assistant pastor)



Houghton, New York



Mrs. Jennie Ayers 1903-1904
J. Hughes 1904-1905
C. H. Dow 1905-1909
William Clow 1909-1910
D. S. Bedford 1910-1912
William Frazier 1912
C. B. Whittaker 1912-1917
Charles Sicard 1917-1921
J. R. Pitt 1921-1937
E. W. Black 1937-1942
C. I. Armstrong 1942-1951
E. D. Angell 1951-1956
Martin W. Cox 1956-



REV. AND MRS. MARTIN W. COX
Karen and Marilyn

The great revival of 1951 was dominated so completely by the Holy Spirit that many people were used as divine instruments through whom God's work was accomplished. This awakening reached not only the immediate area but extended to hundreds of towns and cities from Michigan to Philadelphia and New York. In February, 1959, when Dr. O. G. Wilson served as evangelist the Lord sent another season of great blessing in answer to importunate prayer.

A growing interest in foreign missions has also characterized the Houghton church.

As of 1960 the church has a membership of 366 of whom 277 are in full membership. Because of limited space, two Sunday morning preaching services and two Sunday school sessions are being held during the months that the college is in session. Plans are currently considered for necessary future expansion.

CHURCH INTERIOR



PARSONAGE



Levant Church

PASTORS

Emory Jones, Evangelist 1866
D. B. Douglas 1870
D. W. Ball and Emory Jones 1871-1874
D. W. Ball 1874-1876
E. J. Carrol 1876-1878
Emory Jones 1878-1880
G. W. Cooper 1880-1884
Mr. Pope 1884-1885
D. W. Ball 1885-1886
F. M. Moshier 1886
Mr. Waldo 1887



REV. AND MRS. WILBUR G. STEELE
Mark, David, and Stephen

The beginning of the Levant Church was rather inauspicious. The Rev. Emory Jones of Jamestown came to hold services in the school house of the sparsely settled community of Levant. Soon four women covenanted for church membership. During revival services the following year the school house burned and for six months services were held in the home of E. H. Glover.

By 1870 the membership had increased to twenty-seven. Money was scarce and problems many. However, mainly through the efforts of the Revs. D. B. Douglas and D. W. Ball the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Levant was dedicated debt free in 1871.



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Falconer, New York



R. F. Dutcher 1887-1895
A. D. Fero 1895-1898
Robert Jeffrey 1898-1903
Charles Waggoner 1903-1905
A. D. Fero 1905-1909
Charles Sicard 1909-1917
H. R. LaVere 1917-1921
A. J. Taylor 1921-1926
Edward Elliott 1926-1940
George N. Osgood 1940-1948
Roy M. Gibbs 1948-1952
Daniel Heinz 1952-1960



CHURCH EXTERIOR

Building problems frequently faced the church. During the pastorate of the Rev. Robert Jeffrey, a parsonage was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lindquist. In 1909 a much needed church basement was completed. While the Rev. George N. Osgood was pastor, lightning partially destroyed the church steeple and burned out the electric wiring. Between 1948-1952 improvements were made in church and parsonage.

On Sunday morning, December 10, 1950, a fire partially destroyed the church. Through the combined efforts of the entire community, the church was remodeled and dedicated in July, 1951.

Many young people of the Levant Church have gone into Christian work. Mrs. Hazel Yontz went as a missionary to Brazil; Pearl Crapo, to Haiti; and Catherine Shell joined the staff of Inter-Varsity Fellowship. The last four Conference Presidents have been associated with the Levant Church: The Revs. Edward E. Elliott, A. J. Taylor, Daniel A. Heinz as pastors, and the Rev. Everett E. Elliott, an active member of the church during his father's pastorate. Seventy years ago John S. Willett, George Clarke, Robert and Anna Perring heard Christ's call. Two became ministers and two foreign missionaries.

PARSONAGE

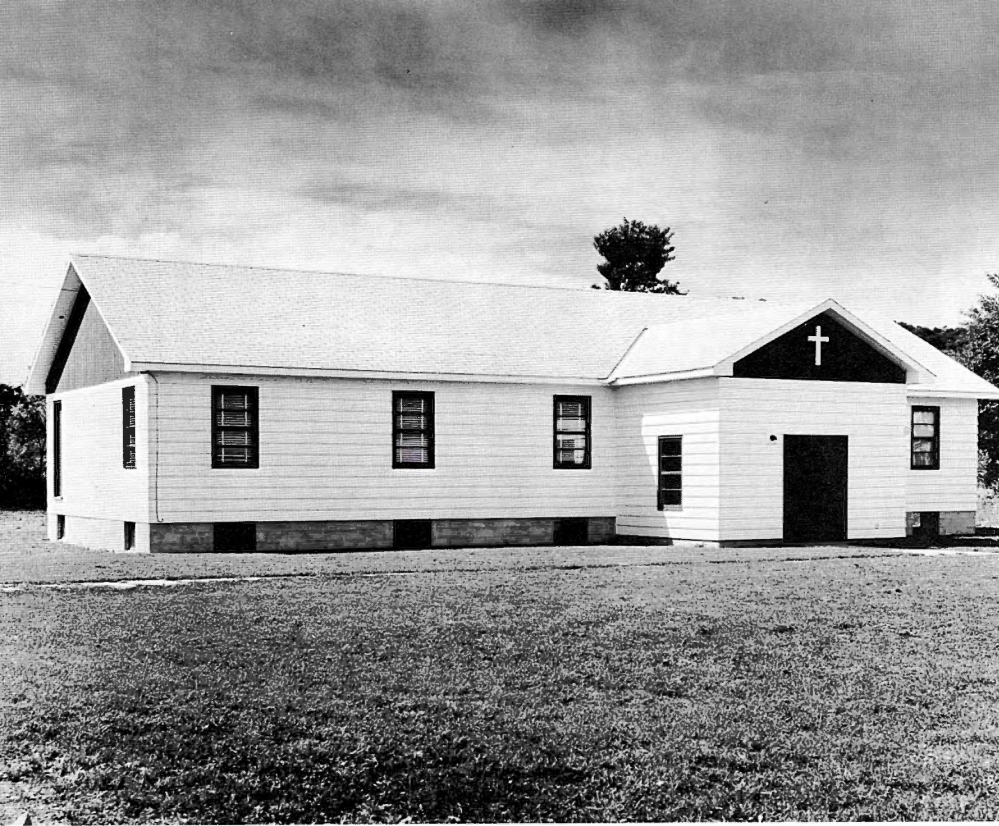


Little Valley Church

PASTORS

Adrian Everts 1959

Charles Wheeler 1960-



CHURCH EXTERIOR



In November, 1958, a group met for prayer asking God's guidance concerning a Christian work in Little Valley. At this meeting it was decided to rent the store at 101 Park Place and begin a full schedule of services the first Sunday in December, trusting the Lord to send in the necessary finances. The Rev. Robert Lewis, pastor of the Cattaraugus Wesleyan Methodist Church, was appointed supply pastor.

At first only six families attended. The records show sixteen to twenty in Sunday school and morning worship service. As the group prayed their numbers increased, and when the old church building at Ellicott was donated to them; their faith and trust was further strengthened. Then the Lockport Conference Pioneer Board granted the request that Little Valley be considered a pioneer work.

On Easter Sunday, 1959, a special offering of \$300 in cash and pledges was received toward the purchase of a suitable building lot. Two lots were available, a small one for \$900 and a six-acre one for \$2,000. Believing God for future expansion, the larger lot was obtained. When \$1,000 had been paid, the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Bohannon, were directed by the Holy Spirit to cancel the balance of debt and gave the deed to the property.

Ground was broken and building commenced. The plans provided for an educational building to include a chapel, with four-room apartment in the rear and Sunday school rooms in the basement.

The Rev. Adrian R. Everts, newly appointed pastor, and family moved into the partially completed building August 31, 1959. The first services were held in the chapel September 6, 1959, and on January 17, 1960, the chapel was dedicated.



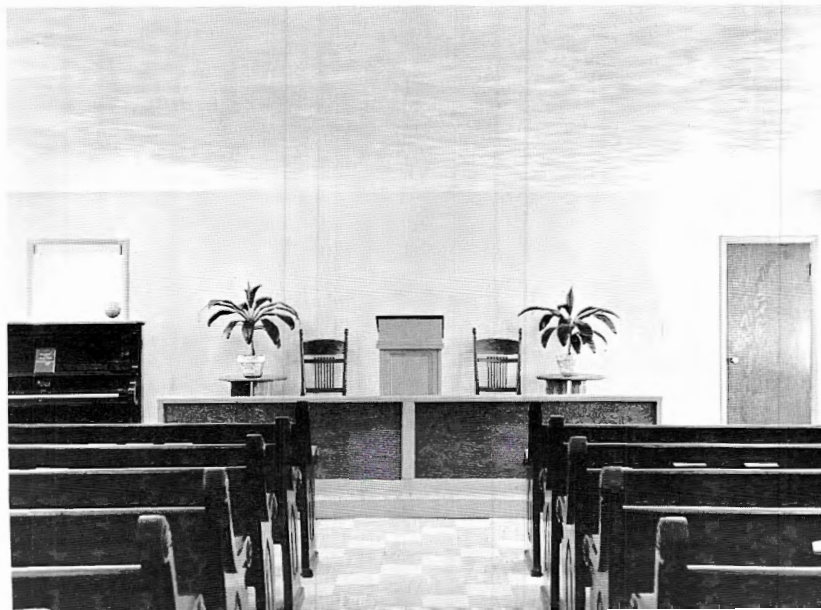
Little Valley, New York



REV. AND MRS. CHARLES WHEELER



CHURCH



INTERIOR



CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Lockport Wesleyan Methodist Church was originally the First Methodist Church of Chestnut Ridge. The church was organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1882 when the Rev. Benjamin S. Laughlin became its first pastor. Early records have been misplaced which creates difficulty in reconstructing "beginning" history.

An outstanding revival visited the church and community in 1897, stirring the entire country side. In that same year the parsonage was built, and later destroyed by fire in the Spring of 1938. However, it was rebuilt and is in use today.

On November 24, 1957 the first unit of the educational building was dedicated. Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College, was the speaker. A two-manual organ with chimes has been presented to the church by the Wallace F. Barnett family in loving memory of Henry R. Barnett.

At present the church is free from debt. A dorsal curtain and illuminated cross are installed in the sanctuary.

Lockport Church

PASTORS

B. S. Laughlin 1882-1888
 W. A. Hazlett 1889-1890
 R. McKay 1890-1891
 George F. Porter 1891-1894
 S. W. Jennings 1895-1896
 E. A. Sisson 1897-1898
 Charles Sicard 1898-1899
 R. M. McConnell 1900-1904
 H. R. LaVere 1904-1907
 Frank C. Adams 1907-1909
 William Donaldson 1909-1910



PARSONAGE

Lockport, New York

Arthur Taylor 1911-1916
 L. C. Mattoon 1916-1918
 Earl Barrett 1918-1919
 H. J. Bullock 1919-1920
 Stanley Lawrence 1920-1921
 J. H. Woodhouse 1921-1925
 John E. Bruce 1925-1935
 James R. Redstone 1935-1937
 In hands of president 1937-1938
 Alburton Braundage 1938-1940
 Ethel B. Fuller 1941-1943
 Gordon Thurber 1943-1946
 James R. Stevenson 1946-1947
 Warren Hartway 1947-1949
 Myrtle B. Squire 1949-1951
 Arthur J. Taylor 1951-1957
 Michael F. Schell 1957-



REV. AND MRS. MICHAEL SCHELL
 Deborah Ann and Esther Jeanne

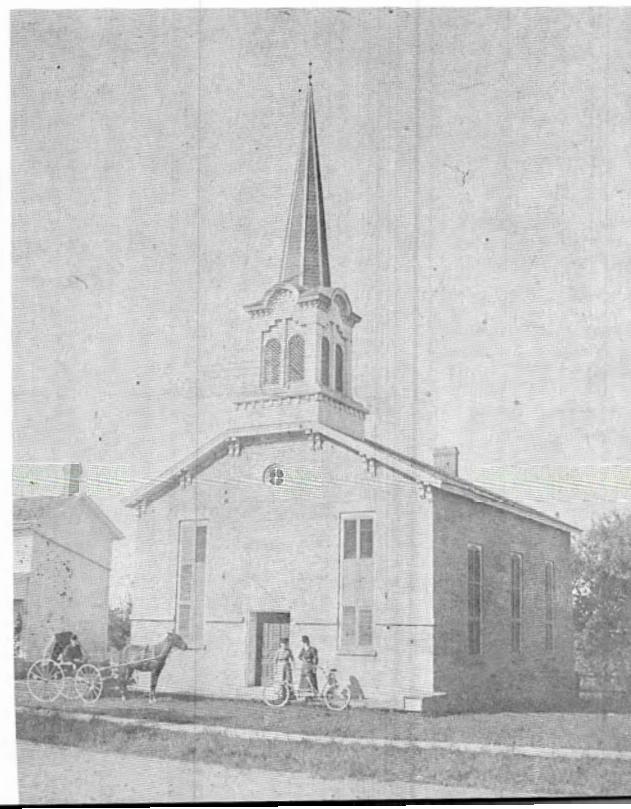
During the years faithful, willing supporters have kept the church open with a testimony for Christ in the community. Good growth in Sunday school and church attendance has been noted in the past four years. A strong Vacation Bible School program has aided the Sunday school growth. In August, 1958, the Sunday school won the conference Sunday school achievement plaque.

The church supports orphans in India and Korea. Mrs. Betsy Glazier, a church member, is a missionary under the China Inland Mission Board in the Philippines.

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CHURCH BUILDING 1895 or 1900



McRae Brook Church

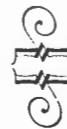


CHURCH EXTERIOR

In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grantier of Eldred, Pennsylvania, with the assistance of Mrs. Hazel Soules, started a Sunday school in a home. After much prayer, Mr. Grantier with the help of others, built the first mission chapel in McRae Brook Valley on the old Grantier farm. Later, the Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Norman, pastors of the Olean church, held evangelistic meetings in the area. Mrs. Norman continued to oversee the work until 1942 when the family moved out of the vicinity.

When Mr. Grantier decided to attend Bible School he deeded the chapel to the group. In 1942 enlargement of the building was begun. Later dedication service was held with the Revs. E. W. Black, C. D. Correll, David Anderson, A. J. Taylor, and G. I. Norman participating.

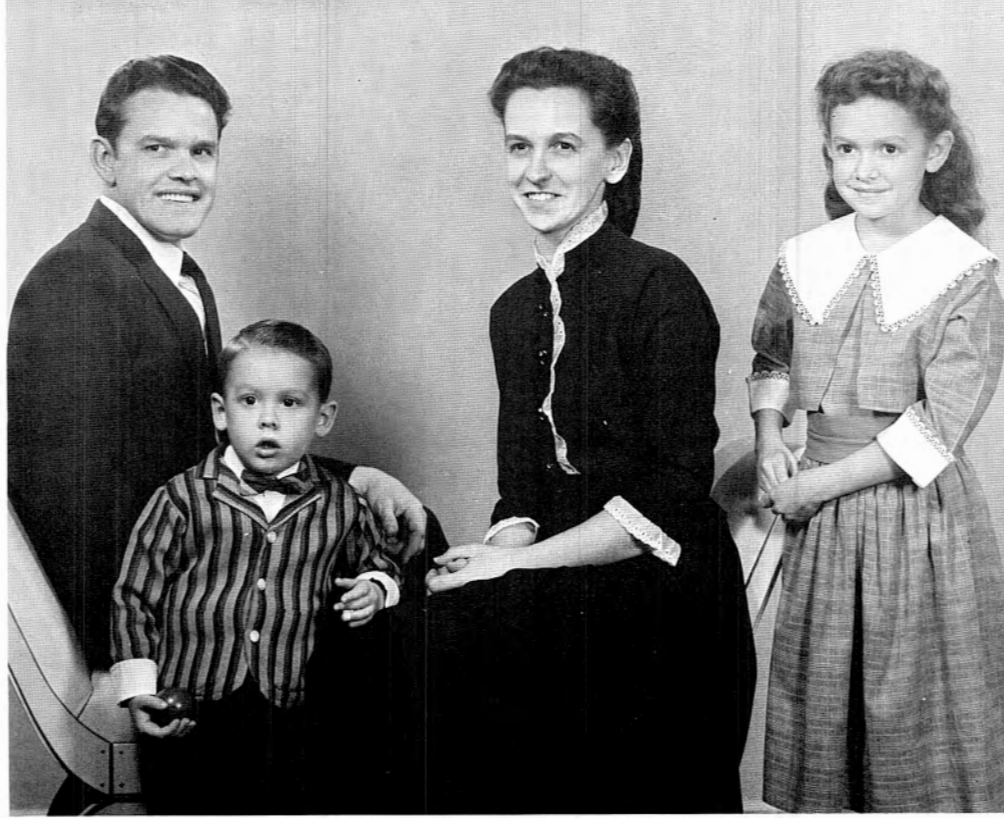
OLD CHAPEL



near Eldred, Penna.

PASTORS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grantier 1938
Mrs. G. I. Norman 1942
Lloyd Binkley 1942-1944
Mark Larson 1944-1946
Roy Gibbs 1946-1948
Theodore Pagett 1948-1950
Harold Burchel 1950-1954
Ray Strauser 1954-1957
Howard McKenzie 1957-1958
Paul West 1959-



REV. AND MRS. PAUL WEST
Stephen Paul and Judith Lynn

In June, 1942, the church was organized with thirteen charter members: John Andrews, Mrs. Susan Burrows, Mrs. Margaret Palmer, Mrs. Hazel Soules, Mrs. Bernice Scutt, Alton Scutt, Mrs. Mary Bradt, Francis Mason, Mack Schoonmaker, Alton Scutt, Sr., Leonard Scutt, Mrs. Clara Varney, and Miss Grace Scutt.

In 1946 Mr. Grantier's home was purchased for \$1,200. This was to be used for a parsonage.

With growth came the need for a larger church building. The old chapel was sold to Mrs. Pearl Grover for \$1,500, and a new cement block building twenty-four by thirty-six feet was built with a large vestibule and adequate heating plant. The dedication was on Palm Sunday, 1955, with the Rev. O. G. Wilson, speaker.

CHURCH INTERIOR



PARSONAGE





Oakland Church

PASTORS

Bert Hall — Summers 1942-1943
 Roy Gibbs — Summers 1943-1944
 Roy Gibbs 1944-1946
 Maurice Moore 1946-1949
 Eldyn Simons 1949-1956
 George N. Osgood 1956-

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The work at Oakland began when Ella Hillpot and Elisabeth Eyler of Houghton, New York, with the help of Houghton College students, started a Sunday school in a school building in Oakland in 1939. To assist with the work the Revs. E. W. Black and Erwin Enty held special meetings in the school house.

In 1940 the school building, land, furnace and seats were purchased for \$150. School seats were replaced by pews given by a Primitive Methodist Church located near Wellsville. On December 8, of that same year, the building was dedicated as the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A new gas furnace was installed in the church in 1950.

On May 23, 1951 the church was organized with six charter members: Rev. and Mrs. Eldyn Simons, Melvin Hulin, Mrs. Edith Clark, Mrs. Olive Cox, Mrs. Ethel Simpson.

The first parsonage was purchased in 1946. In August, 1952, that parsonage was sold and the present parsonage purchased the following month.

During the Rev. Eldyn Simon's pastorate the pulpit area was built and a junior Sunday school room partially completed.



CHURCH INTERIOR

near Nunda, New York



REV. AND MRS. GEORGE N. OSGOOD

The work of property improvement continued under the Rev. George N. Osgood's pastorate. The parsonage has been redecorated and remodeled. In July 1959, the pastor together with the men of the church and congregation started construction of a new church front. This has added three more Sunday school rooms, two rest rooms, and an enlarged entry. The partially completed Sunday school room was also completed, and the people are now worshipping in a larger, redecorated auditorium.

Mrs. Sarah Osgood, president of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society organized a local WMS in 1954.

PARSONAGE



Olean Church

PASTORS

A. J. Mathewson 1895
Mr. Fuller
Miss Gertrude Preston
Earle Cookson
Mr. Graves
Walter Readett 1918-1922
Francis Markell 1922-1924
LeRoy Mattoon 1924-1925
Miss Louise Gifford 1925-1932
G. I. Norman 1932-1939
A. J. Taylor 1939-1946
Harry Girts 1947-1948
Herman Smith 1948-1953
Frank Wright 1953-1954
George Kilpatrick 1954-1959
Robert Lewis 1959-



CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Olean church was organized November 16, 1895 by the Rev. A. J. Mathewson assisted by the Rev. John Thomas. The corner stone of the church was laid May 26, 1956 at 415 School Street in Boardmanville, a suburb of Olean, The Revs. E. Hilton Post, John Thomas, and A. J. Mathewson officiating. The parsonage was built shortly after 1900 at the corner of Fourth and School Streets on the same property on which the church was erected.

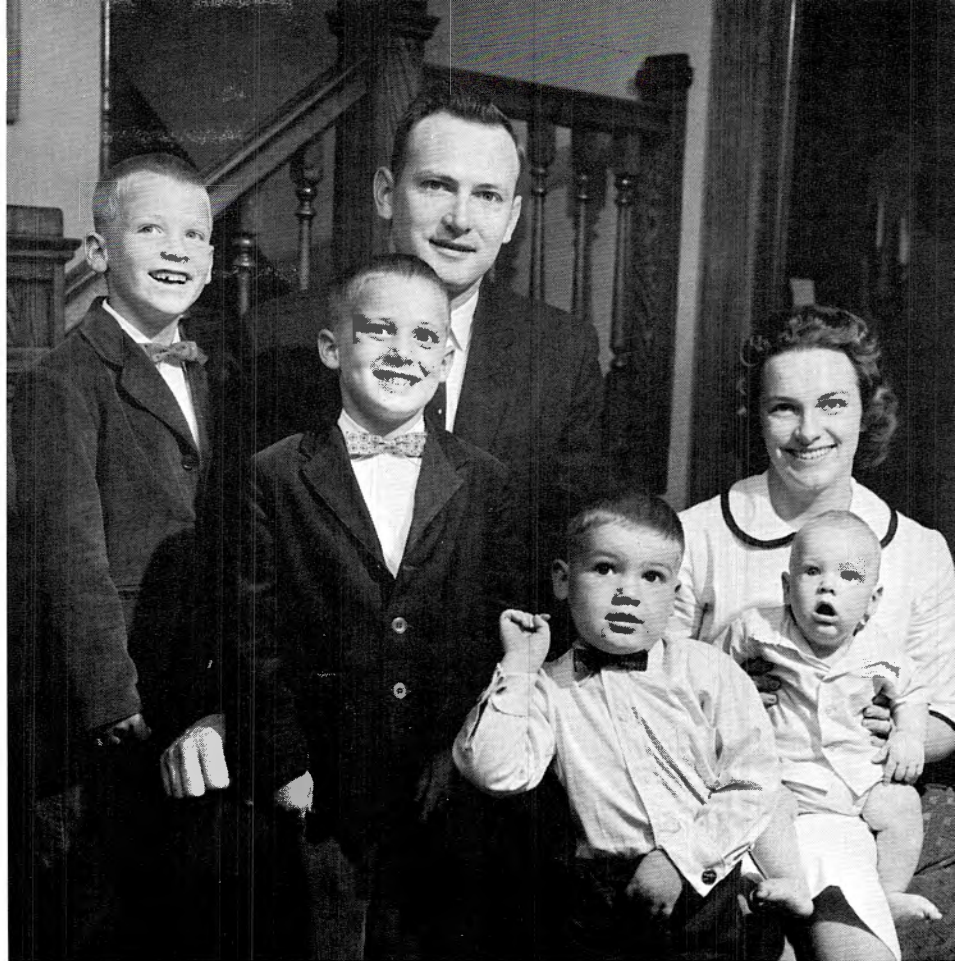
Much of the early history has been lost but it is known that during the pastorate of the Rev. Earl Cookson the White Dove Mission was started which continued its ministry for several years.

A heaven-sent revival stirred Olean during the pastorate of the Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Norman. This together with the Sunday morning radio program, summer tent meetings, visitation and evangelistic meetings caused the work to go forward. Many were added to the church; the Sunday school reached a record high of two hundred.



PARSONAGE

Olean, New York



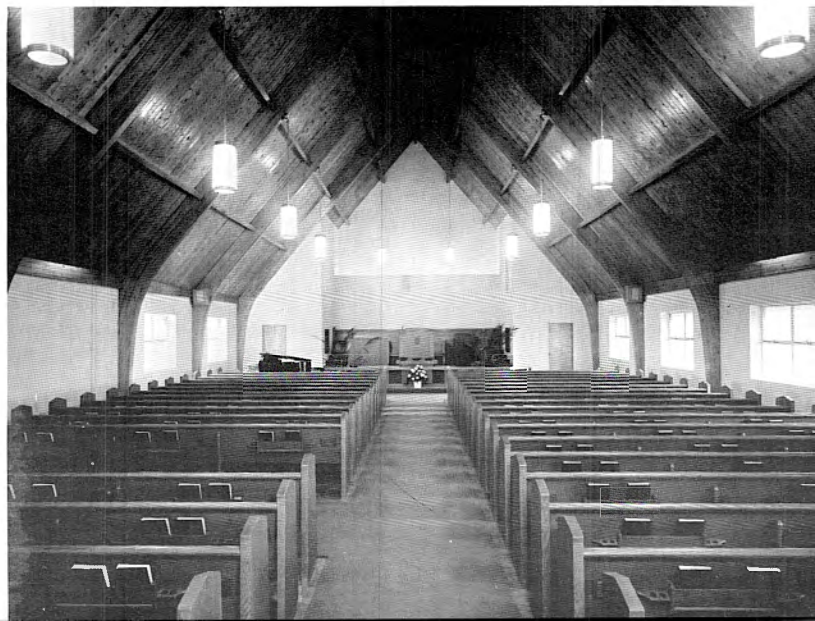
REV. AND MRS. ROBERT D. LEWIS
Dwight, Douglas, and Mark

In 1925 the church was raised and a basement added. This housed the new coal and wood furnace. In 1932 there was extensive remodeling and repairs. Later the parsonage and church were redecorated; two new floor furnaces installed in the church, and a new hot air furnace in the parsonage. On May 18, 1945 the mortgage on the church was burned.

In October, 1959, the church launched out by faith to erect a new church building with full basement providing adequate space for attendance of four hundred for worship services and for Sunday school. The location on Prospect Avenue is strategic to contacting unchurched families in both the Hillside and Boardmanville areas. The first services were held in the new church July 17, 1960.

At the present time the church is actively engaged in building a new four-bedroom split-level parsonage. The old church and parsonage have been sold. The new parsonage will be ready for occupancy approximately August 1, 1961.

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REV. AND MRS. OLIVER DONGELL
Oliver, David, Gary, and Baby Jonathan

Silver Creek Church

PASTORS

Burnett Thompson 1949-1957

Oliver Dongell 1957-

The Silver Creek Wesleyan Methodist Church is unique in its origin. As God was preparing a youth in Houghton College the Lockport Conference officials were praying for a pioneer worker.

On September 29, 1949 God sent Burnett Thompson to Silver Creek to seek those interested in a Gospel witness. Prayer services were held in homes with the group who responded to the invitation. For a period of months, they attended Sunday worship services at the Forestville church. Their numbers were increasing and it was decided to hold the worship services in a home in Silver Creek. Through prayer and faith plans were made for a basement church. In April, 1950, property for a building site was purchased on Buffalo Street and the ground breaking ceremony was held July 15, 1950. Regular services were scheduled the week preceding Christmas, 1950.



PARSONAGE

Silver Creek, New York



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The church was organized in May, 1952, with twenty-one charter members. By fall of that year the basement facilities were too small and by faith the super-structure was begun. The first service in the new auditorium was held March 15, 1953. The need for a parsonage was urgent and this was completed in February, 1957. On June 9, 1957 the newly furnished sanctuary was dedicated with Dr. O. G. Wilson, speaker.

The present membership is fifty with average attendance in Sunday School for the year 1959 of one hundred forty-six. The exterior of the parsonage has been bricked and a three-story educational wing for the growing Sunday school is nearing completion.

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REV. AND MRS. ALTON J. SHEA
Paul and Eila

Wellsville Church

PASTORS

Mr. Eugene Rieber
George Visingard 1937-1939
Arthur Osgood 1939-1941
Erwin Enty 1941-1946
Mark Larson 1946-1948
Harry Girts 1948-1950
Howard McKenzie 1950-1953
Robert Klatt 1953-1956
Alton Shea 1956-



In the year 1936 a group of not more than ten desired a Wesleyan Methodist Church in Wellsville. For a time they met in their homes. Then the Rev. and Mrs. George Norman, pastors of the Olean Wesleyan Methodist Church, assisted them. On March 30, 1938 the group was officially organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church by the Rev. A. J. Taylor, president of the Lockport Conference.

The first public meeting place was on Witter Avenue. Three pastors served the group there. During this time the regular membership had increased to twenty-one with five associates. However, several moved away until only five of the original group remained. In April, 1941, when the Rev. and Mrs. Erwin Enty came to pastor the work there were two places of worship: Witter Avenue and a tent at Procter Terrace. On August 13, 1949 the present place of worship at 211 West State Street was dedicated.

The work at Wellsville has been of slow growth. A marked increase in interest and influence has been noted since the radio ministry was started in 1957 by the Rev. Alton J. Shea. During the three years of the radio ministry many letters of appreciation have been received telling of the spiritual blessings to those who have heard the Gospel over the air.

In the Spring of 1957 the pastor began a ministry to an early Sunday morning group in Alfred. Since that time the work has been taken under the direction of several evangelical ministers.

Evangelism has been a keynote of the Wellsville work. This ministry has aided in the building of Christian character and additions to the church membership roll.



Wellsville, New York



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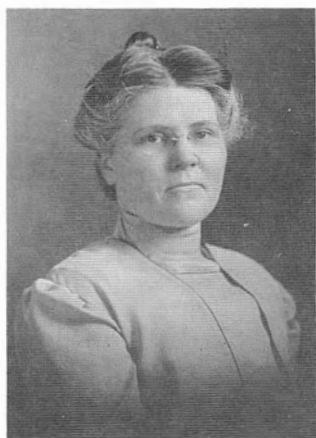


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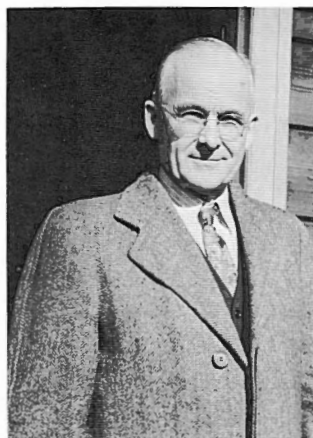
Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke
1900 - 1915; 1947 - 1951 - Africa

Early in her missionary career Mrs. Clarke mastered the Limba tongue. Her translations of the Gospels of Luke, John, Mark and Matthew, the latter two after her 80th milestone, are a boon to the field. In 1929 the Sierra Leone government published her "Limba Dictionary."

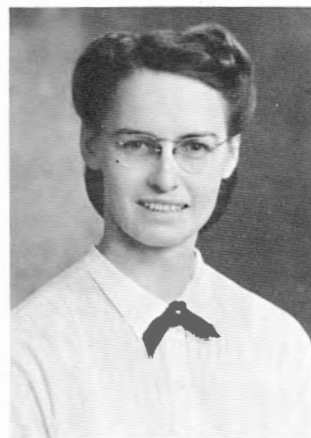
Mrs. Clarke served as denominational YMWB superintendent 1906 - 1908; 1917 - 1943. At 75 years of age she returned to her beloved Africa for three years of further service. The church owes her a great debt of gratitude.



Miss Lula Tanner
1907 - 1933 - Africa



Rev. Maurice Gibbs
1947 - 1950 - Japan



Miss Pearl Crapo
1949 - S. America, 1950 - Haiti



Rev. Price Stark
1931 - 1940 - Africa



Rev. Marion Birch
1948 - Africa



Mrs. Marion Birch
1948 - Africa



Miss Vera Clocksin
(Mrs. Erwin Schrag)
1949 - 1954 - India



Rev. & Mrs. Warren Woolsey
Stephen, Matthew, Ruth, Daniel
1950 - Africa



Miss Florence Yorton
1907 - 1930 - Africa

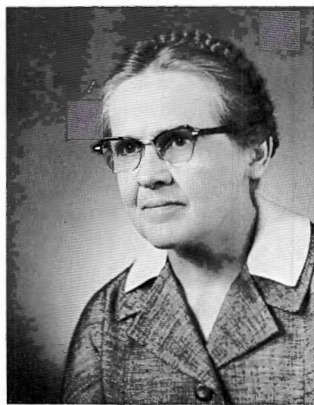


Rev. & Mrs. Robert Lytle
Wesley Bernard, Jule
1945 - 1959 - S. America



Mrs. Gertrude Clocksin
1911 - 1914 - Africa

to the Ends of the Earth



Rev. Mrs. Helen Stark
1931 - 1940 - Africa



Rev. & Mrs. James Elliott
Marling
1921 - 1926 - S. America



Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Wolfe
Maurice, Raymond, David
1948 - 1955 - Japan



Rev. & Mrs. Glen Barnett
Kathy, Ronnie, Marilyn, Barbara
1951 - Haiti

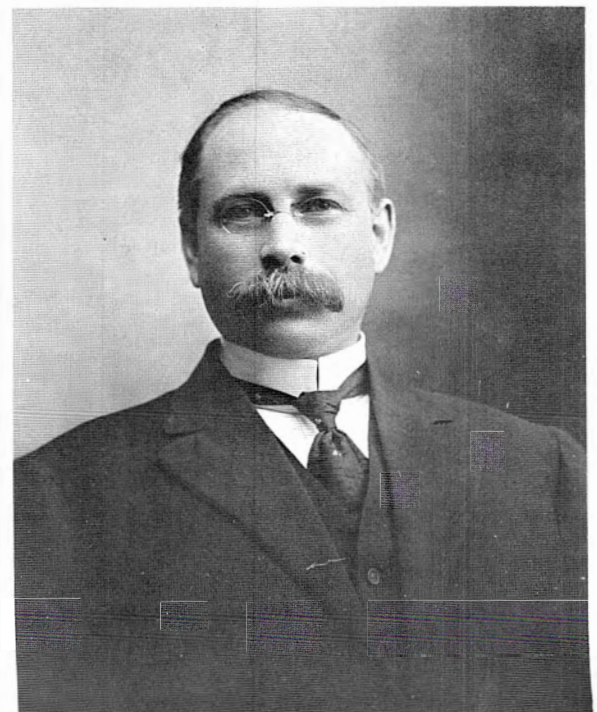
Rev. Carol Brentlinger
(not pictured)
1951 - 1953 - Haiti

Rev. George H. Clarke
1893 - 1915 - Africa

Mr. Clark began his missionary work in Sierra Leone, West Africa, November 1893. In 1895 he became superintendent of the field which post he held until June 1915 when he returned to the States due to ill health.

In December 1902 Mr. Clarke founded the YMWB, a thriving organization blessed of the Lord.

After retiring from the field Mr. Clarke served the Lockport Conference as treasurer for a number of years. His missionary deputational work brought increased vision to the church. On February 27, 1929, the Lord called him to his eternal reward.





Machias Church

Machias, New York

Machias church originated in 1888 in the Lime Lake Holiness Camp meeting. Several families were converted and immediately plans were made to form a church fellowship. The Francis Joslyn family gave land for a building and Leonard Warren, a carpenter, started work on the church. Meantime, services were held in the G. A. R. Hall. At this time Machias was an outpost of the work at Delevan. Later, the Delevan work was closed.

In September, 1888, the class was organized with eleven charter members. In 1890 the new church was first occupied. Its capacity (275) was often filled.

From 1936 to 1940 the church was closed. In 1940 the Rev. C. J. White reopened the work, with the help of two students from Houghton College. However, Mr. White accepted work in Buffalo

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and the church was again closed until 1946 when he returned to Machias to reopen the work.

At this period the basement was excavated, a new chimney built, and four Sunday school rooms completed. Later the Rev. Ernest Nichols who succeeded Mr. White built an addition to the front of the church, installed rest rooms and added four more Sunday school rooms. A new furnace was purchased and the auditorium redecorated.

Amid difficulties and disappointment, God knows the total record of achievement.

PASTORS

G. W. Sibley 1887-1889
C. H. Dow 1889-1890

C. R. Hawkins 1903-1904

J. E. Tiffany 1904-1905

William Osgood 1905-1907

Mae K. Shaffer 1907-1908

N. R. and Mae K. Shaffer 1909-1910

Walter Readett 1910-1911

William Donaldson 1911-1912

A. C. Dow 1912-1913

M. D. and Carrie Warburton 1913-1914

Robert Stiers 1915-1916

J. J. Coleman 1916

F. B. Markell 1916-1917

Earl Barrett 1918-1919

In hands of President 1919-1920

No pastor 1920-1922

M. A. Bateman 1922-1924

G. E. Bathurst* 1924-1926

Price P. Stark 1926-1928

In hands of President 1928-1929

George Osgood 1929-1932

In hands of President 1932-1933

Theodore Pagett 1933-1936

In hands of President 1936-1940

C. J. White 1940-1942

In hands of President 1942-1946

C. J. White 1946-1951

Ernest Nichols 1951-1956

Nancy White 1956-1959

Seth Proctor 1959-1960

Eldon Davis 1960-



Cadwells Corners Church

Cadwells Corners Wesleyan Methodist Church was started by Willard J. Houghton in 1880 in a school house. L. M. Husted leased land to be used by the Wesleyan Methodist Church for a Church building, which was started at once.

Sunday school was conducted two years before the building was available for church use. Houghton Seminary students and the pastor of the Higgins Wesleyan Methodist Church supplied the work. By 1907 the membership had increased to thirty-five.

In 1942 the Rev. A. A. Hickok built a parsonage in the church, which housed three pastors. Since then the congregation has been too small to support a pastor. The work is now in the hands of the Conference President.

Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke's name appears on the membership roll of 1935.

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Medix Run Church



Medix Run, Penna.

Medix Run Wesleyan Methodist Church began with cottage prayer meetings conducted by the Rev. L. L. Kuhn, member of the Allegheny Conference. Sunday school and church services were later held in a small building owned by Silas Munn.

In 1941 property was purchased from Mr. Munn on which to erect a new church building. At this time the class was transferred from the Allegheny to the Lockport Conference. The first service in the new building was a Sunday school convention held in Autumn, 1942. Throughout the winter months regular services were conducted although the church was not yet "winterized."

Improvements continued. Electrical wiring and hard wood flooring were installed. The interior walls and ceiling were finished and painted. A new entrance and bell tower were built, a bell installed, clap boards put on the outside and a cement wall constructed. The church was moved to a new location and placed on the new basement wall.

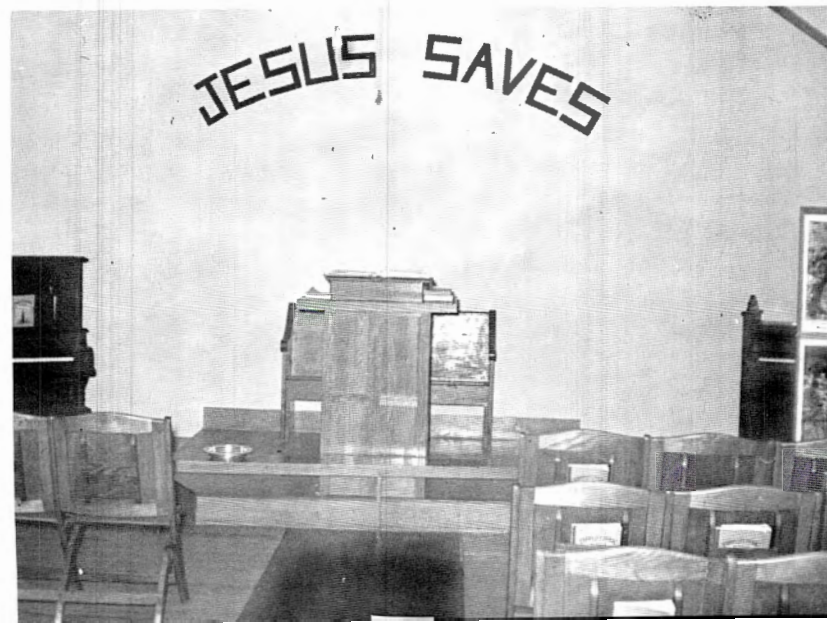
God has blessed the faithful members in their ministry to the community.

PASTORS

R. L. Kuhn 1937-1944
A. A. Hickok 1944-1954
Theodore R. Pagett 1954-1959
Pulpit supplied 1959-1960
Robert Wolcott 1960-



CHURCH INTERIOR



Leon Church

PASTORS

Mrs. Geneva Pritchard 1946-

The Leon Wesleyan Methodist Church had its beginning in a small Sunday school in 1946 under the leadership of the Rev. A. Gordon Wolfe, pastor of the East Leon Wesleyan Methodist Church. Later that year Mrs. Geneva Pritchard was called to superintend the Sunday school and it became known as the Leon Wesleyan Mission.

In 1947 a small prayer group was formed in Leon. In this same year Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard moved to Leon and regular morning worship services began.

Just before the annual conference session in 1951 the Rev. A. J. Taylor, conference president, organized the group and received nine charter members into the Leon Wesleyan Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mrs. Geneva Pritchard, pastor.

The group had worshiped in the old Baptist church of Leon. In 1951 the property was acquired, and the church launched and finished a program of extensive building repairs, interior and exterior redecoration, all free of indebtedness.

The Leon church has established itself as a witness for Christ in the village.

Buffalo Church

PASTORS

C. J. White 1942-1946

James Mills, Jr. 1949-1951

J. R. Pitt 1946-1948

Harry Girts 1951

A. Mark Larson 1948-1949

James Redstone 1951-1960

In hands of President 1960-

The Glenwood Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church is an outgrowth of prayer meetings of Houghton College students employed in war plants in Buffalo who gathered together each week under the supervision of the Rev. J. R. Pitt.

In 1942 the Rev. Clarence J. White was appointed by the conference president, the Rev. A. J. Taylor, to pastor the "pioneer work." A church owned by the Catholic Apostolic Church at 414 Glenwood Avenue was secured by lease for \$300 per year. Later the building was purchased.

Regular services began January 10, 1943 and on June 23, 1943 the Rev. J. R. Pitt organized the church with sixteen charter members.

During the pastorate of the Rev. James R. Redstone, an apartment was built in the rear of the church which served as a parsonage.

At the 1960 annual conference session the church was placed in the hands of the Conference President.

Rich Valley Church

PASTORS

A. D. Fero 1890-1892

F. L. Presley 1892-1894

J. A. Adams 1894-1896

Edgar Fuller 1896-1898

Walter Readett 1898-1902

C. G. Wagoner 1902-1903

J. C. Irvine 1903-1904

A. C. Dow 1904-1908

William N. Osgood 1908-1910

W. F. Hall 1910-1912

W. A. Backus 1912-?

F. R. Collins ? -1917

Joseph D. Russell 1917-1919

A. O. Northrup, Sr. 1919-1922

W. J. Roth 1922-1923

Doors closed 1923-1929

A. C. Dow 1929-1931

E. H. Johnson 1931-1933

J. W. Steves 1933-1936

E. H. Johnson 1936-1938

Adrian Everts 1938-1944

Marion Vincent 1944-1949

C. H. Barnett 1949-1953

Wilbur Beers 1953-1957

Robert George 1957-1959

In hands of President 1959-

The Rich Valley Church began in 1885 as the result of services conducted by Evangelist Padgham. In 1889 the group purchased the church they had been using from the American Millennial Association of Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Howard donated property adjacent to the church for a parsonage which was built in 1901.

For a time in 1908 the church was joined with the Elk Lick, North Creek, and Swesey circuit. From 1919-1922 the pulpit was supplied by the pastor at Castle Garden, the Rev. A. O. Northrup, Sr. Later it was closed for a five-year period. Through the evangelistic ministry of the Revs. A. C. Dow and F. B. Markell the church was reorganized and the building redecored with dedication service held in 1930.

In 1931, under the leadership of the Revs. E. H. and Zelia Johnson spiritual advancements were achieved. Sunday school attendance increased and interest in the prayer services mounted.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Marion Vincent Fellowship Hall was built. Later the church received a legacy of a dwelling house which was converted into a Sunday school annex.

At this writing the work is in the hands of the Conference President.



CHURCH EXTERIOR

North Pembroke Church



North Pembroke, New York

PASTORS

Robert Ingram and
other students 1951-1954
Henry Cornell 1954-1956
Mrs. Joyce Smith 1958-

In 1951 Robert Ingram, a Houghton College student, opened an abandoned church building in North Pembroke. On Easter morning of that same year the first service was held in the North Pembroke Community Church.

In 1953 the church property was deeded to the Lockport Conference by the Christian church for \$1.00. Several student pastors from Houghton and Roberts Wesleyan Colleges served the church until August 1958 when the Rev. Mrs. Joyce Smith was appointed full time pastor.

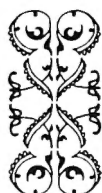
In May, 1958, the Rev. Alton J. Shea, pioneer secretary, organized the church with nine charter members; others joined a few weeks later.

In January, 1959 a parsonage was purchased. Old sheds at the rear of the church building were torn down. New paint on the exterior of the building and redecorated class rooms have made the church more attractive.

In the Summer of 1960 most of the active church families moved out of the vicinity, making it almost necessary to start all over again. Much prayer and perseverance, with the help of a dedicated family from the mother church, Batavia, resulted in a ten-fold increase in just a few weeks. The church work is now carried on almost entirely by new families in the immediate neighborhood.

Community interest and identification have deepened until nearly fifty families now count North Pembroke Church their church home.

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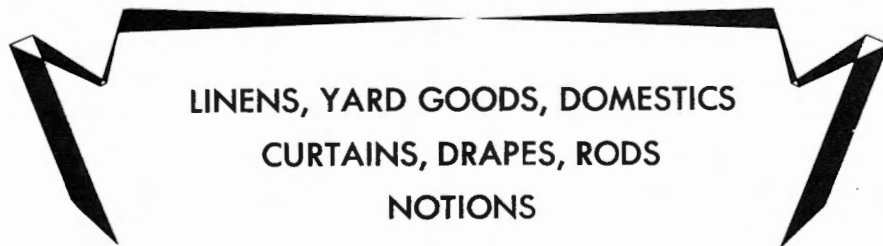
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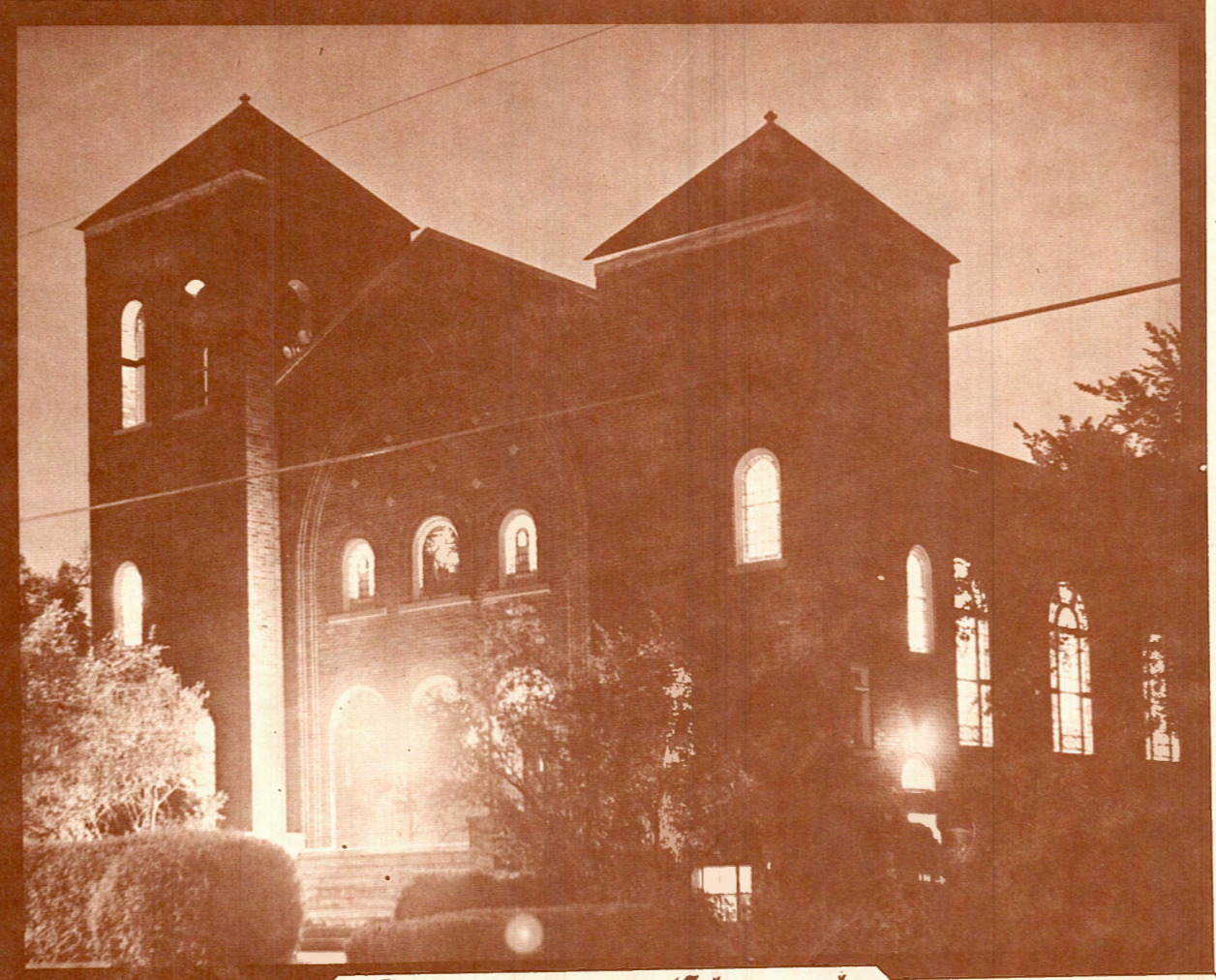
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