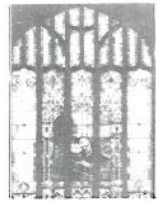




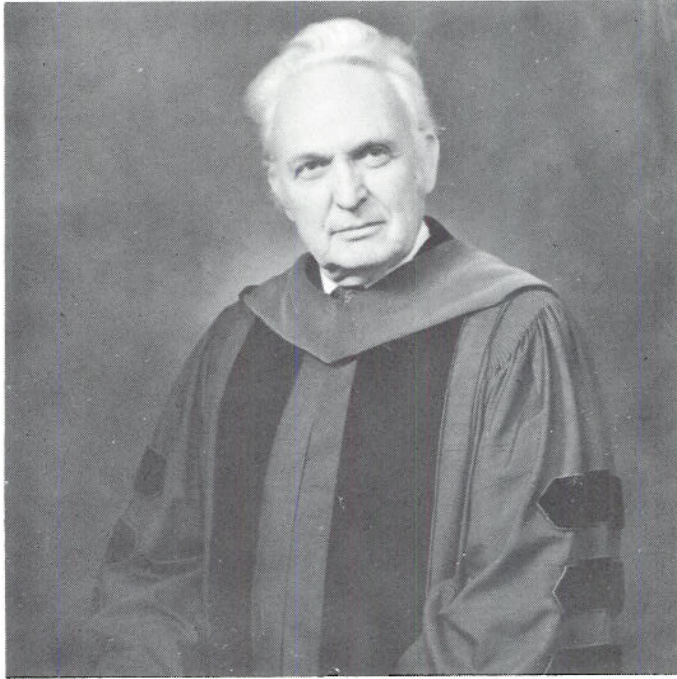
Not my will but thine. Luke 22:42

Our Centennial
Grace United Methodist Church
Spencer, Iowa 1872-1972

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.



A Message From Our Pastor



Dr. Fred M. Shultz

Grace United Methodist Church is one of the great churches of Iowa United Methodism. The history of a people tells you a great deal about that people. We need to look again and again at the history of the church because history becomes the memory of the church, giving it direction, meaning, and purpose. To look into the history of Grace United Methodist Church you see God moving upon a people. God often moving in very unlikely places, but a people who have been able to see God's moment and seizing that moment, sometimes not recognizing the movement of God until the event is past. God's people always move with faith and often like Abraham, "By faith

Abraham obeys the call to go out to a land destined for himself and his heirs, and left home without knowing where he was to go . . . for he was looking forward to the city with firm foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Our forefathers heard the call of God and they moved with his Spirit. Their faith must have been deep, for they have left us such a rich heritage through a great church. Christian people are a "Pilgrim People," never quite at home, always moving, always restless, always seeking to build the building not made with hands, laying a foundation for the generations to come.

A Christian people realize that "the past is prologue," something great impending from above, tomorrow is always a better day. As God moved upon our forefathers, we, too, must listen to hear His voice calling us that we may serve the present age and build a strong foundation for those children who come after us. The call to our generation is great. We must rise up and fulfill our mission through the guidance of God, and so rich a heritage shall be left to our children that they will build yet a larger building whose architect and builder is God.

We honor and pay tribute to those of the past, but the greatest tribute of all is to seek to fulfill their dreams and bring to fruition their efforts in always creating a larger and broadening vision, seeking to bring God's kingdom to bear in our generation, and seek to bring the mission of the church to fulfillment. God surely has blessed us.

Congratulations to you, a great people, a great church, and a great God to serve.

Fred M. Shultz



A Message From Our Bishop

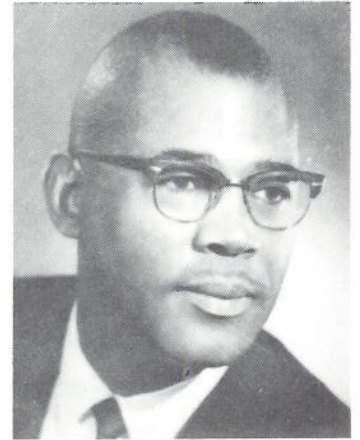
As Grace Church prepares for its Centennial, I am pleased to send the greetings of the Iowa Conference, the Cabinet, and your colleagues in the ministry. Many of these will no doubt speak for themselves, but the opportunity to represent all the churches is one for which I am grateful.

No theology is clearer in the Scriptures than this: that God lives and acts in history, within a particular community of men and women, to move toward his purposes. He came into history within the community of Israel. Over long years, God had prepared the people for his coming. The Advent Season is a time when we celebrate his coming into a particular town, at a particular time, to a particular community of faith.

It is this fact more than any other that makes the Centennial of Grace Church a great occasion. This church was called into existence 100 years ago. Very likely this community of faith grew out of a great desire of a few people to provide for the continuing worship of the community and joyous acts of thanksgiving in the world. It must have been a great company of people who pioneered in this way 100 years ago.

Now, with so much for which to be thankful, the present Grace Church is preparing to celebrate, to give thanks, to re-dedicate. With a beautiful new church in which to worship, this congregation has shown its faith in the Father, but the church is more than Sunday worship services and more than a building. It is a scattered community as well. It is each of us making Christ a reality in our lives wherever we work - and every day.

Because of a new spirit of hope, Grace Church is headed toward a great future. You and the congregation have done much to make this new spirit a reality. Indeed, you are living your way into the next century at this very moment.



Bishop James S. Thomas

James S. Thomas

A Message From Our District Superintendent

It is a privilege to greet you on the occasion of the centennial of Grace United Methodist Church. This church has been in Christian mission for a little more than five percent of the time span of Christian history. This is a record which is a source of both pride and humility in the hearts of those who share this celebration.

And what changes the years have witnessed! If these one hundred years could be compressed into one hundred days, the changes would be beyond human comprehension or endurance. And, also, the blessings found through the ministry of both the clergy who have served and the lay persons would be more than enough to burst open the heart that would try to contain them.

A friend reminds us that the word "church" comes from the Greek word "kyros," which means "power." The Church was founded in and by God's power and we pray that the second century of this church will be characterized by the power of the Spirit of God. Not the power to awe or coerce or control - but the power to transform broken lives of individuals and of society, power to sustain the lives of persons in love, and power to infuse them with the Spirit of Christ, whose the Church is. May yours be the experience of Jacob who found "power with God and power with men."

God bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you.



Dr. J. E. Webb

J. E. Webb



Historical Sketch of the Grace United Methodist Church

1872

Spencer, Iowa

1972

The Pioneers

1856

"If there is anywhere a class of people who deserve to have their names perpetuated in history, it is the hardy pioneers who came to Clay County in its infancy, who left their eastern homes of plenty and comfort and braved the dangers, privations and hardships of the wild western prairies, and made it possible for settlement. It was no easy task to forsake the advantages of the thickly settled East of peace and plenty, and blindly plunge in to the unknown and unsettled West, explore, inhabit and develop a vast field of industry, and aid in making it possible for others to obtain a home. To these brave men and women who, nothing daunted, dared imperil their lives, we today owe a debt of eternal gratitude, and the future historian will not fail to give them just credit for their heroism and self-sacrifice. In listening to a recital of their deeds of daring, their indomitable pluck, energy, enterprise, and the unconquerable determination that marked their wonderful achievements in transforming these bleak prairies into a live, teeming and densely populated country, sounds more like romance than reality."

Unquestionably the earliest permanent white settlers in Clay County were the Kirchners, who located near the present town of Peterson in the spring of 1856. The first religious services were held at Peterson at the residence of C. Kirchner on Sunday, in August, 1856. They were conducted by the Rev. O. S. Wright. The class of people settled there at that time were a moral and upright class and gave hearty accord to the establishing of religious services.

1866

John F. Calkins, his wife, Abbie, and small son, Franklin, together with John's brother, Stephen and wife Francena, a younger sister of Abbie Calkins, arrived in what is now Spencer. With them were W. R. Lemberston, his wife and two sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hough and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mars.

Later this same year came Solomon Wells, wife and three sons; David Nelson Coates and wife and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks and baby daughter, and Romanzo Coates and his wife, Mrs. Lephe Wells Coates. At the time of their coming, they found a forty staked out and the sides of a log house rolled up. This belonged to a man named John Wesley Masten who had started his home then gone back after his wife.

The first preaching service was held (in what is now Spencer) on August 12 this same year (1866) with David Nelson Coates doing the preaching.

1867

On August 10, 1867, thirteen people gathered together and David Nelson Coates organized them into a church, the Free Will Baptist.



Hallowed be Thy name,

In less than three months, the Methodists gathered their people together, with records showing the date of November 3, 1867. For several years the small group was served by pastors from away - W. A. Richards, W. W. Mallory and H. D. Brown. These men were called circuit preachers. The Methodist circuit preacher was found on the frontier on horseback with his saddlebags, his hymnal and Bible, preaching in schoolhouses or homes. Nearly all the early settlers, men, women, and children, attended these services. In the winter it was quite usual to have a genuine religious revival in each neighborhood.

1870

M. M. Peeso and his wife and son, Louie, plus L. C. Burgin, Marcus Tuttle, Ashley Smith and Horace Smith were among the people who arrived in Spencer this year. L. B. Peeso told us in later years, "When we arrived (in 1870) the only frame or lumber building was a small one roomed school house located on the site of the present departmental school on Grove (Fourth Avenue West) and Fourth Street. This has been a school site even before the town was laid out. This is the place where we first attended church in Spencer. I think in this building was where the Spencer Chapter of the Masonic Lodge was organized. They left their balloting marbles in the school house and it is a wonder we kids did not swipe them, as marbles were marbles in those days, but when through playing with them we returned them to the box.

"I will confess I did appropriate to myself a pair of reading glasses which Uncle David Skinner had left in the school house. Finally my conscience troubled me so much that I secretly returned them to his blacksmith shop where he could easily see them.

"In those days nearly all the settlers were church going people. If, perchance, a man did not attend church, my early impression was that he was a very wicked man.

"This school house housed the Free Will Baptists and Methodist people, each taking alternate Sundays. As I remember, the people attended each others services. But yet, there was a sharp dividing line between the two peoples. In those days the young people made up the choirs and the only musical instrument was the tuning fork in the hands of the leader. In those days the people could sing well as, at the period, singing and writing school and debating clubs flourished. Many couples met for the first time at these functions and the friendships terminated in a happy and useful wedded life.

"In those days the Presiding Elder used to arrive about Thursday eve and put up at the Peeso home. They would have preaching services Saturday P. M. and Sunday. The services would begin with a love feast. This consisted of serving the bread and water by the class leader Uncle John Hood, a man of sterling character, after which followed the giving of testimonials. Following next was the great event, the sermon by the Presiding Elder, of fairly long duration, then the Holy Communion. I well remember the early Presiding Elders. The most outstanding among them was Bennet Mitchell, also Rev. Mallory of huge averdupois, and while at our home he used to sit around the kitchen stove, as that was the only one folks could keep burning as fuel was scarce and high. Coal had to be hauled by wagon from Spirit Lake or Algona. This Mallory was always singing. "Palms of Victory, Palms of Glory." I have vivid recollections of having to take care of these worthy Presiding Elders' broncoes or mustangs - they generally drove that breed of horses. These men used to have to drive miles over these prairies, scarcely no roads, no bridges, and ford swollen streams at the risk of life of man

Articles of Incorporation of M. E. Church

As the undersigned C. B. Hunter M. M. Plesco W. H. Scott three of the members of the Religious Society known as the "Methodist Episcopal" of Spencer in the County of Clay and State of Iowa do hereby certify that on the 27th day of October A. D. 1872 the persons of full age belonging to said Religious Society worshipping in the building known as the Public School House at Spencer in said County of Clay, pursuant to notice put at the place of public worship aforesaid, for the purpose of incorporating themselves; and did then and there, by a majority of votes elect as Trustees of said Church Corporation J. Hood Anson M. Balkins M. M. Plesco W. S. Hough W. H. Scott H. B. Wood and J. H. Hale and the said persons did then and there also determine by the like majority of votes that the number of Trustees of said Church Corporation shall be seven, and that said Trustees and their successors in office shall forever hereafter be called and known by the name or title of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the village of Spencer, in the County of Clay and State of Iowa.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Third day of January A. D. 1872

C. B. Hunter
Wm H Scott
M. M. Plesco

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State of Iowa
Clay County

Be it remembered that on this Third day of January A. D. 1872 before me a Notary Public in and for said County of Clay personally appeared C. B. Hunter M. M. Plesco W. H. Scott to me personally known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing certificate of incorporation and acknowledged

said instrument and the execution thereof to be their voluntary act and deed

Witness my hands and Notarial Seal this Third day of January A. D. 1872

J. B. Edmunds Notary Public
Filed for Record Jan'y 3rd 1872 at 7 o'clock P.M.
J. S. David Recorder
By S. W. Dubois Depty

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

and team. In those days we had a great deal of respect for those worthy men. They used to drive up to the house, and if no one was around, unhitch their team, put them in the straw barn, come in the house and proceed to make themselves at home. They were welcome to our humble home and board. Those were the days of unstinted hospitality."

1871 The Spencer Circuit (the pastor served several small charges) was formed in September 1871, and the Rev. Charles B. Winter was appointed the first resident minister. The membership, which was small at first, showed a gratifying increase under his pastorate, and a church building soon became a necessity.

1872 Articles of incorporation for the "Religious Society known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of Spencer" were signed January 3, 1872, with J. Hood, Anson M. Calkins, M. M. Peeso, R. S. Hough, W. W. Scott, H. B. Wood, and J. H. Hale being the first trustees. It was signed by C. B. Winter, Wm. W. Scott and M. M. Peeso. Interesting to note is the fact that it was filed for record on January 3rd, 1872, at 7 o'clock P. M. for J. G. Dodd, Recorder by his Deputy, S. W. Dubois. Mr. Samuel W. Dubois was the father of our own beloved Ida Dubois Bergemann.

Early Members of Our Church

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Peeso, two true pioneers of our church. They were the parents of one son, Louis who married Miss Flora Webb, daughter of Henry and Grace Stevens Webb. They were also the parents of two daughters, Mary (Matie), was born in 1871, the first white child born in Spencer. She married Harry Thompson. The second daughter was named Georgia and she married William Haygarth. They were the parents of the late George Haygarth. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peeso had one daughter, Lana. She married Robert Keir and they had three sons, Dick and twins Wendell and Kendall. They later adopted a daughter, Heidi, a displaced person from Austria. Lana died suddenly in 1960 so the three Keir boys are the last living descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peeso.



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Peeso

An old history book gives an interesting description of the first resident pastor. He was a sincere, earnest man and prepared plain, practical sermons, well adapted to the conditions at that time. He could see humor where the average person would never suspect any existed and his talent for seeing funny things was present in the pulpit as well as out of it. He rode on horseback to his country appointments on an antiquated equine which he called 'Socrates', and when mounted, the "boys," all of whom were his friends, would refer to him as the circus rider; and in truth it was little less entertaining than a real circus to see him on horseback. He was very timid of horses and soon disposed of the old steed, after which he made his country appointments on foot, unless some thoughtful brother furnished transportation. He was popular and drew large audiences.'



Give us this day our daily bread

It wasn't long until the meetings were moved from the school house to the court house which used to be on the east side of Grand Avenue between First and Second Street. (The second story of this structure is still in existence as part of the building now located at 11 West Second Street.)

1873 Although times were rugged, the little group decided to build a house of worship. Located on the corner of East Second and First Avenue East, it was a frame building thirty by forty-five feet. The building was dedicated June 18, 1873, by the Rev. J. W. Clinton of Cedar Rapids. Pledges were received to cover all the indebtedness, but no one dreamed that the grasshoppers would descend upon them by the millions and devour their crops. Instead of being able to take care of their indebtedness, they had to accept aid from friends and seed from the state for the coming year.

Owing to that calamity, a large part of the church pledges were never paid and eventually the building was sold at sheriff's sale to satisfy the claims of the dealers who had furnished the materials. During the year following the sale the trustees made a loan and paid the bills so the building could be used for services. Let me quote again from L. B. Pessa, "May I be pardoned if I speak of my father and mother. At this time was the grasshopper period and very hard times - no money. This was the barter period. You traded butter and eggs at the store for a few meager groceries. Eggs were five cents a dozen, butter the same price per pound, but there was one place that Mother could sell a few eggs and get cash and that was to the postmaster, Mr. Peter Randall, father of Mrs. Carrie Tuttle. They used about 25 cents worth of eggs per week. What did the folks do with this money? It all went to help pay rent on the store room used as a church. They gave their all to the church. We literally give only our small change, and wonder why Zion does not prosper.


"In those days it was not uncommon to hear my mother in the bedroom pleading at the throne of Grace for strength to carry on. I am rather inclined to believe that if more children could hear their parents in prayer their problems with their children would be solved, to a great extent."

1874 Since the official board minutes for the first 35 years cannot be found, little is known of what went on in the young church. The earliest quarterly conference report available is for the year 1874 and by that time they had incorporated and built a church.

The matter of money was something they had to contend with then just as now. In this first report they stated that during the past year the congregation had paid in \$372.85 with another \$125 coming from the missionary fund which made a total of \$497.85, but left a deficit of \$252.15.

1875 A year later, in January of 1875, the record lists the different charges on the circuit and the amount they had contributed. It was as follows: Otheadan Class \$135, Spencer Class \$360, Barlow Class \$100, Hunt Class \$80.

1877 In February of 1877 the final blow came when the building caught fire one Sunday night and burned to the ground. No one ever could prove how it started, but some felt it had been set by a disgruntled former member. Rev. J. W. Lothian was then the pastor. On a visit to Spencer in 1932, Mrs. Lothian said, "We were only a block away from it, and knew nothing about the fire until one of the brothers came and told us. We could hardly believe it. I



And forgive us our debts,

don't know where we lived, but it was down beyond the church in a rather small house. There were the Woods and the Smiths and and Peesos and Charlie Squires' folks and the Goulds." Myra Wood recalled the fire, "I remember of going with my father one very cold night to see the burning of the church. There was great excitement, of course, as it was the only church building. The evening before there had been prayer meeting. The custodian was Mr. Charles Gould and he said just as he left the church he looked into the stove and there was scarcely any fire. I could readily believe that because fuel was very scarce and naturally one would be careful of using it. I don't know if anything was saved from that church except the organ. Mr. Ol Bender, a brother of George, succeeded in getting it from the building. The organ meant a great deal to us."

The April 7, 1877, quarterly conference report stated that a Sunday School had been organized at Anna Ville. At that meeting they voted to appeal to other Iowa churches to aid them in rebuilding the church at Spencer.

That fall the pastoral report of Rev. Lothian seemed quite pessimistic. He wrote: "But to be candid, brethren, I feel that there is a lack of vital godliness among us. There needs to be a stepping up into the higher life. It seems that in order to succeed at all that we must have a revival of the religion of Jesus Christ in the Church." Later, in speaking of his visitation in the homes, he stated, "In going among the people I find some who are hardened in sin, others whose hearts burn with the love of God, but sad to say, many whose love has grown cold."

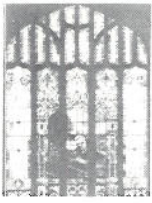
Even though he scolded, Mrs. Lothian told the Spencer Methodists in later years that they enjoyed their work in Spencer very much. "We had souls saved here. We had prayer meetings and class meetings and Sunday School and we had a good time."

After the burning of the church building in 1877 the small congregation was rightfully discouraged for there had been the plague of grasshoppers, lawsuits, and finally the loss of the building. They made the best of it, however, and rented a vacant store building on the west side of Grand Avenue between Third and Fourth and filled it with home-made pews. The organ that was saved from the fire was moved in to add worshipfulness to the services.

From the Files of The Clay County Reporter, Nov. 7, 1878

Work has commenced on the M.E. parsonage, which is to be located in the eastern part of town near Mr. Dubois' residence (on East Second Street). The parsonage is to be 18x24, a story and a half. Mr. John Hood has charge of the work. Rev. Snyder pulls his coat and pitches in, getting around more lively than we supposed one of his size capable of doing. The building will be pushed ahead rapidly.

November 14, 1878. Weighty - Spencer's M.E. minister weighs 280 lbs. avoirdupois, and he is proportionally large religiously, mentally and socially. He is one of the pioneers of N.W. Iowa, having been in Clay County as early as 1864 - more than fourteen years ago - engaged in organizing M.E. societies. He says at that time he knew everybody in the Little Sioux Valley, and nearly every one residing between Estherville and Fort Dodge. Work is progressing nicely on the parsonage and by the first of next week the building will be ready for the plasterers. Saints and sinners have contributed with liberality towards this enterprise, and hereafter, when the itinerant minister has his lot cast in Spencer for a year or two he will not be without



As we forgive our debtors.

a house to shelter him. The Methodists propose to hold a fair and festival on the evening of Thanksgiving day to help them out in paying for the new parsonage. Brother Snyder gave the following announcement of committees by the committee on programme: Committee on Arrangements, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Colving, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood. Reception Committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edmunds, E. E. Snow and Lois Rood. Table Committee, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hood, Albert Hood, Geo. H. Ward, Arthur Brooker, George Runyan, Augusta Smith, Mannie Gilman, Cinnie White, Lillie White, Elsie Runyan, Mattie Colvin, Eva Colvin and Marion Hill.

October 3, 1878. Our M.E. minister for the coming year is Rev. S. Snyder, who was last stationed at Storm Lake. Rev. J. W. Lothian goes to Emmetsburg, we are told. December 5, 1878. The amount raised at the M.E. festival last Thursday evening was \$56. The attendance was good and everything passed off very pleasantly.

1879 In 1879, during the pastorate of E. C. Warren, another \$2,000 was raised and a church was built on the site of our present church on West Fourth and First Avenue. It was dedicated in 1880 by Bishop Warren, and on the day of dedication the entire indebtedness was taken care of. It measured 30 by 50 feet.

1881 A small parsonage, 16 by 24, was built at a cost of \$700.

1892 In this year, the church was enlarged and otherwise improved during Rev. Cochran's time at a cost of \$4,000.

1892 Sunday School

Pictured is Mrs. Stella Smack's 1892 Sunday School class. Front row (left to right): Nellie Smith, Stella Turner, Ida Smith, Myrtle West, Luella Bradshaw, Bell Negus and Edith Smock; middle row: Clara Hagerty, Maude Smith, Grace Gregory, Carlie Negus, Mabel Nolan and Maud Smock; back row: Almira Turner, Amanda Palmquist, Clara Smith, Stella Gregory.



1893 From the Spencer newspaper, January 12, 1893: THE METHODIST DEDICATION. A Splendid Edifice Dedicated to the Service of the Master. The new Methodist Church edifice was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Rhea, of Iowa Falls, preaching the dedicatory service.

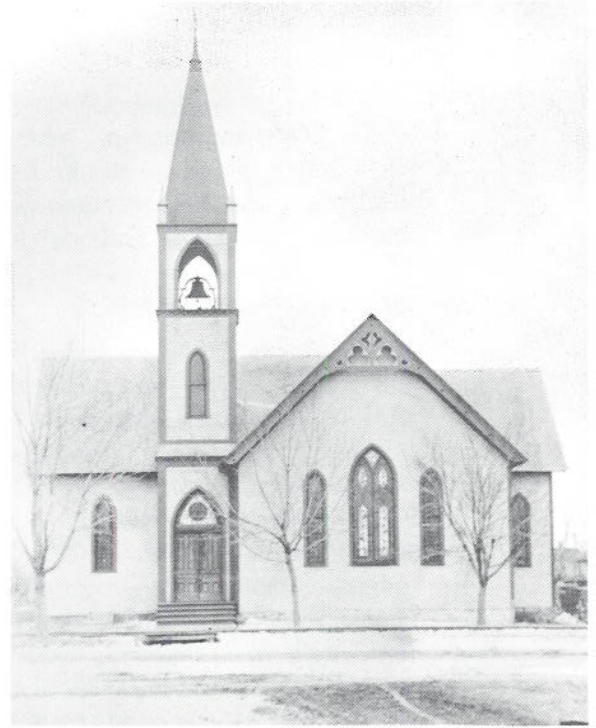
The morning sermon was more the nature of a quiet talk in an informal way than of a formal discourse. At the conclusion of Dr. Rhea's remarks, Secretary Hirleman, of the board of trustees, read a statement showing the approximate cost of the new structure to be a little over \$4,000, of which about \$2,800 had already been subscribed, leaving a balance of \$1,200 to \$1,300 to be raised. Dr. Rhea then squared himself for business and started in by calling for fifty dollar subscriptions, gradually reducing the sum asked for until a 50-cent piece was reached. The doctor kept the vast audience in the best of spirits until the sum desired was obtained and exceeded. The amount subscribed before the doctor let loose for dinner was \$1,335.50. The liberality of the audience was a subject of favorable comment.

At the evening service Dr. Rhea formally dedicated the temple of worship to the service of the great Master, after which he preached a most profound sermon, speaking largely with reference to the evidences of verities of Christianity.

And lead us not into temptation,

Another opportunity was given for those so inclined to contribute of their means to a fund to be used in constructing a barn on the parsonage property, it having been ascertained that Elder Cochran walks in the course of a year 600 miles to feed his horse. Nearly \$100 was subscribed for this purpose, making the day's contributions over \$1,400. In this connection it would be pertinent to remark that the Ladies' Aid Society deserves much credit for the noble work it has done in assisting so materially in the constructing of the new edifice and in subscribing an additional sum of \$200 to \$300. The Sunday School classes likewise did nobly.

The church has a seating capacity of about 600. Electric lights, carpets, a large furnace, stained-glass windows, and other furniture and fixtures add materially to the otherwise attractiveness of the capacious and conveniently arranged place of worship.



Originally built in 1879 on the present church property, the building was improved in 1892 and was dedicated in 1893

1891

In this year, the constitution and by laws were written for the Young People's Aid Society. The object of the society was for social, intellectual and moral improvement of the members, and the promotion of the financial interests of the M.E. Church and Sunday School. Anyone not under 12 years of age could become a member by paying 15 cents initiation fee and 5 cents each meeting. The first officers were Sylva Cruver, Charles Smith, Flora Webb and Cattie Cuttell. Programs including declamations, instrumental music, readings and songs. Then they played games - one time searching for hidden peanuts, another playing progressive word games. Once they reported the selling of shoes took place. Lunch was served at many of the meetings and popcorn was mentioned in one of the reports. At one time they pledged themselves to raise \$200 toward the new church. On May 19, 1898, 70 young people were in attendance and their collection totaled \$3.11.

1899

SINCE OCT. 1894, APRIL 15, 1899.

M. H. Hays

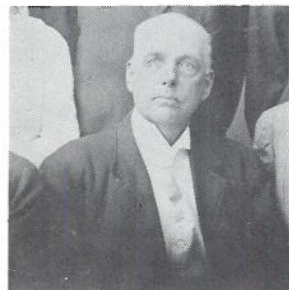
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The conference year closes Sept. 18th. It is very important that the apportionments be paid in full for the year and on or before Sept. 5th.

Let each one of us do our best to have ours paid in full on that date. Your statement is as follows:

For Pastor and Incidentals to	
Sept. 18th	\$ 12.00
Amount Paid	\$ 10.00
Balance due	\$ 2.00
For Presiding Elder and Bishop	\$ 5.00
Amount paid	\$ 5.00
Balance due	\$ 0.00

BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.



Rev. Hays

Sunday, December 3, 1905.

Morning Service.

Prelude
 Doxology
 Lord's Prayer
 Hymn No. 491
 Prayer
 Anthem—"Make A Joyful Noise"
 Responsive Reading Psalm 84
 Gloria Patri
 Scripture Lesson
 Offertory
 Hymn No. 932
 Address—By Miss Susie Morton of Sioux City
 Hymn No. 930
 Benediction
 Postlude

Evening Service.

Evangelistic service in charge of the pastor. Music by the choir and orchestra including a solo by Mrs. Stillman and a violin solo by Mabel Claypool.

MRS. C. H. STILLMAN, Choir Director.

Official Board meeting Monday evening after the evangelistic service.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a Christmas market all day on Saturday, December 23

The choir and Sunday School are making preparations for the proper observance of Christmas.

Evangelistic services will be held in this church each evening until further notice. The pastor will be assisted by Mrs. Alice Mather.

Preparations are being made to send supplies of clothing, toys and books to Sioux City and elsewhere for the needy. Persons who care to contribute to this work are requested to leave articles at the home of Mrs. Watts or Mrs. Horner or at the parsonage.



But deliver us from evil;

1907 Time passed and pastors came and went. Gradually the congregation increased until it was felt that a larger and better house of worship was needed. The wooden structure was sold to the Farmers Institute for \$800 and moved to where the Clay County Bank is now located. There it was arranged for exhibition of stock.

The first brick building was then begun while Rev. C. D. Royses was pastor, but was completed by Rev. O. M. Bond who came here in 1907 to remain for a 10 year period. The cost was \$25,000. Later, a pipe organ costing \$2,100 was installed. M. E. Griffin, who was a banker and a good friend of Rev. Bond, together with J. W. Cory, Sr. donated the organ. The building measured sixty-one by ninety-three feet. The auditorium was fifty by sixty feet, and with the balcony, would seat eight hundred people. The Sunday School room was to the south of the auditorium connected by a hoisting partition. Smaller Sunday School rooms were separated from the main rooms by folding partitions. The floor was of hard maple and the pews of antique oak. A beautiful memorial window, "Christ in Gethsemane," costing \$1,000, was presented by Mrs. Noll in memory of her husband, Adam Noll. A self-serving communion service was presented to the church by Mrs. Clara Glasgow as a memorial to her husband, Rev. E. M. Glasgow. The new building adopted the name of "Grace Methodist Episcopal Church" after Grace, the sister of the late Roy G. Webb. The church was dedicated in January, 1930, by Rev. H. E. Clegg.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1909

Each For The Other And All For God

MORNING SERVICE

Organ Prelude
Doxology
Hymn No. **545**
Prayer
Anthem

Responsive Reading—9th Sunday morning service

Gloria Patri
Scripture Lesson
Offertory

Hymn No. **386**

Sermon—"Is God in our afflictions?"

Prayer
Hymn No. **364**
Benediction
Organ Postlude

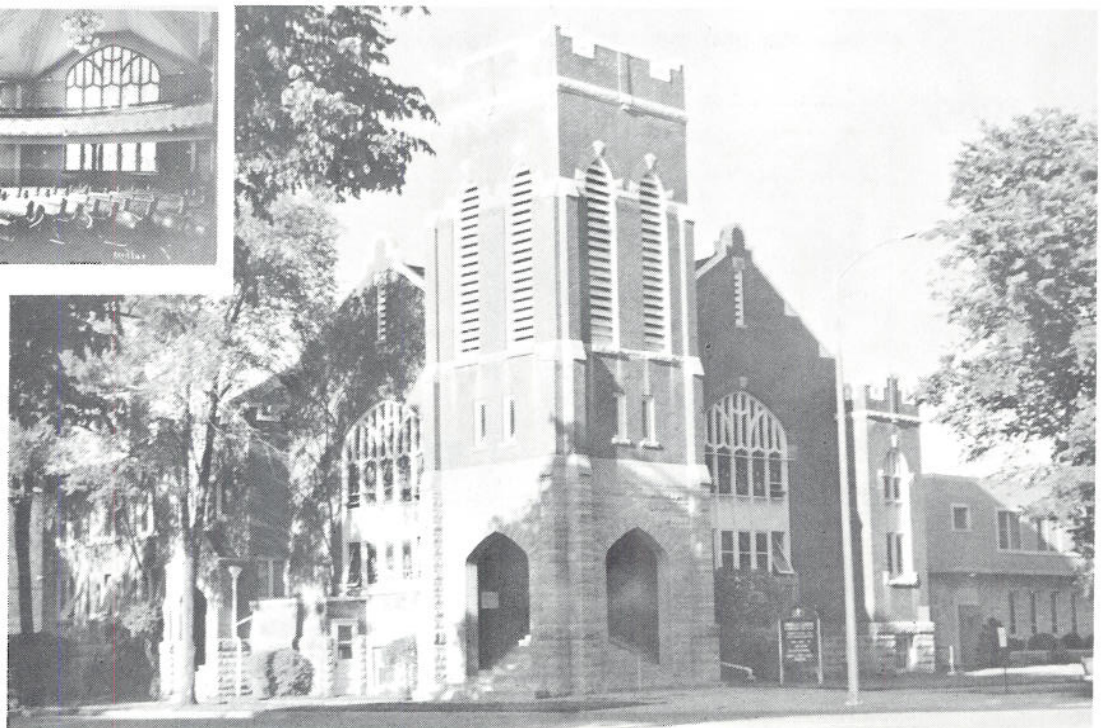
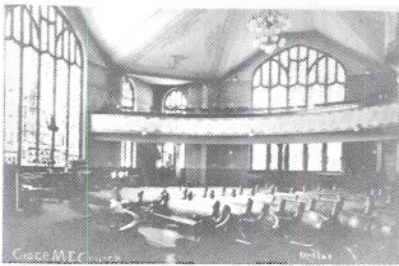
EVENING SERVICE

Organ Prelude
Hymn No. **67**
Hymn No. **71**

Prayer
Anthem
Offertory
Hymn No. **68**

Sermon—"The Overcomer." v

Hymn No. **116**
Benediction
Organ Postlude



For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

1912

As the church grew the ministers were in need of help to carry the load. From time to time, varying kinds of assistance were gotten for them. Through the years there were four deaconesses: Frieda Schmickley, Alice McCurry, Gladys Pouts and Edna Fawcett. Beatrice Greene served the church as the Director of Christian Education for many years. Rev. F. A. Smith was the first associate pastor.

1915

The Lincoln Boys' club work called for a special person outside of the regular church work. Some that can be remembered are W. W. Spangler, R. F. Morneau (father of Mrs. Claude Pullen) and Milton Stone. Mr. M. E. Griffin was responsible, more than any other person, for the financing of the Lincoln Boys' Recreational Building. This building contained in its two stories a gymnasium, and rooms for reading and meetings. In addition, a swimming pool was near by. All of this complex, including a second parsonage for the physical director, was the result of a moving spirit on the behalf of Rev. O. M. Bond, the father of Mrs. A. W. Vander Wilt, and pastor here for ten years. Mrs. Bond was a real helpmate. She taught a Sunday School class of teen-age girls and her good effect upon them remained for many years.

Four Great Bible Men

Amos—Ezekiel—Jeremiah—Daniel

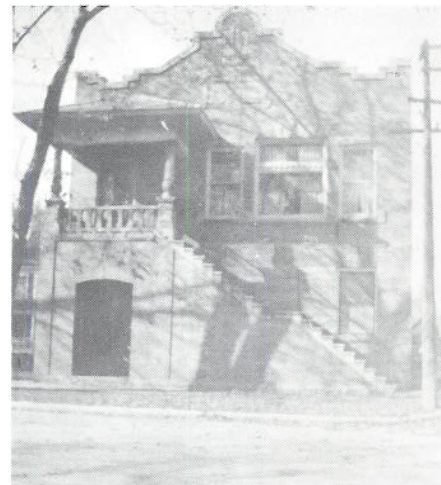
Will be considered by

REV. LUCIUS C. CLARK, D. D.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday evenings at 7:30, beginning Sunday, October 13, 1912

Special Music

All are Welcome



Grace Methodist Episcopal Church
SPENCER, IOWA

1920

The Finance Committee submits for your consideration the following budget for the Conference Year 1919-1920. Necessity has compelled an increase in a number of items of local church expense. This increase is conservative when it is remembered that we only operated eleven months last year and without a physical director for the Boys' work the whole year. This will mean that the pledges for the year must be correspondingly advanced to cover the budget.

Sunday, Sept. 29th, has been set apart as the Sunday when the pledges on this budget will be presented so as to properly begin the year Oct. 1st. It will be Harvest Home day when the pastor will deliver the closing sermons for the year. You are invited to come and do your best to make the day a success.

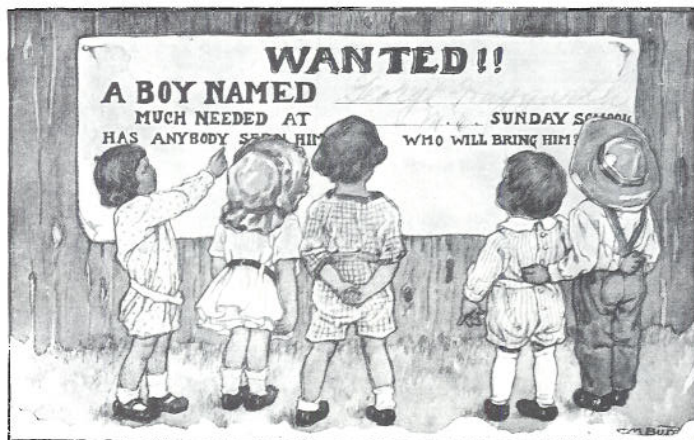
GRACE M. E. CHURCH FINANCIAL BUDGET

	Estimated	Paid last year	Increase
Pastor's salary	\$2800	\$2700	\$100
District Superintendent's salary	200	176	24
Conference Claimants	140	134	6
Episcopal Fund	42	42	
Lincoln Boy's Club, Director, etc.	1500	150	1350
Fuel	800	700	100
Janitor's salary	750	675	45
Paying Three assessments	700	234	466
New additional radiators installed	500		500
Printing bulletins and 209 hymnals	300	150	170
Insurance on all buildings	200	135	65
Deaconess allowance and board etc.	320		320
Light	150	107	43
Sundry expenses and supplies	200	195	5
Total	\$8572	\$5378	\$3194

To meet this budget we need \$165 a week. There are approximately 275 contributing families in the church. These divided as follows will make it:

15 contributors of \$2.00 a week, which would mean	\$ 30.00
10 contributors of \$1.50 a week, which would mean	15.00
10 contributors of \$1.25 a week, which would mean	12.50
10 contributors of \$1.00 a week, which would mean	10.00
10 contributors of .75 a week, which would mean	7.50
60 contributors of .50 a week, which would mean	30.00
20 contributors of .25 a week, which would mean	5.00
20 contributors of .20 a week, which would mean	4.00
50 contributors of .10 a week, which would mean	5.00
Total 275	\$165.00

1919



This Post Card was either an invitation for George Haygarth to come to Sunday School or a reminder that he had missed a Sunday.

1947

The church building was improved at a cost of approximately \$16,000. Art glass windows, walls and radiators were repaired. A new roof was applied. The pews and woodwork were refinished and the walls were redecorated. The auditorium, platform, office and stairways were carpeted and the platform and altar were rebuilt. New light fixtures were installed and a new piano and sound movie projector were added to the equipment.

1948

Approximately \$9,000 was spent to transform Andrews Hall (the former swimming pool building) into a church parlor by decorating, carpeting, installing a kitchenette and providing new furnishings. During this same time, \$15,838 was contributed to the various benevolent causes of the Church.

Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son. John 17:1

1925 Church Choir

This picture of the Methodist choir was taken in 1925 when Burnell Schuler was director and Mrs. C. D. Eckerman was organist. Front row (left to right): Edith Morneau, Mrs. Arrington, Mrs. T. H. Johnston, Mrs. C. D. Eckerman and Mrs. L. H. Foster; middle row: Zetta Guy, Nellie

Poyzer, Catherine Bratton, Wilma Spletter Solomon, Mrs. Sam Torbert, Burnell Schuler, Harriet Tvedten, Carol Larson, Mrs. E. Joy Roberts, Carl Hofstad and Gladys Johnson White; back row: Kenneth Arrington, Don Burington, Lestern Hahn, Bill Pinne, Gertrude Patrick, Charlie Winslow, Amy Torbert, Marion Carver and Verne L. Laton.



Resolutions.
 Whereas, It has pleased the late
 Mrs. Harriet Andrew to bequeath to the
 Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Spencer
 Iowa, the sum of one thousand dollars,
 and whereas, the church feels a deep
 sense of gratitude for this gift and an
 appreciation of the spirit prompting it
 to be it
 Resolved that we thus publicly acknow-
 ledge the receipt of said gift and express
 our appreciation of the giver's benevolence
 and be it further
 Resolved that ~~as~~ these resolutions be
 spread upon the records of the church.
 Mrs. Alice Mather

*Cont. on resolutions
 Sep-2-1925*



**Rev. Floyd Hinshaw
 Came to Spencer
 In 1955**



I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world. John 17:6

1954

Grace Choir

1955



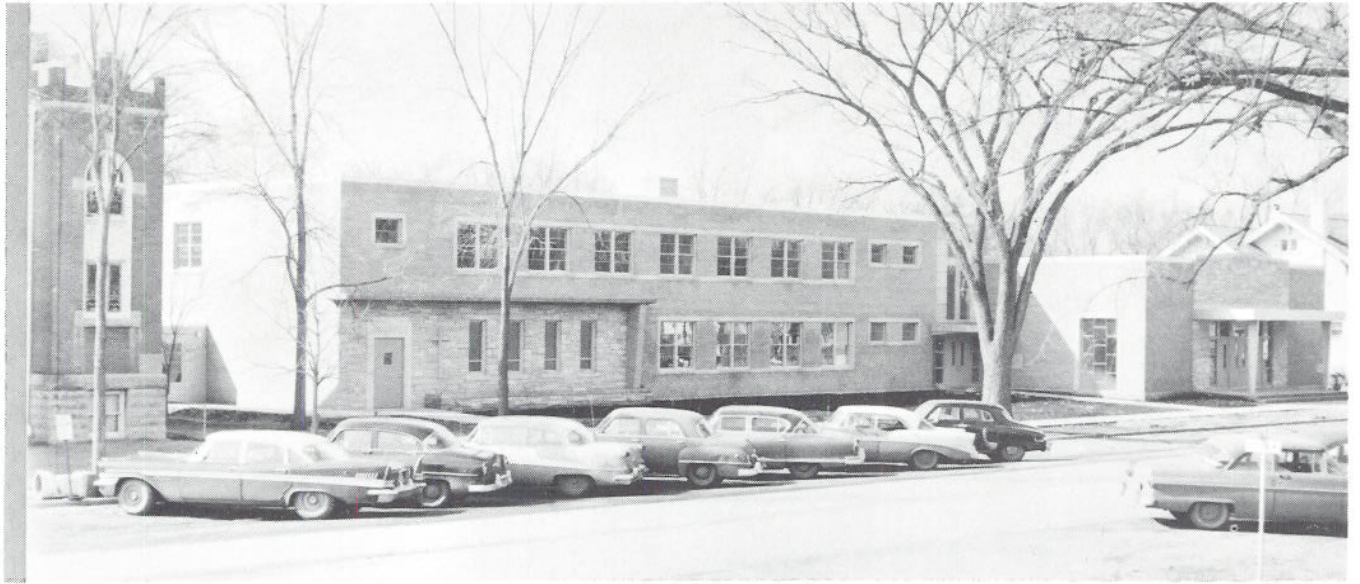
1958

When the membership of the church reached the 1,700 mark, it was felt that they must have a new building for the Christian Education work. In 1958 a cornerstone was laid for the new building. Dr. Floyd L. Hinshaw was pastor.

1959

March 8 was the opening for services of the Christian Educational Center and Fellowship Hall.

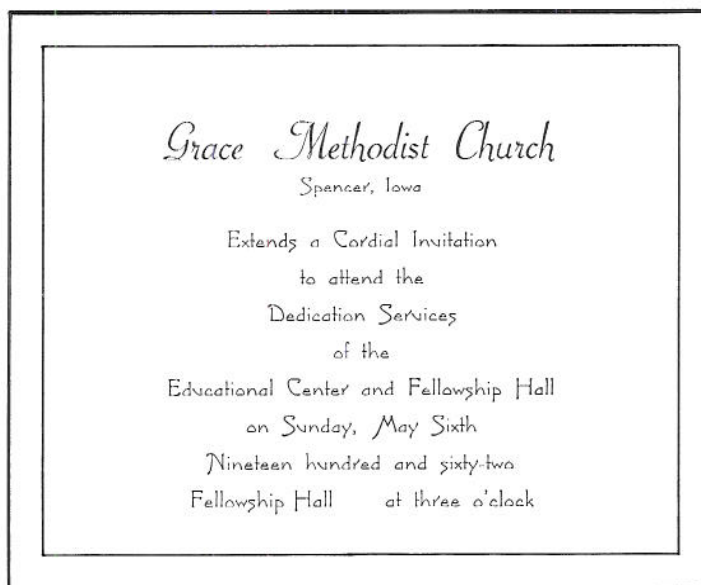
Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, Do not pass me by.




This building is of contemporary type architecture. The split-face stone on the front of the chapel and fellowship hall is from Indiana. The cut stone trim around the doors and windows is gray Bedford limestone.

The windows in the beautiful, little chapel are from Italy and contain four figure subjects from the life of Christ. The Conn organ and rose colored velvet kneeling pads blend well with the green of the carpeting and the oak furnishings. Each Sunday School grade has its own private room and all of its teaching is centered on that particular age group. Downstairs there is a room for youth activities and small kitchen where the young people can prepare a Sunday night supper. Fellowship Hall is large enough to comfortably seat 400 at tables. At one end is a large stage with storage underneath. The kitchen, so important to the women of the church, is equipped with many labor saving devices. The wood in the fireside room is of cherry and the fireplace is of Red Levanto Italian marble.

1962 Dedication Service of the Christian Educational Center and Fellowship Hall was on May 6 with Dr. Howard H. Palmer the pastor.

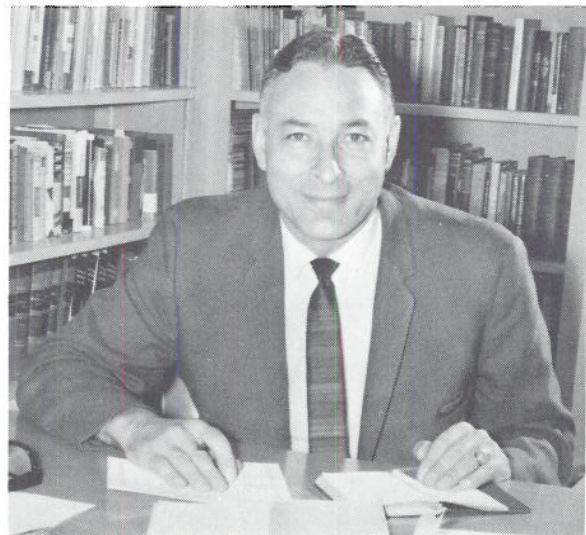




Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From his lighthouse evermore;
But to us he gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

1965 The Rev. Lyle W. Lieder and family came to Spencer's Grace Methodist Church on March 21. On May 8 of that year the Quarterly Conference elected a Building Committee.

1966 On January 1, Lanny Tuttle came to our church as an assistant minister. We sold the parsonage on Eleventh Avenue West and purchased the property at 222 West Fourth Street for the parsonage. On May 25 the first campaign to raise \$400,000 toward the building of a new sanctuary, office space and additional church school space was started. In August the Davis property and the Dunn house were sold.



Rev. Lyle W. Lieder

1967 Bids were let on April 12. Groundbreaking ceremonies took place Sunday, May 7. It was with mixed emotions that we came to the final service in the old church on April 16. Dr. Clarence W. Tompkins was our guest speaker. At the close of the service, in complete silence, a procession was formed, led by the ministers, lay representatives and choir, each carrying a piece of furniture or altar symbol. We gathered in Fellowship Hall, set up the furniture and altar and in a prayerful mood dedicated this room as our temporary sanctuary during the building program.

The following week we watched, again with mixed feelings, the demolition of our old church, for it held many sacred memories for our members. The large stained glass window of Christ in Gethsemane was carefully removed, to be installed somewhere in the new building. This was greatly appreciated by many members. The organ was taken apart and re-assembled and installed in Fellowship Hall, which added much to our services in temporary quarters.





I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.



ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL
PROJECT

INTERESTED

LISTENERS



A SERIOUS
CONVERSATION
WITH
FRANK THOMAS

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.



1967

The Rev. Robert Wendel came to us from Manchester. A history-making event took place in Spencer when Grace Methodist Church took part in the observance of the 450th anniversary of Reformation at Bethany Lutheran Church in October, with Catholics and Protestants meeting and participating together for the first time. The new building was progressing rapidly with rooms taking form and the 112 foot tower rising skyward. Excitement was evident as we anticipated being at worship in the new sanctuary by fall.



Rev. Robert Wendel

1968

Sunday, December 15, Consecration Service for our new Grace United Methodist Church. What a thrilling day! Rev. Wendel and Lanny Tuttle welcomed Dr. Roger Russell, Dr. Howard Palmer, Dr. Lyle Lieder, and the Rev. Dr. Chester Pennington of Minneapolis. Bishop James S. Thomas sent his greetings.



1969

Rev. Charles T. Rinkel Jr. became our new minister assisted by Dennis Dillon.

1970

Development of Grace Memorial Garden.

1971

Assistant Robert C. Jackson came to our church.

1972

Dr. Fred M. Shultz came to us from Ft. Dodge District where he had served as District Superintendent.

THE 100TH YEAR

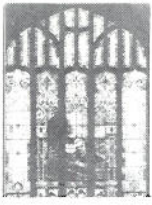
"Through the pages of history we have learned that when men came to know God, they built altars and offered in sacrifice something that was meaningful to them. As their spiritual lives deepened, they built houses of worship and each man gave of the best that he had - should it be stone from his quarry, wood from his forest, or the labor of his hands. He gave the finest because it was to be a House of God - a mighty fortress and a bulwark against the foes of human freedom and dignity, of which there are many."

Today's 1,461 Grace United Methodist members are still faced with this challenge - to give our finest so that future generations can carry the Cross of Christ onward and assure the freedoms we now enjoy.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; We are not divided, all one body we, One in hope and doctrine; one in charity.

Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, And ye surround His throne.

Oliver Wendell Holmes tells us: "A mile stone is not made to sit on;
but to show one how far he still has to go."



I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

The Planners

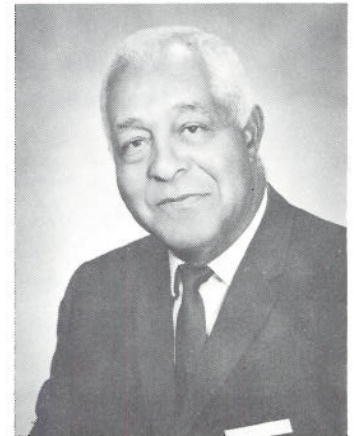


Back Row: Marvin Burk, John Blair, Wayne Winslow, Dr. Ellis Schlichtemeier, Gilbert Pullen, Dr. Leonard Larson, Charles Boom, Paul Beckwith. Front Row: Millard Huston, Glen Bellows, Dr. George Fraseur, Ben Abben, building Chairman, Bob Cuttall, Robert Keir.

The Results



Our Friend - John Dulin - Organ
Builder - Syracuse, Kansas





We bear the strain of earthly care, But bear it not alone;
Beside us walks our brother Christ And makes our task his own.

Over the years, the Grace United Methodist Church has had the reputation of having the best and finest choir in Spencer. This was due in a large part to the fine directors and organists we have had the privilege of working with. Though this list is not complete, many of the names are current plus many of the others are very familiar to you.

ORGANISTS

Mrs. S. W. Dubois
Agnes Johnson
Mrs. Ida Bergemann
Mrs. C. D. Eckerman (for more than 25 years)
Mrs. Will Annett
Vernold Gould
Val Luck
Virginia Davis Coughenour
Mrs. Dorothy Enderson
Max Werner
Mrs. Lowell Hagedorn

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Dr. Stair
S. E. Carlsen
Edith Pullen
Mrs. C. Lester White (for more than 25 years)
Mrs. Wilma Solomon
Glenn Scott
Mrs. Don Evans
Mrs. Richard Wicks
John Janssen

Ben Abben - served on the church remodeling committee in 1947, served on the building committee with Chairman Marvin Kruse in 1957 when the Educational wing and Fellowship Hall were constructed, Chairman of the Building Committee for our new church. Many hours were spent in the negotiations for the real estate on which the new church sets and clearing title on the old YMCA property for eventual sale to the Methodists. As said before: A man known for his ability, generosity, vision, and integrity. The past and present members of Grace Church again wish to express deep appreciation to Mr. Abben for his untiring guidance over the years.



Mr. Ben Abben



God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Ida Dubois Bergemann, 95 years young, is the senior member of our church. Her continuous service to the church is an example and an inspiration to all.

Samuel W. Dubois came from New York to Douglas Township in June, 1864. In the party was Joseph Watts, grandfather of the late Blanche Watts. In the fall, Samuel's father, Peter, and mother, the former Eliza Watts, and sister of Blanche Watts' grandfather, came to the same area with several other families.

Samuel W. Dubois married Nancy Olivia Worden, and they became the parents of two daughters, Ida and Edna, and one son, Lyman.

Mr. Dubois served as County Treasurer at Peterson, and when the county seat was re-located, he served as County Recorder at Spencer. He died in office in 1883, and his wife was appointed to serve out his unexpired term. Because she disliked her name of Nancy Olivia, the names of her two grandmothers, she signed her name Mrs. N. O. Dubois. She was subsequently elected to serve two full terms as County Recorder and then devoted full time to the rearing of her children.

Ida began teaching when she graduated from high school and later furthered her education at Cornell College at Mt. Vernon. After teaching for several years, she married Mr. Bergemann who owned a furnace shop on East Fourth Street. Edna studied at Cedar Falls, taught school at Rock Rapids, married Mr. Arndt, and when they retired, they returned to Spencer to live.

Son Lyman worked in the Flindt store after graduating from high school, then settled in the state of Mississippi. Ida's husband died in 1938 and Edna later lost her husband. The two sisters lived in the family home on West Fifth Street for about ten years. Edna died in 1953.

Mrs. Ida Dubois Bergemann, born May 11, 1877, is truly a beloved member of our church. Her mother played the organ in our church for many years and Ida said when she was just a baby she would get passed from one friend to another while her mother played the organ or taught Sunday School. Ida remembers one time when Lou Pieso came over in his lumber wagon and got her mother because she was delayed getting to church and the people at the church were waiting for her to play.

Ida started teaching Sunday School when she was in high school. She said they would meet for opening excersises, have Sunday School. then meet again for closing exercises. She learned to play the organ and took music as a child. She would play the organ in some church wherever she taught.

Ida remembers Rev. Snyder even though she was just a small child at that time. She also recalls J. W. Lothian when he ran a grocery store because he always gave them candy when they went to his store. Then in church, at class meetings, she remembered him because she always thought him such a Godly man and he was so sincere. He made you feel his religion really meant something to him. He sang so reverently, "Is My Name Written There" and he made us feel that was the all important thing. We felt we had to live a certain life to have our name written there.



Ida Dubois Bergemann



Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, And feed on his Word.

She also remembers Rev. Hay because he had such a very large family. She says that Rev. Taylor impressed her as a very brilliant speaker and feels, also, that Dr. Hutchinson and Dr. Palmer were outstanding speakers. She recalls Rev. Glasgow and feels M. M. Peeso was "a strong pillar of our early church."

Ida taught the Friendly Bible Class for many, many years and feels that was her principle activity within the church. She has been a lifelong member of W.S.C.S. Her favorite hymns are "Marching to Zion" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Summing up her life, Ida said, "I couldn't imagine living without having the help that I have received from Grace Church - the strengthening of my faith."

List of Ministers of Grace Church

1867-1868	W. A. Richards	1902-1904	D. M. Yetter
1868-1869	W. W. Mallory	1904-	March - Sept., H. G. Amhyrst
1869-1870	H. D. Brown	1904-1906	C. D. Royse
1870-1871	W. W. Mallory	1907-1916	O. M. Bond
1872-1873	C. B. Winter	1917-1919	Fred C. Taylor
1873-1875	F. M. Cooley	1920-1923	R. L. Steward
1875-1876	W. F. Drake	1923-1924	T. B. Collins
1876-1877	J. W. Lothian	1925-1930	Herbert Clegg
1878-1879	Seymour Snyder	1930-1938	H. E. Hutchinson
1879-1880	E. C. Warren	1938-1940	L. H. Scheerer
1880-1883	P. H. Eighmey	1940-1943	F. E. Burgess
1883-1884	T. E. Carter	1943-1949	F. W. Ortmeyer
1884-1885	J. W. Lothian	1949-1955	L. H. Preul
1885-1886	E. M. Glasgow	1955-1961	Floyd L. Hinshaw
1886-1887	W. W. Brown	1961-1965	Howard H. Palmer
1888	June - October, W. D. Cole	1965-1967	Lyle W. Lieder
1888-1889	R. A. Chase	1966-1968	Lanny Tuttle, Assistant
1889-1893	A. S. Cochran	1967-1969	Robert G. Wendel
1893-1894	R. C. Glass	1969-1972	Charles T. Rinkel, Jr.
1895-1896	G. W. Kennedy	1969-1971	Dennis G. Dillon, Assistant
1897-1898	Robert Smylie	1971-1972	Robert C. Jackson, Assistant
1899-1901	Hugh Hay	1972-	Fred M. Shultz



Our 50 Year Members

1905	Bessie Randall	1920	Glen Bellows
1909	Claude W. Baldwin	1920	Lowell Bellows
1909	Esther McWhirter Cuttell	1920	Mabel Cole
1909	Rubie Kilpatrick Whitcomb	1920	Corrine Johnson Dorman
1909	Ethel Green Besse	1920	Irma Ashburn Frye
1910	Bruce Pullen	1920	Berdena Groves
1911	Archie Freeman	1920	Veron Groves
1912	Marion Carver	1920	Alora Pearl Manning Rossiter
1912	Wilbur Carver	1920	Leslie Rossiter
1912	Edith Morneau Pullen	1920	Dorothy McCleary Ayres
1912	Gladys Brunais Inman Giep	1920	Wilma Spletter Solomon
1912	Roy Pullen	1921	Florence Pullen Rusch
1912	Louise Brunais Straub	1921	William O. Hansen
1912	Leland Thuirer	1921	Amy Hansen
1912	Merrill Thuirer	1921	Glee Holden
1914	Edwin Buckingham	1921	Orpha Averill
1914	Cora Snyder Gritten	1921	Jeanette Claussen
1914	Ida Dubois Bergemann	1922	Hazel Culver
1914	Charles C. N. Winslow	1922	Howard Huston
1915	Tena Winslow	1922	Millard Huston
1917	Anna Booth Burington	1922	Fred Davis
1918	Burt Rossiter	1922	Lula Stone
1918	John Pullen		
1918	Alma Pullen		
1919	William Warburton		
1919	Bessie Groth		
1919	Victor Harris		
1920	Ivah Wright		
1920	Abbie Ashburn		

Our Friends at Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge

Velma Baker Jeanette Claussen

40 to 50 Years of Membership in Grace Church

1923	Helen Rossiter	1928	Sara Fae Pullen Warburton
1923	Bertha Groth Parsons	1929	Viola M. Baldwin
1923	Leo L. Kritz	1929	Ralph B. Kirkpatrick
1923	Eunice Kritz	1929	Ruby M. Adams
1924	Grace Lucile Rutter	1929	Virginia Adams Bellows
1924	Jessie Logan	1929	Robert Sieh
1925	Russell W. Logan	1929	Velma Crowe
1925	Thomas D. Shaffer	1930	Ferne Rasmussen
1925	Charles F. Nelson	1930	Bernice Ditzel
1925	Maude H. Nelson	1930	Letha Kinton Carver
1926	Bert A. Adams	1930	John W. Chenhall
1926	Margaret Niemand	1930	Ethel Chenhall
1926	Marie Sonius	1930	Catherine Spletter Wyatt
1927	Ruby Kepler	1931	Earl B. Clemens
1927	Mary J. Magnuson	1931	Stella Clemens
1928	Thelma Lachner		



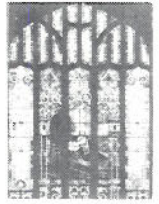
30 to 40 Years of Membership in Grace Church

1933	Beatrice Reyman Stater	1940	Sena Busse
1933	Theodore R. McKinney	1940	Charline H. Groves
1933	Mildred McKinney	1940	Wesley Frank Kohn
1933	Myrtle I. Hansen	1940	Ivan Pixler Sr.
1933	Ruth Clark Carver	1940	Ruth R. Pullen
1933	C. Lester White	1940	Dean Rutter
1933	Galdys Johnson White	1940	Grace Shaw
1934	Ruth Fitz	1940	Floral Johnson
1935	Ruth Harris	1940	Leo D. Noll
1935	Harley M. Jones	1940	James Rasmussen
1935	Ina Jones	1940	Chester Tripp
1935	Wayne C. Winslow	1940	Ina Tripp
1935	Winifred D. Huston	1940	Doris Pixler
1935	Olas B. Grotte	1940	John Rees
1936	William A. Garnjobst	1940	Selma Rees
1936	Marie Garnjobst	1941	Francis B. Anderson
1936	William Whitcomb	1941	Shirley T. Nelson
1936	Robert M. Keir	1941	Dale All
1937	Florence L. Warren	1941	Esther Dryden All
1937	Lester Pullen	1941	Nina S. Maiden
1937	Imajean N. Summers	1942	Adolph G. Anderson
1938	Lillian Irons	1942	Christena Anderson
1938	Maude W. Kail	1942	Walter F. Bloom
1938	Ardath R. Metier	1942	Emma Bloom
1938	Fay Metier	1942	Ivan Eninger
1938	LoRayne Palm	1942	Walter O. Kabrick
1938	Herbert L. Safley	1942	Delma Kabrick
1938	Irene Safley	1942	Laurance Moats
1939	Mary K. Bolyard	1942	Gladys S. Moats
1939	Shirley C. Geeting	1942	Minnie Noel
1939	Paul F. Schwarck	1942	Ruth J. Schwarck
1939	William S. Schwarck	1942	Keith Somers
1939	Barbara S. Wakefield	1942	Anna Somers
1939	Doris Kintz Jones	1942	Grace Spaulding
1939	Will F. Noll	1942	Paul Van Norman
1939	Ruth Noll	1942	Fern K. Van Norman
1939	Helen K. Coughenour	1942	Ben Abben
1939	Helen E. King	1942	Tena Abben
1940	Jerry Adams	1942	Mary Schwarck
1940	Dorothy G. Adams	1942	William P. Woods
1940	Beverly Kohn Beving	1942	Fern C. Woods



And yet I am not alone; the Father is with me.

John 16:32



*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!*



During the week of the Passover, while the city of Jerusalem held three or four times as many people as usual, the gates in its walls were kept open day and night, although during most of the year they were closed at sunset. It was near midnight on Thursday when Jesus and his disciples, coming from the supper room, passed through a gate in the eastern wall just north of the Temple. They went down into the valley of the brook Kedron, and crossed the brook upon a bridge. On the further side of the valley, they came to an orchard of olive trees, called the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus had often visited this garden, for it was a quiet place; and he loved to pray under the shadow of its olive trees. The orchard had a wall around it; and at its gate Jesus said to his disciples:

"Sit here, while I go and pray inside the garden."

- from Matthew 26:36