

First Presbyterian Church

Delphi, Indiana

175th Anniversary
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DEDICATION

This booklet is dedicated to the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi to include all the Presbyterians who were here before us beginning with the very first permanent settler in the county.

If there was a way to know and account for all who worshiped in this church across the 175 years from the beginning to the present, only then could we begin to realize the enormous value and impact this church has had on the community. There seems to be no real expression or impression of that consequence. But, based on the above premise, it is certain that literally thousands have, over the years, looked to the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi as their home for spiritual guidance, togetherness and purpose. With the grace of God, this church will be here for future generations as it was for those of the past.

FOREWORD

The First Presbyterian Church of Delphi was organized May 23, 1828, and now we are celebrating its 175th anniversary. We recall that just a short time ago we entered the 21st century with our thoughts filled with hope regarding the future. Today, as we move into the future, we should remember an old saying that goes something like: "How can we know where we're going unless we know where we've been." This is the very purpose or essence of this booklet which covers the last 25 or so years. It should help us remember where we have been.

This booklet has been prepared for the anniversary event and it is not intended to be a complete history, but rather, to document some of the highlights across the past three decades and a snapshot of the present. Limited space and time essentially dictated the extent of this writing. However, it does incorporate by reference two earlier historical writings about our church.

They are: History of the First Presbyterian Church, Delphi, Indiana by Rev. James Omelvena, ca 1899 and the latest one is entitled the First Presbyterian Church, Delphi, Indiana, 1828 - 1978 Church, Delphi, Indiana, 1828 – 1978 by Robert & Mary Bradshaw, Robert & Virginia Brookbank, and John & Doris Peterson.

The reader is encouraged to review these and other references found in the Delphi Public Library and the Carroll County Historical Society & Museum. Some information can also be found in the church records. It should be noted with a bit of caution that on occasion even the references may differ somewhat. As a result, certain dates, places, etc. are through necessity a matter of interpretation.

While our 175th anniversary is not a major year marker like Sesquicentennial(150 years) or say Bicentennial(200 years), nonetheless it is and will continue to be important to our church especially in future years. Just in case you are wondering, the 175 year mark is called Terquasquicentennial(proposed) or Septaquitaquiquecentennial – neither word comes very easy.

Respectfully,

The Historical Committee

Don Mitchell, Chairman
Margaret Burkle, Laurene Cohee,
John Klepinger, George Obear,
Ray Todd, and Donnabelle Sieber

Our thanks go to those who helped us put names to the old photographs prepared for reprinting the 1828 – 1978 church history publication.

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The Historical Committee has prepared this special booklet for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi. Members of the Committee who worked on this writing are especially indebted to those recognized below for their sincere interest, their insight and assistance in researching, collecting information and other materials for this booklet.

Accordingly, we of the Committee want to express our grateful appreciation to the following:

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All the others who willingly gave assistance here and there along the way while preparing this booklet.

INTRODUCTION

The setting for this most recent period of church history was and continues to be one of enormous social change during troubled political and economic times in the country and, for that matter, around the world. Change during the last century and especially the last three decades has occurred at an ever increasing rate almost like fast-forward in filming a flower when a tight bud fully opens then drops its petals in just a few seconds. So it has been with our own lives and our church. On May 28, 1978, when the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi celebrated its 150th anniversary, we had recently completed a major remodeling of the church building. The times were reasonably good and things seemed to be back to normal. Yet, at the same time, these forces of change were already advancing and found their way into the community and the church as they did elsewhere. Further, such forces of change and their effects are being felt even today. To name a few: some people broke with traditional ways and customs; others left the church to explore ecumenical religious options; the church now has an aging membership, the birth rates have fallen, importance of the family unit has declined and so have family values.

Even though this setting may sound a bit dismal, we as a church have persevered over the years when changing times seem to be the norm. According to local history, this church has been challenged many times since its organization on May 28, 1828. There have been many ups and downs; serious ones. But, in spite of all that has taken place during the long history of this church, we have always found a way to prevail with resolve and hope. Accordingly, there is no reason to expect anything less now or in future years.

Understanding all this is another matter. Nevertheless, it appears fair to say that this church is charged with the responsibility of preserving the Presbyterian tradition. Still, it is also sensible to say that we should remain flexible and open-minded enough to work with change which is always with us. Mindful of this, there is the thought that it is better to embrace change in order to control it otherwise; times will pass us by. As a challenge, each of us should think about this as we go forward and decide as to where we stand.

BRIEF HISTORY

The First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana was organized May 23, 1828; our anniversary date. But, before we go forward in this writing, it would be well to go back to when Indiana became a State in 1816. This was the frontier of a new nation and people came by most any means they could; by animal or Indian foot trails, by wagon as they cleared their own way, by keelboat up the Wabash River and on up Deer Creek. People came from throughout the East and the South passing by way of Kentucky and Ohio so to come into the new State as land opened to entry and sale. One such family was that of Henry Robinson. According to local history books, Henry Robinson was the first permanent settler in what is now known as Carroll County, and on December 21, 1824 he entered 160 acres in Deer Creek Township.

For the sake of brevity in this booklet, the remainder of this section will be addressed by period.

ENTRY & SURVIVAL (1824-1828) With respect to church histories, most begin with their organization, but it doesn't usually happen that way. A whole lot of living took place before they ever got to that point. This is the reason the reader was asked to go back to the time of Indiana statehood. When people first came to settle in this part of the Indiana wilderness, life was extremely hard, but as time progressed, they were able to attain adequate shelter, food and met head-on with basic "survival" requiring their "all" just to eke out an existence. After a while, living conditions improved and only then did their attention generally turn to organizing a church and having a permanent place of worship.

A Pennsylvanian by birth, Henry Robinson and his family were also Presbyterians. After a long arduous journey from Ohio across the Indiana wilderness, they came to settle on undeveloped forest land at the southeast edge of what was to become Delphi. As others settled here, some joined with the Robinsons in accepting the Presbyterian denomination. We should always remember these early people who persevered through danger, privations, sickness and death just to keep their families alive, but they made it. Today, we in the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi owe much to them and those who followed across the years.

EARLY STRUGGLES (1828-1839)—First, a few historical facts which are often confused and need some clarification. It all began for this church when a Pennsylvania Presbyterian by the name of Henry Robinson entered land to later become Carroll County's first permanent settler. As people came into this area, some were already Presbyterian or at least accepted the order. About three and one-half years later, sixteen people came forward and gave their names at the very first meeting on May 23, 1828, for the expressed purpose of starting a church thus setting the organization date. It should be known that this was the first organization of a Presbyterian Church in Carroll County and indeed on the Upper Wabash. It was called "The Presbyterian Church of Deer Creek" and later renamed First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana, on January 22, 1833.

This was the frontier and, even though life had improved somewhat, conditions were still primitive. With no permanent place of worship, church meetings were frequently held from place to place and it continued in this manner until construction began on a frame building in 1838. At the same time, our church was passed from one Presbytery to another; first the Wabash, Crawfordsville and then Logansport – all in about eight years. To complicate matters further, other churches were organized by breakaway members due to hard feelings, disagreements, etc. Then, just as the church began to really come together, certain ominous issues began to rise especially at the national level.

A CHURCH DIVIDED (1839 – 1870)—The moral issue of "Slavery" had been debated for a long time, but in the 1830's, it began to fester nation-wide. Within the *Church*, many other differences also began to emerge. Of course, the issue of slavery was of great importance to Presbyterians, but there were other serious questions involving differences over theology, theological education, governance and other reforms. All of these factors lead to hard feelings, mistrust and divisiveness which polarized certain factions ending in separation or division of the *Church* both nationally and locally. The product of all this was the "Old School" and the "New School." The "Old School" was more conservative embracing many of the Southern and Pennsylvania Presbyterians while the "New School" was more liberal which aligned the Eastern Congregationalists and a large number of Mid-West Presbyterians. In Delphi, Presbyterians were also divided, but amazingly, both the "Old School" and the "New School" Churches are to be admired because they persevered through thirty years of difficult times and still they continued to grow until reunion in 1870.

THE REUNITED CHURCH (1870-1900) – This was a time for reflection and reconciliation. The Civil War was over, but its aftermath was still with us. The *Church* was reunited and Reconstruction in the South was soon to be behind us. It had been a turbulent, tragic time in our history; now it was a time for healing. In Delphi, this period in our church can probably be best described as it was in the First Presbyterian Church historical publication, 1828-1978 which reads:

“The merger, both nationally and locally presented all types of questions, that required careful thinking by everyone. Forgiveness, a highly conciliatory spirit, strength, a sympathetic heart and a spirit of peace and unity were necessary.

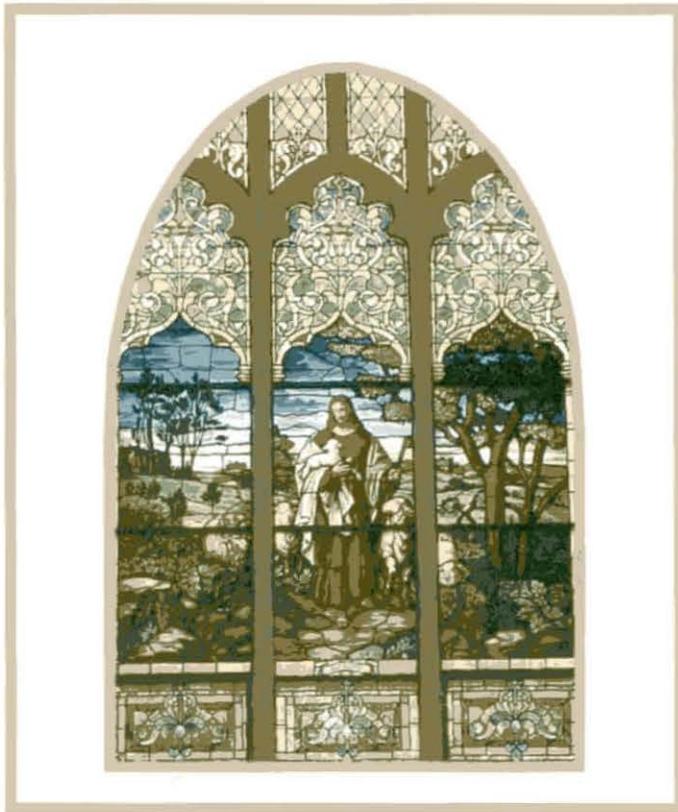
Many questions locally were asked. Where shall we worship? Who shall be Deacons or who shall be Elders or Trustees? No doubt, at first, these questions may have caused some disagreement, but the harmony that had led to the reunited church also led to the answers. On the question as to where shall we worship, it was resolved that the services be held part-time in the brick church on Union Street and held part-time in the frame building on East Main Street. Finally in 1875, the frame building was vacated and in 1881-82, it was sold to the Christian denomination. In 1875, the reunited church was starting in a very positive way to progress.”

With all of this behind the congregation, reunion, growth and outstanding spiritual leadership soon gave rise to the idea that a new, larger church building was needed. That dream was realized when our present church building was dedicated May 22, 1910 – definitely in keeping with the times of the new century.

A NEW CENTURY (1900-2000) – Most of us will agree that the twentieth century began in January 1901 and came to a close in December 1999. At the dawn of the new 20th century, writer and humorist Mark Twain referred to those times as the “Gilded Age.” To support this, history tells us that Mark Twain most aptly and correctly named those times. To him, “Gilded Age” was an all-inclusive term that described a time, early in the century, when a close association of the rich actually orchestrated or ruled both society and politics in the nation. This so-called “Gilded Age” helped bring about a rapidly expanding wealth, industrialization, and urbanization of people migrating from rural America while beckoning to immigrants who came by the millions from all over the world. The national situation did improve somewhat, but the entire twentieth century was filled with all kinds of trials and tribulations which constantly tested the strength of the *Church*. Life became faster and more complicated as it brought new times and new ideas. As we moved forward through the century, there seemed to be an endless list of challenging, often troubled and desperate times. Across the century, we had the conservation movement, Trust breaking, World War I, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, the Civil Rights movement, the environmental movement, the Vietnam War, the national social revolution of the 1960’s and 1970’s, the Gulf War, and others. These were mostly national events, nonetheless, the times also included American Cultural events, Ecumenical events, and Presbyterian events.

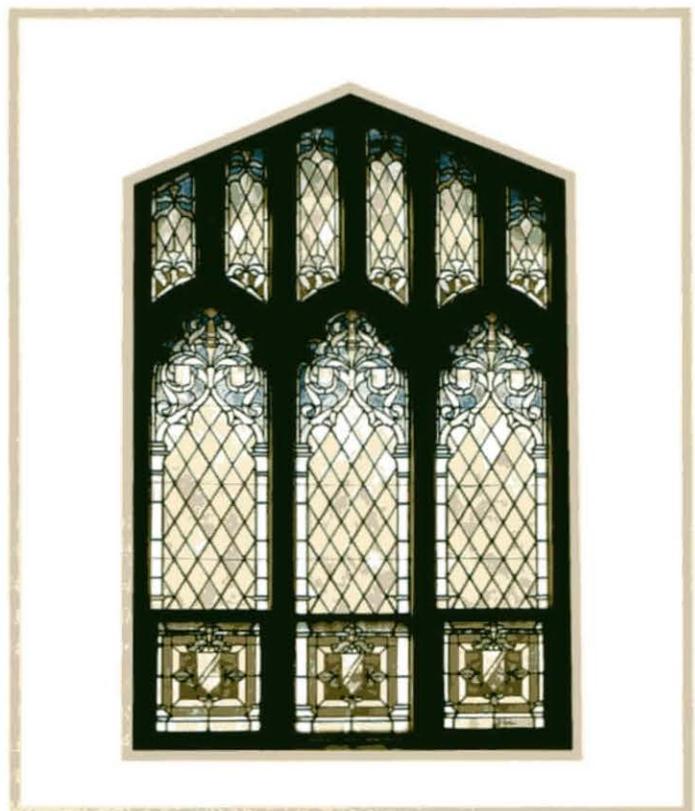
At this Celebration Day (June 8, 2003), most of us were born in the twentieth century and we are, to varying degrees, intimately familiar with much of it. One might ask how did the *Church* interact with a whirlwind century and what did it contribute during that period? This booklet is not the place to debate or to try to answer these and other such questions. Early in the century, the *Church* hastened to stay abreast of changing times in an effort to conform, yet remain in the forefront of everyday life and society. Throughout the course of the century, the *Church* remained important in the lives of people and so it remains. With respect to the Presbyterians, it seems that their membership began to decline sharply in the 1960’s and 1970’s. By century’s end, Presbyterian membership had reduced by nearly one-third along with many other changes within the *Church* during the last three decades as did many other churches.

THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (2000 – Present) – Not long ago, we ushered in the twenty-first century and, with it, also came a new millennium filled with hope and promise. Without surprise, life in general and the occurrence of world events continue to be at an even faster pace. That being said, we are indeed fortunate to know that, by the Grace of God, the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi continues to be here for us in all of its glory. Since so much of this new century remains in the future, this section is concluded without speculation. In the words of our recently retired Pastor, Rev. Ellis K. Gasser, “Let us build on the joy and healthy pride our Church provides to us and those we touch. Our world needs the Spirit of God to shine through us as we bravely look to the future. God holds the future and His way of love, forgiveness, and peace will lead us. Trust in Him.”

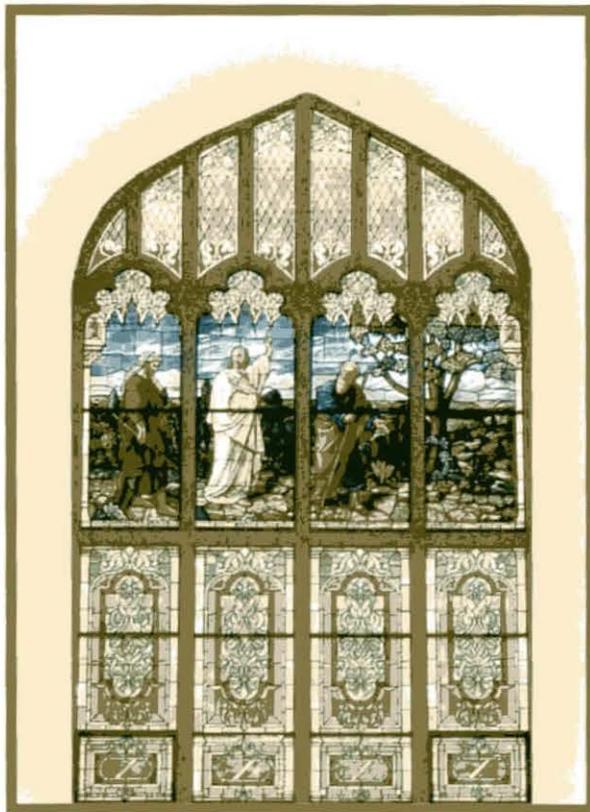


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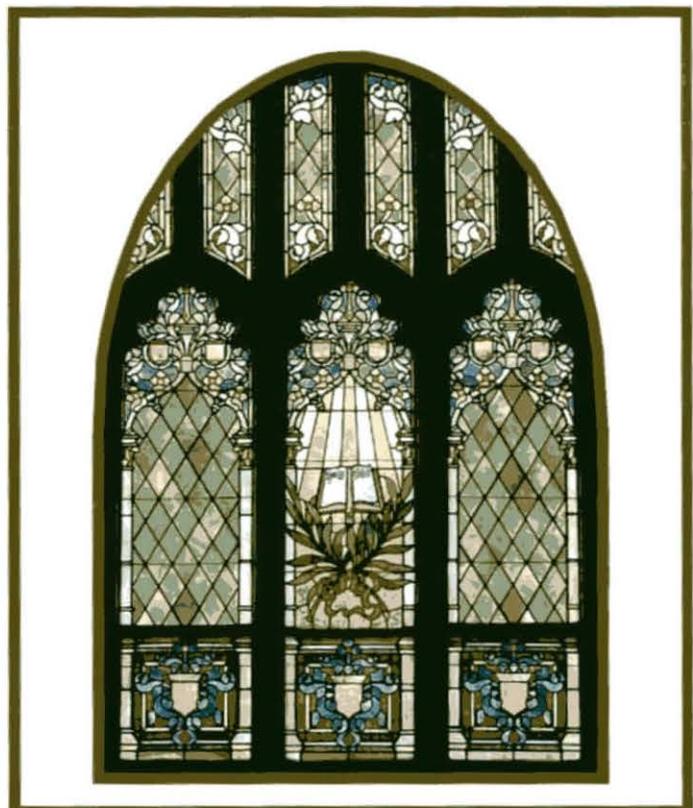


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GEO. H.C. BEST**



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Mrs. Catherine J. Trawin Bowen (Mrs. Abner Hunt Bowen) was born in Calcutta, India. Her father and mother, the Rev. Samuel Trawin and his wife Mary were English missionaries, sent to India by the London Missionary Society in July 1818. After working in the Mission for nine years, Rev. Trawin suddenly died at age 32. Afterwards, Mrs. Bowen, with her mother and family, returned to England for a time. Then they immigrated to the United States in the state of Virginia and eventually came to Delphi in 1844 when she was eighteen years of age.

Miss Catherine Jane Trawin(Bowen), born: December 23, 1826, Calcutta, India, died: August 16, 1914, IN. Her husband, Abner Hunt Bowen, born: October 9, 1814, Montgomery Co., OH, died: February 10, 1890 both are buried: Masonic Cemetery, Delphi. They married May 10, 1849 in Carroll County and had nine children; two of whom are listed on the respective bronze plaque.

Mrs. Catherine J. Trawin Bowen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi for all of her adult life. Further, it was she who conveyed to our church the lot upon which the church building now stands (June 8, 2003). Mrs. Bowen, known as Mother Bowen, was loved by the congregation and especially her children. According to the Delphi Journal of August 20, 1914,



Mrs. Catherine Jane Bowen

and church records, it is clear that she loved her church. She was ever present at church meetings and activities. During her time in the church, she and her mother Mary Trawin, were quite active in the Ladies' Missionary Society. Since she was introduced to mission work at an early age, Mrs. Bowen was deeply impressed and became a life-long worker and liberal giver to the cause. She was deeply beloved, a most exemplary mother and a well-respected figure in the social circles of the community. Catherine's husband, Abner Hunt Bowen, was prominent, influential and very successful in the business community. He came to Delphi in 1837 and was first engaged in the general merchandise and produce business. Then, Mr. Bowen's firm also went into banking business (1845). Later on, his son A.T. Bowen joined him in the bank in 1879 and, upon Abner Hunt Bowen's death, the banking firm conducted business for many years under the name of A.T. Bowen & Company.

Memorial to
MR & MRS GEO. H.C. BEST

Mr. Geo. H.C. Best (George Henry Christian Best) served this church as a Ruling Elder for 35 years during which time he was Clerk of the Session for 32 years as well as other honorable positions of service. George H.C. Best came to this country from Germany in 1852; he submitted his last naturalization papers in Carroll County and became an American citizen June 5, 1863. Mr. Best and his sons, Charles W., George H., and John A., were tailors of fine clothing. He owned and operated his "Merchant Tailor Shop" for many years on West Main Street downtown Delphi. A note of interest: the large display cabinets in the Carroll County Museum belonged to Geo. H.C. Best; he had them "made to order" in 1870 for use in his business. According to the 1887 - 88 City Directory, the Best family resided on the east side of Indiana Street at the second house north of Franklin Street.

Mr. George Henry Christian Best, born: April 16, 1833, Obernburg, Germany, died: December 20, 1917, Delphi. His funeral was at the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi.

Mrs. Geo. H.C. Best (Rebecca Margaret Burke), born: May 15, 1833, Millerstown, Lancaster Co., PA, died: March 11, 1897, Delphi. Both are buried: I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Delphi.

They married April 12, 1854 in Indianapolis, IN and had nine children.

Photographs of Mr. and/or Mrs. Geo. H.C. Best were not available for this booklet.

This section of "More About Church Windows" was not intended to be a complete story either historically or genealogically, but rather, it allows the reader to know more about some of the early people that helped make our church. As stated earlier, these four stained-glass windows were dedicated by families in memory of specific individuals. To do so, they gave memorial funds toward their cost, but at the same time, the congregation shared the remaining cost for the stained-glass windows throughout the rest of the church building. According to church records, total expenditures for the church building were \$34,495.35 including the stained-glass windows which by themselves cost \$1,546.35 including memorials (Source: the Congregational Book, September 1903 - June 1929, pp. 25-28, the "Secretary's Report of the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church - Delphi, Ind.," January 27, 1911.

OTHER MEMORIALS

Over the years, the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi has been blessed to receive so many, many wonderful memorials and gifts. They are outstanding expressions of Christian Stewardship where individuals and families have shared their resources both financial and otherwise. Memorials and gifts were given to help ensure that the church which played such an important role in their own lives will be able to do so for others. With the greatest respect for all the memorials and gifts, it is not possible to list and describe them herein. However, some memorials are acknowledged elsewhere in this booklet.

OUR RECENT PASTORS

Beginning with Reverend James Rankin, the individuals in this section have through the years, dutifully and faithfully served the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi. Here, they guided us as Presbyterians and together have provided pastoral and spiritual leadership to this church for the last fifty three years. This section is devoted to these special people who have been so very important to the rich life of this church.



REV. JAMES Wm. RANKIN

Rev. James Wm. Rankin and his family have had a close and long standing relationship with the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi and the community and it continues to this day. Let us begin with Jim Rankin's graduation from Brownstown High School(1935), Hanover College(1939) and the McCormick Theological Seminary(1942). During his Seminary days, he served three Jennings County churches as Student Minister. Examined for ordination at Hanover, IN by the New Albany Presbytery, Rev. Rankin was ordained March 24, 1942. His first Pastorate was at the Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL(1942-1943). From there, he went on to serve as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Assumption, IL(1943) and it was wartime(WWII) when Rev. Rankin began his Assumption Pastorate. He was soon to become a chaplain in the U.S. Navy (1944-1946) which took him first to Williamsburg, VA, to Long Island, New York, and then on to the Pacific for a year on Tinian and Guam Islands. When the war ended, Rankin returned to his Pastorate at the Presbyterian Church at Assumption, IL, and served there until (1950).

In the spring of 1950, Rev. Rankin was extended a call to become our Pastor at The First Presbyterian Church of Delphi. People warmly welcomed him, his wife, Laura and their children, Tom and Jean, to what was to become a long and successful Pastorate. His work in Delphi began on March 17, 1950. Upon arrival, Rev. Rankin immediately connected with the congregation as well as attend to a number of repairs and needed upgrades for both the church and the manse. A Dollar-A-Month Club was organized to help with repair and redecorating the church. Other activities were encouraged to help bring the congregation closer together. After all the good work, Rev. Rankin was recalled to active duty in March 1952, as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was granted a leave of absence and Mr. Lloyd Dalquist who was attending the McCormick Theological Seminary was appointed interim student minister. In time, Rev. Rankin returned to our church after serving about 17 months in the Naval Chaplaincy; 15 of which were in the Philippines.

Rev. Rankin continued to pastor the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi until September 15, 1965, but later that year, he became Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Janesville, Wisconsin where he served faithfully in that church for over 14 years. He retired from active Presbyterian ministry in March 1980.

Rev. Rankin should also be recognized for another very commendable accomplishment in which he is very pleased with what he calls his "Pastorate as a Chaplain" in the U.S. Navy during World War II and again in the Korean War. He is now retired with 24 years of Naval Service.

Upon his retirement from the church, Rev. Rankin and his wife Laura returned to Delphi where they still reside. He remains active in the ministry and is often called to fill a pulpit in area churches, continues to call on the shut-ins, conducts weddings and funerals.

On March 8, 1992, Rev. Rankin was recognized for 50 years of service to the Presbyterian church and was elected Pastor Emeritus as provided in the Book of Order.

Rev. Rankin, Laura and children celebrated 60 years in the ministry on March 24, 2002. He concludes that God has blessed his ministry very graciously, for which, he is humbly grateful.

MR. LLOYD JOHN DALQUIST



**Lloyd and Janet Dalquist
& son Dan, 1953**

Mr. Lloyd John Dalquist was invited to come to the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi to serve as Interim Student Minister during Rev. James Wm. Rankin's leave of absence necessitated by his being recalled to active service in the U.S. Navy Chaplaincy. With concurrence of the Session, Rev. Rankin visited the McCormick Theological Seminary in January 1952 to interview several students recommended by the Seminary. The idea was to find an appropriate interim minister during his own absence. It was suggested the church should find someone who would be interested in taking a year's leave from the Seminary so that he would live here for a period of two summers and a school year. There was also concern that someone should be living in the Manse during Rankin's absence. After Rev. Rankin's return from the Chicago interviews, a letter was received from Lloyd Dalquist one of the seminarians interviewed. Accordingly, Mr. Dalquist was asked to come to our church and preach some Sunday; he did so on February 17, 1952.

Church records show that Rev. James Rankin was given a leave of absence to serve in the U.S. Navy Chaplaincy and that Mr. Lloyd J. Dalquist was to be employed as Interim Student Minister during such period. Those records also reveal that, as of May 15, 1952, Rev. Rankin was recalled to active service as a Navy Chaplain and his departure from the church was just prior to that date. He returned to the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi on or about October 11, 1953. Likewise, Mr. Lloyd Dalquist came to our church as Interim Student Minister. The same records also indicate that he assumed his ministerial duties in the spring of 1952. He returned to school (McCormick Theological Seminary) shortly after September 9, 1953. Rev. Edward E. Morris, Pastor of the Cutler Presbyterian Church was appointed Interim Moderator during Mr. Dalquist's tenure and Rev. Rankin's absence.

Mr. Lloyd Dalquist and his wife Janet are remembered as a warm, gracious young couple who came to this church to serve during our time of need. To paraphrase the 1978 anniversary publication, Mr. Dalquist's leadership in church affairs, his preaching from the pulpit, his direction of the Sunday School, his work with other churches and especially his warm and friendly personality were deeply appreciated by the congregation.

The remainder of this biography was provided by Mrs. Janet A. Dalquist. She recalls that Mr. Dalquist returned to McCormick Theological Seminary to complete his studies. Once completed, she began by saying that then Rev. Lloyd Dalquist became Pastor at the Houghton Presbyterian Church, Houghton, Michigan, where he served for nearly ten years (1955-1965). The Dalquists spent the next year in New York, but then Rev. Dalquist accepted a position in the Office of Dean of Students at Michigan Technological University (1966). Regretfully, Rev. Dalquist passed away suddenly on October 21, 1977, at his home in Houghton, MI (Source - 175th Anniversary Publication, First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, 1978). With respect to Mrs. Dalquist, she became Director of the Suomi College Library and continued there for 16 years (1968-1984). Then in 1984, she went to Michigan Technological University to become head of that library's Collection Management Division. Mrs. Dalquist retired in 1994, but has stayed very busy and active (See Appendix - Mrs. Janet Anuta Dalquist letter).



**Mrs. Janet A. Dalquist
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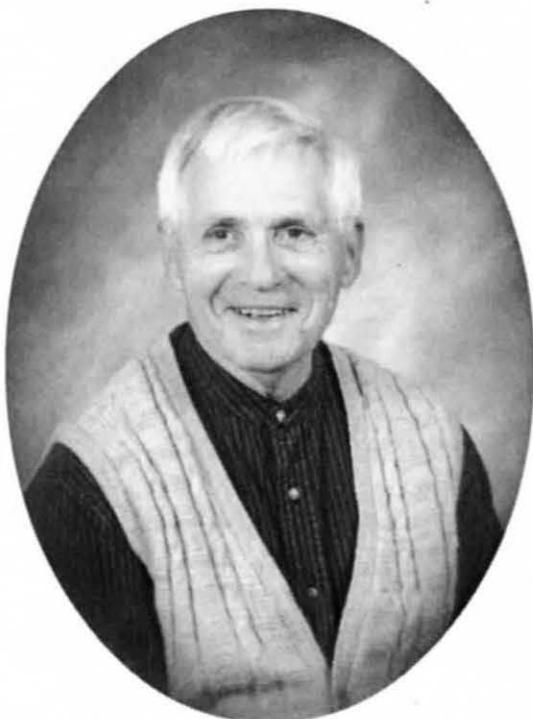
REV. FREDRICK W. LANAN

After searching for a new pastor, the Pulpit Nominating Committee extended a call to Rev. Frederick W. Lanan in February 1966. A short time later, Rev. Lanan, wife Jean, and two children, Janice and Susan, were welcomed to the Delphi community. At the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Rev. Lanan soon gained a reputation of being able to deliver a sermon from the pulpit without the aid of notes. During his time here, Rev. Lanan chaired the Education Committee of the Presbytery which, in turn, brought about a number of changes in Christian Education in our church. Also, through his leadership, a major remodeling of the church building was completed and he was instrumental in forming the Area Ministry of Presbyterian Churches in the county. Robert Sieber gave him some help with remodeling the church.

Rev. Lanan was installed March 27, 1966 as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi and served our congregation and community until August 18, 1974. Originally from Pennsylvania, Rev. Lanan graduated from Lafayette College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He later served as Minister of the Presbyterian Church at Strasburg, Pennsylvania. At the time Rev. Lanan was extended a call by this church, he was serving as Assistant Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Anderson, Indiana.

After leaving The First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Rev. Lanan moved on to become Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Gilead, Ohio where he served for about nine years(1974-1982). Then, he spent another nine years at North Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin(1982-1991). In 1991, the Milwaukee Presbytery elected Rev. Lanan its Moderator, the year before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church(USA) which convened there in 1992. After serving in this capacity, Rev. Lanan was granted retirement in 1993.

Rev. Lanan informs us he and his wife Jean have kept busy with a wide variety of things since retirement. They attend the North Shore Presbyterian Church, Shorewood, Wisconsin and are also active in the choir (See Appendix – Rev. Fredrick W. Lanan letter).



Rev. Fredrick W. Lanan



Mrs. Jean Lanan

REV. DOUGLAS J. TRACY

A call was extended to Rev. Tracy in September of 1975 to be our Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana, after which time, he and his wife Sandra, and children, Steven and Elaine, came to this community to begin their work. Rev. Dr. Douglas J. Tracey and, his wife, Mrs. Sandra J. Tracy served this church and community from September 25, 1975 through October 28, 1979. While here, a cornerstone of Rev. Tracy's Pastorate was Christian Education. Before coming to Delphi, Rev. Tracy had served as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Winnebago, Minnesota and as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington, Minnesota. From Delphi, they went on to Akron, Ohio where Rev. Tracy served at the Westminster Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor for nine years (1979-1988). At Westminster, he had a wide range of responsibilities especially Christian Education.

During the mid-1980's, Rev. Tracy also attended Columbia University in New York City where he earned a Doctorate of Education (EdD). Rev. Tracy then received a call to become Associate Pastor at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church for six years (1988-1994) at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, just west of Philadelphia. During his Pastorate there in Bryn Mawr, he also served the Church as Interim Associate Executive of the Philadelphia Presbytery. Again they moved, where Rev. Tracy became the Associate Executive of the Chicago Presbytery for four years (1994 - 1998). Meanwhile, Dr. Sandra Tracy was on the faculty as Dean, College of Education at Butler University in Indianapolis. From there, they went back to Alliance, Ohio where he became Pastor of a Revelopment Congregation for two years (1998-2000) also serving as Associate Executive of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery. Presently in Alma, Michigan, Rev. Tracy spends part of his time as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of the Western Reserve at Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a faculty member and Assistant Professor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. Still, he makes time to do volunteer work in his hometown of Alma, mid-state Michigan.

For many years, Rev. Tracy has been very supportive in Mrs. Tracy's work and career. Her formal education began at Presbyterian affiliated Carroll College in Wisconsin then later did graduate work for her Masters at the University of Pittsburgh eventually earning a Doctorate (PhD) at Purdue University. She too! has had a very successful career and is now President of Alma College which is thoroughly committed to a liberal arts education. Alma College is also affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)



Rev. Douglas J. Tracy - 1978



**Mrs. Sandra Tracy
with children Steven and Elaine - 1978**

REV. ELLIS K. GASSER



Ellis K. and Joanne Gasser

The Pulpit Nominating Committee asked Dr. & Mrs. George Wagner in June 1980 to travel to the Town & Country United Presbyterian Church of Richland Center, Wisconsin to hear and interview Reverend Ellis K. Gasser as a possible candidate for Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi, Indiana. A short time later, Rev. Gasser was invited to make an appearance before the congregation on August 3, 1980. Later, a call was extended to Rev. Gasser and his ministry began here on September 15, 1980.

A native of Wisconsin, Rev. Gasser is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was ordained July 11, 1965, by the Madison Wisconsin Presbytery, and, prior to coming to Delphi Presbyterian, Rev. Gasser served as Pastor at the First United Presbyterian Church in Armstrong, Iowa (1965-1970) then the Town & Country United Presbyterian Church in Richland Center, Wisconsin (1970-1980). Rev. Gasser, his wife Joanne and two sons, James (now deceased) and John, were welcomed to the First Presbyterian Church and the Delphi community.

Rev. Gasser continued to pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi until his retirement on March 15, 2003. Installed October 15, 1980, he was our pastor for over 22 years; longer than any one of the previous 36 pastors during their active tenure since organization on May 23, 1828.

The key to Rev. Gasser's ministry has always been teaching to love God and to love our neighbors. He began serving the church in Delphi with a commitment to working with all ages and bringing them together in worship and Christian fellowship as God's caring family. Pursuant to these ideas, Rev. Gasser approached the task by initiating many new activities over the years of his pastorate. This resulted in three general areas of growth which are spiritual, physical and outreach through the Presbytery and directly to the community.

Spiritual growth during Rev. Gasser's pastorate includes Ash Wednesday services for Lent, Maundy Thursday communion services, Hanging of the Greens with worship service. He promoted Christmas Eve candlelight and communion services and put in place the Deacon's Caring Committee. Also, he established the Special Events Committee and Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship.

Physical growth came through significant improvements to the church building and surrounding property with Rev. Gasser's leadership. The Koch property next to the church office was purchased, house removed and replaced with a much needed parking lot, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary and an elevator for easy access was installed. William and Evelyn Kerlin donated funding for the elevator and the Trustees provided funding for associated and necessary remodeling. The church sanctuary was carpeted and the kitchen was completely remodeled and updated. A new furnace was also installed. In partial preparation of for our church's 175th Anniversary Celebration, special projects were initiated; construction of a new sign structure in front of the church including a celebration walkway and memorial cross with major landscaping and redecorating the lounge including new furniture. In fact, this booklet is another project specifically for the Anniversary Celebration.

Outreach continues to be accomplished in many ways, but special among these are the purchase of the Carroll County Food Pantry buildings, first in Delphi and then in Flora. Rev. Gasser was instrumental in starting the Food Pantry and served as Chairman of the Board. He started the community Christmas Basket program for the needy. Evangelism outreach through live broadcasting our services and programs over FM JOY 103 and now over FM SHINE 99.7.

Outreach to local churches was accomplished from 1990 to present through the Presbytery by Rev. Gasser who served as Moderator of the Session and Deacons at the Burrows and Rockfield Presbyterian Churches as well as occasional supply. He also encouraged cooperative projects with community churches.

Carroll County Comet Wednesday, May 31, 1978

Delphi church observes 150th anniversary

Two hundred and twenty members, former members and friends registered Sunday morning and afternoon at the Delphi Presbyterian Church for the celebration of the church's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization. Many people also attended who did not register.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Tracy, minister of the church, delivered the sermon at the morning worship service using John 10: 1-10, the same scripture used by the Rev. James Crawford, organizer of the church 150 years ago.

The Rev. James William Rankin, former minister of the church, gave the afternoon address. He reminisced many humorous incidents that happened during his ministry between May 1950 and September 1965.

Robert Brookbank gave the historical review of the church. A book on history is being published and is available to those interested by contacting the church office, Delphi 564-2371.

Music for the morning worship service was furnished by the combined Adult and Junior Choirs, directed by Douglas Wood and Mrs. Jane Van Sickle, singing Jacob's Ladder. The Adult Choir offered the rendition, "I Just Came to Praise the Lord" in the afternoon. Mrs. Virginia Brookbank and Mrs. Wanda Klepinger are Adult and Junior choir accompanists.

Robert Quinn, paid special recognition to the families with the most members present, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. John Gingrich, who tied with eight each; the oldest member present, Mrs. Helen Anderson, 89, Brethren's Home, Flora;

the youngest person present, Daryl Brower, three of St. Joseph, Ill., grandson of the John Petersons; and the person traveling the farthest, David Baum, Tucson, Ariz., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson.

A reception followed the afternoon program in Fellowship Center. Two cakes, one in the chape of the church complete with stained glass windows, and the other in the chape of the Bible, had been baked and decorated by Mrs. Robert Duff and her daughter, Sherri. Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Robert Allen were hostesses at the reception table.

Members of the various committees were: general chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn; decoration, Mr. and Mrs. William Dickinson; historical program, Robert Brookbank; museum and photographic display, Mrs. Irene Mason, Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick and Hilda Bowen; carry-in dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black, Mr. and Mrs. John Gingrich, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Humbarger, Irene DeWinton; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orr, Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. John Klepinger and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bitler; greeters, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bowman; registration, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Murray and Tim; sales booth, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Phillips; nursery, Suzanne Alvarez and Kitty Petry; and recording, Dr. George Wagoner.

PRESBYTERIANS - THE DENOMINATION

Over the past twenty-five or thirty years, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has endured much change throughout the country. The *Church has in recent times*, experienced inordinate frustrations while, at the same time, it has an aging, declining membership along with declining birthrates. There are also many other major frustrations stemming from social, political, economic and global influences. Such things were brought about by changes from outside the church as well as within the church; some good, some not. It should be understood that these are not Presbyterian problems alone, but rather, they are shared in common with most other traditional denominations as well.

Presbyterians have had their own journey and history since their beginnings in Scotland a long time ago and that makes us unique especially here in the United States. That said, much of our history in this country is also reflected right here in the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana where we have also experienced many of the same influences and trends seen nation-wide.

Surprising as it may seem and , as late as 1983, when the southern Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) and the northern United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA) finally set down together, they took a very important step by deciding to reunite the two churches. In doing this, they overcame the Civil War past after 120 years of separation. That same year, the General Assembly moved to Louisville, Kentucky where it is presently located.

Since the late 1960's, the church has been confronted by numerous economic, political and social issues and these influences have resulted in demographic changes and others within the church. "Other factors such as aging membership, decreasing birthrates and the fact that many of our young were *raised* with ecumenical sympathies and later explored other religious options to eventually drop out of the Presbyterian Church." There are those who argue that the Presbyterians along with other denominations gave too much attention to social reform, global concerns, etc. and, in doing so, neglected their home congregations only to have them drift off course. If so, all of these factors and others have surely contributed to the loss of about one-third of the Presbyterian membership nationally in the last 30 years.

In the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, we too, have experienced similar trends of the times. Without question, there are many factors other than budget and membership; nevertheless, our budget has continued to increase while our membership has generally declined. Our figures are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>OPERATING BUDGET (\$)</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>
1975	41,000	450
1980	56,465	427
1990	85,377	296
2000	105,415	224
2003	103,503	224

There are other problem trends in the church, but they are more subtle. Nonetheless, they have all contributed to the present situation. The Presbytery has also assembled a number of broader issues and statistics from the 99 congregations throughout the Wabash Valley Presbytery and they show some rather sobering problems in many of the churches. This may not seem to be a very promising sketch, but again, in spite of all that has taken place in the long history of this church, our congregation has always found a way to prevail with resolve and hope; these times should prove no different.

CHANCEL CHOIR



Choir Director, Betty Ward & Organist, Lois Powlen

For many years, the Motto of the Delphi Presbyterian Choir has been **"TAKE MY VOICE AND LET ME SING, ALWAYS ONLY FOR MY KING"** Recent annual reports acknowledge that, while their numbers may have diminished somewhat, the choir continues to sing praises to our Lord on Sunday morning and any other special services. Thanks and gratitude are extended from Choir Director, Mrs. Betty Ward, to the faithful, dedicated choir members, the organist, Lois Powlen, and the congregation for their unwavering support. With gratitude, we all thank Mrs. Ward for her faithful and tireless effort in leading the congregation in prayer.

Knowing that song and music are a vital part of our worship, it might be well to look in the the BOOK OF ORDER at W-2.1000 which fully addresses the subject of "Prayer" in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Two special sentences regarding song and music are quoted here to clarify the subject "To lead the congregation in the singing of prayer is a primary role of the choir and other musicians. They also may pray on behalf of the congregation with introits, responses and other musical forms."

So, whenever we hear or participate in song and music in the church, it is prayer. The Choir Director and the Organist are to be commended with heartfelt thanks.

Just a bit of historical information: The last 100 years have seen a change in the concept of worship which is reflected in our hymnal. There has been a shift from the emphasis of the fear and awe and judgment of God to an expression of love and gratitude to God. The hymns of the 19th century spoke about the promised land and heaven, while the hymns of this last 20th century through today have emphasized a more abundant life in this world. Missionary hymns of today express concern and hope for the gospel message of peace rather than salvation for the heathen. (Source: Presbyterian Historical Society, Montreat, North Carolina).



Choir Director, Betty Ward, Elisa Johns, Shirley Allen, Geraldine Rice, Margaret Burkle, Rev. James Rankin, Bob Conner, Denis Horn, John Ward and Organist, Lois Powlen.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lately, our main emphasis has been on continuing and improving programs that are already in place. Fortunately many children have benefited through this approach. Because of having a large number of students in the Junior Church class, they were divided to create a Middle School class last fall. Earlier in the spring, classes were the same as in previous years. Only the youngest children attended summer classes. Regular classes resume after Labor Day.

Primary Class - Seated (L-R) Makenna Houston, Bailey Gasser, Brandon Jefferies, Miranda Wright, Adam Humbarger, Emily Humbarger and Nicole Wagner. Teachers Standing (L-R) Judy Moore and Judy Conner.



Intermediate Class - Seated (L-R) Cory Schnepf, Kaleb Trapp, Spencer Conner, Teacher - Susan Briggs, Cassie Long, Albanee Flora, Teacher - Kathy Justice, and Allee Flora.



Middle School Class - Seated & Standing (L-R) Daniel Butler, Teacher – Cassy Gasser, Andrew Flora, Teacher – Sherri Conner, Alex Conner and Amanda Jefferies.

DEACONS CARING COMMITTEE

Over the years, members of this committee have, with compassion, touched many people in many ways because they care – the church also cares. Committee members change from time to time, but the caring work continues on. The Caring List is kept current and, from this, the committee reaches out to members of the church and some non-members as well. With a lot of work, this activity is done in many ways, but to name only a few; sending cards to shut-ins, the sick, the bereaved and others. The cards are for many occasions such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, Valentine's Day, Get-Well, birthdays and sympathy. Sometimes, flowers including Easter Lilies are given. These are sent to private homes, hospitals and nursing homes. On occasion, even the Easter Bunny was known to show up at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Christmas decorations and Easter center-pieces were distributed; even balloons on wedding anniversary dates while several shadow boxes with pictures were given for Christmas.

This continues to be a very important function of the church and, again, this amounts to a lot of work. Just for the record, the committee's work is spelled-out in the BOOK OF ORDER, Deacons Responsibilities "It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session."

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Displayed on the wall of Fellowship Hall, the purpose of the Presbyterian Women's Association reads:

"Forgiving and freed by God in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- To support the mission of the church worldwide,
- To work for justice and peace, and
- To build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom."

Presbyterian Women's (PW) Association is an inclusive organization, that is, if you are a woman within this church family, you are considered a Presbyterian woman. PW Circle's main emphases are Bible Study, Missions and Fellowship.

With respect to PW Bible study, it has varied, but in recent years, women in the Bible have been studied. Moreover, regular bible study continues to be a part of their agenda.

Presbyterian women support Worldwide Mission, both at home and abroad. To pursue this, PW has the annual dinner and Bazaar, special meals, and a number of other activities to raise money to meet their financial commitments to the Presbytery and other mission work. The Delphi Circle contributes a significant amount of monies annually to worldwide missions where it goes to a variety of opportunities. Local missions are included e.g. funeral meals, Christmas baskets, Bible School expenses, paper supplies for Sunday Morning Fellowship and other church activities.

Lastly, it is so very important for PW members to share in Fellowship. To this end, Circle meetings do provide abundant fellowship. Other opportunities for Fellowship are found when members attend Spring Gathering, Fall Gathering, Wabash Valley Presbytery Women's events and others.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

With each passing year, "Special Events" continues to become bigger and better. Fortunately for all of us, it has become an outstanding group of activities which foster a special fellowship and these events seem to bring closeness to the congregation. Looking at the last few Annual Reports, a long list of special events were planned to bring people together. To illustrate the point, let's take a page from the 2002 Annual Report and list, in abbreviated form, the special events for last year.

- Brunch for the annual congregational meeting.
- Open House for John Klepinger's 90th birthday
- Presbyterian Women hosted a "Ladies Night Out" – men of the church served the meal.
- Outdoor Worship Service and meal at City Park.
- Members of the The First Presbyterian Church of Delphi and the Westminster Retirement Village gathered in West Lafayette for a Vesper Service and reception for Bill and Evelyn Kerlin to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary and Bill's 93rd birthday.
- "Men's Outing" along the Tippecanoe River at Jim and Diane Justice's home.
- Open House and workshops to make Christmas decorations plus an afternoon and evening to make cookies and candy to raise money for Anniversary Celebration projects.
- "Hanging of The Greens" – soup supper followed with a worship service.
- "Miracle in a Manger" – after lunch, church members and visitors from the community viewed the 120 nativity sets on display in the sanctuary.
- A second Open House to sell crafts and cookies – proceeds given for Anniversary projects.
- Dinner at the Stone House Restaurant for church members who afterwards went to Bob and Pat Duff's home for dessert and fellowship.



There is neither space nor time to list herein all of the special events that have taken place over the last two or three decades, consequently, just a few of the most recent ones honoring members of the church have been selected and described below:

REV. JAMES Wm. RANKIN celebrated 60 years as an ordained Presbyterian minister on March 24, 2002, and was honored in Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi. His wife, Laura, their daughter, Jean Dilley, and son Tom Rankin were present to enjoy and be a part of the celebration. Rev. Rankin was our Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church from March 17, 1950 to September 15, 1965 and, after retirement, he became Pastor Emeritus. His long relationship with this church continues to this day.

Jim and Laura Rankin "Celebration"

JOHN F. KLEPINGER celebrated his 90th birthday with members and friends on Sunday, February 17, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi – February 18, 1912, is his actual birth date. Following morning services, the event was held in Fellowship Hall where a dinner was given in honor John's long, faithful membership and also serving as an Elder, a Deacon, a Trustee, and a great friend of the church. A local banker for many years, John Klepinger has been involved in many benevolent activities in the community. Later, there was an Open House in the afternoon from 1 – 3 p.m.



John K. at the podium with relatives and church family

WILLIAM and EVELYN KERLIN were honored when the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi and the Westminster Retirement



William (Bill) Kerlin

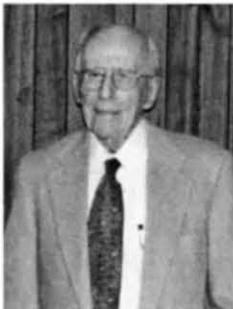
Village gathered (June 30, 2002) in West Lafayette for Vesper Service and reception to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary and Bill's 93rd birthday. Regretfully, Evelyn passed away a short time later on November 3, 2002. As it was, Bill and Evelyn joined the church on March 30, 1941 just before the country entered World War II.

At the time, Bill was a local businessman operating the grain elevator; the main family business. By now, it was wartime and he was called into the Army. After training here in the US, Bill went to Europe as an officer, but unfortunately, he was seriously wounded in combat. This had a lasting affect on him, but after lengthy rehabilitation and convalescence, he was able to return to Delphi and go on with life. Bill and Evelyn were honored for their long association with the church where he (Bill) served as a Deacon and Trustee. Through the Kerlins' gracious generosity, the church elevator became a reality.

REV. ELLIS K. GASSER was honored by the congregation on Sunday, March 16, 2003, for his retirement after 38 years in the ministry. Of that time, he was our Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi for 22 ½ years. Following the morning worship service, a dinner was served in his honor in Fellowship Hall. There was an Open House and Reception later in the afternoon from 2 – 4 p.m. His wife, Joanne Gasser, and son John Gasser & family enjoyed and took part in all the festivities – the congregation wished them the very best.



Ellis and Joanne Gasser Retirement Celebration



George Obear

GEORGE W. OBEAR has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi for 80 years. Plans have been made to honor George for his long association and service this church. He joined the church April 1, 1923, and, on Celebration Day, he will receive an 80-year membership pin.

During this long association with the church, George also served as a Deacon, Trustee, Elder and Clerk of the Session. Members of George Obear's law firm and other close friends plan to attend his celebration. We are looking forward to George's recognition – Congratulations.

ANNIVERSARY LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

This committee accepted the responsibility of revitalizing the area in front of the church. As a result, they developed with the help of Landscape Architect Greg Pierceall a project calling for a new sign, a cross and dogwood trees. The design also called for a "cross-shaped" brick walkway known as Celebration Walkway, benches and complementing

shrubbery; all to be in a garden setting where some of the plantings have biblical reference. Mr. Pierceall volunteered his services with Paul and Mary Cain donating their time and expertise in showing us how to construct the walkway.

An iron Celtic cross was constructed by local blacksmith/artist Ross Brown. It was erected in front of the sign (a newly constructed limestone wall) and iron letters denoting "First Presbyterian Church" were placed upon it. Funds for the cross and the lettering were donated by Bill Bradshaw in memory of his mother Arlyne Bradshaw. Also, Alice Shank and son Bill donated the installation of the lighting for both the sign and the garden. Let it be known that our gratitude and thanks go out to these special people for their most generous contributions of funds, expertise and time. Further, Committee members were Chairman, Steven Briggs, Susan Briggs, Paul Jeffries, Ray Ward, Nathan and Rosalie Wilson, Judy Conner, Sherri Conner, Pat Duff, Ruth and Lloyd Anderson should all be recognized and commended for completing an important and significant project in preparation for the Anniversary Celebration; it's a real credit to our church. Also, "Thank You" to all the many others in the congregation who helped with the project.

ANNIVERSARY LOUNGE COMMITTEE

In preparation for the upcoming Anniversary Celebration on June 8, 2003, the Lounge Committee was asked to redecorate the church lounge located next to the sanctuary. The committee first sponsored a Parking Lot Sale of many, many donated items to raise money to help offset some of the redecoration costs – the sale was quite successful. The Committee kept very busy for well over a year and was especially diligent in deciding the type, color and design of furniture, lighting, paint and wall hangings. After several early meetings, they were then in a position to determine what was needed and, from there, developed a budget which was later approved. At this time, they went to work and it was done. Also, it included in the redecoration project was the Peters-Revington entertainment center, television, etc. received in memory of James Gasser, son of Rev. Ellis Gasser and Joanne Gasser. Committee members Rosalie Wilson, Joanne Gasser, Louise Mitchell, Judy Conner and Eunice Wagner did a superb job in bringing the lounge to life. Also, a very special thanks to all the others who worked on the lounge. It is a beautifully decorated room and fit to receive any church guests and other relevant activities.

ANNIVERSARY SKITS

As we approached the Celebration Day of June 8, the Anniversary Steering Committee decided to have a series of five vignettes or skits presented to and enacted before the congregation during regular Sunday morning services. Beginning the first Sunday of February 2003, the skits continued each month ending June 1, just before Celebration Day. Each episode briefly described a unique event in the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi; ones that are intended to gain the interest of the congregation and gradually usher in the celebration. Coordinator and opening narrator was Jan Israel. The following skits were enacted:

In The Beginning - February 2, 2003. As people entered the land, Henry Robinson with his family and others soon recognized the spiritual need in their lives. They began by having social prayer meetings in Robinsons' cabin. Still there was a greater need and so it was that Rev. James Crawford, a circuit riding pastor sharing with Lafayette did on May 28, 1828, organized our church. Rev. Crawford became our first pastor while Henry Robinson and William McCord were elected the first Ruling Elders of the church.



Pictured left to right are Bonnie Horn, Denis Horn, Don Mitchell, Jim Justice, and narrated by Jan Israel (not pictured)



*John Gasser as
Rev. John Stocker,
narrated by Jan Israel*

Time Marches On - March 2, 2003. The Rev. John Stocker episode portrayed a pastor who did not care for the rough, frontier life here in Delphi and he was unhappy at the Presbyterian Church. He believed that the people of Delphi were an uncommonly hard field to cultivate – just over a year in this pastorate, he left for another church.

Chicken Little Goes To Church - April 4, 2003. This skit describes a somewhat humorous event that happened during a serious Logansport Presbytery meeting held here in Delphi. The setting was in a partially built house without ceilings and where chickens were roosting. During the meeting, the chickens began to stir, but the situation was exacerbated

by a member of the Presbytery, when he tried to dislodge them. The meeting was disrupted and many were upset at first, but eventually the meeting regained order and went on. The incident prompted members to secure a regular meeting place.



Pictured left to right - Narrator, Judy Moore, John Gingrich, Lloyd Anderson, Mark Justice, Ray Ward, Spencer Conner, Charles Wilson (not pictured: Kathy Justice, Linda Gingrich, Betty Ward, and Virginia Thompson)



Pictured left to right - Bob Quinn, Ray Ward, Abe Alvarez, Denis Horn, and narrated by Bob Connor (not shown)

**Church Divided
May 4, 2003.**

The scene is in 1870 at the First Presbyterian Church on Union Street.. Here, four pastors had gathered and they discussed the division and reunion of the church.

Cornerstone Ceremony - June 1, 2003. When our church was being built, a grand cornerstone ceremony was planned for May 5, 1909. Unfortunately, the contractor wasn't going to meet the completion date. A few days after that, the pastor announced that he had to be away on business at the General Assembly. So, the ceremony had to be canceled and eventually just the contractor and the Clerk of Session met and quietly laid the cornerstone.

This skit was presented after the document was submitted to the printer – Jan Israel is scheduled to be the narrator - photographs were not available.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI, INDIANA

PAST CHURCH BUILDINGS & MEETING PLACES

JANUARY 1, 1826 - PRESENT

The following is a chronological listing of dates, locations and actions relevant to the organization and history of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana. Certain political dates have been included to serve only as informative time-reference points during the early years of this church.

- December 11, 1816 Indiana becomes a State; it was a wilderness and largely unsettled at that time.
- December 21, 1824 Henry Robinson purchased and entered 160 acres; he was the first permanent settler in what would later become Carroll County and Deer Creek Township. This land was two adjoining 80-acre tracts on the northeast edge of Delphi.
- January 1, 1826 The first permanent settlers in Carroll County were Henry Robinson and his family; all Presbyterians and, along with several others, began social prayer meetings at Robinson's home on his land not far from Robinson's Mill.
- January 7, 1828 Indiana State Legislature enacted a law authorizing formation of Carroll County.
- May 12, 1828 Carroll County organized and the formation was consummated.
- May 15, 1828 Seat of Justice for Carroll County was named "Carrollton" which was immediately surveyed and a town plat prepared. However, the town name was changed to "Delphi" on May 24, 1828.
- May 23, 1828 The Presbyterian Church of Deer Creek (later renamed First Presbyterian Church of Delphi) was organized and consecrated by Rev. James Crawford and Rev. James Thompson. Church services continued at Henry Robinson's home for about the the next seven months. Rev. Crawford was the first stated supply for our church.
- December 1828 The Delphi congregation moved and began holding church services and meetings in the log school house on the northeast corner of Monroe and Union Streets and they continued to do so for nearly 10 years(1828 - 1838).
- January 22, 1833 The congregation voted to change the name of the church from Presbyterian Church of Deer Creek to the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi.
- April 1834 A small group of members left the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi to form a new church on South Hill. It was called the "Church of Lebanon".
- May 2, 1835 Fifteen members left the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi to organize into a new church at Odell's school house and called Deer Creek Church. This church then divided in 1839 and two churches were organized out of it; Bachelor's Run and one on Rock Creek.
- Fall 1835 Delphi was first incorporated as a town and later as a city in 1866.
- 1838 A new frame church was constructed at 215 South Market Street. Sometime after 1859, it was moved to 425 West Franklin Street as a private residence; it exists yet today.

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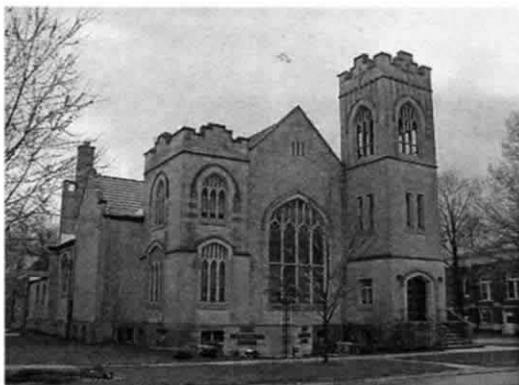
Fall 1839	Nationally, the Presbyterian Church in crisis divided into two branches; the "Old School" and the "New School." Like the national crisis, the Presbyterian Church in Delphi also divided. Thus, from 1839 to 1870, Delphi had both the "Old School" and "New School" Presbyterian congregations as separate churches.	
	<u>Old School</u>	<u>New School</u>
1839 - 1846	Congregation met in the frame church at 215 S. Market St. and shared with the New School on alternate Sundays. The Church of Lebanon dissolved and joined the Old School. Also, the Church of Camden was formed by a few from the Old School in May 1846.	Congregation met in the frame church at 215 S. Market St. and shared with the Old School on alternate Sundays. Also a portion of the New School left to form the Pittsburg Presbyterian Church in 1843.
1846	Congregation moved to the brick Octagon Seminary building near the site of old Delphi High School between High & Wilson Streets; later destroyed by fire 1848.	Congregation continued use of the frame church on Lot No. 9 at 215 S. Market St. Session(12/12/1846) authorized sale of 1/2 of that lot in the original Town of Delphi.
1846	Congregation constructed and moved to new frame church at 315 E. Main Street, dedicated February 1848. in 1859.	Congregation continued use of the frame church at 215 S. Market Street until they moved to Union St.
1859	Congregation continued use of the frame church at 315 E. Main Street until the Church was reunited in 1870, then part-time until 1875.	Congregation constructed and moved to a new brick building at 115 N. Union Street, dedicated December 22, 1866 and continued in use until 1909.
1866	Delphi incorporated as a city under a new charter.	
April 3, 1870	The two branches(Old School and New School)were reunited both nationally and locally. It was resolved that worship services would be held part-time in the brick church at 115 N. Union St. and part-time at the frame church at 315 E. Main St. This arrangement continued until 1875 and eventually the frame church on E. Main St. was vacated and sold to the Christian Church about 1882.	
1875	Entire reunited congregation used the brick church at 115 N. Union St. until 1909.	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI, INDIANA

PAST CHURCH BUILDINGS & MEETING PLACES

JANUARY 1, 1826 - PRESENT

- Summer 1898 The West Delphi Presbyterian Chapel was built and opened for those members who, because of distance, age etc., were unable to attend the parent Delphi Presbyterian Church. Occasional preaching services and weekly prayer meetings were the agenda.
- May 20, 1909 The cornerstone of the new church building at the Southeast corner of Main and Indiana Streets was to be laid May 5, 1909 but, due to unavoidable delays, the ceremony for laying the stone had to be canceled. Eventually, the cornerstone was laid later by the contractor and the Clerk of the Session on May 20, 1909.
- May 22, 1910 Congregation dedicated the new church building and this superb structure continues to serve as a house of God to this date.
- June 8, 2003 Celebration of the 175th Anniversary (Church organized May 23, 1828).



*Presbyterian Church, Delphi
Corner, Main & Indiana Streets
Built 1909 - Presently Used*



*Presbyterian Church, Delphi
315 East Main Street
Built by the Old School
Used 1846 - 1875*



*Presbyterian Church, Delphi
115 North Union Street
Built by the New School
Used 1859 - 1909*

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI

2003 Session Officers(Elders) for the Congregation

*(All Chairpersons are marked with an *)*

CLASS 2003

Linda Gingrich	210 West Vine Street, Delphi, IN 46923
Jim Justice	12541 West Tippecanoe Ranch Road, Delphi, IN 46923
Virginia Thompson	3696 State Road 25 North, Delphi, IN 46923
Raymond Ward	1845 North 800 West, Delphi, IN 46923

CLASS 2004

Janet Israel	7373 West Milkhouse Road, IN 46923
Judy Moore	5118 North 700 West, Delphi, IN 46923
Sara Spurgeon	10327 East 899 North, Lafayette, IN 47905
Grace Youngberg – Clerk	201 South Main, Monticello, IN 47960

CLASS 2005

Pat Duff	4756 West State Road 18, Delphi, IN 46923
Mark Justice	8469 North 100 East, Delphi, IN 46923
Ann Smith	Rhineland Trailer Ct. # 39, Delphi, IN 46923
Charles Wilson	3811 North 450 West, Delphi, IN 46923

Stewardship

*Jim Justice
Linda Gingrich
Mark Justice
Ray Ward

Personnel

*Virginia Thompson
Jan Israel (S)
Chuck Wilson (S)
Bob Duff (D)
Stan Long (C)

Evangelism

*Pat Duff
Jim Justice
Mark Justice
Judy Moore
Charles Wilson

Christian Ed.

*Jan Israel
Judy Moore
Sara Rouse
Grace Youngberg

Worship & Music

*Linda Gingrich
Sara Spurgeon
Ann Smith
Virginia Thompson

Children's Message: *Linda Gingrich

Nursery Schedule: *Jan Isreal & Jean Wily

Usher Committee: Jim Justice & Ray Ward

Nominating Committee: Elders: * Judy Moore & Ann Smith;

Deacon: Robert Duff; also, Stan Long, Dee Humbarger, Bob Quinn,
Bob Conner, Jean Willy and Zach Humbarger for youth.

Weather Team

*Jim Justice
Pat Duff
Mark Justice



Session Meeting, March 12, 2003

SESSION (L-R): Mark Justice, Charles Wilson, Judy Moore, Rev. Ellis K. Gasser, Grace Youngberg, Clerk of Session, Linda Gingrich, Virginia Thompson and Jan Israel. Not shown are: Jim Justice, Ray Ward, Sara Spurgeon, Pat Duff and Ann Smith

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI

2003 Deacon Officers for the Congregation

*(All Chairpersons are marked with an *)*

CLASS 2003

Lloyd Anderson	6580 North US 421 North, Delphi, IN 46923
Robert Duff	4756 West State Road 18, Delphi, IN 46923
John Gasser	905 Terrace Lane, Delphi, IN 46923
Shannon Hegel	11016 North Quiet Water Circle, Monticello, IN 47960

CLASS 2004

Steven Briggs	2481 West 500 North, Delphi, IN 46923
Paul Jeffries	5257 North Springboro Road, Brookston, IN 47923
Kim Rishel	7043 West Crestwood Drive, Delphi, IN 46923
Rosalie Wilson	3617 West 600 North, Delphi, IN 46923

CLASS 2005

Doris Curts	4502 West 375 North, Delphi, IN 46923
Patricia Flora	1520 South State Road 421, Delphi, IN 46923
Tom Flora	1520 South State Road 421, Delphi, IN 46923
Zach Humbarger	4409 West 200 South, Delphi, IN 46923

House Committee

*Lloyd Anderson
Steven Briggs
John Gasser
Paul Jefferies
Pat Flora
Tom Flora
Zach Humbarger

Finance Committee

*John Gasser
Steven Briggs

Caring Committee

*Shannon Hegel
Kim Rishel
Rosie Wilson
Doris Curts
Pat Flora

Deacon Officers

*Chairperson, Robert Duff
Vice Chair., Paul Jeffries
Secretary, Pat Flora
Nominating Com. Robert Duff
Personnel Com. Robert Duff

Trustees

*Denis Horn, Secretary
Bill Penn, President
John Klepinger, Member
Donnabelle Sieber, Treasurer

Church Treasurer: Ray Ward

Church Financial Secretary: Betty Ward

Church Secretary & Office: Kim Clear - 765-564-2371

Pastor's Home Phone: Pastor Ellis K. Gasser retired 3/15/2003 – Now searching for new Pastor.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Friday



Deacons Meeting, March 25, 2003

DEACONS (Seated): Tom Flora,
Pat Flora, Bob Duff, Chairman.

Standing: Doris Curts, Zach Humbarger,
Steven Briggs, Paul Jefferies,
Shannon Hegel and Lloyd Anderson.
Not shown are: John Gasser, Kim Rishel
and Rosalie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI

2003 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Robert	Allen	Gregory	Duff	Gene	Humbarger
Shirley	Allen	Curt	Duff	Jamie	Humbarger
Michael	Allen	Eric	Duff	Judy	Humbarger
Abe	Alvarez	Laura	Duff	Dee	Humbarger
Earleen	Alvarez	Faye	Ebrite	Jeffrey	Humbarger
Lloyd	Anderson	Virginia	Emerson	Sondra	Humbarger
Ruth	Anderson	William	Emerson	Zachary	Humbarger
Marsha	Andrew	Barry	Emerson	Janet	Israel
Terry	Antibus	Rebecca	Emerson	Ronald	Israel
Suzanna	Antibus	John (J.T.)	Emerson	Nathana	Jarboe
Mary	Barnaby	Mark	Emerson	Amanda	Jeffries
Fred	Barnaby	Frank	Fitch	Nancy	Jeffries
Albert	Bartlow	Lee	Flora	Paul	Jeffries
Gene	Bartlow	Helen	Flora	Justin	Jenkins
Margaret	Bartlow	Thomas	Flora	Esther	Johns
Alisa	Bieghler	Duane	Flora	Floyd Jr.	Johns
Jeff	Bieghler	Abbee	Flora	Elisa	Johns
Daniel	Butler	Ashlee	Flora	Mark	Justice
Shirley	Boggs	Patricia	Flora	Brian	Justice
Milton	Bowman	Kurtis	Fouts	Kathy	Justice
Gertrude	Bowman	Sherry	Frazer	Jim	Justice
Steven	Briggs	Joanne	Gasser	Diane	Justice
Susan	Briggs	John	Gasser	William	Kerlin
Mary	Brown	Cassandra	Gasser	John	Klepinger
Elsie	Burkhalter	Ralph	Gay	Hazel	Liebert
Donald	Burkhalter	Marilyn	Gay	Ruth	Liebert
Margaret	Burkle	Linda	Gingrich	Ned	Long
Timothy	Butler	John	Gingrich V	Lucille	Long
Derek	Butler	Freda	Goslee	Stan	Long
Edward	Carr	Terry	Goslee	Gloria	Maxwell
Carol	Catsiff	Anthony	Goyer	Helen	McCain
Mary	Chapman	Richard	Grantham	Stella	McCormick
Lorene	Clawson	Polly	Grantham	Richard	McLeland
Joseph	Clawson	Susan	Grantham	Doris	McLeland
Laurene	Cohee	Stefan	Gulik	Scott	McLeland
Alexander	Conner	Brian David	Hanna	Lawrence	Medley
Sherri	Conner	Eric	Hegel	LaVaune	Million
Judy	Conner	Fred	Hegel	Don R.	Mitchell
Robert	Conner	Justin	Hegel	M. Louise	Mitchell
Deborah	Cook	Shannon	Hegel	Judy	Moore
Edward	Cook	Donald	Horn	Ephina	Moore
Karsten	Cook	Shirley	Horn	David	Murray
Richard	Cornell	Denise	Horn	William	Myer
Sue Ann	Cornell	Denis	Horn	Patricia	Myer
Doris	Curts	Bonnie	Horn	Joan	Nelson
Marjorie	Denk	Heather	Horn	George	Obear
Barbara	Dickinson	Megan	Horn	Lou	O'Reilly
Robert	Duff	Francis	Humbarger	Jack	Orr
Patricia	Duff	Maxine	Humbarger	Helen	Orr

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI 2003 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Bill	Penn	Ann	Smith		Began 2003 with	224
Sue	Penn	Sara	Spurgeon		members	
Linda	Penn	Lawrence	Stauffer			
Kaye	Petry	Lillian	Stauffer		New members in 2003	<u>+ 6</u>
Neal	Petry	William	Stauffer		J. Humbarger	
Charles	Petry	Ralph	Sullivan		A. Jeffries	
Marcia	Phillips	Virginia	Thompson		A. Conner	
Lloyd	Phillips	Lee	Thompson		E. Hegel	
Timothy	Phillips	Delores	Thomson		J. Hegel	
Matthew	Phillips	Ross	Thorne		D. Butler	
Andrew	Phillips	Raymond	Todd			
William	Quinn	Geneva	Todd		<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>230</u>
Robert	Quinn	Terry	Voorhees		Deaths in 2003	- 2
Lucile	Quinn	Stephen	Wagner		(John Peterson & Helen Vaughn)	
Roberta	Quinn	Eunice	Wagner			<u>228</u>
Allen	Ragan	Betty	Ward		To inactive List	<u>00</u>
Sally	Ragan	John	Ward		Transfer out or move	<u>00</u>
Austin	Ragan	Brice	Ward		Removal of	<u>- 1</u>
John	Ragan	Raymond	Ward		(Brian Sholty)	
Martha	Ragan	Mildred	Waymire		Members listed herein are	227
Laura	Rankin	William	Waymire		as of March 9, 2003	
Jessica	Rankin	Belinda	Weatherwax			
Jim	Rankin	Jean	Willy			
Thomas	Rankin	Nathan	Wilson			
Geraldine	Rice	Rosalie	Wilson			
Lee	Rice	Charles	Wilson			
Kim	Rishel	Elaine	Wilson			
Charles	Ritzler	Jeremy	Wilson			
Norma	Ritzler	Thomas	Wilson			
Robert	Robbins	Ruth	Workman			
Patricia	Robbins	Marla	Yates			
Jim	Robbins	Grace	Youngberg			
Gaye	Rose					
Wayne	Rule					
Joan	Rule					
Karlene	Schmidt					
Russell	Schnepf					
William	Schnepf II					
Karen	Schnepf					
Alice	Shank					
William	Shank II					
Donna	Sholty					
Edward	Sholty					
Donnabelle	Sieber					
Nelson	Sines					
Pearl	Sines					
Helen	Smith					
Catherine	Smith					

PHOTOGRAPHS



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT - Confirmation Class 2003, (l to r) Daniel Butler, Eric Hegel, Alex Conner, Amanda Jeffries, and Justin Hegel (not shown); Rev. Gasser - Tell It Like It Is; Kim Clear - Church Secretary - Great Job; Lois Powlen and Bob Conner - Very Special Music; Sunday Services at City Park; Rev. Gasser's Children's Message complete with lamb

PHOTOGRAPHS



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT - Sanctuary decorated for Christmas & "Miracle in a Manger" event displaying 120 nativity sets; Is this home at 425 W. Franklin St. our first church building - the church history books say so - it was moved from 215 S. Market St.; Don Mitchell presenting Rev. Gasser's retirement plaque; Church Nursery, (l to r) Adam Humbarger and Mattie Rishel; all ready for a big event; Laurene Cohee serving tea at the "Miracle in a Manger"

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The Rev F W Lanan
7658 N 50th St
Milwaukee, WI 53223

November 21, 2002

Mr. Don R. Mitchell
First Presbyterian Church
Delphi, IN 46923

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

It was good to receive your letter about the anticipated celebration of your congregation's 175th anniversary on Sunday, June 8, 2003. Jean and I are pleased to be invited and are planning to attend, if at all possible. Please keep us informed about details.

In response to your request for an update of personal information since leaving there, I offer the following:

After leaving Delphi in 1974, I served for nearly nine years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and then another nine years at North Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, continuing my interest in preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, ecumenical relations, Church officer training, and mission beyond the local Church. Among other things, I offered some variety in worship, encouraged different styles of Christian education--such as Vacation Church School at a near-by State Park--and sometimes directed summer camps for the Presbytery.

While we lived in Mt. Gilead, Jean went into nurse's training and received her certificate as Licensed Practical Nurse in 1977 at Marion General Hospital (Ohio), and our daughters, Jan and Sue, that same year went off to college--Jan to Indiana University and Sue to Maryville College and the University of Tennessee. Jan is now not far from us in Milwaukee, and Sue is married and living in Knoxville.

For me, becoming a minister in urban Milwaukee in 1984 was far different from ministry in county seat towns in Indiana and Ohio, but it was both challenging and satisfying, and I was honored by the Presbytery of Milwaukee to be elected its Moderator in 1991, the year before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) convened there in 1992. I was granted retirement in 1993, and Jean and I--in relatively good health--have been busy with a wide variety of things since. We normally worship at North Shore Presbyterian Church, Shorewood, Wisconsin, and are active in their Choir.

Respectfully,

Fred W. Lanan

Janet Anuta Dalquist ~ 51209 Canal Road, Houghton, Michigan 49931-9735
~The Bridge Between Oskar and Liminga~

Don R. Mitchell
Member, Steering Committee and Chairman, Historical Committee
First Presbyterian Church
213 South Indiana Street
Delphi, IN 46923

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

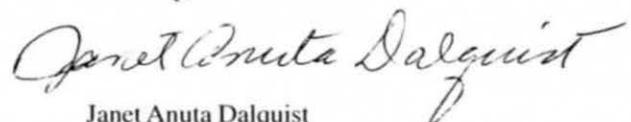
Thank you for the invitation to the 175th anniversary celebration of the Delphi Presbyterian Church. I will be unable to attend because of a commitment to a local music festival at that time. Last April my daughter, daughter-in-law and I were in Delphi, visited with the church secretary, toured the church, and were pleased to be given a directory of the membership. Fond memories! Please extend my congratulations and well-wishes to members of the congregation.

You asked for an "update." Lloyd was pastor of the Houghton Presbyterian church from 1955 to 1965, 2 months short of 10 years. We moved to New York State and returned to Houghton after a year when he was offered a position in the Dean of Students office at Michigan Technological University (MTU). He died in 1977 at the age of 52, much loved and respected for his quiet manner and his love of people. I had earned a Masters in library science from the University of Michigan in 1965 and had taken the position of Director of the Library at Suomi College, a two-year liberal arts institution. After 16 years there I moved in 1984 to MTU as head of that library's Collection Management Division. I served as liaison to the 20 faculty departments, managed the selection of books, journals and serials, and developed a serials management file, an allotment formula for the library materials' funds, and a preservation program. I retired in 1994 at the age of 66.

Since 1989 I have been the organist at Portage Lake United Church (PLUC), a union congregation of the local Presbyterian and Congregational churches. I write monthly articles on hymnody for their newsletter (since 1996) and I'm the representative of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians to the Presbytery of Mackinac. I am a founder and coordinator of the Organists of Keweenaw and have chaired the committee for the organ concert and workshop of the Pine Mountain Music Festival since 1994 (check out <www.pmmf.org>). Besides organ study, I read, flower garden and bike in the summer, and cross-country ski during the our beautiful winters.

Family: Daniel Lloyd was born while Lloyd served your church (anyone recall how Lloyd announced the arrival by hanging a blue diaper from the manse flagpole?). Dan graduated in business from MTU, worked for a local bank for 27 years, and is now a broker with Edward Jones. His wife, Bobbie, is the accounting systems programmer at MTU and is the church school coordinator for PLUC. Their two children are at MTU—Eric, age 21, is a computer science major and Kari, age 18, has a possible goal of physical therapy. He works with the sound and lighting folks; she is a basketball and downhill ski athlete. Marthe Jan, was born while were in Rockfield. After one year at MTU she married, and enjoys her career as a homemaker. Her husband, David, is a research engineer with Agilent in Santa Rosa, California. They are active members of their church where Marthe plays flute in the "Praise Band" and she and son Jon play in the bell choir. Anna, age 20 is an accomplished percussion musician (marimba). She is a sophomore in mechanical engineering at Purdue and is in both the concert and marching bands. Jonathan, age 17, is a high school track runner and has a great bass singing voice. Lloyd's and my youngest son, David John, was born in Houghton. He graduated from MTU, earned a Masters degree from the University of Michigan, and is the systems librarian and webmaster at Northwest College in Traverse City, Michigan where he enjoys his passions of windsurfing and kayaking. Skiing and biking are passions with all of us!

Sincerely,



Janet Anuta Dalquist