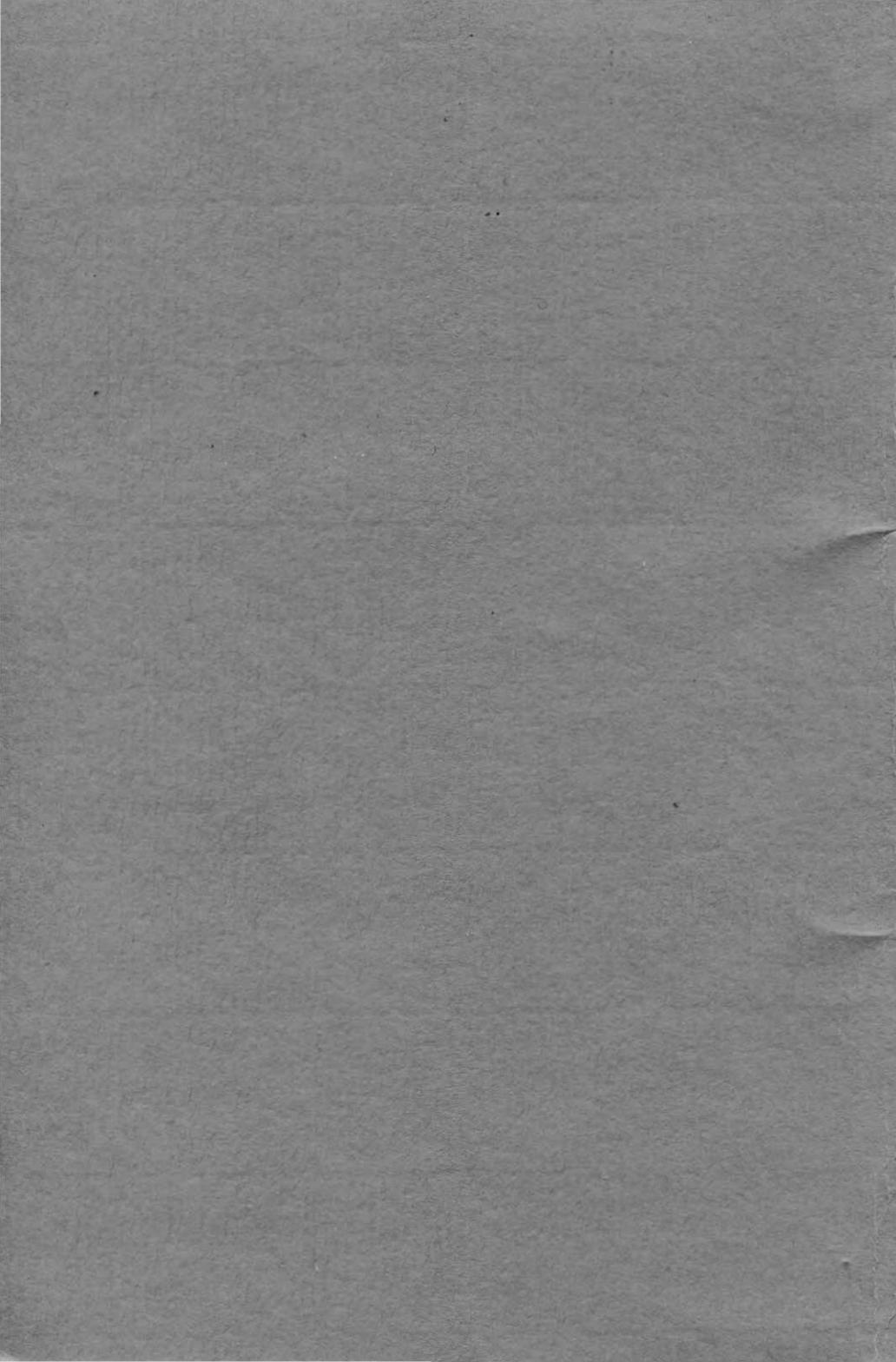


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This book is dedicated to
all who have made the church
what it is today, and all
who are the church of tomorrow.



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INTRODUCTION

*"This is my body given for you; do
this in remembrance of me."*

Luke 22:19b

*Now you are the body of Christ, and
each one of you is a part of it.*

I Corinthians 12:27

This year the Pittsburg Church of the Brethren celebrates twenty-five years in its present church building. This is an opportunity to remember and appreciate the many people who brought us to this point, both in providing the building and beginning the congregation in this community. Thus this book has been compiled as a step in the ongoing project of documenting our church history.

But our church is much more than organization and structure. It is people in whom the Spirit of God dwells, who together worship and live out the Gospel as the "body of Christ." While reflecting on the history of our congregation, may we always remember to place "Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20b).

Following a brief overview of the heritage of the Church of the Brethren, we begin with the earliest meetings of Brethren in the Delphi-Pittsburg

community. The story through the years is one of struggle, faith, organization, building a new facility, and maturity. Come with us through these pages as we grow from a mission point to a congregation whose members participate, through stewardship of time and resources, in the work of the District and Brotherhood of our denomination, as members of the universal Body of Christ.

SOURCES

Beginning in April of 1980, members gathered documents and recollections to begin preserving the church's history as accurately as possible. Sources are many; where applicable, they are named in the text. Research into the early years was headed by Mary Gushwa. Then in October 1980, former pastor John Laprad, active member from 1939 to 1970, prepared an oral history which served as the framework for all three major sections of this book.

His tape recording was based on a number of sources. First, he used a brief history, which he had written for the District in 1950, of the church to that time. That report was based on church records, personal records, and memories of persons who had lived through the preceding periods of the church. A second source for the tape was the official clerk's records of the church since 1939, the minutes of council meetings. Thirdly, his late wife Ruth had kept a diary, files of clippings and other items of interest to the church, and a file of the Sunday bulletins with their wealth of information. Additional sources for both the tape and the book include the memories of a number of people active in the church for some time.

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Finally, the scripture quotations are taken from the New International version of the Bible. They can be seen to portray the deeper meaning of our story as a congregation within the wider Body of Christ, and the meaning of the New Covenant as well. May we continue to learn, live, and serve in His name.

Ruth W. Seese
Church Historian

Delphi, Indiana
April 1983

I. THE BRETHREN HERITAGE

The Church of the Brethren is the name since 1908 of one of the older denominations in the Free or Believers' Church tradition. It was founded in 1708 in Schwarzenau, Germany, when the first eight Brethren made a covenant through baptism to form a church. Of deep concern to the founders was the conviction that Christianity is not only a faith to be agreed to, but a faith to be acted upon and lived out, however great the risk.

In Germany the growing Brethren sect, in defiance of churches already established by the state, soon became subjected to severe persecution. This prompted a series of migrations to America, the first in 1719, the final a few decades later. Most emigrated to the Philadelphia area. Some settled in other areas of eastern Pennsylvania.

Gradually members of the church moved westward and southward, establishing new congregations. The majority of these people being farmers, they located in good agricultural areas, and many of the members of the church still live in rural areas or small towns.

The Four Mile church (near Richmond), organized in 1809, was the first Brethren congregation in territory which later became Indiana. In 1828, only four years after the first white settlers in Carroll County, Brethren settled on Deer Creek (where Camden now stands). The Deer Creek church was likely organized in 1830.

The early Brethren, having studied the Bible intently, were convinced that the church should be guided as closely as possible by the teachings and practices of the New Testament. To this day, the church views the New Testament, interpreted under the creative guidance of the Holy Spirit, as the only creed needed.

The emphasis on the New Testament reflects the belief that the biblical story reaches its fulfillment in Christ and the church. While all of scripture guides us in our faith and practice, we must read the Old Testament in the light of the New, and the New in terms of its witness to Jesus Christ.

Out of their life together, Brethren have developed a deep concern for reconciliation, for healing those broken of body or spirit. As an historical



peace church, the denomination holds to the position that all war is sin. Such convictions have led the church into worldwide ventures in volunteer service, relief, reconstruction, and dialogue alongside the conventional missionary enterprises.

Although small numerically, the Church of the Brethren has made a vital contribution to the larger family of churches. The church is active in ecumenical relationships from the local level through the National and World Councils of Churches and has been able to witness to some of its historic biblical concerns, especially in the area of peace-making and service.

Some of the practices or ordinances which Brethren observe bear witness to our beliefs. Baptism of believers by three-fold immersion is a symbol of dying to old ways and rising to serve God in newness

of life. Anointing the sick with oil for healing is a symbol of our concern for wholeness in one another's lives.

Especially rich in significance are the three parts of the Brethren love feast. When we wash each other's feet, we acknowledge our need to serve and to receive the service of others. When we share in the fellowship meal, we testify to the bond of love which draws us together. And when we partake of the bread and the cup, we identify ourselves with the One who gave his life for others, accepting his way as our own.

*. . . You are no longer foreigners and
aliens, but fellow citizens with God's
people and members of God's household . . .*

Ephesians 2:19

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II. THE EARLY YEARS

MEETING IN HOMES

Brethren in Delphi, Indiana, first met as a fellowship on Thanksgiving, 1918. Dr. Eli Blickenstaff and his wife Maude invited all the Brethren families to dinner at their home in the eastern section of Delphi. Their daughter Mildred remembers that among those who came were the families of Jerry Holsinger, Sam Sites, Tim McCormick, and maybe Laura Gripe.



Brethren at the Holsinger home, c. 1918

The group began meeting regularly for Sunday school, using the Blickenstaff home (or sometimes the Holsinger or Sites home). Eva Cassell recalls coming by horse and buggy and sitting on a bed during children's class in a bedroom.

In 1920 the Delphi fellowship became an organized church as a mission or preaching point within the Southern Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren. Jeremiah Barnhart, Gorman Heeter, and J. G. (Gilbert) Stinebaugh made up a committee representing Southern Indiana and Middle Indiana, concerning the church in Delphi. The line between districts was changed, placing Delphi in Middle Indiana.

In 1921 the church had 58 members, 25 having been baptized. Grant F. Wagoner and Frank Replogle did most of the preaching at first. In 1922 J. G. Stinebaugh did "half the preaching, considerable visitation, and much of the solicitation of funds for their church house. His remuneration [was] \$35 per month," according to the District newsletter of March 1922.

CHURCH HOUSE IN DELPHI

In 1922 the old Presbyterian church building on Union Street, two blocks from the courthouse in Delphi, was bought at a cost of \$6000. (It may have been rented previously.) Funds solicited from the local membership, Delphi businessmen, and other congregations of the western part of the district, had lowered the debt to \$2700 in 1924. The upper floor of the building was rented to the public schools.

The church had about 100 members in 1925. Active members of the Pittsburg Church of the Brethren in 1983 who attended the Delphi church are/were Opal Dunn, Naomi Isaacs (now Martin), Alice Kenworthy and sons Vernon and James, Jr. ('Buss'), Eva Maxwell (now Cassell), Mary Studebaker (now Gushwa), and Ethel Wells.



Delphi congregation and church house, c. 1923

Ministers who served in the church following J. G. Stinebaugh were Ernest Fisher, S. L. Smith, Charles Oberlin, Kearney Eikenberry (first full-time pastor, 1923), Samuel Mohler (summer 1927), and Perry Coblentz. Deacons were Eli Blickenstaff, Glen Fox, Jerry Holsinger, Rudolph Keever, and Tim McCormick.

At least two revival services were held, with O. P. Hains and I. R. Beery, both in 1923. Baptisms took place in Deer Creek above Wilson's Cave (on the present Dick Mears farm), in other creeks, or in a galvanized horse tank taken into the building. Naomi Martin recalls her first Lovefeast at the Delphi church.

In 1929 the Sunday school reported average attendance of 46, enrollment 87, and 11 teachers and officers (District Meeting minutes). Mary Gushwa remembers that as a teenager, she taught the pre-

school class, helping the children paint a Noah's Ark and wooden animals. Vernon Kenworthy remembers swallowing a penny of his offering while walking along the railroad tracks to church.

As the depression of that era took its toll, the local members alone were not able to support the church. In 1928 the District contributed \$1000; in 1929, \$640. Still in 1929 the Delphi church indebtedness to the District Endowment Fund was \$1131, and to a bank \$712.

For a fundraiser in 1930, "Ladies of the Church of the Brethren of Delphi served a 25 cent chicken-noodle lunch in the room formerly occupied by the Sugar Bowl, next to Blythe's Furniture Store" (Carroll County Comet, February 27, 1980, "Looking Back" column).

There were several other mission points in the District in financial difficulty, and the District was unable to continue supporting all of them. A committee of elders was appointed to study the weaker churches, and they later reported the following:

"Two special problems were referred to our committee: the requests of the Delphi and South Whitley churches for disorganization. We met with the Delphi church in November 1930. The church membership was well represented. After considering the matter very carefully, the majority of the congregation voted to disorganize. In view of the fact that nearly all of the working members voted with the majority, we recommended the procedure of disorganization. This was accepted by the church by an almost unanimous vote, a few not voting. Members were given church letters, most of which have been placed in adjoining congregations..." (District Meeting minutes, October 8, 1931)

A number of members transferred to the Lower Deer Creek church; some united with other denominations locally. The property and fixtures were sold

by the District for \$345, and the District paid a Delphi bank note of \$528. Thus, despite its noble effort, the Delphi mission came to a close.

PITTSBURG CHURCH ON THE HILL

Following the closing of the Delphi church, a small group of people came to the fore who wanted to keep a Church of the Brethren in the community. They immediately began holding Sunday school in the home of the William Heiland family.

While working on the railroad, Bro. Heiland noticed an abandoned church building on a hill in Pittsburg. He, Elmer Irelan, and Anna Cripe approached the trustees of the Pittsburg Community Building Association for the use of the building, formerly a Methodist E. church. A verbal agreement was reached that if the Brethren would renovate the building and be responsible for its upkeep and insurance, they could have exclusive use of the building.

The group began holding services in the Pittsburg building (see photo, page 13) on December 3, 1930, within a month of the closing of the Delphi church. Although they were not an official or organized congregation, they thought of themselves as a Church of the Brethren. They were called the Pittsburg Church or the "church on the hill."

Those who had been in the Delphi church included the William Heilands, Elmer Irelans, Bert Studebakers, Leonard Schnepps, Earl Eis, Katie Holsinger Airhart, and Annie Cheeseman. At the outset and as the years passed, others were attracted from the community. A number of Brethren moved into the area and became active in the church, also.

During the courtship of Earl Eis and Mildred Fross, they were once the last to linger at a BYPD

(Brethren Young People's Department) gathering at the Studebakers'. In what was nearly a blizzard, Earl's car wouldn't start. Bert Studebaker (as his daughter Mary Gushwa recalls) said, "No wonder the car won't start, with 'Ice' and 'Frost'!"

Attendance at Sunday school ranged from 25 to 45. Sunday school was conducted every week, followed by preaching on most Sundays. Ministers who served were L. T. Holsinger, Clifford Workman, J. G. Stinebaugh, William Angle, Clarence Sink, and Jeremiah Barnhart. (Only Bro. Holsinger lived in the community.) Four revivals were held, with evangelists L. L. Paul (1931), J. S. Zigler (1932), J. W. Root (1935), and J. E. Jarboe (1938).

Not much is known of the church during this unorganized period. Baptisms took place somewhere, although there was no facility for baptisms at the church and there may have been no official church membership. Weekly prayer meetings were held in homes for some time.



Pittsburg church before organization

According to their treasurer's records beginning in 1938, the Ladies Aid met in homes monthly for sewing. Dues of 10¢ per month bought sewing supplies, prayer coverings, and cards for the sick. The women sold the comforters they made, served meals at public sales, and had many other projects to raise money for the church.

The first Lovefeast or communion was held on April 15, 1938, with the Revs. Angle and Root officiating and 49 taking part. All equipment was borrowed from the Pymont church, including the tables. Six women made communion bread at the Holsapple home. Twelve loaves of bread were purchased for 75¢, and 48 pounds of boiling beef at 10¢ per pound. (Notes taken by Cornelia Cripe)

ORGANIZATION OF OFFICIAL CHURCH

By 1939 the Brethren-dominated group at Pittsburg had developed an interest in becoming an organized and official congregation of the Church of the Brethren. By this time, hard feelings toward the District following the closing of the Delphi church in 1930 had diminished significantly. District officials were contacted. G. A. Snider and A. R. Eikenberry from North Manchester and William Angle from Bachelor Run church, acting for the District, came to Pittsburg for a special meeting on March 3, 1939.

At that meeting, held for the purpose of "organizing the church into a permanent working body" (from the minutes), the process was begun. All persons present were invited to sign a charter membership list, and 32 did so (see page 11). Officers elected for one year were the following: Dean Cripe, clerk; Elmer Irelan, treasurer; Dean Cripe, J. W. Downham, and Simon Holsapple, ministerial committee; Katie Airhart, chorister; and J. W. Root, elder.

PITTSBURG CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

CHARTER MEMBERS

1939

Clifford & Katie Airhart Ethel Benner

Anna B. Cripe, Robert & Mary

Connie & Eva Cripe

Dean & Cornelia Cripe

Ed & Anna Cheeseman & Walter

J. W. & Elizabeth Downham,
Mary Margaret, Katherine & Lottie

Earl & Mildred Eis Lester & Carrie Goin

William & Effie Heiland & Orpha

Simon & Inez Holsapple

Elmer & Della Ireland,
Willy, Harry, Anna & Martha

Ronald James Richard Kurtz

John & Ruth Laprad

Naomi Martin Virginia Mowrer

Leonard & Esther Schnepf & Charles

Floyd & Ruth Schrader

Mable Shockley Dora Wagoner

After this initial organizational meeting, it was necessary for the District Meeting to give its approval in October. In the meantime, 14 more signed the charter membership list at a council meeting held April 15, 1939. Elected at that meeting were Ellis Wagoner, elder (Bro. Root had resigned), and deacons Dean Cripe, Earl Eis, Elmer Irelan, and John Laprad.

At the next council meeting, on September 1, 1939, trustees were elected: John Laprad, Floyd Schrader, and Elmer Irelan. John R. Wagoner, who had graduated from Manchester College in the spring and started teaching in Adams Township that fall, accepted the title of pastor of the church. He preached every other Sunday, alternating with Jeremiah Barnhart (see photos, page 25).

Fortunately for the newly-organized church, not much money was needed, as ministers were available and willing to work for whatever the church could offer, two at a time until 1950. The Church of the Brethren in the Delphi-Pittsburg community was off to a new start. As noted at the second Lovefeast service in April 1939, "The Lord will take care of those who serve Him."

. . . You are . . . members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. . .

Ephesians 2:19b-20

III. THE NEW BUILDING

NEED FOR BETTER FACILITIES

From the time of the organization of the Pittsburg congregation in 1939, the members knew they would need larger facilities in the future. Their church house was a 30' x 40' building, with no partitions or basement. Holding four or five Sunday school classes in this one room was difficult and at times hinted at chaos.



One-room church building in Pittsburg

As early as December 1939, Council discussed the idea of digging a basement under the church. In December 1940, Council started a building fund, with William Wilsey as treasurer and the trustees to arrange its functioning. In March 1941, bylaws were accepted to govern the fund.

During the years of World War II, the church was unable to get a permit to buy lumber. However, Virgil Gray was able to buy a new poultry house for the church, authorized by Council in September 1943. This 14' x 30' building, divided into three classrooms for the children, was named "Bethel" (God's House).

Bethel was later enlarged to make four rooms, and a second poultry house made one large classroom for Junior Highs. Average Sunday school attendance, which had been 30 in 1942, rose to 71 in 1945 and as high as 96 in 1950.



Bethel buildings used for Children's Department

But even with additional room, the facilities were not adequate. The main building was already more than 100 years old. There was no plumbing. Drinking water was brought from homes or carried from a spring at the base of the hill. There was no kitchen and toilets were outdoors. Baptisms had to take place in streams or neighboring Brethren churches. Many felt that better facilities were necessary if the church were to live and grow.

Thus, on November 18, 1945, Council began a new building fund "with the expectation of building a new church in the near future" (Council minutes). According to the new bylaws, drawn up by Attorney Joseph T. Ives, the treasurers of the Sunday school and church would transfer 30% of each Sunday's offerings to the Building Fund. A special collection would be taken at least once a year.

The Council elected trustees of the Building Fund to serve 3-year terms. The first trustees were Dean Cripe, Harold Finney, and Floyd Schrader. They appointed Lewis Deardorff treasurer. Later, in 1950, Mary Lentner replaced Bro. Deardorff and served as treasurer until the completion of the project and the termination of the fund.

Accumulating the necessary funds was a long, slow process without much visible activity for awhile. Children and adults, as individuals and groups, gave from their hearts in amounts large or small. By early 1950, the Building Fund had reached \$6000. As the fund grew, the life and interest of the congregation grew also.

PLANNING FOR NEW BUILDING

Over the years, plans were considered for building at the site then occupied by the Brethren. But due to a number of obstacles and drawbacks, this idea was finally given up in March 1951. Meanwhile, George Brewer, a resident of the community with no ties to the church, had offered to donate a small lot (1.4 a.) north of Pittsburg. After negotiations, Council of September 1952 accepted the deed.

A special council meeting was called for December 9, 1952, to discuss the building program. A temporary Planning Committee was formulated, made up of

representatives of the Building Fund trustees, church trustees, deacons, Ladies Aid, and youth, and including the Sunday school superintendent, pastor, clerk, and treasurer. This committee met with the Brotherhood building counselor, Forrest Groff, in February 1953.

At a special council in March 1953, the committee presented the preliminary drawing for a proposed church building and played a tape recording of the meeting with Bro. Groff. Council made the temporary Planning Committee permanent, adding the Building Fund treasurer, a representative of the Children's Department, and a member chosen at large. This committee (see photo, page 21) worked together until the building was finally completed, with Vernon Kenworthy serving as chairman.

As fundraising continued, one project was a food tent on October 7, 1954, at the WLS Farm Progress Show on the Miles Martin farm near Camden. Mildred Eis chaired with Wiley Cassell assisting, and many cooperated in the planning and work. In spite of miserable weather and disappointing profits (\$317), the churchpeople enjoyed working together on this project for the Building Fund.



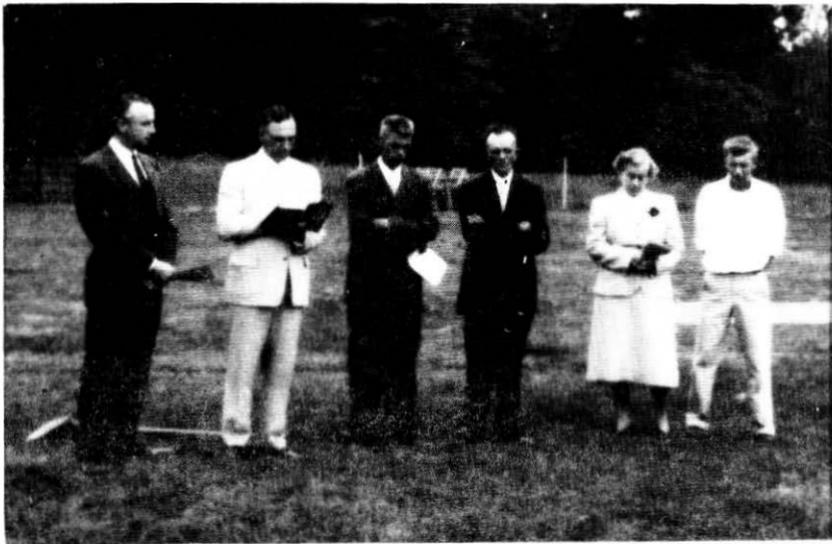
ARTIST'S SKETCH

The location for the new building remained undecided, even after the gift of land was accepted. A special council decided to build in and continue to serve the Pittsburg community, and other locations were investigated including a five acre triangular plot on the highway. Finally, in September 1955, Council made the decision to build on the Brewer lot.

The Planning Committee and the church worked toward decisions about size and design, weighing both cost and future needs. To help everyone visualize what was being talked about at council meetings, John Laprad and Floyd Schrader built a plywood model of the proposed building, with a roof which lifted to expose the floor plan inside. A special council in October 1955, with Bro. Groff present, considered the proposals of the Planning Committee in detail.

After circulating the plans to 31 homes, Council accepted them in June 1956. In the fall, with the location settled, the main plans and specifications agreed upon, and approximately \$24,000 in the Building Fund, the time had come! Plans were made to build the church in the next year. A promotional brochure was printed, telling the story of the church and its hopes. An additional 2.7 a. lot was purchased from Mr. Brewer for \$1500, and the precise location for the new building was moved northward.

Finally, on the Sunday afternoon of June 9, 1957, the ground-breaking ceremony was held (see page 18). The District Executive Secretary, Samuel Harley, turned the first shovelful of dirt, followed by representatives of the Planning Committee and many members and friends. Two days later, actual construction began, and what had been a dream for so long was now becoming a reality.



*GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE, June 9, 1957
(l to r) Dist. Exec. Secy. Samuel Harley, Pastor
John Laprad, Vernon Kenworthy, Wiley Cassell,
Cornelia Cripe, Larry Schrader*

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The church employed as building contractor a member of the congregation, Wiley Cassell. With no full set of architectural drawings, Wiley used his own knowledge and skills to direct the construction of the building, on a time-and-materials cost basis. A Building Committee of Vernon Kenworthy (chairman), Glen Harner, and Grover Mulligan worked with him.

Many material items were given for the building, and members and friends donated much hard work and many hours of labor. Wiley volunteered his time after-hours directing the work. Through the warm days of summer, the basement was dug, footings were poured, blocks were laid, sub-floor was put in place, trenches were filled, and the artificial limestone outer walls were laid up to the top level of the cornerstone.

The cornerstone-laying ceremony on the Sunday afternoon of September 15, 1957, marked another great experience in the life of the church, shared by nearly 100 members and friends. The engraved Bedford limestone cornerstone was donated by Fred J. Stewart. Participating in the ceremony were Pastor John Laprad, builder Wiley Cassell, stonemason Harold Pearson, and Rev. Ralph Wagoner (here for a week of evangelistic services).



*CORNERSTONE-LAYING, September 15, 1957
Mason Harold Pearson and Builder Wiley Cassell*

A sealed copper box, made by Glen Harner, was placed inside the cornerstone to preserve a number of documents. Included were a history of the Pittsburg Church, a copy of Gospel Messenger (the denominational publication), a 1957 Annual Conference booklet, the yearbook of the Brotherhood, Sunday school items, copies of the Delphi Citizen and Delphi Journal, the morning church bulletin, and a Polaroid photograph of the laying of the cornerstone.

By this time the Building Fund had grown to nearly \$30,000. The total anticipated cost of construction was \$55,199. The time had come to borrow money. A special council in July 1957 decided to sell bonds to raise \$25,000, and the church was incorporated in order to do so. The bonds, issued by a company in Houston, Texas, would bear interest at 5% and be redeemed within fourteen years.

In the two weeks following the cornerstone laying, all members and interested friends of the church were visited by teams in a drive promoting the sale of the bonds. The visitation teams were made up of 25 active members of the church. Howard Keisling (chairman), Virgil Gray, and Buss Kenworthy served on the Promotion and Finance Committee.

As construction advanced, the beautiful cathedral ceiling of wood was a major project for the volunteers. The prefinished trusses and decking were unloaded manually from railroad flatcars in Delphi and transported to the site. The men of the Pymont church came on October 27 to help put the decking on the trusses, making the ceiling and roof of the building. On that day, the women served dinner to the workers.

Women regularly helped in many ways, including providing coffee and rolls for the volunteer crews, and sanding and shellacking window frames and woodwork. Unfortunately there is no record of the many members, young and old, men and women, who contributed so lovingly and loyally in these many ways.

As the building neared completion, furnishings were selected by a committee of Virgil and Beulah Gray, Howard and Freida Keisling, Buss and Dorothea Kenworthy, John and Ruth Laprad, and Jack and Mary Lentner. By late March 1958, for a total cash outlay of approximately \$55,000, the beautiful new building was ready for use.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

(l to r) Mary Lentner, Beulah Gray, Mildred Eis, Cornelia Cripe, Earl Eis, Elmer Irelan, John La-prad, Vernon Kenworthy (chairman), Wiley Cassell, Willard Reed, Buss Kenworthy (Marian Reed not shown)

INTO THE NEW BUILDING

On March 23, 1958, several members met at the old building for the last time, then marched in procession up the hill for the first service in the new church building. Attendance was 151. That evening Rev. Clarence Brubaker began evangelistic services; attendance was 156. Moving day and the first services in the new building were gratifying events for all who had planned and worked and given for so long.

When the ground had dried, grass had come up, and the weather became pleasant, a dedication service was held on May 25, 1958 (see page 22). Dr. A. Blair Helman, President of Manchester College, gave the dedication message at the afternoon service. The house was filled to capacity as 323 persons celebrated this great day in the life of the Pittsburg church.

DEDICATION DAY SERVICE

Afternoon Program

May 25, 1958

2:00 p. m.

Organ Prelude Cloid Swartz

Call to Worship: Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none
other but the house of God, and this is the
gate of heaven.

Invocation Rev. Laprad, Pastor

Hymn No. 352 "For Christ and The Church"

Scripture Meditation and Prayer
Rev. Samuel Harley, District Executive Secretary

Solo "Lord, We Dedicate This House To Thee"
Connie Keisling

Presentation of Church Building to Trustees
by the builder, Wiley Cassell

Acceptance of Church Building by Chairman
of the Trustee Board, Howard Keisling

Male Quartet Bachelor Run Church
Monroe Johnson, Vern Myer
Frank Hood, Lawrence Douglas

Dedication Message: "To Serve The Present Age"
Dr. A. Blair Helman, President of Manchester College

Dedication Offering and Prayer
Rev. Lewis Deardorff, Church Elder

Service of Dedication Rev. Laprad

Quartet Selection Bachelor Run Church

Hymn No. 240 "A Charge To Keep I Have"

Benediction

Organ Postlude

By this time, a special offering for the Building Fund was being received on the last Sunday of each month (replacing the 30% system). Interest and loyalty remained high, and the bonds were redeemed in four years rather than fourteen. In October 1962, the final payment was made and the church was debt free. (Funds were then raised for a parsonage, which was later built on the original Brewer lot.)

The new facilities expanded the life of the church in many ways. The congregation began to host larger gatherings for the community and the District. Baptisms and dinners were now held conveniently. Worship, study, and fellowship were enriched. The sacrifices and labors of many people brought the Pittsburg Church of the Brethren into a new era, with new possibilities for serving the Lord.



Completed church building (photo 1983)

. . . Christ Jesus himself is the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. . .

Ephesians 2:20b-21

IV. GLIMPSES

The following pages chronicle the Pittsburg Church of the Brethren from its organization to the present day, through glimpses into many facets of the life of the church. Highlights are interspersed with equally vital but often unseen contributions of many members. This sampling has been collected almost entirely from Council minutes, weekly bulletins, Women's Work records, minutes of Loyal Workers and Friendship Class meetings, and the recording by John Laprad. Browse through the years, and imagine the church changing, maturing, sustaining, putting faith into practice, remembering the Lordship of Christ through sacrament and service . . .

--1939--

- Mar. 3 Organizational meeting for Pittsburg Church of the Brethren. (See page 10)
- Apr. 15 Council elects deacons and charter membership list is completed. (pp. 11-12)
- Spring Ellis Wagoner is speaker for revival meetings.
- Sep. 1 Council votes to have regular church services and calls John Wagoner as first pastor. He will alternate Sundays with Jeremiah Barnhart, who has been serving previously.



JEREMIAH BARNHART
c. 1939--1946

JOHN WAGONER
1939--1942



Sep. 24 First Harvest Homecoming with basket lunch outdoors and afternoon program. Floyd Schrader and father have made 3 long folding tables, which will be used for many years.

Oct. 7 District Conference in West Manchester, IN, approves Pittsburg congregation and seats John Wagoner as first delegate.

--1940--

Feb. Communion equipment purchased by Ladies Aid includes tubs and dishes.

Mar. 23 Third communion; all equipment used belongs to Pittsburg (previously much was borrowed from other churches).

--1941--

Mar. 8 Council decides that regular offering of one Sunday per month shall be for Brethren civilian service work, in behalf of conscientious objectors (during W.W. II).

July First Vacation Bible School organized by John Wiend and his wife, who are here for revival meetings. Many children from community are brought by cars. All classes held in sanctuary.

Sep. 5 Prayer meetings held in homes changed to Bible study.

--1942--

Jul. 5 Charter member John Laprad is licensed to the ministry and begins serving alternate Sundays at Pittsburg. John Wagoner had resigned and later went to medical school.



JOHN LAPRAD

1942--1966

--1943--

Mar. 24 First monthly meeting of young married people's class. Name chosen is Church Builders; theme song, "For Christ and the Church."

July Church is collecting food for Civilian Public Service camps for conscientious objectors.

--1944--

Mar. 12 J. W. Root is speaker at dedication of new children's Sunday school building, named "Bethel" (God's House). (p. 14)

- Sep. 6 John Laprad is ordained and named pastor.
- Oct. Ladies Aid begins sewing receiving blankets for babies in Greece.

--1945--

- Jan. Church Builders and Ladies Aid make contributions to Bachelor Run church after fire.
- July Camp Mack needs red and blue points (for rationed food), and asks each camper to bring $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of sugar if possible to help lessen shortage.
- Oct. 17 Calf for Heifer Project "doing nicely."
- Nov. 18 Council approves bylaws for Building Fund for a new church building. (p. 15)
- Nov. 21 Church Builders class votes donation of \$25 to new Building Fund, first of many donations of time and money for new church building.

--1946--

- Jun. 5 Council authorizes new baby room at back of sanctuary, to be constructed as nearly soundproof as possible.
- July Loyal Workers (formerly Church Builders) sand and varnish the church floor, one of many upkeep projects they and Ladies Aid undertake.
- Jul. 24 Lewis Deardorff is named co-pastor with John Laprad, to preach alternate Sundays. (p. 28)

--1947--

- Apr. 27 First regular Sunday evening service.



LEWIS DEARDORFF

1946--1950

Sep. Ladies Aid sends \$25 to Khergam Mission in India each of past four years. This offering was open to all, as there has been no mission budget in the church program.

--1948--

- Mar. 3 Council authorizes buying a calf for Brethren Service, using Sunday school treasury.
- Jun. 2 Sunday school and church treasuries combine into one, eliminating much confusion.
- July Bethel building is expanded to make fourth classroom.

--1949--

Mar. 20 Friendship (older adult) Class visits Brethren Old Folks and Orphans Home in Mexico, IN. In afternoon they give a program in the chapel including moving picture, "A Certain Nobleman."

--1950--

Oct. 18 Following resignation of Lewis Deardorff, special council decides John Laprad shall begin filling pulpit every Sunday.

Nov. Ladies Aid donates canned goods to Mexico Home and gives a comforter to a family whose home burned.

Nov. 12 Loyal Workers Class presents a film and program at County Home.

--1951--

Mar. 6 Council grants CBYF (youth fellowship) permission to place a bookcase in the church for a library.

June Church will pay half of tuition for campers at Camp Mack this year.

Summer Sanctuary is papered and painted.

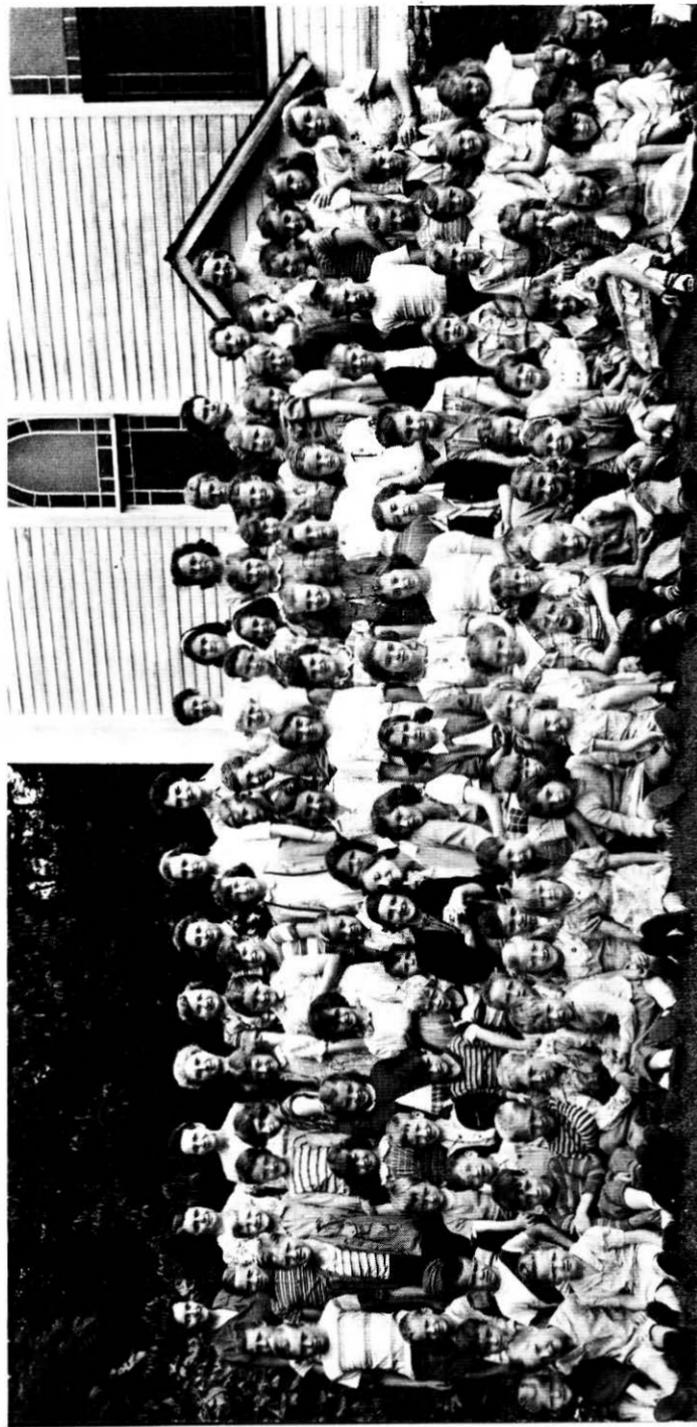
--1952--

Jun. 3 Church begins presentation of Bibles to member high school graduates.

Jul. 23 A rose will be presented to each new baby on its first Sunday at church.

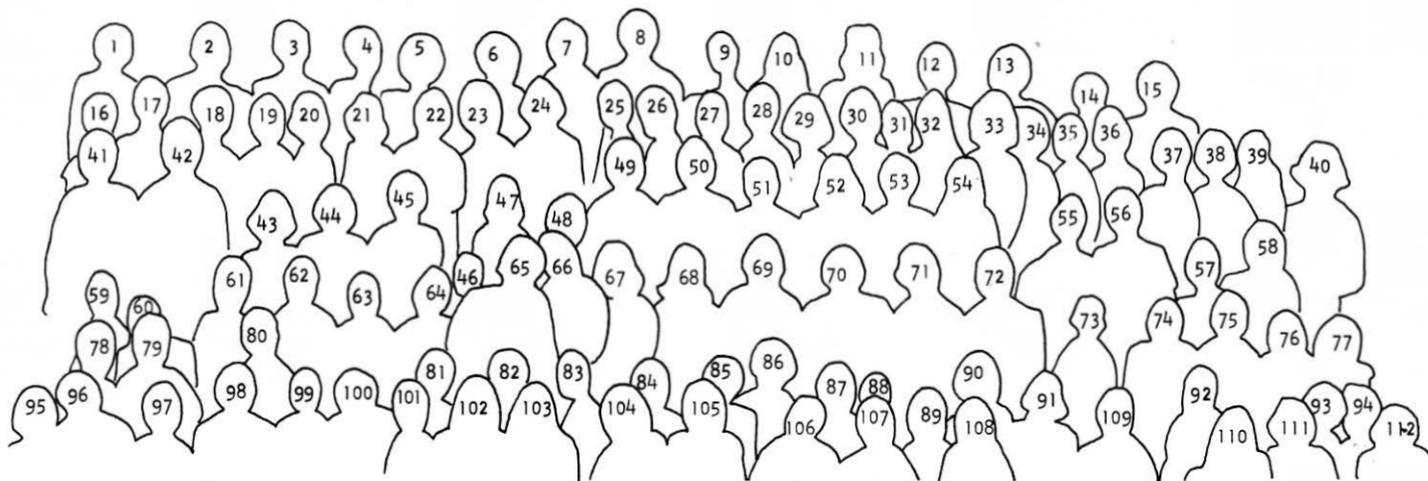
Nov. 25 Following presentation by Miss Andrews, teacher of the released time Bible classes, church votes to cooperate with the Carroll County Council of Churches in supporting the classes monetarily. Up to this time, the congregation had not approved of working with the Council.

Dec. 9 Following donation of plot of land, special council discusses building program and sets up Planning Committee. (pp. 15-16)



DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - PITTSBURG BRETHERN - 1950 -

W. J. Key
Oct. 1950



1. Eva Cripe 2. Opal Durn 3. Effie Heiland 4. Ruth Schrader 5. Carolyn Cripe 6. Irene Harner 7. Naomi Martin 8. Mary Lentner
 9. Joann Hoagland 10. Marilyn Dempsey 11. Beulah Gray 12. Dorothea Storey 13. Mildred Eis 14. Blanche Wells
 15. Mary Scott (Gushwa) 16.... 17. Jimmy Draper 18. Larry Schrader 19. Art Smith 20. Dixie Wells 21. .Smith 22. Jean Cox
 23. Ron Logan 24. Shirley Dilling 25.... 26. David Eis 27. Ronald Cripe 28. Jerry Harner 29. Patty Crowder 30. LaNeta Martin
 31. Marlene Hughes 32.... 33.... 34.... 35. .James 36. .Jones 37. Eddy Hayden 38. Joyce Lucas 39. Donna Reed 40. Cornelia Cripe
 41. Gale Cripe 42. Paul Laprad 43. Janice Matthews 44. Joyce Logan 45. Donna Kite 46.... 47.... 48. Ruth Ann Eis 49....
 50. Mary Cox 51. Nancy Temple 52. Icy Black 53. Becky Storey 54.... 55. Jimmy Kenworthy 56. Joe Scott 57. Dick Storey
 58. Leroy Cheeseman 59. Bobby Wells 60. Steve Gray 61. Donny Smith 62. Raymond Storey 63. Richard Cox 64. Reed McCormick
 65. Norma Brooks 66. Pearl Hayden 67. Marvalene Black 68. Donna Stevens 69. Wanda Yates (Best) 70. Barbara Kenworthy (Adams)
 71. Wilma Yates 72. Joann Hefner 73. Rex Wilson 74. Jim Wilson 75. .Anderson 76.... 77.... 78.... 79.... 80. Jaak Draper
 81. Ron Draper 82. Bobby Kenworthy 83. Doug Matthews 84. David Goyer 85.... 86. Nancy Lucas 87. Beverly Downham 88....
 89. Marilyn Harner 90.... 91. Mona Gray 92.... 93.... 94. Geneva Storey 95.... 96.... 97.... 98. Dean Nuff. 99....
 100. Dick Laprad 101.... 102. Melody Kenworthy (Busch) 103.... 104. Nancy Cheeseman (Simmons) 105.... 106. .Kite
 107. Vernon Cripe 108. Diane Goyer 109.... 110. Virginia Storey 111. Sandra Storey 112. Carol Cripe (Richter)

--1953--

- Mar. First use of individual communion cups at
Pittsburg. Tradition had been common cup.
- Nov. 11 Loyal Workers decide to enlist members of
other classes to help take turns preparing
the worship center each Sunday.

--1954--

- Mar. 14 First regular use of bulletins, artistically
prepared by Ruth Laprad each week.
- Mar. 21 WCTU Speech Contest held at church.
- Aug. 29 Clyde Ploughe shows slides of Korea. Church
members had sent relief items to Korea
through Janet and Clyde.
- Oct. 7 Food tent at farm show raises money for the
Building Fund. (p. 16)

--1955--

- May 12 The Women's Work entertains the Men's Work
with a ham supper and program at the REMC
building; 80 present.
- Jun. 7 Boy Scouts of Pittsburg ask for sponsorship
by church; council approves and provides
leaders.
- Jul. 31 Annual Sunday school picnic held at Riley
Park in Delphi.
- Sep. 1 Council begins to use ballots prepared by
Nominating Committee.
- Oct. 23 John Laprad is ordained to Eldership.

--1956--

- Feb. For several months, Women's Work members contribute a penny per inch around the waist, for aid projects.
- Jul. 8 Church welcomes Arno Trilus family, refugees who have come to this community through Church World Service, presently living at Gray farm.
- Oct. 14 Young adult Sunday school class designs and sells stationery and Christmas cards with drawing of future church, to raise money and interest for building program. (p. 16)

--1957--

- Feb. 24 Pittsburg men win trophy as dartball champions of Carroll County for 56-57.
- Mar. Church World Service relief truck makes one of many stops to pick up used clothing.
- Apr. 15 Lovefeast and communion are now open to anyone of Evangelical Christian faith who desires to take part.
- Jun. 9 Groundbreaking for new building. (pp. 17-18)
- Sep. 15 Cornerstone-laying service. (p. 19)

--1958--

- Mar. 23 First service in new building. Revival meetins begin, with large turnout.
- May 4 Beginning of 13-week adult Sunday school class in commemoration of 250 years of the Church of the Brethren, founded 1708 in Germany.
- May 18 Nine baptized in new baptistry.

- May 25 Dedication of new church building. (pp. 21-22)
- Jun. 8 Organization of first choir.
- Sep. 2 Following Annual Conference action, council votes to accept as members those from other denominations who practice baptism differently, except those who have received infant baptism only. (Exception rescinded Dec. '61)
- Sep. 2 First church board organized, for the strengthening of the work of the church.
- Sep. 14 David Eis licensed to ministry.
- Nov. 27 Church hosts Union Thanksgiving service for community; 170 attend.
- Dec. 2 First job analysis booklet distributed.

--1959--

- Jan. First use of bulletins with preprinted pictures and devotions.
- Feb. 11-15 Thirteen-hour prayer vigil and Loyalty Sunday climax month of emphasis on renewal of faith and commitment.
- May 10 First Junior Church for children, in basement during sermon.
- Sep. 1 Council elects Virgil and Beulah Gray and Robert (Bob) and Ruth Seese for life service as deacons (and deaconesses). Truman and Reba Spitler joined deacon body by transfer of membership in December.

--1960--

- Mar. 4 Women host community World Day of Prayer service.

Mar. 20 Surprise "This Is Your Life" program honors John and Ruth Laprad.

Oct. 29-30 CBYF hosts District youth conference.

--1961--

Jun. 6 Heifer raised for relief and delivered to Ohio will go to Prentice, Mississippi.

Jun. 6 Council adopts new financial system as proposed by study committee.

Nov. 1 First Loyalty Dinner; 134 attend. All invited to consider their intended stewardship commitments.

Dec. 5 Pledges made by 110 individuals in Every Member Canvass; proposed 1962 budget of \$10,000 accepted by council.

Dec. 5 Girl Scouts and 4-H will use building.

--1962--

Mar. 6 Women's Work reports they "have purchased a sweeper and 2 tables, knotted comforts, rolled bandages, served 1 funeral dinner, and sponsored Laprads' Silver Wedding Anniversary."

Mar. 30 Special council hears presentation of District and Brotherhood work and decides "self-allocation" commitment for next year's budget.

Jun. 15 Bible School offering will provide playground equipment for children at Lybrook Navajo Mission, New Mexico; 164 attend closing program.

Aug. 29 Youth and Women take used clothing and work a day at Brethren Service Center in Nappanee, IN.

- Oct. 14 Churchpeople caravan to Turkey Run State Park on a Sunday afternoon.
- Oct. 29 Twenty-five youths take gifts to orphanage in Logansport.

--1963--

- Jan. 27 Sunday evening School of Missions concludes with Indonesian meal.
- May 19 Seen in bulletin: "WANTED!! Persons who are willing to share in cleaning the church. No previous experience necessary. No salary, other than personal satisfaction." Many have taken turns over the years.
- Oct. Purchase of new organ and piano made possible by large donation from non-member.
- Dec. 10 Council affirms policy that membership will be accorded without regard to racial background or national or geographic origin.

--1964--

- Feb.-Apr. Effie Douglas of Bachelor Run church leads Teacher Training classes for church.
- Summer · Loretta Schick, Manchester College student, comes as Earn and Serve worker to direct youth program for the summer.
- Summer Laprads take 3 months off to build house. Bethany student Eugene Roop and wife Delora come for summer pastorate.

EUGENE ROOP

Summer 1964



Jul. 26 CBYF presents worship service at the County Home.

--1965--

June Pittsburg sends \$270 and volunteers after new Kokomo church is destroyed by tornado.

Aug. 16 Carpeting is installed in sanctuary, foyers, and stairways of church.

Sep. 22 Pittsburg hosts fall rally for District Women's Fellowship.

--1966--

Mar. 10 John Laprad resigns as pastor, effective Sep. 1, after serving 24 years; he and Ruth remain active in the congregation.

May 1 Friendship Class gives party to geriatric ward at the State Hospital in Logansport and delivers 60 gowns.

May 15 All-church carry-in supper and song fest.

Sep. 1 Harper Will begins pastorate. (p. 38)
Church rents house in Delphi for Harper and Naomi.



HARPER WILL

1966--1968

Dec. 6 Clinton and Donna Clark and R. Herschel and Florence Metzger accepted as deacons following transfer of membership to Pittsburg. Joe and Katherine Bontrager came as deacons by letter in '65.

--1967--

Mar. 26 Ground-breaking for parsonage, south end of church lot.

Jun. 6 Church gives \$50 extra to Migrant Ministry in county.

Sep. Released time Bible classes in Carroll County are rated best in the state. Several women of the church have regularly walked with the children to and from the Pittsburg school and the classes at the church.

Oct. 29 Dedication and open house at the parsonage.



--1968--

- Feb. 8 Brethren peace representative Dale Aukerman speaks at Pittsburg at a sectional peace rally.
- May 14 About 105 attend Mother-Daughter banquet. Men help with serving.
- July Women's Fellowship and Friendship Class make ditty bags for service men in Vietnam.
- Sep. 1 Fred Miller begins pastorate, with wife Blanche. Wills retire to Timbercrest Home in North Manchester, IN.

FRED MILLER

1968--1972



- Sep. 3 Dist. Exec. Secy. E. Paul Weaver speaks on "The Christian and Politics," sponsored by Women's Fellowship; over 70 attend.
- Oct. 8 Women's Fellowship prepares, transports, and serves first of many luncheons for international students at Purdue; 82 served this date.
- Dec. Brownie troop has been using the church.

--1969--

- Apr. 1 Holy Week Union Service at Pittsburg; Father Kettron gives message.

- Apr. 13 Manchester College deputation team presents Sunday worship service.
- Oct. 19 Family night carry-in supper, film on UNICEF.
- Dec. Friendship Class gives two Christmas parties at State Hospital.

--1970--

- Jun. 9 Women's Fellowship hosts Father-Son banquet.
- Sep. 1 John Laprad begins pastorate at Lower Deer Creek church. He and Ruth transfer membership after 31 years in Pittsburg congregation.
- Oct. 29 Pastor Miller and draft counselor visit the Delphi high school with information on legal alternatives to military draft.
- Nov. 1 Adult Sunday school classes meet together to discuss issues and candidates in coming election.

--1971--

- Jan. Women's Fellowship cookbooks are on sale.
- Jul. 31 Middle Indiana and Southern Indiana districts merge and become South/Central Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren. Pittsburg members have served on various committees and support the district programs in numerous ways.
- Oct. 3 The Eucharist (bread and cup) is included in morning worship on World Wide Communion Sunday.
- Nov. 24 A Capella Chorus of Delphi high school sings at Union Thanksgiving Service at Pittsburg; 168 attend.

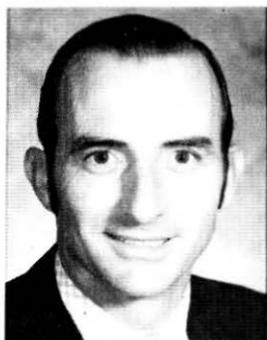
--1972--

Apr. 7 Lafayette Area Manchester College alumni meeting at Pittsburg. Women's Fellowship serves meal.

Sep. 1 John Hoffman begins part-time pastorate when Millers retire to Timbercrest. With wife Connie and three sons, family fills parsonage.

JOHN HOFFMAN

1972--1974



- Oct. 2 West Section children's workers meet at Pittsburg. Theme: "Let Your Light Shine."
Nov. 13 Emergency workday after church basement flooded.

--1973--

- Fall Churchpeople distribute "Good News" New Testaments in Pittsburg community on Saturdays.
Dec. 4 Women's Christmas party includes display and fimstrip of SERRV handicrafts. Purchases benefit artisans in developing nations through this Brethren program.

--1974--

Apr. 11 Christians from other local churches invited to Lovefeast. Of 109 who take part, 45 are from other churches.

- Apr. 16 Church donates \$1000 through District for disaster relief in Monticello following tornado. Youth, men, and women are volunteering help.
- Sep. 1 Bruce Noffsinger begins full-time pastorate. John Hoffman had resigned in May, continues to teach in community.
- Oct. 6 Installation of Pastor Bruce and his bride Barbara.



BRUCE NOFFSINGER

1974--1978

- Dec. 1 Wayne and Carol Replogle join deacon body upon transfer by letter.
- Dec. Lighted, stone, outdoor bulletin board is completed.

--1975--

- Mar. 27 Rice served instead of beef at Lovefeast, as church focuses on world hunger.
- Apr. 8 Council approves church membership in Bethel Series Bible study course. Pastor receives intensive training; he trains teachers; later members of congregation complete lessons.
- Oct. 23 Bus takes 33 to visit Bethany Seminary in Oakbrook and Brethren offices in Elgin, IL.

Nov. 30 On last of 13 weeks of Brethren Heritage emphasis in Sunday school and worship, many take part in "old time" worship experience (lined hymns, prayer on knees, men and women apart, garb).

--1976--

Feb. 22 Church board holds retreat for projection and planning, with Dist. Exec. Secy. Carroll (Kaydo) and Margie Petry.

Mar. 22 Youth finish another paper drive.

Spring First garden plots in field north of church.

--1977--

Feb. 7 Former Friendship Class prayer chain will be revised into telephone prayer-message relay system for entire church.

Apr. 12 Council decides martin birdhouse built by Fred Miller will remain in parsonage yard and not be sold to interested buyer.

Apr. 23 Pancake and sausage supper raises money for released time classes.

Dec. Children decorate sanctuary Christmas tree with mittens for victims of Johnstown, PA, flood.

Dec. 28-30 Youth go on ski retreat at Camp Mack.

--1978--

Mar. 12 Because of the energy crisis, the organ is not used during this week's evangelistic services.

Apr. 11 Message from moderator Willis Detwiler and Kaydo Petry reminds church that social action vs. inner life, or works vs. faith, are actually "two sides of the same coin." Bread and cup are offered at close of council meeting.

Apr. 30 Arrival of Bartholomew, first baby in parsonage.

Jun. 25 Many attend Annual Conference in Indianapolis, especially Sunday session.

Jul. 30-Aug. 3 Booth for Brethren witness at county fair shared by Pittsburg, Pymont, and Lower Deer Creek churches.

Sep. Bruce Noffsinger enters Bethany Seminary following resignation.

Dec. Garold Ringeison becomes frequent supply speaker, later becomes interim pastor.

--1979--

Aug. 19 Church enjoys ice cream social on a Sunday evening.

Sep. 1 Garold Ringeison becomes part-time pastor.



GAROLD RINGEISON

1979--1981

- Oct. 28 Slide presentation shows many areas of involvement of the Pittsburg church. Three showings precede stewardship commitment Sunday.
- Nov. Churchpeople complete fourth week of delivering Meals on Wheels this year.

--1980--

- Jan.-Mar. Church appreciates wide range of supply speakers, while Garold and Thelma make pre-arranged visit to Florida.
- Apr. 17 First of many meetings to gather information and memories for church history.
- Jul. 27 Sectional meeting at Pittsburg about expected draft registration and alternatives.
- Dec. 14 Presentation in worship of Christmas banner made by the children in three Sunday school sessions.

--1981--

- Jan. 31 Homebuilders (young/middle adult) Class escapes Indiana winter blues with progressive dinner with Hawaiian theme.
- Jan.-Mar. For third extended period, laypeople plan and lead worship services, under direction of Music & Worship and Ministerial Committees.
- Apr. 16-19 Harriett Bright of Ohio, guest speaker for Holy Week services, conducts Love-feast.
- Jun. 1-5 Pittsburg joins Delphi Catholic, Lutheran, and Methodist churches in sponsoring cooperative Bible School, approved by Council in April.

Jul. 12 Council adopts new job descriptions developed by Church Board; outdated 1958 booklet is replaced by new one for members' use.

Sep. 12 District Conference elects Bob Seese of Pittsburg to serve as Moderator for year ending with Sep. 1983 conference in Flora.

Oct. Purchase of hand-held microphone enables "children of all ages" to enjoy children's moments and stories during Sunday worship.

Nov. 15 David Smalley begins full-time pastorate, following retirement of Ringeisons in September. Wife Ann and baby Christopher make parsonage home.



DAVID SMALLEY

1981--

--1982--

Jun. 27 During Sunday school hour, teams witness in the neighborhood, distributing booklets on the Church of the Brethren, inviting families to church.

Jul. 11 Council endorses resolution calling for a mutual freeze on nuclear armaments.

- Sep. 16 Second Women's Fellowship group begins, later named Circle of Love; evening meetings explore varied interests.
- Oct. 24 In bulletin: "A special thanks to the acolytes and ushers for their part in our worship services."
- Dec. 9 Day and evening Women's Fellowship groups meet together for Christmas party.
- Dec. 18 Homebuilders Class sponsors all-church caroling and soup-supper.
- Dec. 24 Communion received by families in candle-light services.
- Dec. 26 Nine youths are baptized during worship, bringing total active membership to 131.

--1983--

- Feb. 1 Daniel Smalley is born (six weeks early).
- Feb. 18 Women's Fellowship serves dinner to the family of Alice Kenworthy following her funeral.
- Mar. 13 Manchester College Chancel Players present Lenten play at Pittsburg following Sunday evening carry-in dinner.
- May 15 Celebration of 25 years in present church building. Day's events planned to include former pastors John Wagoner, Lewis Deardorff, and John Laprad. Displays and carry-in dinner provide opportunity for reminiscing and appreciation.



TODAY'S YOUTH, TOMORROW'S CHURCH?

(l to r, front) Craig Cripe, Alex Hathaway, Randy Busch, Todd Busch, Kim Rider, Bridget Rider, Sarah Hildreth; (back) Neal Lybrook, David Cripe, Nathan Best, Diane Simmons, Missy Lohrman, Lisa Replogle holding Christopher Smalley, Paul Adams, Steve Adams

The church lives on . . . IN REMEMBRANCE.

. . . And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22

