

Orpha Goslee

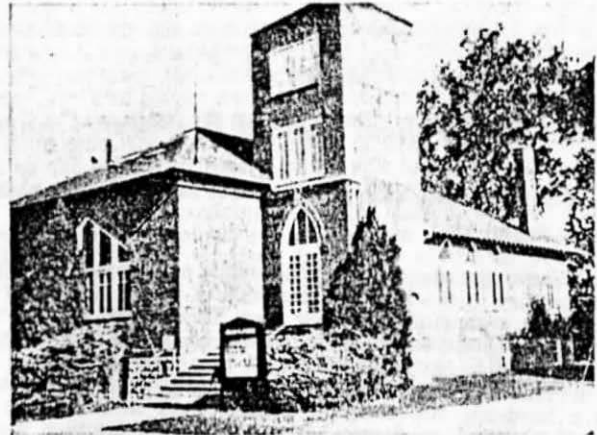
HISTORY

OF

Evangelical United
Brethren Church

PYRMONT, INDIANA

1962



PYRMONT EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH



REVS. WM. AND RUBY BUSHEE
pastor

History of

Pymont Evangelical United Brethren Church

I was glad when they said unto me "Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalm 122

This thought was uppermost in the minds of a number of United Brethren families in the Pymont community in the early days, as they longed for a sanctuary of their own. True, there were several U. B. churches scattered within a radius of ten or twelve miles, but in horse and buggy days to travel ten miles in stormy zero weather several times each Sabbath and to mid-week prayer meeting was a hardship, especially if children had to make the trip alone. So it was that on September 19, 1910, nine families met together in the old school house to organize a class of the United Brethren church. The nine families mentioned in the record are: John Shultheis, Robert Newell, Bert Dickison, J. B. Dickison, John Swartz, Howard B. Cleaver, D. L. Musselman, Charles Weil and Edward T. Beard. Charles Weil was elected class leader and D. L. Musselman as Sunday School superintendent. On February 4, 1911, they became part of the Colburn Circuit which consisted of Fairview church in Adams Township; Ockley, Colburn; Buck Creek and Pymont.

Reverend Groves, from the Lafayette church, assumed advisory position on July 31, 1911 and assisted Reverend C. E. Davis with the preaching.

On November 17, 1911, the first quarterly conference of the newly organized class held a session with Reverend J. E. Grimes as presiding Elder. D. L. Musselman was chosen secretary of that quarterly conference. J. H. Shultheis was chosen as the new class leader and made a report from Pymont, Noah Rosenbarger a report on Fairview, B. F. Balsler from Ockley and D. L. Musselman commented on Pymont. Also Charles and Bertha Gee were present from Colburn.

The pastor's salary at this time was \$900.00 with Pymont's portion being \$378.00. The Sunday School enrollment was 82, with 12 teachers. There were, however, only 37 members on the church roll.

In the fall of 1911, under the pastorate of Reverend O. L. Richart, a very successful revival was held in the school house which brought a number of converts and new members into the church. So encouraged was the new membership that they immediately began a campaign for subscriptions for a new Sanctuary.

A sum of \$5,000.00 was raised and soon the hauling of gravel began on a lot which was deeded by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weil near their home. The contract for making cement blocks was given to John Rodenbarger. The blocks were made on the church grounds. Water for the job was carried from the Frank Smeltzer well across the road. A contract for brick was let to a firm in Attica. They were hauled by the church members, some still living, to the new church site. This work was all donated and truly they "had a mind to work" for soon the excavating for the basement was complete. The contract for the masonry was given to John Jones of Ockley. Dora Connor (a man) was put in charge of the carpenter work. So well did the work progress that the building was completed by October.

The Board of Trustees as of May 6, 1912 were: J. Shultheis, R. A. Newell, John Swartz, H. B. Cleaver and J. B. Dickison. The Reverend Richart was the pastor who inspired the building of the church.

At the fall conference, Reverend S. M. Hill was assigned as pastor and began his duties October 23, 1912 and on December 8, 1912, under his pastorate the building was dedicated by Bishop Fout of Indianapolis, so the record states. For these faithful Christian brethren, it was truly a great day.

There are no church records available for the years through 1912 to 1922, but that the new church continued to grow and prosper is revealed through Sunday School records. There is also a record of a Woman's Missionary Association being formed on August 2, 1913 with Mrs. Edward Beard acting as President and Mrs. John Swartz as Secretary-Treasurer. Evidently it did not function very long as a later record states that a new W.M.A. was organized March 18, 1923 by Mrs. D. W. Zartman with Mrs. Etta Newell as President.

The first meeting of the Ladies Aid was held March 5, 1925 in the home of Mrs. Carl Buck, Lorah Stair serving as president.

In 1922, the pastor Reverend D. W. Zartman, compiled a membership roll. The membership had grown to 149. The pastor's salary was increased to \$1,500.00. On September 21, 1924, the church became a station. Reverend W. E. Stanley was pastor and the membership numbered 118 individuals.

We also find a Christian Endeavor mentioned in the record for 1927 with Lorene Goslee (Shultheis) President, Blaine Campbell as Treasurer and a membership of 20. Reverend I. R. Wood was pastor then.

After the church was a reality, the membership realized a need for a parsonage, but for a number of years the pastors lived in rental properties in and around Pymont. In 1923, a parcel of land was purchased from Mrs. Rebecca Jones for a parsonage

site, but for lack of funds a building was not started. Meanwhile, the Zion church and its contents were sold for \$826.00 and the funds were given to Pymont to apply on a parsonage. It was then decided to sell the land purchased from Mrs. Jones and the sum of \$161.00 was added to the purse. The Board of Trustees then purchased the David Wetzel property for the sum of \$1,600.00 and we find the deed for the same was made March 1, 1927. With the exception of modernizing, it stands now as it did then, a home for the pastor and his family.

In 1951, the Pymont Church was combined with Colburn and Ockley churches to form the Colburn Circuit.

And today—The church building has been modernized, with oil heating, modern kitchen facilities, rest rooms and has been re-decorated several times. An electric organ now graces the front and seven branch candelabras have been added. More class rooms have been made available by using portable partitions. New pulpit pews are being added as a Fiftieth Year memorial.

Sunday School is well conducted by regular officers and 10 teachers and their assistants for the 10 classes.

A thriving Missionary Society still meets each month, and after the church merger in 1946, with the Evangelical denomination, has increased its work in Missions. In 1960, the former missionary society with a membership of 36, was divided into circles in accordance with the new general program outlined by the Conference. It now has two circles, one the Hannah circle with a membership of 23 meets in the afternoon, and the Ruth circle with 10 members meets in night sessions. Both groups carry on many activities and are faithful in the work of the Lord.

Last but not least, is a fine Youth Fellowship group numbering 18 members who are learning the work of the Church by doing things at an early age. And so, if God wills, we hope to be going along in the years to follow in such a way that our descendants may proudly celebrate the One Hundredth anniversary as we are proud to carry on the work today so nobly started 50 years ago by the faithful humble Christians in the narrative.

History Committee

Mrs. Ruth White —

Chairman of Historical Committee

Mrs. Orpha Goslee —

Writer of this Narrative

Mrs. Lorene Shultheis —

Assistant

List of Pastors Serving Through the Years

Reverend C. E. Davis	1910 — 1911
Reverend O. L. Richart	1911 — 1912
Reverend S. M. Hill	1912 — 1916
Reverend Elmer Landon	1916 — 1917
Reverend B. E. Chambers	1917 — 1920
Reverend K. F. McCoy	1920 — 1922
Reverend D. W. Zartman	1922 — 1924
Reverend W. E. Stanley	1924 — 1927
Reverend I. R. Woods	1927 — 1929
Reverend N. V. Regenos	1929 — 1930
Reverend Wm. L. Eiler	1930 — 1931
Reverend Floyd Wilson	1931 — 1934
Reverend Ethel Hollingsworth	1934 — 1935
Reverend G. R. Champlin	1935 — 1937
Reverend J. H. Elder	1937 — 1939
Reverend Gerald Geiger	1939 — 1947
Reverend C. J. Roberts	1947 — 1949
Reverend Richard Eisinger	1949 — 1951
Reverend Keith Smitley	1951 — 1956
Reverends Wm. and Ruby Bushee	1956 — 1963
Reverend HERBERT LAPACE	1963 — 1970
Rev. Wm. PAUL GARNER	1970 — 1971
Rev. WM. ALEXANDER	1971 — 72-73
Rev. PHILLIP EMERSON	1973 — 1976
Rev. EMMET ADE	1976 —

Pyrmont Council of Administration

TRUSTEES — Clarence Cleaver
Alvin Newhouser
Elwood Burkle
Hughel Miller
Charles Campbell

STEWARDS — Glen Bell, Chief Steward
Francis Clymer
Clarence Cleaver
Elwood Burkle

LAY LEADER — Mrs. Orpha Goslee

CHURCH TREASURER — Edward Fossnock

M. & B. TREASURER — Alvin Newhouser

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT — Dale Fossnock

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER — John Burkle

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Rev. Wm. Bushee

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S WORK — Mrs. John Burkle

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH WORK — Mrs. Ruth White

DIRECTOR OF ADULT WORK — Clarence Cleaver

W.S.W.S. PRESIDENT — Mrs. Robert Neuenschwander

W.S.W.S. TREASURER — Mrs. Elwood Burkle

Y.F. PRESIDENT — Mary Higbee

Y.F. TREASURER — Ivan Burkle

OTHER CHURCH OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS

ACOLYTES — Ivan Burkle and Robert Shultheis

ASSISTANT ACOLYTES — Pamela Fossnock and Margaret Higbee

USHERS — James Scheffee and Ronnie Allee

CHORISTER — Clarence Cleaver

ASSISTANT CHORISTER — Orpha Goslee

ORGANIST — Robert Neuenschwander

ASSISTANT ORGANIST — Elsie Smith

Church membership now stands at 104.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS

JOY WORKERS — Edna Clymer and Pauline Wilcox

HELPING HANDS — Joan McCarty

SUNSHINE MAKERS — Lenore Smith

CHRISTIAN HELPERS — Lucille Neuenschwander

CHRISTIAN FOLLOWERS — Cora Kelleher

O.Y.Y.A. — Reverend Wm. Bushee

WIN-A-COUPLE — Francie Clymer

TRUTH SEEKERS — Orpha Goslee and Ruth White

TRIED AND TRUE — Mable Fossnock

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS — Clarence Cleaver

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUPERINTENDENT — Dale Fossnock

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT — Glen Bell

SECRETARY — LaRoyce Clymer

ASSISTANT SECRETARY — Roberta Scheffee

TREASURER — John Burkle

PIANIST — Orpha Goslee

ASSISTANT PIANIST — Carol Cleaver

CHORISTER — John Kelleher

ASSISTANT CHORISTER — Doreanne Campbell

LIBRARIAN — Mary Higbee

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN — Dan Bushee

OFFICERS OF W.S.W.S.

PRESIDENT — Lucille Neuenschwander
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT — Pauline Wilcox
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT — Carolyn Burkle
 SECRETARY — Opal Campbell
 TREASURER — Betty Burkle
 SEC. OF SPIRITUAL LIFE — Emma Felix
 SEC. OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS — Lorene Shultheis
 SEC. OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION — Lavonne Scheffee
 SEC. OF YOUTH — Ruth White
 SEC. OF CHILDREN'S WORK — Joan McCarty
 SEC. OF SPECIAL PROJECTS — Elsie Smith

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

PRESIDENT — Mary Higbee
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT — Ruth Myers
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT — Leona Bushee
 SECRETARY — LaRoyce Clymer
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY — Leslie Schnepf
 TREASURER — Ivan Burkle
 RECREATION LEADER — Margaret Higbee
 PIANIST — Carol Ann Cleaver
 ADULT COUNSELOR — Mrs. Ruth White

Resident Membership Roll

Miss Final Allen
 Ronald Alley
 Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bell
 Jeri Bell
 Jacqueline Bell
 Mrs. Doris Burkhalter
 Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Burkle
 Ivan Burkle
 D Mrs. Lena Burkle
 Mr. and Mrs. John Burkle
 Revs. Wm. and Ruby Bushee
 John Bushee
 Sarah Jane Bushee
 Dan Bushee
 Leona Bushee
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cleaver
 D Mrs. Flora Cleaver
 Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cleaver
 Carol Cleaver
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clymer
 LaRoyce Clymer
 D Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dubes
 Mrs. Emma Felix
 Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fossnock
 Pamela Fossnock
 D Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fossnock
 Mrs. Orpha Goslee
 D Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harner
 Nancy Harner
 Richard Harner
 Mr. and Mrs. Grace Higbee
 Margaret Higbee
 Mary Higbee
 Patricia Higbee
 D Mr. and Mrs. John Kelleher
 Mrs. Gene McCarty
 Mrs. Roger McCarty
 D Mrs. Kenneth Mears

- G Orville Metzger Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hughel Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neuenschwander
- D Mrs. Elizabeth Newhouser
 Alvin Newhouser
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaffee
 Roberta Shaffee
 James Shaffee
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shultheis
 Marilyn Shultheis
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shultheis
- D Mr. Elbert Shultheis
- D Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shultheis
 Mr. and Mrs. Orville Shultheis
 Robert Shultheis
- D Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith
- D Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith
 Lynora Smith
 Lynette Smith
 Mrs. Verna Spidle
- D Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welch
 Mrs. Ruth White
 Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wilcox
 Sue Wilcox
- D Mr. and Mrs. James Yuill

Non-Resident Membership Roll

- Mrs. Lulu Campbell
 Blaine Campbell
- Mrs. Katherine Hiatt
- D Mrs. Clara Gingrich
 Mr. Wm. Newell
- D Mrs. Pearl Remaly
- D Alma Schultz
 Mrs. Hazel Schultz
 Hazel Miller
 Miss Bessie Fosnock
 Mrs. Gladys Stull
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stull
 Mrs. Rex DeWeese

DIVINE WORSHIP

Sunday, October 14, 1962

Prelude and Candlelighting

* Hymn 6 — "Come, Thou Fount".

* Call to Worship and Invocation:

M. — We desire to declare to all men everywhere our assurance that Christ is the one hope of unity for the world in face of the distractions and dissensions of this present time. We know that our witness is weakened by our divisions. Yet we are one in Christ and in the fellowship of His Spirit. We pray that everywhere, in a world divided and perplexed, men may turn to Jesus Christ our Lord, who makes us one in spite of our divisions; that He may bind in one those who by many worldly claims are set at variance; and that the world may at last find peace and unity in Him; to whom be glory forever.

C. — Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we seek the leadership of Thy Spirit that we may be one in worship and fellowship with Thee. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts always be acceptable unto Thee, we pray. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson — Responsive Reading Number 565

Special Music by the Choir

Silent Prayer of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response.

Offertory Sentence:

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Offertory

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

* Dedication of the Pulpit Pews.

Sermon by Rev. V. A. Carlson, D.D.,
 Conference Superintendent, Logansport District,
 Indiana North Conference

* Hymn 217 — "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow"

* Benediction

* Postlude

Afternoon Program

2:00 P. M.

PRELUDE: Orchestra

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

WELCOME

CHOIR NUMBERS BY:

Zion E.U.B. Church

READING OF HISTORY

SERMON: Rev. Gerald Geiger

MUSIC: Jim Geiger

CLOSING NUMBER BY CHOIR

BENEDICTION

Reception in Church Basement
