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THE RADNOR CHURCH IN RADNOR INDIANA
LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP IN CARROLL COUNTY

HISTORY:

The history of the Radnor Church goes back to the pioneer days when a class was organized near the center of the township at the home of Benjamin Underwood in 1834. They erected a log house of worship on the Underwood farm.

Twenty years later or in 1854, the same denomination purchased one (1) acre of ground of William Maxwell, located about one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) mile east of what is now the town of Radnor, and erected a church, known as the Sugarcreek Meeting House of The Methodist Episcopal Church. The trustees of the church were:

John Lynch, Thomas Gillam and David Julien.

After fifteen (15) years, or in 1869, this same group moved to a new location one ($\frac{1}{4}$) mile west of what is now the town of Radnor, on the Gillam Farm, and the Church was known as the Palestine Methodist Church. When the Monon Railroad built a line through Madison Township in the early 1880's the town of Radnor was started and about 1889 the Palestine Church moved to Radnor.

The earliest record of membership in the Palestine Methodist Church in Radnor was that of Miss Eva Bates on July 6, 1907. On February 10, 1909 Russell Clawson became a member of the church while the Rev. J.K. Wyant was still pastor. ON Feb. 20, 1910 Agnes McCouch became a member while Rev. Wyant was pastor. On May 3, 1913 Joseph Ren Bates joined the church while the Rev. J.F. Kinrich was pastor. Medford Lewis Clawson became a member of the church in 1913 also on June 8, Myrtle Bougher joined the church on Aug. 29, 1915 when A.M. Hagenbook was pastor. On Jan. 16, 1916 Ella Clawson joined the Church and Leonard Clawson's profession of Faith made him a member of the church on Sept. 10, 1916. Rev. Hagenbook pastor.

On Jan. 16, 1916 a revival was held at the church and a picture was taken of the some seventy five (75) persons in attendance. The late Myrtle Zook held the picture in her most cherished possessions.

In 1919 the church in Radnor was linked with the church in Buckcreek and was known as the Buckcreek Charge.

In 1920 while the Rev. J.P. Bogue was pastor, the late Leslie Heffley became a member of the church.

In either 1921 or 1922 the church at Radnor was linked with both the church at Bringhurst and the Mt. Olivet church and was known as the Bringhurst Charge.

The Rev. Guy E. Tremaine was pastor from April 1921 through Oct. 1924. and the following Quote was received from him on Dec. 17, 1973.

QUOTE: Kind Friends,

"I received your card and note asking for information which I can not give you much help on because of the many years that have passed. I have no records of membership for they were always left at the Church. I was pastor of Radnor from April 1, 1921 for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. I took it when it was dead for some time and it has lived for 52 years last April. Sorry I can't help more. G.E.T!"

Information received from Goldie Zook revealed that she was one of seventeen new members taken into the church while Rev. Tremaine was pastor. The record shows Morris Benefiel as becoming a member of the church in 1924, also.

In 1937 Rev. H.H. Western became pastor at Radnor.

In 1940 preaching services were conducted every other Sunday.

In 1943 Rev. Arthur Howell became pastor at Radnor and in 1945 Rev. Medaris became pastor. The Rev. Howells salary total \$1615.00 was shared by Bringhurst paying \$1000.00, Radnor \$400.00 and Mt. Olivet \$215.00

On Dec. 13, 1945 Clarence Kite and his wife Anna Kite and their three daughters, Carolyn, Jean Marie, and Lois Ann became members of the Church by Profession of Faith.

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In 1945, on Dec. I, a warranty Deed was signed by Clarence L. Kite and Anna Kite designating lots (7) and (II) in Thompson and Cochran's addition to the town of Radnor, Indiana as a site for the church. These lots are bordered by Madison Street on the north (12 feet wide) and Victor Street on the east (12 feet wide).

A complete Abstract of Title dated Dec. I, 1945 places the value of each of the lots at \$25.00. The May installment of tax amounted to \$0.42.

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Joseph T. Ives was Notary Public in 1945.

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After the close of World War II, the members of the church decided to remodel the old building and move it to a new location in Radnor. A sum of \$20,000.00 was spent in the remodeling and in October of 1947, the church was remodeled. This work was started while Rev. C. O. Medaris was pastor but Rev. W. H. Farthing was pastor at the time of the re-dedication. Regular Worship Services were conducted in the New Hope School Building during the remodeling period.

In 1947 the cost of an Abstract for both the old and new lots of the church sites was \$45.00.

Total enrollment in Church School was 156 in 1947. New Hymn Books in use in 1947 also.

In 1948 the minister's salary was \$850.00 Radnor's share. There was Vacation Church School and a Father's and Son Banquet also in 1948.

In 1949 Rev. Farthing was pastor. Salary \$2650.00. Bringhurst paid \$1450.00, Radnor \$950.00 and Mt. Olivet \$250.00. The average Church School attendance was 85.

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In 1953 an out door Bulletin was erected costing approx. \$180.00 and an outdoor grill was added for convenience.

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A Quarterly Conference was held at the Bringhurst Church on Feb. 2 1956 with 42 members of the Quarterly Conference present from Radnor, Mt. Olivet and Bringhurst Churches.

Rev. Hugh McGlasson, the District Superintendent opened the meeting with the prayer.

The purpose of this meeting was to bring the Abstract and the Title of the Parsonage up to date. John Siegrist moved that a committee of three (3) consisting of a member from each of the three (3) Boards of Trustees of the three (3) Churches be appointed with the authority to arrange for bringing this Abstract and Title of the Parsonage up to date, secure a Quiet Claim Deed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Indiana and the Discipline of the Methodist Church, the cost to be shared by the three churches. The motion was seconded by Donald Hathaway. The motion carried.

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Joe Henderson moved that the same committee charged with the responsibility of obtaining a clear title to the Parsonage be authorized also to do the following--

1. Be authorized to study a plan for remodeling the Parsonage together with the estimated costs and submit their findings to the next Quarterly Conference.
2. That they submit to the Quarterly Conference a reasonable price for the Parsonage and proposed terms of agreement should on of the Churches desire to purchase the equity now possessed by the other two (2).

After a period of questions and discussion the motion was passed. Lloyd Zook moved that the costs for appraisal of the Parsonage be shared according to the ratio:

Bringhurst----4 parts
Radnor ----3 parts
Mt.Olivet ----1 part

The motion was seconded by George Porter. Motion Carried.

Rev. James Cox Jr. dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The Committee as selected by the above Boards Of Trustees were:

Bringhurst ---- John E. Johnson
Mt.Olivet ---- John Lohrman
Radnor ---- Marion Ward.

Marion Riggle
Secretary

In 1957 on June 7, it was revealed that the Vacation Bible School had an average attendance of 79 pupils and instructors.

On May 7, 1958 at the Bringhurst--Radnor --Mt.Olivet Conference, the Rev.W.J.Curtis asked that his son be recommended to a local minister Conference for a licence to preach.

In June of 1958 Mt.Olivet left the charge.

In May 15, 1960 The Rev.Walter J. Curtis suffered a fatal heart attack at the Radnor Church.

In 1961, the members of the church in Radnor decided that more classroom space was needed and a contract was let for the improvement. Five class rooms and a large modern kitchen were added also. The walls of the church were beautifully decorated. The sum of \$13,000.00 was needed for the project.

The church acquired an additional lot, just South of the church, and the old school building was removed and the ground leveled. This makes three (3) full lots of church property.

Consecration Day on Sunday, May 27, 1962 in the newly remodeled church in Radnor was a marked event. The Rev.D.K.Hembree delivered the morning message starting at 8:45 A.M. Followed by the Sunday School Hour. There was a basket dinner at noon.

At 1:30 P.M. the Consecration Service was started with REV. Donald McMahan Superintendent of the Lebanon Methodist District, delivered the Consecration Sermon. Followed by the Consecration Service Prayer.

Joseph Ren Bates added his witness to the church with the following comments:

QUOTE:

The church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual value. Without a strong church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the church. They are (1) for his own sake; (2) for the children's sake; (3) for the sake of his community and Nation; (4) for the sake of the church itself, which

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needs moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.--J.R.B.

RADNOR METHODIST CHURCH
CONSECRATION SERVICE

At the

RADNOR METHODIST CHURCH

RADNOR, INDIANA

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1962 at 1:30 P.M.

RICHARD C. RAINES

Resident Bishop of Indiana area

DONALD F. McMAHAN

Superintendent Lebanon District

DONALD K. HEMBREE

Minister Host Church

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE

*HYMN: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION, P. 381

(The people standing)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Serve the Lord with gladness.

enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Amen.

(Here let the people be seated)

INVOCATION: The Minister

O God, eternal and ever blessed, who delightest in the assembling of thy people in the sanctuary; receive us graciously as we come into thy house, and grant, we entreat thee, that peace and prosperity may be found within its walls that the glory of God may be the light thereof, and that we may be satisfied with the goodness of thy house; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR DEDICATION DAY

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*CANTICLE OF THE CHURCH

(The minister and the people standing)

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness to the people.

And the Lord shall rise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the nation shall come to thy light, and the kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.

Thy gates shall stand always open, they shall not be shut day or night.

That men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led with them.

For the nation and the kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, it shall be utterly wasted.

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Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders.

But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates thou shalt call praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee.

But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

The sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself.

For the Lord shall be thy everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

*GLORI PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The minister and the people)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Corinthians 12; 1-31

Prayer

HYMN: Bless This House ---Mary Sue Hembree

THE SERMON: The Redemptive Fellowship --Rev. McNahan

THE DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND TITHES

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

(The people standing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Here let the people be seated)

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God put it in the hearts of his people to build this to glory of his name. I now accept this building to be known as Radnor Methodist Church, to dedicate it, and set it apart for the worship of Almighty God and the service of all men. Let us therefore as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

(The people standing)

To the Glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;
To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;
We dedicate this house.

For the worship fo God in prayer and praise;

For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;

For the celebration of the Holy Sacrement;

We dedicate this house.

For the comfort of all who mourn;

For strength to those who are tempted;

For light to those who seek the way;

We dedicate this house.

For the hallowing of family life;

For teaching and guiding the young;

For the perfecting of the saints;

We dedicate this house.

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For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the Kingdom of God;
We dedicate this house.
In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;
We dedicate this house.

Then shall the people and the minister say;

We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work can not be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Accept, O God our Father, this service at our hands, and bless it to the end that this congregation of faithful people may make manifest the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth, and so may this house be the place where thine honor dwelleth and the whole earth be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SANCTUS

Therefore with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

PRAYER

Now therefore, O Lord, let thine eyes be open toward this house day and night; and let thine ears be ready toward the prayers of thy children, which they shall make unto thee in this place. And whensoever thy servants shall make to thee their petitions, do thou hear them, and when thou hearest, forgive. Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that here and elsewhere thy ministers may be clothed with righteousness, and thy saints rejoice in thy salvation. And may we all, with the people everywhere, grow up into a holy temple in the Lord, and be at last received into the glorious temple above, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

* HYMN: Blest Be The Tie, P. 416.

SILENT PRAYER

BENEDICTION : Rev. McMahan

POSTLUDE

Early in 1962 when Rev. Hembree was pastor of the Bringhurst-Radnor charge Radnor paid Mt.Olivet \$200.00 on the agreed amount due Mt.Olivet for it's share in the Parsonage at Bringhurst. Later in the fall of 1962 Radnor paid \$300.00 to Mt.Olivet as the final payment on the Parsonage.

Bringhurst agreed to pay Mt.Olivet \$100.00 on the Parsonage settlement and John T. Johnson, chairman of the board of trustees at Bringhurst, agreed to have the Parsonage Abstract brought up to date.

IN 1965 while Rev. Hembree was still pastor at Radnor. A Hammond Organ and a new piano were purchased for the church at a cost of \$1500.00.

Also a new furnace was installed in the church at cost approx. \$1000.00. Shrubs were placed in front of the church.

On March 7, 1965 shortly after Ockley United Brethern Church in Ockley, Indiana closed it's doors, seven of it's members transferred their membership to Radnor. Those Members were;

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Anna Maxwell, Irillia Enoch, Raymond Sheets, Helen Marie Sheets, Katherine Sheets, Thomas G. Witter, Chestine F. Witter.

The building of churches in Puerto Rico namely (The Puerto Rico Project) was started in 1966. Laymen from the Radnor Church who helped with the project were:

1966-----At Bajadere----Lawernce Mays, Myrtle Zook, Don Ramsey.

1967----At Jobes---Kenneth Hathaway, Carl Mays, and Marion Ward.

1968---At Pale Sege--- Wayne Zook and Wayne Zinn.

1969--In the suburb of San Juan--Wayne Zook and Wayne Zinn.

In 1967 after the closing of the Cloverleaf Methodist Church in Fackle, Indiana, the church gained possession of a number of nice church pews, and by early 1969 the pews had been refinished and were installed.

In 1968 on October 23, the Methodist Church in Radnor became The Radnor United Methodist Church, effective as of June 1, 1968. The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethern Church having merged legally under the name of The United Methodist Church. The Rev. Weaver was pastor at the time.

In 1968 shortly after the Ball-Hill Methodist Church closed it's doors the Church in Radnor acquired a number of Methodist Hymnals.

In July of 1970 the Radnor United Methodist Church received \$1440.00 from the Harness estate. Mrs Harness became a member of the church of Radnor back in the early days of the church. Rev. Weaver was pastor in 1970.

Also in 1970 new siding was installed on the West side of the church for \$550.00. The outside woodwork fo the church was painted at a cost of \$600.00. New Methodist Hymnals were purchased also.

In December of 1971 the United Methodist Church at Bringhurst left the Charge and J. Lemeul Johnson, a retiredminister, was pastor at Radnor from Dec. 1971 to June 1972.

In June of 1972 the United Methodist Church at Radnor was yoked with the United Methodist Church in Pymont and William Alexander was pastor for a year.

In June of 1973 Rev. Phillip Emerson was assigned to the charge.

On Dec. 31, 1973 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Radnor Methodist Church, with all of the members present, namely, J. Ren Bates, Thomas G. Witter, Don Ramsey, Leonard Clawson, Marion Ward, Lloyd Anderson, Glenn Fisher, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of the release of the right, title and interest of the Radnor United Methodist Church in the parsonage of the Bringhurst United Methodist Church, existing by reason of certain improvements having been made over the years to the parsonage and paid for in part by the Radnor United Methodist Church. The following resolution was adopted. to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the trustees of the Radnor United Methodist Church, of Carroll County, Indiana, for the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), execute and deliver a Quit-Claim Deed releasing and quit-claiming to Dorval Allen, Don Myer, John T. Johnson, Dennis Porter, Ralph Zinn, Russell Porter, Richard Pulley, G. Clingenpeel Jr., and Robert Ross, as trustees of the Bringhurst United Methodist Church, of Carroll County, Indiana, the following described real estate in Carroll County, in the State of Indiana, to-wit:

The North Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of lots Number Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26) In Ross's Addition to the Town of Bringhurst, as laid out in the original plat of said town,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said conveyance be executed and delivered by all of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Radnor United Methodist Church, all as the act of said Radnor United Methodist Church and it's Trustees.

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IMPROVEMENTS to the church and property in 1973 includes:

New roof on the extending room	----\$135.00
Eaves troughs on part of the church	----\$145.00
Stone for drive	----\$165.00
Paint for entire basement and one class room	---\$175.00
Sub-Floor in the Nursery	----\$130.00
Carpeting in class room and Nursery	---\$400.00
New furnishings in the Nursery	----\$225.00
New Range in the kitchen	----\$200.00

1974-- April--The Rev. Phill L. Stephens has been named District Superintendent of the Lafayette District of the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Stephens, senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Marion for the past seven years, will begin his new assignment about June 1, according to Bishop Ralph T. Alton, head of the Indiana Area, United Methodist Church. His appointment will be made at the denomination's annual Conference. He will succeed the Rev. Wilburt M. Littrell, who has served as District Superintendent the maximum of six years under the Church's rules. Dr. Littrell's new assignment will be announced soon, Bishop Alton said. In his new position, the Rev. Mr. Stephens will supervise the district's 62 churches in Warren, Benton, White, Tippecanoe, Carroll and Clinton Counties. A minister in Northern Indiana since 1948, The Rev. Mr. Stephens has served pastorates in Kokomo, Fort Wayne, Osceola and Perkinsville.

PASTORS OF THE CHURCH IN RADNOR INDIANA INCLUDE:

1908--1909--1910	----J.K. Wyant
1913	----J.F. Kinrich
1915--1916--1917	----A.M. Hagenbook
1918--1919	----A.M. Hagenbook
1920	----J.P. Bogue
1921	----S.A.P. Reakes
1921 thru 1925	----G.E. Tremaine
1926--1927	----C.R. Earle
1927	----F.S. Martin
1930--1931	----Renus Olsen
1935	----A.M. Finker
1937	----H.H. Western
1941--1942	----D.M. Iles
1943--1944	----Howell
1945--1946--1947	----Medaris
1948--1949--1950	----W.E. Farthing
1951 thru 1954	----Arthur A. Schenck
1954--1955	----James Cox Jr.
1958 until death May 15, 1960	----Walter J. Curtis
1960--1967	----Hembree
1967--1969	----Weaver
1969--1970	----Roy M. Locher
1970--1971	----Williams
1971-Dec.--1972 June*	----J. Lemuel Johnson
1972--1973	----Alexander
1973---	----Phillip R. Emerson

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Men who received their early training in the Christian life in the church at Radnor and became Ministers were:

1. Calvin O. Smock --- Born and raised near Radnor
Deceased Buried in Zion Cemetery.
2. Charles Downey --- Is retired and lives in Wheatfield in Jasper County, Indiana.
3. -----Stokes --- Born and raised near Radnor, was a poor boy. Worked his way through DePauw University, came back to Radnor in 1907 and conducted Rivival Services in the Church.
4. Clarence Loveland-- Lived close to Radnor, Born in 1900 Attended the church in Radnor through his High School years in the Delphi School. Is a retired minister of the Methodist Church in Frankfort, Indiana. Has had a Stroke and is in a Hospital in Illinois.

The foregoing History was compiled and written by the committee on Records and History in April of 1974.

Chairman: Mary Ward
Assistent: J. Ren Bates

Mary ward