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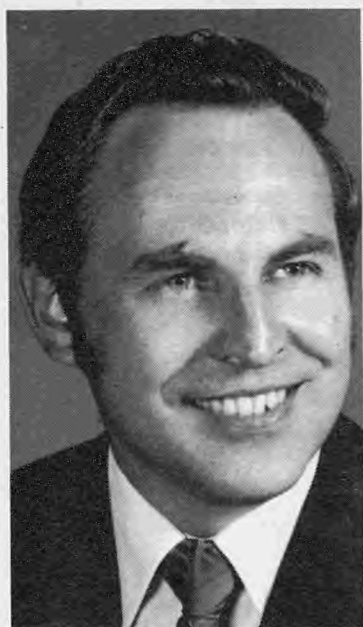
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100 Years of Service

One hundred years ago Methodism came to this city, and has grown to the strong church we have today. The growth in Larned has had its trying experiences, trying and discouraging incidents, but always a spirit of progress.

Lest our heritage and history be forgotten, your History and Artifacts Work Area, is attempting to set down, in this booklet, an account of the progress of our church in Larned, and something of personalities of people who have, and are serving our God's house.

Let not the reader be too critical. We have studied many records and accounts, some of which vary as to dates, or people, committees, etc.

As one thoughtfully scans the records of such an institution and notes the conversions, baptisms, (young and old) withdrawals and removals, he must realize something of how it touches the heights and depths of human nature and ministers to life in its most sacred things.

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"In The Beginning" 1766

In the year 1766, Methodists marked the founding of Methodism in the United States. It was April 1766, when the Ministers began holding services in the Colonies, which were to become part of the United States.

One of the Ministers, the Rev. Phillip Embury, preached from a rough-hewn pulpit in New York. Rev. Robert Strawbridge held his service in a rural log cabin in Maryland. Both services were by candle light.

It so happened that both ministers came from Ireland. In five years congregations had spread to Philadelphia and Baltimore. This movement influenced John Wesley to send an aid from England, the Rev. Francis Asbury. Again in 1784, Wesley sent Thomas Coke to establish the Methodist Society, a system of Church government that administered the sacraments and ordinations. Result: The Methodist Episcopal Church of America.

God Bless the Founders!

Note: Previous to 1939 there were three branches of Methodism in the United States. They were: (1) Methodist Episcopal North. (2) Methodist Episcopal South, and (3) the Methodist Protestant. In May 1939 a merger of the three branches was consummated in Kansas City, Mo. Miss Catherine Beckwith, from our church was in attendance.



Services were held in this building until 1877.

“Methodism In Larned”

Methodism in Larned dates from the first sermon preached here on the 20th of September, 1873 by Rev. A. Hartman, pastor of the Methodist Church in Great Bend. The church was organized that day with seven members: W. R. Adams, Jennie Adams, Nelson Adams, J. E. Williams, Rachel Harnes, H. F. Longworth and E. H. Longworth.

Prior to this a Union Church had been organized here by W. R. Adams, a Methodist and Dr. C. W. Tompkins of Leslie, Michigan, a member of the Presbyterian Church. This union, they agreed, to maintain as a church until such time as a sufficient number of both denominations should warrant the organizing of two churches.

This church union worshipped together, first in the Santa Fe depot, later in a carpenter shop, then the two societies entered into an agreement to erect a union building, (1873) This was a frame building and the Presbyterians worshiped in that building until 1886. It was 24 ft. by 50 ft. and located on Main St. In 1877 the Methodists sold their interest to the Presbyterians and moved to Toles Hall where they continued about a year. In 1875 the Larned appointment was taken from the Great Bend circuit and Larned and Dodge City Mission was organized. The First Quarterly Conference was held in Larned in 1875. During the year membership increased to 100 and in 1876 the Larned and Dodge City Mission was discontinued and Larned became a station. After that date, Larned was listed as a Circuit with Circuit ministers, but more often as a station.

After selling their interest in the Union Church, to the Presbyterians for \$400.00, they purchased the lots where the First United Methodist Church now stands on the corner of 7th and Main streets. December 1st, 1877 a fund raising for a church building was started, \$2,925.00 was secured. The contract was let for a building 34 ft. by 67 ft. the walls to be of brick and the total cost not to exceed \$4,200.00.



As dedicated in 1878. Note hitching rail. Parsonage in background.

The corner stone was laid July 1878, five years after the church was founded. The services were conducted by a retired preacher from Great Bend, assisted by Rev. Naftzgar. Placed in the corner stone were a list of members, Central Christian Advocate, the Larned newspaper, a Methodist Discipline, a Bible and other documents. December 15, 1878, the day set for dedicating the building to the worship of God, turned out to be a very unfavorable time. The men and women had worked and sacrificed to raise the needed \$2,000.00 to free the debt, and they would not be deterred, so the church was dedicated on that day as planned. The original cost of construction was to be \$4200.00, but the cost, when finished, was \$5000.00. In view of the undeveloped state of the country, its limited resources at that time, no large herds, wheat fields, oil, this was a great achievement.

Here the first Sunday School classes were organized in 1878 with seven teachers, and fifty members. In 1923 there was a membership of 524 with Mr. Eb Row as superintendent.

To this building three additions were built thru the years. The first was a ten foot room on the east in 1902. The second was to the south with a room 30 ft. by 50 ft. and a full basement. This was in 1909. The third was to the west, an education building, 30'x64', with a basement. This was in 1925.

There is no record of the cost of the first addition, but the second cost \$6000.00 and the third \$4000.00, and much of the labor was donated. The membership was growing. About 1930 the basement was enlarged to the north and a kitchen was added.

When the original structure was razed it was 83 years old. Only the bell and the round leaded glass memorial window were saved. Some pews were given to the Escue Chapel, C. M. E. Church. To the sorrow of many, everything else was sent to the dump, probably due to the wreckers' contract.

The ladies of the church organized in 1878 and had their first public dinner in the unfinished church. It was a financial success. The dinner menu was: Chicken dinner, 25¢ - Oyster Supper, 40¢. They cleared \$121.00.

In 1882, with Rev. S. W. Richards as full time pastor, the women saw the need of a parsonage. They borrowed \$350.00 and purchased a house at the corner of 9th and Kansas streets, at a cost of \$600.00. This parsonage served for four years then sold for \$700.00 This amount, with additional money, built a frame parsonage just north of the church in 1886. In March 1927 this frame parsonage was sold and moved away. The selling price was \$600.00 and the building is now located at 314 West 3rd St.

In 1922 the church purchased the Sharp property located on the corner north of the parsonage. The residence was used for the Primary Department of the Sunday School until 1926. The barn was turned into a Boy Scout Cabin. In 1926 the property was torn down and the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$17,267.00. The dedication was held in 1927. The Rev. C. E. King family were the first occupants.



The Church about 1903.



1925 After Additions

Educational Building

"Train up a child in the way he should go, —and he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Previous to razing the original 83 year old structure, there was an urgent need for a new Sanctuary. The building being so old, and the walls of soft brick, it was deemed as unsafe. Then too, owing to pupil growth, the class rooms were full. It was necessary for some of the classes to meet in the parsonage.

A called meeting of all church members was held in May 1952, at which time it was voted to go ahead with plans for starting a building program. Plans were discussed as to what should come first; Sanctuary, Educational Building or Fellowship Hall, since there was only \$78,000 in cash and pledges. It was wisely decided o forego the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for the time being.

The Official Board was designated as the Building Committee, and they in turn appointed a Steering Committee, composed of Chester Beer, chairman, Rev. Clyde Gale, Mrs. C. E. Sheppard, R. H. Pool, Mrs. Elmer Van Horn and Dr. V. R. Cade. Other committees appointed at that time were: Finance, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Arnsberger; Publicity, Mrs. Ross Hicks, Leslie Davis, Don Foster; Public Relations, Glenn Robbins. A total of seventy persons served on various committees.

Because of low finances, the building committee, (Official Board) proposed two steps to be taken, (1) Excavate basement, and build the foundation. (2) When three fourths of the \$85,000 necessary is in cash, work will proceed to finish the educational building. Mann & Mann Co., of Hutchinson, Kansas, drew up the plans, and the construction contract was awarded to Mr. Hugh Shuss a Larned contractor, who agreed to consult the Steering Committee, and work as fast or as slowly as conditions would allow, and on a cost plus basis.

On March 2, 1953, ground was broken for the start of construction of the Educational Building. This unit was erected just north of the then sanctuary, and did not entail razing of the old structure. One year, three months and twenty-four days later (1954) the Rev. Gale announced to the public the opening for inspection. Rev. O. R. Henderson gave the sermon, "Building of God's House". Following a pot luck dinner Mr. Chester Beer presented the keys of the new building to the chairman of the Trustees, Eugene Haun.

When finished the Educational Building measured 60'x90'. The basement contains only class rooms and the furnace room; also entry ways into the basements of Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

The third floor has class rooms, youth assembly parlor, storage room and entry to balcony of Sanctuary. There are 34 class rooms, which were considered sufficient for potential growth, however, soon classes were bing held in the kitchen, and later, in Fellowship Hall. Eight pianos are in use in classrooms.

The total cost of the Educational Building, came to \$145,000.00, without equipment. \$155,000.00 including the equipment.



Educational Building

Any voluntary labor was to report to Walter Fox, and any problems were to be referred to either Dr. Cade or Mr. Chester Beer.

Rooms were painted in colorful pastels, ranging from rose to green. As many as twelve patterns of tile add color and warmth.

There was some delay in occupancy because of furniture shipment.

Dedication ceremonies for the Educational Building were held March 23, 1958. Those taking part in the program were: Dana Dawson, Bishop; Lester Templin, Dist. Superintendent; Clyde Gale, Pastor; Dorothy Miller, Director of Music; Mrs. D. W. Andrews, Church School Supt.; John Carrier, former minister; Charles E. King, former minister; Dr. Guy Scott, soloist; Trustees, Building Committee and the Steering committee.

"We dedicate this building to Christian fellowship and to recreation of mind and body."

Dana Dawson, D.D. L.L.D.
Bishop of the Kansas Area.

Make A Joyful Noise

In the 1950's the congregation felt the need of some manner of summoning worshippers to the services. Mr. C. E. Clutter, knowing this desire, gave a set of Carillon Bells to the church. They were installed atop the belfry of the old church, where the steeple had been, and were played from the electric organ.

Dedication of the bells was held December 11, 1955. Dr. LeRoy Arned, District Superintendent, gave the address. The anthem was accompanied, at the piano by Mrs. Betty Doll.

Keith Gore, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the bells to the District Superintendent.

Mrs. C. E. Sheppard gave a demonstration of the bells by playing a short program, for the enjoyment of the congregation.

Building The Sanctuary And Fellowship Hall

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." Ps. 122-1

History records the menace to travelers, by the Indians, and the presence of the soldiers at Fort Larned, for their protection, but who, in viewing the structure now, between 7th and 8th streets, on Main, would have believed that we could become accustomed to progress and security, as our just due in the 100 years just gone by?

1958-1973

With the debt free educational building, dedicated in 1958, and the comparative ease in financing it, the people began to look to the second phase in building.

The Trustees appointed another building committee, consisting of William Fyler, chairman, Everett Avery, treasurer; Mrs. Dwight Eakin, secretary; James R. Boyd, Clyde Hirt, Harry Nelson, William Marley, Glenn Robbins, Mrs. D. W. Andrews, Don Foster, Harold Erway, Dr. O. R. Cram, and the pastor, Rev. L. Clyde Gale.

Considering the success of the previous building committee, and the generous financial response of the members of the church, it was decided to proceed with phase 2, the Fellowship Hall. After further counselling with the architect, Alvin Row, and many prayers, it was decided that phase 3, the sanctuary, and phase 2 could be executed in one great effort.

The fund drive netted \$255,000.00 in cash and pledges, to be paid over a three year period. Arrangements were made with the Larned Building and Loan Association to borrow the money needed.

James R. Maska, construction Co. of Hays, was the successful bidder \$302,000.00

It was an exciting experience and occasion, in the life of the church when, Sunday, June 25, 1961, the congregation met for the "ground breaking" ceremony, which was held where Fellowship Hall now stands, and was like a movie scene. The children of the church, holding the ropes, pulled a walking plow, furnished by E. E. Newacheck. This task was then taken over by the Trustees and others to make a long furrow. The weather was ideal. Those who took part in the ritual were: Dr. Templin, Dist. Supt.; Mayor R.A. King, Rev. Andrews, president of the ministerial association; William Fyler, chairman of the building committee; Howard Estes, chairman of the official board; William Marley, trustee; Dwight Eakin, lay leader; Mrs. D. W. Andrews, Mrs. Walter Fox, the pastor, Rev. L. Clyde Gale and Chester Beer, who closed with prayer.

Following the ground breaking in June, the wrecking crew moved in, in July, and razed the 83 year old sanctuary.

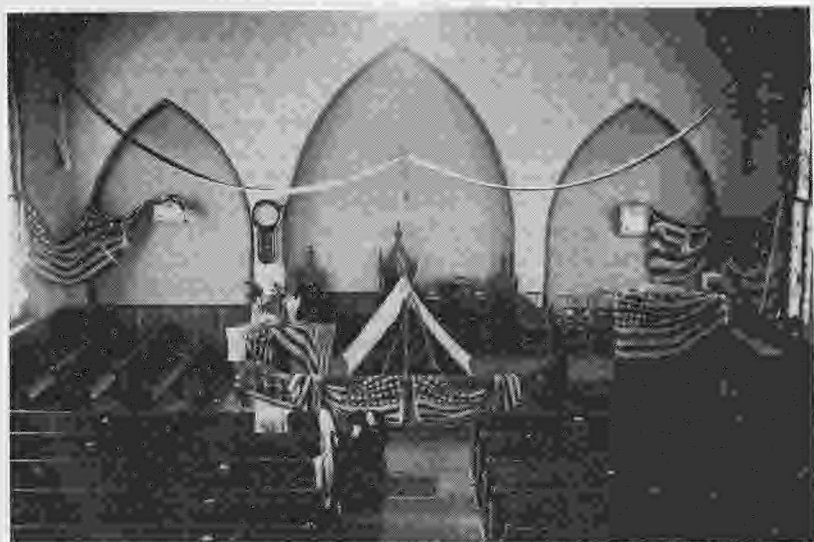
This, then, left the congregation with no home. But due to the generosity of Mr. Donald Burnett and Mr. H. L. Reed, owners of the State Theater, we began our weekly worship there July 23, 1961. The Sunday School classes continued to meet in the Educational building. Rev. Scheuerman and the entire congregation were grateful to the management for the use of the theater facilities. Services continued here for 18 months and it was always very convenient and comfortable.

With the arrival of Rev. Scheuerman in 1959, the committee and architect reviewed the blue prints and came up with a set of drawings, believed to be sufficient to our needs, financially sound, and still provide for future growth of the membership. The site was cleared by the last of August, and Maska Construction Co. moved in. In the days to come, construction progressed on both structures, delayed only by some inclement weather. Let it be noted here, that several times daily inspection was made by Mr. Fyler, Rev. Scheuerman, and the architect. There was approval at all stages. Also it was approved by the Sidewalk and Knothole Association.

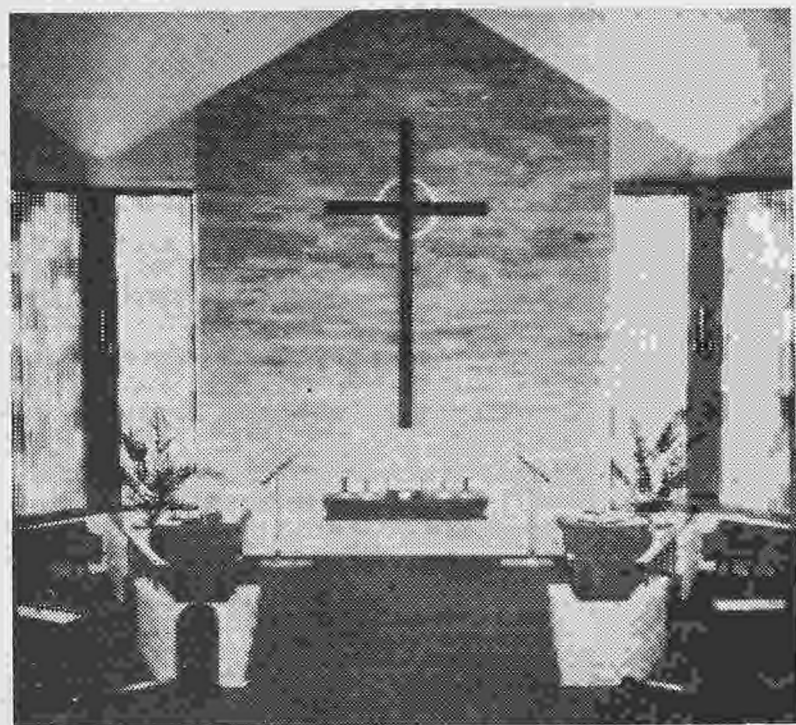
Wendlin Schoendallas of Hays was the foreman. The Cornerstone was placed Sunday, September 9th, 1962, in the northeast end of the new building, following a regular service at the theater. The Cornerstone service was conducted by Dr. Oren McClure, District Superintendent as guest speaker. Rev. Scheuerman, minister, Rev. John Paulin, associate minister, the trustees and members of the congregation, as well as many interested persons of other denominations. (There will be included later in this history, the records of this, and two previous cornerstones.)

Watching the structure as it neared completion, it was hard to visualize the finished church. The hexagonal shaped roof and walls, were different from the usual church types and, until the grounds were landscaped, there was some wonderment as to the beauty. Now, look at one of the most beautiful buildings in the city of Larned. Beautiful outside and warmly inviting for worship inside.



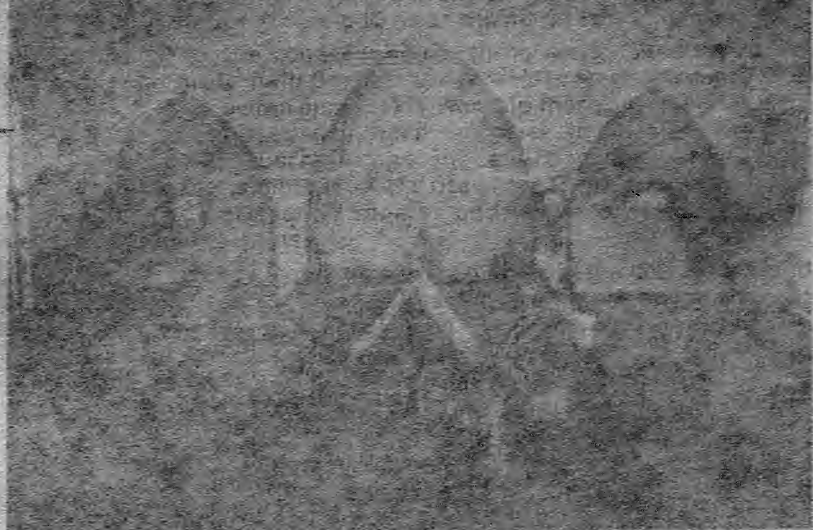


About 1898



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Following the ground breaking in June, the remaining work was



Vendita Scheridellas of Hesperia, Cal. The Cornerstone was placed Sunday, September 14, 1914, at the northwest end of the new building following a special service at the theater. The Cornerstone service was conducted by Dr. Oren McClure, District Superintendent, as guest speaker. Rev. Scheridellas, minister, Rev.



"Home For Christmas" 1863-1973

Good News! The local newspaper, the Tiller and Toiler, throughout our three phase building construction, went all out to give the public complete coverage. It is through their items and pictures that much of this history is possible. Now, previous to December 23, 1962, there appeared a large advertisement announcing "Home for Christmas", December 23, 1962, for the Methodist Church congregation.

And were we glad to "come home!" It was history in the making. The first service, a most joyous event in the lives of the congregation. There were Christmas hymns and prayers, with the sermon by Rev. Claude Scheuerman. The subject of his sermon was "Jesus Christ Lord of All". After the service in the sanctuary there was fellowship in Fellowship Hall, followed by a "look see" of the new building.

At 7:00 p.m. there were evening vespers, with the youth leading the services. Rev. John Paulin, associate minister, gave the evening message. Later the youth went caroling to the hospitals, rest homes and shut ins.

This was not the end of good celebrations of our church. On March 10, 1963, at 10:45 a.m. the 90th anniversary was held and also the formal opening of the sanctuary and fellowship hall. (See later account). The message was given by Rev. Basil Johnson, of East Heights Methodist church of Wichita, Kans.

In the evening at 7:00 o'clock, we held the Consecration Service. Bishop Eugene Slater of Topeka, Kansas, Bishop of the Kansas area, of the Methodist Church, gave the spoken word, Dr. Oren McClure, responsive readings, Rev. Paulin the Holy Scripture, and the prayer was by Rev. C. E. King.

Presentation of the building to Rev. Scheuerman was made by William Fyler, chairman of the building committee. The minister presented it to the Dist. Superintendent, Rev. Oren McClure, who in turn presented it to Bishop Eugene Slater.

Members of the committee for these services were: Catherine Beckwith, Mrs. O. R. Cram, B. L. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Van Horn, Mrs. Dave Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Donald Deege.

Bishop Slater charged the members: "Upon you rests the responsibility that all financial debts be speedily lifted, that the building be dedicated to God in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost."

Dedication of Sanctuary and Hall

What were the Methodists doing after the Consecration of our beautiful church? This congregation is not one to sit by and have a "do nothing" attitude. Minding Bishop Slater's charge to "get with it", funds came in from various money raising events, and to the

happiness and some amazement, it was not long until the building was paid for. So, three years and eleven months later dedication ceremonies were held, February 1st, 1970, at 2:30 p.m. Those having a part, besides the visiting guests were: Heather Boyd, carrillonneur, Mrs. Dorothy Miller, organist, Rev. Ralph Jones, Bueford Roper, and John Laing, trumpet duet; James McDonnel, piano; William Fyler, Building Committee Chairman; the Wesley choir, the Chancel Choir and the Trustees.

Visiting officials were: Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, conducting the dedication; Rev. Robert Gordon, Dodge City, Supt. Dodge City District; Father Elmer Klenke, Chairman County Ministerial Assn.

The Bishop's sermon was entitled "Be Ye Faithful". This service closed with the people pledging: "Do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

Women's Early Organizations

"—By so toiling one must help others." And Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

First let us list the early groups, hopefully not missing any:

1876 Ladies Aid. Reorganized 1881.

1878 Pastor's and Ladies Christian Union.

1881 Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Reorganized 1887.

1889 Band of Workers.

1889 Women's Home Missionary Society.

1902 Standard Bearers. Youth Auxiliary to WHMS.

1920 Standard Bearers, reorganized.

1922 Mother's Jewels (children).

1922 Little Light Bearers (children).

1939-40 Woman's Society of Christian Service organized. Made up of the Missionary Societies, and the Ladies Aid. 153 charter members, 6 men. No dues.

1943 Wesleyan Service Guild organized for working women and meeting at night. The Mary Price Circle merged with the W.S.G., Catherine Beckwith, President.

1950 WSCS divided into 7 circles, one of them being a night circle.

In reading the accomplishments of the various women's societies, one wonders if there is much else accomplished in the other departments of the Church. Their projects are too numerous to record here, but anyone who attends the services know that they are continually working for the good of the church and of the needy. Once in 1929 boxes of clothing were sent to the collection depot in St. Louis. When all donations, from all churches were dispatched to 17 foreign countries they filled 20 freight cars, and that completely fill-

ed a freighter. Quilts, carpet rags, sunbonnets, dust caps and aprons were all used in the early days.

Later lawn socials, ice cream socials, strawberry socials (no strawberries) and corn socials offered fun and money. Always some speaker, band or concert needed a sponsor. Many boys and girls have gone to a school or camp under the auspices of some woman's group. Mother-daughter banquets are a later event. The women are a continuing greater part of the church. The large number of dinners they serve to the members and outside organizations enable them to have funds for their projects. One project is the care and upkeep of the parsonage. The Budget shop report is a later article in this booklet. The bazaar, selling of all occasion cards and crafts enter into their work. Sixty percent of all of these earnings go to missionary work, with 40 percent staying in the women's treasury to be used for "local church activities."

These women are a great blessing to the community. Their unselfish giving of time and money, in most cases, is not fully appreciated.

Back to the early days—

The first New England dinner served by the ladies, was February 19, 1882. At that time stoves, dishes, tables, chairs and everything necessary had to be borrowed from some other church, and moved into some building or basement, as our church had no place to serve dinners. No church had its own supply of dishes, pots and pans. Each church owned a certain set and loaned them as needed. The total value of the dishes amounted to \$68.00.

At one New England dinner, 1906, it was suggested the pastor use his horse and buggy to run errands and sell tickets.

Curious as to who the six men were who so bravely joined the W.S.C.S. in 1940? They were: Rev. Henderson, J. W. Gaston, Aaron Zook, R. A. Evans, Harold Rice and Earl Wiles.

There are many hundreds of records in the files, but hopefully this hits the highlights.

Our thanks to Mrs. Keith (Ruby) Gore for the use of a paper she prepared at one time, to be read to the W.S.C.S. at one of their regular meetings.

As a suggestion, her paper should be required reading at each of the circles. It shows much work and research and history not recorded here.

"According to their ability, they gave to the treasury of the church." Ezra 2:69.

Note: The Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Dodge City District, will be joined as one organization, the United Methodist Women, on September 8, 1973, when Bishop Dixon comes to Larned to address the annual District meeting. Societies of other districts will be changed later this fall.

Mary Price Smith Auxiliary Wesleyan Service Guild

It was in November 1936 a group of young women met as guests of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, for the purpose of organizing a society for the younger employed women of the church. Was it to be a Wesleyan Service Guild or a Foreign Missionary Society? They decided to be called the Young Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The officers elected were: Donna Belle Brown, President; Florence Miller, Vice President; Margaret Miller, Treasurer; Frances Notestine, Corresponding Secretary; Helen Robbins, Recording Secretary.

Three weeks later the society became The Mary Price Smith Auxiliary, in honor of this returned missionary from India, and mother of Mrs. C. E. Sheppard of our church.

Later a service honoring Mrs. Smith was held, and from this service came the words in part: "—I hold in my hand a simple candle. It represents individual life of a missionary of God's. The flame represents her prayers, her time, her talents and her gifts to the Lord's service." "Mrs. Smith, as this candle gathers the flame of the other candles, so shall we gather the symbols it has shown to us and give of our best to the success of this society as you have done in the mission field, and we shall name it the Mary Price Smith Auxiliary in your honor."

The usual methods of raising money were used: mite boxes, materials to sew, embroidered articles, etc.

The first bazaar brought in \$5.03. Dinners, food sales, selling magazines funded missionaries, needy families, and some church and parsonage needs.

Former members, Margaret Miller and Evelyn Evans were commissioned deaconesses. The former is now serving as director of Frances dePauw Home in Hollywood, California, and Evelyn is the wife of the Rev. Don Kessler, Derby, Kansas.

In 1938 This auxiliary sponsored the Little Light Bearers group for small children.

In 1940 a meeting of all societies met on Founder's Day and this group changed the name to Mary Price Circle instead of an auxiliary. At this time all other groups assumed the name Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In 1940, also, with the W.S.C.S. as guests, our auxiliary presented to them, in memory of Beth Gore Estes, a silver coffee and tea service, including mint dishes, candle holders and a lace tablecloth.

1943 shows the disbanding of the Mary Price Circle and becoming a Wesleyan Service Guild.

The following years have been busy, active ones for the professional business women and these retired women of the Larned Methodist Church.

Since our beginning in 1943 we have worked with the W.S.C.S.

both in earning and giving, and now we are about to engage in a new beginning when we become one with the W.S.C.S. and the United Brethren women, and will be known as United Methodist Women.

May we continue to work in harmony with all Christian women, local and district, and in so doing serve our Master.

Catherine Beckwith

Special Life Memberships

Both the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service give pins to members of their group, who have given time and leadership during the year.

Any historian finds some record that is needed, regardless of the organization has been misplaced or lost. In this case telephone calls and memories have supplied the following names, but no dates. Any name that has been overlooked will be entered later in our records, when called to the attention of the Church office.

W.S.G. Members

Grace Andree	Della Andrews
Catherine Beckwith	Anna May Brenner
Donna Belle Brown	Cora Catt
Rita Davis	Nevin Fox
Helen Haas	Janice Richardson
Margaret Rider	Mrs. Emma Roberts
Laura Scott	Helen Stauffer
Eulalah Harris	Loretta Wilson
Margaret Wood	

W.S.C.S. Special Life Memberships

1943 Mrs. A. W. Zook	1959 Mrs. B. L. Meador
1943 Mrs. Mary Price Smith	1959 Mrs. Wayne Howell
1944 Mrs. S. K. Lovett	1959 Mrs. Harold (Elsie) Rice
1945 Mrs. Catherine Boyd	1960 Mrs. Louis Boyd
1946 Mrs. L. M. Christy	1960 Mrs. Spencer Smith
1946 Mrs. R. A. Evans	1960 Mrs. Harry Nelson
1947 Mrs. Earl Wiles	1961 Mrs. Myrtle Yeager
1940 Mrs. V. C. Daniels (District)	1961 Mrs. Alma Huling
Mrs. Elizabeth Chaddick (District)	1961 Mrs. Dave Johnson
Mrs. R. Sidebottom (District)	1962 Mrs. H. R. Raup
1948 Mrs. Walter Fox (District)	1962 Mrs. Ross Hicks
1948 Mrs. John Carrier	1962 Mrs. Everett Avery
1951 Mrs. H. A. Huffman	1962 Mrs. Lynn Stanton
1951 Mrs. George Furbeck	1963 Mrs. Ruby Quinby
1952 Mrs. C. E. Sheppard	1963 Mrs. Neva Fischer
1953 Mrs. John Hopper	1963 Mrs. Bertha Row
1953 Mrs. R. H. Pool	1963 Mrs. Harry Row
1954 Mrs. L. Clyde Gale	1963 Mrs. Lola Line
1954 Mrs. Eva Arnsberger	1963 Mrs. Dwight Eakin
1955 Mrs. Frances Newsom	1963 Mrs. Nettie Bradley
1955 Mrs. Howard Baldwin	1963 Mrs. Augusta Weers
1956 Mrs. Stella Hurley	1963 Mrs. Marjorie Van Horn
1956 Mrs. Blaine Roberts	1964 Mrs. Keith Gore
1957 Mrs. Lillie Haas	1964 Mrs. Eldred Lewis
1957 Mrs. Pearl Kirkpatrick	1964 Mrs. Irvin Unruh
1957 Mrs. C. R. Beer	1964 Mrs. George Gibson
1958 Mrs. Marvin Smith	1965 Mrs. Walter Fox
1958 Mrs. Eva Keast	1965 Mrs. Arthur Erickson
1958 Mrs. Frank Schraeder	1965 Mrs. Franklin Miller

1965 Mrs. Charles Pfenninger
 1966 Mrs. O. R. Cram
 1966 Mrs. Roland Reece
 1966 Mrs. Jack Smades
 1966 Mrs. Leon Bland
 1967 Mrs. Charles Grove
 1967 Mrs. Hilda Morris
 1967 Mrs. Alva Powers
 1967 Mrs. Jennie Wilhelm
 1968 Mrs. Nellie Griffith
 1968 Mrs. Andrew Gardner
 1968 Mrs. Mary Froetschner
 1968 Mrs. Anson Horning
 1969 Mrs. V. C. Daniels, Sr.
 1969 Mrs. Hugh Bowman
 1969 Mrs. Katheryn Ruehlen
 1969 Mrs. Rodney Warner

1970 Mrs. Evadna Eggleston
 1970 Mrs. Betty Fyler
 1970 Mrs. Darrell Atteberry
 1970 Mrs. Loren McMannama
 1971 Mrs. Hazel Schrope
 1971 Mrs. Fred Nelson
 1971 Mrs. Garfield Schmidt
 1971 Mrs. Ralph Johnson
 1972 Mrs. Preston Myers
 1972 Mrs. Gladys Drake
 1972 Mrs. Edith Yeager
 1972 Mrs. Lawrence Schneck, Jr.
 1973 Mrs. Homer Gore
 1973 Mrs. Lyle Haston
 1973 Mrs. Glenn Johnson
 1973 Mrs. John VanCleve

Church School Prayer Groups

"Continue steadfastly in prayer,
 being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2

Since our prayer and study groups are made up of those in our Church School, we include them in this chapter. Apparently, no records are kept. There are no activities that draw attention, they meet regularly for the only purpose to study, talk to, and know God better. To say with Joshua 24:15, "I choose this day whom I will serve."

All receive a deeper faith, have their prayers answered, and carry a personal feeling of peace. Is your faith sufficient?

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
 un-uttered or expressed,
 the motion of a sudden fire
 that tumbles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
 the falling of a tear,
 the upward glancing of an eye
 when none but God is near.

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History of the Larned Methodist Men

The Methodist Men were organized in 1964 with Lawrence Schneck, Jr., serving as the first president. Others who have filled that office are: Garfield Schmidt, Dwight Eakin, Art Stalcup, Arthur Harms, Eugene Campbell and Herman (Bud) Minnis.

The highlight of 1965 was a buffalo dinner. The proceeds were added to the Leo Schaffer fund. Other projects during the year: Furnished refreshments for the Bible School, work on the church yard, painting of classrooms in the educational building, and the purchase of Christmas greens for the church.

God's Herd project was begun in 1966. Donations were made to the Methodist College in Alaska, the Church Library fund, the church Bible fund, and part of the cost of Sunday School cabinets. The sponsoring of a Boy Scout troop was begun. Coffee and



Parsonage in 1886
Now Located at 314 West Third Street



Present Parsonage
Built in 1927

doughnuts are provided for the State Hospital Bus stop, and baskets have been provided for needy families each Christmas.

A benefit supper was held in January 1967 to raise money for new Methodist Hymnals.

Lunch was served by several members at a farm sale, in 1968. The first ham and bean supper was served April 25, 1968. The first sausage sale was held in November 1968. The proceeds were donated to Dr. Cabaltica, a missionary. Readers' Digest and the National Geographic subscriptions were sent to a library in India.

Support of the church service broadcast on KANS, was begun in 1970. The Wesleyan Service Guild stood half of the cost.

Inspirational devotions have been given at each meeting. The programs are informative and entertaining.

Eugene Campbell

From the above, an explanation should be made as to the various events under taken by the Methodist Men's organization.

The buffalo dinner proceeds went to the family of this Larned police officer, who was wounded and paralyzed while on duty, by a man who had kidnapped him, following a robbery.

The Scout troop meets in Fellowship Hall. The State Hospital patients come by bus each Saturday morning. The basement of Fellowship Hall is set up with card tables, ping pong table, shuffleboard, and various other games. On arrival the patients, which number 30 to 40, are treated to doughnuts and coffee. This is a place where they can come after shopping tour, or just stay and visit until time for the bus to pick them up to take them back to the State Hospital. Various women of the church are hostesses, and visit with the men and women. The Men's organization and the women helpers do a greatly needed service and have been recognized by certificates of thanks from the Hospital.

The proceeds of the sausage sale in November 1968 as mentioned, went to Dr. Cabaltica, the church supported doctor for treating tuberculosis patients in the Philippines.

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples —" John 8:31.

Missionaries

"Go ye into all the world." Matt. 28:19

Every church at sometime is pleased that one of its members feels the call of God to go into other fields. History on this subject is vague. We find no dates as to the call and no recorded results, time spent, or the life of any. If any of these dedicated people have been omitted from this history, we regret it very much —it just was not recorded.

Following are the names of men and women we can list: Levi Salmans, missionary to Mexico; Minnie Erwin, missionary to Malaysia; Irvin and Goldie Unruh, missionaries to Pakistan, May 1969-May 1973; Walter Adamy, minister; Goldie Chalmers, minister; JoLene Unruh, minister; Rosemary Scheuerman,

minister to the poor in Georgia; Clara Unruh, Deaconess; Margaret Miller, Deaconess; Evelyn Evans, special work; Rev. W. E. Woodard, Chaplain in Cuba in 1897; Rev. J. W. Waldron, Red Cross 1918; Lyle Eggleston to Chile, 1950, to Argentina in 1962.

Our church has a pair of medical missionaries with whom all are well acquainted—the Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Patterson. They supplied our history with a full and interesting resume of their 5 trips to India and Afghanistan: 1963 to India in International Mobile Eye Camp. In 1977 India—1969 Afghanistan, one month, 1971 Afghanistan first eye camp ever—1972 Afghanistan 3 weeks. Financial help came from churches, organizations and individuals. However the Pattersons furnished their own supplies and instruments and much of the medicines. Treatment was for cataracts and trachoma. Some glasses were supplied. Training was given to government assigned persons.

Of late interest to the present membership was the departure of Rev. Irvin A. Unruh and his wife, Goldie, in May 1969, to begin a four year tenure in Karachi West Pakistan. There his work was with an English speaking church, and in the evenings he preached in a Scottish Presbyterian church. Youth work was his main interest, and he was a conference youth director for the Bombay Conference. As this is written Rev. and Mrs. Unruh have returned to the United States. Their plans for the future have not been revealed.

Cornerstones

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord, I lay a stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." Isaiah 28:16.

The first cornerstone ceremony in our Methodist church was in July 1878, almost five years after the first church was founded, in 1873. Rev. Naftzgar was the minister. This cornerstone laid in place 24 years, until 1902.

A partial list of contents of the old cornerstone is: Chronoscope, 1878, Larned Enterprise, 1878, Larned Press, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1878, Pawnee County Herald, 1878, three Advocates, 1878, (Western, Central and Northwestern). History membership shows 322, Church Staff, Bible, 1876 Discipline, Hymnal, all dated 1878. The box was badly rusted and a new box was made for the contents.

The second ceremony was in 1902. This was a re-laying, made necessary by the eight foot addition to the church on the east. The minister was Rev. Hestwood, (An interesting sidelight: It was Rev. Hestwood who performed the ceremony that united H. T. Beckwith and Martha Pixley in 1906.) This stone was placed near the entrance, about six feet above the floor level. The fifty nine years inside the building accounts for the excellent state of preservation of the zinc box and contents. Back into this box were placed all of the original contents, plus a weekly Chronoscope and Tiller and Toiler of 1902, some clippings and pictures.

The third cornerstone ceremony took place Sept. 1962. The sermon was by Dr. Oren McClure, District Superintendent, Dodge City. Response led by Rev. Scheuerman. The message in music was by Rama Kay Beims, Atwood, Kansas, and Jane Smith, Larned, both

students at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Together, with the items previously listed in preceding cornerstones, were added: 1960 membership directory, letters from Dr. Templin, District Superintendent and Rev. Scheuerman, description and pictures of events during the building of the sanctuary and fellowship hall, Upper Room, 1962, copy of current Together Magazine, 1962 World Outlook, (Missionary Magazine), and a copy of all items and materials sealed in box.

Not often in the lifetime of a church, is there occasion for such a meaningful service, therefore an invitation was extended to all interested persons to come and enjoy the happiness of the occasion. A covered dish lunch was served at the noon hour.

The stone was a presentation of the Beckwith family. It came from the granite quarries at Montecello, Wisconsin. This is the only quarry producing this type of granite, which is so hard it will stand a pressure of 186,000 pounds per square foot.



Laying of Cornerstone in 1962

Anniversaries 1873 — 50th — 1923

This was probably the first anniversary recorded of our church.

It is noted elsewhere, the organization of our church in 1873. At this time, Rev. Hartman preached as a supply minister twice each month. The building, built in 1878, was dedicated to the services of all mankind. Rev. Adams of Bloomington, Ill. conducted the ceremonies. The Sunday School was organized with W. H. Gill as its first superintendent. Later superintendents were: D. Bardewick, W.

C. Edwards, Agnes Cook, J. B. Cunningham, L. M. Christy, George Funk and Eb. Row.

During the 50 years the church school had grown from 50 pupils to 524. Mrs. A. Pultz was Home Dept. Superintendent, Mrs. W. P. Lewelling - Cradle Roll, and Mrs. L. M. Christy was Primary Superintendent.

At this time there were five charter members still living, the one most remembered was Mrs. Bardewick, an aunt of Mrs. Eva Arnsberger. The Bardewicks gave the big round window, which is now in storage, awaiting a place and finances to be placed somewhere in the sanctuary wall.

The first fifty years were years of organization of various societies and commissions. Looking over the records one can see the work that had to be done to get the church on a sound basis and at the same time, ministering to the needs of the community during these trying days. Suffice it to say, it went through all the vicissitudes of these frontier times.

Some things of general service were:

1227 persons united by profession of faith.

1477 united by letter.

186 deaths.

494 marriages.

624 baptisms, and many hundreds of funerals.

Rev. Thackery was the minister from Oct. 1921 to March 1923. He was followed by Rev. C. E. King, 1923 to 1927.

"And the wilderness and the parched land shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and bloom."

Isaiah 35:1-2

1873 - 1933 60th Anniversary

This anniversary was celebrated in 1938. The five year difference is explained by considering this was 60 years after the original church was built, in 1878. Recall that during the 5 years, 1873 to 1878, the worship services were held in the building jointly with the Presbyterian members.

This explains the 60 years we spent in our own building, and the need for recognition. The first meeting was at 7:30 p.m., December 13, 1938. After songs and prayer, Rev. J. E. Thackery, (1921-1924), gave the address. Some of those attending were young men who had been in his Boy Scout Troop.

A second service was held December 18, 1938 at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. I. D. Harris, (1918-1920), District Superintendent of the Winfield District, conducting the service. The black choir robes made their first appearance. Rev. S. M. Van Cleve, former pastor, (1928) was a guest, as well as two old timers, who had been present at the dedication, 60 years previous: Mrs. L. P. Wormwood, and R. R. (Comrade) Smith. That afternoon the service was a musical program: violin duet, Doris and Sarah Sheppard; French horn solo, Ruth Smith; talk, Keith Gore; ladies quartette, Mrs. J. Fred Miller,

Helen Robbins, Mrs. Carl Conger, Florence Miller and Comrade Smith on his "fiddle".

For the evening service, at 7:30, an all musical program was given. Music by the choir, solo by Richard Miller, quartette, Mrs. L. M. Boyd, Mrs. G. H. Branch, Marvin Smith, and Everett Avery; solo, Shirley Branch; duet, trio and quartette by the Miller quartette; contralto solo, Ruth Kirkpatrick; male quartette, Richard Miller, Everett Avery, Harlan J. Stewart, John Buller; soprano solo, Mrs. O. R. Henderson with violin obligato Paul Henderson.

Rev. O. R. Henderson was Minister, Mrs. Henderson and John Buller were directors of music, Mrs. John Hopper and Mrs. G. H. Branch were pianists. Official Board members were: J. W. Gaston, Margaret Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boyd, Mrs. J. C. Chaddick, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gore, R. H. Pool, Florence Miller, Mrs. Anna Zook, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Evans, Ernest Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raup, Art Stalcup, Harold Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Andrews, E. E. Newacheck, Raymonde Brown, Thorn Compton, George Stephenson and S. K. Lovett.

Needless to say the women's organizations have carried a large part of the load necessary to bring the word of our Creator to our community. Our prayers have reached out to the needy and sick, our church, its leadership, and our prayers have been heard. Let us not overlook the prayers of thanks for the past years, but also asking for Divine Guidance for the future.

Note: It has been a pleasure to find such complete records on this event.

75th Anniversary 1873 - 1948

Methodist records are not complete as to this 75th celebration. Since the Presbyterians and the Methodists were in union in 1873 it was deemed appropriate to hold services together. Accordingly, October 3, 1948, both congregations held joint services in the city auditorium.

Leader: Rev. Ralph Martin, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. John Carrier, pastor of the Methodist church. For those of our Presbyterian friends, there is in our files a history of the first 75 years which may be examined by contacting the First United Methodist Church office.

Interesting to history is a prologue by Mrs. V. C. Daniels, Sr. This was given during the anniversary service. It recorded the trials with the Indians in 1885, the organizing of Pawnee County and the county seat war with Kinsley in 1872, the elections, the first wedding and the first murder.

The prologue, on stage, was in four scenes. The first depicted the men and women in costumes of the times, acting out the discussion and organization of our church. (Curtain)

The second part took place in a home with the ladies gathered around a quilt in a frame. The discussion was the advisability of

purchasing a house at the corner of 9th St. and Kansas Ave. Discussion? To borrow the money, then pay for it by serving dinners. The motion carried to borrow the money. (Curtain)

Another scene showed the women of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society packing a barrel for a preacher in Wyoming, and discussing sending money to "some heathens to teach them the better way of life". (Curtain)

Next was a scene of a mixed group of young people, in the Gay '90s dress, from the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Discussion was formation and leadership of a Youth group.

Closing of the prologue was with the Epworth League pledge and group singing (Curtain)

90th Anniversary 1873 - 1963

Here was one of the most joyous occasions of many for our church. On Sunday, March 10, 1963, at 11:00 a.m., it was our pleasure to celebrate both the 90th anniversary and the formal opening of our new sanctuary.

The morning service address was given by Rev. Basil Johnson, minister of the Wichita East Heights First Methodist church. His address was "The Great Adventure." Others taking part were: Rev. Scheuerman, minister, Rev. John Paulin, associate minister, Rev. C. E. King, retired, and Rev. H. L. Shook, minister 1931-1935.

At 7:00 that evening, the consecration ceremony was held.

Bishop Eugene Slater, Bishop Kansas Area,
Dr. Oren McClure, District Superintendent, Dodge City District,

Rev. Claude Scheuerman, minister,
Rev. John Paulin, associate minister,
Mrs. Dorothy Miller, director of music,
Mrs. Byron Glaze, church secretary,
Rev. John Carrier, minister, Hutchinson, Kansas.

The program:

Solo, Eugene Campbell, "Build Thee More Stately Mansions, O My Soul."

Choir, "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place."

Bishop Slater's address, entitled, "The Church is of God." He stressed "This building is nothing without sincere consecration of the gifts and labors it represents."

"O Father, design these walls to bless,
Fill with Thy love their emptiness,
And let their doors a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to Thee."

(From an old hymnal)

Tiny Church Merger 1900 - 1946

The Tiny Methodist Church, located two miles north of Fort Larned National Historic Site, disbanded in 1946. Originally the worship services were held in the neighborhood school house. When good crops came in 1914, it was decided to build our own church just east of the school house. The District Superintendent was Rev. Throckmorton, and pastor Rev. C. E. Brown. Orlando Fell was head carpenter, all other labor was volunteer. Dedication was May 9, 1915 with District Superintendent McCormick and Rev. C. E. Brown officiating.

In 1947 a conference was held with the Larned Methodist Church. On a motion by Mrs. A. W. Zook, seconded by Claude Gehr, it was decided best to merge with the Larned Methodists. A motion by Chester Beer and seconded by Roy Froetschner, "authorized the Dist. Supt. to remove and sell the furnishings, except the bell, the disposal of which was left to the discretion of the trustees as they saw fit."

In 1914 the bell had been given as a memorial for Christena by "Grandma" Sippel in memory of this daughter. The bell is now in possession of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in Ash Valley, Kansas. The pews were given to the Methodist Church in Kalvesta, Kans. and the books and Communion Services came to the Larned Church. The Will Sippel family was a moving force throughout the church existence, and there still are descendants well known here.

The old building is still on the original location and being used as a farm building.

Chester Beer

The Larned Circuit Serving Surrounding Methodist Communities

The records available from the files of the Historical Society, Central Kansas Conference, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, are not complete. Records from 1906 show the circuit made up of Ash Valley, Valleyview, Tiny, Fairfield, Zook (formerly Pratt), Radium, Sanford, Frizell. Not all of these churches were on the circuit at the same time. Ash Valley, Tiny and Zook, it seems were never "discontinued", as were all of the others, at various times.

Circuit salaries ranged from annual \$77.00 in 1906 to \$500 in 1946. Circuit ministers were: Rigg, Hewitt, Danner, Turner, C. E. Brown, Ragsdale, Ballinger, Ramsdale, C. C. Brown, R. L. Wells, Jones, Webster, Brakebill, Harvey, Lent, Flowers, Bradbury, Young, Snyder, Hays, Smith, McGuire, Spaulding, Bussart, Doyle Carroll.

Ash Valley Methodist Church 1901 - 1950

As one looks at our history they find several churches which, because of failing attendance, short finances and other reasons, had

to break up a long record of service and join with another church. Here were recorded some of the history of the Ash Valley church, located six miles north and west of Larned. This valley was buffalo country, and here was located the first "tree claim ever proved up" in the U.S.A.

One of the Larned members, Mrs. A. L. Scott, saw the need for a church in the valley and asked Mr. W. R. Haun to help organize one. Services were being held in the Gem School house, until the frame church, costing \$1477 was built.

The foundation stone came from Rush County, where the stone posts were quarried. The dedication was March 13, 1904, with Dr. Illiff, Rev. Hestwood and Rev. H. T. Davis of Pawnee Rock officiating. The first lights were coal oil lamps on wall brackets, then hanging gasoline vapor ceiling lights. Imagine trying to generate these mantles and the resulting damage when the bugs were thick! Delco lights replaced these and services sometimes were late when the plant would not start. Heat? A big round Oak stove in the back fueled with wood and coal warmed the room and feet. R. E. A. came later.

The first communion cup was a glass goblet, and as each person was served, it was wiped with a napkin. This was replaced by individual glasses in a tray. The baptismal bowl was one brought from some home, for immersion a stock tank was used.

Mrs. Gertrude (Gill) Haun was steward and Mr. W. R. Haun was Sunday School superintendent for many years. The congregation came, mainly, from Missouri, Iowa and Tennessee. 1901 was the first membership listing.

In hot weather services were held outdoors. With no screens the bugs and mosquitoes came for "pot luck", even indoors or out. Water had to be carried in. There was a continuing change in circuits. Churches were shuffled about, some added, others assigned to other territory. In 1923 Rev. Peter Maudsley sent special invitations to the community of Sunnyside to "come join us". Several families including the Nelsons, Ericksons, Hansons, Stumps, Dirks and Bucks came over and were a big help to the church, and took places of leadership.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, became the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1940. Mrs. A. E. Erickson was president. The King's Heralds, (children) and Little Light Bearers (babies) were active organizations, sponsored by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Epworth League leader was Vern Dryden and the Junior League, under Mrs. Fred Nelson played a large part in worship each Sunday evening before Church services. The Men's Organization of the circuit served dinners at various times. A male quartet, composed of Silvey Scott, John Dryden, Vern Dryden and Fred Nelson, added to the good times.

During 1926 a basement was dug, and the church moved over it. This basement contained class rooms and kitchen. The "Government Toilets" were west of the church building. The parsonage at

904 College in Larned, was built in 1909 for the ministers of the circuit, and is still being used as parsonage for the Pleasant Hill church.

Now as happens to small churches and schools, there comes a time to consider the advisability of continuing the struggle against odds of retirement, moving away, children growing up and leaving home, and a host of other events. It was in April 1950, Rev. C. E. King came to us with his help to make plans to disband. The last service was a basket dinner Sept. 24th. Tributes were given but words were inadequate for the occasion. Its 50 years of service and neighborhood social life will never be forgotten.

The pulpit, made by Mr. W. R. Haun, chairs donated by Bessie Gill, curtains donated by "The Fair Store", carpets by Montgomery-Ward & company, lamps by Rev. Van Gundy, and other usable objects, were moved to the Pleasant Hill church. The building was razed and material went into the home of Russell and Lucille Conard and the money went for an electric organ, for Pleasant Hill. Sale of the land went to help pay for a new altar rail at Pleasant Hill. Most of the remaining members transferred to Pleasant Hill, feeling more comfortable with neighbors, and in a smaller church.

This account has been taken from a family history written by Edith Dryden Haun, (Mrs. Harold). Much has been left out, but the highlights have been recorded. It has been necessary to delete some of the pioneer names that made this church a great service to God. Hopefully this account will recall memories, perhaps forgotten.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenants and his testimonies. Psalm 25: 10.

Zook Methodist Church 1911 - 1968 (Formerly The Pratt Church)

"On This Rock I Shall Build My Church.) Matt. 16-18

There happens in the life of many, many churches, the deadness and heartbreak caused by the apathy, non-attendance, deaths, difficulties and the lack of many of its members to give of their services. Meanwhile the Conference demands grow and grow, until it is realized the futility of continuing the church in that locality.

Comes then, the necessary decision to disband or continue this almost hopeless condition. Some times the future looks not too bright. This happens, not only to churches, but also to schools. The small community of Zook, eight miles south of Larned, suffered both of these experiences. -

The following is taken in part from a family scrap book as recorded by Mr. Harry Colglazier of that community, with help from Mrs. Colglazier, (of course).

Here in detail, are some extracts from the history of the first fifty years of the Zook Methodist Church. This writer wishes he could give herein the full account. However, this 100 year history of the



Zook Church about 1968

Larned Church must necessarily hold to the bare facts of this and other mergers included in this booklet.

The following is taken from the history, as recorded by Mr. Colglazier.

Let us first see what happened after their 50th anniversary held April 16, 1961.

The attending members, seeing the futility of further effort, called a church conference Dec. 3, 1967, to consider two propositions: (1) a possible merger with Larned, (2) a two point charge. "Another conference on Dec. 12, 1967, the official board heard and seconded the following motion: That an all church meeting be held the first week of February for the purpose of voting whether (1) to close June 1, 1968, (2) or to continue after June 1, 1968."

Then February 8, 1968 at 7:30 p.m., it was voted to merge with the Larned Church. Meanwhile, members had met with the official board of the Larned church and, of course, the Zook congregation was made welcome to worship with us. So it was in June 1968 they first met with us, and it has been the good luck of all the Larned members for they were elected to take part in the various committees, teaching, and other work of the church, thus lending strength to the Lord's house, and to the glory of God.

Transfer records show a total of 39 families, consisting of 77 members and 27 non-members. Several families moved their membership to Macksville, Kansas or elsewhere.

1911—Anniversary—1961

April 16, 1961, there was a great ingathering for so small a church. Over 200 assembled to take part in this half century of community service to its neighbors and friends.

Following are a few excerpts from the writing of Mr. Colglazier: "Fifty years ago today a happy group of people met to dedicate this church; that future generations of this community might have a church home; that children could be taught to love God; that faith could be nurtured."

"It was a people bound together and dedicated to service, as with an iron band of security in God's promises."

"Most of these people sleep today in the silent cities of the dead."

"The little white church on the corner continues to serve men and quietly spreads hope of salvation to all people."

"The seed from which this present church has grown was planted about 1885 by Rev. Bartle, who homesteaded one mile west of this church. For many years a union school was held in the Pratt school house, located one mile north of where this church now stands. Rev. Lockwood was its first pastor. He served four churches miles apart and covered the circuit on a bicycle. Salary, \$100.00 annually."

Note: It was necessary to peddle about 30 miles, the distance between the farthest places.

"In 1911 the church was built at an approximate cost of \$3500.00. Rev. J. G. Turner was the first minister, Rev. Hestwood assisted by Rev. Turner and Rev. Danner, dedicated the church on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911. Charles Gilkison was the Superintendent for thirty years."

"After the dedication Rev Hestwood announced a shortage of \$800.00 needed, to pay off the building debt. In quick response, \$1020.00 was pledged. Money seemed to come from sources and means not anticipated." What-so-ever you ask in my name. (John 14:16)

"The first woman's organization was in 1910, and was called The Pratt Ladies Aid. Later in 1940 it was named Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"The second woman's organization took place in the present home of the Harry Colglaziers, as had the organization of the first Ladies Aid."

These women have furnished money, food, medicine, clothing, toys, hospital supplies, Bibles, showered the sick and newly-weds, dinners for the bereaved, and furnished a quartette for 25 years to brighten lives. The ladies quartette was made up of Mrs. LaFaun Colglazier, Mrs. Marian Giles, Mrs. Alfred Posey and Mrs. Abner Zook. Let us not forget the men's quartette also. Jr. Holmes, Robert Bowman, Harlan Colglazier, Robert Salmans, with Daniel Zook as fill-in. Each quartette was in demand for years.

"The Missionary Spirit served a wide field; money to mis-

sionaries, needy youth, adoption of needy foreign youth, and support of local needy."

"Rev. Donald Zook, son of Abner and Ida Zook, entered the ministry, and at this time is in Wichita, Kansas. Abner Zook spent one year in Poland, doing rehabilitation work under the auspices of the Mennonite Central Committee".

There were approximately three hundred persons received into the church, numerous funerals, and weddings. The first wedding of a member held in this church was that of Harriet Colglazier O'Connor.

Pastors 1911 to 1968	Salary
Rev. Turner 1911-1912	\$ 259.00
Rev. C. E. Brown 1912-1915	300.00
Rev. Ragsdale 1916-1917	275.00
Rev. Maudsley 1918-1922	450.00
Rev. Ballinger 1923-1924	450.00
Rev. C. C. Brown 1925-1927	500.00
Rev. Jones 1928-1929	500.00
Rev. Webster 1930-1931	200.00
Rev. Brakebill 1931-1932	200.00
Rev. Horney 1932-1934	237.22
Rev. Lent 1934-1935	231.98
Rev. Loy 1935-1937	294.90
Rev. Flowers 1937-1939	296.73
Rev. Bradbury 1939-1941	215.92
Rev. Young 1941-1946	900.00
Rev. Snyder 1946-1947	1020.00
Rev. Hayes 1947-1949	1350.00
Rev. Smith 1949-1950	1350.00
Rev. Bussart 1950-1956	1950.00
Rev. McGuire 1956-1959	2050.00
Rev. Spaulding 1959-1963	2050.00
Rev. Brem 1963-65	2200.00
Rev. Little (retired) 1965-1966	1399.00
Rev. Carroll 1966-1968	2300.00

Name, Pratt Methodist Church changed to Zook Methodist Church in 1940.

The records of various womens societies are complete beyond expectations. Mrs. Harry Colglazier spent many hours in preparation, and if you wish to recall to mind happenings and memories it will be necessary to consult her since this will be a family heirloom. The scrap book contains lists of charter members, committee officers, and members, and all persons attending the 50th celebration.

What of the disposal of the building? The contents? There is the financial report by Robert Bowman, chairman of trustees, and Mrs. Abner Zook, church treasurer, attesting to the results of the sale. After expenses were deducted there was the amount of \$2585.38. They made the final disposition of this amount to: First United

Methodist Church of Larned, \$1293.19 - Wesley Towers, Hutchinson, Kans. \$646.59 - Youthville, Dodge City, \$646.59.

The building and land sold for \$730.00. As this is recorded, the building stands empty and neglected - a reminder to the Zook community of a glorious past, and many happy associations.

There are hundreds of names deleted that are recorded in the Zook Church History, by the Colglaziers. Undoubtedly some things have been overlooked. Perhaps some date wrong, but if so, we hope the great people of the Zook Community will forgive.

"So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is LOVE."
I Cor. 13:13

The Merger of The Evangelical United Brethren With the Methodist Church 1968

This merger occurred in 1968, at a Dallas, Texas, conference of leaders of each denomination. There were lengthy debates, pertaining to changes of disciplines, name, length of office of Bishops, and other proceedings. Many differences had to be worked out to the satisfaction of all.

We must go back to 1839 to start this account. It was then called, not one name church but, "the Evangelical Missionary Society of the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Philadelphia."

In 1869 another church was organized and it became known as "The Church of the United Brethren in Christ." Each of the two denominations flourished, then decided to unite.

In 1946 the Evangelical and the United Brethren in Christ merged and the Union Church became "The Evangelical United Brethren Church."

So it was in 1968 that the Methodist Church prefixed the word "United." This was one of the agreements made at the Dallas conference, taking "United" from the United Brethren, to show a closer relationship. In 1970 the official name of our church became "The First United Methodist Church of Larned, Kansas." Records of the 1968 merger show the membership of the United Womens Society of World Service (E.U.B.) and the United Methodist Womens Society of Christian Service to exceed 105,400 and a giving of \$1,352,000.00. These were the tangible assets. The intangibles were the works for needs and interests of the E.U.B. Church and its spiritual and missionary growth throughout the world.

There were some small E.U.B. churches in western Kansas. One at Great Bend, La Crosse, New Hope, north of St. John, Kansas and one south of Radium.

"Let us join ourselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant which will never be forgotten."

Jer. 50:5



The Family Budget Shop

The Family Budget Shop, operated by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was opened in 1954, in the west class rooms, which were not being used and were vacated in 1961, when the new Educational Building was completed. Discarded clothing and household items were donated by church members. Money from the sales meet the expenses and help provide money for the W.S.C.S. budget.

When the old church was razed to make room for the new one in 1961, a building was rented at 612 Broadway for the shop. This building was used until it was sold in 1965. A suitable place could not be found to rent, so a building at 408 Broadway was purchased from the city which it had acquired from the John Schnack Estate. The purchase price was \$4,000.00, and was paid out in five years. The adjacent building at 406 Broadway, was a gift to the Society in 1971, from the California heirs of the G. A. Yeager estate. Presently plans are being made to occupy this building.

The shop has been a very successful venture. Customers, as



well as donations, now come from the entire Larned trade territory. The women feel that it has been a good community service, as well as the financial help for them.

Mrs. Leon Bland
Committee Chrm.

Church School

"Remember Also Your Creator
In the Days of Your Youth." Ecc. 12:1

Our Church School is the largest in our city, but as in every walk of life, it has had its ups and downs.

In the early 1800s, a church school was being held in an old saloon a short distance from town. It was not considered a hardship even tho' they had no comfortable seats, very poor lighting, and no air conditioning. There were no parents with nice cars waiting to pick up or deliver the children. The parents were in Church School also.

Sunday's pupils were glad to have the small pleasures of the times, and it kept them on the level path to God.

Today's class rooms meet all the needs for good teaching of the Word. The teaching material comes from scholars who know the needs. Our teachers are an efficient and dedicated group, working to bring the Kingdom to all.

The largest Church School membership was in 1967 —663, with an average attendance of 286.

There are two nursery classes, one kindergarten class, six adult classes and one class for each of the classes in public school, grades 1 thru 9. A class is conducted each Sunday morning at the Holiday Rest Home for the patients of that home, who cannot attend any Church Service.

Space does not permit listing the teachers, but as one looks over the congregation, at any time, there are a great number who have been, or are now, teachers. Like so many dedicated persons, they are not appreciated until later in life, and we realize their value to us. Individual attendance records have been kept for years, and some of the adults would like them to "get lost".

It is, of course, some concern that our school attendance is small, but the teaching is purposeful and competent. After all, we are trying.

"The Little People" in Vacation Bible School

Each year, following public school dismissal for vacation, there follows in our church, a Bible study and game time for our boys and girls ages 3 to 11.

Beginning at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and lasting two hours and a half, time is spent in study of the Bible and verse. Some crafts

James Sabers School
1844th Street July 24 1844

Convent met at the usual hour, 15 Minutes
spent in singing, after which was formally
announced by Rev. Carr.
- Report of Secretaries read, with the nomination
of Geo. W. G. Gill as Superintendent
was presented to School and above motion
was unanimously ~~confirmed~~ ^{confirmed}, and Procs.
W. H. Gill took charge of School,
above motion ~~was~~ ^{was} confirmed, Gill was
elected as Secretary in recognition
One half hour devoted to lesson, after
which the Committee appointed to canvass
for 2 Hours to become Books and papers
was called upon for a Report, one
member of Committee present reported a
subscription of \$18.00 & 16.00 of which was
paid in, one ~~the~~ member of Committee being
reported ~~for~~ Miss Kate Love was added to
said Committee, and Committee authorized to
finish collecting subscriptions. ~~to~~
Collection was taken up to assist said committee
which amounted to \$3.00,
School closed ~~at~~ when prayer by Superintendent

13 1844

Officers

W. V. Gill President 1
H. R. Carr Sec'y 1
Mrs. H. Haas Treasurer —
H. J. Gill Treasurer 1

Lanterns

Males 0
Females 5

Salutes

Males 22
Females 20
Visitors 7
59

Benny Collection \$ 60

hold the attention. This year, (1973) featured the study of Jewish history for those in the 3rd and 4th grades. Women with help from teenage girls, and once in awhile a boy, have a few busy hours. "Graduation" time comes the evening of the last day. Displays of any handicraft and their Bible knowledge, as studied, are shown. Cookies and punch followed the program.

Those who assisted this year (1973) were: Director, Mrs. Carolyn Haas, Co-directors: Mrs. Judy Jennings and Mrs. Judy Kersting. Teachers: Ruth Gore, Marlene Chlumsky, Mary Cram, Connie Baier, Glendora Schmidt, Vicki Daise, Barbara Bland, Judy Kersting, Judy Jennings, June Fischer, Janet Kennedy, Janet Bryant. Youth Assistants: Susan Apley, Brenda Atteberry, Erwin Colglazier, Sherry Gore, Carol Grubbs, Debbie Gutschenritter, Jana Haynie, Sue Lane, Dell McConnell, Beth Wright. How about two boys? Jeff Bland and Jody Bloom.

Attendance was 82, which strikes a good average thru' the years that the Vacation Bible school has been held.

The Wesleyan Class

Let us take note of a class of married couples (and some singles), who, thru' the years have supplied our Sunday School with teachers, and also for leaders in many other departments.

February 1925, this newly organized class elected Dr. B. L. Gleason as president and Marjorie Van Horn as vice president. Teachers elected were Carl Howard and R. H. Pool. The class name selected was "The Wesleyans", sixty were enrolled as members.

The 36th anniversary, celebrated in 1961, saw 50 of the charter members present. Now after 48 years they still roll along, and our wishes are for many more years of study and fellowship together.

Pictures and charter member names are recorded in the History room.

The Youth Of The Church

"Train Up a Child in the Way He Should go And When He is Old He Will Not Depart From It"

Prov. 22:6

Just to recall memories to some of our present members, we will go back to 1927. It was this year, with a membership of 570 that there was a call for help in leadership. (Sound natural?)

1931 —There was an egg rolling which netted \$10.50. No mention of how or where.

1933 —Church school membership was 585, with attendance averaging 431.

King's Heralds and Home Guards united with the Junior League.

1935 —League membership was 14, attendance 7. There have always been strong youth groups working. In 1935-1937, they donated to the Sunday School orchestra. They helped in financing the building of our church.

We go back to 1960, to the scrap book of MYF leader, Mrs. Eugene Haun, who now lives in Hutchinson, Kansas. There are listed the activities of both the Junior Hi and Senior Hi MYF meetings; plans and results of various money raising events, such as the Slave Market. In this, the youth hired out for odd jobs, or the parents gave two pies. Result —\$152.00, 12 pies and 5 dozen rolls, which were served to the workers after their duties were completed. Each year the Youth sell Christmas greenery. One result they are especially proud of is the equipping of their own kitchen for their own personal use. From this they serve an Easter breakfast each year, to church members.

No attempt has been recorded here, of each group's accomplishments down thru the church's history. The Epworth League, Intermediates, Junior and Junior High and Senior High have been grouped together. The Youth of years past are now



REV. L. CLYDE GALE
1952-1959



REV. CLAUDE SCHEUERMAN
1959-1963



REV. JOHN PAULIN
Associate Pastor
1963-1965



REV. IRVIN UNRUH
1963-1969

teachers, serving on committees, singing in the choir and serving their church in many various ways.

Mention was made earlier of Mrs. Eugene Haun, MYF leader, and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Haun and their family were chosen conference "Methodist Family of the Year" in 1962, and as a family attended the "National Family Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

If we should give the names and dates when persons served as leaders, everyone could figure out ages? (It is later than you think.)

Pastors Who Have Served The Larned Church

Name	Date	Top Salary
A. Hartman	1873-1875	
M. T. Tipton	1875-1877	
Martindale	1877-	\$ 800.00
Truman Weede	1877-1878	800.00
A. H. Naftzger	1878-1879	550.00
Thomas Audas	1879-1880	540.00
S. W. Richards	1880-1881	590.00
J. Albert Hyden	1881-1882	800.00
J. M. Rich	1882-1884	760.00
D. F. Owens	1884-1885	1000.00
N. P. Tedrick	1885-1887	1200.00
R. A. Carnine	1887-1889	1400.00
Granville Lowther	1889-1891	1250.00
A. J. Bixler	1891-1893	1000.00
W. J. Barron	1893-1895	570.00
W. A. Van Gundy	1895-1897	650.00
W. E. Woodward	1897-1898	700.00
C. D. Hestwood	1898-1904	900.00
F. W. Imboden	1904-1906	1000.00
W. B. Barton	1906-1910	1275.00
D. McCormick	1910-1912	1500.00
Charles A. Kitch	1912-1916	1500.00
L. M. Riley	1916-1917	1600.00
W. Waldron	1917-1918	1800.00
I. D. Harris	1918-1920	2100.00
C. I. Coldsmith	1920-1921	2500.00
O. L. Sample	1921-	2500.00
J. E. Thackery	1921-1924	3000.00
Charles E. King	1924-1927	3000.00
S. M. Van Cleve	1927-1928	3000.00
G. H. Cospser	1928-1930	3000.00
W. E. Callahan	1930-1931	3000.00
H. L. Shook	1931-1935	2800.00
Charles D. Whitwam	1935-1937	2200.00
O. R Henderson	1937-1944	2700.00
John W. Carrier	1944-1950	4000.00
Wiley W. Owen	1950-1952	4500.00
L. Clyde Gale	1952-1959	4800.00

Claude Scheuerman	1959-1963	6800.00
Irvin A. Unruh	1963-1969	7200.00
		Assoc. 2600.00
Ralph Jones	1969-	11,000.00

Besides the above statistical record, the full report, prepared by the South Central Kansas Conference, includes records of Church membership, Sunday School roll, average attendance, MYF membership and the church benevolences.

Gifts and Memorials

During a May meeting of the Gifts and Memorial Work Area, Dean Dirks chairman, it was decided that it would be better not to list any financial donations or memorials in this booklet. The discussion was that, regardless of care, there would certainly be names, gifts and memorials overlooked.

Our church, as with any institution or school, must depend on the love and willingness of people to give. Here is a big "Thank You" for past presents and to let it be known that each gift, large or small, is appreciated. In our foyer is an album with a partial listing of memorials and gifts. Additions to this will be welcome.

Church School Superintendents Thru The Years

Records and memories recall these names:

Dr. Thompson, W. R. Adams, Eb Row, C. L. Wright, George Zimmer, Monroe Scott, Lee Meador, Mrs. Ward Andrews, Richard Bland, Keith Gore and Robert Bowman.

Communion Stewards of Past Years

Mrs. S. A. Bardwick
 Mrs. Ed. Arnsberger
 Mrs. L. M. Christy
 Mrs. E. M. Van Horn
 Mrs. Harold Erway
 Mrs. Chester Unruh, Jr. (present)
 Mrs. Roger Fox (present)

Some of the Custodians Thru The Years

I. Boley	Chris Peterson
John Potter	Raymonde Brown
Paul Irvin	R. A. Evans
Tom Keast	Andrew Gardner
W. C. Brown	Lester Neill
Ed Arnsberger	Ed Honomichl (present)



DR. DANA DAWSON
Bishop of the Kansas Area



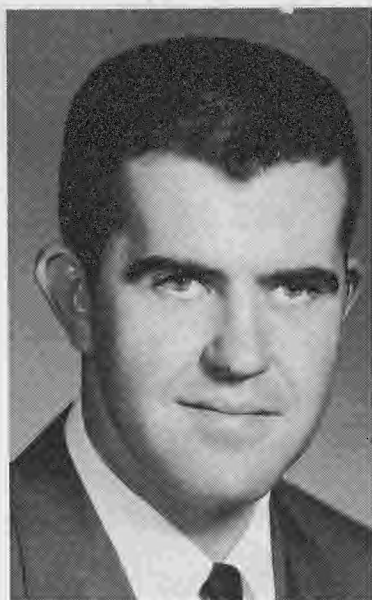
DR. EUGENE SLATER
Bishop of the Kansas Area
Methodist Church



DR. W. McFERREN STOWE
Bishop of the Kansas Area



REV. JOHN CARRIER
1944-1950



REV. JOHN F. WEBSTER
Associate Pastor 1965-1966



DR. BASIL JOHNSON
Minister, East Heights
Methodist Church



REV. ROBERT M. GORDON
Superintendent
Dodge City District



REV. OREN McCLURE
District Superintendent



Honors To Dorothy

In 1970, our Mrs. Arthur Miller, received the highest award given by the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs. Dorothy was named winner of the "Who's Who of Church Musicians". This honor goes only once to any individual, and is based upon accomplishments and service, within the framework of Church related music. Consideration is given to such items as years of service, pianist, organist, soloist, choir director, or a combination of these.

All facets of church background are considered. The quality and type of music, the influence upon youth and adults, and by example draw others into her musical groups.

Dorothy Miller is most faithful and thorough, at all times. She may not always realize it, but her work with both Chancel Choir and Wesleyan Choir is much appreciated.

Music—Yesterday and Today

It would be satisfying indeed to write a complete history of the music of the Church since its inception in Larned 100 years ago. It is impossible, however, to do this because written records of early musical efforts are non-existent.

Use has been made of the memories of present living members whose extensive interest and participation in church music dates back to 1914. Mrs. C. E. Sheppard recalls for us that in 1914 a quartet composed of L. M. Christy, Myrtle Lovett, Mrs. W. A. Scott, and Louis Robinson provided music for the worship services. Irma Cline was the pianist.

In the 1930's a choir was organized and choral music henceforth continued to be a vital part of the worship services of the church. Some of the singers participating in the early choirs were: Mrs. Louis Boyd, Myrtle Lovett, Louis Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, Eloise Smith, John Dryden Sr., Joe Becker, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Meador, Francis Brown, Lotti Baldwin, Nellie Holzapel, Lola Garton, Owena Newsom, Elizabeth Chaddick, Eleanor Lawrence, Marvin Smith, Agnes Kirkpatrick, Everett Avery, Rodney Warner, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Geo. Zimmer, Paul Haney and John Phillips. One or more of the Louis Boyd family has or have been in the choir continuously since 1937.

About 1925 an orchestra was organized under the direction of Prof. Jenkins. Other directors were Dorsey Stockmann, Glenn Ruff, and Dick Evans. Members of the orchestra included: Paul Henderson, Mary Eleanor Meador, Doris and Sara Sheppard, Barton Avery, Ethel Hirt, Mary Holzapel, and John Phillips, violins; Agnes Kirkpatrick, viola; Kathleen Crawford and Roy Phillips, trombones, Owena Newsom, clarinet; Earl Kirkpatrick and Ralph Compton, trumpets; Fay Holzapel, string bass; Lucille Gable and Alice Phillips, piano; Catherine Beckwith and Maurice Brunson, saxophone.

During Rev. Henderson's ministry an Organon was purchased. Mrs. C. E. Sheppard and Mrs. Walter Fox served as organists. Choir directors serving between 1930 and 1951 included Mrs. O. R. Henderson, John Buller, Mrs. Ross Hicks, Max Werner, and Robert Fry. Junior Choirs existed from time to time under the direction of Mrs. O. R. Henderson and Muriel Conard Ready.

In 1951 a Model V. Baldwin organ was purchased. In 1952 Mrs. Arthur R. Miller became the organist-choirmaster. The vested choir was enlarged to 48 members. At the end of the first season 8 more vestments were purchased and the size of the Chancel Choir was increased to its present enrollment of 56 singers.

In 1953, Mrs. Miller organized a junior choir made up of young singers in the 4th through 8th grades. This choir sang in the summer months when the adult choir was on vacation.

Upon completion of the new sanctuary the small electronic organ proved to be inadequate. In April 1964 a Model XI Baldwin electronic organ was purchased.

In 1966 the youth choir was asked to sing regularly in the morning service for eleven months of the year. This choir, organized

and directed by Mrs. Miller, is now the Wesley Choir and has a present membership of 65 young singers.

During the past 21 years the Chancel Choir has presented a major oratorio each year. Fine soloists within the group and dedicated chorus members have given generously of their time and talent to make these oratorios and special services possible and to keep the quality of music in the Church service at a high level.

Mrs. Miller is recognized by the annual conference of the United Methodist Church as a Certified Director of Music. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists and the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High." Ps. 92-1

Laywitness Mission

Our church was host to a laywitness mission in September 1970. After weeks of work by a committee and the pastor, there were issued invitations from the Witness Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., for an ingathering of laymen and laywomen.

Studies had been made of other laywitness gatherings in other cities, but we were hardly prepared for what was to happen. Invitation acceptances to the number of 47 came from all parts of Kansas, together with 9 from Oklahoma, and 14 from Missouri. A total of 90 laymen and laywomen coming to Larned.

The membership commission had, after interviewing 135 families, come up with accommodations for the 90 visitors. Room for two nights and 2 breakfasts were asked of each host family. First on the agenda was the organizing and assigning leaders for the many small groups (10-15). This was done by the experienced laywitness co-ordinator, sent by the headquarters.

From 9:00 in the morning until late at night these groups met in different parts of the church, discussed problems of churches, witnessed to each other, prayed, brought their religious problems into the open, and sought through open minds to get close to God in unison. Altar visits followed.

During the day, visits were made to shut-ins, and to homes of members who had been absent from church services for some time.

Following the service Sunday morning, conducted by the co-ordinator and some witnesses, there was a pot luck dinner, then followed farewells between new friends, as the guests returned to their homes. These people had come many miles, paying their own traveling expenses, so that they could bring to our church their personal witness of the love of God.

"What did you think of the Mission?"

The evening following the departure of our guests, there was held, with the congregation in attendance, the evaluation of the past mission. Everyone was urged to express their opinion of the mission. Following are some of the thirty-seven quotes:

Youth — "Should have had one sooner."

Adult — "No one can say they didn't get anything out of it."

Adult —“Young people with us, leading all the way.”

Youth —“Start earlier so it will last longer.”

Adult —“Meeting too long.”

Adult —“Have Sunday night meetings to provide time for sharing.”

Youth —“Made me see how I could change.”

Youth —“Need another mission real soon.”

Adult —“Touched my life. Brought Christ closer.”

Adult —“Many youth spoke, but not loud enough to be recorded.”

Youth —“So thankful for this mission.”

Adult —“To me the Church got in gear.”

And so it went through out the evaluation. There were no criticisms, probably because it became apparent the mission had accomplished its mission, and those unhappy with the mission were absent, which reveals the shortage of those in the church who will “speak up.”

In many cases, through correspondence, these visiting witnesses expressed their warm thanks and wrote of the wonderful grace they themselves had received.

Excerpts From the Church Budget For the Year 1973

Administration: \$5,450.00. Church secretary, financial secretary - postage - equipment - supplies.

Building: \$15,595.00. Custodian salary - labor - supplies - utilities - insurance.

Miscellaneous: \$1,900.00. Together Magazine - Athletic fund - Centennial year expenses.

Pastoral Ministry: \$11,412.00. Salary - health insurance (-1/2) - pulpit supplies.

Apportionments: \$16,498.00. Total of six conference assessments, including World Service.

Planning: \$3,300.00. Work areas - committees - advance specials - Unruhs - Indian Mission - Lydia Patterson Institute - Rio Grand Conference.

Worship Work Areas: \$3,260.00. Music director's salary and music - robe care - organ and piano maintenance.

Total Budget: \$57,413.00.

Needed each week: \$1,104.00

Gems of History

1873. The first Hymnals, study materials and other needed supplies were donated by a person in Iowa who had heard of the needs.

(?) - Good Ol Days (?)

1878. Sunday School numbered 50 persons, including 7 teachers. School was held in an old saloon building, located in what is now the city park. The interior was decorated (?) with water stained paper. the ceiling hung in shreds. The word "Saloon" was on the window. There were blood stains on the floor, which could not be removed. The benches were boards laid across beer kegs and rocks. Heating was questionable. There were no buses, no electricity, no carpets - nothing. Who wants the good old days?

1880. Hired a woman to do the dishes after the New England Dinner. Salary? \$1.00

1885. Ladies Aid paid \$10.00 on Church bell. No other records found concerning the bell.

1891. A 75 barrel cistern was dug for the first Main Street parsonage.

"Epworth League was judged the most useful organization in the church." This high praise came after the oldsters awakened to the fact that the young people had no place in the services! Enter, the Epworth League.

1892. "Pay \$40.00 toward the minister's salary, if necessary."

1894. Difference of \$1.65 in banking account. Committee of four appointed to investigate.

Trustees took oath "to support the Constitution of the United States of America and of Kansas," before a Notary, yet!

1897. Sidewalks repaired with ashes.

1899. Added new pump to cistern, and a bath tub was installed. Cost \$24.14.

1900. In these days of the "Merry Widow" hat, it was requested that they be removed in church so that those seated behind could see.

1904. The Ashland Kansas Church asked the loan of \$1.00 from the Ladies Aid Society. Due to the St. Louis World's Fair, many of the women's group were absent, but the loan was granted.

1906. Pastor agreed to assist in repair of the parsonage. (Taken from Ladies Aid minutes.)

Electrical wiring installed to old parsonage; also city water.

1900. Hitching rack installed south of Church.

1906. Mrs. Bardwick only continuous Ladies Aid member at time of 25th anniversary.

1907. Parsonage porch and walks installed. \$188.00.

Loan of \$1.00 to Lakin Church.

Whooped dinner prices up to 30c.

1908. Served at Farm Sale. Coffee 15c, sandwich 5c, 1/4 pie 5c. First 15c cup of coffee in history?

1910. Bathroom built onto the parsonage.

W.C.T.U. given use of the church

High school annual inspected to "see if fit for church adver-

tising"!

Fifty percent of unpaid pledges given to Ladies Aid for collecting them.

1911. Motion carried "that we hire (quote) \$50.00 for sixty days to pay insurance premium."

Balance in Treasury following evangelistic services, 93¢.

1912. Waterline to Main St. church and parsonage.

Paid for lard for public dinner - 4¢ lb.

1924. It is not generally known that the original steeple had to be removed as dangerous, after being struck by lightning.

1927. 2160 calls made by the Ladies Aid Women.

1928. The Ladies Aid took over the responsibility of caring for the parsonage.

Ladies Aid Minutes of Meeting: "that we put more time in calling and spiritual work and not so much time making money."

1929. Gas line to parsonage.

1935. Records show hail damage to the roof of the church amounted to \$378.00.

1939. Host to Southwest Kansas Conference. Over 1000 present.

1940. There is recorded in our History Department, a complete list of the charter members of the WSCS, organized Sept. 11, 1940, along with committees, their duties and the constitution.

1948. Revival. 100 seekers at the place of prayer.

1953. Among the many ingenious ways undertaken to raise money for necessary things, an auction sale was held October 15th on the church lawn. Articles from used trucks to soap dishes went under the auctioneers hammer. Cars and trucks were donated below cost by dealers in Larned and Burdett. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., 400 articles were sold, some going for more than their cost, just to help the drive. \$1500 was raised that day to add to the building fund. Auctioneers were Art Welch, Jake Zook, Glenn Froetschner. Clerks were Dwight Eakin, Chester Beer, Everett Avery, and Rodney Warner.

1954. Mrs. O. R. Henderson's book, "Joy Came Again to the Valley" was published.

A nursery was established in the church for the care of small children during Church services, and various church affairs. Today it is still much appreciated by parents. It is supervised by paid and by volunteer help.

1962. Long awaited event was the hoisting by crane, of the steeple for the new church, November 7th. The cross was then mounted atop the steeple.

During the construction, and while the ceiling in the Sanctuary was still soft, vandals entered the balcony and threw into this soft material, rocks, blocks of wood and trash of all kinds. Cost to refinish came to over \$800. (Some fun)

1964. Rev. C. E. King honored for 60 years of service to his Lord.

1965. 25th anniversary of merger of Home and Foreign

Missionary Societies. 153 Charter members.

1967. Ambassador Goldberg, banquet speaker at 50th anniversary of Federal Land Bank Association, in our church, went to the kitchen and complimented the women who had prepared and served the dinner.

1970. In the formal dedication, in February, Bishop Stowe declared the name of our church to be "The First United Methodist Church of Larned, Kansas."

1972. The following articles pertaining to our church were placed in a "Time Capsule" at the site upon which the Historical Society is erecting a museum: Booklets, Dedication of Educational Building, Dedication of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, Formal opening and 90th anniversary of the church, church floor plans, membership list, Church Bulletin of July 16, 1972, and church directory 1873-1960.

A Bazaar was once called "The Fancy Table."

Who is the present member who, as a small boy got his tongue stuck to the hitching rail one cold winter day?

Our Emblem



Our emblem, the cross and the flame, relates the Church to God the Father by way of the second and third persons of the Holy Trinity—God the Son, symbolized by the cross and God the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the flame.

The flame is associated especially with Pentecost when witnesses say: "... tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them" (Acts 2:3). Paul's words have fresh and contemporary meaning: "... I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you" (Timothy 1:6 a NEB).

The emblem reminds us of our opportunities and obligations of discipleship.



Key 73

Key 73 is a broad-based design to allow Christians in the United States and Canada to join other Christians to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presently more than 100 denominations and Christian groups are involved and it was expected that literally tens of thousands of local congregations will be engaged in Key 73 by the beginning of 1973.

The Past Decade

By Rev. Ralph Jones

"HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!" Thus began the past decade in the life of our church just a few days before the wild bells of New Year's Eve rang out the year of 1962. On Sunday, December 23, 1962, the congregation held its first worship service in the new sanctuary. Rev. Claude Scheuerman, pastor, preached on the theme "Jesus Christ, Lord of All."

Only a week before the sixty-one member Chancel Choir had presented the Christmas section of Handel's "The Messiah" as the congregation's last worship service in the State Theatre. There they had been worshipping for some eighteen months while the new sanctuary was under construction. For the first evening worship in the new church the Senior High MYF presented a Christmas Vesper service with the Rev. John Paulin bringing a Christmas message. Surely it was good to be "Home For Christmas."

Less than three months later, on March 10, 1963, Bishop Eugene Slater formally consecrated the new sanctuary for worship and service to God. In true Methodist tradition it could not be dedicated until it was free of debt. A former Larned Boy, Dr. Basil Johnson, was "home" for the service and preached the morning sermon entitled "The Great Adventure." Bishop Eugene Slater spoke on the theme "The Church is of God" at the consecration services held at 7:00 p.m. that evening. In commemoration of the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the church the Chancel Choir sang "Glorious Everlasting" by Cousins, and at the consecration service that evening sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" by Brahms.

Rev. Irvin Unruh became the new pastor of the church following annual conference May 22-26, 1963. Rev. John Paulin was reassigned to Larned as associate pastor and pastor of Pleasant Hill Church for the second year.

With their new home completed, the congregation worked with a joyful will to pay for it. But not all their energies were expended on their own behalf. World Service giving increased, local projects were supported, and special missionary projects assumed. Dr. Cabaltica, medical missionary in the Philippines was one of these opportunities accepted and joyfully completed by the congregation.

In 1965 Rev. John Webster replaced Rev. John Paulin as associate minister of the church.

On May 18, 1969, Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Unruh emplaned at Wichita, Kansas for the beginning of a four year tour of duty as missionaries in West Pakistan. They were stationed at Karachi, West Pakistan, and experienced the Pakistani-Indian war. The church pledged and paid two thousand dollars a year in missionary support for them. The Unruhs became the Dodge City District's missionary project for the years they were in Pakistan.

The 1969 annual conference brought a number of changes to the Larned Church. Rev. and Mrs. Unruh had just left for West Pakistan and Rev. and Mrs. John Webster were assigned to the

Munden-Haddam charge. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Jones came to Larned as the new pastor and family.

Thus begins another chapter in the history of the Larned Church. The structures were built, the final payment on the debt was made this year, the time of dedication to God was at hand.

February 1, 1970 was chosen as "D-DAY" when the buildings would be dedicated to God, a gift to Him free from debt. Rev. Claude Scheuerman, pastor during the construction of the church, preached the sermon at the morning worship service. His theme: "Man's Dilemma and God's Answer." Rev. John Paulin read the Scripture lesson for the morning, I Corinthians 13. The Chancel choir sang "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" and the Wesley choir sang "Sing Unto Us A New Song."

A basket dinner followed in Fellowship Hall and at 2:30 p.m. the carillon and the organ called the faithful to the act of dedication in the sanctuary. Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe preached on the theme "Be Ye Faithful". William J. Fyler, chairman of the building committee presented the building for dedication and Bishop Stowe led the congregation in the Act of Dedication.

Symbolizing the spirit of cooperation and unity in the Church at large, Father Elmer Klemke, president of the Pawnee County Ministerial Association, read the Scripture lesson preceding the sermon.

The structures were built and paid for, the act of dedication was observed, the reception in fellowship hall had drawn to a close.

In the remaining years of the decade the congregation installed air-conditioning in the educational building, the fellowship hall, and the recreation room. The parsonage received a new heating and air-conditioning plant, the parsonage and garage were painted, storm windows installed, and a new driveway was poured. Many other items of up-dating and repair were accomplished by the congregation.

The service project of the Saturday morning "coffee hour" for Larned State Hospital patients was continued. A Lay Witness Mission was held in September of 1970 with five new prayer groups established in addition to those already functioning. Support of the Unruhs in amount of two thousand dollars per year was instituted and sustained all during their Pakistani tour of service. World Service support increased, conference benevolences also increased, the Senior High youth planned and executed a "work-camp-week" at Crosslines in Kansas City. All world service apportionments were paid in full. Truly the new church buildings had become a base of operations for the people now called United Methodists in Larned.

1873-1973—The Future

What of the future? The past is behind us; the present soon will be. The future challenges the present to build solid foundations in order that tomorrow's needs may be met with a firm footing beneath the Church.

No army ever won a battle or a war unless it had, among other things, two specific items: a base of operation and a strong supply line. The local church is both.

The Church is the base of operations, the place from which her armies go out to do battle with the forces of sin and evil in the world.

The battleground is where we live every day. The Church must provide the stability, the planning, the resources with which we may win the battle.

The supply line of the Church includes not only the tangibles of food, clothing, housing, people, but also the intangibles of faith in God through Jesus Christ, trust in His redeeming grace, and complete commitment to Him of our life and our energies. Renewal of strength daily through prayer and Bible study help keep the supply lines open from God to man, and from the Church to the needy of our age.

Christian concern for others becomes the forward observer of the Church in her daily battle against sin and evil. Love becomes the vehicle that moves the Church forward. Humility reflects our awareness that it is God who has given us all things.

There are so many battles to be won; battles against prejudice, greed, selfishness, and immorality. We have a good heritage, a God who cares for us, a Christ who died and rose again that we might have everlasting life.

Each person and each generation must finally make the decision which battles he will fight, when he will fight them, and where. Those who began their fight here a century ago made their decisions, established their base of operations and source of supply in the Church of Jesus Christ. They established the beachhead. We who come one hundred and more years later dare not lay down our arms because the battles are hard. We shall find in the second century of our Church's life in this community as they did in the first, that God is with us.

The trumpet of God calls us each day to life and to work.
FORWARD MARCH!

Ralph J. Jones

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

(Revelation 22:13)

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LARNED, KANSAS

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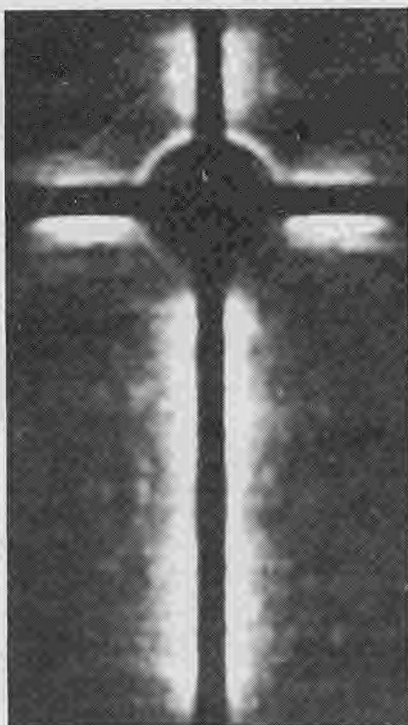
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"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

History—What The Discipline Says

The United Methodist Discipline has this to say regarding all church records:

Paragraph 1412. "There shall be a committee on records and history, which shall assist the pastor in seeing that all records are kept, and a report made to the charge conference at the end of the conference year. The committee shall see that any and all minutes and record books no longer in current use, are deposited with the church historian and be placed in a safe place, and if asked, to share these records with the conference commission and the conference historical society."

There is more. It lays on the line the responsibility of all secretaries or recorders of every department in the church. From the pastor to the kindergarten, those recording any meeting shall at the end of the year, give complete accounting of their department.

That is what it says. So, secretaries, do not make the historian a pest of himself (or herself) by having to remind you. The records may be turned in at the church office. Thank you, EVH.

EM Van Horn