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A Sacred Sound

Church bell tolls in Babylon after 40-year silence

By Carol Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

For four decades, the 121-year-old bell of the United Methodist Church in Babylon had sat silently, high up in the church steeple.

The years of silence were broken yesterday when, thanks to the marriage of modern technology and the generosity of local residents, the bell pealed joyously into the summer morning.

"The bell is the voice of the church inviting the community to share their high moments of baptism, wedding and funeral," explained David Randolph, the church pastor. "It is also the voice of the church sending forth love and justice."

In his sermon, Randolph made a connection between restoring the Babylon bell and the importance of protecting American churches everywhere.

"At a time when black churches are burning in the South, we know that the bells of justice must ring out," he said. "At a time when churches are burning in the South, it reminds us of how sacred these spaces are."

Nearly 200 people crowded into the simple but elegant white and gray church at the corner of Deer Park Avenue and James Street to celebrate the rededication of the bell and remember those whose donations made it possible. During the service, about 200 names were read, each to be remembered or honored by a separate toll of the bell.

The 700-pound bronze bell is 32 inches in diameter. It was purchased by the church in 1875 from McShane's Bell Foundry in Glen Burnie, Md., and installed that same year, said Meredith Lupion, of West Babylon, who served on the bell refurbishment committee.

The bell was silenced because it fell into disrepair, said Scott Lockwood, a church trustee and chairman of the refurbishment committee. It became corroded and the steeple, also in need of repair, could not withstand the swaying of the bell. The steeple was restored about nine years ago, but the bell remained silent because the church lacked funds to fix it.

But when trustees decided to make the bell restoration a priority, church members and local residents embraced the idea, said Lockwood, who was baptized in the church and has been a life-



Church members and local residents raised more than \$10,000 to refurbish the 121-year-old bell. Newsday Photos / Thomas James Hurst

long member. Since fund raising began on May 19, the church has raised about \$12,000 and donations are still coming in.

"It's amazing," Lockwood said. "I would walk down the street and people would give me checks. People from all over the community have been sending contributions."

The refurbishing of the bell involved electrifying it so that it works on a timer or with the flick of a switch. It will toll at noon and 6 p.m. every day, before mass and after special occasions such as weddings and funerals.

And, instead of swaying back and forth, the electrified bell will ring when its clapper moves back and forth inside of it.

Refurbishing the bell took about a week to complete and cost about \$10,000, Lupion said.

"The remaining money will be put into a fund to maintain the bell and make sure we don't get into another situation where it doesn't ring for another forty years," she said.



United Methodist Pastor David Randolph

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Churches

The Methodist Episcopal Church of America was established at the first Conference, known as the Christmas Conference, in Baltimore in 1784.

Such men as Francis Asbury, Jesse Lee, Lorenzo Dow, Peter Cartwright, Benjamin Abbott, and Barney Matthias laid the foundations of Long Island Methodism by their occasional preaching at various places, including Babylon. Jesse Lee sometimes hired a bellman to ring the people out so that he might preach to them beneath the shade of the trees or along the wayside. In those days of the circuit rider, these Methodist preachers, who were men of zeal and passion, often lived in the saddle with a bible and a hymn book in their saddle-bags as their library, their wardrobe, the clothes they wore, and their home, any hospitable roof where night overtook them. Long Island was one circuit and they roamed over it as the spirit moved them.

The beginning of the Methodist Church in Babylon goes back to 1831 when Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Wilson, devout and enthusiastic Methodists, visited the community and decided to settle here and go into business. Not finding a church here, they united with the Methodist Society in Amityville where they attended services for six years. As itinerant preachers came through Babylon, Services were occasionally conducted in the homes of The Wilsons and John Johnson and sometimes in the school house. Interest grew and in 1837 the first Society was formed in Babylon. The earliest recorded date we find is on an old deed which refers to the original organization as being of May 7, 1837.

For about three years Services continued at irregular intervals in the homes of members and in the school house. Reverend Barney Matthias was the first itinerant to preach regularly in Babylon every two weeks. It was he who organized the class here in 1837 and appointed Mr. Wilson as leader. Reverend J.B. Merwin and a Reverend Kirby preached occasionally for the Babylon Society through 1838, 39, & 40.

During the early years, the Society remained small in numbers and the old history tells us that there was some persecution and prejudice. Interest continued, however, and in 1840 a Church building was contemplated. A plot of land on Deer Park Avenue was purchased at a cost of one hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Wilson began to solicit subscriptions for the building and finally the Trustees contracted with Charles Wicks and Stephen Leek to build the Church for \$ 1000. This first building was 30x40 feet and was dedicated near Christmas time in 1840.

About the time the Church was completed, the Reverend Nathan Rice, who was considered a powerful preacher, was appointed to the circuit which included Islip, Amityville, Newfield, and Babylon. He was here for two years and many came into the Church during his ministry. There followed a succession of Pastors, each serving a year or two as the system then provided. Reverend Robert Codling was the first minister to reside in the village and his coming marked the beginning of a new era. There was a great revival that added new life to the Society and many new members.

The little Church became crowded and in 1858 the congregation felt the need for a larger Church. About this time there came to Babylon a man sent from God whose name was William R. Foster. He was also a loyal Methodist and a member of St. Paul's Church in New York. He became greatly interested in the Church in Babylon and purchased the site of the present Church and presented it to the Society. Mr. and Mrs. Foster contributed generously to a fund for a new Church and at the dedication in 1860 paid the last \$ 200 that there might not be any indebtedness.

The present building was erected in 1859. It is not known who the Architect was but it is believed that whoever designed the structure was inspired by the work of Asher Benjamin, the prominent American Architect, who built many of the most beautiful of early American Churches. The Gothic influence, which was evident in much American

building of the period, is seen in the windows and other features of the building. The combination of the simple early American with the Gothic has made a building of unusually beautiful proportions and harmonious lines. It stands today, except for a few minor changes, as it did when it was built, one of the finest buildings of its type from that period on Long Island.

About the time the larger Church was built, the original building was moved to James Street where for many years it was used as a Chapel and Sunday School room. An increase in Sunday School attendance made more space necessary and in 1868/69 an addition was built on the front of the building. The building remained so until the Institute was built in 1917, adding a gymnasium, a stage, recreation rooms, a modern kitchen, and a beginner's class room to the old building. These facilities were used extensively by the community. In 1954 alterations and an addition were made for use of the Sunday School. The "Institute" was replaced by the present Education Building and Fellowship Hall in 1963/64. The 1954 wing was incorporated into the new building and is today's Wesley Hall and Church Office wing.

The years have brought many changes. The Church has grown both materially and spiritually. Membership has increased, the Sunday School has grown, new buildings have been built and old ones restored. For one hundred and fifty-two years our Church has proclaimed the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ. She has given comfort, strength, and courage to multitudes. Men and women have found the way of life. Boys and girls have been guided into noble manhood and womanhood. Our Church has guarded and kept for us the loveliest possessions in our human experience. She has taught us of Jesus whom to know is life eternal.

The past is a challenge to the present and to the future. Our forefathers have built a foundation upon which we must build. As they were, so must we be "laborers together with God" in the great task of strengthening His Church and building His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS

Stephen J. Wilson moved to Babylon	1831
Reverend Barney Matthias organized the first class	1837
The Board of Trustees was organized	May 7, 1837
The first Sanctuary was erected (cost \$ 1,025.00)	1840
The second, and present, Sanctuary was erected in 1839. Dedicated	Jan. 1, 1840
The first Sanctuary was moved to east of the Sanctuary on James St. for use as a Chapel and Sunday School	c. 1840
The first Parsonage was built on Deer Park Avenue north of the Sanctuary	1868
An addition was made to the Chapel and Sunday School on James St.	c. 1868
The first organ (hand pumped) was installed	c. 1884
The Epworth League organized in Babylon	1892
The first Parsonage was moved to James St. east of the Chapel	1905
The second Parsonage was erected at the location vacated by the first	1906
The first Candle-Light Carol Service was held	Christmas 1916
The "Institute" was built	1917
The Sunday School Beginner's Department was organized	1920
There was a serious fire in the second Parsonage. The Minister and family lived in a house boat on the east creek until repairs were made	1923
The second (Moller) organ was installed	Sept. 20, 1925
The first Parsonage was sold	1936
The 100th anniversary was celebrated. The Church was rededicated	May 2, 1937
The beautiful pewter chandelier in the Sanctuary was donated by the Methodist Guild in memory of past Ministers. It was designed by Daniel P. Grason after one which hung for many years in an old Church in Bennington, Vt.	1937
The name of the Church was changed from The Methodist Episcopal Church to The Methodist Church	1939

The Youth Fellowship groups were formed to succeed The Epworth League	1939
An addition to the Parish Hall for the Sunday School was dedicated	Dec.5,1954
A new Parsonage was built on Village Line Road	c.1961
There was a major fire in the Sanctuary	July 16,1963
While repairs were being made meetings were held in the Synagogue, The Episcopal Church, The American Legion Hall and other locations.	
The new Education Building and Fellowship Hall were built in 1963. The building was consecrated	Jan. 5,1964
The Drama Club was formed	1966
The name of the Church was changed to The United Methodist Church	1968
The Nursery School was organized	1969
The United Methodist Women was formed combining all Womans Groups in the early 1970s	

In the 1970s and 80s numerous changes were made to the Sanctuary: In 1977 the 1925 Moller organ was replaced by a new Hartman-Beaty organ and alterations to the Altar and Choir seating were made. The original pews were replaced with new ones. New exterior siding and shingles were installed. A Handicap ramp and entrance door were built, lights were installed on the ramp and provisions for wheelchairs were made in the rear row of pews. In 1989 major repairs and restoration of the steeple were accomplished.

Today the Church owns two Parsonages # 80 Village Line Road and The Bemis House at # 98 South Carll Avenue. Over the years the Church owned three other Parsonages: The first built in 1868 on Deer Park Avenue adjoining the Sanctuary was moved to a plot on James Street east of the Parish House in 1905. It was sold in 1936 and it is there today at # 25 James Street. The second was built in 1906 at the location vacated by the first on Deer Park Avenue. After the Minister moved to the new Parsonage on Village Line Road in the 1960s it was called Asbury House. In the 1960s the Women's Society had their Gift and Thrift Shops there. In May of 1968 the house burned beyond repair and had to be torn down. After the fire the Gift Shop was discontinued. The Thrift Shop rented a store at # 76 Deer Park Avenue in Sept. 1968 where it was until 1986 when it was discontinued. The other Parsonage was on Merritt Street in West Islip. It was purchased for the use of the assistant Minister. After the South Carll Avenue house was donated to the Church in 1974 the Merritt House was sold.

There are many Church organizations and Groups: The Epworth League formed in 1892 was succeeded, in 1939, by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the High School, Intermediate and Junior Fellowships. The present Uniter Methodist Women, formed in the 1970s, united all prior Woman's groups: The Ladies Aid Society, The Methodist Guild, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and The Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Drama Club, formed in 1966, is today the James Street Players, a Church connected but independent nonsectarian theatrical group whose stage presentations and financial contributions have greatly benefited the Church. Some other Groups and Programs are: Adult Fellowship, Couples Club, Singles Club, Men's Fellowship, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, The Golden Age Community Club, The Choir Mothers Society, The Handbell Choir, Class Meetings, Lay Preaching, Love Feast and Upper Room Services. Many of which are active today. The Doubles Club established by Reverend Wesley and Charlotte Hager in 1936 is an independent nonsectarian social group. While not Church affiliated most of it's members have been members of our Church. The Club has met in the Church Parish Hall since their beginning and still does today.

One of, if not the most important group in the Church is the Choir. The history of the Choirs will be compiled by someone more familiar with their history than the writer is.

EARLY PREACHERS

Barney Matthias
J. B. Merwin
Rev. Kirby

MINISTERS

Nathan Rice
Francis C. Hill & Stephen Rushmore
Edmund O. Bates
Timothy C. Young
Henry Hatfield
James D. Bouton
Frederick W. Sizer
Charles Stearns
Gershom Pierce & Hart F. Pease
Robert Codling
Henry Aston
Lorenzo D. Nickerson
Levi D. Perry
William Gothard
George A. Graves
A. O. Hammond
James V. Saunders
James Lavalley
James W. Horne
George Dunbar
Edwin A. Blake
William H. Russell
William P. Estes
Bennett T. Abbott
Rufus S. Putney
John W. Simpson
Charles W. Lyon
George Adams
Henry E. Wing
Robert F. Norton
Frederic Stiehler
Edward D. Bassett
S. Danforth Lewis
William M. Warden
Arthur G. Boynton
William S. Jackson
Frederick F. Voorhees
C. Newman Hogle
Wesley H. Hager
Henry C. Whyman
Norman O. Edwards
Charles B. Hart
Harold C. Jones
Jack E. Savage
David J. Randolph

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ASSISTANT MINISTERS

David McCully
George Zimmermann
Thomas Carney
Carol O'Hanlon

1956-59
1961-63
1980

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

E. JULIUS DAVIS
Richard A. Simmons
Richard W. Buckingham
John Jacono

1959-61
1963-66
1966-67

ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER & ORGANIST

Kenneth White

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The Ebenezer Baptist Church was donated to the Babylon Community by an anonymous donor in 1897.

The original church had neither heat, rest rooms nor running water; but its pastors provided parishioners with spiritual comfort.

Through many years, various pastors and members have laboured in an effort to enlarge and beautify their church, so that the pastors could minister to the number of people who turned to the Ebenezer Baptist Church for spiritual guidance and fellowship.

(Former pastors and the accomplishments:)

1897-1900-Rev. William Booker.

1900-1910-Rev. William Coleman, assistant: Rev. M. Brockson.

1910- -Rev. Huff, assistant: Rev. Harold.

1928- -Rev. Roper, associates: Rev. J.J. Scott, Rev. Troop, Rev. Harvey Dawson and Rev. Milton.

1941-1943-Rev. Milton.

1943-1952-Rev. Charles Leak, associates: Rev. J.J. Scott, Rev. Goody, Rev. Frank Walton, Rev. Eli Hicks and Rev. C.C. Peters.

Under the leadership of Rev. Leak, the church was raised to install a lower level which contained a kitchen, dining area, rest rooms, oil furnace, running water and gas. Also, a portion of the church enlarged.

1952-1963-Rev. Frank Walton, associates: Rev. J.J. Scott, Rev. Eli Hicks, Rev. J.D. Sewell, Rev. John Williams and Rev. Willoughby.

Under the leadership of Rev. Walton, the church acquired new pulpit furniture, carpeting and windows.

1963-1974-Rev. Wilbur J. Pittman, associates: Rev. J. D. Sewell, Rev. E. Oneal, Rev. Moore and Rev. George McIver.

Under the leadership of Rev. Pittman, a parcel of land adjacent to the church property was purchased and a substantial addition was added including upper and lower levels. The upper level contained a trustee room, vestry (robe room), pastor's study, church school classrooms and a P.A. system. The lower level contained a dining area, kitchen, rest room, and heating system. On the outside, a driveway, parking lot, remodelling front of church. Also, the property deed was obtained and the church was incorporated with the village of Babylon.

Rev. Pittman deceased in 1974.

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- 1975- -Rev. George McIver pastored until his death in the same year.
 1975- -The current pastor, Rev. James W. Stringfield, was called to the church in December of 1975 and installed as pastor in January, 1976 with associates, the Rev. John Berkely and the Rev. John McCoy, Jr.

Under Rev. Stringfield's powerful preaching and leadership, the people have been spiritually motivated. Many have come and gone but by the grace of God, Ebenezer continues to prosper.

Rev. Stringfield's accomplishments are: On the inside upper level wall panelling, two organs, piano, wall to wall draperies, carpeting, a scroll over the choir stand which reads, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" Eph. 4:5, pulpit furniture, communion table and utensils. Also new ceiling fans, lighting fixtures, and an alarm system.

On the lower level, a baptistry, installation of new kitchen cabinets, stainless steel double sink, a new refrigerator and stove. Also, the kitchen floor retiled, installation of a water fountain and the ladies rest room extended.

On the outside, a new roof, aluminum siding, a new driveway.

The Sunday Church School program has given the children of the church a solid foundation in the teachings of the Bible.

We pay homage to the late Mrs. Clare Bower, one of many devoted supporters who gave generously to the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The congregation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church is joyously celebrating the church's anniversary, beginning with the Oct. 2, 88 Rev. W. H. Powell, pastor of the Community Baptist Church of Gordon Heights, N.Y. During the week of Oct. 3, - 7th, 1988 We will hold a Revival lead by the Rev. L. Smith, pastor of the Faith Community Baptist Church, Huntington Station, N.Y. Oct. 9, 1988 the Rev. Hadden, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Roosevelt, N.Y. will close the church anniversary services.

Ebenezer Baptist Church stands with outstretched arms, welcoming the Babylon Community and all who come through its doors.

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Done by order of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Inc.

Oct. 3, 1988

Sis. Carrie J. Mobley - Church Clerk
 Rev. James W. Stringfield - Pastor



STEPHEN J. WILSON,
FOUNDER OF THE BABYLON
METHODIST CHURCH - BORN
SEPTEMBER 7, 1803 - Died
February 1, 1901

BABYLON METHODIST
CHURCH - PARSONAGE AND
LECTURE ROOM ABOUT 1890



Interview with Miss Beulah Munev (aged over 80, who has been a member of the church since early childhood) Church Historian and Historian of the Village of Babylon.

Early history written by Mrs. C. W. Lyon in 1894, supplied to me by Mrs. Myron Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Constance Hulcher Centennial Anniversary booklet, May 7, 1937.

Church Yearbook of 1920 (circa)

A marble table in the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church of Babylon honors the memory of the man who founded and devoted 64 years of his life to it -- Stephen J. Wilson.

In the 50 years before the Wilsons settled in Babylon in 1831, pioneer preachers served

services for six years until they had enough members to meet in each other's homes in Babylon.

Circuit-riding preachers continued to serve the small congregation, including the Rev. Barney Matthias who "was always on time and would begin promptly even if no other persons were present", according to an 1894 history written by Mrs. C. W. Lyons, wife of the minister of that time.

Mrs. Lyons noted that "these itinerants were brave, heroic men, strengthened by daily horseback rides and hardened by exposure to all extremes of weather. Most of them were men of fair culture, of great mental strength; of ready wit and

congregations.

The old history tells of "some persecution and prejudice" against the then new denomination, but it persevered and in 1840 erected its first church on Deer Park Avenue near Grove street. That was just three years after the Babylon members formed their own "Society" on May 7, 1837.

The tiny, 30 by 40 foot structure cost \$1,025 on land priced at \$150. Babylon's first resident minister was Robert Codling who came in 1857, but he still rode to serve congregations in Islip and Amityville.

The present church was built in 1859 and Mrs. Wilson was one of the trustees who signed the in-

merchant. The Foster family contributed generously to the building and interior furnishings and at the dedication gave the last \$200 needed to pay all outstanding bills.

There is no record of the architect's name, but he is believed to have been influenced by the work of Asher Benjamin, designer of many of the most beautiful early American churches. The Gothic influence, evident in many buildings of the era, is seen in the windows and other features of the church. The combination of Gothic and early American produced a building of unusually beautiful proportions and harmonious lines. After the present edifice was finished the

completed in 1963.

It was not until 1867 that the 77 members had a full-time pastor, A. O. Hammond, whose salary was \$600 a year.

Since then, more than 50 ministers and associates have served the church for varying terms under the ministerial rotation system. In honor of pastors of the first hundred years the church installed a lovely pewter chandelier of old colonial design, copied from one in an old church in Bennington, Vermont. The new fixture was in place on the 100th anniversary of the church's beginnings in 1837.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the present building in 1960, a former pastor

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Babylon Beacon Thur July 27, 1972

Stephen J. Wilson.

In the 50 years before the Wilsons settled in Babylon in 1831, pioneer preachers roamed the island, worshipping under the trees or in schoolhouses.

The Wilsons traveled to the Methodist Society, as it was then called, in Amityville for Sunday

weather. Most of them were men of fair culture, of great mental strength; of ready wit and glowing oratory, of fervent piety and of marked success as evangelists. Many of them attained a good old age and the churches they organized have grown into large and powerful

The present church was built in 1859 and Mrs. Wilson was one of the trustees who signed the invitation to Dedication ceremonies on January 12, 1860. The lot, on the corner of Deer Park Avenue and James Street, was donated by William R. Foster, a prosperous flour

unusually beautiful proportions and harmonious line. After the present edifice was finished, the pioneer church was moved around the corner to James street and served the Sunday school for many years. The present \$327,300 brick education building and auditorium was

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the present building, in 1960, a former pastor, Dr. Henry C. Whyman, wrote: "We shall ever be grateful to the pioneers of 100 years ago who met the needs of their time and of many decades to come with spiritual and artistic sensitivity."

June July 27, 1972
Babylon Beacon

A History Of The First Presbyterian Church Of Babylon

By Edna Frisch, Babylon High School

The first church started on a little farm. Many of those who attended the prayer meetings had to walk twelve miles to the farm. The congregation then decided to build a church where they all could attend without having to walk very far.

The first church structure was built in the year 1730. The exact site on which it was built is not known.

At the end of the war the people decided to build a new church. The land on which the present church stands was bought for "five pounds, current money of New York." The land was bought in November of 1783.

The building of the church was started in 1783. The date of its completion is not known, but it was not paid for until 1790.

The congregation, under the title of "The Presbyterian Church of Islip and Huntington South" was received into the Presbytery of Long Island. In April of 1797, action was taken for the completion of its organization. In 1797 a meeting was held for all of those who wanted to be united with the Presbytery. At this meeting an agreement was formulated which the members were to sign.



Main Street, Babylon Village as it looked around 1885

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In 1798 the members elected elders, deacons, and trustees which now made the organization of the church complete.

The Lord's supper was given for the first time in the new church in April of 1798.

The first church was established under the title of "The Presbyterian Church of Islip and Huntington South." This title was kept until a separate group was formed at Islip. In 1857 the title was changed to "The Presbyterian Church of Huntington South." In 1870 when the two towns, Huntington and Babylon, divided, the name of the church was changed to "The First Presbyterian Church of Babylon, Long Island."

The first permanent pastor the church was able to support was Reverend Luther Gleason. Gleason was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Smithtown. By an agreement between the two churches, (Babylon and Smithtown) Gleason was made the pastor of both.

Mr. Gleason began his duties in 1797 and continued for nine years.

Reverend Luther Gleason was a man of very limited education and in some respects a popular preacher. In 1804 Gleason had been convicted before the Presbytery of Long Island, on the charges of making too free use of intoxicating liquors and a lightness of

department, unbecoming the scared profession." In 1806 he was convicted of a more serious charge, and was suspended from the ministry. The congregation petitioned the Presbytery to restore him, but the petition was declined. Many members then asked for letters of dismissal, which were refused. When a large number of members were excluded from communion they withdrew from the church, thus, weakening the church so that it would not be able to support a pastor. This revolt continued until 1818.

In 1819 the church was reorganized and efforts were made to get the service of a pastor. Reverend Samuel Weed began his service in May of 1819. He was elected a Commissioner to the General Assembly, however, he became ill while the Assembly was in session. He died in June of 1820 at Philadelphia. During his service to the church there were 29 members.

Reverend Alexander Cummins began in 1820 and continued until 1824. The membership was increased by one person.

Reverend Nehemiah B. Cook began his office in 1824 continuing until 1832. The church prospered during his service. 42 persons

were added to the church's membership.

Reverend Jonathan Cable began in 1833, staying only for about four months due to his poor health. His work was successful, resulting in the addition of 98 persons.

In 1834 Mr. Hollis Platt became the new pastor. During his pastorate he set up a prayer meeting in each district. 31 persons were added to the church from the year 1835 to 1837.

Reverend Ebenezer Read commenced his service to the church in 1838. During his administration 13 persons were added to the church.

Reverend Alfred Ketcham entered into his duties in 1839 and remained until 1848. Several more persons were excommunicated on cases of discipline. During his office 82 persons were added to the church.

Reverend Edward I. Vail was installed as pastor in 1848. 7 members were added before he resigned in 1851.

Reverend Gaylord L. More began preaching in 1852 and continued for four years. 38 persons were added to the churches membership, during Reverend More's term. At this time, steps were taken to organize a separate church in Islip.

Reverend Charles W. Cooper commenced his service in 1857 remaining until 1869. At the beginning of this pastorate 21 persons were received as members, and at the close 16 were received.

Reverend James Mc-Dougall supplied the pulpit for nine months and then was installed as pastor on May 24, 1871.

Reverend James C. Nightgale was called in 1873 but ordained in 1874. He continued until 1880. 33 members were added during his time of office.

In 1881, Reverend Walter B. Floyd was chosen as the chairman of the session and pulpit. Although he served until 1883, he was not installed as pastor. On November 14, 1883, Reverend James C. Hume was accepted and installed as pastor. He continued his service until 1888.

In 1889 Reverend John Long was installed as pastor of the church. He constantly suggested new plans for increasing the attendance and membership of the church.

Reverend Robert D. Merrill was ordained from May to September of 1905. The membership during his office was 172. Reverend Merrill

resigned in 1919 ending a pastorate of 13 years.

Early in 1919, the congregation summoned Reverend John M. Brockie who was installed October 6 of the same year. During Reverend Brockie's pastorate the Elder and Deacon Rotation System was adapted.

During the summer many pastors were heard. In August the congregation sent for Reverend Albert E. Abbin, who accepted and was ordained in 1928. During this year there was a membership of 501 adults. And 500 children were enrolled in the church school.

In 1943 Reverend Gordon Hermanson was ordained in the church. During his service a few people were added to the membership of the church.

In 1945 Reverend Albert A. Leininger was ordained. From my personal experience, I can honestly say that Reverend Albert A. Leininger has contributed a great deal to the Christian duties of this church. During his service the membership increased a great deal. The congregation also has become increasingly active in the work of the church. Since the Reverend Leininger was ordained, the organizations within the church have increased in number and in size. In April of 1970 Pastor Leininger resigned from his

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duties at this church. He then continued his Christian duties as a chaplain in the Syosset Home for the Aged.

In 1970 Pastor Leininger ended his pastorate of 25 years, the longest in the history of the church.

During Pastor Leininger's service 2 associate pastors had been installed. The first associate pastor was Reverend Calvin Gray, who first came to Babylon in 1965. Pastor Gray satisfactorily met the preaching needs of the church. During 1966 he contributed many changes that have continued. Among them, is the first Winter Week-end, and the first Amish Country trips. He left Babylon in 1967 to become Vice-President for the Development of the New York Theological Seminars. He returned to the pastorate in late 1968, accepting a call to the Presbyterian Church in West Caldwell, New Jersey. The second associate pastor was Reverend Donald A. Dunkerley who came to Babylon in the Summer of 1967. Pastor Dunkerley increased the activities of the youth in the church. Pastor Dunkerley was well liked by both the young and old alike. After Pastor Leininger left

the church, the congregation elected nine persons to the Pulpit Nominating Committee. Those elected were: Robert Lepelmeier, Mrs. Lawrence Schou, Louis Seegott, Mrs. John Olsen, Bruce Cunningham, Mrs. Douglas Trevithick, George Miller, Wilber Anderson and David S. Gatje. This committee was to find the man that God would have serve in the church's pulpit. On November 9, 1970 the committee unanimously voted to accept Pastor Dunkerley as minister of the church. Pastor Dunkerley then announced his decision to accept the summons to be minister of the McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, Florida. February 28 was the last day Pastor Dunkerley was with the Church of Babylon.

The session called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 14, 1971. The meeting had been held to receive and act upon the recommendation of the Pulpit Nominating Committee. The Pulpit Nominating Committee announced that it has unanimously voted to recommend that the Reverend Calvin Gray be called as minister of the church. Before the committee nominated Reverend Gray as pastor, the committee met 23 times to consider 95 ministers for the position. At the congregational

meeting on March 14 it was voted 242 to 8- that the Reverend Calvin Gray be called as our new minister. On March 28, 1971 the Presbyterian Church of West Caldwell, New Jersey voted to approve the dissolution of the pastorate relationship with Calvin Gray. After the Babylon Church received the approval of both the Newark and Long Island Presbyteries on April 27, Pastor Gray was installed in the Babylon Presbyterian Church at the 7 p.m. service on May 2, 1971. Since May 1971 Pastor Gray has contributed a great deal to the spiritual growth of the church. In the past year Pastor Gray set up Wednesday night Seminars which has been set aside as Family Night. The Family Night begins with a buffet supper and a brief sing-a-long service. Various activities follow for all age and interested groups. Adults have a choice to attend one out of four electives for a period of six weeks. Juniors and Seniors have a study hall and discussion group. There are activities for grade school students which include films, crafts, and recreations. The nursery is open for pre-schoolers. During March 1972, Pastor Gray with the assistance of other church members set up a

Missionary Conference which was successful. As a result of the conference, a coffee house was set up in the old village library. 4 of the local churches have joined with the Babylon First Presbyterian Church to sponsor a coffee house ministry in the community.

The 4 churches working with the First Presbyterian Church of Babylon are the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and Ebenezer Baptist Church. A meeting of the church was held June 12, 1968 for the purpose of considering the engagement of a Christian Education Director. In June 1970 the Christian Education Committee nominated Burt D. Braunius as Christian Education Director. He began his service to the church in late June of 1970. Mr. Braunius adequately helped to fill the needs of the Sunday School. On March 1, 1971 Burt D. Braunius announced that he has accepted the call to be the Director of Christian Education of the McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church.

In June of 1971, David S. Gatje was chosen the Christian

Education Director of the church. Before joining the church staff, Mr. Gatje served the church in many ways. In the year David Gatje has been the Christian Education Director he has made many fine contributions to the church school program. In April 1972, David Gatje submitted his resignation.

The records of baptism have been kept regularly by the ministers. Only when the church was without a minister were the records neglected. The records begin from 1798 to 1811, there is a break of seven years.

Church Buildings

In 1784, a second church home was built on Main Street East of Deer Park Avenue. When the congregation outgrew this building, another was built in 1832 at the same location. The second church building was sold and moved to a lot adjoining on the East. Remodeled, it stands today as a homestead and can be called the oldest structure in both the village and town.

The present and fourth Presbyterian Church building was built in 1870. The third church building was moved to the lot adjoining the fourth structure, for lecture and Sunday School use. The fourth building is on the North side of Montauk Highway East of Deer Park Avenue. It is a large framed structure with a belfrey tower and clock topped by

The third building was nicely carpeted with pews having doors on the end and a gallery extended around three sides of the church, heated first with wood, burning stoves and then with coal stoves.

The fourth and present church has 12 stained glass windows each with a memorial on it.

In 1923 a large building was erected at the rear of the Lecture room. This addition to the church is equipped for the use of a gymnasium, for moving pictures, and for large suppers and meetings. A kitchen is adjacent to the gymnasium.

In 1963 a brick building was joined to the third and fourth church buildings, which is used for Sunday School.

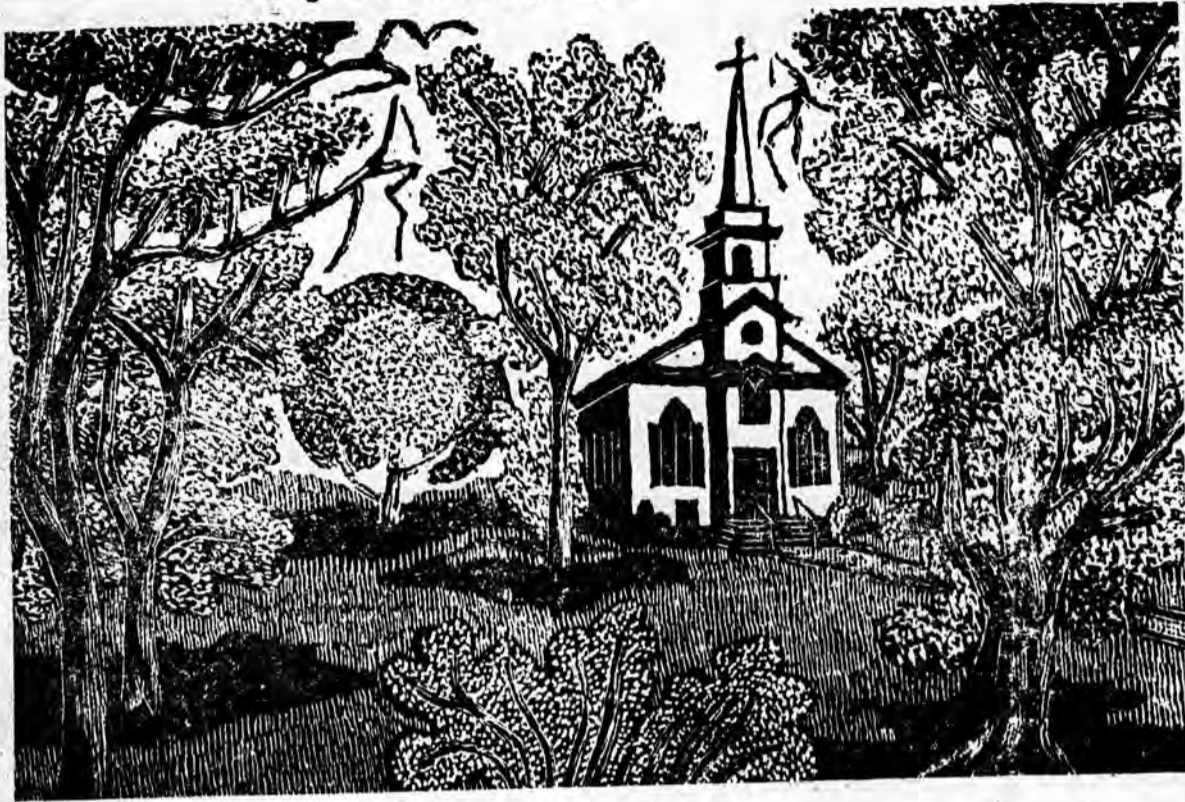
In the past 6 months the lecture room or third church building was remodeled and is now used as a Fellowship Hall. With a gift from Mrs. Norton Hasbrouck, it was possible for the church to have two brick stoops built, the iron railings placed and twin lamps installed. It was her desire to preserve the outward appearance of the building as it was in its original state.

Editor's Note: Because of the necessary space limitations, the above essay has been edited to conform with our requirements.

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The United Methodist Church of Babylon.

Babylon's Methodist Church 113 Years Old

Text and Woodcut
By W. OAKLEY CAGNEY

The first white men to arrive in South Huntington (Babylon) were English Protestants, who were greatly influenced by the teachings of the Puritans. They came from New England and landed on the North Shore of Long Island.

Indian trails dotted and crisscrossed the island and a consuming curiosity impelled the newcomers to explore them to find out what lay beyond.

These men had little formal education, but they made up for this lack of book learning by being very adventurous and determined.

Their tools for survival were few, but they had great courage and strength, moral and physical. The predominate feature of their life was hard work, and self discipline and they had few pleasures.

Ever on the alert to find better farm land and pasture, they found what they sought in Babylon. Besides, there was an abundance of "salt hay" to feed their cattle.

The cabins they built were hastily and crudely erected and they found salt hay an excellent material to reinforce and weatherproof their homes.

Of the several families that settled there, the Conklin family settled partly in Dix Hills and partly further south in Babylon proper.

MRS. PLATT CONKLIN, who lived in the latter area in the late 1700's, became quite disturbed when her son, Nat, told her he would build a house to make a home for his motherless children. The nearest neighbor to the site on which he planned to build was a tavern, the American House, built in 1780. She told him "it will be another Babylon." Nat replied to his mother: "It will be a new Babylon," and hence the name the town bears.

Nat Conklin built his house on the northeast corner of Main Street and Deer Park Avenue. The house was later sold to the Carll family, then to the D.S.S. Sammis family, and, still later, was moved to the west side of Deer Park Avenue just south of the tracks.

It now houses the Babylon Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In 1825, good fortune came to Babylon. In New York City, Stephen J. Wilson became a convert during a revival meeting of the Methodist Society. His wife had joined the society when she was 14 years old.

One day, in the winter of 1831, Brother Wilson and his wife made a trip from Merrick to Glen Cove to visit some relatives but a snow storm developed, making the roads impassible. Stopping at Babylon, Brother

For 50 years before the Wilsons, itinerant preachers taught under the trees or in school houses.

These brave men rode horseback daily in all kinds of weather and were sometimes subject to harassment in their attempts to introduce a new religion. Many of them founded churches that have large congregations and beautiful edifices today.

WHEN THE WILSONS first came to Babylon, they travelled to the Methodist Society in Amityville for six years. Then, when Babylon had enough members, they met in the members homes.

Persecution and prejudice against a new denomination, did not deter them from erecting their first church in 1840 on Deer Park Avenue near Grove Street. This was just three years after the Babylon members formed their own society.

This first church was small and, together with the land, cost \$1,025. The land cost was \$150.

The first resident pastor was Rev. Robert Codling who came in 1857, but he still rode the circuit to Islip and Amityville. His salary was \$600 a year. Babylon then had a Methodist congregation of only 77 members.

Prior to the coming of Rev. Codling, meetings were held in the homes of Brother Wilson and Brother John Johnson. These were later moved to the school.

The present church was built in 1859. We do not know who the architect was, but he was doubtless influenced by Asher Benjamin, a popular architect of the day. However, Gothic influence can be seen in the windows and other features of the church in combination with early American architecture.

One of the prime movers in the erection of this church was William R. Foster, a prosperous flour merchant, who donated the lot. His family contributed generously to the building of the church and donated its interior decorations. At the dedication service, William R. Foster gave \$200 to pay all outstanding bills.

Dad Jailed, Mom Wept

Ed Mallory, featured regular on NBC-TV's "Days of Our Lives," brought his four-year-old daughter Mary to the studio recently and she was permitted to sit in the control room to watch him do a scene in which he was a prisoner.

Later, in Ed's dressing room, Mary asked: "Daddy, why did they put you in jail? You're not a bad man!"

That same night, Mary was taken to see her mother, actress Joyce Bulifant, rehearse a play in which she has a crying scene.

His Best Don't Gi

By HANK McCANN
Press TV Editor

I asked the successful Hartford if he had any at a career in television. His answer was simple: "No," he said.

It seems that Johnny a giver of advice or one he should try to influence.

His answer was honest: he is in everything. What to be saying, in our Manhattan, was that each make his his own decision.

Hartford is composer, actor, writer, artist and more. "Gentle on My Mind," an Award in 1968. It is Campbell on his Sunday featured on the show in January 1969.

Johnny also records with Main Depot.

PUBLIC ACCLAIM for "My Mind" it has been re "Don't ask me how r



John Hartford

"I've been offered so many times to go to the States. I'm neither an Indian nor a cowboy. One day, I met

Meantime, he makes a living. Hartford wears jeans, a leather pouch on his hip, and a hat. He could be tabbed as a hippie of your definition. It works.

He is a totally creative and traditional man. He is self and his work although of all kinds.

"Friends of mine who live up at the border," he says, "were harassed and had their hair long and don't work."

Hartford was born in Vermont to the core.

"I WAS BORN HERE" is a physician, teacher and a New York hospital. He and mother returned to the area around 1950.

His mother played piano. Johnny inherited her talent.

His first instrument was a banjo. He bought himself a banjo in a store and he played it himself.

He went to Washington to get an art scholarship. He did a variety of jobs while he was there. He eventually reached a sideman and then his own music.

"In all those years, I never wanted to give me advice or give any. Anyway, I'm more hip than I am."

"I wouldn't necessarily because for many of us, we should make a decision."





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Episcopal Church

July 1st - 1915
Sunday 9:15 A.M.









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The Diocese of Long Island
Office of the Bishop

August 28, 1994

To the Rector and Members of
Christ Church Parish, Babylon

My dear Friends:

The 125th Anniversary of the organization of Christ Church Parish in Babylon is rightly a reason for rejoicing throughout the Diocese, as well as in the Parish itself. The Diocesan family rejoices with each congregation when its birthday is to be celebrated. As the Bishop, I write to extend the congratulations of your fellow churchmen in Long Island, as well as my own, upon this happy occasion.

One Hundred and Twenty-Five years are both a short and a long time - short in the light of the long life of the Church - long in the light of man's lifetime. When we think of the number of souls who have been baptized at Christ Church Parish in the course of One Hundred and Twenty-Five years; of the number who have been confirmed; who have received Holy Communion; who have been married before the Altar; who have gone on to their reward; in short, what Christ Church Parish has meant to our Lord Himself and to His faithful people for One Hundred and Twenty-Five years, we must rejoice and be glad.

May God continue to bless you all as you serve in the name of our Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Orris G. Walker, Jr.
Bishop of Long Island

OGW:sw

The Right Reverend Orris G. Walker, Jr., D.Min., D.D., D.C.L.
36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530 516-248-4800 FAX: 516-248-1616



Dear Parish Members and Supporters of Christ Church,

It is, indeed, an honor to serve as Rector of Christ Church while the 125th Anniversary of its establishment is being celebrated. This is a milestone in the history of God's relationship with the people who are members now and those who so faithfully served the church throughout the years in addition to being a visible presence of Christ in the Village of Babylon.

The parish register contains records of your Baptisms, Confirmations and Weddings, as well as Funerals of family members who have died. This is also a record of the desire to have God be a part of the lives here at the Church.

I pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in the years to come as you have been guided in these past years. Those things you do in God's name to reach out and touch the less fortunate you come across will continue to have God's Blessings. You can accomplish greater things than you can imagine with God's help.

May each and every one of you continue to grow in God's love and be living witnesses to the good things the ministry of Christ Church will accomplish in the future.

Thank you all for your support of Christ Church's Ministry and may you always be blessed with God's richest blessings and do all things to his glory.

Faithfully,

Allison D. Spencer
Rector



The following is a list of rectors and priests-in-charge with their terms of service as nearly as can be ascertained:

The Rev. John R. Stanley-April, 1871 to June 1873.

The Rev. Frederick Brewerton Carter-September 1873, to April 1875.

The Rev. James O. Drumm-October, 1875, to October, 1877.

The Rev. John Milton Stevens-August, 1878 to June, 1880.

The Rev. Charles Brassington Mee-June, 1880, to July, 1881.

The Rev. Samuel Moran-November, 1881, to July, 1896.

The Rev. Isaac Newton Phelps-November, 1896 to March, 1897

The Rev. George Downing Sparks-June, 1897, to July, 1908.

The Rev. Edward Jones Burlingham-November, 1908 to July, 1934

The Rev. Cranston Brenton-October, 1934 to November, 1935.

The Rev. John Ellis Large-November, 1935, to October, 1936.

The Rev. Charles Townsend Knapp-January, 1937 to December, 1942.

The Rev. Charles Taylor-March, 1943, to May, 1944

The Rev. Lloyd M. Sommervill-October, 1944 to February, 1951.

The Rev. Robert J. Torrey-September, 1952 to 1981.

The Rev. Dr. Paul V. Marshall-June, 1982 to September, 1989.

The Rev. Allison D. Spencer-October, 1989 to the present.



Our Best Wishes to Christ Church as it celebrates one hundred and twenty five years of faithful service to God and to its Parish Families

Harry & Judy Kenny and our Family

Jo Ann Gail Kenny married Eugene T. Seiler,
Christ Church - June 24, 1972

Carolyn Ann Kenny married Gregory K. Carroll
Christ Church - September 3, 1977

Brian R. Kenny married Mary Gail McBride
Santa Barbara, California - June 22, 1986



Christ Church, Babylon, N. Y. A Brief Parish History

The history of Christ Church Parish as an organized corporation begins in 1869, but a search of the history of Huntington Township, of which Babylon formed a part until 1872, reveals that Episcopal services were held within the limits of the present Town of Babylon over a century earlier.

Christ Church Parish was started in the spring or early summer of 1869 and the congregation held its meetings on Sunday afternoons in the Methodist Church under the ministrations of the Rev. S. Stebbins Stocking, who was at that time Rector of Grace Church, South Oyster Bay, L.I. (now Massapequa).

On August 28, 1869, after due legal notice, the congregation met and organized a parish. Christ Church was consecrated by Bishop Littlejohn on July 3, 1871, the first church to be consecrated by him, and first to be consecrated in the Diocese of Long Island after its separation from New York. Christ Church Parish was admitted to the Diocese of Long Island in 1874.

In 1877 services in the newly erected Baptist Church on Main Street and Carll Avenue. In 1889 a chapel was selected on George Street, Babylon.

In August 1911, the vestry purchased a plot on the west side of North Carll Avenue, Babylon. In August 1912, the George Street Chapel was moved to the North Carll site.

On July 19, 1930, the Vestry took title to a plot on the south-east corner of Prospect Street at South Carll Avenue. An entirely new building was erected and opened for services in 1931. This was known as St. Anne's Chapel.

In 1954 the church was enlarged through a building program which increased the size of the Nave (by adding the "annex") and added the sacristy, our weekday chapel, the parish offices, the square hall, and the present kitchen. On September 7, 1960 the Babylon church as it now exists was consecrated by the Right Reverend Jonathan Sherman. In 1963 the present reredos was installed behind the altar, classrooms were built in the basement, and the entire church was redecorated.



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The United Methodist Church

21 James Street at Deer Park Avenue
Babylon, New York 11702

David James Randolph, Senior Minister
Carol O'Hanlon, Associate Minister

Dear Friend,

The people who are pictured here will be guiding the Babylon United Methodist Church through the "Decade of Destiny" of the 1990s toward the 21st Century.

Our church has a distinguished history and a promising future. This church is a vital, caring, serving, and witnessing Christian community. There are many strengths expressed through vibrant worship, loving care for one another, and outreach to the community and to the world. It is supported by many gifted people who share their talents, their time, their prayers, their presence, their gifts, and their services. You will find many of them pictured in this directory.

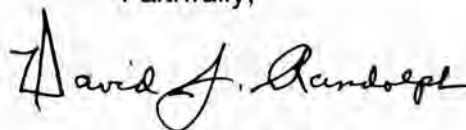
We want to become new people for a new age. Our mission is to be God's people gathered in Babylon and centered in Christ to celebrate, to share, to grow, and to care. We seek these goals:

1. To achieve greater membership and joyful church-wide involvement.
2. To fulfill the church's financial commitment and to provide information concerning the needs and status of the finances of our church.
3. To use and appreciate our skills and talents in service to our church.
4. To establish a congregational data bank which will enable the generation of a church directory and provide a quick response support system for the congregation.
5. To open communication via thought, word, and deed from all the peoples of our church.
6. To strengthen and enlarge our Educational Program.
7. To expand our Mission in the community and the world.

Every local church is called to be a center of the new age. We are called to gather up all we have learned and to march toward the God who comes to us out of the future. God is love and as we draw closer to God that love will enlighten us and all the world.

Every person is called to participate in the new age. Brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers, let us commit ourselves anew. I greet you, whatever your age, as a child of the dawn!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David J. Randolph". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Faithfully,".

David J. Randolph
Senior Minister



Dr. David James Randolph
Senior Minister



Rev. Carol O'Hanlon
Associate Minister



Sharon Bauer
Office
Administrator



Cornelius O'Connell
Organist
Choir Director



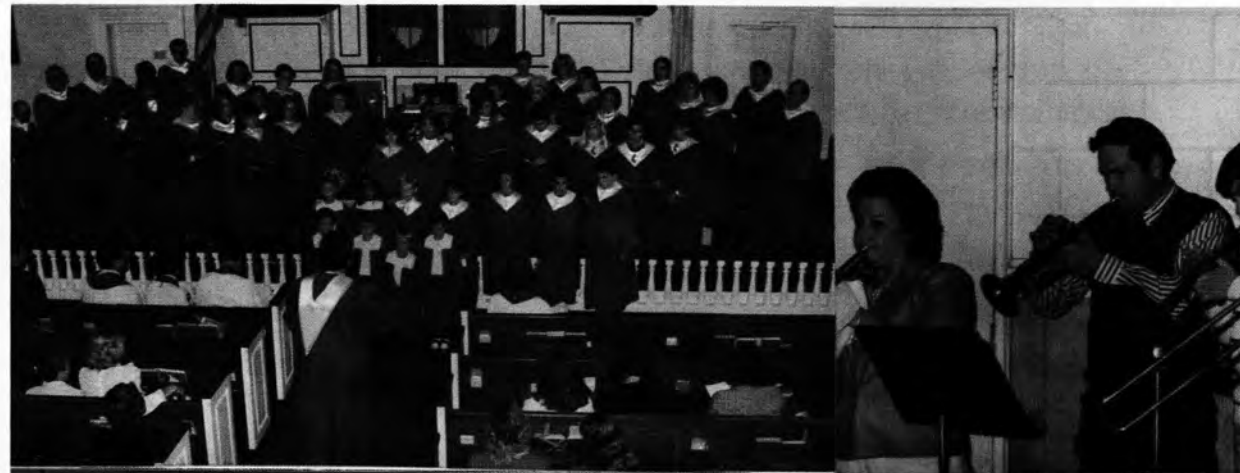
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Nursery School
Administrator

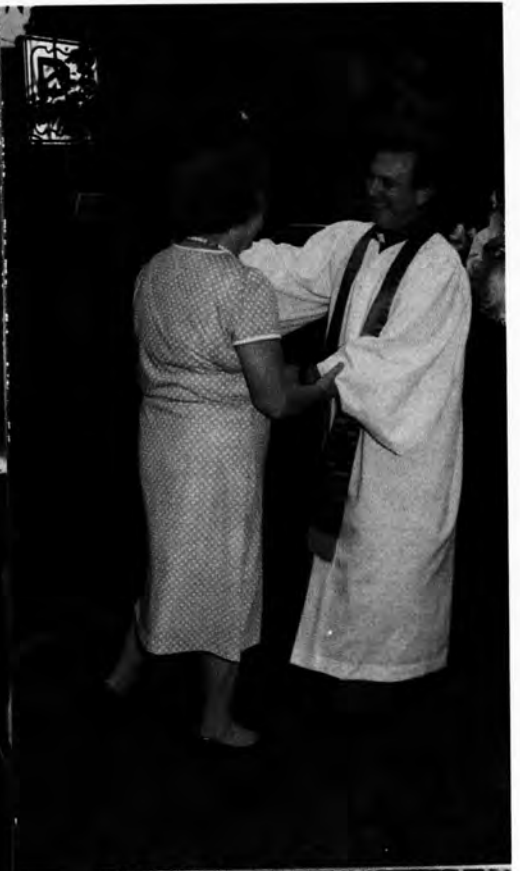


Dorothy Morris
Assistant Choir Director



Judith Roman
Assistant Choir Director









*The
Families of
the
Congregation*



Dorothy Ainslie



Carol Aitken



Elizabeth Aitken



John & Judy Barry,
Gregory & Stephanie



Peter & Ellen Batty,
Tori, Jennifer, Peter & Nicky



John & Sharon Bauer,
Casey, Kimberly & Craig



Ruth Albin



Stewart & Ruth Aldrich



Robert & Laura Almond
& Christopher



Josephine Bernholz



Thomas & Diana Berry,
Kevin & Jason



Arthur & Marilyn Bichsel



James & Judy Amato
& Joseph



Thomas & Marion Anderson



Syd & Gail Askoff



Willard & Marjorie Blaskopf
& Barbara



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Win & David



Eleanor Bonner



Barbara Atchison



Spike & Lauren Atchison,
Bethany & Timothy



Frances Bailey
& Miriam Darrell



Evelyn Bradden



Christian & Mary Brodersen
& Christian



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Jake & Jaime



Marion Banks



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Douglas & David



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& Family



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Joseph & Jessica



Herbert & Eleanor Bruhl



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Ross & Sandy



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Heather, Geoffrey & Betsy



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Michelle, Tina & Carla



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& Kyle



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Katherine Case



Lisa Centabar
& Thomas & Casey Cyr



Don & Sandy D'Alma



Ravi & Christina Dandapani,
Monica, Nikhil & Sheela



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William, Douglas, Robert & Sean



Margaret Centabar



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Peter & Steven



Lance & Barbara Christensen
& Chelsea



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& Glenn



Richard De Luna



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& Family



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Marilyn Dollaghan



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Jaimie & Christy



Chuck & Janet Ferris
& Charles



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Amanda & Darrian



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Robert & Lynn Dunlop,
R. Kyle & Andrew



Robert & Margaret Dunlop



Michael & Debra Jean Fischer



Robert & Ann Fisher



Kathleen Flannery



Darrin & Rosemary Dunn
& Jessica



Donald & Lorraine Dunn



Theodore & Norma Dzus



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Lawrence & Sara



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Jessica & Matthew



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Susan, Beverly & Joyce



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Gail, Robert & J. Ellen



William & Elaine Harbert
& William



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& Kevin



Nancy Hefter,
Sharon & Douglas



Edward & Christine Gottesman,
Mary & Matthew



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Duane & Jill Green,
Leslie & Mark



Ethel Heyland



Mikel & Lisa Hoffman,
Elizabeth & Mikel Thomas



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Shannon, Amy & Kelly



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Laura, Michael & Matthew



William & Joan Holmes



John & Mildred Holt



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George & Carolyn



Elke Grusel



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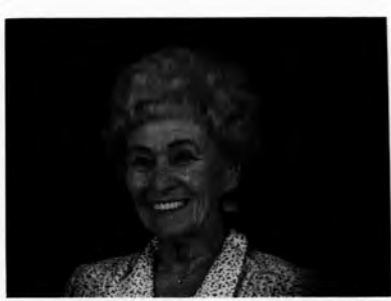
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& Douglas



Scott & Kelly Lockwood
& Justin



William & Patricia Lockwood



Bruce & Donna Lorenz,
Dawn & Ryan



Eric & Julie Kozerski,
Jaime & Eric



Raymond & Mary Ann Krumenacker
& Family



Ann Kubik



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Hazel Ludwig



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& Michelle Giani



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John, Jr. & Melanie



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& Audra



Lori Maier



Florence Mapes



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Jane McKeown



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& Amanda



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William & Michele



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Jason & Peter



Brenda Moody



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Krista & Alyssa



Laura O'Brien
& Kevin



Neil & Meg O'Connell,
Michael, Kathleen & Timothy



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& Arthur



Mildred Moring



Andrew & Deborah Morris,
Christopher, Timothy & Katherine



Dorothy Morris



Marie Owens



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Joseph, II & Nicole



Frances Pasch



Kathleen Morris
& Family



James & Inamay Mulvey



June Munker



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T. J., Jessica & Tara



C. Burton & Lillian Pierce



Peter & Nadia Plas



John & Lauraine Nash



Elvira Navas



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Kathryn, Jennifer & Robert



Frank & Nancy Polizzotto
& Family



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& Robin



David Randolph



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Melvin & Lorraine Ratcliff



Donald & June Salerno
& Robert



Dorothy Sceppa



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Keryn & Ryan



Lance & Donna Reinheimer,
Evan & Emily



Doris Richter



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Gene & Gail Schwarz,
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Earnie & Laurie Seibert,
Erica, Melissa, Mark & Katelyn



Elmer & Joan Sentf



Joseph & Linda Rivera,
Scott & Julie



Carol Roberts,
Scott & Robin



Julius & Mary Roll



Walter & Rosemarie Skuggevig
& Karl



Earle Smith



Sally Smith,
Tom & Jay



Judy Roman



Stephanie Roman



Harry & Mary Royle,
Michael, Paul & Daniel



William & Jeannette Smith



Arthur Spielmann



Gladys Spielmann



Philip Rubacho
& Family



Douglas & Kathy Ruge
& Nicholas



Richard & Irene Ruge



Frank & Diane Stankiewicz



Tom Stanley,
Alison & Maggie & Rory Finnerty



Bill & Beth Starke,
Russ, Tim & Andrew



Irma Starke



Edward & Denise Steinmacher
& Edward



Anthony & Dorothy Vitale,
Michael, Tony & Matthew



Beverly Vogel



Milton & Gladys Wallace



Ellsworth & Elizebeth Stephenson,
David & Scott



Linda Stetson



Sally Subject



Helen Walsh



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