



United Evangelical Church

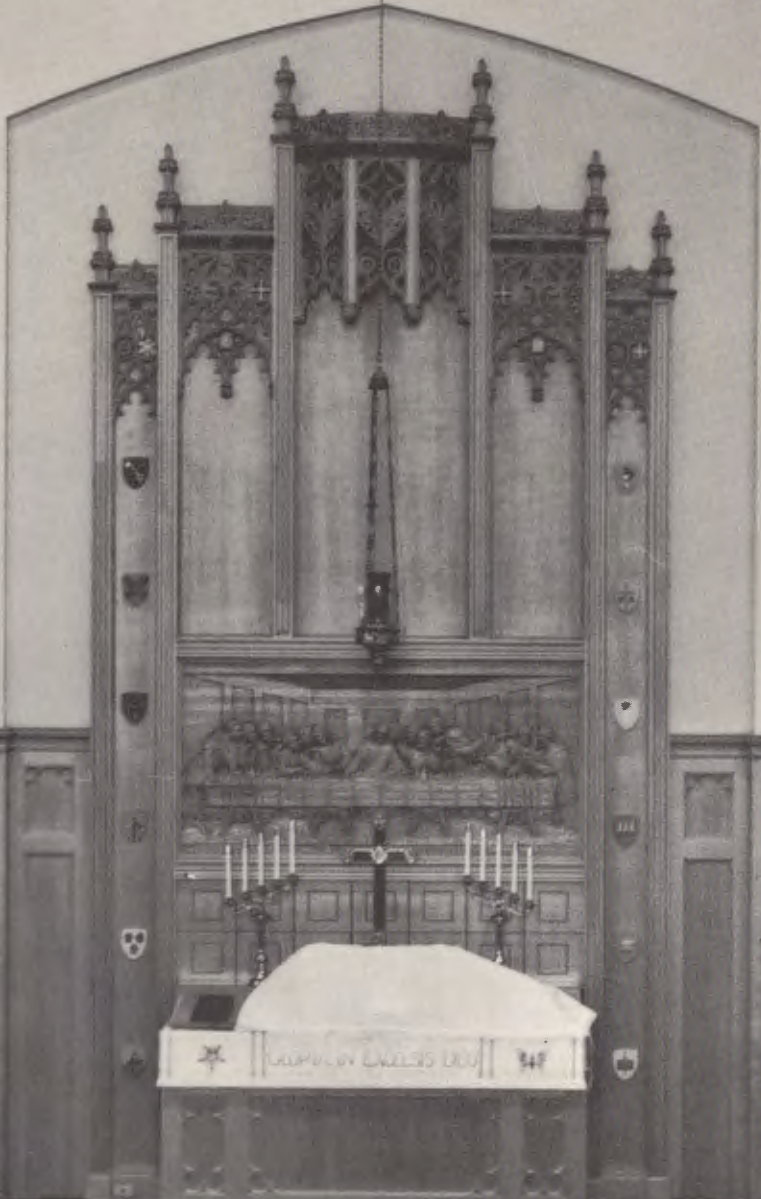
United Church of Christ

East Ave. and Dillon St.

Baltimore, Maryland

1873-1973

100th Anniversary



IN MEMORY OF
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Pastor and Mrs. Paul A. Rasche

Dedication

The Prophet Isaiah says (8 : 10), "Take counsel together.....for God is with us." The hymn writer, Isaac Watts, in the 18th century, put this and similar Biblical admonitions in that poem which was set to music and has become the well-beloved hymn, "Our God Our Help."

The opening words of this hymn-poem form the text of our dedication - "Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." It is unto God, the eternal Father, to whom we must give the praise and thanks for putting it into the hearts of the founders of our Church to establish a congregation of Christian worshippers here 100 years ago. It is unto God, the guide of life and faith, through Jesus our Lord, that we bow in gratitude for the watchfulness over our church family these past ten decades. As we celebrate this momentous anniversary, may we always be mindful that our glory be given unto our Triune God rather than to any accomplishment of man, though we are grateful for the contributions of thousands of parishioners and the five former pastors, all now departed this life, in time, love and money all these years to sustain the work of this church.

And finally, it is in this same glorious God the Father, His Son, Jesus and the ever-abiding Holy Spirit that our "hope for years to come" is grounded. We move into the future, the second 100 years, under the grace of God. And it is unto Him and through Him; our continued witness to His love and care for all mankind; that this volume is dedicated.

Pastor Paul A. Rasche

Historic Highlights Of United Evangelical Church

- 1873 Founded in September by Pastor Andrew Schwartz as Zion Evangelical Church, and later changed to German United Evangelical Church. Ladies' Aid Society organized the same year.
- 1873 October 19th the cornerstone for the new Church was laid at the Canton Market on account of rain.
- 1874 On April 12th the Church was dedicated.
- 1876 The Sunday School was organized, although a German day-school had been conducted before this.
- 1885 "Old Hall" was built after one-story building had been destroyed by fire as the fireman watched from across the street.
- 1889 Pastor Menzel called to minister to Church.
English confirmation instructions begun.
First Lenten Services conducted.
- 1896 Pastor Batz began his ministry of thirty years.
- 1898 First Parsonage built.
- 1904 Ground leased by the Church was bought.
- 1907 Founding of Evangelical League.
- 1915 Stained glass windows placed in Church.
- 1920 The "Lighted Tower" became evident over Canton.
- 1926 Pastor Schaefer called to minister at the Church.
- 1927 Officially joined the Evangelical Synod.
- 1928 Building Fund started.
- 1929 Deaconess elected.
- 1932 Loyalty Crusade, in which \$44,000 were pledged toward building.
- 1934 Pastor Lehmann assumed duties as minister.
- 1934 English morning service begun.
- 1935 First Daily Vacation Bible School undertaken.
- 1936 March 8th the ground was broken for the Church School building.
April 19th the cornerstone was laid.
November 8th the hall was dedicated.
- 1937 March-Cornerstone laying for parsonage, which was dedicated to its service on May 23rd. Buildings cost \$67,000 with equipment. A debt of \$25,000 was incurred at the completion of buildings. Paid off since 1938, mostly through free-mail offerings. Continued Building Fund toward a new Church. Now have about \$100,000 on hand. Word "German" dropped from Church name.
- 1941 Mrs. Charles Whittliff, as organist, with organization of various choirs.
- 1942 Dedicated new hymnals; new organ and choir robes on September 20th, making for a more worshipful service.
- 1943 Burn mortgage on October 24th at time of 70th anniversary.

- 1944 Young Women's Guild organized.
- 1945 United Men's Club organized.
- 1956 April, New church project began.
- 1957 United Church became a part of The United Church of Christ.
- 1957 Dec. 15th, new church dedicated.
- 1961 April 16th, burning of church mortgage.
- 1961 November, Pastor Paul A. Rasche installed as pastor of United Church.
- 1962 July, Pastor T. Lehmann fifty years service in ministry.
- 1963 Fire in church school building.
- 1964 Church School Building renovated, other renovations and repair work done.
- 1965 Extensive renovations of church school to be done by bond issue.
 Baby sitting begun for 10:15 service.
 Dr. T. Lehmann's association with United terminated as of November, 1965.
- 1966 June, Sunday school building rededicated.
- 1966 Dec., New organization known as Youth of United held its first meeting.
- 1967 Jan., Ecumenical services for Christian Unity Week with Roman Catholic Church.
- 1967 July, Pastor Ralph Weisser accepted call to United as visiting pastor.
- 1967 Teen night held with paid recreation counselor.
- 1967 October, Sewing group formed to meet on Tuesday mornings to make articles for needy and hospitals.
 United officially became member of Canton Christian Council.
- 1968 Jan., Dr. Ralph Weisser installed.
 New Windsor retreats held.
 Parsonage repainted.
- 1969 Girls to be admitted as Junior Council members.
- 1970 Confirmation presentation service from Sunday to Thursday.
 Confirmation instructions changed to 2 years for the course.
 Good Friday service eliminated.
- 1970 May, Amendment to by-laws concerning annual meeting. Meeting now to be held in January at which reports from all organizations are to be presented, and another congregational meeting to be held in November for election of church council members.
- 1970 June, Pastor Rasche celebrated 35th anniversary as ordained minister.
- 1970 First meeting scheduled to prepare for church's 100th anniversary.
 Vacation church school to be held in conjunction with St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church.
- 1971 Nov. 7 Pastor Weisser's final preaching service.
- 1972-1973 Preparations underway for 100th Anniversary of the Church.

List of Presidents

1873 William Zimmermann
1874 H.L. Boeschee
1875 Theodore E. Maasch
1876 Charles Keiner
1877 Unknown
1878 Unknown
1879 Henry Ritterbusch
1880 Henry Becker
1881 Henry Ritterbusch
1882 Henry Schludenburg
1883 Unknown
1884 Unknown
1885 Unknown
1886 Unknown
1887 Unknown
1888 Unknown
1889 Unknown
1890 Unknown
1891 Unknown
1892 Unknown
1893 Frederick Gross
1893 Ferdinand Neidermyer
1894 Unknown
1895 Unknown
1896 Frederick Gross
1897 Unknown
1898 Ferdinand Neidermeyer
1899 Henry Reifschneider
1900 George Helm
1901 August F. Weis
1902 Unknown
1903 Unknown
1904 Unknown
1905 Unknown

1906 Henry Schmeiser
1907 Unknown
1908 Henry Reifschneider
1909 Unknown
1910 Unknown
1911 Henry Schmeiser
1912 Unknown
1913 Frederick Duechler
1914 Unknown
1915 Philip G. Mueller
1916 Charles H. Betkey
1917 George W. Zirkler
1918 Unknown
1919 Adam Hertrich
1920 August Schmitz, Sr.
1921 John Boehm
1922 Frederick Scheufel
1923 Fred Scheufel
1924 George Zirkler
1925 Adam Trautner
1926 Adam Trautner
1927 Adam Trautner
1928 Adam Trautner
1929 Adam Trautner
1930 George Trautner
1931 George Zirkler
1932 Adam Trautner
1933 Adam Trautner
1934 Philip Mueller
1935 George Trautner
1936 George Trautner
1937 George Trautner
1938 George Trautner
1939 George Trautner

1940 George Trautner
1941 Louis Mueller
1942 Louis Mueller
1943 Louis Mueller
1944 Louis Mueller
1945 Louis Mueller
1946 Louis Mueller
1947 Fred Gross
1948 Fred Gross
1949 Fred Gross
1950 Louis Mueller
1951 Louis Mueller
1952 Louis Mueller
1953 Louis Mueller
1954 Fred Gross
1955 Fred Gross
1956 Fred Gross
1957 Fred Gross
1958 Fred Gross
1959 Fred Gross
1960 Albert Fader
1961 Albert Fader
1962 Albert Fader
1963 Albert Fader
1964 Fred Long
1965 Albert Fader
1966 Albert Fader
1967 Albert Fader
1968 Albert Fader
1969 Albert Fader
1970 Albert Fader
1971 Fred Long
1972 Arthur Block
1973 Arthur Block



Living Church Council Presidents



Church Council

Living Presidents

(l. to r.)
 Arthur Block
 Fred Gross
 Louis Mueller
 Fred Long
 J. Albert Fader
 (seated)
 Fred Scheufel

Present Church Council

(back row l. to r.)
 Louis Parker, Sr.
 Robert Logue, Sr.
 William Single, III
 William Voelker
 Ray Schmitt
 Fred Long
 Randy Schmitt
 (front row l. to r.)
 Ernest Jones
 William Bark, Jr.
 Arthur Block
 George Sauer
 George Tuerk, Jr.
 Louis Parker, Jr.
 (seated)
 Pastor Paul A. Rasche

The Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid Society was the first of the organizations to be formed. This was shortly after the church was organized. The same purpose is being exercised today as it has been over the years--to promote the welfare of the church and to offer the women a place where they may find fellowship and an opportunity to be of service to others, and to find spiritual inspiration.

Due to the loyalty and hard work of the ladies, many generous contributions have been made. This organization is particularly proud of "The Last Supper" which is part of the reredos paneling, and of the effective lantern-type lights in the sanctuary.

The society meets on the first Wednesday of each month for a luncheon meeting.

Officers

<i>President:</i>	Myrtle DeVaughn
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Hilda Schwamb
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Anna Laukeman
<i>Secretary:</i>	Emily Beckwith



Ladies Aid Society



Church Sunday School - Office Staff

Church School History

In 1876 the Church School was first organized. Destroyed by fire in March, 1885, a two story brick building was erected on the same site during that year.

Due to increasing enrollment, a larger building was needed. On November 8, 1936, the present Church School was dedicated.

When much of the exterior wall was destroyed by fire several years ago, the Church School was remodeled. Paneling was added to the stairway walls during the past year.

Throughout the years, the Church School has strived to create and sustain an interest in Christian education. The building of Christian character and a dedication to Christian ideals among the Church congregation from infancy thru adulthood has been our primary concern.

Officers

<i>Superintendent:</i>	Carol Rowell
<i>Assistant Superintendent:</i>	Carole Weidel
<i>Secretary:</i>	Robert Gundlach
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Martin Walsh
<i>Assistant Treasurer:</i>	Clarence Rowell

Cradle Roll Department

At the time of Baptism, infants' names are sent to the Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, after which a greeting card is sent. Every six months, another is sent, including birthday cards. After the third birthday, the card is turned over to the Superintendent of the Nursery Department. She then sends a card inviting the child to Sunday School. We have approximately 150 children on roll in this group. The Superintendent is Mrs. Linda Brunner.



Church Sunday School - Cradle Roll



Church Sunday School - Nursery Department



Church Sunday School - Kindergarten Department



Church Sunday School - Primary Department

Church Sunday School Lower Junior Department



Church Sunday School - Junior Department



Church Sunday School - Junior High Department





Church Sunday School - Men's Bible Class



Church Sunday School - Ladies Adult Class



**Church
Sunday School -
Middle &
Senior High
Department**

Choir

Our Senior Choir is a volunteer choir serving their church for many years. The personnel of the choir has changed many times as the years have gone by, but you can always find the faithful ones serving each Sunday.

Male singers are always needed, but there has always been poor responses to any requests for men. New members are always welcome.



Church Staff



Choir



Acolytes



Young Women's Guild



Codfish Men



United Men's Fellowship

Young Women's Guild

The Young Women's Guild was formed in March 1944 by fifteen young women to provide social fellowship for the younger women of the church and to promote fellowship to all. Later service projects were started, such as the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, visits to old age homes and the Lenten Food Sale. The Guild was able to purchase the carpeting for the church and the offices through two of its service projects, the Flea Mart and Lenten Sale profits.

The organization extends a welcome to all the women of the church. Join with us on the third Wednesday of the month.

Presidents 1944-1973

1944	Margaret Craig	1959	Lillian Single
1945	Virginia Gross	1960	Thelma Hoffman
1946	Bertha Will	1961	Dorothy Long
1947	Dorothy Long	1962	Dorothy Long
1948	Margaret Craig	1963	Esther Leader
1949	Virginia Gross	1964	Esther Leader
1950	Betty Disney	1965	Grace Fader
1951	Virginia LeBrun	1966	Grace Fader
1952	Virginia LeBrun	1967	Emma Koehler
1953	Grace Fader	1968	Emma Koehler
1954	Grace Fader	1969	Lois Duvall
1955	Eileen Lang	1970	Grace Fader
1956	Dorothy Long	1971	Grace Fader
1957	Dorothy Long	1972	Dorothy Long
1958	Virginia Gross	1973	Dorothy Long

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship is an informal gathering of the men of the church. They meet each month for fellowship, games and inspirational purposes.

Youth Group

The Youth Group of United Evangelical Church which began in November, 1971 with a group of 3 people now has an active membership of about 35 youth. This fellowship oriented group meets two to three times monthly on Sunday afternoons, having various activities such as bowling, roller skating, ice skating, picnicing and taking bus trips. The group also gets down to very serious matters in their business meetings such as planning for a Car Wash, a Youth Worship Service, a Spaghetti dinner, a Theater in the Round and many other projects to raise money. Much money was raised through the selling of fruitcakes and candy by Mrs. Roberta Jackson. The success of this group was brought about through the hard work of many youth and adults such as Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Block and Pastor Rasche.

The group invites all youth, teenage and above to become an active part in their fellowship. Many new friendships have been made through this group. The present officers for the 1973 term in the Youth Group are, Robert Gundlach, president; Miss LaRue Walton, vice president; Miss Janice Houck, secretary; and Miss Dee Dee Rohlfing, treasurer. Mr. Fred Long and Mr. Arthur Block are the adult advisors to the group.



Youth Fellowship

Tuesday Sewing Group

In October, 1967, the Tuesday Sewing Group was formed, under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Frink, for the purpose of providing sewing services to neighboring hospitals or institutions. The original group consisted of 12 members, and it now has a membership of 19 women. Our officers for 1973 are Mrs. M. Voelker, President; Mrs. Emma Koehler, Treasurer; Mrs. Edna Oberlander, Buyer.

Some of the articles made by this group are bed jackets, gowns and sacks for babies, receiving blankets, footies, towel bibs, dresses, and roll bandages. These articles have been distributed where needed to the American Leprosy Society, the Baltimore City Hospitals, and the Rosewood State Hospital.



Ladies Sewing Circle

The Last Supper Tableau

In the early fall of 1949, Rev. Lehmann called on Ann and Al Witzke to ask them if they would work on an idea he had thought of while he and Mrs. Lehmann were on vacation. They had visited a church in St. Louis and had attended a performance of "The Last Supper." The performance was in tableau form, and was presented by the men of the congregation. The church people had given Rev. Lehmann a copy of the life story of each disciple. With this information, Rev. Lehmann, Ann and Al Witzke put together the tableau which we now use.

This year of our 100th anniversary marks the 23rd year of this production by our men. Two performances had to be cancelled, one in 1955 due to the lack of men, and the other in 1968, due to the disturbances of the city (riots). Two performances were given in 1957, one in the church, and the other at the East Point Community Center on April 12, 1957.

The first performance given in the church was on Palm Sunday night, April 12, 1950, at 7:45 P.M., with the reunion of the confirmands of that year.

The first performance was given without the duet, which was added in 1954, and which was sung by Ann Lohrman and George Yurek.

We still have six of the men who started with the production, and enjoy portraying their original roles.

The narrator has changed six times, the voice three.

There is an overall feeling of sincerity between these men, who realize the reverence of the parts they are portraying.

Two of the men who are seldom seen are Marty Walsh and Al Fader. Marty assists in setting up the chancel, and Al takes care of the lights on the first floor.

New robes were purchased in 1971, which help to add to the beauty of the tableau. Ann Witzke takes care of the men's wardrobe, sees that they are properly robed, and at each performance supervises the setting of the chancel and acts as prompter during the performance of the tableau. The beards and wigs are applied by Al Witzke, who also attends to the lighting during the performance.



Tableau - Lord's Supper Pose



Tableau - Lord's Supper Cast

A few minutes before each performance, a brief meditation is held with the Pastor, as each man assumes his role.

One of the cloths used on the table was sent to Mrs. Lehmann by her son Ted, while he was serving in the Air Force during World War II. When Pastor and Mrs. Lehmann retired, they left the cloth to be used in future presentations of the tableau.

The present cast is as follows:

Directors:	Ann and Al Witzke
Narrator:	Randy Schmitt
Voice:	Richard Single
Duet:	Mrs. Martha Haas and Michael Knaub
	The Disciples
Andrew:	Fred Long*
Peter:	James Stinchcomb
Bartholomew:	Martin Haas*
James the Less:	Paul Bauersfeld*
Judas:	Frank Hutchinson*
John:	J. Edwin Myers*
Thomas:	Henry Smit
James the Great:	Charles Behnke*
Philip:	George Tuerk
Matthew:	John Bond
Thaddeus:	Paul Weidel
Simon:	William Single III

* From the original cast.

The following have taken part in the tableau in past performances.

Narrator:	Carl Schroeder, William Single, III, Richard Single, Marcus Strovel, William Brunner, Jr.
Voice:	George Yurek, Henry Smit
Duet:	Anna Lohrman, Margaret Brunner, George Yurek, Frank Whitmore, Henry Schlutter, Vernon Merritt, James Abbott, George Hallameyer, Joseph Organ
	The Disciples

Andrew:	William Single, Clarence Rowell
Peter:	Gilbert Felter, Max Hoffmann, J. Carl MacGeorge
Bartholomew:	John Bond
James the Less:	Paul Bauersfeld
Judas:	Albert Witzke
John:	William Raddatz
Thomas:	Henry Smit
James the Great:	William Raddatz
Philip:	Ernest Jones
Matthew:	Wilber Ermer
Thaddeus:	Henry Voelker, Frank Gray, Harry Bauersfeld, Edward Schwartz, Alfred Johnson
Simon:	Robert Willingham, Charles Norr

Paul Bauersfeld, who portrays James the Less, has never missed a performance, nor has he required a substitute.

The Boy Scouts

Troop 19 transferred from Calvary Methodist Church at East Avenue and Fleet Street on March 19, 1952, to our church, with Rev. Titus Lehmann signing for the Church and Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. serving as chairman for the Troop Committee.

Scout Masters were as follows:

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| Mr. William Fischer | 1952-1953 |
| Mr. Thomas Williams | 1954 |
| Mr. Howard Jenkins | 1955-1963 |
| Mr. Kenneth Luckhardt | 1964-present |

The Girl Scouts

The first time in 26 years of scouting in United Evangelical Church, we have 12 Cadettes going into Seniors this fall the new Senior troop will be at United E. Church starting this fall. A dinner will be given in their honor for first class the highest the girls can go. Most of these girls have been in scouting since the age of seven.



Scouts - Seniors



Scouts - Boy Scouts



Scouts - Cubs

Brownie Girl Scout Troop No. 736

Brownies were first organized in September 1947 by two members of the Young Women's Guild. Their original Troop number was 379 which was later changed to No. 736 when the troop re-registered in January 1966.

Brownie Scouts are 7 to 9 years of age and enjoy crafts, songs, games, ceremonies and trips.

Present leadership of this troop is Mrs. Verla Spence and Mrs. Anne Porter. Twenty-five girls are now part of this group.



Scouts - Brownies



Scouts - Juniors



Scouts - Cadets

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 694

Girl Scouts were started on September 22, 1947 by 5 members of the Young Women's Guild. The troop number at that time was No. 199 and girls were 10 to 14 years of age.

In 1952 this age group was split into two groups. Girls 9 to 12 years of age were now Junior Girl Scouts.

This troop was re-registered in October 1963 at which time they received their present number. These girls enjoy crafts, games, intertrooping, and camping activities. Present membership of this group is 30 girls. Present leaders are Mrs. Barbara Sullivan and Mrs. Jeanette Gillis.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 67

The Cadette Troop was started in December 1952 for girls ages 12 to 15. Prior to this, girls were part of the original Troop No. 199. Present membership of this group is 31 girls. They enjoy many activities such as intertrooping, community projects, camping, hiking and others too numerous to mention. Present leaders are Mrs. Irene McVickers, Mrs. Madelyn Morehead, Mrs. Mary Cooper and Mrs. Carole Lusk.



Confirmation Class of 1973



100th Anniversary Committee



**President Church Council
Arthur A. Block**

**General Chairman
J. Edwin Myers**

**Pastor
Paul A. Rasche**

100th Anniversary Committee

General Chairman, J. Edwin Myers

Program Chairman

Arthur A. Block
Louis J. Smith, *Honorary Chairman*
William Bark
George Pierce
Edward Davis
George Turek

Activity Chairman

Frederick Long
Anna Block
Albert Fader
Dorothy Long
Arthur A. Block
Grace Fader

Music

John Bankett, Jr., *Organist*
Pastor Paul A. Rasche
Louis Parker, Sr.

Speakers Chairman

William Bark
Pastor Paul A. Rasche

Youth Chairman

Ray F. Schmitt
Robert Gundlach
Randy J. Schmitt
Louis Parker, Jr.

Banquet Chairman

Dorothy Long
Mini Bark
Anna Block
Philip Hewitt
Evelyn Huber
William Koehler
Susan Long
Myrtle DeVaughn
Connie Hewitt
Charles Huber
Emma Koehler
Miriam Long
William Long

Decorations Chairman

Louis Parker, Sr.
John Lenning
George Sauer
Arlene Pate
Sadie Zinn

Budget Chairman

Ernest W. Jones

Fund Raising Chairman

J. Edwin Myers
Paul E. Bauersfeld
Anna Marie Hylock
Arthur A. Block

History Book Chairman

May Getz
Alberta Bauersfeld
Lillian Sauer
Carole Weidel
E. Louis Mueller
Marie Voelker
Albert Witzke

Confirmants Chairman

Albert Witzke
Florence Gundlach
Anna Witzke
Robert Gundlach

Exhibits Chairman

William Voelker
Joan Hoffmann
Ruth Voelker
William Hoffmann

Photography Chairman

Robert Logue

Publicity Chairman

William Single III
Randy J. Schmitt
Ray F. Schmitt

And In Conclusion

And so one hundred years have passed since that long ago day when our Church began. As we think of the countless people who have passed through its doors; of the many who called upon and received counsel and help from its pastors; of the babies baptized and the children confirmed; of the weddings performed; of the comfort and hope at the time of death; of the hard work performed and the good times enjoyed in its buildings, we say "Thank you, God" for all your help and blessings through this century of our Church's life. And as we look into the future we look to our God and Saviour to guide and direct us in the future as we have been guided and directed in the past.

*Lead us forth, a church united,
Strong, courageous in Thy might.
Lo, the fields are white with harvest,
Sheaves to garner in the night.*

*One in purpose, one our Leader,
Thus Thy Church shall never fail.
Lead us on, O King eternal,
So shall love, world-wide prevail.*

(From "Hymn to Joy")





REV. WILLIAM BATZ
1898-1926



REV. F.W. SCHAEFER
1926-1934



FIRST CHURCH & HALL



REV. PAUL A. MENZEL
1889-1896



REV. TITUS LEHMANN
1934-1961



PARSONAGE



SECOND CHURCH & HALL



REV. D.A. SCHWARTZ
1873-1889



TODAY



REV. PAUL A. RASCHE
1961-

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