

CELEBRATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 29

7:30 P. M. Service of Memory and Rededication

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 A. M. Reunion Communion Service

3:00 P. M. A Communion Service in the Holland Language

7:30 P. M. Historic Service, "Important Happenings of Forty Years"

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 P. M. Church Organization and Home Night Address, Rev. Richard Blocker

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

12:30 P. M. Ladies Missionary Historic Luncheon. Letters from former Presidents.

8:00 P. M. Reformed Church Night

With congregations of First and Second Re-

formed Churches, Rev. Garret Hondelink, Rev.

Martin Punt, Rev. Josiah Meulendyke as guests.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

6:30 P. M. Young People's C. E. Banquet

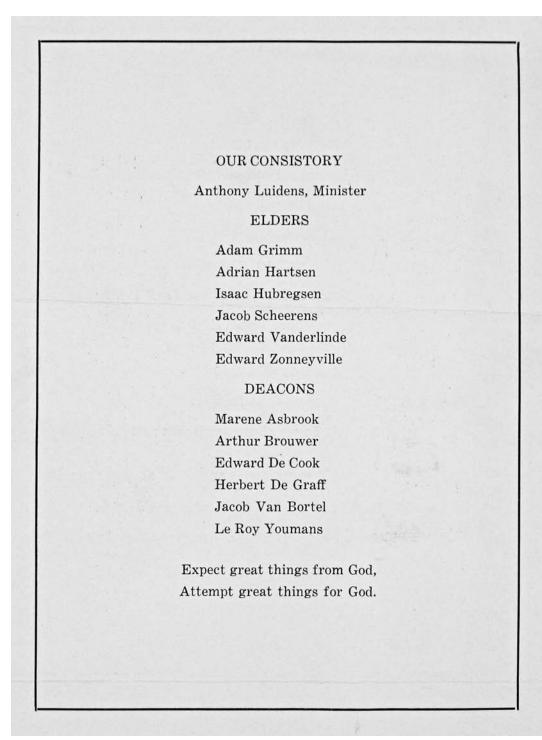
A Young People's Program for the years ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 P. M. Community Night with Members and Ministers

from local Churches as our guests and speakers.

"In Unity There is Strength"





These girls donned the costume of the Holland of their ancestors, in connection with the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Brighton Reformed Church. The majority of the members of the church are of Dutch descent.

1932 REFORMED Guinen will be devoted to the consideta-tion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the church which will be observed in June. The pioneer biographies of the Brighton colony are being gathered. Jacob Scheer-ens is chairman of the committee. He has working with him Edwin Vanderlinde, who will be the church's historian. With him will work Laurene De Hollander and Janna De Graff. Photographs are being gathered for a pictorial story by Mrs. Cjarkes Wahl and Mrs. John Johnville. The church so-clal rooms are to be given atwill be devoted to the consideracial rooms are to be given at-tention and to be redecorated be-fore the time of the celebration. Preparations are being made for a memorial communion June 5, com-munity gathering during the week, a young people's night of rededi cation, and an inter-congregational night in which the churches of the community will share community will share.

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Three Anniversa **Brighton Reformed Celebrates** Fortieth Year of Existence

Reunion Communion Announced for Tomor-row Morning—Sunday Night to Be De-voted to Historic Happenings—For-mer Pastors to Speak—Banquet

The Brighton Reformed Church, comer Arbordale Ave-nue and Blossom Road, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding and organization of the congregation June 5 to 12.

June 5 to 12. A reunion communica is planned for tomorrow morning when many early members of the church will attend. On Sunday atternoon the communica will be observed with to the second second second second Elders assisting in the second second the Peter Tierson, James DeGraff, Adrian Hartsen, Adam Grimm. "Historic Happenings of the last Forty Years" will be the topic of the sermon of Sunday slight by itser. A chorus choir will sing special selections under the direc-tion of Victor Pergrim and Max-well Chiley.

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Monroe to Send Marchers to State C.E. Convention

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Owasco, will be read and there will be an address by the Rev. John A. VanDyke, Marion. The lunch con arrangements are in charge of Mrs. A. Vandewalle, Mrs. J. Van

of Mrs. A. Vandewalls, Mrs. J. Van Geyten, Mrs. C. Yost. On Thursday at 8 o'clock Re-formed Church night will be ob-served with messages from the Rev. Garret Hondelink, the Rev. Martin Punt and the Rev. Josiah Meulendyke.

Young People Have Part Friday night the Young People Christian Endeavor Societies w

COMMITTEES

Mr. John Johnville

Mr. H. Maxwell Ohley

Mr. Jacob Scheerens Miss Janna De Graff Mr. Carl Pearson Miss Virginia Bradshaw Mr. John Olyslager

Mrs. Edw. DeCook Mrs. John Zonnevylle Mrs. Walter Lepsch Mrs. Carl Pearson Mr. Jacob DeVuyst

Miss Sarah Cambier Miss Grace DeCook Mrs. I. Hubregsen Mrs. H. De Roo

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FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH



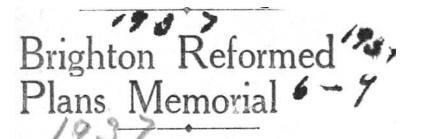
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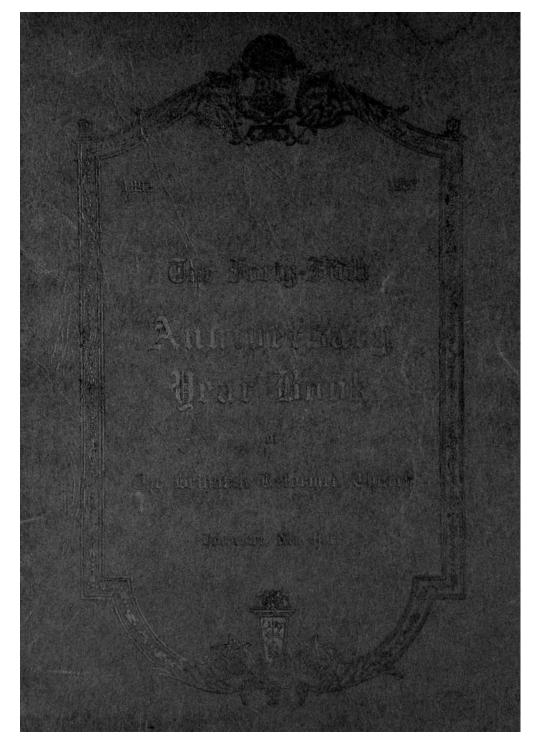
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| Fruit Cup | Invocation Senior Elder, Mr. A Hartsen |
| Creamed chicken on buscuit mashed potatoes | The Anniversary Dinner Ladies of Spencer- Ripley M. E. Church |
| vegetable | Musical Interludes |
| salad rolls | Song Leader Rev. John A. Morgan Accompanist H. Maxwell Ohley |
| pickles | Presentation of Guests |
| ice cream cake | Our Forty-fifth Anniversary Year Book Mr. Jacob Scheerens |
| coffee | Selections The Arion Singers |
| | "The Brighton Reformed Church of the Future" Mr. Edw. Vanderlinde |
| \bigcirc | "Forward, in a United Phalanx, for a new Christian Advance" Dr. C. Franklin Ward, Executive Secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester |
| | Our Hymn in Parting "Blest be the tie that binds" |
| | Benediction Rev. Richard Blocker Owasco, N. Y. |



Memorial Day will be observed at 7:30 p.m. with a worship service in Brighton Reformed Church tomorrow. The members of the congregation will stand in accordance with church custom, while the names of the deceased members of the past 45 years are read. The postor, the Rev. Anthony Luidens, will speak on "The Invisible Witnesses."

The service is a part of the 45th anniversary observance of the church. A week of special programs will be conducted the week of June 6, continuing through June 13.

Surviving members of the charter group are Mrs. Jacob De-Graff, Peter De Cook, Mrs. Peter Andriesen, Mrs. Libby De Back, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vande Broecke, John Allbright and Adrian Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian J. Hartsen are the only couple now living who were married by the Rev. John Van Westenburg, first minister of Brighton Reformed Church.



The Forty-fifth Anniversary YEAR BOOK

A Family Church

REVEREND ANTHONY LUIDENS, M.Th., Minister Parsonage, 219 Arbordale Avenue

The Brighton Reformed Church

Arbordale Avenue and Blossom Road

Rochester,

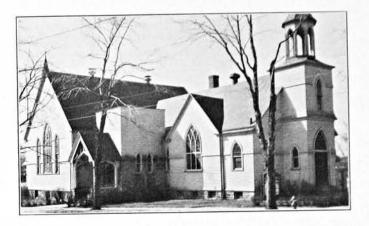
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Dedication



We unreservedly dedicate this anniversary book to the Reverend Anthony Luidens, who has so untiringly served God and man in this community during these trying years: and to his beloved wife. Mrs. Mae Luidens, for her loyal, patient and understanding support and cooperation.



The Brighton Reformed Church Stands at the Eastern Gateway to the City of Rochester

As the most easterly church in the city of Rochester, the Brighton Reformed Church extends a welcome to all. Its location is historic. Its site is only a short distance from Indian Landing Bluff, the meeting place of traffic for all points of the compass for almost a century. This bluff rises sheer from the Irondequoit Creek which opens into Lake Ontario. Before the coming of traders and settlers this same gateway opened into the trails of the ancient Iroquois Confederacy. To the north of Indian Landing and in the bounds of the parish of Brighton Reformed Church is the lost city of Tryon. Farther north on the bluff are the ruins of Schuyler Fort. Through this area first came LaSalle, the Jesuit missionaries, the New England circuit rider, and the adventurers who later founded the city of Rochester.

Into this territory the Hollander came in the middle decades of the past century. Many of their small estates have since been bought up and are being converted into Ellison Park, one of Monroe County's most scenic parks and a most popular family playground.

Brighton Reformed Church is favored by the close proximity of this glacier-created park with its unusual beauty and coolness in summer and its challenging hills for skiing, coasting and tobogganing in winter. It is already the summer playground of more than a score of church organizations. With the nearness of Ellison Park to the church and the beauties of Browncroft in the immediate vicinity, Brighton Reformed Church is in a position to call itself "beautiful for situation."

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How the Brighton Reformed Church Was Started

Immigrants from Europe kept coming into Rochester in a steady stream from the middle of the 19th century. By 1890 it was reported that there were 5,000 immigrants from the Netherlands residing in Rochester. Rev. Peter DeBruyn, for 17 years minister of the First Reformed Church, saw clearly that a new church was needed in the Eastern part of the city. Five miles of walking was a handicap to test the faithfulness of many. It was easy to attend a church of another denomination already thriving in the Brighton community. Unless a new congregation was started, a large group of Reformed Church people would be lost to the denomination. As one of the closing acts of his ministry. Dominie DeBruyn helped to organize these worshippers into groups, first in homes, later in store buildings, and last of all in a new chapel which was built at a cost of \$3,100, the funds being contributed by the First Reformed Church and people living in Brighton. The April report of 1892 from the consistory of the First Reformed Church includes the story of the completion of the chapel at Brighton.

At a special meeting of Classis, convening at Palmyra, on May 3, 1892, with Rev. John Van-Westenburg, minister at Pultneyville, president of Classis, the petition of 70 people desiring to establish a Reformed Church at Brighton was heard and granted. A committee composed of the Reverends S. A. Schilstra, John VanWestenburg, and Marinus VanDoorn and Elders M. VandeBerg and J. VanHouten, was appointed to complete the organization of this new church. The date set by Classis for the organization of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Brighton, New York, was June 9, 1892, at which time 55 men and women became charter members. Classical preaching supplies were granted and the congregation was recommended for aid to the Board of Domestic Missions.

Thus the Brighton Reformed Church came into being.

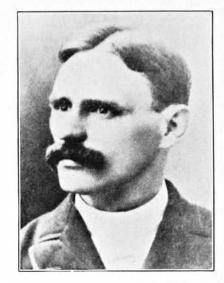
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Charter Members of Brighton Reformed Church

1. Mr. Jacob Albright 2. Mrs. Jacob Albright 3. Mr. Abram Baart 4. Mrs. Abram Baart 5. Mr. Peter Beune 6. Mr. Josias DeBack 7. Miss Elizabeth DeBack 8. Mr. Paul DeBack 9. Mr. Abram Cambier, Sr. 10. Mr. Abram De Potter 11. Mrs. Abram De Potter 12. Mr. Isaac De Roo 13. Mrs. Isaac De Roo 14. Mr. Jacob De Hollander 15. Mrs. Jacob De Hollander 16. Mrs. John De Cook, Sr. 17. Mr. Peter De Cook 18. Mrs. Peter De Cook 19. Mr. Jacob De Cook 20. Mrs. Jacob De Cook 21. Mr. Adrian De Mey 22. Mrs. Adrian De Mey 23. Mrs. Isaac De Mallie 24. Mr. Isaac De Mallie 25. Mr. John Faas 26. Mrs. John Faas 27. Mr. Rokus Hallings

28. Mr. Leonard Johnson 29. Mrs. Leonard Johnson 30. Mr. Peter LeRoy 31. Mrs. Peter LeRoy 32. Mr. Wm. H. Rowerdink 33. Mrs. Wm. H. Rowerdink 34. Mr. Adrian VandenBroecke 35. Mrs. Adrian VandenBroecke 36. Mr. Jacob VandenBroecke 37. Mrs. Jacob VandenBroecke 38. Mr. Jacob Van Eeden 39. Mrs. Jacob Van Eeden 40. Mr. John VandeWalle 41. Mrs. John VandeWalle 42. Mr. Jacob Van Bortel 43. Mrs. Jacob Van Bortel 44. Mrs. James LeRoy 45. Mr. John Vanderlinde 46. Mrs. John Vanderlinde 47. Mr. Adrian Versluis 48. Mrs. Adrian Versluis 49. Mr. John W. Willink, Sr. 50. Mrs. John W. Willink, Sr. 51. Mr. Marinus Asbroeck, Sr. 52. Mrs. Marinus Asbroeck, Sr. 53. Mr. Isaac Zonneville, Sr. 54. Mrs. Isaac Zonneville, Sr. 55. Mr. Peter VerMeulen

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Reverend John Van Westenburg

The Rev. John Van Westenburg was the first minister of our church. He was born at Brouwerschaven, the Netherlands, on Christmas Day, 1866. He was graduated from Hope College, Holland, Michigan, in 1888, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1891. His first pastorate was at Pultneyville, N. Y., and from there he came to Brighton, where he was installed by the Classis of Rochester on September 22, 1892. Those sharing the service of installation were, the Reverends Lubach, Peter Ihrman, S. A. Schilstra and John Boehrer.

The church was organized on June 9, 1892, by Classis and on June 14, the first congregational meeting was held. J. B. Pike was chosen chairman, A consistory of four members was elected. They were Elders John H. Willink and Wm. H. Rowerdink; and Deacons Rokus Hallings and Isaac De-Mallie. With a change in consistory, the names of the following appear in 1893: Rokus Hallings and John B. Pike, elders; and deacons, William Willink and Jacob Albright.

A congregational meeting was called again on June 23, 1892, with the purpose of selecting a minister. It will be interesting to know that Dominie Van Westenburg was elected by woman suffrage. By a vote of fourteen to nine, women were given the privilege to vote for a minister. How well the women accepted this suffrage power is seen when we read that forty-four ballots were cast for the Rev. John Van Westenburg of Pultneyville, N. Y.

The Brighton Reformed Church prospered under its first pastor. The reports to Classis show great activity. In 1893, the report shows 103 members. The statistics for 1893-94 show a membership increase of 38 by confession and 67 by certificate from other churches. This is the largest annual increase in membership in the church's history.

A Christian Endeavor society was organized, the Sunday school was developed, the church debt was reduced to almost nothing by 1894. The chapel became too small for the congregation. An application was made to the Classis for aid from the Board of Domestic Missions to the amount of \$4,500 for a new church building. This was approved by Classis. The Ladies' Missionary Society was organized on February 2, 1893, and is mentioned in the Classis report of 1894 as "doing much good."

A special meeting of Classis was called in December of 1896 to dissolve the pastoral relationships of the first minister and the Brighton congregation. The minutes of Classis read, "The Reverend Schilstra presented a communication from the consistory of the church at Brighton, being an application for the dissolution of pastoral relations between the church of Brighton and the Reverend J. Van Westenburg."

As Dominie Van Westenburg rests from his labors at his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, our heartfelt thanks, Christian love, and grateful esteem go out to him in his blindness. We hope that a little of the brightness of our gratitude shall shine into his darkness. We rejoice in his radiant testimony that "at evening time it is light."



Reverend D. Lawrence Betten

The minutes of the Classis of Rochester contain the following item in a meeting of September 10, 1897: "On request of the church at Brighton it was moved and carried that arrangements for the installation of the Rev. D. Lawrence Retten be left with the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Martin Ossewarde. At a subsequent meeting in the Second Reformed Church, Rochester, Dominie Betten's letter of transfer from the Classis of Paramus was presented and Classis moved to accept it."

Our second minister was a son of one of the prominent pioneers of the middle of the 19th century. His grandfather was Rev. Antonie Betten, born at Utrecht, Netherlands, in 1813, and a prime mover in the great tide of immigration in the United States. He was closely associated with Reverends Van Raalte, Scholte and others.

Our own D. Lawrence Betten was born at Pella, Iowa, in 1869, and was graduated from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1894. H came to us after serving the First Holland Church of Paterson, from 1894 to 1897.

Dominie Betten brought to our church a trained mind, an accuracy of records and accounting, and thoroughness of business management, which our congregation needed. He extended widely the community relationships of our congregation.

The use of the new parsonage at 246 Winton Road North comes into the story of the church under Mr. Betten's ministry. Elders J. B. Pike, Wm. H. Rowerdink, and Isaac De Mallie, of their own volition, built a parsonage for which they jointly paid \$3,500. After renting this to the congregation until 1904, they sold it to the congregation for \$2,500. It was generosity of this kind that made possible the building operations of these early years.

While the new church building was completed in October of 1896, before the arrival of Dominie Betten, it was left to the new minister to reconstruct the old church for Sunday school, social, and chapel purposes. This was done and all bills were paid with a surplus in the treasury.

Many other minor improvements were made during Dominie Betten's pastorate. A cement walk was laid on the Blossom Road side. Water was supplied to the parsonage by the Ontario Water Co. The church was repainted in the year 1905. The women carpeted the church in the same year. Electric lights were installed in 1907. The church was declared self-supporting by the Classis in 1907. The properties were left in good repair. The records of the church which had been destroyed by fire were restored as well as possible by Dominie Betten. His ministry was characterized by zeal and thoroughness and breadth of outlook.

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Reverend Andrew Stegenga

1911-1918

The Rev. Andrew Stegenga is known as the "World War Minister" of our congregation. His many contacts with families in fear, distress, and hysteria during these war years made his ministry one of personal relationships.

His ministry was spent during the period of internal struggle within our church centering around the language problem. Should the congregation leave the Holland language for the English of the coming generation? Such struggle is always accompanied by personal disturbances in a church. Pastor Stegenga's ministry was a ministry of reconciliation.

For this task of reconciliation he was singularly well prepared. He was born at North Holland, Michigan, in 1881. His early years were spent in a bi-lingual congregation. He graduated from Hope College in 1906. His studies at the Western Theological Seminary equipped him for churches with Dutch constituencies and young people awaking to the needs of the new generation.

Pastor Stegenga's ministry to the men of the church was a rich one. He taught one of the largest men's Bible classes Brighton has known. Many of these men have subsequently become officers and leaders of the congregation.

He was greatly assisted in his work by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Stegenga, whose help at the organ and in the leadership of the women's organizations was a source of constant enrichment to the life of the church. Their comradeship in the work, not always permitted to a minister's wife because of illness or family cares, was richly possible and fruitful in the ministry of this undershepherd.

The names of young men who went into the World War from our congregation have been inscribed in an honor roll that adorns the walls of the church. They are here affectionately printed with appreciation of Pastor Stegenga, whose personal friendship, understanding and strength helped to sustain anxious hearts and troubled souls in those months and years of trial. The names of the Honor Roll follow:

John Anderson Edward Chambery Jacob DeBrine Peter DeBrine Charles DeHollander John DeRoo George DeRooHoward MinkAnthony DeDie, Jr.Cornelius OldersteinAbram deWitteGeorge A. RappAbraham GhyzellHenry TalliePeter GhyzellPeter WatermeulenJacob JohnvilleClarence Willink

Edward Zonnevylle *Edward Bowman *Isaac Tierson *Isaac Scheerens *Michael Vanderzell



Reverend Henry C. Jacobs

The ministry of Rev. Henry C. Jacobs was one of great activity. The post-war prosperity made church improvements financially possible. Many new homes were built during this period. The truck gardens and small farms were converted into building lots. A suburban community life developed. Large tracts of land were incorporated into the city of Rochester. Thus Brighton Reformed became a church of the city of Rochester.

The bi-lingual question was settled by Minister Jacobs and his consistory. The use of the Holland language was discontinued. A Young Women's Missionary Society called the Far and Near Circle was started. The Daily Vacation Bible School was admitted into our church following the request of the Rochester Council of Religious Education. The week-day school of Christian instruction for children from School 28 was begun. The Community Circle, an affiliate with Brighton Reformed, yet not a church organization, was begun. The Christian Endeavor was revived and brought to new power. Two older classes of women were combined into the Ladies' Bible Class, in 1920, with Miss Sarah Cambier as their first president. Relations with the Federation of Churches were promoted. New organizational and congregational spirit arose.

A building and improvement wave swept over the church during this period. From 1920 through 1924 the church basement was dug and completed. This gave much-needed new classroom space.

A new Moller organ was purchased at the cost of \$4,225. More than \$3,000 was paid on this in the first year. It was dedicated on April, 1920. The committee in charge was Isaac De Wolf, William Vanderzelle, and James De Graff.

A memorial church bulletin board was presented to the church in February, 1922, to commemorate the death of Isaac Tierson, Isaac Scheerens, and Michael Vanderzelle.

In 1925, it was voted to improve the church lawns. The grounds were landscaped and planted at a cost of \$99.35. This beautification with shrubs and trees added much to the attractiveness of our church property.

Mr. Jacobs also was active in the city and classical work. His leadership of the cause of the Ministerial Pension Fund in our Classis was strong and able.

Mr. Jacobs' family life, with its three children, was typical of the family life of preceding ministers. The parsonage on Winton Road was a constant center of contact and social fellowship.

His removal to serve the Second Reformed Church at Pella, Iowa, was doubly attractive. It brought him nearer Alton, Iowa, his own birthplace, and early home. It gave him the enriching comradeship of teachers and professors in Central College. Intense activity in the Brighton Church, he felt, should now be supplemented by a period of mental and spiritual enrichment offered through life in a college community.

During Mr. Jacobs' ministry, Brighton Reformed became a community institution.

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Reverend Richard J. Blocker

Rev. Richard J. Blocker was called to the Brighton Reformed Church from the church at to, New York, made famous as the birthplace of Guido Fridolin Verbeck, missionary to Japan

Owasco, New York, made famous as the birthplace of Guido Fridolin Verbeck, missionary to Japan and an honored educator in the service of the Imperial Government in educational, translation, and advisory work. While Pastor Blocker's ministry in Brighton Reformed was brief, he left certain indelible impressions. As a student of theology, a preacher of Scriptural insight, an advocate of the religious instruction of children, a genial comrade with men of all classes, and a congenial friend of young people, he won an immediate place in the affection of the Brighton Reformed congregation.

It may be said with freedom from self-praise that the Brighton Reformed Church has invariably sought to make the life of its ministers and their families pleasant and "at home in Brighton." However, due to the insistent plea of the former church at Owasco for his return and his own personal feeling that his work there was not completed, Mr. Blocker asked for release from the pastoral relationship at Brighton in 1929.

At the 40th anniversary service of the founding of this church, this youthful leader said: "The Fountain of Youth is ever the object of our search. We are afraid of growing old. The aim of every true church is to lead people to Jesus Christ, the Source of the water of life. For forty years the people of this congregation have turned hither for refreshment and spiritual-stimulus. Jesus Christ, the Fountain of Life Eternal, will never fail. All our springs of energy and power are in Him. The Christian Church is the Visible Outlet of Christ's spirit. As fountains are made beautiful by light playing upon them, so may ever the light of Faith, Hope, and Love fill the outflowing devotions and services of this church with their heavenly beauty until all about us shall exclaim, 'With Thee are the Fountains of life and at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.'"

It is a real pleasure to know that Pastor and Mrs. Blocker live not far away and that from time to time they and their two children visit us and still feel there is "the tie that binds."

During the vacancy period, May, 1929 to March, 1930, the activities of the church were ably carried on under the leadership of our senior elder, Mr. Adrian J. Hartsen.

In addition to the discharge of their regular duties, the members of the consistory resolved that the next pastor of the church should be housed in a new parsonage, modernly equipped and located in more pleasant surroundings.

With this in mind, committees were appointed to select and purchase a site; to confer with architects, and to raise the necessary funds.

The result is the delightfully pleasant new parsonage, of early Colonial design, at 219 Arbordale Avenue, in the beautiful Browncroft residential section.

Reverend Anthony Luidens

The recorded history on the preceding pages covers our existence for the first 38 years, from 1892 to the spring of 1930, when, after a vacancy of ten months, the untiring efforts of the Consistory, together with the patience of the congregation, were duly rewarded by the acceptance of the call extended to the Rev. Anthony Luidens of the Reformed Church at Highland Park, N. J.

Early in March of 1930, our present pastor and his family, Mrs. May Luidens and their son Edwin, arrived. Their furniture and belongings had already been arranged in the new parsonage, by the good women of the congregation. There was food in the pantry, the gas, water and electricity had been turned on, and a new and welcome family had started life in the community.

The smiling personality and bubbling vigor of our new pastor was immediately and effectively put into service. Arriving Wednesday afternoon, March 5, he attended prayer meeting in the evening, and a special meeting of the Consistory was called for Saturday evening, March 8, when arrangements were completed for Holy Communion service on Sunday, the 9th, and a reception on the evening of the 11th, and the installation on the 13th.

It was very appropriate to start our new relations with our pastor by the solemn observance of the Lord's Supper. The response and attendance both were very gratifying.

In spite of inclement weather, the reception to our pastor and family was well attended. However, the climax was reached on the evening of March 13, when he was officially installed as pastor in a very impressive and inspiring service.

This week of intense activity proved to be a sample of what was to come, for from then on, the Pastor and Mrs. Luidens have been active in building up the church and its organizations.

The Maundy Thursday Communion service was first observed in our church on April 17, 1930, and has since become an established custom and is attended by increasing numbers yearly.

The adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, providing for the election of elders and deacons for three-year terms, originally sponsored by the Rev. Mr. Luidens while he was the pastor at Highland Park, was adopted by our church immediately after receiving permission to do so from the Classis.

This method of election of officers, together with the increase from 10 to 12 members of the Consistory; and the definite assignment of a committee chairmanship to each member, has more than proved its value.

In October, 1934, a group of enterprising young men of the Sunday school started a church magazine called The Brighton-er, which appears frequently. Through this medium is expressed the thought and sentiment of the congregation and community.

The gathering of news, advertising, etc., for the publication of this magazine, although a large undertaking, has been done exclusively for the past year by John Olyslager.

The new life and spirit brought to our church by the Luidens family has permeated the hearts and lives of all with whom they have come in contact.

The efforts, energy, and success of Pastor Luidens have not been restricted to his congregational work. His breadth of knowledge, his sympathetic understanding of human ills and requirements have led him into many civic activities and errands of mercy.

Readily discovering his fine qualities of leadership and experience in dealing with the church laymen and the public at large, his services are continually being sought by the local Federation of Churches, the Ministerial Association, and the Kiwanis Club.

Because of his wide experience and ability he is frequently assigned to the chairmanship of the committee on Publicity for special events of the Federation. In 1936 he served as the president of the Rochester Ministerial Association. An active member of the Highland Park Kiwanis Club, he transferred his membership to the Rochester chapter, where he meets for luncheon on Wednesday. His contributions as chaplain and Spiritual advisor to many of these business men who have no other church connections is of untold value.

He is also an active supporter and contributes much of his time to the support of the local branch of the Salvation Army and other missions.

In writing the above, we have touched only a few of the high spots in the work and activities of our present pastor. To write a complete story of the work that he has accomplished in these seven years would fill volumes. Suffice it to say that his errands of mercy, his touch of kindness have been felt in hundreds of homes and his intermediary prayers have blessed thousands of lives and souls.

We, his people, are grateful and selfishly pray that God will spare him for many more years to the work of His Kingdom in the Brighton Reformed Church and its surrounding community.

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Twenty-five Years

The following is a translation from the Dutch into English of a poem written in 1917 by Mrs. Peter De Cook, on the occasion of the burning of the mortgage during the pastorate of Rev. Andrew Stegenga. Its translation was written for our 45th Anniversary Yearbook by Rev. Anthony Luidens, our present pastor.

> Brothers, sisters, friends and all Join my glad song of jubilation, Five and twenty years for praises call, For God has blessed our congregation.

> They have long since gone to rest Who laid in faith this cornerstone, Brave shepherds, they, with graces blest, Sent to our church by God alone.

Through them our souls with faith were fired, When from far distant shores we came, By them our hearts to heights aspired And God sent down His heavenly flame.

Our pastors changed, yet, by God's care Each year brought us some treasure new. And He who hears His children's prayer, Taught faithful people what to do.

Bitter and sweet, bright smiles, hot tears, Came to us all, each in his station, To pastor and to people through the years, God showed us His benign salvation.

Our hearts are glad this lovely night, Our debts are paid, sing happy song, Give thanks to God, glad hearts and light, His hand has led us all along.

Soon we shall tread our homeward road, For happy hours like these must cease. My heart is fixed on heaven, my sure abode, Where God Himself will give His children peace.

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OUR 1937 CONSISTORY ORGANIZATION AND CHURCH OFFICERS

| President Rev. Anthony Luidens | Benevolent Treasurer |
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| Vice President Adrian J. Hartsen | Special Benevolent TreasurerJohn Johnville |
| Secretary Mervin S. Baker Treasurer Herbert De Graff | Memorials |
| Financial Secretary William Van Bortel | |

OUR CONSISTORY DEPARTMENTS OF WORK AND NAMES OF THOSE IN CHARGE

| Elders-Chairman of Elder Pulpit Supply | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Evangelism | | Ushering and Welcoming |
| Sacraments Prayer Meetings Religious Education | Henry Blaakman Mervin S. Baker | Auditing and Business MethodsHerbert De Graf Property and ImprovementsEdward Zonneville |
| Men's and Boys' Work | Jacob Scheerens | Financial RecordsWilliam VanBorte |

OUR BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOL

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Deut. 6:4-7.

The Sunday school was organized in January, 1892, with John B. Pike as superintendent in charge. Some of the first teachers were J. W. Willink, Sr., Wm. H. Rowerdink, and Miss Mary Hartfeld and Mr. Adrian Hartsen. The school increased rapidly and even in its infancy gave promise of becoming a great blessing.

1937 SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

| General Superintendent Asst. General Supt. Adult Dept. Supt. Asst. Adult Dept. Supt Secretary. Asst. Secretary Treasurer. Asst. Treasurer. | Mr. Norman Scherff Mr. Clarence DeLyser Mr. Jacob DeVuyst Mr. Freelon Kerry Miss Marie DeGraff Miss Carrie Mason | |
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| Cradle Roll Supt | | special riogram charmanmis. Grace Antes |

| SUNDAY | SCHOOL | TEACHERS |
|--------|--------|----------|
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| Junior-Interm. Dept. | Primary Department | Adult D | epartment |
|---|---|--|---|
| Mrs. Jacob VanBortel Miss Virginia Bradshaw Mrs. Grace Antes Mr. Ralph Bundschuh Mr. John Ross Mr. George Ross | Miss Grace DeCook Miss Gertrude DeHollander Miss Nelly DeVuyst Miss Elizabeth Ross Mrs. Cathleen VandenBerg Mrs. Isaac Hubregsen Miss Ruth VanGelder Miss Annie VanWynen | Mrs. Laurene Ross Mrs. Luretta Howell Mrs. Patience De Brine | Mr. Helmut Waltereit Rev. Anthony Luidens Mr. Adrian J. Hartsen Mr. Merwin Baker |
| | y School | Teachers and officers in | three schools |
| Total enrolled in Week- | Day School | Total teachers, pupils an | d officers (1937)525 |

OUR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNITED FORWARD MOVEMENT

1894-1937 - - OUR TASK-"To Build a Christian World"

| Rev. Robert Baker-Youth Counselor to the Senior C. E. Society | Secretary Miss Elma Zonnevylle Assistant Secretary Miss Edna Johnville Miss Sarah Cambier—C, E, Counselor and Co- |
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| Junior Christian Endeavor | ordinator |
| PresidentMiss Betty Blaakman Vice PresidentMiss Geraldine Scheerens | TreasurerMiss Betty Van Aalst Assistant TreasurerMiss Joan Polfleit |
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Intermediate Christian Endeavor .Miss Florence Clow President. ...Miss Mary VandenBroecke Vice PresidentRobert Van Bortel Secretary ... William Ross Assistant Secretary TreasurerMiss Mary De Vuyst Assistant Treasurer..... Weekly Bible Study - Group Social Activities Vacation Church School Helpers

| Senior and Young Pe | ople's Christian Endeavor |
|---------------------|--|
| President | |
| Vice President | Jacob DeVuyst |
| Secretary. | Cathleen F. Vandenberg |
| Assistant Secretary | Miss Margaret Merson |
| Assistant Treasurer | |
| | - Dramatics - Choir and sic - Mission Project |

Alumni C. E. Group is under Miss Cambier's direction.

OUR OLDER GIRLS' COUNCIL COMPOSED OF ORGANIZED CLASSES

"We sponsor the Annual Mother-Daughter Service in May and carry through individual group meetings monthly and have our separat eclass interests and activities."

Miss Sarah Cambier, Assistant Superintendent-Council Counselor

Miss Margaret Merson's Class

| President | Janet Keymel |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Vice President | Florence Woittiez |
| Treasurer | Olive Scherff |
| Secretary | Helen Stonengraber |

"We visit the Old People's Friendly Home, en-

joy reading courses, and are interested in dra-

matics."

The P. K. Class Miss Head Housell

| President | | iss Haze. | I Howen |
|----------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Vice President | Miss | Claranna | DeWolf |
| Secretary | Mi | ss Nelly | DeVuyst |
| Treasurer | Mis | s Eleanor | r Archer |

C. W. Class

| President | P |
|-----------|--------|
| Secretary | Se |
| Treasurer | Tı |
| | M |

The K. W. Class

| PresidentMrs. | Cathleen Vandenberg | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Secretary | Miss Ruth VanGelder | |
| Treasurer | Miss Lucille Merson | |
| Miss G. W. | | |
| "We are the teacher | training class of the | |
| Sunday Church School" | | |

Mrs. Janet Ross' Class

| President | Miss | Ruth | Zonnevylle |
|----------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Secretary-treasurer | Miss | Virginia | Meintema |
| "We are working on a | March | of Time | Pageant." |

OUR OLDER BOYS' AND MEN'S COUNCIL

Jacob Scheerens, leader of the Men's Council; assistant, Mervin S. Baker

| High School Boys' Class | TreasurerMr. Edward Plant |
|---|--|
| President Robert Wentworth Vice President Jacob Johnville Secretary Stanley Nogaj | "We are students of present-day life, are young home-makers and enjoy both study and recreation." Young Business Men's Class |
| Treasurer | President. Mr. Clarence W. DeLyser Vice President Mr. Norman Scherff Secretary and treasurer Mr. Walter Lensch |

to the church as their watchword.

Peter Woittiez' Class

| President | r. Harry DeWitte |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Vice President | Ir. John Johnville |
| Secretary | Gaston Vermiere |
| Treasurer | |
| | |

"Many of our young men sing in the Arion Octet or Senior Choir."

Progressive Young Men's Class

| Presi | dent | | Wilbert | Hebing |
|-------|----------|-----|---------|--------|
| Vice | Presiden | Mr. | Chester | Engler |
| Secre | tary | Mr. | Freelon | Kerry |

| TreasurerMr. Edward Plant |
|--|
| "We are students of present-day life, are young home-makers and enjoy both study and recreation." Young Business Men's Class |
| President Mr. Clarence W. DeLyser Vice President Mr. Norman Scherff |
| Secretary and treasurerMr. Walter Lepsch |
| "Our class is furnishing many of the active church leaders of today."" |
| The Adult Men's Bible Class Teachar, Holmut Walterait, Corman Bantist |

Teacher, Helmut Waltereit, German Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

| President | Mr. James DeGraff |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Vice President | Mr. Jacob Scheerens |
| Secretary-treasurer | Mr. Ervin Clow |

Bible study on Sunday-Daily Living with Boys and Young Men.

"We foster and help all boys' and youth undertakings as they develop."

OTHER MID-WEEK EDUCATIONAL UNITS MEETING IN THE CHURCH

President.

Secretary

Treasurer...

President.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

President.

Secretary ...

President.

Secretary.

President.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Vice President.

Treasurer

Vice President ...

Assistant Secretary ...

Treasurer

Vice President

Assistant Secretary

Vice President.....

Upper Room" and promote family devotions in our

congregation and community. We plan a united

Young Ladies' Bible Class

Devotional leader Miss Sarah Cambier

Far and Near Circle

Assistant Treasurer......Mrs. Gladys Reynolds

Missionary Society

Ladies' Aid Society

Assistant Treasurer......Mrs. Abram Vandewalle

Ladies' Bible Class

.Mrs. Dorothy Scherff

Mrs. Frances Tait

Mrs. Mae Hubregsen

Mrs. Dorothy Lepsch

Mrs. Helen Trost

Miss Marie Gates

Mrs. Hazel Baart

Mrs. Doris DeRoo

Mrs. Christian Yost

Mrs. J. DeHollander

Mrs. Edward DeCook

...Mrs. Abram DeWitt

Mrs. Edward Zonnevylle

....Mrs. John Zonnevylle

Mrs. John Zonnevylle

Mrs. Frank A. Morris

Mrs. Peter Woittiez

Mrs. Ervin Clow

Mrs. H. Caley

....Mrs. Peter Vandewall

Mrs. Edward Vanderlinde

OUR UNITED SCOUT TROOPS

Girl Scouts, Troop No. 33

Scout leader, Mrs. Henry DeRoo; assistant, Mrs. program of work, Harry Marsh.

The Scout committee: Mrs. Carl Pearson, Mrs. Harry E. Chittenden, Mrs. Edward C. Gruschow, Mrs. Margaret Hansen, Mrs. Ralph DeBrine.

Complete Girl Scout Course - Special attention to Home-making and Health.

Boy Scouts, Troop No. 74

Scoutmaster, Mr. Franklin HerrNecker; assistant scoutmaster, Mr. Robert Baynes.

The Scout committee: Mr. Jacob Scheerens, chairman; Mr. Carl Pearson, District Scout Commissioner; Mr. Edward J. Leenhouts; Mr. George A. Diehl.

OUR WEEK-DAY SCHOOL

Meeting hour, every Wednesday, from 3 until 3:45 p.m. (On Public School Released time).

Teacher, Mrs. Thomas S. Goddard; assistants, Mrs. Mahlon Howell, Mrs. Norman Scherff and Miss Lavine.

Weekly project and handiwork with Bible study.

OUR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our Vacation Church School has operated every summer for 15 years with a staff of volunteer and paid teachers and helpers. Mrs. Bertha Eesley Bacon, one of the first directors of the school, teacher and principal for many years, contributed much to its present-day success. Miss Lillian Moeschler, a trained religious education director, is principal again for 1937. One hundred forty-one enjoyed this school in 1936. Our chairman of Religious Education, Mr. Isaac Hubregsen, is in charge of the school.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON REFORMED WOMEN

Mrs. Charles Wentworth, president; Mrs. Walter Lepsch, secretary-treasurer.

We plan the distribution of 300 copies of "The Teacher, Adrian J. Hartsen.

OUR BRIGHTON REFORMED SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC

Organist-Director, H. Maxwell Ohley; Chairman of Music in Brighton Reformed Church, George Ross

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

"Few people are aware of the tremendous service rendered to religion by music, both as a medium whereby we pour out our praises to the Most High and as a means of personal exaltation whereby we are prepared and fitted to receive all power and blessing from on High. But many are unaware of the tremendous influence for good that music exerts in the formation of Christian character, Christian ideals, and Christian lives. The powerful vibrations and associations of a high type of sacred music, when built into the lives of young people by way of study and repetition, constitute an influence that throughout future years will remain active and unescapable. Therefore, in developing an enthusiasm for fine, sacred music among the young people of our church, we are laying a foundation of friendly co-operation and Christian service which must be an ever-increasing force for good, not only in the personal lives of our church youth, but in the larger life of the community."

The Girls' Chorus Choirson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ma.y VandenBroecke.

The Arion Male Octet - Presitary-treasurer, Mr. Jacob DeVuyst; librarian, Mr. Chester Engler.

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Senior Choir-President, Mr. John President, Miss Ruth Tier- dent, Mr. John Johnville, Jr.; secre- Johnville, Jr.; vice president, Mrs. George Ross; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mary DeVuyst.

What Shall Brighton Reformed Do In the Future? By REV. ANTHONY LUIDENS, M.Th.

The answer to the above question is a matter of import-

ance to every member of the church. Your personal answer to that question will decide what the future of the Brighton Reformed Church will be. You can stop with past glory and our church will soon die and pass out of existence. You can be satisfied with the present and remain a church as we are, "A Family Church," serving the descendants and close friends of our present congregation and letting the rest of the world go by. Or, we can be a church, grateful to those who have gone before, and asking for ourselves a large share in bringing the blessings of Jesus Christ to all who live in our parish, our community, and in the larger world. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world." Can we, His followers, do less and remain Christians?

I should like to see every member in our congregation spend some time in daily prayer, Bible reading, and devotions in personal and family life.

I should like to see every newly married couple and every new home builder dedicate their new homes to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

It would be a great boon to everyone if whole families would come to church together on Sundays. Better Nursery provision for little children is now required with more than 50 little children of cradle roll age in our church school.

The training of leaders for children's and youth

groups is needed anew. Training classes for leadership, summer time Youth Conferences, should have the support of the entire congregation and consistory.

The excellent church school of Sacred Music should be supplemented by Christian leaders in other fields of youth interest and activity. A half dozen expert guides and leaders of youth are needed. Will the congregation employ them?

With the passing of the depression and the increase in income, every member should assume a weekly payment of money to the church through the Tither's League and the weekly envelope system. "Bring ye tithes into my storehouse." Are you investing to the limit in your church and its growing work?

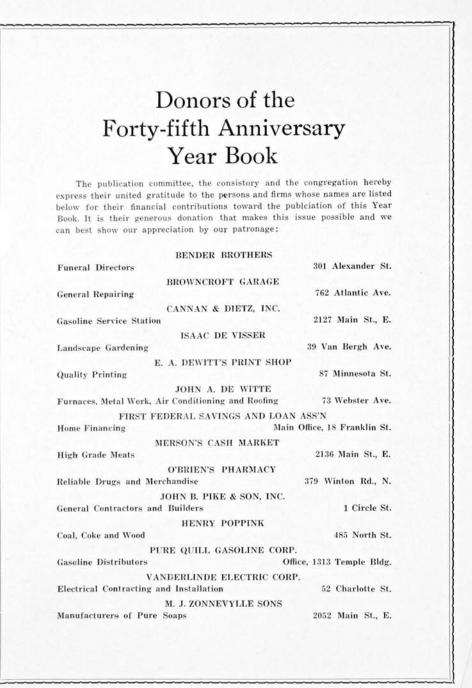
Every member will also do well to set apart Sunday for worship in God's house. This personal attendance at worship is singly a great force for good. No radio program, no magazine, will supply you the inspiration coming from attendance at Sunday worship. It is, probably, the best thing you will do for yourself and your family.

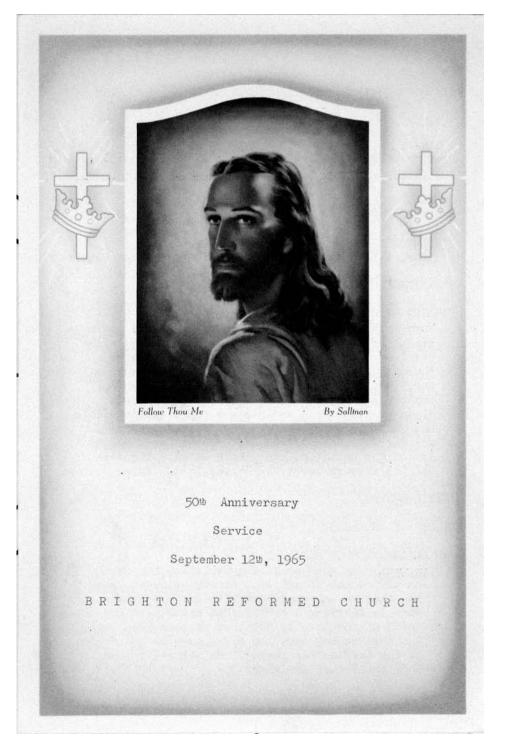
Our congregation will take increasingly a very definite attitude toward the moral issues of today. Personal morality, vigorous, splendid, clear-headed, and Christlike life is needed everywhere today. Our church exists to make the Christlike life the ideal for ourselves and for everyone under our influence.

Our congregation should have a missionary vision. As Mrs. Betten well wrote five years ago, "May the 50th anniversary of the society show further achievement and the very possible realization of the hope of a foreign missionary, perhaps chosen from our own midst."

We may well honor the beloved dead and the noble living pioneers by emulating their example by providing funds whereby a new church structure can be built. This is also a personal matter that depends entirely upon you. No one can escape this obligation. This is not for the old or the young to do. This task is one that is upon us all. Have you laid aside a definite sum of your property to build a new church? Will you be a living donor? Are you leaving your church some bequest in your will?

The future of Brighton Reformed is as bright as the promises of God. All things are His. He says also to you and to me, "All things are yours." Are we ready to attempt great things for God? He is able. Are you, am I, willing? Upon your answer and mine rests the future of the Brighton Reformed Church.





Brighton Reformed Church

Anniversary Sunday 10:45 A.M. September 12, 1965

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

Franck

*HYMN 433

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Regent Square

*SENTENCES - SALUTATION .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation and uphold us with Thy free Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

<u>Minister</u>: As members of the Christian church let us affirm the things most surely believed among us, that we may apprehend with all the saints what is the length and breadth and height and depth of the love of God that passeth knowledge, and that we may open our lives anew to the riches of the everlasting gospel. We believe in one God, the Father almighty.

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<u>PEOPLE</u>: We believe in one God, Maker of heaven and earth. Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief. May the unity of God, righteous and loving, unify our broken lives. May the fatherhood of God establish us in true sonship. May the creative love of God flow through our human works.

Minister: We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief. In the life of Christ help us to seek our true humanity.

In the Cross of Christ may we die to self and the world.

In the resurrection of Christ may we share his victory over sin and death.

Minister: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life.

PEOPLE: Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief.

By the spirit of holiness we would be cleansed of all unrighteousness.

Minister: We believe in the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church.

PEOPLE: Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief. In the Holy Church may we recover our wholeness. In the Catholic Church may we share our partial insights in love.

In the Apostolic Church make us witnesses and servants of all mankind.

Minister: We believe in the life everlasting.

PEOPLE: Lord, we believe; help thou our unbelief.

May life eternal fulfil and transform our passing days.

May the Resurrection hope give us victory over despair.

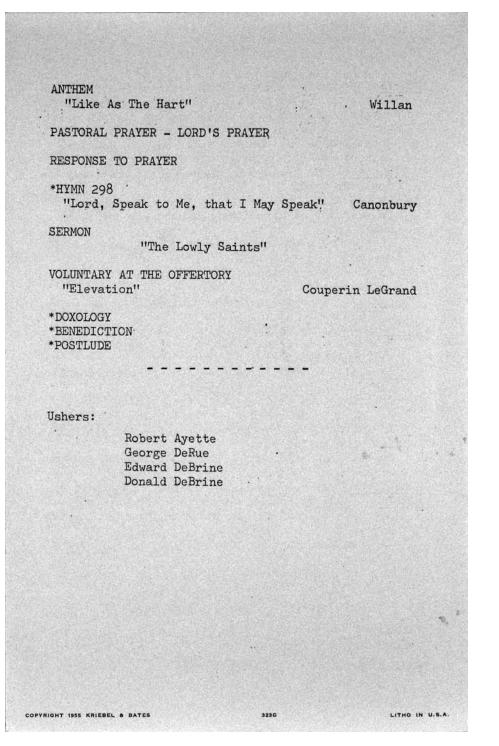
May the life everlasting bring us into unbroken fellowship with thee.

(Children leave for Classes)

*HYMN 348

"Faith of Our Fathers!" St. Catherine

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:5-25



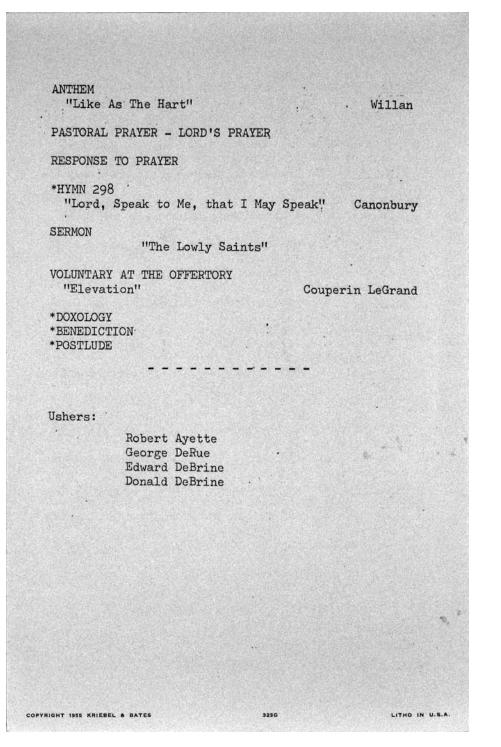
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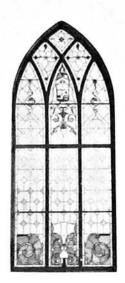


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This Book is Dedicated

In grateful tribute to our spiritual forefathers --- founders, pastors and loyal members --- whose faith in God, loyalty to Christ and devotion to His church left us a glorious heritage.

CHARTER MEMBERS

| Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Albright | Mr. and Mrs. John Faas |
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"The Friendly Church"

REV. ANTHONY LUIDENS, D.D., Pastor



1951 Consistory

| President and Pastor | Rev. Anthony Luidens, D.D. |
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| Treasurer | Edward De Brine |
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| Evangelism and Benevalence Treasurer | |
| Fublicity and Radio | |
| Men's Work and Delegate to Classis | Samuel Rounds |
| Property and Improvement | Harold Smalley |
| Financial Secretary and Finance Chairman | |
| Music and Clerk of Consistory | Clarence Talsma |
| Boy's Work | entrenes round |
| Sexton | no ond mounding |

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Rev. Edwin Luidens **Ruth Luidens** Carol and Donnie



Our Arabian Missionaries

Our 60th Anniversary year was brightened im- of Ed's and Ruth's having known her and her measurably by the return home from Arabia of Rev. Edwin Luidens and his wife Ruth, with their children, Donnie and Carol. "Ed" and Ruth have held our attention constantly during their years of preparation for Mission Work and news of their activities has been eagerly received while they were in the Near East going about their labor of love in our Lord's work. It was certain then that our groups would plan for them to tell of their experiences in that far-off field. They never disappointed us by being too busy, even though their schedules were full and the physician's caution to rest as much as possible was a real necessity.

Our women's societies have been enlightened by Ruth's reports of her work with the women. Ed. has given us an insight into his work with the men. Kings and princes and paupers alike heard of the Master while receiving some physical service. The esteem in which they are held in that far-away land is evidenced by the fact that a princess, visiting this land last summer for the first time, enjoyed her stay in New York because

brother while over there.

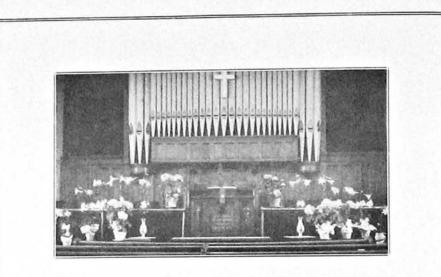
International conferences, interdenominational delegations and state-wide rallies have all heard the story of the need of the Moslem World and must, we feel, be much more sympathetic with these people now that their personal stories have been told. We are assured by Ed and Ruth that our continued interest in them has given the much needed extra energy and even greater desire (if that were possible) to get back into the new field at Amara to which they have now journeved.

Our Missionaries are sponsored in their work by four churches. Each has given some added funds or equipment. We are glad to have been able to pay \$800 toward the car pictured below. \$200 for a tape recorder with extra rolls, and \$500 for personal needs during the next five years.

May their hearts be lighter and our prayers and works much stronger as we all work together in the Master's vineyard.



New Service Car for Mission Work PAGE 5



Our Church

Many common church problems would be eliminated if all church members would realize that the church is theirs. Each member has equal privileges with every other member, and each has his own responsibilities. Some people act like visitors when they go to their own church, and sometimes get their feelings hurt because they are not shown all the courtesies due visitors. This only indicates their attitude toward their church and its work. To have any members of this kind, and we find some in every church, handicaps the work and growth of the church.

A member who has the right conception of his church and its work loves it and is loyal to it in every way. He realizes that if his church is to increase in number and in spirit as it should, he must do his full part. If he has really arrived at the right attitude toward Christ and His church, he will be as slow to criticize the members of

his church as he is the members of his family. He will ever be looking after the church's best interest. His example will be one of the church's assets. He will help by attending the services and inviting others to attend, and will do his part in making his church a friendly church with a warm welcome for all.

The loyal member will support his church, not according to what he has given, nor according to what he believes will appear respectable. He will give all that he is able in the light of God's word and his own conscience. This question is often asked and it is a good one: "What would my church be like if every member was just like me?" A church is always like its members. God always blesses the individual who is loyal to Him and the church. Let us resolve to make our church better and a greater power for good in the community by being better members.

Our Church School

| General Super | intendent | | Maylon Howell |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Asst. General | Superintendent | | Leroy Hand |
| Secretary | and have been stated on the | Miss | Agnes Woittiez |
| Treasurer | | Gordon Tait | |
| | | Missionary | Treasurer |

| Missions Program Chairman | Mrs. Geraldine Jund |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Special Program Chairman | Mrs. Mary Urguhart |
| Church Nursery | Mrs. Ellen Hankamp |
| Crode Roll Superintendent | Mrs. Ruth VanDeWall |
| Miss Sarah Cambiar | |

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, John Olyslager Asst. Superintendent, Lawrence Faba Teachers-Miss Sorah Cambier Leroy Hand Dr. LaMar Hankamp Mrs. Luretta Howell Rev. Anthony Luidens Mrs. Mae Luidens Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mart Carl Fearson Arthur Stickney

JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE DEPT.

FRIMARY DEPARTMENT

BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT

Superintendent, Mrs. Nellie Logothetis

Mrs. Margaret Anderson

Miss Evelyn Hubregsen

Mrs. Mae Hubregsen

Mrs. Glodys Sayles

Mrs. Mildred Cole

Mrs. Clara Ross

Superintendent, Mrs. Frances Tait

Teachers-

Teachers-

Teachers-

Arthur Brouwer

Mrs. Martha DeRoo

Mrs. Frances Fabo

Mrs. Susan Quant

Pianist, Miss Ann Tell

Miss Ruth DeRoo

Miss Betty Hand

Mrs. Mary Urguhart

Miss Ann Tell



ADULT DEPARTMENT



JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT



PRIMARY DEPARTMENT



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| acher | Mrs. Luretta Howell |
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| ce President | Mrs. Carol Scheerens |
| cretary | Miss Luci'le Merson |
| orresponding Secretary | Mrs. Nellie Logothetis |
| easurer | |
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SENIOR

Advisor Kenneth Mart President Ronald Hand Vice President Harlan Fisher



"C. E'rs"

Secretary Evelyn Porteous Treosurer Kay Minnema

Snapped at 60th Anniversary Year C.E. Banquet



SPEAKER Rev. Carlton Harrison TOASTMASTER Chester Engler



SARAH CAMBIER Feted for many years of C.E. work.



President Roland Woodhams Vice President George Field Secy.-Treas. Mr.-Mrs. John Lauweret Program Chairman Jacob DeVuyst





DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Superintendent Mrs. Elsie Rehberg Assistants: Mrs. Mildred Cole, Miss Harriet Jones, Mrs. Janet Langlois, Mrs. Daris Wahl, Mrs. Florence Woodhams.

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MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

| Teacher | Dr. LoMar Hankamp |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| President | Henry DeRop |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Roy Tell |



MEN'S CHORUS and

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY SPEAKERS



GOLDEN RULE CLASS

Teacher President

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice President

Assistant Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

Mesdames Sunshine

Miss Sarah Cambier

Mrs. Ruth Hand

Mrs. Frances Faba

Mrs. Elsie DeBraal

Mrs. Laura Mitchell

Mrs. Marjorie Fioch

Mrs. Ethel Boker Mrs. Mae Hubregsen

Mrs. Ruth VanDeWall

Mrs. Signe Pearson

Carl Pearson

(Toastmaster)

Mrs. Martha DeRoo

(Co-Chairman)

60th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Our Women's Groups



LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President Mrs. Carrie Blackman Vice President Mrs. Gertrude Clow Secretary Mrs. Ethel Baker Treosurer Mrs. Ann VandenBroecke Assistant Treosurer Mrs. Mary DeCook

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

President Mrs. Mayme Smith Vice President Mrs. Gertrude Claw Secretary Mrs. Nettie Brant Assistant Secretary Mrs. Wm, Butts Treasurer Mrs. Alice Zonnevylle Astistant Treasurer Mrs. Irene DeGraft





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FAR AND NEAR CIRCLE

| President | Mrs. Ruth DeLyser |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Vice President | Mrs. Evelyn Modera |
| Vice President | Mrs. Martha DeRea |
| Secretory | Mrs. Ada Atman |
| Cor. Secretary | Miss Nellie Underhill |
| Treasurer | Mrs. May Fisher |
| Sunshine Treasurer | Mrs. Margaret Hegeman |

Mrs. Mae Luidens

Rev. Anthony Luidens

Henry DeRoo (Chairman)





BANQUET SPEAKERS AND THEIR WIVES







Mrs, Jacob DeGraff Charter Member

Rev. Jacobs - Rev. Blocker - Rev. Luidens

Mrs. Libby Willink Charter Member





"THE REST OF US"



BETTY TALSMA

Please Identify . . .



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ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

of the

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

held at

Spencer-Ripley Methodist Church Rochester, New York

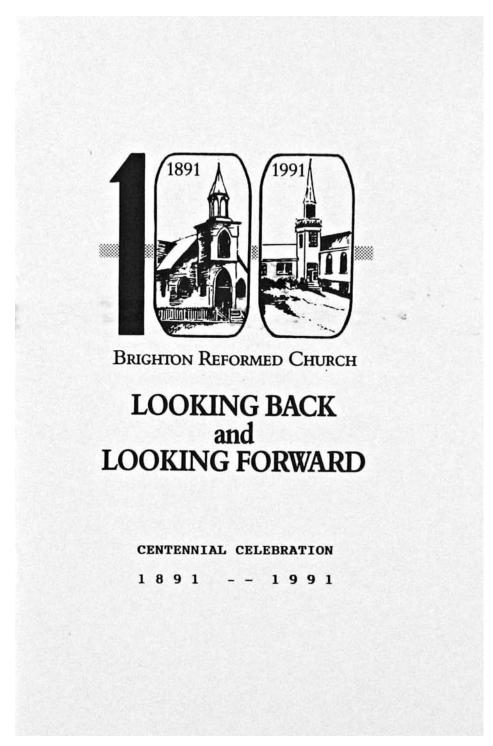
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BRIGHTON CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED YEARS: A year-long centennial celebration concluded on June 14 at Brighton Reformed Church in Rochester, New York, with a recommitment service. Special services throughout the year, based on the theme "Believing, Renewed, Committed, We Celebrate the Word!" included a Dutch service and Historical and Centennial Sundays. Pictured are the Rev. Dr. William Hillegonds, former pastor, Libby Hillegonds; the Rev. Russell Pater, pastor, and the chairpersons of the centennial committee, Karen Guthrie, Jacob DeVuyst, and Gladys DeVuyst.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

during the

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

| July | 14: | CHARTER FAMILY SUNDAY |
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| | | Rev. Robert J. Ondra |
| | | Family Picnic |

- August 11: DUTCH HERITAGE SUNDAY Rev. P. Okke Postma Koffie en Dutch Treats
- September 15: HOMECOMING Rev. Robert J. Luidens Covered Dish Luncheon
- October 13: HISTORICAL SUNDAY Rev. Gordon H. Curtis Memorabilia Display Cookies from "years ago" recipes
- November 9: BIRTHDAY PARTY BANQUET Rev. Dr. Norman Kansfield
- November 10: CENTENNIAL SUNDAY Rev. Dr. William C. Hillegonds Taiwanese, Hispanic, Dutch and American Treats



EXPERIENCE WORSHIP AS YOUR ANCESTORS DID!

Many people in our congregation no longer have a Dutch heritage, but our ancestors who founded this church had their roots in the Netherlands. We would like to explore these roots on "Dutch Sunday."

Domine Okke Postma, a former member of our church, will conduct our morning worship on August 11, 1991 at 9:30 AM. Small portions of the service will be spoken in the Dutch language. A solo will be sung in Dutch and the choir will render the benediction in the "mother" tongue. Rev. Postma, who was born in the Netherlands, is currently serving as pastor of the First Reformed Church in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

It is hoped that this service will give you a flavor of the way our ancestors worshiped. Following the service, we will have a coffee hour at Fellowship Lodge, hosted by Kees and Nell Vogelaar. You can be sure that many "Dutch treats" will be served.

Did you know that 100 years ago.....

- a bulletin would not have been used
- men would have sat on one side of the church, women on the other
- churches had no organs, so the psalms were sung by being lined-out by a song leader

One hundred years ago, the worship service served to allay fears, anxiety and discouragement of recent immigrants, and offered strength, faith, hope and love. While the membership of Brighton Reformed Church is very diversified today, the good news of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed.

Hope to see you all there!

Joanne Ligtenberg Chair, Dutch Sunday

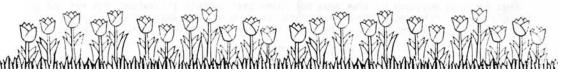


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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

PRESENTS

DR. GREG MAST

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, REFORMED, ALBANY, NY CONTRIBUTOR, CHURCH HERALD

SPEAKING ON

THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

A TIME FOR REFLECTION, PRESENTATION AND BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Mast has travelled to South Africa and many other parts of the world. He will be talking about his travels, about what he found in the church and people of South Africa, and what the Bible says to us about this rapidly changing situation. With the roots of the church in South Africa coming from Holland, the committee felt that this Centennial year for Brighton Reformed Church would be an excellent time for this topic.

- DATE: September, 28, 1991
- PLACE: Fellowship Lodge, 805 Blossom Road
- TIME: Time of Fellowship will start at 9:00 AM, lunch will be at Noon, and the program will conclude by 2:00 PM.
- NURSERY AND CHILD CARE: Will be provided. Please let us know how many children will be coming.
- LUNCH: A lunch will be provided.
- COST: Everyone should plan to attend. For those who can afford it, we will be taking a free will offering to defray the cost of the lunch plus the expenses of the speaker. We are suggesting \$ 5 per adult and \$ 10 per family.
- RSVP: Reservations requested at Church Office, 288-5649



REV. ROBERT J. LUIDENS

Rev. Robert J. Luidens is connected to the Brighton Reformed Church through both his father, Edwin M. Luidens, and his mother, Ruth Stegenga Luidens. His grandfather, Dr. Anthony Luidens, served as pastor here from 1930-1955. His great-uncle, Andrew Stegenga, served as pastor from 1911-1918.

Ed and Ruth served as missionaries in the Arabian field where Bob was born in Iraq in 1953. He has a brother, Don, and sister, Carol, both of whom are older.

Bob lived in Iraq for 3 years, and then his family returned to the US on furlough. However, they returned to Lebanon during his elementary years. Back in the states, he graduated from high school in Teaneck NJ, and Hope College in 1975, where he met his wife Mary. He then attended Yale Theological Seminary. He spent the year 1975-76 working as an adult volunteer in a mission bookstore in Bahrain.

Mary went to medical school at the University of Michigan. While she served her three year internship at a hospital in Kansas, Bob served as pastor of a Presbyterian church. He has been at the Reformed Church in Altamont, NY for the past 7 years.

Bob and Mary have three children: Emily Ruth, 7 years old, Karen Elizabeth, 4 years old, and David Edwin, 9 months old. 1

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COME, CELEBRATE WITH US!

Be a part of the picture .

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

| Hors d'Oeuvres | 6:00 PM |
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| Buffet Dinner | 6:45 PM |

The Rev. Dr. Norman Kansfield, Speaker

David Vanderson, M. C.

Entertainment

Glendoveers Party House 2328 Browncroft Blvd.

Tickets \$15.50 Bill Ross Ticket Chairman

CENTENNIAL SUNDAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM

The Rev. Dr. William C. Hillegonds, Preaching

Pastor, January 1955 - June 1960

60th Anniversary Banquet



MILL YOU BE IN THE PICTURE?

Now available for purchase, in celebration of our centennial --

a hard cover book,

"Brighton Reformed Church - First 100 Years",

including a "Members Listing" complete with index

and

Commemorative Mugs

A BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH CENTENNIAL WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 9-10, 1991

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July 2, 1991

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An anniversary is a special time of reflection and thanks. A one hundred year anniversary is a rare and marvelous occasion to thank God for his great faithfulness.

Therefore we, your brothers and sisters in the Lord at the Rochester Christian Reformed Church, rise up with you in joyful tribute to our covenant. God for his century of merciful love and generous blessing to you in Brighton Reformed Church.

We are grateful to God that we share similar roots in the Dutch Reformation of the past. We are likewise thankful for the moments of Christian caring and sharing you have shared with us, especially in your generous help to us following the destruction of our building in 1982. And we appreciate our occasional joint worship service with you and the many contact with friends.

Above all, we rejoice in our common Lord, Jesus Christ, and in the grace He gives us. May his grace fill your centennial celebrations and also light the way to the bright and sure hope for the future which we have in Jesus.

2750 Atlantic Avenue Penfield, NY 14526

God bless you and keep you faithful til He gathers His church triumphant in glory.

716-381-7861 church office

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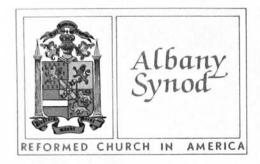
Paul Wm. Brink

Rev. Paul Wm. Brink Pastor 716-482-8594 pastor's study

Cindy Holtrop Director of Church Life and Evangelism

Leo E. Ostberg, Clerk

Brighton Reformed Church



1790 Grand Boulevard, Schenectady, New York 12309-5299 518-374-4573

July 14, 1991

Brighton Reformed Church 805 Blossom Road Rochester, New York 14610

Dear Church Members:

Congratulations on your celebration of 100 years of service to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Brighton community. Anniversaries are wonderful times of celebration and reflection. I am certain as you look back over your first 100 years you will discover and celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon you and the faithful service which you have given to Jesus Christ.

During my years in working for Albany Synod, I have become particularly appreciative of the ministry at the Brighton Reformed Church. I have found your members and pastor to be most gracious, and you have offered every possible courtesy to the synod when we have worked together on a variety of events held at the Brighton Reformed Church. Certainly the gracious way you have welcomed us is a sign of the gracious manner in which you receive new persons into the life of your church.

I am also very pleased to note that your celebrations include a Recommitment Sunday in June 1992. While anniversary celebrations are a time for reflecting on rich heritage, they also provide an occasion to look forward and discover opportunities to build on the strong foundation you already have. I trust that the next years of your ministry will be as fruitful as those in the past.

In Christ,

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Donald P. Troost Synod Executive

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The Brighton Reformed Church 805 Blossom Road Rochester, NY 12610

November 1, 1991

Dear Members and Friends of the Brighton Reformed Church:

The Classis of Rochester extends to you our congratulations on 100 years of ministry. We thank God for your faithful work and witness in past generations; we praise God for your good-spirited work and witness today. We pray that God may richly bless you in your days of celebration, and that you will be equiped by his Spirit for joy and good work in the generations ahead.

The Classis of Rochester has been and continues to be enriched by your presence among us. May God bless and keep you all.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Craig Hoffman, Stated Clerk

Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Road, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

As part of the celebration, the church is holding a series of special services which trace the roots of the church.

At 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, the church will hold a traditional Dutch service. The **Rev. Okke Postma**, a former member of the church, will deliver the message in both Dutch and English. The service will be followed by a period of fellowship with traditional Dutch treats.

For more information, contact the church office at 288-5649.



• In celebration of its 100th anniversary, **Brighton Reformed Church**, 805 Blossom Road, will hold a traditional Dutch service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The program will be followed by a period of fellowship and traditional Dutch treats.

RELIGION NOTES

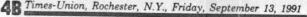
TODAY

□ Weekend Retreat, "Seasons of a Woman's Life," Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal, 693 East Ave., 7 p.m. tonight to 3 p.m. Sunday. Suggested offering is \$70. To register, call 271-8755.

on, Rochester, N.Y., Friday, October 11, 1991 38

SUNDAY:

□ 100th Anniversary Celebration, Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Road, 10 a.m. □ Installation of New Pastor, the Rev. Marie Sheldon, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 75 Stutson St., 4 p.m.



RELIGION NOTES

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Annual festival, food and games, St. Jude Church, 4100 Lyell Road, Gates, 4 p.m.-midnight, also 4 p.m.-midnight Saturday and 1 p.m.-midnight Sunday.

TOMORROW:

□ Circulation Day, a free sale, at Christ Church Unity, 55 Prince St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

SUNDAY:

□ Course, the last class on "Religion and the Bill of Rights," Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., 9:50 a.m., free.

□ Homecoming Sunday, service with the Rev. Robert Luidens, grandson of former minister Dr. Anthony Luidens, Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Road, 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Christ Church Unity, 55 Prince St., 11 a.m.

Concert, Revelation Choir of Rochester, Harriet Tubman Home, 180 South St., Auburn, 4 p.m. Donation: \$10 adults, \$5 children. For more information, call 328-7866. MONDAY:

□ Evening prayer service, Christ Church, 141 East Ave., 5 p.m., daily through Saturday. TUESDAY:

□ Yom Kippur service, Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Brighton, 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY:

□ Yom Kippur services, Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Brighton. Children's service at 9:50 a.m., regular service at 10 a.m., family service at 2 p.m. and afternoon service at 2:45 p.m. NEXT FRIDAY:

□ Yard sale, Grace Presbyterian Church, 221 Maltby St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m., also 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 21.

Deadline for Religion Notes is Monday morning. Send news to Religion Desk, Times-Union, 55 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, N.Y. 14614, or call 258-2214. — DONNA MacKENZJE

