

Miss Nellie Hartfeld

Burial Rites Held

Burial rites were held today for Miss Nellie Hartfeld of '16 Rich's Dugway, Brighton, a resident of Brighton for 91 years. She died Saturday (Dec. 12, 1953) of injuries suffered Dec. 4 in a fall.

A service was held at 2 p. m. in the Houck Funeral Home, 515 Goodman St. N. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery.

Miss Hartfeld was the last surviving offspring of the late John and Maria L. Hartfeld, who brought her to Brighton from The Netherlands when she was 4. She attended Brighton School I, then at 25 Winton Rd. N. She ran a millinery shop at University and Atlantic avenues for more than 35 years. After leaving the business, she built several apartment houses in the Rich's Dugway - Landing road section.

She was a member of Brighton Reformed Church for more than 60 years. For many years, she taught Sunday School there.

Surviving are six nieces, Miss Winona Derrenbacher, Mrs. Katherine Shannon, Mrs. Ethel Granke, Mrs. Mary VanBortel, Mrs. Bessie VanBortel, Mrs. Alma Littlewood, and three nephews, John Hartfeld, Merton Derrenbacher and John Hebbs.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1984

NO. 7

Dutch Immigrants Formed Church



Brighton Reformed Chapel was on Arbordale Ave. between Blossom Rd. and Birch Ter. (now Heather St.). The medical building is now at the site.

Late in the last century, the Dutch immigrants felt more comfortable in a church using the Dutch language. Most were from the Main St.-Henackey Park (now Akron St.) area or from the Dugway-Landing Rd. area. However, the five-mile trek to the First Reformed Church on Main St. was too far to walk. The minister of that church, Rev. Peter DeBruyn, encouraged the beginning of the new church on Arbordale Ave. and Blossom Rd.

The founders hired architects Gordon and Bragdon, who designed an Italianate chapel, which was built in 1891. Heated with coal and lighted with kerosene lamps, the rented pews were more expensive in the middle of the chapel -- the front row was free! In 1896 the church bought the adjacent lot and added a new sanctuary, using the chapel for an entry way and for Sunday school rooms.

ern Gothic brick building at 805 Blossom Rd. The sanctuary can seat 400 people.

On Sunday, April 29, 1984, the church celebrated its 25th anniversary in its present location by dedicating a history room, complete with photographs of the early church and its members. Anyone who has items of interest to donate may contact the Brighton Reformed History Committee by calling the church office at 288-5649.

A "bellows boy" was needed to pump the organ. Horse sheds were constructed to the west of the building. Electricity was installed in 1907; city water was piped in 1912.

A farsighted decision in 1892 gave the vote to women in the church. Although far from unanimous, it was not as volatile as the language issue. In 1892 the "Holland" language was used for the morning service, and English for the evening service. In 1912 English was used the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and Dutch the 2nd and 4th, with the 5th Sundays carefully divided. Not until 1927 was English used for all services.

The parsonage was at the corner of Winton Rd. and Heather St. from 1895 until 1929. Rev. Anthony Luidens, minister for 25 years, moved into the new parsonage at 219 Arbordale Ave. in 1930. The parsonage was sold in 1972.

In 1943 Mattie E. Guenther offered her 3½-acre nursery site and home to the church. A non-member, she had lived across from the church for years and knew many members well. Her house was later moved to the corner of Shirley St. and the south side of the church driveway.

The Fellowship Lodge was built in 1949 on the Guenther property. It was used by the active Boy Scout Troup 74, which was started in 1925, as well as many other church and community functions. Today it is used for elections and church functions, as well as meetings for various groups. An active group of about 100 Blossom seniors meets there weekly.

By 1957 the church was filled to overflowing, its seating capacity of 230 extended by seating people in the entryway and aisles on Sundays. In 1959 the church dedicated its mod-



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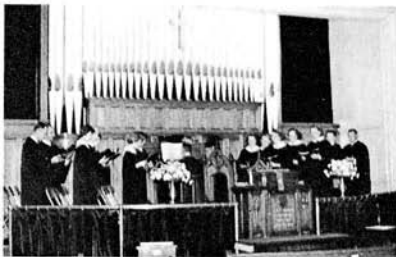
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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 9, 1978

10:00 A.M.

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

PRELUDE "My Spirit, Be Joyful" Bach
 "Christ, Life of All the Living"

INTROIT "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" (24)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 17 Kremser
 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SALUTATION

INVOCATION - LORD'S PRAYER

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

A RESOLUTION OF THE 171ST GENERAL SYNOD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 4:4-10 O.T. Pg. 192

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I Peter 2:1-10 N.T. Pg. 222-223

CALL TO PRAYER "Jesus, Stand Among Us" (222)

MORNING PRAYER

JUNIOR SERMON "The First Church"

(Children in Grades Kindergarten - 5 are invited
 to go to Junior Church during the second hymn)

OFFERING

ANTHEM - The Combined Choirs and Handbells

"Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise" Englert

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 436

Richmond

"City of God"

SERMON "A Portrait of a Church"

Text: "What do these stones mean to you?"
 Joshua 4:6

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 437

Aurelia

"The Church's One Foundation"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "May the Grace of Christ" (76)

*POSTLUDE "Hail Thee, Festival Day" Vaughan Williams

OUR CHURCH ASSISTANTS:

LITURGISTS:	Arthur and Paul Teamerson
GREETERS:	Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeVries
USHERS:	Margorie Carhart Doris Cash Marilyn DeVisser Karen Guthrie
JUNIOR USHER:	Daniel Carhart, Jr.
JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS	Evelyn and Kris DeSoto Janet Wahl
NURSERY ATTENDANT:	Florence Woodhams

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Question 59, from the Heidelberg Catechism, is:

"But how does it help you now that you believe
 all this?"

"That I am righteous in Christ before God, and
 an heir of eternal life."

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Nocturnal Group Sets Communion

Eleven hundred men of the Nocturnal Adoration Society from four local centers will attend Mass at 7 a.m. tomorrow. Their annual Communion breakfast will follow at Bausch & Lomb cafeteria.

The Masses will be in Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Andrew's, St. Monica's and Sacred Heart Cathedral.

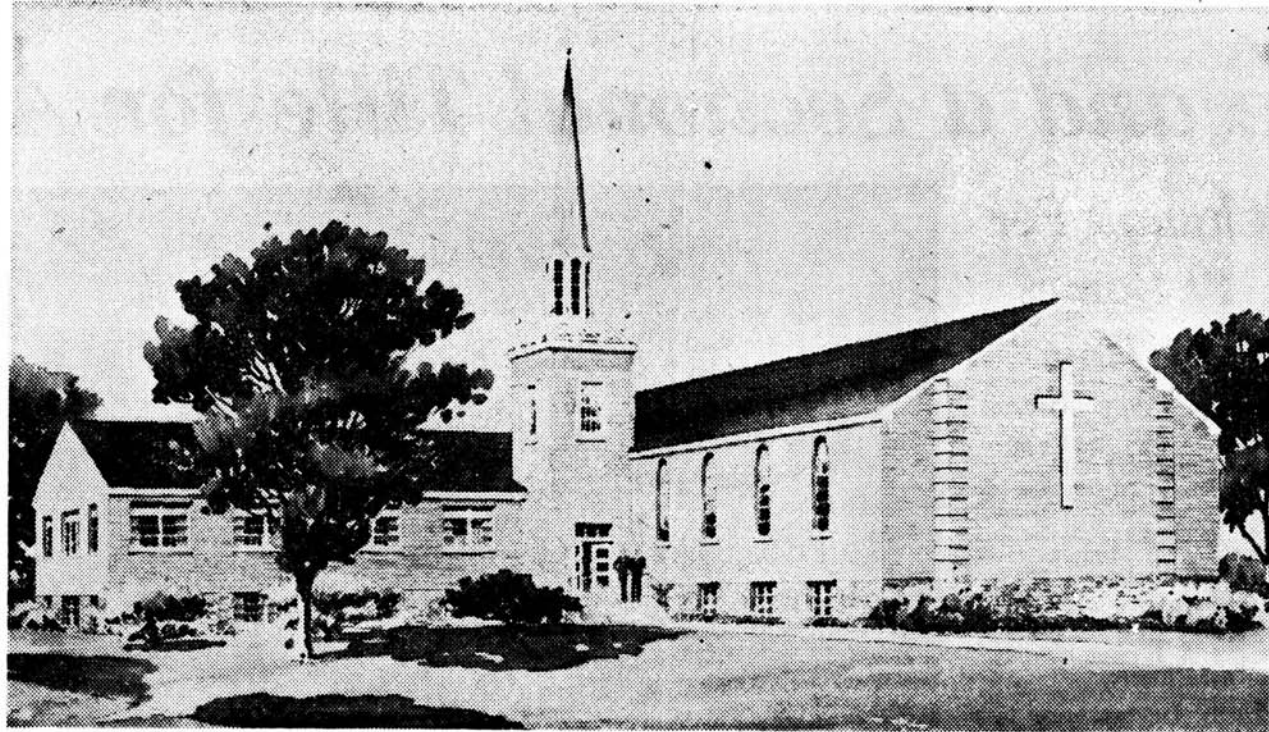
Guests at the breakfast will include: Bishop James E. Kearney, Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Connors, pastor of Blessed Sacrament; the Rt. Rev. George W. Eckl, St. Andrew's, and the Very Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, St. Monica's.

Robert H. Kalb, chairman, will preside. The central committee, headed by Joseph W. Benn, includes these presidents and secretaries of the four centers: John G. Sillick and Edward J. Bach, Sacred Heart; John W. Mattle and Emory D. Creviere, Blessed Sacrament; William M. Mulcahy and Urban G. Kress, St. Andrew's, and Leo J. Hermann and Bertrand D. Ehmann, St. Monica's.

Catholics Plan Lourdes Broadcast

Bishop James E. Kearney will lead the recitation of the Rosary over Station WSAY at 7 p.m. Tuesday from St. Francis of Assisi Church.

All families in the diocese are asked to participate in their homes. The bishop's broadcast will be in recognition of the Lourdes centenary which began



BRIGHTON REFORMED CONGREGATION will build this modified Colonial church, designed by

Architects Walzer and Miller, on site opposite the present church on Blossom road, starting Apr. 15.

Dream Building Nears for Parish

Brighton Reformed congregation plans a new church on a 3½-acre site across the street from its present site in Blossom road. Estimated cost is \$225,000.

Construction is scheduled to start the middle of next month and it is hoped to have the building ready for Easter 1959.

According to the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, minister, overflow attendance at Sunday services and inadequate Sunday school facilities make the new building necessary.

The new L-shaped church, of modified Colonial design, will be faced with brick and stone. The ground floor will contain a 400-seat sanctuary, a chapel seating 90, parlor, church offices, and toddlers' and crib rooms. A lower level will provide 28 church school rooms, several large assembly areas, a kitchenette, church school office and choir room.

BRIGHTON REFORMED was founded in 1891 by Dutch farmers in the Atlantic avenue dugway area. The 65 charter members built a small frame church and the Dutch

language was used at all services until 1922.

One charter member survives, 92-year-old Mrs. Jacob De Graff who will participate in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building.

Worshippers now use an addition, constructed early in the century. The original building houses the Sunday school.

Over the years, complexion of the congregation has changed greatly. Now many nationality and denominational backgrounds are represented.

THE NEW CHURCH is the dream of many years. Plans came to a halt in the depression of the 1930s. They were revived after World War II and in a 1952 campaign \$70,000 was raised. Another canvass last year brought in \$135,000.

Before the Rev. Mr. Hillegonds took over the pastorate two years ago, Brighton had been served for 25 years by the Rev. Anthony Luidens, now retired.

Chester G. Engler is chairman of the building committee.

Brighton Reformed Church Dedication Set

Brighton Reformed Church will dedicate its new \$300,000 church at a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. William C. Hillemonds, minister, will lead the congregation in the litany of dedication and will preach on "The Church of Christ."

At an evening service, three former ministers, the Revs. Henry Jacobs, Richard Blocker and Anthony Luidens, D.D., will be guests. The Rev. Norman Thomas, minister of First Reformed Church, Albany, the oldest Reformed church in America, will speak.

A community service of dedication is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday. At that time the keys of the new building will be presented to the church's governing body. Chester G. Engler, building committee chairman and Jacob P. DeVuyst, vice president of the consistory, will participate in the service.

The Rev. Robert E. Slaughter D.D., minister of Immanuel Baptist Church, will preach.

The congregation will worship in the new sanctuary, completed this week, for the first time tomorrow. The sanctuary seats 400, and 90 more can be accommodated in an adjoining chapel which can be opened to the main portion of the church. There are 22 church school rooms.

Features of the building are an illuminated tower and a stained glass window in the form of a cross which will be illuminated throughout the night by a lighting system operated by a photo electric cell. The light will go on automatically each day when the sun goes down.

ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION
Sat., May 16, 1959

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*An Invitation to share
in our
Church's Financial Program*



Brighton Reformed Church

Helen + Don's

*This was prepared for
one of our financial drives
simple enough, but the
important one thing is the
picture of the inside of the
former Church when we were
across the street. Do we have
other pictures or any of the old
Ch. Sanctuary?*

John



\$8,690

Sexton	\$1450
Fuel and Utilities	1900
Repair and Improvements	2500
Insurance and Taxes	510
Debt Retirement and Interest	1630
Parsonage	700

For Our Pastoral Ministry



\$6,220

Minister	\$4700
Minister Emeritus	1500
Pulpit Supply	20

For Our Benevolences



ED. LUIDENS & FAMILY
OUR MISSIONARIES IN ARABIA

\$2,500

Arabian Mission	\$750
Reformed Church of America	655
Field Extension Work	135
Federation of Churches	75
Others	885

\$2,010

Organist	\$960
Music	100
Office & Publicity Expense	700
Classis Dues	250



For Our Christian Education Work

\$580

Religious Education	\$100
Church Colleges & Seminaries	480



Dear Members:

The proposed budget described above represents a realistic financial answer to the needs and opportunities with which the Brighton Reformed Church will be confronted during the coming year. Your church needs the pledged support of all its members to make this proposal a reality. Please think and pray about it. Then give your pledge to the committee members who will call at your home November 7—14.

E. De Brine
W. Blakley
M. Pierce

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**GOAL
\$20,000**

. . . OUR AIMS . . .

Every Member a Pledged Giver
More Service for Christ and the Community



. . . REMEMBER . . .

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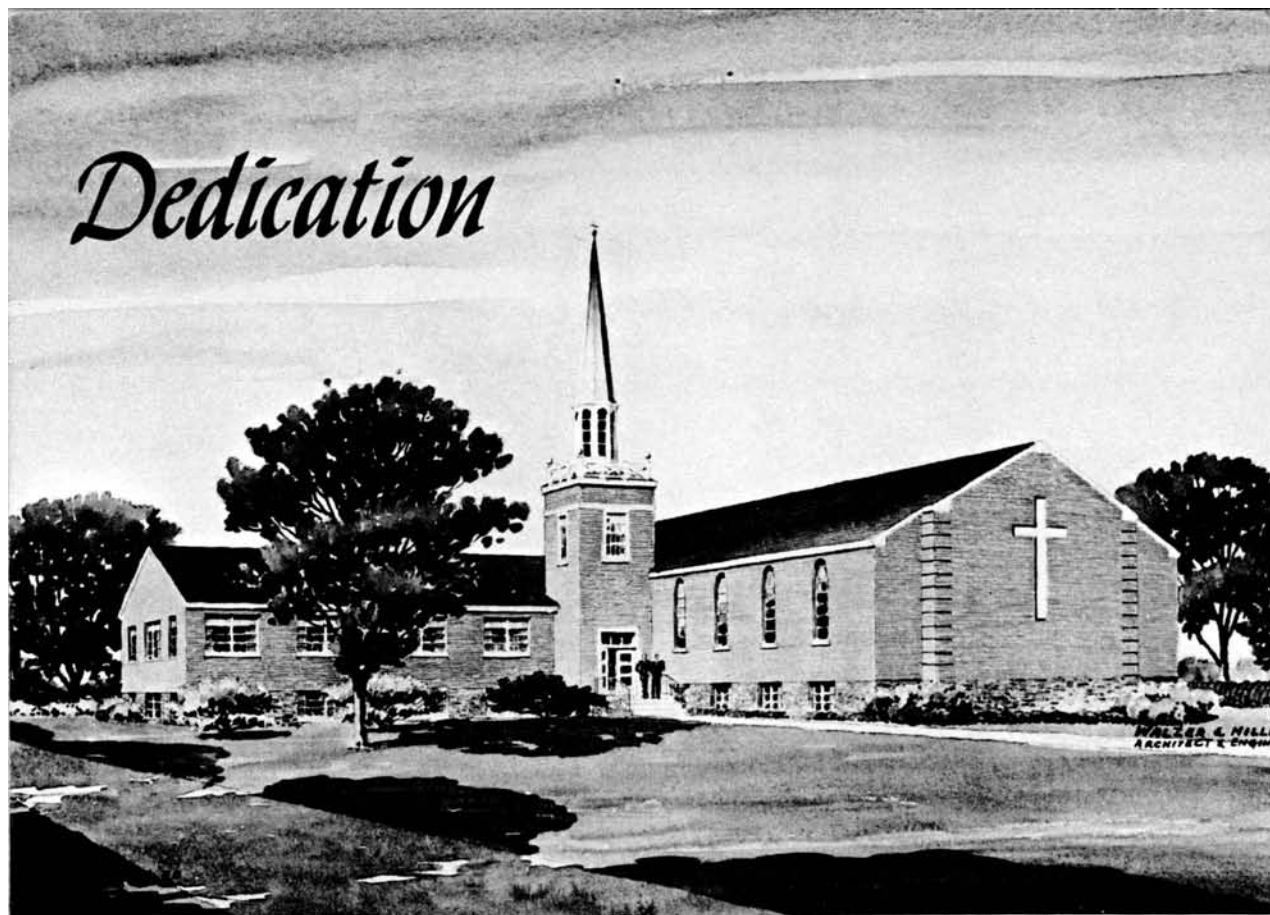
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REV. WILLIAM C. HILLEGONDS, Pastor

‘**O**LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, there is no God like Thee, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart . . . But will God dwell indeed with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee; that thy eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where thou hast promised to set thy name, that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive . . .”

Taken from the prayer of King Solomon at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 6)

Helene Davis

These are all related
to the new Church. The
program for the laying of the
cornerstone lists the contents
in the Cornerstone box. I'll
bet that information would be
hard to locate today. The members
of the building committee includes
Donis Wahl and what memories it
brings back

J.W.

THE MORNING SERVICE OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959

10:30 A.M.

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills,
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord
Who made heaven and earth."*

The Organ Prelude, "First Organ Sonata" Felix Borowski
Allegro—Andante—Allegro Con Fuoco

The Call to Worship

Processional Hymn No. 519*, "We Dedicate This Temple"

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| 1. We dedicate this temple,
O Father, unto Thee,
The God of ancient ages,
And ages yet to be,
That here our hearts may worship,
And here our songs ascend,
In loving adoration
And praise that knows no end. | 3. We dedicate this temple,
O Spirit from on high,
To Thee in our thanksgiving
That Thou art always nigh;
To comfort us in sorrow,
To strengthen in distress;
That we, through truth and mercy,
May walk in holiness. |
| 2. We dedicate this temple
To Christ, the Lord of love,
Who brought God's revelation,
The Kingdom from above;
That we may learn His goodness,
His godliness and grace,
Who holds all men and nations
Within His love's embrace. | 4. We dedicate this temple,
This labor of our hands,
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
Whose temple ever stands
In hearts that learn to love Thee,
And minds that comprehend;
In wills empowered to witness
Thy Kingdom without end! Amen. |

The Lord's Prayer and Salutation*
Organ Interlude**

THE EVENING SERVICE OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959

8:00 P.M.

*"I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*

The Organ Prelude, "Finlandia" Jean Sibelius

The Call to Worship

The Processional Hymn No. 434*

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

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| 1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes. | 2. See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows, their thirst to assuage;
Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver,
Never fails from age to age? |
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3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.
Amen.

The Salutation*

Organ Interlude**

The Anthem The Roberts College Choir

The Responsive Reading

The Rev. Richard Blocker, 1927-1929

Minister: How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Minister: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

People: Where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

Minister: Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

People: Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Minister: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

People: The early rain also covers it with pools.

Minister: They go from strength to strength;

People: The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Minister: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

People: Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of thine anointed!

Minister: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Unison: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in thee!

The Anthem The Roberts College Choir

The Evening Prayer and Organ Response

The Rev. Anthony Luidens, 1930-1955

Hymn No. 431*, "O Where are Kings and Empires Now"

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| 1. O where are kings and empires now
Of old that went and came?
But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same. | 3. For not like kingdoms of the world
Thy holy Church, O God;
Though earthquake shocks are
threatening her,
and tempests are abroad. |
| 2. We mark her goodly battlements,
And her foundations strong;
We hear within the solemn voice
Of her unending song. | 4. Unshaken as eternal hills,
Immovable she stands,
A mountain that shall fill the earth,
A house not made by hands. Amen. |

The Word of God The Rev. Henry C. Jacobs, 1920-1927

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory, "Evensong" Edward Johnston

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

The Anthem The Roberts College Choir

The Sermon The Rev. Norman Thomas
Minister, The First Church, Albany, New York

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Hymn No. 332, "Lead on, O King Eternal"

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| <p>1. Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come,
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.</p> | <p>2. Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And Holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly Kingdom comes.</p> |
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3. Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

The Benediction and Organ Response*

The Organ Postlude, "Unser Vater im Himmelreich" . . J. S. Bach

*The congregation stands.

**Ushers to seat those arriving after the Call to Worship.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DEDICATION

W E D N E S D A Y, M A Y 20, 1959

8 : 0 0 P . M .

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits."*

The Organ Prelude, "Sonata in C Minor" A. Guilment
Preludio and Adagio

"Regina Cœli—Antiphon" Everett Titcomb

The Call to Worship

The Processional Hymn No. 9*, "Now Thank We All Our God"

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| <p>1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.</p> | <p>2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.</p> |
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3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer and Salutation*

Organ Interlude**

The Presentation of the Keys

Participating in this act of worship will be Mr. Chester G. Engler, General Chairman of the Building Committee, and Mr. Jacob P. DeVuyst, Vice-President of Consistory.

The Anthem, "Sine Nomine" Vaughan Williams

The Evening Prayer and Choral Response

A Word of Greeting from the Rochester Federation of Churches

Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr

Hymn No. 352*, "Rise up, O Men of God!"

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| 1. Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and
strength
To serve the King of Kings. | 3. Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great! |
| 2. Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong. | 4. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God. Amen. |

The Word of God

Organ Meditation and Silent Prayer

The Sermon The Rev. Robert E. Slaughter
Minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Hymn No. 437*, "The Church's One Foundation"

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| 1. The Church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died. | 3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest. |
| 2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued. | 4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. Amen. |

The Benediction and Choral Amen*

The Organ Postlude, "Grand Chorus in March Form" . . A. Guilment

***Ushers to seat those arriving after the Call to Worship.*

**The congregation stands.*

A TRIBUTE

We bow in gratitude to Almighty God for His constant guidance and strength.

We pay tribute to our forefathers who founded the Brighton Reformed Church.

We give thanks for our pastors, teachers, leaders, and all who have been faithful in service, worship, and prayer.

We are grateful for everyone who has contributed materially and spiritually to the program of the Church.

We express gratitude for time and effort given by committees and labors of the architects, contractors and workmen bringing forth a building of enduring quality and endearing beauty.

We stand in adoration before God to commit ourselves anew to the great task of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Members of the Building Committee

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HISTORICAL NOTES

Our Church had its beginning in the then unincorporated village of Brighton, a section of nursery land and gardens. A small chapel known as the First Reformed Church of Brighton a daughter church of First Reformed of Rochester, was dedicated on November 15, 1891. The first Sunday School was organized in 1892. As more people of Dutch descent moved into the area and the need of assistance from the First Reformed Church of Rochester diminished, its name was changed to Brighton Reformed Church. This was in 1893. In October 1896, a second dedication was held for the large new addition.

Each of our pastors over the years has left his mark on the Church's achievements and upon its children. All will be fondly remembered—

Rev. John Van Westenberg 1891-1895

Rev. D. Lawrence Betten 1897-1910

Rev. Andrew Stegenga 1911-1918

Rev. Henry C. Jacobs 1920-1927

Rev. Richard J. Blocker 1927-1929

Rev. Anthony Luidens 1930-1955

Rev. William C. Hillegonds 1955-

Through the years, the city has grown, the Church community has changed, and sons of the Church have been called to the Christian ministry. The Lord has richly blessed the work of our church in all its endeavors.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1959

TWO SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

one at 8:00 and one at 10:30

OPEN HOUSE in the afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00
for the friends of the community.

ORGAN RECITAL at 7:00 p.m.

MISS MARGERY DAVIS, Staff Organist of Allen Organ Co.

JUNE 15, 1958

*The Office for
The laying of the Cornerstone of
Brighton Reformed Church*

Walter W. Blakley, *Officiating
Vice-President, Consistory*



GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEARLY beloved: We are here assembled in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected to His honor and service and praise. Within its walls His holy Name is to be worshiped, His holy Gospel is to be preached, and His holy Sacraments are to be administered. Knowing that our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, let us lift up our hearts unto Him in humble supplication for His blessing.

PRAYER (In Unison)

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone; direct us in this our undertaking with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 87

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee,

O city of God.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:

Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born in her:

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:

And the Highest Himself shall establish her.

The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people,

That this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:

All my springs are in Thee.

1 Peter II: 1-9

WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrises, and envies, and all evil-speaking, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: to whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and stone of a stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

READING CONTENTS OF CORNERSTONE BOX

Isaac Hubregsen

CORNERSTONE LAYING

Rev. William C. Hillemonds

I LAY the Corner-stone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

APOSTLE'S CREED (In Unison)

Led by Henry DeRoo

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN - The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. Amen.

PRAYER

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a house, in which Thy Name is to be worshiped, the glad tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end the work which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from accident and danger. And grant unto them, and unto all of us here present, the influences of Thy divine Spirit, so that we may become, in soul and body, living temples of the Holy Spirit, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

(In Unison)

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. William C. Hillemonds

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A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

O Master Architect who planned the world
Who drew the vaulted arches of the sky,
Help us to plan a temple worthy of Thee,
Where sacrifice of praise may rise on high.

O Master Builder of the Living Church
Help us to build with more than brick or stone;
May faith support, and love cement its walls,
And welcoming doors swing wide for sad and lone.

Teach us to build a noble edifice,
Unmarred by human faults of life and creed;
Help us to build it broad and large enough
To satisfy the cries of human need!

--Ralph T. Nordlund

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

A THOUGHT UPON ENTERING THE PEW: "The Lord is my light
and my salvation; whom shall I fear! The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

April 13, 1958

The Organ Prelude "Pastorale" Lemmins

The Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 279 "O Thou Great Friend"

*The Lord's Prayer and Salutation

The Organ Interlude

The Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" K. K. Davis

The Morning Prayer and Choral Response

The Word of God 1 Kings 8:22-30

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory "Arioso" Bach

*The Doxology and Prayer of Blessing upon Tithe and Gift

The Solo, Barbara Youmans

The Meditation

Silent Prayer

THE SERVICE OF GROUND BREAKING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH
BUILDING

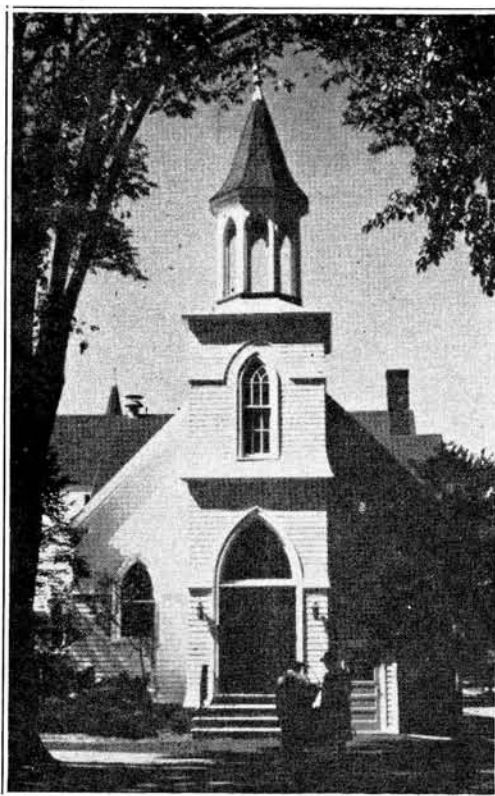
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(The congregation stands)

Greeting worshippers at the door: Mr. and Mrs.
Marene Asbrook

Ushers for today: Fred Howlett, Gordon Woodhams
Harold Smalley, Edward Anderson



Rev. Anthony Luidens,
D.D.



Mrs. Mae Luidens

Our Tribute

"His not to fawn or seek for power
By fashions suited to the varying hour.
True to his vows and prompt to every call,
He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all."

—Oliver Goldsmith

Samuel Johnson, the English author of Litchfield, writes of Omar son of Hassan, that at the age of seventy-five he began to seek the converse of the wise and the gratitude of the good. This will never be said of our pastor and his wife who, for these many years, have served with such zeal and selflessness that no seeking will be necessary on their part. Without waiting for them to attain that age, many endeavor now to repay in some small way the numerous occasions when invaluable services have been performed.

Dr. and Mrs. Luidens have lived among us these more than twenty years, sharing with all, the joys that came their way and bearing, wherever found,

some burdens from the hearts of others. They have never refused the task of the hour, desiring a more ambitious one to appear.

Their plans have not always succeeded, though endless hours of labor were spent. Their hopes have never faded that some blessing on others might be sent. Cares have never left them free for many hours. Health and strength have been granted them to work today and to pray that another day be given in which some greater task might be begun. In turn, such constant attention has been given to God's work among us, that many, seeing their labor, desire with the poet Hutton, to ask . . .

"Oh, show me where is He,
The high and holy One,
To whom thou bend'st the knee,
And prayest, "Thy will be done!"
I hear thy song of praise,
And lo! no form is near:
Thine eyes I see thee raise,
But where doth God appear?

Oh! teach me who is God, and where his glories shine,
That I may kneel and pray, and call thy Father mine."



Brighton Reformed

"The Friendly Church"

REV. ANTHONY LUIDENS, D.D., Pastor

1951 Consistory



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Sexton	Joseph Steehler



Work Among Negroes Topic For Reformed Church Meet

First hand information as to what is being accomplished in the South to improve conditions among Negroes will be made available in a "Know Your Missions" conference beginning tonight in Brighton Reformed Church.



Rev. Sam Williams

Southern Normal School in Alabama will be the subject of discussion. Speakers will be the Rev. Sam Williams and Henry James Pharr of Brewton, Ala. The Southern Normal School was founded in 1911 by a layman, James Dooley, for the "education of the heart, head and hand of the Negro youth of Alabama."

A college preparatory school, it has been operating since 1919 under the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America. School grounds, campus and farm cover 400 acres, and the student enrollment is 350.

The Rev. Mr. Williams was educated at Southern Normal School, Central College in Iowa and Western Theological Seminary, all sponsored by the Reformed Church in America. Pharr is a 12th grade pupil at the Normal School and president of the senior class, superintendent of the Church School and a member of the 30-voice chorus. He has a student assistance scholarship from Brighton Church.

Young people of the 20

churches in the Reformed Classis of Rochester have been invited to the Youth Mission Rally at 6:30 tonight in Brighton Church, beginning with a box supper.

The Rev. Mr. Williams will preach at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services tomorrow in Brighton Church and at the 9:50 Church School session. At the 7 p.m. discussion meeting in Fellowship Lodge, race relations will be reviewed.

Democrat and Chronicle
Rochester, N. Y.,
Sat., May 3, 1958

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"The Family Church"
BRIGHTON
REFORMED CHURCH
Blossom Road at Arfordale Ave.
Rev. William C. Hillegonds
Minister
TONIGHT at 6:30
YOUTH MISSION RALLY
MISSION SUNDAY
8:45 and 11:00 A.M.
REV. SAMUEL WILLIAMS
Guest Preacher
Henry Jones Pharr, Soloist
9:50 A.M.—Church School
7:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hour
OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING
THE PROBLEMS
OF RACE RELATIONS



Alabama Teacher, Pupil Due at Missions Conference

A teacher and a pupil at Southern Normal School, Brewton, Ala., will speak at a "Know Your Missions" conference this weekend in Brighton Reformed Church.

The conference will open at 6:30 p.m. today with a youth mission rally. Young people of 20 churches in the Classis of Rochester will attend.

The teacher, the Rev. Sam Williams, also will preach tomorrow at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services in Brighton Church and in the church school at 9:50 a.m. At 7 p.m. there will be an open discussion meeting on race relations in the Fellowship Hall,

in which he and Henry James Pharr, 12th-grade student, will participate.

Pharr is president of the senior class at Southern Normal, superintendent of the church school and a member of the 30-voice choral group. Brighton Church is supporting his education through a student assistance scholarship.

ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION
Sat., May 3, 1958

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ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE
Monday, May 5, 1958

Cleric Optimistic On Race Relations

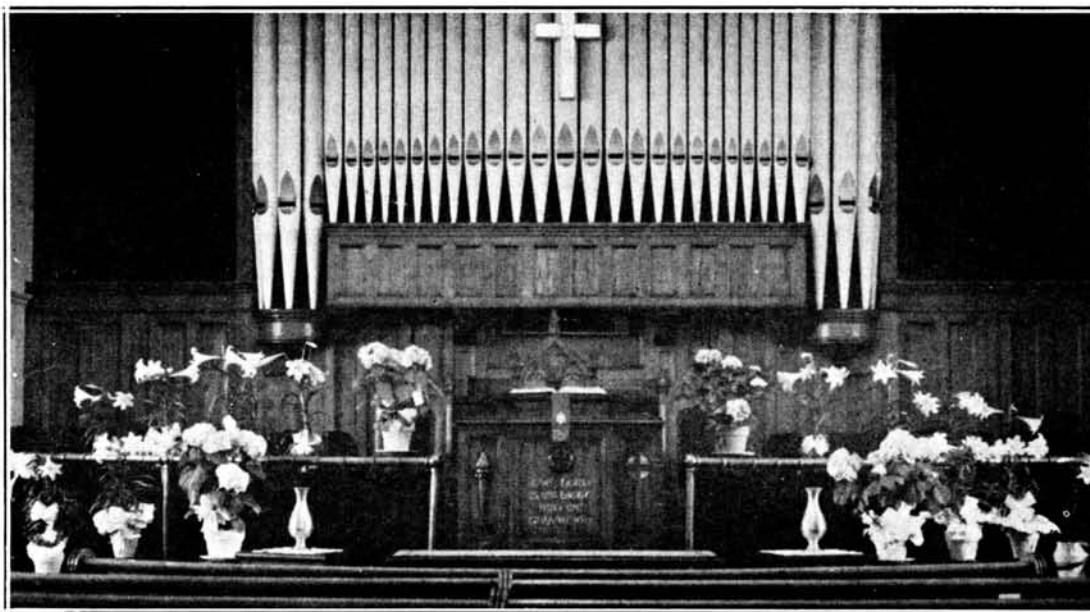
A cautiously optimistic note on improving conditions between Negroes and whites in Alabama in the last 10 years was sounded last night by a Negro minister from an Alabama private school.

The Rev. Sam Williams reported that the Supreme Court decision against segregation resulted in "less communication between the races" but said he

thought "we'll get over the shock and come to our senses and talk about it more" in the future.

Williams, Henry James Pharr, a student at Southern Normal School in Brewton, Ala., and the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, minister of the Brighton Reformed Church, took part in a panel discussion on race relations in the church. About 100 attended.

In explaining the "belligerent" attitude expressed by some Negroes when they move to Northern cities, the Rev. Mr. Williams pointed out that they "have not been able to express" their pent-up hatreds in the South.



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.

Rev. Edwin Luidens
Ruth Luidens
Carol
and
Donnie



Our Arabian Missionaries

Our 60th Anniversary year was brightened immeasurably 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

of Ed's and Ruth's having known her and her brother while over there.

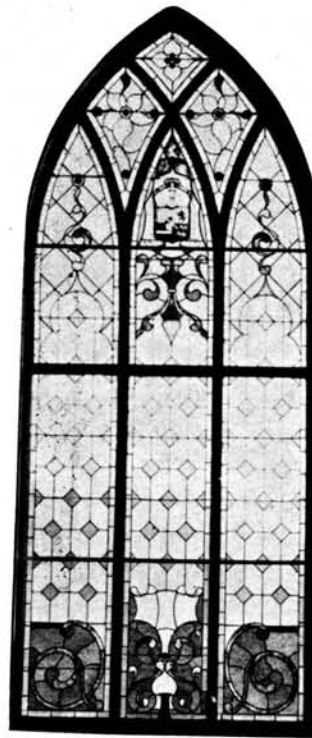
International conferences, interdenominational delegations and state-wide rallies have all heard the story of the need of the Moslem World and must, we feel, be much more sympathetic with these people now that their personal stories have been told. We are assured by Ed and Ruth that our continued interest 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 journeyed.

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



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

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Rev. John Van Westenberg
1891 - 1895



Rev. D. Lawrence Betten
1897 - 1910



Rev. Andrew Stegenga
1911 - 1918



Rev. Henry C. Jacobs
1920 - 1927



Rev. Richard J. Blocker
1927 - 1929

Historical Notes

Each one of us leaves some fond memory, trait of character or indelible impression upon certain lives as we meet, learn to know them and then pass on to other fields of our life's work. Pastors, more than most others, leave those impressions by which we build our lives in later years and upon which we construct guiding rules for our children. All the pastors of our church have left untold treasures of living examples of this type. You and I have been impressed in different ways; but each has been led unquestionably nearer to God as these lives have been lived and words of wisdom and love been given to us.

To say any material change stands above other points of service, or that one project outshines another would be unfair, since many effects have been wrought by more than one pastor's efforts. Here are a few of the events occurring during the several pastorates of these servants of God.

Our church corner stone dates the year Rev. Van Westenberg joined us. During his third year statistics show we had the largest annual membership increase in our church's history.

Rev. Betten was first to use the new Winton Road parsonage. Electric lights were installed in the church, and the Classis declared our church self supporting under his guidance.

Rev. Stegenga served us during World War One and during that time organized and taught the largest men's bible class in our history.

Rev. Jacobs guided his flock through the transition from Dutch to English services. During his work here the Far and Near group was organized. Daily Vacation Bible School and Week-day Classes in Religious Education were also undertaken, marking the transition toward the community wide service our congregation supports today.

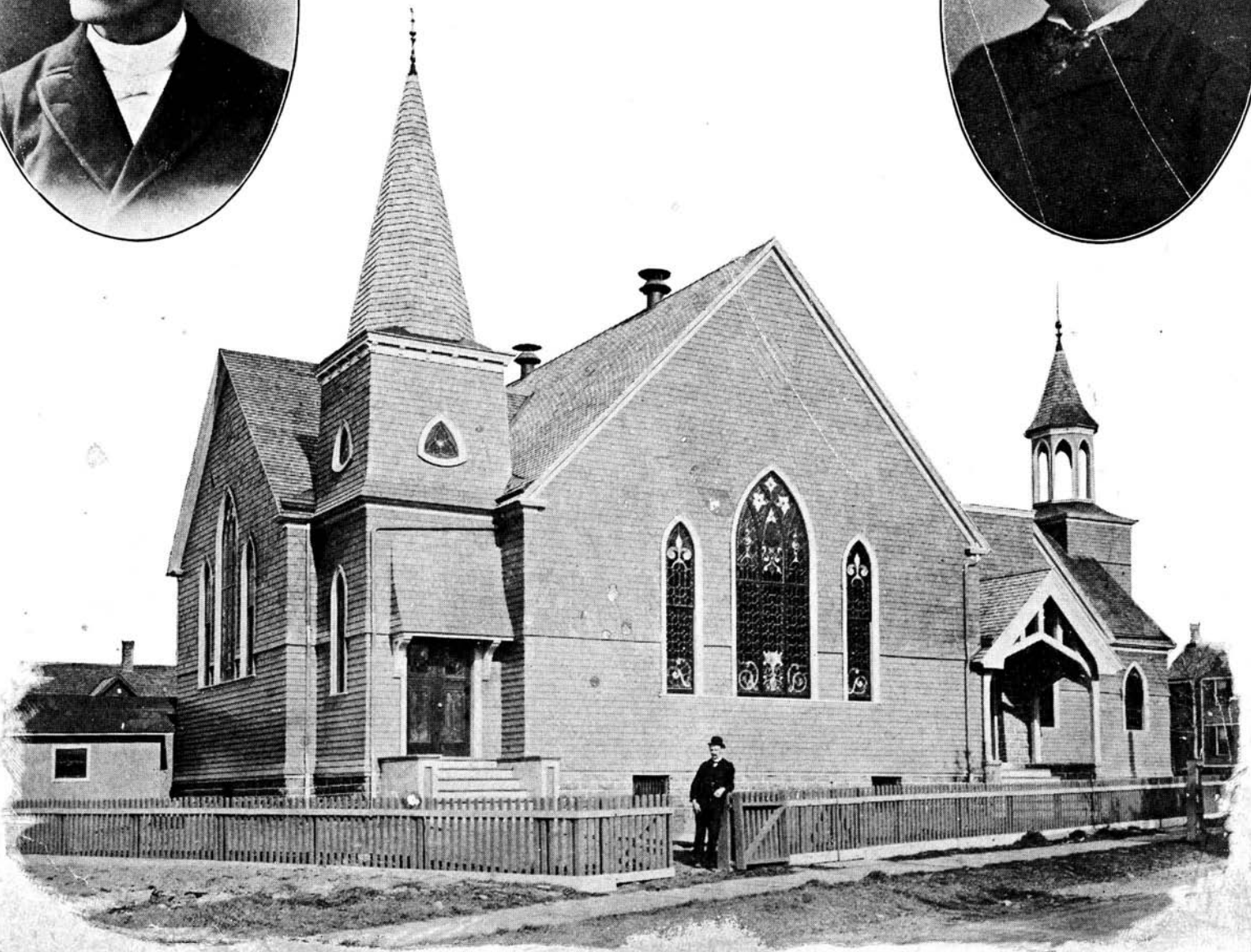
Rev. Blocker will be remembered for developing that social Christian friendship expressed by the enjoyable suppers, parties and mixed group gatherings now characterizing our church as the "Friendly Church."

Following Rev. Blocker's services with us the elders cared for both the pastoral and lay work in a most masterful demonstration of what laymen can do. The new parsonage on Arbordale Avenue stands out as their offering during this period ending in 1930.

The worth of these efforts and the great foresight of all these men is daily being proven by our present pastor as he continues to find more and more opportunities to serve his congregation and the community at large.

This belonged to
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tierson
Grandparents of
Grace Tierson Van Curen
Ruth Tierson Johnville
c 1896



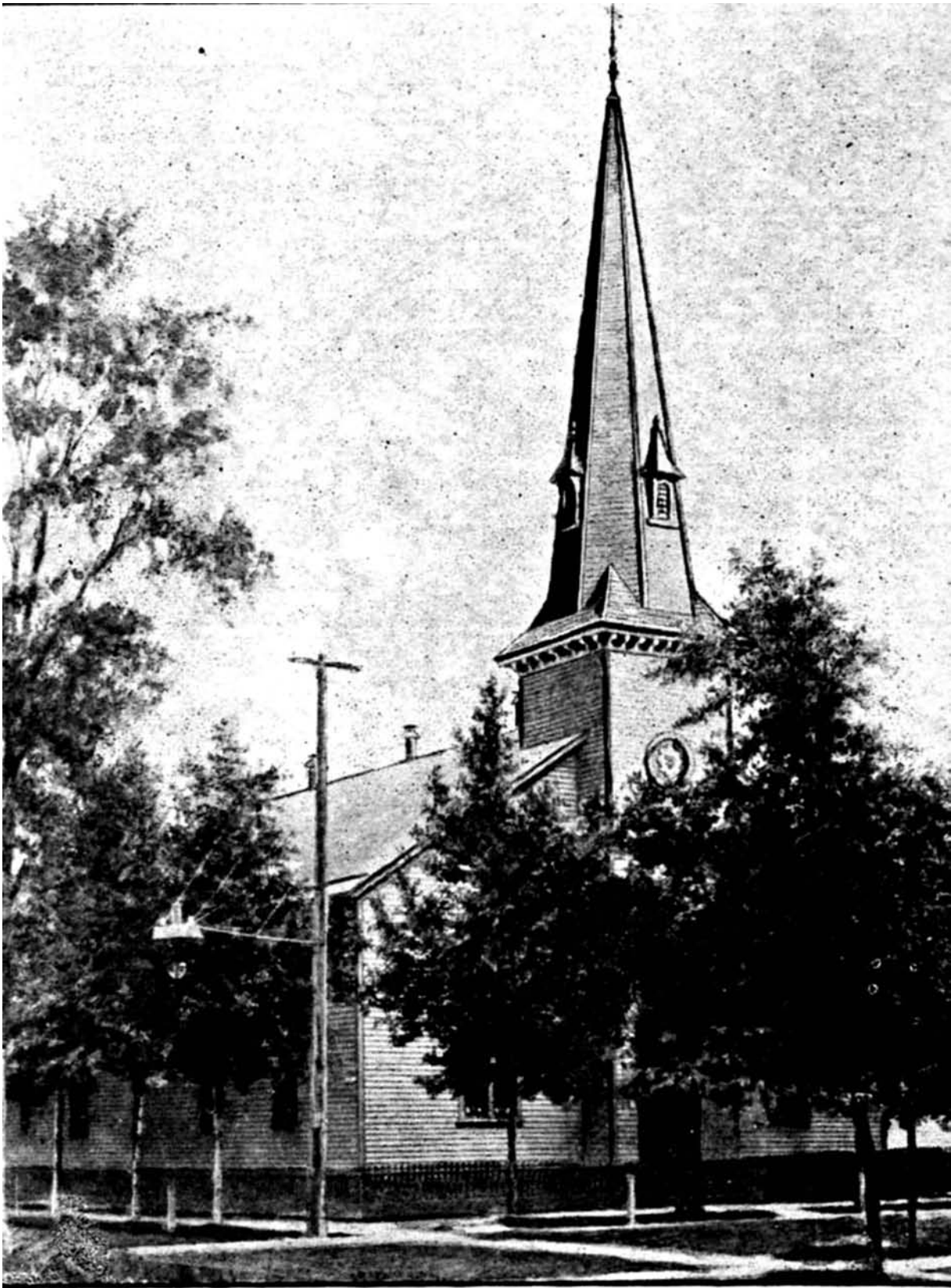


BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH.

From
Mrs. Michael
Zonneville
205 Akron St.
Rochester, N.Y.
Oct 1, 1944
Gordon Lunden
proctor

Post Card

One Cent
Stamp
Here



First Dutch Reformed Church of Rochester, N. Y. Organized 1852.

A SHORT HISTORY

From the middle of the 19th Century a steady stream of immigrants from Europe came into Rochester. By 1890 it was reported that there were 5000 people from the Netherlands. The Reverend Peter DeBruyn, for 17 years a minister of the First Reformed Church, saw very clearly that a new Reformed Church was necessary in the eastern part of the city. As one of the final acts of his ministry, Dominie DeBruyn organized people, first in homes, later in store buildings and finally in a new Chapel built at a cost of \$3,100. The funds were contributed by the First Reformed Church and people living in Brighton. By 1892 the Chapel was complete.

Convening in Palmyra on May 3, 1892 the Classis of Rochester heard the petition of 70 people desiring to establish a new Reformed Church in Brighton. Formal organization of the First Reformed Dutch Church of Brighton, New York was set for June 9, 1892 at which time 55 men and women became charter members. Their children and children's children are still with us. A few of the family names that appear are: Baart, Cambier, DeRoo, DeHollander, DeCook, DeMey, DeMallie, Hallings, VandenBroecke, VandeWall, VanBortel, Vanderlinde, Asbrook, Zonneville -- and many, many others.

The Reverend John VanWestenburg, who was president of Classis when our church was organized and who was minister at Pultneyville, became the first pastor. He served from 1891 to 1895. The Reverend D. Lawrence Betten, who served from 1897 to 1910 was the pastor when most of our "Fifty Year Members" were received into the church. The Reverend Andrew Stegenga served from 1911 to 1918 during the difficult World War I years.

While the "new" church building was completed by October 1896, there was still reconstruction work to be done on the old Chapel for school and social purposes. A parsonage at 246 Winton Road was purchased for \$2,500. The church, originally financed by a loan from the Board of Domestic Mission (now Board of North American Missions), was declared fully self-supporting in 1907.



50 YEAR

Anna Anderson Baart	April 9, 1899
Mamie Zonneville Smith	April 9, 1899
Libbie Jones Zonneville	November 19, 1899
Mary Bodine DeWitt	April 14, 1901
Cornelius J. Baart	April 14, 1901
Nettie Bodine Brandt	April 14, 1901
Isaac VanMeenan	February 12, 1906
Isaac VanBortel	February 12, 1906
Jennie Tierson Minck	December 16, 1906
Jennie VanderBrocke DeHollander	April 12, 1907
Elizabeth Herman Buckley	April 12, 1907
Cora DeCook Vanderlinde	April 19, 1908
Elizabeth Bodine Lash	April 19, 1908
Jennie Cambier Scheerens	April 19, 1908
Carrie Johnville Blaakman	April 25, 1909

BRIGHTON'S MEMBERS

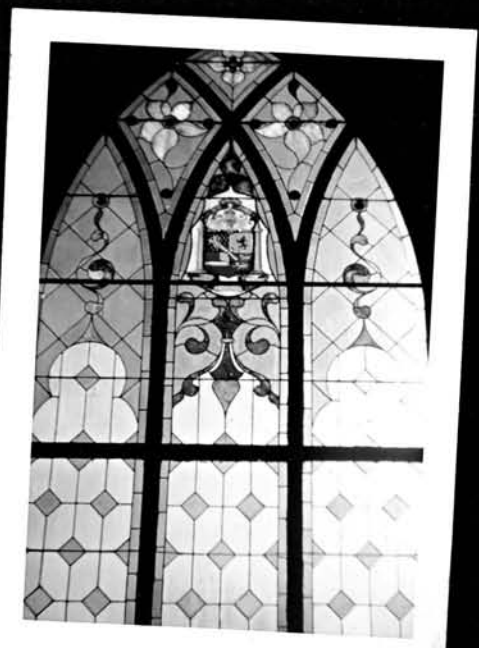
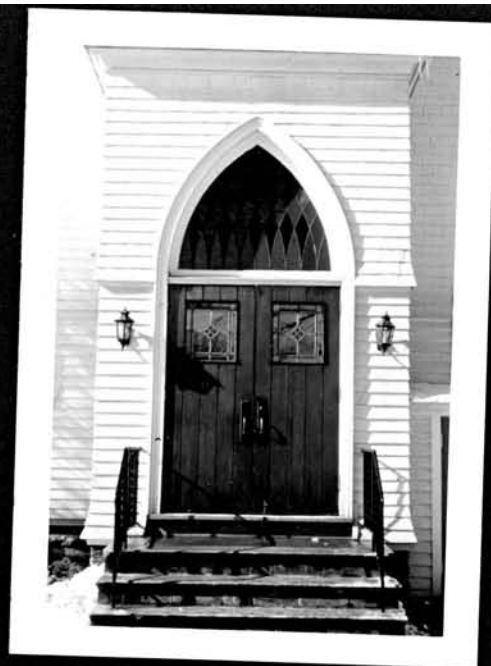
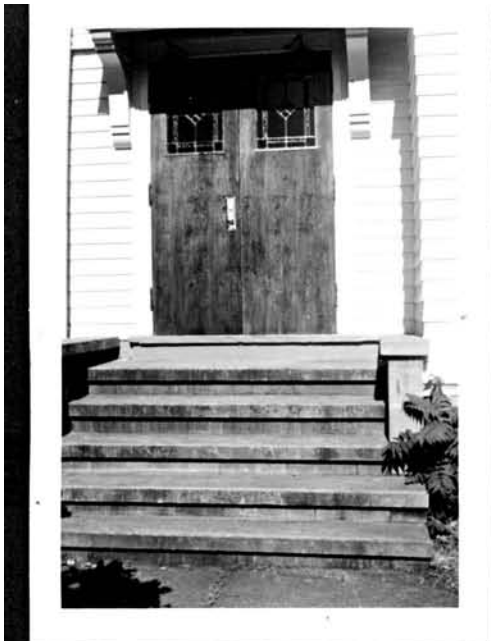


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Alice Dibble Zonneville	April 7, 1912
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Marie Van de Putte Blakley	April 12, 1914
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Lena Tierson DeWolfe	February 14, 1915
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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

Rochester, New York

ATTEMPT BIG THINGS FOR GOD....EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD

October 30, 1956

Dear Friends:

In a matter of two weeks and a few days we shall have a congregational meeting for which the years have waited. After much thought and prayer and work we are ready to ask ourselves what steps we ought to take next to realize the new and bigger and better Brighton Reformed Church building.

This letter is sent to you in the hope that it will do two things. First, it is meant to call attention to the enclosed mimeographed copy of a sermon preached in our church some time ago. I hope you will read it and that it will help stimulate some constructive thinking on the matters touched upon. I do not ask that you agree with everything it says. This would be asking too much. The hope of those who suggested that it be prepared for mailing is that it will serve as the background of our discussion on the night of November 16.

And the second reason for this letter is to remind you again of the date referred to above. We are asking all our members to reserve Friday night, November 16, for this most important meeting. The reports of the Study Groups to be presented that evening contain some rather interesting material. It may be that they will not meet with immediate and unanimous approval. It may be that they will. What we expect from you is a gracious acceptance of them and a fair, honest appraisal of the findings not easily or quickly arrived at. If this is done and our spirit remains Christian we shall have an experience before us that will make us more dedicated, trusting people.

Cordially,

William C. Hillegonds
Minister

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LET US RISE UP AND BUILD. (Nehemiah 2:18) Psalm 84

Someone once said in my hearing that one of the biggest mistakes a minister can make is to apologize publicly for a sermon. To do so is to admit that there are some sermons which need no apology and this is to make a claim for preaching that cannot be honestly made. The one thing that makes a sermon good or bad is not the artistry of the one who preaches. The thing that makes a sermon good or bad is what the people who hear it and the God in whose name it is given do with it.

But having said this I want to apologize for the sermon of the morning. First, because it is quite possible that there are visitors in our midst who would rather hear more than what is a domestic need of our church. To you I say that if you will return next Sunday you will hear something that is meant to be more inspiring and more objective than what you will hear today.

And then I want to apologize to any of you who came to this place this morning looking for the light of God upon a problem or the strength of God for a weakness or the guidance of God because some far reaching decision must be made and soon. The sermon this morning is not one that will speak to you I am sure. Perhaps the responsive reading or the solo or the anthem of the morning or the prayer or one of the hymns has already addressed itself to your need. At least we can hope that this is the case.

And finally, I should like to apologize to those of you who are fixtures in the parish for using this 20 or 25 minute period to discuss something that you would prefer hearing at one of our rather poorly attended meetings of the congregation or you would rather read upon the pages of one of the issues of The Brighton-er.

By now you probably have rightly concluded that the concern of the sermon is this project of the parish that some of you look upon as being the dream of one quarter of a century. This sermon will have to do with a building that we hope will one day house the program of the Brighton Reformed Church.

Fortunately I am not the first person to urge the beginning or in our case the completion of such an undertaking. Beyond our time and the generations of yesterday and the builders of the cathedrals of the middle-ages and the church buildings of the fourth century....before the time of our Lord himself in whose name and for whose glory every church building is erected there stands the heroic figure of one Nehemiah of Israel.

Nehemiah was a Jew of the great exile who like Joseph of Egypt before him had risen to heights of prominence in the court of the land of the exile. Nehemiah had become the cup bearer of the King of Persia. But like every loyal, devoted Jew his heart lay among the rubble of the once proud city of Jerusalem. He served his master faithfully and well, but all the while he was dreaming of that day when his steps would begin to lead home.

At last the opportunity came. Because of the wise, benevolent policy of the Persian rulers some of the children of Israel were allowed to return to Palestine, and in one of the groups of happy pilgrims was Nehemiah.

I can imagine how he felt as he approached the city of which he had heard so much and which in his mind always spoke of a greater day. Jerusalem the mighty was nothing but a city of past glory and present chaos. It was a staggering reminder that men and nations in this life are often confronted by the judgment of God. Jerusalem had grown haughty and evil and Jerusalem had paid with its life. One of less vision and courage and faith would have

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sadly but quickly made his way back to the comfortable, plush halls of the Persian king. But not Nehemiah. In him were the qualities that make for greatness. After receiving the permission of Ezra he stood among the people of the struggling colony of Jerusalem and uttered words that bring cheer to anyone of an adventuresome spirit: LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

And build they did. In spite of ridicule and intrigue and threats the almost impossible task of restoring the very necessary walls of Jerusalem was completed in 52 days.

It would take more of an imaginative mind than I possess to draw clearly and cleverly a precise analogy between what took place in 445 BC in Jerusalem and what should take place here. The ruins of Jerusalem find no real counterpart here. There is no feeling of hopelessness and despair here either. What we do detect is a general feeling that we should begin implementing the dreams and the plans and the work of the years with something more concrete. And so speaking for the core of this church which is completely committed to this vision of the years this sermon echoes Nehemiah's declaration of faith and courage and resolution: LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

But there is more to it than just repeating another's courageous words. We are a conservative people both in theology and in practice and therefore more than a few of us want to be shown.

I shall not talk at length about dollars and cents, even though a church building like the fast disappearing 10¢ store or neighborhood tavern costs money to erect. And we have it. This church is not a poor church. It is not a rich church either. I suppose that if all of the facts and figures were known this congregation would be judged average in almost every respect. If it were a matter of getting pledges for the next three to five year period and the getting of these pledges were based solely on our ability to pledge there is no apparent reason why 150 of our listed 375 families could not pledge \$500.00, which over a five year period would amount to slightly less than \$2.00 a week. If figures in my possession are correct there are some 33 families in the parish who are now contributing this amount.

There isn't anyone in this parish who can say with any justification that the membership of this church cannot afford to maintain its present general and benevolent budget and in addition subscribe to a building program that has as its objective the erection of a \$175,000 to 200,000 building. This appears to be easily in reach when one considers that there is already on hand almost \$60,000.00.

Money isn't the real reason we have not done what so many other congregations our size and smaller have chosen to do recently....that being to build a church building that more majestically expresses their faith in God and more efficiently serves the purposes of a parish intent on doing his will. We aren't wealthy enough is an excuse not worth weighing.

How then can we best convince ourselves that we ought to listen to the inspired commission of Nehemiah.

First, we ought to become convinced of our need. The question that must be asked and answered by all of us is, "Do we need this new building?"

Since our arrival in Rochester in late February of last year we have heard three sincere, eloquent appeals for support of the present New Sanctuary Fund. In each of these appeals the need for increased space in our Church

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School was stressed. These appeals were more than well worded paragraphs of nonsense. We have in our church school a group of officers and teachers who are as devoted to the task of Christian education as you will find in any church in Rochester. Ten and eleven o'clock each Sunday morning are greeted with prayer and enthusiasm by these persons. So far as devotion and loyalty are concerned we have a staff that is second to none. But we do not have the plant in which to do the job that other churches are doing. In a day when all around us churches are providing the very latest and very best for this investment in tomorrow, which the Church School is in part, we are attempting to carry on a 20th century school in a 19th century building. This isn't fair to our staff and to our children and I shall be so bold as to say to God.

What we need in our Church School are simple but highly suggestive worship centers. We need individual classrooms with maps and wall boards and desks. We need what the public school thinks it needs to carry on an effective program of education.

And then I believe we need a larger, more worshipful auditorium or sanctuary. And I say this not because we want something that is all lace and no body. We shall not get this for \$175,000 to \$200,000. What we want is a church auditorium that is so quiet and so worshipful that to enter it is to become convinced of the living presence of God.

This is not to say that God is not here in this moment. If he weren't nothing that we do now or in any moment will prove effective, for we are Biblical enough to believe that it is the Holy Spirit of God which makes dynamic and lasting what is here attempted in the name of God. But as the writer needs words to convey the thoughts of his mind and the artist paint to capture the summer's sunset on canvas and as God needed the flesh and bone Jesus of Nazareth to reveal his nature and will so most congregations need atmosphere to worship effectively.

You and I can worship in a department store or on a park bench or in the not so quiet solemnity of a church building. We can worship anywhere. But most of us need the atmosphere of a worshipful church building to be at our worshipping best.

But there is one reason for a new building that many of us overlook. I don't know how you choose restaurants when you travel but when nothing is known about the quality of food served our family chooses highway restaurants on the basis of appearance. If the restaurant appears to be adequate and reasonably modern and neat we stop. If not we go on.

I am told that many people choose churches in this same way. Knowing nothing about the program offered on the inside, people with no rigid denominational background choose the church that appears to have the best facilities.

Now I am not interested in getting people into the pews of this auditorium and into the program of this church to swell the membership and attendance figures of the church. I am interested in getting this displaced person so far as home address and church affiliation are concerned into this church because I believe the Reformed Church's interpretation of the Christian faith and life is as good as or better than that of any other church in our community.

The time has come for us to shed what we can call our inferiority complex brought about by the past failures of our denomination. We have a good, sound approach to Christianity, or so it seems to me. We aren't so wide or liberal in our

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theology that we have no depth. And we aren't so narrow and legalistic in our theology and life to be dogmatic or pharisaic. No church ever has a monopoly on truth, but the hour has come when the churches of the Reformed persuasion should humbly and gratefully conclude that they do have something worthwhile to offer the searching and bewildered and sick and lost mind of our time. And if we need a better package in which to wrap this sound interpretation of the gospel, then let's get it.

If we are to make real this dream of the years we must assure ourselves that it is not impossible financially. There aren't many members and friends of this church who can't afford to give at least 5% of their total income to the work of God carried on here....this 5% to be divided equally between the present general and benevolent needs of the church and the building program. Some of the happiest people in this parish, and it doesn't follow that they are the most prosperous, give 10% of their total income to the work of God carried out in his name and in his strength here. We must assure ourselves that the new building is not a financial impossibility if our people are willing to give sacrificially....which means to give up a new dress or a night out occasionally. And then we must convince ourselves of the need there is for a new building. If we can't convince ourselves that we will be able to do God's work better in a more efficient building let's stop talking about a new building.

And then we must have a little more faith or to use a more common word, we must be a bit bolder. We love to be reminded of the great faith of Abraham who having been separated by God for one of the great assignments of the ages went out not knowing where his journey would take him. For this he is called the father of the faithful.

That story has its sequel in the recent history of this church. Four years ago, two men, Mr. Henry DeRoo and Mr. Isaac Hubregsen, went to one of the banks of the city and deposited \$50.00 in what they chose to call the New Sanctuary Fund of the Brighton Reformed Church. I am told that the teller who received this money smiled at the amount, for \$50.00 doesn't buy the hardware found on the front door of a church let alone the door and the rest of the building. The teller smiled at what he may have considered their foolish gesture and God smiled because of their faith.

Because of the efforts and unflagging faith of these two men and a few others the New Sanctuary Fund is as large and promising as it is.

The time has now come for the rest of us to catch their vision and capture their faith. Now is the hour for the rest of us to think through the questions I have suggested should be answered by us and then take God at his word. If we feel that the will of God for this day of this church's life is to build then our Christian faith should tell us to begin thinking in terms of launching out in a real way, all of us. And best of all God doesn't send us into any avenue of service without making us aware of his sympathy and help. He says to men bent upon erecting a building to his glory as he says to the person bent on regaining his health: ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU.

I think this truth is seen so clearly in the church's experience of Pentecost. When the Master's visible presence departed from among the disciples he said: YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER.

This was his promise. He assured the disciples that one day soon the might of heaven would be placed at their disposal in order that his mandate to man might be accomplished.

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Now the thing we so often miss in this story is the attitude of the disciples. We don't read that they ran here and there looking and praying for this power. What they did was to meet in an upper room to ask the question: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The thing the disciples did was to wrestle with the commission of the Master. How are we going to do this. And as soon as they took this positive view....as soon as they put their hands to the task in a real way the power came.

Which leads Dr. Luccock to write in one of his books: "Power is never achieved when pursued for itself. In the divine economy, as we have glimpses of it in Holy Scripture power always goes with a commission. It came to the disciples at Pentecost: it comes to anyone whenever he squarely faces an undertaking. Churches pray, 'Give us power, and forget that an essential part of the answer is in their own hands.'"

Or hear these words from an article entitled BE BOLD in the May issue of Guideposts written by Arthur Gordon: "Once when I was facing a decision that involved (I thought) considerable risk, I took the problem to a friend much older and wiser than myself. 'I'd go ahead,' I said unhappily, 'if I were sure I could swing it. But.....' He looked at me for a moment and then scribbled ten words on a piece of paper and pushed it across the desk. I picked it up and read, in a single sentence, the best advice I ever had: BE BOLD....AND MIGHTY FORCES WILL COME TO YOUR AID.

I don't know how many of you are familiar with the name William Carey. He was an English cobbler who had a vision of winning the world for Christ in his time. After years of study and prayer he felt the summons of God to leave the cobbler's bench and go to India where he became one of the pioneer missionaries of our era. In a sermon preached to a Baptist Society in England from which he was attempting to elicit support he said these words which express my sentiments completely when it comes to the total program of this church. ATTEMPT BIG THINGS FOR GOD. EXPECT BIG THINGS FROM GOD. AMEN

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GROUND BREAKING
CEREMONY

FOR THE NEW
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 13, 1958



815 Blossom Road
Rochester 10, New York

Rev. William C. Hillegonds
Minister

SERVICE OF GROUND BREAKING

GRACE BE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, FROM GOD OUR FATHER, AND
FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

HYMN "The Church's one Foundation"

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of
hosts!

Congregation: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for
the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth
out for the living God.

Leader: Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the
swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her
young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.

Congregation: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;
they will be still praising thee.

Leader: Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
in whose heart are the ways of them.

Congregation: Who passing through the Valley of Baca
make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Leader: They go from strength to strength, every one
of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Congregation: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Leader: Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the
face of thine anointed.

Congregation: For a day in thy courts is better than a
thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house

of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before
His presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that
hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people,
and the sheep of His pasture.

Congregation: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise: be ye thankful unto
Him and bless His name.

CEREMONY OF GROUND BREAKING

Whereas, by the grace of God, we are permitted this
day to begin the erection of a church at this place,
with this spade the representatives of our congregation
now break this ground in the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Ghost, in order that the building
which shall be constructed here may serve as a place
where our God will record His name, where His honor will
dwell, and where He will come unto His children and
bless them.

(After each statement, the representative will turn a
spade of dirt and the congregation will respond with
"WE BREAK THIS GROUND TO-DAY".)

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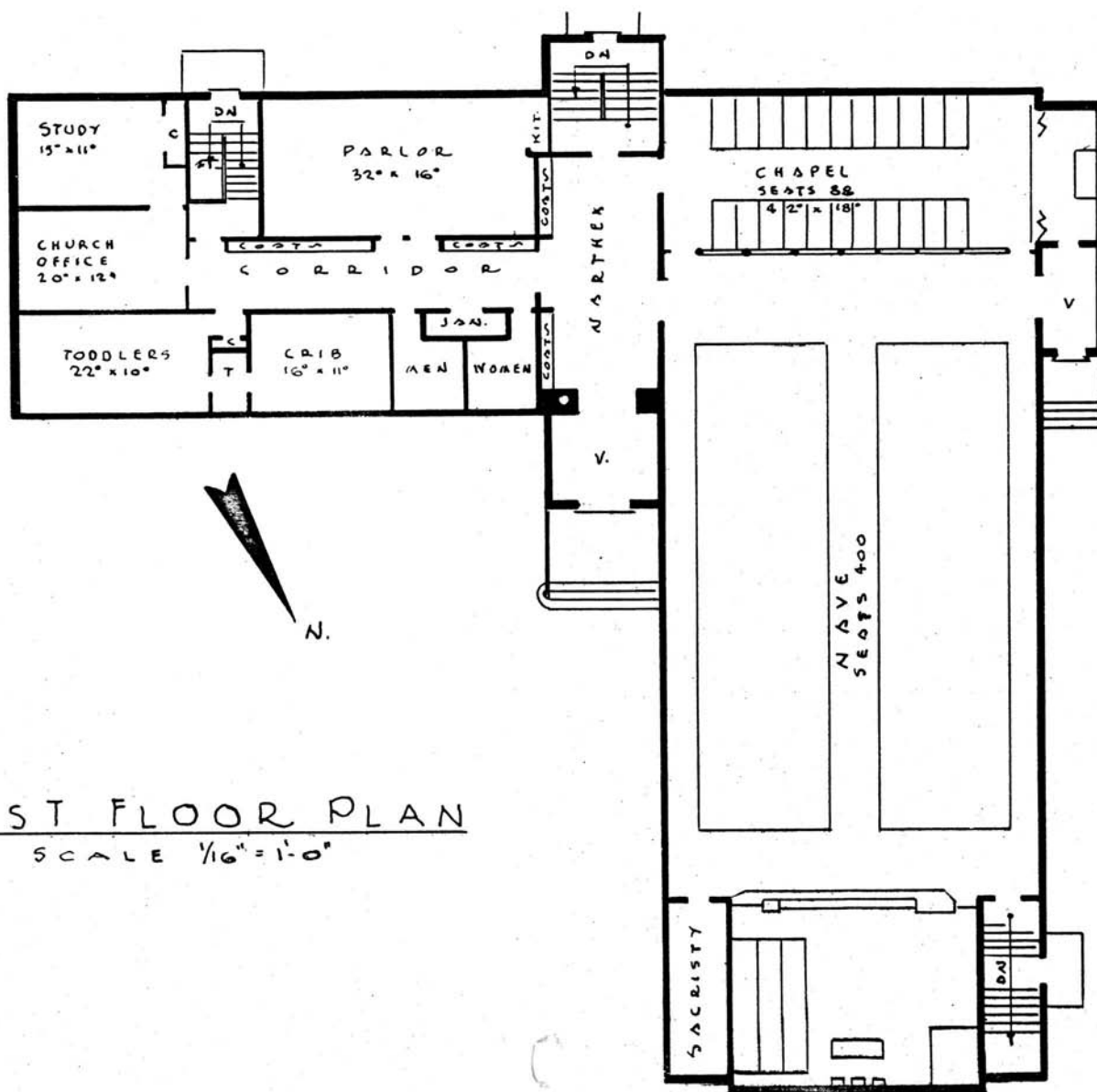
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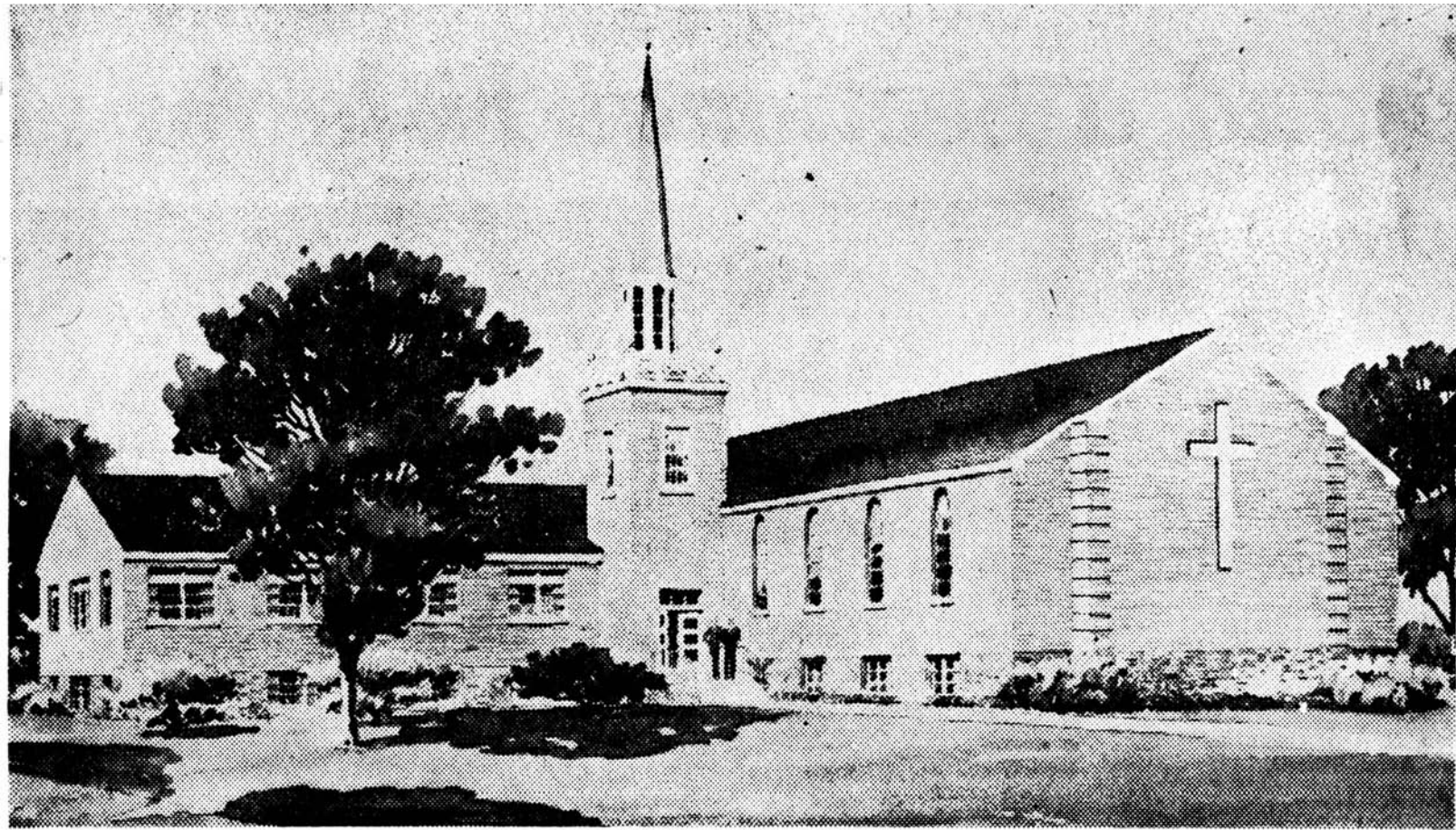
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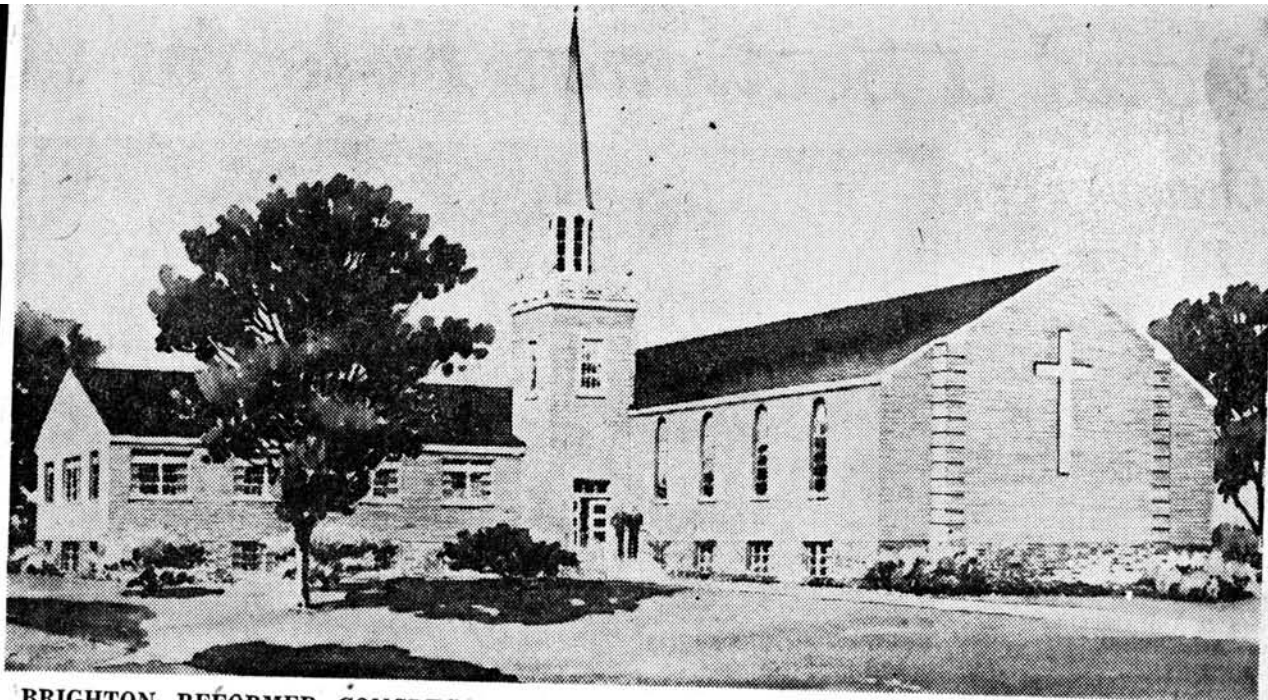
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BREAKING GROUND — Mrs. Jacob DeGraff of 305 North Winton Rd., flanked by the Rev. William C. Hillemonds and Bonnie Revier of 503 Humboldt St. prepare to break ground for new church building.



GROUND BREAKING

Charter Member Helps Turn Sod for Church

The oldest and newest members of the Brighton Reformed Church—Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, 91, and Bonnie Revier, 13—were star performers at yesterday's ground-breaking ceremonies for the new church building.

Mrs. DeGraff, only living charter member of the church, and Bonnie, who was received into church membership on Maundy Thursday, struck a gold-painted shovel into the ground and intoned:

"That a church may rise here where the aged and youth shall come to worship, pause to pray, and rise to serve."

"We break this ground today," responded members of the congregation, standing in the warm sunlight around the ground-breaking patch.

The new building, across the street from the present church at 815 Blossom Rd., will be constructed in a modified colonial style with brick and stone facing. It is expected to be finished by next Easter.

Other participants in the ground-breaking ceremonies voiced hopes for the church.

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Church Sets Sod Turning

Ground will be broken tomorrow by Brighton Reformed Church for construction of a new church edifice in Blossom Road. Following a brief service at 11 a.m., the congregation will go to the new site for the ceremony.

Participating in the ceremony will be the only living charter member of the church, 92-year-old Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, and Miss Bonnie Revier, who was received into membership in the church last Maundy Thursday, the oldest and newest members.

Elder Walter Blakley, vice president of the Consistory, will officiate. Others will be Chester G. Engler chairman of the building Committee; Mrs. Clarence DeLyser, president of the Women's Guild; Frank Elliott, president of the Men's Brotherhood, and the minister, the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, who is president of the Consistory.

Church Drive Passes Goal

A Brighton Reformed Church fund drive to raise \$100,000 in pledges for the construction of a church-school building yesterday hit a total of more than \$130,000.

The Rev. William C. Hillegonds, minister, said he hopes construction can be started late this summer with the aim of finishing the structure by next Easter.

The building, a modified Gothic church with a wing for a school, will be erected on a 3½ acre plot opposite the present church at Arbordale Avenue and Blossom Road.

Some 50 persons canvassed the 550-member parish yesterday afternoon. A "victory dinner" will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Lodge, a recreation hall on the parish grounds.





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CORNER STONE BOX OPENED IN CEREMONY

In a brief and informal ceremony held in Fellowship Lodge, Consistory opened the box that was contained in the corner stone of the original Brighton Reformed Church. Walter Blakley, vice president of Consistory, officiated.

The contents, placed in the box at the corner stone laying on July 4, 1891, included time-weathered documents that had begun to crumble with age.

The first item in the copper box was a letter written by the Dominie (pastor) of the First Reformed Church of Rochester in which he tells the history of the early Dutch settlement in this area. Many newspapers had been carefully folded and placed in the box along with other interesting data about the times.

A committee of Consistory will make a study of these documents and a digested form of their contents will be presented in the next issue of The Brightoner.





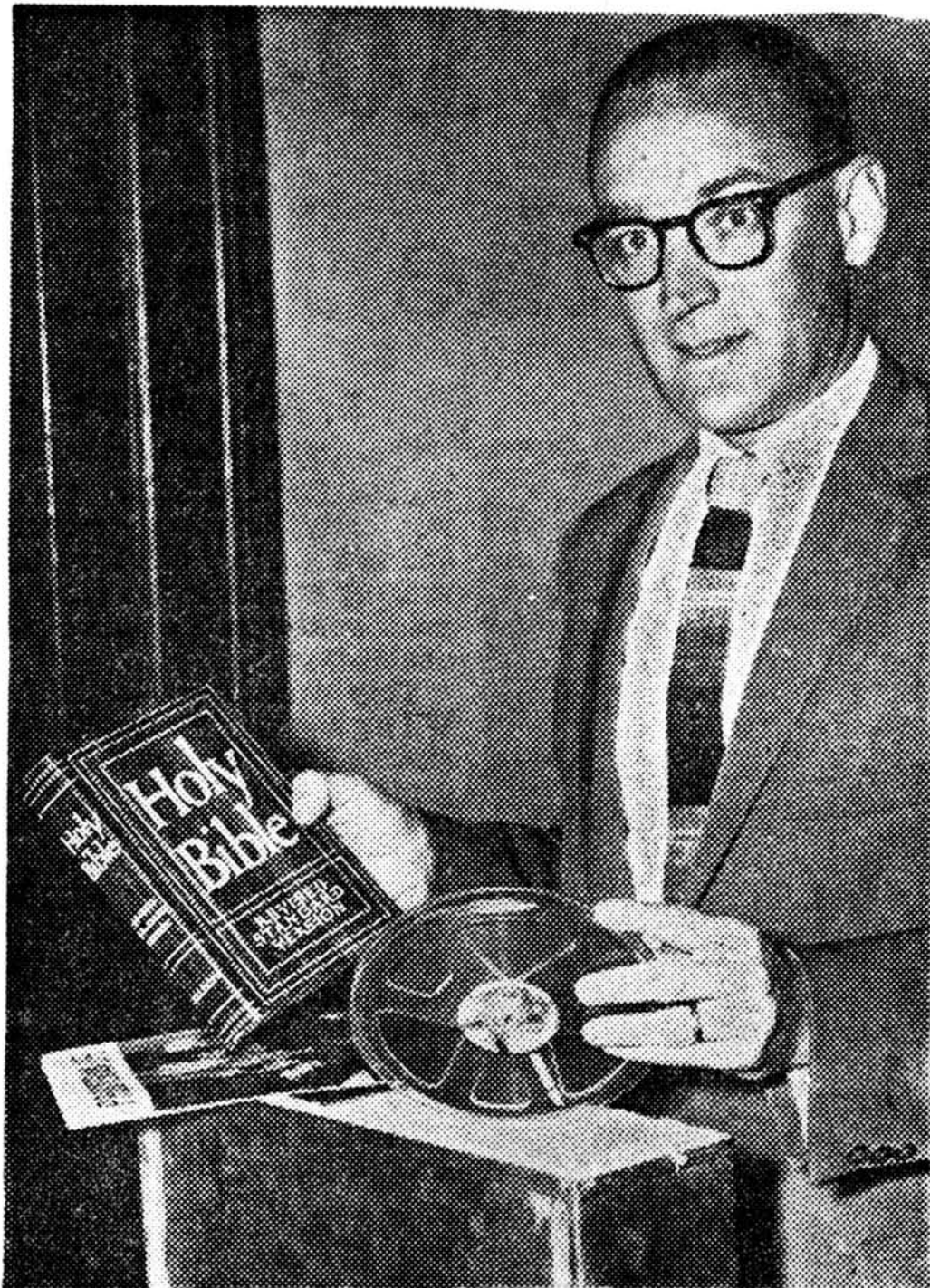
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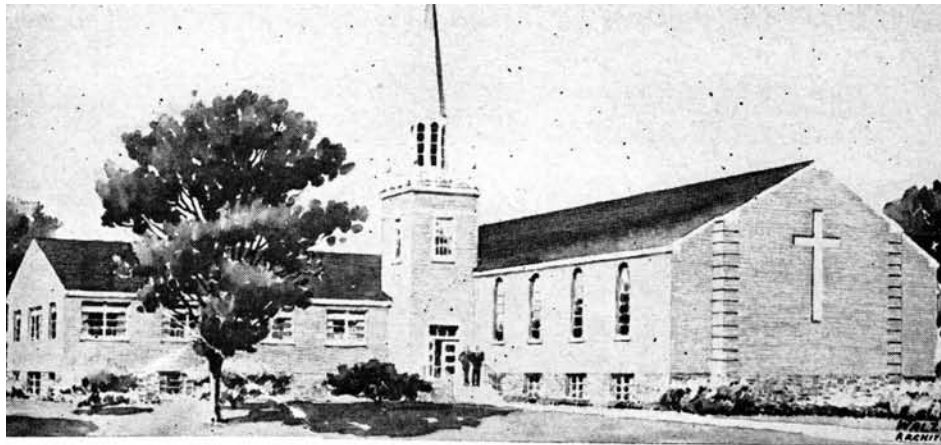


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"TAPED" SERMON and revised standard version of the Bible are among items the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, pastor, prepares for preservation in cornerstone of new Brighton Reformed Church in Blossom road. Cornerstone-laying ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Church and educational wing, are scheduled for completion next Easter.



Above: Architect's drawing of the new sanctuary.

Left: The Rev. Wm. C. Hillegonds, pastor, sets the cornerstone while Mr. Wm. Cooper looks on.



BRIGHTON ROCHESTER BUILDS

The Brighton Reformed Church of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, pastor, laid the cornerstone for its new church and education building on June 15. Ground was broken two months earlier in a service in which the only surviving charter member, Mrs. Jacob De Graff, 92 years old, and Miss Bonnie Revier, one of the "new members," participated.

The new church is the dream of many years. First plans came to a halt in depression of the 1930s. They were revived and in 1952 a five-year program for \$70,000 was begun. Another short canvass conducted last year raised \$135,000 in pledges.

The new L-shaped church of modified Colonial design will be faced with brick and stone. The ground floor will house a 400-seat sanctuary, a chapel seating 90, parlor, church offices and toddlers' and crib room. A lower level will provide 28 church school rooms, several large assembly areas, church school office and choir room.

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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCHTHE ORDER OF WORSHIPJune 15, 1958

The Organ Prelude Chorus - "Water Music" Handel

The Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 423 "O Where are Kings and Empires Now"

*The Lord's Prayer and Salutation

****Organ Interlude**

The Anthem "Send Forth Thy Spirit" Arr. Howorth

The Morning Prayer and Choral Response

*Hymn No. 422 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

The Word of God

Psalm 84

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Air - "Water Music"

Handel

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Organ Interlude

The Meditation

Silent Prayer and Meditation

*Hymn No. 420 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE IN OUR NEW BUILDING

* The Congregation stands.

** Ushers to seat those arriving after Call to Worship

Greeting worshippers at the door today are Mr. and Mrs.
Elmer Bodane.

Ushers for today: Earl Hornberger, Arthur Neff
Lawrence Faba, William Ross

GOD BUILDS NO CHURCHES

God builds no churches, By His plan
That labor has been left to man.
No spires miraculously arise;
No little mission from the skies
Falls on the bleak and barren place
To be a source of strength and grace.
The humblest Church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice.

Men call the Church the House of God,
Toward which the toil-stained pilgrims trod
In search of strength and rest and hope,
As blindly through life's mists they grope.
And there God dwells, but it is man
Who builds that house and draws its plan;
Pays for mortar and the stone
That none need seek for God alone.

The humblest spire in mortal ken
Where God abides was built by men.
And if the church is still to grow,
Is still the light of hope to throw
Across the valley of despair,
Men still must build God's house of prayer.
God sends no churches from the skies.
Out of our hearts must they arise.

-- Edgar Guest

JUNE 15, 1958

*The Office for
The laying of the Cornerstone of
Brighton Reformed Church*

Walter W. Blakley, Officiating
Vice-President, Consistory



GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEARLY beloved: We are here assembled in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected to His honor and service and praise. Within its walls His holy Name is to be worshiped, His holy Gospel is to be preached, and His holy Sacraments are to be administered. Knowing that our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, let us lift up our hearts unto Him in humble supplication for His blessing.

PRAYER (In Unison)

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone; direct us in this our undertaking with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 87

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee,

O city of God.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:

Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born in her:

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:

And the Highest Himself shall establish her.

The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people,

That this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:

All my springs are in Thee.

1 Peter II: 1-9

WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrises, and envies, and all evil-speaking, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: to whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and stone of a stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

READING CONTENTS OF CORNERSTONE BOX

Isaac Hubregsen

CORNERSTONE LAYING

Rev. William C. Hillegonds

I LAY the Corner-stone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

APOSTLE'S CREED (In Unison)

Led by Henry DeRoo

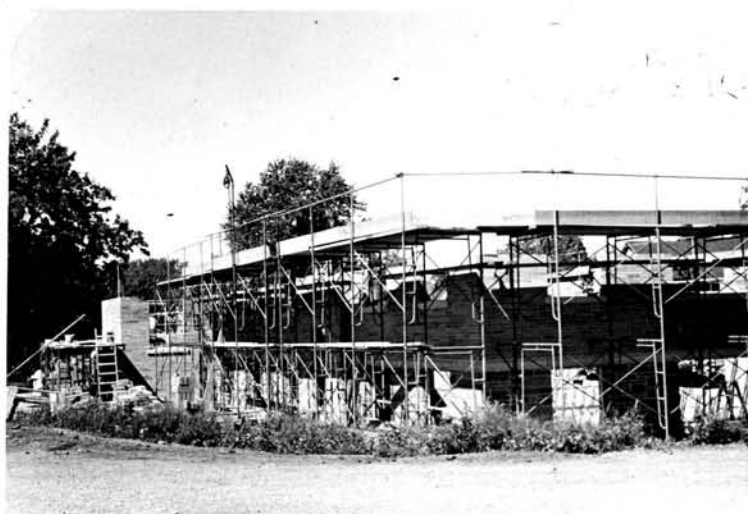
I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting, Amen.

HYMN - The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. Amen.



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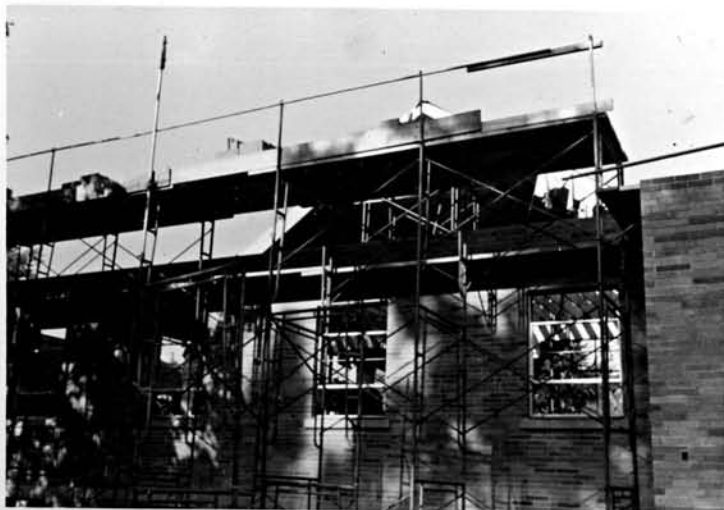
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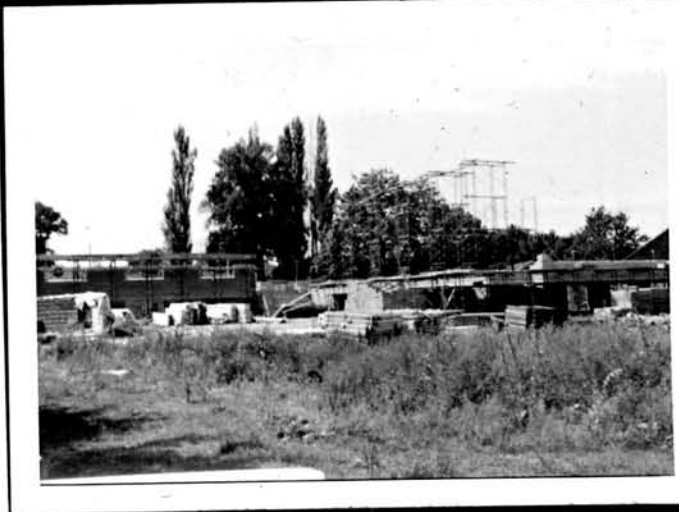
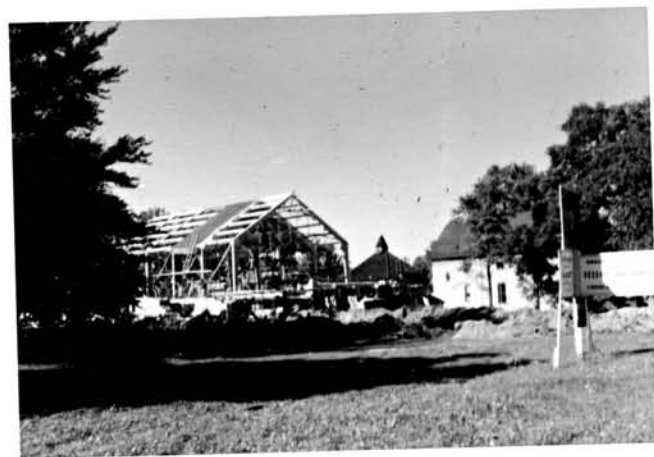
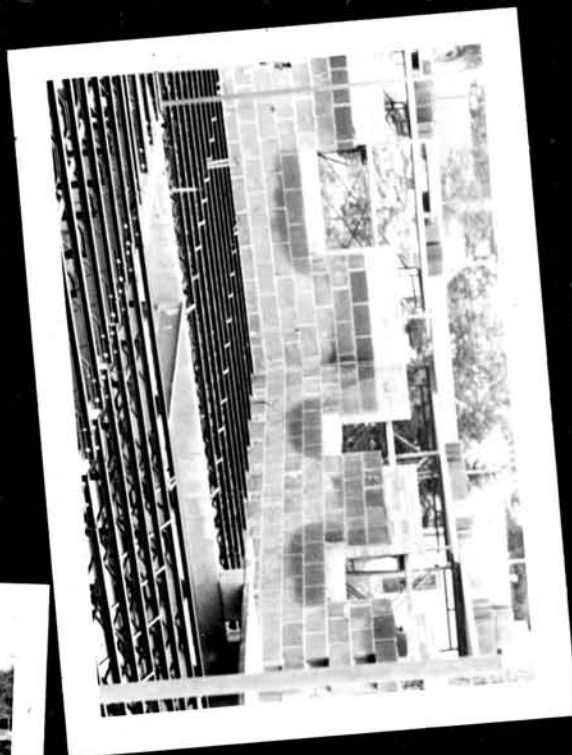
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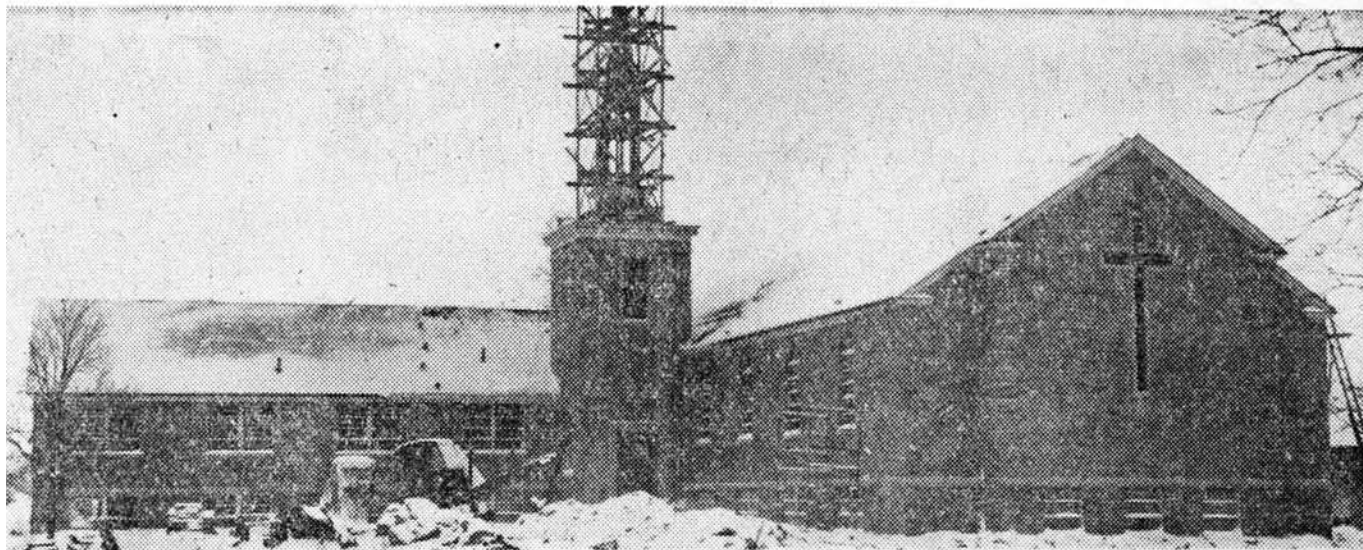


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NEW CHURCH GOES UP—The \$225,000 Brighton Reformed Church on Blossom road near Winton



Brighton Reformed Plans Two Dedication Services

Brighton Reformed Church will dedicate its new church and educational building, one year in the making, at special services tomorrow, with a community program to follow next Wednesday.

The minister, the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, will lead the congregation in the Litany of Dedication and preach the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir directed by Nelson A. Abeel will offer dedicatory music, with Harold Harper playing the new electric organ.

At the evening service tomorrow the guest preacher will be the Rev. Norman Thomas, minister of First Reformed Church at Albany, oldest Reformed church in the nation. Also participating will be three former Brighton Reformed ministers—the Rev. Henry C. Jacobs, Richard Blocker and Anthony Luidens, D.D.

In the community service at 8 p.m. Wednesday the new building's keys will be presented to Consistory, the church's governing body. Chester G. Engler, general chairman of the building committee, and Jacob P. DeVuyst, Consistory vice president, will have a part in the program, while the preacher will be the Rev. Robert E. Slaughter, D.D., of Immanuel Baptist. The Roberts Wesleyan College Choir will provide music.

The new building, across Blossom Road from the old site, will provide seating for 90 in its chapel and 400 in the nave. The basement contains 22 classrooms. Following the trend of providing off-street parking, a paved area adjoining the church can handle 100 cars. The original structure, which still stands, was erected in 1891.

New

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

Blossom Road at Arbordale Avenue

SERVICES OF DEDICATION

10:30 A.M. Service

"THE CHURCH OF CHRIST"

The Minister preaching

8:00 P.M. Service

REV. NORMAN THOMAS

*Minister, First Reformed Church
Albany, New York
Roberts Wesleyan College Choir*

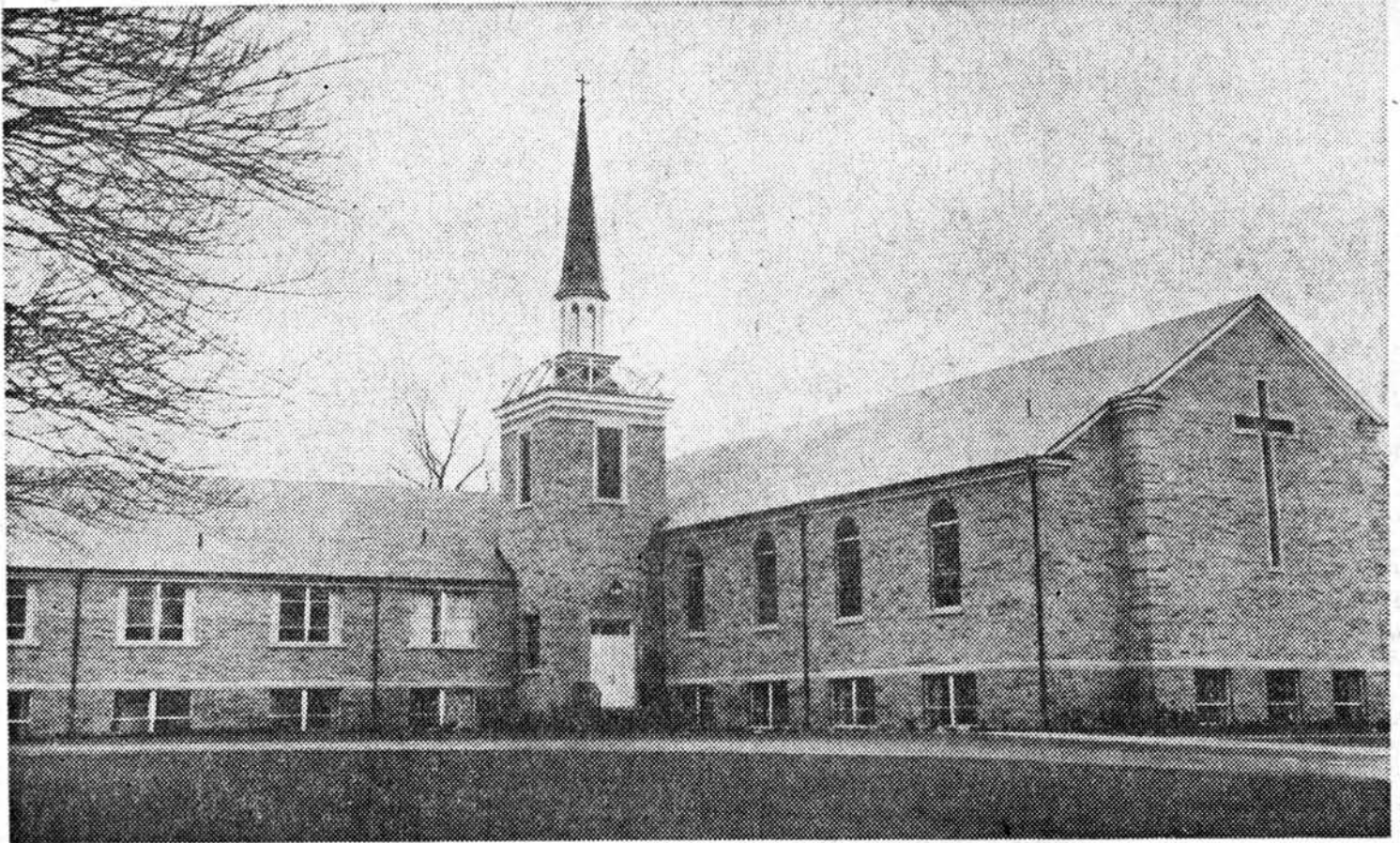
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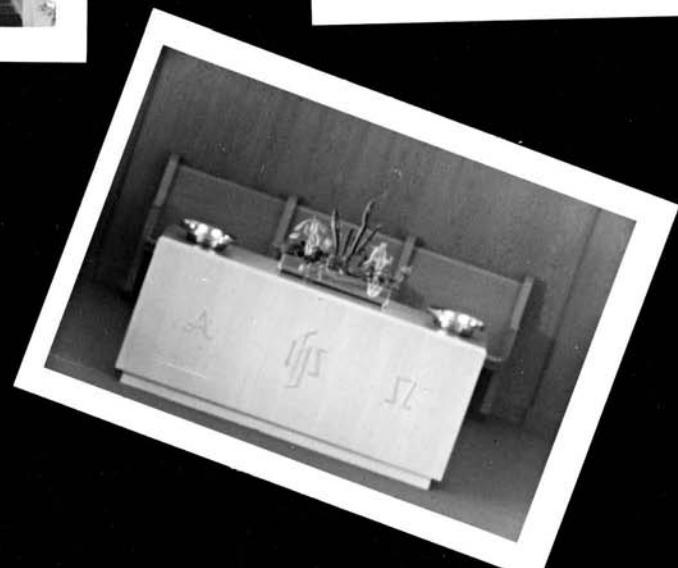
COMMUNITY SERVICE of DEDICATION

REV. ROBERT E. SLAUGHTER, D. D.

*Minister, Immanuel Baptist Church
Special Music*

Rev. William C. Hillegond, Minister





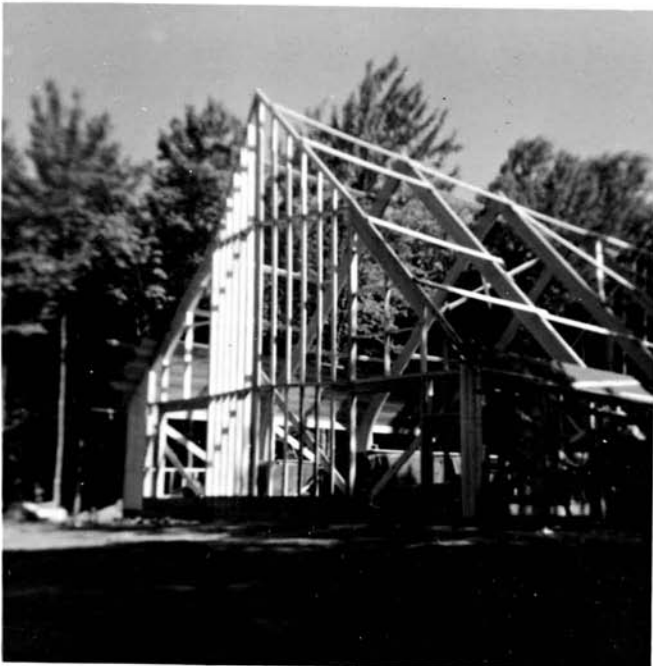




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LITTLE BITES OF HISTORY

Last September, in a Junior Sermon, Paul Janssen defined a symbol as "a sign of something that means something else." With that in mind, let us examine the colorful stained glass windows which, in September 1964, replaced the plain, original windows. Great care was taken selecting the seven Christian symbols that grace and beautify our sanctuary.

The three on the east side of the building depict areas from the Old Testament whereas the four on the west side are from the New Testament.

One of those from the Old Testament is the altar of sacrifice, showing red flames and referring to the highly developed ritual among the Israelites of the sacrifice of clean animals without blemish as burnt offerings. The altar of sacrifice points to the great sacrifice made by Jesus Christ in shedding his blood and giving up his life.

The window containing the two tablets symbolizes the Ten Commandments given Moses, which constitute the fundamental law for both Jews and Christians. It has been said that if people obeyed these ten rules, it would not be necessary to have any other laws. These tablets still command us to obey God's laws for our happiness and well-being. Interestingly the oak leaves in the background denote sturdiness and regeneration.

The remaining Old Testament window is that of the burning bush which signifies the appearance of God to Moses, calling him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and promising a rich land. Let this remind us that God lives among us daily, fulfilling his promises.

The New Testament windows will be discussed in our column, next month.

Doris Wahl

LITTLE BITES OF HISTORY

(Continued from Column 2)

May these symbols serve silently to remind all worshipers of the heritage that is theirs as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, God's own chosen people.

Doris Wahl
History Committee

LITTLE BITES OF HISTORY

The symbol of the dove on the west side of our sanctuary appears in both the Old and New Testaments representing purity and peace. With an olive leaf in its mouth it concerns the flood recorded in Genesis wherein God made peace with man through deluge, victory and an expectation of new life. All four Gospels recount the appearance of the Holy Spirit, descending like a dove, in telling of Jesus' baptism.

The lamb in our window is mentioned by John the Baptist in John 1:29 as he said of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The standing posture suggests that the Lamb of God is triumphant, risen. Two favorite hymns make good use of this symbol: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" and "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

Next an open book refers to the Holy Bible, the Word of God. This opened book indicates that the Bible is accessible throughout most of the world. Translations of the Bible, or portions of it, have been published in more than a thousand tongues. In all God reveals his requirements of his people.

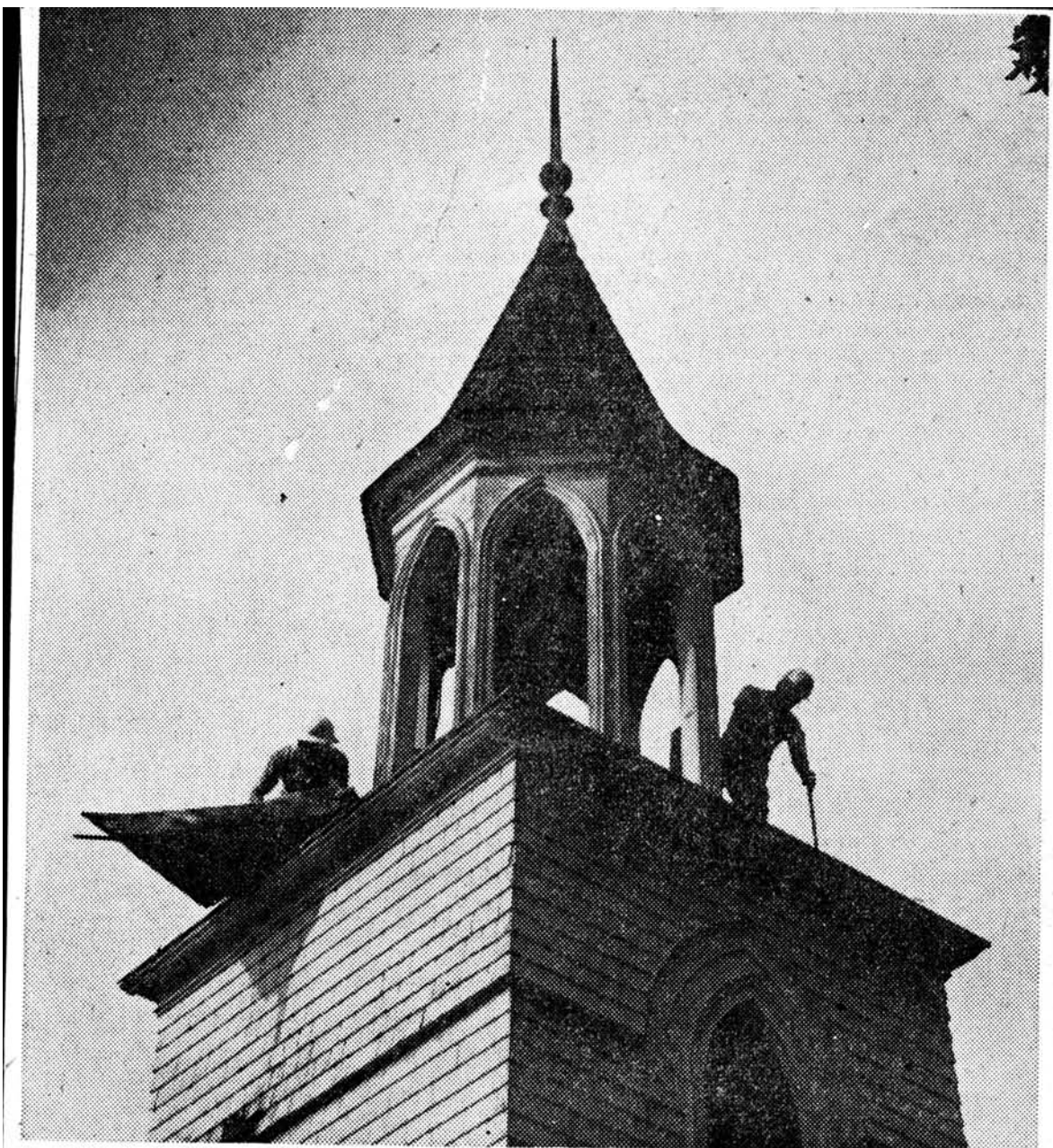
The four-pointed star is interpreted as forming a cross and its positioning over a city suggests the star in the east which led the Wise Men to Bethlehem and therefore symbolizes the birth of our Lord. A star lighting the darkness of the heavens has been through the ages, and still can be, a symbol of divine guidance.

Parts of the Litany of Dedication used twenty years ago bears repeating here. "These windows are dedicated to the glory of God the Father; to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church; to the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit. To ever remind us of the teachings of the prophets and psalmists; to keep forever fresh in our hearts and minds the mighty acts of a gracious God. For the ministry of art to the soul; for the inspiration of its message to our minds; for the direction of the thoughts of the congregation in channels of Christian meditation. We (re) dedicate these windows." (Continued in Column 1)



5 5/8" HALFTONE #83/23





RAZING THE ROOF—Workmen from Damico Wrecking Co. launch demolition work on old Brighton Reformed Church, 780 Blossom Rd. Built in 1891, later enlarged, church has been unused since May, when congregation moved into new

quarters across street. Clad in white clapboard, old church had capacity of 230, compared with new structure's 400. When built, it was located in largely-unsettled Brighton; now, it is within city limits, in old residential area.

D & C Wednesday, Sept 30, 1959

Building Approved
First Dutch Reformed Church and Dr. Ernest T. Anderson, to erect a two-story masonry building on the northeast corner of Blossom Road and Heather Street to be used for three professional offices and an apartment and to provide off-street parking.





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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

held at

Spencer-Ripley Methodist Church
Rochester, New York

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VIRGINIA PAKED HAM MASHED POTATOES

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Dinner served by the Ladies of the

Spencer-Ripley Church

CHAIRMAN
TOASTMASTERHenry De Roo
Carl M. PearsonPROGRAMDOXOLOGY
INVOCATION

Rev. Edwin Luidens

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

SONG LEADER

Jacob DeVuyt

PIANIST

Mrs. Frances Decker

SOLO

Betty Talsma

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Reformed Church Players

"IN THE SPRING TIME"

"Mystic Milestones"

Rev. Henry Jacobs

"I Remember Way Back When"

Rev. Richard Blocker

"Greetings" from the Parent Church

Rev. John Butyne

"The Road Ahead"

Rev. Anthony Luidens

PARTING HYMN Blest be the Tie that Binds

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kenneth Stickney

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Henry De Roo

TICKET CHAIRMAN

Mr. Roland Woodhams

COMMITTEES

Miss Sarah Cambier

Miss Shirley Jean Hand

Mrs. Edward DeCook

Mrs. Roland Woodhams

Mrs John Olyslager

Mrs. Jacob DeVuyst

Mrs Carl Pearson

Mrs. Viola DeReu

Mrs Clarence DeLyser

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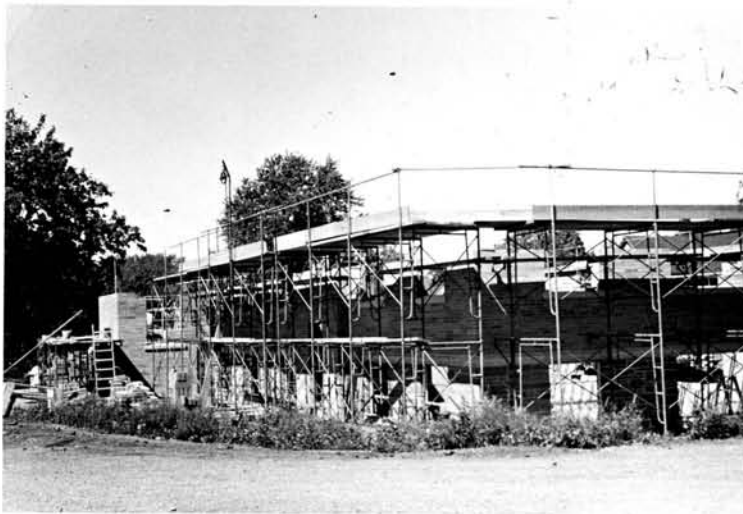


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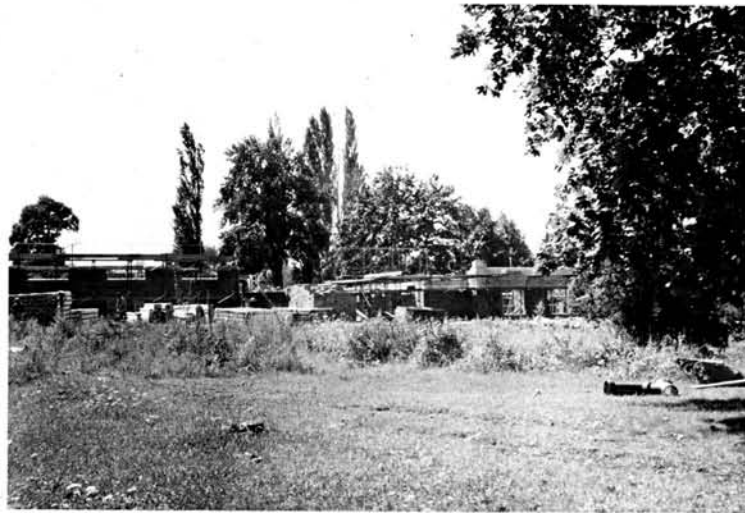
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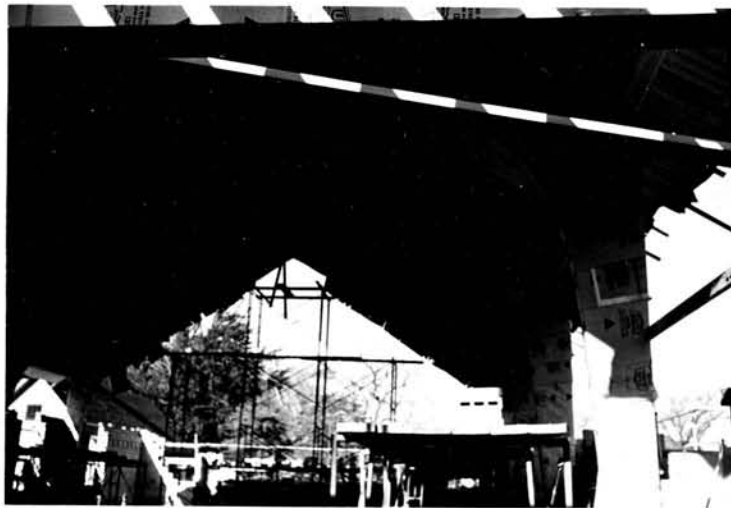
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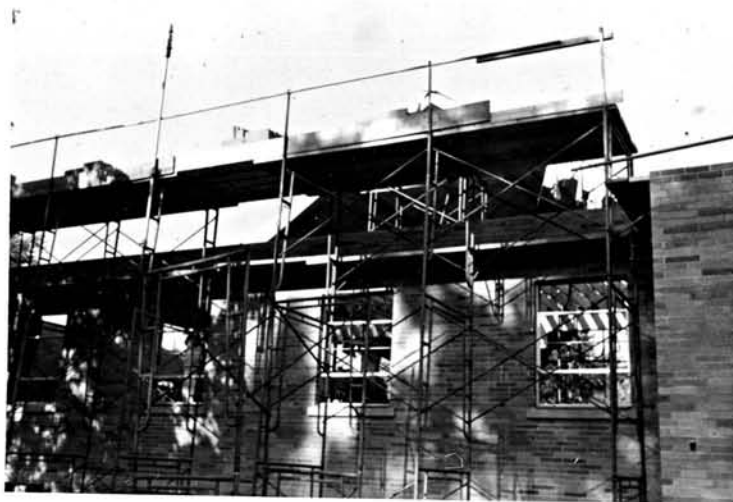
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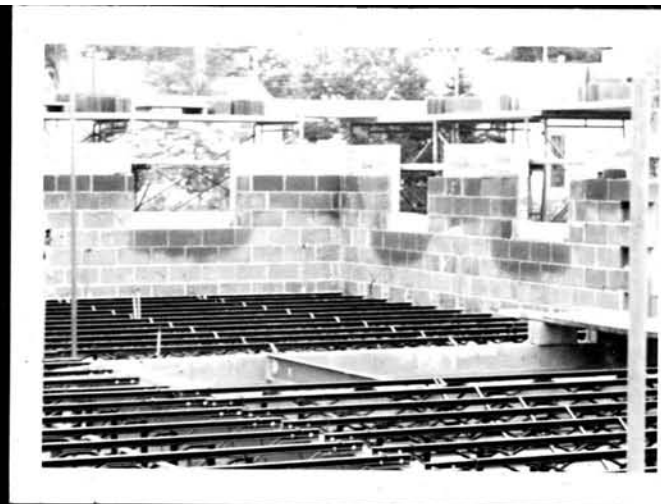
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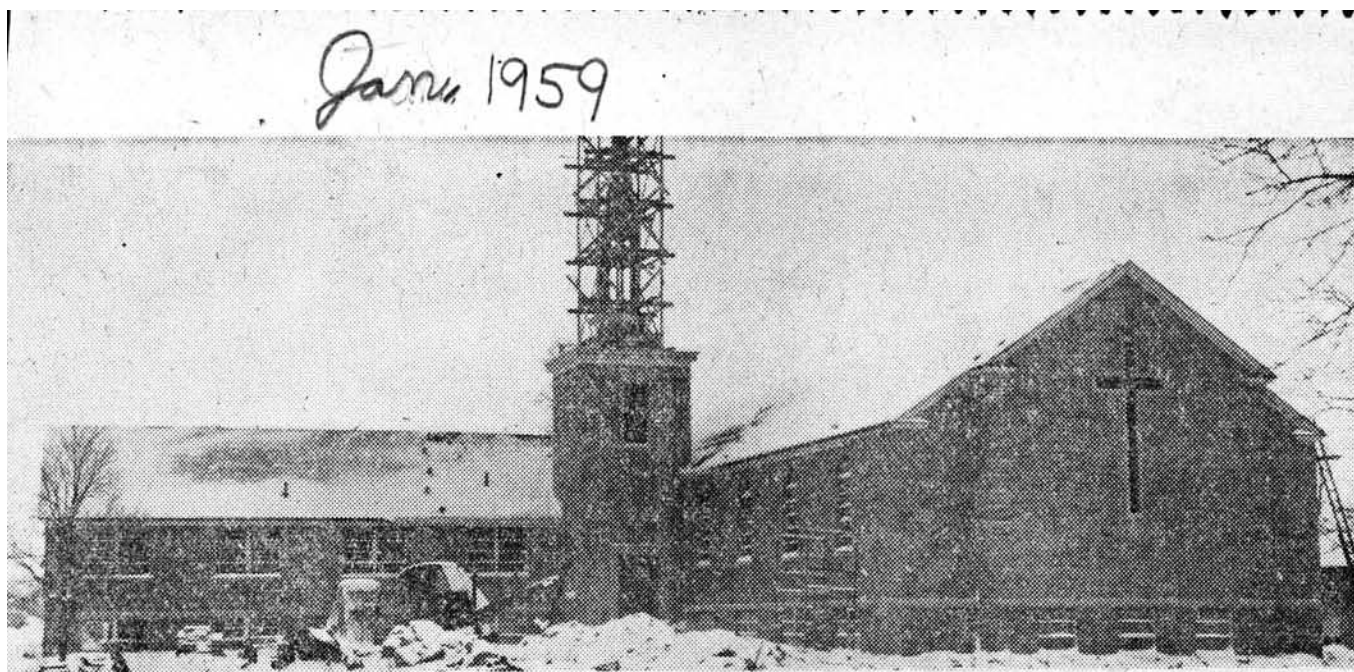
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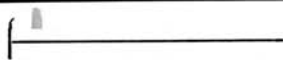


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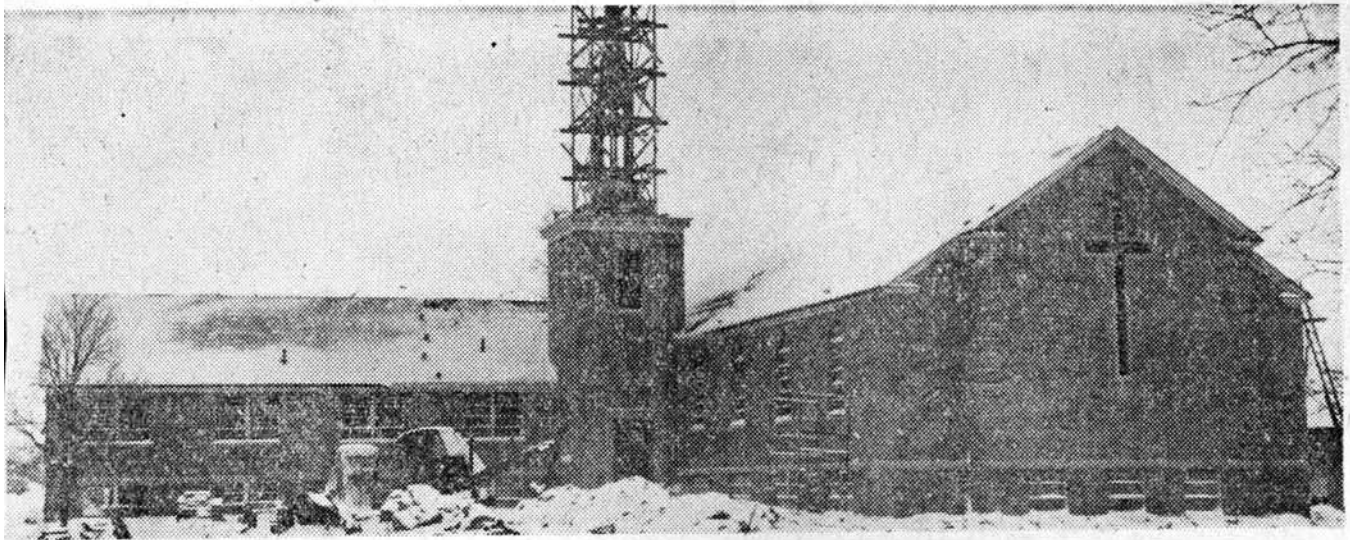


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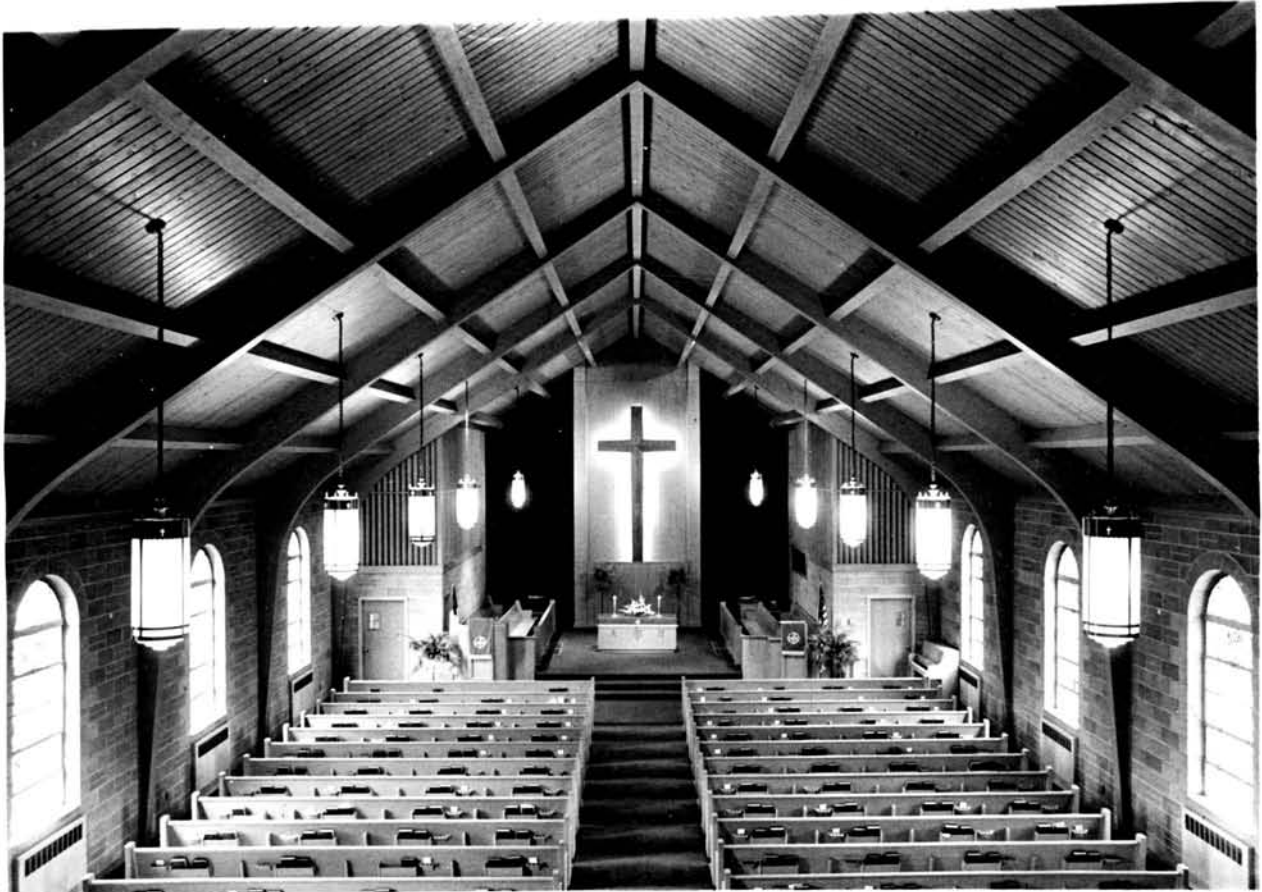


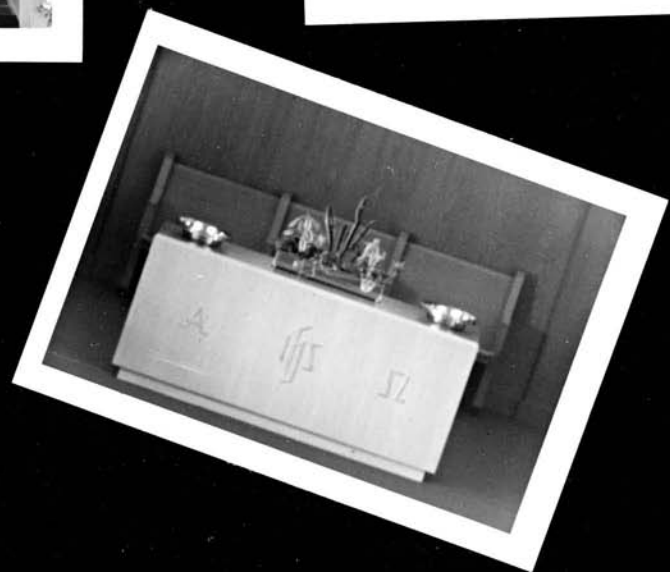
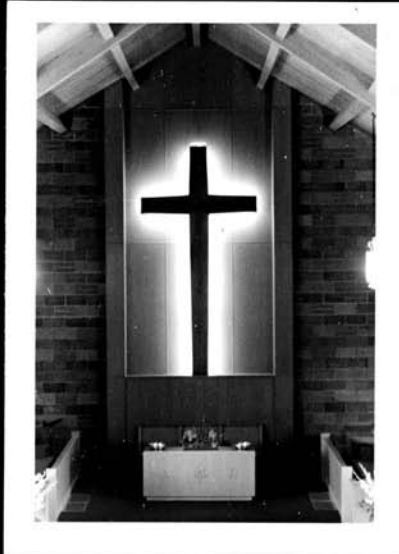
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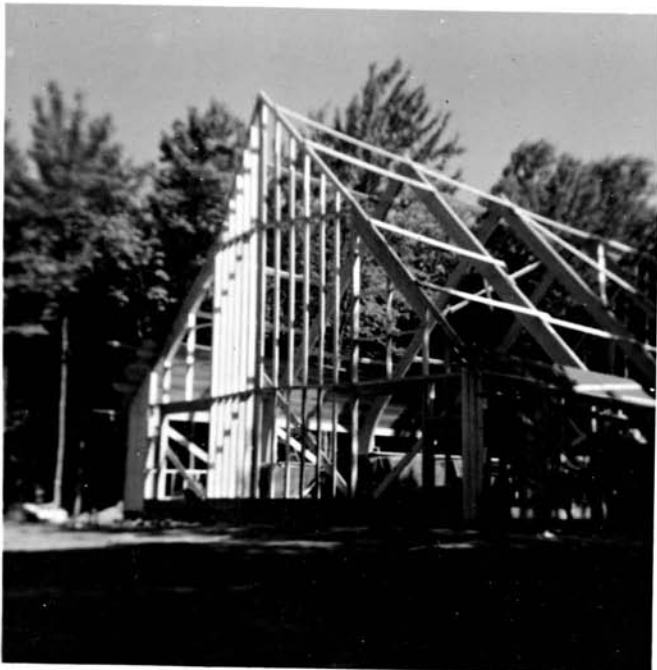




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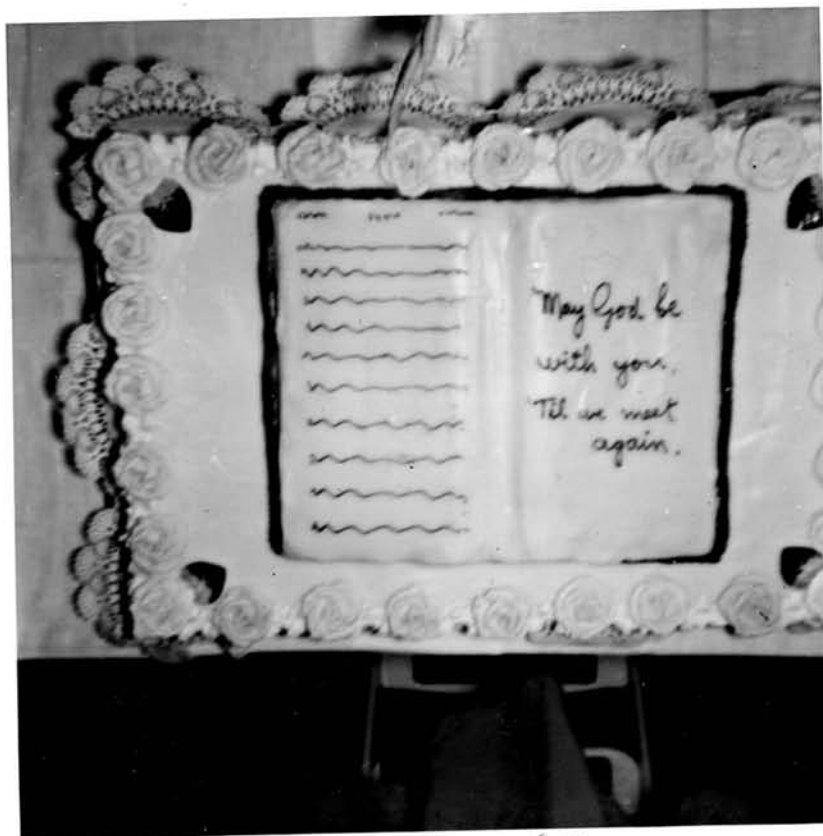
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LET'S DO THIS RIGHT!

WHAT?

Take Care of Our Church Finances

HOW?

By Giving Everybody a Chance to Help!

WHEN?

DURING THIS COMING WEEK

Your Good Will and Aid are Needed if we Shall Succeed

MOTTO:—Every Person Giving Something Every Week

Dear Friends:—It will not be necessary to explain in full just what the Every Member Canvass is. The Brighton Reformed Church is already familiar with the organization plan to get everybody enlisted in the financial support of the church. In this coming week we will simply carry on what has already been done in the past. A group of from the church will go out in teams of two (as the disciples did under the direction of Jesus) to call on all the families of the church. The aim will be to have every member of each of these families to state how much he or she will be willing to set aside each week for the support of the church.

WHY SHOULD THIS PLAN SUCCEED?

1. Because the Bible teaches us that we are to set aside at the beginning of each week for the work of the Lord. Paul realized that this was the best way of having the interests of the kingdom of God looked after.
2. Because our Reformed church of America has entered upon the Five Year Progress Campaign and this Campaign calls for an every member canvass in every local church.
3. Because our consistory has again endorsed this movement. They feel that the work of the Lord ought not to suffer for lack of funds. The pledges from the members will give them some idea as to how much the people of the church will give during the year.
4. Because the needs of our Brighton Reformed Church are many and whatever there is pledged more than the regular expense can easily be used for paying off debts and for sorely needed improvements.

What Are Some of the Needs for 1920?

Pastor's salary	\$1500.00
Janitor's salary	252.00
Organist	52.00
Organ pumper	15.00
Envelopes	25.00
Water	20.00
Electric lights and gas	25.00
Telephone for parsonage	30.00
Pulpit supply	50.00
Insurance	50.00
Coal	200.00
County tax	10.00
Classis expenses	50.00
City tax	50.00
Street cleaning	20.00
Improvements (Sewer and Street)	200.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Other needed improvements	300.00
Advertising and printing	100.00
Missions and benevolences	500.00

Total Church needs\$3699.00

It will be seen from the above figures that the needs of the church are many and that it will be necessary for all to do their part if we are to reach our goal. There are no doubt many who have heretofore given only occasionally as they attended church. These will now no doubt be willing to help the church by regular contributions in the envelopes. Even amongst those who have been giving regularly there will be many who will want to increase their weekly pledge.

Our membership now is 240 but these are not all contributing members. So it means that those who are regular contributors will have to give that much more. Let us say that we have 200 members who regularly support the church. If these were to give 35c weekly, the total would be \$70.00 per Sunday or a total for the year of \$3640.00. But among these 200 there are many who do not give the 35c per Sunday. This then will necessitate a larger contribution from others. If we are to bring the financial program up to a safe margin those who are able will be asked to respond more generously.

Do you owe the church anything? The church is the voice of God to the community. God uses the church in order that thru it the windows of heaven may be opened for blessing upon many. To the church and to the pastor people go in times of sorrow and distress. A church pays in the community. Remove the church and property values decline. People will not live where there are no uplifting influences. Do we not all owe the church much for what it is aiming to do? Is it not worth something that Children should be given religious training, and that men and women should be given a knowledge of bible truths as they are in Jesus Christ? Isn't it something worth while to have young people directed toward clean living and noble thinking? Isn't it of great value that they should have high ideals and noble purposes in life in order that they may help to make the world a better world to live in?

NOW THEN. If the church is worth a good deal to the community may we not expect that the people should enthusiastically flock to support it. Your splendid contributions in the past are highly appreciated. We are sure you will be glad to face the future with the same willingness to help along and no doubt will be ready this time for even a bigger and more regular subscription than ever before.

The following men will call at your homes during the coming week.

- Team 1. A. Hartson, I. De Wolf.
- Team 2. H. J. De Blich, Chas. Moyer.
- Team 3. Jacob Scheerens, Sr., John Van Geiten.
- Team 4. Peter Tiersen, Herman Van Brummel.
- Team 5. Edward Van Der Linde, Geo. De Roo.
- Team 6. Jacob De Hollander, Isaac De Roo.
- Team 7. Marine Van Der Broek, Isaac De Hollander.
- Team 8. Jacob De Graff, Edward De Cook.
- Team 9. James De Graff, Jacob Van Bortel.
- Team 10. Jacob Scheerens, Jr., Peter Woittiez.
- Team 11. Isaac Van Bortel, Cornelius Baart.
- Team 12. Wm. Van Der Zel, Irwin Clow.
- Team 13. John Johnville, Edward Chambery.
- Team 14. John Willink, William Tiersen.
- Team 15. John Van Bortel, Peter Van Dongen.
- Team 16. William Woittiez, Chas. Wall.
- Team 17. John Zonneville, Anthony Dedie.

Our reasons for launching this campaign to secure your weekly pledges for the coming year is that we may all put First Things First in our stewardship of the money that God has permitted us to earn by giving us health and strength and employment. By refusing to support the interests of the Kingdom of God we will do nothing else than impoverish ourselves. Human experience has shown in thousands of cases that it pays both financially and spiritually to pay our full debts to God.

Now then what shall we do in this matter? Many churches have shown large yearly increases in their gifts for various purposes by all sharing in the great work of giving. We believe that if good results can be accomplished in other places it can also be DONE HERE is we will all do our part. If this plan is successful you can be assured of a happy and strong church for the coming year.

When this letter reaches you just think for a moment what the church means to you and then decide what you can do so that when you are approached by the solicitors during the coming week you may cheer them with a prompt response.

IT OUGHT TO BE DONE

IT CAN BE DONE

IT WILL BE DONE

Yours for a Grand Success,

PASTOR and CONSISTORY