



HISTORY AND MINISTRY OF SALEM CHURCH
and
"PROLOGUE TO THE SECOND CENTURY"

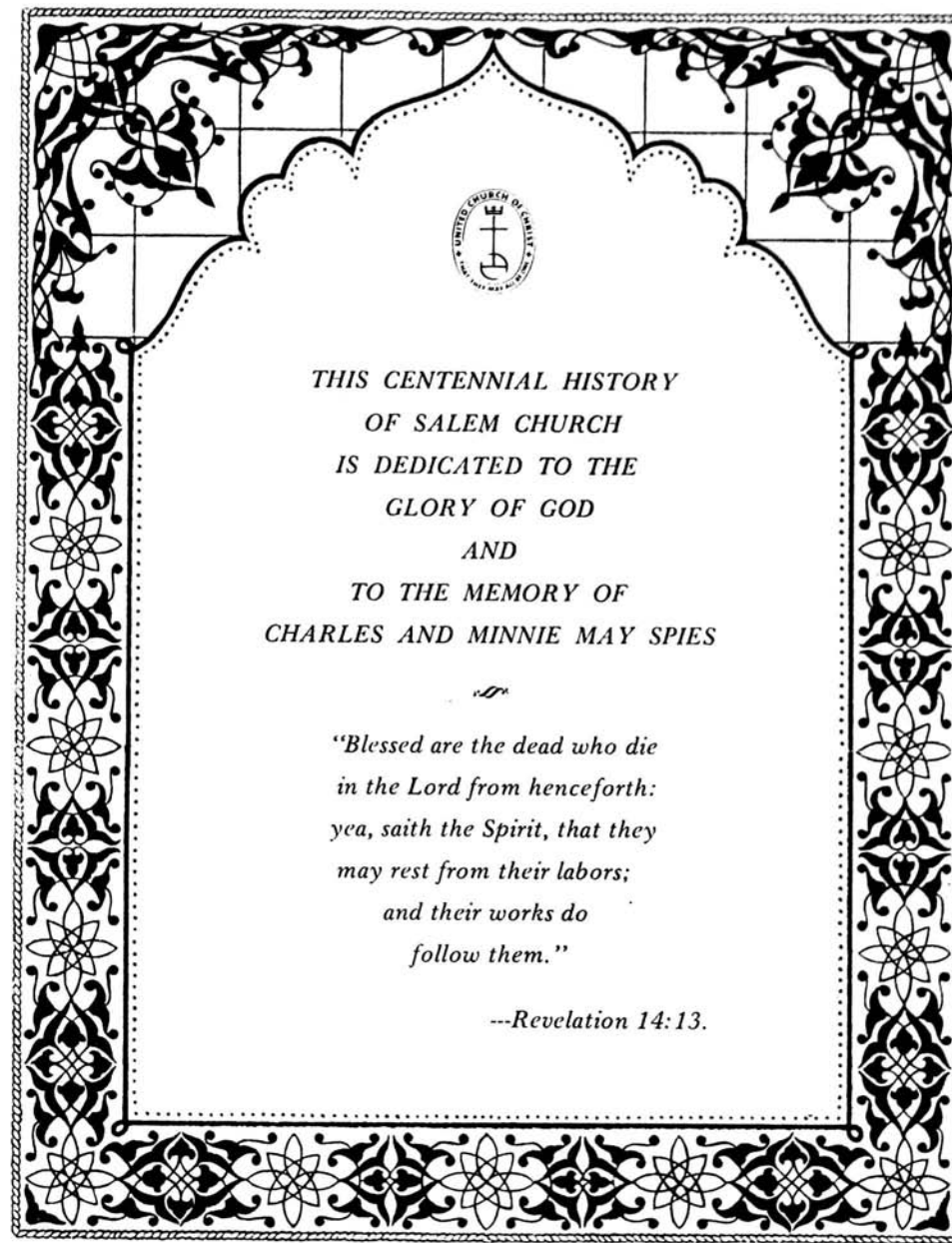
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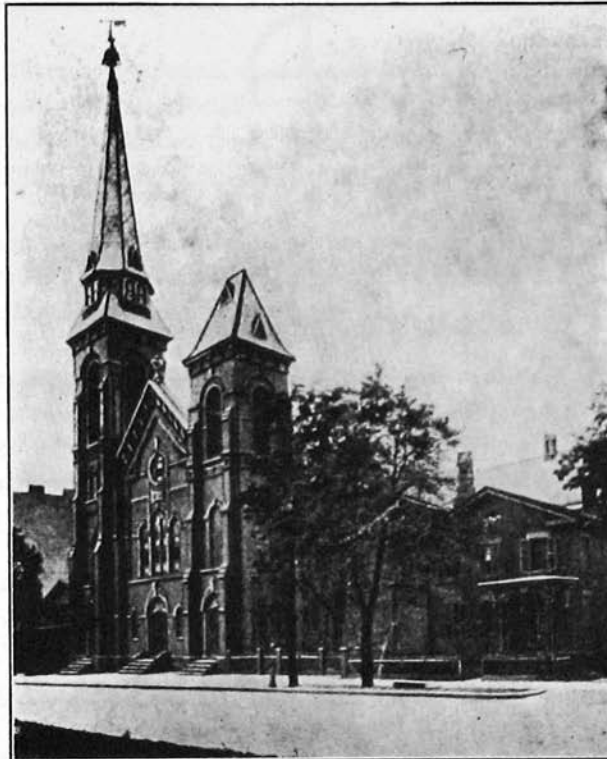


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erected in the year 1874

at 230 Franklin Street Rochester, New York

IN THE YEAR 1874



Salem is the only Evangelical Church in the central
area of Rochester located on its original site.



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230 Franklin Street
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FOREWORD

The first hundred years of the life, ministry and mission of Salem Church ended on April 14, 1973. In its Centennial Year, the Congregation gives praise and thanks to God for the countless spiritual blessings and the rich spiritual heritage He has given us, establishing a strong bond of Christian love that transcends the generations.

We pay tribute to our founders, and to all faithful Salemites, past and present, who have earnestly and sacrificially given of their time, talents and treasure in response to Christ's command to — "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS AND GLAD TYDINGS."

The present is rooted in the past. We are grateful for the vision, steadfastness, and vitality of our forefathers who have brought us to the threshold of our second century of service to our Lord and His Church.

The years ahead for Salem Church can be an extended era of even richer and more rewarding spiritual nurture and growth as together members of the Congregation reach out in unstinting measure to minister in His name, not only in the immediate community, but to all parts of the world.

We pray we may be worthy of our precious heritage in the years ahead as we seek to build on the only true foundation of the Christian Church, Jesus Christ, who has promised us His abiding presence and divine guidance. To Him be Glory forever.

"THERE IS MUCH LABOR REQUIRED IN HIS VINEYARD. AND THE END IS NOT YET — THE LIVING AND THOSE TO COME WILL MAKE A WITNESS AND GO FORWARD TO PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

A church's life is much like that of a family's. Some members depart, new ones are added, but the family remains.

One hundred years have made many changes in the appearance and the activity of Salem. Yet, in one fundamental, our Family of God is unchanged. We are committed to a witness for the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

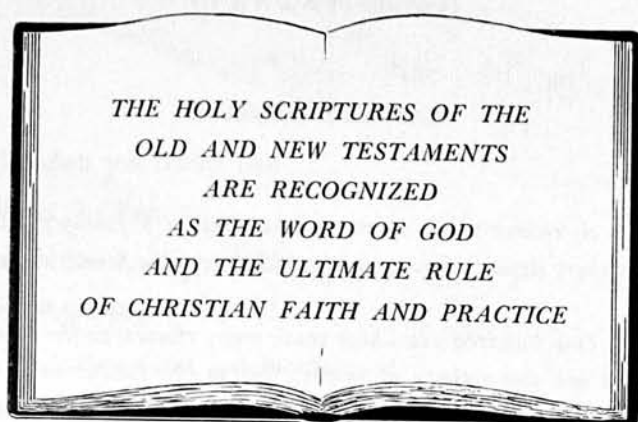
This is both our pride for what is past and our hope for what is to come. Our mission remains unchanged in purpose, however it may alter its way of operating.

We look forward to an exciting time ahead. A revitalized church, seeking to serve the changing contemporary scene has an important contribution to make in the years ahead.

Let us be about our Father's business!

Charles D. Broadbent

*Charles D. Broadbent,
Senior Pastor*



The Doctrinal Standards of Salem Church:

The Apostles' Creed

Luther's Catechism

Augsburg Confession (Variata)

Heidelberg Catechism

*The Statement of Faith
of the United Church of Christ.*

The Church and Congregation is governed by the
Constitution and By-Laws of Salem Church.
A Procedures Manual for Council Members
was adopted in 1974 by the Church Council.

SALEM CHURCH AT CENTENNIAL TIME



View from Franklin Street.



View from the intersection of
Franklin and Cumberland Streets.



The Sanctuary in the CENTENNIAL YEAR.

CHAPTER I

BEGINNINGS

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought about a rapid increase in the number of inhabitants of the village of Rochesterville, as it was known until its incorporation as a city in 1834. During the decade 1817 to 1827, the population of the village increased from 900 to 7,669 persons. By 1834 Rochester claimed approximately 12,000 inhabitants.

Religious services were held in Rochesterville as early as 1813. Two years later the First Presbyterian Church was organized, followed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church in 1817. During the ten year period, 1817 to 1827, the Baptists, Methodists, Quakers and Roman Catholics founded their respective churches. During this period the Presbyterians organized two more churches, one of which was located on the east side of the Genesee River.

In the early thirties efforts were made to organize a German Congregation that would serve the spiritual needs of German Protestants residing in the village. The first German service was held in 1832 under the leadership of a Pastor Mueller. Services were held in the lower level of the Second Presbyterian Church (later re-organized as Brick Presbyterian Church.) In the following year, services were conducted by the Reverend Christian F. Welden of Rush, New York, a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York. The Congregation was formally organized on November 17, 1833 as the "Vereingte Evangelische Kirche" (United Evangelical Church).

Pastor Welden terminated his services with the Congregation early in the following year. He was succeeded by the Reverend William Adolf Fetter, also of Rush, New York. At this time the communicant membership numbered seventy persons. Members of the young Congregation, desiring a church of their own purchased a lot at the corner of Grove and Stillson Streets for two hundred and twenty dollars. On May 15, 1836 the cornerstone of the first German Protestant church in Rochester was laid. Lack of funds delayed the building project for two years. The following year Pastor Fetter relinquished his ministerial responsibilities and from September, 1837 until May, 1838 the Congregation was without a pastor.

The Reverend John Muehlhaeuser, Sr., a graduate of the Barmen Mission Institute, was one of the first Missionaries assigned by the Barmen Society to work among American Indians in Oregon. However, the Society decided to abandon the Indian mission project and Muehlhaeuser, who had arrived in America in 1837, established himself in the East. After he was licensed, presumably by the Lutheran Ministerium of New York, Missionary Muehlhaeuser proceeded to Rochester in 1838 to become the next pastor of the growing Congregation which he served until 1848.

Meanwhile, the church was built at a cost of \$ 2,242.00. To help meet construction costs an appeal for funds was made to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York. They responded favorably and provided a grant of \$ 450.00 but with the

proviso that the church be designated "Lutheran." On December 16, 1838 Zion Lutheran Church was dedicated to the Glory of the Triune God. By 1839 there were 140 names on the Church roll.

Unfortunately, dissension within the Congregation over doctrinal matters became increasingly apparent. Views held by members embracing a conservative Lutheranism and by those who were sympathetic with the "Union" of Lutheran and Reformed Churches, promulgated in 1817, (the tricentennial of the Protestant Reformation) by Frederick William III of Prussia, became irreconcilable. As a result, the latter group withdrew from the church and organized the German United Protestant Trinity Church in 1842.

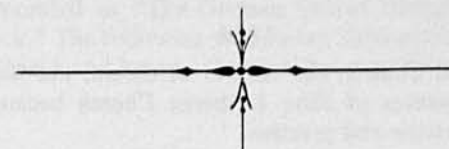
The newly-founded Congregation called the Reverend C. F. Soldan of Poughkeepsie, New York as its first Pastor. Services were held in the homes of members until suitable rented quarters became available. Desirous of having their own church building, the Congregation purchased property on Allen Street and on June 6, 1847 the cornerstone was laid. The brick church, forty by seventy feet in size, was built the same year. The influx of German immigrants into Rochester during the 1850's was reflected in the increase in communicant membership from 300 to 691 persons.

Six pastors had served Trinity Church prior to the arrival of the Reverend John P. Conradi of Tonawanda, New York in 1861. Shortly thereafter, he became embroiled in a dispute with some members of the Congregation and the following year resigned. Members supportive of the pastor left with him and founded the United Evangelical St. Paul's Church just a short distance from Trinity Church.

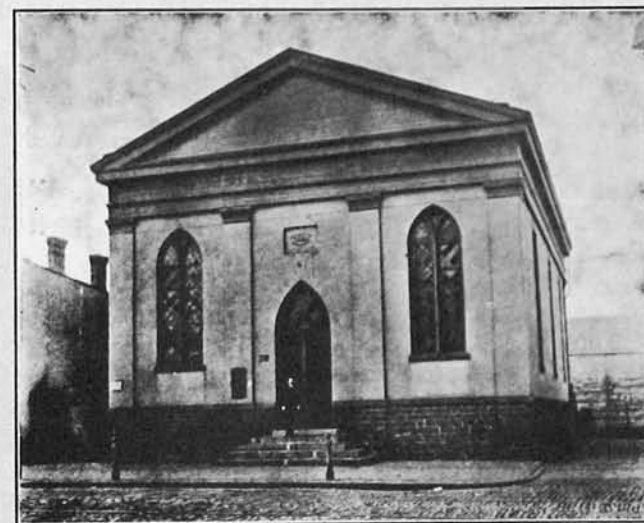
From 1862 until 1874 Trinity Church was served by the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer of Black Rock, a small community on the northern outskirts of Buffalo. He was a man of unusual ability and an outstanding preacher. Church membership and attendance continued to grow. In order to accommodate the large number of worshipers it became necessary to build a balcony. Communicant membership numbered one thousand persons. During his twelve-year ministry at Trinity Church, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer continued to edit DIE UNION (The Union), the official publication of the German (United Evangelical) Protestant Synod of America. This periodical was merged in the early seventies with DER FRIEDENSBOTE (The Messenger of Peace), the official publication of the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

With the phenomenal growth of the Congregation it became apparent that the church should move to a more desirable area. The New York Central tracks were but twenty feet from the rear of the church building and passing trains frequently detracted from the services. New building sites on both sides of the Genesee River were proposed. Soon, however, the issue became deadlocked. As a result of the stalemate, a number of parishioners who favored relocating the church on the east side of the river, created a temporary organization on January 30, 1873 under the leadership of Mr. Conrad W. Zimmer.

A lot on Franklin Street was purchased for this purpose at a cost of \$ 7,500.00. On June 16 of that year, an adjoining lot was purchased for the sum of \$ 7,700.00. However, when the proposal to relocate Trinity Church on Franklin Street was submitted to the Congregation, the majority of members voted not to move to the east side of the Genesee River.



THE MOTHER CHURCH TRINITY



TRINITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH
THE MOTHER CHURCH OF SALEM

The first Church building in which Evangelical people in Rochester worshiped. It was located in Allen Street and served Trinity Congregation as their Sanctuary for fifty-eight years.

1836

Reverend W. A. Fetter was elected Pastor succeeding Pastor Welden.

The corner-stone of the First German Protestant House of Worship in Rochester was laid at the corner of Grove Street and Stillson Street. Because of a controversy between the Lutheran and the Evangelical elements building operations were retarded. With the coming of the Reverend John Muehlhaeuser, harmony was restored and the project completed. It was called the Zion Lutheran Church.

1842

Trinity Evangelical Church, the mother of Salem, was founded as a result of the withdrawal of members of Zion Lutheran Church because of a controversy regarding Lutheran doctrine and practice.

1847

After five years in rented quarters, the members of Trinity Congregation laid the corner-stone of their own church building on the north side of Allen Street near Fitzhugh Street. Here a forty by seventy foot brick edifice was erected and served as the Sanctuary for fifty-eight years.

1849

The official seal of the Trinity Evangelical Church carried in the center as a motto, the words of Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," emphasizing the unity of the Christian Church. This passage was later adopted as the motto of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

1849-1861

Six pastors are mentioned in the early history of Trinity prior to the year 1861. Of these the Reverend C. Haass (1849-1852) and the Reverend C. C. Clausen (1852-1861) experienced the most fruitful ministries. Under the leadership of Reverend C. Haass, a parochial school was established and continued for many years.

1861

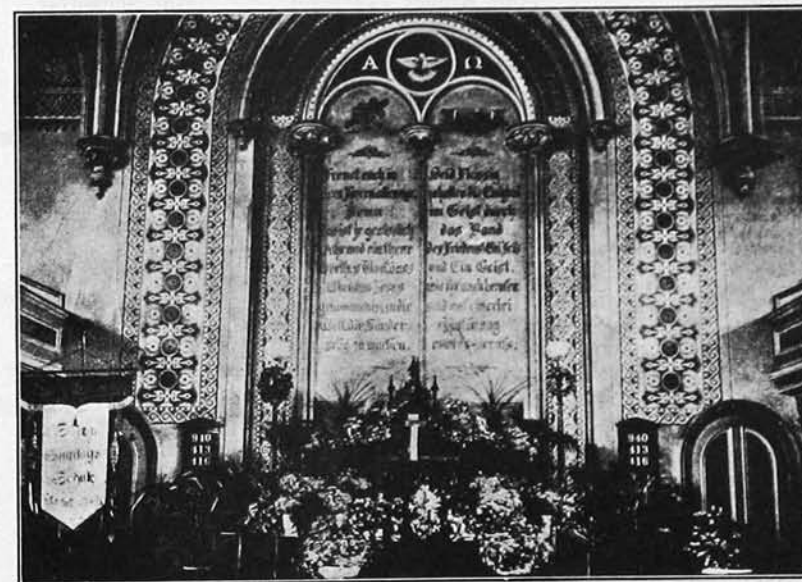
Reverend Philip Conradi's arrival marks the unhappy era of the church in which discord culminated in the resignation of the pastor and the withdrawal of many staunch supporters. These members organized St. Paul Evangelical Church and erected a new building on Fitzhugh Street, only a short distance from the mother church.

1862

Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer arrived in the midst of a discouraging situation. However, his pastorate became known as the "Golden Age of Trinity." His dynamic personality and excellent preaching ability resulted in a marked growth in church membership.

1873

The need for more adequate facilities became increasingly apparent. Failure of the Congregation to agree upon a new location caused a group of members to purchase property on the east side of the Genesee River. The site was to be used for building the new church. When the matter was put to a vote the majority of members voted against the proposal. Members who favored the new site organized a new Congregation incorporated as "The German United Evangelical Salem Church of Rochester, New York." The following year Pastor Siebenpfeiffer severed his connections with Trinity Church and became the first Pastor of Salem Church.



The Salem Church Sanctuary
in the earliest years.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS

1873

Seventy-nine men appear as Charter members in the early records of the new Church. These names represent the heads of families.

The 1973 roster of Salem membership includes a considerable number of the descendants of these first families.

The names of the Charter members are:

Christ Aebersold	Frederick Imhof	Frederick Ruckdeschel
Christ Blake, Sr.	John Jenny	Conrad Senn
Christ Blake, Jr.	Ernest T. Kettwig	Carl Seitz
Henry Bender	Benjamin Kiefer	Jacob Suter
Frederick Deininger	John Kiefhaber	Philip Schaad
Christ Dirn	John Kohler	John Schaeffer
Philip Dettmann	Jacob Laufer	Adam Schake
Matthew Dubelbeiss	Henry Lauterbach	Christ Schminke
Samuel Dubelbeiss	John Leffler	Peter Schneider
George Einsfeld	Benedict Lehman	Christ Schoenthaler
John Einsfeld	Samuel Loescher	Basil Schorer
Henry Eipp	Jacob Marburger	Adam Stauch
Nicolas Endres	Henry Mausnest	William Steul
John Faerber	Henry Mohrdardt	John Strauchen
Carl Fanner	William Miller	John R. Strauchen
Frank Fritzsche	Frederick Nelson	Otto Thenn
Valentine Fuchs	John Neun	August Ude
Christ Gieselbach	John Popp	Jacob Weible
Henry Grab	Dettmar Poppen	John Weis
George Heidrich	Christ Rapp	Rudolph Weis
Carl Hempel	Alfred Raepfel	Henry Weitzel
Christ Hempel	Carl Rau	William Wolff
John Herdt	Rudolph Rehbahn	Jacob Zieres
George Herzberger	Caspar Rehberger	Conrad W. Zimmer
Henry Hoffman	Christ Riess	George Zimmer
Henry Husmann	William Ritter	William Zimmer, Jr.
	Frederick Roth	

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THE FIRST CHURCH COUNCIL

1874

On May 7, 1874, the first Church Council held its first official meeting.

The men chosen to serve the Council of the new Congregation were:

ELDERS

John J. Schaeffer
Samuel Dubelbeiss
William Wolff

TRUSTEES

William Conrad Zimmer
John Weis
John Kiefhaber

DEACONS

John Neun
Frederick Ruckdeschel
William Steul
Frederick Nelson
Henry Hoffman
George Zimmer

The following members of the Council were elected to serve as officers of the first Council:

President - The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer
Secretary - Mr. John Neun
Treasurer - Mr. William Conrad Zimmer
Treasurer of Benevolences - Mr. John Kiefhaber
Treasurer of Offerings - Mr. William Steul

The deed of the Church property on Franklin Street was turned over to the Trustees of the Church on June 14, 1874.

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CHAPTER II

THE FIRST PASTORATE

1873 - 1894



REVEREND CARL SIEBENPFEIFFER

The year 1873 marks the birth date of Salem Church. Members of Trinity Church living on the east side of the river decided to organize a new church under the name of "The German United Evangelical Salem Church of Rochester, New York." Incorporation of the new Congregation was effected on April 15, 1873. On Pentecost of that year a call was extended to the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer to become the pastor of the newly organized church. A Constitution was adopted by the Congregation on May 27th. On Sunday afternoon, July 27th, the corner-stone was laid by Pastor Siebenpfeiffer according to the ritual of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. During 1873 and the early months of 1874, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer served as minister of both Congregations, Trinity and Salem. The two Congregations worshipped together in Trinity Church.

On April 1, 1874 Pastor Siebenpfeiffer and members of the newly formed Congregation severed their connection with Trinity Church. Until completion of the Sanctuary, church services were held in the Sunday School building which had been dedicated on Easter Sunday of that year. On May 3, 1874 the new church was dedicated and Salem's first pastor and the newly elected Church Council of twelve

members were duly installed. The list of charter members contains the names of seventy-nine persons, all of whom were heads of families. The entire cost of the building enterprise, including the organ, amounted to nearly \$ 65,000.00. The following year the large bell in the tower, weighing 2,500 pounds, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priem as a Memorial to their son, John, who died in 1874.

On March 25, 1875 Salem Church became a member of the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Salem Sunday School was organized before the church began to function. Instruction was in English and independent of the church. The first Superintendent was Mr. Thomas Dransfield, a close friend of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer. Under their dual leadership the school made remarkable progress and at the end of the first decade of its existence averaged an attendance of more than four hundred per Sunday.

The fact that a German church from its beginning sponsored an English Sunday School may have been due to the fact that Salem maintained a flourishing parochial school in which all instruction was given in German. When Mr. Dransfield found it necessary to resign because of other responsibilities, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer immediately organized a German Sunday School. This was done at a time when many churches in the denomination were substituting the English language for the German. The last German class in Salem was disbanded in October, 1917. In the final year of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry the average Sunday School attendance reached 581 pupils, teachers, and officers. It is unfortunate that the early records of the church school are no longer in existence.

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer was born in Wachenheim, Rheinpfalz (Palatinate), Germany on May 17, 1832. After completing his studies at the Latin School and "Gymnasium" (high school) in Speyer, he studied Theology at Erlangen, Utrecht, and Heidelberg Universities. Soon thereafter he came to America where he served small German Congregations in western New York State. In 1862 he arrived in Rochester from Black Creek, New York having accepted the call to become the pastor of Trinity Church. Congregational membership more than doubled during his illustrious pastorate which lasted until the spring of 1874. For twenty years he served as Salem's first pastor. Throughout his ministry he was a loyal, faithful and effective pastor. Ill health prompted his resignation on September 14, 1893.

Pastor Siebenpfeiffer died on August 19, 1894. His funeral was held in Salem Church on the afternoon of August 22nd after which his mortal remains were laid to rest in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Serving as assistant pastors of Salem Church during the latter part of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry were the following:

- The Reverend George Kern, September, 1888 - May, 1889.
- The Reverend William Baur, June, 1889 - March, 1892.
- The Reverend Carl Loos, November, 1892 - November, 1893.

The Reverend J. F. Klick of St. Louis, Missouri served as Interim Pastor from September through December, 1893.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1873

This year was the beginning of the Salem Congregation.

On May 27th, a Constitution was adopted. Mr. Charles Coats, an architect, was engaged to prepare plans for a church and school building. The entire cost of the building enterprise including the organ amounted to approximately \$65,000.00.

On Pentecost Sunday, in this eventful year, the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer was extended the call to become the first pastor of the newly organized church.

1874

April 1st, marked the day the members of the new Salem Congregation severed their connections with Trinity Church.

On Easter Sunday, the Sunday School Building was dedicated.

On May 3rd, the new Church was dedicated. The installation of its first pastor and the newly elected Church Council of twelve members marked this important day. On May 7th the Council held its first meeting.

The Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer accepted the call and his installation began a ministry which lasted until ill health caused his retirement.

At the dedication service, many special gifts were offered which included the following: three large Bibles, a communion service and carpet, two altar chairs, altar cloth and a baptismal font.

1875

Salem became a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

During this year, 588 of the available sittings were rented.

The large bell in the tower, weighing 2,500 pounds and of especially fine tone, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priem. The bell still serves the purpose for which it was originally dedicated.

1878

A collection of \$8,825.00 was the result of a house to house canvass. By the end of the year, the indebtedness of the Church had been reduced to \$37,500.00. At the end of Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's ministry, the total debt was \$8,000.00.

1893

Because of ill health, Pastor Siebenpfeiffer's resignation was accepted.



REVEREND J. F. WILLIAM HELMKAMP

The Reverend J. F. William Helmkamp, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania was extended a call in November, 1893 by the Congregation of Salem Church to become its second pastor. He accepted and was installed on January 4, 1894.

Pastor Helmkamp was instrumental in the publication of the SALEM'S BOTE. The first issue appeared on March 15th of that year under the editorship of the Pastor. (In 1923, the title was changed to SALEM OUTLOOK.) It is still being published and through the course of its history has appeared as a monthly, as a quarterly, and since 1935, as a weekly publication.

In 1895 the Sunday School facilities were enlarged and alterations were made in the Sanctuary at a cost of nearly \$ 14,000.00. Included in the renovation project was the removal of the organ from the rear balcony to the front of the Sanctuary.

As early as 1897 Pastor Helmkamp envisioned a home for the aged in Rochester. The groundwork was laid through the formation of a Sunday School Union from the

five denominations represented among the local German churches. The Union concerned itself with consideration of matters pertinent to the interest of the Protestant German-speaking Congregations in the city. The fine spirit of co-operation which developed made possible the "Altenheim", now called "St. John's Home for the Aging." The Home came into existence in 1898 under the auspices of St. John's Charitable Association, an organization representing all the German Protestant denominations in Rochester. Pastor Helmkamp served as first President of the Society controlling the Home. Salem Church has maintained a special interest in the Home since its founding.

The twenty-fifth Anniversary of the cornerstone laying was fittingly observed in three special services held on June 19, 1898. The following year, on May 14, 1899, the anniversary of the dedication of the church was also observed in three special services. Salem entertained the West New York District of the German Evangelical Synod of North America in June, 1891 and again in June, 1899. In September, 1905, the General Conference of the denomination was held at Salem.

A plot of land on the north side of the church was purchased in 1906 for \$ 3,000.00. In that year the Sunday School undertook full support of a Missionary. The Congregation also participated in this venture and in December, 1906, Miss Adele Wobus became Salem's first ordained Missionary.

On numerous occasions the matter of introducing English worship services and giving Sunday School instruction in English was brought up for discussion. As previously noted the Sunday School was conducted in English in its early years. Some years later the German language was used. In 1907, 800 children and ninety teachers and officers were enrolled in the Sunday School. At that time a Bible Class was organized with instruction in English. The first complete service in English was held on Easter Sunday evening, April 19, 1908. Regular English Sunday evening services were instituted on the first Sunday in October of that year.

At Pastor Helmkamp's suggestion, Memorial art glass windows were placed in the Church over a period of several years. The first such window was presented by the Confirmation Class of 1908. These stained glass windows depicting Biblical scenes have been acclaimed as unusual works of art and craftsmanship.

For several years, Pastor Helmkamp served as President of the New York District of the denomination and as a member of the Synodical Board of Foreign Missions. He will long be remembered as the founder of St. John's Home for the Aging.

The Reverend J. F. William Helmkamp was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 7, 1857. After graduation from Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary he served churches in Texas before assuming the pastorate of St. John's Evangelical Church, Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. After serving there for five years he accepted the call from Salem Church to become its pastor.

Following a fruitful ministry of sixteen years at Salem Church, Pastor Helmkamp resigned on January 17, 1910 because of ill health. He subsequently served Evangelical

Churches in New York State, Kansas, Missouri and California, retiring in 1923. Pastor Helmkamp died on December 28, 1930 at the age of seventy-three years.

At various times during his Salem pastorate Pastor Helmkamp was assisted by the following clergymen:

The Reverend Alex Siegenthaler, June, 1902 - October, 1902.

The Reverend Emil Jaeger, July, 1903 - May, 1905.

The Reverend Theodore R. Schmale, July, 1906 - May, 1908.

The Reverend J. F. Klick of St. Louis, Missouri again served as Interim Pastor, until a successor to Pastor Helmkamp was called.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1894

Pastor Helmkamp was installed as the second pastor of Salem, January 4th.

The first edition of the Church paper known as the "Salem's Bote" appeared on March 15th. (Changed to "Salem Outlook" in 1923.)

The Parochial School was closed because of declining attendance.

Pastor Siebenpfeiffer died on August 19th.

1895

Sunday School facilities were enlarged and alterations made in the auditorium of the Church at a cost of \$13,722.55. This raised the debt of the Church to \$18,000.

1896

The Easter offering yielded \$987.18. During the year \$4,000.00 was paid on the indebtedness of the Church.

1897

Pastor Helmkamp envisioned an institution that would care for the sick, the aged and orphans. A Sunday School Union was formed from five denominations among the German churches of Rochester and with their cooperation St. John's Home for the Aged, known as the Altenheim, was built.

Interest in foreign missions began early. In 1897 the first orphan child in India was adopted by the Sister Society.

1898

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the Church was celebrated on June 19th.

Installation of electric lighting in the Church auditorium was first considered at the Congregational meeting on April 4th.

1899

In November, 250 brilliant electric lights were turned on for the first time.

On May 14th, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the dedication of the Church was celebrated.

The first Home for the Aged located at Lake Avenue and Flower City Park was opened November 1st.

December 28th, the German Home for the Aged was Incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, under the name of the German Evangelical St. John's Charitable Association.

1900

Mr. George Ellwanger presented to the St. John's Association, a house and large acreage of land at the corner of South Avenue and Highland Avenue.

1903

An electric motor was installed for pumping the church organ replacing the faithful hand pumper.

1904

The Young People's Society undertook to provide regularly a printed program for the Church service.

1905

The progress of the Church was indicated in the report of 1,726 partaking of Holy Communion during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America was held at Salem for the first time.

1906

A plot of ground adjoining the Church on the north side was purchased for \$3,000.00.

The Sunday School undertook full support of a missionary in India. In December, Miss Adele Wobus became Salem's first ordained missionary.

Pastor Helmkamp recommended that consideration be given to installing memorial windows in the Church.

1907

A Bible class conducted in the English language was organized.
The envelope system with a yearly pledge was introduced.

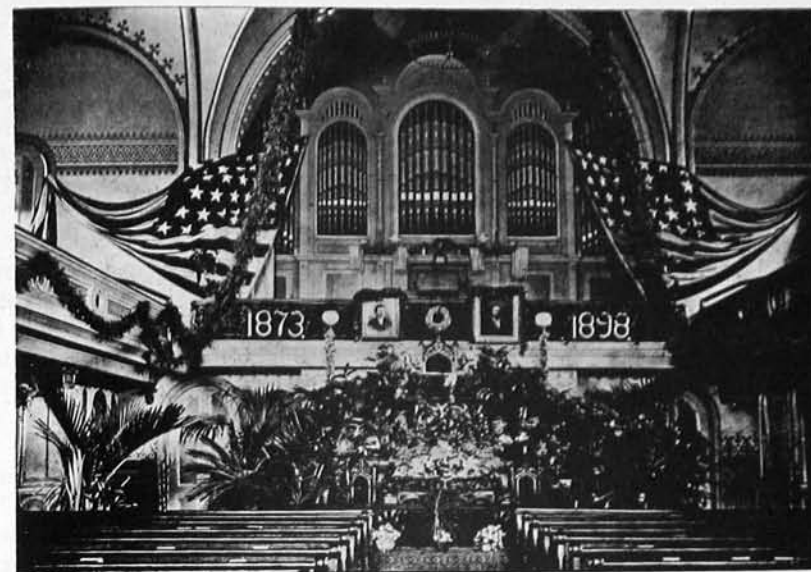
1908

On Easter Sunday the first English service was conducted.

Regular Sunday evening services in English were instituted on April 19th.

1910

Because of increasing ill health, Pastor Helmkamp resigned January 17.



The Sanctuary in the TWENTY-FIFTH Anniversary Year.



The Sanctuary of Salem Church as it appeared at the close of Pastor Helmkamp's ministry in 1910.

CHAPTER IV

THE THIRD PASTORATE

1910 - 1934



REVEREND J. FREDERICK FRANKENFELD

The Reverend J. Frederick Frankenfeld, pastor of Salem Evangelical Church in New Orleans, Louisiana was called to become Salem's third Pastor on February 25, 1910 and following his acceptance, was installed on August 7th of that year.

Pastor Frankenfeld's interest in Christian Education soon involved him in re-organizing the Sunday School. On Rally Day, 1911, a Sunday School attendance of 1,470 was recorded. An advisory board of twenty individuals representing every organization in the church was appointed the same year. For some time this board functioned effectively and rendered assistance in the examination of existing problems.

In 1912 a reunion of Salem Confirmation classes was held in Convention Hall. Invitations were sent to 3,335 Confirmands and over 3,000 attended. That same year the Church Council approved the introduction of the weekly envelope system as a supplementary source of income to the pew-rental plan which had long prevailed at Salem.

In order to retire the entire indebtedness and provide for the expense of renovating the interior of the church which was then in progress, a special house to house canvass was held the following year. The objective was realized when 150 canvassers raised \$ 7,512.14 in a six-hour period. At the Salem Sunday School Rally at Convention Hall on October 4, 1914 more than 3,000 persons attended with more than fifty-three classes reporting perfect attendance.

Throughout the history of Salem Church divine services had been held in German. Attendance declined because many of the young people were unable to understand the German language. Pastor Frankenfeld resolved the language problem and developed a growing church with a membership surpassing that of the other Protestant churches in Rochester. The first morning service in English was held on the first Sunday in May, 1914. The German service was held at a later hour.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held on April 7, 1919, the corporate name of the church was changed from "German United Evangelical Salem Church" to "Salem Evangelical Church". Future meetings of the Church Council and Congregation were to be recorded in English. The admission of twenty-three women to full voting membership marked a new epoch in the history of Salem Church.

In 1919, at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions of the denomination, the Reverend Paul A. Menzel, Pastor of Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C. and Pastor Frankenfeld visited Honduras, Central America. Their assignment was to make a preliminary survey regarding the feasibility of opening another Mission field. Upon presentation of their report, the Board took favorable action.

With more than 1,000 persons present the cornerstone of the new Church School and Parish Hall was laid on September 17, 1922. Dedication took place on June 10, 1923. The guest preacher on that occasion was the Reverend Reinhold Niebuhr, Pastor of Bethel Evangelical Church, Detroit, Michigan.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of Salem Church was held from December 2 through December 9, 1923. At the first service the new Austin organ, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. George Kaelber, was dedicated. Other gifts included a set of tower chimes presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger and a new Altar, pulpit and chancel given by Mrs. John C. Nusbickel and her daughter in memory of Mr. John C. Nusbickel. On the second Jubilee Sunday, December 9th, the sermon was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Samuel D. Press, President of Eden Theological Seminary.

The first Sunrise Easter service was held in 1924 with an attendance of nearly 1,000 worshippers. The offerings received at the Wednesday evening Lenten services that year and in subsequent years provided the salary of Miss Anna Bechthold, Salem's Missionary in Honduras. Salem's interest in Missions has also been expressed

in support of National Missions. In 1928, the Congregation voted to contribute \$ 1,200.00 annually to assist in the support of a Mission Church, St. John's Evangelical, in Los Angeles, California. On Easter Sunday of that year a new Baptismal Font was dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Mr. Edward Deusing, a charter member of the Congregation and former Church Council member.

The exterior of the church was renovated in 1929 at a cost of \$ 47,674.08. In compliance with a request from the local Department of Public Safety, the two steeples were removed and both towers were rebuilt to conform to the architecture of the church building.

The Sixtieth Anniversary was celebrated during November, 1933. Guest preachers included the Reverend Dr. C. W. Locher, President of the Evangelical Synod of North America; the Reverend Theodore R. Schmale, Pastor of Bethlehem Evangelical Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, a nephew of Pastor Helmkamp and a former associate Pastor at Salem from 1905 to 1908; and Professor Paul H. Vieth of Yale University Divinity School. Fellowship Banquets were held during the week for members of the Confirmation Classes received into the Church during the three pastorates. During the month 6,163 worshipers attended the services and 2,453 persons attended the various banquets. A History of Salem Evangelical Church was published that year.

The following year, on March 12, 1934, Dr. Frankenfeld submitted his resignation to accept a call to St. Peter's Evangelical Church in Elmhurst, Illinois. At a special Congregational meeting held on April 3, 1934, the resignation of Salem's third Pastor was accepted with sincere regret.

The Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld was born at Concordia, Missouri on January 1, 1878. His boyhood days were spent in Augusta, Missouri where his father served two rural churches. Upon completion of his pre-seminary studies at Elmhurst College he entered Eden Theological Seminary from which he was graduated in 1900. He was ordained to the Christian Ministry on July 22nd of that year at Augusta, Missouri. Shortly thereafter he was assigned by the Home Mission Board of the denomination to St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Frankenfeld served here until April, 1902 at which time he accepted a call to become Pastor of Salem Evangelical Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. In September of that year he married Miss Louise Kramer of Quincy, Illinois. Eight years later he received a call to Salem Evangelical Church in Rochester, New York. Here he served with distinction for twenty-four years.

In 1917, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Pastor Frankenfeld by his Alma Mater, Elmhurst College. During the latter years of his Ministry at Salem Church, Dr. Frankenfeld was a member of the Commission which formulated the "Plan of Union" for the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States. He also served for several years as a

member of the Board of Directors of Elmhurst College. Dr. Frankenfeld participated in various community enterprises, especially the local Federation of Churches, which he served as president from 1928 to 1929.

Four children were born into the Frankenfeld home - - Helen, Alma, Lydia and Hubert.

The Reverend Paul G. Frankenfeld, 1912-1913, 1919-1922.

The Reverend Julius C. Kramer, 1914-1916.

The Reverend Otto Mayer, 1918-1919.

The Reverend Herman H. Lohans, 1922-1928.

The Reverend Charles J. Keppel, 1929-1930.

Mr. Theodor Stoerker, 1931-1932.

Sister Frieda Muenstermann, Deaconess, 1928-1929.

The Reverend Professor Karl A. Roth of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois served as Interim Pastor during the summer of 1934, between the ministries of Dr. Frankenfeld and his successor, the Reverend Paul M. Schroeder.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1910

February 25th — a call was extended to the Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld.

He accepted and was installed August 7th.

His first task was the reorganization of the Sunday School. On Rally Day, September 18th, 1,090 persons attended.

The Church indebtedness was \$8,500.00, the budget less than \$10,000.00.

1911

Rally Day, September 11th, 1,470 attended Sunday School.

On October 6th the training class called "training for service" was organized with ninety-five students enrolled.

The custom of placing flowers on the altar began November 26th.

1912

On May 12th, a reunion service of all confirmed at Salem was held at Convention Hall. 3,335 members were invited. Over 3,000 attended.

A new school costing \$500.00 was provided for Miss Wobus in India.

The Council voted to retain pew-rental system and also initiated the use of weekly envelope system as a supplementary source of income.

1913

Thirty-nine members of the first training class received diplomas awarded by the New York State Bible Association in recognition of completion of the first standard course in teacher training.

On August 25th, one hundred fifty canvassers conducted a house to house canvas within the space of six hours and netted the splendid sum of \$7,512.14, sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness as well as all the expenses incident to the renovation of the interior of the Church then in progress.

September 7th the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary.

1914

At the greatest Sunday School Rally at Convention Hall, October 4th, more than 3,000 people attended with more than fifty-three classes reporting perfect attendance.

May 10th marked the observance of the first Mother's Day.

The first English service was held on the second Sunday in May.

The former residence of Mr. Henry Bausch, at the corner of St. Paul Street and Huntington Park, was purchased for \$12,500.00 for use as a parsonage by Pastor Frankenfeld and his family.

1918

On Christmas morning, a new set of organ chimes was presented by Miss Emma Hempel in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Vetter.

The English service was held at ten o'clock and the German worship was held at eleven o'clock.

1919

Two Mission fields were established in Honduras, Central America.

On March 2nd, plans for the erection of a new Church School building were approved. The duplex envelope system was adopted for general use.

On April 7th, at the Forty-sixth Annual meeting the corporate name of the Church was changed from German United Evangelical Church to "Salem Evangelical Church." All meetings of the Council and Congregation were to be conducted in the English language. This marked a new epoch in the life of our Church. Twenty-three women were admitted to full voting membership.

1923

The new Church School and Parish House was dedicated.

The Fiftieth Anniversary was held from December 2nd through December 9th.

On December 2nd, the dedication of the new anniversary organ given by Mr. and Mrs. J. George Kaelber took place.

A set of sixteen tower chimes was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger.

A new altar, pulpit and chancel rail were presented by Mrs. John C. Nusbickel and daughter in memory of Mr. John C. Nusbickel.

Other gifts given were kitchen equipment, parlor furnishings, grand piano, chime clock, curtains for the stage auditorium, platform furnishings for the stage, and silver knives and forks.

1924

Nearly 1,000 attended the first sunrise and Holy Communion Service held on Easter Sunday.

The Church Council voted that the support of a missionary in Honduras by Salem be a permanent undertaking and Miss Anna Bechtold was our new worker.

The Church Council pledged \$10,000.00 to be paid in three yearly installments from the Benevolences, toward the new Eden Seminary at Webster Groves, Missouri.

On April 24th, a large tract of land in the rear of the Church was purchased for the sum of \$62,500.00.

1925

A special gift of \$500.00 made possible the enlargement of the Church for lepers in India.

1926

2,963 pledges were received totaling \$54,608.00.

Our first mid-week Lenten service was broadcast over radio station WHEC.

1927

Pastor Frankenfeld purchased his own home on 175 Highland Parkway.

More than \$700.00 was contributed to build a girls' school at Baloda Bazaar, in India, where our missionary, Miss Adele Wobus, was stationed.

1928

Mr. J. George Kaelber contributed several thousand dollars for the construction of a girls school in Bistrampur, India.

\$1,200.00 annually was voted to assist in the support of a Mission Church, St. John's Evangelical, in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Fred M. Dubelbeiss was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School.

192 members of the Church gave the sum of \$5,137.00 for the Ministerial Pension Fund of the Evangelical Synod.

New baptismal font was dedicated.

1929

The exterior of the Church was renovated at a cost of \$47,674.08. Steeples were taken down to comply with the request of the Department of Public Safety.

1930

The Church gave \$725.63 toward the building of a Protestant chapel at Sonyea, the Craig Colony for Epileptics.

The Congregation authorized the creation of an Endowment Fund and referred the matter to the Church Council for the adoption of rules and regulations under which the Fund was to be administered.

1931

\$1,000.00 was contributed for the erection of a community house in the Ozarks, at Shannondale, Missouri.

1932

\$13,290.00 was given by the members of the Church for the Elmhurst-Eden Advance.

1933

The Sixtieth Anniversary was celebrated during the entire month of November. During the month, 6,163 attended the services and 2,453 the various banquets.

1934

Dr. Frankenfeld tendered his resignation on March 12th, to accept a call to St. Peter's Church in Elmhurst, Illinois and preached his last sermon as pastor of Salem Church on June 10th.

Professor Karl H. Roth assumed the duties of interim pastor of Salem Church, until the arrival of the Pastor-Elect, the Reverend Paul M. Schroeder.

On September 9th, the Reverend Paul M. Schroeder was installed as Salem's fourth Pastor.

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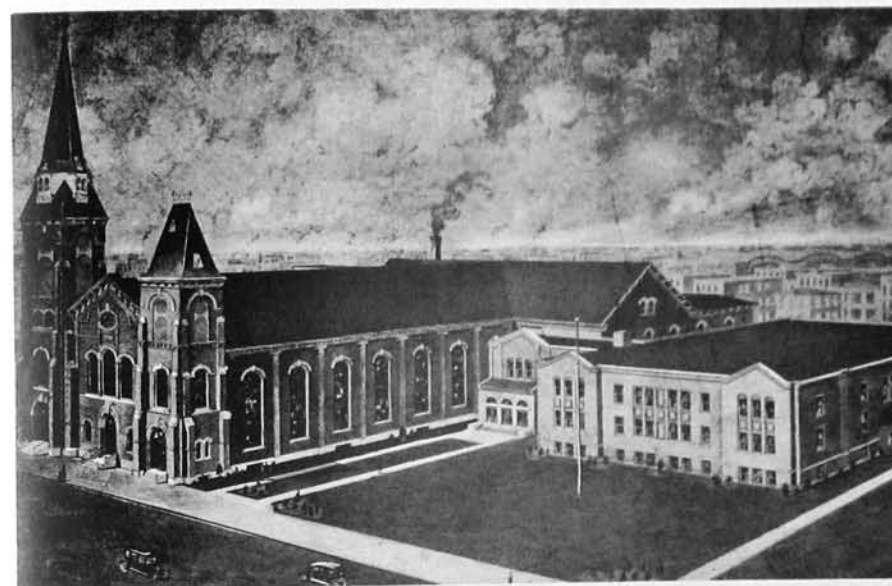


The Sanctuary in the FIFTIETH Anniversary Year

PROGRESS CONTINUES —

SALEM'S VISION BECOMES REALITY.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LARGER CHURCH SCHOOL AND PARISH HOUSE FACILITY FOR A GREATER AND A MORE EXTENSIVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM.



The original edifice with addition of the three story Educational Wing was constructed in 1921 and dedicated in 1922.

SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH (1874)

and

PARISH HOUSE (1923)

IN THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1933



The Steeple has been removed from the left-hand Tower
of the original Church Building.

CHAPTER V

THE FOURTH PASTORATE

1934 - 1959



REVEREND PAUL M. SCHROEDER

The Reverend Paul M. Schroeder was installed as Salem's fourth Pastor on September 9, 1934. In June of that year the Evangelical Synod of North America of which Salem Church had been a member since 1875 united with the Reformed Church in the United States to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. As a result of the merger Salem Evangelical Church became commonly known as Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Early in his ministry, Pastor Schroeder urged Salemites to support the Endowment Fund which he felt would prove a source of strength and stability in the years ahead. The dedication of the Endowment Fund Memorial tablet in the Narthex of the Church took place in 1937.

Salem's interest in international Missions was evidenced by her support of two Missionaries, one in India and the other in Honduras. In 1936, Dr. Harold G. Freund, a Medical Missionary serving in Tilda, India was accepted as Salem's representative to India succeeding Miss Adele Wobus who was unable to return to the field. Miss Anna D. Bechtold continued to serve as Salem's Missionary in San Pedro Sula, Honduras until her retirement in 1959.

The Dunkirk Conference Grounds at Dunkirk, New York has long been close to the hearts of many Salemites. In recognition of Dr. Frankenfeld's twenty-four years of dedicated ministry, Salem Church provided the funds for a new cottage at Dunkirk for the use of faculty and special guests. Dedication took place on August 14, 1938.

Salem Church was host to the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in February, 1940. Dr. Josef L. Hromadka, a renowned theologian of Czechoslovakia and a Visiting Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary at the time, was the featured speaker at the public service.

In 1944 Mrs. Kate Martin gave title to a ten-acre tract on Scottsville Road to Salem Church to provide a recreational area for the young people of the Congregation. It is known today as Salem Park. The transformation of this property into an attractive park was achieved in large part through voluntary labor by devoted members of the parish under the direction of Mr. John Zonneville.

Of the 409 Salemites who served in the Armed Services of our country during World War II, seven members paid the supreme sacrifice. At War's end Salem contributed \$ 4,300.00 for World Emergency Relief Service and sent over 100 boxes of food and clothing to Germany and other European countries. On the basis of a survey of the Congregation it was estimated that the total amount of clothing and food sent for European relief by members of the Congregation amounted to more than \$ 31,000.00.

At the end of 1946 the communicant membership of the Church numbered 2,985 individuals. One thousand dollars was designated from the Christmas White Gift Offering that year for Morningside Community Church in Los Angeles, California where Dr. Frankenfeld was serving as Pastor at the time.

Salem's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 1948. Dr. Louis W. Goebel of Chicago, Illinois, President of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was the preacher on that occasion. A mass chorus composed of the choirs of the local Evangelical and Reformed churches and the Congregational Christian churches provided special music at the evening Service.

The Anniversary Congregational meeting held on January 17, 1949 voted to discontinue the regular German service because of decreased attendance. The resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Harold G. Freund as Salem's Missionaries to India was accepted with regret at this meeting. A communicant membership of 3,008 persons was reported by the Pastor. At a special Congregational meeting on May 19, 1952 approval was given for an extensive renovation and improvement program costing nearly \$ 45,000.00.

On June 25, 1957 the United Church of Christ was formed by the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States. Subsequently, Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church became commonly known as Salem United Church of Christ. Also in June of that year, Dr. Schroeder sent a communication to the Church Council announcing his intention to retire from the active ministry at the end of August, 1959 after serving Salem Church as its Senior Pastor for twenty-five years.

The Reverend Paul M. Schroeder was born on March 18, 1891 in New Haven, Missouri where his father, the Reverend Adam H. Schroeder, was Pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Church from 1880 to 1895. A graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary, Pastor Schroeder subsequently received a Baccalaureate degree from Evansville College and a Master of Arts degree from Indiana University. On June 30, 1912 he was ordained in St. Peter's Evangelical Church, New Haven, Missouri. His first charge was St. Matthew's Evangelical Church, Cleveland, Ohio. While serving there, Pastor Schroeder was united in marriage with Miss Berta Munz of Cleveland. His second pastorate was Salem Evangelical Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. It is of interest to note that it was from this church that Pastor Frankenfeld came to Salem Church in Rochester in 1910. In 1927 Pastor Schroeder was called to St. Lucas Evangelical Church, Evansville, Indiana.

Accepting a call from Salem Church, Pastor Schroeder was installed as Senior Pastor on September 4, 1934. During this pastorate he was a member of several committees of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, including the Administrative Executive Committee of the General Council, the Committee on Christian Stewardship, and the Committee on Closer Relations with Other Churches. He was appointed by the Administrative Council of the denomination to act as an official observer at the first meeting of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland in the late summer of 1948. Dr. Schroeder also served as a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg Academy, the Federal Council of Churches and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Locally, he served as President of the Federation of Churches, the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Board of Managers of St. John's Home for the Aged, and as Chairman of the Rochester Chapter of the American Christian Palestine Council.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Pastor Schroeder in June, 1939 by Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania. Dr. Schroeder, Pastor Emeritus of Salem Church, died on April 16, 1966 in San Diego, California.

The following assisted in the services of the church during the fourth pastorate:

Mr. Friedrich O. Rest, Student of Theology, 1935 - 1936
 Mr. Paul H. Streich, Student of Theology, 1936 - 1937
 The Reverend Oscar C. Nussmann, Assistant Pastor, 1938 - 1944
 The Reverend J. Blaine Fister, Assistant Pastor, 1945 - 1949
 Mr. Robert F. Richter, J., Student Minister, Summer, 1949
 The Reverend William Ashmore, Visitation Assistant, 1952 - 1953
 The Reverend William A. Schmitt, Minister of Visitation, 1953 - 1958
 The Reverend C. William Mensendiek, Associate Pastor, 1955 - 1960
 The Reverend Dr. Fred H. Willkens, Minister of Visitation, 1958 - 1966

The Reverend Philip A. Swartz, D. D., served as Interim Pastor from September, 1959 to February 1960.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**1935**

Membership numbered approximately 3,000 persons of whom 2,178 were contributing members.

The Church Council provided vestments for the Confirmation classes.
The first Christmas Eve Midnight Service was held.

1936

Dr. Harold Freund of Tilda, India, was accepted as Salem's missionary to India to succeed Miss Adele Wobus, who was unable to return to the field.

The communicant membership increased to 3,223.

1937

An Endowment Fund Memorial tablet was dedicated and placed in the Narthex of the Church.

The Board of Deaconesses was organized, consisting of twenty-one members.

1938

\$1,870.00 was provided for the building of a new cottage at Dunkirk.

Improvements and redecorating of the Sunday School rooms and Auditorium amounted to \$3,000.00.

1939

The Salem Men's Bible Class celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary in January with a banquet. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, founder and first teacher of the class, was the guest speaker.

The Salem Ladies' Bible Class also celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary with a banquet.

1940

Dr. Schroeder was called to accept the office of Director of United Promotion in the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Congregation was unwilling to accept his resignation and Dr. Schroeder agreed to continue to serve as pastor of Salem.

A Young People's Choir was organized.

1941

A public address system was installed through contributions by various organizations of the Church and Church School.

1942

Salem acquired the gas station and lot adjoining the Church, at the corner of Franklin Street.

Honor roll plaques listing the name of every Salemite in the armed services were dedicated.

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Two bronze Altar vases were presented in memory of James B. Wright.
Plans were made to launch a program to make Salem debt free by the Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

1944

Mrs. Kate Martin donated ten acres of land on Scottsville Road to be used as a recreational area for the young people of the Church, now known as Salem Park.

Plans were made to raise \$50,000.00 to wipe out the Church debt and renovate the Church.

1945

The gas station property on the corner of Clinton Avenue North was sold to Mr. Volpe, for \$22,500.00.

By the end of the year, 409 Salemites were in the Armed services.

1946

At the Congregational meeting, October 14, it was voted to include in the Benevolence Budget \$1,000.00 per year for a period of five years to be given to the Morningside Community Church, Inglewood, California whose Pastor is Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, former Pastor of Salem.

1947

Salem was debt free. On January 20th the mortgage was burned.
A central heating service was installed.

1948

The Church Council approved the renovation of the Sanctuary and Parish house at a total expenditure expected to exceed \$30,000.00.

The plan for an altar-centered chancel was approved in principle and made a long-term project for the Congregation.

1949

The Associate Pastor, Blaine J. Fister, resigned, May 5th.

September 25th, the Fiftieth Anniversary of St. John's Home for the Aged took place.

The thirteenth Annual Christmas Musicale was held on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 o'clock.

1950

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship dinner was held on January 16th in the Parish House Auditorium with an attendance of 350 members.

Important discussion developed on the denominational level concerning the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches and the Congregational Christian Churches.

The Reverend Kenneth E. Bishop was installed as Minister of Christian Education on Sunday, September 15th.

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1951

Pulpit Exchange took place on February 25th. The Reverend Charles Boddie of Mount Olivet Baptist Church preached at Salem and Dr. Paul M. Schroder at Mount Olivet.

Two Sunday morning worship Services were inaugurated on September 16th, first Service at 9:00 o'clock and the second at 10:10 o'clock.

1952

Knights Templar Commanderies attended the 10:30 o'clock worship Service on Sunday, March 30th. These Masonic bodies marched from the Masonic Temple on Main Street to the Church.

Office improvements were approved at an estimated cost of \$45,000.00. A Financial Campaign was conducted from June 6th to 15th.

The Reverend Kenneth E. Bishop resigned December 15th.

1953

Re-Dedication Service took place on Sunday, March 15th at the 10:30 o'clock worship Service with Open House from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Eightieth Anniversary Observance and Service was held on December 6th, with Dr. Ralph Helmkamp and his brother, Albert, participating.

1954

Miss Elsie Stryker begins her ministry as Director of Christian Education on March 7th.

New Hymnals presented by the Women's Fellowship Guild were dedicated on Sunday, February 27th.

1955

Plans were submitted to the Congregation for a divided chancel arrangement in the Sanctuary.

The Reverend C. William Mensendiek was installed as Associate Pastor on September 25th.

Miss Mary Germ succeeds Miss Elsie Stryker as Director of Christian Education.

1956

Denominational merger plans move into final stages.

Miss Mary Germ installed as Director of Christian Education at the morning worship Service on Sunday, June 20th.

1957

Merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Churches becomes a reality on June 26th in Cleveland, Ohio. The new Denomination will be known as the UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

1958

The National Conference on Christian Education of the United Church of Christ was held at Purdue University, La Fayette, Indiana on August 19th to 22nd.

Spring meeting of the West New York Synod convened in Salem Church on May 20th to 22nd.

1959

Pastor Paul M. Schroeder, fourth Pastor of Salem Church, retired September 1st. Farewell service was held on Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 P. M.

Two children were born into the Schroeder home - - Dorothy and Paul Jr.



The Sanctuary in the SEVENTY-FIFTH Anniversary Year.

CHAPTER VI

THE FIFTH PASTORATE

1960 - 1963



REVEREND CHARLES S. HARTMAN,

On invitation of the Pulpit Committee, the Reverend Charles S. Hartman, visited Salem Church on Sunday, November 29, 1959 and occupied the Pulpit as guest preacher in the morning worship Service at 10:30 o'clock.

Directly following the service, the Congregation, in special session, voted to extend a call to the Reverend Mr. Hartman to become its Senior Pastor. Having accepted the call, Pastor Hartman conducted his first worship Service in Salem Church on Sunday morning, January 24, 1960 and preached a sermon entitled, "What of the Future?"

A special Service of Installation was held on Sunday, February 14, 1960, with the Reverend Theodore L. Trost, Jr., Ph. D., delivering the sermon entitled, "This Is The Day Of Good Tidings." The Reverend Philip A. Swartz, D. D., Interim Pastor, was the liturgist. The Reverend Professor Theodore L. Trost, Sr., the Reverend Julius Kuck, D. D., and the Reverend Fred Ochs constituted the Installation Committee. Following the Installation Service a reception for Pastor and Mrs. Hartman was held in the Parish Hall Auditorium.

The Reverend Charles S. Hartman, a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with an A. B. degree. He received the B. D. degree from Yale Divinity School and the M. A. degree from John Hopkins University. Before coming to Salem he had served pastorates in Youngwood, Pennsylvania; Baltimore, Maryland; and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Pastor Hartman married Louise Showman of Youngwood, Pennsylvania in 1940. There were four children born to this union — Edwin, Ira, Stewart and Charlene.

The Reverend Warren A. Breisch was chosen to be Associated Pastor and was installed at the morning worship Service on Sunday, October 16, 1960; and the Reverend Carleton E. Norton was installed as the Director of Christian Education on Sunday morning, February 18, 1962.

Pastor Hartman, in co-operation with the Rochester Area Council of Churches, the West New York Synod and the leaders of the local Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Churches played an important part in the founding of a new Congregation in the Rochester area, the first in over fifty years.

The new church, called "Mountain Rise United Church of Christ" and located on the Palmyra-Pittsford Road, was officially organized in 1963 with the Reverend Charles Higgins being named as its first Pastor. The church building was dedicated on June 5, 1966.

During the ministry of Pastor Hartman, the Congregation considered the possibility of erecting a Chapel on the Church property at the intersection of Franklin and Cumberland Streets, but ultimately the plan was indefinitely postponed.

On April 29, 1963 Pastor Hartman presented his resignation to the Official Board and Congregation.

The farewell Service occurred on Sunday, June 23, 1963. The very best wishes and expressions of gratitude to the Hartmans for their years of ministry in the Salem fellowship were extended by members of the Congregation as they departed for Pennsylvania, where Pastor Hartman had received a call to become the Pastor of First Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

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HIGHLIGHTS

1959

Pastor Hartman was called to the Fifth Pastorate of Salem Church on November 29th.

1960

First worship Service in Salem as Senior Pastor, January 24th.
Installation Service was held on February 14th.

1961

"Teaching, Reaching, Preaching Mission" held on April 21st - 27th.
Chapel at intersection of Franklin and Cumberland Streets proposed.

1962

New Mission Church was founded in the town of Perinton, New York, called
"Mountain Rise United Church of Christ."
Plans for building Chapel were postponed.

1963

New York Conference of the United Church of Christ was formed at Salem
Church, Rochester, New York, May 14th - 16th.

Resignation of Pastor Hartman was presented and accepted by the Congregation
on April 29th.

Farewell Service, Sunday, June 23rd.



Mr. Richard Lansing, organist at the console of the
four-manual Kaelber Memorial Austin Organ

CHAPTER VII

THE SIXTH PASTORATE

1964 - 1970



REVEREND FRIEDRICH O. REST, D.D.

The Reverend Friedrich O. Rest, D.D. was called to be the sixth Senior Pastor of Salem Church on Sunday morning, September 29, 1963. He preached his first sermon as Pastor on Sunday morning, January 26, 1964. The sermon was entitled, "God Our Father."

The Installation Service took place on Sunday morning, February 23, 1964. The Installation sermon for Dr. Rest was preached by an older brother, the Reverend Karl H. A. Rest, Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, Tonawanda, New York. Other clergymen participating included the Reverend Warren A. Breisch, Associate Pastor; the Reverend Carleton E. Norton, Minister of Christian Education; the Reverend Dr. Paul M. Schroeder, retired; and the Reverend Dr. Julius W. Kuck, Associate Minister of the New York Conference, United Church of Christ. Following the Service a reception, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, took place in the Parish Hall Auditorium.

Pastor Rest was ordained to the Christian Ministry in Peace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Marshalltown, Iowa on June 27, 1937. He received the Bachelor

of Arts degree from Elmhurst College in 1935; the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in 1937; and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Mission House Theological Seminary in 1961. It is of interest to note that he served as Student Minister at Salem Church, Rochester during the summer of 1936.

Before coming to Rochester he held pastorates at Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jasper, Indiana; St. Luke's Church, Dayton, Ohio; St. Paul's Church, Hermann, Missouri; and St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Evansville, Indiana.

Pastor Rest married Dorothy Schumacher, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Theodore Schumacher, in Huntingburg, Indiana on August 22, 1940. They have three children, a daughter, Betty and two sons, Paul and John.

Pastor Rest comes from a family of clergyman. His father and three brothers have also served as ministers in the Evangelical and Reformed Church (Now United Church of Christ) as did the father and two brothers of Mrs. Rest.

Pastor Rest is the author of the following books:

- "Worship Aids of 52 Services."
- "Our Christian Symbols."
- "Worship Services for Church Groups."
- "Symbols of His Sacrifices."
- "The Cross In Hymns."
- "You've Got a Point There."

In December, 1969 Pastor Rest accepted a call to become the Pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Houston, Texas. Pastor and Mrs. Rest left Rochester on March 30, 1970 to assume their new responsibilities.

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HIGHLIGHTS

1964

Dr. Rest preached his first sermon as Pastor-elect of Salem Church on January 26th.

The Installation Service for Dr. Rest took place on February 23rd.

A major Renovation Program, including zone heating was approved by the Congregation at a cost of \$66,459.00.

Pastor Norton resigned to become the Pastor of Zion Church, in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The title of "Pastor Emeritus" was conferred upon Dr. J. Frederick Frankenfeld and Dr. Paul M. Schroeder on Emeriti Sunday, November 8, 1964. Dr. Frankenfeld, eighty-six years old, was unable to be present at the Service. His grandson, Mr. Peter O'Brien, read the message of gratitude and acceptance forwarded from his grandfather.

The title of "Missionary Emeritus" was conferred in absentia upon Miss M. Adele Wobus, Missionary to India and Miss Anna Bechtold, Missionary to Honduras. Both Missionaries were supported by Salem Church for more than twenty-five years.

Dr. Rest became the host of the "Pastor's Study," a television program sponsored by the Rochester Area Council of Churches.

1965

Church Services were broadcast over radio station WBBF. Pre-recorded programs were presented on the fourth Sunday morning of the month at seven o'clock. The first Christmas Eve Service of Salem Church was broadcast live.

The Rochester Area Council of Churches Nursing Home Friendly Visitor's Program was organized in Salem Church and involved twenty-nine nursing homes and thirty-five churches throughout Monroe County. Salem Church was assigned responsibility for the Aberdeen Nursing Home.

The Gleichauf Memorial Room was dedicated on Sunday, September 19th. The Reverend Oscar C. Nussmann, former Associate Pastor of Salem Church, preached the Dedictory Sermon.

The Salem Bell Choir was formed. Interested Church members provided the funds for the purchase of the Schulmerich handbells.

1966

Mrs. A. Kenneth Fribance was engaged as Director of Christian Education.

Important changes in the Constitution and By-Laws were made and approved by the Congregation.

1967

On Reformation Sunday, October 29th, the Reverend Henry Atwell, Editor of The Catholic Courier Journal of Rochester, became the first Roman Catholic Priest to preach a sermon in a Sunday morning Worship Service in Salem Church.

1968

The Congregation ratified and adopted the revisions in the Constitution and By-Laws as recommended by the special committee which had been appointed for this purpose.

1969

Salem Bible Classes observed and celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary. Dr. C. William Mensendiek, former Associate Pastor of Salem, was the guest speaker.

The Youth Fellowship conducted a complete Contemporary Service in the Sanctuary on January 26th.

On December 15th, Pastor Rest presented his resignation to the Official Board and the Congregation to become effective March 30, 1970.

1970

A class of twenty-six young people was confirmed and received into the membership of the Church. This was the last class instructed by Dr. Rest.

The Congregation presented the Rest family with a color television set before their departure from Rochester to make their home in Houston, Texas.

Dr. W. Marion Jeschke, a retired United Church of Christ clergyman, was named Interim Pastor.

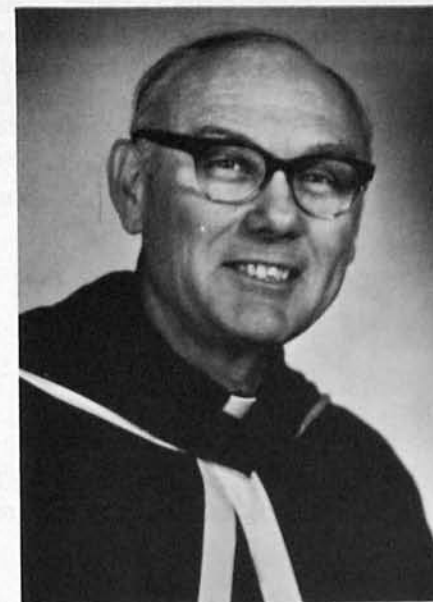


Renovated Hall leading to Gleichauf Room and Pastor's Study and showing Memorial Book.

CHAPTER VIII

THE SEVENTH PASTORATE

1971



REVEREND CHARLES D. BROADBENT

The Reverend Charles D. Broadbent was invited by the Pulpit Committee to conduct the Worship Service at Salem Church on Sunday morning, September 12, 1971. Immediately following the Service, the Congregation met in a specially called meeting to elect him as their Senior Pastor. In accordance with his acceptance of the call, Mr. Broadbent occupied the Salem pulpit for the first time as Senior Pastor on Sunday morning, November 14, 1971. His Installation as seventh Pastor of Salem Church took place on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 1972 with Dr. Robert V. Moss, President of the United Church of Christ, preaching the sermon entitled, "The Local Church As The Enabler of Faith." Other participants included Mr. Warren M. Broadbent, a son of the Pastor; Mrs. William P. Meehan, Moderator of the Genesee Valley Association; and several Ministers of the Association. Miss Mary Hawkes, Director of Christian Education, and the Reverend Douglas P. Sutphin, Associate Pastor, both newly appointed to the Church Staff, were presented to members of the Congregation during the Service. A reception in the Parish Hall Auditorium brought the Pastor, his family, guests, Church members and friends together for a period of greeting and fellowship.

Pastor Broadbent was born on July 1, 1915 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was educated in the public schools there and attended Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio and Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. On September 7, 1941 he was united in marriage with Evelyn Handy in Seattle, Washington.

On November 7, 1943 Charles D. Broadbent was ordained to the Christian ministry in First Congregational Church, South Coventry, Connecticut. Subsequent pastorates were in Easton, Connecticut; Brockton, Massachusetts; and Syracuse, New York. He spent a sabbatical leave working in the Mission field in Puerto Rico as a consultant to the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico. Pastor Broadbent served as Associate Conference Minister of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ from 1962 until he accepted the call to Salem Church in 1971.

Pastor and Mrs. Broadbent have three children, sons Norman and Warren and a daughter, Jeanne.

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HIGHLIGHTS

1971

Call extended to Pastor Broadbent on Sunday, September 12th.
Preached first sermon as the new Pastor of Salem Church on November 14th.

1972

Appointment of Miss Mary Hawkes as Director of Christian Education became effective on April 1st.

Installation Service for Pastor Broadbent on April 30th. Dr. Robert V. Moss, President of the United Church of Christ, was the guest preacher.

A Reception followed the Service in the Parish Hall Auditorium.

Appointment of the Reverend Douglas P. Sutphin as Associate Pastor became effective on May 1st.

1973

Beginning of THE CENTENNIAL YEAR for Salem Church, 1873 - 1973, on Palm Sunday, April 15th.

(See Centennial Highlights for Services and Events.)

Class of twenty-three Confirmands received into membership of Salem Church on Pentecost, June 10th.

1974

Conclusion of Centennial Observance on Easter Day, April 14th.

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH REGISTERS

	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Weddings</u>	<u>Burials</u>
Siebenpfeiffer (20 years)	3,608	1,603	1,341	1,673
Helmkamp (16 years)	2,045	1,496	1,052	1,426
Frankenfeld (23 years)	2,142	1,596	1,409	1,974
Schroeder (25 years)	1,835	942	954	2,564
Hartman (3 years)	108	115	60	208
Rest (6½ years)	165	128	87	468
Broadbent (3 years)	48	42	43	207
Interim Periods	37	21	44	151

THESE MEMBERS HAVE SERVED AS
PRESIDENTS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND CONGREGATION

1874 - 1893	Pastor Carl Siebenpfeiffer
1894 - 1905	Pastor J. F. Helmkamp
1906 - 1907	Charles Suss
1908 - 1910	George F. Roth
1911 - 1925	Charles Suss
1926 - 1930	Henry F. Albrecht
1931 - 1941	William H. Brown
1941	Charles F. Then
1942	William H. Zimmer
1943 - 1944	Benjamin Stallman
1945 - 1946	Jacob H. Vogel
1947	Oscar E. Zabel
1948	Benjamin Stallman
1949	Walter Graeper
1950	Walter Graeper
1951 - 1952	Henry C. Sheve
1953 - 1954	Jacob H. Vogel
1955 - 1956	Henry C. Sheve
1957	Richard W. Thorne
1958	Leighton A. Young
1959 - 1960	Henry C. Sheve
1961 - 1962	Richard W. Thorne
1963 - 1964	G. William Miller
1965 - 1966	Lester W. Feldt
1967	Robert McGillicuddy
1968	Alfred N. Gutzmer
1969	Richard W. Thorne
1970	Robert W. Sweeney
1971	Lester W. Feldt
1972	William Staples
1973	*Mrs. William P. Meehan

*Mrs. Meehan was the first woman elected to the presidency of the Salem Church Council.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

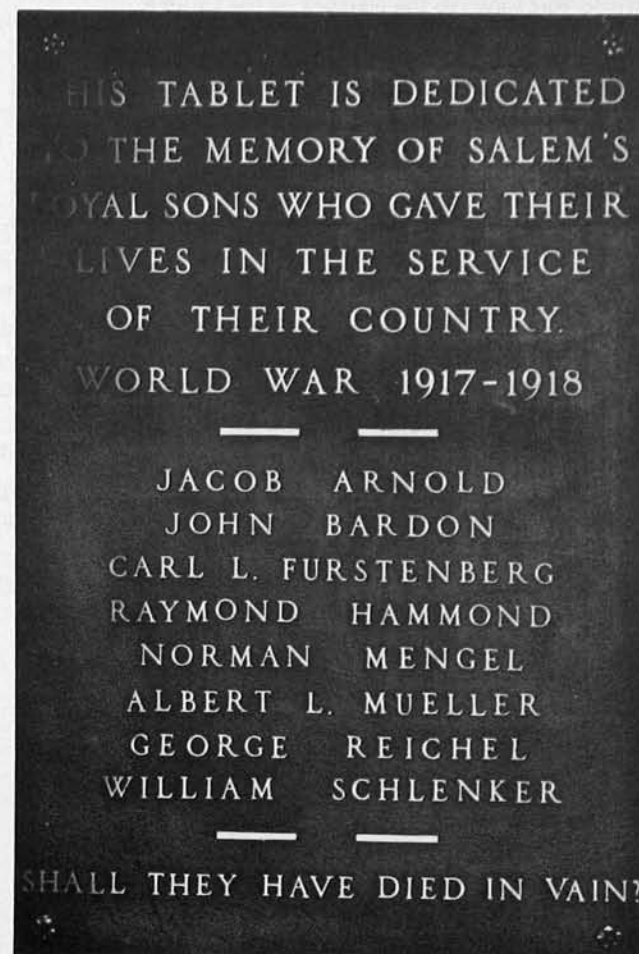
1920	Charles W. Weis
1920	J. George Kaelber
1925	August Amish
1930	Charles Suss
1951	Fred M. Dubelbeiss
1959	Charles F. Spies

WORLD WAR I

Armistice Day, November 11th, 1918, was a day of prayer, thanksgiving and rejoicing for it marked the end of a war that was fought to end all wars.

One hundred and ninety Salem men served in the armed forces during the period of April 6, 1917, the date of the Declaration of War by the United States, to its end on Armistice Day 1918.

Eight Salem men made the supreme sacrifice. On Memorial Sunday, June 2, 1928, the bronze Memorial tablet pictured below, bearing the names of the honored men, was unveiled, dedicated, and placed permanently in the Narthex of the Church.



WORLD WAR II

More than four hundred men and women served their country during the period of World War II in both the Far East and European Theaters of the conflict.

December 7, 1942 will be remembered as the date the United States was drawn into the war by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The great war ended in two stages the first in Europe on May 8, 1945 and the second in the Far East on September 2, 1945.

Seven Salem men made the supreme sacrifice in this war, a war fought to make the world safe for Democracy. The tablet pictured below, memorializing these men was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, October 12, 1947 and placed alongside the Memorial to World War I men in the Narthex of the Church.



THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Service of Music and Song

MUSIC IN RELIGION

Among the many languages that music speaks she is most at home in the dialect of religion. She has spoken in the most sensual tones of the dance. She has been a priestess and she has been a courtesan. She has enforced the most powerful representations of the drama. She has spoken in purest sentiments of romantic love and more uncertainly in imitations of nature. She has driven men by her martial call by multitudes to give their lives for a cause; but she has been always most congenially employed when giving her voice to religious experiences and has responded most quickly and joyfully to the touch of the Spirit of God. That religion can not survive without emotion is as much as to say that religion cannot survive without the aid of music. — D. Fitzgerald Parker.

Salem Church has long been noted for its excellent Choir and high caliber of church music. The musical offerings through the years have been professionally performed and have always been an integral part of church worship.

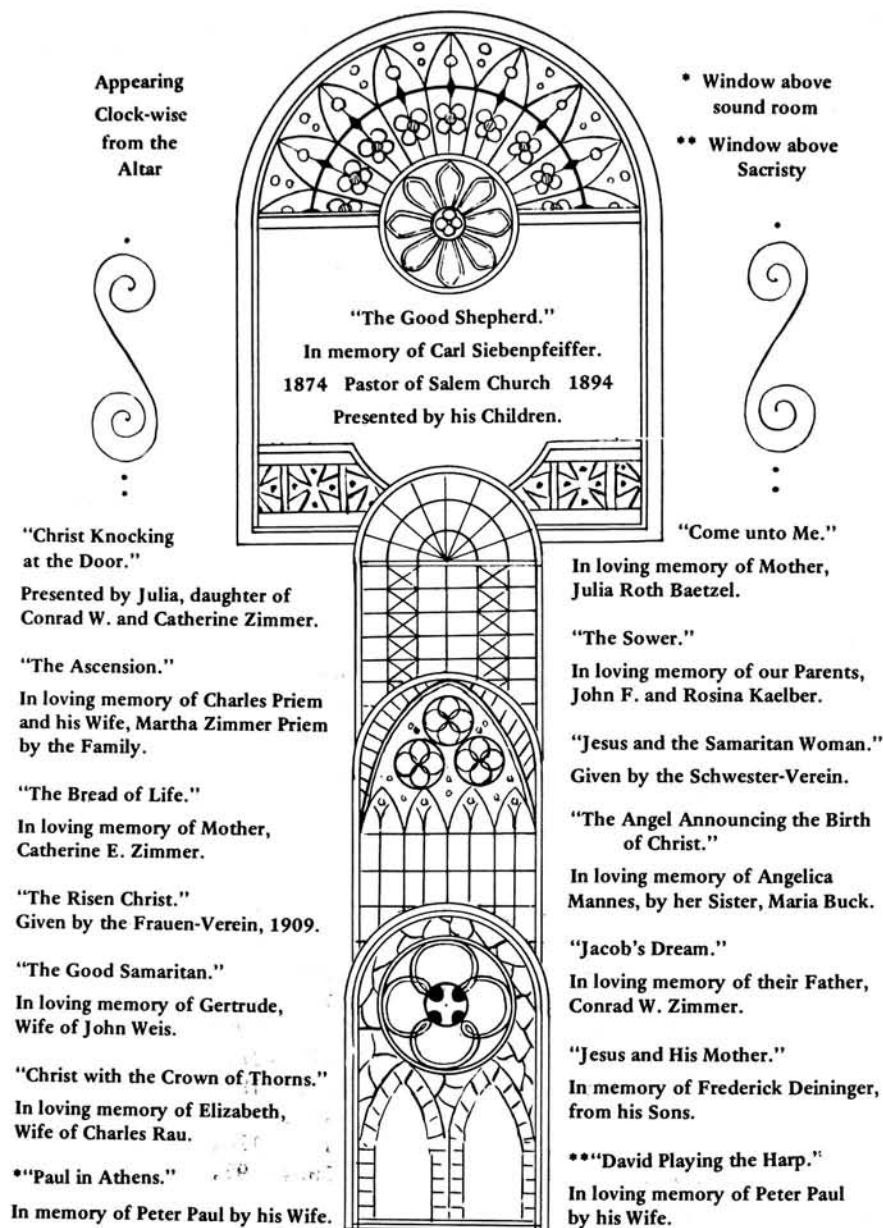
Salem has been fortunate in having many dedicated members not only singing in the Choir but also playing in the Bible Class Orchestra. In earlier days the quality of music attracted the interest and church attendance of non-Salem members throughout Rochester, particularly during the high religious festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

Our superior Choir Directors and Organists and our excellent organ have drawn many Eastman School of Music vocal and instrumental students to Salem's Ministry of Music.

Choir Directors who developed the outstanding musical program at Salem are:

Dettmar D. Poppen	1874 - 1893
Professor Meyer	1893 - 1894
Henry Greiner	1894 - 1901
Charles E. Van Laer	1901 - 1903
Professor Ludwig Schenck	1904 - 1922
Frank Showers	1922 - 1926
Dr. Herman H. Genhart	1926 - 1948
Lawrence Parker	1948 - 1952
Leonard Treash	1952 - 1964
R J Murray	1964 - 1974

MEMORIAL WINDOWS SANCTUARY BALCONY



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MEMORIAL WINDOWS SANCTUARY MAIN LEVEL



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SONS OF SALEM
IN THE
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*John R. Graf	May 14, 1914
*Braynard E. Kurkowski	June 25, 1933
*H. Raymond Voss	April 8, 1945
*George F. Roser, Jr.	June 20, 1948
*Theodore L. Trost, Jr.	June 19, 1955
*Frederick R. Trost	June 17, 1957
*James A. Fishbaugh	June 14, 1964
*Melvin E. Lutz (Ordained in the Methodist Church)	June , 1966
Robert S. Vogel	***

* Ordained in Salem Church

** Deceased

*** Dedicated Leader in The Society of Friends.

ST. JOHN'S HOME FOR THE AGED
"ALTENHEIM"

The Reverend John W. Helmkamp, second Pastor of Salem Church, will always be remembered as the man whose vision and perseverance led to the founding of the "ALTENHEIM" now known as St. John's Home for the Ageing.

Several years after coming to Salem, Pastor Helmkamp, speaking at a Christian Endeavor meeting, suggested that the Congregation establish a Home for orphans, the chronically ill, and the aged. He stated that this need had come to his attention as he made his pastoral visits throughout the Salem Parish.

Meetings were held and the proposal aroused considerable interest. Pastor Helmkamp was successful in impressing this important need on many people, among whom were two business men, Mr. George Ellwanger, co-founder of the Ellwanger and Barry Nurseries, and the Honorable Frederick Cook, former Secretary of State of the State of New York. A meeting was held at Salem Church on Sunday, July 3 1898 to which representatives from all the local German Protestant Churches were invited. At this time a Constitution was drafted. At a meeting held on Thursday, August 18, 1898, the Home came into existence. A Board of Directors was chosen and Pastor Helmkamp was elected to be the first President. He served in this capacity for eleven years.

The Home, located at the corner of Lake Avenue and Flower City Park, opened on November 1, 1899. The first admission of a resident occurred on December 1, of that year. Mr. and Mrs. George Bernhardt were entrusted with the administrative responsibilities of the Home.

On August 11, 1900 Mr. Ellwanger presented to the Home for its use a dwelling and garage located at the corner of South and Highland Avenues. This property situated on a sizeable acreage extended into Highland Park. The dwelling was made ready for occupancy on April 9, 1901.

In 1905 the Home received a bequest of \$25,000.00 from the estate of Mr. Frederick Cook. The funds were used to build an addition to the Home. The addition became ready for occupancy in April, 1907.

The Reverend Frederick Frankenfeld succeeded Pastor Helmkamp as Pastor of Salem Church in 1910. He soon became involved in the life and ministry of the Home and was elected its second President, a position he held for twenty-four years. Pastor Frankenfeld's enthusiasm for the Home convinced Mr. and Mrs. William Deininger, both members of Salem Church, that the Home was rendering a much needed service for the aged. In 1931 they presented a gift of \$55,000.00 to St. John's Home, making possible the addition of the Deininger Wing.

The Home has grown steadily and is now a widely known institution for the care and accommodation of older persons regardless of creed, race or color. It is a top-level complex which includes, in addition to rooms for the aged, an infirmary and other care facilities in the main buildings, as well as a residential, self-contained apartment complex for senior citizens adjoining beautiful Highland Park.

From its beginning with one occupant in 1899, until the time of this writing in 1973 when its census is in the hundreds, St. John's Home stands as a great monument to the man who saw a need and did something about it. It also pays a great tribute to those who with Pastor Helmkamp caught the vision and contributed their time, efforts, services and money to make certain that this dream became a reality.

Sister Christine Schwarz, an Evangelical Deaconess, served faithfully as Superintendent of the Home from 1903 to 1940.

The members of Salem Congregation continue to express their great interest in St. John's Home and minister to it through the Auxilliary, by serving on the Board of Directors, assisting in fund drives, and rendering various other services to the ongoing program.

Funds from New York State now supplement the income of the Home received from the residents, patients and apartment rentals. All seem to sense the need for the continuing support of this splendid facility founded and sustained by several local Protestant Churches for so many years.



St. John's Home as it appeared at the corner of South and Highland Avenues in the 1930s.



St. John's Home present building complex.
View from Highland Avenue looking toward the corner of South Avenue.



Lounge in the Home.

SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE SCHOOL, CHURCH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN NURTURE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the early years of Salem Church, the Congregation maintained a Parochial School where instruction was given in the German language. So that children could also be conversant in English that language was used for instruction in the Sunday School.

It is unfortunate that complete details of the early days of the Sunday School are no longer available. We do know that a layman, Mr. Thomas Dransfield, was the first Superintendent and that he and Pastor Siebenpfeiffer were close friends. Both men realized the important need for a Sunday School. After five years, the Superintendent found it necessary to resign because of other commitments.

The Pastor then proceeded to establish a Sunday School in the German language. It is difficult to understand why instruction in English was discontinued at the very time when other churches in the denomination were introducing the use of the English language in their Sunday Schools. Nevertheless, the Salem Sunday School grew rapidly and at the end of the first ten years of its existence had an average Sunday attendance of more than four hundred members.

Under the leadership of Pastor Helmkamp and his successor, Pastor Frankenfeld, the Sunday School continued to show remarkable growth. They were both staunch supporters of the Sunday School and regarded its development as a vital and integral part of the life, ministry and mission of the total Church.

The Salem Sunday School came to be considered a model for other churches. Sunday School people from far and near manifested interest in its organization and structure, its teaching material, methods, equipment and the devotion and enthusiasm of its teachers and leaders.

Religious education was made available to all members of the Parish through the establishment of classes and departments for all ages, ranging from the very young to adults of maturer years. The inauguration of Teacher Training classes provided a most helpful source of qualified teaching personnel.

It became evident as far back as 1911 when the average Sunday School attendance approached 700 persons that the physical facilities had to be enlarged. Plans were subsequently made for a Parish Hall and funds were raised. World War I forced postponement of the project. As a result of increased construction costs additional funds were required. Members of the Congregation responded generously. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Parish Hall took place on Monday, June 19, 1922 and the cornerstone laying occurred on Sunday, September 17, 1922. The new building was formally dedicated on Sunday, June 10, 1923 with a Dedication Service at nine o'clock in the Church Sanctuary. The program of dedication continued throughout the week. The year 1923 marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of Salem Church and was truly a "Golden Jubilee" celebration.

The years immediately following saw the average Sunday School attendance reach the figure of 1,416 in 1929 and on Sunday, March 17th of the same year 2,636 were in attendance at the nine o'clock sessions. These records have never been surpassed.

The last German class of the Sunday School was disbanded in October 1917.

Confirmation classes have been continued yearly without interruption.

In time, the Sunday School evolved into the Church School. Programs and activities took place during the week as well as on Sundays.

Salem Sunday School has been blessed with many dedicated and competent teachers and leaders. Persons in various walks of life have voiced their gratitude for the influence Salem Sunday School has made upon them in living more effective and responsible Christian lives.

DEPARTMENTS AND CLASSES
OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Pre-Nursery	Senior High
Nursery	Post High
Primary	Married Couples Class
Kindergarten	Nika Class
Lower Junior	Ruth Class
Upper Junior	Adult Bible Class

DEPARTMENTS AND CLASSES
OF BY-GONE YEARS

Numerous classes and departments of the Sunday School functioned and flourished for many years. It is not possible to name all of them in this Centennial Booklet. A few are listed below - - -

The Cradle Roll and Beginners Department Mrs. Amelia Miller, Leader and Supervisor	The Andrews Class for Young Men Mr. William H. Brown and Mr. Edwin Kaelber, Teachers
The Lagler Class for Girls Mrs. Leo Lagler, Teacher and Counsellor	The Philip Lattinville Class for Boys Mr. Philip Lattinville, Teacher
The Men's Bible Class Reverend Frankenfeld, Teacher	The Ladies Bible Class Mr. William H. Brown, Teacher

The Christian Education program of the Church always concerned itself with the training and development of teachers and leaders. Training classes were under the direction of capable and competent personnel.



The Kindergarten Room



The Primary Department Class Room



THE KITCHEN AND DINING HALL

The coming together in the Church for meals and the breaking of bread is usually a pleasant time for fine Christian fellowship and hospitality. In Salem this is time-honored tradition.

The kitchen facility is adjacent to the Parish Hall which serves as the large dining room as well as the place for meetings, get-togethers and recreation.

Approximately 350 persons can be comfortably seated and served at one sitting.

Throughout the century, literally hundreds of thousands of meals have been prepared and served, not only at gatherings of the Congregation, but also for large numbers of Church and Denominational occasions and community programs.

Salem has been richly blessed with countless dedicated and devoted people who have rendered a service and ministry through the avenue of preparing and serving delicious food delightfully and efficiently.

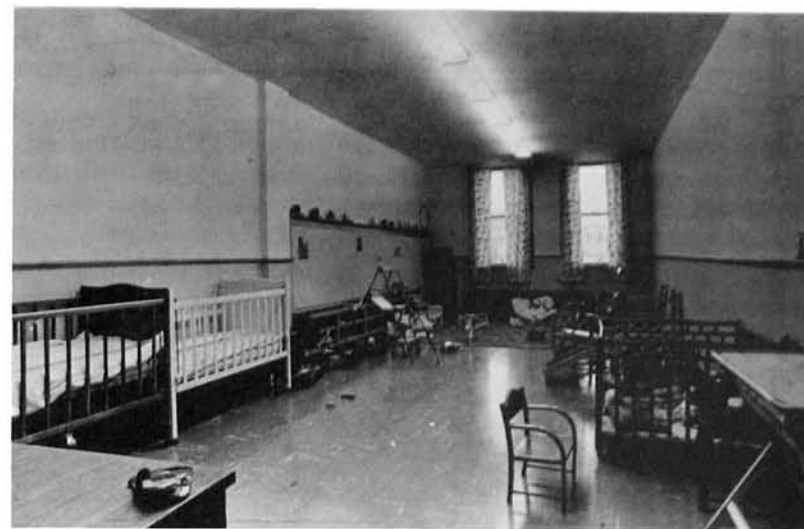


The Gleichauf Room
Dedicated to the Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Gleichauf
on Sunday Morning, September 19, 1965.
A very generous legacy was left to Salem Church by
Mrs. Gleichauf at the time of her death on June 4, 1960.



The Parish House Parlor

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THE NURSERY



THE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

This special Christmas project, held on the first Sunday in Advent each year, has been a very popular occasion as the Congregation prepares for the holiday season.

Mrs. Milton Kamb and the staff have been very successful in developing and presenting the interesting and varied programs.

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ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PAST

FRAUENVEREIN — The first organization for women in Salem.
A transplant from the Mother Church Trinity, in 1874.

SCHWESTERVEREIN — Became the Sister Society and later merged into
the larger program for women called Salem Women's Fellowship.

MISSION SOCIETY — Women's Guild.

KINGDOM MISSION SOCIETY

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY — January 1, 1874

SALEM UNTERSTUETZUNGS VEREIN — Reformation Day, 1874.
This is the only organization in Salem whose beginning dates
back to the founding of the Church.

SALEM BROTHERHOOD — July 6, 1915.

GIRL SCOUTS SALEM DRAMATIC CLUB CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

SALEM DUNKIRK E.L.T.S. CLUB SALEM SAXOPHONE BAND

PRESENT ORGANIZATIONS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Organized January 21, 1958

CIRCLES: CLAUDIA • MARTHA • MARY • SARAH • SUZANNE

BOARD OF DEACONESSES • SEWING COMMITTEE

SALEM MEN'S BENEVOLENT & BROTHERHOOD

CHOIR • SALEM BELL CHOIR • BOY SCOUTS

SENIOR CITIZENS

ABERDEEN NURSING HOME FRIENDLY VISITORS

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship of Salem Church was organized on January 21, 1958, when nine Circles were formed with an approximate membership of 140 members. In May, 1969 four day-time Circles merged to form the Mary Circle that meets at the Church.

On November 16, 1970 a new Circle was organized by some of the younger Church women. They chose the name Suzanna for their group. The Naomi Circle dissolved on June 28, 1974, but many members joined one of the remaining Circles. There are now five Circles with a membership of one hundred twenty members, they are Claudia, Martha, Mary, Sarah and the Suzanna Circles.

The Executive Board consists of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Chairmen of Standing Committees, all Circle Chairmen, as well as the retiring President and the Ministers' wives ex-officio.

The Women's Fellowship encourages direct giving. Its work is made possible largely through "My Portion for God's Work." Part of these funds are sent to the Genesee Valley Association and the New York Conference for Missionary, educational and other projects. Financial support is also given to Salem Church as well as to denominational and inter-denominational projects, including Church World Service.

Each November the "FAMILY THANK OFFERING" affords a special opportunity to express gratitude for God's blessings. Every member is urged to use the Family Thank Offering containers throughout the year. In addition, the various Circles sponsor separate projects and service activities. The "LEAST COIN" offering received at Circle Meetings is used for Missions.

The Women's Fellowship, as an organization of the Church, seeks to serve the local Church as well as the denomination in its world-wide program, through the following committees:

Aberdeen Nursing Home Visitors
Christian Education
Christian Social Action
Church Parlor and
Silver Service
Church Women United
Dundirk Conference Grounds
Material Aid

Membership
Missionary Education
Publicity
Reading and Literature
Sewing Group
Spiritual Life
Stewardship and
Family Thank Offering

THE SALEM MEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

This society is the oldest organization still functioning in Salem Church.

On January 1, 1874, twenty young men banded themselves together in the spirit of Christian fellowship and mutual helpfulness to organize the Young Men's Society of Salem Church.

On Reformation Day in 1874, another group of men, thirty-four in number met and formed the Salem Unterstuetzungs-Verein.

Both organizations met with immediate success and their membership grew steadily year after year.

The two societies existed as separate organizations for forty-one years. On July 6, 1915 they united to form the Salem Brotherhood. In 1918, the name of the society was changed to the Men's Benevolent Society of Salem Church, which prevails.

Since 1915, all meetings have been conducted in the English language. This change caused many of the younger men of the Church to become members.

The peak in membership was reached in 1932 when 356 men were on the official roll.

In the Centennial Year 1973, the structure of the society was modified to limit financial benefits to members of record prior to January 1, 1974.

The society is the only organization for men in the Church and it is open to every male member of Salem Church.

SCOUTING IN SALEM

Salem was one of the earlier churches to establish a Boy Scout Troop. The official organization was made effective on September 20, 1914 when Troop 11 came into being. Pastor Frankenfeld served as the first Scoutmaster.

Troop 60 was organized in February, 1920 with Mr. Fred Raetz as Scoutmaster. He served in this capacity with tremendous devotion for fourteen consecutive years.

Both troops are now combined as Troop 60.

The roster of the scouts and their leaders includes the names of many who have and still are serving the church and the community in numerous areas of responsibility.

A girl Scout Troop was organized on March 20, 1925. Miss Minnie Beesch was the first troop leader.

Due to the increasing number of activities in the local schools and other organizations competing for the time and interest of adolescents, the troop has been inactive over the past several years.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Through the years many faithful and devoted members of Salem Church have perpetuated their membership in the Church by bequeathing to it financial gifts in varying amounts.

For over half a century, during the years of great growth in the life and ministry of Salem, the Official Board placed these gifts along with current contributions in the General Treasury out of which they were expended for the operation and maintenance of the Church's program and buildings.

However, on December 5, 1930 the Congregation approved the creation of an Endowment Fund (Perpetual Membership) into which all monies received from legacies and memorial gifts in honor and in memory of departed members were to be deposited. The initial contribution to this Fund was three thousand dollars. The Fund is divided into two categories: (1) The Restricted Fund which includes gifts designated for specific purposes, the income of which is used only for the purposes designated by the donors; and (2) the Unrestricted Fund which is composed of undesignated gifts, the income of which may be used for the ongoing operation of the Church.

In 1937 the Church Council authorized the placement of a bronze plaque in the Narthex of the Sanctuary to perpetuate the memory of those departed members in whose memory gifts in the sum of \$200.00 or more were made to the Church. This amount was increased to a minimum of \$300.00 by vote of the Congregation in the Centennial Year.

In 1942, Salem joined with other local Evangelical and Reformed Churches in inaugurating the use of Memorial Wreath Cards. These sympathy cards are sent to the family of the deceased indicating that a contribution in memory of the departed one has been given to the Church.

The deceased members so honored by Memorial gifts are designated as Perpetual Members and their names, along with those on the bronze plaque, are inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

**IN PASSING FROM THE CHURCH MILITANT TO THE CHURCH
TRIUMPHANT THEIR GOOD WORKS DO FOLLOW AFTER THEM!**

ONE OF THE MEMORIAL PLAQUES IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH



In addition to the financial gifts and Memorials presented to the Church and made a part of the Endowment Fund, other remembrances have also been received down through the years. These are in the form of Memorials contributing to the beauty of the Church and its worship and to the continuing ministry and mission of the Church.

SALEM PARK
AN AREA FOR RECREATION, CONFERENCES
AND RETREATS

CHRONOLOGY

William Betts & wife Christina
to
John Schmidt & wife Katherina
Dated Jan. 1, 1891
* * * *

H. Elmore Kintz
to
Charles Mayer & wife
Dated Apr. 12, 1918
* * * *

William Britton & wife
to
Britton Realty Co.
Dated Oct. 16, 1930
* * * *

Mrs. Kate Martin
to
Salem United Church of Christ
Dated 1944
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The Park is the gift of Mrs. Kate Martin, a life-long member of Salem Church. It was presented to the Church in 1944 to provide a recreation center for the youth of Salem. It is located on Scottsville Road and comprises a tract of land approximately eleven acres in area, directly opposite the Monroe County Airport.

Salem Park was formally dedicated in 1949. Since that time Salem Church has conducted a very successful Summer Day Camp Program at the site.

From April 1st to November 1st numerous get-togethers, picnics, field days, retreats and conferences for members of the Parish as well as other churches and community organizations have enjoyed the use of the Park and its facilities.

The upkeep and ongoing development of the Park have been entrusted to the Salem Park Committee appointed annually by the Board of Trustees and the Department of Christian Education.

THE DR. FRED H. WILLKENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The main library of the Church and Church School has been named in honor of Dr. Fred H. Willkens, religious educator and Salem Church School consultant. It is housed on the second floor near the Christian Education offices and the Primary Department rooms. This collection of books, periodicals and pamphlets as well as pictures and audio-visuals is available to the departments, classes, organizations and groups within the Church, as well as to the members of the Parish.

The following equipment is available for in-building use: two 16 mm sound movie projectors, two 60 x 60 inch screens, a sound film strip projector, two film strip projectors and seven record players with approximately one hundred assorted recordings.

The librarian and staff are appointed annually by the Board of Christian Education.

THE DR. FRED H. WILLKENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY was dedicated on Sunday, June 20, 1971.

Act of Presentation

We present this Bible, which in itself is a library of books, as a symbol of the Church Library to be dedicated to the Glory of God and the service of men and in loving memory of Dr. Fred H. Willkens. We also present this plaque on which are inscribed these words, THE DR. FRED H. WILLKENS MEMORIAL LIBRARY. It is fitting that we honor a man who was a tower of strength in our midst and greatly concerned about the educational mission of the church, working for Salem Church at various times in an official capacity but always working with us behind the scene.

Act of Dedication

In the name of God the Father Almighty and in the presence of this Congregation, we now dedicate this library to the Glory of God:

To the service of little children that their minds, while young and formative, may learn to love and enjoy good books:

To you that their enthusiasm may be combined with wisdom and knowledge about God and worship and all fields of Christian living.

To parents, teachers and leaders of the Church that they may find help in enriching their lives, so that those whose lives they touch may be enriched by their lives and words:

In loving memory of Dr. Fred H. Willkens,

WE DEDICATE THIS LIBRARY.

CENTENNIAL MESSAGE

The Christian faith is a future-oriented view of the significance of life. It appreciates the past, it lives fully in the present, yet its gaze is toward what is yet to be unfolded in the providence of God. The hope inspired by this trust in God's goodness has enabled the Church to survive many periods of despondency and disaster. It also reminds it in flourishing times that God's will is paramount.

Our hope at Salem United Church is that God will reveal, indeed that He is revealing to us, the shape our ministry will take in the years ahead. It will be different from the forms of the past. But that does not matter if in whatever way we design our work we are doing His will.

The community in which this Congregation has lived for a hundred years is changing, with new patterns of residential development springing up on every side. People here will need the Word of God, will need to worship, will need to learn of His mercy no less than in bygone years. This is our opportunity to continue as a strong religious center for the glory of God.

We look forward with hope that the next hundred years will be as fruitful as the century now completed.

Charles D. Broadbent

Charles D. Broadbent

Senior Pastor

FOUNDERS' DAY

Sunday May 6, 1973

A TOAST TO THE SECOND CENTURY



The Reverend Paul I. Solt, Pastor of the Mother Church, Trinity, and the Reverend Charles D. Broadbent, Pastor of Salem Church, with Mrs. Ralph Schwarz, wife of Elder, Ralph Schwarz.



A number of parishioners attended the worship service wearing fashions in style at the time Salem Church was established.

CENTENNIAL GREETINGS

A CENTENNIAL MESSAGE

The following message was received on a tape from our PASTOR EMERITUS, Dr. J. Frederick Frankenfeld:

"To all the Salem United Church of Christ people in Rochester, New York: With unforgettable memories of joyous thanksgiving I will be present in spirit in all the Services of worship and every fellowship meeting and all the social events during the Centennial Celebration of Salem United Church. I am sending you my sincere good wishes for the Lord's richest blessings to enter every home which is in any way affiliated with Salem and I am offering my fervent prayers that our heavenly Father's complete goodness may be with you."

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Excerpts from Pastor Charles S. Hartman's Congratulatory Message:

"Congratulations and best wishes to you at Salem Church from the Hartmans.

Within the last three years several of our churches have been celebrating anniversaries. Harold's church where I began my ministry and where Louise and I were married celebrated its 200th Anniversary. The church in Greensburg the 175th and in Fort Wayne the 125th Anniversary. Our church here also celebrates 125 years in 1973 as you celebrate your 100th Anniversary this year. We seem to be getting younger.

Now Salem Church takes the place of the pioneer in the Christian faith living on a challenging frontier of urban society with all of its problems and conflicts. You know where the action is for the Kingdom of God - a new world with brotherhood, peace and equal blessing for all of God's children is waiting to be created out of your present wilderness. In your ministry is society's hope for tomorrow.

God bless you on your 100th Anniversary as I believe you enter the most challenging period of your life."

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to you as you begin the observance of your Hundredth Anniversary as a community of God's people.

He has blessed you richly through the years and through you He has made the Gospel known in word and in deed not only in Rochester but to the uttermost parts of the earth. He has been gracious to you and to your fathers and mothers before you. I know that you will find this Centennial year a time for reflection and thanksgiving for the past.

But I trust that you will also look ahead and ask the question: "What does God require of us as His people in this place at this time?" To what new ministries is He calling you both within the Congregation and beyond?

I can assure you that your sister Congregations in the United Church of Christ join in spirit with you in this celebration.

Sincerely yours,
Robert V. Moss
President, United Church of Christ

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"On behalf of over 300 churches of the New York Conference United Church of Christ we send our love and greetings to Salem Church during its Centennial Year. Salem has a long history of outstanding ministry in the City of Rochester and the surrounding community. We are also most grateful for your support through the years of the work of the Church throughout the State of New York and to all corners of the globe through Our Christian World Missions.

Please be assured that we stand with you in this time of rejoicing and will continue with you in a spirit of mutual supportiveness as you carry out your important ministry in Rochester. Wishing you Grace, Mercy and Peace."

Sincerely,
James R. Smucker
Conference Minister

CHURCH COUNCIL 1973

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Classes of young people have received instruction in the Christian Faith preparing them for the Rite of Confirmation and membership in the Christian Church every year since the founding of Salem Congregation. Catechetical instruction is given weekly from September to Palm Sunday and in recent years, to Pentecost.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD

* Reverend Braynard E. Kurkowski

We are living in one of the most revolutionary periods in the history of mankind. During this twentieth century all kinds of changes have been taking place which were previously undreamed of in the wildest stretch of human imagination. Many of us can remember when there were no television, no jet planes, no atomic bombs, no moon landings, no miracle drugs, no computers.

We were hardly aware of the tremendous changes in outlook that were coming about and of the increasing tensions and confusion which were gradually making themselves felt in our lives. But not anymore. Today all of us know what it is to be under tension, to be confused, to be afraid, to be uncertain.

WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH IN THIS KIND OF A TENSE, CONFUSED, FEARFUL, UNCERTAIN WORLD? Whereas formerly there were crowds coming into the churches, now there are crowds staying away and there are those who say that the church is becoming obsolete and is on the way out.

I do not feel that way. Recognizing the seriousness of our present situation and being fully aware of the problems and shortcomings and failures of the church today, I am, nonetheless optimistic about its future. My reading of history tells me that again and again when the world has been at its worst, the church has been at its best and that in times of crisis, it has made its greatest contributions to the world.

WHAT DO I SEE FOR THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE?

1. I see the church of tomorrow as an ecumenical church.

It will not be a church which will think only of what goes on within its four walls. It will think of itself as a member of the FAMILY of Christian Churches--going beyond the limits of denominationalism--and will look ahead and work together with all other churches for Christ and His Church. It will look beyond all things that separate and divide and will recognize that:

"In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."

2. I see the church of tomorrow as a missionary church.

The church has been strongest and has had its greatest periods of growth and influence when it has taken most seriously the Great Commission to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." The preaching of that Gospel tomorrow will not be only in terms of words, it will be in terms of schools, hospitals, educators, plows, tractors and methods of sanitation and means of communication and all kinds of opportunities and methods for the development of "the abundant life" for which Jesus said He came into the world.

3. I see the church of tomorrow as a compassionate church.

One of the truly great outgrowths from the tragedy of World War II was the

development of that ecumenical movement known as Church World Service. It was then that the church people began to really understand what the parable of the Good Samaritan was all about--that it involves the responsibility of ministering to human need wherever and whenever it is manifest. That realization has continued to grow in the consciousness of the Church until today it is one of its major motivations--with the result that wherever there is tragedy from whatever source the church is the first there to help.

4. I see the church of tomorrow as a church in which lay people will accept an ever increasing responsibility for leadership and work.

From the days of my youth I remember Salem Church as a church in which lay people have been in the forefront of its activity. The list is endless--men and women who down through the years gave unselfishly and almost without limit to the work, and service of the church--and whose present counterparts are equally committed.

In the years ahead there will be increasing challenges and opportunities for service by lay-people--men, women and youth, who will think of the church not in terms of privilege but in terms of responsibility. Not in terms of what they can get out of it, but in terms of what they can put into it and do through it.

5. And finally, I see the church of tomorrow as a teaching church.

It will be Bible centered--taking into account the great developments of Biblical scholarship which open new vistas into the relevance of the Word of God to contemporary living. It will be Christ centered--with an emphasis upon both His Divinity and Humanity and His ministry of salvation and redemption. It will be people-centered--with an increasing projection into human affairs, problems, needs and opportunities.

6. What about the role of the ordained minister in the church of tomorrow?

The best definition of that role was given to me by Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld when I was ordained forty-three years ago. He said to me as I began my ministry:

"Be a Voice, not an echo! Be a Shepherd, not a hireling! Be a Servant, not a lord! Be an Example, not a reproach!"

Whatever else the role of the minister will include, these four descriptive responsibilities will most certainly be involved. The ministry of tomorrow will not be for weaklings and the fainthearted, but for men and women of great imagination and commitment and daring.

In closing, let me give one little verse which I learned very early in my ministry and became sort of a motto and guideline for me all through the years: "Here we enter a fellowship. Sometimes we will agree to differ. Always we will resolve to love and unite to serve."

In that spirit let Salem Church look ahead and work together with other churches for Christ and His Church! Let it be:

AN ECUMENICAL CHURCH,
A MISSIONARY CHURCH,
A COMPASSIONATE CHURCH,
A CHURCH IN WHICH ITS MEMBERS ACCEPT AN INCREASING
RESPONSIBILITY,
A TEACHING CHURCH, WITH ITS TEACHING MINISTRY BEING
BIBLE CENTERED, CHRIST-CENTERED AND PEOPLE-CENTERED.

* The Reverend Braynard E. Kurkowski, a son of Salem, has served several of our churches in New York State and Pennsylvania. The article above was prepared in response to a request made to the author by the Chairman of the Salem History Committee.

REVEREND BRAYNARD E. KURKOWSKI



THE CENTENNIAL BANQUET

The speaker at the Centennial Banquet on November 7, 1973 was the Reverend Dr. Frederick R. Trost, Senior Pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Trost's address was entitled, "Receiving the Future with Honesty, Compassion, and Joy."



FREDERICK RICHARD TROST, A.B., B.D., D.D.

The concluding portion of the Centennial Address appears below.

"Our's is a difficult and painful time in many ways. And it would be easy for us to become discouraged and to live without much hope or gratitude. We are not the first Christians called to proclaim our Faith in chaotic times.

I think of Luther in the year 1529. The Reformation of the Church was hanging by a thread. Things were falling apart. Emperor Charles V announced that the Diet of Speyer would convene for the purpose of banning Luther's writings and dealing with him personally. The Anabaptists had been in revolt. The Bauernkrieg had brought dismay to much of Germany. At that moment, in that year, a hymn comes to be written that has been on the lips of many ever since:

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott,
Ein' gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
A shelter He amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For one hundred years, Salem Church has lived in this city. For one hundred years, the Gospel has been preached and reflected in the life of this Congregation. For a century, God has sustained you with love and chastened you with His Word. For a century, you have been fed and cleansed by the sacraments.

He has brought you together in Rochester for a purpose, and called you to Faith here in this city for a reason. As one of your sons, I wish you well as you

embark on the second century. May your love for each other bear witness to the love of God for you. May there be honesty, compassion, and joy in your life together. May your light so shine during these dark days that the city and the land may see your good works and give thanks. May you go like Joshua and Caleb from the great past into the unknown future, not fearing the giants or trembling before the obstacles but proclaiming boldly who you are. May you trust not in yourselves but in Him who brings you through death to life and has called you to life as His children.

Enjoy your life together
Be capable of tears
But don't forget how to laugh
Do not forsake the fiddler,
as you go out to meet the future
Gottes Segen! God bless you!

And thank you again for letting me say these things."



More than three hundred members and friends of Salem enjoyed this happy, pleasant and festive occasion of Christian fellowship held at Logan's on Scottsville Road.

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS 1973 - 1974

- April 15th - Palm Sunday.
100th Anniversary Worship Service.
Dr. James R. Smucker, Minister of the New York Conference,
United Church of Christ, delivered the sermon.
Centennial Messages received from Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, Pastor
Emeritus and Dr. Robert Moss, President of the United Church of
Christ Synod.
Recognition of Mrs. Hattie Freckleton, oldest member. She has been
a member of Salem Church since 1889.

HOLY WEEK

- April 18th - Preparatory Service.
April 19th - Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae.
April 20th - Good Friday, Holy Communion.
April 22nd - Easter Sunday, Early Sunrise Service. Celebration of Holy Communion.
Sermon by Pastor Broadbent, "A Risen Christ and a Risen People."
April 29th - Youth Service, 10:30 a.m.
May 6th - Founders' Day.
Members of the Mother Church, Trinity United Church of Christ,
worshiped together with Salemites at the 10:30 a.m. Service. The
Reverend Paul I. Solt, Pastor of Trinity Church, preached on "The
Meaning of Trinity" and Pastor Broadbent preached on "The Mean-
ing of Salem."
Many worshipers attended the Service dressed in clothes represent-
ative of the founding year.
May 13th - Christian Family Day.
Mother's Day.
June 10th - Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday.
Centennial Class confirmed by Pastor Broadbent.
The Reverend George F. Roser, Jr., a son of Salem, delivered the
Confirmation Sermon, "Faithful Unto Death - True To Life."
Reception held in the Parish Auditorium.
June 17th - Father's Day.
Worship Service held at Salem Park in place of the Church Sanctuary.
Family picnic followed the Service at the park.
June 24th - Summer Schedule begins.

- June 28th - Strawberry Social and Fashion Show sponsored by the Women's
Fellowship displaying bridal gowns and dresses worn by women
of the nineteenth century and modeled by members of Salem.
July 1st - Special appeal to the Congregation to consider the question,
"WHAT CAN I DO FOR SALEM CHURCH IN RECOGNITION
OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY?"
June 30th to
July 8th - The Youth Fellowship members participated in a "Work Camp"
at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts.
August 19th - The Reverend James A. Fishbaugh, a son of Salem, was guest
Preacher.
September 9th - The Reverend Charles S. Hartman, former Pastor of Salem, guest
Preacher. His sermon was entitled, "Wings."
September 16th - New Sunday morning schedule inaugurated, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00
a.m. with one Church worship Service beginning at 10 o'clock.
October 7th - World-wide Communion Service.
October 14th - Centennial Loyalty Sunday.
Guest Preacher, Dr. Theodore L. Trost Jr., a son of Salem.
His sermon was entitled, "How God Helps In The Crisis of Life."
October 26th - Ruth Class 50th Anniversary Dinner.
October 28th - Reformation Sunday.
Sermon by Pastor Broadbent, "Reformation Again."
November 7th - CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.
Dinner celebrated at Logan's on Scottsville Road with over 300
members and friends of Salem attending. Address by The
Reverend Frederick Trost, D. D., a son of Salem and Pastor of
St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Chicago, Illinois.
Recognition of Pastor Broadbent's thirty years of service in the
Christian ministry.
November 18th - Exchange of Pulpits, The Reverend George F. Roser Jr., guest
Preacher.
November 21st - Thanksgiving Eve Union Service at Salem.
Participating Churches were Christ, Trinity, Salem, St. Paul's and
South Congregational United Church of Christ.
December 2nd - First Sunday in Advent.
Advent Festival Day.
December 9th - Second Sunday in Advent.
December 16th - Third Sunday in Advent.
Christmas Carolling at homes of shut-ins.
December 24th - Christmas Eve Evening Service.
December 25th - Christmas Day.

January 1st - New Years Day - 1974.
 January 6th - Service of Holy Communion.
 January 28th - Annual Congregational Meeting.
 February 10th - Scout Sunday in recognition of Scouting.
 Troop 60 in the Worship service.
 February 24th - Youth Service.
 March 24th - Organ Concert.
 Organist M. Scott Wilson at the Console of the Salem Kaelber
 Memorial Organ.
 April 14th - EASTER SUNDAY.
 Festival Service.
 Conclusion of the CENTENNIAL YEAR of Salem Church.

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A CENTENNIAL RECORDING

A recording prepared especially for the Centennial was made available to the Congregation in 1973.

It is entitled-- - - SACRED MUSIC BY SALEM CHOIRS

Included in the Stereo Recording is music by - - -

Salem Chancel Choir . . . Salem Junior Choir
 Salem "36" Bell Choir . . . Salem Organ
 Salem Orchestra

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SOUND IN THE SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary is equipped with a modern electronic sound and recording system. It replaced the original single ear phones installed in several pews.

The speaking and music can be heard clearly and distinctly by all persons in the Sanctuary regardless of where seated, on the main floor, balcony or choir loft.

The church services, including the music, liturgy and sermon, are recorded on tape for future play-back when desired and for posterity.

Mr. Henry Sheve is the system engineer, assisted by associates Mr. Milton Kamb and Mr. Kenneth Stiefel.

Memorial and special gifts from members of the Congregation have made possible the fine level of quality characterizing the performance of the system.

CHURCH RECORDS

The following permanent records are kept in the Church Archives:

1. Register of Births and Baptisms.
2. Register of Confirmands.
3. Register of Marriages.
4. Register of Deaths.

In addition:

1. Copies of the Salem Church official publications:

- A. Salems Bote - the years when printed only in the German language.
- B. Salems Bote - the years when printed partly in German and partly in English.
- C. The Salem Outlook - present publication.

THE OFFICE AND BUILDING STAFF

Secretary • Assistant Secretary • Financial Secretary
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHURCH FINANCIAL ASSETS

January 1, 1973

Land on Franklin and Cumberland Streets.....	\$ 750,000.00
Buildings, Church Sanctuary and Parish House.....	1, 750,000.00
Sanctuary Colored Religious Art Memorial Windows*.....	90,000.00
Organ (Austin Instrument with Echo Organ and Chimes).....	50,000.00
Furnishings and Equipment in Church Sanctuary	
Parish House and Offices.....	120,000.00
Salem Park, Land (Approximately 11 acres) and Buildings.....	75,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,835,000.00</u>

Salem Endowment Fund,	
Market Value December 31, 1972.....	525,259.00

* There are twenty-six Memorial Windows in the Sanctuary, twelve on the main level and fourteen on the balcony level and one large window in three sections on the balcony level above the Narthex. It is doubtful if these beautiful windows could ever be replaced in their original intricate design and color.

Colored slides of the Memorial windows are in the safe deposit box repository of Security Trust Company of Rochester, New York.

THE PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

PRESENTED TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THE YEAR 1974

Pastoral Services.....	\$ 36,162.00
Department of Christian Education.....	14,850.00
Department of Music.....	13,225.00
Benevolences.....	17,625.00
Office and Communications.....	21,050.00
Utilities, Building Maintenance, Insurance, Taxes, Salem Park.....	48,050.00
Centennial, Annual Audit and Contingencies.....	7,000.00
	<u>\$ 157,962.00</u>

(1973 Budget.....\$ 143,383.00)

THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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The Reverend Charles D. Broadbent, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Douglas P. Sutphin, Associate Pastor

Miss Mary Hawkes, Director of Christian Education

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The cover design of this Centennial Book is the creation of Mrs. James Schreib, a member of the Congregation. The original, in enlarged banner form, has been featured at various functions and events of the Church during the Centennial Year.

The Salem History Committee, Mr. Roger Abrey, Mr. Lester Feldt and Dr. Theodore L. Trost Sr., researched, collaborated and arranged this publication commemorating the First Century of the life, ministry and mission of Salem Church, Rochester, New York.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to all who in one manner or another planned the numerous Services and events and attended to the myriad of details involved in making the Centennial meaningful--a time to look backward--a time to catch a vision of the future--a time to share and to enjoy together the traditional Salem spiritual fellowship.



The Salem Cottage on the grounds of the Lake Erie Evangelical Leadership Training School, now the Dunkirk Conference Grounds at Dunkirk, New York.

In recognition of Dr. Frankenfeld's twenty-four years of dedicated ministry, the Congregation supplied funds for a new cottage for the use of faculty and special guests. It was dedicated on August 14, 1938.

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We Acknowledge and Express Our Gratitude to

Mr. Lester W. Feldt for his devoted efforts and the many hours spent in compiling, arranging and editing this our One Hundredth Anniversary Book.

Mrs. Ernest Bilinski and Mr. Stanley Nash for applying their skills in typography, layout and typesetting.

Mr. Charles Miller for the excellent photography evident in the new photographs of the exterior of the Church and the interior of the Parish House.

Mr. Charles DeLong for attending to and supervising the offset printing and binding of this Centennial book.

