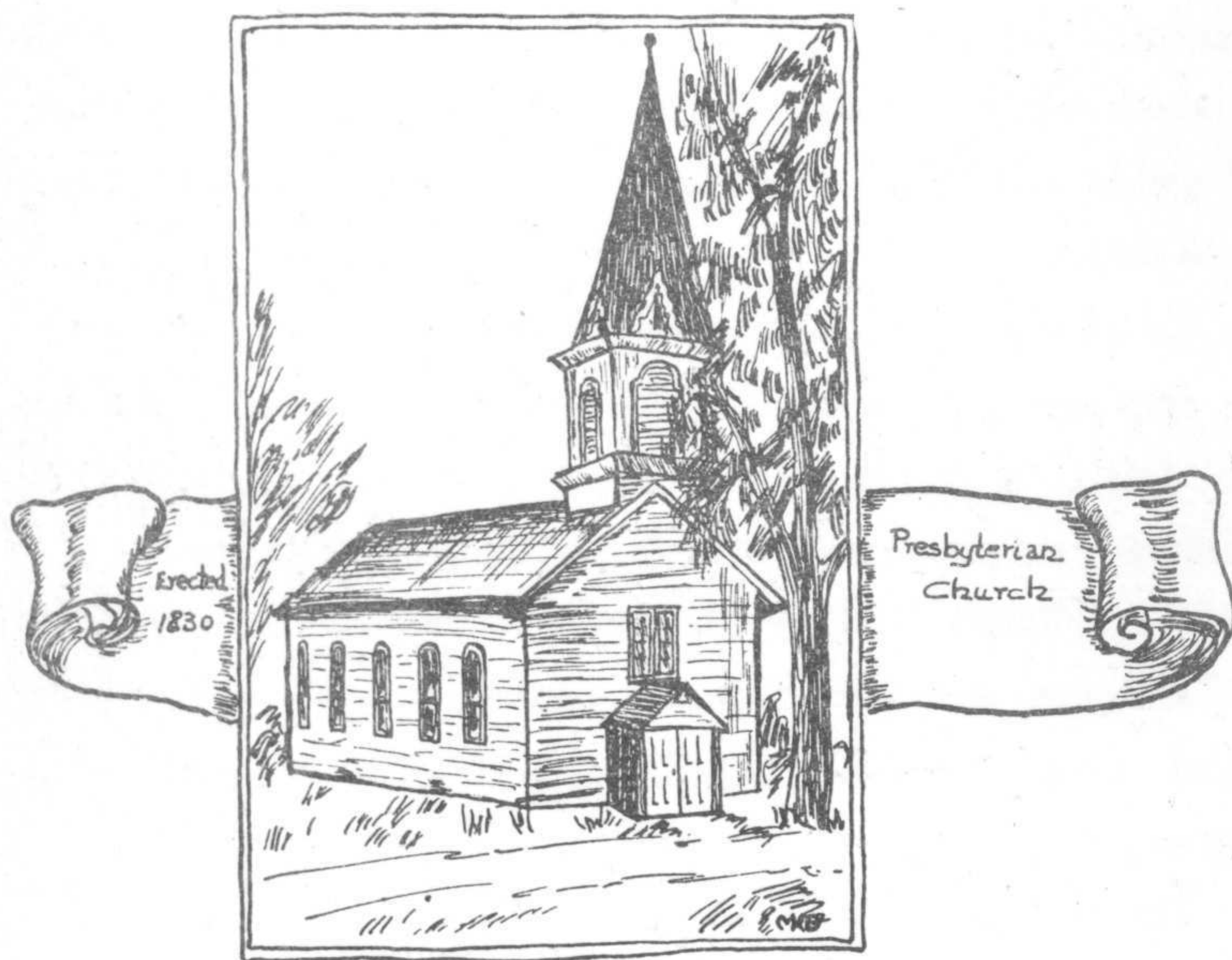


The
First Presbyterian Church
of
Worthington, Ohio



Sesquicentennial Celebration

May 22 - June 19, 1966

FOREWORD

One Hundred and Fifty years of service to God and man! This represents more than seven generations, more than two life spans and a very short interval in the flow of the centuries as seen by our Creator.

One wishes for eyes that can look backward and forward at a time like this. Looking at the problems of the past that have been surmounted, we gain confidence as we face the challenge of the future. All that is past is but a prologue to what is to come.

Grateful for our heritage with its many blessings and stimulated by the future, we look ahead confidently with the assurance that the God who has blessed us in the past will guide and direct us also in the decades and centuries yet to come.

To glorify the Kingdom of God and in appreciation of:
The courage and vision of the founders of this congregation;
The faith, prayers, contributions and sacrifices of the ministers, members and friends of this congregation;
The many hours of work and study, the many meetings by the officers and the various committees and all whose united efforts have resulted in this Sesquicentennial program,

This Brochure is dedicated.

Let our motto be:

“Hats off to the past,
Coats off to the future.”

—Paul W. Johnston, Pastor

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Sunday, May 22, 1966

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dr. George E. Parkinson,
Pastor, Christ United Presbyterian Church,
Canton, Ohio
and former pastor of this Church

Sunday, May 29, 1966

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Nelson J. Wright,
Pastor, Fairmont Presbyterian Church,
Dayton, Ohio
and former pastor of this Church

Sunday, June 5, 1966

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Children's Day Services

Sunday, June 12, 1966

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dr. Paul W. Johnston, Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Wilbur R. Closterhouse, Associate Pastor

Sunday, June 19, 1966

8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dr. George W. Sweazey,
Pastor, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church,
St. Louis, Missouri

June 19, 1966

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

The Fellowship of Silence

Meditation and Prayer

"O thou, whosoever thou art that enterest this House, be silent, be thoughtful, be reverent, for this is the House of God; and leave it not without prayer to God for those who minister and those who worship here."

The Prelude:

The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn: *"The Church's One Foundation"* Number 333

The Call to Worship:

Minister: "Peace be to this house, and to all who worship therein.

People: *Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out therefrom.*

Minister: Peace be to those that love it, and that love the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Minister and People

The Confession of Sins:

Minister and People

"Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister

The Gloria Patri

The Ritual of Fellowship

Congregation

The Hymn: *"In This House, Today, Dear Father"* Tune to Number 235

Words by The Reverend Tom Penn Ullom, written for
for the Sanctuary Dedication, January 3, 1927.

I

In this House, today, Dear Father,
We, Thy children, seek Thy face
Come and bless us with Thy presence
For we need renewing grace.
Make us worthy of Thy favors
Make us what we ought to be
May we ever be found faithful
Doing something Lord for Thee.

II

In this House, today, Dear Father,
We, Thy children, thank Thee now
For this Home — so precious to us
And for all Thou dost bestow.
Consecrate us to Thy service
As we give this House to Thee:
Make us more and more like Jesus
Till that likeness others see.

III

In this House, today, Dear Father,
We, Thy children, sing Thy praise
Thou hast saved us, led us, blessed us
Thou hast kept us all our days.
Take us now and keep us ever
For we need Thy guiding hand
May our love for Thee grow stronger
Till we reach that Heavenly Land.

The Scripture Reading:

Minister: Let us pray together.

Unison: *Almighty Father, as we pray, open our minds to
Thy truth, our hearts to Thy love and our ears to
Thy voice.*

Minister: Let us all pray silently.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Choral Response

The Anthem: *"Canticle of Praise"*

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

The Reception of Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology

The Sermon: *"One Hundred Fifty Years to Get Ready"*

Dr. George W. Sweazey,

Pastor of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

The Hymn of Proclamation: *"Onward Christian Soldiers"* Number 365

The Benediction and Choral Amen

The Postlude:

Minister

Choir

John Beck

Minister

Everyone is invited to a reception that will be held in the dining room at 12:15 P.M. today. Honored guests will be Dr. George W. Sweazey and those who have been members of our Church for more than fifty years.

MINISTERS PARTICIPATING IN SPECIAL SERVICES



The Rev. Dr. George E. Parkinson
Guest Speaker, May 22



The Rev. Dr. Nelson J. Wright
Guest Speaker, May 29



The Rev. Dr. Paul W. Johnston
Speaker, June 12



The Rev. Dr. Wilbur R. Closterhouse
Speaker, June 12



The Rev. Norman S. DeWolfe
will assist at various services



The Rev. Dr. George W. Sweazey
Guest Speaker, June 19

HISTORY of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON Salient Facts and Ministers

Research has uncovered some surprising facts in the history of The First Presbyterian Church of Worthington, Ohio.

1. It had a Stated Supply minister in December, 1805. (Ohio Presbytery Records)
2. It is on the General Assembly list of churches in 1809, but had no installed pastor. (General Assembly list of Churches and Clergy of 1809)
3. It had a Stated Supply minister in 1814. (Ohio Synod Records)
4. The founding date, 1816, which has been used for a long time, is incorrect. (See 1857-1861 paragraph)
5. The Worthington church is the oldest Presbyterian church in Franklin County, the second oldest being the First Presbyterian Church of Franklinton, now known as Old First Church in Columbus, Ohio, which first met February 8, 1806.

At first the Worthington church belonged to Ohio Presbytery, then to Lancaster Presbytery when it was formed in 1809, and has been in Columbus Presbytery since it was organized in 1823. It was in the Synod of Pittsburgh until the Synod of Ohio was established in 1814. As population moved westward, new presbyteries and synods were formed. This necessitated changes in affiliation.

MINISTERS

1805 – The Reverend Mr. Bracken

S. S. *

Eleven men and women organized the first Presbyterian Church of Worthington in Peter Barker's home, which is now 957 North High Street. We do not know the date, but it must have been before the Reverend Mr. Bracken's assignment. At first, meetings were held in the homes of members, then in the Academy building on the Square (rent \$20 a year), next in the Goble blacksmith shop, and later in a small brick schoolhouse on Oxford Street.

1814 – The Reverend Mr. Cunningham

S. S.

Communion tokens were probably used in the church at this time as their use was widespread among the early churches this far west. They were of lead, pewter, or other metal, and looked like battered coins, stamped with the name or initials of the church or minister. The session gave them out at preparatory service to those deemed worthy to take part in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communicants brought them Sabbath morning; and as they took their places at the table, they laid them on the cloth to be gathered later by an elder.

1817-1818 – Ebenezer Washburn

S. S.

The Reverend Mr. Washburn served on many Presbytery committees. He says in a letter, "I was the first that preached steadily to that church." He was appointed principal of Worthington Presbyterian Academy. It was founded in 1826, and closed shortly after 1832.

1819 – John B. Whittlessey

S. S.

First recorded examination of Worthington session records by the Synod of Ohio in April, 1819, shows 43 members.

* Stated Supply ministers^{are} appointed by Presbytery. Salary is usually paid by the church served. A pastor is a minister who has been installed by the Presbytery to have responsibility for a particular congregation.

1822 – Alexander Cowan

S. S.

On January 1, 1822, the Trustees of the church received rent free the use of the Masonic Hall for worship services for the next six and one-half years.

1824 – Stephen Lindley

S. S.

This man was a charter member of Lancaster Presbytery and is mentioned frequently in old Presbytery records.

1826-1830 – Highland Hurlburt (Hulburt)

First Pastor

The Reverend Mr. Hulburt (36 years old) was the first pastor of the Worthington church. He was very active in Presbytery and was on many important committees. Shortly after his installation, the Trustees began planning for a "meeting house." On March 9, 1829, they paid James Kilbourne \$40 for one and one-half lots which is the land on which our present church stands. That same year the Reverend Mr. Hulburt made a long, tiresome journey to the General Assembly offices in Philadelphia to seek financial assistance. He probably received it, as the new "meeting house," a small, plain, frame building without a steeple, was dedicated on April 17, 1830. It was used as a church sanctuary for the next 100 years, then it housed the Sunday School for 28 years more.

1831 – James Wells

S. S.

31 members reported

1832 – Henry Wells

S. S.

Received 22 new members; total, 53 members. In 1831 and '32 the membership was divided into seven sections. They assembled weekly for "conversation meetings," each on a different evening and each with its own leader.

Record Book 1 of the church is missing. Record Book 2 begins with the date, May, 1832, and is stored with later records in the church depository.

1833-1834 – James Larabee

S. S.

1834-1835 – The Reverend Mr. Highby

S. S.

65 members reported in 1835

1835-1837 – Simeon Woodruff

S. S.

Total debt of church was \$152 in April, 1835. 82 members in 1836.

1838-1839 – Alexander Cowan

He was a Stated Supply in 1822, but returned as a pastor in 1838 at a yearly salary of \$500. On May 8, 1838, the Trustees gave "liberty to persons living at a distance to erect a horse shed on south line of meeting house lot, beginning at east line of said lot." They also authorized a committee to build a "good substantial board fence around the lot on which the meeting house stands except the west end which may be made of other material deemed suitable."

1839-1842 – Timothy Stearns

41 members reported in 1841. The meeting house was remodeled in 1842. A vestibule with a balcony above it and a spire were added. The two front doors gave way to one. A little later a bell was placed in the spire.

1842-1846 – John Donaldson

The Reverend Mr. Donaldson was ordained in December, 1842, and was installed as pastor of Worthington and Dublin churches. The Sunday School was "reorganized" in December, 1844, with Ed Mallory, superintendent. This is the first mention of Sunday School in the old records.

1846-1847 – S. K. Hughes

S. S.

1848 – February 18, 1848

The Church was designated as a non-profit organization under the Ohio General Law of March 12, 1844, and given the corporate name, "First Presbyterian Church and Society of Worthington." The articles of incorporation are on file in the county recorder's office, also in the office of the Ohio Secretary of State.

1849-1857 – Thomas Woodrow, D.D.

Salary \$350 a year, payable semi-annually. 50 members in 1850; 68 members in 1853, and 60 enrolled in Sunday School. During these early years, a written notice was posted at the door of the usual place of worship two weeks before the annual meeting. In 1850 only one person and in 1851 only two persons appeared for the annual meeting so the old officers each time held over for another year. In 1852, the Trustees "paid \$85 for care of the church, making fires, etc., and a pair of brass candlesticks." The Reverend Dr. Woodrow is the grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson.

1857 – James Hoge, D.D.

S. S.

Dr. Hoge is called the father of the Synod of Ohio and the Columbus Presbytery. He was appointed as itinerant missionary in Ohio by the General Assembly in 1805 at a salary of \$33 a month. He organized many churches all through central Ohio, was pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Franklinton for years, and was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1832. His relationship with the Worthington church was of short duration as he was in his sunset years and was taking care of this congregation just between other pastorates.

1857-1861 – Silas Johnson

Salary \$550. 91 members reported in 1861. The Reverend Mr. Johnson wrote a historic sketch of this Church in October, 1861. This hand-written history is in our files; and nearly all of our Church's history prior to 1831 comes from this document. He says in it that he got his information from the oldest members of the congregation. He gives 1816 as the founding date, but we know now that this date should be recorded as 1805.

1861-1862 – James H. Gill

S. S.

During the early 1800's, there were occasional church trials in local churches and in Presbytery. Some such trials are recorded in our Church books. If members "imbibed too freely," or "lived in licentious and wicked way," or "abstained from worship service," or danced, or played cards, etc., they were ordered to appear before the Session. They were counseled; and if they "confessed their fault" and "repented," they were put on probation. If wrong doing continued, they were "dismissed from the communion of the church."

1863 – J. K. Kost

S. S.

Plans were made for a new church. Subscriptions totaled \$4,320, but the church was not built, probably due to the war.

1865-1867 – J. D. Hoey

S. S.

1868-1869 – H. Bartholomew

1870 – M. D. A. Steen, D.D.

S. S.

1872-1874 – David Kingery

Dublin and Worthington shared his services and his salary of \$1000 a year. The Church was mortgaged in 1874 for \$160 to take care of a claim against it. The Reverend Mr. Kingery is the grandfather of our Mrs. Harry O'Brien.

1875-1878 – Charles Pelton

The Trustees sold 10 feet off the north side of the church lot in 1876 for \$160 to pay the afore-mentioned mortgage.

1878-1882 – J. L. Gage, D.D.

80 members reported in 1880; 60 enrolled in Sunday School.

1882-1883 – Charles Lee

S. S.

1885-1886 – Robert L. Armstrong

S. S.

1888-1893 — S. P. Herron

On February 9, 1889, the annual meeting date was changed from the first Monday in May to the first Wednesday in January. This was necessary because of change in Presbytery dates and rules. The Trustees sold 20 feet off the south side of the church lot for \$170 in 1890 to pay The Reverend Mr. Herron the amount owed him.

1893-1894 — John Bliss

S. S.

1894-1905 — H. P. MacAdam, D.D.

72 members reported in 1894; 71 enrolled in Sunday School. 90 members in 1905; and 93 in Sunday School. In 1899, the Session asked the Board of National Missions for \$150 for current expenses. During Dr. MacAdam's pastorate, among those received as members were Mrs. Porter Darby (Willamette Michael) and Frederick Kirker. Mrs. Darby has been a member of this congregation longer than any other living member, and she served as the first woman Elder in the history of this Church (1953-1956). Mr. Kirker later became a Presbyterian minister and had a distinguished career as an Army Chaplain. He also was pastor of the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church and Oakland Park Presbyterian Church (now Overbrook) in Columbus.

1906-1908 — Campbell L. Mackay

He was young and full of enthusiasm and new ideas, and was dedicated to promoting Christian living and understanding, so the Church was a thriving, happy community while he was here.

1908-1912 — William Hooper Adams

In 1910 there were 82 members; 109 enrolled in Sunday School.

1913-1917 — William Blake Hindman, D.D.

The Centennial of the Worthington Presbyterian Church was celebrated on June 16, 17 and 18, 1916. Five former pastors participated in the services; Steen, Gage, MacAdams, Mackay, and Adams. On Friday afternoon there was a garden party and reception at the home of Mrs. S. C. Robinson (mother of Stanley U. "Pete" Robinson, Sr.); and on Saturday evening, a historic display in the Church. There were religious services on Friday and Saturday evenings and three on Sunday; morning, afternoon and evening. Dr. Hindman, now completely retired, resides near Washington, D.C. with his daughter.

1917-1919 — David E. Craighead

1920 — Eugene P. Edmonds

Supply

The Reverend Mr. Edmonds was a retired Methodist minister who lived in Worthington. He graciously accepted an invitation to fill the gap between Presbyterian ministers.

1921-1923 — Hamilton B. Williams

The Trustees bought the manse, 47 West South Street, in 1921; appraised value on tax duplicate — lot \$610; building \$3,250.

1923-1925 — Edward Milton Page, D.D.

Dr. Page, a retired Presbyterian minister, had moved to Worthington recently. The Church was practically dead. No services were being held. Dr. Page was asked to preach and try to revitalize the Church. He accepted the challenge, and his success was phenomenal. Plans were made for a new building. \$20,000 was subscribed, but Dr. Page died suddenly before contracts were signed. On April 2, 1924, eldership was changed from life to a three-year term. Elders may serve more than once, but cannot succeed themselves. 22 new members in Dr. Page's pastorate; total membership, 85. His daughters, Mrs. Tyler Brightman and Mrs. James Mills, are members of our congregation.

1926-1930 - Tom Penn Ullom

The Trustees sold the South Street manse in 1926 for \$8000 or thereabouts. Gifts from two members (Mrs. Frances Johnson, \$5,000; Mr. J. F. Dennison, all the brick used in the building) and \$7,500 from Columbus Presbytery enlivened the idea of a new sanctuary. Plans were completed. The old church was turned crosswise, was moved behind the new part, and was used for a parlor and Sunday School. The old church was encased in brick to match the new. The sanctuary was dedicated January 1, 1927. It was considered the most beautiful in this part of the state. During construction, worship services were held in the old Methodist Church. Mrs. James F. Foley, a member of our congregation, is the daughter of The Reverend and Mrs. Tom Penn Ullom.

1930-1937 - Charles Hunter, D.D.

Salary \$1500. 114 members in 1930; 156 in 1937. The depression plus the big debt on the new church caused financial difficulty. \$10,000 was borrowed from National Missions. This eased the problem. Dr. Hunter's pastorate provided the firm foundation on which succeeding successes rest.

1937-1943 - George E. Parkinson, D.D.

Dr. Parkinson gave impetus to the Youth Program. He and Mrs. Parkinson worked with the young people and established a camaraderie that enabled them to give valuable advice and leadership. There was church financial trouble again. The bonds, sold in 1926 for the building fund, came due. There was no money to pay them, so drastic steps had to be taken to prevent foreclosure. More money was borrowed, and the church was saved. Then the congregation began working hard to liquidate the big indebtedness. The manse on Stafford Street was bought in 1940 for \$5,500 with money that was willed to the church for that purpose (donor, Mrs. Frances Johnson). 241 members in 1943.

1943-1950 - Nelson J. Wright, D.D.

The Youth Program was continued. Church debts were paid and the mortgage was burned. The church prospered in all areas.

1950- Paul W. Johnston, D.D.

603 members in ¹⁹⁵⁰1960; 2100 in 1965. 430 enrolled in Sunday School in 1950; 1156 in 1965. Four Youth Choirs in 1965 (150 members).

The following changes in church structure help to take care of this unprecedented growth. An educational unit with two additions has been built and the sanctuary has been enlarged. The old church was torn down and the present transepts took its place. While this was being done, worship services were held in the Public School auditorium. The new sanctuary was dedicated September 22, 1959. An assistant was provided for Dr. Johnston in 1953, an Assistant Pastor in 1957, two Assistant Pastors in 1959, and a Director of Christian Education in 1964. Now we have two Associate Pastors and a Director of Christian Education. Several secretaries have been added to the staff to facilitate communication. In 1963 the manse on Stafford Avenue was traded for a new manse on Crandall Drive with the difference in value (\$18,000) paid by the church; cost of new manse, \$35,000. Two lots adjoining the church land on the west were bought and are used for parking. The Lewis property, which is just south of the original church lot, was purchased in 1965. For several years, the benevolent budget equalled 50% of the budget for local operations. The benevolent budget for 1966 is \$46,163, and the budget for local operations is \$108,000. Population increase in the Worthington area and untiring, devoted Christian leadership have promoted the above accomplishments.

Two young men, who belonged to our congregation, were ordained in our Church as Presbyterian ministers; Leroy Nelson in 1955, and Gary Schwab in 1964. The Rev. Mr. Nelson is serving in Korea, and the Rev. Mr. Schwab is Assistant Pastor in the First Presbyterian Church in Roslyn, New York.

May the past be a challenge to the future, and may we reach forward into the years ahead with courage, zeal and determination to do our part here and now, as co-workers with God.

First Elders

Samuel Baldwin
Job Case
Benjamin Chapman

Elders Elected in 1818

Samuel Abbott
John Youel

Charter Members

John Smith and Wife
Mrs. Stanley
Mrs. Cook
Job Case and wife
Daniel Case, wife and daughter
Samuel Baldwin and wife
Dr. Arias Kilbourne and wife
Benjamin Chapman and wife
E. Tuller
Peter Barker

The Next Members

Captain R. Comstock
Dr. Daniel Upson
John Abbott
Ed Mallory
N. Carpenter
The John Youels
The Jonathan Parke
The Samuel Wilsons
The Fullers
The Brickets

References — History of Pickaway and Franklin Counties by
Williams Bros. page 430.
Historic Sketch by the Reverend Silas Johnson
(1857 - 1861)

MEMBERS FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

Name	Membership Date
Mrs. Porter Darby (Willamette Michael)	February 16, 1902
Miss Mary Alice Stein	January 10, 1908
Mrs. Stella Gardner Nelson	January 1, 1911
Miss Marjorie Wilson	October 19, 1913
Miss Jessie Wilson	October 19, 1913
Mr. Arnold Wright	January 17, 1915

The Wilsons are great granddaughters of Samuel Wilson who came to Worthington in 1804 and was one of the early members of the Worthington Presbyterian Church. His wife was the daughter of President John Quincy Adams. Margaret Wilson, another member of our Church, is the great, great granddaughter of the same man.

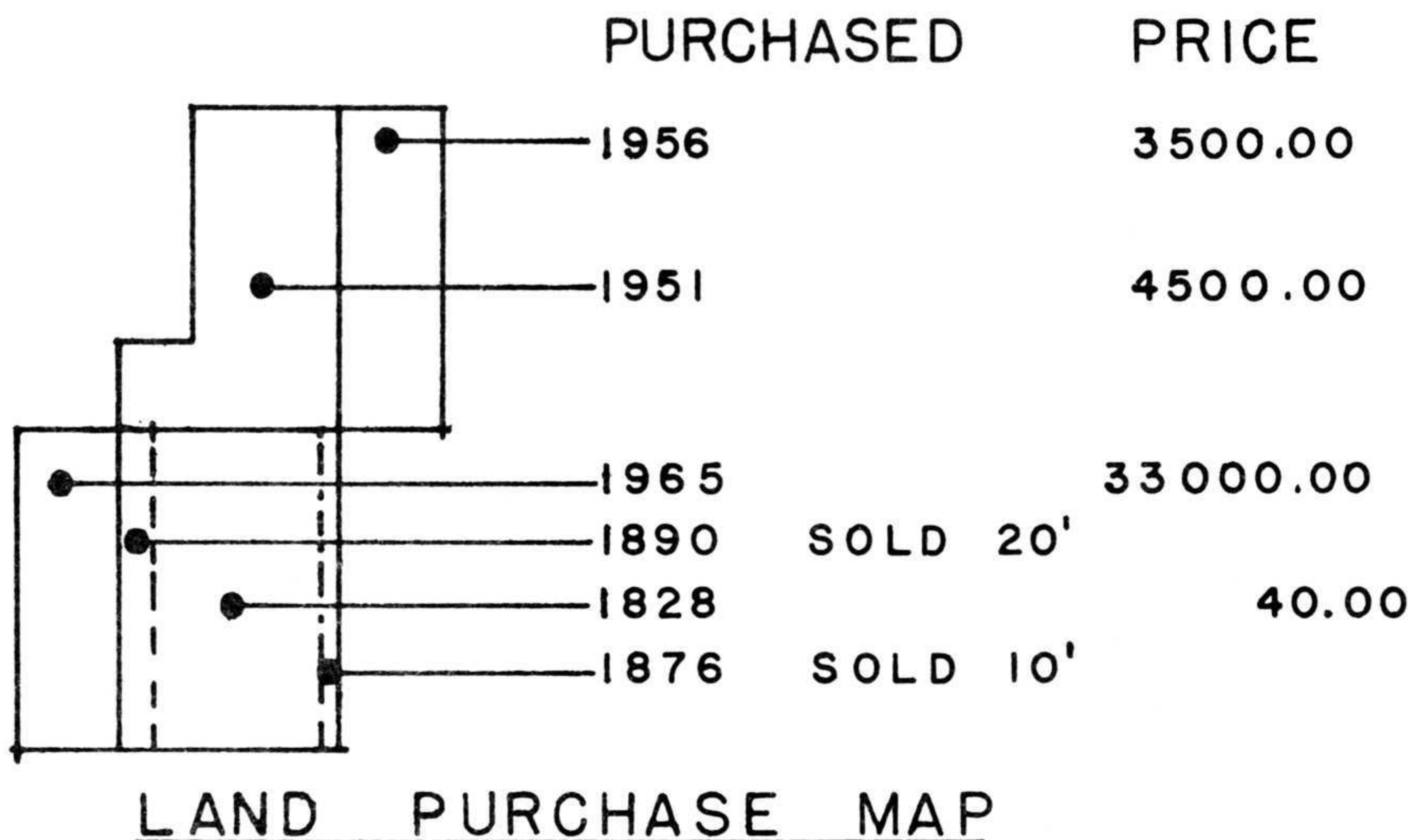
Mrs. Darby is a distant relative of Peter Barker, one of the founders of our Church.

LEGACIES

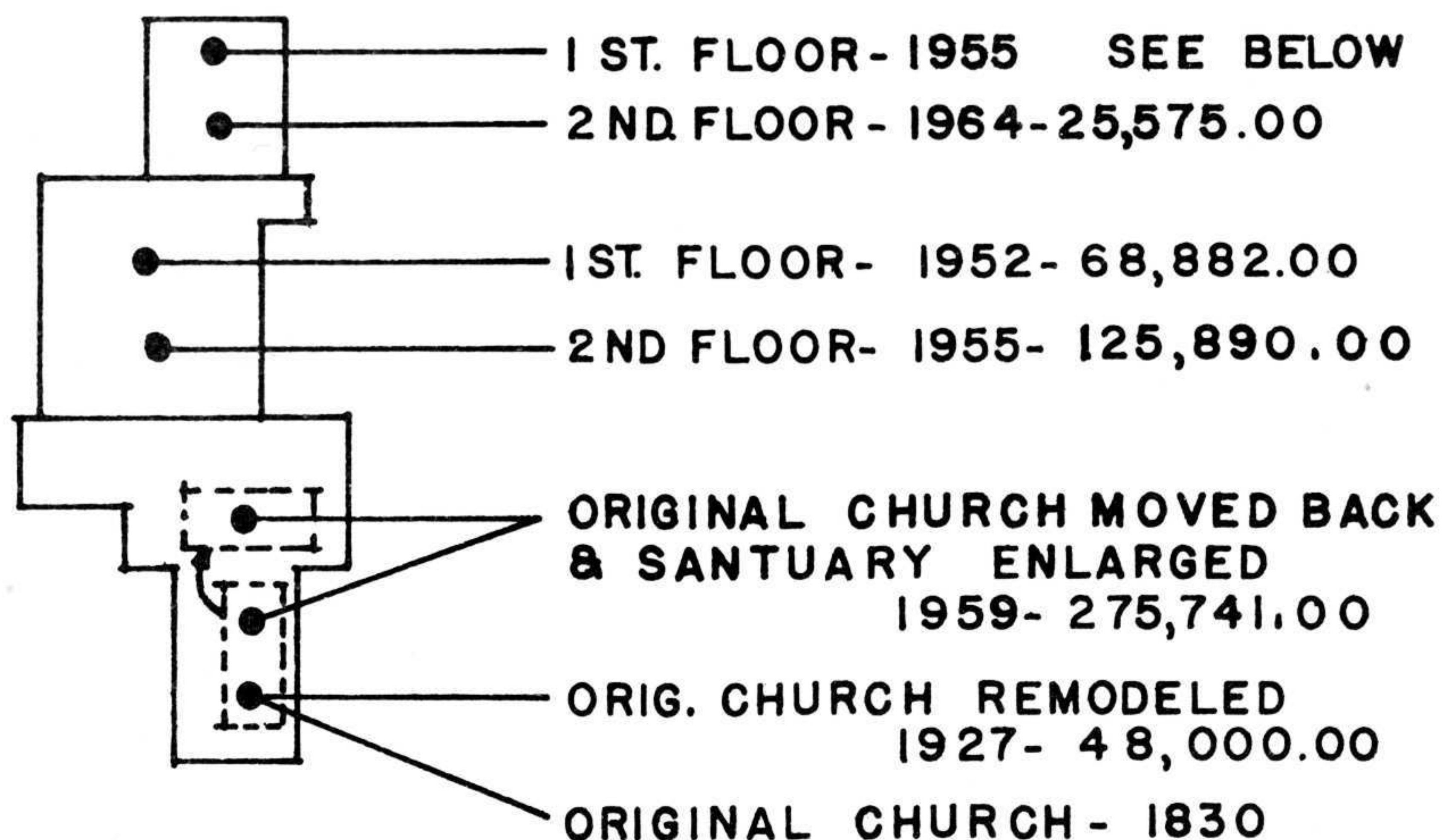
The Worthington Presbyterian Church has received legacies from the following estates:

Viola M. and George W. Beaver
Bert Colburn
Frances Johnson
Mary K. Kingery
Martha Schaeffer Lewis
Eliza and Thomas K. Stockwell

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY CHARTS



BUILDING CONSTRUCTION



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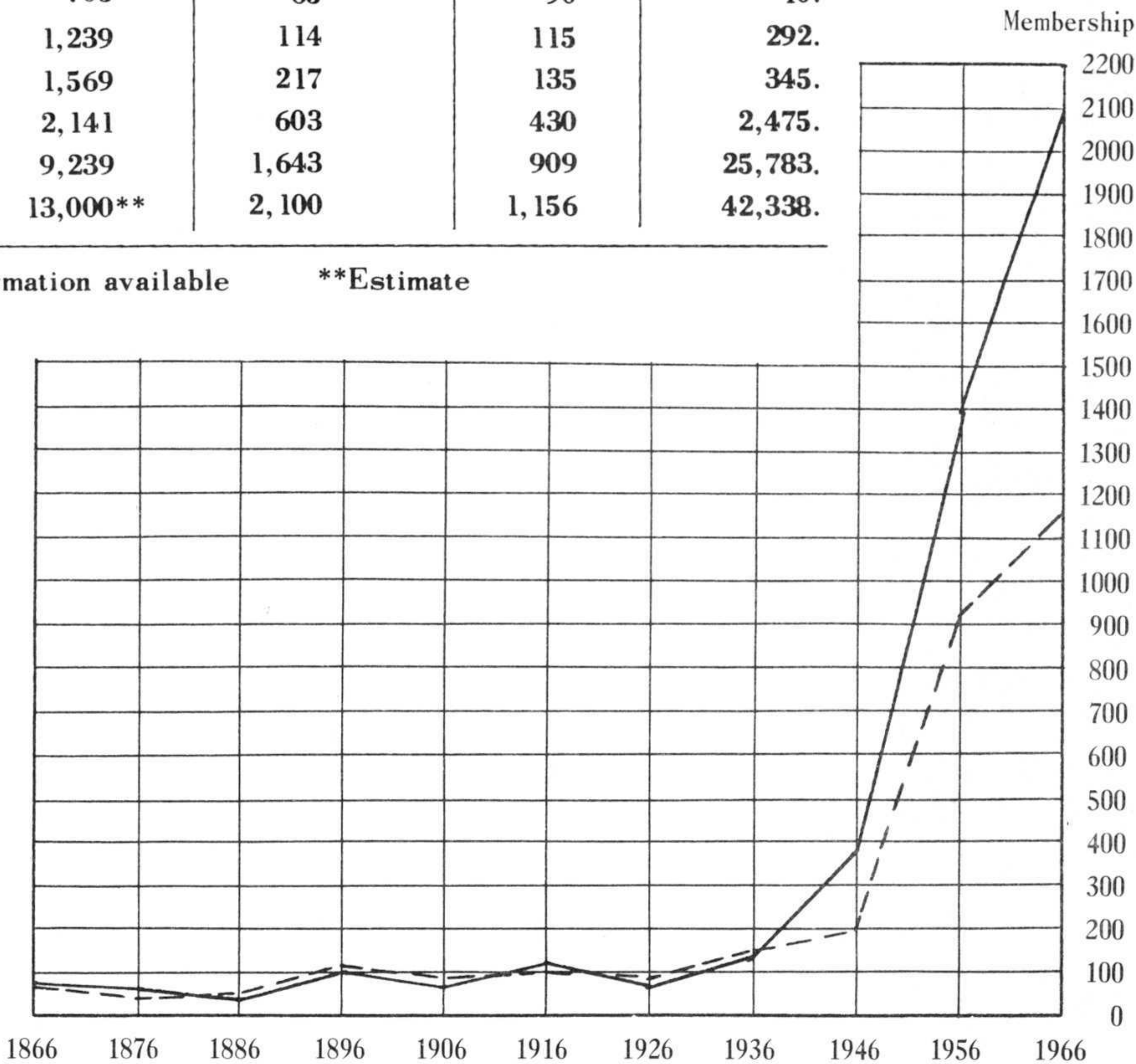
NET WORTH OF CHURCH- JAN. 1, 1966= 676,462.42

GROWTH OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO

YEAR	POPULATION OF WORTHINGTON	COMMUNICANT MEMBERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS	BENEVOLENCES
1805	100	11	*	
1810	150	*	*	
1820	*	42	*	
1830	317	30**	*	
1840	359	45**	*	
1850	483	50	60	
1860	355	90	*	
1870	*	*	*	
1880	459	80	60	
1890	341	51	65	\$ 10.
1900	443	112	90	*
1910	547	82	109	12.
1920	705	65	90**	10.
1930	1,239	114	115	292.
1940	1,569	217	135	345.
1950	2,141	603	430	2,475.
1960	9,239	1,643	909	25,783.
1965	13,000**	2,100	1,156	42,338.

*No information available

**Estimate



GROWTH GRAPH OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO

————— Communicant Members
----- Sunday School Members

ADULT CHURCH GROUPS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON

MEN'S COUNCIL — The men of the church meet once each month to become more closely associated with the programs and effort of the Church toward extending the Kingdom of God. The programs bring information concerning the economic, spiritual and social needs of people everywhere. Mr. Jack Gray, President.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION — The Women's Association seeks to implement its witness to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by study, prayer and service, supporting with their giving to the Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Ecumenical Missions and Relations. The six circles of the association meet once each month for study. The circles are open to all members of the church. The membership of the association is approximately 170 women.

WOODROW GUILD — The Woodrow Guild was named in memory of The Reverend Thomas Woodrow, grandfather of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson. The Guild promotes fellowship, good work and service to the Church. The group raises funds for the Church, serves as hostesses for wedding receptions, membership teas and other activities.

COUPLES' CLUB — This club promotes fellowship and Christian education. The club meetings serve as an 'ice-breaker' for new church members. All new church members are invited to attend.

PRESBYMATES — This is a social organization for young couples (twenties and thirties) of the Church. Some of the activities of the past year have included week-end camp-outs at the Presbytery Camp in the Hocking Hills, a square dance, picnic, bowling, sledding, skating and a card party. As a service project they take care of the 11:00 A.M. nursery on Sundays and have repaired, cleaned and painted the nursery furniture and toys.

GENEVA FELLOWSHIP — Three groups meet in homes for study and discussion of varied subjects related to their Christian Faith and Life.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — 24 adults of the Church are enrolled in the group. The average attendance is nine.

ADULT PRAYER GROUPS — An average of twenty persons attend the two adult groups organized for the members of the Church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE AND STUDY GROUPS — A group of seven women meet regularly to consider Prayer and Bible Study. Mrs. O. D. Anderson is the Correspondent.

YOUTH CHURCH GROUPS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL — The Sunday Church School Program offers classes at both 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. for all ages from crib to adult. The official graded curriculum of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. is used. The "Christian Faith and Life" is a program for church and home. The total Sunday Church School education program provides training and experience for which the final goal is Christian discipleship and membership in the Church.

The curriculum is organized around the three main themes of "Jesus Christ", "The Bible" and "The Church". A teaching staff of 120 and pupil enrollment of 1,300 participate in this school. Mr. Jack Gray is Church School Administrator.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — Youth of senior high school age has established an informal, honest, open-atmosphere fellowship where they explore the meaning of their faith and the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP — This group establishes an honest, open, friendly atmosphere where young people may explore the word of God in relation to their individual lives. They participate in creative thinking and expressions through pantomime, skits, shadow graphs and drama in the exploration of scriptures and human relations.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 333 — The Troop has 31 boys registered, with approximately 20 active. The Troop Committee consists of a chairman, scoutmaster, secretary, treasurer, outdoor chairman, and publicity chairman. Dr. Walter Holbrook, Chairman.

CUB PACK 333 — The program is for boys between the ages of 8 through 11 years. The Pack meets on the third Monday of each month in the Church Dining Room. New boys in the community and others are always welcome. Dale Wiltout, Cub Master and David Lockhaupt is the Committee Chairman.

CHURCH MUSIC GROUPS

CHANCEL CHOIR — This Choir provides the anthem for the Sunday morning worship service. It has presented the choral worship service in late spring including Haydn's "Creation" and the annual Christmas Vesper Service. Dr. Laurence Burkhalter, Director.

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR — This Choir is composed of high school students. It takes part in services on Sunday morning and the Christmas Eve Family Service. Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoon. Organized in the autumn of 1964, Mrs. Laten Carter, Director.

CHAPEL CHOIR — This Choir is for children in grades four, five and six. The Choir participates in Sunday morning worship about once each month. It also participates each year in the Presbytery Junior Choir Festival. Rehearsal is every Saturday morning at 10:30. Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director.

CAROL CHOIR — This Choir is for children in grades one, two and three. The Choir participates in Sunday morning worship about once every six weeks. Rehearsal is every Saturday morning at 9:30. Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director.

BELL CHOIR — The Bell Choir was organized in 1963 and has since become an important part of the Music program of the Church. The Bell Choir participates in Sunday morning worship and has played concerts at community activities. Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director.

THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF of the

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON, OHIO

MINISTERS —

Paul W. Johnston, B.D., D.D. — Pastor

Wilbur R. Closterhouse, Th.M., D.D. — Associate Pastor

Norman S. DeWolfe, B.D. — Associate Pastor

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORKERS —

Mrs. Richard E. Plummer, M.A. — Director of Christian Education

OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN MISSION FIELDS

Miss Helen Robertson Brownlee (Egypt)

The Rev. Donald G. MacDougall, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mrs. Margaret Lodwick Pittman (Brazil)

The Rev. John B. Quick (Ethiopia)

The Rev. Roland B. Rosson, Ketchikan, Alaska

CHURCH ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE

The Session is the Church's governing body, which consists of twenty-one Elders, seven being elected each year at the annual congregational meeting.

ELDERS

1966

John Donnelly
Edward G. Marquis, Jr.
G. Paul McCormick
Robert Paton
William Pelich
Dr. Richard Schmuck
Dr. George Wilson

1967

Mrs. Ned Alexander
Robert Cowan
Richard Edwards
Albert H. Ensign
Robert D. Hill
Dr. Walter Holbrook
*Don Shawver
William Vavroch
*Resigned June 1, 1966

1968

Virgil Blanke
Charles E. Brown
Rodney Harrison
Gifford Landon
Gerald Stanley
Frank Traver
Mrs. Wilson Weed

The Board of Trustees is composed of fifteen persons who care for the corporate needs of the Church. Five members are elected each year for a term of three years.

TRUSTEES

1966

William Marquardt
Robert Mauck, President
Robert Nicklaus
O. P. Stark
Frank Wolfe

1967

Page Brightman
Edwin E. Kellogg, V. Pres.
Richard Thrall
Charles L. Wiles
Don Young

1968

Gordon Chandler
J. Franklin Hedge
Russell Hill
A. Dale Lutz
Miss Bernice Warner

The Board of Deacons is the welfare and service agency of the Church. Nineteen members are elected each year for a term of three years.

DEACONS

1966

David Alban
Lloyd Bartlett
Mrs. Briggs Clime
Mrs. T. J. Collum, Rec. Sec.
Mrs. Donald Denney
Robert Early
Dean Huff
Mrs. John Kay
Paul Klosterman
David Knox
William Luebben
Jack Lutz
Robert Olmstead, Treas.
Merton Race
Thomas Reed
Norman Sylvester
Robert Vosler
Frank Woodland
Gordon Carney

1967

Robert Armbruster
John Baber
Wesley Bennett
Mrs. Laten Carter
Mrs. Frederic R. Cave
Ralph Dickson
Ralph Dyke
Walter Hedden
Mrs. William Hinton,
Cor. Sec.
Walter Hyler
James Limbird
George E. Moore, Jr.
Dr. William Munsey
Mrs. R. H. Orthoefer
William Shafer, Vice-Mod.
Ray Snowden
Lemont Kier
Mrs. George Worthley
Ray A. Witchey,
(resigned March 1, 1966)

1968

Mrs. W. Eugene Anderson
David Beardsley
Mrs. Andrew Benner
Mrs. Bill Brown
Mrs. Laurence Burkhalter
Jerry Collum
Andrew Crawford
Wade Epps
Thomas George
John Kincheloe
Alvin Krings
Mrs. Fred McLaughlin
Mrs. Leonard McReynolds
Tom Michael
John Rutledge
Mrs. Vance Smith
Mrs. Harold Templeton
Mrs. J. Edward Warner

150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

The chairmen of the committees sincerely appreciate and thank the members of the Church, the committee members and others who gave generously of their time to make the 150th Anniversary of this Church a memorable occasion.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

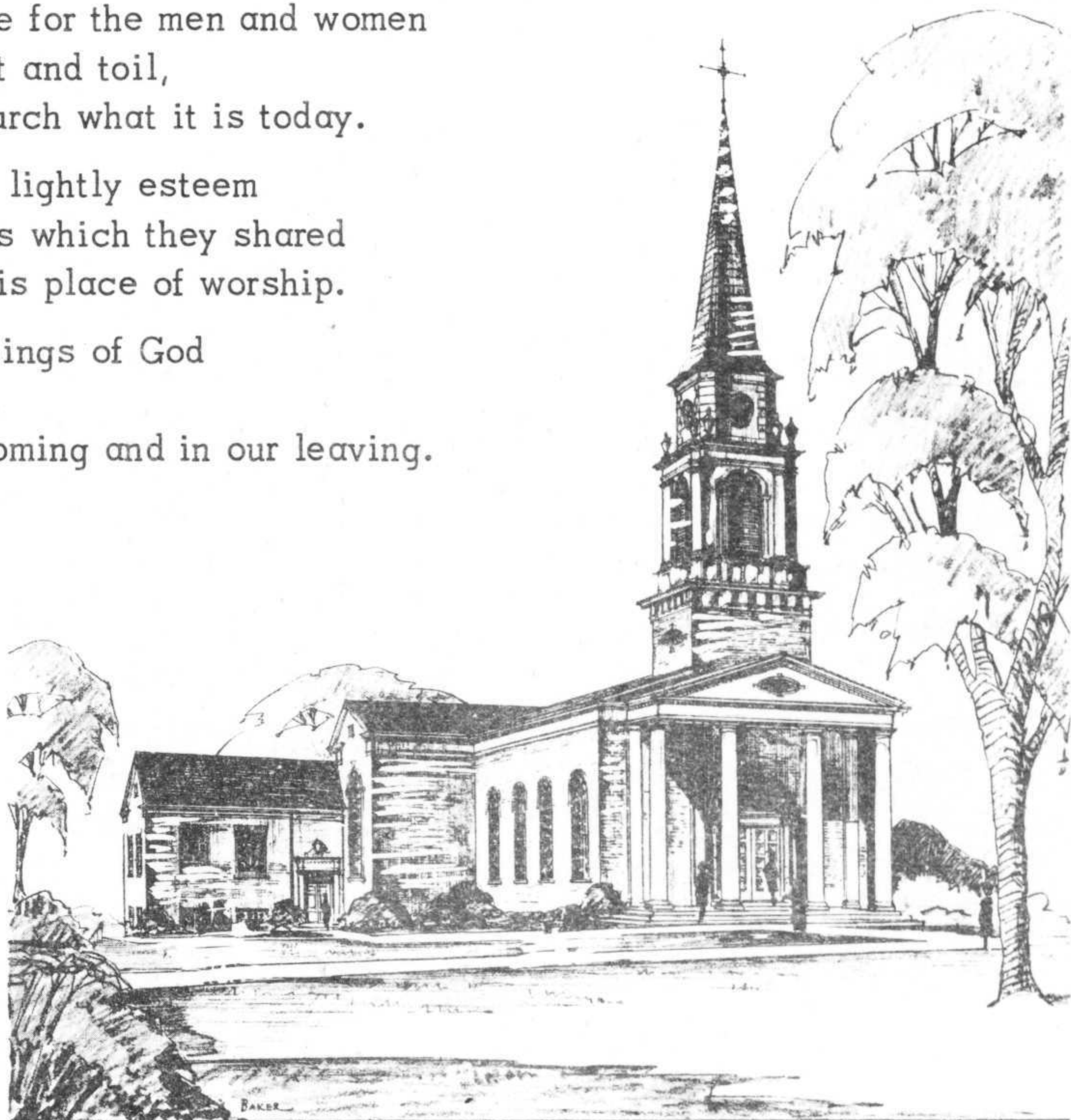
Honorary Chairman	Reverend Dr. Paul W. Johnston, Pastor
General Chairman	Chester S. Hutchison
Program Committee	Harold Templeton, Chairman
Special Events & Activities	Robert D. Hill, and Lemont B. Kier, Co-Chairmen
Youth Committee	Edwin E. Kellogg, Chairman
Music Committee	Francis E. Traver, Chairman
Hospitality & Reception Committee	Don E. Shawver and Mrs. Byron C. Jilek, Co-Chairmen
Historic Committee	Miss Mary Alice Stein, Chairman
Publicity, Photographs & Printing Committee	William G. Heim, Chairman
Coffee Hour & Ushering Committee	Paul C. Klosterman, and William F. Shafer, Co-Chairmen
Finance Committee	Robert S. Mauck, Chairman

We thank Thee, Almighty Father
For the opportunity to enter this Church
As a guest of God.

We thank Thee for the men and women
Who, by sweat and toil,
Made this Church what it is today.

May we never lightly esteem
The sacrifices which they shared
In building this place of worship.

May the blessings of God
Rest upon us,
Both in our coming and in our leaving.



The
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of
Worthington, Ohio

Dedicated September, 1959

The Officers
of
The First Presbyterian Church of Worthington, Ohio
announce the
Sesquicentennial Celebration
of the Church's Founding
at five Sunday Services
May 22 — June 19, 1966 A.D.
and cordially invite you to join them in the occasion

Sesquicentennial

Sundays. Services

May 22

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

George E. Parkinson, D.D., former pastor

Social Hour following 11:00 a.m. Service

May 29

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Nelson J. Wright, D.D., former pastor

Social Hour following 11:00 a.m. Service

June 5

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Youth Leaders

June 12

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Paul W. Johnston, D.D., pastor

Social Hour following 11:00 a.m. Service

June 19

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

George W. Sweazey, D.D.

Pastor, Webster Grove Presbyterian Church
St. Louis, Missouri

Reception following 11:00 a.m. Service