

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mount Olive, North Carolina



Church History

1970 - 1990

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CHURCH HISTORY SUPPLEMENT FROM 1970-1990

On October 4, 1970 the First United Methodist Church of Mount Olive enjoyed a full day of celebration during its Centennial. Plans for this day had been in process for two years prior to this and Mrs. Mary Holmes Pierson had been named chairperson. The actual date of its founding was September 29, 1970, but we decided on the October Sunday nearest the founding date. Our minister was The Rev. J. G. White and the Centennial Sermon was delivered by The Rev. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey. The sanctuary was full as was the Church School section in which chairs and loud speakers had been placed. The "Mount Olive Tribune" estimated that some five hundred people were in attendance. Following the sermon a lavish dinner was served by women of the church. The atmosphere was filled with joy, remembrance and fellowship.

At 2:30 in the afternoon a synopsis of the history of the church was presented by Mrs. Sally Batson, Mrs. Sophia Hargett Potts, and Mrs. Edgar (Josephine) Ricks. During the presentation, pictures of various persons and events were flashed upon a screen. A highlight of the afternoon service was the dedication of Memorial Gifts. Mr. C. D. Burnette, Sr. presented the gifts and Mr. June Martin, Chairman of Trustees, accepted them for the Church.

A Centennial History (1870-1970) had been published and this could be purchased at that time. It was written by Mrs. Mary Holmes Pierson and edited by Mrs. Sophia Hargett Potts.

Following the Centennial Celebration the members were physically tired but emotionally and spiritually elevated. Several things which have been of utmost importance to the Church were begun. Neighborhood groups were formed for fellowship and for ministry. These have been reorganized twice, but have and continue to work well, especially in times of bereavement of a Church family.

In 1970 a central and unified budget was instituted by the Finance Committee under the leadership of its chairman, E. J. Pope, Jr. This type of budget has continued since then.

That same year plans were made to renovate the Church Sanctuary, pave the parking lots, and "face-lift" the remainder of the church. Through 1971 and 1972, with special thanks to Byron Bryan and Bruce Herring, the above was accomplished at a cost of \$40,000. All but \$1,000 of this was paid by the end of 1972.

In 1975 a committee was appointed to secure a new parsonage. On May 8, 1977 The Rev. Dr. John Maides called a Church Conference. Mr. Buddy Pope, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mrs. Evelyn Kornegay, a local realtor, recommended that the church buy the "Gorby House" at 9 Ramblewood Drive at a cost of \$58,200. The vote was 64 "yes" and 44 "no". The house was purchased, the old parsonage was sold and moved across the street, and the old parsonage lot was paved and used for parking space. The first pastor to live in the new parsonage was The Rev. Ted Wilson.

In February of 1977 at the first Church Conference called by The Rev. Dr. Maides a committee headed by Mrs. Paul Garrison gave a report on its investigation into the feasibility of purchasing a pipe organ for the church. The committee

recommended that a Schantz Organ be made and installed at a cost of \$30,780. The conference voted 60 "for" and 56 "against". The money was quickly raised, and the organ was dedicated in 1979. Since that time several cantatas have been rendered by the choir and the members have benefited from pipe organ music for church services, weddings, funerals, and various special meetings.

In 1974 Boy Scout Troop #200 was formed and sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. Mark Cherry was Scout Master and Harvey Reinhardt was Assistant Master. In 1975 Harvey became Scout Master and continued in that capacity until 1985. Each year a special service is held during which boys from this Church, who have achieved a certain rank, are recognized.

On September 14, 1977 Walter Patten was recommended as a candidate for the Ordained Ministry of the Methodist Church. Walter is now serving a church in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Another young man from this church is studying for the ministry at Duke Ministerial School. David Francis was recently ordained as a Deacon and while still a student he is serving as Student Pastor at Bynum, N.C.

In 1978 Jimmy Davis was made District Lay Leader and B. E. Bryan was made District Trustee.

In 1979 Margaret Boyd (Mrs. Shelton) was named Lay Person of the year by The North Carolina Conference. She also served as District Youth Coordinator from January 1964 to June 1982. Mrs. Boyd has been an efficient and faithful secretary to the local Administrative Board and Council on Ministries as well as secretary to the Quarterly Conference during the entire period from 1970 to 1984.

In 1978 and 1979 The Rev. Ted Wilson, his wife, Elizabeth, Catharine Reinhardt and several other volunteers gave the Church offices a real face-lift. This was done at a minimum of expense and has added to the looks of that part of the Church plant. Several second floor classrooms were also painted and/or papered by volunteer help. The United Methodist Women did much in improving this section of the church. Those special projects will be listed later; however, Norma Rae Summerlin must be mentioned for it was her leadership which was responsible for new planting and landscaping which has greatly improved the appearance of the Church property. Others who helped in this at various times were Hazel Odom, Doris Bryan and Mary Louise Redmon.

Youth work was especially important to The Rev. J. B. Parvin, and during his pastorate the children and MYF became very active. Our present pastor, The Rev. Juren, is also pushing this phase of the Church, and there is a renewal of interest in the work of and for young people.

David Francis served part time as Youth Director while he was attending Mount Olive College. After he left for Duke University, The Rev. Ted Wilson asked Mrs. Paul (Virginia) Groseclose to serve as Program Director. She defined and coordinated this work until she moved in the Fall of 1983. Virginia did so many outstanding jobs for the Church School and Church related organizations that it is difficult to list them. Among the more important were: to see that there were 2 teachers for each Church School Class and these were encouraged to participate in workshops to improve their teaching skills; began a music program for elementary classes (this has resulted in a child's choir directed by Mrs. John Edwards); she

wrote many articles for the Newsletter and worked on improving Church School attendance; she planned for Fellowship dinners with good programs on a regular basis; she ably filled the pulpit several times when needed by the pastor; she secured directors and teachers for Vacation Schools; instigated the "Brave Christians" program to encourage deeper spiritual growth; and last, but not least, she and The Rev. Juren with the help of Marie Kelley, Doug Connor and Jimmy Davis renewed the Summer School Program which had been dormant since 1971. This program was so successful that those who attended hope that it will be continued. All of this work was done cheerfully and efficiently.

We now have a new Youth Director, Darryl Walter, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. Darryl began his work in November of 1983 and 1984.

Three young people who have been recently recognized by the District as Outstanding Seniors in MYF are: Kelly Harrell (1981), Dawson Cherry (1982), and Laura Potts (1983).

Numbers never tell the entire story, but often they indicate trends, growth and decline. As of June 1, 1969 we had 547 members in this church. As of December 31, 1983, there are 541 members. Much of this loss is due to deaths during the past 2 years. Our Church is an old one and the loss of a number of faithful and able members has been badly felt. We have also added a number of new members, especially during the past 5 years, and many of them are now active in the work of the church. As a result of the addition of so many young adults, a new and active church school class, "Pairs and Spares" has been added.

In June of 1969 the value of Church land, building, and equipment was \$313,000. Today it is \$646,000. The value of Church owned parsonage and furniture in 1969 was \$21,000; in 1984 it is \$93,000.

In 1969 we had an unpaid balance on indebtedness of \$52,582. Today there is no indebtedness.

The total budget in 1969 was \$47,120. As of January 1984 the total budget is \$90,000.

These dollar figures show that much has been done these past 14 years in tangible growth and expansion. There have also been improvements and growth in ministerial goals. During 1983 every family was visited by lay persons in order to explain the goals of the church to all members. Money was not mentioned and these visits proved to be catalysts in the life of the church.

Under our present pastor, The Rev. Jerry Juren, we began a Maundy Thursday Communion Service. After a simple meal of fruit, bread, and cheeses, members of our congregation represented disciples at "The Last Supper" and put on a "skit" which depicted the characters of the various disciples. For two years we have made a part of our Advent and Christmas Celebration a "Love Feast and Candle-Lighting Service" patterned after the "Moravian Love Feast". Both of the above mentioned services have been favorably received by the congregation.

The work of the United Methodist Women has been so great and constant that it is impossible to give a fair and complete summary of their work. This organization is truly a strong right arm of the church, physically and spiritually. The women have held bazaars, dinners, bake sales, yard sales and since 1978 have put on an

annual "Old Fashioned Dinner" in April to make money for local and mission projects. Many of the leaders of the society and the circles have attended conference, district and zone meetings and have hosted many of the same. These circles have been responsible for flowers in the sanctuary, for Christmas decorations, for arrangements for fellowship dinners, for planting on the church property, for adopting patients in the local nursing and retirement homes, and for helping in youth work. The ladies made beautiful ornaments which decorate a "Chrismon Tree" which we use in the sanctuary during Advent. They have special programs during the year, and during Christmas a program and party is given for all the women of the church. They have contributed often to finance needed projects. Some of these are: had the kitchen painted; cleaned and purchased kitchen equipment, dishes, and lighting for same; bought new draperies for the fellowship hall at a cost of \$550 and purchased the back curtain for the fellowship hall stage; furnished refreshments for the Vacation Bible Schools; in 1976 gave \$300 for a MYF supper; bought chairs for the Library and a new chandelier for the parsonage in 1977. They often had the pianos tuned, have refurnished the nursery, and bought a rug for it; gave \$1,000 to the organ fund and \$750 toward the church deficit in 1982. They sponsored Evangelist John Hobbs for March 4,5,6, 1982. This ministry was a spiritual stimulus to the entire church. They have purchased additional choir robes recently, and in 1983 donated \$200 to Area Churches In Action Food Pantry. The Day Apart, World Day of Prayer, Bible and Mission Study Classes have all been a part of the work of these ladies.

The above are only a few of the various activities of this group of busy ladies. Unfortunately, Circle #5 had to disband at the close of 1983, but already a young woman's circle is being formed. Such fine work must and will continue.

In 1982 our pastor appointed a Bi-Centennial Committee to plan for the celebration of 200 years of organized Methodism in the United States. The Methodist Church was formed at the Baltimore Christmas Conference in 1774 although Methodists have been active long before that. Mary Bynum Borgognoni was named chariman of this committee and on October 16, 1983, at a Fellowship Dinner, the first of the committee's plans were launched. A 30 minute movie, "Burning Bright" was shown. This was well done and gave the background of various movements which led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

In late December of 1983 Bishop Cannon and Governor Hunt declared 1984 to be a year for the celebration of Methodism in North Carolina.

Other projects planned locally are;

"A Great Day of Methodist Singing" - to be led by our District Superintendent, Charles M. Smith -on February 5, 1984.

"Bi-Centennial Film" - to be shown at a fellowship dinner on May 16, 1984.

"Homecoming or Heritage Sunday" - September 30, 1984. Rev. Cecil Robbins will preach and a synopsis of our local history from 1970 to 1984 will be available.

"Special Christmas Eve Service in 1984" - to celebrate the Christmas Service of 1784.

Ours is a great religious heritage. May we continue to honor it.

History (1870-1970) for further information.

Additional Bibliography

"The Mount Olive Tribune", October 8, 1970

"Listing of Church Families" in church office

"Minutes of the Charge Conferences form 1970-1984"

"Minutes of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries
from 1970-1984"

"Minutes of the United Methodist Women from 1974-1984"

Special help from Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mrs. Catharine
Reinhardt, Mrs. Mary Louise Redmon, Mrs. Virginia Groseclose and
The Rev. Jerry Juren.

NOTE: This was written by Mary Bynum Borgognoni who used the records which
were available. If there are glaring omissions or errors she is solely
responsible.

CHURCH HISTORY SUPPLEMENT FROM 1985 TO 1987

This article includes the work, happenings, and progress of this church during the past two and one-half years. As you read this article, you will realize that time, money, effort, love, and dedication have played a great factor in the progress of First United Methodist Church.

In early 1985, a three-year capital funds drive raised \$130,000 in pledges toward the renovation and "enhancement" of our church facilities. This occurred at a time when the church was in a financial bind and felt the need to reduce its operating budget and made a successful appeal to the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration for a reduction in its "outreach ministries" apportionment.

Soon after that, however, major repairs began on the roofs of both the sanctuary and the educational building. The original old slate shingles were removed and replaced by modern shingles, and a new rubber surface developed by Goodyear was used to cover all other exposed areas.

In June, 1985, The Rev. Jerry Juren received a new appointment to Mount Gilead, and The Rev. Denny C. Wise began his term of service. The congregation welcomed his family warmly with a parsonage painting party led by Norman Ricks.

In September of that year, the Altar Guild was formed by Doris Oates, Chairperson of Worship. Duties of the Guild were to maintain the sanctuary in a proper and appropriate manner.

Shortly thereafter, the Board of Trustees, under Jim Kelley, appointed Ruby Kornegay, as chairperson of the Altar Guild, to head up a sanctuary renovation committee. Members of this committee included Ginny Cherry, Ann Potts, Catharine Reinhardt, Doris Oates, and Shirley Atkins.

After receiving and reviewing a questionnaire from the congregation on how the renovation money should be spent, this new committee was empowered to select colors for walls and carpets and to make changes in redecorating the interior. After long deliberation and careful study, paints and materials were chosen. Later the dark liturgical screen was replaced with white raised paneling with chair rail.
(Casey memorial)

With the additional help of memorials, church school classes, the United Methodist Women, and the "Peanut Crew", the improvements made in our church over the last two and one-half years are impressive and are listed:

- New roof and repair over entire facility - exterior painted
- Stained Glass windows covered with protective lexan
- Major plaster repair to walls and painting of entire sanctuary
- Electrical wiring brought up to standard - also new lighting in basement
- New basement stairs - these have been covered (by H.G. Best) with leftover carpet
- New paneled doors in keeping with the original existing doors installed in sanctuary - also new raised panel over choir doors - original glass door knobs were used.
- Pulpit remodeled and moved back - lowered six inches and made free standing, enabling the cross to be visible from any area in the sanctuary.

New fixtures installed in bathroom in sanctuary - also new vinyl floor and dressing table.
Carpet installed in sanctuary and adjoining classrooms - shoe molding installed over entire area
New pew cushions for sanctuary - 22 choir chairs and 5 clergy chairs were upholstered in same fabric as pews - two of the clergy chairs were retrieved from behind stage and repaired
Installed new units for heating and cooling
Carpet installed in pastor's study (gift from Alice Vickory of Harmony House)
Carpet installed in library and hall by United Methodist Women
Craftique mahogany table placed in library (Clifton memorial)
New furnishings in church parlor (Sutton memorial)
Painting and renovation of Pairs and Spares classroom by members
A system for the hearing impaired in the sanctuary. (Lister memorial)

An endowment fund has been established to help needy families in emergencies.

We are particularly excited about the special program in our church involving all ages, over the last three years. Some of the new programs and activities during the period of 1985-1987 include the following:

The Hanging of the Greens Service for Advent.

The Service of Tenebrae and the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and Passion for Lent.

Liturgical Drama - such as the visit by the Asbury and the Covenant Players.
The Fall Church School Kickoffs - including "Leaf Sunday", "Link Sunday", and "Race Day".

The visits by special guests for the children such as "Doug Berky", the mime, and "The Balloon Man", Graham Rouse.

The Council on Ministries retreat with Belton Joyner.

The Mission Studies on Korea, Native Americans, Technology, etc.

In addition, such regular ongoing programs as Vacation Bible Schools and revivals with The Rev. A. Furnell Bailey and The Rev. Tommy Smith were also successful. The annual Christmas cantatas and pageants (by children and youth) were the highlights of the season. Our local service projects have included work with ACIA and the Migrant Ministry. We have helped distribute food to the needy through the food pantry and special collections at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

But our proudest treasure is the warm, talented, and dedicated leaders that keep our church moving ahead toward new challenges and unrealized goals. We owe so much to so many quiet unnamed heroes and offer our deepest thanks and warmest appreciation to them all for a job well done.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HISTORY 1985 - 1987

In 1985, the Mount Olive First United Methodist Women were led by Linda Kraft, President; Doris Oates, Vice-president; Eva Hill, Secretary; and Viola Winstead, Treasurer. A mission study on Korea was held and several members of the Goldsboro Korean Presbyterian Church participated in the program. Approximately \$1,000.00 was raised from the Annual Old-Fashioned Covered Dish Supper. This amount went toward the purchase of new carpet for the library. Also a new bulletin

board was placed in the Sunday School hall. Monetary gifts were presented to: Area Churches in Action, Methodist Retirement Home, the Korean Presbyterian Church; and layettes to migrant workers. The district mission pledge was also increased by \$100.00. The circles completed the collection of used Christmas cards, old eye glasses, old jewelry, and used stamps. These were conference-wide projects.

The officers for 1986 and 1987 were; Eva Hill, President; Norma Carole McDonald, Vice-President; Judy Wise, Secretary; and Viola Winstead, Treasurer. The mission study presented in 1986 was on "Native Peoples of North America". We also served as host church for the district "Spiritual Day Apart". Our mission study was titled, "Technology in Tension with Human Values". These were very informative programs. Funds raised through the Annual Old-Fashioned Covered Dish Supper were approximately \$1,000.00 for each year. These funds plus contributions from memorial gifts, Sunday School classes, the Peanut Fund, and individual gifts were used to make repairs, paint, and install new counter tops and new flooring in the church kitchen. New serving dishes and utensils were also purchased. In addition to the district pledge paid each year, we also gave a contribution to the Methodist Retirement Home. We gave memorial contributions to our church in memory of deceased UMW members. Our speakers for the General Meetings were informative and inspirational. We strive to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women.

1988 to present

In the next few pages a short synopsis of the programs and activities of the people of First United Methodist Church during the period 1988 to the present will be given. Many accomplishments were achieved in the name of the Lord through the dedication of the minister, The Rev. Denny Wise, and capable leaders with the support of the church people.

In January plans were finalized for a permanent church photograph album to be placed in the church. UMW, UMYF, and UMM presidents and pastors since 1970 were to be added to the display in the library.

Virginia Garrison retired as church organist and choir director in the spring of 1988. A letter of appreciation was sent to her and a monetary gift was presented to her for her many years of dedicated service. Curtis Brock, student at Mount Olive College, served as organist until Alice Vickory was hired in September.

On March 6 the "Pairs and Spares" and the "Fellowship" classes were hosts to a banquet honoring Senior Citizens in the church.

The church roll was purged. Names of deceased members and others were removed from the active roll.

The library and fellowship hall were painted in 1988. A new curtain was put up across the front of the stage in the fellowship hall.

The 1988-89 UMW officers were the following: Edna Wilson, President; Margaret Boyd, Vice-President; Louise Hatch, Secretary; Ann Potts, Treasurer; and Eva Hill, Membership Secretary. Many goals were set and achieved.

The following events were planned and hosted in 1988: June 5, the orientation

meeting of Goldsboro District delegates to N. C. Conference; July 10, reception for District Superintendent, The Rev. Malloy Owen; Continental Breakfast for Church School; District Council on Ministries meeting; Orientation for Capital Funds Drive; Homecoming Dinner; and five fellowship dinners.

The UMW fund raising dinner netted \$992. \$700 of this was given to help with expense of painting the educational building.

Volunteers continued to work in the Thrift Shop, a project of all area churches. Health kits and contributions were sent to migrant workers. A birthday cake and gift were sent to the Durham Methodist Retirement Home. Campbell soup labels were sent to Methodist College.

Area churches were invited to participate in the mission study, "Russia." Some UMW members joined Warsaw UMW in the study of "Acts" and St. Paul UMW in the study of "Ruth & Esther."

The UMW membership roll was corrected and 50 members were reported. In addition to pledges, contributions were made to many worthy causes. Wednesday morning prayer group continues to be well attended. Shut-ins and Retirement Home and Nursing Home Methodist residents are remembered on special days. Deceased UMW members were memorialized each year at a Candle Burning Ceremony at the annual conference of UMW.

The Administrative Board began a search for a Director of Christian Education. Craig Hansen was hired and began work as part-time DCE in September, 1988. The MYF purchased a bus in October. One year later the loan was paid and the bus was given to the church.

The church launched its drive to begin the Capital Funds Campaign for Conference Camps and Outdoor Ministry, and Church Extension. The church accepted the conference asking of \$7,408 per year for three years.

Homecoming was held November 20 with Bishop C. P. Minnick as the guest speaker. A highlight of the day was the dedication of the renovation project that was begun in 1985.

Area churches were invited to attend a church-wide study on "Ruth and Esther" on February 26, 1989. Dr. James Efird's tape was used in the presentation.

In the spring the UMYF sponsored a ROCK-A-THON for the second year. The proceeds were given to Cystic Fibrosis.

The Church School adult classes began the practice in April of having a combined class on fifth Sundays. It is not only a time for Bible Study, but fellowship as well.

At a church service in May the women of the church and friends presented Judy Wise, the minister's wife, a gold watch for her many contributions to the church and community during the previous four years. Flowers were placed in the church on that Sunday in her honor by the Peanut Crew. At a UMYF meeting the UMW gave a monetary gift to Patrick Wise. Later, The Rev. Dehny Wise was given a monetary gift from the church to show appreciation for his dedicated service to the church people and the Lord during his four year tenure.

The Administrative Board established a committee on memorials. It included Ann Potts as chairperson, the pastor, and chairpersons of Trustees, Worship and Altar Guild.

In the spring of 1989 a computer was purchased with part payment being made from memorial gifts. The UMW and Peanut Crew purchased a new vacuum cleaner.

The Pairs and Spares Class began painting the classrooms and halls of the Educational Building in May. The project was completed during the summer.

The Rev. Dennis Goodwin and wife, Peggy, moved into our Parsonage in June, 1989. On June 29 a meeting of the Administrative Board was called to discuss the need for repairs and renovation of the parsonage. The Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee and Trustees and voted to proceed with the project. As the work progressed other damage was discovered. The Finance Committee met, set a goal of \$10,000, and developed the plans for raising the funds for the parsonage project. Approximately eighty giving units were contacted personally and others were mailed a letter. Individuals, UMW, Belle Journey and Frank Cox Church School Classes, and the Peanut Fund pledged a total of \$10,301.50. The Rev. Goodwin and his wife, did a great deal of the landscaping, the interior painting and decor. The pledges and an insurance check for roof damage totalled \$12,001.50, the amount spent for the project.

Two stewardship consultants, The Rev. Johnny Branch and Bill Norton met with the Finance Committee in August. The committee was given several beneficial suggestions, one of which was to conduct a stewardship campaign before planning the budget. The financial campaign was then centered around a dinner on October 18. Calls and letters to members preceded the dinner. Commitment Sunday followed on October 22. Two-person visitation teams saw those who had not pledged by that date. Achievement Sunday was a week later. In November the Administrative Board adopted a budget of \$113,979.00.

The church youth had their first Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 29. It was very successful and the COM decided to make it a yearly project. On November 13 the youth presented the Sunday morning worship service.

The UMW projects of the previous year were continued in 1989. In addition children and adult eye glasses were sent to New Eyes for Needy, and Bibles were given to Church School Classes for children in grades 3 through 7.

During the summer a scrap book was begun. Included in it are pictures and stories of church events featured in newspapers and bulletins. The book is kept in the DCE's office.

Open House was held at the newly renovated parsonage on December 17 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. The church members visited it with a sense of pride. The occasion was the highlight of the church year.

The year 1990 began on a positive note with 444 members even though there were concerns about the budget deficit. Previously the COM had held a retreat and had recommended many interesting and beneficial activities for the ensuing year.

At the January 9 meeting of the Administrative Board, John T. Theis, a missionary in South Korea, was selected as the missionary that the church would

help support. The Rev. Clyde Dunn, former missionary and a member of the staff at CCOM, spoke at the morning worship service January 14. Installation of church officers took place the following Sunday.

The UMYF had a January workshop. In February they made 150 Valentine cakes for sale. The following month they held a second ROCK-A-THON for Cystic Fibrosis.

On February 4 at the morning worship service The Rev. Douglas Byrd, Executive Vice President of United Methodist Foundation, was the guest speaker. In the afternoon and evening he led a very interesting and informative workshop on "Gifts and Wills". Boy Scout Sunday was observed February 11 at 11:00 AM. It was an impressive service. That evening church people attended the District Lay Rally at Mount Olive College.

At the COM meeting February 20 the date for homecoming was set to be held Sunday, October 21. The Rev. J. B. Parvin, former pastor, will be the speaker. The mission study on "Psalms" began on February 21 and continued for seven consecutive Wednesdays at prayer meeting. All sessions were taught by Rev. Goodwin except one taught by Eleanor Brubeck.

Beginning on March 4 and ending April 29 six Sunday night sessions of "Focus on the Family" and the final session entitled "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" were presented. The films were by Dr. James Dobson.

At a meeting of the Trustees on March 8 it was reported that the heat pump at the parsonage had been repaired. They voted that money budgeted but not spent on church maintenance be carried over from year to year in a retaining fund until 5% of the value of the church property is accumulated in the fund.

Pledges to the "Spirit of Tomorrow" campaign were few. Special emphasis was placed on this Sunday morning, March 11. The UMW contributed \$200 toward the fund.

On March 27 The Rev. Goodwin reported to the COM that he was teaching "God and Country" classes for the Boy Scouts. There were eleven scouts in the "God and Me Class", one in "God and Family", eight in "God and Church", and two in "God and Life". There were eight in the Confirmation Class which was completed May 20.

Recommendation was made on March 27 by the Administrative Board that The Rev. Goodwin be appointed to FUMC for the 1990-1991 year. Wedding guidelines were handed out. Additional information was added. Non-members will be asked to pay \$100 for weddings at the church.

The church revival was held April 1-4, 1990, by The Rev. Goodwin. Special music was presented by Carolyn Bolling on Sunday night, the Sounds of Praise on Monday night, the Presbyterian Choir on Tuesday night, and the Baptist Choir on Wednesday night.

The Belle Journey Sunday School Class continues to give Bibles to the high school graduating seniors of our church.

Other items and events of interest during April and May were the following: Community Way Days, April 2-4 at Food Lion to benefit the Methodist Home for

children; UMW Covered Dish Fund Raising Dinner; Masonic service, Sunday night April 22; Women-in-Pulpit Day observed May 6; an Appreciation Banquet for Church School Teachers on May 6; TV purchased for church by UMW, UMM, and Church School classes.

In June a contract was made with Kevin Dilda to mow the church grounds for \$25 per visit and other work on a negotiated basis. Approval was given for an expenditure of \$250 for a music workshop for the church organist and choral director to be charged to contingency fund.

John and Barbara Theis, the missionary couple that the church helps to support, conducted the worship service on June 24. The Pairs and Spares Class helped with the dinner that was catered by Bill's Bar-B-Que after the service.

The present UMW officers are: Gladys Hontz, President; Mary B. Borgognoni, Vice President; Ruby Kornegay, Secretary; and Ann Potts, Treasurer; Membership Secretary, Eva Hill. The present membership is 57.

The UMW study courses were: "Islam" and "Psalms" held at this church, and "Philippines" at Bethel UMC. We are still active in the Wednesday morning Spiritual Life Prayer Group and the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. The World Day of Prayer. Also volunteers work at the retirement home and thrift shop.

The UMW has continued to be active in their work for Christ's ministry at home and away. They have continued all of the projects of the former years: Valentine cakes to shut-ins; eye glasses; soup labels to Methodist College; Bibles to 3rd graders; Thank Offering; Penny and a Prayer Offering; contributed gifts to the retirement home residents and to retirement home bazaars; contributed to migrants; also gave three small microwaves to the nursing home; participated in five covered dish suppers.

The highlight of the UMW year was the dinner meeting held on October 2 in the Fellowship Hall. The hostess for the catered meal was Mary Bynum Borgognoni. UMW, their spouses, a group from Mount Olive College, and special friends were her guests. The speaker was Dr. Federico G. Gil, a long time friend of the hostess and a world renowned speaker on Latin American Governments. His topic was the Pro-and-Con of U.S. Policy toward Latin America. It was an informative and enjoyable occasion.

OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH

LAY PEOPLE

1985 - Mary Bynum Borgognoni
1986 - Mary Louise Redmon
1987 - Virginia Garrison
1988 - Norbert Wilson - also District Lay Person

PASTORS

1968-1971 - J. G. White
1971-1975 - J. B. Parvin
1975-1977 - John Maides
1977-1982 - L. T. Wilson
1982-1985 - Jerry J. Juren
1985-1989 - Denny C. Wise
1989 to present - Dennis M. Goodwin

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1970-1973 - Jimmy Adams
1973-1980 - Samuel Ernest Taylor
1980-1983 - Walter Fulcher
1984-1985 - Jimmy Adams
1986 Jimmy Davis
1987 Norbert Wilson
1988 Alan Heath
1989 to present - Jimmy Davis

PRESIDENTS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1970-1972 - Mrs. Eddice King
1972 Mrs. Paul Groseclose until she moved from town.
1972-1976 - Mrs. Jimmy Williams
1976-1978 - Mrs. Ruby Taylor
1978-1981 - Mrs. Evelyn Kornegay
1982-1983 - Mrs. Charles Harrell
1984-1985 - Mrs. Linda Kraft
1986-1987 - Mrs. Eva Hill
1988-1989 - Mrs. Edna Wilson
1990 to present - Mrs. Gladys Hontz

CHAIRMEN OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

1970-1971 - Fred R. Meacham
1972-1975 - W. S. Wilkins
1976-1978 - Norbert Wilson
1979 - Stuart Patten
1980 - Branson Vickory
1981-1982 - Ed Lane
1983-1986 - Jay Wilkins
1987 to present - Branson Vickory

CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

1970-1971 - Norbert Wilson
1971-1978 - Guy McKee, Jr.
1979-1982 - Paul R. Patten
1983-1985 - Jimmy Davis, III
1986 to present - Marie Kelley

CHAIRMEN OF TRUSTEES

1969-1970 - June Martin, Jr.
1970-1972 - B. E. Bryan
1973-1975 - Dr. W. A. Potts
1976-1977 - Thomas Swinson
1978-1985 - H. G. Best
1986-1988 - Jim Kelley
1989 to present - R. G. Gurley

LAY LEADERS

1970-1974 - Ellis Weeks
1975-1984 - Branson Vickory
1985 - John Edwards
1986-1988 - Barton Baldwin
1989 to present - Ellis Weeks

FINANCE CHAIRMEN

1970-1980 - E. J. Pope, Jr.
1981-1983 - Charles Harrell
1984-1985 - Ed Bass
1986 - Branson Vickory
1987-1988 - Jay Wilkins
1989 to present - Bill Bryan

PRESIDENTS OF UNITED METHODIST MEN

1970- - Guy McKee, Jr.
1971-1972 - Ray McDonald
1973-1975 - Branson Vickory
1976 - Stuart Patten
1977-1986 - Cecil Winstead
1987-1988 - Ellis Weeks
1989 to present - Shelton Boyd

SPIRITUAL LIFE LEADERS

1966-1972 - Mrs. Boyd Wilson and Mrs. Shelton Boyd
1972-1979 - Mrs. Margaret English
1979 to present - Mrs. Eddice King

CHURCH SECRETARIES

1966-May of 1974 - Mrs. Mary Louise Redmon

1974 to 1985 - Mrs. Catharine Reinhardt

1985 to present - Mrs. Peggy Parks

CHURCH ORGANISTS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

1970-1972 - Organist - Mrs. Virginia Garrison

1970-1972 - Choir Director - Mrs. Dorothy Flowers

1972-1987 - Organist & Choir Director - Mrs. Virginia Garrison

1988 - Curtis Brock

1988 to present - Organist - Mrs. Alice Vickory

1990 to present - Choir Director - Mrs. Barbara Kornegay

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Mr. C. D. Burnette, Sr. was Chairman for Centennial Gifts. At the afternoon session of the Centennial observances on October 4, 1970 the following memorial gifts were dedicated:

THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL - Given in memory of Mrs. Clarissa Lee by her son, James L. Lee

IN THE MEMORIAL HALL (Archives) 1970

Lighted display case and Memorial Book given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kornegay, Sr. by W. D. Kornegay, Jr. and family.

Lighted display case given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox by Margaret Martin Cox and Eugene Cox.

Display Cabinet for Archives in memory of D. F. Odom, Sr. by friends.

Display Cabinet for Archives in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Britt and Idell Britt Howe by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lorenzo Britt.

Display Cabinet for Archives in memory of Dr. W. H. Potts by Mrs. Virginia P. Clark.

Repository for Archives and Memorial Record Book - given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kornegay, Sr., by W. D. Kornegay, Jr. and family.

Bible given in memory of Ralph English by his wife, Margaret Grantham English.

IN THE VESTIBULE (Sanctuary)

Visitors Registration Desk given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hatch, Sr. by Mrs. Ruth Hines and Mrs. Esther Burnette.

Visitors Registers given in memory of Martha Westbrook and Joseph R. McPhail by Mr. and Mr. H. C. McPhail.

Literature Rack given in memory of George Edgar Kornegay by his wife and children, Belle, Lillian and Myatt.

IN THE CHANCEL (Sanctuary)

The Altar Table given by the W. S. C. S.

Pulpit given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Andrews by their children.

Pulpit chair given in memory of J. Albert Batson by his wife, Sally and his son, Jimmy A. Batson, Jr.

- 1973 The Choir Director's Stand given in honor of Dorothy B. Flowers and Paul Patten by Mary Bynum Pierson
- 1975 Organ for the Memorial Chapel for Mrs. E. J. Pope, Sr. (Mrs. Mary Newman Pope)
- 1976 Piano for Mrs. Edgar Kornegay
- 1979 The Brass Advent Wreath given in honor of Mrs. Eva Journey Wilkins by Dr. Kenneth Wilkins
- 1979 Pulpit Bible for Edgar Ricks
- 1980 Missle Stand for George William Daughtry, Jr.
- 1980 Outside Bulletin Board for Terry Lee Taylor.
- 1981 Easter Tape for Carillon for Erma Byrd, Anne Wilson Thigpen and Harold Byrd.
- 1981 Water Fountain for Edgar Ricks
- 1981 Book for Gertrude Kornegay
- 1982 Sanctuary and Vestibule Chandeliers and Sconces for Sophia Hargett Potts
- 1983 Portable Communion Set and Hymnals for Leon Britt
- 1983 Dictionary Stand for William Holding
- 1983 Pentecost and Advent Colored Stoles for Choir robes for Paul R. Patten (given by choir)
- 1984 Recording Deck for tape to be used in ministry to "Shut-ins" includes microphones and microphone stand - for Paul Patten
- 1984 Two benches for the breezeway and audio visual cart for general use for R. B. (Pete) Jordan.
- 1984 The historic COKESBURY Bell with oak wall mount in loving memory of Mrs. Margaret D. Kraft and others by family and friends
- 1985-1987 Portable Dishwasher for kitchen in memory of Mrs. Cora Aaron by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster
- Back Drop behind pulpit in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Casey by their family.
- Parlor Furniture given in memory of Norwood D. Sutton and in honor of Annie K. Sutton by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sutton
- TV and VCR in memory of Martha E. Smoot Cox
- White Parament in memory of Hilda Wilson

Pulpit chair given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Elmore Alphin, Sr. by their children.

Pulpit chair given in memory of Norman Franklin Price and Beulah Casey Price by Ruth Grey Patten and family.

Flower Stands given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roland P. Martin by Gertrude Martin Edwards.

Offering Plates given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Thompson by their son, Charles Thompson.

Christian Flag given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Andrews by her nieces and nephews.

United Methodist Flag given in memory of Jim S. Glenn by his wife, Daisy C. Glenn.

United States Flag given in memory of William Whatley Pierson by his wife, Mary H. Pierson.

Flower Vases given in memory of Maude Byrd Hargett and John Thorn Hargett, Jr. by Sophia Hargett Potts.

Baptismal Bowl Given in memory of Mrs. Florence M. Davis by her family.

Acolyte Robe given in honor of Jeff Thigpen by his mother, Anne Wilson Thigpen.

The following memorials have been given either by the family of the deceased or from friends and family since 1970. There is one exception; the beautiful chandeliers and sconces in the Sanctuary and Sanctuary Vestibule were made possible by a bequest of Mrs. Sophia Hargett Potts:

1971 The Rose Window in the choir loft in memory of Laura Lenoir Wilson by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Wilson.

1972 Cross and Candlesticks for Cecil Jackson Winstead, Jr.

1972 Carillon for Fred L. Meacham, Sr.

1973 Choir Chairs given in honor
 Virginia Garrison by Paul Garrison
 Betty Wilkins by Bill Wilkins
 Lucile Herring by Bruce Herring
 Ruby Kornegay by Will Kornegay
 Mary T. Kornegay by her children
 Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hood by their children
 Paul R. Patten by Ruth P. Patten and sons, Stuart and Walter

1973 Choir Chairs in memory of
 Mr. and Mrs. James W. Andrews by their son, Allen E. Andrews
 Mr. W. F. Sutton by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sutton
 Mr. Boyd Wilson by his family
 Mrs. Eva Davis English by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Casey
 Mr. Floyd Wellons by Mrs. Wellons
 Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Britt by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Britt
 Mrs. E. N. Ricks by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ricks
 Mrs. Annie Mae Raper by her daughters
 Mrs. Mary N. Pope by Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Pope
 Mrs. Ann Wilson Thigpen by Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wilson
 Mr. J. L. Smith, Sr. by his family
 Nat and Lula Journey by Mrs. Virginia J. Byrd
 Jack Winstead by Hazel and D. F. Odom, Jr.

Renovation of Kitchen - memorials for Patrick Lee, Annie Potter,
Margaret Davis, Helen Terry, and Lloyd Reaves

Microwave for Kitchen in memory of Wilford D. Wise

Sound System for Hearing in memory of Ernestine Lister

Silverware in Kitchen in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Burnette,
Sr.

Lectern and Light for Pulpit in memory of Marion Sedberry.

Group Study Bibles in memory of Talmadge Hughes and Pearl Joyner
Raper

1988 Lenox Nativity Figurines in memory of Cornelia Elizabeth Sloan

Stereo in memory of Sallie Hughes

Mirror in memory of Johnny Mac Wells

Custom Designed Coat and Umbrella Stand in memory of Cecil Winstead

Water Cooler and Slide Projector in memory of Hilda and Preston Sutton

Candlelighters in memory of Annie Phillips

White Parament Bookmark in memory of Eddice King

Filmstrip Projector in memory of Alice Mitchell

United Methodist Hymnals (100) in memory of Clayton Summerlin

Tablecloth and Stage Carpet in memory of Sadie Andrews

Cokesbury Hymnals in memory of Harvey and Mary McPhail by Mary
Edith McPhail (20)

Glass Doors in memory of Floyd Wellons by Mrs. Floyd Wellons

Original Church Drawing in honor of Edna Wilson by her former
principal, Walter Fulcher

Picture Frames in Library in honor of The Rev. Denny Wise by Mrs.
Floyd Wellons

Silk Flower Arrangement in Library in honor of Judy Wise by Mrs.
Floyd Wellons

1989-1990 Leather Pulpit Hymnal in memory of William Jennings Raper

Collars for Choir Robes in memory of Louise Kornegay by Dr. and Mrs.

Oliver Cope

Green Paraments in memory of Agnes B. Best

Tapestry Stole in memory of Virginia Hassell by Dr and Mrs. Oliver Cope

Interpretation Commentaries in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D Herring by family and friends

Camera in memory of Marie F. Kearney

Breezeway Garden in memory of Floyd Wellons by his wife, Sadie Wellons

Children's Choir Robes in memory of

Mary Beth Kelly

Audrey Cheek

Aldine Whitfield

Lucy Head

Mildred Parker

Benjamin Earl Alphin

George Kornegay, Sr.

Sallie Sutton Phillips

Elizabeth Flowers

Denny Hatcher

James Lee

Esther Burnette

Adult Choir Robes in memory of

Ben Waters

Mrs. Mary Kornegay

Wilford Wise

Mrs. Bernice Williams

Mrs. Sadie Andrews

Mrs. Maud Vickory

Henry Modlin

Randall Hughes

Mrs. Eva Hood

Mrs. Nancy Kennedy

Mrs. Mary T. Gurley

Mrs. Mytis Denson

Mr. Ralph Coley

Mrs. Clara Britt

Adult Choir Robe in honor of

Gwin Lee Cox by Zach Cox

Donation by Peanut Fund

United Methodist Hymnal in memory

A. B. and Eula Grimes (25 Choir)

Clara Britt (35)

Florence D. Wilson (10)

Helan Marshburn Burgess (16)

Thurman Davis (5)
Hubert Smith (2)
Woodrow Wilson Fulcher (2)
William Borgman (2)
Annie P. Phillips (6)
Gladys Andrews (2)
Gene Guthrie (1)
Bertha Swinson (4)
Eldon Hansen (2)
J. Howard Froman (5)
Nancy Long (10)
William Jennings Raper (3)

GIFT "Sing Joyfully" Hymnals for Choir in honor of Eleanor Brubeck
by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brogden

GIFT Frames and Pictures (Historic Photographs) in Library
by Raymond L. Smith

GIFT Computer Funds in memory of Jesse and Blanche Reaves by Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Reaves

Computer Funds in memory of Marion Sedberry by Mrs. Louise
Sedberry

Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Sr., Mrs. E. E. Bryan and Mrs. W. A. Potts are the ladies who
have received memorial monies, kept the records, and acknowledged the gifts.

GIFTS FROM PEANUT FUND
1970-1984

\$500 - Building Fund
\$100 - Wesleyan College
\$100 - Methodist Orphanage
\$100 - toward typewriter (office)
\$200 - Tool Shed (Parsonage)
\$350 - Heaters (church offices)
\$145 - Lawn Mower (church)
\$145 - Hot Dog Warmer (MYF)
\$100 - Rescue Squad
\$125 - Pension Fund Crusade
\$150 - toward Mimeograph machine
\$200 - to Hilda Howard
\$500 - on Church Note
\$150 - Lawn Mower
\$338 - repair Church copier

1984-1990

\$500 - Choir Robes	\$ 95 - CROP WALK
\$2607 - Church Miscellaneous	\$100 - Habitat for Humanity
\$620 - Kitchen Renovation	\$230 - JAMAICA FUND
\$1176 - Parsonage Renovation	\$100 - Retarded Chapel
\$1734 - Upper Rooms	\$1653 - Burn Out Families (18)
\$150 - Memorials	\$1600 - Area Churches in Action
\$100 - Methodist Retirement Home	\$725 - Santa Clause Funds
\$550 - Methodist Home for Children	\$2802 - Special Askings
\$200 - Spirit of Tomorrow	\$100 - Special Olympics
\$100 - District Brothers in Need	\$105 - Childrens Camp
\$100 - Human Relations	\$150 - HUGO
\$100 - Great Hour of Sharing	\$100 - Boys Club
\$830 - Gifts	
\$323 - Flowers	
\$400 - Oxford Orphanage	
\$175 - Shriners	
\$ 10 - Lions	
\$150 - Salvation Army	
\$300 - Rescue Squad	
\$100 - Red Tide	
\$300 - Last Resort	
\$259 - Migrants	
\$ 65 - Cystic Fibrosis	
\$125 - UNICEF	
\$150 - Red Cross	
\$ 25 - Cancer	
\$ 25 - Heart	
\$300 - Masonic Foundation	

Many of our men have worked with the "Peanut Fund" and are listed: Shelton Boyd, Norbert Wilson, H. G. Best, Cecil Winstead, W. T. Hollowell, James Reaves, Lloyd Hontz, Bob Foster, Billy McPhail, Freeman Page, and Ellis Weeks.