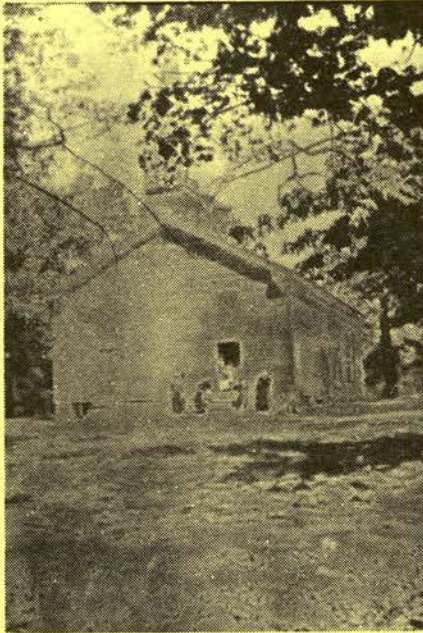
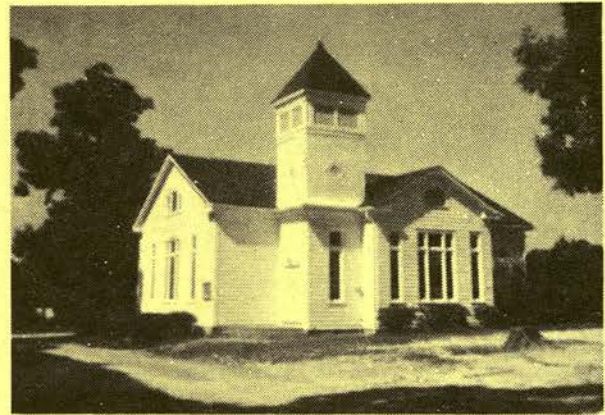


**SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**100 Years of Methodism**



**1880**



**1925**



**1980**

OCTOBER 12, 1980

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On our cover is a photograph of the three buildings that have housed Shiloh Church from its beginning in 1880 till the present. The back cover is a map of Northampton County. Shiloh has been on the Charge with various churches in Northampton County over the years--two of these being Pleasant Hill and Garysburg which are marked on the map. Shiloh Church is now on the Gaston Charge along with Pleasant Hill and Oak Grove United Methodist Churches.

SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1880 ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF METHODISM 1980

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 12, 1980

7th Sunday in Kingdomtide

Enter in silence.....wait in prayer.....worship in reverence

LET US PRAISE GOD

Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles

Acolyte

\*The Call to Worship

Choir

\*Prayer of Invocation

Minister

\*Hymn of Praise

No. 141

Congregation

"There Is a Fountain

LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*Act of Praise

"A Canticle Of The Sanctuary"

Minister: I was glad when my companions said unto me: Come, it is our holy day;

People: Let us go into the house of the Lord; let us take sweet counsel together;

Minister: Let our feet stand within his gates, and heart and voice give thanks unto him.

People: Blessed be the temple hallowed by his name; pray for peace within its walls.

Minister: Peace to young and old that enter there, peace to every soul abiding therein.

People: For friends' and brethren's sake I will never cease to say: Peace be within thee!

Minister: What though for him who filleth heaven and earth there can be no dwelling made with hands;

People: What though his way is in the deep, and his knowledge too wonderful for us, and before him we are as children that cannot speak;

Minister: Yet, touched by the altar's living glow, we learn, as an infant, to lisp his name,

People: And try the wings that beat for his refuge, and flee as a bird to the mountain.

Minister: O Lord, when we cry unto thee from the deep, and wait for thee as they that wait for the morning,

People: Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty; the sigh of the lowly thou wilt not despise.

Minister: Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below: not long wilt thou hearken to those faltering lips.

People: Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

Minister: Let the dead and living praise thee, O God above, below: let all generations praise thee.

People: Let angles in the height praise thee, who dwellest in the heavens.

Minister: Let thy Church on earth praise thee, the delight of whose wisdom is in the children of men.

People: O House of the Lord's praise, peace be to them that love thee!

\*The Gloria Patri

Congregation

\*The Apostles Creed

Congregation

LET US CONFESS OUR NEEDS TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, who of thy great mercy hast gathered us into thy Church; grant that we may so honor thee, both in spirit and in outward form, that thy name may be glorified, and we may be true members of thy living fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LET US SHARE WITH EACH OTHER AND GOD

Concerns of our Community	Responsive
Pastoral Prayer	Minister
Choral Response	Choir
Dedication of Tithes and Offerings	
The Offertory	
*The Doxology	Congregation

LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Historical Cantata	Choir
Written and Arranged by Miss Dorothy Piland	
The Reading from God's Word	
The Centennial Address	Dr. Jack L. Hunter
	Superintendent, Rocky Mount District

LET US DEDICATE OUR LIVES ANEW TO GOD

*Hymn of Dedication	No. 336	Congregation
	"The Church's One Foundation"	
Extinguishing of the Candles		Acolyte
Benediction and Congregational Amen		
Postlude		
* CONGREGATION STANDING		

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Join us for lunch on the grounds immediately following the worship service.

There will be an afternoon service of congregational and group singing beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Evangelistic Services begin tonight at 7:30 p.m. and continue nightly through Thursday. Our speaker each night through Wednesday will be Rev. Wade Golston, noted Bible teacher and Evangelist. Our speaker on Thursday night will be Rev. Joseph J. Grimes, our pastor. Our Centennial Celebration will continue this week with special activities planned for each night.

Monday night - Two members will be given special recognition during this service.

Tuesday night - UMW Life Membership Pins will be presented to two persons.

Wednesday night - All members and former members of Shiloh's ball team will be recognized.

We invite you to join us for these services.

Our thanks to all of you who made today possible by the giving of your time and talents. Our special thanks to Mrs. Annie Roughton and Miss Dorothy Piland, co-chairpersons of the Centennial Committee, for a job well done.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Good Morning! Welcome to our Centennial Celebration. We, the people of Shiloh United Methodist Church, observe this historic event with a sense of humility, reverence, and responsibility; for we are aware that it has been the blood, sweat, tears, joy, and success of our forebearers that has paved the way for our celebration on this day.

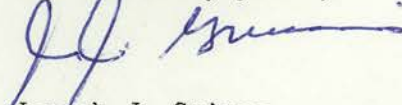
From the first pastor in the year 1880 until the present day, each has blended his own special talents to those of the dedicated laity in the building of our Father's kingdom.

Shiloh Methodist Church had a very humble beginning--a one room wood structure with a handful of charter members. Today Shiloh has a membership of two hundred and eighty three. The present modern structure, which is located on the site of the original church, bespeaks the love, loyalty, and dedication of the fine lay persons which are a part of that long line of splendor.

We are grateful to almighty God for His guidance and strength through these many years. Our prayer is that the same spirit that brought Shiloh Church into existence, will continue to express itself in ministry throughout the years to come.

May God's richest blessings be yours.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. J. Grimes".

Joseph J. Grimes  
Pastor

## 100 YEARS OF METHODISM

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>
1880-82	Not listed	Not listed	Not listed
1883-85	Unable to find Book with appointments		
1896-	Warrenton	Garysburg	J.D. Pegram
1897-1898	Warrenton	Garysburg	
1899-1900	Warrenton	Garysburg	G.W. Fisher
1901-1902	Warrenton	Garysburg	E.W. Fox
1903-1906	Warrenton	Garysburg	J.G. Johnson
1907-1908	Warrenton	Garysburg	D.L. Earnhardt
1909-1911	Warrenton	Garysburg	E.N. Harrison
1912-1915	Warrenton	Garysburg	Marvin Y. Self
1916-1918	Warrenton	Garysburg	R. W. Bailey
1919-1922	Warrenton/Weldon	Garysburg	William Towe
1923	Weldon	Garysburg	C.M. Lance
1924	Weldon	Garysburg	J.A. Thorpe
1925	"	"	B. Duke Critcher
1926	"	"	E.W. Dawnum
1927-29	"	"	O.C. Melton
1930-1933	Rocky Mount	"	J.T. Draper
1934-1935	"	"	H.A. Chester
1936-1937	"	"	Pattishall, L.B.
1938	"	"	L.E. Sawyer
1939-1944	"	Spring Church Garysburg	J.E. Garlington
1945-	"	"	C.E. Crawford
1946-1947	"	"	W.N. Vaughan
1948-1950	"	Roanoke Circuit	J.T. Maides
1951-	"	"	A.S. Lancaster
1952-53	"	"	M.R. Gardner
1954-1956	"	Gaston	A.E. Brown
1957-	"	Gaston	E.H. Measamer
1958-1960	"	Gaston	G. C. Kinlaw

1880

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1980

## 100 YEARS OF METHODISM

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>
1961-1963	Rocky Mount	Gaston	A.L. G. Stephenson
1964-	Rocky Mount	Gaston	C.M. Treihart
1965-	Rocky Mount	Gaston	William Taylor
1966-1967	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Garland Bailey
1968-1970	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Bobby Whitfield
1971-1973	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Herman D. Cocker
1974-1975	Rocky Mount	Gaston	William E. Clements
1976-1978	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Fred Roberts
1978-	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Howard M. Wilkerson
1979-1980	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Carl Fraizer
1980-	Rocky Mount	Gaston	Joseph Junior Grimes

## Vignette

In the passage of a hundred years a few men stand tall because they stepped forth to meet the needs of their time. Shiloh has her list and in our day we especially remember a beloved superintendent, Mr. Jimmy Grant. This courtly gentleman arrived at the church early to make the fire so the sanctuary would be comfortable when the small congregation met to worship. Then he swept the floor, although this might have been considered "a woman's" work in his time. During the depression years when the members could not meet their conference obligations, Mr. Jimmy paid the difference from his own pocket. In our hearts we pay homage to him and the service he rendered.

Not only did Mr. William Grant furnish the land for the Shiloh Church at a give-away price, it fell his lot to provide hospitality for visiting ministers. Often the cooking was done out of doors. So it was on a particular morning. The breakfast was prepared and waiting for the family and ministers to arise from their knees after prayer. Alas, disaster! While all eyes were closed, a chicken had eaten the hoe cake.

The serpent brought temptation into the Garden of Eden; and likewise into the sanctuary of the Shiloh Church during the rendering of the Easter Cantata. The lights were focused on the choir arranged across the pulpit, their voices raised in song. Mrs. Brown, the pastor's wife and pianist, was giving full attention to her performance on the instrument. But top billing must go to the snake which entered a window in the back of the pulpit and slithered along the floor. The eyes of the spectators were focused on this villain. Mr. Grady Roughton arose from the audience, grasped the snake by the head with his bare hand and returned him into the night. Many cantatas have been a part of Shiloh's history but only one had a snake to participate.



*"One Hundred Years of Methodism"*

A  
HISTORICAL CANTATA  
BY  
MISS DOROTHY PILAND

SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
HISTORICAL CANTATA  
"ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF METHODISM"

St. John 1:1-6 "In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not. There was a man sent from God---"

It is to some beginnings and to some of those men-sent from God who strengthened and continued the beginnings-that we turn our thoughts today.

Song No. 1 - Page A of Songs

Of major importance is William Grant. Let us pause to honor his memory. In 1880, from his land holdings, he presented the site for Shiloh Church. This deed was recorded May 3, 1880 in the names of J.A. Squire, J.W. Grant, and N. Grant. The trustees paid him one dollar for this transaction.

Song No. 2 - Page A

It was this same Rev. William Grant who delivered the first sermon in the church.

Song No. 3 - Page A

Let us bear in mind on this day of memories that a church is not a building but a community of faith with the commission from Christ to go into all the world to preach the gospel and to baptize in his name. Sometimes we set our sights too far. We fail to see the need that is close at hand. In 1893, when Shiloh had just become a teenager, her pastor, the Rev. J.R. Tillery began preaching services in a tobacco barn in what is now Roanoke Rapids. God blessed his efforts and today First Methodist on Ronoke Avenue is the result.

Song No. 4 - Page B

Growth requires organization and labor. From the beginning, the Sunday School has been a co-labor with the church. We honor her superintendents and her teachers. On March 6, 1945 cards went out from Re. J.E. Garlington to the women inviting them to attend an organizational meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on March 13 at 7:30. Under Rev. Stephenson the Junior Youth Fellowship was organized. No doubt there were earlier organizations but the work has been continuous since those times with maybe a small lapse. The youth have made many contributions to the church including the Bible on the pulpit and hearing aids on the back of the first pews for the use of those with impaired hearing. Visits to shut-ins and caroling have made their ministry very meaningful, both to themselves and the history of our church.

Song No. 5 - Page B

We hallow the memory of all who have passed this way and whose services to this church have ended in order to assume their place in Heaven. We make special mention of Ralph Baird, a layman, and Rev. Stephenson who sent to their reward within the year 1963-64 while serving Shiloh Church.

Song No. 6 - Page C

In 1925 the original Shiloh was remodeled. In 1950 a parsonage was built and in 1953 a fellowship Hall. These last two are still in use today. Plans were being made for a new sanctuary when a fire in December 1971 necessitated a new building. Volunteers from the membership moved the old building to the side to make room for the new structure. The old church continued to be used. To say the least, ventilation was adequate for the worshipers during the months of construction. Insurance, Duke Endowment, The United Methodist Conference, The Ten Dollar Club and friends of the church made it possible for the new work to go speedily forward.

Dr. Nicholar Grant, the great grandson of the founder of the original Shiloh, preached the first sermon in our new sanctuary on December 2, 1973. In 1976 the church was dedicated and the mortgage was burned.

Song No. 7

In 1967 a new approach was engendered for the youth of the church: Bobby Colston and Danny Copeland initiated Shiloh unto the Church Softball League. The team first played in yellow jerseys, then in blue jerseys with Shiloh printed across the front. New, complete uniforms contributed by friends created a problem at first: the players were afraid they would soil them. Many trophies testify to their good performance in the league but there is no measuring stick by which to judge the value of being a part of the team in Christian athletics.

Song No. 8 - Page D

Today, we too join the team of Christians who have lived the history of Shiloh Church. Through her doors walked Dr. Nicholas Grant, Danny Allen, John Wood and Saunders Claiborne to be ministers of the gospel. In our hands is the responsibility to carry on the mission of our church as co-workers with God.

Song No. 9

-A-

(1)

(TUNE: THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL)

There's a long, long trail a winding  
Back to those days long ago  
When our church was just beginning  
Into what it would grow!  
There were days and nights of planning  
To make the dreams all come true.  
It took prayer and work and loving  
Sacrifices, too.

(2)

(TUNE: IN THE GLOAMING)

In the year of 1880, William Grant  
realized his dream;  
Which for years had been developing  
from a seed into a beam.  
For the sum of just one dollar  
To the trustees of the church  
He presented land for building  
Shiloh that we love so much.

(3)

(TUNE LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING)

William Grant delivered the sermon  
In the early church they say  
And began the Christian service  
Which we celebrate today.  
Led the congregation in singing  
Hymns of God's salvation to man;  
Filled with inspiration and courage  
Fed to them from God's own hand.

-B-

(4)

(TUNE: I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY)

We will sing the wondrous story  
Of this church and how it grew;  
How it wished to spread God's glory  
'Cross the Ronoke River too.  
Yes, we'll sing of Rev. Tillery  
Pastor of the young Shiloh  
Who was filled with mission spirit  
'Cross the river he did go.

In a barn used for tobacco  
He filled others with his zest  
'Til the group began to grow  
And became First Methodist.  
Yes, we'll sing of others like him  
Led by God to do His will  
Sing in praise and supplication  
That their fevor us may fill.

(5)

(TUNE: LOVE LIFTED ME)

Through the Sunday School we learn  
Stories of the past,  
Bible leaders, brave and bold,  
A foundation cast.  
And upon the path they made  
We may in earnest trod,  
For this straight and narrow way  
Leads up to God.

They paved the way, they paved the way,  
A highway that leads to God, They paved the way.  
They paved the way, they paved the way  
Through the wilderness of doubt  
They paved the way!

-C-

(6)

(TUNE: THERE'S A WIDENESS)

Those who gave their life in service  
Have received their just reward  
For their hours of consecration  
To the kingdom of our Lord.  
Let us pause to give them honor:  
Ralph, the faithful layman, he;  
Reverend Stepheson, the pastor;  
Now they rest eternally.

And all members who have labored,  
Shared their laughter and their tears,  
Hand in hand with God's own mercy  
Overcame weakness and fears.  
For their courage we have prospered  
Only forward we must go.  
And throw out the blessed banner  
That our heritage may grow.

(7)

(TUNE: JESUS CALLS US)

Jesus called us to be builders  
Of a church without decay;  
Bring to Him our tithes and talents  
On His altar, them to lay.

Duke endowment and the Conference  
Rallied swiftly to our aid.  
And through consecrated giving  
All indebtedness was paid.

D

(8)

TUNE: TAKE ME OUT OF THE FALLGAME)

Now our church has a ball team.  
Yes, you know that's a fact.  
Having some fun is a part of it.  
Playing the game was the start of it.  
Church attendance is specified.  
Sportsmanship is stressed.  
So they play, play, play the game  
Our own church ball team.

(9)

(TUNE: IN THE GLOAMING)

Men have hopes and aspirations  
As upon this earth they trod.  
**But let everyone remember**  
Our beginning was with God.  
To His hands we yield our future  
In his love we daily trust.  
May we live within His judgement  
For we know that He is just.

