

Emanuel's Word

February 2023

*Love, love, love, love; the gospel in a word is love;
Love your neighbor as yourself; love, love, love.*

This is a round I learned when I was young. I don't remember the specific date, but it may have been on a church family retreat to Shelter Island back in the 70s. Self-dating aside, the ease of which the melody is sung, different voices starting at different places and yielding harmony still touch me all these years later.

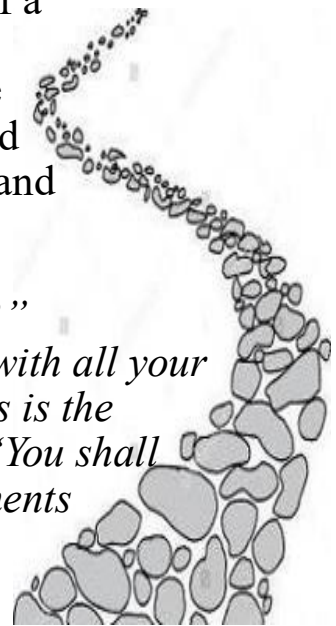
It reminds me that in a congregation we all come together from different places to embark on a shared journey. Some things we have in common: a mutual desire to follow Jesus and a sense of purpose as a congregation. Other things we do not: we are different ages, have attended different schools, worked different jobs, had different life experiences and are likely at different places on our faith journey. Both what is shared in common (the melody) and the differences (the harmony) are needed; and together they are beautiful.

As we move into 2023 (and Lent), may we know the gifts of a Song sung in a round. May we know the gifts melody: a shared song that reminds of our common direction. May we know the gifts of harmony: the variety of gifts that exist and strengthen our family of faith. And may we know the love and beauty that come from encountering both.

³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

³⁷ [Jesus] said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." ~Matthew 22:36-40

Peace, Pastor Jennifer





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From the VP:

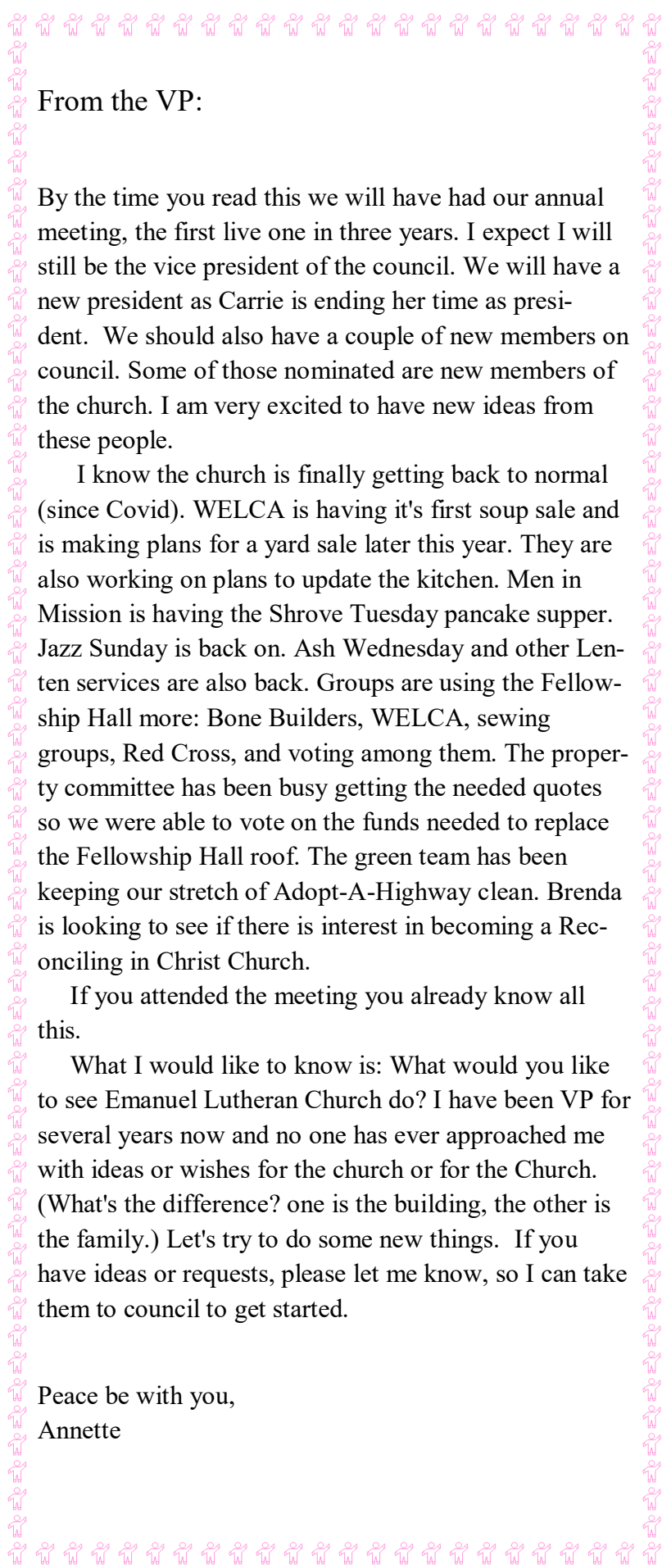
By the time you read this we will have had our annual meeting, the first live one in three years. I expect I will still be the vice president of the council. We will have a new president as Carrie is ending her time as president. We should also have a couple of new members on council. Some of those nominated are new members of the church. I am very excited to have new ideas from these people.

I know the church is finally getting back to normal (since Covid). WELCA is having it's first soup sale and is making plans for a yard sale later this year. They are also working on plans to update the kitchen. Men in Mission is having the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Jazz Sunday is back on. Ash Wednesday and other Lenten services are also back. Groups are using the Fellowship Hall more: Bone Builders, WELCA, sewing groups, Red Cross, and voting among them. The property committee has been busy getting the needed quotes so we were able to vote on the funds needed to replace the Fellowship Hall roof. The green team has been keeping our stretch of Adopt-A-Highway clean. Brenda is looking to see if there is interest in becoming a Reconciling in Christ Church.

If you attended the meeting you already know all this.

What I would like to know is: What would you like to see Emanuel Lutheran Church do? I have been VP for several years now and no one has ever approached me with ideas or wishes for the church or for the Church. (What's the difference? one is the building, the other is the family.) Let's try to do some new things. If you have ideas or requests, please let me know, so I can take them to council to get started.

Peace be with you,
Annette



COUNCIL UPDATE

- Lenten Dinners will take place at the Community Mennonite Church, with the theme 'Spiritual Practices'. Jazz Sunday will be on 2/19 at Christ Episcopal Church, and Shrove Tuesday on 2/21 in our Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday together with UCC. Maundy Thursday will be discussed at the next meeting of the W&M Team. The Ecumenical Good Friday Service will take place at Christ Episcopal Church, followed by the Stations of the City.
- Since Covid Christ Episcopal is serving only the host, not the wine, during Holy Communion. Thus this will be the case on Jazz Sunday.
- For December Budgeted Income is \$6,021.58 less than Budgeted Expenses. YTD Budgeted Income is \$7.68 less than Budgeted Expenses.
- Tithely: Brenda has changed the donation option on our website from Capital Campaign Fund to Project Fund.
- Logistics for the Annual Meeting were discussed. The Annual Report was finalized.
- The Stewardship Team met on 1/8/23.
- Technology: We have 250 followers on Facebook.
- Annual Meeting (hybrid) 1/29 at 11:00 am. Followed by dish-to-pass.
- Next Council meeting: February 15 at 6pm via Zoom.

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary



SERVICE OF IMPOSITION OF ASHES

BEGIN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY AT
EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
149 West William Street, Corning

Join Rev. Henry Pascual and Rev. Jennifer Long for a combined
First Congregational United Church of Christ
and Emanuel Lutheran Church

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 22, 2023, 5:00 PM

Ecumenical
**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

at Emanuel

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 21, 4:30 - 7:00pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church

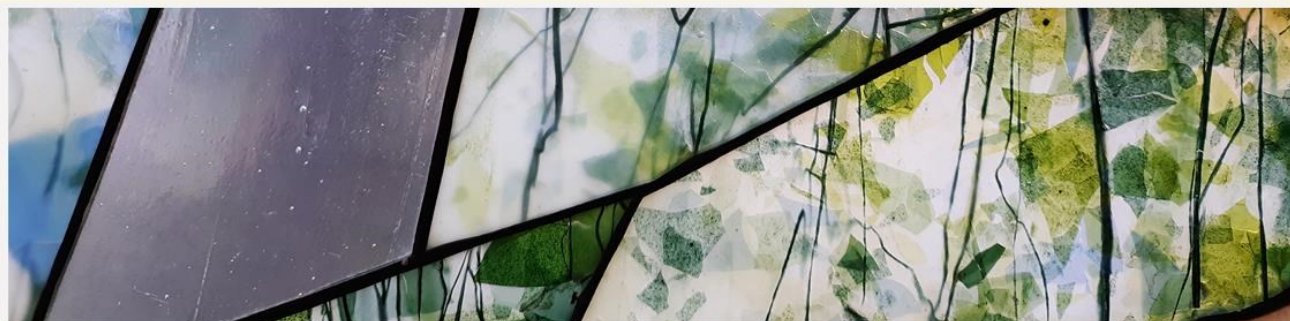
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*Participating Churches: Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Congregational U.C., Christ Episcopal Church,
Community Mennonite Fellowship, First United Methodist, United Church of Painted Post*

Suggested donation:

\$7/person, \$20/family, under 6 free!

Proceeds benefit Corning Meals on Wheels



ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY

“Spiritual Practices”

Thursdays, March 2nd - March 30th

March 2: Spiritual Aspects of Social Media - Rev. Megan Castellan

March 9: The Names of God - Ajaaz Zainul

March 16: Taize - Rev. Don and Donna Hoff

March 23: Exploring Forms of Prayer - Rev. Betsy Sentigar

March 30: Walking Meditation - Rev. Kit Tobin

Soup Supper at 6 p.m., Study & Discussion at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Community Mennonite Fellowship

290 Park Avenue, Corning, NY *(entrance on Hammond Street)*

Fran's Landing will cater the soup & bread.

Community Mennonite will provide it on March 16th.

All are welcome to join us!

Participating Churches: Christ Episcopal Church, Community Mennonite Fellowship,

Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ,

First United Methodist, Church of the Good Shepherd of Savona,

Church of the Redeemer of Addison, and United Church of Painted Post.



Thank You to our volunteers for their assistance with the Shepherd's Table Dinner on December 18th.



Frauke, Stefan, Linda, Phyllis, Caren, Charlotte and WELCA cookie bakers did a wonderful job in providing 60 lasagne dinners for the Salvation Army.

Our remaining 2023 "dinner dates" are scheduled for June 25 and August 20.



WELCA assembled and sent out personal care kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse (in Maryland). Thrivent funds covered the UPS shipping cost, plus a few extra towels to complete 67 kits! Thanks to all who donated and helped pack the kits! God's Work, Emanuel's Hands!

Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

12/18/22	81
12/24/22	114
12/25/22	38
01/01/23	65
01/08/23	59
01/16/23	52

Average Worship Attendance for December 2022: 27

Interested in membership here at ELC?

If so, new members will be received into our family of faith during worship.

Please contact Pastor Jennifer, phone & text at 586-727-9247 and via e-mail at pastorjenniferlong@gmail.com,

if you would like to become a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church.



Thank You, Emanuel folks! My Christmas cash "gift" was very much appreciated!

Lugene Mitchell-Hamilton

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

PLEASE SEND TO JANETTE SMITH AT OFFICE@EMANUELCORNING.ORG OR PLACE ON CHURCH OFFICE DESK NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Stewardship Committee met on January 8th with six people in attendance. Time & talent sheets have been collected, and a master list of volunteers and team leaders has been updated. We will have forms available at our annual meeting.

A suggestion from our guide, “Stewards of God’s Love”, emphasizes that a mission statement for the committee is helpful to maintain focus while we work together as a group. We will share our mission statement with the congregation. **“YOUR TIME AND SKILLS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD; WHAT YOU DO WITH THEM ARE YOUR GIFT TO GOD”**

We discussed the importance of recognizing all those individuals who contribute to stewardship both inside and outside our church and congregation. If you have a “stewardship sighting” (a picture or story you would share with our committee), let us know!

So, considering that, here is a “STEWARDSHIP SHOUT-OUT” to WELCA FOR organizing, collecting, and packing personal care kits for those in need! Awesome job!!!

At our next meeting in March (date TBD), we will discuss plans for a tentative “Stewardship Sunday” in May as a “thank you” for everyone who helps with their talents and skills.

God’s Blessings,

The Stewardship Team



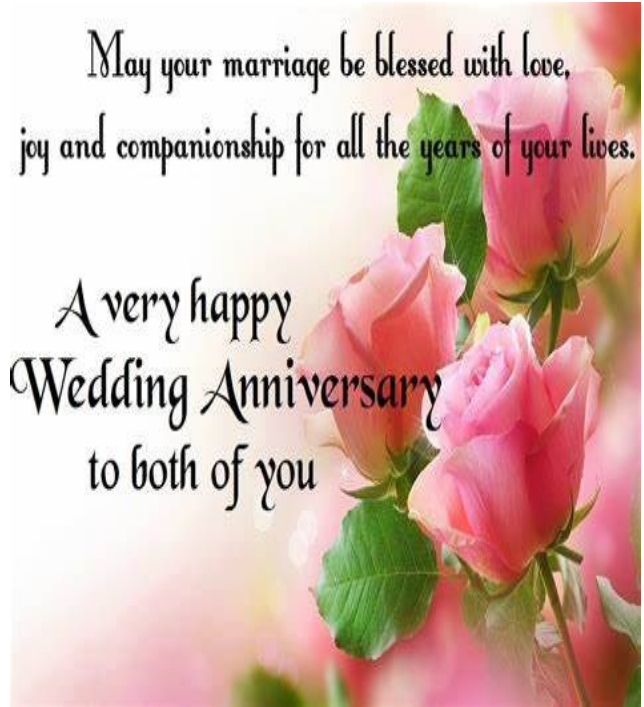
Anniversary

Julie and Duane Miller 2/1

Joan and Tim Gates 2/14

May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you

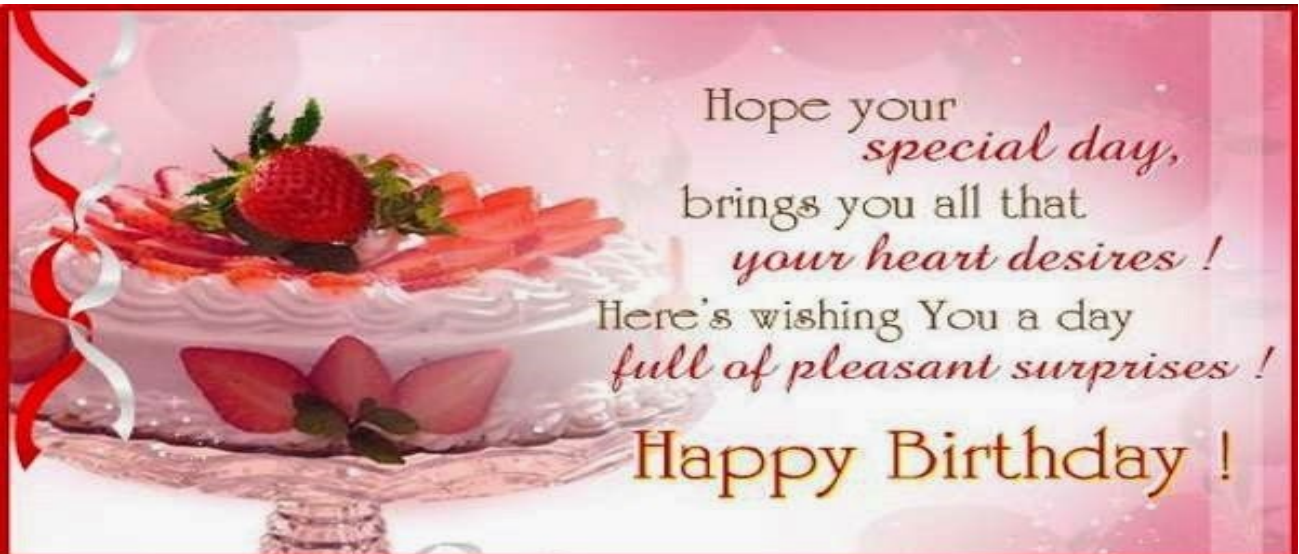


BIRTHDAYS

Laura Link 2/1

Phyllis Brandes 2/7

Hope your
special day,
brings you all that
your heart desires !
Here's wishing You a day
full of pleasant surprises !
Happy Birthday !



February 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 12</u>	<u>February 19</u> JAZZ SUNDAY at Christ Episcopal Church	<u>February 22</u> Ash Wednesday Pastor Jennifer Long	<u>February 26</u> Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long		Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	_____	Mary Ellen Brennan	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Sue Doyle-Rector	Phyllis Brandes	_____	Carrie Smith	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/ Technology	Jacob Hufnagel	Josephine Sauer	_____	Gage Machuga	Jacob Hufnagel
Greeter	Charlette Estep	Carrie Smith	_____	Laura Link	Carrie Smith
Usher	John Rector	Lew Brandes	_____	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Miller Team	Phyllis Brandes	_____	Charlotte Estep	Phyllis Brandes
Counters	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team	_____	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team

**If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity and find that you will be unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you.
Thank you!**

Property Meeting—February 26th

I would like to have a quick property meeting on February 26th after service to discuss property needs through the spring season. The main topic will be the fellowship hall replacement in late spring. All are welcome with questions or concerns, please attend and let me know.

Jim Passmore

Mark Your Calendars....

Sunday, Feb. 19th, 10 a.m. -

Jazz Sunday

Christ Episcopal Church

Please be aware, we will worship at Christ Episcopal, so there will be no service here.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 - 7pm -

Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 5pm -

Combined FCUCC and Emanuel Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday Service at Emanuel Lutheran Church

Thursdays, Mar. 2 - Mar. 30, 6pm -

Ecumenical Lenten Study “Spiritual Practices”

Soup at 6pm and Study begins at 6:30 pm

Community Mennonite Fellowship, 290 Park Ave., Corning

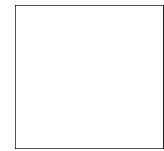


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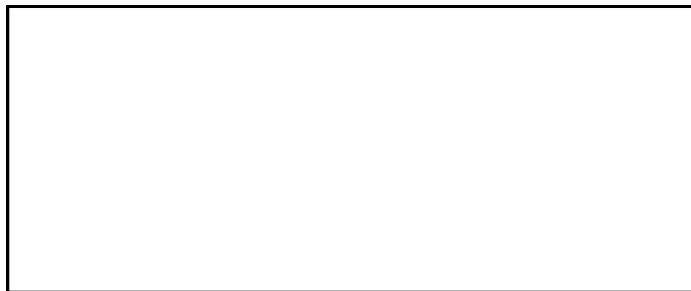
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5 10 am Worship	6 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	7 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	8	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship	13 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	14 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM	15 Council Meeting Via ZOOM 6PM	16	17	18
19 JAZZ SUNDAY At Christ Episcopal Church	20 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	21 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 Ecumenical SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner 4:30 pm—7:00pm AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	22 Ash Wednesday Service at 5PM	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship Property Meeting after service	27 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	28 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	1	2	3	4
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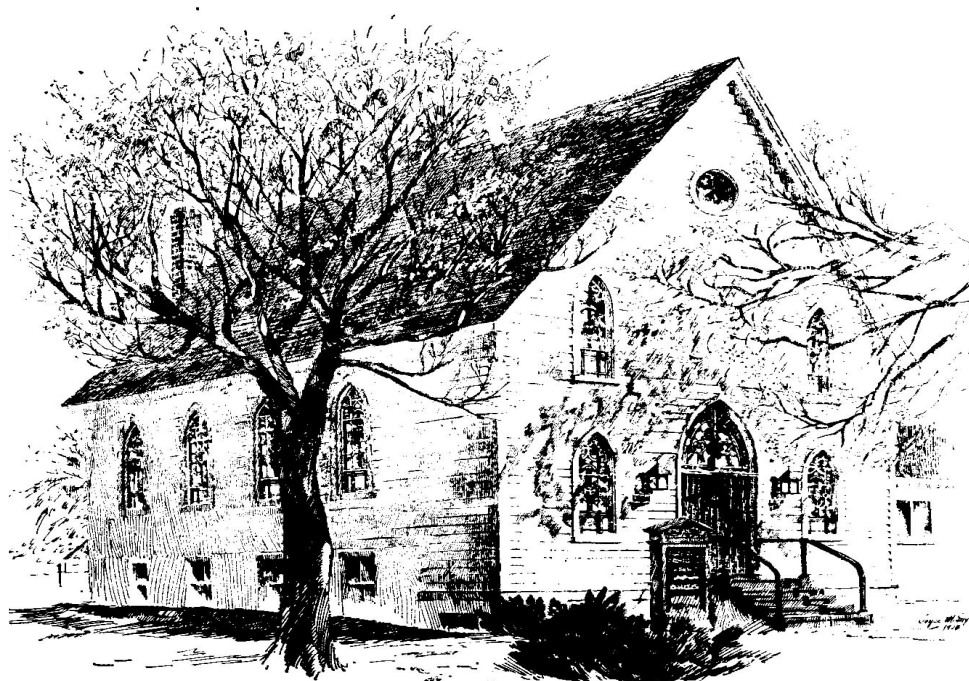
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