

## History of The Church- 1986

Our new year began as usual with the celebration of Holy Communion. 1986 has been a very dynamic year in the life of our church. There has been so much joy- some sorrow and ,above all change, change, change! We have been sad at the departure of several of our staff members and happy to welcome those who took their place and brought us new challenges. We have welcomed many new members, lost some of our dear ones and grieved with one heart at the loss of one of our youth. Our building has had a face lift with the reworking of all the stained glass windows.

The early days of January brought us our first challenge in the guise of a fallen ceiling over the choir loft. For several Sundays, we faced plastic drapes while the ceiling was repaired and the Organ cleaned. This gave the Choir an opportunity to sit among us. Marvin Autry took over as Superintendent of the Sunday School. The Search Committee for a new Associate Minister was appointed and began some very serious and difficult work with Mr. Thomas Dzubay as chairman.

Mr. Arthur L. Foster was unanimously appointed by the Session as "Life Elder" to honor his total commitment to our church for so many years.

February started with one of the most beautiful and moving services we have had as Dr. Bennett led us in a memorial service for our dead Astronauts and their families. We joined the nation in sorrow for this tragedy. February also brought us to election time as we searched our souls to pick our leaders.

Elders elected were: Gerald Gibson, Laurence D. Kirkland, Jr. , J. David Ross, M. Bruce Shields, Richard Tuthill, William D. Kimbrell, and L.R. Shaw.

Deacons elected were: Marshall M. Boon, Beth Cornwell, Richard M. Draffin, J. Bruce Hoof, James A. Nunley, Frances Rollins, Allwn Woodward, and Madison Yarbrough III.

Our Christian Education Committee endorsed a position description for a part time Director of Christian Education and the search was on!

Family Night in February was treated to "Adams Apple" , a childrens musical drama presented by our Crusader and Chapel Choirs.

Mrs. Dorothy Brock represented the Women of The Church of Orange Presbytery to El Paso and Juarez Mexico for on-site planning of Border Ministry" which will be the W.O.C. birthday objective this year.

Mr. Russell N. Barringer Sr. , Elder and Trustee, celebrated his 83rd. birthday with great style.

With the Lenten season, March was filled with many activities as well. Blanket Sunday \$1,165 to enable Church World Service to purchase and supply the homeless all over the world with blankets. Many of our members helped organize and participated in Crop Walk.

We honored and remembered family and friends with many Lillies on Easter Sunday as we joyfully celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Communicants were received into the membership on Maundy Thursday.

Mrs. Gertrude White celebrated her 91st. birthday on March 28.

Our search committee for Assoc. Minister continued to struggle through many applications!

With April came a return to the Cloistered Garden for our receptions after Church. Our first one was to honor Tim and Anna Ehrlich who left their service to our congregation to work with the United Methodist

Church here. We are grateful for their work with us and our prayers will follow them. The Primetimers were ready to celebrate Spring and were off to New Bern for an enjoyable and educational trip.

May arrived and our new Director of Christian Education, Betty Berghaus, began her work on a part time basis. The search for a new Associate Minister was concluded! What a good job this committee has done! Gregory Allen Goodwiller will arrive in mid June. God has blessed us with some truly talented leaders. The congregational meeting to extend our call to Gregory was May 11. Family Camp at Presbyterian Point topped off May and enriched our family life. May saw the beginning of restoration of our Sanctuary Stained Glass Windows, a long needed repaired for our Church.

There was sadness in May as well when it was necessary for us to replace our Choir Director, Sharon Simons. Although this change was perceived as necessary for the congregation and Sharon, we appreciated the work that she has done during her time here and wish her much success in her next job.

Gregory and Stephanie Goodwiller joined our Church in June when Gregory officially became our Associate Minister. Many of our young people graduated from High School and College and another search committee was appointed for a Minister of Music with R. Tom Beavers as chairman. Our Ruling Elder Robert L. Blake served as Commissioner for Orange Presbytery to General Assembly, Presbyterian Church U.S.A. from June 10-20 in Minneapolis, Minn.

A hot July arrived with many important dates in our Church life. Mrs. Betty S. Berghaus was installed as Director of Christian Education on July 20 and Gregory A. Goodwiller was ordained and installed as Associate Minister July 27.

Our summer vacation school for Kindergarten through sixth grade was from July 21-25 and was most successful.

The most delightful of our church socials - the annual Ice Cream Social was held Aug. 3 in the Refectory. Ballons, a Barbershop Quartet, and many freezers of ice cream, homemade cookies, and cake made this a special occasion of fun and fellowship for all our congregation.

A little vacation for Dr. Bennett and more hot dry August continued.

September was a month of new beginnings for T.A.P.C. On Sunday Sept. 7, we had Christian Education Rally Day. Starting with a continental breakfast in the Refectory for all church members, we then went to individual classes and later to Church to conclude a day of dedication and service to Christian Education.

On Sunday, September 14, the Annual Meeting of 'Women of The Church' was held. At this time an Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Mayme Hampton to honor her many years of loyal service to T.A.P.C. An excellent presentation "This is Your Life" speech was given by Mrs. Agnes Winstead and many friends and family members were there to share this 'surprise' with Mayme.

A Pig Picking to honor new members of the past year was held in the afternoon of Sept. 21 and was a great success! Chief Chefs were Louis and Diane Wade. Wonderful aromas were evident even at Sunday School hour as cooking was done on the premises.

On the last Sunday in September, DR. John Redhead delivered an excellent sermon to us on 'You and Your Church', leaving us no doubt as to

our stewardship responsibilities! Stephen J. Ketterer was installed as our Director of Music as we also had a service of dedication for all our choir members.

October is our month of dedication and a busy one it was!! AS our Every Member Canvassers went to work, many meetings at the Church were held to stress our Stewardship responsibilities. A Brunswick Stew Supper Breakfast for all adult Sunday School Classes, and a Prayer Breakfast for the men of the church filled our month as we prepared for Loyalty Sunday.

Our own 'Mama' Bennett celebrated her 90th. birthday on Oct. 25 with much love from all of the congregation.

In early November, Dr. Dan Durway, a past associate minister, returned to our pulpit for a Sunday Service.

Orange Presbytery recognized the forty year ministry of Dr. Bennett at its November meeting in Raleigh. Thirty eight of these years have been here at our church. How fortunate we have been!

Loyalty Sunday , Nov. 29, climaxed our Stewardship Season with the dedication of our pledges.

A dedication service of our new Kawai Gfand Piano , donated anonymously to enhance the life of our church , was held on Nov. 23 . With very special music on the piano by Mrs. Agnes Winstead(a former organist choirmaster for many years) and Mr. Vincent Phillips, a musician-in -Residence at North Carolina State University. An awe inspiring performance of Chop n brought several encores and was a most suitable dedication for such a special gift.

December brought us great sorrow as well as our many celebrations of this season. We mourned the death of one of our youth, Allison Elizabeth Hoof, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hoof who was killed in an automobile accident.

Early in the month, we began making wreaths and decorating the church to celebrate Christmas. The sanctuary was very beautiful with the Christmas tree, banks of Poinsettia, and wreaths. We had the 'Warming of the Tree' at our morning worship service on Dec.12. These many gifts to keep children warm will go to the Department of Social Service.

Christmas Family Night , we were treated to an excellent Christmas Pageant featuring the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and other youth in our church. This service was dedicated to the memory of Allison E. Hoof. A reception in the refectory followed this service and was sponsored by the W.O.C.

A beautiful Christmas Eve service of carols, lessons, and candlelight climaxed our congregational celebrations and made us stop to reflect on the true meaning of this season.

December 28 was designated as a congregational meeting to end our business for this year and prepare for the new year. WE voted to incorporate our church with a unanimous vote and elected a nominating committee to prepare a slate of nominees for Elders and Deacons.

1986 was a busy , active year for our Church!

Respectfully Submitted -

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