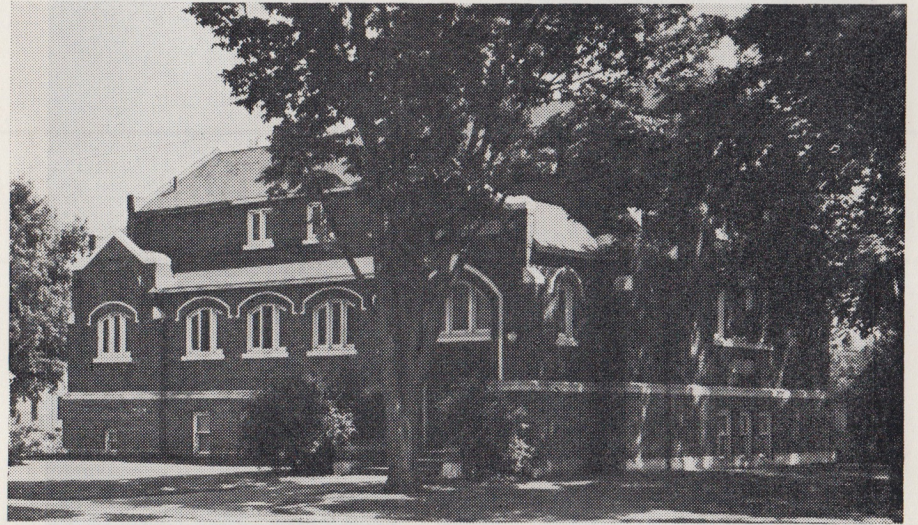


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Jubilee

Pine City Methodist Church

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*"Lord I have loved the habitation
of thy house, and the place where
Thy honor dwelleth." Ps. 26:8.*



Bishop T. Otto Nall

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Resident Bishop, Minnesota Area

DR. EDWARD S. MARTIN
District Superintendent, Northeast District

REV. CLAIR R. KESS
Pastor

1962-1963 Church Officers

TRUSTEES:

Charles Bettinger
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Burton Ellig

Fritz Johnson
Dick Kiel
J. M. Gillespie
Alvin Janke
Arnold Nelsen

STEWARDS:

Mrs. Ethel Gray
Paul Stumne
Mrs. Roy White

Mrs. Minnie DeForest
Mrs. Jim Berglund
Mrs. Amos Peterson

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CHAIRMAN OF OFFICIAL BOARD: Alvin Janke

TREASURER: Lloyd Pearthree

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RECORDING STEWARD: Mrs. Dorothy Bell

LAY SPEAKERS: Keith Selleck, Burton Ellig

LAY LEADER: Wayne White, James Berglund (Alternate)

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COMMISSION CHAIRMEN:

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Mrs. Wayne White

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION: Mrs. J. M. Gillespie

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Dick Kiel

COMMUNION STEWARD: Mrs. William Caroon

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CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mrs. Lloyd Pearthree

CUSTODIAN: Jesse Jewell

PINE CITY METHODIST CHURCH

1887 Diamond Jubilee Program 1962

AUGUST 24-26, 1962

Friday Evening — 8 P. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE, "Thanks Be to God," Handel ..Mrs. James Engel
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN No. 382 "The Churches One Foundation"... No. 1 in Red Book
PRAYER Rev. James E. Dowler
TROMBONE SOLO "The Holy City," AdamsMichael Selleck
Nancy Selleck Strege, Accompanist
SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:25-32
INFORMAL MOMENTS Rev. Clair Kess
OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach
DEDICATION
CHORAL RESPONSE
VOCAL SOLO "My Wonderful Dream," Gabriel..Rev. W. R. C. Baker
INTRODUCTIONS Rev. Clair Kess
SERMON The Church of Our DreamsBishop T. Otto Nall
*HYMN No. 379 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"177 in Red Book
*BENEDICTION Rev. James E. Dowler
POSTLUDE "Mit Frenden Zart" 1566Mrs. James Engel

A Social Hour will follow in Friendship Hall

Saturday Evening — 6:30 P. M.

Banquet in Friendship Hall followed by an informal program. Wayne White will be Master of Ceremonies and guest speaker will be Rev. Ernest Lowe, pastor of Hamline Methodist Church and son of one of our former pastors, Rev. John Lowe. Special music will be furnished by Mr. Howard Correll of the Hanging Horn Music Camp and Miss Julane Janke of Pine City.

Sunday Morning — 10:45 A. M.

ORGAN SELECTIONS Mrs. James Engel
VIOLIN SOLO "Berceuse" from Joclyn, Godard...Mrs. Alma Clark
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
*HYMN No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"341 in Red Book

* Indicates the congregation shall stand.

*THE APOSTLES CREED

VOCAL SOLOMr. George Warhol
RESPONSIVE READING Page 588 The Spirit of Faith

*THE GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:7-17

SILENT PRAYER Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Response

ANTHEM "All Hail the Power" The Choir

THE CHURCH NOTICES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY, Organ and Piano Duo....Mrs. J. Engel, Mrs. C. Kess
Largo from "Xerxes," George F. Handel

DEDICATION Choral Response

*HYMN No. 380 "Jesus With Thy Church Abide"

SERMON What Makes a Church Great Rev. John R. Miller

*HYMN No. 382 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" 40 in Red Bk.

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE "Marche Pontificale," Gounod.....Mrs. James Engel

Potluck Dinner in Friendship Hall

Sunday Afternoon — 2:30 P. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Elma Gottry
"But the Lord is Mindful of His Own," Mendelssohn

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN No. 162 "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing" 121 in Red Book
(Omit verse number five in Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER Rev. Clair Kess

VOCAL DUET "Follow Me"Marilee and Ardys White

INFORMAL MOMENTS Rev. Clair Kess

*HYMN No. 267 "Rise up, O Men of God"158 in Red Book

SERMON Rev. Bruce Erikson

ANTHEM "Battle Hymn of the Republic" The Choir

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE "Andantino" Haydn Mrs. Elma Gottry

Mrs. Clair R. Kess, Choir Director

Instrumental music by Bernard Shimek, Michael Selleck, Gary Blanchard and Richard Kess

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never-tiring person, he was ever ready to help the neighboring churches and communities, and never too busy to call on those who were sick or in trouble.

After four years Rev. W. K. Gray, who will be remembered for his Evangelistic sermons and the inspiring prayer meeting services, came to serve this pastorate for two years. His son, George, entered the ministry in 1912.

Rev. H. H. Parish, son of Rev. J. J. Parish, came to finish the year and remained for five years when he decided to go into temperance work in Minnesota. He later became a national executive of Temperance Education, Inc. He retired some three years ago and passed away in November, 1961.

There was no parsonage until 1911 when the building located on the corner of what is now 5th Avenue West and 7th Street was purchased. Rev. H. H. Parish and wife were the first to occupy it.

During the three-year pastorate of Rev. H. H. Hare, who came in 1915, many improvements were made in the church such as redecorating, purchasing new pulpit furniture, chairs and installing new light fixtures. Rev. Hare was a good soloist and worked with the choir.

The minutes do not record all the things that were done through these years, but all the officers of the various organizations and the faithful teachers were carrying on with scarcely a break and always with the aim of higher levels of spiritual and social life for our town.

Rev. W. E. Young and family followed Rev. Hare and served the church for two years as did Rev. James Orrock, who was followed by Rev. John Lowe who came in 1922. During Rev. Lowe's four-year pastorate subscriptions were taken to build a new church. A Dr. Kester was holding \$1,000 in his bank for us from the Rush City church property and if we would raise \$1,800 he would give us \$250 more. Wishing to avail ourselves of this offer, steps were taken at once to secure subscriptions. With \$334 in the treasury, a possible \$100 available from the Ladies' Aid, several other good subscriptions were promised.

The building committee appointed was C. H. Beechel, G. R. Christopher, Elmer Carrier and A. P. Norton, who were to submit plans to the finance committee consisting of Messrs. P. L. Hamlin,

J. H. Woehrle, R. Gray, A. W. Piper and Rev. John Lowe. The architect was Mr. W. L. Alban of St. Paul.

By February 1926 it was reported that about \$9,000 had been raised or subscribed for. The building was started in the spring of 1927, the old building torn down and the material used in the new construction. Services again were held in the town hall with Rev. T. B. Clark as pastor. He came in October 1926 to serve the church. On August 14, 1927 the new church was ready for dedication. Bishop Charles E. Locke, District Superintendent, F. W. Harron and Roy L. Smith were the principal speakers. It was a very happy occasion for all those who had a part in this achievement. It's impossible to give special praise to everyone but the church stands today, 35 years later, as mute evidence that all worked in the interest of the Kingdom of God. During Rev. Clark's stay here Mrs. Clark will be remembered as being a concert violinist.

Evangelist George L. Barker, who earlier held very impressive meetings here, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gray where he spent his last two years. Rev. Lorenzo Johnson came in 1929 to stay for five years. Mrs. Johnson did very good work with the children in Junior League and Sunday School. Rev. John L. Parish, also a son of the late Rev. J. J. Parish, came in 1934 to serve as pastor for two years. Mrs. Parish was a faithful member of the choir. At about this time Mrs. Ethel Gray relieved Mr. Knute Sandberg as head of the Home Department of the church. She has been a faithful worker through all these years making as many as 1,000 calls a year and is still carrying on. Rev. L. D. McGladrey and family, who came from Mora in 1936, worked with us for three years.

In the spring of 1937 the church was seated with chairs, a project encouraged by Mr. Boyle, his last work for the church. This same year the church celebrated its 50th Anniversary and the 10th Anniversary of the new church. Another happy occasion to be remembered. During Rev. McGladrey's ministry some of the members put on a home talent play to raise money to buy the choir robes which are still in use.

Rev. Donald J. Lathrop came in August, 1939, to finish out the year of Rev. Peter Burleigh who left for the west. Before Rev. Lathrop and wife left for Moose Lake in 1941 they saw the

mortgage paid off by generous friends of the church. He was followed by Rev. George L. Lutz who after two years left for the Chaplaincy in the Army. His wife and children remained for a while to work with the Rock Creek and West Rock churches before leaving for California to make their home there. Mrs. Lutz, a soloist, also organized a Junior or Children's Choir, leaving her directorship to Mrs. James Engel. Later Mrs. William Wilson, also a soloist, took charge of the Junior Choir.

The appointment of Richard Blake as music instructor in the Pine City High School brought his parents, the Rev. Charles Blakes, to serve the church. Although retired he was very busy and well liked by everyone. During his stay here the church was beautifully decorated at a cost of \$1,400. A coal stoker was installed, made possible by C. H. Beechel and A. W. Piper. In June, 1945, the Blakes moved to Aitkin.

From June to September the pulpit was filled with laymen and pastors from various other places. Then Dr. Paul L. Snyder, District Superintendent, sent Pastor John R. Miller to serve Pine City as a station appointment and he remained for seven years.

In 1946 Mrs. Marilla Gottry's unusual term of nearly sixty years of service as secretary of the official board was recognized by the congregation. She was presented with a purse of \$160 to take a trip west. She kept up her good work for another five years.

On May 5, 1947, the new Wurlitzer Organ, the new pews and communion table arrived to add beauty and service to the interior of the church. The organ came as a gift from A. W. Piper as a memorial for his wife, Minnie. The pews have all been paid for as a memorial for some loved one as have most of the stained glass windows.

In March, 1949, the first pledge of \$100 for the new parsonage was made by Richard Downing. On July 5, a ground breaking ceremony took place when Mrs. Marilla Gottry and A. W. Piper, the oldest members of the church, and Jimmy Miller, son of the pastor, the youngest, turned over the first shovelful of dirt. On December 5, the Miller family moved into the new parsonage and held open house for members and friends on January 1, 1950. In June, 1952 the Miller family was moved to Montevideo.



The Church Parsonage

During the next seven years much improving was done. A new concrete sidewalk was laid along the church property, the church re-roofed, the building insulated, the heating system revamped, the brick facing repaired, a new tile floor laid in Friendship Hall, some redecorating done and a new Propane gas furnace installed. Much of the expense of these improvements was met by a building and improvement fund of about \$4,500 left by the A. W. Piper estate. There were many other minor improvements not mentioned but appreciated just as much.

Rev. James E. Dowler and family served the church from 1952 to 1956 when much of this work was being done. Mrs. Dowler did a lot of good influential work among the young folks. She also occasionally filled the pulpit at one or the other of the three churches that are included in the Pine City charge namely, Pine City, Brook Park and Pokegama.

In July, 1956, the Rev. D. Price Lackey family came from Kansas to the Pine City charge. After two and a half years they moved to Harmony to take up the work there. Mr. Bruce Erikson, a student from Duluth, came to fill out the year. He, with his new bride did a wonderful work while here. Rev. Robert Moore came in June, 1959 to serve the church for two years when he was sent to Hibbing to assist the minister there and work with the young people as counselor.

In the summer of 1960 the new double garage was built.

The cost was partially covered by a bequest in Mrs. Daisy Carrier's will designated for that purpose. The congregation was grateful to student Loren Grage and his wife, Connie, for carrying on from June, 1961 to October when our present pastor, Rev. Clair R. Kess and family came from Montevideo to take charge. Mrs. Kess directs the choir and is very active in other work of the church.

Since the first of this year the redecorating of the entire sanctuary has been done. During this six weeks project the floors were sanded and refinished and the walls and ceilings painted. Some work was done on the stairs and the basement. This work was done by volunteer labor and donations came in from the members and friends to pay for materials.

Much could be said about all the different members who over the years devoted a lot of time and money without recognition but with a source of satisfaction to themselves for having had a part in the work for the Lord and community.

Mention must be made that the pictures hanging in the church were handpainted by the late Richardson Gray who was a layleader of the church and a faithful worker in the Sunday School and with the young people since 1908. In years of service, Mrs. Elma Gottry deserves recognition for having been organist and pianist most of the time since 1911. She still plays occasionally in the absence of the present organist, Mrs. James Engel, who also deserves commendation.



Dr. Martin

As our present District Superintendent, Dr. Edward Martin, told us in his sermon of August 5th, "we must carry on Christ's work — do the duties of today and look towards the possibilities of tomorrow." The most recent "duty" or improvement necessary at this time was the rewiring of the church, the first phase of which was done July, 1962. A new fuse box, meters and heavy wiring have been put in to take care of the

areas of the church most urgently in need of rewiring such as the kitchen, wiring to the organ, etc. Rewiring of the main sanctuary will be done at a later date.



Rev. Kess

The official board designated the following Memorials to which members and friends may donate in memory of loved ones: new organ, church equipment, church furniture and building developments.

Still looking into the future, we are purchasing the John Gray property adjoining the south side of the church. As we expect to grow and expand in the coming years, this additional property will be a great asset to our church plant.

Great churches aren't built of stone and steel
 Or mortar, brick and sand;
 They rise from human hearts that feel
 And love and understand.
 Their greatest treasures are not kept
 In guarded banks or vaults,
 But in the will that never slept
 Until it cured its faults.

Great churches don't happen; they are built
 By people large and small
 Who press their fortunes to the hilt —
 Respond to duty's call.
 The greatness of a church is known
 By one transcendent trait;
 The quality of seed we've sown.

— Ernest Rogers.

Dear Heavenly Father, it is to Thee, our ever loving Guide and Commander; that we so humbly dedicate this history of our church. We dedicate the memory of the events and the faithful workers, who through Thy loving care and guidance have brought us to this day of "Jubilee," the seventy-fifth year from the beginning, but not the end, of Thy great work in the Pine City Methodist Church.

Bless us each and everyone, Dear Father, that we may carry on the work that your faithful followers started so long ago. AMEN.

—Prayer written by Miss Carmen Kelley.

The Pastors of Our Church

Richard N. Avison.....	February 1887	October 1887
S. W. Simonds	April 1888	October 1889
George S. Parker	October 1889	October 1891
Richard Sanderson	October 1891	October 1892
Luther Speers	October 1892	July 1893
C. Alderson	July 1893	October 1893
T. N. Fleetham	October 1893	October 1896
Harrison Taylor	October 1896	October 1901
John Hartley	October 1901	October 1902
W. E. Loomis	October 1902	October 1903
Geo. G. Ferguson	October 1903	October 1904
J. J. Parish	October 1904	October 1908
W. K. Gray	October 1908	June 1910
H. H. Parish	June 1910	October 1915
H. H. Hare	October 1915	October 1918
W. E. Young	October 1918	October 1920
James Orrock	October 1920	deceased
		August 1922
John Lowe	October 1922	October 1926
T. B. Clark	October 1926	October 1929
Lorenzo Johnson	October 1929	October 1934
John L. Parish	October 1934	October 1936
L. D. McGladrey	October 1936	April 1939
Peter Burleigh	May 1939	August 1939
Donald J. Lathrop	August 1939	June 1941
George L. Lutz	June 1941	September 1943
C. H. Blake	September 1943	June 1945
John R. Miller	September 1945	June 1952
James E. Dowler	June 1952	June 1956
D. Price Lackey	July 1956	January 1959
Bruce Erikson	January 1959	June 1959
Robert Moore	June 1959	June 1961
Loren Grage	July 1961	October 1961
Clair Kess	October 1961	Still Serving

Ladies' Aid Presidents

Mrs. M. C. Bracket	Mrs. Kohlb
Mrs. S. W. Simonds	Mrs. Schumaker
Mrs. Lamson	Mrs. W. P. Gottry
Mrs. A. M. Nason	Mrs. G. R. Christopher
Mrs. Hattie Pennington	Mrs. Hannah Beechel
Mrs. Nellie Axtell	Mrs. Emma Blanchard
Mrs. Robert Greig	Mrs. Daisy Carrier
Mrs. J. Griffith	Mrs. Jorgenson
Mrs. George Ruffcorn	Mrs. Ethel Gray
Mrs. A. W. Piper	Mrs. A. E. Gustafson
Mrs. C. W. Kelley	Mrs. Lena White

Presidents of Woman's Society of Christian Service

FROM 1940 —

Mrs. Olive Clyne	Mrs. Ann Janke
Mrs. Paul Walberg and Mrs. John Thomas (co-presidents)	Mrs. Doris Pearthree Mrs. Ruthellen Berglund

Jubilee Committees

HISTORY AND PUBLICITY:

Mrs. Ethel Gray, Chm.	Mrs. Elma Gottry
Mrs. Rosie Holland	Miss Carmen Kelley
Mrs. Wm. Caroon	Mrs. Gust Christopher
Mrs. Martha Hamlin	Mrs. Hannah Beechel

ENTERTAINMENT:

Mrs. Carl Doft, Chm.	Mrs. Keith Selleck
Mrs. Lloyd Pearthree, Co-Chm.	Mrs. Burton Ellig
Mrs. Wayne White	Mrs. Olga Wenborg

HOSTESS AND HOUSING CHM.: Mrs. Clair Kess

DECORATIONS: Mrs. Olga Wenborg, Mrs. Wm. Kelley

BANQUET: Evening Volunteers Circle

POTLUCK DINNER: Willing Workers Circle

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL HOUR:

Entertainment Committee

Memorials

- I. PICTURES: These were handpainted by Mr. Richardson Gray.
- A. On the north wall of the sanctuary is the picture "I Am the Light of the World," a gift to the church in honor of Mrs. W. P. Gottry's 60th year as secretary of the church.
 - B. On the south wall of the sanctuary is the picture "Christ at Gethsemane," in memory of Bobby Gottry.
 - C. On the west wall of the reception hall is the picture "The Good Shepherd," in memory of Dickie Hanson.
- II. PICTURE EQUIPMENT:
- A. The projector — in memory of Mr. Grant Nicoll, given by his wife, Mrs. Nicoll.
 - B. Picture screen — in memory of Mrs. Daisy Carrier.
- III. PULPIT:
- A. Baptismal font — in memory of Mrs. W. P. Gottry.
 - B. Offering plates — in memory of DeWitte Gottry and Joseph Carlson.
 - C. Altar set — in memory of Richardson Gray, given by the church members and business men. This includes the Cross, candlestick holders and vases.
 - D. The Lighted Cross—in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doft given by Carl Doft.
 - E. Candle lighter — in memory of Mrs. Daisy Carrier.
 - F. Large Bible — King James Version — in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halverson, given by Mrs. Pearl Kuntz.
 - G. Large red Bible — Revised Version — in memory of Mrs. Clara Heath, given by Mrs. Hazel Knudson.
 - H. Blue Velour draperies in choir loft and on rail — in memory of Mrs. A. P. Norton, given by Mrs. Ethel Gray.
- IV. CARPETING:
- A. Platform carpet — in memory of Mr. Allan Simmerman from memorial fund.
 - B. Aisle carpeting — in memory of Mrs. W. P. Gottry, Mr. A. W. Piper and Mr. Richard Downing from memorial fund.
- V. FURNITURE:
- A. Registration desk — in memory of Mr. A. W. Wenborg.
 - B. Organ — in memory of Mrs. Minnie Piper, given by Mr. A. W. Piper.
 - C. Silverware cabinet — in memory of Mrs. Edna W. Flaten, from memorial fund.
 - D. Three new Sunday School room dividers, in memory of Tommy Gillespie, given by a memorial fund.
 - E. Choir robe cabinet — in memory of Miss Elsie Lundin, from memorial fund.
- VI. BULLETIN BOARDS:
- A. Outdoor bulletin board and case — in memory of Mr. Paul Darrow.
 - B. Sanctuary bulletin boards — in memory of Mr. A. W. Wenborg.
- VII. BIG FRONT WINDOW — in memory of Mrs. M. R. Webster.
- A. Other windows donated by members and friends.
- VIII. SILVER TEA SERVICE — in memory of Mrs. Paul Darrow, given by Mrs. Minnie DeForest.
- IX. FOAM RUBBER BACKING for carpeting donated by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gillespie.
- X. THREE ELECTRIC CLOCKS.
- XI. A memorial fund in memory of Mrs. Emma Blanchard has been given to help in remodeling the church kitchen. Mrs. Blanchard was the oldest member of the Pine City Methodist Church.