

Three year members: Glenn Giffin
Gerald Null
Judy Greenlee

Glenn Giffin is serving as the first chairman. Three new members will be nominated by the nominating committee at the annual congregational meeting, service to begin following election.

In January of 1983 the sessions of the Rock Hill Church, First U. P. Church, and Bellaire Church had a series of joint meetings to try to present a united front to the Bellaire Community and to try to be aware of any outreach program any of the churches might come up with to be of service to those around us.

We talked of union services but discovered that the two smaller churches would not seat a total Christmas Eve congregation. So for two summers we have enjoyed a joint morning worship service, followed by a picnic dinner and outdoor activities at Camp Presmont, and closed with vespers at 5:00 p.m.

This is a beginning and we are looking forward to many good things yet to do together. Our ministers (both having begun their work in our churches after these meetings) seem to be very acceptable to this unity and will promote it when they can.

Rock Hill Presbyterian Church
Current Boards
1984

Session

Loretta Greenlee	Elsie Wise	Catherine Maxwell
Gerald Null	Richard Giffin	Vernon Vogt

Deacons

Marilyn Parker	Marguerite Brinker	Juanita Slater
Richard Bailey	Robert Cowen	Franklin Krebs

Trustees

Glenn Maxwell	Glenn Giffin	Frances Giffin
Carl Slater	Robin Bailey	Paul Greenlee

Planning & Evaluation Committee

Loretta Greenlee	Franklin Krebs	Glenn Giffin, Chairman
Helen Keyser	George Burwell	Gerald Null
Cathy Mehlman	Terry Bailey	Judy Greenlee

The following are some major events worth mentioning. Some items are elaborated on in other sections of this book.

November 1962 - The LSD Mission Band presented brass door handles to the church in the memory of Rev. and Mrs. Howard L. Weir.

October 1962 - An attempt was made to organize a chapter of Presbyterian Men, but the group did not materialize due to lack of interest.

May 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Giffin (Bessie) were honored by being representatives to the 175th General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa. As far as we know this was the first time Rock Hill had a lay delegate to General Assembly.

September 1963 - A new pulpit Bible was presented to the church by the Builders Class.

April 1964 - A new Women's Association was formed. This was an organization that combined two former ones, the Ladies Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society. This uniting had become a trend in Presbyterian churches and it was felt to be a move ahead for church women.

January 1969 - A need was felt for a separate Board of Trustees to care for the Rock Hill Cemetery. This was accomplished through an act of the Board of Elders and the first board consisted of J. Edgar Wise, Stanley L. Fraley, J. Ernest Giffin, and Carl A. Giffin. Serving on our current board are Donald E. Nelson, Don Brinker, Richard Giffin and J. Ernest Giffin. This board is appointed by the Session and these men comprise all who have served. These men are responsible for the selling of lots, preparing for burials as needed, mowing, etc.

Now we are all the new Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and are the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church once again.

Planning and Evaluation Committee

A new committee was approved at the January 1984 congregational meeting (and Session formed such a committee immediately following that meeting) so that we would have a core of designated people who could sit together, with a minister when we one, and set some goals for our outreach as a church into the community and beyond; and, with the help of all, to find ways to reach these goals. Then at least annually, or semi-annually, review what has happened and evaluate that action to see if it was successful, or worthwhile, or what we really wanted to accomplish. As with all groups, this committee will need input from everyone so that each one's ideas and caring will be represented.

The Planning and Evaluation Committee will consist of nine people, each serving three years (after 1985), on a rotating system such as the Session, Deacon, and Trustee Boards. At present we will use the Pulpit Nominating Committee and four members from the congregation, two from the Session will serve at all times. Presently the committee is:

One year members: Helen Keyser
Loretta Greenlee
Cathy Mehلمان

Two year members: Terry Bailey
George Burwell
Franklin Krebs

Presbytery Notes

From 1959 to 1974 we were a part of Muskingum Presbytery. Then it seemed a new division was in store for us, and after much discussion and controversy, we came into the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery which included the United Presbyterian Churches also. The Presbytery had very new boundaries including churches in the northern panhandle of West Virginia and some in Ohio. In Ohio we extended as far north as East Liverpool and a little more northwest into Carroll County, south to New Matamoras in Washington County, and only as far west as the western boundary of Belmont County. This new Presbytery was then a part of the Synod of the Trinity which embraces Pennsylvania. The Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery includes 97 congregations.

By vote of General Assembly in 1974 we were then to be known as Rock Hill United Presbyterian Church. The church never officially changed its name because that would have been an act with some expense involved in changing the corporation records of the State of Ohio, so we just drifted along, some using the "United" in our church's name, and some refusing to do so.

We remained a part of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America until 1983 when the northern and southern (the Presbyterian Church in the United States) units of the Presbyterian Church became one church -- after many years of dreams, hopes and work. Richard and Frances Giffin were General Assembly delegates from the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery that year as it met in Atlanta, Georgia. They witnessed the joyous celebration and unity that arose from that decision.

We have been fortunate to have had both a Boy Scout troop and a Brownie Scout troop sponsored by our church, and these groups met periodically in the church basement. Church member Glenn Maxwell led the Boy Scouts and over a period of several years during the 1970's this troop was very active, taking part in many activities. Several of the boys earned their God and Country awards and a few of them became Eagle Scouts. The most memorable trip they made was probably when they hiked 83 miles of the Appalachian Trail during August 1977. From September 1976 to September 1977 the Scouts backpacked 200 miles around such places as Barkcamp, Gettysburg, Old Man's Cave, and Chief Logan in Chillicothe.

February 1973 - A food pantry was established and has been maintained periodically over the years for giving to the needy.

1975 - A public address system was to be installed in the church with Jack Stroup doing the wiring.

January 1975 - Our church fell heir to \$10,000 for the estate of Esther McDonald in memory of Flora and Esther McDonald. This money was placed in the Building Fund.

1975 - Tables and chairs for the downstairs Sunday School rooms, a bulletin/blackboard combination, and some chairs were bought from the Wilma Kreis Nelson Memorial Fund which had been established in 1973.

1976 - A very important purchase was made in mid 1976, the Lexan glass covering for the stained glass windows. The reasons behind this were two fold. First, it would serve as storm win-

dows, and secondly, there was much vandalism taking place in the area at that time - in fact, the church was broken into and various items were stolen - and it was felt that these windows would help safeguard our precious and beautiful stained glass windows.

October 1978 - The downstairs area of our church is now used as a voting place, permission being granted by the session. This move of the precinct came about when a new polling place was being sought.

May 1979 - Helen Keyser resigned as organist. Helen had held this position for 36 years and was a good and faithful servant to her church and to her Lord in this capacity. Later that same year, Wilma Nelson, who had directed the choir for 27 years, following the resignation of Charley Nelson, also tendered her resignation. Helen's niece, Judy Greenlee, took up the task where Helen left off and is now serving as our church organist. Marilyn Parker took over directing the choir in 1980 and since that time has produced some beautiful Christmas presentations along with the regular choir renditions.

Spring 1981 - Chimes were given by Dale and Mary Heil. This has been a wonderful and most appreciated gift from them.

October 1981 - With the sale of the Grange Hall building to the Fire Department, the Grange organization no longer had a place to hold their meetings. The Session granted permission for the Grangers to hold their meetings in the church building. This is just one of many community services that our church has been involved with in the past quarter century. Such groups as 4-H Clubs, Garden Club, Homemakers

Trustees

The Board of Trustees is a group of men (and now some women) who have done a good job of taking care of the church building over the years, undertaking themselves much of the repair and new work that has been done. It surely is an indication of their caring. Those who have served since 1964 are as follows:

Bruce Dunlap
Glenn Maxwell
Kenneth Moser

Robert Tarbet
William Taylor
James Givens

Boyd Nelson
George Burwell
Don Brinker

Stanley Fraley
Wallace Major
James Keyser

Paul Giffin
Larry Holloway
Marguerite Brinker
Robin Bailey

Carl Slater
Glenn Giffin
Frances Giffin
Paul Greenlee

Deacons

In January 1961 the first Board of Deacons was elected to serve on a rotary system -- two new Deacons (one man and one woman) being elected each year. The names of those who have served since that time follow:

Russell Hathaway
Robert Tarbet
Russell Giffin

Charles Nelson
H. E. Thoenen
George Williams

Stanley Fraley
Donald Nelson
Harold Givens

Edwin Holloway
Franklin Krebs
Richard Bailey

Glenn Maxwell
David Wise
James Russell

Boyd Nelson
Kenneth Giffin
Sydney Stolz

Randy Bailey
Robert Cowen

Frances Giffin
Earla Monahan
Katherine Nelson

Elsie Wise
Joyce Freeman
Jessie Thomas

Flo Grammer
Doris Dumlap
Jackie Taylor

Loretta Greenlee
Mary Heil
Mabel Wise

Marilyn Parker
Tara Regoli
Carole Krebs

Ann Polivka
Marguerite Brinker
Juanita Slater

(Extension Group), Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts have used our building and grounds, the latter having had Day Camp for several summers on the grounds, using the building when necessary.

Over the years at times when our pulpit was vacant, other ministers in the area have been most helpful in various ways. As young people came of an age to feel the desire to unite with our church, at least three different ministers conducted a communicants' class. They were Rev. George Rolling of Coalbrook Church, Rev. Robert Berger of the Bellaire Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Vallenga, who was pastor at Bellaire and Kirkwood Churches and who at one time was the moderator for Rock Hill.

It is an interesting fact that in 1963 the minister's basic pay was \$5,000.00 while the terms of the 1983 call were \$15,000. Of course the "fringe" benefits, pension, car allowance, utilities, etc., bring the amount into the neighborhood of \$23,000.

Rock Hill Presbyterian Quilters

Late in 1973 some of the women of the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church became interested in quilting. After much discussion and investigation, they began piecing their first quilt on January 9, 1974, at a Rhoda Circle meeting.

By June of 1975 two quilts had been quilted and sold. Work was also being done on embroidered blocks. The women began with double bed quilts but soon were adding crib quilts and lap robes. The lap robes were made from woolen fabric from discarded clothing donated for this purpose.

As news spread about the quilting being done, people who had patchwork tops ready to be quilted asked to have this work done. Today the quilters have a backlog of quilts to be completed. Also the women are very busy making the complete quilts.

The quilts completed have gone to many states and other countries. One purchaser sent hers to Switzerland. Two foreign exchange students, one from Australia and one from South Africa, have taken quilts home with them.

While many of the quilts made are in Ohio some of the other states they have gone to are: Texas, Alaska, Florida, and Virginia.

The quilters have a practice of giving a crib quilt to the first baby in a family where one or both parents belong to the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church. To date twenty-four such gifts have been given.

The making of crib quilts is the best sales item the Rock Hill Presbyterian Quilters have. To date they have completed at least fifty-five crib quilts.

Elders

The Rotary System for Elders and Trustees was adopted in 1958. Following are the names of those Elders who have served since 1963, listing only the year they were elected for their first term:

1963 - Richard Giffin
1965 - J. Edgar Wise
1966 - Donald E. Nelson

1968 - H. E. Thoenen
1970 - Helen Keyser (First Lady Elder)
Jack Stroup

1971 - Harold Givens
1972 - Nellie Givens
Dale D. Heil

1973 - Bruce Dunlap, Jr.
1974 - Glenn Maxwell
1975 - Richard Bailey

1976 - George Burwell
Wilma Nelson

1977 - Russell Giffin
Loretta Greenlee

1978 - Boyd Nelson
1980 - Elsie Wise
1981 - Catherine Maxwell

1982 - Gerald Null
1984 - Vernon Vogt



The Warrens
Gary, Sharyn
Jon & Jenny



The Brownlee Brothers
Joseph, Walker & John

All three are ministers

Also the making of quilts, single, double, queen, and king-size, keep the quilters very busy. They have completed more than twenty of these, all being on order before started. Also at least thirty-five others already pieced have been quilted. All this has been done in the past ten years.

The net amount received for this work goes into the Women's Association treasury and is used for mission work. A representative list of this is: layettes, Fish, linens to a burned out church in Indiana, several needy families, Salvation Army, Laughlin Chapel, House of the Carpenter, Ohio Valley Soup Kitchen (Wheeling Island), Sheldon Jackson College, Church World Service, Heifer Project, Major Mission Fund, a theology student from India, Women's Tri-County Help Center.

In the ten years of quilting the Rock Hill Presbyterian Quilters have netted better than five thousand dollars.

The group meets all day every Wednesday at the home of Hazel Caruth. Hazel has graciously donated a room in her home where the quilters have two frames, both always filled, and room for needed supplies. The group will welcome anyone interested in quilting to come and help out. Good Christian fellowship is enjoyed and much work is accomplished.

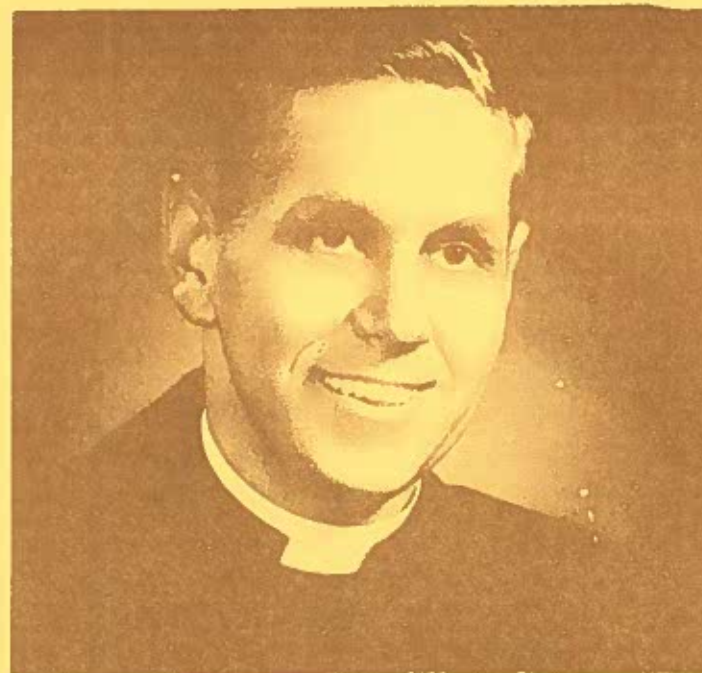
While in the early years of our church much was to be said of the benefit derived from social activities to raise money for the upkeep of the church and manse, and to supply the needed money for missionary projects, the young ministers that came to us in the 1960's and 70's seemed to feel this was not a proper way to do it, and if we tithed our goals could be met. The economy of our country and work attitudes were definitely changing.

In the community was the Grange Hall. Many of the church members belonged to the Grange so the church organizations had access to kitchen facilities and basement to serve chicken and steak dinners to the public. These dinners were very successful and made many friends for us in nearby Bellaire and other areas.

But when the Grange building depreciated, and we could no longer serve these meals there, our basement at the church had been improved and a very small kitchen area provided, so we served lawn fetes at the church twice a year to raise money for missionary and local church projects. The fellowship of working together strengthened our unity and purpose in God's world, so we thought.

Ladies' Aid
and
Women's Association

The work of Presbyterian Women has been an important part of the Church since the late 1800's. Rock Hill women have responded to the call for "second mile" giving since that time.



The Rev. S. James Kocsis



The Campbells
Arthur, Judith
& Heather

Carol, Robert, and LeRoy grew up in our Sunday School. Carol and Robert continued here during their teen years. LeRoy left the community before he was old enough to become a church member but his parents were in our church family until his mother passed away in 1973. Col. Nelson has continually been on our church roll, though he has been in many part of the world.

Carol will be remembered as a very outgoing young lady, active in many community activities, a good musician, and well qualified in many areas.

The same can be said of Robert (Bob). He was a leader, active in choir and musical events, as well as everything the young people did. Bob spent some time in military service before entering the seminary to get his divinity degree.

David Omerod met and married Barbara before he came to our church. He is a minister's son and taught school before he entered seminary. Upon graduation he took a charge in Florida and later began a new congregation in a brand new building.

LeRoy also was a service man. He and his family once lived in Korea where he served as a military Chaplain. He at one time served as Presbytery Moderator while he served a congregation in Omaha, Nebraska. Presently he is teaching at a university in Mississippi.

It was in 1962 and '63 that Presbytery was endorsing a Women's Association for the local churches and the women's group within the Presbytery would be known as the Presbyterial. By March of 1964 the Rock Hill Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies had decided to go the route of most other women's organizations within the United Presbyterian Churches and become a Women's Association with the same goals and mission interests as had been prevalent as a Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid. Every lady on the church roll would automatically become a member of the Women's Association. Session approved this and it seemed a logical move that every woman in the church would belong to the same organization with Circles being formed to continue Bible study, and any business matters would be decided by the entire association. Thus gradually the other groups disbanded; the Ladies' Aid first, then the Missionary Society, by 1967 the Builders' Class, followed by the Semper Fidelis Class in 1969. This marked the end of one era in Church history and the beginning of another.

The mission giving by the women in the Rock Hill Church has been generous, though maybe not sacrificial. We have supported our denomination programs through Thankoffering, Summer Medical Offering, Hunger Program, and "On-Going" pledges. Over and above this is the quilt monies designated entirely for mission giving. These things comprise one part of the women's work.

In addition to the things mentioned, the women have been involved in the following giving and work:

Local Church Work:

Sponsored Brownie Troop
Purchased drapes and curtains for the Manse
Helped furnish kitchen of church
dishes, silverware, coffee pots, etc.
Helped with funds to carpet church
Purchased the first mimeograph machine
Helped finance pointing of bricks on church
building
Helped purchase piano
Give Bibles to graduating seniors

Projects:

Farmers Market
Lawn Fetes
Soup and Pie sales
Bakeless bake sale
Make a dollar grow

Mission:

Contributed to the work of Belmont County
Nutrition under the direction of
Nancy Shaver
Sheldon Jackson School
United Presbyterian Women Honoriams
Major Mission Fund
School of Hope
Women's Tri-County Help Center
Soup Kitchen (serving people in Wheeling
area)
House of the Carpenter (Methodist sponsored)
Camp Presmont-Beaver Creek Camp
Heifer Project
Salvation Army
Sewing for Bellaire Hospital
Laughlin Memorial Chapel
Many, many more

Former Pastors Now Living

Rev. Louis E. Campbell, Delaware, Ohio	1941-1943
Rev. Herbert H. Fuller, Wapakoneta, Ohio	1944-1946
Rev. James Kocsis, Canton, Ohio	1963-1967
Rev. Arthur Campbell, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	1968-1970
Rev. Gary Warren, Ligonier, Indiana	1972-1976
Rev. John Brownlee, Lakeland, Florida	1977-1982

Folks Affiliated With Our Church
Who Became Ministers

Rev. Carol Polivka Weiss (daughter of Albert and Ann Polivka), married to Rev. Wayne Weiss, now of Columbus, Ohio	
Rev. Robert McAllister (son of Harry and Vera McAllister), Uhrichsville, Ohio	
Rev. David Omerod (husband of Barbara Poliyka Omerod), Ocala, Florida	
Rev. LeRoy Nelson (son of CoL Leroy and the late Wilma Kreis Nelson), now of Mississippi	

it came to a vote of 34 in favor and 8 against. This was a large enough percentage that it was accepted and our two churches began working together toward obtaining the services of a new minister.

During the years of the yoked field (1977 and following years) the minister and his family have lived in the manse of the Rock Hill Church. Within the terms of the call, all other expenses have been shared equally by the two churches.

In December 1977 Rev. John Brownlee began his services to our churches. He remained until his retirement in October 1982. Our two yoked churches have continued to operate separately, but on various occasions have joined together for worship. One of these is Christmas Eve which is observed in each church in alternating years. We have also had other occasions to unite our efforts.

Following the retirement of Rev. Brownlee and his wife, Evelyn, to Florida, it was the duty of the Pulpit Nominating Committee to find someone to be our minister. The committee worked hard and diligently for 14 months, and brought Rev. James R. Chain to serve in our yoked field. Rev. and Mrs. (Clara) Chain and their youngest daughter, Ruth, moved into the manse the last week of January 1984 and by the first of February had taken up the chores of his new pastorate. We are hoping for a long and fulfilling relationship.

Just as important as our giving is the Bible study and prayer which strengthens the daily work and commitment by the women to their church as they strive to fulfill the purpose of Presbyterian women:

Seeking to be obedient to God's call in Jesus Christ, we unite to support the mission of the Church in the U.S.A., to help one another grow in Christian faith and understanding, and to act in Christian concern in the company of God's people everywhere.

The Semper Fidelis Class

This Sunday School class was an organized group who not only studied together on Sunday morning but also enjoyed monthly meetings, taking turns at different member's homes, with special Christmas meetings and entertaining their families at picnics in the summer for several years. When the combined adult class was formed, the members of the organized class continued to have monthly meetings and contribute to various purchases for the Sunday School and other good works. There came a time, though, through the years 1968 and 1969 when, for various reasons, the membership had dwindled down to a very few. Finally, in October 1969 it was decided to disband and the final meeting was held December 10, 1969, at the home of Leota Wise with only five members present. The money in the treasury was divided and given to various good causes. This class had been in existence for over 44 years and the few remaining members were saddened at its disbandment. But in those years it had served its purpose. So goes life. We must move with the times.

Builders' Class

The Builders' Class observed their thirty-fifth anniversary in 1964. At that time, the officers were: President, Mrs. Russell (Helen) Giffin; Vice President, Mrs. Hazel Tarbet; Secretary, Mrs. Theodore (Mabel) Wise; and Treasurer, Mrs. Dale (Mary) Heil. Bessie Giffin was still the teacher and continued to teach until it was disbanded in probably 1967. As the name implies they were Builders, helping out in our church in many ways. Two charter members of this class are still members of the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church. They are Bessie Giffin and Hazel Tarbet.

The Adult Sunday School Class

About 1965 amid the other changes in Presbytery, (noted under Presbytery notes and Women's Association) the need arose for all adults to join together into one large Sunday School class. Through the years various materials have been used for study purposes on Sunday morning. A number of different people have led the group as teachers: Rev. Arthur Campbell, David Omerod, Rev. Gary Warren and others. At present Ann Polivka, assisted by Mrs. Glenn (Emmie) Giffin, teaches the class. David C. Cook material is being used. Sometime during 1983 another group was formed meeting once a month in the evening for additional Bible study with members of the group taking turns leading. The group is small but it has proven to be a very informative and helpful study.

The porch originally was constructed at a height that would be convenient for the ladies alighting from the horsedrawn buggies that brought them to worship services. That need no longer existed in 1976, but a new need has been filled!

In 1974 a Baptismal Font was given in memory of Theodore Wise by an anonymous donor of another community. It was first used when Mark and Judy Taylor brought their firstborn, Ryan, to be given into God's care at a baptismal service presided over by the Rev. Gary Warren.

Also in 1974 Rev. Warren began preparing The Rock Hill Report, which was a very nicely prepared newsletter and was printed by James Russell.

During Rev. Warren's time at Rock Hill, he also preached at the Warnock Church once a month, having an 8 a.m. service.

In was early in 1976 that new doors were put on the front of the church. The swinging doors were not energy savers, and everyone was becoming more and more conscious of that every winter we went through. Fuel and energy were precious.

In August 1976 the congregation accepted the resignation of Rev. Warren and he and his family left in September to begin his new pastorate in Ligonier, Indiana, where he still remains as pastor at this writing.

It was during this time of a vacant pulpit that our church was approached by some members of Presbytery concerning the possibility of becoming yoked with the First United Presbyterian Church in Bellaire and sharing a minister's services. Upon being presented to the congregation

They moved into the manse in June of 1968 and remained our pastor until September 1970. This had been his first pastorate, and he proved his capabilities well.

Following Rev. Campbell's departure to a church near Pittsburgh, two calls were made to ministers, both of which were declined. In June of 1971 Dr. Elbin again agreed to become our Stated Supply and was with us until July 1972 when the Rev. Gary Warren was duly installed in our pulpit. During Rev. Warren's tenure as our pastor, a project was undertaken to perhaps enlarge our facilities by building a Christain Education building adjacent to the present structure. Much time and work was put into this project, consulting with a Planning Representative and an Education Consultant from Synod, and obtaining permission from Presbytery to go ahead with the plan. However, the project was never completed.

In 1974 when the plans were presented at a congregational meeting, the feeling of those present was that, due to the changing economy of the nation (later known as inflation) and the fuel shortages that were prevalent, this was not the time to undertake such a large and expensive project. Within a year a decision was reached to enclose the back porch of the church. A beautiful new library and meeting room was completed during the summer of 1976 and has been in constant use ever since, with a class meeting in it every Sunday morning. Many other groups hold meetings there and one wall has been completed with built-in shelves for books and audio-visual equipment. It has been a really useful addition to our church structure. Most of the work was done by the men of the church and Zygmunt Rataiczak built in the shelves.

Sunday School

The Sunday School roll continues to carry about 65 names, and this has been average for a number of years. At present we have six classes -- five for those through high school age, and one adult class. These classes meet all year round and this has been our habit over the years even when the trend in some neighboring churches has been to discontinue during the summer months.

We feel the Sunday School classes are a very important part of the church's Christian Education program.

We used to have a Sunday School Superintendent but sometime in the 70's Presbytery was suggesting the formation of a Christian Education Committee, perhaps chaired by a representative of the session. We formed the committee of teachers, pianist, treasurer, and anyone else who has interest, but for the most part have chosen chairmen from those who attend Sunday School and that has worked out fine.

Probably our first Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the early 1950's and has mostly been a continuing event. The very nice feature of this week is that everyone brings their neighbor's children and perhaps one-third of the attendants come from other denominations, mostly from the Catholic church. We welcome this and enjoy their children immensely! It is great to be able to work together.

This summer of 1984 we had about 65 in attendance and divided our offering -- 50% going to The American Bible Society and 50% going to The Heifer Project International.

Youth Work

When Rev. & Mrs. Barthlow retired, Ann Polivka took over the leadership of the Youth group. Rev. Kocsis came in 1963 and relieved her of that role until 1967. In early 1963 permission was granted by the Session to have dancing and social games in the church basement. Basketball and recreation seemed to be very important. In June of 1964 a group of young people took a trip to Morristown, New Jersey, to be guests of a young people's group there.

In 1969 the Westminster Fellowship made candles and sold them at Christmas time to raise money for their group. Mrs. Julia Ritter guided them through this undertaking.

When Rev. Warren was here in 1973 an IAH ("I Am His") Club was formed and they did some very interesting things with programs and recording them. It was a good period for the young people.

After Rev. Warren was gone, Bronte Caruth and Judy Greenlee had the elementary aged children involved in a group that did some mission and Bible study, meeting with them twice a month and helping to maintain their responsibility to the church.

In 1976 Kenny and Marsha Giffin took the young people under their care and they became involved in doing things with many area church groups. Besides the fun things such as volleyball games, bake sales, and car washes, they went to a lot of retreats and conferences.

Ministers

The pulpit of the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church had been vacant for about two years following the resignation and retirement of Rev. Mr. Barthlow. It was in May 1963 that a call was extended to Mr. S. James Kocsis to become our minister. He was ordained July 21, 1963, and was installed pastor at Rock Hill on July 28, 1963. He remained with us until April 1967.

Several projects were carried out during Rev. Kocsis' time with us, one of which was to buy new choir robes. A fund was started by Stanley and Bea Fraley and various ways of earning the money for these were successful but probably the one most memorable was the BREADBAKING project. Several of the women made many loaves of bread which were sold and the money put into the choir robe fund.

There was at this time quite a number of teenage young people in the church. This group was very active as Westminster Fellowship and did many things together. Camping, work trips, working with youth of other churches, to name but a few. One member of this group, Carol Polivka, went on to become a minister of the gospel. Carol was taken under the care of our session and Muskingum Presbytery in March 1964 and later in December 1967 was ordained in Rock Hill Church.

Following the resignation of Rev. Kocsis, who went to the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio, the pulpit was vacant for several months until March 1968 when a call was extended to the Rev. Arthur Campbell. His wife, Judith, was also an ordained minister.



New Manse Built in 1964

In March of 1976 they sponsored a Bob Noble Concert. During the next two years they regularly attended retreats at Camp Presmont and Muskingum College. There were two trips to Fishnet at Front Royal, Virginia.

June of 1980 saw them off to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to attend Creation '80. This trip was again made in June of 1981. In February of 1981 they went to a retreat at St. John Vianney Center, Bloomingdale, Jefferson County, Ohio.

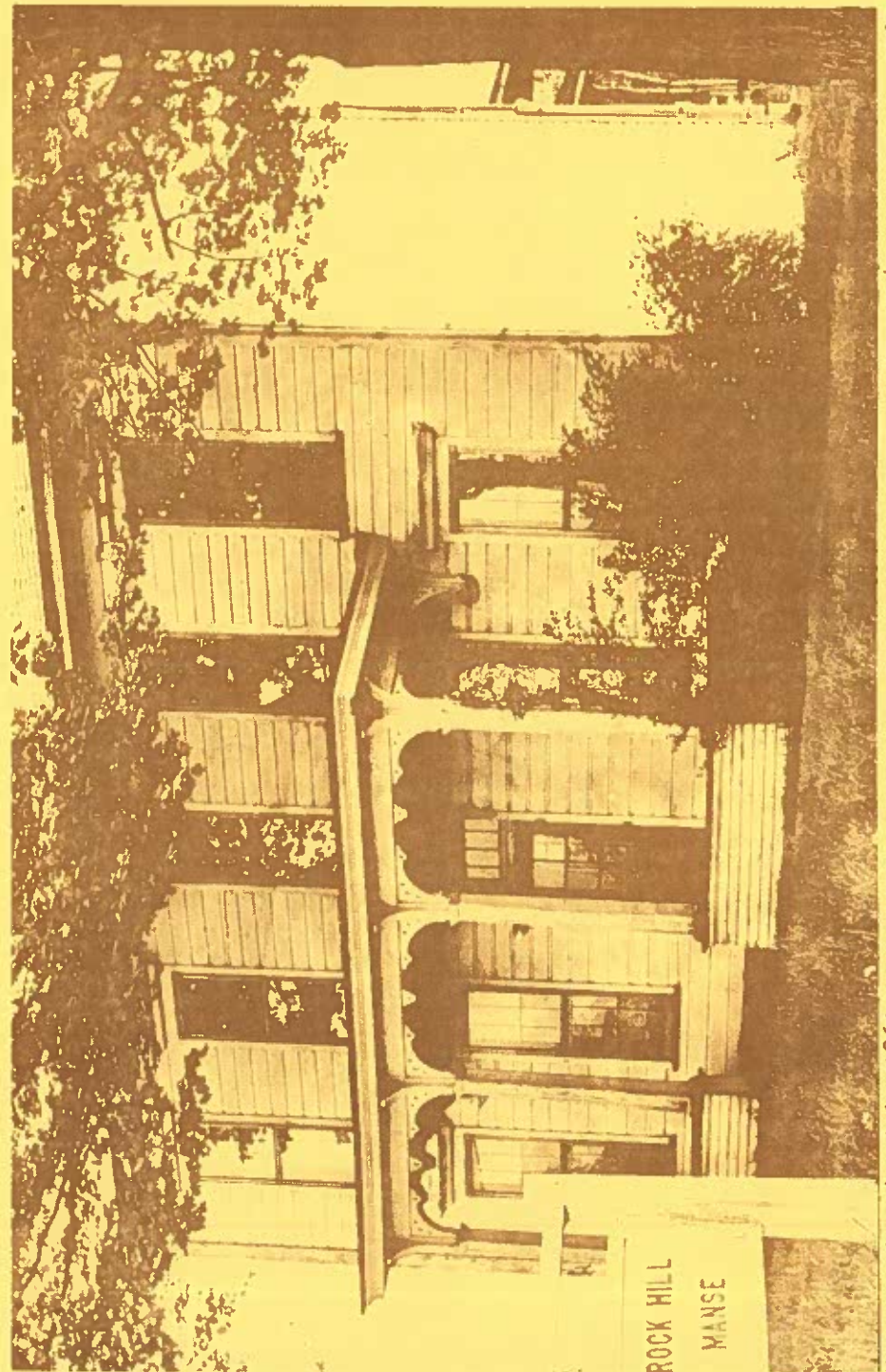
A living and growing time for all!

A new group from Rock Hill Church and First U. P. Church are off and running again with Rev. Chain.

Here we recognize and pay tribute to our "over-80" members. Mrs. Helen Keyser, Mrs. Bessie Giffin, Col. LeRoy Nelson, Mr. Albert Wise, Mrs. Hazel Tarbet, and Mrs. Margaret Holloway are the ones who qualify. Had we been able to celebrate this anniversary last year, Mrs. Nellie Givens would have been one. She had passed her 92nd birthday. These people have played a very important part in making our church what it is today. Many young lives have been touched and molded at their hands with their interest, love, and concern for them. Each and every one of us has our own special memories of these people. We love them all and their vim and vigor is envied by many! These people must be very special to God!

There are those folks who have a lot of happy memories of childhood experiences, or love and honor for family and friends, and who like to express their feelings by gifts to one's church in memory or honor of loved ones. We would like to list here those gifts (and sincerely and honestly hope that we have an accurate list). If the list is not complete, please call it to our attention and forgive us for being human. Every gift has been very gratefully received and has been used as we thought you meant it to be. Some of these have already been mentioned and will not be repeated.

Manse Fund - J. Ernest Giffin
Kitchen was remodeled with gifts from
the Memorial Fund (gifts from
many)
Choir Chairs - Mabel Wise
Offering Plates - J. J. Greenlee Family



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The Lord has blessed our church on the hilltop in many ways since the celebration of our Sesquicentennial in October of 1962. There are still many good, faithful servants carrying on His work with a prayer in their hearts that it is good in His sight.

When we completed the 1962 history, the old manse was for sale. It had been acquired by the church, along with a stable, in 1860. So in 1962 the structure was more than 100 years old.

A sale did not materialize so in April of 1963 there was an offer by Barton Contractors to dismantle the home at no cost to the congregation. Session so ordered. Then they authorized the Board of Trustees to proceed with securing plans and constructing a new manse on the same site, after receiving approval from Muskingum Presbytery.

By September 15 house plans had been adopted and the estimate of construction was \$19,500. Presbytery approved a mortgage of \$8000. There was a building fund established by the estates of Esther and Flora McDonald, their gift being the sum of \$10,000. J. Ernest Giffin also made a contribution to this fund.

A construction contract was let in early 1964. The new manse was dedicated in May of 1964. The total estimated cost was \$17,500, with the mortgage being retired in January 1969.

Refinishing Pulpit furniture and Altar table
Outside Bulletin Board - Dale and Mary Heil
Riser in Choir loft - Marilyn Parker
Pulpit Bible - Helen Keyser
RSV Bible - William Taylors
Altar Scarf and Bible Marker - Joan Belt In Memory of Emma Giffin and Elizabeth Kreis, Her Grandmothers
Gifts to Cemetery Board - Mildred Mills
Kitchen Range - In Memory of Russell Giffin
Silverware - Members of the Braun Family and others
Vases - Mary and Dale Heil

There have been many gifts of money when the need arose to complete some special project or when a project was being planned.

God did not give us each the same talents or the same financial means to contribute to our church, but each member in his own way has made a precious contribution to the Kingdom in various ways. Jesus praised the widow who gave her mite because she gave her "all"; and over the years Rock Hill has had many members who gave their "all" in labor, love, understanding, and dedication. Our Church as been blessed with these people!

The History Committee consisted of Wilma Nelson, Glenn Giffin, and Juanita Slater. Judy Greenlee did the editing and preparation for printing. Several other individuals prepared the articles for the different organizations.

Marguerite Brinker's food committee was Elsie Wise, Alice Null, Vernon Vogt, Glenn and Cathy Maxwell, and Frances Giffin.

Program Committee was chaired by Clara Chain with Barbara Bailey, Marilyn Parker, and Chris Slater helping.

Really most everyone in the church was involved in one way or another for this 175th Anniversary celebration. Even the children were involved, some of them making models of churches we worshipped in in former years.

Richard and Frances Giffin spent many hours preparing a mailing list of former members.

To All: A GREAT BIG THANKS FROM THE SESSION!

Preface

1984 marks the 175th anniversary of the organizations of the Rock Hill Church. So it was indeed fitting and proper to celebrate this wonderful occasion and to reflect on God's goodness to us.

The insight of our Presbyterian forefathers to call together a group of people for worship has indeed been a blessing sent by God to all who have followed. We grateful for their fortitude and example.

When we pause to think of conditions in other parts of the world, we should also pause to thank God for his many gifts and blessings bestowed on us. We have been well fed and clothed with plenty to share with others. Perhaps that is our mission -- to bring others to Christianity by showing that we care because God cares.

This booklet is being written because we believe in the inspiration of history and feel the need to keep a record of what is happening, to ponder on what has been accomplished or not accomplished and to be aware of what needs to be done if we are going to have a part in bringing God's Kingdom to earth.



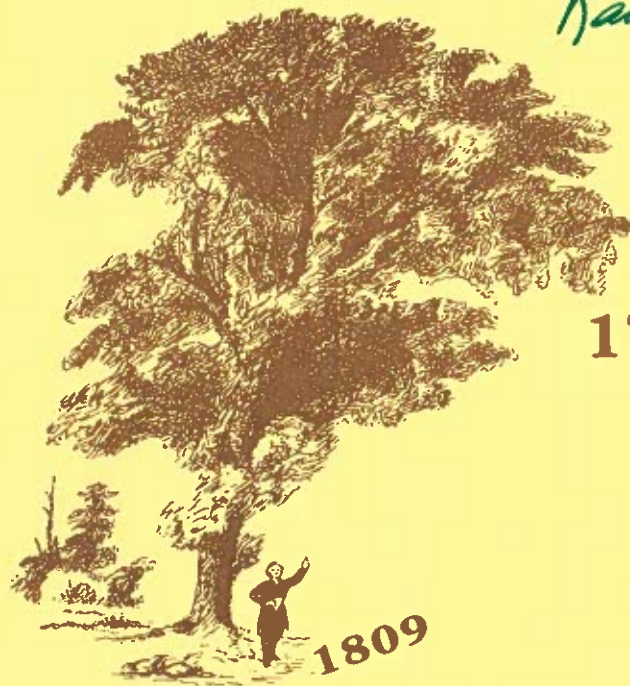
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