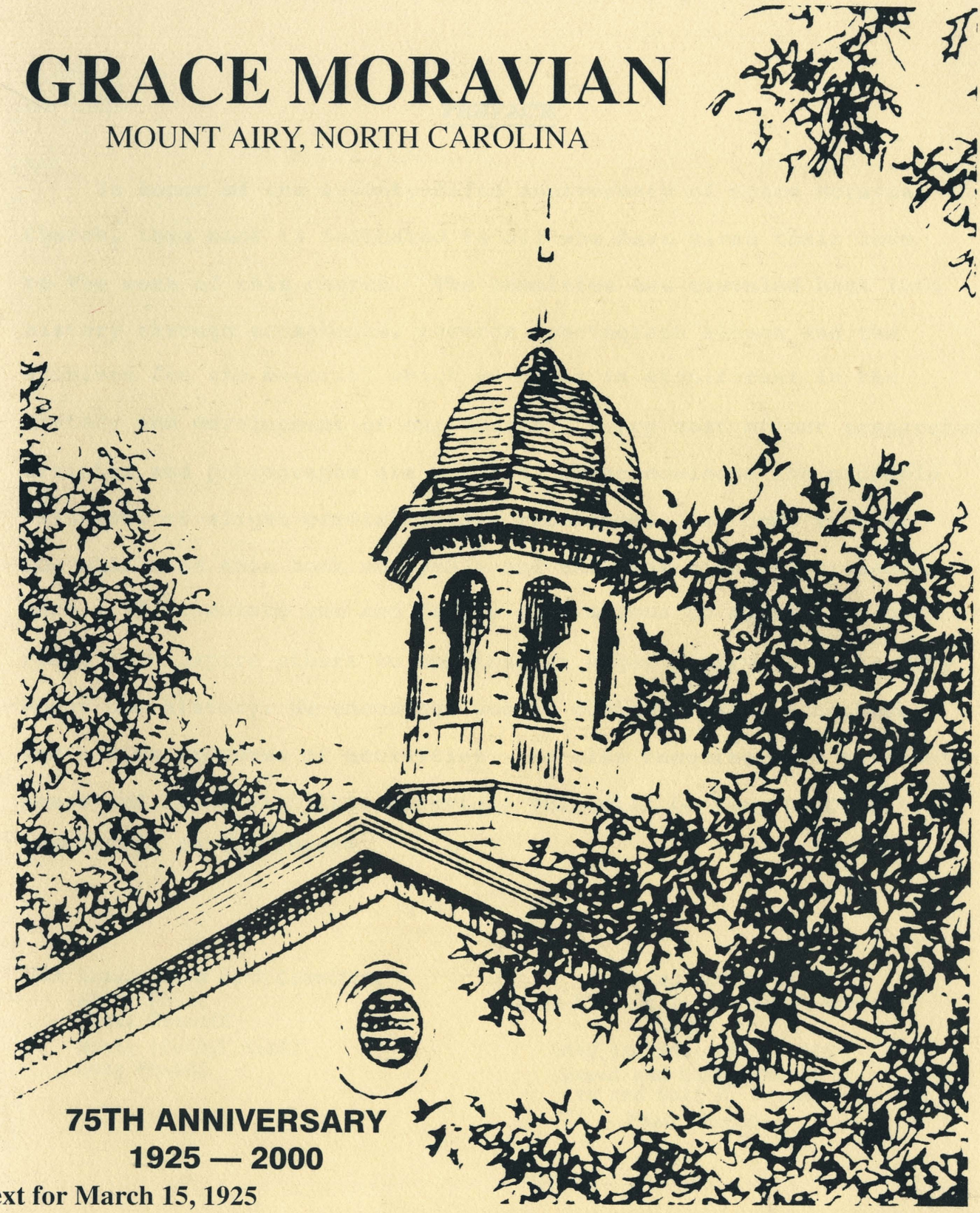
GRACE MORAVIAN

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA



75TH ANNIVERSARY
1925 — 2000

Text for March 15, 1925

...That we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need. Hebrews 4:16. Bishop Rondthaler read this scripture and said "There has been so much grace in evidence here—let us name this congregation Grace."

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PREFACE

In honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Grace Moravian Church, this book is dedicated to all who have given their love to the work of this church. The committee has traveled back into history through scrapbooks, records, photograph albums and the archives for the material which we think is significant in the history and development of our church. Since most of our researched articles and photographs are undated, we acknowledge the probable existence of slight errors in this recording. Our hope is that you will find this book enjoyable and that the material presented here will stimulate you and future generations to appreciate our roots and inspire others to continue an eager desire to learn more about our history. We encourage you to continue using scrapbooks and taking pictures of activities. We also encourage you to record names and dates with this material; this will be very helpful to committees in the future.

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PASTORS

1925—1929	Charles D. Crouch
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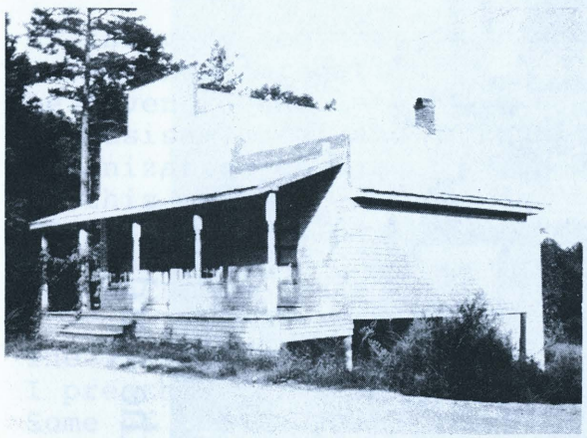
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Grace Moravian Church History

The Growth of the Congregation and The Expansion of the Building



"The Store House" 1925

At the very beginning of this history of the establishment of a Moravian Congregation in Mount Airy, North Carolina, credit must be given to the late Brother Charles D. Crouch for his vision, enthusiasm, zeal and unceasing effort in bringing about the organization of Grace Moravian Church.

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The cornerstone for the new church building was laid September 13, 1925, and the erection of the building proceeded. The text for the day was "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8



Construction 1925 —— Note the columns in the yard.

A Brief History

of

GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH, MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

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A definite step forward had been taken when Brother Crouch could report in January of 1924, "A parsonage has been secured in Mount Airy at 129 West Elm Street and preparations are being made in earnest to begin work among these people. This field gives promise of good things but there is need of much prayer on behalf of this work. We have the people, but they have never been trained in Moravian doctrine and know very little about the Moravian Church." In the month of June, seven preaching services were held; two in Central Methodist Church, two in the parsonage and three in private homes. "On June 30, 1924, the brethren of the Provincial Elders Conference visited Mount Airy and decided on the lot to be purchased for a Moravian Church. Everybody is happy because of the purchase of the lot and steps are being taken to make an active canvass for funds in Mount Airy."

The next report informs us, "We now have a deed to a splendid piece of property in Mount Airy, the first piece of property ever owned in Surry County by the Moravian Church." On September 8, 9 and 10, Brother Crouch and Brother Edgar A. Holton conducted a canvass in Mount Airy for funds for the new church. Over $4,000.00 was secured and much interest was manifested. Brother Crouch made the assertion, " We believe we will get over $10,000.00 out of Mount Airy for the new church. Plans are going right ahead and we hope we may soon begin the actual work." In other reports for the year 1924, Brother Crouch could say, "The pastor has had invitations to preach in every church in town where there is a resident minister. The First Baptist Church very kindly asked the pastor to preach for them every Sunday he was unemployed until their new pastor should come, giving also a special invitation to all Moravians in town to attend these services. The people of MOunt Airy have given us every encouragement, irrespective of denomination since our sojourn among them."

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"Beginning on Sunday, February 15, 1925, a series of evangelistic meetings was begun with the Rev. Edgar A. Holton as evangelist. He could remain only four days. The revival however was continued for two weeks. About seventy-five professions resulted, forty-five of whom have signified their intention of joining the new Mount Airy Moravian Church the third Sunday in March. We now have a total of eighty-seven names for the new organization and expect one hundred."

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The story of the laying of the cornerstone for the new church building is learned from the columns of the WACHOVIA MORAVIAN. The building of the church had proceeded from the excavating, begun on April 23, and the erection of the stone walls, begun on June 4, until the edifice was under cover and subflooring laid sufficiently for temporary seats to be installed. Morning and afternoon services were held on Sunday, September 13. At the morning service Bishop Edward Rondthaler brought a message based on the text, By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8.

Music for the cornerstone laying in the afternoon was furnished by a band of fifty musicians from Winston-Salem, Friedland, Kernersville and Bethania, under the direction of Bernard J. Pfohl. Addresses were made by Bishop Rondthaler and Solicitor S. Porter Graves. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Edgar A. Holton and the pastor Charles D. Crouch presided over the ceremonies. In one-half hour's time Brother Crouch raised $2,000.00 in pledges. The attendance was estimated at one thousand. The service lasted only a little longer than one hour.

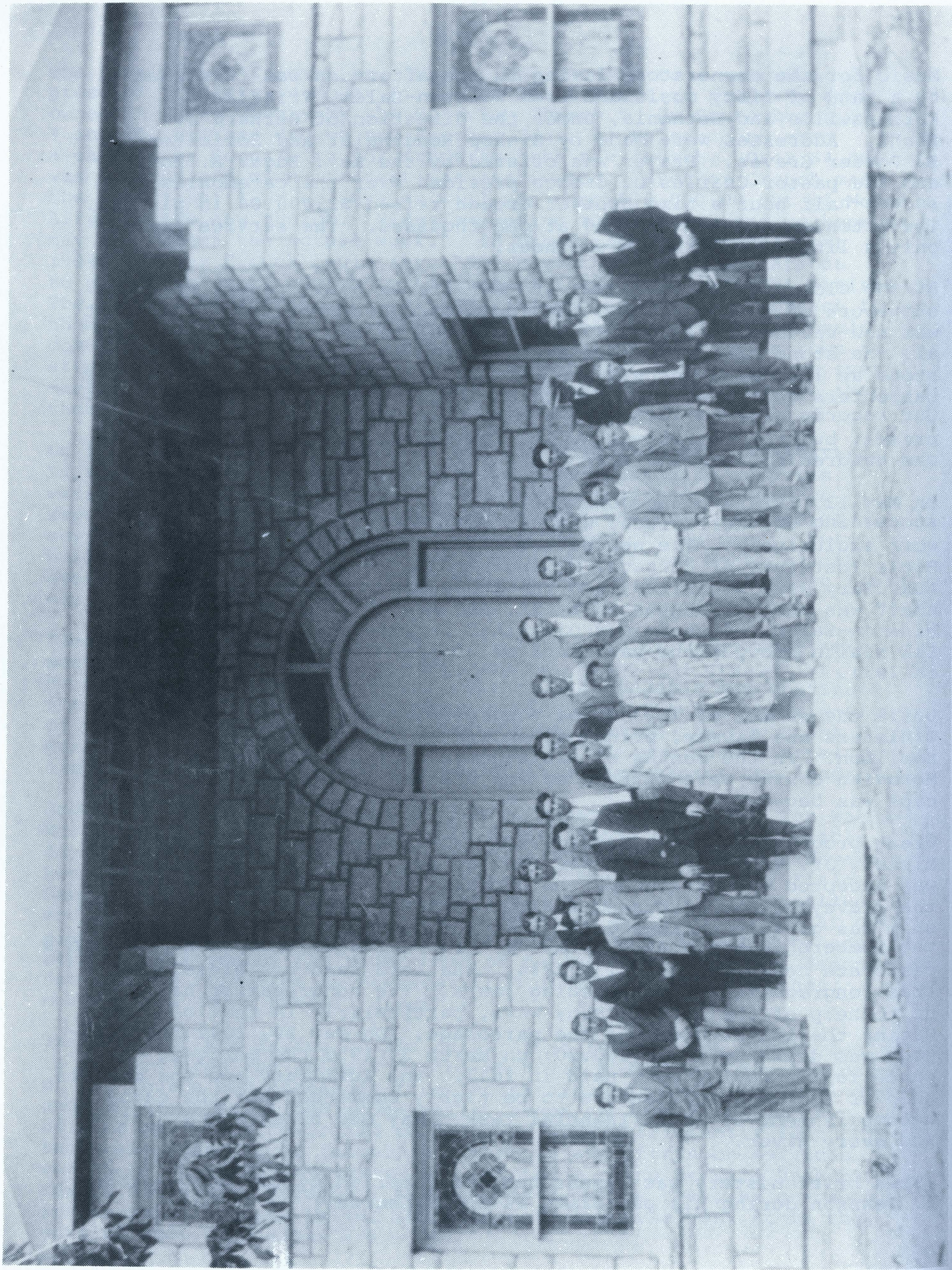
At the close of the year 1925 Brother Crouch could report that the stonework of the church had been completed December 3rd. The plant was now valued at $20,000.00. In October he had reported "One day all the stone masons stopped and declared they would lay no more stone as long as a certain man was on the job. Another day all the carpenters quit, never to return as long as the architect was near." Our records give no record of how Brother Crouch handled these crises, but the church was built. The membership had also risen to one hundred fifteen souls.

On May 13, 1929, Brother John Sprinkle was installed as pastor, succeeding Brother Crouch, who had taken over our Mountain Mission work exclusively. The new pastor was a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois. Two circles of the Woman's Auxiliary were organized, and the the Sunday school's teaching staff was much strengthened by Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Brower, Jr. of Winston-Salem. A choir was organized in October of the same year. Ill health brought the pastorate of Brother Sprinkle to a close in 1931.

Until the summer of 1933 Grace congregation was served by various ministers and laymen; principal among them was the Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton. In the months of his sojourn here, the Liturgies of the Moravian Church were introduced and the use of individual communion cups was begun.

Great progress was made during the pastorate of Brother Edward T. Mickey, Jr. The pipe organ was aquired and installed, our graveyard was accepted and dedicated, the property between the church lot and the graveyard was purchased and the parsonage erected. The membership was greatly increased, so that the conclusion of his pastorate the membership stood at a total of 400. The Rev. Herbert B. Johnson's pastorate began on March 15, 1944. The Lord laid his blessing on this congregation in the ensuing years. The congregation has come up to help of the Lord in many ways, particularly in that of liquidating the indebtedness of the parsonage. On May 20, 1942 the mortgage was drawn up at $5,600.00; on March 3, 1950 the mortgage was cancelled as having been paid in full. The Auxiliary and the membership of the congregation are to be highly commended for the early accomplishment of this financial task. May God bless every gift and every giver.

(This brief history was researched and compiled by the Rev. Herbert B. Johnson during his pastorate at Grace Church.)



Hazel Boyd Cox was 9 yrs old & joined in Sept. She is Kin to All these Boyds, came from the Mt. Bethel Area

Membership In 1925

(As contained in the Cornerstone Box)

Rev. C. D. Crouch, Pastor
Carrie B. Crouch
Cylde E. Crouch
George Marion
C. C. Marion
E. M. Martin
Mary A. Martin
Grace Martin
Weldron Martin
Hoke Smith
Julius Eldridge
Rosie Haynes
Paul McMillian
Doswell Boyd
Ralph Puckett
Davis Massey
Woodson Boyd — Hazel's Brother
Twain Massey — still living 1999
Harry C. Hiatt — Corky's father
Mrs. E. C. Owens — Harry's mother
Mrs. C. L. Hiatt
Blannie Hiatt — Harry's sisters
Annie Hiatt — living in 1999
William H. Woods — Mother / Father
Emma Woods
Jessie Woods — daughters
Marie Woods
Mable Woods
L. F. McMillian
Mrs. L. F. McMillian
Ella Johnson
C. L. Hiatt — Harry's father
R. P. Marion
Hazel Marion
A. J. Bondurant
Carrie Quesinberry — Tom Boyd Daughter
Verna A. Gentry
Margaret Hicks
William Boyd — Hazel's father
Agnes Boyd — Hazel's mother
H. S. Boyd — Harvey - former Shiriff
J. Edward Boyd — Agnes' Brother
Thomas Boyd — Rang bell until 1946 — Agnes' father
Burton Boyd — Agnes' Brother
J. W. Boyd — John Wash
Iowa Barnard
E. M. Collins
Lottie Marion
William Dinkins — Betty Tulp's father

Lula Boyd — Tom daughter — Eddy Massey's Mother
Nancy Boyd — Tom's wife & mother of 6 girls
Josephine Boyd — J.W. daughter
Wilcher Boyd — J.W. son — Rang bell 1946
Viola V. Boyd — J.W. wife
Elsie Boyd
Algie Boyd — Tom's daughter
Pearl Boyd
Mamie Sue Boyd — J.W. daughter
Bessie Boyd — Tom's daughter
Ludeen Westmoreland (Tab)
Annie Westmoreland — sisters
Media Westmoreland — Mother of Annie & Tab
Ralph Haynes
Ila Haynes
Eunice Pruett*
Thelma Boyd
Jessie Boyd — J.W.'s daughters
Myrtle Haynes
Susie Haynes
Mrs. R. S. Westmoreland — Mable — Sig's wife
Lee Boyd — SS Supt 25 yrs.
Gertrude Boyd — 1st female elder
Alma N. Boyd — Edward's wife
J. A. Tesh
Mrs. W. D. Westmoreland — Gilley — Will wife
Gertrude McMickle
Leona Beck
Edna Beck
Odell Beck
Kate Jackson — Mary Louise Hall's mother
I. M. Chandler — Francis Smith's father
John W. Marion
R. D. Tesh — Joyce Boyd's father
Callie Jones
Glenn Jones — Husband & wife
Lottie Dinkins
Martha Chandler — France's mother
G. W. Tesh
R. C. Tesh — Raymond — Ethel's husband — Made coffee 40 + yrs
George Taylor
Emma Mae Marion
Eliza Smith
Ethel Tesh — Raymond's wife
Essie Gwynn Malcolm
Jesse Williams
Mrs. Ellen Collins
Gladys Haynes

Faith Mitchell — Father
Maud Cobb Randolph — Mother-in-law
Mike McHone's Mother
Elmine Doggett's Aunt
Robert's Parents

* Mother of Margaret McHone, Edith McHone, Jessie Jones, Ed Pruett, Gary Pruett



Stained Glass Windows
Original Building

Six windows with no names.

One window was removed for a doorway, this window was cut into small pieces and given to the membership at a previous anniversary.

Twenty seven windows have names of donors or honorees.

C. C. Marion & Wife

Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Dinkins

Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Hiatt

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In Memory of, Annie Lee Winfrey

Christ Church, Winston-Salem

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J. A. Tesh

Grace Ladies Aid No. 1

Grace Ladies Aid No. 2

Mr. & Mrs. James Tilley

Friedland Sunday School

Immanuel Church, Winston-Salem

Bethania Moravian Brotherhood

Willow Hill Ladies Aid

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Calvary Moravian, Winston-Salem

Granite Lodge AF & AM No. 322

There was much support from the community, as evidenced by these windows.



J.T. PALMER THE REV. EDWARD T. MICKEY, JR.

TRIBUTES

There is always the fear of leaving someone out; however, we think it is worth the chance to remember the following deceased members. These five made tremendous contributions to our church growth and history.

THE REV. EDWARD T. MICKEY, JR.

Grace has been blessed with outstanding pastors who seem to fill the need of their time. In 1933 Rev. Ed Mickey came to us for eleven years. His talent, enthusisiam and most every other attribute carried Grace Church through an important and difficult time. His work with young people carried a great influence into the community and is reflected even today. He organized the band, began the sunrise service, built the parsonage, installed the furance, taught school, directed Central Methodist Church choir, preached Sunday morning and evening services. During his time of service at Grace he held Wednesday night prayer meetings, taught band lessons, installed the pipe organ, started Bible School and did many other projects. He also began an outreach program at Crooked Oak, a small rural church in the mountains of Virginia. For this work he took several teachers every Sunday afternoon to share the teachings of Jesus with these people.

A recent letter from Dallas Dearmin probably sums up the importance of Brother Mickey's influence on our church and neighborhood. Dal wrote "I'll never forget the influence he had on us children. He was the salvation to a group of us who had few essentials, no money and little insight into the future. He had the respect and love of all the young people."

We find it interesting that Rev. Mickey owned a horse (Nell) that was used in excavating the boiler room at church and also used in grading the yard of the parsonage. He also kept chickens and at one time raised a crop of soy beans on property across from the church.

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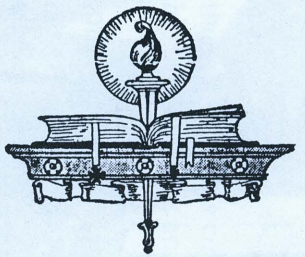
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Grace Moravian Church

Mount Airy, N. C.

"The Lord is in His holy temple let all the earth keep silence before Him."
Habakuk 2:20



Rev. E. T. Mickey
Pastor
Mount Airy, N. C.

"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Ps. 122:1

December 1, 1935
1st Sunday in Advent
Morning Wirship
10:30 a.m.

Prelude
Hymn 120
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Prayer
Hymn 12
Announcements
Scripture
Epistle - Romans 13:8-14
Gospel - Matthew 21:1-13
Offering
Anthem - "Now thand we all our God" - Crueger
Prayer
Hymn 34
Sermon - "God's Dawn in Our Lives"
Hymn 31
Benediction - Silent Prayer,
Postlude

Evening Worship
7:30 p.m.

Prelude
Hymn 100
Prayer
Hymn 103
Announcements
Scripture
II Samuel 12:13-23
Offering
Anthem - "Hosanna!" - Gregor
Hymn 276
Sermon - "Thy Will Be Done"
Hymn 143
Benediction - Silent Prayer
Postlude

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." - John 14:6

The change in the morning service is for the present a continued one. If you do not like it, or if you are indifferent concerning the arrangements will you not cooperate in all possible ways for the present? Many times we discover that when we will be open-minded about a thing we soon learn to see its worth. We are most happy to have the children in the service. Parents are urged to be sure that their children do remain for the service. We often would whip a child for other things, or would severely scold when they do not do as we say in other things; but oh, how many there are who will not obey God's commandment in actively trying to instruct children and bring them up in the fear of the Lord.

The coming Wednesday night is again the time for the meeting of our missionary group. All are welcome to this meeting, but members of our missionary group, or those who would like to be members are particularly invited. We shall organize. All who are interested are asked to think seriously and prayerfully concerning a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

The Advent season is here. Christmas is again in our thoughts. Let us endeavor throughout the entire season to think of the real meaning of Christmas, and not let gifts and other things which are fine in themselves obscure our vision of Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Our first Fellowship Supper on last Wednesday evening was a most happy occasion. Bro. Grabs brought us something to think about. Many more were present than ordinarily come to Prayer Meeting.

MY RECOLLECTIONS OF HIGHLIGHTS OF GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH, 1933 - 1944.

My wife and I, first remember ten extremely happy years within the sight of beautiful mountains and a happy group of faithful Christian folk to whom it was our privilege to minister.

I recall July 2, 1933, the day on which I moved to Mount Airy, and the warm welcome given me by people I already knew from having preached to them foreseveral Sundays before.

I remember a Church board setting up a budget of $780.00 purely on faith and with no knowledge of where it was to come from in that first year. There were only two comments: "With the Lords help we will do it" and "We'll do it like the cat ate the grindstone, a lick at a time." The outcome was sure from the beginning--success.

I remember a congregation in which near half had uncertain work or none at all, setting its shoulder to the wheel to build the Lord's Kingdom. There were Suppers to be given, and they were, even though all equipment had to be hauled, and then hauled back again. The willing hands of women did the work, and the food was good.

Then there was a choir, always faithful and willing to take its place in leadership of the service of God's House.

There were Young People, eager and willing to learn to play horns, 30 of them in number, who made up a very fine Band. These same young people worked faithfully to build their organization and hold Sunday evening meetings.

Men who had little money but much willingness to serve the Lord graded the Church yard and raised a new 600 lb. bell to the belfry to replace the old and cracked one.

There were the Women of the Church, called then The "Women's Auxiliary", sewing and cooking, working and cleaning, doing jobs which could be done but for which no pay could be given.

I remember the kindness of friends of the church who gave to us the Pipe Organ, so useful and helpful in making the services worshipful.

There was the first Easter Dawn Service, led by the band and choir on our God's Acre, an inspiration to us all.

Then there was the purchase of the parsonage property in 1941, and the sacrifical work on the part of all to build the house, begun, by the way, on the Monday of December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

There was the home-going of loved Christian friends and the expectation that we shall see them again around the throne of God.

There were the letters and prayers which followed young men round the world in time of war. These last were demonstrations of days of faith and proof to us all of the nearness of our Lord in our time of need.

There is happy recollection of the day when Grace Church became no longer a mission Church, but a self-supporting congregation.

All these and so much more, as to fill a book, and furnish us with memories of happy days and years of work for the Lord are just a part of our remembrance of Grace Church. May God continue to bless you all.

Edward T. Mickey, JR.

Rev. Mickey Remembers Andy

BY RUTH MINICK

Let's depart from the old, old happenings to a more modern one. This concerns the Rev. E. T. Mickey, now a bishop, and his past protege, Andy Griffith.

In the Thirties, Ed was assigned to Grace Moravian Church in Mount Airy as pastor. The church was a struggling one but Ed was full of the vim, vigor and vitality of youth. There was nothing he would not tackle which included a Moravian band from scratch.

Progress was slow, the kids wouldn't practice, and Ed was disgusted.

In walked another boy–the last object on earth Ed wanted to see at that point.

"What do you want?" asked Ed.

"Wanna join the band," the boy replied.

"But this is just for Moravians," Ed told him.

"I can pay you," answered the boy.

"But I don't take pay. This is part of my job. What do you want to play?"

"Wanna play the trombone."

There, at least, Ed was safe. He did not play the trombone. Thus he informed the boy.

"I gotta book," the boy responded.

"But you have to have an instrument, and trombones cost money."

"Gotta trombone,"

Ed, not having a trombone instruction book, kept the boy's, copied off a lesson, gave it to him, thankfully and permanently seeing the last of him–so he thought.

Next time Andy showed up, letter perfect. And the next time, and the next, and the next.

Then came time for a band concert.

"Now," Ed tells the boy, "this is not for you, so don't show up. You must go to your own church."

Came time to play, Andy was present. "Now, why are you here?" asked Ed.

"Mamma and papa said I could come," the boy answered.

Time went on. Andy decided that he wanted to be a permanent member of the church. Now, conscientious ministers do not proselyte. Ed demurred. Andy persisted.

"I had better talk to your minister," Ed observed.

"Already talked to him and he says it is O. K."

So that was that.

Many years passed. Andy and Ed kept in touch. In a telephone conversation Ed allowed as to how he wished he had a fourteen-year-old boy to mow his lawn.

Some time thereafter, an unkept figure with cap and dark glasses appeared at Ed's door. With him on a truck was a riding lawn mower.

"I didn't order any mower," says Ed.

"But they said to deliver it here," the fellow replied.

"But I didn't order any mower. Take it back."

"Can't. I was told to deliver it here."

"But I did not order a mower."

"Well," taking out a paper, "ain't this the right address?"

"Yes, but I did not order a mower. Where did you get it?"

"At So-and-So's."

"Oh, I know him. I'll just call him."

Call Ed did. So-and-So told him, "Well, somebody ordered it and told us to deliver it to your house."

"Who? I DID NOT ORDER A MOWER."

"Don't know."

"Don't know. Say you don't know?"

"Well, you might ask a fellow called Andy."

Whereupon Ed hung up the receiver, took down his trusty bird shot rifle, opened the door, and confronted his long time tormentor, Andy Griffith.

The Andy Griffith *I Know*

Edward T. Mickey Jr.

W-o-o-o-s-h! S-k-r-e-e-e-k!

That just about describes the sound effects of the beginning of an experience which was to have long-lasting and happy results, the pleasures of which continued for twenty-five years, to this day.

This was how Andy Griffith arrived at the back door of Grace Moravian Church in Mount Airy, North Carolina on a Wednesday afternoon in 1942. It records also how I almost missed knowing him.

Once a week I spent the afternoon teaching "horn" to a dozen or more of the young people in the congregation of Grace Church so that we could have a church band to play chorales for special services. On this particular afternoon the group had not practiced and was not much interested. It was one of those low times when I was saying to myself, "You nut! Why did you ever start this business anyway?" The session was over, and I had gone down to the outside basement steps to sit down and feel sorry for myself.

When I looked up to see the cause of this flurry, sitting astride his bicycle was a rawboned boy of sixteen with curly, blond hair.

"You the preacher here?" he asked.

I answered that I was.

"You teach horn?"

I said that I did, inwardly groaning, "O Lord, here's another one!" And from then on, still drowned in my own self pity, I was anxious to get rid of him. The conversation continued, and, as usual, I talked too much.

"I teach the young folks here at the church."

"You teach me? I'll pay you."

"I can't take pay for this. I have a job, and this is part of my work for the church." And I should not have added: "Why do you want to learn to play a horn?"

"So I can lead a swing-band."

Then I really wondered what I had gotten into! "What kind of horn do you want to learn to play?"

"Trombone."

Now was my chance: "I don't know anything about trombone," I said. But again I talked too much. "All I could do would be to go through an instruction book with you."

"I got an instruction book."

"You'll have to have a horn." (I was glad I had not seen one.)

"I got a horn."

"Where did you get it?"

"Spiegel's."

I was resigned to my fate. He had an answer at every turn and I could not be any more rude than I had been. "Well, come again next Wednesday and bring your horn. We'll see what we can do." I was saying to myself that he would not ride two miles across town for long to do this, and I hoped he would not.

Next Wednesday there was Andy, bicycle and trombone, all three combined with enthusiasm for life in quantity enough for half-a-dozen boys. I still was not convinced. I was not going to buy several dollars' worth of instruction books just to have him quit, for I had no more trombones. I "swiped" his instruction book that week, and sent him home with a scale written on a piece of paper so I could study the book.

On the following Wednesday he brought the scale back, note perfect. I gave him his instruction book and assigned a lesson. He brought it back the next week, note perfect. The same thing happened a third week. Then, when I assigned another lesson, he said, "Is that all?"

"Do you want more?"

"I can do more."

So I gave him two lessons which he promptly brought back note perfect.

Now I was interested. "Andy, when do you get all the time for this practice?" Evidently it was requiring hours for this kind of progress.

"Well, I tell you: I've got my school work; and I've got my studying; and I've got my paper route; and I've got my church work." (He and his family were active members in a church near their home, and I had insisted that he must continue this.) "And that doesn't leave me much time, so I've been getting up about 5 o'clock in the morning to practice!"

My heart went out to the neighbors until I realized that the neighbors also got up about 5 a.m. to go to work.

I soon put Andy in the band which rehearsed each Monday night. There he promptly took the intermission time, and any other time when he thought I was not watching, to learn the fingering and positions of most of the other instruments, still doing a top job with his own.

Unwittingly, I had received much more than just Andy Griffith and his trombone; I had a bonus—his zest for life and for what he was doing caught on with the rest. The whole group, and yes, the director also, came out of the doldrums which had enveloped it.

But his enthusiasm brought its problems, or so I thought. I had insisted that Andy should put his work in his own church first. When there was a conflict, he should stay there. Keeping him there was another matter. He was continually popping up at times when I knew he should be in his own church, but when I said anything:

"I asked Mom and Daddy and the preacher and they said it was O.K."

He would not sing in the choir, that

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was too sissy—at least for the first year. After that he could not sing enough. He did not like "long-haired" music until he was sick with the flu for a week during the winter and began to listen to symphonies over the radio. Today, he and his family appreciate all kinds of music.

Andy's enthusiasm was contagious

And so it went. Everyone came to know and to like this enthusiastic boy whose standards of speech, action and thought were above reproach, and who had the knack for passing his own wholesomeness on to others.

Eventually came the parting of our ways. Andy Griffith went to Chapel Hill to the University of North Carolina to study: first for the ministry and later for teaching, neither of which calling, I believe, was rightly to be his.

Because it has always been my policy to cut the ties which would bind me when going from one congregation to another, I did this when leaving Mount Airy in 1944. For some years, until the time of his "Football Record," I followed Andy in interest, but with little personal contact. We took up a closer relationship again when he asked the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce to invite my wife and me to "Andy Griffith Day" and the premiere of his first picture.

Through the years, Andy's generosity in referring to the Moravian Church and to me as having been a cherished part of his life, has been a source of much enjoyment and appreciation on the part of many of us who have known him. We should not take too much credit for this; it was Andy's doing. Had he not been what he was, and is, in basic character and goodness, he would have been just another of the many in his profession who have lost their ideals and sense of values. He lives under pressures which the rest of us would find intolerable, and does so without sacrificing his own integrity and Christian character.

Visiting at Andy's home

Some years ago my family and I spent a vacation on the island of Ocracoke, below Manteo where Andy and his family lived.* I called on the phone from Ocracoke to see if we could find them at home, but the ferry schedule would not allow us to get there before they had to leave. He told me to come on anyway in case we might get there before they left. Characteristically, he apologized for the chain at the gate, which he hated, saying, "If we don't put up the chain, the sight-seers peep in the windows while we are at home, and if we are away they steal the doorknobs for souvenirs." The caretaker was to let us in, and we were to make ourselves at home. This we did.

It was interesting to spend several days in Manteo. We saw the play, the "Lost Colony" where Andy and Barbara had been for so many summers. We went in and out of stores and talked with groups of people, now and then dropping a word or asking about Andy and Barbara. The story was nearly always the same: "Oh, do you know them? Yes, they aren't here much any more, and we miss them. They were such fine folks, and interested in everything here." As, indeed, they were, singing in the choir at the church and making themselves a part of the community without fanfare or ostentation.

* Andy, his wife and family are members of the Mount Olive Methodist Church, Manteo, where he still has his eastern residence and in which he was choir director for eight years.

We see Andy most on TV

Andy doesn't come to Raleigh often except in his TV programs, and I miss seeing him. He used to come through Charlotte quite often and call me with the same story each time. He was scheduled with appearances up to the hilt, all day long. Could I come down and have breakfast with him at the hotel? This we did more than once. Eight or ten times during each meal the waiter would bring him menus, napkins, and cards to be autographed. We ate and visited between autographs.

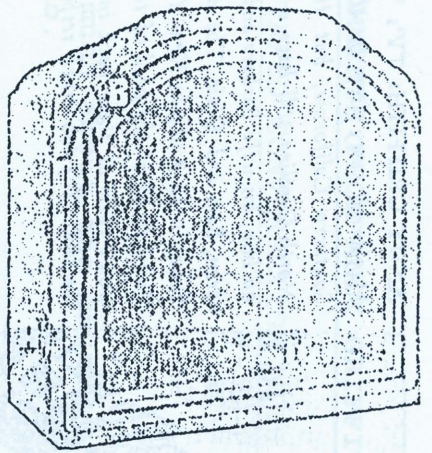
With it all, God blessed Andy Griffith with just what he needed in a wife. No one hears much about Barbara Edwards whom Andy married, and that's the way she wants it. But of one thing we may be sure: Andy would be only half Andy without Barbara "in the wings." She is indeed his "helpmeet." She gave up a stage career of her own to take up a greater career in the rearing of two fine children, Sam and Dixie, and in making a home for a man who lives under high pressure without sacrificing his ideals. Wherever Andy and Barbara have lived, they have been part of the life and activity of the Christian Church, and more than once have remembered small congregations of whose struggles they knew or in which they have had an interest.

They have dreams for the future — dreams which they hope will enrich the lives of young people to whom they may pass on the blessings which have been theirs. Andy believes that being a Moravian Christian helped to give direction to his life. I do too.

This is the Andy Griffith I feel it is my privilege to know.

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ANDY GRIFFITH: *TV's "Sheriff of Mayberry" may live in the hills of Southern California, but the hills of North Carolina still have a large claim on him, his wife Barbara and their children, Sam and Dixie. The day we had lunch with Andy in New York, he refused to sit at the head of the table. "I don't even sit there back in Carolina," he said. "It's too much responsibility.*

. . . . "I went to college to be a Moravian preacher. The tradition of that church is musical. They have lovely services and it's all based on loving one another. They even have one service called 'Love Feast.' The women serve coffee and buns and you sing hymns; that's all there is to it. But the most beautiful of all is the Easter Sunrise service. It starts at three in the morning—that's when we'd go to blowing. We'd ride around on the back of a truck with our trumpets and trombones waking everybody up and then we'd all go to the churchyard and just wait. And then, just as the sun started to crack, the preacher would come out of the church. He'd be all dressed in white and everything would be very quiet, 'The Lord is risen,' he'd say. 'The Lord is risen indeed.' And then we'd march to the graveyard and sing hymns. Some were quiet and some were jubilant, but they were all beautiful.

". . . I'm not Moravian anymore, but I believe in many things they do. And one of them is not fighting. On my show, if there's a squabble, we stop it. I don't want you to get the idea I'm saccharine. I don't care who you are, you're going to have frustration. I can be violent. I've even broken my fist on one door. But I don't hurt people."

All in all, we decided, Mr. Griffith might not like to be at the head of the table—but, in show business he belonged at the head of the class.

—From Headliners by Cleveland Amory

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The articles in this book about Andy's early days and the interview with Emmett tell us a lot about Mr. Mickey as well as the early struggles and efforts of the church in the 1930's and early 1940's. Sometimes we remember things differently, but that's okay too.

In May 1957 Grace Church stood proud as her best known member was honored on Andy Griffith Day in Mount Airy. As a young person, Andy played in the band and sang in the choir. Many of us remember him riding his war time "Victory Bike" from the South end of town to the church. Andy still feels close to the Grace Church as he recently gave a b flat horn and a nice check.

COMMENTS FROM ANDY GRIFFITH

(4/29/99, A TAPED CONVERSATION WITH EMMETT FORREST

Andy:

I don't know as much about the church and the band as people think I do.

I was a member of the Haymore Memorial...the Second Baptist Church...and when I was fourteen, I lied about my age and said I was fifteen so I could get a job from the ~~?—Inlay~~ In the National Youth Administration to clean up the school for $6.00 a month. That went along with the WPA, Workmen's Project.

I wanted to buy a horn, and I didn't know which horn to get. I had two pages of the Speigal catalog that pictures of clarinets, trombones, trumpets, drums, guitars, etc. One time I saw a movie called...I'm getting so old it's hard to remember what things are called. But, it was a Bing Crobsy, anyhow..."Birth of the Blues." I saw Jack Teagarden play the trombone...took the bell off the slide and put a glass over the end of the slide and played it. It thought that was the neatest trick, so I ordered that trombone for $36 and some cents from the Speigal catalog. They said, "Reworked." It was a second-hand horn.

Now, I had that horn for about two months. I didn't look far enough into it about what I would do with the horn when I got it. We did not have a music program in the school system. We had a lady who would come over to our class and teach us to sing, "Driving Nellie Home" and things like that. But, we had no band, we had no formal chorus.

And, so, my father worked at the Mount Airy Chair Company, and his foreman...in those days, most people, if they lived on the south side of town, that's where they spent most of their lives. It would never occur to me to go up to North Main High School or up in that part of town because that was a higher class people who lived up there. They had more money that we did...or that's what we all assumed...I did, anyhow. And Daddy's foreman lived up there...I forget his name now, but he lived up there. He told Daddy one day at the factory that there was a preacher up there, a Moravian preacher, that taught boys how to play horns. His name was Ed Mickey.

And so, we didn't have a telephone, but my aunt did, and I found his number and called him up. Did I call him? I don't think I called him. I think I just got on my bicycle and rode up there. I said, "Do you teach boys to play horns?" He said, "Yeah." He was sitting on the front of the church, and he looked kind of despondent. He said, "Yeah." I said, "Will you teach me trombone?" "Yeah," he said, "I guess I will."

So, he didn't know how hungry I was for it. I had a couple of books, and I left them with him. He didn't know how to play a trombone. I left them with him, and so I came back the next Wednesday and he started teaching me...the positions on the slide and all of that.

What he was despondent about that day as it turned out was he wasn't getting as much...the boys weren't as active as he'd have liked them to be in the band. According to your program, Ed Mickey started the band system at the Moravian Church in Mount Airy, which means he taught, personally, all of those boys how to play those horns. He found the horns...he could have bought them second-hand somewhere, I'm sure.

The organ that was in the church...may still be there. When pictures went to talkies, the movie theaters didn't need these organs anymore. So, they had an organ at the Grand Theater, and they didn't need it anymore so Ed Mickey bought it for a few pennies...I don't know how much. He installed it himself in the church. Because I used to stay up there with him sometimes...he'd go back in the pipes and tune. I'd hit the notes for him. He'd say, "Hit this one, hit this one." He taught, I think her name was Jenny, a lady named Jenny how to play that organ. When a piece was too difficult for her to play, he'd be up at the pulpit, reading the liturgy, you know. When it came time for the anthem, he'd step across that little space there, and he'd play the organ and conduct the choir. He always conducted the choir anyhow. Then, he'd step back and preach.

I can't say for sure, but I think this is why the Moravian service is at 10 o'clock. I believe the reason that is is I don't think Ed Mickey made very much money as a preacher at the Moravian Church. I don't know, but I don't think he did. He drove a real old car that I'd give anything if I had. It had wooden spoke wheels. I don't know what kind it was because I couldn't drive at that time. We didn't

have a car, and I didn't know anything about them. But by the time I got involved, you know, I worked on the horn...he taught me how to play every horn that church had. When I got to be sixteen, I think it was, he talked me into singing and he taught me singing. By then, I had pretty well left the Baptist Church and come over to the Moravian Church and my parents had too. So, I was singing in his choir at the Moravian Church at 10 o'clock. As soon as that service was over, me and him would get in his car and drive down to the Methodist Church, where he was the choir director. I sang in that choir, too. Later on, in his last years there, they asked him to teach some of the kids at White Plains School to play reed instruments, which he did. They came up and they played one Easter service with us. That's the first time we ever had reed instruments in the band. While I played in the band, sometimes I played trombone and sometimes I played the E-flat base, depending on who showed up.

Ed Mickey had a remarkable way with young people. He used we boys a lot to build things. That parsonage, a lot of us drove many a nail in that parsonage while it was being built. Ed Mickey built it himself, and we all helped when we could. I don't know whether you still have that furnace there, but he had found an old furnace somewhere and he had a mule named Nell, I think, and we had a drag scoop. We dug a hole for that furnace room and we poured some concrete around it to hold the dirt back so it wouldn't cave in on the furnace. He put that furnace in.

Now, let's see, what else can I tell you? We had the sunrise services like you do now. We walked over to the same graveyard. I don't think that road that goes...it was just a straight path through the woods over to the graveyard in those days. He'd walk out, I believe, wearing a white robe. He'd walk out just at sunrise and say, "The Lord has risen, the Lord has risen indeed." Then I believe we'd play and sing, "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord" right there. I may not be right, but I think that's what we did. Then we'd have a little service there and then we'd get in front and behind the congregation and play antiphonally to the graveyard. You still do that, I guess.

That's about all I know. That base horn that you brought down here, I believe, is the same horn that I learned to play on. I used to take it home sometimes and clean it on Sunday afternoons when I'd clean my trombone.

It was the energy that this man, Ed Mickey, had and the dedication that he had. When he left Mount Airy, he went down and took care of three churches...down at King, Rural Hall and Oldtown, which Oldtown was the first Moravian Church outside of Winston-Salem. He said that people said the reason that he took that job was so he could get a new car. I don't think that's why. He'd been in Mount Airy about ten or twelve years, I guess, and decided...I don't know why he had to leave, but he had to leave. When he left, he made me the band director. We were playing at some auction one time and I counted the "Star Spangled Banner" off in two instead of three, which it is in three, and boy, did the other band members get mad at me. We were just a wreck...we were awful! I was playing the tuba on that one, too.

That's about all I remember, Emmett. I had that horn, and here was a golden opportunity to learn how to play it. Little did I know that I'd wind up playing everything else they had and also singing. When I was a junior in high school, they had the baccalaureate service. We sang a song called from the Bible called "The Beatitudes." He made me the baritone soloist in it. It was hard to sing and I've never found a copy of it. I tried to when I was a school teacher, but I never could find a copy of it...never did find it.

He was also a substitute teacher. He'd come in when our Latin teacher was sick, and he'd teach Latin. He was a remarkable fellow...he really was...he was a very remarkable fellow.

I'm glad now that they have a music program in the high school. I guess it starts in the elementary school...and that they have a band. What I always believed was that there are people like I was. I was not...we didn't have any money. I was not a good student, and I was not an athlete, so I didn't amount to much. I wasn't anybody. When I started to play that horn, I was doing something that nobody else in town could do. Then I started singing, and that was an added plus. So, I've always believed that for certain students in schools, there are those that are not rich, not necessarily good students and not athletic. Playing in a band or singing in a chorus gives them an option...gives them something they can do. There are other things too...there's woodworking, etc. Music is an option, and it's been good to me.

That's about all I know to tell you.

Emmmett: Andy, I sure do appreciate that. That was great...that was wonderful. Thanks for all your time and effort.

Andy: It's pretty much what we talked about on the phone, I think.

Emmett: It's very much appreciated.

Andy: OK. If they can use that, that's fine.

Emmett: I'm sure they can. Thanks a lot.

Committee Postscript

In 1939 Grace received a gift of a used pipe organ from Central Methodist Church. Rev. Mickey rebuilt and installed this first organ, even using a vacumm cleaner motor and a dish pan to hold the water. This was used until we bought our first electronic organ in 1969, again from Central Methodist. Our present organ was purchased new in 1990.

In 1981 Kathy Pruett became the second organist in the history of Grace Church. She met her husband David,(son of Gary and Marianne) at Lenior Rhyne College where they were both music majors. She became joint organist/choir director in 1994 and has led the music to a new level.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS OF GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH

July 1, 1939 - June 30, 1940

In looking back over the progress of Grace Congregation during the past twelve months one may well feel that perhaps one of the greatest years since the beginning of our work has just passed. It has not been marked by the greatest gain in numbers, for during the year we have received only twelve new members.

Actually, during the early months of the year the work of the church touched some very low points, attendances dropped off, and interest seemed to lag. Around Christmas time, however, one could feel a growing spirit of unity and of interest. Perhaps with the beginning of the Lenten Season, we may say began an awakening which brought us lasting good.

With the baptism of two infants on Palm Sunday, and the reception of twelve new members during the Easter Season we had perhaps our most blessed occasions of growth. Maundy Thursday Communion, which has always been our poorest attended Communion, was the largest we have ever held. Other Communions since that time have exceeded even that one in attendance. Average attendances have grown in all services, though much remains to be desired.

The congregation is grateful to God that He has chosen one from amongst us to enter into ministerial service. This year brother John Walker began his course of study at Moravian College in preparation for the ministry. We earnestly pray the Father that he may find ways to call others from amongst us that we may have a further share in spreading the gospel.

The year has been marked by interest in our work on the part of non-Moravian friends in the community in the gift of our splendid organ which has added so much to our worship. For their generosity we give thanks to the Father who put it into their hearts to be so kin

Again the Lord has been kind in that only one of our number has been called home during the year. Total membership of the congregatio now has reached two hundred thirty-three.

Fifteen of our young people attended the Young People's Conferenc in August, 1939. In fact, it has been from these attendances that much of our growth in church membership and interest in young people's work has come. Our Young People have taken upon themselves the Sunday School of Crooked Oak Church, and much blessing has come to al through this extended interest.

Much remains to be done. Still greater faithfulness to the Communion hour is urged. Enlarged service and faithfulness on the part of each member is earnestly asked, and in this year when we have set forth to support ourselves, and when the world about us reels and totters, we earnestly pray that it may be God's will that we shall labor calmly and determinedly toward the end that all men may be save

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Jim Cox - sand	1.25	
Wilson Lumber Co.	60.00	
Cash for shrubbery	5.00	
Spurgeon Booker - Tuning pianos	9.00	
Hymnals and hand books	44.00	
Graveyard surveying	30.00	1826.36

Church Treasurer's Report Continued

Miscellaneous Expenditures:	
Young People's Conference	146.00
Bible School Expense	4.26
Revival Expenses	25.00
Gift	5.00
Traveling Expenses to Crooked Oak	24.00
Graveyard Fund	20.00
Cockerham's Flower Shop	7.50
Total Paid Out	$4031.17
Balance on Hand 7/1/40	3.18

HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR

J.D. Atkins
Mrs. Lenore Atkins
David Lee Atkins
Mrs. W.A. Bingman
Fred Bingman
Mrs. Florence Bingman
Mrs. H.C. Blackburn
Barbara Blackburn
C.P. Boyd
Mrs. Kate Boyd
Mary Louise Boyd
Lee Boyd
Mrs. Gertrude Boyd
Robert Lee Boyd
Franklin Boyd
Tom Boyd
Pearl Boyd
Louis Burton
Mrs. Grace Burton
Harry Burton
Mrs. Georgia Coble
Mrs. Lizzie Collins
Wilford Collins
Mrs. Eva Collins
Abb Collins
Annie Collins
Bessie Collins
R.H. Creasy
Violet Creasy
Clara Creasy
Jane Dearmin
J.C. Dillon
Mrs. Lattie Dinkins
Burton Dinkins
Mrs. Lilla Harris
Agnes Jeffries
Mrs. Annie Jeffries
W.A. King, Jr.
Mrs. Lillie King
Billy King
Twain Westmoreland
Billy Sumner
Frank McMillan
Mrs. Naomi McMillan
E.T. Mickey, Jr.
Mrs. Helen Mickey
Mrs. C.W. Morrison
Katherine Palmer
Mrs. Mary Poore
Virginia Poore
Mrs. Eunice Pruett
Margaret Pruett
Jessie Pruett
Fred C. Pruett
Mrs. Fred Pruett
Melba Pruett
Jeanne Pruett
Conway Pruett
Jimmie Pruett
W.H. Sumner
Mrs. Josie Sumner
Wallace Taylor
Mrs. Irene Taylor
R.C. Tesh
Mrs. Ethel Tesh
Wm. R. Tesh
Donald Tesh
Gilbert Tillotson, Sr.
Gilbert Tillotson, Jr.
Margaret Walker
Frank Walker, Jr.
John Walker
Mrs. Gillie Westmoreland
Mrs. Media Westmoreland
Betty Dkins
Gloria Bingman
Fred Bingman, Jr.
Peggie Lou Bingman
Charles Pruett
Buddy Pruett
Donald Pruett
Clarence Goad
Janet Sumner

This honor roll was read aloud at church each quarter

Report of Auxiliary Circle #1
July 1, 1939 - June 30, 1940

Received

Balance on hand, July 1, 1939	$	2.24
Dues		33.80
Sales and Suppers		63.80
Special Offering		14.00
Total Received		113.84

Paid Out

Freight	1.84
Young People's Conference	3.00
Flowers and Presents, and Suppers	6.00
To Church Treasury for Cleaning	30.00
Jello	22.50
Church Treasury	45.00
Total Paid Out	108.34

Balance on hand - $5.50

Circle #2

Balance on hand, July 1, 1939	1.67
Dues and special offerings	40.30
Gifts	33.00
Received from Suppers and Pie Sales	55.61
Calendar and Handkerchief Sales	23.50
Birthday Flower Fund	1.46
Total Received	155.54

Paid Out

Cleanint - To Church Treasury	30.00
Flowers " "	2.50
Church Treasury	107.14
Present	3.07
Suppers and Banquets	12.00
Total Paid Out	154.71

Balance on hand 83¢

Senior Young People

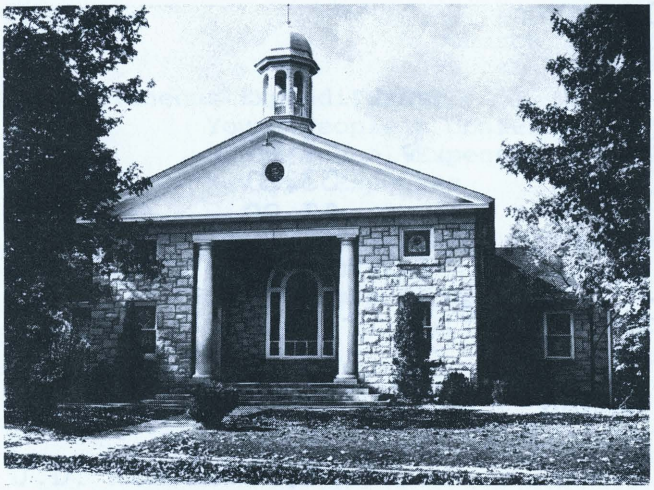
Collections		2.00
Sales and Suppers		29.00
	Total	31.00

Paid Out

Conference Scholarships and Fees		21.00
Bonanza Mission Field		10.00
	Total	31.00

Junior Girl's Auxiliary

Income	10.00
Paid to Church for Hymn Books	10.00





The Beginning



OUR CHURCH BUILDING GROWTH

After determining that a Moravian Church was needed in Mount Airy, the Provincial Board bought a suitable lot one-quarter mile outside the city limits on North Main Street Extension. The lot was approximately 280 by 300 feet and was part of the Burke and Galloway property. Of course, Grace Street or Wrenn Avenue did not exist in 1924. The building was begun in 1925 and was first used in 1926. Early services were held on subflooring as a lot of unfinished areas existed.

The building represented an investment of about $20,000.00. Brother Ed Stockton, treasurer of the Southern Province, made arrangements for a $4,000.00 loan with a local bank. The church board personally endorsed four $1,000.00 notes for this loan. Apparently the local community welcomed the Moravian Church as Brother Crouch and others raised about $6,000.00 and felt this would grow to $10,000.00 on completion.

PARSONAGE

Rental parsonages on West Elm Street and later on Rawley Avenue were used until the congregation, under Rev. E.T. Mickey, could take on a new project. The 1930's were very difficult times for everyone. (Ex:) The 1934 church budget was $681.40. Rev. Mickey and members of the congregation actually built the present parsonage in 1941. Grace Street was opened during 1930. There were virtually no labor costs, and the building is estimated to have cost in the $6,000.00 range.

In 1949 a special church council was held to discuss paying off the $1,755.00 indebtedness on the parsonage. The results were a refinancing in June 1950 for $3,500.00 which was paid in 1954. The organ was rebuilt in 1950 at a cost of $2,300.00; so perhaps this was a consolidation of debts.

Moravian Parsonage 'Built Out Of Love'

The stately brick and white frame dwelling situated just behind Grace Moravian Church, and to the west, is a structure "built out of love", so say members of the church who recall not too many years ago when the house was erected.

A beautiful home, it was the first permanent parsonage for Grace Church. It went up under the loving hands of members of the congregation, and direction of the church pastor, himself.

Before that time, the ministers had lived at various places around town. The Rev. Charlie C. Crouch, the church's first pastor, resided just across Grace Street in what is now the L. Y. Haynes home. This dwelling is constructed out of the same Mount Airy granite as is the church.

The pastor, under whose watchful eye the permanent parsonage was erected, was residing in the Sides house on Rawley Ave.

The Rev. E. T. Mickey has several good reasons for remembering the time the parsonage was built, and while in Mount Airy this week he will no doubt recall all of them.

For while members of his congregation worked tirelessly to construct a permanent parsonage, and while he labored along with them and "did the overseeing", Ed Mickey sawed off one of his fingers.

Raymond Tesh, one of the older members of Grace Moravian (and who, incidentally, has made the coffee for every Lovefeast held at the church), has declared of the Rev. Mr. Mickey: "That is the workingest man I ever saw. . . he can do anything!"



And Jack Brown recollects when he went, along with several other interested persons, to Winston-Salem, to persuade the powers that be to let Preacher Mickey remain in Mount Airy. This was before Brown was even a member of the church.

"He (the Rev. Mr. Mickey) was the type of guy who could fit in anywhere," Brown said. "Why he can get out here and plow his garden with a mule, or he can sing and preach in the biggest of churches."

And so it is that people remember Ed Mickey, the young man who served Grace Moravian Church for 11 years, from 1933 until 1944, and who sawed off one of his fingers while helping to put up the church parsonage.

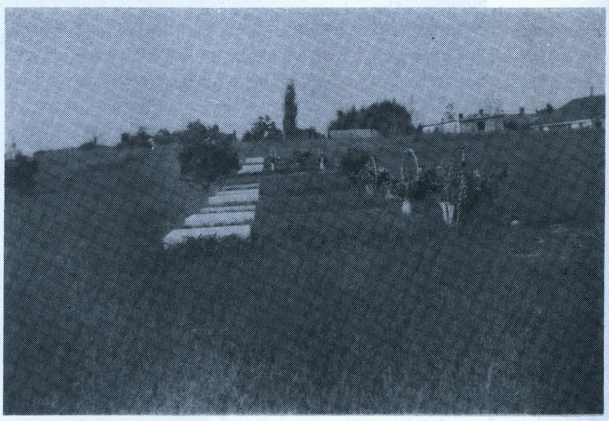
GOD'S ACRE

In 1936 a major addition to Grace was provided by a donation of several acres left in the will of Dr. Harvey Hege, a local dentist. Dr. Hege was a non-Moravian and had a small peach orchard in what is now God's Acre. His tombstone reads "Donor of cemetery and first grave." A small parcel between the orchard and the church was purchased to complete Grace's tract. Wrenn Avenue was not cut until about 1954.

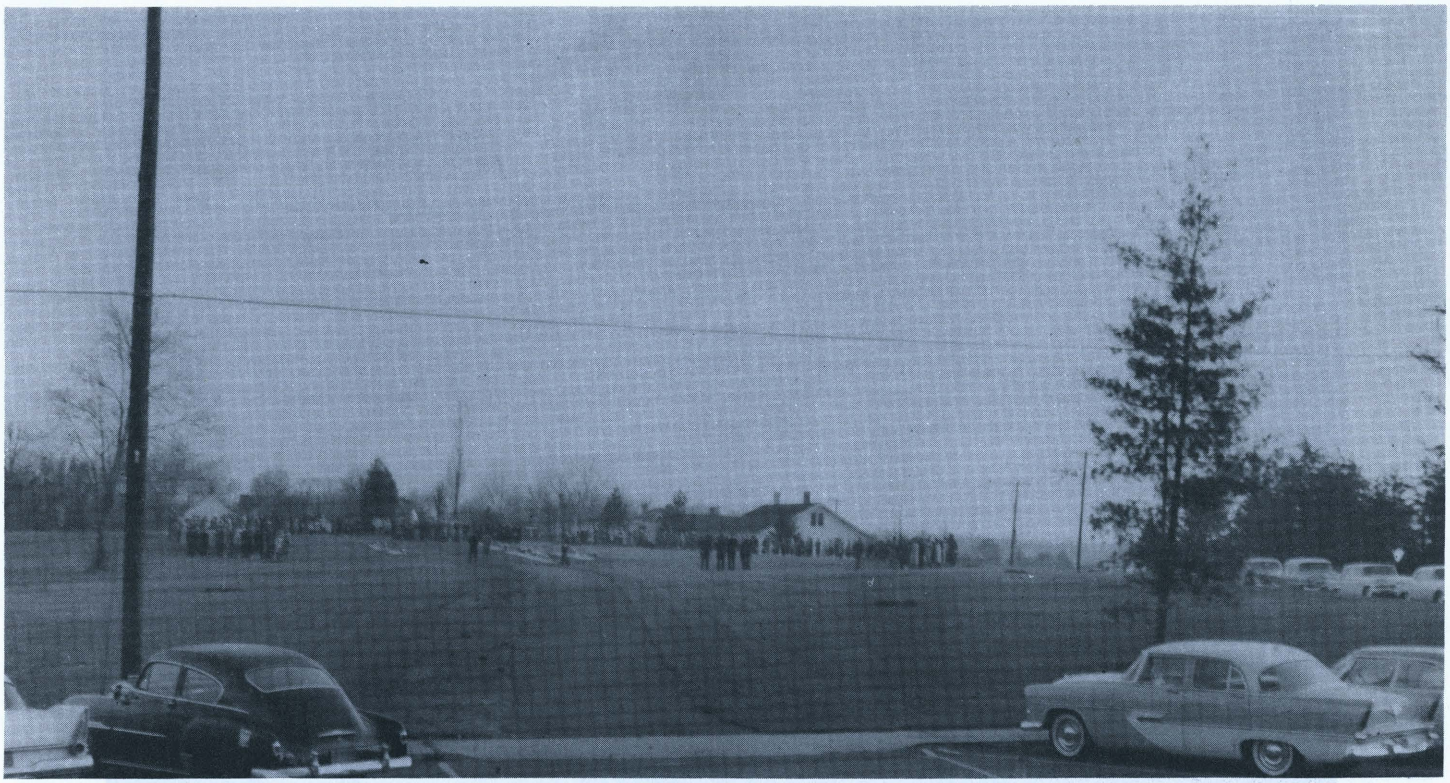
An "Avenue" was cut through the pine wooded area to God's Acre. Large stone columns were erected at the end of the avenue near the church. Sunrise services were begun and were very effective as the procession journeyed down the avenue to the cemetery.

The early cemetery was not well kept except around the graves. Brother Bill Dinkins, a charter member and early leader, was buried next to Dr. Hege in 1937. Zeb Collins (Annie, Bessie, Herbert and Abb's father) followed in 1939. Cora Jackson Creasy (Clara Pruett's mother) was the first lady in 1939. Eleanor Gayle Pruett (Eunice and George's daughter) was the first baby in 1938. Two other babies were moved from other sites. The baby section was originally at the rear of the cemetary but was moved forward during the 1940's.









NOTICE TO LEGATEE OR DEVISEE

FORM 11A
G.S. 31-14—1M— 8-57-Flynn

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
FORSYTH COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE CLERK,
EX OFFICIO JUDGE OF PROBATE

Grace Moravian Church
Name of Beneficiary

Mount Airy, N. C.
Street and number, or R.F.D.

City or Town State

NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY

Received 11-09-77
Ck for 1/10 sister of Dr. Hege
1/10 of estate.

This is to notify you that Carrie Hege Boyles - 1/10th - 75 N/P/D/
Name of deceased
late of Forsyth County, left a last will and testament which has been admitted to probate by this Court, and

Annie B. Cooksey; P. O. Box 1341, Winston-Salem, N. C. Park 49547
Name and Address of Executor or Administrator C.T.A.
Park 21151 - O'Hanlon's Wholesale Drug

qualified as Executrix to administer the estate of said deceased according to the terms of said will and according to law. If you desire any information regarding this estate, please communicate with said representative or his attorney, Hastings, Booe and Mitchell

O'Hanlon Building, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Name and Address of Attorney

Settlement of this estate cannot be made earlier than twelve months from the date of this notice.

This 20 day of August, 1958.

W. E. CHURCH, CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,
EX OFFICIO JUDGE OF PROBATE

By _____ Deputy
Clerk of Superior Court



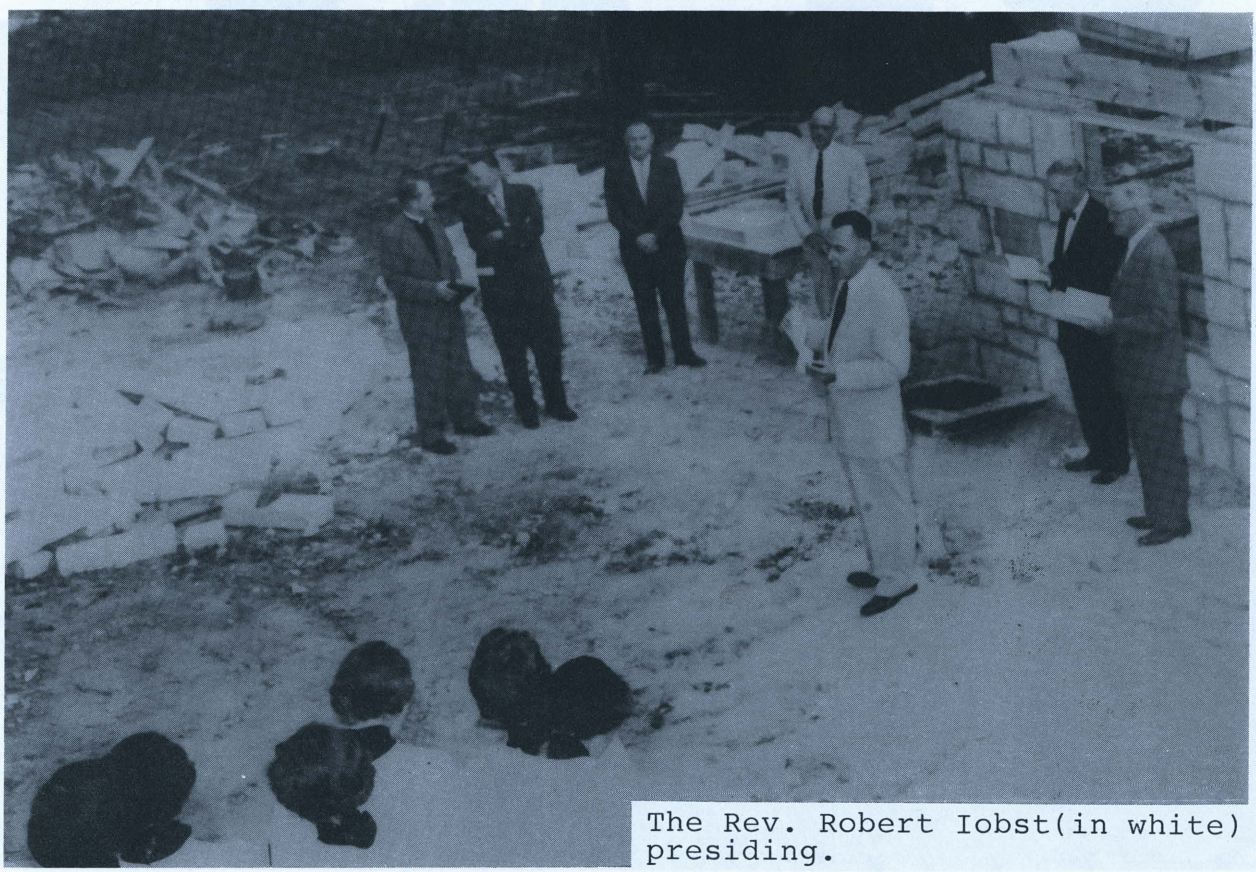
The "Avenue" was cut through the pines to God's Acre about 1940 and used for ten years. Large stone columns stood at the end of the "Avenue" which started at the edge of the yard about even with the new Christian Education Building.

The first Graveyard regulations were approved by church council in June 1940.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDITION

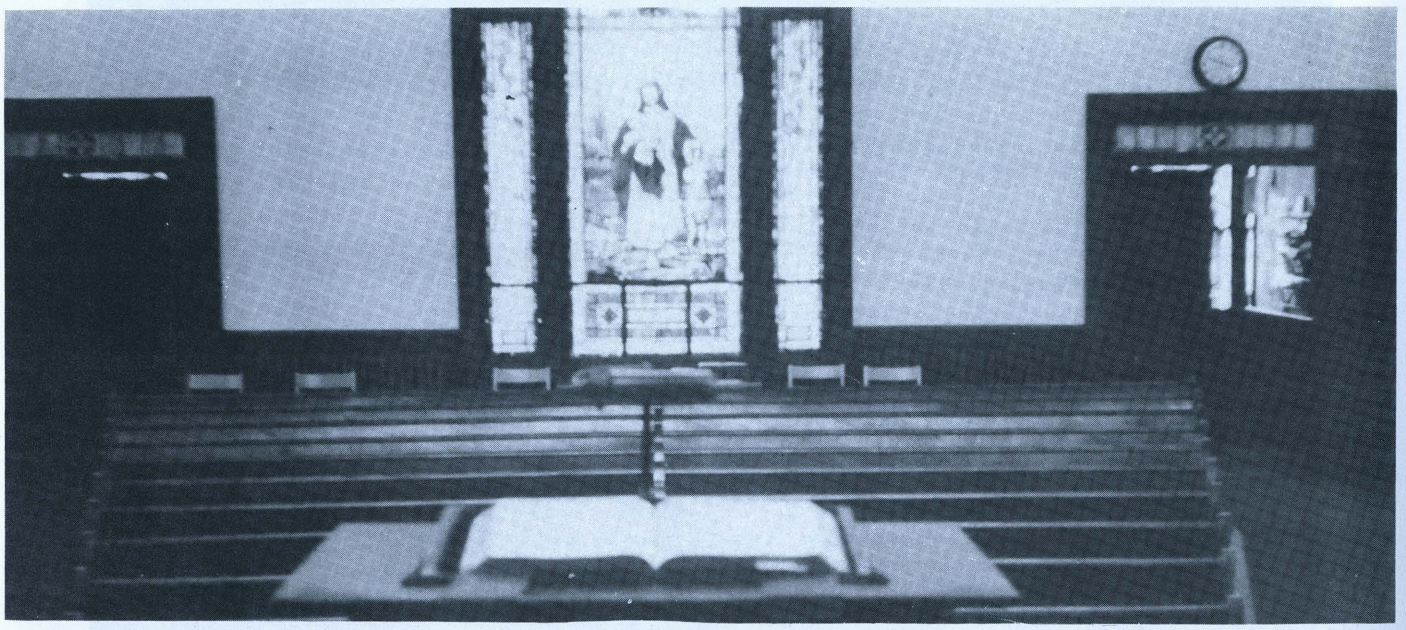
As growth occurred and needs increased, a Sunday School wing was built in 1955. Costs had soared, and this building would cost $40,000.00. The contractor was Conrad Stimpson, a former member of Grace Church. Jack Brown was building chairman and was assisted by James Jarvis, Howard Sumner, Lenora Atkins (Sumner), James Goad, Clinton Tesh, W.M. Williamson, Wilcher Boyd, Fred Pruett, John Walker and John Wolfe.

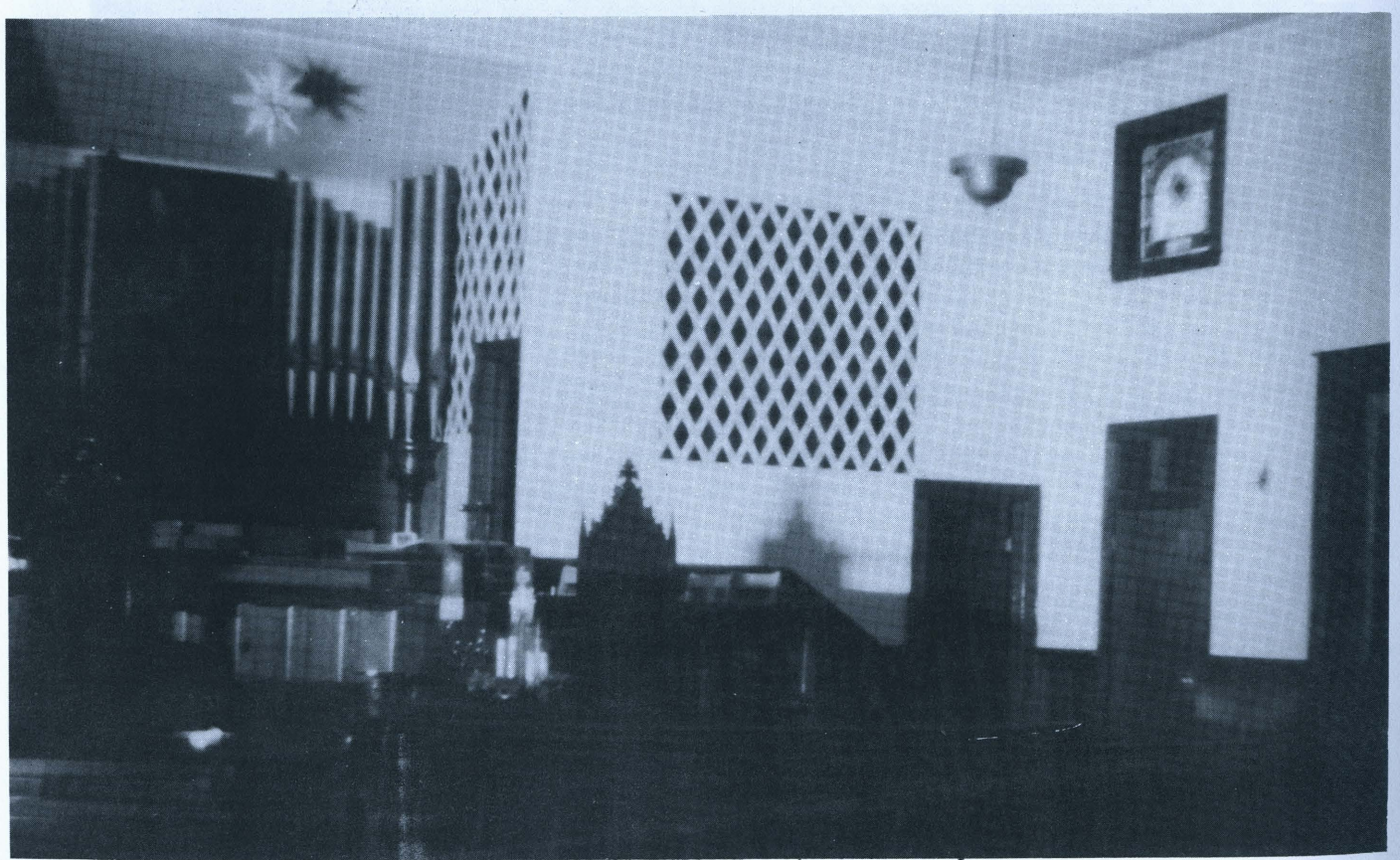


The Rev. Robert Iobst(in white) presiding.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

The next large building project was the complete renovation of the sanctuary in 1962. The old sanctuary was very dark and outdated. Services were held in the basement as this work was being done. This project included new pews, pulpit furniture, lighting, carpet, ceiling, heating system and slight enlarging of the sanctuary to the choir area. A center aisle replaced the two aisles. The cost was about $25,000.00. The puplit furniture was donated by Dr. Thor Johnson in memory of his parents, The Rev. Herbert B. and Anna Johnson. The Rev. Herbert B. Johnson served Grace congregration from March 15, 1944 until 1954.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING

Plans were made in 1965 for a new addtion to include Sunday School rooms, offices, restrooms, kitchen and a Fellowship Hall. The board worked with Sister Jean Sparger to develop the drawings. As more government regulations came into effect, it was determinded that a licensed architect was required on a public building of this size. A building committee was formed, and a Winston-Salem architect was hired. He would work by the hour and get our drawings ready for approval of the North Carolina Insurance Department and bidable for a contractor. The cost for this work was only $700.00 on a building which would cost $70,000.00. The Cornerstone was laid in 1966. The building committee for this project was Gary Pruett, chairman, Jim Miller, Jean Sparger, Jim Midkiff and Jack Brown. John S. Clark Company was the contractor. Our own Miller Construction did not want to do this job but was a big help on the committee.

Because of the condition of the steeple, it was replaced by the committee at this time. The replacement was very boxy and did not have a spire. The spire was added in the 1966 building project.

9/11.



JOHN WOLFE, CHAIRMAN OF THE Finance Committee of Grace Moravian Church, turns a $75,000 shovel of dirt Sunday morning during special groundbreaking ceremonies for the church's new educational annex and fellowship hall. Others are, (l-r) Clyde Puckett, vice chairman of the board of elders, Harry Hiatt, chairman of the trustees, Mrs. Jack Palmer, chairman of Christian education, Mrs. Ed Pruett, president of the women of the church, and Gary Pruett, chairman of the building committee. Pastor Joe Gray led the special services at the end of the regular morning worship service.

—NEWS Photo

July 22, 1966

COPY

Dr. Edwin L. Stockton
500 South Church Street
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Ed:

We have planned for many months to build a Christian Education Building, and make some alterations to our church. We are now ready to proceed. The plans and specifications were drawn by Oliver T. Hayes, Architect, of Winston-Salem, N. C. These plans and specifications have been approved by the Provincial Advisory Building Board. Also, we have three bids as follows:

1. $73,672.00 Blue Ridge Enterprises, Inc.

2. $68,500.00 Miller & Chauncey

3. $66,965.00 John S. Clark Co., Inc.

We would like to award the contract to the lowest bidder, John S. Clark Co., Inc.

We also need $23,035.00 for renovation of our parsonage; final landscaping of the church grounds after building is completed, and the furnishing of the Christian Education Building. This makes a total expense of $90,000.00.

We have met requirements of Synod of 1965 by having on hand 20% of the total cost, and we stand on our record to pay the amount of the loan. We need to borrow $70,000.00, and have made arrangements with a local Building and Loan Association to get the money. This project has been approved by Grace Moravian Church Councils of 1965-1966, also by our Board of Trustees.

We humbly ask that the Provincial Financial Board approve this request, and that we be allowed to meet with the Financial Board and give our views; also answer any questions the board might have in regard to this project.

Fraternally yours,

Harry C. Hiatt, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Gary Pruitt, Chairman, Building Committee

John Wolfe, Chairman, Finance Committee

OLIVER T. HAYES
ARCHITECT
1206 MARTIN ST.
WINSTON-SALEM. N. C.

Feb.11th.1966

Grace Moravian Church
Mr.Gary Pruett,
344 Robin Road
Mount Ary, N.C.

Dear Sirs

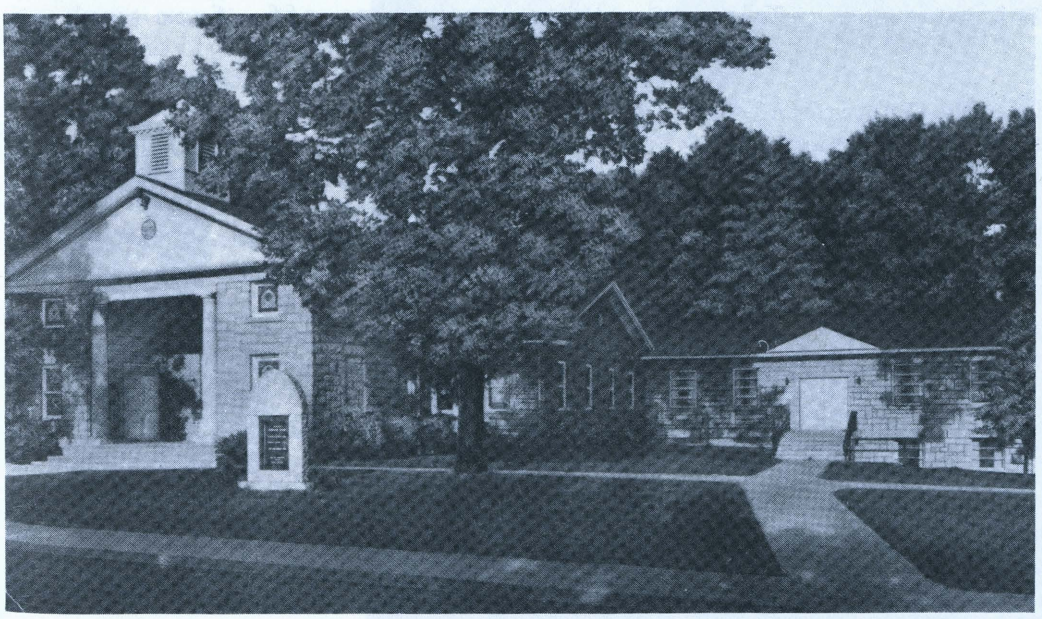
I propose to prepair Drawings and outline Specifications for a 40' 0" X 90' 0" two story addition to your Church Building,with minor alterations to existing building, for the sum of 200.00 fee pluss 10.00 per hour for my time for preparing these Drawings. or a flat fee of 800.00. It is my enderstanding that you will have your heating Contractor prepair heating Drawings. This price does not include cost of printing which will be about 3.00. per set.

If this proposal is satisfatory with you,please write me a letter so stating and I will make these Drawing as soon as posible.

Very truly yours

Oliver T.Hayes

Mr. Hayes was quite elderly and had a N.C. license #3.



The spire on our present steeple was Added by Mr. Hayes.



The above building was a renovated tool shed from a building project. It was used as a scout hut until demolition in 1979. The present scout hut was built in 1979 at a cost of $30,000.00.

A TRIBUTE

VIRGINIA POORE

Virginia Poore volunteered her musical talent as church organist for almost fifty years. She played at every service and always took time off, from work at Renfro Hosiery Mill, to play at all funerals. Our present organ was given by the congregation in her honor. Climbing steps and into the organ pit became difficult in later years, but you could always count on "Gin."

As it became more apparent that "Gin" could not play the organ many more years, there was discussion, among the Board of Elders and Trustees, as to the effect it would have on her when she had to give up playing. When David and Kathy Pruett were married and moved to Mount Airy, she said this was the answer to her prayers. "Gin" took her seat on the end of the third row and enjoyed the music in which she had such a great part for all these years.

Virginia was secretary/treasurer for the Sunday School department for several years. According to information contained in the Archives, she was elected to the church board in 1942.

For all her years of faithful and dedicated service she was another person who made a tremendous difference in Grace Church.

Virginia Poore Gives 48 Years To Her Church

By ELEANOR POWELL
News Woman's Editor

Virginia Poore played the organ at Grace Moravian Church for 48 years, a service that she gave to her church and to her Lord. Now she has retired, but not before the congregation paid tribute to this dedicated member last Sunday.

While a student at Flat Rock School in 1932, Miss Poore began playing the church piano after her sister, Katherine Jackson Boyd, the regular pianist, decided to give it up. "We didn't have an organ back in those days and it was the Rev. Ed Mickey who taught me how to play when we finally did get one," she recalls. With laughter, she added, "I remember that organ was operated with a vacuum cleaner motor that Mr. Mickey installed himself. But it worked!"

Through the years Miss Poore always returned to church to practice the organ music once or even twice a week. "I always went on Saturdays so the music would be fresh on my mind for the Sunday service," she noted.

Church members say she has been a faithful organist and hardly ever missed being there to present her music. They could always count on her being there to play for funerals and many of the weddings. The first ceremony she played for was at Clara and Ed Pruett's wedding.

During worship service on Sunday, the church honored Miss Poore by placing flowers at the altar in her honor. The Rev. Charles Fishel, pastor, presented her a book containing a poem that Tab Williams composed, "A Prelude, A Postlude and 48 Years Between." Also included were notes of praise from six Moravian ministers who served during Miss Poore's tenure as organist. They came from Ed Mickey, Robert Tobst, Ray Troutman, Joe Gray, Harold Cole and Fishel.

The church remembered her with a gift also, and then surprised her with a large cake baked and decorated in the replica of an organ top and hymnal. The cake was made by some of the church women while Caroline Pearce used her expertise to inscribe the book with Miss Poore's favorite song, "Hallelujah and Praise the Lord."

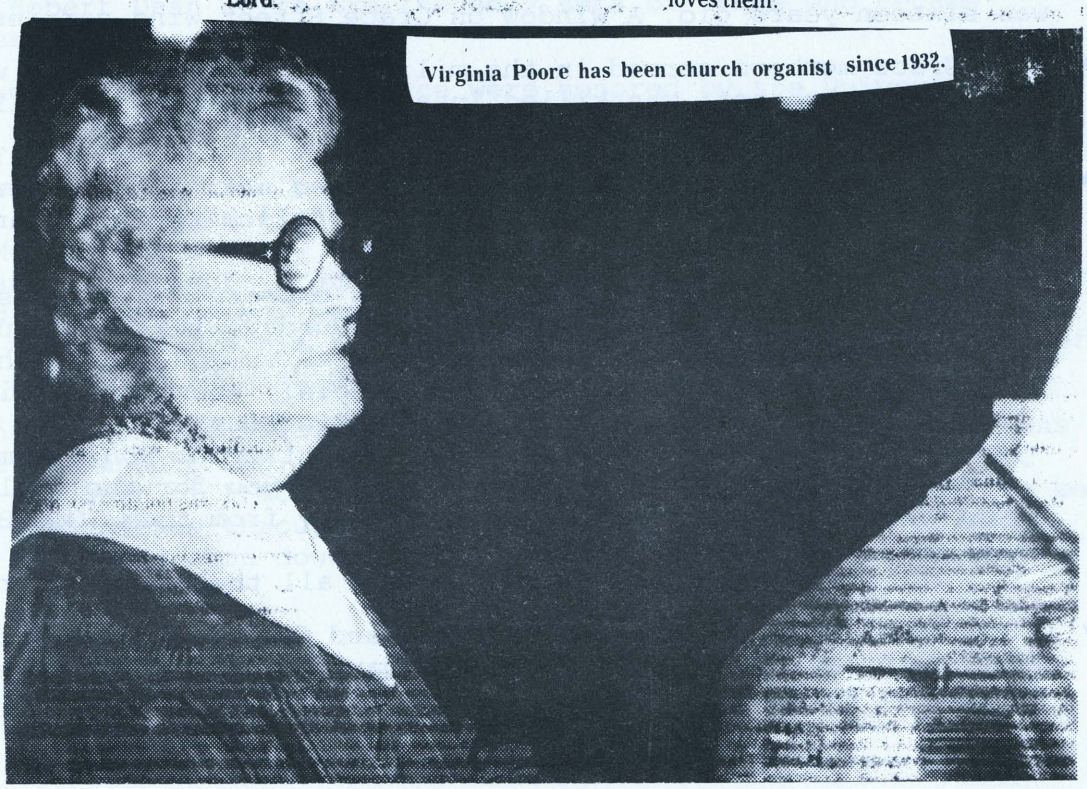
The cake was cut and served at a luncheon for Miss Poore following the service.

Although she won't be playing the church organ any longer, Miss Poore promises to be around for the services, circle meetings and gatherings of the Moravian Senior Friends. "In fact, I'll probably be around whenever the doors are open," she chuckled. "I might be retiring as organist, but that doesn't mean I won't be back to church."

Miss Poore resides on West Oakdale Street with Kate Boyd. She worked for 42 years at Renfro Hosiery Mill before retiring due to the ill health.

"Since retiring, I do bake cakes for people," she said. Her specialties are pecan tarts, coconut and Italian Cream Cheese Cakes.

Sunday was quite a day for Miss Poore. Most of the cake was eaten, but the hymnal section has been stored in her freezer. And a copy of the poem has been framed. These are just two of the mementos she'll have around for awhile to remind her that her church friends love her as much as she loves them.



Virginia Poore has been church organist since 1932.



VIRGINIA POORE

TRIVIA

We hope this Trivia section makes us appreciate the difficulties our early organizers went through. Some of this was not Trivia to them but involved major decisions. Some of this is just to make these people real to us and the generations that will follow.

★ The first board was elected May 23, 1926 and were as follows:

J.A. Tesh – 3 years
William Dinkins – 2 years; Treasurer
Roy Tesh – 1 year
W.H. Woods – 3 years; Vice Chairman
Glenn Jones – 2 years; Secretary
C.L. Hiatt – 1 year

★ The 96 charter members is the largest number ever in the Moravian Church. (This may have changed recently with a church in Florida.) By the time they started using the church in 1926, the membership came from Mount Bethel Moravian as the people had moved to Mount Airy for work. Adult baptism was about forty percent and the others by transfer of membership.

★ In June 1937, the official Board was increased to seven people. No record was found of when we went to two boards.

★ Mrs. Lee (Gertrude) Boyd was the first female elected to the Board in June 1939. Virginia Blackburn was elected in 1941 and Virginia Poore in 1942.

★ The 1935 Synod delegates elected were C.L. Hiatt and Lee Boyd. William Dinkins and Grace Burton were alternates.

★ At church council in July 1942, Hallie Dillon made a motion to take the rest of July to try to raise the $100.00 balance due on the chimes. If this could not be done by then we are to let the chimes go back upon a refund of the $90.00 already paid.

★ The first wedding performed by Brother Mickey was that of Tab and Fonce Williams.

★ The first funeral in Grace was that of Annie Lee Winfrey on May 16, 1926. She was sixteen years old. A window on Grace Street wing carries her name.

★ Many Grace members served in the military during the great wars. Frank Walker, Jr. (John's brother) was killed in action on February 26, 1944 and is buried in God's Acre.

★ In 1979 the John Walker Sunday School Class sent fifteen new hymnals to the Roanoke, Virginia fellowship. The following is a thank you note received from Bob and Nancy Poore.

> "Dear Friends in Christ, words cannot express our surprise and pleasure when David Burkette arrived Sunday with the beautiful Hymn Books. David came to have communion with us and having the Hymn Books just made the day even more special. When David said, "these are a gift to you from Grace Moravian in Mount Airy," we were so touched and so very happy that our dear friends would remember us in such a wonderful way. We sincerely thank you for the truly marvelous gift and of course, we will get much joy from them. God Bless each of you in His special way."
>
> Fondly, Bob and Nancy and all the Roanoke Moravians

★ Grace Church also held two Lovefeasts and Candle services in Roanoke. For these services coffee mugs, urns and candles, Lovefeast Odes and workers were carried to Roanoke.

- ★ Please observe the 1935 church bulletin which was made available by the twenty ads of local businesses. We hope our Trustees don't try this.
- ★ Before air conditioning we kept cool with Moody Funeral Home fans which were used by nearly all churches. Use these as long as you can !
- ★ The first nursery was started in 1956 with the circles taking turns managing this. It was held in the parsonage basement.
- ★ The Grace Singers (13-15 year olds) was begun in the mid 1970's, under the direction of Emily Amos. Ed Pruett provided the enthusiasm as well as the shirts and other props. Besides our church, the group performed for Women's Conference and other guest appearances. Soloists were Cheryl McMillian, David Pruett, Brian Pruett and Rachel Dugger.
- ★ In October 1946 the church voted to raise $1,128.75 for Relief and Expansion in Europe. Even though there was not much money in these days following the war; Grace was willing to help others. Of course, money went further in those days! In November 1947 a special council was called to approve a $1,200.00 campaign for: Water seepage in the basement – Graveyard improvement – Wiring of Kitchen - Drinking fountain – Coffee Urns.
- ★ In the late 1940's, Grace built a tennis court. It was located about where the lower parking lot now stands. Wrenn Avenue was not cut through until 1954.
- ★ March 1957 was the Quincentennial Celebration of the Moravian Church. The police escorted a caravan of one hundred cars, from Grace Church, to Winston-Salem to attend this celebration. A five hundred piece band played in the Coliseum at three o'clock in the afternoon.
- ★ Grace members have always been leaders in the different Civic clubs in Mount Airy. Bob Tannerhill, former Editor of the Mount Airy News, printed that he once spoke at the Men's Brotherhood, in the early 1960's, and thought he was attending a local Jaycee meeting.
- ★ John Walker and Robert Dean Wolfe are the only sons of Grace who became Moravian Ministers.
- ★ In June 1955, two former members of Grace were honored by the University of North Carolina. Information from a newspaper clipping give an account of this. GRIFFITH, PRUETT HONORED BY UNC. Two Granite Citizens were recognized for outstanding achievement during the past year by the University of North Carolina during the 161st commencement exercises at Chapel Hill. Andy Griffith, television star of Mount Airy and New York, received the Carolina Playmakers Alumni Award. James W. Pruett, a graduating senior, received the Percy Craven Weeks, Jr. award in Piano. Jimmy was later named head of the Music Department at UNC. For six years, before his retirement, he headed the Music Division of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.
- ★ Randy Wolfe, son of John and Eulala, started his career at WFMY-TV in Greensboro. From there he went to CBS in St. Louis and then on to Washington, DC where he is the producer of "Face the Nation." He has had many interesting behind the scenes assignments through the years; one of which was in Germany when "THE GREAT WALL" was torn down. Grace has had many successful members.

★ In 1981 a very successful "Life Style Stewardship" was held at Grace. A detailed study, lasting for several weeks, had a tremendous influence on the growth of our church. Its emphasis was on time, talent and finances.

★ Jack Pruett, son of Gladys and Sam, was slightly injured in a 1964 Vietnam hotel explosion. He had gone through tremendous battles in World War II and then the Korean War. Colonel Pruett also was the Army's chief prosecutor in the Jeffrey McDonald trial. He went into service at the age of seventeen and went through the ranks from Private to Colonel.

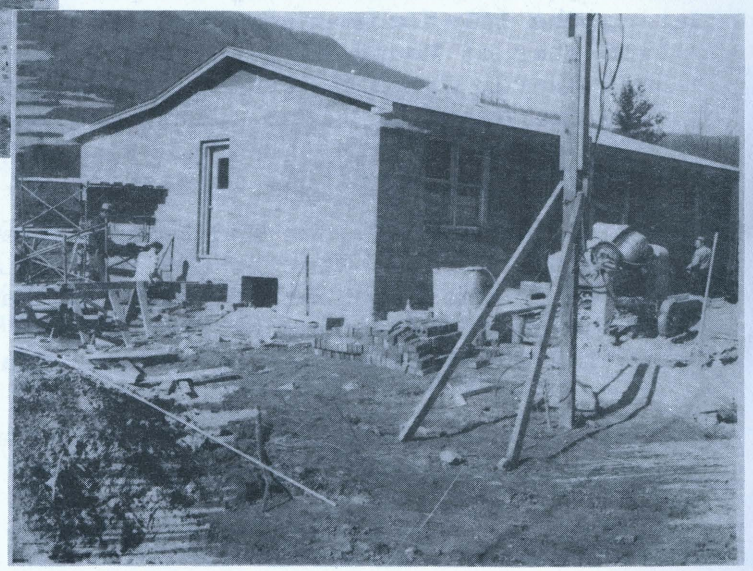
★ All our investment in church property represents about $300,000. The value is now probably two to four million. (Of course there is not much market for cemeteries!) We have done well, through the years, not to have had a lot of affluent members.

★ In 1971 the John Walker Class acquired a lot and built a brick home for the Bettye Rae Hawks family. The class furnished the house and helped Bettye and her family move in. It must have looked good, as this widow found a new husband a short time later. We were ahead of Habitat for Humanity.



BETTYE HAWKS HOME BEFORE

AFTER



BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood was organized in the mid 1950's and often had as many as forty in attendance. Although the ladies had done spaghetti suppers, the men started the real large ones serving up to three hundred in 1961. The ladies then figured out how they could really do it right and became part of the annual Autumn Leaves Festival at it s beginning thirty-three years ago. The greatest number ever served was about eight hundred.

Besides the big spaghetti supper in 1961 (Chairman Stanley Boyd) the Brotherhood held a cookout and band concert on the lawn to raise money to buy band instruments. The thirty-piece band played continously, and curb service was offered to those who preferred to stay in cars.



Jan. 1956

Backs to camera-Wilbur King-Carl Griffith
Closest- L to R-Harry Childress-John Wolfe
Fred Pruett-Charles Johnson



Jan. 1956

Against wall-Jim Jarvis-Rev. Iobst
Jack Brown-Stanley Boyd
Closest facing-Roland Smith-Jr. Snow
Harry White



The softball picture in this book brings back a lot of memories. Gary Pruett played on that 1952 team and also on the 1999 team with his son-in law, Leo and grandson, Trey Theard.

Front L to R-Jack Palmer, Charles Hall, Mike Hall, Harry Hiatt, Mgr. and James M. (Jr.) Snow.
Back-Eddie Dorsett, Donald Pruett, Jim Miller, Donald Tesh and Gary Pruett



Bible School during the 1950's usually had from one hundred twenty-five to one hundred forty participants.

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MRS. J. D. ATKINS. TREAS.

GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH

NORTH MAIN STREET EXTENSION
MOUNT AIRY. N. C.

July 4,1948.

REPORT of The BOARD of ELDERS
to The
ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL,1948.

We close the fiscal year 1947-1948 with thanks to God for His continued blessings bestowed upon us all individually and as a congregation. Although the year under review did not bring an increase in membership it did however witness an increase in attendance upon the services of worship and also the Sessions of the Sunday Church School.

In the way of membership statistics we can report the reception of five persons into our communicant membership by the sacrament of Adult Baptism, four by the Rite of Confirmation, three by transfer from other Moravian congregations, two by Reception from other denominations and four by re-admittance. This makes a total increase of eighteen communicants. There were also two names added to our Non-Communicant Membership roll by Infant Baptism. Eight persons were dismissed to other denominations and twenty-six names were placed on the inactive membership list. One communicant, brother Thomas Boyd, was called away from earth to Heaven,and one of our children,little Joyce Ann Haynes,went home to her Savior. Total membership reported to Church Headquarters as of June 30,1948 was 299 Communicants, 31 Non-Communicants, and 100 Children; making a total membership of 400.

Again, as a year ago, must we draw attention to the changing personnel in the teaching staff of our Sunday School. Every quarter changes have been made in our teaching staff. Our aim is to secure teachers who will accept and fill the responsibility of leading a class for an entire year. Frequent changes of teachers and irresponsible teachers discourage the members of the classes and make the work of leading the entire school all the more difficult. We express our appreciation to our Superintendent,Brother Lee Boyd,and his assistants among the officers and teachers for all faithful and efficient service rendered in the past twelvemonth.

The Auxiliary has again demonstrated the power of a united effort on the part our organized womanhood in the work of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Only Heaven itself can tell how much good was accomplished by the women and girls of our Auxiliary through the social, financial and spiritual features of their splendid organization.

We regret the decision of our faithful and efficient church Treasurer, Mrs. J.D.Atkins, to retire from her labors in handling the finances of the congregation. Her services through the many years past have laid the congregation under a great debt of gratitude to Sister Atkins; and we express to her here and now the heartfelt thanks of the congregation for her services in this church office.

To our faithful church organist,Miss Virginia Poore, do we likewise render thanks and appreciation for her services at the console throughout another year. Likewise should the congregation voice its appreciation to Scoutmaster Harry White who continues to guide our troop of Boy Scouts month after month and year after year in the building of character and the making of useful citizens.

Renewal in Grace Moravian Church

HAROLD D. COLE

Approximately twelve members of Grace Moravian Church in Mount Airy, North Carolina, gathered in the church's sanctuary to see the old year out and the new year, 1972, in. It was a discouraging experience for a young pastor who had cut his vacation short in order to be with his congregation for the watch night service. The frustrating experience, however, was overcome by the rationalization that "watch night services are not many people's cup of tea."

The pastor was, nevertheless, greatly concerned about his congregation whose attendance pattern had been on the decline for ten years. Attendance had stabilized during the first two years of his pastorate but took a sudden drop the last six months of 1971. The worship attendance average for the month of January, 1972 of 165 did not give the pastor and his Board of Elders much hope of seeing an improvement in the new year. However, by the recent Advent season of 1972 the average attendance had climbed above the 200 mark, where the church had been almost six years ago.

What happened to bring about the change? Renewal is taking place in the congregation today. Renewal is taking place in the life of the congregation because members of the church are experiencing personal renewal through the power of the Holy Spirit. The words of Isaiah 44:3-4 are being fulfilled again in the lives of many people, "I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like grass amid waters like willows by flowing streams." After having a wilderness experience, the congregation is sprouting some new foliage. The pastor believes that the renewal experiences of the congregation will produce fruit and not merely leaves.

God used a number of people and situations to set the stage for renewal at Grace Church. All of them cannot be mentioned. An important factor in the beginning of the renewal experience was the meeting of three women of the congregation weekly for prayer and personal sharing. Regularly, Joy Cole, Nancy Hall and Lenora Sumner prayed for their own personal renewal, for the pastor, and for the congregation. They knew that something was lacking in their Christian experience and they longed to go deeper with God in the stream of his Holy Spirit.

One night in January, the pastor and his wife, Joy, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, a Methodist couple in Mount Airy, to hear Mrs. Mills' brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sparks share how after working faithfully for several years in the church, God had touched them and blessed them in a wonderful way.

The sharing and witness of the Sparks was contagious. The pastor set out on his own personal Bible study and search for that "Second Touch" as Keith Miller calls it. Joy and Nancy Hall went back to their young adult class and began to alternate in teaching of the Scriptures relating the person and work of the Holy Spirit. On Wednesday nights during Lent some members of the congregation gathered in homes for

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The Rev. Harold D. Cole is pastor of the Grace Moravian Church, Mt. Airy, N.C.

cottage prayer meetings and a Bible study called "Fellowship of the Holy Spirit," a study booklet published by the World Council of Churches.

The last Friday night in February, Mr. and Mrs. Sparks along with some other friends, were invited to share their experiences with thirty some adults and young people of Grace Church at the Hall's home. Again, the contagious witness of these people inspired others in the congregation to begin their personal search for renewal.

On Sunday, February 27, the pastor felt led to give an invitation for rededication to the congregation at the close of the worship service. Over 125 people came forward to make a commitment of rededication to Jesus Christ. Several people said that they experienced "a second touch" during the service that Sunday.

During that week, a number of people felt as though they were drawn to meet with other members of the congregation. They began to visit each other's homes and to share experiences that they were having in their new found prayer life and study of the Scriptures. Three spontaneous meetings were held at the parsonage during the week. Couples began to share how they were able to communicate to one another for the first time in years. Others related that suddenly the Scriptures were beginning to speak to them in a new way and that Jesus was a real person in their lives. Many told that they were experiencing love for people whom they formerly disliked.

This personal renewal in the lives of members of the congregation increased the attendance at the cottage prayer meetings during Lent and led some to desire to have "share and prayer" meetings as well each week in some member's home. The fact that a number of people were hungry for fellowship and the Holy Scriptures was revealed when approximately 140 people attended the reading services each night during Holy Week. This was almost double the attendance from the previous year.

This hunger and thirst for more of what God can give is still in evidence at Grace Church. Since the week after Easter, approximately forty people have met for prayer and Bible study every Wednesday night and around 75 to 100 teenagers in the Mount Airy community join with Grace youth in the old fellowship hall of Grace Church for fellowship, study and prayer on Monday nights. On Sunday nights around thirty-five adults and young people gather at the church for a praise and share time.

Since renewal has come to the congregation, several teenagers and adults of the church have shared their experiences of personal renewal with the people from the pulpit; and members of Grace Church have gone to twelve different congregations to share their recent renewal experiences. They have discovered that the best way to keep the faith is to share it with others. Many are discovering anew the meaning of the priesthood of all believers and are finding opportunities to minister to one another and to friends and neighbors.

Those who have experienced renewal have also discovered that they have not "arrived" in their Christian faith. They know now that there is always room for growth in the Christian life. They are just beginning to scratch the surface of the great responsibility that Jesus Christ gives to all his disciples and are seeking to go deeper into the stream of the Holy Spirit so that God will accomplish even greater things in the future. They are enjoying even more the riches of the liturgies and hymns of the Moravian Church and are writing some of

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Renewal in Grace Church . . .

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their own hymns as well. They kno beyond all doubt that God's grace a resources are unfathomable.

Above all, the words of our Lor "But you shall receive power when t Holy Spirit has come upon you; a you shall be my witnesses . . ." ha been burned into their hearts. They a thrilled by what God is doing and w continue to do with his people throu Key '73 and other efforts. They kno that the will of God never places h people where his grace cannot susta them. They are also humbled by wha God has done with them and they a praying that the "Lord of the harves will send more laborers into the har vest."

A TRIBUTE

HOWARD AND LENORA SUMNER

Outreach became a very important part of Grace Church, probably because of Howard and Lenora Sumner. Howard was Police Chief of Mount Airy and saw many needy families in the area. Projects were brought to Sunday School classes as well as many individuals. Lenora was treasurer of Spencer's Infant and Children's Wear and gained great support from them on many projects. Both were very generous with their time and money. They led a project for our church to buy a station wagon for Joy Ranch, a home for abused and neglected children in Hillsville, Virginia.

Besides the outreach program they were involved in and leaders of every program of the church. They made a difference in the people they helped as well as the rest of us who were included in these projects.



L-R
Bonnie Goad
Lenora Sumner
Kathy Walker



Eulala Wolfe
Edith McHone
Frances Dorsett

After 16 years Moravians have mastered the art of making spaghetti

By TOM JOYCE
Managing Editor

The downtown area has its share of sights and sounds during the weekend, but one of the most enjoyable parts of the annual Autumn Leaves Festival occurs a few blocks away, on Grace Street.

There at the Grace Moravian Church Fellowship Fall, the ladies of the church put on a model of efficiency each year, better known as the Autumn Leaves Festival Spaghetti Supper.

On Saturday night during the festival, the fellowship hall is filled with the rich aroma of oregano and secret sauces and spices that tickles the taste buds of some 750 people annually.

For about three hours, throngs of diners are systematically ushered in, served their meal — which also includes salad, bread, drink and dessert — and ushered out, for the price of $3.50 for adults and $2.50 for children.

And in-between bites, a first-time visitor to the spaghetti supper often can be seen pausing to scratch his head and wonder: "How on earth do they do it? "

The solution mixes a sprinkling of organization, a cup of know-how, a dash of tradition and the Moravians' natural tendencies for good cooking, according to Marianne Pruett and Eulala Wolfe, two members of the Women's Fellowship of Grace Moravian Church who have worked with the supper since its early days.

'Everybody has their own job, Mrs. Wolfe said. "Some of them have been doing it for years and years."

There are the "greeters," who man the entrance; the "seaters," who direct visitors to rows of neatly decorated tables; the waiters, with responsibility for getting meals to particular tables, as in a "real" restaurant; and the others who fill important roles, those who make the coffee, clear the tables and wash the dishes.

Then there are the cookers; a little-known fact about the spaghetti supper is that the main course is actually prepared by about 65 different women, rather that one rotund Italian with a moustache and chef's hat. Each lady prepares about three pounds of sauce, which are mixed together Saturday morning. The sauce is mostly made from one basic recipe, but the individual touches provided by each cook give the sauce a collective flavor that is impossible to duplicate.

About 200 pounds of meat are needed for the 40 gallons of sauce needed.

Suppertime itself is a continuous process with little wasted motion.

"It's really amazing how it goes on," Mrs. Wolfe added. "Everybody seems to enjoy it...I think a lot of them come to see the floor show."

The supper is one of the festival's charter events, but Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Pruett recalled that the Women's Fellowship group sponsored a smaller-scaled spaghetti dinner — as part of an annual bazaar — in the days before Autumn Leaves.

When Autumn Leaves began in 1967, the supper was expanded and incorporated into the yearly event.

"We were the only ones that had nerve enough to go along with Dr. Dale Simmons (one of the festival's original organizers)," Mrs. Pruett joked.

Mrs. Wolfe says spaghetti became the mainstay of the church event, primarily because it's "easy to fix."

After 16 years in the spaghetti business, the event has been improved and refined to an art.

Each year, a member of the women's group is named as a chairwoman for the supper. She usually spends about two or three weeks before each festival lining up volunteers, appointing people to make salads, desserts and other parts of the supper, and otherwise organizing the work load and planning the event.

Records of each year's supper, listing work of volunteers, quantities of food needed, etc., are passed down from chairwoman to chairwoman, providing a sort of How-To-Do-It manual.

This year, the chairwoman is Frances Dorsett and Betty Davis is co-chairperson.

Although nearly every member of the Women's Fellowship works with the event, the menfolk and others of Grace Moravian also assist, either in getting the Fellowship Hall ready or helping with the serving.

The process begins on Thursday night, when the tables are set up and the hall is decorated, all hurriedly to allow church members to have their Friday free for festival-going.

After all the expenses are paid, the money left helps finance the year-round activities of the Women's Fellowship. This includes several church-related projects, including missionary work and support to the Moravian Home, and donations to the Yokefellow Foundation, Salvation Army and other community groups.

"It's the money we have during the year to operate on...Church members also have a lot of good fellowship doing it," noted Mrs. Wolfe.

The Autumn Leaves Festival Spaghetti Supper: an opportunity for the church to work together on a worthy project, and a chance for the rest of the community to enjoy a good meal during a busy time of the year.

This Saturday, the supper will be held at the church from 5 to 8 p.m. For the first time, no advance tickets will be sold, and dinners will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. Carry-outs are available.

In the early days of the spaghetti suppers Gilmer Eldridge presold over three hundred tickets.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS



Clockwise Bessie Rector, Ollie Coleman, Eunice Pruett, Tab Williams, (child) Ted Westmoreland, Melba Tesh, Edith McHone, Gertrude Boyd, Callie Jones, Ruby Westmoreland, Media Westmoreland -- Basement of Tab

Candle making, by the circles, was a huge undertaking the 1950's and 1960's. As many as seven thousand candles were made for our church and other Moravian churches. During the last few years this was done in Verlie Brown's basement.



L-R Verlie Brown, Dottie Bowman, Bobbie Forrest, Ocile Smith, Erline Miller, Doris Mills, Eulala Wolfe, (front) Polly Cox, Brenda Mills



Candle trimming has always been an annual social event for the women.



Ina McMillian, Jane Needham, Doris Mills

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



Bonnie Goad, Juanita Rogers, Virginia Hiatt, Carolina Pearce

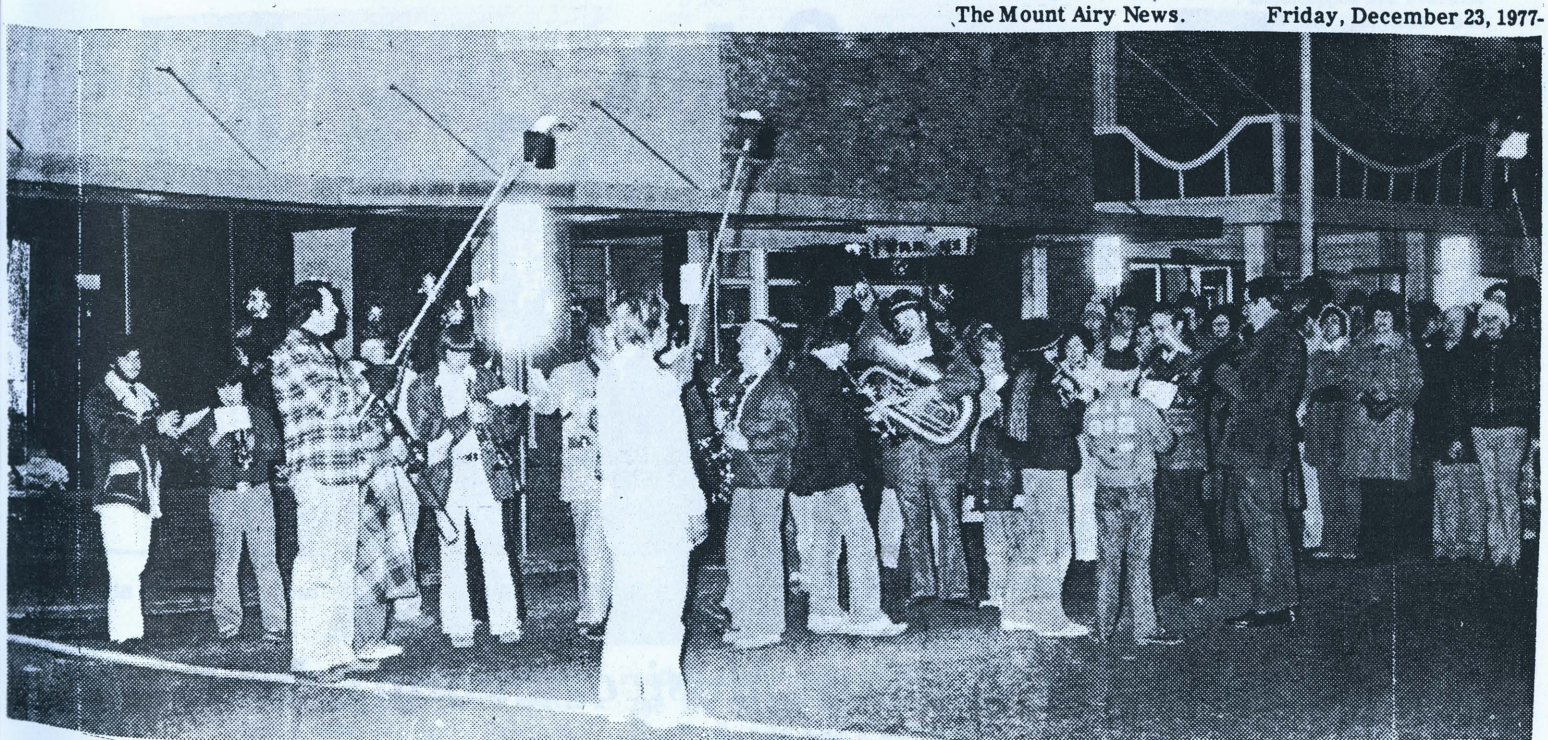
A TRIBUTE

GEORGE EDWARD PRUETT, JR.

Ed (Brat) Pruett recognized that he had musical talent but not the formal training. He often said he was "free and faithful." Ed directed the choir for about forty years, until ill health made him step aside. He could play any instrument and taught others to play. He kept the band together, as its director, for many years. He also organized the handbell choir, the singing Christmas Tree and the Grace singers. He had the idea to invite Peter Marshall,Jr. to hold a very important revival at our church. Ed was Sunday School Superintendent and an adult class teacher.His hard work, dependability and enthusisiam for the church made a great difference in the life of our church.



The Mount Airy News. Friday, December 23, 1977-



Six churches joined together on Main Street, Mount Airy for a program of Christmas caroling.

Grace was the leader of more than three hundred carolers through the streets of Mount Airy at Christmas 1977

In 1980 the first Youth Handbell Choir was organized. The youth directed, arranged music and practiced without an adult. Paul Pruett was director with Teresa Hiatt, Janet and Patricia McMillian, Jonathan Pruett, Jeff Fishel, Vickie Massey and Kerry Boyd. They played for the wedding of David and Kathy Pruett in Charlotte and Gail and Leo Theard in Mount Airy.

HANDBELL CHOIRS









The Grace Singers, youth singing group of Grace Moravian Church, will present the musical, "I Love America," Sunday night at the church. | Webb Studio |

Grace Singers To Give Musical Sunday Night

Front row L to R-Jonathan Pruett, Brian Pruett, Sheryl McMillian
Patricia McMillian, Cheryl Fishel, Kathy Aker, Lisa Palmer, David Pruett
2nd row L to R-Jeff Fishel, Martha Robertson, Greg Scott, Theresa Hiatt,
Jan Pruett, Karen Llewellyn, Malinda Greenwood, Gloria Simpson
Back row-Mark Jones, Janet McMillian, Mark Fulk, John Lawrence, Chuck Fishel

Well-Known Evangelist To Hold Public Services

By WILLIE PATRICK
News Staff Writer

The Rev. Peter Marshall—a noted Presbyterian evangelist and author who has gained national recognition teaching and speaking on Christian growth and maturity—will hold public services Sunday through Wednesday at Grace Moravian Church.

But his ministry will not be confined to within the church walls—a church spokesperson said today "a full schedule, which includes an opportunity to minister to area ministers," awaits Rev. Marshall.

After a Saturday evening potluck supper for the Grace Moravian congregation, Rev. Marshall will deliver a congregational message.

On Sunday, Rev. Marshall will address both the regular morning and evening



Rev. Peter Marshall

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meetings of the church, which are open to the public.

On Monday through Wednesday, he will present a devotional from 9 to 9:15 a.m. on WPAQ Radio.

Also on Monday a luncheon for area ministers—estimated between 50-65 in number—will be held. And Monday afternoon, Rev. Marshall will be off to Winston-Salem for a television interview, to return prior to the nightly service.

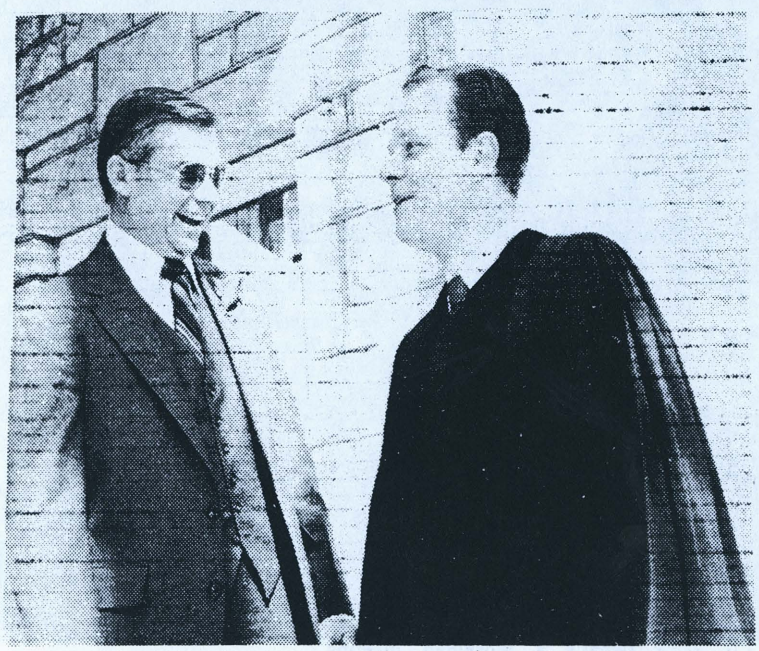
On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, from 10-12 a.m., a special "Growth Session" will be presented to the public.

Rev. Marshall is the son of the late Dr. Peter Marshall, the Chaplain of the United States Senate from 1947-49—the subject of the film, "A Man Called Peter"—and Catherine Marshall LeSourd, a best-selling author.

A graduate of Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary, he has served as an assistant pastor and pastor in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He, his wife and three children live on Cape Cod.

The particular emphasis of his ministry is the urgent need for American Christians to press beyond shallowness and superficiality in their spiritual lives, and to recover the New Testament fervor and joy of a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another.

Discovering these as the major keys to



The Rev. Charles Fishel, pastor of Grace Moravian Church, shares a laugh with the Rev. Peter Marshall, who held services through Wednesday at the local Moravian church. Himself a noted Presbyterian evangelist and author, the Rev. Mr. Marshall is the son of the late Dr. Peter Marshall, who was a nationally-known Presbyterian minister and chaplain of the United States Senate from 1947-49. Times 2/11/82



REV. PETER MARSHALL

Rev. Marshall To Address Moravians

Times 2/4/82

The Rev. Peter Marshall, nationally-known Presbyterian minister, will hold services at Grace Moravian Church, North Main Street, from Sunday through Wednesday, February 10, the Rev. Charles Fishel, pastor, has announced.

Nightly services will begin at 7:30 p. m., while 10 a. m. study sessions are planned on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A nursery and accommodations for the handicapped are available for all services and sessions.

There is no charge and the public is invited.

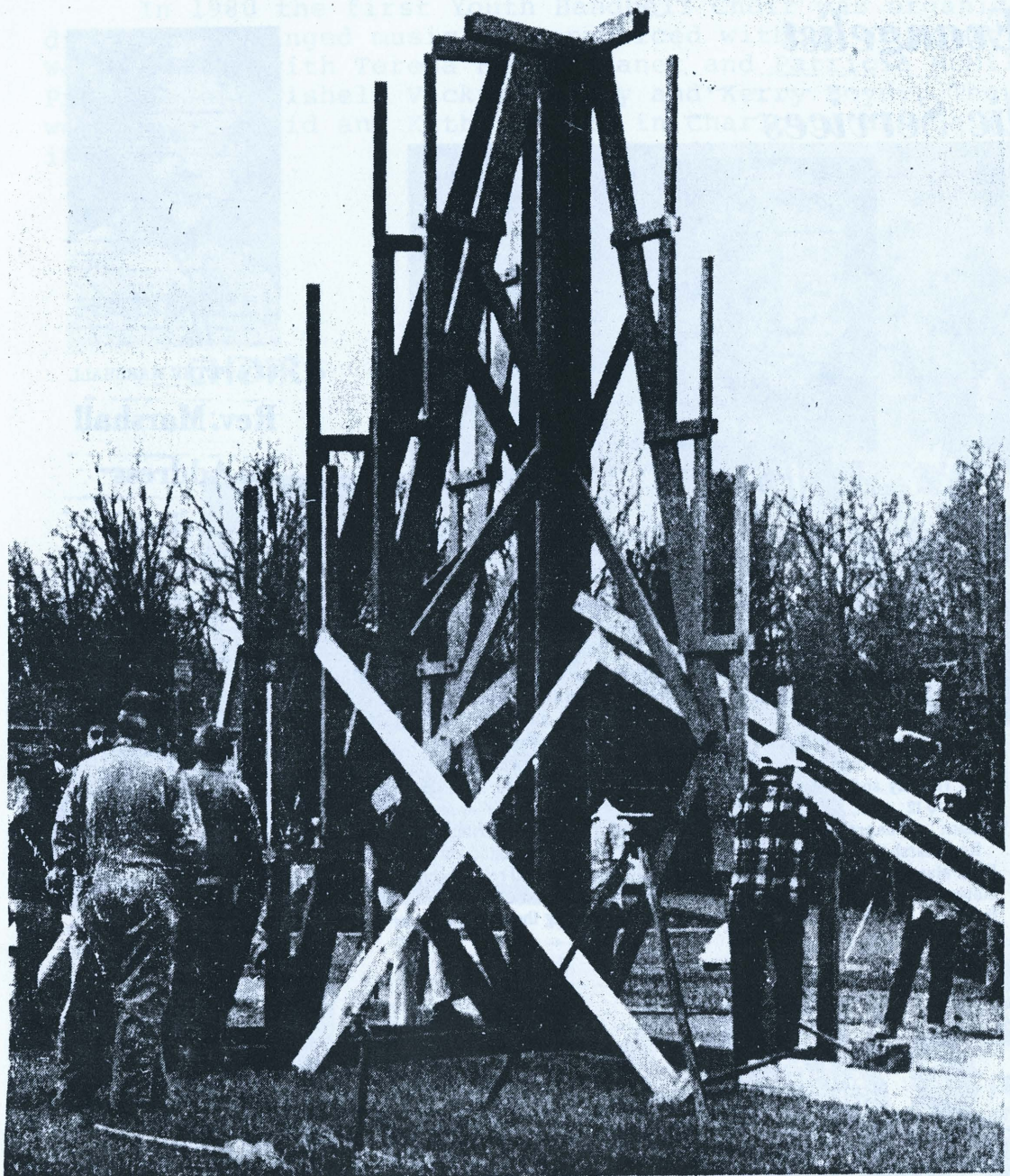
The Rev. Mr. Marshall is the son of Dr. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the United States Senate from 1947-1949, and Catherine Marshall LeSourd, author of many best-selling books, including, "A Man Called Peter," which became a popular motion picture.

A native of Washington, D. C., the Rev. Mr. Marshall graduated from Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was assistant minister in West Hartford, Conn. for several years before becoming pastor of East Dennis Community Church, Cape Codd, Mass., where he served from 1967-1977.

He is co-author with David Manuel of a book, "The Light and the Glory."

The Rev. Mr. Marshall conducts preaching and teaching missions in various churches throughout the United States.

Dec. 7, 1973



. . .the men of the church worked in the early morning chill to erect the basic structure of the tree. . . —NEWS Photo

Singing Christmas Tree Coming To Grace Church

Those who have motored past the graveyard at Grace Moravian Church on North Main Street recently may think the congregation is preparing to "hang" the preacher.

Hardly, although the members have taken quite a bit of kidding about it.

Standing 45-feet tall in the graveyard is a lacework of wood that may well be the center of the area's public celebration of the coming Christmas season.

With some deep pride and a lot of obvious enthusiasm the members of the church report that Mount Airy is this year going to have its own version of the now famed "Singing Christmas Tree" which originated 13 years ago in Chico, California.

Ed Pruett, a member of the congregation, heard about the Chico tree, which annually draws tens of thousands of citizens. He ordered plans for constructing a tree of similar size, found the Women's Fellowship of the local church would pay for the lumber and the Men's Brotherhood would do the building.

During the past few weeks, the sound of hammer and saw has been heard regularly from the basement of the Gary Pruett home where the men met at night regularly to put together, or "prefab", sections of the tree.

Saturday they trucked the sections to the graveyard beside the church on North Main Street. With Pastor Harold Cole standing by in the cold (there must be a supervisor), the men began erecting the timbers that are eventually to hold a group of 56 singing voices.

With plenty of hot coffee (what's a Moravian meeting without hot coffee, one workman quipped) to keep them warm, the work went swiftly and well.

In a few days the church members will completely cover the framework with greenery from the nearby hills, making the structure give the appearance of a giant tree to those who pass along Main Street or who pause and view it at closer range.

The church choirs will alternate in presenting Christmas carols from the structure. The traditional Moravian bands of the church area already practicing for their parts in the upcoming outdoor celebration in music.

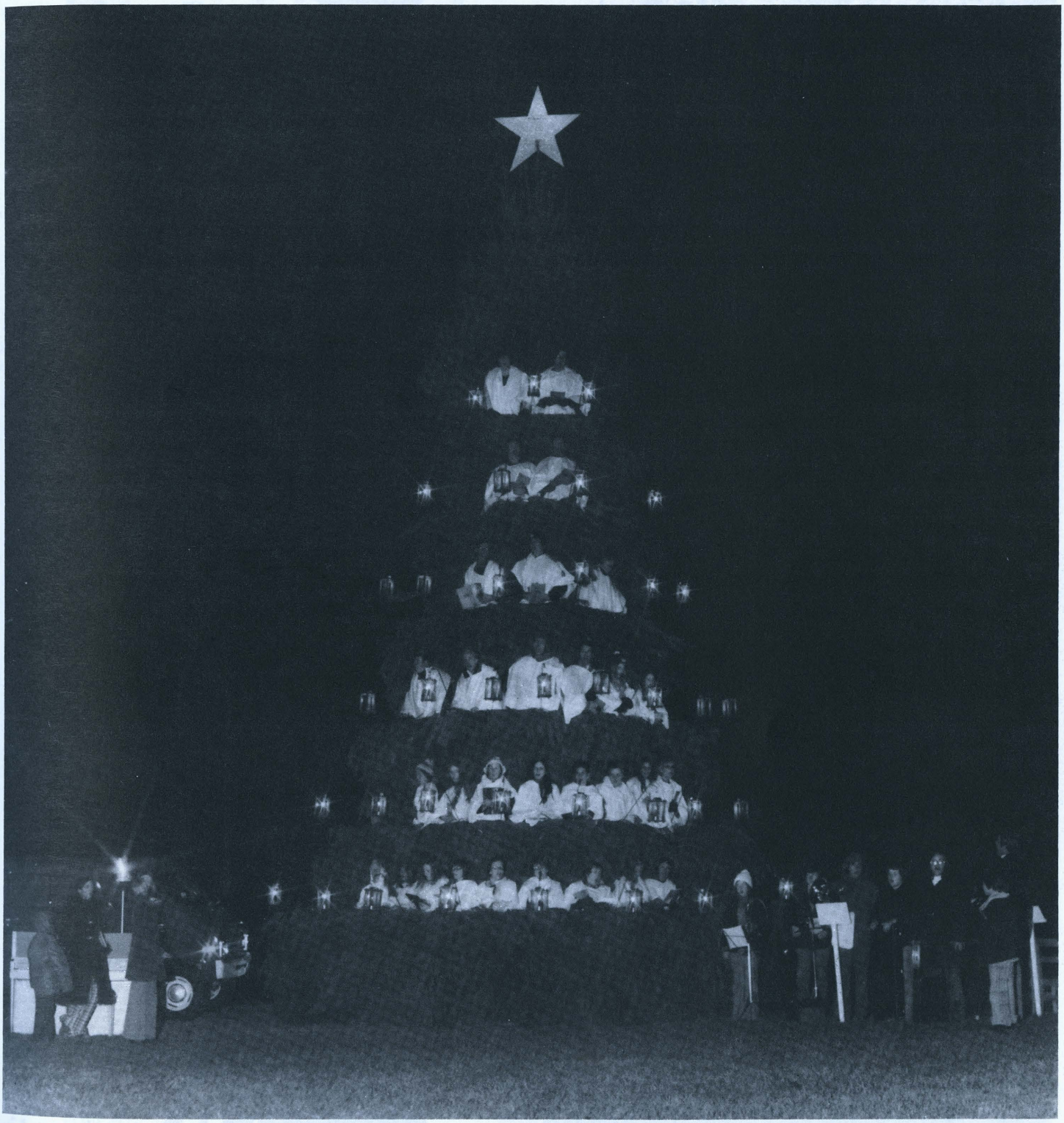
On Thursday night, December 20, the choirs will clamber up ladders at the rear of the "tree", take their places along the six tiers of the structure, and begin presenting two performances each night until Christmas — at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9 p.m.

As a concession to the energy crisis, the Moravians are not going to "electrify" the tree, but will use some locally constructed "homemade" lights (but how they make them will be told in a future story).

Gary Pruett, Jim Miller and Sam Tillotson have been acting as a building committee for the project. Ed Pruett has agreed to serve as program chairman.

Pruett (Ed, that is) hopes that in future years the project will encompass other churches in the community so that the town's Singing Christmas Tree may be an interdenominational Christian effort to portray the beauty and holiness of the Christmas season in music and light.

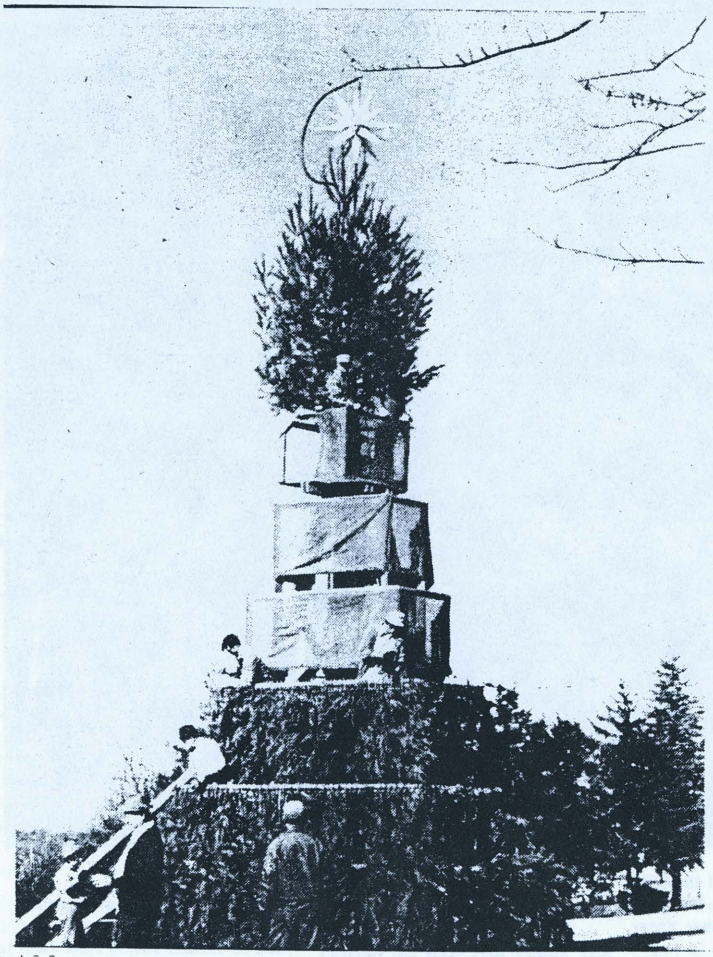
The Singing Tree has been located adjacent to a paved drive in the Moravian Graveyard for easy access by the choirs and bands. There is room in front of the tree for hundreds, even thousands, to gather during the performances. Pruett hopes to be able to rope off a section of the area where wheel chair patients, the elderly and the infirm may gather to watch the performances with unobstructed view.







SINGING TREE—Grace Moravian Church members and volunteers worked several hours Saturday to weave hundreds of pine branches along the framework that serves as the "Singing Christmas Tree". Concerts will be held 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. nightly beginning Friday and continuing through Christmas Eve. In the photos, program chairman Gary Pruett and Jimmy





Miller measure the greenery, while two workers fasten the branches in place. A Moravian star, a new addition to the tree is already in place atop a large pine tree as structure takes on a tree look. At right, the wintry sun silhouettes the upper portion of the tree. Grace Moravian is located on North Main St. Thousands are expected to attend the candle-light singings.

GRACE MORAVIAN CHURCH
BAND HISTORY

I can find no knowledge of a church band under the pastorate of Brother Crouch and am searching for any information. The Band was evidently started by Brother Ed Mickey who came to Grace church in 1933. He was a musician and acquired instruments from places like Camel Pawn Shop in Winston Salem. He also taught individuals to play. The main responsibility for the Band was to lead our processional to God's Acre during the Sunrise Service with the Antiphonal playing of Hymns. The band also played at Christmas and for special occasions such as the Church Anniversary on March 15. Use of the Church Band for Funerals was traditional until around 1960 when it became difficult for students to get excused from school to play. On special occasions the band would play for Ice Cream Socials on the Church Lawn on Sunday Afternoons.

Early Members of the Band were:

Ed Mickey	Tuba
Conway Pruett	?
Samuel Pruett	Eb Alto
Jack Pruett	Valve Trombone
Booley Jefferies	Baritone (Donald's brother)
Gilbert Tillotson	Tuba (Spec's brothers)
Paul Tillotson	?
Jack Tillotson	?
Dallas Dearmin	Coronet (Bette Davis brother)
Abb Collins	Trumpet
Burton Dinkins	Coronet-Trumpet
Harry Burton	?



PRACTICING THEIR EASTER MUSIC is the group from Grace Moravian Church shown above. At the lower right is Ed Pruett. Others, reading left to right, are the Rev. Ray Troutman, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Jackie Scott, Mrs. Edith McHone, Mrs. Troutman (partially concealed), Mrs. Lib Midkiff, Miss Virginia Poore and Mrs. Glayds Haynes.

HISTORY

The Mount Airy High School Band was formed about eight months ago, in the fall of 1947 as a project of the local Operatic Club. Using their profits from shows and operettas, the Mount Airy Operatic Club bought the first drums; supplied the band with music and with chairs; and rented a building to be used for rehearsals. Next they persuaded J. C. Mason Emde, a musical instructor who was moving to Mount Airy, to volunteer his services as Director of the band.

The next step was to assure the permanence of the band, so a committee not connected with the Operatic Club was selected to run the band. The committee chosen included Pat Tyndal, Will Monday, Mrs. Joe Haynes, Mason Emde (the director), Elliott Wynne (who had volunteered his services as assistant director), and G. Kellock Hale, Jr., as Chairman.

Using as a nucleus, members of the Moravian Church band, the first rehearsal was called. Twenty boys and girls answered the call. Some of them could play. Some of them couldn't. Some of them had the wrong kind of instruments. There were too many of this kind, and not enough of that. But all had to be used, because volume of noise was needed in those first public appearances. And anyway it took a lot of help to form the school letters at the football games.

Varsity Band

Trumpets

- Fred Rierson
- Bob Tyndall
- Donald Tesh
- Fontaine Reece
- Dale Loftis
- John Haley
- Jimmy Pruitt
- James Jackson
- George Snow
- Smith Holcomb
- Edward Foy
- Bob Davis
- Burton Dinkins
- Jim Belton
- Frank Jones

Clarinets

- Arlyn Hughes
- Daisy Nichols
- Allen Pell
- Wilma Broom
- Rachel Johnson
- Radell Patterson

French Horn

- Edward Pruitt

Alto Horn

- Elbert Hiatt

Trombones

- Elliott G. Wynne
- Herbert Sutphin
- Bobby Poore

Baritone

- Charles Pruitt
- Robert Smith

Bass

- J. T. Palmer
- Donald Poore

Drums

- Kip Hale
- Fred Dawson
- Jack Palmer
- Albert Johnson

String Bass

- Burton Badgett

Junior Varsity Band

Trumpets

- Maynard McMillan
- Hubert McMillan

Clarinets

- Barbara Hardy
- Granville Sydnor
- Gordon Kirkman

Saxophones

- Bud Warren
- Reid Simmons
- James Merritt

Flute

- Oscar Merritt

Trombones

- Bill Porter
- Ralph Cooke
- J. C. Kirkman

Drums

- Dick Lackey
- Bell Lyre
- Lynda George
- Nancy Reece

★ Grace Band Members



Easter Morning
April 18, 1954

In 1963 a Sunrise Service first occured. The entire Jones family (Jack, Rachel, Betsy and Patsy) all played in the band. The McMillians may have broken this record at a later date.

In 1980 a new local policeman stopped the Easter band, with a bunch of people playing horns on the back of a truck, to see what was going on. (This made R. J. Berrier's newspaper column.)



Easter Sunday — About 1953

Easter Sunrise services often had six hundred to one thousand in attendance. During the 1960's it was virtually the only service in town. Now many churches have their own.

The early band played for our Sunrise Service and then traveled to Mount Bethel and Willow Hill to help with their services.



Grace Moravian Church Band



Members of the Grace Moravian Church Band, who will herald the Easter chorales throughout Mount Airy commencing at 2:30 Sunday morning are shown above. Front row, left to right, are Byron Cook, Bobby Boyd, Michael Simmons, Libby Tesh, Lavinia Brown, Johnny Taylor, Charles Branch; second row, left to right, David Adkisson, James Sitison, Mary Nell Parker, Peggy Vogler, Judy Pruett, Robert Poore and George Coble; third row, left to right, Professor Charles Johnson; Burton Badgett, Dr. S. M. Boyd, Yance Collins, Robert Smith and Jack Jones; and back row, left to right, Corky Hiatt, James Jackkson, Burton Dinkins, J. T. Palmer, Phil Smith, Donald Tesh and John Wolfe (partially obscured). Also playing in the band, but not shown on the picture are Gibbs Gwyn, Henry Hair, Bobby Watson, Roland Smith, Donald Pruitt, Charles Pruitt, Hubert McMillian, Maynard McMillian and Reginald Davis.

LAUREL RIDGE-MORAVIAN CAMP

We have four hundred sixty acres and, a lake and a caretaker's house which cost fifty-seven thousand, seven hundred sixty dollars ($57,760). This amount has already been subscribed to by others, and our churches were not asked to contribute. In addition, contingent upon our churches assuming their responsibilities, we have twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) for an administration building, thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000) for an assembly hall, seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) for kitchen and dining hall, six thousand dollars ($6,000) pledged from one of our medium-size congregations, and five thousand dollars ($5,000) from other special gifts, making a total of one hundred ninety-one thousand, seven hundred sixty dollars ($191,760).

Now I am sure we, the leaders of our respective churches, will not let this opportunity get away. We are requesting your church to contribute $3,600.00, payment of which may be spread over a period of three years. We are enclosing a pledge card that we would like to have returned as soon as your board accepts, or goes beyond the amount requested. We mention the latter because we feel there are those who want to go the second mile. If each church meets its quota only, we will still need an additional thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to complete the work on conference grounds and buildings.

Many of us have other obligations and may feel we are overburdened, but really are we? Our youth and their future are at stake. It is time for us to do some sacrificing in return for our Saviour's redeeming love. Let's all accept this challenge one hundred per cent.

LAUREL RIDGE, MORAVIAN CAMP AND CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Mr. Harry Hiatt
Pinecrest Drive, Box 411
Mt. Airy, N. C.

Dear Brother Hiatt:

The Synod of 1962 authorized a campaign in the Southern Province during 1963 - 1964 to raise a fund of approximately $75,000 to finish the payment of the construction costs of Laurel Ridge, Moravian Camp and Conference Grounds.

The Steering Committee for this campaign now calls upon the churches of the province to join with us in accomplishing this task. The committee has considered the matter carefully and feels that a fair and reasonable request of the churches would be 50% of the amount pledged and paid in the original campaign.

In 1959 the churches of the province pledged a total of $131,000. One half of this is $65,500 which is the amount asked of the churches in this present effort. Our total goal is $75,000 plus whatever the cost of stopping the leak in the dam may be. The amount above the $65,000 asked from the churches will have to come from sources other than the churches.

The Mount Airy Church in 1959 pledged $ 3,600.00 toward the construction of Laurel Ridge. This amount you have already paid in full. We ask you to accept a new quota of $ 1,800.00 which can be paid if you desire, in two years, one half in 1963 - 1964 and one half in 1964 - 1965.

The Steering Committee urgently requests that your congregation consider this request and give us your wholehearted support in our effort to clear Laurel Ridge of its indebtedness.



Grace has always supported Laurel Ridge. In 1979 Hubert and Hazel McMillian were appointed to the "Friends of Laurel Ridge" Program. Several groups have gone on special work projects to do repairs, install carpet, etc. A truck was practically given by Herbert Burton to the camp. Kitchen equipment was bought at an auction when Rockford Street School was closed. We carried a local plumber up there to install the dishwasher.

Moravian Senior Friends

The Moravian Senior Friends who meet regularly at Grace Moravian Church (when they are in town) recently presented a Fashion-talent show at the church. The production, according to several who were in the audience, was a pure delight.

The Senior Friends are quite an active group and it is pure speculation where their travels will carry them next. On the average, they make at least one out of town a trip a month. An anonymous source has indicated that the group might be persuaded to perform elsewhere.

Eva Holder, a retired English teacher, wrote the following words, delivered during the show, to acquaint visitors with the Senior Friends and some of their activities.

Senior Friends In Song

Growing Old

It's fun to retire and be free
To board the blue van, ride and see,
And every month meet
To talk and to eat;
"Grow old," said the poet, "with me."

VIP's

Now Virginia is our presider,
And Alpha records there beside her,
To Verlie we send
Our money to spend;
She's super collector, provider!

Ability Plus

Devotion is led by our preacher,
He's tops as a Bible class teacher,
He's a handy man,
He drives the blue van;
Some day in Who's Who he will feature!

More VIP's

Our Jean plans the programs for meetings,
And Lillie mails all of our greetings,
Naomi comes up
With drink and with cup;
We all bring our baskets of eatings!

Butcher Boy

For cookouts we have a meat chopper,
He grinds after filling the hopper,
Then seasons just right
For each tasty bite;
A burger by Vernon's a whopper!

Journalistic Talent

When we've eaten and paid all our dues,
The newspapers always we use;
It's Billie we send
To write and take in
Our stories to Times and to News

Globe Trotter

When itchfoot through our group races
And calls us to wide open spaces,
Our Margaret, with map
And brochure in lap,
Plans travel to faraway places!

More Ability Plus

Nobody can say David blew it
When Kathy he chose for a Pruett;
Sing and play she can
And drive the blue van,
Whatever's to do, she can do it!

The Old Gray Mare

Our age, we are sure you must know it,
For wrinkles and hoary locks show it;
But the old gray mare
Is proud of her hair;
It took her a long time to grow it!



Storyteller Jean Simpson (l) is supported by Lenora Sumner, Hazel Cox, Verlie Brown and Mary Poo their rendition of 'The Little Red Hen.'

Get Their Act Together



'Boxcar Willie' alias Howard Sumner is joined by 'Minnie Pearl' alias Lois Hoover in a hand-clapping rendition of 'She'll Be Comin' 'Round The Mountain.'

NASHVILLE, TN. 1978



1st row-5th over- Eunice Pruett, Fred Pruett, Ella Haley, Verlie Brown Alpha Marshall, Hessie Boyd, Delia Hall, Ruby Peters, Ethel & Raymond Tesh
2nd row-Helen & Gilmer Eldridge, --- Helem Simmons, Lois Hoover---- Jack Brown, Jean Simpson, Eva Holder, Bonnie Goad, Virginia Hiatt, Naomi McMillian
3rd row-Gail Marshall, Dianne Slate, Harvey & Margaret Leonard, Margaret McHone, Edith McHone,---Jessie Jones, Bill Marshall, Shorty & Faith Mitchell-----







Ruby Peters, Billie Powell and Lillie King model fashions from another era.

Top off Easter with Eva Holder's Moravian Sugar Cake

Word has been going around for quite a while that Miss Eva Holder is the champion Moravian Sugar Cake baker in town and after a visit with her Monday afternoon I'll vouch for that statement.

Miss Holder and Miss Simpson, retired school teachers, live in a lovely brick home in the Smith Development. I visited with them Monday afternoon to get Miss Holder's Sugar Cake recipe and just as I arrived she was taking three pans of dough from the oven. She had placed them in the warm oven to rise before processing them for their final baking.

After making slight indentions in the dough she covered the surface with brown sugar and bits of butter. Over this she used a plastic salt shaker to dribble undiluted canned milk over the dough to soften the sugar. Then into the oven they went to bake for about 15 minutes.

Shortly, the aroma of homemade yeast bread filled the kitchen. While the cakes baked Miss Holder recalled that her mother was an excellent cook but she never taught her how to make the sugar cake. Finally, a friend watched Eva's mother as she made this Moravian treat and passed the instructions on to her.

With slight alterations Miss Holder perfected the sugar cake. She says the recipe came from her Moravian ancestors who came to Bethania from Germany. The Moravian custom calls for Sugar Cake at Easter as well as Christmas.

Miss Holder has been known to prepare enough cake to serve 50 to 60 members of the Women's Fellowship of Grace Moravian Church. In fact, it was through the church bazaars that she became so well known for her cake baking.

If you want to serve your family a real treat, do try this recipe. I'm getting my ingredients ready tonight. Miss Holder says the dough keeps for one week in the refrigerator and she usually bakes the cakes in light weight aluminum foil pans because they freeze well.



Miss Eva Holder cuts warm Moravian Sugar Cake

. . . And serves it to Miss Jean Sim

Miss Holder's table was set with beautiful placemats that her mother had embroidered. To preserve and protect them she had encased the mats inside a plastic cover. This is an idea you might like to use.

The cake was just about ready to be taken from the oven. Miss Holder poured coffee and brought the cake to the table. You guessed it, I blew my Monday diet and it was only 2:30. I must say I really enjoyed that sugar cake. You will too!

That was such a nice visit. Crocuses were blooming outside their kitchen door. Birds were chirping in the feeders. What a lovely way to start spring.

Sugar Cake

1½ stick margarine or butter
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup brown sugar
1½ teaspoon salt

1 cup hot mashed potatoes
¾ cup potato water
2 slightly beaten eggs

1 package dry yeast dissolved with ¼ teaspoon sugar in ¾ cup warm water
7-8 cups flour, or enough to make a soft dough

While potatoes are cooking, soften margarine in a large bowl in warm oven and soak yeast in warm water.

Just before potatoes are done, mix well first four ingredients listed above. Add mashed potatoes, potato water (somewhat cooled), eggs, yeast, flour.

Cover, and place in warm oven to rise until it is doubled in bulk (1½-2 hours).

Stir down to original size, cool, and place in refrigerator. Dough is more manageable cold, and cake is better if dough ripens in refrigerator a few days.

About two hours before mealtime spread dough in greased pan half as thick as you want cake. Place in warm oven and let rise until doubled.

Lightly punch holes in dough and cover with brown sugar and bits of butter. Dribble cream or undiluted canned milk over dough to soften sugar. Bake at 350 degrees 15-20 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon when it comes from oven. Cool in pan on rack.

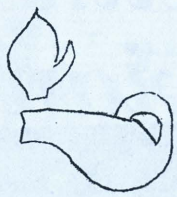
Eleanor Powell

Cooking News

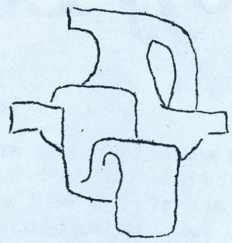


Life-Style Stewardship

My Life-
God's Gift



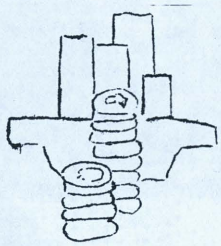
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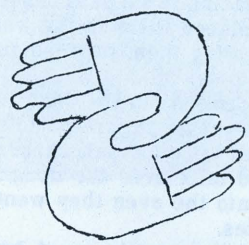
Serve



Worship



Give



Reconciliation

Grace Moravian Church
Steward Supper

Presiding ..... John Wolfe
Prayer
Supper

Opening remarks
Welcome
Sign attendance cards
Thanks
Introductions and acknowledgments

Hymn: "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

Christian stewardship 1981
Introduction of basic
theme ..... Corky Hiatt

Opportunities for stewardship at
Grace Moravian Church
Worship .....Bill Cox
Study ..... Tony Bowman
Serving ..... Martha Hall
Giving ..... Bill Bowman
Reconciliation ..... Stuart Pike

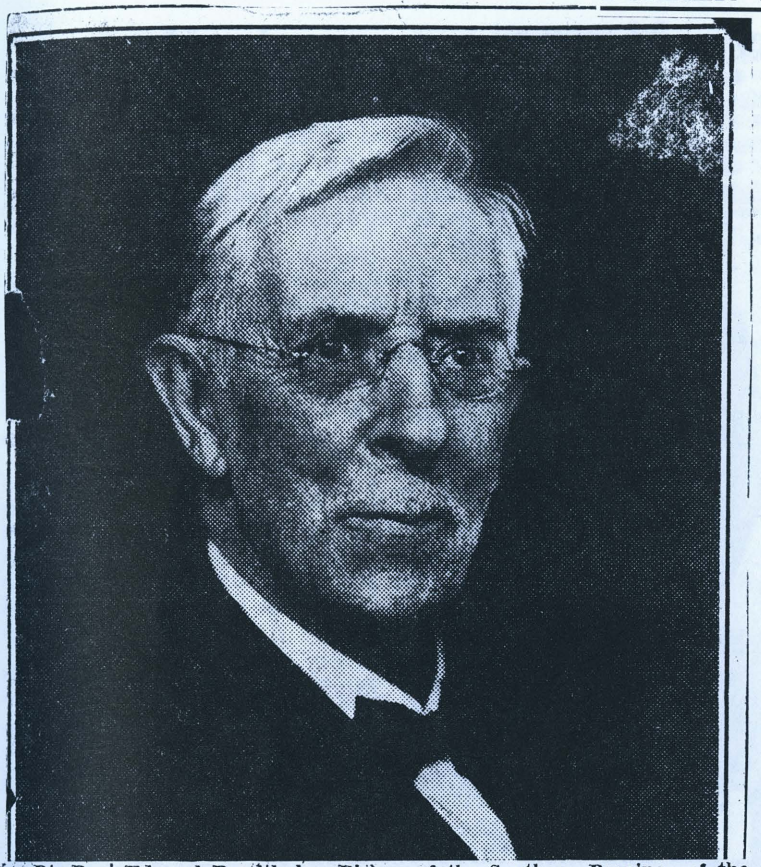
Introduction of
witnessing stewards ..Robert Wolfe

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

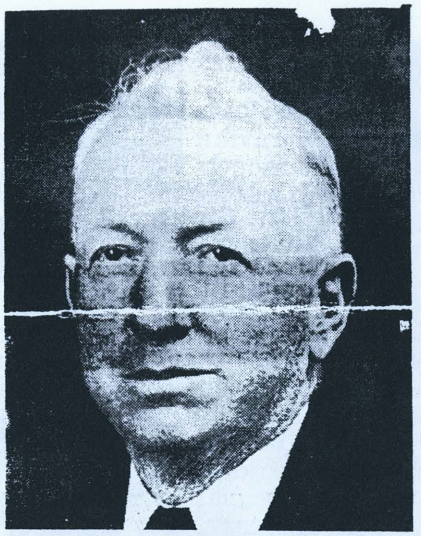
Benediction

Dinner at Central Methodist Church
Feb 23 1981

FORMER PASTORS



Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, Bishop of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America, passes away after fifty-three years of labor in and for Winston-Salem and for the Southern Moravian Church.



Rev. Charles D. Crouch



Rev. Herbert B. Johnson

Rev. Kenneth Hamilton



Mr. Hamilton is supplying Grace Moravian Church, Mount Airy, during leave of absence recently granted Rev. J. L. Sprinkle, pastor, for a needed rest.

MR. HAMILTON AT MOUNT AIRY

Accepts Charge as Supply Pastor of Grace Moravian Church.

Bishop J. K. Pfohl of the Southern province of the Moravian Church, announced today that Rev. Kenneth Hamilton, has been appointed to the temporary pastorate of Grace Moravian Church at Mount Airy to supply the place made vacant by Rev. John Sprinkle, who, because of illness, had to retire.

Mr. Hamilton is well-known as a missionary of the Moravian Church, who has seen years of service on the mission field in Nicaragua. He is home on a furlough, which has to be extended because of the serious interruption of the work there by the bandits under Sandino.

He is the son of Bishop J. Taylor Hamilton and a graduate of Moravian College and Seminary. He was also at one time a student at the Livingston Medical College, London. He ranks high in the ministerial ranks of his church.

Mr. Hamilton is accompanied by his wife who was formerly Miss Pauline Peterson of this city, who also has had wide experience in mission work.

For the present they will reside in Winston-Salem, motoring to Mount Airy several times a week to carry on the work there. There will be no break in the work on that field, according to Bishop Pfohl.



Rev. Edward T. Mickey, Jr.



John Sprinkle

A Sincere Man

When the Rev. Ray Troutman, pastor of Grace Moravian Church, leaves Mount Airy next month for Gnadenhutton, Ohio and his new pastorate there, the Granite City will be losing more than a highly-respected minister: our city will be losing a valuable citizen. Such a dual loss creates a vacancy not easily filled.

The Rev. Mr. Troutman is not a native of Mount Airy; nor, in point of years, has his stay here been an exceptionally long one. But since he came to Mount Airy in January, 1959, his willingness to serve and his ability to do so have made him become such an integral part of this community that Mount Airy, too, will feel his absence perhaps as deeply as will Grace Moravian Church. After all, it is not longevity that determines a person's worth to his community, whether it be his home town or an adopted one. It is what he does with that time, how he utilizes it and, perhaps selfishly speaking, from the viewpoint of the general public, how many benefit from that time usage that, when the final score is tabulated, determine the impression created upon a community and its citizens.

Any comments that this editorial department could make to add to Ray Troutman's performance as minister at the local Moravian Church would be redundant. It could be said quite correctly that his record there is a living and breathing one, and will remain so as long as the congregation remains. His was the ability to not only lead his congregation but to be a part of it, as well.

Those who were aided in one way or another by Ray Troutman during his years here can very nearly defy numbering. Whatever the need, whenever the need, that slender minister with that certain spark burning inside him was usually available and willing. His trademark, if any person could be said to possess one, was a friendly smile and warm greeting. Both were always sincere.

That same expression could also reflect anxious concern, when he was offering compassion or acting to relieve physical or mental anguish. Solace is defined as "Alleviation of grief or anxiety . . ." to give comfort to in grief or misfortune . . ." Ray Troutman has that ability, plus another quality that goes hand in glove, one that we mentioned in the preceding paragraph: sincerity.

We wish for the Rev. and Mrs. Troutman and their three children the best of everything in their new home. Their new church and their new hometown will discover shortly exactly how fortunate both of them are.



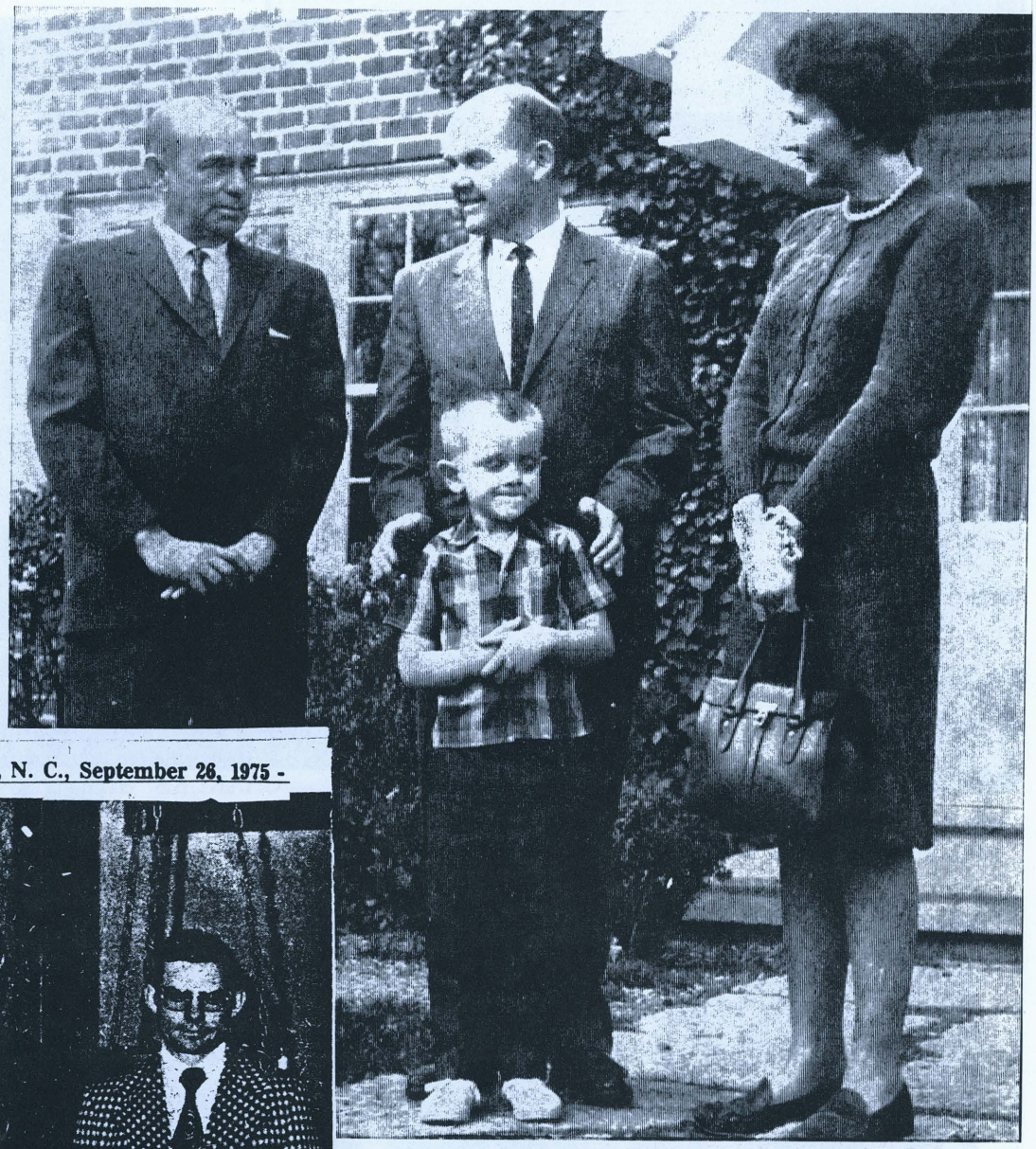
Marion and Ray Troutman

Grace Members See New Pastor, Ex-Missionary

The Rev. Joseph H. Gray, Jr., for the past 17 years a Moravian missionary in Nicaragua, came to Mount Airy Wednesday for a preview of his new congregation, the members of Grace Moravian Church, and a look at the parsonage and church facilities here.

He was greeted by several members of the board of trustees and representatives of the Woman's Fellowship, who conducted him on a tour of the church parsonage on Grace Street. The parsonage will be renovated prior to his moving in.

Gray succeeds the Rev. Ray Troutman in the local pastorate. Troutman left during the past week to assume a pastorate at Gnadenhutten, Ohio, where he will be installed Sunday.



Harry Hiatt, Joe Gray, Frances Dorsett
Steve Gray

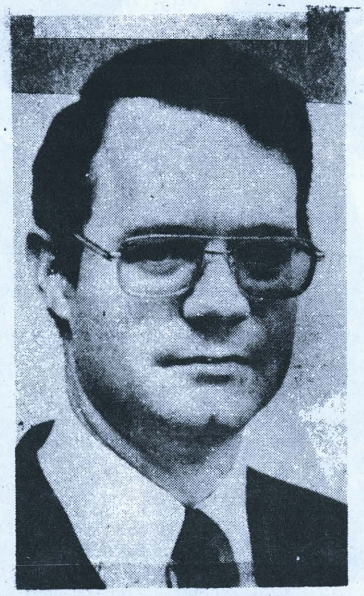
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1 ST Row L-R
Ray Troutman, Robert Iobst, Hal Cole
2 ND Row L-R
John Walker, Ed Mickey, Charles Fishel



ROBERT IOBST



HAROLD D. COLE



CHARLES and GLORIA FISHEL



Stuart Pike, Robert Wolfe, Charles Fishel among carolers



Ray & Marion Troutman
Mark and Craig



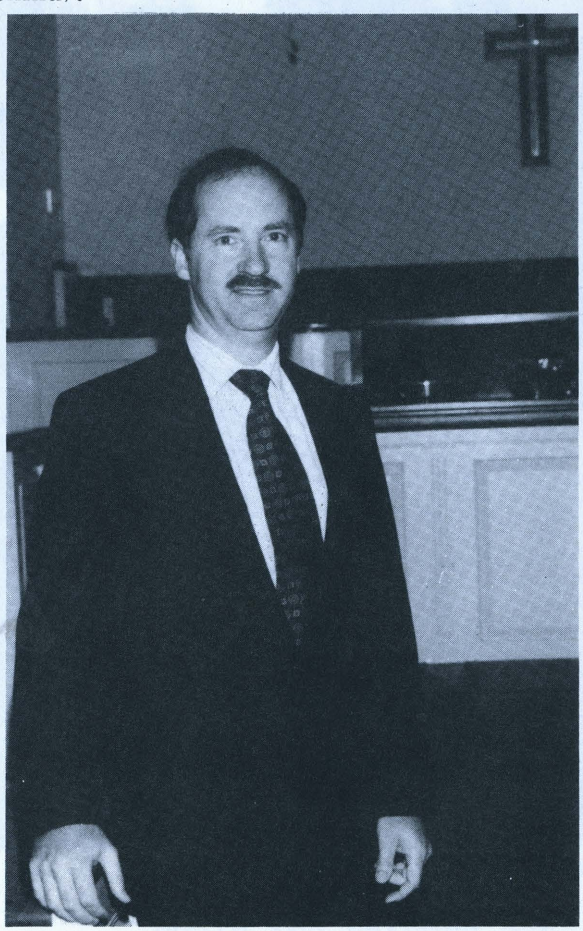
**Stuart & Marty Zimmerman,
Erin & Garrett**



The Rev. Stewart Zimmerman and wife, Marty, (left) receive the Rev. John and Kathy Walker and Betty and Jake Hiatt, (behind).



Rev. Neil Routh



Rev. Timothy Byerly

PRESENT STAFF



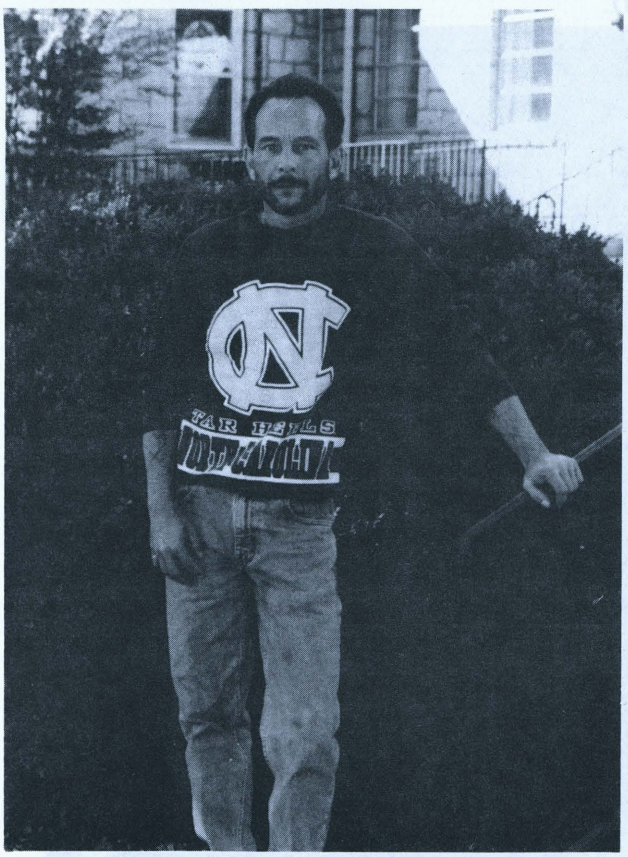
Donna Hurt
Director of Christian Education



Kathy Pruett
Organist/Choir Director



Diane Bowman
Church Secretary



Gary Mitchell
Custodian / Groundskeeper

WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:10 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
9:00-12:00

Grace Moravian Church
Boards and Committees 2000

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FAMILY RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE



DEBBIE AND MIKE REICH
greeting
EDDIE AND FRANCES DORSETT

POSTSCRIPT

Most of the researched material presented in this book occurred before 1975. However, many significant additions have taken place since then. Donna Hurt is our first full-time Christian Education Director. Through her dedication and enthusiasm many activities and programs have expanded the participation of old and new members in the work of our Church. Our music program continually grows and receives prominent recognition under the direction, leadership and expertise of several of our members: Kathy Pruett, Choir Director, Organist and pianist; Janet Hull, Handbell Choir Director; Hurbert McMillian, Band Director; and sound technicians and tape ministry. The work of the Youth Group has expanded to include mission work in summer workcamps. The Senior Friends' activities have resulted in increased participation and contributions to the Church and community. Scholarships from the John Walker Class and their other projects have enhanced the lives of members and numerous communities. The work of various adult Sunday School Classes, The Christian Education Committee, the Evangelism Committee and the Outreach Committee have affected and touched the lives of many with their generosity and dedication to witnessing. Participation in Gemeinshaft and church family retreats have grown each year. The Lenten Fair, the Autumn Leaves Festival Spaghetti Supper, the annual Variety and Talent Show, Lovefeasts, activities of the Men's Brotherhood, Women's Fellowship, mission work, the Youth Group, Kid's Club, Family Night Suppers, Graduate Recognition, Bible School, summer picnic at Reeves Community Center and the Christmas play have brought continual support to the intense involvement of the church members.

Under the strong leadership of our Elders and Trustees, all of these programs and activities thrive with vigor and success. With an average worship attendance of two hundred and Sunday School attendance of one hundred thirty-two, the church strives to involve each member in reaching out to each other, to the community and beyond. The Grace Moravian Church enters the millennium with faith, hope, charity, grace and love, for which it is known.

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In Essentials . . .
Unity -
In Non-essentials . . .
Liberty -
In All Things . . .
Love.