

FRIEND
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
SCRAPBOOK

Compiled by Church Historians who have included
Henry & Mabel Zieg, Pearl Benson, Francis Warner,
& Mary Cogswell.

In 1894, crops failed and the church was so crippled financially that for six months in 1895 it was unable to employ a minister, so Mr. H. F. Moeller, Mr. H. M. Smith and Dr. H. W. Hewit took turns conducting services and reading sermons thus holding the church together. For several years because of financial depression and crop failures the church had a real struggle, but the faith and courage of those pioneer Christians carried them through.

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The new church cost about \$7,000 and was dedicated in 1902 free of debt. The old bell was sold and a larger bell was purchased at an additional cost of \$300.00. About this time the B. & M. Lumber Company gave the church the two lots which it then owned and Dr. F. C. Hinman kindly consented to transfer the lot west of the church to the church, so it became the owner of the complete half block.

In 1905, Mr. W. O. Southwick, a faithful friend of the church, made it possible for the church to purchase a pipe organ which was in use for about forty years. As it became more and more difficult to get needed repairs,

his Lord in November 1947. During this second pastorate new pulpit furniture and organ chimes were provided through memorials from families of the church.

In 1962 Myron Schiefelbein bought and moved the old parsonage, and a new parsonage was built on the same site at a cost of approximately \$21,000.00. The church plans to pay the small indebtedness on this building before the end of 1966.

The women's organization has always been a strong arm of the church, and the youth have had good training in Christian Endeavor, Pilgrim Fellowship and in the Sunday School.

When the Congregational, Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches united to form the United Church of Christ in 1957, this church became a United Church of Christ retaining its former name.

The influence of the Moeller family has been felt through the ninety years. Mrs. William Warner, Mrs. Charles Farquharson and Mrs. F. T. Hamilton were all daughters of this "First Family" and they and their children have followed in Mr. and Mrs. Moeller's footsteps. At the present time, Harold Warner, grandson of the Moellers, and his wife are the only members of the family in the church and they continue the fine work of their ancestors. Since so many of the young people of our community now establish their homes in other areas, the Warner and the Hamthan 50 years, three more than churches elsewhere.

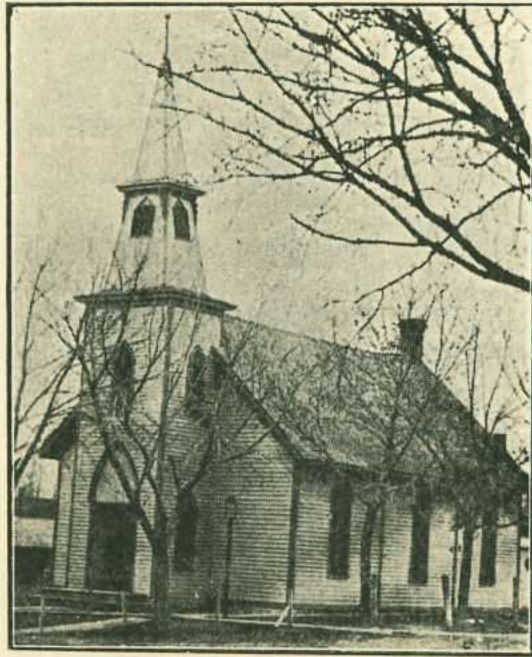
The following have been members of the church more than 50 years. three more than 60 years: Mrs. Margaret Sims, Miss Mamie Krebs, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Spence Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Easley, Mrs. John Rule, Mrs. John Krebs, Mrs. Luther Easley and Mrs. H. J. Southwick.

The Rev. Marvin Williams was pastor of the church from November 1954 to August 14, 1961, when he met death in an automobile accident. His wife and daughter are still active members of the church. In 1962 a call was issued to the Rev. D. M. Cassidy and he with his fine family are leading the church forward. The present membership is 278.

And now quoting from Hebrews 11:32, "What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of" the other fine pastors who have served so faithfully through the years such as W. W. Hart, Parry A. Sharp, Edwin Wright, H. H. Price, Leon Moore, Moore Bell and others.

"Time would also fail me to tell of" the many lay members who have served in this church through the years.

Miss Lucile Krebs.



Rev. B. G. Page
First Minister
1875-1878

CHARTER MEMBERS

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MRS. HARRIET A. MOELLER
Only Living Charter Member



DEACON H. F. MOELLER

from 1878 until he was called to be with the Lord in 1908. He was Trustee of the church for many years and also served as clerk until 1899.

MRS. HARRIET A. MOELLER.

Mrs. Harriet A. Moeller, who quietly passed from her earthly home to eternal morning on Tuesday, December 20th, carried with her the last name as charter member of the First Congregational church.

The history of The First Congregational church of Friend could not be written without including the lives of Deacon Moeller and his quiet and cheerful wife, Harriet.

In February, in the year of 1875 they moved to Friend from Illinois, making their home three miles east on what is now called Federal Highway No. 6.

These three miles have been traveled on occasions without number in times of pleasure, times of sorrow, and times of worship, but always with eternal hope.

For twenty-nine years they toiled on the farm, and on retiring, in a few years, Mr. Moeller passed from this life. Since then for most of the time, Mrs. Moeller has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hamilton.

Mrs. Moeller will be missed by her church, relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was held in the Congregational church this afternoon.

The Sentinel will print the obituary next week.

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PIONEER NEBRASKA DOCTOR CELEBRATES 93rd BIRTHDAY.—

Dr Hewit truly "Horse and Buggy" Physician.

(Nebraska State Journal)

The memories of a doctor in pioneer days, who traveled with horse and buggy over country roads that were little better than trails, and who for 33 years practiced medicine in the new Nebraska country, belong to Dr. H. W. Hewit, 1929 C St., Lincoln, who this month celebrated his ninety-third birthday.

Born April 5, 1850, in a log cabin in the country village of Concord, Wis., Dr. Hewit came to Friend, Neb., as a young doctor fresh out of medical school, to set up the practice in which he continued for 33 years, until his retirement in 1910.



DR. H. W. HEWIT

Wisconsin University Graduate
University of Wisconsin at Madison.
and was graduated in 1873. He attended Rush Medical college in Chicago, graduating in 1877, and he is now the oldest living graduate of his medical school.

Going to Friend immediately after his graduation, he started practicing there. In 1884 he was married to Bertha Bader, whom he met there; on Oct. 16, 1934, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and are now in their fifty-ninth year of married life.

Dr. and Mrs. Hewit have two children; the eldest, Linus G. Hewit, is employed in the Nebraska state motor fuel division, and his sister, Edna Hewitt, works in the University of Nebraska registrar's office.

Retired In 1910

In 1910, Dr. Hewit retired from active practice in Friend, and he and his wife came to Lincoln to make their home. Many of his old patients still consulted him, but he discontinued his practice.

April 5 of this year, Dr. Hewit celebrated his birthday at home with his family and friends. His birthday cake was the largest he'd had yet; it held 93 candles.

For every candle, and for more, there are memories and achievements for this man, whose role has been the courageous one of the pioneer doctor.

1943



Sunday School Class 1908

Front Row: Mrs. Charles Blanchard -
Teacher

Bessie Rule
Belle Russell Ames
Mamie Krebs

Second Row: Maud Butcher Blanchard
Mildred Alldritt
Maggie Currie
Mary Hurburt

Back Row: Ogden Easley
Ed Melick
Arthur Moeller
Thomas Currie
John Krebs



Christian Endeavor Group
ready for a Rally.

Noneval Jewitt Oks
Edna Rohrig
Mildred Jewitt Easley
Ollie Samuelson
Gladys Wyld Brown Keith
Bertha Spence
Mabel Jewitt Krebs
Alma Herman
Lillie Krebs

Miss Mamie Krebs' Sunday School Class
- 1923 -

Back row

Front row

Robert Range
Lester Cogswell
Gilbert Blanchard
Clarence Deines
Miss Mamie Krebs
Lionel Gibson
Earl Schlumberger
Orville Cogswell
Fred Schlumberger
Harold Hill
Elmer Warner
Linus Southwick



GREETINGS
FROM
DR. HAMILTON'S FAMILY
- 1924 -

Ministers.



Rev. E. F. Dada 1889 - 1894

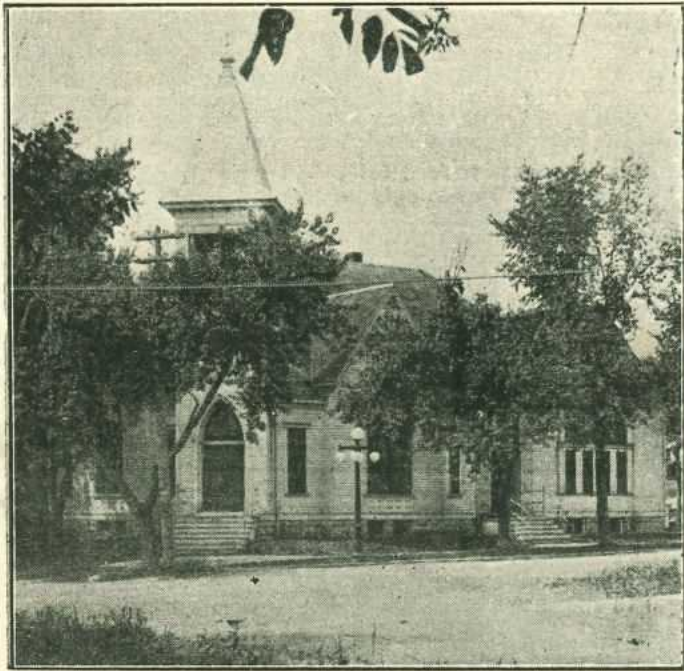


Rev. W. W. Hart 1900 - 1903



Rev. Perry A. Sharpe 1903 - 1906

SECOND CHURCH, DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 21, 1902



Rev. W. W. Hart came as pastor in October 1900 and soon after, they began to discuss plans for the building of a new church, since the old church needed so much repairing, and was inadequate for their needs. The country was becoming more prosperous by this time and the church took on new life. In August 1901 it was decided to build a new church and a building committee was appointed and given power to dispose of the old building or use it in whatever way they saw fit. Consequently, the first building was moved back and turned to face the North and this became what is now known as the chapel. The present sanctuary was then constructed, including a small basement with kitchen and dining room facilities. The primary department of the Sunday school and Junior church were to use the basement also.

As a result of great effort, the new church building was completed at a cost of about \$7,000.00 and on Sunday, September 21, 1902, it was dedicated free of debt. Rev. Sydney Strong, a former pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon.

While the church was in progress of construction, the question of a larger bell was discussed. The old bell was sold to a party of Utica and the balance of about \$300.00 yet needed was raised by subscription. The bell was purchased and placed in the belfry ready for use at the dedicatory services.

About the time that the new church building was being talked about, it was thought that it would be a fine thing if the church could own the entire half-block upon which the church and parsonage were located; so the B and M. Land Co. was consulted and they gladly gave the church the remaining two lots which they owned. The other lot to the west of the church belonged to Dr. F. C. Hinman, and he kindly consented to transfer it to the church, thus making the church the owner of the complete half block upon which the church and parsonage are now located. Dr. E. A. Watson conceived the idea of setting out trees and making it a park for all meetings of a moral character.



The splendid showing of material prosperity is but incidental to the real object of the church, which, as stated in the constitution, is to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and is founded upon the broad principle of loving the Lord with all your mind and heart, and loving your neighbor as yourself. That this our church, in its brave and worthy past, did not fail in this its greatest object, is attested by the fact that from 1875 to 1907 a total of 382 persons united with the church either by confession of faith or by letter of transfer.

In 1905 Mr. W. O. Southwick, a staunch friend of the church for many years, conceived the idea that the church ought to have a pipe organ and by his very liberal contribution and effort the organ was purchased and installed. After dedicating the new church free from debt and with prosperity returning it was decided in 1906 that there should be more commodious quarters for the pastor, so the old parsonage was sold and the present structure built at an approximate cost of \$3500.00. The new parsonage was ready for use when Rev. J. S. Hamilton came in October of 1906. Rev. Hamilton served the church for nearly four years but because of ill health thought it best to go to another field. Rev. Hamilton's ministry here was one of spiritual growth for the church was well filled at Sunday services and the prayer meetings were well attended. Mrs. Hamilton organized the Women's Missionary Society of which she was also president until they moved away.

*Parsonage built in 1906
Sold and moved in 1962
1507 2nd St*

TUESDAY, AFTERNOON, AUG. 9th.
This little apron was sent to you
And this is what you are asked to do
Measure with care around your waist
You know large waists are in good
taste;
Then for each inch, one cent you
count
Place in the pocket that amount.
We want our friends both thin & fat.
To bring their apron and have a chat
This is to be a calico Tea
Calico dresses you'll see
Don't come in silk or satin dressed
Or a fine from you we will possess.
Aug. 9th. Tuesday, 2:30 P.M.
Congregational Church.



REV. J. S. HAMILTON

Oct. 1906 - Apr. 1910

**Fortieth Anniversary Program
Wednesday, September 15, 1915**

- 4:30—Communion Service
5:30—Social Recreation
6:00—Supper
8:00—Services in the Auditorium
- Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."
Invocation
"Founding of the Church," Rev. H. Bross, Lincoln.
Male Quartette, Messrs. Schmidt, Miller, Thompson, Farwell.
"History of the Church," Dr. H. W. Hewit, Lincoln.
Duet, Helen Widick, Vera Kahm.
"One of the Chapters," Rev. Wm. E. Payne, Cortland.
Quartette, Misses Odwarker and McAlpin, Mesdames Warder and Barth.
Messages From Former Pastors, Rev. H. H. Price.
Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."



Dr. H. H. Price, Present Pastor.

Sept. 1914 - Dec. 1917

PASTOR
H. H. PRICE, D. D.

DEACONS
MR. WILLIAM CURRIE, Senior Deacon.
MR. GEORGE TAYLOR. MR. JOHN CARNAHAN.

TRUSTEES
MR. FRANK PTAK, Chairman.
MR. JOHN KREBS. DR. FRANK T. HAMILTON.
DR. W. S. WARDER. MR. DAVID M. SPENCE.

LADIES' HOME CIRCLE
MRS. AGNES STEWART, President.
MRS. DAVID SPENCE, Secretary-Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
MRS. WM. CURRIE, President.
MRS. FRANK T. HAMILTON, Treasurer.
MRS. G. J. KAHM, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
MR. J. C. NEWCOMB, Superintendent.
MR. JOHN KREBS, Assistant Superintendent.
MR. CHAS. BLANCHARD, Secretary-Treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLES' CHRISTIAN
ENDEAVOR SOCIETY
MISS MABEL JEWITT, President.
MISS BERTHA SPENCE, Secretary.
MISS ISABEL KREBS, Treasurer.

Rev. Edwin Wright came on August 1, 1910, and served the church until June 1, 1914. He taught a teacher's training class and several completed the work and obtained teacher's certificates. Mrs. Wright organized the Junior Christian Endeavor, which had been discontinued for some time because of lack of leadership.

Dr. H. H. Price came as pastor in September, 1914, remaining here until December 1917, when he resigned to serve as a Chaplain in the army. On September 15, 1915, during his ministry, the church celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary with appropriate and inspiring services. In the Anniversary booklet, then published, there were listed the names of 174 persons as constituting the active membership of our church at that time.

**Fiftieth Yearly Meeting of the Blue Valley
Association of Congregational Churches
with
The Fiftieth Anniversary of Friend Congregational
Church. May 15th, 16th, 17th, 1925
at Friend, Nebraska**

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 10:00 A. M. Sunday School Rally Service, Mr. J. C. Newcomb, Sunday School Superintendent.
11:00 A. M. Anniversary Service. Sermon, "The Church of Christ," Rev. Joseph Hamilton, Bangor, Michigan.
3:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor Rally Service.
Orchestra Selection.
Opening Hymn.
Prayer, Rev. Joseph Hamilton.
"Welcome to Friend," by Mr. Carl Schlumberger, President Friend Christian Endeavor Society.
"Response," Miss Lucille Krebs, President Square District C. E. Society, Fairbury, Nebr.
Music, Hymn.
Address, "Reasons for a Belief or Faith," Prof. C. W. Lehman, Superintendent of Schools, Friend, Nebr.
Special Music.
Address, "An Inspiration for Youth," Rev. P. A. Davies, Presbyterian Church, Fairbury, Nebraska.
Collection.
Closing Hymn.
Benediction, Rev. Joseph Hamilton.
8:00 P. M. Evening Service. Sermon, "The Supremacy of Christ," Rev. Joseph Hamilton, Bangor, Michigan.
Closing Hymn.
Benediction, Rev. Ralph Pinkham.

Rev. Ralph Pinkham

Present Pastor

Nov. 1923 - July 1928



Rev. Leon Moore served as pastor here from February, 1918, to April 1, 1920. After he left, Rev. G. R. McKeith served as pastor from May 1, 1920, to August 31, 1923. Rev. Ralph Pinkham was the next minister to serve the church. His ministry was from November, 1923, to July, 1928. He recognized the value of the young people in the church's organization. It was during his ministry on May 15 through May 17th, 1925, that this church and the Blue Valley Association of Congregational churches celebrated together in this church, their Fiftieth Anniversary. Rev. J. S. Hamilton a former pastor, was the speaker for the church on this occasion. Word was received by some of our members of Rev. Pinkham's death in January 1950.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

SERVICES OF REDEDICATION

Sunday, July 12th, 1931.

- 10:00 A. M. Special Rededication program of the Sunday School and Social rooms of the church, by the Sunday School.
- 10:30 A. M. Morning Worship.
Organ Prelude, "Summer Dawn,".....Stults
Doxology.
Invocation, closing with Lord's Prayer.
Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."
Scripture Reading.
Solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple,".....Knapp
Bernard Doherty.
Rededicatory Prayer,.....Dr. H. W. Hewit
Hymn by Congregation, "The Church's One Foundation."
Announcements.
Offertory, "After Glow,".....Norman
Anthem by the Choir, "God Is My Salvation,".....Nolte
Sermon: The House of God. 11 Chron. 2:5.
Reception of members.
Communion Service.
Hymn, "Bless be the Tie That Binds."
Benediction
Organ Postlude, "A Song of Happiness,".....Mallard

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

- 7:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor meeting. This will be a great union service of the young people of Friend. A special program is being prepared, that will be of real help and inspiration to young people. We are hoping that Rev. Inglis and others will be present and speak.
- 8:00 P. M. Evening Church Service.
Organ Prelude, "Festival March,".....Teilman
Hymn, "O Worship the King."
Silent Devotion.
Evening Prayer,.....Rev. Ervine Inglis.
Organ and Cello Duet, "Holy City,".....Adams
Scripture Reading,.....Mary Opal and Eleanor V. Crone
Solo, "Blessed Are the Meek,".....Stephens
Bernard Doherty.
Announcements and Offering.
Offertory, Organ and Piano Duet, "Thais".....Massenet
Mrs. A. E. Hughes and Miss Mary Opal Crone
Anthem: "Crown Him,".....Woodcock
Sermon: Rev. Ervine Inglis, pastor, Vine Congregational church, Lincoln.
Hymn No. 461, "How Firm A Foundation."
Benediction
Organ Postlude, "By Still Waters,".....Horspool

CHARTER MEMBERS



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HISTORY

Our church records convey the fact that the Congregational people were holding meetings in the schoolhouse with Rev. B. G. Page of Dorchester as pastor for sometime prior to the organization of the church.



On May 15, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller met in the schoolhouse at Friendville to consider the advisability of forming a church, as there was none here at that time. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the pastor Rev. B. G. Page to council with neighboring churches.

On June 15 of the same year the committee called a meeting at the Frantz Hall. By a unanimous vote it was declared expedient to organize a church and it should be a Congregational Church, with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Congregational Church at Exeter; Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller, Congregational Church at Cape Grove, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine, Congregational Church at Dorchester; and Henry Harrison, on profession of faith in Christ.

In the afternoon the congregation met in the school house with the representatives of nine churches in council. The proceedings in regard to the formation of a Congregational Church, together with creed, covenant, and constitution, were submitted to the council, read and approved.

A service of recognition was arranged to take place immediately. Rev. Simon Barrows, of Osceola, who was present, was invited to preach the sermon, Rev. Gates to read the covenant and prayer, Rev. Bates, the charge to the church, and the right hand of fellowship to be extended by the Rev. Bros. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Page whose labors had been blessed in the organization of this church.

They continued to hold meetings in the school house until the fall of 1877. Then in October the building of the church was let by contract; the carpenter work with exception of window frames to be done for two hundred and ninety-five dollars.

During this winter the meetings were held in the Frantz & Brickley Hall. In the spring the church was plastered and painted.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, DEDICATED DEC. 1880



It might be interesting to note that when the location of the church was decided upon, there was much opposition, as most everyone was certain that the town would not grow beyond the draw
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Tessie Aitken
Friend, Nebraska

The first community Christmas program was held in Trautz hall which was located on the east side of Maple St. They did not have a tree but a wire was hung across the front of the hall and the treats were tied on the wire.

community
Sunday School was held in the first school house located on first street east of the Ed Heckman home (now) near ~~7~~⁸ 1st street

SEXTON-BELL

Miss Marian Frances Sexton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Sexton of Ames, became the bride of the Rev. Moore Gray Bell, of Friend, Neb. in a beautiful ceremony performed Tuesday afternoon at the Collegiate Presbyterian church. Dr. Dean G. McKee, a professor of the Biblical seminary in New York city performed the double ring ceremony at 4 o'clock in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dean G. McKee played a group of numbers as guests were assembling. Miss Marjorie Thomas played a violin solo and the Rev. Moore G. Bell sang "Beloved, It Is Morn," (Florence Aylward) and "O Perfect Love," (by Joseph Barnby, arranged by H. Clough-Leigher)

Mrs. McKee accompanied at the organ for the numbers and played the wedding march from Lohengrin as members of the bridal party took their places at the altar. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played as a recessional.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father was charming in a gown of white satin fashioned with a long train. Her long tulle veil was fastened cap style at the head and she carried a bride's bouquet of white roses and gypsophilia.

Mrs. W. R. Frazier, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor length frock of yellow satin and carried a bouquet of asters in harmonizing shades of purple and lavender.

The bridesmaids, Mrs. Harry Sexton of Ames and Mrs. Clyde Mease of Alexander wore floor length frocks of lavender satin and headbands of yellow and lavender flowers.

Gordon Bell of Hastings, Neb., brother of the bridegroom served as best man. Ushers were the Rev. Phillip Mergler Princeton, N. J., and Douglas Sexton of Ames, the bride's brother.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 233 Sheldon avenue after the service. The yellow and lavender colors were repeated in the flowers used at the home and in the refreshments served.

A decorated bride's cake and lavender sweet peas centered the table. The first piece of cake was cut and served by the bride. Miss Leila Wester presided at the punch table and Miss Jane Bell, sister of the bridegroom, served the wedding cake.

Mrs. Bell is a graduate of Ames high school. She received her B. A. degree from Coe college at Cedar Rapids and taught English for two years at the Margaret Barber Seminary in Anniston, Ala. She received her B. R. E. degree from The Biblical seminary in New York City and the past year was pastor's assistant in the Mamaroneck Methodist church, Mamaroneck, N. Y.

The Rev. Mr. Bell is a graduate of the Ord, Neb., high school. He received his B. A. degree from Hastings college, Hastings, Neb., his S. T. B. degree from the Biblical seminary in New York city, and his Th. M. degree from Princeton seminary, Princeton, N. J. He is pastor of the Congregational church at Friend, Neb., at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell will spend a week at the lakes before going to their home in Nebraska. They will be at home after Sept. 4. — Ames (Iowa) Daily Tribune, with corrections.



Rev. Moore Bell and Family 1950
Pastor 1935-1940



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FRIEND, NEBRASKA

Rev. Moore Bell	Pastor
Mr. William Yokel	Church Clerk
Mr. J. C. Newcomb	Church Treasurer
Mr. A. H. Teale	Auditor and Bldg. Fund Treas.
Miss Rachel Weber	Organist
Rev. Moore Bell	Choir Director
Mr. F. R. Locke	Bldg. and Organ Custodian
John Krebs	Head Usher
Oliver Johansen	Assistant Usher
Raymond Bender	Assistant Usher
Henry Zieg	Assistant Usher
Harry Hetherington	Assistant Usher
A. H. Wood	Usher for Funerals
Gus Range	Assistant Usher for Funerals
Frederick Johansen	Assistant Usher for Funerals
Mr. J. W. Engel	Sexton

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Sunday School	10:00 A. M.
Morning Service of Worship	11:00 A. M.
Christian Endeavor Society	7:00 P. M.
Evening Church Service	8:00 P. M.
(Evening Services Half Hour Earlier From Oct. 1 to April 1)	

TUESDAY

Church Prayer Meeting	7:30 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal	8:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Sunday School Orchestra Practice	7:30 P. M.
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DORCAS MEETINGS

The Meeting of the Missionary Division, First Tuesday (afternoon) of Each Month.
The Meeting of the Social Division, (Kensington) Third Tuesday (afternoon) of Each Month.



Rachel Weber Leach
Organist 1935-1937



REV. WM. BECKER



The First
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
and
SUNDAY SCHOOL
Friend, Nebraska

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NOTES

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
C. E. Society 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayer and Bible Study, Tuesday evening, 8:00 p. m.

Where Do You Worship?

Tell me where you worship God on Sunday and I will tell you the kind of a Christian you are. You can worship God in your home Sunday—but you don't. You can worship God in the woods and in the fields,—but you don't. You can worship God on the lakes and on the rivers,—but you don't. You can worship God on the road in the auto or in the buggy,—but you don't. You can worship God in a different church each Sunday,—but you don't. You can worship God in your lodge and neglect the church,—but you don't. You can worship God by sending the children to Sunday school and staying home,—but you don't. You can worship God by going to church and taking the children with you,—Do You? Why not?

We cordially invite you to attend the services in the Congregational church next Sunday morning. The large, fine Sunday school, brim full of life and the spirit of youth, with four departments and a class for all ages, studying the Word of God. Next Sunday's lesson is an interesting one. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman.

We invite you to the morning service of worship. This service will be helpful, inspirational and spiritual. You will find a friendly spirit among the worshippers, and feel a real welcome. The choir will cheer and inspire us with a beautiful Anthem, and the pastor will preach on: Quiet Seasons With the Lord: What do we gain in these quiet seasons? Come, worship God with us, if you have no church of your own denomination in Friend.

SUNDAY EVENING, we will have a Union Service in the Methodist church. There will be a special union Young People's meeting at 6:30, at which time Dr. Fulmer will speak to young people only. This is a rare privilege for the young people of Friend. Dr. Fulmer is Director of Vocational Educational for the University of Nebraska. At 7:30, Union service and everybody will be invited to attend, though it will be a special Young People's meeting, at which time Dr. Fulmer will speak again. There will also be special music by both churches.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED

Thirty men, members and friends of the Congregational church of Friend met in the Social Rooms of the church Monday evening and organized a Men's Brotherhood of the First Congregational church, of Friend. The officers are: John Krebs, president; Elza Cogswell, 1st vice president; Ogden Easley, 2nd vice president; George Haberman, secretary and treasurer. Meetings are to be held on the third Monday of each month in the church. The purpose of this organization is to get better acquainted with each other in a friendly and social way. There will of course be a short program at each meeting and things of real interest will be discussed. Then a lunch is to be served at the close, by a committee of men selected for that purpose. All the men, young and old, members and friends of the Congregational church are cordially invited. In this day of high pressure, strain and stress, it's a good thing to have a place where we can come together and forget business and difficulty and meet in a friendly sort of way with each other as brother and friend in a social way.

The men decided to have a Father Son's Banquet in February. Every man, young and old, married or unmarried, if they have no son, they will be provided with one that evening if they so desire, if not, they are welcome anyway. A splendid program will be provided for that occasion. This will be a treat to the boys by the father and men. Tickets will be sold, and there will be room for two hundred.

January 1932

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
TO THE
MANY FRIENDS OF FRIEND

It is Christmas time again. The glory of Christmas lies in the fact of the supreme gifts of all gifts, the Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. For one brief season of the year, more than at any other time, our thoughts turn away from ourselves and go back and cluster about the town of Bethlehem of Judea, where the shepherds and the wise men came to worship the child Christ, the Son of God, and then our thoughts cluster about our friends, our faith and our Heavenly Father.

We ask for the privilege of joining, therefore, in this wise this year, with that host of friends who are sending greetings to you, and adding our prayers and wishes to theirs, that this may be the happiest Christmas, and all through the coming year may the Father's care attend you; all through the year may the love of Christ enfold you; all through the year may your faith grow stronger, your hope brighter, your joy more rich and deep and full.

Mrs. Becker and the children associate themselves with this most cordial greeting.

WILLIAM BECKER
December 24, 1931.



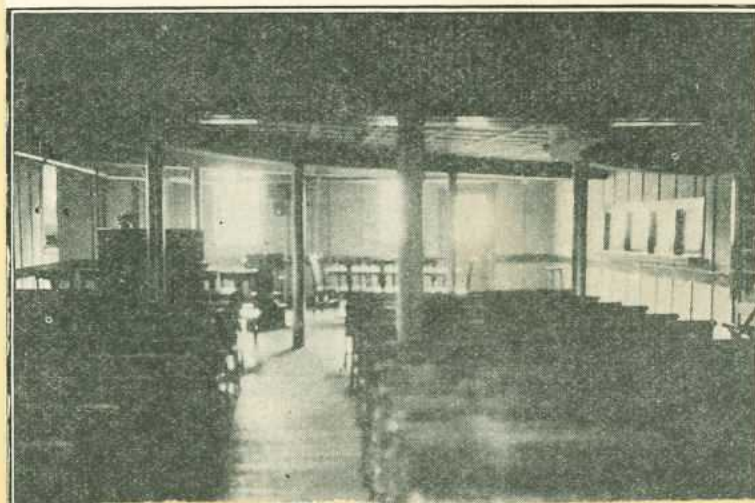
Rededication - July 12, 1931

Stockton and Gould conducted two evangelistic campaigns.



Miss Amy Lee Stockton
Miss Rita Gould

REMODELED AND ENLARGED BASEMENT ROOM OF CRURCH



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

William Becker, Pastor
 Sunday, September 28th
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
 Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
 Junior C. E. Society 7:00 P. M.
 Pilgrim Fellowship 7:00 P. M.
 Union Service at the Methodist
 church 8:00 p. m.

The above are the services for Sunday. Yes, just a minute, do not forget that Sunday is "Rally and Promotion Day." That means that every Sunday school member should be present and try to bring a friend. Last Sunday we had 112 in S. S. Our Record attendance is 130—let's set that record higher on the coming Sunday and really make it a Rally Day.

At 11:00 o'clock, "Promotion Program." Classes will be promoted from three departments. Their program is a very interesting one. Then if there is time left, a short message by the pastor. You will enjoy the music, hearing the children sing and recite their memory work.

Sunday evening service will be in the Methodist church at 8:00. The Philander Smith College singers, will give us an evening of music. You would not want to miss this. There are eight negro singers.

Tuesday evening, 8:00 o'clock, prayer and Bible study.

Choir rehearsal, Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Teacher's Reception, Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock sharp. This is a covered dish supper.

Our new organ is in Omaha, and the Deagan Chimes are in Lincoln, they will be delivered to the church before the first of October. Mrs. Hugh Stewart has given the new communion table in memory of her husband, this was \$300.00. We did not know where we were going to get the money for pulpit, Lectern, and four new pulpit chairs. We dared not tell that this was going to cost \$500.00 but the Lord did. Sunday morning a \$500.00 check was given to me for the pulpit, Lectern and the four chairs by Mrs. John Barney Sr. in memory of her husband. Well, that is just the way God works. Mrs.

Barney has had that in mind for some time, no one ever mentioned it to her, nor did she know how much was needed for this set, but God did. We thank these good people, but most of all, the Lord, who works in and through the hearts of His people. The church will be complete and beautiful when the work is finished. Praise God from whom all blessing flow. The money is coming in for the paint fund.

RECEIVES GIFTS FOR WORSHIP CENTER.—

After the purchase of an Hammond Electric Organ, the members of the Congregational church, led by Rev. Becker, planned a beautiful worship center to take the place of the old pipe organ. This would cost a considerable sum.

Sunday morning gifts of \$500 and \$300 were received as memorials for this worship center.

The organ and chimes are on the way here, as you will note by reading the church notes on page five.

Friend Young People Give Day For Others

P.Fers Earn \$50 For State Fund
 By Contribution Of Day's Wages

On November 3 this notice appeared in the Church Bulletin of the Friend Church: "Saturday, November 9th will be known as "A Day for Others" by the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship group. They plan to work that day and contribute their earnings to help others. Later this offering will be dedicated to the Lord's work, and the young people will tell their experiences earning it. Can you use one of our young people for a day? Contact Mrs. Wm. Yokel or Rev. Wm. Becker." That Saturday it rained so the next Saturday was chosen. It was corn husking time in Nebraska so the farm boys could easily find a good job. Others rebuilt a foundation for a house, helped their fathers in respective places of business and did yard work. Verne who operates his radio shop remarked, "Well, I just tested a few more tubes and checked a radio or two for mine." The girls cleaned house, cared for children, and cleaned out a poultry house. Mrs. Yokel the sponsor went around taking pictures. On December 15th the evening service was in charge of the young people. The service of dedication was used as they brought their gifts to the altar. Paul Becker told how the boys earned their money, and Opal Easley, the president, told how each girl earned hers. Virgil Nelson, a fifteen year old sophomore who earned the most (6.00), told his own story of how he earned the money picking corn. The results of the day's work amounted to \$50.00 which was sent in to the Pilgrim Fellowship Post-war Emergency Fund. The sponsor, Mrs. Yokel reports, "There was a genuine feeling that we had given of our best in the dedication service."

CHRISTIANS IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—

As long as the local Congregational church has as members so many genuine Christians as it has now, it will succeed and weather any storm that might trouble it.

The loss of their beloved pastor, Rev. Wm. Becker, was very disheartening, but their fine gift to Mrs. Becker and family, Christmas, shows the excellent Christian spirit so ably taught by him.

They and their friends do not seek this publicity, and are not aware of it, but The Sentinel wishes the public to know it for the special reason that we feel that if this Christian spirit would spread all over the world our much desired peace would be attained. After all, it is up to us followers of different creeds, yet believers in the same Christ to spread this true gospel.

We are hoping that a member of the Congregational church, or a group, will also provide the funds necessary to install the amplifiers to broadcast out over the community the organ and the chimes. We believe periodical playing of the hymns would do much to call attention to "better ways of living." This would be a fitting memorial to the pastor we all loved.



A member of the Friend PF is shown here doing his share in the "Day's Work for Others" program. (Story at left.)

Harold Barney, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Barney



The Service of Ordination for Albert Carlyle Becker was held in the First Congregational Church of Hastings on November 14 at eight o'clock.

The service was arranged following the Council for Examination held in conjunction with the Blue Valley Association Meeting in Grand Island on September 24. The Council voted unanimously that the examination be deemed satisfactory and that plans be made for the ordination.

The entire Service of Worship and Ordination was a deeply hallowed experience. The sermon was preached by the Reverend Silas G. Kessler with the Reverend Jacob F. Balzer giving the Ordaining Prayer and the Charge to the Ordinand. Other participants were the Reverend Frank Peyton, Moderator, the Reverend Alexander Fales, the Reverend Roger E. Manners, the Reverend John D. Banks and the Minister of the Conference.

Mrs. J. M. Davis presided at the organ and Mrs. Albert Becker sang a solo.

Albert Becker needs no introduction to Nebraska Congregationalists. He has served our churches at Brule and Cambridge and has been Minister to our First Congregational Church at Hastings for four years. He is the son of the late William Becker who served our churches at Ogallala and Friend. His mother, who resides in Lincoln, attended the service and her presence blessed the occasion.

REV. WILLIAM BECKER PASSES AWAY MONDAY MORNING.—

Rev. William Becker passed away Monday morning suffering with a very serious illness. While he had visited the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., several times in the past few months, it was not until recently that he gave up his pastor's work. After a recent operation at Mayos he was brought to the hospital here where he could greet his friends and be near his family. Even up to the last hours he would rally for a minute and recognize his friends, knowing his son, Albert, when he arrived from Hastings Sunday.

His going is a great loss to the community.

The Reverend's first pastorate with the Congregational church here was in 1928. After serving the church for seven years he went to Lincoln to assume the superintendency of the City Mission. In 1942 he went to the Ogallala Congregational church.

Two and a half years ago the Friend church asked him to return and he did, immediately taking his old place in the community. In this time the church has increased in strength, and during the past year substantial money gifts have been made for a new organ, chimes and a worship center. He had hoped to live to see these dedicated.

His fellowship with other pastors of the city was truly Christian and made him a community figure beloved by all.

He was a great friend of The Sentinel and averaged two visits a week in the office.

Surviving are his wife, Meta, four sons, Rev. Albert C., Hastings; William E., Lincoln, and Robert and Paul, Friend; two daughters, Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Lincoln, and Mrs. John Warner, Des Moines, Ia.

The funeral service is being held this afternoon in the First Congregational church, with the Rev. Alfred Johnson of Chicago, and Rev. Taylor of Lincoln, officiating. Burial will be in the Lincoln Memorial Park.



Rev. Wm. Becker
 Pastor 1928-1935 and 1945-1947

OBITUARY
William Becker

William Becker, son of William and Marie Becker, was born November 29, 1885, at Lindock, Ontario, Canada, and entered God's presence at Friend, on the 10th of November, 1947.

After fifteen boyhood years spent in the family home at Killaloe, Ont., Canada, he made his confession of faith, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of his home community. Three years later he first felt God's call to the ministry, and went to Rochester, N. Y., to further his education for this purpose, but, being afflicted with a speech impediment he was discouraged in the further pursuit of his calling by faculty members and friends.

He was united in marriage to Meta Bretschneider on June 13, 1913, at Cleveland, Ohio. The first seven years of marriage he worked as an electrician, but by his own statement the call to preach burned within him until the door to full time Christian Service opened in 1921. The home was blessed with seven children, all of whom survive their father excepting Charles Vaughn who died in infancy. He is also survived by his father, four sisters and three brothers.

He was ordained to the Christian Ministry on September 25, 1923, by the Council of Baptist churches at Grand Rapids, Mich.

In the twenty-six years that followed he was successively, Assistant Superintendent of the City Rescue Mission, Grand Rapids, Mich.; assistant pastor, Moody Bible Church, Chicago; served Congregational church pastorates in Mattawan, Mich.; Friend, Ogalala and again at Friend. Following his first pastorate in Friend he was for seven years superintendent of the City Mission of Lincoln.

The funeral service was held last Thursday afternoon in the First Congregational church, with the Rev. Alfred Johnson of Chicago, and Rev. Taylor of Lincoln officiating.

Paul Toren, of Lincoln, sang, with Miss Maryalice Macy, also of Lincoln, at the new Hammond organ, which was installed just a few days before Rev. Becker's illness became so serious.

Burial in Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln.

Active pallbearers were: J. R. Klippenstein, C. J. Spence, R. W. Jewitt, John H. Weber, William Yokel and Frank Stewart.

Honorary pallbearers were the Ministers of Blue Valley Association of Congregational churches.

Moore's Funeral Home had charge of all arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS.—

To our members of the Congregational church and to the many friends of this community we wish to express a hearty thanks for the many contributions to the fund that was given to us at Christmas. It was a wonderful and gracious Christian love and loyalty revealed in this large gift of money!

May God bless you all in the New Year ahead, and keep you ever faithful to Him, is our prayer.—Mrs. Wm. Becker and family.



The Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Becker

**Dr. Settle To
Iowa College**



Dr. Edwin T. Settle, associate professor of religion and philosophy at Doane College, has resigned his position to accept a similar post at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

A former Army chaplain, Dr. Settle served in both the European and Asiatic-Pacific theaters of operation. He took an active part in the battle of the Belgium Bulge early in 1945. At the Iowa college he will be professor of religion and philosophy in addition to serving as a religious counsellor.—Crete News.

Dr. Settle has been occupying the pulpit of the Congregational church here since the death of Rev. Wm. Becker.

1947-1948

MR. J. C. NEWCOMB

Mr. James Compton Newcomb was honored at a fellowship supper at the Congregational Church of Friend Tuesday, December 11th, in recognition of forty-six years of service as Treasurer of the



Church and twenty-five years as Sunday School Superintendent. Following the dinner a short musical program was given. The minister, Rev. William Becker, briefly reviewed his life, his work as Treasurer of the Church, and the efficient way he conducted the Sunday School as Superintendent.

Mr. Newcomb came to Nebraska on the last day of February, 1899, united with the church July 1st, 1899, and was elected Treasurer of the Church January 1st, 1900, during the pastorate of Rev. William E. Payne. He has been Treasurer ever since and is still serving the church in that capacity. He has also served as a Deacon for many years and is still serving in that capacity. He is known all over the country as a member of the Whitten & Newcomb Lumber and Coal Co. of Friend.

Mr. Newcomb's whole heart and soul have been in the church here for all these years. His services as a Christian gentleman are best expressed in the

words of the apostle, Paul, to the Thessalonian Christians where he says: "We give thanks to God always for you, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." He is indeed a faithful servant. The Church is his obsession.

Mr. John Krebs presented Mr. Newcomb with a beautiful ottoman lounging chair and footstool as a token of appreciation for his faithful service from the Church and Sunday School.

1945

The Rev. Alfred E. Bashford of Exeter, Rev. William Becker of Friend, Rev. James A. McKeeman of Sutton, Rev. Frederick W. Leavitt of Grafton, Rev. William Richards of Fairmont, and the Rev. Isaac Cassel of Geneva worked out a six-way exchange on a Sunday in November. Other groups of ministers would do well to follow this lead.

November 1945

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Rev. Henry Demler came to us on December 1, 1949, as our pastor. Both Rev. and Mrs. Demler have taken a very active part in the choir and helped greatly in both the Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowship groups. A nursery has been maintained in the basement during church under the sponsorship of Mrs. H. R. Wood, to make church attendance for mothers with babies and small children more possible.

The church steps have been rebuilt and a lovely fireplace with seats about it built on the terrace below the church, from the bricks and cement blocks salvaged from the old steps. The Pilgrim Fellowship youth group sponsored this project.

The parsonage has been beautifully re-decorated and re-modeled with the Demler's donating a very generous amount of improvements. The church basement, including kitchen and rest rooms have been beautifully redecorated. The Sunday school paid for the basement redecorating, the Dorcas for the kitchen and rest rooms. People of the church did all the work. As this goes to press, plans are under way to completely redecorate the church sanctuary, chapel and choir rooms thus fulfilling a desire and project which was begun by the Pilgrim Fellowship and in which they have generously helped and contributed funds which they earned.

Our church history would not be complete without mentioning a few significant facts. On our church membership rolls, we still have two of the children of two of the charter members, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moeller. They are Mrs. Rose Farquharson and Mrs. Natalia Warner. Mrs. Farquharson has the distinction of being a member of this church for 65 years, which is the longest membership record of any living member. Mr. Moeller's faithfulness is proven by the fact that, though his home was three miles in the country, he was a regular attendant at the midweek prayer meeting and both the morning and evening services of the church, no matter how hard the labors of the day or how inclement the weather, in a day when all traveling had to be done with horses and buggy. Surely his faithfulness should inspire us to greater loyalty.

Another fact is that we have had five generations of one family in our church, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Spence, Mr. Clarence Spence, Mrs. George Kohout, and Kathleen and Linda Kohout. There are several four generation families.

We have had our deep sorrows and our times of great joy and are grateful to God for all the experiences we have shared together in this His and our Church. On this occasion of its 75th Anniversary, we feel that we stand at a high pinnacle of its experience. Its glorious and worthy past challenges us to move forward to greater consecration and endeavor in the future, building upon the Rock, Christ Jesus.

THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

The Blue Valley Association of the Congregational Christian Churches



Meets to ordain to the Christian Ministry

John E. Knight



First Congregational Church
Friend, Nebraska

Sunday evening, December 6, 1953
seven-thirty o'clock

Participants in the Services Are:

The Reverend L. E. Werner, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Geneva, Nebraska, and the Moderator of the Blue Valley Association.

The Reverend Graham Howe, pastor of the Baptist-Congregational Church of York, Nebraska, and the registrar of the Blue Valley Association.

The Reverend Arthur H. Krebs, pastor of the Federated Church of Sutton, Nebraska.

The Reverend Fred W. Leavitt of Crete, Nebraska.

Dr. David L. Crawford, President of Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

Dr. Arthur W. Taylor, State Minister of the Nebraska Congregational Churches, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Reverend Jacob F. Balzer, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Crete, Nebraska.

Mr. Lester Cogswell, Senior Deacon, First Congregational Church of Friend, Nebraska.

The Organists: Miss Elaine Warner and Miss Jo Ann Klippenstein.
The Soloist: Mrs. John E. Knight.

The Choir of First Congregational Church of Friend, directed by Mr. S. A. Ramp.

The flowers for these services have been given by the Women's Fellowship of the Friend Church



THE REV. JOHN E. KNIGHT

Dr. Crawford said that Reverend Knight was entering the Christian ministry in a period of great opportunity. He said that there is an upswing in the influence of the church in the world today.

Rev. John Knight Ordained During Friend Services

FRIEND, Neb. (Lincoln Star Special)—In services held here, the Rev. John E. Knight, native of Lincoln, was ordained into the ministry of the Congregational Church. He has served as pastor of the Friend Congregational Church since Sept. 1.

Coming to Friend from Forest Park, Ill., he was graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in

1947. Later he attended the University of Nebraska and from 1949 to 1953 he was enrolled at Garrett Biblical Institute.

He has taught and coached athletics in the Louisville, Neb., public schools and in Nebraska Wesleyan. He also served for a time as assistant director of education in the Nebraska Reformatory for Men at Lincoln.

The Rev. Mr. Knight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Knight of Lincoln. He and his wife have three daughters.

Dr. David L. Crawford, president of Doane College at Crete, delivered the message at the ordination services. Others taking part in the ceremonies included the Rev. L. E. Werner of Geneva, moderator of the Blue Valley Association; the Rev. Graham Howe of York; the Rev. Arthur H. Krebs of Sutton; the Rev. Fred W. Leavitt of Crete; Dr. Arthur W. Taylor of Lincoln; the Rev. Jacob F. Balzer of Crete; and Lester Cogswell of Friend.



Rev. Knight

Ordination Service For John E. Knight Impressive Ceremony

In an impressive service Sunday night at the Friend Congregational Church, John E. Knight was ordained to the Christian ministry. Uniting in the services were churches of the Blue Valley Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. David L. Crawford, president of Doane College, delivered the ordination sermon.

A statement to the congregation and the charge to the people were by the Rev. L. E. Werner, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Geneva, and moderator of the Blue Valley Association. The response was by Lester Cogswell, Senior Deacon of the Friend church.

Other pastors present and participants in the services were:

The Rev. Graham Howe, pastor of the Baptist-Congregational Church at York, registrar of the Blue Valley Association; The Rev. Arthur H. Krebs, pastor of the Federated Church of Sutton; The Rev. Fred W. Leavitt of Crete; The Rev. Jacob F. Balzer, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Crete; Dr. Arthur W. Taylor, of Lincoln, state minister of the Congregational Churches.

Organists were Miss Elaine Warner and Miss Joan Klippenstein. Mrs. John E. Knight was the soloist. The choir of the Friend church was directed by S. A. Ramp.

The church was filled. In addition to the local congregation and friends of the church, considerable numbers were present from Exeter, Geneva, Crete and other towns in this area.

The newly ordained minister has served the Friend church since September. He came here from Forest Park, Ill.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knight of Lincoln. Reverend Knight was graduated from Wesleyan University in 1947. He engaged in graduate studies in the University of Nebraska in 1948-49, and attended Garrett Biblical Institute from 1949 to 1953.

He has taught and coached athletics in the Louisville public schools and in Nebraska Wesleyan university. He also served as assistant director of education in the Men's Reformatory at Lincoln.

The Reverend and Mrs. Knight have three daughters—Kristine, Mary Jo, 3; and Barbara, 2.

The Congregation is requested to remain in its place until the participating members of the clergy have recessed.

Immediately following the services there will be a reception in the church parlors. All are most cordially invited. Please take the stairs at the southwest corner of the church.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Mrs. Yokel

Dear Christian Friends:
Greetings and best wishes for another successful year. "This time like all other times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

There are no distant points in our world today. We cannot escape the connection that in the future years what concerns other people must concern us. Our thinking in the future must be world wide.

In my message to you at the beginning of this new year, I (will) recommend suggestions and plans to strengthen our work during the coming months.

Later this month your President will attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of our National Women's Fellowship in New York City. This experience will give opportunity to visit our National Offices and thus become better acquainted with this important work that is ours to do. Following this meeting, we will attend Mid-Winter Meeting.

As we begin the work of the new year, we pray for strength and guidance. I like the following paragraph from the study book, "Within Two Worlds" — David M. Cory. "The Dakota Indians have a prayer, passed on to them from their ancestors, that all of us might take to heart. The humble petition is this:

'Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins.'

Faithfully yours,
EUNICE YOKEL, President

President of the Nebraska Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, 1954-56



Assistant Moderator
Mrs. William Yokel



Moderator
Rev. Graham Howe

*Elected by State Conference
May 1957*

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Mrs. William Yokel, Friend	- - -	1958
Dr. Donald Typer, Crete	- - -	1959
Mr. John Loewenstein, Hastings	- - -	1960

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Rev. Marvin Williams, Friend	- - -	1958
Rev. Oscar Olson, Norfolk	- - -	1959
Rev. Roger Manners, Omaha	- - -	1959
Rev. M. R. Van Wagenen, Grant	- - -	1960
Mrs. Avery D. Weage, Diller	- - -	1960

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Rev. Marvin Williams, Friend

Nebraska Temperance League

Rev. Selden Dickinson, Lincoln

University and College Work

Rev. Thomas C. Dick, Jr.	Rev. Verne Spindell
Mrs. William Yokel	Mr. Robert Van Pelt
Dr. Charles J. Kennedy	



Mother-Daughter Banquet Enjoyed

The Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Congregational Church Monday evening sponsored by the Woman's Fellowship, was very successful. Its tasty food, beautiful decorations and splendid program were evidence of the careful planning and work in arranging the affair.

Tables were centered with arrangements of redbud blossoms and places were marked with miniature Japanese umbrellas and flower spray menu cards. The food, prepared by women of the church, was ably served by the men.

Mrs. George Kohout, Jr., cleverly presided as mistress of ceremonies and introduced program numbers. Music before and after dinner was by Judith Lee Cogswell, organist; vocal trios were by Mrs. Norman Roll of Milford, Elaine Warner and Gwenda Ramp, accompanied by Sally Drake and Joan Surber, Fay Conner and Penny Pollard, accompanied by Ruth Ann Conner. Miss Beverly Stewart gave a musical reading "Grandma's Patchwork Quilt" with Mrs. Lindly Davis accompanying.

Mrs. John Krebs gave the welcome and Sharon McBride the response. Corsages to Mrs. Elizabeth Blanchard as the oldest mother, Mrs. John Eurich as the mother having the most children and Mrs. Gene Easley as the mother having the youngest baby, were presented by Mrs. William Yokel and Mrs. Lester Cogswell. Others appearing were Mrs. H. R. Wood on the ages of daughters; Mrs. John Weber, her daughter Mrs. Russell Leach and her daughter, Beth gave "Through the Years." Mrs. A. L. Heywood read "Rock of Ages."

Following this Dr. Charles Arnold and Mrs. Arnold showed pictures taken during their stay in Japan and other Pacific Islands.

Dr. Arnold reminisced, reminding the audience that he was born 68 years ago, eleven miles southeast of Friend and had enjoyed continuous contacts with relatives and friends.

April 30, 1956

Harvest Festival Oct. 27, 1957

Oct. 27, 1957
Annual Fall Festival Inspirational Event

The Members of the Congregational Church and visitors from Friend and several towns in the Friend area enjoyed the Annual Harvest Festival last Sunday afternoon in the Congregational Church.

The theme: "To Thee We Give Thanks," was carried out in the beautifully decorated chancel.

The Committee had built up three different levels, eight feet long and two and half feet wide, which were covered with colorful arrangement of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Above these the theme was spelled out in large letters and above the theme, "To Thee We Give Thanks," the painting of the head of Christ, by Hoffmann, was hung. The spot light which was directed upon this scene gave it an inspiring effect.

The service, itself, was made soul searching by the sermon delivered by The Rev. Albert Becker, Minister of the First Congregational Church, Fremont and other parts by Rev Raymond W. Sandsted, Minister of the Friend Methodist Church; Rev. L. E. Werner, Minister First Congregational Church, Geneva; Rev. R. M. Reynolds, retired, and the host Minister, Rev. Marvin Williams.

The service also included several musical numbers. The church choir sang: "To God Give Thanks" by Nolte, directed by Mrs. Charles Cogswell; a quartet, Wm. Warner, Gilbert Blanchard, Charles Cogswell and Oliver Johansen sang "The Church In The Wild Wood" directed and accompanied by Mrs. Orville Cogswell; a duet, Joan Surber and Faye Conner sang "At Worship" accompanied by Miss Ruth Conner; and a Trumpet solo, "The Holy City" played by Gale Cogswell and accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Haskell Cogswell.

A social hour was held in the dining room following the service, at which, Rev. Williams, whose birthday was the 26th, Rev. Becker, whose birthday, the 27th, and Mrs. Williams, whose birthday was to be on the 28th, were greatly surprised when a lovely birthday cake was presented, and the group joined in singing "Happy Birthday." It was then learned that Miss Lucile Krebs, Secretary of the State Office of Congregational Churches, also had a birthday on the 27th, and was present, so they sang to her also.

All in all, it was a warm experience, and the Congregational Church was happy to have so many of its old and new friends share in the fellowship of the day.—Contributed.

Among those from out-of-town who joined their friends here in this observance were Mr. and Mrs. William Becker and daughter, Miss Bertha Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mullinx, Mrs. G. L. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. William Houser and Ronnie of Lincoln; Rev and Mrs. F. W. Leavitt and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Range of Crete; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sims of Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ramp and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Exeter and Mr and Mrs. Russell Leach of Dorchester.

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YOUTH, TODAY AND TOMORROW

BY VERN WORDEN

Youth, today and tomorrow,
Hath always the knowledge of Christ to borrow;
For in their Christ-like steps today
They lead the Christians in the way.

Youth grows old with the march of time,
Being their elders that made these last;
They accept the challenge that they see,
To keep the church firm and the nation free.

Youth grow old with the march of time,
But there are more youth close behind;
Who then must be taught to give their most
To serve the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Youths today, fill many of our church need;
Youths tomorrow, will carry further their deed.
So look to the future you youthful dreamers,
Christ will always be your souls redeemer.

You are invited

To the Seventy-Fifth Jubilee Celebration of the Founding of the First Congregational Church, Friend, Nebr.

Wednesday, October 11th:

6:30 P. M. Fellowship Dinner in Church parlors for all members and guests. Lay Leader presiding. Marimba music by Elaine Warner.

7:30 P. M. Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Albert Becker of Hastings, Nebraska, as speaker. Miss Mary Warner, organist. Special music including male quartet, vocal duet, piano duet and two numbers by Mary Preston.

Thursday, October 12th:

8:00 P. M. With Rev. F. W. Leavitt, Crete, Nebraska, as speaker. Also a 23 minute sound film in color entitled "We Would Be Building". Special music by Male Quartet, Mrs. Herbert Roth, and organ and piano duet. Marian Yokel, organist.

Friday, October 13th:

8:00 P. M. Service with Rev. Moore Bell of Wray, Colorado, as speaker. Mrs. Russell Leach, organist. Special music by the Gibson brothers, Women's Quartet, Male Quartet, and the Bell family.

Sunday, October 15th:

10:30 A.M. United Service including Sacrament of Holy Communion. Led by church pastor, Rev. Henry Demler, assisted by Rev. Roy Reynolds. Anthems by Church Choir. Miss Marian Yokel, organist.

Final climaxing service at 7:30 p. m. with Dr. Arthur Taylor, minister of the Nebraska Congregational Conference, as speaker. Miss Ila Rule and Miss Lena Klein, organists. This service will include recognitions, letters and telegrams from pastors and friends, an offering for others, choir anthem, women's trio, piano duet, quartet and Marimba music and rededication service.

An anniversary booklet containing the history of the church, pictures, present membership and officers, programs, etc., will be available at the services. Free will offerings will be received.



Rev. Henry Demler
Present Pastor

1949 - 1953



Mary Warner Davis
Organist 1949 - 1951

Congregational Church Ends Anniversary Sunday

Approximately 500 people signed a special anniversary guest book at the Congregational church during their 75th anniversary services which ended Sunday. Among those guests were many who traveled considerable distance.

The anniversary celebration started Wednesday and continued through to Sunday night.

At a fellowship dinner Wednesday evening more than 250 attended. Wayne Weber acted as Master of Ceremonies. Each evening the church was filled to capacity with well wishers who attended the special services. At Sunday Communion service 210 participated.

Mrs. Rose Farquharson, 1885, Mrs. Natalia Warner and Mrs. John Stewart, 1886, were given special recognition for their faithfulness and loyalty to the church by Rev. Henry Demler. Mrs. Anna McAlpin, Lincoln, 1879, was present for all services except those held Sunday evening.

According to the minister and church officials, they were well pleased with the turnout for all services and would like to express their appreciation to all who helped to make the program a success.

Out of town guests who attended include: Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Lincoln; Mrs. Meta Becker, wife of the late Rev. Becker, Lincoln; Rev. and Mrs. Albert Becker, Larry, Sharon, and Michael, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. William Becker, Lincoln; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Leavitt, Crete; Rev. and Mrs. Moore Bell, Donald, Carolyn, and Becky, Wray, Colo.; Miss Jane Bell, Hastings;

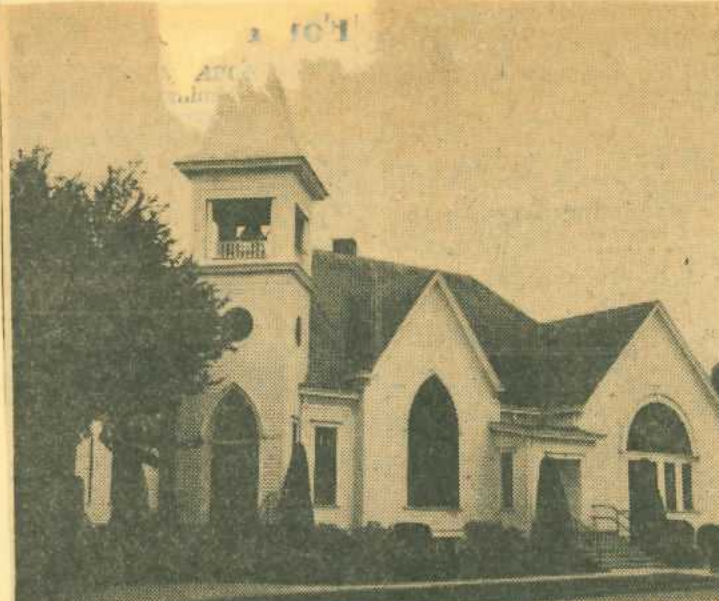
Mr. O. P. Bell, Hastings; Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Bohi, Geneva.

Rev. J. Balzer, Crete; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Demler, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Mrs. Anna Farquharson-McAlpin, Mrs. W. H. Hewitt, Miss Edna Hewitt, Mr. G. L. Hewitt, Mrs. Olive Watson, B. Frank Watson all of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Branch, Lotta Watson, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Kerl, Geneva; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Preston and Patty, Fairbury; Miss Lucille Krebs, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coggins, Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Aitken, Sandra and Douglas, Lincoln; Mrs. Clara Aitken-Morris, Casper, Wyo.; Mr. C. M. Morris, Casper, Wyo.; Mrs. C. G. Evans, Omaha; Mrs. William Scott Stein, Bethesda, Md.; Mrs. Ida Christensen, Neligh; Mrs. Beatrice Palmer, Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, Lincoln; Beverly Tannahill, Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulnix, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Morris, Milford; Miss Viola Nelson, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Combs, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Erickson, Linda Jo, Wahoo; Mr. and Mrs. Evert Surber, Connie and Ilene, Wausa; Mrs. Edith Horne, Lincoln; Mrs. Bertha Andrews, Hastings, Mrs. Catherine Rippen, Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howarth, Exeter; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Littlefield, Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jamieson, Englewood, Colo.; Mrs. Katherine Campbell, Webb City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Craig, Crete; Mrs. Richard Weller and Mrs. Herman Weller, Palmer; Theodore L. Tolen, Moline, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leach, Dorchester.



DIAMOND JUBILEE—The First Congregational church of Friend will be the scene of a five-day diamond jubilee celebration this week.

Friend Church Has 75th Anniversary

Special to The Lincoln Journal Newspapers

FRIEND, Neb.—The First Congregational church of Friend is observing the 75th anniversary of its founding with special services at the church Wednesday thru Sunday.

A fellowship dinner on Wednesday evening will open the festivities. Following this will be a worship service in the sanctuary with Rev. Albert Becker of Hastings as speaker.

On Thursday evening Rev. F. W. Leavitt of Crete will speak and there will be a color sound film, "We Would Be Building."

Friday evening, Rev. Moore Bell, former pastor at Wray, Colo., will speak.

Sunday morning, Rev. Henry

Demler, church pastor, will deliver the anniversary sermon. That evening Dr. Taylor, minister of the Nebraska Congregational conference will deliver the sermon.

APRON EXHIBIT

The Social Division of the Dorcas Federation held its meeting in the church basement June 15, 2:30 p. m. As usual, after the lesson the women met for the social time of the month. But this was an unusual occasion. Each woman had been requested to bring or to wear an apron—old aprons preferred. Because it was a rainy afternoon only about 40 aprons were exhibited—but they were unusual and old—with no two alike.

Perhaps the most unusual and the oldest apron had come from Sweden, was one hundred twenty years old, and was worn by Mrs. J. H. Weber. It was fine white cotton, trimmed in white linen, made something like the aprons the Pilgrims wore—a tie at the waist, but no bib. The most unusual element is that Mrs. Weber's grandmother made all the material herself, even spinning the cotton and the linen, and weaving the cloth. When her grandmother was married, she wore this apron which she had made herself.

And there were many other unusual aprons, some 25 and 35 years old, coming from France, England, and New Mexico. The women enjoyed this meeting very much, and asked to have such an exhibit again. Try it in your church.

The Blue Valley Association of
Congregational Christian Churches

cordially invites you to attend

the Service of Ordination

to the

Christian Ministry

of

John E. Knight

First Congregational Church

Friend, Nebraska

December 6th, 1953

7:30 p. m.

Rev. Fred P. Register Elected New Conference Minister

The Rev. Fred P. Register of Elon College, N. C., was elected new Minister and Superintendent of the Nebraska Congregational Conference at the annual Conference meeting at Crete April 23.

Delegates unanimously ratified the selection of Mr. Register, who was nominated for the post by a special committee named last fall by the Conference Board of Directors. He will assume his new duties June 15.

Present for several sessions of the 102nd annual meeting, the newly elected Minister brought the concluding session to a fitting climax with an inspirational and challenging address, which left a deep impression of his own dedication, humility, wisdom and ability, and indicated promise of a great future for the Conference under his dynamic leadership. (A personal message from Mr. Register to

readers of *The Record* appears elsewhere on this page.)

Presently Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism in the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Mr. Register is a native of North Carolina and was reared near Sanford in that state. Graduated in 1947 from Elon College, one of the schools affiliated with our own denomination. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1950 from the Divinity School of Duke University. He was ordained by the Western North Carolina Conference. He served the Wake Chapel Congregational Christian Church of Fuquay-Varina, N. C., for eight years before taking his present position in January, 1955.



Rev. Fred P. Register

Mrs. Register is the former Miss Elizabeth Jernigan of Godwin, N. C., also a graduate of Elon College. The couple has three children—Fred Jr., 9; Katherine, 6; and David, 4.

Members of the special committee which nominated Mr. Register after several months of effort to make the best possible selection, included Dr. Donald M. Typer, President of Doane College who was committee chairman; Judge Wendell Cheney of McCook; the Rev. Ray A. Haun, pastor of Ainsworth Congregational Church; Dr. Harold Janes, until recently pastor of First Central Congregational Church, Omaha; Mrs. Charles Sheldon, Lincoln, past moderator of the Lincoln Association; and Mrs. William Yokel of Friend, assistant moderator of the Conference and past president of the State Women's Fellowship.



NEW CONFERENCE MINISTER'S RESIDENCE

Acting under authorization of the Conference at Crete, the Conference Property Committee of the Board of Directors (formerly known as Fellowship House Committee) has purchased the above pictured house at 3100 Alden Avenue in Lincoln to be the residence of our new Conference Minister, the Rev. Fred P. Register, and his family.

Located in the Colonial Village development, the seven-room house is on a corner lot with a fenced rear yard. Of Cape Cod stone construction, it has two bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen and full bath on the first floor, two bedrooms and a half-bath upstairs. The full basement is divided into three rooms of wide utility. The property includes a two-car garage.

A few minor alterations and repairs are in process to prepare the home for the arrival of the Registers in June.

Fellowship House at 1710 B Street will continue to be used as the Conference Office with the possibility that its upper floors may serve as a residence for future members of the Conference staff.

The redesignated Conference Property Committee, which also has been assigned responsibility for the parsonage for the Minister to Congregation-Presbyterian students at the University of Nebraska, includes Bert Spearman and Mrs. Verne Spindell of Lincoln and William Yokel of Friend.

TO NEBRASKA CONGREGATIONALISTS

I am delighted at this, my first opportunity to extend greetings to all Congregationalists in Nebraska.

I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome extended to me at the recent State Conference, by the delegates and visitors on your behalf. The ideas expressed so enthusiastically during the business session, at the Conference at Crete, indicate the kind of interest I am always pleased to be associated with.

May I request an extra portion of both your patience and prayers, especially during the first months of our work together. I know that God has great things in store for all who seek both to discover and do His will. I am confident that there is present now among you, a growing consecration that God will continue to honor, and that great things are in our immediate future.

Yours in prayer,
FRED P. REGISTER

ANOTHER FAITHFUL SERVANT LEAVES

In the January issue of *The Record*, our long-time Conference Office Secretary, Miss Lucile Krebs wrote of feeling "almost like an orphan" because of the departure for Scottsbluff of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor and the announced resignation, effective this spring, of the Rev. Alexander Fales. She expressed her own appreciation (echoed by many others) of the service they had given to the Conference.

Since then, Miss Krebs herself has found it necessary to submit her resignation, and her official relationship with the Conference Office, which the few previous months had been on a part-time basis, terminated in February. Now it is the turn of the rest of us to express our very deep appreciation for her faithful and dedicated service to the Conference.

As a token of appreciation, delegates and visitors at the annual Conference meeting in Crete, acting for themselves and in behalf of

their fellow church members back home, contributed toward a gift to be presented Miss Krebs with the help of the Conference Board of Directors. A few days later, this gift, a television set, was delivered to Miss Krebs at her home in Friend, where she is devoting herself to the care of her ailing 100-year-old father. With our appreciation and affection, we say sincerely to Lucile Krebs: "Well done, good and faithful servant. May you truly know the continued joy of the Lord!"

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Elaine Warner Chard
Organist 1955-1956

ROBERT MOELLER HAMILTON TO BE ORDAINED THURSDAY NIGHT.

Last Thursday a council of fifteen, composed of pastors and delegates from surrounding Congregational churches, with the addition of Dr. Bryan S. Stoffer, president of Doane College, and Rev. Wm. Becker, superintendent of the Peoples Mission, Lincoln, met in the Congregational church of Friend and examined Robert Moeller Hamilton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hamilton, for ordination into the ministry. This ordination will take place tonight with proper services in the local church. Thus Friend is honored again by having another of its young men chosen for so worthy a profession.



Harriet and Albert Becker and family. The Rev. Albert Becker is the son of the late Rev. Wm. Becker and Mrs. Becker.



Lucile Krebs.

Record of Service

- Oct. 1926 - July 1929 - Church Secy. - Casper, Wyoming*
- Jan. 1930 - Aug. 1946 - Office asst. - School for Spanish speaking young people - Santa Fe, New Mexico.*
- Aug. 1946 - Sept. 1947 - Ganado Mission (Navajo) Ganado, Ariz.*
- Oct. 1948 - Jan. 1953 - Secretary Nebr. Congregational Conference Lincoln, Nebr.*
- July 1959 - April 1963 - Sec'y Junior College for Black Young People, West Point, Mississippi*



Robert Moeller Hamilton

Hamilton Joins Back To Bible Broadcast

1974

Lincoln is the new home of Robert M. Hamilton who began work at the Back to the Bible Broadcast in April in the Stewardship Department.

A Friend native and son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hamilton, Robert attended Wayne State Teacher's College, and is a graduate of Wheaton College (Ill.), A.B.; and Dallas Theological Seminary (Texas), Th.M. He has been employed at Dallas Theological Seminary.



The Reverend Perry Blanchard (Minister) - Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert O. Blanchard.



Robert M. Hamilton

Robert graduated from the Friend High School with the class of 1932, received his A. B. degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton Ill., in 1936, and will receive the Master of Theology Degree at the Dallas, Texas, Theology Seminary, in the spring of 1940. He is now student pastor of the Hitchcock, Texas, Union church, and was student pastor at Alma, in the summer of 1938.

Mr. Hamilton is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller, two of the seven charter members of the Congregational church.

The meeting tonight will be conducted by Mr. Tudor, moderator of the Blue Valley Association. The address will be made by Rev. Wm. Becker. Questions, Rev. A. E. Bashford. Charge, Rev. M. G. Bell. Laying of hands, Mr. Merle Adams, state superintendent. After this service young Mr. Hamilton will be known as Reverend Robert Moeller Hamilton.

Harvest Festival On Sunday Featured Dr. George Hastings

Featured as the speaker at the annual Harvest Festival of the Friend Congregational Church Sunday afternoon, Dr. George B. Hastings of Grant stressed the fact that a proper concept of stewardship was one of the main requirements of christian living. He cited lives in his own locality which graphically illustrate the rewards of correct evaluation and the right use of worldly possessions.

Dr. Hastings is active in the work of the Congregational Church in the state and his own community. He is a member of the national committee which is preparing the new constitution for the United Church of Christ. He is a former moderator of the general organization and is a trustee of Doane College.

Miss Elaine Warner played an organ prelude and accompanied the Grange quartet, Mr. and Mrs. William Warner, Mrs. John I. Bruntz and Willard Johansen, as they sang "Bless This House." Miss Ruth Conner accompanied the choir and them which was directed by S. A. Ramp. Miss Conner also played the offertory and postlude.

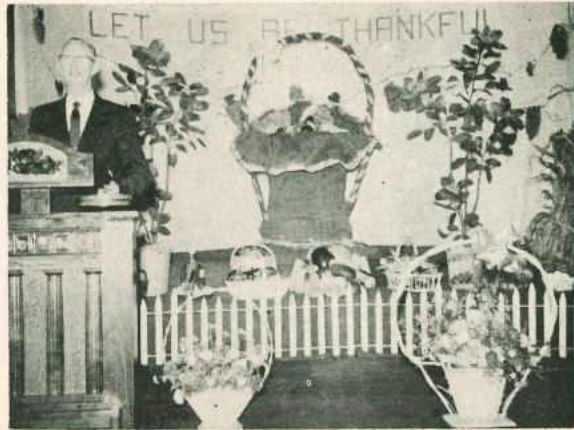
Rev. Marvin Williams was in charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Robert Kasper of Geneva who led the litany. Proceeds of this service were for the Missionary Fund.

The choir loft was banked with tastefully arranged ripened grains, baskets of fruits and vegetables and fall flowers, serving as a reminder of God's bounty.

A social hour and refreshments in the church dining room provided an enjoyable time of visiting.

Oct. 11, 1959

Harvest Festival



First Church, Friend

The picture above is indicative of a growing practice among many of our churches. Our churches of German background for many years have had a "Mission Festival"—a particular Sunday in the fall when attention has been called to the blessings received and the demands of missions. These days were usually the one all out effort to raise a mission goal.

Today, whether these services are called "Harvest Festivals" or "Mission Festivals", they are increasingly being used as a means of missionary education and a time for "second mile" giving to missions. Our Friend church, for example, received an offering of \$300 for Our Christian World Mission at their Harvest Festival held last month. Last year this church gave over \$1,200 to O.C.W.M.

If our churches are to be faithful stewards of the Gospel, we must provide opportunities for our people to share in the great world wide Mission of the Church, every Lord's Day.

Dr. George Hastings of Grant, and Rev. Robert J. Kasper of Geneva shared in the leadership of the Harvest Festival at Friend along with the minister, Rev. Marvin Williams.

Local Church Notes 85th Anniversary

The Congregational Church of Friend, observed its 85th anniversary last Sunday morning with special services. Mrs. Henry Zieg, Historian, read a brief history of the church pointing up some of the most interesting facts. Mrs. Hugh Stewart, the oldest person in terms of membership was recognized and the four generation families in the church were cited, with Mrs. Wm. Yokel in charge. The great grandmothers of the four generation families honored were, Mrs. Tessie Aitken, Mrs. E. B. Cogswell, Mrs. Anna Gibson and Mrs. Alfred Swanson.

The service brought back many happy memories and reminded those present of their great heritage.

Nov. 27, 1960

Congregational Church To Observe Annual Harvest Festival

The Congregational Church will observe its annual Harvest Festival Sunday afternoon, at 2:30. Rev. Milton Laib of Lincoln will deliver the message. There will also be special music, and the service will close with a social hour in the church dining room.

The church extends a welcome to everyone who wishes to attend.

Harvest Festival Observed Sunday

Sunday afternoon the Congregational Church observed its annual Harvest Festival. The sanctuary of the church was decorated in an attractive outdoor setting and portrayed in many ways the theme, "The Goodness of God." Those in charge of the decorations were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ramp, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Frankforter, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor.

Special music was provided, in addition to the church choir, by Mrs. Orville Cogswell, solo; and a mens quartet, composed of Charles Cogswell, Everett Stewart, William Warner and Willard Johansen. They were assisted by Miss Ruth Conner, church organist, and S. A. Ramp, the choir director.

Participants in the service were the Rev. D. F. Kamrath, York; Rev. Marvin Williams and Rev. R. M. Reynolds. Rev. Milton Laib, pastor of the Northeast Congregational Church in Lincoln, delivered the message, "Ye Are My Witnesses."

The members and friends enjoyed a social hour in the church dining room. The serving table was centered with the religious plaque of the "Folded Hands," framed with yellow and white chrysanthemums. In the background was a fall arrangement which carried out the colors of the table setting.

Out of town guests were present from Lincoln, York, Beatrice and Crete.

Congregational Church Marvin Williams, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship
The Pilgrim Fellowship plans to go caroling Friday evening. All the young people are invited to join the group.

The Christmas program will be presented Saturday evening at 7:30 All members of the Sunday school will take part.

Each family is extended a special invitation to join in the Christmas service Sunday morning, at 11:00. Special music has been prepared for the occasion. May each of us remember, that first of all, it is a day to worship the new born king.

Rev. Williams To Have Charge Of Both Friend And Exeter Churches

Beginning the first of the year Rev. Marvin Williams of Friend will be serving two churches. In addition to the First Congregational Church here, Rev. Williams will assume the duties of pastor of the Exeter Church.

Due to the illness of the former Exeter minister, members of that parish met recently with Rev. Williams and asked him to consider their church in connection with his parish here. After meeting with the local Congregational Church Council and also the Minister of the State Conference it was agreed that the two parishes should meet and discuss the possibilities.

On Monday evening of this week members of the Exeter church met here with members of the Friend parish and voted unanimously in approval of the proposal. Following the business session a short social hour was enjoyed.

According to Rev. Williams after the first of the year he will conduct services at the Exeter church at 9:30 a.m. and return to Friend to conduct services here at the usual hour, 11:00 a.m.



Congregational Church Marvin Williams, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Hour of Worship
5:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship
The Sunday School is working on the Christmas program that will be presented on Christmas eve.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Aseervatham of Ceylon will speak in our church the afternoon of Dec. 22. Plan to be present.

We look forward to seeing you each Sunday morning during this Advent season.

Congregational Church Marvin Williams, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship
The Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday afternoon, February 7, at 2:00. Mrs. Frank Stewart will conduct the worship and Mrs. Vern Worden will be in charge of the lesson.

The Couples Club will meet Tuesday evening at 8:00.

The men's annual church supper will be served Thursday evening, February 9. The general public is invited. The serving will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Choir will rehearse Thursday evening, at 8:00.

Plan to attend the Worship service Sunday morning.

Congregational Church Marvin Williams, Minister

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Hour of Worship
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship
The annual business meeting of our church will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30. All board and committee chairman are asked to bring their written reports and all other members of board and committee, as well, as the members of the church, are urged to be present.

Each family is asked to bring a pie to be served at the social hour following the meeting.

The Rachel Circle will meet in the home of Mrs. Willard Johansen, Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. Choir rehearsal Thursday evening at 8:00.

Let us begin the year with the resolution to be regular in our church attendances.

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL
OBSERVED AT *Oct. 28, 1956*
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The members and friends of the Congregational Church met Sunday afternoon for their "Harvest Festival" when they held a program of thanksgiving and brought an offering for missions. The chancel of the church was decorated with products from the farm and the out of doors.

Rev. Alexander Fales of Lincoln, assistant superintendent of the Congregational Conference, gave the address of the afternoon. Rev. Otto A. Quaipe, Rev. R. M. Reynolds and Rev. Werner of Geneva assisted Rev. Marvin Williams in the ceremonies.

Special musical numbers were by Mrs. Larry Sims of Randolph, who gave an organ prelude; Mrs. Don Haberman, a vocal solo; a men's quartet, Gilbert Blanchard, Vern Worden, William Warner and Oliver Johansen; Karen Swanson, Sally Drake, Karolyn Johansen and Kay Williams in a clarinet quartet and Mrs. Linly Davis, Mrs. Norman Roll and Miss Elaine Warner in a marimba, piano and organ number. A coffee hour followed the program. *Oct. 28, 1956*

**Congregational
Church Honors
50-Year Members**

The fellowship supper at the Congregational Church, Sunday evening, was enjoyed by a large number of both young and old people. To say the least, the food was delicious and the fellowship was grand.

Special recognition was paid to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Spence and to Mrs. O. V. Easley who recently reached the mark of 50 years of service as members of the Congregational Church. They were presented a gift from the church, by Mrs. Harold Warner, chairman of the friendship committee, Mrs. Margaret Sims and Mrs. C. L. Klein who have served over 50 years, were also present and received a special welcome. They had received gifts from the church some years before.

The supper also marked the beginning of Rev. Marvin Williams' fourth year as minister of the Friend Church, and in keeping with this thought, the church historian, Mrs. Henry Zieg, read the history of the past three years, and the church clerk, Mrs. John E. Barney, read the names of those who had been united in marriage by Rev. Williams during this time.

The evening was closed with the showing of slides taken from some of the highlights during the past three years, which included, the 80th. Anniversary, and the Harvest Festivals in 1956 and 57. The slides were shown by William Yokel.

The next fellowship supper will be in January. *Nov. 24, 1957*



The past presidents of the Nebraska Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women were among those honored during the annual retreat held June 8, 9, 10 at Doane College. All but one of the living past presidents were present for the 25th Anniversary Tea at which they were cited. They were, left to right: Mrs. J. C. Coupland, Norfolk, 1941-43; Mrs. H. W. Orr, Lincoln, 1943-45;

Mrs. L. H. Kerl, Geneva, 1946-49; Mrs. Harry Coggins, Aurora, 1949-52; Mrs. George B. Hastings, Grant, 1952-54; Mrs. William Yokel, Friend, 1954-56; and Mrs. A. R. Salzman, Ainsworth, 1956-58.

Principal speaker at the Retreat which was attended by 203 women representing forty-five churches, was Miss Lillian Picken, a missionary in western India since 1914.

**'Sharing of Blessings'
Congregational
Festival Theme *Oct. 19, 1956***

The annual Harvest Festival held Sunday afternoon at the Congregational Church was participated in and enjoyed by a large crowd of members and friends. Purpose of the festival was to give thanks and praise for the day and for the multitude of blessings people are permitted to enjoy; to share these blessings in missionary giving and to have a time of fellowship.

The theme for this year was "Sharing God's Blessing." The worship center for the afternoon carried this theme as a motif. Below was a huge horn of plenty which was overflowing with grains, fruits and vegetables gathered from the fields. Flower arrangements and wall hangings in front and at the sides completed a setting which did much to set the atmosphere for an afternoon of worship.

Rev Rex Knowles, minister to students at the University of Nebraska delivered the sermon which was inspirational and encouraging concerning the times and opportunities for Christian service and giving.

Rev. Marvin Williams, host pastor, was assisted by Rev. R. W. Sandsted of the Friend Methodist Church, who offered the invocation and read the scripture, Rev. R. M. Reynolds, retired, who pronounced the benediction. Rev. Jacob Balzer of the Crete Congregational Church brought greetings from other churches and Rev. Robert Kasper of Geneva read the litany.

Instrumental numbers were by Miss Sally Drake in an organ prelude and Mrs. Larry Sims of Randolph who played an organ solo. A quartet composed of Gilbert Blanchard, Charles Cogswell, Oliver Johansen and William Warner sang. There was an appropriate anthem by the choir.

A social hour and refreshments in the dining room closed the service.

**Recognition Tea For Seniors
At Congregational Church**

On Sunday evening, April 27, members of the Congregational Church held their fourth annual recognition tea for members of the Friend High School graduating class. Mrs. Robert H. Milton was hostess for the evening and Mrs. Esther Conner presented the program.

A quartet composed of E. J. Lawson, Vern Worden, Gilbert Blanchard and Charles Cogswell, sang and a skit was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Murphy and Frank Stewart. An original class poem was read. Rev. Williams addressed the class with a few fitting remarks. The junior trio, Sally Drake, Karen Swanson and Karolyn Johansen, sang.

Mrs. George Barney and Mrs. Don Haberman presided at the refreshment table which was centered with an arrangement of spirea and white carnations and blue candles. *1958*

**Congregational Church
Holds Fifth Annual *1959*
Reception for Seniors**

On Sunday evening, April 26, members of the Congregational Church held their fifth annual reception for members of the Friend High School graduating class and their parents. Mrs. Willard Buckingham presented the program. Mrs. John Bulwan welcomed the group and Miss Nancy Rohrig, senior class president, gave the response. Supt. Glenn Shaneyfelt introduced the class members.

Music numbers were a flute solo by Georgene Rohrig and a clarinet number by Gerrie Farrar, Sharon Johnson, Judy Connolly and Shirley Slama. Rev. Marvin Williams addressed the group and Mrs. Buckingham read a poem.

Mrs. Bulwan and Mrs. Shaneyfelt presided at the refreshment table which was centered with a mortar board on a block base of blue and silver designating the class and school. This was flanked with blue candles.

April 16, 1959
**Father-Son Banquet
Inspirational Event**

There were 134 fathers and sons present at the Father and Son banquet held at the Congregational Church dining room Thursday evening. Sponsoring the affair and serving the steak dinner banquet were the members of the Women's Fellowship.

Rev. Marvin Williams welcomed the group and introduced Bill Morris of Television Station KOLN-TV, toastmaster. Mr. Morris spoke briefly on the evening's theme "Builders of America, Present and Future." He expressed appreciation for the invitation to be present. Small town and farm people are the heart of our country, Mr. Morris said, and they are sending their greatest products, their youth, to the frontier of human relations. These young people hold the fate of our nation in their hands.

J. R. Klippenstein spoke for the fathers and Jack Klippenstein for the sons. Deward Finch responded on the subject, "Builders of the Present" and Robert Johnson on "Builders of the Future."

Music numbers were by Marvin Kraus with accordian selections; Paul Ramp with a trumpet solo, accompanied by Sally Drake; songs by a quartet, Charles Cogswell, Willard Johansen, Everett Stewart and William Warner, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Orville Cogswell. Group singing was led by Mr. Warner with Mrs. Cogswell at the piano.

The dining room was decorated in blue and yellow. In keeping with the program theme, the centerpieces were hand tool sets and a tool pattern was used on the nut cups.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
FROM OUR HOME
TO YOURS



Mary Jo, Kris, Barb
John, Ruth and Jan

Loves -
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Friend, Nebraska - United Church of Christ - Congregational
Pastors

B. G. Page 1875-1879
 Fred Alley June, 1878 - Oct, 1878
 B. J. Chase Nov 3, 1878 - June 6, 1879
 Jacob Winslow 1879-1883
 Orville Clark 1883-1885
 Sydney Strong 1885-1887
 W^m E. Davidson 1887-1888
 James Shaarrett 1888-1889
 E. F. Dada 1889-1894
 Amos N. Dean 1895-1897
 W^m E. Payne 1897-1900
 W. W. Hart 1900-1903
 Perry A. Sharp 1903-1906
 Joseph S. Hamilton 1906-1910
 Edwin Wright 1910-1914
 Dr. H. H. Price 1914-1917
 Leon Moore 1918-1920
 Geo. R. McKeith 1920-1923
 Ralph Pinkham 1923-1928
 W^m Becker 1928-1935
 Moore Bell 1935-1940
 Peter Friesen 1941-1944
 W^m Becker 1945-1947
 Dr. E. J. Settle 1947-1948 interim
 Dr. Fred Stemme 1948-1949
 Fred Leavitt July 1949 - Oct, 1949 interim
 Henry Demler 1949-1953
 John Knight 1953-1954
 Marwin Williams 1954-1961
 Richard Frothingham Aug 1961 - Feb 1962 interim
 Donald M. Cassidy 1962-1967
 Dr. Daryl Williams 1967-1968 interim
 Robert Peters 1968 - Jan 1977 - 8 yrs. + 7 mo. pastorate
 Edwin Eiben Jan 1977 - July 1977 interim
 Gandy Middleton Aug 1977 - 1982
 Howard Banner June 1982 - Nov 1982 interim
 Douglas Ostlund 1982 -

Went into Ministry

Albert Becker
 Robert M. Hamilton
 Perry Blanchard
 Jo Ann Cassidy
 Jerry Cassidy

Went into

Religious and Social Work.

Lucile Krebs Christian Education
 Erma Hamilton " "

W. J. Cunninghams Feted Sunday For Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Cunningham observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, August 13th, with 187 guests in attendance at the reception held in the Friend Congregational church between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

A special luncheon in the Cunningham home was served to fifty-four relatives. The guests traveled from twenty-two cities and five states to help the Cunninghams observe this special occasion.

While their three sons have visited them frequently, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham noted that this was the first time in 21 years that they were all home together.

Reception Honors Rev. And Mrs. Williams

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Williams were honored on their silver wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, with a reception held for them in the First Congregational church parlors.

Larry Williams and Marvin Kraus greeted the guests and had the guest book.

Miss Rita Biester and Mrs. Marvin Kraus poured. Punch, cake and coffee was served to the guests.

Rev. and Mrs. Williams were presented with a set of dishes from the Friend Congregational church and a silver offering from the Exeter church, also other gifts and many cards.

May 21, 1961

C. J. Spences Observe Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Spence observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, September 17, with 215 guests in attendance at the reception held in the Grange Hall.

Cutting and serving the wedding cake were their grandchildren, Kathleen Johansen and Linda Kohout assisted by Barbara and David McCracken.

Pouring were Mrs. John Riley of Trenton, Mich., Mrs. Herb Roth, Mrs. Bernard Smith and Mrs. Don Wituski of Lincoln.

Miss Mamie Krebs and Mrs. O. V. Easley, sisters of Mrs. Spence, had charge of the guest book. Mrs. John Krebs and Mrs. A. C. Krebs of Clay Center were at the gift table. Mrs. John Gropp and Mrs. Fred Berst acted as dining room hostesses.

A 6:30 cafeteria supper was served to 75 relatives and friends at the Hall in the evening.

Gilbert Blanchards Feted On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Blanchard were honored on their Silver Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon with a reception held in the First Congregational church parlors for their relatives and friends.

Miss Betsy Blanchard was hostess for the afternoon. Perry and Becky Blanchard registered the guests. Bruce Blanchard and Mrs. Lawrence Malek was in charge of the gift table.

John Mika furnished piano selections of his own composition during the afternoon.

A beautiful wedding cake decorated in pink and silver, a gift of Mrs. Harold Warner, centered the serving table.

Assisting at the serving table were Mrs. Albert Stewart, Mrs. Paul Barney, Mrs. William Yokel, Mrs. Robert Blanchard, Mrs. Floyd Blanchard and Mrs. Lester Cogswell.

Helping in the kitchen was the October division of the Women's Fellowship.

Oct. 15, 1961



Rev. E. Marvin Williams Killed In Two-Car Accident

Rev. Marvin Williams, 56, pastor of Friend's First Congregational church, was killed in an automobile accident near Crete on Friday, August 11th.

A car driven by Gary May, of Crete, collided with that driven by Rev. Williams on highway 33 just east of Crete. The Rev. Williams, alone in his car, died on the way to the hospital.

Rev. Williams had served as pastor of the First Congregational church here for the past seven years. He and his family came to Friend in November of 1954 from Freeborn, Minn.

He was very active in civic affairs and was always eager to lend a helping hand to his neighbor and community. In addition to his duties as minister here, he accepted a call from the Congregational church at Exeter and served as their pastor since January of this year.

With his two charges, Friend and Exeter, he still managed to find time to work with many community projects. One in which he had particular interest was Boy Scouts. Too, at the time of his death, he was serving as county chairman for the Nebraska Crippled Children's Society, and was active in the Fillmore County Ministerial Association. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie, of Friend; a daughter, Mrs. Kay Kraus, also of Friend and a son, Larry of Lincoln. Other survivors include sisters, Alta Gullede of Broseley, Mo., Lettie Dickey of Broseley, Mary Sparkman of Fisk, Mo., Ada Calvin of Detroit, Mich., and Elva Duffy of Memphis, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church here on Monday, Aug. 14th, with the Rev. Fred Register, state conference minister, officiating. Burial was in the Andrew cemetery with arrangements under the direction of the Moore Funeral Home.

OBITUARY

REV. EDGAR MARVIN WILLIAMS

Rev. Marvin Williams, son of Henry and Flora Williams, was born in Butler County near Broseley, Mo., on October 26, 1905 and was killed in an automobile accident near Crete, on August 11, 1961 at the age of 55 years, 9 months and 16 days.

The Reverend Williams was ordained into the Ministry of the Congregational church on September 18, 1928.

He was united in marriage to Winnie Swicegood on May 24, 1936. To this union two children were born, Larry of Lincoln and Linda Kay Kraus of Friend.

He served parishes at Weaubeau, Mo.; Farnhamville, Ia.; Newell, Ia.; Pringhar, Ia.; Princeton, Minn.; Freeborn, Minn.; and was currently serving the yoked parish at Friend and Exeter, Nebr. At the time of his death he was a member of the State Ministerial Committee and an active member of the Fillmore County Ministerial Association. For the past several years, he has served as Business manager of the Jr. High youth camp at Covenant Cedars, Hordville, Nebr.

He was active in community affairs—serving as chairman of the Saline County Crippled Childrens Association, member of the Masonic Lodge No. 73 at Friend, and was serving as associate patron of the Rose Standish Chapter No. 265 Order of the Eastern Star at Friend.

Reverend Williams was preceded in death by his father and mother and one brother, Arlie.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie of Friend; daughter, Linda Kay Kraus of Friend; son, Larry of Lincoln; son-in-law, Marvin Kraus of Friend; and Larry's fiancée, Miss Anita Biester of Lincoln. He is also survived by five sisters, Mrs. Mary Sparkman of Fisk, Mo., Mrs. Ada Calvin of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Alta Gullede of Broseley, Mo. Mrs. Lettie Dickey also of Broseley, Mo. Mrs. Elvo Duffy of Memphis, Tenn., and a host of other relatives and friends.

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The members of the church board of the First Congregational church of Friend extend special sympathy to the family of Rev. Marvin Williams in their loss as well as ours.

We wish to speak a word in his honor.

As a sincere and faithful Minister, his guiding hand has led many of us through sad experiences—likewise through many happy ones. We shall miss his kindness and thoughtfulness. We know we cannot change the Divine laws but we with his family shall face the days ahead with new courage and hope. Thanks for the years we have shared with him.

Sincerely — The Church Board

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends, relatives and neighbors for the help, food, flowers, memorials, the many cards and expressions of sympathy received during our bereavement in the loss of our beloved husband, father, and brother.

—The family of Marvin Williams



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Bruce Blanchard

CONGREGATIONAL Men's Annual supper, Congregational basement, Feb. 9, serving 5 to 8, adults, \$1.00, children \$.60.
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Feb. 9, 1961

Congregational Fellowship

The Woman's Fellowship of the Congregational church entertained the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church to a 1:30 dessert luncheon on Tuesday afternoon.

The dedication of the Friendly Service gifts was conducted by Mrs. Henry Zieg. The lesson, "Road To The Cross" told in prophecy, verse, scripture and song was given, with Mrs. Henry Volz and Mrs. S. A. Ramp as directors. They were assisted by Mrs. Robert Vlcek, Mrs. Wayne Yokel, Mrs. William Warner, Mrs. Orville Cogswell, Mrs. Lester Cogswell, Mrs. J. R. Klippenstein, Misses Ruth Ann Conner, Marge Cornell, Paul Ramp, and Cheryl and Diane Warner.

Mrs. Harry Volz conducted the worship service using the theme "Spring".

Mar 7, 1961

Congregational Church
Marvin Williams, Minister
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship

Union Services on Good Friday will be held in the Gospel Tabernacle church, at 1:00. The public is invited.

Communion service Good Friday evening, March 31, will be observed at 7:30.

The Easter sunrise service will be held in the Methodist church at 6:30. The service will be followed by a breakfast as usual. All PF'ers and former PF'ers are invited to this service and breakfast.

The Easter worship service will be held at eleven o'clock with special music and a message in keeping with the day. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present on this special occasion.

The Easter Cantata, Hosanna, will be presented in the Congregational church Sunday evening, at 8:00 by members of the Congregational church and Methodist choirs. Everyone is invited.

The Women's Fellowship will have a breakfast and a missionary program, beginning at 9:30 Tuesday morning, April 4th. A dedication of the Woman's Gift will be a part of the service. If a member cannot come she is asked to send her box with a friend.

Congregational Easter Cantata Presented

The Easter Cantata, Hosanna, was presented by the combined choirs of the Congregational and Methodist churches, Sunday evening in the Congregational church.

S. A. Ramp was director with Mrs. Orville Cogswell, organist. The Palms and The Holy City, Prelude, Ruth Conner, Marge Cornell; Rev. Marvin Williams, Invocation; "Blessed Is He" opening chorus by the choir; "And They Took Jesus", M. E. Cornell and choir; "Alleuia Sing Ye", Phyllis Cornell and choir; "Upon The First Day", woman's sextette, Nonearl Volz, Ruth Warner, Phyllis Cornell, Phyllis Williams, Dorothy Asmus, Marie Klippenstein. "The Lord Is Risen Indeed", choir; "The Dawn Divine", Phyllis Williams and choir; "Morning of Life", men's chorus; Offering, Rev. Sandsted. "A New Song", choir; "We Hail A Risen Lord", women's chorus; "Serve Him Forever", William Warner and choir; "Bells Of Easter Ring", Ruth Warner and choir; "Send the Word", men's chorus; "Christ Arose", finale, choir. Benediction, Rev. Marvin Williams. Postlude, The Palms, Ruth Conner and Marjorie Cornell.

April 2, 1961

Woman's Fellowship Of Congregational Church

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church enjoyed a breakfast at the church.

Mrs. Marvin Williams directed the worship service. During the dedication of the Woman's Gift service, Ruth Conner sang two solos.

Rev. Marvin Williams presented a film, "A Country in Crisis", which explained the work of the United Church in the Phillipine Islands.

April 4, 1961

Seniors Honored At Tea

The seniors of the Friend High school were honored at a tea in the Congregational church, Sunday evening.

The theme of the program was "Ships On the Sea of Life" under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Yokel, Mrs. Wm. Warner and Mrs. Keith Clouse.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Orville Cogswell, response by Ruth Conner, your future by Jack Klippenstein.

A skit "Ships on the Sea of Life", with scholarship, friendship, leadership, fellowship, hard-ship, courtship and worship was given. A duet, "Moments To Remember" by Mrs. Wm. Warner and Mrs. Keith Clouse; a closing poem "As You Travel Along" was given by Mrs. Wayne Yokel.

Mrs. Glenn Shaneyfelt and Mrs. Orville Cogswell presided at the refreshment table.

April 30, 1961



Harvest Festival October 8, 1961

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Tenth Annual Harvest Festival was held at the Friend Congregational Church, Sunday afternoon, October 8. The theme, "Sharing God's Gifts", was illustrated by a ship bearing fruits and vegetables, sailing to a foreign land. The setting reminded the people that they have many opportunities to share with others, their blessings. The Reverend M. Earle McCullough, Minister of Christian Education for the Conference, gave an inspiring message on the theme.

The Reverend Richard Frothingham of Doane College, is the interim pastor of the church.

Special music was rendered by Miss Donna Thompson, Bruce Blanchard and the organist, Gale Cogswell of Lincoln. Additional music was furnished by the church choir and quartet.

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Women's Fellowship Elects Officers

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church met Tuesday, June 6th at the church.

Mrs. George Barney conducted the worship service using the topic, "The Cost of Christian Discipleship."

A memorial service conducted by Mrs. Wm. Yokel was held for the deceased members, Mrs. Mae Bartlett, Mrs. Myrta Milton, Mrs. Henry Kahm, Mrs. Robert Stewart, Sr., Mrs. Anna Gibson and Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Sr. Mrs. Wm. Warner was soloist.

Mrs. S. A. Ramp reviewed the book, "One World, One Mission".

Election of officers was held and the new officers are, Mrs. S. A. Ramp, president; Mrs. Lester Cogswell, vice president; Mrs. Nonearl Volz, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Farrar, treasurer and Mrs. Henry Zieg, Missionary treasurer.

Nominating committee members are, Mrs. Effie Nelson, one year; Mrs. John Barney, two years; and new member, Mrs. J. H. Weber, three years. Social committee members are, Mrs. Art McCracken, Mrs. Willard Johansen, Mrs. Reggie Newton, Mrs. Ed. Swanson, Mrs. Steve Vavra and Mrs. Haskell Cogswell. Mrs. George Barney and Mrs. Orville Cogswell are co-pianists.

June 6, 1961

Congregational Church
Marvin Williams, Minister
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship

The vacation bible school will take charge of the worship hour this Sunday morning, June 4, at 11:00. All parents are especially invited to be present. The children will have their daily hand work on display.

A special offering will be taken to meet the expense of the school.

Those attending the junior high camp next week will leave Sunday afternoon about 1:00.

The choir will meet for rehearsal, Thursday evening at 8:00.

Visitors are always welcome to attend our worship service.

The Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday afternoon, June 6th at 2:30 p.m. The worship will be conducted by Mrs. George Barney and the lesson will be under the direction of Mrs. Henry Peterson.

Congregational Minister's Retreat

The third annual Minister's Retreat of the Nebraska Congregational churches was held at Camp Merrill, Fullerton, Nebr., May 15th through 17th.

Rev. Marvin Williams of Friend is chairman of the State Committee on Ministry.

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Congregational Minister Will Arrive Here March 4th

The local Congregational church board announced this week that Rev. Donald Cassidy of Sandy, Utah, has been called here to serve both the Friend and Exeter Congregational churches. He will fill a vacancy which has existed since the death of the former Rev. Marvin Williams.

Rev. Cassidy and his wife, Frances, are the parents of four children, all of school age. They are Donald, 12; Joanne, 10; Jerry, 8 and Susan 7.

The Cassidays will arrive in Friend sometime the last of this month and will make their home in the property formerly occupied by the Gilbert Blanchard family. The Rev. will fill the pulpit for the first time officially on Sunday, March 4th, according to members of the board.

The Sentinel wishes to join the community in extending a cordial welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Cassidy and their family.

Rev. Cassidy And Family At Home Here

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassidy and children, Donald, 12; Joanne, 10; Jerry, 8; and Susan 7, formerly of Sandy, Utah, are now residents of Friend. Rev. Cassidy serves the Friend and Exeter Congregational churches.

The Cassidays are presently living in the home formerly owned by the Gilbert Blanchard family and are awaiting the building of a new parsonage.

The Congregational church parsonage was recently sold to make way for a new one on the same lots just south of the church.

Women's Fellowship To Meet

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church will meet Tuesday, April 3rd for a 1:30 o'clock dessert luncheon with the Methodist church ladies as guests.

The dedication of the Women's gift will be held at this meeting.

Woman's Fellowship Entertains WSCS

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church entertained the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church at a 1:30 dessert luncheon on April 3rd.

Mrs. John Klippenstein gave a very inspirational worship service. An Easter play entitled, "In Joseph's Garden", was given by Mmes. Robert Samuelson, Gene Easley, Willard Johansen, Everett Stewart and Wayne Yokel.

Music accompanying the play was sung by Mmes. Donald Cassidy, Nonearl Volz, John Klippenstein and Charles Cogswell.

Perry Blanchard Pre-Ministerial Student

Perry Blanchard, a student at Doane College, Crete, was accepted as a pre-ministerial student at a meeting of the Blue Valley Association held at Clay Center, Sunday, March 11th.

Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Blanchard of Sidney, former Friend residents.

Attend Blue Valley Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassidy, Mrs. Nonearl Volz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Yokel and Mrs. S. A. Ramp attended the Blue Valley Association meeting of the Congregational church in Clay Center Sunday afternoon.

Easter Cantata To Be Presented Sunday By Local Churches

An Easter Choir Cantata "My Redeemer Liveth", by George F. Handel and Wolfgang A Mozart will be presented by the combined choirs of the Methodist and Congregational churches at the Methodist church on Sunday, April 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. M. R. Cornell is director and Mrs. Longin Prokop will be the organist.

The program is as follows.

Organ prelude, Mrs. Oris Williams; processional, choirs; Invocation, Rev. R. W. Sandsted; "Christ Is Risen Today, from the Twelfth Mass, Mozart—Choir; "Come Unto Him", from The Messiah, Handel—duet, Richard Lenington and Mrs. Geo. Asmus; "Behold The Lamb Of God", from the Messiah, Handel—Choir; "He Bears The Cross", from The Magic Flute, Mozart—Bass Solo, Vern Worden; "Three Crosses", from The Twelfth Mass, Mozart—Choir; "Comfort Ye", tenor solo from The Messiah, Handel—Mr. Richard Lenington; "Father, Forgive Them", from Rinaldo, Handel—Quartette, Mrs. Nonearl Volz, Mrs. J. Klippenstein, Everett Stewart and Willard Johansen; "Dawn In The Garden", from Semele, Handel—Soprano solo, Mrs. Oris Williams; "He Is Risen" from The Twelfth Mass, Mozart—Choir; Offering prayer, Rev. Cassidy; "Thanks Be To God", from Isreal In Egypt, Handel—Tenor solo, S. A. Ramp; "Jesus, Word Of God Incarnate", Mozart—Choir; "Alleluia", from Exultate, Jubilate, Mozart—Girl's sextette, Joan Gerdes, Clarice Gerdes, Carol Olmsted, Joan Surber, Judy Connolly, and Penny Pollard; "Holy Art Thou", from Xerxes, Handel—Choir; "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from The Messiah, Handel—Trio, Mmes. Doris Bruntz, Janice Rohrig, and Gwenda Cogswell. "Hallelujah Amen", from Judas Maccabaeus, Handel—Choir; Recessional—Choir; Benediction—Rev. R. W. Sandsted.

Fifty Year Members To Be Honored

Mrs. H. J. Southwick, Mrs. Luther Easley, Mrs. John Krebs and Mrs. John Rule will be the honorees to a family birthday supper Sunday evening at 6:30 at the First Congregational church in observance of their fifty year membership in the church.

The supper will also be a farewell to the William Warner family who are leaving to make their home in Wichita, Kansas. This is to be a covered dish supper and all are welcome.

March 25, 1962

Congregational MEN'S ANNUAL SUPPER

Turkey and Ham Loaf

THURSDAY, FEB. 8th

Starting at 5:00 p.m.

Adults, \$1.25 Children, 60 c

The Nebraska Congregational Conference will hold its annual meeting at Ainsworth, from April 10th to April 12th. Planning to attend from Friend are the Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Cassidy and Mrs. Wayne Yokel and Mrs. W. J. Yokel. Featured speakers of the conference are the Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the board of homeland ministries of the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Dr. Ben Herbster, first president of the United Church of Christ. Both speakers are from New York. Dr. Herbster was a delegate to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India.

Congregational Church

Rev. D. M. Cassidy

Telephone 947-3431

Church school 10:00 a.m. Classes for all ages.

Worship service: 11:00 a.m. Sermon "Jesus Comes To Jerusalem". The sacrament of baptism will be observed during the service.

Pilgrim fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

Cantata: Methodist church, 8:00 p.m. "My Redeemer Liveth" with combined choirs of Congregational and Methodist churches.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The First Congregational church will observe the sacrament of communion on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

The Good Friday service will be at the First Congregational church at 1 p.m., with the Rev. R. W. Sandsted of the Methodist church bringing the message, "The Triumph of the Cross". A free-will offering will be received for the "Nebraska Crippled Children's Fund."

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at the First Congregational church at 6:30 p.m., followed by the traditional breakfast for the young people, served by the women of the Congregational and Methodist churches.

Easter services will be at 11:00 a.m., April 22nd, and there will be a reception of new members at that time.

Attends Meeting In Cincinnati, Ohio

Mrs. William Yokel attended the second assembly of the United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 27th through 30th.

Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York City addressed the meeting in relation to the church-related colleges.



Ruth Conner Eckler
Organist 1959-1961



Donna Thompson
Organist 1961-1963



Judith Lee Cogswell Hulse
Organist



Edith Cogswell
Organist -



ORGANISTS

Emily Barney
Joan Mickna
Debbie Samuelson
Shirley Milton
Carolyn Taylor
Jackie Johansen



Dale Cogswell
Organist



SENIOR CHOIR



CHURCH SCHOOL SHARES IN WORSHIP



Donald, 12, Jeanne, 11, Jerry, 9, and Susan, 7, children of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassiday, Friend.

Birth Of Son

On Sunday, August 25th, at approximately 11:15 a.m., a son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Donald M. Cassiday. He weighed 6 lbs., 4½ ozs., and is named David Andrews Cassiday. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Honored With A Farewell Supper

On September 29th the First Congregational church held a pot-luck supper as a farewell for the Jack Klippenstein family and Miss Jessie Heywood.

Poems on Friendship were read and a community sing was enjoyed. These were followed by two interesting film strips, one showing the life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. The Klippensteins and Miss Heywood were presented with pictures of the head of Christ by Werner Sallman.

Two sixty-year members were honored also. Miss Mamie Krebs and Mrs. Margaret Sims were presented necklaces with the emblem of the "Praying Hands" by Albrecht Durer.

ICE CREAM social at First Congregational church, August 15th from 5:00 p.m., through 9:00 p.m., in church dining room. 2-1c

FOOD SALE by Congregational ladies at Gas Office, Saturday, Nov. 16th, starting at 10:00 a.m. 16-1c

Church Files To Incorporate

The Friend First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Wednesday filed non-profit articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State.

Incorporators are Arthur Swanson, W. B. Farrar, George W. Barney, Harold Warner and Murval Thompson, all of Friend.



Rev. Moss Harvest Festival Speaker

The Rev. Robert Moss, assistant to the president at Doane College, Crete, will speak at the Harvest Festival at 2:30 p.m., this Sunday at the Congregational church. His subject will be "Five Kernels of Corn". The theme of the festival will be "A Fruitful Harvest", and the members of the preparing committee are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eurich, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart and Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Pollard.

Following the afternoon service, there will be a social hour downstairs with coffee and refreshments. The public is invited.

Church Leader To Speak In Friend

Miss Jennie M. Doidge, Cleveland, Ohio, interdenominational church leader and world traveler, will speak at the First Congregational church in Friend on Monday, Nov. 25th, during a family "Carry-In" supper meeting which will begin at 6:30.

Miss Doidge, who was director of the Christian Education Department of the Cleveland Area Church Federation from 1957-1962, recently returned from a 10-month tour of overseas mission stations in 26 countries. These included Iran, Pakistan, Ceylon, India, Nepal, Burma, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Okinawa, Japan, England, France, Italy and other European countries.

The purpose of her tour was to see the Christian church overseas "in action" and to observe "how it is meeting today's problems on the social economic, educational and spiritual fronts".

The church will provide rolls, coffee and other table necessities for the supper. Each family is to bring a prepared dish and its own table service. A free-will offering will be received for our Christian World Mission.

Rev. Cassiday Will Deliver Veterans Day Address Monday

The Rev. Donald M. Cassiday will deliver the annual Veterans Day address on Monday, Nov. 11th. The Chamber of Commerce reports that all stores will be closed from 10:30 a.m., until noon for the services.

The program, which will honor all veterans, will begin at 10:50 a.m., in front of the American Legion Hall. Supporting Rev. Cassiday with the services will be officers of Friend's Ford-Banka American Legion Post and its auxiliary. Students from the local school, along with their band and the Legion firing squad will also take part in the program.

Harvest Festival Well Attended

A well attended Harvest Festival at the First Congregational church heard Dr. Robert Moss of Doane College speak about "Five Kernels of Corn" which our forefathers placed at each table setting at a Thanksgiving dinner to remind themselves of the providence of God. We were further reminded of God's care by the display of harvest fruits arranged on bales of green hay that added a distinct "harvest" aroma to the church sanctuary. Special music by the choir, directed by S. A. Ramp, and a duet by Sally Drake and Ruth Ann Conner, accompanied by Geryl Cornell, and piano-organ solos by Mrs. Ray Losh and Mary Ann Losh added to the theme of "A Fruitful Harvest". Following the services all enjoyed coffee and refreshments prepared by the Women's Fellowship.

Union Thanksgiving Services Are Planned

The united Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Congregational church. The Thanksgiving sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Wesley Braaten of the Friend Gospel Tabernacle. His topic is "In Everything Give Thanks".

A Thanksgiving anthem, "Count Your Blessings" will be offered by the choir of the First Methodist church, Mrs. George Asmus directing, and Mrs. Longin Prokop as organist for the anthem. The Rev. Donald Cassiday will act as liturgist and Miss Mary Ann Losh will be the organist for the service. A Thanksgiving offering will be received for the churches.

Friend Legion And Churches Honor Our Late President

The Friend American Legion and Auxiliary held Memorial services for the late president, John F. Kennedy, Monday morning at 11:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall.

The Friend High School band played the National Anthem. Rev. Donald Cassiday read a prayer for both the county and family. Commander Ivan Weber and Mrs. Ivan Weber, president of the Auxiliary delivered the memorial services. Msgr. Raymond Wageman gave the address, speaking on "Hatred." Taps were sounded by John Yokef and Paul Ramp. The American Legion firing squad fired the salute.

Benediction was given by Rev. Cassiday.

Memorial services were held at all churches in Friend on Sunday and Monday.

The following lines, written by The Rev. Cassiday, in tribute:

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
He was young
Just forty-six
Too young to die.
But in death, his heart is warm.
Earth closes over him
For the world to mourn.
Yet another takes his place
And makes decisions to keep
apace
With a world in change.
A world moving ever on.
On to what?
To freedom, we pray,
To hope and peace.
A world in which men every-
where
Catch the vision he had,
Which he caught from others.
In the long-ago past
Another lived
Who gave the spirit we all can
have.
A spirit of free men.
Everywhere.
A spirit of the upward look.
Toward a Day when hate is
dead,
And not a man with so much to
give.
A day that draws us all together
Instead of pushing us apart.
And so he lies with others
Who lived not in vain,
But expressed the honest hope
of all.
And the one whose mind was
hurt and sick,
Goes to his harsh end.

Mrs. Lester Cogswell Elected President

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church met May 1st with Mrs. John Weber leading an inspirational worship service and lesson entitled "The Church of the Living God". She was assisted by Mrs. H. R. Wood.

In the order of business a ballot was cast for the election of the following officers for 1962-1963.

Mrs. Lester Cogswell, president; Mrs. H. R. Wood, vice president; Mrs. Nonearl Volz, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Farrar, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Zieg, missionary treasurer; social committee members are: Mmes. Orville Cogswell, S. A. Ramp, Gene Easley, Reggie Newton, Anton Kovanda and Willard Johansen; nominating committee: Mmes. George Vossler, one year; J. H. Weber, two years and Harold Warner, three years.

Co-pianists are Mrs. Haskell Cogswell and Mrs. George Barney.

A tea honoring the senior class will be held in the church parlors Sunday evening, May 13th at 8:00 p.m. Teachers, relatives and friends of the senior class are cordially invited to attend.

Senior Tea 1962

The senior class and their parents were entertained at a tea Sunday, May 13th, at the Congregational church.

Mrs. S. A. Ramp gave the welcome. Gwenda Cogswell sang a solo, "President Kennedy's Rocking Chair". Then Mrs. Ramp gave a short history, "Remember That Year". A trio composed of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cogswell and Paul Ramp sang "Moments To Remember".

Rev. Cassiday gave a talk, "How To Spend A Life". Mrs. Ramp ended the program with a poem, "School Days". Bob Milton gave the response for the senior class. The evening ended with a lunch and social hour.

Gas Light Dedicated In Memory Of Rev. Marvin Williams

A memorial and dedication service was conducted on August 19, 1962 at the First Congregational church.

Flowers were placed in the church during the morning service as a memorial to the Rev. Marvin Williams.

Following the worship hour, members of the Rachel Circle led a dedication service for the outdoor gas light which has been installed on the church grounds. The Rachel Circle purchased and donated this light in memory of Rev. Williams, and during this dedication service, a brass plate appropriately engraved, was placed on the pole of the light.

It was stated in this service that as Rev. Williams had been an inspiration to members of this community, may this light brighten our way and lead us along the path that is right.

Congregational Church

Rev. D. M. Cassiday

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10:00 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Rural Life Sunday. Sermon "Tillers of the Ground".

Vacation Bible school — The First Congregational church vacation school will be held from May 28th through June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme of the church school this year will be "The Bible". Classes will be as follows: Pre-school and kindergarten, "We have a Bible" taught by Mrs. Erma Clouse, Mrs. Susan Vernon and Linda Talley; Primary, "Our Bible" taught by Mrs. Darlene Hardin and Donna Thompson; Junior, "Men Who Dared In Bible Times", taught by Mrs. Esther Deterding and Judy Easley and the junior high, "Book of the Ages" taught by Mrs. Carol Pollard, Penny Pollard and Carolyn Zumpfe. Other young people who will be on the staff are Joan Zieg and Darlene Mika. On Friday, June 1, at 11:45, families will be invited to a pot-luck luncheon, after which parents will have an opportunity to see some of the work of the classes, followed by a group worship with an offering. The children will then return to their classes until the closing time at 2:30. Mrs. Donald Cassiday will act as superintendent.

Harvest Festival Will Be Sunday, Oct. 14th

The annual Harvest Festival of the First Congregational church will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14th, at 2:30 p.m., and all are invited to attend. Mr. William Turner of Doane College will deliver the message, and other parts of the service will be conducted by the Rev. Jack Schwarz of the First Congregational church of Crete, and the Rev. Donald Cassiday of Friend.

As in the past the offering received will go to the United Church of Christ program of Home and World Ministries which is called "Our Christian World Mission". The First Congregational church is one of the churches of the United Church of Christ that extends its ministry through Our Christian World Mission. Our Christian World Mission offerings maintain schools, hospitals, missions, churches, educational programs and relief and rehabilitation work in more than 22 countries as well as the United States. The theme for this years Harvest Festival is, appropriately, "Our World Mission". Co-chairman planning the observance are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johansen and Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Polard.

1962

Congregational Church Elects New Officers

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational church held on Sunday, Jan. 6th, the congregation made plans for 1963, adopted the proposed budget for the year, heard reports from the boards and committees, and elected new officers for the year. A new office was created which divides the treasurer's responsibilities. This office is "Financial Secretary" and elected to this position was Mrs. Murval Thompson. Other officers are: church clerk, Mrs. Bernard Murphv; church treasurer, Vern Worden; benevolence treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Yokel; Sunday school superintendent, Frank Stewart; assistant Sunday school supt., Mrs. Art Swanson; Sunday school secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Benson. A listing of all the members of the boards and committees, as well as most of the reports are available at the church. Member who did not attend the annual meeting are urged to pick up one of the mimeographed reports.

CONGREGATIONAL Church
Men's Ham Supper, Thursday,
February 14th. Serving from
5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$1.25,
children 60 cents. 28-2c

To Attend Convocation

The Rev. Donald Cassiday, minister of the First Congregational church of Friend, will attend the Nebraska Ministers Convocation to be held at Norfolk February 25th through 27th.

Attending Conference

Attending the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ meeting at Columbus, April 30th to May 2nd, are Mrs. Lester Cogswell and Mrs. H. R. Wood and the Rev. Donald Cassiday.

To Attend Church Retreat

The Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassiday will attend the Nebraska Minister's and Wives' Retreat of the United Church of Christ to be held Monday, through Wednesday, May 13-15, at Fullerton. Featured speakers on the program are Dr. Robert W. Spike and Dr. Victor Obenhaus both of whom will discuss the nature of our religious life in America today.

New Congregational Church Parsonage To Be Shown At "Open House" Sunday



FRIEND'S NEW PARSONAGE

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassiday moved into the new parsonage pictured above this summer. The new home was constructed on the old site at an approximate cost of \$19,500. It has ten rooms, a utility area and attached garage. Two rooms are used for office space.

Congratulations!

60 Attend Vacation Bible School

Sixty youngsters registered for the vacation Bible school held at the First Congregational church.

The school closed last Friday with a childrens program at the church attended by 150 relatives and friends.

1963

Summer Camps

The Rev. Donald M. Cassiday of the First Congregational church will be on the staff of the Junior High camp at Ogallala, June 16th to June 22nd.

The recently completed \$19,000.00 parsonage of the Congregational church will be open to friends and members of the church for their inspection on Sunday, June 2nd from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Plans on the all brick, six room house with a walk-in basement was started last August. Rev. and Mrs. Cassiday and family moved in on Tuesday, April 18th. The new parsonage is located just south of the church.

On the ground floor are three bedrooms, kitchen, bath and a large living room with a picture window which faces the south, and has an attached garage. The walk-in basement has a study, work room, recreation room, utility room and a fourth bedroom.

Friends and members are invited to attend without further invitation.

1963

Open House Well Attended

Over 200 members and friends attended the open house held last Sunday for the new First Congregational church parsonage.

New Congregational Officers Named

New Officers of the First Congregational Church elected at the Annual Meeting, January 3, 1965, and subsequent meetings of the boards and committees are:

Church moderator, Donald M. Cassidy.

Church Clerk, Mrs. George Turek.

Church treasurer, Vern Worden.

Financial secretary, Mrs. Murval Thompson.

Benevolence treasurer, Mrs. William Yokel.

Missionary committee: Mmes. Edward Swanson, S. A. Ramp, Irvin Range, Matt Segner, Sr.

Music committee: Mrs. Orville Cogswell, Mrs. J. R. Klippenstein, S. A. Ramp, Mrs. Non-earl Volz, Everett Stewart.

Auditing committee: J. R. Klippenstein, R. W. Jewitt, Floyd Johansen, Mrs. Ray Losh.

Friendship committee: Mmes. John Weber, chairman; George Barney, Luther Easley, Ella Krebs, Warren Cunningham.

Nominating committee: Haskell Cogswell, Ben Weber, J. C. Pollard, Mrs. Frank Stewart, Mrs. Willard Buckingham.

Christian Education board: Mmes. Vern Worden, W. J. Yokel, Reggie Newton, Everett Stewart.

Church Ushers: Wayne Yokel, William Farrar, Floyd Johansen, Charles Kucera, chairman; Ray Losh, Reggie Newton, Matt J. Segner, Art Swanson.

Funeral Ushers: O. V. Easley, John Rule.

Historians: Mrs. Henry Zieg, Mrs. Lester Cogswell.

Church School Superintendent, Lucile Krebs.

Assistant Supt., Mrs. Joe Deterding.

Church school clerk, David McCracken.

Deacons: Keith Clouse, Frank Stewart, Haskell Cogswell, Wm. Yokel, Lester Cogswell, Harold Warner, Murval Thompson and George Barney.

Deaconesses: Mmes. H. R. Wood, Marvin Williams, Joe Deterding, Ruby Volz, J. R. Klippenstein, Welthy Kucera, John Rule and Miss Augustine Engel.

Trustees: Charles Cogswell, Edward Kohout, Larry Schwarting, Orville Cogswell, Robert Vlcek, Matt J. Segner, J. R. Klippenstein, Albert Stewart, Edward Swanson.

At the Church Council meeting of January 18th, Orville Cogswell was elected chairman of the Council, and Edward Swanson as vice-chairman.

The first activity of the Council, headed by the chairman, Orville Cogswell, assisted by the vice-chairman, Edward Swanson, and the last year's chairman Willard Johansen, is to plan the "Men's Supper" which will be held on Thursday, Febr. 11. This annual event brings several hundred people from a wide area. Details will be announced in later editions.



Youth Will Conduct Church Services Sunday, Jan. 31

On Sunday, Jan. 31, young people of the First Congregational Church will conduct the morning worship service at 11 a. m. Pictured are some of the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship with the minister making plans for Youth Sunday.

Those who will lead the worship service are Leonard Murphy, Linda Talley, Kay Newton, Carolyn Thompson, and Les Murphy who will deliver the sermon "Songs For A Small Planet".

Lawrence Murphy will play a baritone horn solo, "The Lost Chord", and other members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will act as greeters, ushers and hosts for the Coffee Time at noon.

Youth Week is observed nationally each January in cooperation with the Division of Christian Education of the United Church of Christ, and across the country Pilgrim Fellowship members will conduct the services on Sunday, Jan. 31. The public is invited.

**First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**
Rev. D. M. Cassidy
Telephone 947-5491

10:00 a. m. Church School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
Youth Sunday. Special offering for Camp Kaleo \$3 per member per year for two years. Service conducted by the young people of the church. Theme of service "Songs For A Small Planet". Leslie Murphy will deliver sermon. All invited.

Noon, Coffee Time. Hosts: Pilgrim Fellowship Young People.

4:00 p. m. Installation service at Clay Center for the Rev. Fred Gardner, new minister of the Union Church. As chairman of the Church and Ministry Committee of the South Central Association of the United Church of Christ, Mr. Cassidy will have a part in the installation ceremony.

FOOD SALE: Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church. Starting at 10:00 a. m. Sat. Jan. 23rd. 25-1p

YOUTH APPEAL FOR KAMP KALEO



Linda Talley

The following are excerpts from a talk given by Linda Talley at First Church, Friend, on Youth Sunday, when an offering was received for Kamp Kaleo.

"I have been to church camp for the last four years. The four weeks I spent at camp were perhaps the most influential weeks in my life so far. . .

"Church camp is a very wonderful experience and something I think all youth of our church should be encouraged to attend, but the persons who make these camps possible have a hard time arranging camp for all who want to attend. Because our church doesn't have a camp of its own to use, camps of other organizations have to be rented.

Sometimes the camps are run-down and often an undesirable date is obtained. . . To combat this problem, the Nebraska Conference has obtained land near Burwell to build a camp. But money is needed. The sooner the money is obtained, the sooner the camp can be completed, and the sooner the youth of the church can start to attend camp.

If each member of our church gives \$3.00 a year for two years, our church has given its share of the total to build Kamp Kaleo. Please give your share so the camp can be completed and more youth may attend a better camp."

Rev. Cassidy Named Rotary President

At the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9th, the Friend Rotary Club, District 565 of Rotary International, elected a slate of officers for 1965-66 who will begin their duties in July.

The nominating committee presented the following slate which was accepted unanimously:

President, Donald M. Cassidy; vice-president, John Klippenstein; secretary, Chester Roberts, and treasurer, Ralph W. Jewitt.

ANTIQUITY ON DISPLAY

A rare and unusually interesting display of archeological findings in ancient Palestine was recently on exhibit at First Church in Friend. In the picture the Rev. Donald M. Cassidy, pastor of the church, holds a lamp and a jug, probably two to three thousand years old, which made up a part of the exhibit. Mr. Cassidy explains that part of the purpose of the exhibit was to help interpret the way of life of Bible times, and to acquaint viewers with the techniques and purposes of the archeologist who searches constantly for a more accurate knowledge of the Scriptures.



The items were secured on loan from the Palestine Institute Museum at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

Union Good Friday Services At First Congregational Here

Union Good Friday services will be held at the First Congregational Church beginning at 1:00 p. m.

The sermon will be by Ervin Mindt, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the liturgists will be Donald Cassidy, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Ernest Horner, pastor of the Methodist Church of Daykin.

The service is planned for one hour.

A free-will offering will go to the Nebraska "Crippled Children's Fund" as has been the custom.

A women's quintet will sing "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed". In the quintet are Frances Cassidy, Gwenda Cogswell, Mary Cogswell, Judy Shutts and Irene Worden.

Stores To Close For Good Friday Services

According to the Friend Chamber of Commerce stores will be closed this Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:00 o'clock for the Union Good Friday services at the First Congregational Church.

CONGREGATIONAL Men's ham supper Thursday, Febr. 11. Serving 5:00 to 7:30 p. m. Adults, \$1.50, children 60 cents. 27-1c



MARY ANN LOSH

Organist 1963-1965

Local Churches Will Observe Annual World Day Of Prayer

The ladies of the Congregational and Methodist Churches have prepared a service for the observance of the World Day of Prayer, observed each year on the first Friday in Lent. The service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Febr. 14th, at the Friend Congregational Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and join in this service.

The World Day of Prayer has a meaningful history of more than 75 years. Prayer and giving for the world-wide mission of the Church have been its primary purpose. It has traditionally brought people together across denominational, racial, national and cultural boundaries to pray for the needs of the world and to make an offering for carrying out the Church's mission around the world.

World Day of Prayer is truly world-wide in character. Basically the same service is used by groups in approximately 150 countries and areas of the world. This provides an extraordinary opportunity for fellowship at a deep level with Christians all over the world and the experience of Christian unity in prayer. Increasingly, persons from many nations are involved in shaping the service.

ANNUAL Men's Ham Supper at Congregational Church, Thursday, Feb. 13th, serving 5 to 8 p.m. Adults, \$1.50; children 5 through 12, 60 cents. 28-1c

Honored With Picnic

The young people of the Congregational Church, their sponsors and friends honored Viggo Hansen and Gary Ladman with a picnic at the Park last Friday evening.

Viggo will leave later this month for his home in Copenhagen, Denmark. Gary recently moved with his parents to Wilber to make his home. 6/12/64

Young People Conduct Congregational Services Sunday

On Youth Sunday, January 26, the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship and other young people, conducted the services of worship at the First Congregational church. They formed the choir, assisted with ushering and greeting, prepared an anthem, the prayers and the sermon, "The Peculiar Ones", delivered by Leslie Murphy. The anthem, "In My Heart There Is A Melody" was directed by Paul Ramp, president of the P. F. Others who took part in the services were Joanne Cassidy and Jacquelyn Johansen (Acolytes), Viggo Hansen, Steve Heckman, Karen Kovanda, Barbara Milton, Darlene Mika, Beverly Mika, Lawrence Murphy, Leslie Murphy, Leonard Murphy, Kay Newton, Pam Pollard, Paul Ramp, Linda Talley, Carolyn Thompson and Carolyn Zumpfe. Mary Ann Losh, church organist, played for the service. The Couple's Club of the church have been the sponsors for the Pilgrim Fellowship.

To Dedicate Audio-Visual Gear In Memory Of Rev. Williams

Dedication services in memorium to the late Rev. Marvin Williams will be given during the Sunday morning services, May 31st, at the First Congregational Church.

Rev. Williams was fatally injured in an automobile accident. He had served the church from 1954 to 1962. Dedication services will be for the audio-visual equipment given to the church in his memory.

The equipment consists of a combination slide and filmstrip projector, tripod screen and record player, all of which receives continual usage in the program of the church.

Also during the service will be read all the names of those for whom funeral services have been conducted during the past year, and prayers will be offered.

Members Honored At Church Supper

At the annual birthday supper of the First Congregational Church two 50 year members were honored, Mr. Guy Easley, and Mr. Ogden Easley, brothers, who joined the church at the same time. The Guy Easley's now live at Diller, Nebraska.

Others recognized at the supper were two new members Mrs. Harold Bartlett and Mrs. Franklin Eurich.

Following the supper the minister, Donald Cassidy, led the group in the second study session of "Thine Is The Kingdom".

About 60 attended the supper and meeting. Apr. 12, 1964

Area Meeting Here Well Attended

Nearly one hundred delegates and visitors from twenty churches in the area of the United Church of Christ gathered in Friend last Thursday for the South Central Association meeting.

The delegates heard Dr. Thomas Campbell of the United Seminary of Minneapolis say that the Town and Country churches have to use new methods, meeting the needs of persons in their personal circumstances. The church, he stated, is not something that is kept indoors in a comfortable building, but a "Way" of life that has to permeate every man's work and recreation.

In the afternoon business session the delegates approved the recommendation that each church pay 15c per member to the Association for association expenses.

A special part of the business was the examination of Mr. Stuart Maynard, minister of the Federated Church at Fairmont, prior to ordination. The delegates listened carefully as Mr. Maynard read a paper on his beliefs, and then after a period of discussion voted unanimously for his ordination. The service of ordination is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th, at 7:30 p. m. at Fairmont.

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

The official delegates of the Friend church to the fall meeting of the United Church of Christ, meeting in Friend, Sept. 24th, were Frank Stewart, Willard Johansen, Miss Lucile Krebs, Mrs. Bernard Murphy, Mrs. Harold Warner and Mrs. W. J. Yokel, and the minister, Donald Cassidy.

Workshop For Lay Leaders

Several members of the Congregational Church attended the 1964 workshop for lay leaders held at the First Congregational Church at Hastings June 14th.

The group studied various aspects of the 1964-65 theme "The growing christian in a changing culture."

Those attending from Friend were Miss Lucile Krebs, Mrs. Donald Cassidy, Mrs. Harold Warner, Mrs. Ed Swanson and Matt Segner Jr.

Attended Camp

Joanne and Donald Cassidy attended the United Church of Christ Junior High camp at Camp Merrill, Fullerton, the week of June 7th to 13th.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION

The First Congregational Church will hold its church school promotion exercises during the morning worship at 11:00 a. m. on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

The new semester's work is beginning and students will be promoted to their classes.

Miss Lucile Krebs, church school superintendent, and her staff are making plans for this Promotion Sunday.

Parents and other friends are invited to attend.

Mission Festival At Congregational

On Sunday, October 25, at 6:30 p. m., the First Congregational Church will hold a "Mission Festival" with supper and program. The theme will be "The Spanish-American" and will deal with people from Puerto Rico, Mexico and Cuba, who are coming to this country in search of freedom and a better way of life. The Rev. C. George Kuhn, of the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Lincoln, will be the speaker.

During the evening we will sing together, eat together and do something together about the role of the church with people of other backgrounds and cultures who are coming to this land.

One of the dishes that will be served is "pizza" commonly thought of as an Italian dish, but believed by some to have originated in Spain. There will be no charge for the supper, but we are invited to make an offering for Our Christian World Mission as has been the tradition at this time of the year.

Members may bring guests if they wish. Rev. Cassidy.

Congregational School To Present Christmas Program Sunday

On Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 7:30 the First Congregational Church School will present its annual Christmas program. Classes will bring the Christmas message in song and scripture and pageant. Featured in the presentation will be a play entitled "What's The Matter, Mary?". Rehearsals show this to be a charmingly new portrayal of the birth of our Lord.

The play is directed by Mrs. Myron Schiefelbein and Mrs. Wayne Yokel and was written by the two directors and Mrs. Robert Kaufman and Mrs. Gene Orbin, using a number of sources and much ingenuity.

The play will present two voice choirs directed by Mrs. Yokel and two singing choirs.

The beautiful "O Holy Night" will be sung by Mrs. Charles Cogswell, and a choir will sing the narrative song from which the production gets its title, "What's The Matter, Mary?". Also during the evening will be a piano-organ duet with Mary Ann Losh and Carolyn Zumpfe.

Christmas Organ Music Saturday

On Saturday, Dec. 19th at 3:30 p. m. Miss Mary Ann Losh will play Christmas music on the organ of the First Congregational Church. The church's P. A. system will be on "outside" for the community to enjoy this "live" Christmas music.

The First Congregational Church
of Friend, Nebraska
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
INVITES YOU TO ITS
Ninetieth Anniversary
Sunday, October 17, 1965

PROGRAM

Church School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Carry-In Dinner at Noon
Anniversary Worship 2:30 p.m.

Special Music

SPEAKER: The Rev. Albert Becker of Fremont
Offering for Our Christian
World Mission

Coffee Hour after the 2:30 Worship



DISPLAY TELLS HISTORY

Pictured is part of a special display arranged for the 90th anniversary of our church at Friend. According to the pastor, the Rev. Donald M. Cassidy, the collection of old communion ware, pulpit Bibles and other accessories quietly told some of the church's history.

Some two-hundred-fifty persons attended the observance, at which the usual Fall Mission-Harvest Festival offering for O.C.W.M. was received.



Rev. Albert Becker
To Speak At Church
Anniversary

On Sunday, October 17, 2:30 p. m. the Rev. Albert Becker, pastor of the Fremont United Church of Christ, will deliver the sermon at the 90th anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Friend. Previous to this special service will be a dinner (carry-in) immediately after the morning worship when Mr. Cassidy, the church's minister, will speak about "Memories and Hopes".

The public is invited to any and all of these gatherings.

Local Congregational
Church To Celebrate
90th Anniversary

Two events are scheduled in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Friend, which was organized in "Friendville" on June 15, 1875.

The first event emphasizing the World Ministry of the Church will be a visit by Dr. Allan A. Taylor on Tuesday, October 12, at 8 p. m. Dr. Taylor has served the Church in Africa for 43 years as a physician and hospital administrator and community leader.

The other event begins with the 11 a. m. services on Sunday, October 17th. The morning service will be followed by a carry-in dinner at noon. At 2:30 p. m. the Rev. Albert C. Becker, minister of the First Congregational Church of Fremont, will preach the sermon at a special anniversary service, at which time an offering will be received for the Christian World Mission. Coffee will be served in the chapel after the service.

The committee making these plans is composed of Miss Lucile Krebs, chairman, Mrs. Orville Cogswell, Mrs. Sam Ramp, Mrs. Harold Warner and Mrs. W. J. Yokel.

An open invitation is extended to the community to help celebrate the 90th anniversary of the organization of the church.

Congregational 90th
Anniversary Well
Attended Sunday

About 250 people attended the 2:30 p. m. Anniversary Service at the First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ held last Sunday.

At the service the Rev. Albert C. Becker of Fremont pointed out the "joy and the cost" of discipleship, holding before the church its great mission to be the people of God.

Mr. Becker challenged the church to work harder at its Mission of bringing the Gospel to the world, pointing out that there are still many people in our town who have no interest in the church.

He suggested that this may be caused by the church not really acting like a church, but more like an exclusive club bent on maintaining itself, and using up all of its energy keeping the institution in repair and solvent.

After the sanctuary service coffee was served in the chapel and the historical display partly shown in the picture above was an object of great interest.

Some of the out-of-town guests, formerly residents of Friend, and members of the church were, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Dressler, El Cajon, Calif.; the Rev. and Mrs. Moore Bell, Council Bluffs, Ia.; the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Demler, and Darlene and Jim, Hastings; Miss Jessie Heyward, York; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Preston, Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. William Warner and family, Wichita, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Linley Davis and family Wichita; Mrs. Barnard Navratil and family, Crete; Mrs. Charles Littlefield, Crete; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Littlefield, Dorchester; Miss Ada Littlefield, Dorchester; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Searby, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Klippenstein and daughters, Beatrice.

The following from Lincoln: Thomas Currie, Mr. and Mrs. William Houser, Ronnie Houser, Mrs. James Vernon and sons, Mrs. Olive Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Teale, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mulnix, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swanson.

Many of the guests attended a "carry-in" dinner at noon, and were introduced, and each spoke briefly about their appreciation of being a part of the church family.

Missionary At First
Congregational

A veteran medical missionary to South Africa will speak at 8 p. m. Tuesday, October 12th, at the First Congregational (United Church of Christ) in Friend.

Dr. Alan B. Taylor, a United Church of Christ missionary served in Africa for 43 years, and has served as a World War I Army doctor, a Virginia physician and dean of the Non-European Medical School of Natal University in South Africa. He will be accompanied by his wife and they will stay the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warner.

Coffee will be served in the chapel after the meeting.

Planning for the meeting is the Missionary Committee of the church with Mrs. S. A. Ramp as chairman.

Since Dr. Taylor is much in demand while in Nebraska in October, it is fortunate to have him visit Friend, and an invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend the meeting.

Congregational Vacation School 1965

First Congregational Church's Vacation Church School will open on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The session will be from 9-11:45 a. m. and 12:45 to 2:30 p. m.

On Thursday evening, June 3, at 7:30 p. m., the school will hold "Open House" for parents and friends to visit the classes to see them at work and study. At 8:15 all will gather in the sanctuary for a short service of worship and giving of an offering for the Vacation Church School. A special feature of the service will be a Choral and Rhythmic Choir presentation being planned by the VCS, with Mrs. Wayne Yokel directing. At the conclusion of the service refreshments will be served downstairs.

Staff for the Vacation Church School are: Mrs. Keith Clouse, Mrs. Gene Orbin, Mrs. Everett Stewart, Mrs. William Yokel, Mrs. Wayne Yokel, the pastor, the Rev. Donald Cassiday, and several young people who will assist the teachers, and help with details of the school, Carolyn Thompson, Carolyn Zumpfe, Karen Kovanda, Kay Newton, Beverly Mika, Janice Milton, Joanne Zieg.

The school will run from Monday, May 31, through Friday, June 4. Classes will be from pre-school age on through the 8th grade.

An hour will be allowed for the lunch people so that town's children can go home. Some of the country families may want to prepare sack lunches.

Open House For Church School

The First Congregational Church will hold an "Open House" for its vacation church school on Thursday, June 3, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

During the evening parents and friends will have an opportunity to see classes in session with a typical day's lesson.

After the observation period all will gather in the sanctuary for worship, a special Rhythmic Choir presentation, an offering for the Vacation School expenses and presentation of certificates of attendance and recognition.

Following this we will all go downstairs for refreshments.

The evening will end at nine o'clock.

Attends Leadership Conference At Doane In Crete

Leslie Murphy, son of the Bernard Murphys, attended the Pilgrim Fellowship conference at Doane in Crete last week.

He was elected to represent the south central association of the United Church of Christ on the Nebraska Youth Ministry board.

August 1965



*Carolyn Zumpfe Taylor
Organist 1965*

First Congregational Minister To Attend Summer School

The Rev. Donald Cassiday, pastor of the Friend and Exeter First Congregational Churches of the United Church of Christ will attend the "Town and Country Leadership Training School" at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, from July 12-23. He will make the trip with the Rev. Bryce Hecht of the Zion United Church of Christ, Fairbury. The two men will leave Friend Sunday, July 11, at 1 p. m.

Several hundred ministers of the United Church of Christ and other cooperating denominations will attend this two-week summer session, which has been conducted for over 25 years.

Mr. Cassiday and Mr. Hecht were nominated by the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ to receive scholarships to attend this school.

This is not a vacation for the men, as the curriculum of the school is a strenuous one, with three to five hours of classes daily, denominational group meetings, worship services, and special evening programs.

Mr. Cassiday will begin his vacation upon returning from Colorado, on July 24, and will be due back in the pulpits of the churches on Sunday, Aug. 22.

ATTEND KAMP KALEO DEDICATION

On Sunday, Oct. 24th, the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassiday and family attended the dedication of the new lodge and cabin at Kamp Kaleo, 2 miles out of Burwell. About 500 people came for the brief service of dedication, and to inspect the camp grounds and facilities.

Among those in the group was Les Murphy of Friend, who is a member of the Nebraska United Church of Christ Youth Ministry Board.

The Youth Ministry Board met at Kamp Kaleo on Friday evening and Saturday morning to plan the 1966 Doane Conference.

Sponsor for the group was the Rev. Donald A. Gall, Minister of Christian Education of the Nebraska Conference.

Summer United Church Supply

The First Congregational Church of Friend and Exeter have arranged for the following pulpit supply during the minister's absence: Sunday, July 18, the youth of the churches will conduct the services; Sunday, July 25, the Rev. John Knight, former pastor of the Friend Church; August 1, the Rev. Robert Connor of the Doane College faculty; August 8, the Rev. Donald Gall, minister of Christ Education for the Nebraska United Church of Christ, and on August 15, the laymen of the churches will conduct the services.

The congregations are urged to attend all these services, and an invitation to the public is extended also.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF VISITORS IN FRIEND

Dinner guests on Sunday, August 8, at the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cassiday's home, were the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gall and family of Lincoln.

Mr. Gall conducted worship services at the United Churches (Congregational) in Exeter and Friend supplying in the pulpit during Mr. Cassiday's vacation.

Mr. Gall serves as the Minister of Christian Education of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ. He was called to this position in the spring of the year. The Nebraska Conference offices are in Lincoln at 1710 B Street.

Promotion Day At Congregational Church Sunday 1965

Sunday, Sept. 12th, was the annual promotion and Recognition day at the First Congregational Church Sunday School.

This was the time for promoting the students from one department to another.

At the eleven o'clock morning service the following promotions were made:

Nursery to Primary: Ray Bulwan, David Clouse, Shannon Horky, Vicki Kaufman, Ann Marie Scott, Timmy Svehla, Richard Thompson, Dougie Samuelson, Doug. Stewart, David Cogswell.

Primary to Juniors: Lynn Bulwan, Tom Clouse, Paul Johansen, John Motis, Nancy Schiefelbein, Cheryl Schwarting, Kathy Stewart, Sheri Panther.

Juniors to High School Department: Carol Easley, Pat Thompson, Pam Thompson, Steve Worden.

Church School students who have been faithful in attendance missing no more than five Sundays in the year) were recognized: Donald (Bud) Cassiday, Jerry Cassiday (both have perfect attendance), Janice Talley, Vicki Kaufman, Susan Cassiday, Joanne Cassiday, Carolyn Zumpfe, Valerie Kaufman, Bradley Kaufman, David Clouse and Don Talley.

A service of dedication of officers and teachers of the Church School and Board of Christian Education concluded the service.

Teachers: Mrs. Charles Cogswell, Mrs. Joe Svehla, Mrs. Larry Schwarting, Mrs. Conrad Ohs, Mrs. Gene Easley, Mrs. Ed Swanson, Mrs. Elmer Thompson, I. V. Worden, Mrs. Ray Losh, Mrs. Lester Cogswell, Mrs. H. R. Wood, Mrs. Everett Stewart, Mrs. Joe Deterding, David McCracken, Miss Lucile Krebs, Mrs. W. J. Yokel.

The Board of Christian Education: Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Yokel; sec., Mrs. I. V. Worden, Mrs. Larry Schwarting, Mrs. Ray Losh and Mrs. Everett Stewart.

Leslie Murphy To Church Seminar

Leslie Murphy of Friend will be one of 30 United Church of Christ young people attending a High School Seminar this week end at the famed Ecumenical Institute in Chicago. The group will go under the auspices of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The courses at the Institute will include a look at opportunities in Christian vocation. Before returning home, the young people will visit one or two inner-city mission situations in the City of Chicago. Leaving from Lincoln by auto caravan on Friday morning, they will return on Monday.

First family to live in the new parsonage

HOLIDAY
GREETINGS



from our
house
to yours



Don and Frances Cassidy
and Family

Jerry, Joanne, Donald, David, and Susan



Evening worship at fire ring led by Rev.
Jerry Cassidy, Chadron.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE TO THE CONGREGATION

After numerous meetings the Building Committee reports that a house plan has been adopted, and it is proceeding to contract the construction of the parsonage. Many difficulties faced the committee - the contour of the land, the over-all needs of the house, which will serve both as a residence and the location of the Church office, and the necessity of staying within a particular financial limitation.

The committee feels that the proposed structure will meet all the stated needs. It will be a brick-faced, three bedroom, two-level structure, with the basement level having a walk-out entrance on the north side. This will permit a private entrance to the "office-study", which will be located on the north-east corner of the house, with a walk leading in from the side-walk on the East side. Every effort has been taken to plan a fine-appearing home, with adequate living space, and a functional office that can serve both as the Church office and a private study.

The committee is confident that the above described parsonage will be built with a budget that will not exceed the available funds, which total in "cash-in-bank", and pledges to be paid, somewhat over \$17,000.

We feel that the congregation, and friends of the Church who have made gifts to the Building Fund, will feel a deep pride and joy in having had a hand in the erection of a new parsonage for the First Congregational Church of Friend.

The Building Committee

George Barney
Donald Cassidy, Chairman
Orville Cogswell
William Farrar
Bernard Murphy
Mrs. Nonearl Volz, Secretary

June 3, 1962

Attended Church Meeting

Delegates from the Friend and Exeter First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ who attended the South Central Association meeting held at Grand Island, Sunday, Sept. 11th, are: From Exeter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jorgensen; from Friend, Mrs. Orville Cogswell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber, Mrs. Winnie Williams and the Rev. and Mrs. Donald M. Cassidy.

Part of the business of the Association was the granting of full ministerial standing to two new ministers into the Association, Rev. Hugo Flaig, recently called to serve the First Congregational Church at Hastings, and the Rev. Herbert Kelly, who will serve the churches at Franklin and Naponee.

First Congregational Church Will Host Youth Rally

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will host over 100 young people and their advisors from churches of the South Central Association of the United Church of Christ this Sunday, October 9th.

The rally will begin with registration at 2:30 and conclude with supper and worship at about 6:30 p. m.

The theme of the gathering is "Science and Religion", with Dr. William M. Barrows, professor of Physics at Doane College, as the principle speaker.

Officers of the Friend United Church Youth are Carolyn Thompson, president; Dick Weber, vice president, and Connie Kohout, secretary-treasurer.

Advisors of the local group are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Yokel.

Kables To Observe Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kable will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 27th, by holding open house from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Friend Grange Hall.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further invitation.

The honored couple requests no gifts, please.

NOTICE: Church Calendars are ready, 50 cents each. May be picked up at Congregational Church, from Mrs. Conrad Ohs, or Sentinel Office. 11-2c

Fall Festival Will Feature Dr. Paul Register

The United Church of Christ (First Congregational) of Friend will observe its Fall Festival on Sunday, October 23, with a "no-charge" supper at 6:30 p. m. for all members of the church and people of the parish.

Dr. Fred P. Register, supt. of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ will speak at the supper and it is expected that there will be a large turnout for his visit.

The "Fall Festival" continues the idea of the "Harvest Festival and Mission Festival". Those attending will have an opportunity to make a gift for our Christian World Mission if they wish.

The supper will be unique, featuring "International Food" adding flavor to the evening and our sense of being involved in Missions around the world.

The Missionary Committee, chaired by Mrs. Sam Ramp, is organizing the supper.

Rev. Embree Will Fill Pulpit This Sunday

The Rev. Robert Embree, retired Methodist minister living in Friend, will fill the pulpits of the Friend and Exeter United Church of Christ, First Congregational, during the minister's vacation period. Rev. Embree will preach on August 7, 14, 21 and on September 4. The public is welcome.

Missionary Here This Evening, Dec. 1

Howard Trumbull, treasurer and secretary of the United Church of South Africa, will be at the First Congregational Church, Friend, for an 8:00 p. m. meeting, to be held in the church dining room downstairs.

Mr. Trumbull is a layman and will have many interesting things to talk about. There will be a question period. Coffee will be served.

Easleys Will Observe Golden Anniversary

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary Monday will be Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Easley.

Their daughters and families will honor them at an open house on Sunday, Dec. 4th, from 2 to 5 p. m. in the Grange Hall.

Friends may call without further invitation.

The honored couple request no gifts.

Thanksgiving Service Well Attended 1966

About 150 people attended the union Thanksgiving service held last Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at the United Church of Christ, First Congregational.

Preaching the sermon for the evening was the Rev. Clinton Fick of the Gospel Tabernacle, who spoke about "The Voice of Thanksgiving."

Other clergyman conducting the service were Monsignor L. V. Barnes of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Rev. Stanley Ganzel of the First Methodist Church, and the Rev. Donald Cassidy, host pastor.

An offering for "Share Our Substance" was received and will go to help the 20th century man of other parts of the world who suffers because of poor agricultural methods and yields, poor health and constant illness and early death, the life expectancy being not much more than 30 years.

Carolyn Thompson At Youth Meeting

Carolyn Thompson of Friend was one of 25 United Church of Christ young people who attended a Vocations Conference at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, at New Brighton, Minn. The group of high school juniors and seniors went under the auspices of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The young people had an opportunity to look at opportunities in Christian vocations.

Before returning home, they visited typical inner-city missions projects in metropolitan Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Leaving from Lincoln and Omaha by auto caravan on Friday morning, they returned Monday.

Carolyn is a member of the First Congregational Church in Friend, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Eurich.

The Rev. Donald M. Cassidy, pastor of the United Church of Christ in Friend and Exeter will attend a meeting of the Nebraska Conference Commission at Kamp Kaleo, Burwell, on Friday and Saturday, October 7-8. Mr. Cassidy is a member of the Nebraska Conference Commission on Higher Education. This Commission concerns itself with our colleges and universities, seeking support for the United Campus Christian Fellowship program on campuses through keeping our churches informed and interested in this kind of ministry.

Christmas Program To Be Held

The Church School of the First Congregational church will present a play, "The Christmas House", as part of its Christmas program. The play, directed by Mrs. Wayne Yokel, and Mrs. Donald Cassidy, will present the Christmas message in its modern setting, our homes. All the children of the church school will have parts in the program, with songs and readings. After the program, there will be treats for all downstairs. The program will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Cadet Murphy On Academy Dean's List

Cadet Gene B. Murphy has been named to the Dean's List at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. He earned a 3.26 average while carrying 22 hours the second semester of his sophomore year. His major is Civil Engineering.

Murphy And Janda Regent Scholarship Winners



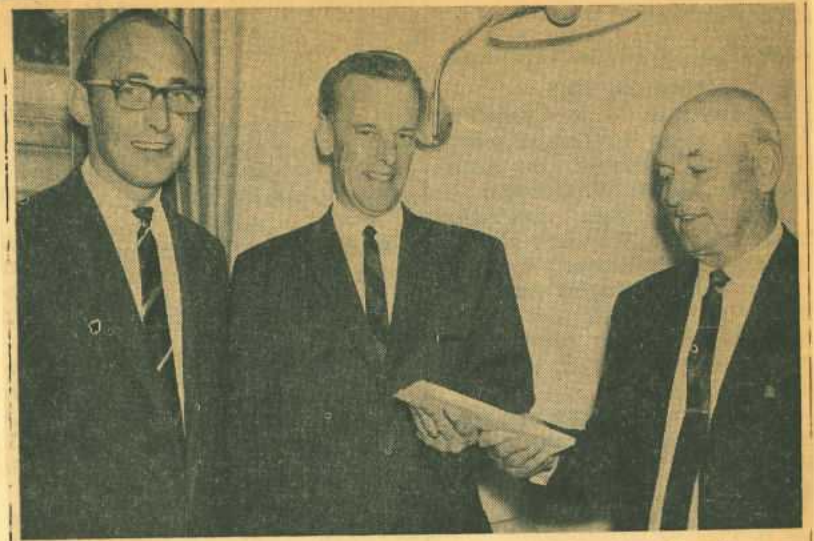
LESLIE MURPHY

Leslie Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Murphy, was awarded a one-year scholarship to the University of Nebraska as a result of scoring a 96 percentile level on the test he took November 3, 1965, along with ten other Friend High School students, according to information received by Mr. Tessmer, Principal.

Harold Janda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Janda, scored a 90 percentile rank on the test and was named alternate.

Over 7,100 contestants from 425 Nebraska High Schools participated in the test. Winners of the Regent Scholarships are chosen on a basis of performance in comparison with all the other participants over the entire state.

Having two Regent's winners is an achievement which has not occurred in recent years at Friend.



Parsonage Mortgage Burned Sunday

Members of the First Congregational (United Church of Christ) in Friend burned the parsonage mortgage papers last Sunday in front of the parsonage.

The pastor and church officers gathered around a brazier upon which the papers had been placed and each one touched the papers with the flame which signified the part all played in building and financing the home.

Following the brief ceremony an Open House was held and refreshments were served.

Arson Planned At The Parsonage

On Sunday, June 12th, as a part of the regular 11 A. M. worship service the congregation of the United Church of Christ (First Congregational) of Friend plans to put the fire to parsonage mortgage papers.

The home was completed in 1963 with the Rev. and Mrs. Donald M. Cassidy and family moving in just before Easter. Previous to then they lived in the house owned by the Friend Golf Club, formerly the Gilbert Blanchard property.

The new home came out of a committee effort with the plans for the home being developed by Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy in consultation with the committee appointed by the Church—George Barney, Orville Cogswell, William Farrar, Bernard Murphy, Mrs. Conrad Ohs and the Rev. Donald Cassidy who served as chairman. Mr. Barney served as treasurer and Mrs. Ohs as secretary for the committee.

Pictured are Messrs. Paul Rogers and Keith Clouse, officers of the First National Bank of Friend, handing the doomed papers to the Rev. Mr. Cassidy. The ceremony will begin with the regular worship in the church sanctuary and the congregation will move from there for the arson part of the service on the parsonage lawn if weather permits. Following the ceremonies coffee will be served.

The public is invited to this service of Arson at the Parsonage, on Sunday, June 12, at 11 a. m.

ATTEND TRAINING INSTITUTE

On April 25th in preparation for the United Church of Christ vacation Church School in Friend, May 31 to June 4, the Rev. Donald Cassidy took five members of the staff to an institute at East Lincoln Christian Church, Mrs. Sam Shutts, supt.; Mrs. Amzi McBride, Mrs. S. R. Ramp, Mrs. David Rasplicka and Mrs. Roy Surber.

Vacation Church School Starts May 31

The First Congregational Church will hold its Vacation Church School the week of May 31, through June 4.

The general superintendent of the school is Mrs. Sam Shutts, and the school is being organized under the direction of the Board of Christian Education of the church with Mrs. Larry Schwarting as chairman, and Mrs. Everett Stewart, co-chairman.

The curriculum theme this year in the cooperative series is "The Church".

The daily schedule will be from 9:00 to 11:30, an hour lunch break, and then from 12:30 to 3:00. The pre-school children will attend only in the morning.

Anyone desiring more information about the Vacation School may call Mrs. Shutts.

Other workers, teachers, helpers, administration of the school are: Miss Connie Kohout, Miss Barbara McCracken, Miss Jackie Johansen, Mrs. David Rasplicka, Mrs. A. M. McBride, Mrs. Joe Detarding, Mrs. S. A. Ramp, Mrs. Robert Kaufman, Mrs. Roy Surber, Bob Buckingham, Bud Cassidy, who will serve as business manager, and the Rev. Donald Cassidy.

Church Planning Meeting At Grand Island

The Rev. Donald Cassidy, Mrs. W. J. Yokel of Friend, and Mrs. Robert Songster of Exeter attended a meeting of the South Central Association Council of the Nebraska United Church of Christ at Grand Island on Wednesday, January 5.

The Council met to plan the Association meeting which will be held on March 27th, 1966, probably in Grand Island.

The program of the Association meeting in March will be "Higher Education" which increases in importance as our population grows and our civilization becomes more industrialized and automated.

World Day Of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was held Friday, Feb. 25th, at the Congregational Church at 2:00 p. m. The theme was "You Are My Witness."

The meditation was given by Miss Lucile Krebs. Women taking part in the service were: Mrs. Wendell Wells and Mrs. Edmund Motis, ushers, Mrs. Dwaine Bruntz and Mrs. Sam Shutts, candlelighters; Mrs. Orville Cogswell, organist.

Mrs. George Asmus and Mrs. Wayne Olmsted sang a duet; and Mrs. Asmus was also song leader.

Readers were: Mmes. Stanley Ganzel, Don Weber, Floyd Hendrix, Donald Cassidy, Bernard Murphy and John Bulwan.

May 1, 1966

ATTEND YOUTH RALLY

Attending the South Central Association United Church of Christ Youth Rally at the New York Avenue Congregational Church, Hastings, last Sunday were delegates and leaders from the Exeter and Friend United Churches of Christ (Congregational).

Those who went were Duane Autry and Leonard Franzen of Exeter, and Connie Kohout, Barbara McCracken, Lawrence and Les Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Yokel, sponsors of the Friend United Church Youth, and the Rev. Donald M. Cassidy, minister of the churches.

The major part of the program dealt with the "Responsibility of the Christian in Politics" and the Rev. Donald Gall, Minister of Christian Education of the Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ, spoke and then answered many questions in the discussion which followed his talk.

The programs for the United Church Youth Rally are chosen by the young people, who, in a committee, make the decisions for the emphasis at each rally.

This year's theme of the "Christian and Politics" was chosen by the youth so that they could grapple with this difficult and urgent subject.

The next rally will be in Geneva in the fall.

Attending Nebraska Women's Retreat

Mrs. Donald Cassidy and Miss Lucile Krebs attended the Women's Retreat of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ held at Doane College from Sunday, June 12, through Wednesday June 15.

Sessions were held on three different topics: "Church Meetings that Matter", "Poverty in the Midst of Plenty" and "Christian Education".

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Friend Ladies On Morning TV Show

Members of the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ, in Friend, appeared on the Wayne West "Morning Show" on channel 10 Wednesday.

Spokeswoman for the group was Mrs. H. R. Wood who told about the project of making Centennial Bonnets with the proceeds going to the United Church of Christ campsite, Kamp Kaleo, at Burwell.

Appearing on the program were: Mrs. Conrad Ohs, Mrs. Harold Warner, Mrs. Donald Cassidy, Mrs. Vern Worden, Mrs. Dick Thompson, Mrs. Ed Swanson, Mrs. S. R. Ramp, Mrs. W. J. Yokel, Mrs. Pearl Benson, Mrs. John Weber, Mrs. Henry Zieg, Miss Augustine Engel, Mrs. Warren Cunningham, Mrs. George Barney, Mrs. Orville Cogswell, Mrs. Lester Cogswell.

Also making the trip were Lester Cogswell, George Barney and Ed Swanson.

ANNUAL MEN'S HAM Supper:
First Congregational (UCC) of Friend, Thursday, Feb. 9, 5 to 7:30 p. m. Adults, \$1.50; children through 8th grade, 75 cents. All are welcome. 17-3c

UNITED CHURCH MINISTERS AND WIVES MEET HERE

The Rev. and Mrs. Donald M. Cassidy hosted the February meeting of the South Central Association Ministers and Wives Fellowship meeting on Monday, Feb. 20th.

About 18 were in the group with the ministers who are serving churches in Grand Island, Hastings, Aurora, Geneva, Franklin and Sutton.

Among those attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Demler, formerly of Friend, who are now serving the church at Red Cloud.



Mayor and Mrs. William Yokel admire their Centennial Plate.

Rev. Goertz To Speak At Congregational Church This Sunday

The Reverend Reuben Goertz, missionary evangelist serving with the Greater Europe Mission in Germany, will be participant in services in the First Congregational Church on Sunday, Feb. 19th at 11:00 a. m. He has just recently returned from Europe where he has been working in evangelism and establishing churches in the Saar area.

Goertz attended the Grace Bible Institute in Omaha and was graduated in 1949; and then later was graduated from Taylor University in 1951. Following his formal education he traveled with the Taylor Varsity quartette in Europe in 1951-52. It was during this time that his concern for the people of Europe began, and after pastoring churches in western Nebraska and Colorado for a number of years, he went to Europe to continue in the field of evangelism and church Establishment until he returned recently. The Goertz' family are presently home on furlough and living in Henderson. They will be presenting the work in a number of churches in the U. S. and Canada until they go back to Germany in the summer of 1967.

The Greater Europe Mission with whom the Goertzes serve have several Bible Institutes in Europe as well as conducting various types of evangelism among children and adults. The Mission maintains work in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, Sweden and Greece.

Union Good Friday Services At 1:00 p.m.

Union Good Friday services, this year, will be at 1:00 p. m. at the Congregational United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Clinton Fick, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, will preach the sermon.

The service is open to the public.

Attended Vacation Church School Institute

Attending the 1967 Vacation Church School Institute at Southminster EUB Church in Lincoln on Monday, May 1, from the Congregational United Church of Christ and the First Methodist Church were the Rev. Donald M. Cassidy, Mrs. Keith Clouse, Mrs. Hubert Gropp, Mrs. Longin Prokop, Mrs. Sam Ramp and Mrs. Warren Weber.

The 1967 VCS in Friend will be a united school with grades 1 through 3 meeting at the Methodist Church and grades 4 through Junior High meeting at the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Donald Cassidy will superintend the work at the Congregational Church and superintendent at the Methodist Church will be Mrs. Longin Prokop.

The school will use the Cooperative Series with the theme being "The Bible in the Midst of Life".

Dates for the school this year are from Monday, May 29th through Saturday June 3rd.

Tuesday, May 30th, Memorial Day, will be observed as a holiday and no classes will be scheduled.

African Minister To Speak Here June 2

The Rev. E. Y. Tawia, Stewardship Secretary of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ho, Ghana, will show slides and speak at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Friend, at 8:00 p. m., Friday, June 2. Mr. Tawia is here to tell about the work in Ghana, Africa, also to learn from us methods and ideas of Christianity which are helpful to us.

Mr. Tawia served as a teacher from 1931 to 1959, and decided to enter into the ministry in 1959. After studying at Peki Theological Seminary in Ghana he served a church, and then later was appointed to his present position in 1963. His present position is similar to that of the Minister of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Fred Register, who has offices in Lincoln.

Mr. Tawia comes to us by virtue of the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church. In Ghana the Evangelical Church united with the Presbyterians, and so we are all people of a larger family than we thought.

In Ghana, United Church of Christ doctors and nurses serve in hospitals, act as house parents in Children's Hostels, do rural agricultural extension works, teach in schools, colleges and seminaries, and work with local churches.

The United Church Board for World Ministries, with an overseas staff of some 500 missionaries, teachers, doctors, agricultural experts and social workers in some 30 countries, is sponsoring his visit.

The Friend church is yoked with the Exeter church and it is understood that the Exeter congregation is included without further invitation.

Any interested persons will be welcome. Coffee will be served following the meeting.

Rev. Donald M. Cassidy

Saline County Pioneer Festival Being Held This Week

This week the Saline County Pioneer Festival is being held in Tuxedo Park, Crete.

A historical pageant "Saline County Saga" depicting the history, growth and development of the county is being presented July 17 through 21.

Sunday evening the churches observed the centennial remembrance of the religious heritage of the county. Rev. Donald Cassidy, Friend; Rev. Clark Overland, Lutheran, DeWitt; Very Rev. Max Dewitt, Sacred Heart Church, Crete, related the history and important events of the various faiths.

Recently the centennial committee visited the towns of the county and presented the Mayor and wife and each city a Centennial Plate.

Rev. Jacob Balzer of Crete composed an appropriate and beautiful description of the county which appears on the back of each plate as follows:

"Saline County is a place of beauty and promise. A century ago lush native grasses testified to its fertility. The Big Blue and its tributaries, flowing crystal-clear over beds of gravel, enhanced the setting.

"Today soil-laden floods and deepening gullies bring ominous warnings to us. Rural farmsteads form our rural center, bordered by eight towns and villages. Here live the custodians of this bounty. In our keeping is this heritage of beauty and rich promise."

Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Murval Thompson will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with open house at the Friend Grange Hall on Sunday afternoon, May 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Relatives and friends may call without further invitation.

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Congregational Church

Services First Held In 1877



The First Congregational Church as it appears today

Early records of the First Congregational Church of Friendville reveal a sincere desire on the part of Christian people of the community, then called Friendville, to gather for worship in the early 1870's.

For some time worship services were held in the school house with the Rev. G. B. Page of Dorchester as pastor.

At a meeting on June 15, 1875, those present voted unanimously to organize a Congregational Church. Charter members were:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison of the Congregational Church of Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman F.

Moeller of the Congregational Church, Gape Grove, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine of the Congregational Church of Dorchester.

Henry Harrison on profession of faith.

This newly organized church with Mr. Page as minister continued holding services in the school house until the Fall of 1877. In October, the contract for the building of a church was let, the carpenter work with the exception of the window frames to be done for \$295.00

When the location of the church was considered, there was much opposition to the site as most people were certain the

town would not grow beyond

Sucker Creek but would grow to the north and west. At the time, there were only a few streets in the town and a few scattered homes, most of which were north of the church location.

The Rev. Mr. Page lived in a dugout home on the slope of ground where Warren Memorial Hospital now stands. One evening as he was walking to a ~~town would not grow beyond~~

home to plan church music, he fell into an open cellar way and was an invalid as a result of the injuries sustained until his death a few months later.

The church was dedicated in December 1880, but even then it was not complete. A new bell was purchased and a tower built for it in 1881.

In 1883, an addition was built to the church to be used as a prayer room and pastor's study. Two of the trustees negotiated a loan with Mr. L. E. Southwick for \$225.00 at 10% interest in advance for one year and gave their personal note for \$250.00 to pay for the addition to the church.

By this time the membership had grown to 50. In 1886, 37 new members were added and the church assumed self-support.

In 1894, crops failed and the church was so crippled financially that for six months in 1895 it was unable to employ a minister, so Mr. H. F. Moeller, Mr. H. M. Smith and Dr. H. W. Hewit took turns conducting services and reading sermons thus holding the church together. For several years because of financial depression and crop failures the church had a real struggle, but the faith and courage of those pioneer Christians carried them through.

In 1901 it was decided to build a new church. The old building was moved west and turned to face the north and became what is now known as the chapel. The present sanctuary was then built, also a small basement with kitchen and dining room facilities. The basement was also used for Sunday School.

The new church cost about \$7,000 and was dedicated in 1902 free of debt. The old bell was sold and a larger bell was purchased at an additional cost of \$300.00. About this time the B. & M. Lumber Company gave the church the two lots which it then owned and Dr. F. C. Hinman kindly consented to transfer the lot west of the church to the church, so it became the owner of the complete half block.

In 1905, Mr. W. O. Southwick, a faithful friend of the church, made it possible for the church to purchase a pipe organ which was in use for about forty years. As it became more and more difficult to get needed repairs,

the organ was given to the Children's Home of Henderson, where there were people who knew how to repair it, and a Hammond electric organ was installed in the church.

In 1906, since a more satisfactory home for the pastor was needed, a parsonage was built at approximate cost of \$3,000. The Rev. J. S. Hamilton, brother of Dr. F. T. Hamilton, was the first minister to live in this

home. The Hamiltons served faithfully for about four years.

By its fortieth anniversary the church had grown to 174 members. The Rev. William Becker came to the church in 1928 and served six and a half years during which time there was a fine increase in membership, a new heating plant was installed, the basement of the church was remodelled and enlarged and the sanctuary and chapel were redecorated with cellotex.

In December 1944 the pastor and about 50 members left the church to start the Friend Bible Church. This left a membership of 314.

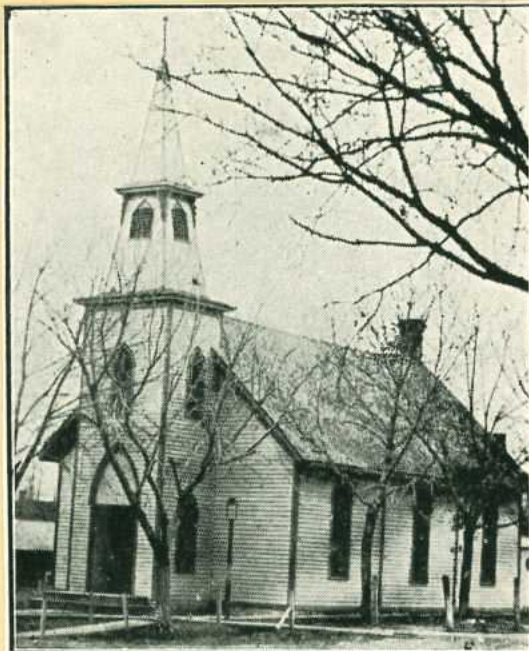
In 1945 a call was issued to the same Rev. William Becker of the earlier pastorate and he returned to the church forward. This pastorate was short due to illness and his release to be with his Lord in November 1947. During this second pastorate new pulpit furniture and organ chimes were provided through memorials from families of the church.

In 1962 Myron Schiefelbein bought and moved the old parsonage, and a new parsonage was built on the same site at a cost of approximately \$21,000.00. The church plans to pay the small indebtedness on this building before the end of 1966.

The women's organization has always been a strong arm of the church, and the youth have had good training in Christian Endeavor, Pilgrim Fellowship and in the Sunday School.

When the Congregational, Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches united to form the United Church of Christ in 1957, this church became a United Church of Christ retaining its former name.

The influence of the Moeller family has been felt through the ninety years. Mrs. William Warner, Mrs. Charles Farquharson and Mrs. F. T. Hamilton were all daughters of this "First Family" and they and their children have followed in Mr. and Mrs. Moeller's footsteps. At the present time, Harold Warner, grandson of the Moellers, and his wife are the only members of the family in the church and they continue the fine work of their ancestors. Since so many of the young people of our community now establish their homes in other areas, the Warner and the Hamilton 50 years, three more than churches elsewhere.



The First Congregational Church of Friendville, Dedicated 1880

The following have been members of the church more than 50 years. three more than 60 years: Mrs. Margaret Sims, Miss Mamie Krebs, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Spence Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Easley, Mrs. John Rule, Mrs. John Krebs, Mrs. Luther Easley and Mrs. H. J. Southwick.

The Rev. Marvin Williams was pastor of the church from November 1954 to August 14, 1961, when he met death in an automobile accident. His wife and daughter are still active members of the church. In 1962 a call was issued to the Rev. D. M. Cassidy and he with his fine family are leading the church forward. The present membership is 278.

And now quoting from Hebrews 11:32, "What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of" the other fine pastors who have served so faithfully through the years such as W. W. Hart, Parry A. Sharp, Edwin Wright, H. H. Price, Leon Moore, Moore Bell and others.

"Time would also fail me to tell of" the many lay members who have served in this church through the years.

Miss Lucile Krebs.

Mrs. Fern Chase Honored Recently By The State Centennial Commission



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There they took a homestead and stayed on it eight years, moved to Seward County and got a quarter section of land, by quit claim deed, as the person who had homesteaded it couldn't "prove up". This was their home as long as they lived. Susan died on Feb. 2nd, 1895 and Jacob in August of 1905.

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With two daughters and one son they moved to Dorchester, for seven months. Moved to Beaver Crossing for three years and then back to the family home where the son died in 1917, aged 12 years and two months.

In 1911 the eldest daughter, Fern, married Clarence Chase and lived on the farm two years, then moved to York County, with one son aged seven months, and stayed on this farm four years. Now with two sons, moved to an "80" four miles east, just into Seward County. They lived on this farm nine months and moved with three sons to another farm one mile north of Cordova. Here they lived for two years before moving to York County on a farm six miles west of Beaver Crossing for another two years and then to near Milford for three years.

Now with six children, moved back to the old home place for eight years, then with ten children, moved to near Friend. They lived on this farm 22 years when Clarence passed away. Two children were born here.

Fern and family stayed on this rented farm four more years, then bought the present home at 603 Pine St. in Friend. One daughter still lives with her.

Five of her 12 children are married and still live in Nebraska, namely: Wayne Chase, wife and two children, Rt. 1, Friend; Mrs. Leon Henke, husband, 305 Walnut St., Friend, two married children; Mrs. Eugene Rule, husband, three sons, Rt. 1, Phillips, Nebr.; Mrs. Arthur Osborne, husband and eight children, Rt. 1, Phillips; Mrs. Neil Falck, husband, three children, York.

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LIST OF SOURCE MATERIALS FOR NEBRASKA CONFERENCE U.C.C.
STATE CENTENNIAL BOOKLET

1. Name (or Names) of Church. *First Congregational Church, Friend (U.C.C.)*
2. Where are your church records kept? *In the church office*
3. Who is responsible for them? *Minister, except for current clerk's book.*
4. List any anniversary history booklets your church has had written.

1. <i>1915 - 40th Anniversary</i>	2. <i>1925 - 50th Anniversary in connection with 50th anniversary meeting of Blue Valley Assn.</i>
3. <i>1931 - Rededicatory Program</i>	4.
5. <i>1950 - 75th Anniversary</i>	(<i>80th anniversary</i> <i>85th</i> " " <i>90th</i> " ") } <i>Special bulletins</i>
5. Do you still have your "Common Cup" communion service or other silver? *yes*
 If so, approximate date... *1900*
 Make or type... *2 cups (chalice) receptacle for filling cups + 2 plates*
 No. of pieces... *All above, Meridian 2225, Quadruple Plate, Wilcox Silver Plate Co.*
 Source or origin... *Baptismal Bowl, 1402 Lima, O.*
Quadruple silver plate, Thomas Communion Service Co.
6. In what language were the early records of your church kept? *English*
 Date of change into English.....
7. Does your church maintain any files of any "parish papers"?
 Names... *Manual, brochure etc* Dates.....
8. Does your church maintain a scrap book? *yes - since 1956*
9. Do you have a church cemetery? *No*
10. List below the main volumes of your church records (see specimen answer).

<i>Clerk's Minutes 1875-1908</i> <i>" 1908-1935</i> <i>" 1935-1945</i> <i>" 1949-1965</i> <i>1965 to date</i>	<i>(One volume of minutes of German Congregational Church which disbanded about 1935)</i>
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11. Does your church have any other materials of historical interest?
Program for Annual Meeting of Blue Valley Assn held at Friend, May 1899.
Order of Service for Dedication of Pipe Organ Sept. 11, 1904. This organ given away 1948
Sunday bulletins 1957-1966
Parents & Women's Fellowship minutes through the years.

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September 12, 1966.

Dear Historian or Church Clerk;

This is to say that the inventory of the historical records of your church has been received and filed.

It is also to apologise that a duplicate form and request was sent to your pastor. This was due to confused filing in the packing and getting ready to move the Conference Office and archives.

Yours sincerely,
I.C.G. Campbell
I.C.G. Campbell
Conference Historian.

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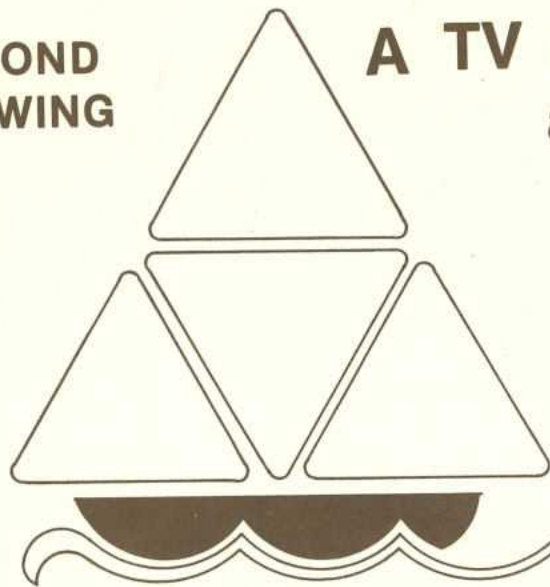
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Rev. Peters Family At Home In Friend Parsonage 1968

618 3rd Street is alive once again with the voices of children and adults. This is the parsonage of the First United Church of Christ - Congregational in Friend, and in Exeter.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Peters with their children Joan Mickna, Steven Mickna and James Peters moved into the parsonage on May 25th, but did not begin their ministry to this community until June 1, after taking a week vacation.

Robert Peters was born in Beloit, Wisconsin but has spent 18 years of his life in Ames, Ia. He attended Iowa State University and Northern Iowa University receiving his B.A. and teachers Certificate there. After serving for two years with the State of Iowa in Child Welfare, he went to Andover-Newton Theological School and then to Eden Seminary where he received his M. A. in Christian Education. After being ordained at Ames, Iowa, he served for two years as Minister of Christian Education at Ralston, Nebr., one year at Big Rapids, Mich., as Minister of Christian Education, Minister of Higher Education, and as Assistant Minister. In 1963 he began serving as Pastor of the Zion United Church of Christ in Talmage, Nebr., where he has been until accepting the post at Exeter and Friend.

Berniece A. Peters was born in Omaha and has spent her life there until her marriage to Steven Mickna III. They lived in Minneapolis until his sudden death with Leukemia, when she returned with her children to Ralston where she met and married Pastor Peters.

Joan Mickna will be entering the fifth grade, Steven Mickna will enter the fourth grade and Jim will be entering the second grade this fall.

The parsonage will be extra lively this year serving as classroom space for two classes that have outgrown the present Church plant.

The Sentinel wishes to join the community in welcoming the Peters family to Friend.



At home here — Steve, Joan, Rev. and Mrs. Peters and Jim.

World Day Of Prayer March 1st

The World Day of Prayer is planned for 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 1st, at the First Congregational Church. The theme for this year is "Bear One Another's Burdens."

This meeting is open to the public.

Seniors Honored At Tea Friday Apr. 26, 1968

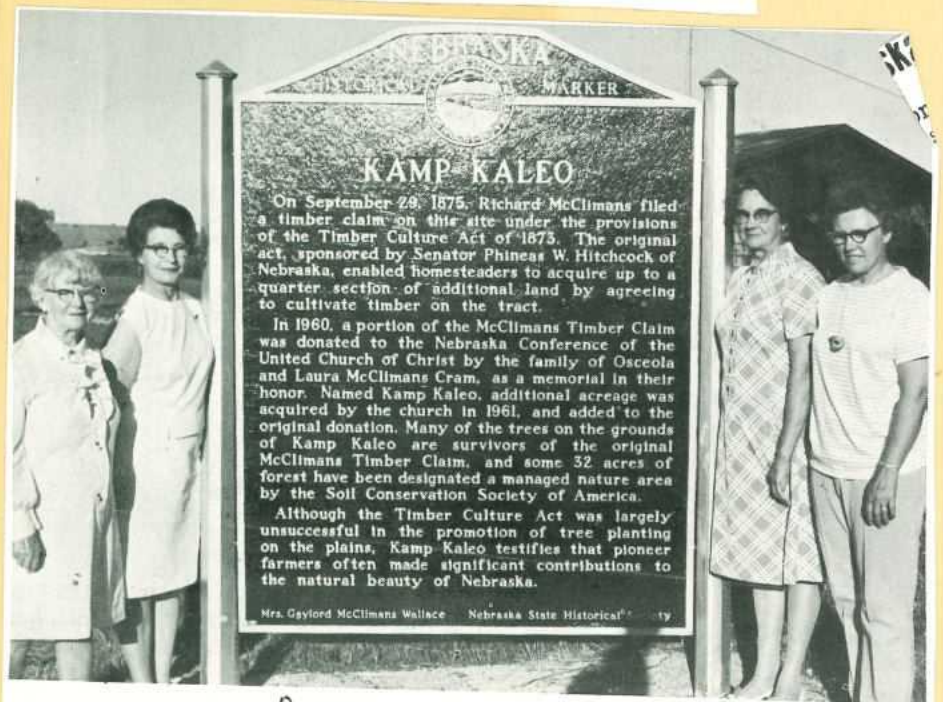
Twenty two seniors and their parents were guests of the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church at a tea Friday evening. Mrs. Bernard Murphy was mistress of ceremonies and carried the theme, "The Geritol Generation vs. the Go Generation," through out the program.

The girls trio composed of Connie Kohout, Barbara McCracken and Jackie Johansen, accompanied by Colleen Maxon sang "Halls of Ivy" and "America, My Heritage." Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cogswell sang a duet, "This Land Is My Land."

Dr. Daryl Williams of Doane College was the speaker for the evening on "Early and Late Bloomers."

Mrs. Richard Yelkin and Mrs. Gene Rohrig poured.

Kaleo Gets Historical Marker



An Historical Marker has been erected near the gate to the Kamp Kaleo grounds at Burwell.

All participants in a Junior Camp being held that week were on hand for the dedication, along with Mrs. Gaylord Wallace, who gave the marker, and Mrs. Mabel Bromwich of Sargent, who donated the original tract of land for the camp.

Mrs. Ira Wilcox presided at the dedication which took place at the suggestion of Mrs. Frances Field of Tilden, a member of the History Commission of the Nebraska Conference.

Going back to the filing of a timber claim in 1875, the marker gives the history of the tract of land and notes the recognition of 32 acres of the forest land as a managed natural area by the Soil Conservation Society.

Left to right, in photo: Mrs. Ira Wilcox and Mrs. Gaylord Wallace, both of Burwell; Mrs. Mabel Bromwich, Sargent; and Mrs. Frances Field, Tilden.

Rev. Peters Candidate For Congregational Church Here

Rev. Robert Peters will be here Sunday as a candidate for the pulpit of the First Congregational Church.

All members and friends are urged to be present for the 11:00 a. m. service to hear this fine young man.

Feb. 25, 1968

Congregationalists Will Hold Centennial Dinner June 25th

The Congregational United Church of Christ in Friend will celebrate the Nebraska Centennial at a carry-in-dinner following the morning services on Sunday, June 25.

The celebrating will begin with the 11:00 a. m. service in conjunction with Promotion Sunday for the Church School, for worshippers will be wearing their Centennial clothing.

At the dinner, open to all, Dr. Dean Darling of Lincoln a Veterinarian and member of the Northeast Community United Church of Christ, will bring greetings appropriate to the occasion.

Coincidentally on that day the 10th anniversary of the United Church of Christ is being observed across the nation and in particular by delegates to the General Synod now in session in Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the dinner the church will furnish rolls, coffee, other table items and diners are asked to bring their own table service, and appetites for food and fun.

UNITED CHURCH CENTENNIAL DINNER

The church dining room was filled with those who stayed after services on June 25th for the Centennial dinner at the Congregational United Church of Christ.

Following the abundant meal Mrs. Conrad Ohs read a piece entitled "My Church" which traced the relationship of a person and the church during a lifetime. Then Mrs. Lester Cogswell told about the history of the local church from its organization in 1875 on through to the present time.

After these brief talks Dr. Dean Darling, a Lincoln Veterinarian and member of the Northeast United Church of Christ, spoke of the Nebraska history of the Congregational Churches with their eventual uniting with other churches to become the United Church of Christ in Nebraska on June 25, 1957, this being the 10th anniversary of the United Church of Christ.

In closing his talk he spoke of the possibilities for the next 100 years and challenged the Friend congregation to live up to and to surpass the heritage of the past 100 years.

Many of the ladies of the church dressed in their Centennial outfits for the day, and a number of the men wore clothing typical of the early days, including some hirsute adornment, adding a colorful atmosphere to the gathering.

Spend Week End At Kamp Kaleo

Members of the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship of the Congregational Church spent the past week end at Kamp Kaleo, the United Church of Christ camp near Burwell.

Young people attending the retreat were Carolyn Thompson, Dick Weber, Bob Buckingham, Bud Cassiday, Jackie Johansen, Connie Kohout, Barbara McCracken, and Joanne Cassiday.

The group was accompanied by the Pilgrim Fellowship sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Yokel.

This retreat provided an opportunity to plan interesting programs for future meetings while becoming familiar with Kamp Kaleo and the beautiful surrounding area.

Donald Cassidays To Visit California

The Rev. & Mrs. Donald M. Cassiday with the children and Mrs. Cassiday's mother, Mrs. L. S. Tuttle are enroute to California where they will visit relatives and friends. On the way they plan to stop at the Grand Canyon, and will be camping for overnight stops. They will visit Mrs. Cassiday's sister in Bakersfield, and Mr. Cassiday's brothers in San Jose and Santa Rosa. They will return for Sunday, August 27, and Mr. Cassiday will conduct services at both Friend and Exeter churches on August 27.

John H. Webers To Be Honored On 50th Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber will be hosts to an open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception will be at the Grange Hall at Friend from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 11th.

Friends and relatives may call without further invitation.

The Webers were married on June 14, 1917. They have a daughter, Mrs. Russell Leach of Lincoln, a son Wayne Weber of Fremont, and one granddaughter and six grandsons.

Cogswells To Be Feted On 40th Anniversary

The daughters and their families of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cogswell will honor their parents with an open house for their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 12th from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. at the Grange Hall in Friend.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend without further invitation.

FOOD SALE: Do your Thanksgiving baking the easy way. Shop at the Congregational Woman's Fellowship Food Sale, Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10:00 a. m. at the church west door, upstairs. 7-1p

Union Thanksgiving Services Will Be Held At Gospel Tabernacle

This year the Union Thanksgiving Service at Friend will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle, Fifth & Chestnut, at 7:30 p.m. The "Friendennials" will present the Thanksgiving Anthems, and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Stanley Ganzel, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Others having parts in the service will be Msgr. Leslie Barnes, St. Joseph's Catholic Church; the Rev. Donald Cassiday, Congregational United Church of Christ; and the Rev. Clinton Fick, pastor of the host Church.

An offering will be received for the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Churches which have special Thanksgiving-Relief Funds for which envelopes already have been distributed may use these, and they will be turned over to the respective pastors.

The service is open to the public Wednesday, Nov. 22nd.

LAST SERVICE IN FRIEND FOR REV. CASSIDAY 1967

This Sunday, Nov. 19, will be the Rev. Donald M. Cassiday's last Sunday in the pulpits of the Friend and Exeter Congregational United Churches of Christ. The family will move to Omaha where Mr. Cassiday will be the pastor of the First United Church of Christ and the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Omaha.

Their home will be at 9606 Linden Avenue, located south of the city limits, one block east of 36th St.

The Cassidays came to Friend in March, 1962, originally moving into the old Gilbert Blanchard residence until the present parsonage was completed. After living here for almost six years the family knows that part of itself will be left here but also expects to continue the many friendships which have become a part of our lives.

"You will always be welcome in our home," concluded Rev. Cassiday.

Cassidays Accept Call To Omaha

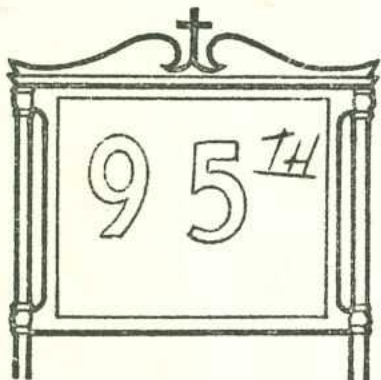
The Rev. Donald M. Cassiday, minister of the United Church of Christ in Friend and Exeter since March of 1962, has accepted a call to serve with the First United Church of Christ in Omaha, and Pilgrim Congregational Church in Omaha. Mr. Cassiday will begin his new work after the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Cassidays moved to Friend from Utah, arriving here on the coldest winter day in 75 years. For one year they lived in the Gilbert Blanchard home, property of the Friend Golf Club, while the church was constructing the present parsonage.

All of the family have been active in school and community affairs. Mr. Cassiday currently serves on the advisory committee to the City Council Planning Committee, is treasurer of Boy Scout Troop No. 270 in Friend, and has been on other committees. During 1964-1965 he served as president of Friend Rotary International. At present he is chairman of the South Central Association Committee of the United Church of Christ Committee on the Church and Ministry, and is a member of the Nebraska UCC Commission on Higher Education, and serves as a vice president of the Saline County Mental Health Association. Mrs. Cassiday teaches Church School, is a member of the choir, the Friend Centennials choral group, the County Extension Club and the Friend Woman's Club.

During Mr. Cassiday's ministry in Friend and Exeter, the Friend church built a new home, and made various improvements in the Church building. The Exeter Church continued a renovating program begun earlier and completed this about two years ago.

The Cassidays expect to continue the friendships made during these years, and their home in Omaha will be open to any and all of their Friend and Exeter friends. An address for their new home has not been chosen yet. Both Omaha Churches sold their parsonages, and the Cassidays have been house-hunting, and will announce the address as soon as it is available.



Anniversary

You are invited to the 95th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) October 25, 1970 at *Friend, Nebr.*

Morning Worship will be at 11:00 A.M. with Special organ and choir music especially for this occasion.

Following the morning worship there will be a basket dinner (Pot Luck) and fellowship at 1:00 P.M.

Then comes a special Anniversary program at 2:30 P.M. Featured in this program will be the Junior Choir, Quartet, instrumental and vocal numbers. A reading of the Church's history, and a special recognition of the 50 year members. There will be moments of thought by ministers who previously served here, and by visiting ministers. We will also have refreshments and a time for visiting with those we have not seen for some time.

A special offering will be taken during the morning worship to express our special thank to God by contributing to our ministries beyond the local Church through our Christian World Mission.

Join us and make our joy complete on this day of Celebration.



PUBLIC SALE

The following listed property, which is the house and garage located on the lot where the First Congregational Church of Friend will build a new parsonage, will be sold at Public Auction at the building site which is at 221 Chestnut St. in Friend, Nebraska, on:

Saturday, Mar. 24

1963

Starting at 1:30 p.m.

House and Garage

HOUSE — This is a two story, 7 room, four bedrooms (one downstairs, three upstairs), frame house, with modern bath and kitchen.

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For inspection of the house or further information, see Wayne Yokel, or Rev. Cassidy, phone 947-3431.

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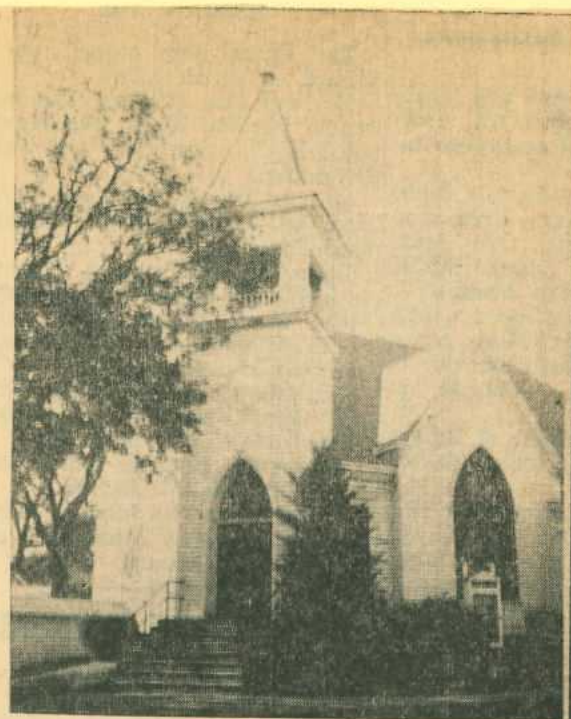
Dear Members and Friends;

As a part of our celebration of our 95th Anniversary, we desire to joyfully share with the wider Church by combining our gifts to the local mission of our church

with a special offering to Our Christian World Mission. In each pew, and in the literature rack will be special envelopes for this purpose. Please share with both missions as we are \$370 in the red locally, and 8,000 in the red internationally. God loves a hilarious giver, so be one.

We are also asked to remind you to bring your table service with you when you come for the basket dinner at 1:00 P.M.

*The offering will be collected at the morning Service only.



Special services will mark the Church's 95th birthday . . .

Oct. 7, 1970

Congregational Church Will Mark 95th Anniversary

The United Church of Christ will observe the 95th anniversary on October 25, 1970.

There will be Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. followed by a morning worship at 11:00 with special music.

Basket dinner at 12:30, followed by a special program at 2:30.

Reserve the day and spend it at the U.C.C.

In the 1870's, there being no church in the area, the Christians held meetings in the schoolhouse of Friendville with Rev. B. G. Page of Dorchester as pastor. In May of 1875 a committee was formed and then on June 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine and Henry Harrison met in Frantz Hall and organized the Congregational Church.

Rev. Page was pastor of this group and the membership grew during those three years to twenty-nine. While going downtown from his home, a dug-out, where the hospital now stands, the Rev. Page fell into a cellar making him an invalid until his death.

The religious meetings continued in the schoolhouse, and then after much discussion of location, the building was begun in the fall of 1877. The church was plastered and painted the following spring. Seats were donated by a church in Missouri. The bell and tower were added later when the congregation felt they could be afforded.

United Church
Of Christ,
Congregational
To Observe
Ninty-Five
Anniversary
This Sunday



Oct. 22, 1970

The United Church of Christ, Congregational, in observing its 95th anniversary this coming Sunday, will have a special worship service at 11:00 a.m., with a covered dish dinner at 1:00 o'clock.

An anniversary program, beginning at 2:30 p.m., will include the history of this congregation, presentation of the 50 year members, remarks or letters from the past pastors, and musical numbers.

Came From Far And Near To Observe 95th Anniversary

Many, from far and near, were present Sunday to observe the 95th anniversary of the United Church of Christ, Congregational.

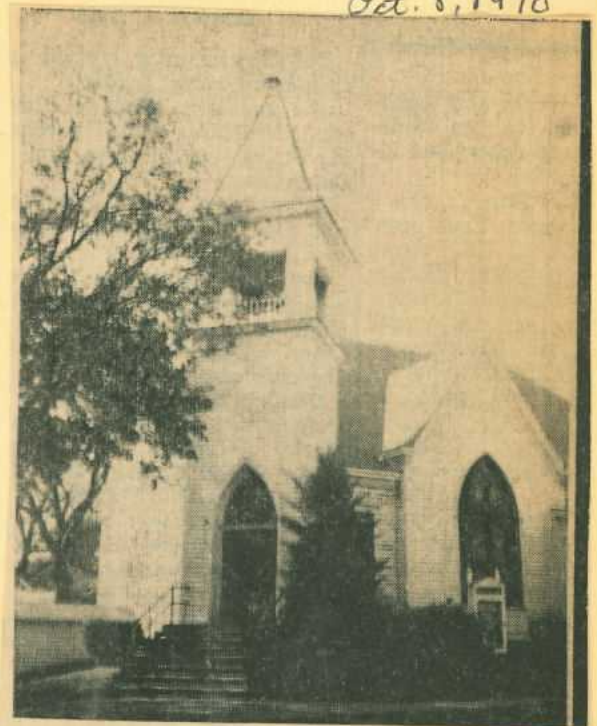
The morning worship service was followed by a fellowship dinner. Special music, and scripture reading and reading of the history were part of the afternoon program. Rev. and Mrs. Moore Bell of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Perry Blanchard and family, Falls City, were present to greet friends, while letters were read from former pastors, Rev. Henry Demler of Dubuque, Ia., and John Knight of Lincoln, as well as many congratulatory notes.

Pins were presented to fifty year members: Mr. and Mrs. Ogden (Aline) Easley, Mrs. Luther (Mildred) Easley, Mrs. Ella Krebs, Mrs. Agnes Miller, Mrs. Conrad (Nonearl) Ohs, Mrs. John (Bessie) Rule, and Mrs. Carolyn Spence and Frank Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber and Mrs. Bertha Cogswell have been members of this congregation for 49½ years.



50 yrs. members
Bessie Rule, Nonearl Ohs, Ella Krebs,
Mildred Easley, Frank Stewart, Ogden Easley
Aline Easley.



Special services will mark the Church's 95th birthday

Congregational Church Will Mark 95th Anniversary

The United Church of Christ will observe the 95th anniversary on October 25, 1970.

There will be Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. followed by a morning worship at 11:00 with special music.

Basket dinner at 12:30, followed by a special program at 2:30.

Reserve the day and spend it at the U.C.C.

In the 1870's, there being no church in the area, the Christians held meetings in the schoolhouse of Friendville with Rev. B. G. Page of Dorchester as pastor. In May of 1875 a committee was formed and then on June 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine and Henry Harrison met in Frantz Hall and organized the Congregational Church.

Rev. Page was pastor of this group and the membership grew during those three years to twenty-nine. While going downtown from his home, a dug-out, where the hospital now stands, the Rev. Page fell into a cellar making him an invalid until his death.

The religious meetings continued in the schoolhouse, and then after much discussion of location, the building was begun in the fall of 1877. The church was plastered and painted the following spring. Seats were donated by a church in Missouri. The bell and tower were added later when the congregation felt they could be afforded.



Henry and Mabel Zieg at the 95th Anniversary



Good neighbor Robert Peters.

Friend Minister Still Modest Over 'Good Neighbor' Award

Sept. 13 - 1974
By TOM COOK

Southeast Nebraska Bureau
Friend — The Rev. Robert Peters of Friend is still mystified by the Good Neighbor Citation he and his wife received from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben in May.

But then what else would you expect from a good neighbor?

When the Peterses received the award it noted their work with youth in Friend, but the Rev. Mr. Peters figures if it was deserved at all, it should have been for the programs established for the elderly through his church.

He is especially proud of the new manor for the elderly which has been built with public funds

since he came to the small Saline County community.

'Couldn't Wait'

"When I came here all the elderly were located in the annex across from the new manor," he said. "They had the attitude that they couldn't wait to die."

The annex is now used to provide services such as meals and cleaning for the elderly who are otherwise able to live outside the manor, and the Rev. Mr. Peters says "it has made a big difference in their attitudes."

"After the manor was built and we got going on activities for them, attitudes changed dramatically."

Members of the minister's Friend United Church of Christ congregation are instrumental in providing programs like bingo, cards and inter-community activities for the elderly.

The Rev. Mr. Peters arranges activities with communities in the Friend area which "they really seem to enjoy."

As for youth activities, the Rev. Mr. Peters says his wife has been active there through teaching church groups, besides raising their three children.

Camping Encouraged

The Peters are avid campers, and have encouraged church youth to take advantage of camping programs which they feel are an integral part of a church program.

Although he discounts his importance in Friend Public School's half-day voluntary preschool program for 4-year-olds, he has been active in it since its inception four years ago.

"I serve as a teacher's aide volunteer," he says. "My intention at that time was to make observations for use in church programs."

At first the Rev. Mr. Peters served every day, but says that he has now dropped down to about every other day. Besides the experiences and joy of working with youngster, he says a valuable side effect developed.

"I found that it was an excellent way to reach into the lives of families in the community," he says. "I also got several teachers to become active in our church."

"It wasn't intended that way, but that's how it worked out."

1974 Good Neighbor Award For Rev. And Mrs. Robert Peters

Rev. Robert and Berneice Peters were among the ninety-three individuals selected for the 1974 Good Neighbor Award by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. The Peters nominated by friends, will receive a framed citation and gold lapel pin for the activities and recreation programs they have established for young citizens of Friend.

Miss Ada Littlefield of Dorchester, who at 85 goes out of her way to help others and assists confined neighbors by making visits, bringing mail each morning, groceries or doing odd jobs, has also been recognized.

He took some flak from a church board member initially, he says, but most people have now seen the value, and the school is glad to have the help.

New Church Planned

The groundbreaking for the new church his congregation is building will take place in the near future. Perhaps that is the best testimony to his success in the community.

"The district (officials) was happy and a little surprised," he says.

"People usually tend to treat ministers like salesmen or insurance agents," he says. "By working in the community, I am able to reach them on a personal level."

The Rev. Mr. Peters says he has stayed in Friend longer than any of his predecessors he knows about.

"Even 10 or 15 years ago, many of the people around here were agnostics," he says. "Many of the early settlers here came from Czechoslovakia and were very bitter toward churches because they felt they had been bled by the Catholic Church in Europe."

Members of the congregation can remember being met at the door with a shotgun when taking a church census, according to the minister. That has not happened to him.

Wears two hats

The Rev. Mr. Peters, who also ministers the Exeter First Congregational United Church of Christ, believes worker ministers may be the gospel bearers of the future.

Will Present Special Play To Observe The Holy Week

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church will jointly sponsor a special play appropriate for Holy Week. The Play called "Construction" and written by Paul Stone and presented by the Youth of the United Church of Christ at Geneva. The play is being put on in the School gym to accommodate the large props and expected attendance. It will be presented Palm Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

This play has a powerful message for all Christians, and has created a tremendous impact where ever it has been done. It is symbolic and slightly other-worldly, in that it is not located in any particular time or place, and the characters are real only to the degree that they have characteristics of normal everyday personalities. In the misty flats of this never-never land, nine persons find themselves together. All about them are materials and tools with which they are to do something. They are perplexed, fearful, and argumentative as they wait. Each one in turn finds fault with the other's ideas of what is supposed to be done with the materials at hand. Fear seizes the group when they become aware of others nearby — unknown and unseen.

We hope you will plan to attend. Everyone is invited!



*One of the
Community Activities in
which the Rev. Peters
took part.*

Emergency Medical Technicians making up Friend's Ambulance Crews are, left to right: Bob McKeeman, Jim Surber, Dick Thompson, Mike Bowman, Rev. Robert Peters, Art Drake, Harold Brown, Earl Larka, Ken Lindsay, Cleo Wise and Bruce Hardin.



Grain, dedicated by CROP, will leave Friend bound for the needy in areas overseas.

Five Railroad Cars Of Wheat Donated To CROP By Nebraska Growers

Five hopper cars, each holding 33,000 bushels of grain were dedicated Friday for CROP. The ceremony took place at the Farmers Cooperative Elevator with Rev. Richard Staple of the Nebraska CROP office giving a Statement of Gathering. Rev. Gordon Fox of the Friend Gospel Tabernacle offered a

prayer of praise and scripture reading, with Rev. Robert Peters of the United Church of Christ, Congregational giving a benediction.

The wheat was grown in this area with funds given from donors all over Nebraska. Its destination is India, where four pounds of wheat are received for hand labor, large-

ly work now in building irrigation canals and wells in order that this country may become more self-sustaining. Women are also laborers. Rev. Peters stated, "The average person walks five miles in hope of getting work, and often there are too many there already for the tasks."

Meeting At Boys Town

Rev. Robert Peters of United Church of Christ, Congregational, was among 60 clergymen invited from Nebraska and Iowa to participate in the Education Conference held at Boys Town this week from the 10th to 14th.

Specialists in business, housing, labor relations and agriculture share their expertise with clergymen seeking information needed as leaders and counselors. It is directed by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Union Good Friday Services At United Church Of Christ

Union Good Friday services will be held Friday evening at 7:30 in the United Church of Christ, Congregational.

Guest speaker will be Rev. James Wilkens, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Milford. The public is invited to attend.

Easter Sunrise Service Is Planned

The United Church of Christ will be holding an Easter Sunrise Service. We would like to invite anyone, grades 9-12 and over to participate in our service!

We will be meeting at the Methodist Church at 5:40 a.m.

After the service, the Congregational Church will serve breakfast.

State Position For Rev. Knight

Roger Knight Called To Conference Post

Nov. 1970



Front: Geoffrey, Eric, Leanne Back; Steve, Beth, Roger

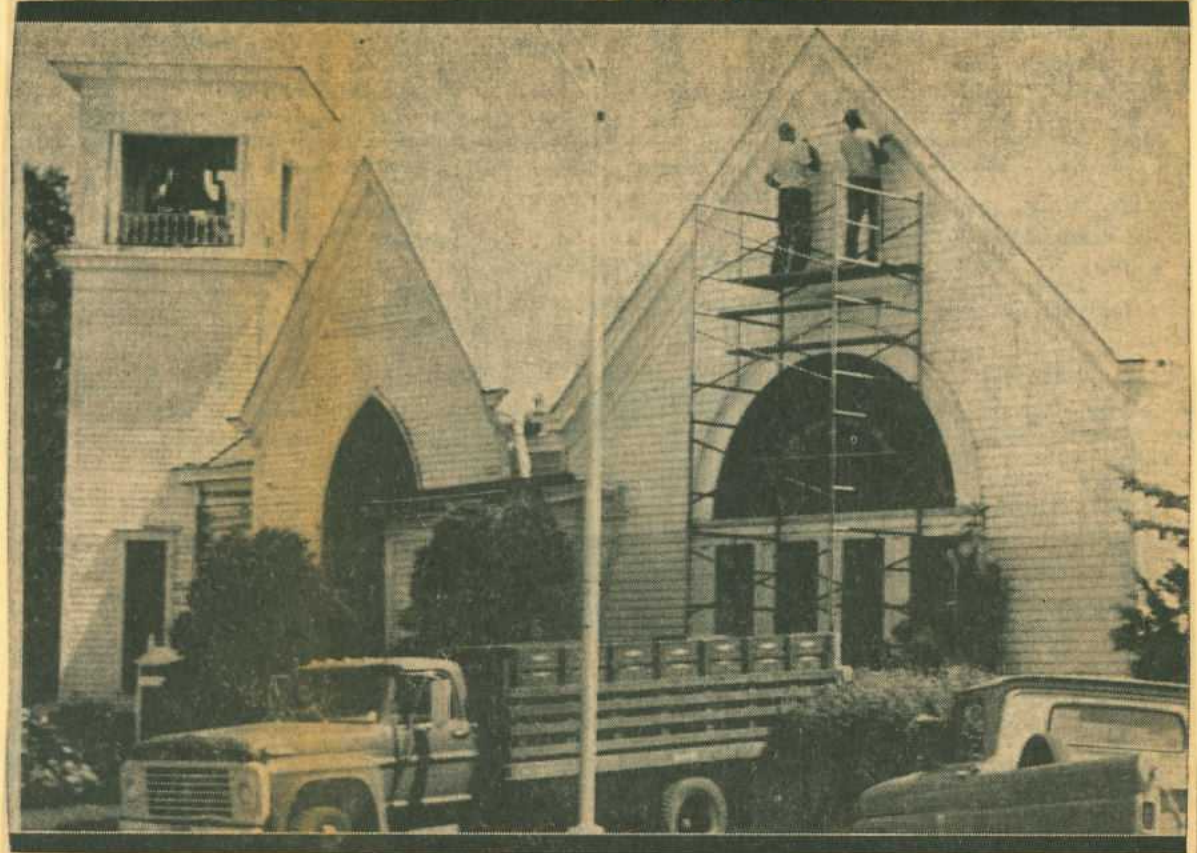
Delegates of the Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ, meeting at Hastings elected the Rev. Roger Knight as associate conference minister.

He is presently pastor of Orchard Ridge Church,

Madison, Wis. The Rev. Mr. Knight will serve on the Lincoln conference staff in the area of leadership development and education. He will assume duties in February, 1971.

He is currently attending the University of Wisconsin. The Rev. Mr. Knight is a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary and also served pastorates at Gilbert, Iowa.

Aug. 19, 1971



The Congregational Church gets a new coat of paint. Despite the fact that farmers are busy and everyone is getting ready for the Centennial, members all pitched in and the job lasted only a few days.

Congregational Church Receives New Coat Of Paint; All Volunteer Labor

It took 300 hours and 34 gallons of white latex base outdoor paint when the United Church of Christ, Congregational lay people painted their church building recently. While repairing they also used a case of caulking compound and repainted windows. This has been partially paid by voluntary contributions.

Men who painted were William Farrar, Conrad Ohs, Art Swanson, George Barney, Dr. Reich, Lester Cogswell, Charles Cogswell, Dick Thompson, Kenneth Chab, Frank Stewart, Harold Warner, Robert Vleck, Keith Clouse, Bernard Murphy, and Everett Stewart.

Ladies giving a woman's touch were Mmes. Roy Surber, Arnold Frandson, Jim Surber, Brian Mariska, Kenneth Chab, Everett Stewart and George Barney.

Women who furnished and prepared lunch were Misses Lucile Krebs and Ethel Beggs and Mmes. Warren Cunningham, Geo. Zieg, Jr., Haskell Cogswell, Winnie Williams, Ted Clouse and Conrad Ohs.

A professional steeple jack will paint the silver top.

At a special Conference Meeting held at First Congregational Church (U.C.C.) in Hastings, on Monday, November 16, the Rev. Roger D. Knight, of Madison, Wisconsin, was called to the position of Associate Minister of the Nebraska Conference.

The post which Mr. Knight will assume replaces the former staff position of Minister of Christian Education. The focus of this position, as defined by the Board of Directors, will be on Leadership Development, Educational Ministries, Youth Ministry and Camping.

The new staff member will assume his new duties in February, 1971.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Knight graduated from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1959. After graduation, he served a church at Gilbert, Iowa, before coming to Madison, Wisconsin, in 1961, where he is pastor of the 70-member Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.

Within the past two years, he has taken two quarters of Clinical Pastoral Training at Kansas City and at Madison, Wisconsin, and since 1968 he has been a part-time student at the University of Wisconsin. He is presently working on a thesis which he hopes to complete in January, 1971.

He is married to the former Beth Ellen Harrington, a native of New York state. Mrs. Knight holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from Hartford Theological Seminary. She taught school in Western New York and in the summer of 1955, was an Exchange Student in Belgium.

The Knights have four children: Steven, almost 9; Geoffrey, 6; Eric, almost 3; and Leanne, 6 months (received by adoption in June of 1970.)

Jamieson To Be Conference Minister

The Reverend David J. Jamieson, now Associate Secretary of the Council for Lay Life and Work, will become Nebraska Conference Minister on March 1, 1972. Mr. Jamieson was called to the position by a vote of the Conference at a specially called meeting held in Grand Island, January 11, 1972, following a recommendation by the Selection Committee and the Conference Board of Directors.

In his present position, Mr. Jamieson was responsible for coordinating the activities of lay groups within the denomination and for developing programs to stimulate the participation of laymen and laywomen in the life of the church. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he works out of an office in LaGrange, Illinois. He previously held pastorates in Goshen, Indiana and in Galesburg, Michigan.

Mr. Jamieson is a graduate of Oberlin College and of Chicago Theological Seminary and the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago.

The calling of Mr. Jamieson climaxes an intensive search begun by the Selection Committee in September of 1971, following the resignation of Conference Minister Scott S. Libbey.

The meeting in Grand Island included the viewing of a set of slides showing the activities of the Jamieson family, words of endorsement by Mr. John Newman, chairman of the Selection Committee and by Mr. Charles Velte, Chairman of the Conference Board of Directors, a period of dialogue directed by Mr. Ken Tharp, a member of the Selection Committee and response by Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson and their children, D. Kirk, David and Sara.



The new Conference first family: (Left to right): D. Kirk (12), Betty, Sarah (9), David, Bruce (12).



First at the finish line for the recent CROP Hunger Drive were, left to right, Dan Schiefelbein, Tom Ahern, George Orbin and Craig Jochim.

Nov. 2, 1972

Youth Walk Nets \$593.81 For CROP; Total \$1,172.59

A grand total of \$1,172.59 has been donated to CROP in the recent drive in the Friend area.

The Development Walk by the youth representing the United Youth Fellowship of the United Methodist church and the United Church of Christ and the Catholic Youth Organization netted \$593.81.

The Friend Grange sponsored a rural drive when 239 bu. of milo at \$1.94 or \$463.66, 34 bu. corn at \$1.18 or \$40.12 and \$75.00 in cash netted a total of \$578.78 for the enterprise.

Guest Day Scheduled May 1

The annual Guest Day for the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ, Friend, will be on May 1st. Beginning with a 1:00 o'clock salad luncheon. The program following will feature the Nebraska Indian Commissioner as speaker.

See you there.

April 26, 1973



Mrs. Svehla, left, will welcome Mrs. William's help even though it will be on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Joe Svehla Assumes Duties As Friend's New City Clerk

1973

Mrs. Joe (Phyllis) Svehla, who began her career as assistant City Clerk in May of 1966, has accepted the position of Clerk for the City of Friend.

Mrs. Winnie Williams, the retiring clerk, states "I am very thankful to continue in the capacity of assistant, working approximately fourteen days a month, helping out during the busiest times."

She continued, "The sewer plant under construction when I began with the city November 1, 1961, was completed during my service, and two additions were built at the hospital."

"Many amusing things have happened over the years to break the usual routine and I shall enjoy reading and many other things that I have set aside during the past twelve years I was a full-time employee of the city," she said.

Congregational Vacation Church School Students Visit The Sentinel

July 7, 1974



Recently, the Kindergarten class of the Friend Congregational Vacation Church School visited the Friend Sentinel office. We watched the paper being run off on big sheets of paper and were very interested in the folding machine.

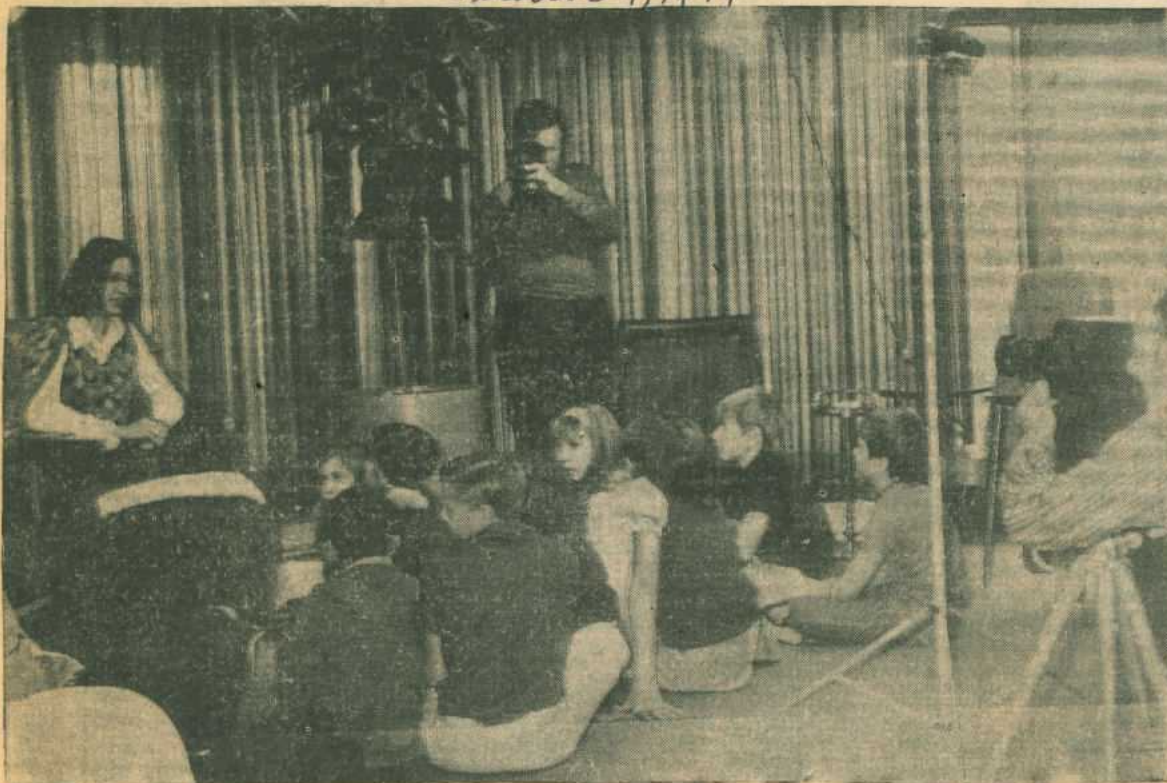
During the week we have been learning about our neighborhood and the jobs that people do. We thank all the people at the Sentinel office for allowing us to come and learn how their job helps the people in our community.

The children on this field trip were Linda Chab, Shelly Benson, Sheri Glenn, Shawne Benson, Barbara Steyer, Will Yokel, Chris Colon, Kari Homolka, Donna Rasplicka, Darren Brown, and Stacy Wattles. Teachers are Diann Steyer and Sarah Yokel.

Not pictured: Kristin Kraus.

Congregational Sunday School Class On State-wide TV; Will Be Shown On 10, 6

October 24, 1974



Mrs. Colon and her class shown here at work before the cameras. Don Wright, KOLN photographer and his assistant used a lot of film following the action of these Friend 5th and 6th graders.

The 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class of the Friend Congregational Church is involved in filming a television program that will be shown on channels 10, 6 and 11. The Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, Inc., is producing a four-segment TV. series that will demonstrate innovative teaching techniques that may be used by the church school teachers.

Project director Jerry De Prenger arrived in Friend Saturday morning with his TV crew of four to film Mrs. Frank Colon's Sunday School class in action. The taping was done at the Robert Milton home where the class is meeting while the new church is being built, at the construction site and at Friend Manor where the children took part in a service for the patients with Pastor Peter.

The other three segments in the TV series will focus on Kindergarten, high school and adult classes. The show will be aired early in 1975 on the CBS affiliates in Nebraska.

Final Service Held In Congregational Church Here

The First Congregational United Church of Christ had a Service of Decommissioning on Sunday, August 18, 1974. This was the last worship service in the present church structure. There was a moment of reflection about all the special events that have taken place in the church, and prayers for the future.

The church is being torn down in readiness for the new building. The beautiful stained glass windows were removed on Friday and the bell Wednesday morning, and work on the new building will begin soon. Church services are being held at Moore's Funeral Chapel until the new building is completed.

Anyone wishing to contribute their gifts to the new church may send them in care of Keith Clouse.









FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FRIEND , NEBRASKA

December 18, 1969

Dear Members and Friends;

I am writing you at the request of the Building Committee and the Canvassers, who asked me to share with you the results of the Canvass that was held a week and one half ago.

102 of the 154 cards were returned

There were 46 immediate cash pledges totalling \$ 14, 300.

There were 28 five year pledges totalling \$ 22,210

We already have \$ 3,575.15 in the building fund.

18 pledges were under \$100

19 pledges were between \$100-300

4 pledges were between \$500-600

5 pledges were \$1000 and over

The building Committee has accepted the apparent wishes of the Congregation and has dissolved after completing its task.

The majority of the Board of Trustees after attempting to winterize the building has re-affirmed its position that the old building cannot be renovated.

What do we do now? This decision will be made by the congregation at a special meeting January 25th at 7:30 P.M. We hope you will come and help decide our future.

While not an exhaustive list of possibilities, the following would appear to be the possible paths that are open to us.

1. A more concerted effort to raise funds to build a new building.
2. Begin a study with the United Methodist Church to consider a possible merger.
3. Set support braces on the old structure and build a new educational unit to the West and South, or entirely to the South.
4. Begin a major effort toward building, by developing a building fund to be completed within five years.

The regular Annual meeting will be held on January 11th at 2:00 P.M. With the business that must be carried on in the Annual meeting it was thought that there would not be sufficient time for thoroughly discussing this problem but we may have time for limited discussion. We ask that you think through carefully this problem before the January 25th meeting. Thank You!

Respectfully
Robert Peters
Pastor

To honor the Finance Committee -

A Church is a place to gather and worship
And offer Thanks for the blessings received;
A place to share in all the joys of life
And a haven of comfort when we are bereaved.

The Friend United Church of Christ congregations
Have been richly blessed for over one hundred year
With members who could see the importance
Of maintaining a Building to love and endear.

The folks at Friend decided to build a new church
At the Annual Church Meeting in Seventy-Four
After the experts informed us with sadness
That our beloved old church was beyond restore.

The members were filled with enthusium;
But, human emotions are creatures so funny
As even the most faithful had to inquire
"Where in the world will we get all that money?"

We knew that it wouldn't be easy
On this fact we were compelled to agree;
But, our doubts were greatly dispelled
With the appointment of a good Finance Committee.

This Committee was chairmaned by Frank Stewart
A Gentleman most conscientious and sincere
Who performed his task to perfection
For the particular interest of everyone here.

Lucile Krebs is one Lady on the Committee
She has lived a life of service and love.
We know that this extent of faithful devotion
Is a special Blessing to our Father above.

Nonearl Qhs is the other Woman Committee Member
Who contributed much to the success of this team.
She was delighted with the realization
Of what was once just a beautiful dream.

The Finance Committee Secretary is Keith Clouse
Who gave unselfishly of his talent and time,
As his counting funds and constructing letters
Helped to make easier a difficult climb.

Ray Losh was also a part of this group
His ideas and suggestions were helpful to all.
All of these Members were proud of their efforts
As our new Church was dedicated in the Fall.

Many meetings had been held in the Krebs Home
Letters were written and mailings were sent.
Personal visits were made to the members
To explain and make clear Financial intent.

These people have worked hard on a big job
Spanning several months and many long days;
And, we do want to take this opportunity
To offer to them our unending praise.

But, Dear Friends, the job is not over
You'll see these good folks continue their task
Until all of the Building debt is paid
And your help they need no longer ask.

May God Bless our entire Congregation
And especially those we honor today.
We pray for his continuous guidance
As we attempt to live the Christian Way.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FRIEND, NEBRASKA

Thankful for the gifts God has given me, I desire to give the following amount to the building fund.

PLEASE CHECK ONE AND RETURN TO:

The Building Finance Committee
First Congregational Church
Friend, Nebraska 68359

_____ I am enclosing my check for \$ _____

_____ I cannot give now but will give \$ _____ later this year.

_____ I will give \$ _____ once construction is started and will give \$ _____ in the following _____ years.

Dated _____ signed _____

1974 FRIEND ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Meeting called to Order Kenneth Chab

Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Presentation of the Plans for a New Church Building

Vote on plans for the church building by secret Ballot

Consideration of the Proposed Ammendments (Additions) to our Constitution

Report of the Treasurer (Hooray!)

Report of the Nominationg Committee

Presentation of the 1974 Budget

Other Business ?

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL
FRIEND, NEBRASKA

December 17, 1973

Dear Members & Friends:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th, at 2 P.M. in the church basement.

The Purpose of this meeting will be twofold. The first item of business will be a presentation of the proposed building plan by Harold Friborg, an architect from Hastings.

We hope you will study the enclosed building plan in preparation for a question and answer period.

A final decision on the building plan will then be made by ballot.

The second order of business will deal with general church matters, including an amendment to the constitution, the proposed budget for 1974, and year end reports.

The survival of the congregation depends upon your participation. Do plan to attend this important meeting.

The Church Council

Kenneth Chab, Chairman

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FRIEND, NEBRASKA

Dear Members and Friends,

This letter is being written to inform all members and friends of the Church of the reports made and the decisions reached at the annual meeting regarding the new church building.

The building finance committee reported a total of \$60,000 in pledges and cash paid into the fund on the meeting date. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to continue with the building plans by appointing a building committee. This committee, composed of seven members from the different organizations of the church, is to begin studying the needs and planning the structure. Actual construction of the building is not to begin until 80% of the cost is received in cash and short term pledges. The 41 members present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The committee also reported that they had visited a few new churches which cost from \$100,000 to \$115,000. It was the opinion of this committee that a building similar to those visited would be adequate for our needs.

We ask each of you to give this important matter your prayerful consideration. If we all support this drive now, perhaps we can begin construction of the new building yet this year!! We are enclosing a card for your use if you desire to amend your old pledge or to make a new pledge. We urge all of you, who have not already done so, to begin payment of your pledges as soon as possible.

If any of you would like additional information or would like to express your views, please feel free to contact a member of this committee at any time.

Let us all share in this glorious event!

Yours in Christ
Frank Stewart
Nonearl Ohs
Keith Clouse
Lucile Krebs

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FRIEND, NEBRASKA 68359
Ph. 947-5491

July 16, 1974

Dear Members:

We are happy to announce, at long last, a special congregational meeting to vote on a bid for the proposed church building.

This special congregational meeting will be held this Sunday July 21 at 2:30 P.M. in the church basement. We must hold this meeting at this time to prevent further spiraling building costs.

For those who will be unable to attend this meeting, absentee ballots will be available upon request. These ballots must be returned before the meeting in order to be accepted.

- Faithfully Yours

The Building Committee

The Building Finance Committee

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
618 - 3rd Street
Friend, Nebr.68359

September 4, 1974

Dear Members and Friends;

Enthusiasm is increasing as we prepare for the construction of the new Church building.

The pledges made and the contributions recieved were instrumental in the decision to build.

We are striving to repeat what our ancestors worked for 100 years ago; a house of God with a strong, fruitful, and progressive congregation.

If you made a pledge and have not paid it we hope you will find it possible to fulfill it soon. If you have already contributed, we urge you to consider it prayerfully and perhaps find you can make an added contribution.

In Christ's Fellowship

Building Finance Committee

Frank Stewart

Keith Clouse

Ray Losh

Lucile Krebs

Nonearl Ohs

"BUILDING FUND REPORT"

We are happy to report that progress is continuing to be made on the payment of our debt. We are now within \$2,100.00 of reaching this year's goal of paying off the bank portion of the debt.

The remaining unpaid balance is:

I note for \$15,000.00)	
I note for \$10,000.00)	
Balance of \$2,100.00 on the bank note)	A total of \$27,100.00

Now is the time for us to count our many blessings and to consider whether we can again share a part of these blessings.

Remember that you may drop your contribution in the offering plate being sure it is marked for the Building Fund or leave it with any member of this committee.

Building Fund Committee
Frank Stewart
Nonearl Ohs
Ray Losh
Lucile Krebs
Keith Clouse



FRIEND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL

December 27, 1975

Dear Members and Friends;

It is a special joy this Christmas season to report to you the progress made in the building fund this past year. Your response to the financial needs of your Church has been very favorable.

There have been 153 gifts from members and friends, plus many memorials which were given for specific purposes. The balance of the pledges are being paid pretty well as promised except for a few made by members who have since died or moved away.

All of the bills have been turned in and have now been paid. The total project cost including the specific memorials was \$181,502.92. All of this has been paid by cash donations except for \$61,500.

	<u>amount</u>	<u>interest rate</u>
Borrowed from a member	\$ 15,000.00	5%
Borrowed from a friend	10,000.00	7%
Borrowed from First Nat'l	<u>36,500.00</u>	8%
	\$ 61,500.00	

The building committee worked very hard to provide us with a beautiful and very functional building. Because of their cooperation and efforts, the general contractor cancelled over \$3500 worth of add-on's or changes that normally would have been charged to us.

A more detailed statement will be included in the annual report with an explanation at the annual meeting.

10,000
 .07

700.00
36,500
 .08

2920.00

Sincerely
Building Finance Committee

15,000
 .05

750.00
700
2920

4,370

Aug. 1, 1974



Its days are numbered . . . Friend's Congregational Church will be coming down to make way for a new \$153,000 structure.

Aug. 1974
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Church Here**

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The church is being torn down in readiness for the new building. The beautiful stained glass windows were removed on Friday and the bell Wednesday morning, and work on the new building will begin soon. Church services are being held at Moore's Funeral Chapel until the new building is completed.

Anyone wishing to contribute their gifts to the new church may send them in care of Keith Clouse.

United Church Of Christ Votes To Build New Building

July 21 the voting members of the United Church of Christ (Congregational) approved the plans for a new church building to be located on the site of the present church, Second and Chestnut Streets, at an estimated cost of \$153,000. The Lindburg Construction Co. of Lincoln, has been secured as builders.

The Congregational Church was organized in 1875 and the first church building was dedicated in December 1880, and the building as of now was dedicated Sept. 21, 1902, and rededicated July 12, 1931 after a complete restoration and a full basement constructed.

The present church building will be dismantled and the art glass memorial windows will be placed in the new building which will be brick, steel and concrete. A tower will house the bell.

The Lindburg Construction Co. is well known in Friend having built all the buildings in Friendship Terrace and the addition to Warren Memorial Hospital including additional hospital rooms and the Manor.

Kenneth G. Chab, 305 7th St., is chairman of the building committee and Keith E. Clouse, First National Bank, is treasurer. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the building fund can send it to him.

Congregational Church Services At Moore Funeral Chapel

Church services are being held at Moore's Funeral Chapel while the building activity is going on.

Sept. 1, 1974



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The beautiful art glass memorial windows were carefully removed on Friday, August 23rd, and will be a part of the new structure of brick, steel and concrete.

The bell, which is also to be used in the new church, was also earlier removed by the contractor.

When the building came down there was a tremendous crash surrounded by unbelievable dust. This aroused the wrath of a large swarm of honey bees, who buried their stinging weapons on whom they could. Their winter's food supply, 30 pounds of honey, was found.

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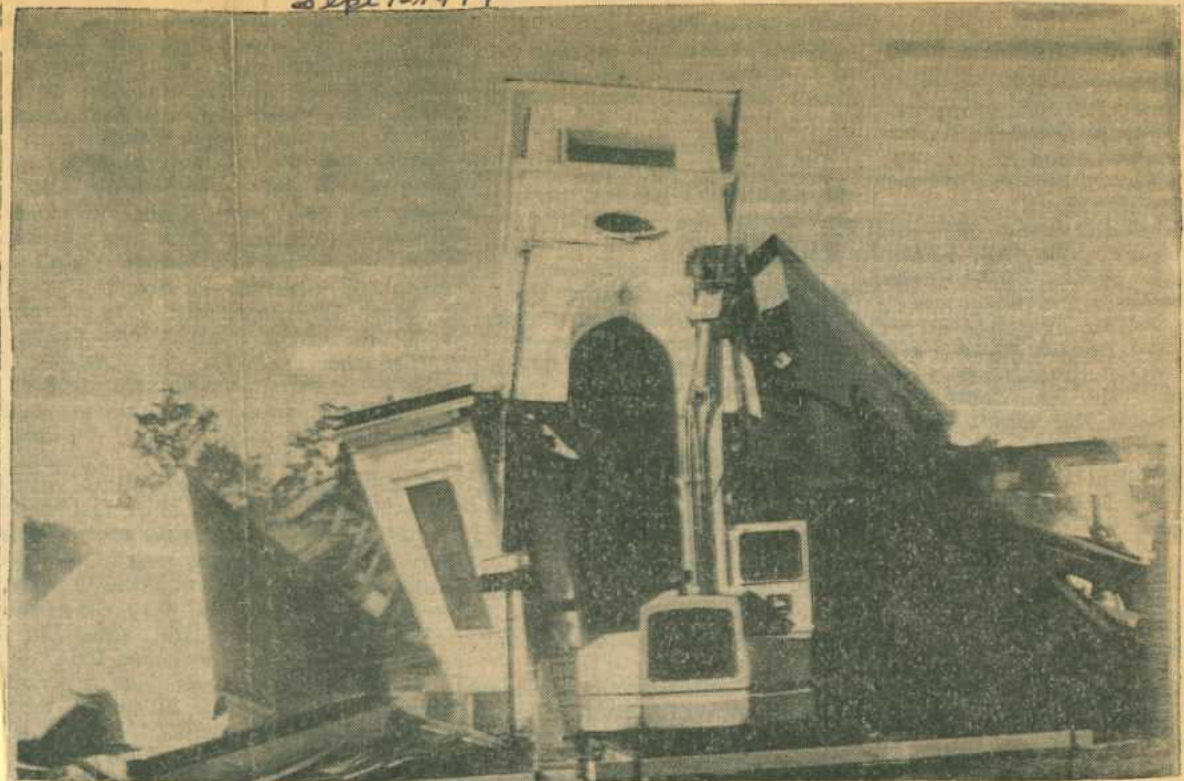


It was a very delicate task but Hall's Contracting of Exeter lifted the bell out of the tower without incident. This bell will again ring, but not until in place in Friend's new Congregational Church

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Mrs. Bernard Murphy shown here turning the first shovel full of dirt at the site. Giving her moral support and awaiting their turn are Mrs. Joe Deterding, Harold Warner, Franklin Eurich, Richard Thompson, Rev. Peters and Wayne Yokel.

Official Ground-breaking Services Held For Friend's New Congregational Church



Ground-breaking for the new structure of the United Church of Christ, Congregational, took place last Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Robert Peters, minister, in calling the group to worship, read Psalm 84. Comments were given by Wayne Yokel, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Bernard Murphy, president of the Women's Fellowship. "They'll Know We Are Christians" was sung by Mrs. Harlan Ackerman.

Rev. Dave Jamison, minister Nebraska Conference United Church of Christ, spoke on "Reflection," followed by prayer by Harold Warner, a great-grandson of the church's charter members.

Following the ground-breaking ceremony a letter was read from Congressman Charles Thone, and benediction.

Aug. 29, 1974.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies Sept. 4th For New Church

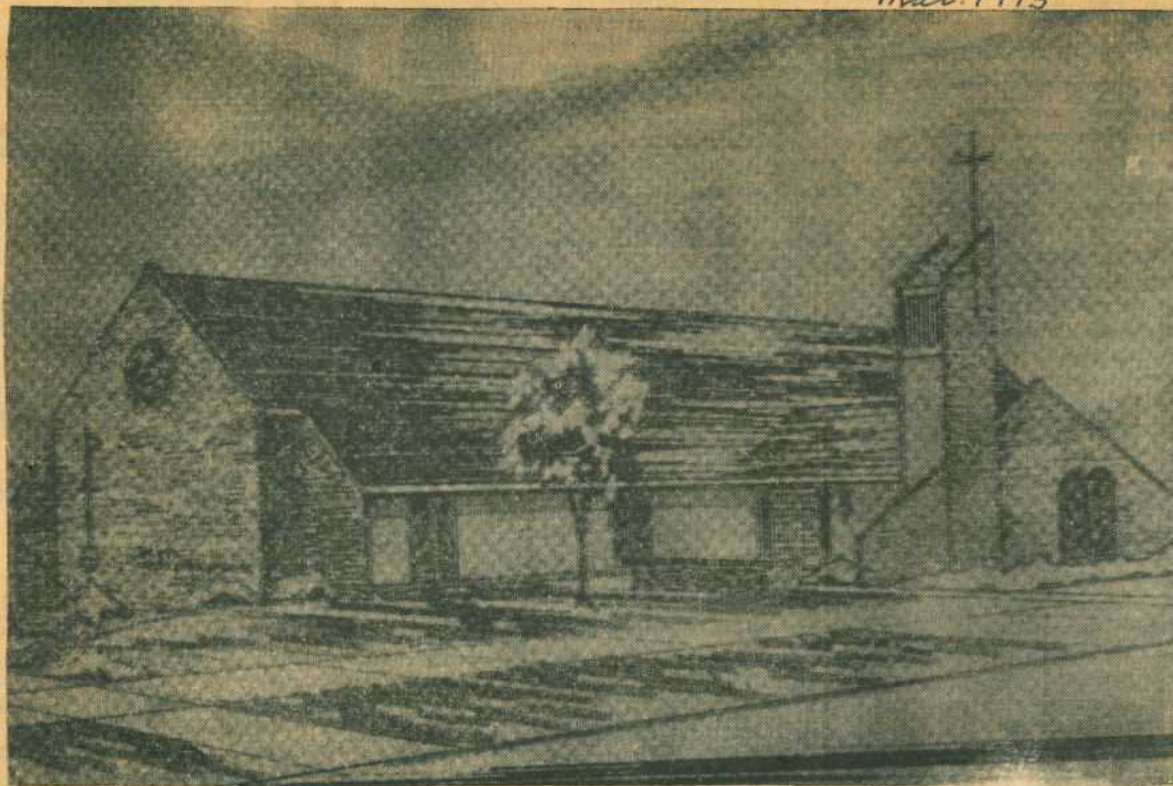
The First Congregational United Church of Christ will have Ground-breaking Ceremonies on Wednesday, September 4, at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held on Church grounds at the corner of 2nd and Chestnut Streets.

The Rev. David Jamison from the Nebraska Conference will be present to assist Rev. Robert Peters in this momentous service.

Representatives of the Church will be: Wayne Yokel, chairman of the trustees; Franklin Eurich, chairman of the Church Council; Elsie Murphy, chairman of the Woman's Fellowship; Esther Deterding, chairman of the Deaconate. Also present will be Richard Thompson, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a special music selection.

Mar. 1975



Congregational Church Now Looking Like This Architect's Sketch

Although it is quite a bit away from completion, work on the construction of Friend's new Congregational Church continues. Workmen are on the site almost every day and all reports indicate that services will be held as scheduled, sometime in late summer.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 4, 1974

For The New Building Of The

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Friend, Nebraska

Call To Worship

Robert Peters
Minister

Reading of Psalm 84

Comments by Wayne Yokel Chm. Board of Trustees

Comments by Elsie Murphy Pres. Women's Fellowship

Music "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Jo Ann Ackerman

Reflections

The Rev. Dave Jamison
Conference Minister Nebr. Conf.
United Church of Christ

Prayer

Harold Warner
Great Grandson of Charter Members

Ground Breaking Ceremony

Reading of Letter from Hon Charles Thone

Benediction

Coffee & Punch will be served to those who have time to chat a few moments after the Ceremony.





Dedicate New Church To Mark Centennial



Friend's new United Church of Christ Congregational at the corner of Second & Chestnut

Church Organized In 1875; First Building In 1878

Congregational people were holding meetings in the school house with the Rev. B. G. Page as pastor for some time prior to the organization of the church.

On May 15, 1875, three couples met in the school house at Friendville (as Friend was then called) to consider the advisability of forming a church, as there was none in the community.

On June 15 of the same year, a meeting was held at Frantz Hall and it was declared by a unanimous vote that it was expedient to organize a church and that it should be a Congregational Church. It was organized with the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison from the Congregational Church of Exeter; Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Moeller of the Congregational Church, Gape Grove, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine, Congregational Church, Dorchester; and Henry Harrison on profession of faith in Christ.

In October, 1877, a contract was let for the erection of the first church building which was ready for use in 1878. When the location of the building was decided upon, there was much opposition, as most everyone was certain that the town would not grow beyond the draw (Sucker Creek) but would grow to the north and west.

In August 1883, an addition was built to be used "for prayer room and the pastor's study."

The membership continued to grow. For some months in 1894 and 1895 the church was without a pastor.

In 1900, the Rev. H. H. Hart came and soon they began to talk about a new building, because the old one needed so much repair and was inadequate for their needs. A new building was erected, the old one being moved to form the west wing for use for Sunday School and social activities. It was dedicated September 21, 1902, debt free.

Extensive remodeling was done in 1931 while Rev. William Becker was pastor.

A new parsonage was erected in 1963 to replace the one built in 1906.

The church has grown through the years under the leadership of many fine pastors. Membership today is 241.

Public Invited To Centennial And Dedication Service

The coming week end will be a very memorable one for members of the United Church of Christ, Congregational, as well as for the Friend community itself. This church will observe its one hundredth birthday and a beautiful new edifice will be dedicated.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these special services of the United Church of Christ, Congregational, Centennial Service, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20th, Morning Worship, 11 a.m. and Dedication Service, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the 21st, by the pastor, Rev. Robert Peters.

In June, 1875 charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moeller, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Paine, and Henry Harrison, with Rev. B. G. Page as pastor, organized a Congregational church, with the membership growing to 29 within three years. The first church building was completed in 1878. This building was used as a Sunday school and social activities west wing of another new edifice which was dedicated September 21, 1902, debt free. Extensive remodeling took place in 1931, additional projects over the years enhanced the corner property, and were climaxed by the beautiful new structure this year.

"A Century with Christ," including special music, recognitions, reflections of the past, and Holy Communion, will be held Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. David Jamison will give the dedicatory message, "Do, Tell," at the Dedication Service Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30. Former pastor, Rev. Henry Demler will give the Invocation, Rev. Peters will lead in the Ceremony of Dedication and Rev. Dale Westadt will give the Benediction.

For several years, many members have felt the need of a new building and after much prayer and discussion it was decided to move forward and erect the new edifice which will be dedicated Sunday, September 21, 1975 at 2:30 p.m.

Under the dedicated leadership of Rev. Robert Peters during the past seven years, the church has continued to move forward and now with the new plant, it hopes to do greater work in service to the community, the state and the world.

BELL INSTALLED AT THE NEW CHURCH

Beautifully polished, the bell of many years of service in the former First Congregational Church steeple, has now been placed in its new abode.

This week workmen completed the steeple, with a cross on top, at the new United Church of Christ, and the bell has been placed within.

Building Committee
Kenneth Chab - Chairman

Ruth Southwick
Laura Swanson
Beverly Sleeb



Exeter - Friend United Church of Christ (CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN)

Parsonage - Office: 618 3rd Street, Friend, Nebraska 68359

Telephone: 947-5491

August 8, 1975

Dear Members and Friends;

You are cordially invited to the Centennial Dinner of the church congregation on Saturday, September 20, 1975, 6:30 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Each family is requested to bring a meat dish to serve 8 persons. In addition, the families whose last names start with:

A through F - bring a salad

G through R - casserole or vegetable (other than meat)

S through Z - dessert

One person coming alone, need bring 1 dish only.

Coffee, drinks, rolls, butter and all table service will be provided.

The Centennial and Dedication
Committees

From 1915 history - 40th anniversary. Remodeled - 1931
Pipe organ brought - 1905 Old church built & dedicated
Sept. 21, 1902 at a
Parsonage built in - 1906 cost of 7000
Electric lights installed in church 1907 Old parsonage built at cost of
approximately 3500.

From 75th Anniversary Celebration 1958
Nov. 6, 1949 - Dedication of following -
Organ Chimes - Given by Mrs. Nels Barney, in
memory of her husband and sons Louis
and John.
Choir Chairs - Irvin + Herbert Range in memory of
their parents Mr. + Mrs. Henry R. Range.
The altar and Communion Table - Given by Mrs. Hugh
Stewart in memory of her husband.
The Pulpit, Lectern and Postum chairs - Given by Mrs. John
Barney - for herself and her husband.
The Brass Cross + Candlesticks - Given by Mr. + Mrs. Hulbert
H. Wakeman in memory of her mother
Mrs. Henry Klein.
The Electric organ was purchased from a special
organ fund to which nearly all members
and some friends responded generously.
The collection plates were a gift from the Senior
Pilgrim Fellowship.

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**TO WORSHIP IN
NEW SANCTUARY**

Members and friends of the United Church of Christ will say farewell to the Grange Hall this Sunday, Sept. 14th. On this date they will open their worship at the Grange Hall and then will proceed as a family to the new sanctuary to continue worship.

Children and adults will join the processional that will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is urged to attend!







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Dear Members and Friends;

I'm writing to share some exciting news and to extend a personal invitation. During the next few weeks we'll be celebrating GOD WITH US and we want you to share the joy of this experience. Together we will work to rediscover the meaning of Christmas for this congregation. The emphasis will include new forms of worship, celebration, fellowship, and several family activities.

Immediately before us is the Advent family night to be held on Nov. 28 at 6:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall. A basket dinner will be served, but more important, we'll be getting down to the specifics of GOD WITH US.

At the supper I'll be giving you a gift...a devotional book called Rejoice and Be Glad to guide your family in daily mini-celebrations throughout Advent.

Also, we'll have materials on hand so that you can make an Advent wreath for your home, as well as materials to make Chrismons and other personalized decorations to hang on your Christmas tree. You can see what a great night this will be for all families and singles.

Our first celebration will be held on Sunday morning November 28. Remember this first event and the Family Night Supper which kicks off our Advent celebration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Peters,
Pastor

August 12, 1976

Dear Parents,

Attendance at Church School has not been as strong as usual this summer and we usually expect that it will get poorer during county and state fair time.

For this reason we will not hold any church school August 22, 29 or September 5th. Students will start new classes on September 12th and the Church School will swing into full gear on that day.

There will be Church School August 15th, this coming Sunday.

Please mark these dates down. We do need each student and we feel the student needs consistent attendance to build the relationships which will bring about the goals you feel the Church School can fill.

We hope to see all of you both August 15 and September 12th.

The Church School Staff

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Rev. Peters Going To Colorado

Reverend Robert J. Peters, who has served as pastor of the United Church of Christ, Congregational in Friend and First Congregational United Church of Christ, Exeter, for the past eight and one half years will be moving to Loveland, Colo., to serve as the pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ

While serving the Exeter and Friend charges Rev. and Mrs. Peters were sited with a Good Neighbor Award by Ak-Sar-Ben in 1974 for services to the community.

"It isn't easy leaving such good friends, its like leaving all of your relation behind when you move from communities that you love," says Robert Peters. "I will miss the children, youth, and senior citizens of both Friend and Exeter, and will miss the many friends I have worked with in the Churches. I hope they will come visit us in Loveland, the welcome mat will always be out."

Mrs. Peters will be missed in the Hospital Auxiliary, P.E.O. and church groups as well as in the Federated Woman's Club.

"CROP" RECEIPTS INCREASE



Bob Peters, Cindy McCabe, Tom Hemphill

At a meeting in Lincoln, January 8, Dick Staple, Nebraska CROP Director, reported a total of more than \$335,000 received in money and donated grain in 1975. This is \$50,000 more than last year. Participants in Hunger Walks contributed nearly \$100,000 of the total received.

Tom Hemphill, Church World Service representative in India, spoke to the group. He indicated that Nebraska wheat made up a large portion of the Church World Service wheat shipped to India this year. He gave special recognition to the work of the Rev. Bob Peters and the Friend community in locating wheat needed this summer. Bob and several young people from his church were in attendance at the meeting.

Tom responded to a number of questions he has heard regarding the situation in India. Rumors that rats are consuming large quantities of Church World Service grain before it can be distributed are untrue he said. However, rats are a serious problem for the Indian farmers without adequate grain storage. Tom indicated that Church World Service will continue to give attention to that situation.

The grain sent to India by Church World Service is used as pay in "Food for Work" projects, many of which involve well digging and other forms of water development. The workers receive the grain at 60% of its market value. This means they are also volunteering part of their time to the project.

Pastor Peters On TV In July

Pastor Robert Peters of the United Church of Christ, Congregational in Friend, will be presenting four meditations on KOLN-KGIN-TV's Morning Show in the month of July.

The Morning Show runs from 7 A.M. to 8 A.M. each morning and Pastor Peters will appear on Friday, July 4, 11, 18, and 25.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Friend, Nebraska

Dear Church Members:

Our expenses have gone on even in the absence of a resident minister.

Our new minister plans to arrive November 1st and our share of the moving expense will be \$1360.70. The payment has to be made when the truck arrives. Thus the church board in co-operation with the trustees ask you to make a special contribution to the "Moving Fund". Mark your envelope or check "Moving Fund" by Sunday, October 24th.

Also we ask that you review your giving to the church budget in relation to your income. If you can give more after prayerful consideration it will help further the Lord's work. If you can not give more this is understood too.

The Trustees
United Church of Christ
Friend, Nebraska 68359

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**New Baldwin
Piano at UCC**

On Sunday, July 10th, the United Church of Christ had a special service for memorials not previously dedicated.

The Baldwin grand piano, purchased partly from memorials, was played for the entire service by Michael Nuss, a former Friend teacher.

Diane Yokel and Mr. Nuss presented several vocal and piano numbers during the service.

The musicians were introduced by Mrs. Carolyn Taylor. Following the service, Mr. Nuss was enthusiastic in the praise of the piano, and told Mrs. Taylor, "I have played many pianos and this is one of the finest I've played. It's worth the drive just to play this piano."

Diane Yokel is a music major in her junior year at the University of Nebraska. This fall she will be in charge of a junior choir and children choir at Vine Congregational Church in Lincoln.

Mr. Nuss will be a music director at Pound Junior High School this fall.

The service was very meaningful and enjoyed by all who attended.

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The newest members of Friend's United Church of Christ pictured here with Rev. Ostlund are, left to right, Clarissa

Crawford, Melissa Crawford, Linda Chab and Dustin Weber.

Four Confirmed at United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 6th, four young people from the United Church of Christ completed a two year course of study and class attendance and received the rite of Confirmation. As part of the service of confirmation, the young people received their first Communion as well.

The four confirmed were: Linda Chab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chab; Clarissa and Malissa Crawford, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Crawford; and Dustin Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weber.

These young people are now full members of the congregation.

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Rev. and Mrs. Middleton pictured at home in the church parsonage with their family, Michael, left, Neva and Boeman.

Rev. Middleton Family Arrives

Rev. Randy Middleton, his wife, Margie, and three of their children arrived recently to make their home in the parsonage of the United Church of Christ, Congregational. On Sunday the family was welcomed by the UCC congregation with a fellowship dinner and pantry shower following the first morning worship service.

The Middletons came to Friend from Colstrip, Mont., where they had served the Community Church for three years. The town of 1500 population had strip mining of coal and two coal-powered generators producing electricity for the northwest states as its industry.

Rev. Middleton has a B.S. Degree from the University of Oregon, Masters degree in Theology from Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., and a Masters in Psychology from the University of Portland. He has also served churches in Iowa and Oregon, and has had further experience in counseling and hospital work. While in Oregon besides serving a parish, he taught the 7th and 8th grades.

As a family the Middletons are sports minded, are bike riders, and "Father likes jogging." Mrs. Middleton, who likes people, says, "I enjoy being a housewife and mother."

Boeman, 10, will enter the Friend Public Schools as a fifth grader; Michael, 8, will be in the 3rd grade, and Neva, 5, is a first grader. Four other children are living in Oregon: Allison, who is a dental assistant, Tim, attending college, Tom, a senior in high school, and Mark, a fifth grader in Portland.

"People have given us such a warm welcome and have been so friendly and helpful, it has been a real blessing as we enter into the work of this new pastorate," Mrs. Middleton commented.

Card of Thanks

Margie and I truly express our warmest appreciation to the Friend-Exeter communities for your overwhelming expressions of concern during and following my recent hospitalization. The cards, phone calls, prayers and offers of help extended to us was tremendous. A special "thank you" is extended to the Friend Rescue team for their efficiency, TLC and technical knowledge as well as to Dr. Zimmer for his warm humor and excellent medical care.

—Randy & Marge Middleton

SUNRISE SERVICE AT THE UCC CHURCH

Sunrise services will be held this Sunday, April 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the United Church of Christ.

This will be the annual sunrise service with a continental type breakfast following. According to Rev. Middleton, anyone is invited to attend and remain for the rolls and coffee that follows.

REV. MIDDLETON BREAKS ANKLE IN FALL

Rev. Randy Middleton fell Monday morning on the ice and broke his right ankle. He was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital and is currently in room #432.



Newest members of the United Church of Christ who were confirmed on Sunday, April 4th, are left to right: Kristin Kraus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kraus, Donna Rasplicka, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. David Rasplicka, Chris Ackerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Ackerman, Robbie Gropp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gropp, with Rev. Randy Middleton.

Union Good Friday Services

The United Church of Christ will be host this year for the annual Union Good Friday services. Rev. Dale Westadt will be bringing the message to us. Anyone is invited to attend this very meaningful and historic service. The service will be April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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Pictured here with the window following dedication are, left to right, William Yokel,

Mrs. Stan Southwick, Sam Shutts and Rev. Randy Middleton.

Historic Window Is "Back Home"

One of the beautiful stained glass windows that was once part of the old Congregational Church is "back home". Recently this memorial window was officially dedicated and now stands, encased in a beautiful oak cabinet, along the south wall of the new church.

When the old church was torn down to make way for the present structure this window, along with others, was sold at public auction. Dr. Clarence Zimmer offered the highest bid and kept the window from going to an out-of-town antique dealer.

Dr. and Mrs. Zimmer gave this historic window, over 100 years old, back to the church. A memorial fund was later created within the church to have it restored. With these funds and additional money provided by the Swanson family, Mr. and Mrs. William Yokel and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Southwick, the window was beautifully restored to its original state. Sam Shutts contributed his labor and built the handsome cabinet in which it is now encased.

During the recent dedication the congregation expressed sincere appreciation to the Zimmers for having retained and contributing the window, and also to those who had a part in bringing this historic window "back home."



Mabel Zieg



Church Historian for several years

OBITUARY

MABEL A. ZIEG

Mabel A. Zieg, daughter of John and Hannah (Swanson) Barney, was born at their farm home four and a half miles southeast of Friend, Nebr., on October 21, 1892. She was baptized in infancy and confirmed into the Swedish Lutheran faith. As a Lutheran Church was not established in Friend, she united with the United Church of Christ, being a member 51 years.

She obtained her early education at Tabor School, Dist. No. 13, Saline County, and graduated from Friend High School with the class of 1911. For eight years she taught in rural schools and also the sixth grade at Friend.

On June 11, 1924 she was united in marriage with Henry Zieg. They farmed northwest of Friend, in 1930 moving to their own farm three miles east and one mile north of Friend, and retired to 407 Cherry Street in 1954. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1974.

She was a member of Women's Fellowship and charter member of the Sunshine Club.

She is survived by her husband Henry Zieg of Friend, three sisters, Mrs. Rena J. Huber, Mrs. Selma O. Mulnix, and Mrs. Pearl E. Benson, all of Friend; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers and a sister.

After a short illness she passed away at the Warren Memorial Hospital on July 3, 1975 at the age of 82 years.

Services were at the United Methodist Church with Rev. Dale Westadt officiating. She was laid to rest in the Andrew Cemetery. Moore's Funeral Home was in charge.

Pallbearers were Harold Warner, Frank Stewart, Lester Cogswell, George Barney, John Klippenstein, and Edward Swanson.



Mabel Zieg and husband Henry. Mabel was Church Historian for many years.

After Mabel retired as Historian, Mary Cogswell and Pearl Benson assumed the position.



HISTORIANS
Pearl Benson Mary Cogswell