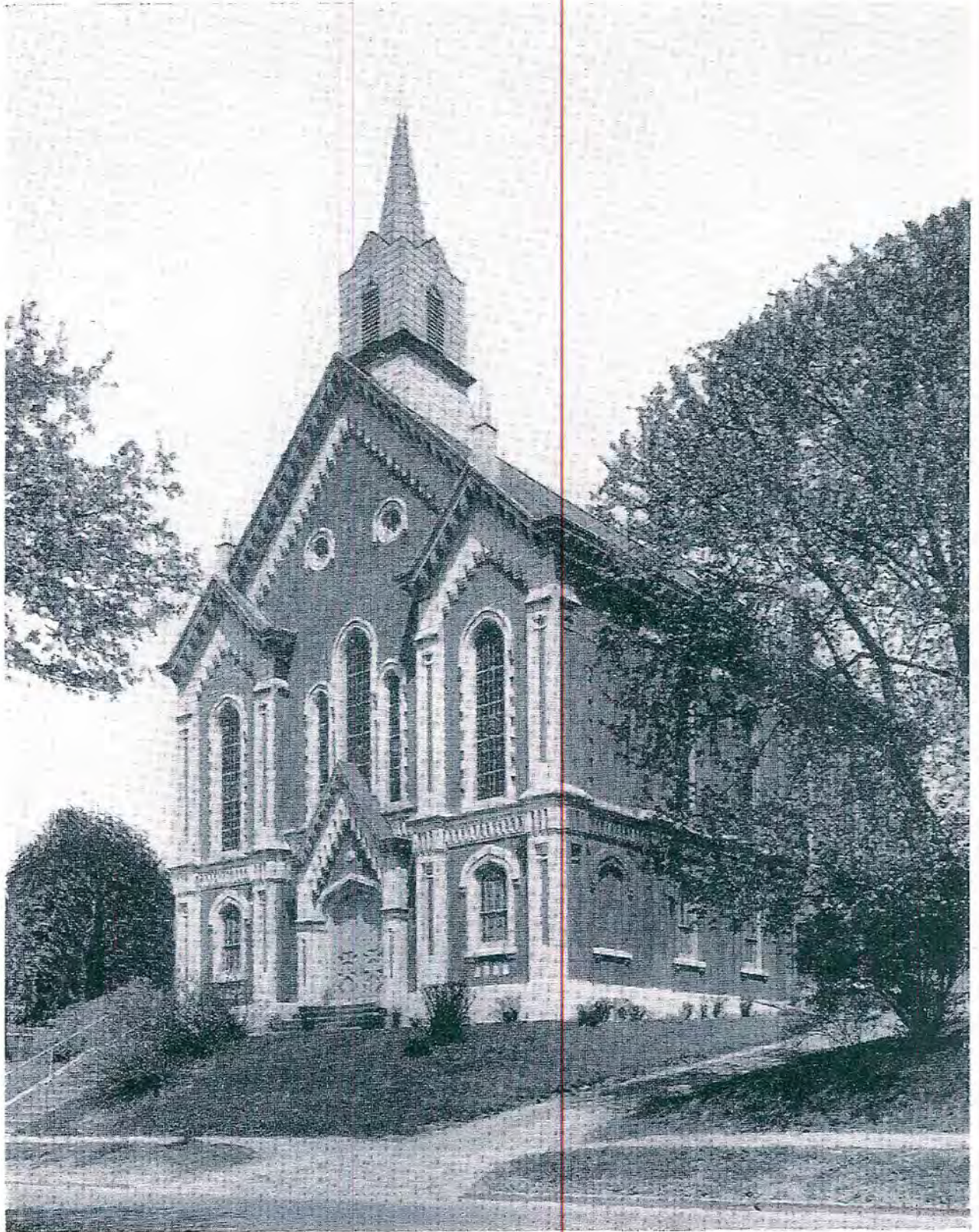


Westminister Presbyterian Church

**formerly
First United Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown, PA**

Fort Vance Historical Society

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DEDICATED to all members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, past and present, who by their lives and leadership enabled it to be a force for Jesus Christ in the community for 150 years, and who will during the years to come, with His help, build it into an even greater usefulness for His kingdom.

I Am Your Church

I am the best friend you ever had;
I am hung about with sweet memories——
 Memories of brides——
 Memories of mothers——
 Memories of boys and girls——
I am blessed with loving thoughts,
Crowned with helping hands and hearts;
In the minds of the greatest men on earth
I find a constant dwelling place.
I safeguard man in his paths,
I lift up the fallen, strengthen the weak,
I help the distressed, I show mercy,
Bestow kindness and offer a friendly hand.
I am good fellowship, friendliness, love.
Sometime, someday in the near future
You will yearn for the touch of my hand,
I am your comforter and your best friend.
I am calling you—now!
I am your church.

—Selected

SESQUICENTENNIAL CALENDAR

June 11	Sabbath School	10:00 A. M.
	Dedication Service	11:00 A. M.
	Youth Meeting	6:30 P. M.
	Special Evening Service	8:00 P. M.
	Lal Motilal, Sialkot, Pakistan	
June 18	Sabbath School	10:00 A. M.
	Homecoming Service	11:00 A. M.
	Dr. Richard W. Graves, editor, Christian Union Herald	
	Luncheon	12:30 P. M.
	Homecoming Fellowship	2:30 P. M.
	Music, greetings from former and neighboring ministers	
	Youth Meeting	6:30 P. M.
June 20	Meeting of Chartiers Presbytery	2:00 P. M.
	Presbyterial Dinner	6:00 P. M.
	Evening Session of Presbytery	7:30 P. M.
	(The public is invited)	
June 23	Communion Preparatory Service	8:00 P. M.
	James R. Deemer, student pastor	
June 25	Sabbath School	10:00 A. M.
	Summer Communion Service	11:00 A. M.
	Dr. H. Ray Shear	
	Youth Meeting	6:30 P. M.

SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICES

Dedication Service

June 11, 1950

11 A. M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship:

Oh come, come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 3:9-23

Dedication of New Windows and Church Improvements

Presentation: M. L. Scott, Congregational Chairman

Acceptance and dedication by Congregation

Dedication Anthem:

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling" E. S. Lorenz

Dedicatory prayer

Praise:

Psalter 67: 1, 2, 4, 5

Announcements:

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Solo: "Bless This House"

May H. Braun

Mrs. Earl Lawson

Dedication Address:

"Laborers Together With God"

I Corinthians 3:9

James R. Deemer, Student Pastor

Praise:

Psalter 197: 1, 2

Benediction

Postlude

HOMECOMING SERVICE

June 18, 1950

11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His loving kindness endureth forever, and His faithfulness unto all generations.

Praise

Old Hundredth

Invocation; Lord's prayer; Choral Response

Responsive Reading:

Selection 80

Anthem: "Nature's Anthem of Praise"

Arthur Sullivan

Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Prayer Hymn with Chimes

Pastoral Prayer

Praise

Psalter 170: 1, 2, 3

Announcements

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer"
Mrs. Donald Malone

Albert Hay Malotte

Address: "Taking a Fresh Look at the Church" Ephesians 1:22
Dr. Richard W. Graves, Editor of The Christian Union Herald

Praise:

Psalter 276: 1, 2, 3, 4

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNION SERVICE

June 25, 1950

11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship:

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Praise:

Old Hundredth

Invocation; Lord's Prayer; Choral Response

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 17

Prayer Hymn with Chimes

Pastoral Prayer

Praise:

Psalter 134: 1, 2, 3

Announcements

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Communion Anthem: "Oh Lamb of God" Ellen Jane Lorenz

Communion Meditation: "Banners Up"

Exodus 17: 15

Dr. Ray Shear, Professor of Homiletics
Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dedication Psalm:

Psalter 204: 1, 2, 4

Benediction

Postlude

Historical Record

The United Presbyterian Church of North America was the outgrowth of the union of the Associate and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in 1858.

Early History

The First United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown was organized by the Associate Presbytery of Chartiers as an Associate Presbyterian congregation.

From a brief history written by Elder John Ferguson, who was the clerk of the session and treasurer of the congregation for a long time and whose father was a charter member of the congregation, the information is gathered that the church was established in the year 1800.

Among the names of its first members are found Isaac Donaldson and John Ferguson, Sr., 1800 and John Smith, 1805.

Further information is obtained from a letter written to Rev. R. C. Sutton, former minister, by the late Joseph McNary of Burgettstown.

Mr. McNary wrote, "I was born in the year 1847 and at the close of Mr. Hammond's term was nine years old. At that time they were using small bits of lead as Communion Tokens. I remember the consultation and discussion at our house about getting new tokens cast and about what, if anything descriptive, should be put on them and about their talk of the

date of the organization. My recollection is that they decided that the church organization dated A. D. 1800. At that time, 1856-1858, there were persons of seventy or more years of age whose memories overlapped the date 1800, who were raised in the congregation and who were conversant with the facts. I recollect that they decided to have the date 1800 on the tokens."

Mr. McNary had one of the tokens in his possession with the letters A. C. on one side and the year 1800 on the reverse side. The A. C. stood for "Associate Church."

The History of Chartiers Presbytery states that a few years prior to 1800, an Associate Church was organized at Mt. Pleasant, (Hickory).

In connection with Burgettstown it addressed calls on March 31, 1802 to Rev. Thomas Hamilton; April 11, 1804 to Rev. James Ramsey; Nov. 5, 1805 to Rev. David Imbrie, all of whom declined. Their next call, addressed to Rev. William Craig Brownlee, who had recently arrived from Scotland, was accepted. He was ordained and became pastor of the two congregations on May 3, 1809.

For some time after its organization, the congregation had no meeting-house. Services were conducted in the open air, under

the forest trees, God's first temple.

After a time, however, a double log building was erected for a church home. This first house of worship, like that of all the churches in the same region at that time, was a cabin of unhewed logs with slab seats. During the summer season the people worshipped in the open air, a wooden tent serving as a pulpit for the minister. This first log building served the purpose of the congregation until 1845. It stood on a plot of ground near what is known as "the old United Presbyterian cemetery" on the hill east of South Burgettstown. On the thirteenth of October, 1826, Robert Coventry, Robert Tenan and Thomas Phillis, trustees of the Associate Church of Burgettstown, purchased one acre, 112 perches of land from James Miller, it being the ground on which the church was erected. Presumably the church stood at the lower and more level part of the plot.

By following East Pittsburgh street extension you pass two cemeteries—the first is the old Presbyterian cemetery, the second is the old United Presbyterian cemetery.

Dr. Brownlee's pastorate was terminated September 1, 1812 by his acceptance of a call to the Associate Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Later he moved to New York where he united with the Dutch Reformed Church. He died about 1843.

During the long vacancy of seven years which followed, the congregation was supplied with

preaching occasionally by Rev. Anderson, Rev. Wilson and Rev. David French. Calls were addressed to Rev. Alexander McClelland, November 24, 1813 and to Rev. Alexander Wilson, January 17, 1817. Both declined.

On July 6, 1819, Rev. Alexander Donnan was installed. He was a native of Scotland but had spent the first eighteen years of his ministry in Ireland. "Rev. Donnan was large in person, unusually dignified, venerable and imposing in appearance. He possessed a clearness and pointedness and unction of manner in his presentation of gospel truth, which commended his ministrations to intelligent and appreciative hearers."

He served both the congregation at Mt. Pleasant and the one at Burgettstown faithfully from 1819 until 1840 for a yearly salary of \$500. In 1840 he relinquished the charge at Burgettstown to devote all of his time to the Mt. Pleasant Church. The Burgettstown congregation continued without a settled pastor until 1845 when Rev. Robert J. Hammond took charge. He had been pastor of a church in Albany, New York. He was a stated supply for one year. The old minutes read, "April 27, 1846. Call moderated by Mr. Shaw. Rev. Hammond unanimously chosen." His salary when called was \$350. Later it was increased to \$400.

Frame Building

During Rev. Hammond's ministry a commodious frame building fifty-four by forty-four feet

and sixteen feet in height replaced the old log church. "The old church on the hill," for which drawings were made by Joseph McNary, a member, was within the present cemetery at the lower and more level part near the gate. It faced the road. The lower part of the enclosure was the "hitching grounds."

The two main doors of the church were "in the end back from the farm house near by." The logs from the old building were used to make a shed where saddles were put in inclement weather.

The church cost \$1,040, in addition to the old lumber. William Jackson was the contractor. The floor was raised under the pews and the aisles were level "in modern style." The two long aisles, the length of the church, met a cross-aisle in front of the pulpit. This front space was for the Communion tables.

Early Settlers, Sabbaths and Communions

The first settlers who came to this region were mostly of the Scotch-Irish element, those who emigrated from the west of Scotland and from the north of Ireland. Many others came from York, Lancaster and Cumberland counties where the same element prevailed and some others came from Virginia.

These pioneers, who were religious, were very pious and attended church from long distances. They were purposeful and even obstinate in their convictions.

There were three log cabins in

the old town in 1783. In 1795 the town of Burgettstown, then called West Boston, was laid out. The place soon had about 200 people and the population fluctuated little for the next fifty years. There were Presbyterian congregations at Cross Creek and at Florence before the organization of this church in 1800. Many of the old families of this area were spoken of as "Seceders."

Names of families connected with the history of this church to the time of the Civil War follow: Ferguson, Donaldson, Smith, Coventry, Andrews, Phillis, Bailey, Keys, Cavert, Brown, Nelson, Pyles, Thompson, McGough, Russell, Harvey, Provines, McNary, Barr, Maxwell, Gormley, Stevenson, Burgett, Hunter, Rogers, Standish, Tenan, Galbraith, Wilson, Sterrit, Bowland, Hays, McCullough, Buchanan, Campbell, Shipley, Jackson, Rankin, Calhoun, Welch, Fulton, Proudfit, Hulick, McCombs, Moore, Bilderbeck, Sleath, Shillito, Ackleson, Malone, Scott, White, McCalmont, Aiken, Farrar, Gilbraith, Jeffries, Cole, Forsythe, Lyster, Hammond, Anderson, Palmer, Taylor, Wood, Bamford, McCarroll, Boyd, Archer, Harper, Stewart, Collens, Toland, Jamison, Kirk, Livingston, Strain, McBurney, Porter, Allender, Miller, Irons, and Hervey.

The Sabbath was observed by those, from whom we as a denomination can trace our Christian heritage, as a day of worship in the truest sense. On Saturday they made all the preparation that was necessary for the Sabbath. Many of them walked five or even

ten miles to the services. Some rode on horseback or likely as not, in an old farm wagon. They carried their dinners and stayed all day, for both a morning and an afternoon meeting. It was nothing unusual in those days for a prayer to be an hour in length and for a sermon to be two hours long.

Being a Psalm singing church, another half hour or more might be used in explaining a Psalm. There were no praise books. People had memorized a few tunes. In front of the pulpit was an enclosure where the "clarks" or clerks sat who led the music. The leader would read two lines of a Psalm and then lead the congregation in singing that portion until the entire Psalm was sung. The procedure was called "Lining Out."

There was no Sabbath School in those days. Parents were expected to teach the Bible to their children. The Shorter Catechism was studied and memorized. It was a special event when the preacher came to call in the home and the children were expected to recite the Catechism to him. A person had to pass a stiff examination and also know the Catechism before he could become a church member.

The serving of Communion was an exceedingly solemn occasion. Preparation for it began with a fast day on Thursday. Preparatory services were held on Friday and Saturday. A visiting minister usually assisted in serving the Communion. The season was not closed until Monday when a post Communion service was held.

Everyone who was to take communion was obliged to have a token and one had to be "in good standing" and to have attended the Preparatory Services to receive one.

It is remarkable how much power the session had over the congregation in those days and just what being "in good standing" meant. They could deny a member the privileges of the church if he refused to acknowledge his sins. Often a member would come back in a year or two, ask to be restored and would express his readiness to make confession. It was a common thing for persons to be tried by the session for immorality and drunkenness. Yes, even for profanity or slander.

The Communion table covered with a table cloth was placed in the front space before the pulpit. On it were set the bread trays, the large silver cup and the silver pitcher of wine from which the cup was refilled when it got low. As a Psalm was being sung, two elders, one on either side of the church, would lead the procession of communicants up to the ends of the table where their tokens would be collected by two other elders. As many as could be seated would be served with the elements. The silver goblet was passed along the table and each person took a sip of wine from it. They would be seated and another group was permitted to come forward. It is inferred that this course was followed to keep ineligible persons from communing and was spoken of as "fencing

the tables." One writer says that the fifty-first Psalm, sung to the old tune of Peoria, was used while the communicants walked down the aisles and filled the tables. There was a table address given by the visiting minister. Psalm 146 was used at the close of the service. The practice of "closed Communion" was followed for many years. Our records show that tokens were dispensed with in 1876 by a vote of session with the understanding that no objection was raised by the communicants.

Rev. Hammond's pastorate continued until June 9, 1856 when he was released and went west.

The congregation was again placed under supplies until April 20, 1862 when Rev. Samuel H. Graham commenced his work as settled pastor. He had come from Reynoldsburg, Ohio to preach. He was well liked and on August 12, 1862, was ordained. He was promised \$600 per annum. Mr. Graham proved to be a very popular preacher not only with his own people but with the community at large. In 1865, his salary was raised to \$800.

Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon was an Associate Reformed Church organized in 1829. It was located on the Leech farm in Smith Township, on the ridge road near the Mt. Pleasant Township line. A brick building was constructed in 1832 for the accomodation of the congregation. Rev. Samuel Taggart served both West Middletown and Mount Vernon from 1835 un-

til 1845 giving one third of his time to the latter charge. It became extinct because of the merged organization known as the United Presbyterian Church in 1858.

Its relation to the Burgettstown United Presbyterian Church stems from the fact that some of its members joined this church after its dissolution.

The session minutes of 1860 read—"Admitted by certificate by the ex-session of Mount Vernon congregation—Mrs. Finley Scott, Mrs. Jane McNary, Mrs. Rachel Scott, Mr. James Scott and Elizabeth, his wife, Mrs. Jeffries, Mr. John Cole and wife Mary, Mr. William Forsythe, Miss Anne Scott, Mr. Samuel Scott, and Mr. John Scott. This was attested by Finley Scott, Robert Scott and James McNary, ex-members of Mount Vernon congregation." The minutes further state that in 1860 the Burgettstown Church obtained strength by James McNary, Robert Scott and Finley Scott who brought some funds which enabled the congregation to re-paint and re-roof their house and place it in good order. The foundation of the Mount Vernon Church can still be seen.

Frame Building Moved

During the latter part of Rev. Graham's ministry, the frame building was moved in its entirety to the present location on Washington Street and somewhat renovated. Rev. Graham delivered his farewell sermon on October 8, 1871. Text — Act 20:32. This frame structure was moved back on the lot behind the present

building when plans for the construction of a new church were made.

Present Church Building

In 1873 Rev. John Hood was ordained and was pastor at the time the present building was erected. The building committee was composed of W. H. Witherpoon, John Woodburn, John P. Wood, Levi Scott, and M. R. Welch. The committee brought in a majority and minority report. The majority report was sustained. On motion it was agreed to build a church on the lot owned by the congregation. "It was moved and seconded that the soliciting committee be instructed to solicit subscriptions until the whole amount to or exceed \$12,000." Those selected to collect building funds were: John Scott, David Leech, James Glass, Andrew Phillis and William Wilson.

On September 3, 1873, the corner stone was laid with impressive ceremonies. "The congregation met for several Sabbaths in the Methodist Church, at the bend of the creek, until the church basement was ready to occupy on April 19, 1874." The building was finished and dedicated September 30, 1874.

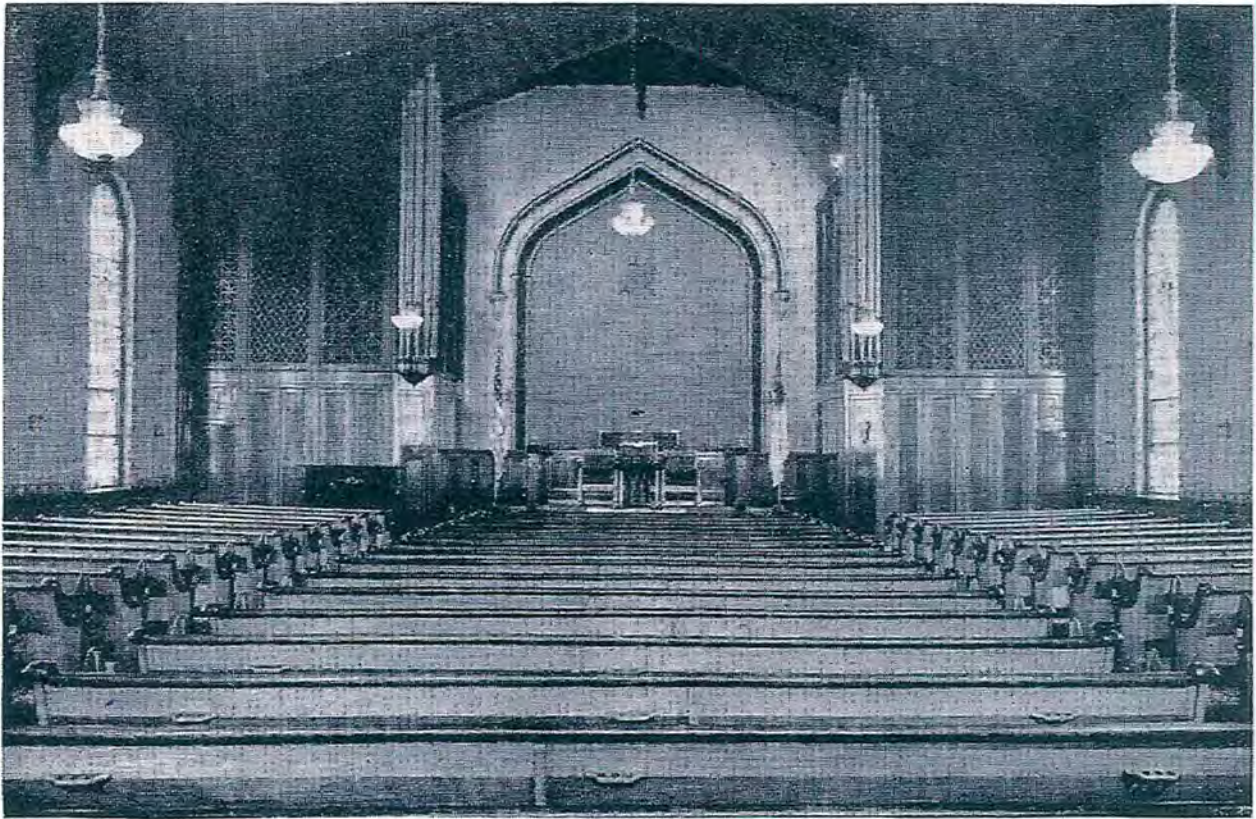
From the Washington Observer of 1874 and a letter from Rev. David E. Cullev, son of one of the builders, we have the following description of the building: The style of the two story brick building is Modern Gothic and was designed by James P. Bailev of Robinson Township. The walls were built by ex-sheriff Andrew Bruce; the bricks were made by

John Ferguson and the steeple was built by Jesse E. Culley, the spire being 115 feet high. A lone man working at this great height created intense interest to those congregated on the street below.

The outside walls are beautifully ornamented with panelled pilasters and the entire building is decorated with heavy galvanized iron cornice and trimmings painted in imitation of our native sandstone. The lecture room will seat 400 persons and is neat and attractive. The doors to the main entrance are constructed of ash, heavily battened with walnut.

Ascending the easy and commodious stairway, guarded by balusters and railing of the most approved hard-wood style we are struck with the unsurpassed beauty of the vestibule walls, which are frescoed in imitation of gray marble.

Arriving at the head of the stairway we are ushered into an auditorium fifty-two by eighty-four feet, with a ceiling of thirty-two feet and a twelve foot gallery for the choir. The tall and graceful windows are adorned with brilliantly stained and enameled glass. The walls are flesh color and the ceiling is frescoed in brighter colors and ornamented with rustic beam finish, constructed of walnut and ash. The pews are of the same material. The most striking object on entering the church, is a landscape perspective, finely frescoed in the wall behind the pulpit. It is in imitation of a large hall leading to the rear, through which one views a beautiful tropical scene.



The pews are cushioned and the floor is nicely carpeted.

The large walnut and ash beams that span and panel the ceiling of the upstairs auditorium were put in place in an interesting way. The arch behind the front choir loft was left unfinished when the other walls went up thus making a sizeable opening to the outside. The beams were pulled up and placed by a system of blocks and tackles. The top pulley was attached to the roof comb and another on the floor below. The pull rope extended out the open arch to a team of mules that did the pulling. The beams were then raised to the angle of the ceiling comb, which is several feet lower than the roof comb, and then fastened into place. The walnut used in the construction of the church would be almost priceless today.

The dedicatory address was delivered by Rev. S. H. Graham, a former minister, with visiting ministers from Clinton, Florence, Frankfort, Robinson, Centre, and Kingscreek taking part.

The church cost \$27,000 which involved the people in a debt of unusual magnitude. In the struggle to free itself from this debt, which lasted through several years, the congregation passed through one of the severest trials in its history. Some left the church never to return. But by the grace of the Most High and brotherly love they came out victorious. The first Communion in the Auditorium was held October 4, 1874 with Rev. Graham officiating. The minutes of 1875 show that the whole amount of money raised by renting pews was \$1,332. It required \$1,000 to pay Rev. Hood's salary.

Ministers Since 1878

Dr. D. W. Carson



Rev. Hood tendered his resignation on January 15, 1878 and in October of the same year Rev. David Walker Carson was installed. He was born in 1831 in East Tennessee, was graduated from Jefferson College in Canonsburg in 1847 and occupied the pulpit of his first pastorate in Beaver County in 1852. For twenty-six years he was in charge of Service Church in that county. Dr. Carson was married to Mary, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Smart of Xenia, Ohio, by Rev. J. G. Carson, his brother. They had one daughter, Miss Ella J. Carson who died in 1947. She and her parents are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Burgettstown.

Dr. Carson was a minister of the old school. He knew the Bible and preached it. During his ministry of twenty years the congregation was fed "on the finest of the wheat."

He was held in high esteem by the people of his congregation as well as in the United Presbyterian Church at large. The financial debt was liquidated, "largely by his wise counsel, prudent and judicial effort." In 1897, the envelope system was inaugurated for paying the salary and other expenses. Dr. Carson received

\$1,000 in 1896.

It was during Dr. Carson's pastorate that the matter of securing a musical instrument was initiated. Back in 1870, Presbytery sent to the churches a new version of the Psalms. The session of this church met to consider the new Psalms but not having had an opportunity to examine them it did not vote. It seems that the members were very conservative. But in 1898, the young people by a vote of twenty-two to four petitioned session for permission to use an instrument in the Young People's Christian Union. This society had sixty members. J. A. McClurg was president. The session was divided. Those approving the petition were W. H. Witherspoon, R. K. Scott and W. R. Galbraith. Those opposed were David Reed and J. T. Patterson. Matthew R. Welch who had died just prior to this also opposed getting an organ and during his life the session was equally divided on the question so that nothing could be done. Dr. Carson was unalterably opposed to the use of instrumental music in the church and upon hearing of the session's action, presented his resignation. A paper was delivered to the session from the clerk of Presbytery asking for a reconsideration of the question but nothing was done immediately. Later, session met and declined to rescind its action.

As a result, Frankfort Presbytery reluctantly released Dr. Carson on January 25, 1898.

At a later date the session granted the use of the organ in all the services in the Sabbath School room and the choir was granted the use of the Psalm Anthems to be sung in the church services.

Some twenty-nine members of the congregation in sympathy with Dr. Carson's views and out of regard for him, lifted their letters and left the church.

At a meeting of the Synod of Pittsburgh held in Altoona, the Synod finally approved the action of the Presbytery, which had reluctantly granted this group the right and privilege to organize a new congregation. A chapel was built and Dr. Carson filled the pulpit as long as health permitted. He died in 1911. The pulpit was supplied with different ministers for some years afterwards and in 1948 the building was sold and torn down. Today Petrucci's Food Market stands on its location.

Rev. A. W. Caldwell



Rev. A. W. Caldwell began his pastorate in the early summer of 1898. He was a graduate of Allegheny Seminary. In a recent letter

Dr. Caldwell wrote, "I can't enumerate many things after all these years that marked my four and one-half years pastorate. I do remember that after the organ had been quietly and safely installed in the auditorium that the old

worn out oil lamps and chandeliers were removed and a new gas lighting system installed which added greatly to the comfort and attractiveness of it. It was during my pastorate that the individual cup communion service was introduced, May, 1901." Rev. Caldwell's salary in 1901 was \$1200.

During his stay in Burgettstown, the church lost two well known and trusted elders—James T. Patterson and William H. Witherspoon. Rev. Caldwell lives at 15 Oregon Avenue, Crafton, Pittsburgh 5, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Morris Watson, D. D.



Rev. Morris Watson began his pastorate in January, 1904.

He was born December, 24, 1868 on a farm about five

miles from New Concord, Ohio. He was graduated from Muskingum College at New Concord, Ohio, in 1897 and from the Xenia Theological Seminary in 1900. Before coming to Burgettstown, he preached in High Ridge, Ohio for three and one-half years.

He was married in 1899 to Miss Florence White of New Concord, Ohio. Two daughters were born into their home, Mary Grace, who was married to Harry Trace of New Concord and died in 1930 leaving a son; and Hazel Ruth, married to Clarence Schmidt, an English teacher, of Hubbard, Ohio. They have two sons.

The first mention made of a parsonage was during Rev. Watson's ministry. In March, 1904 a committee of ten ladies was appointed to ascertain if enough money could be raised to build one.

In 1911, a committee composed of J. W. Welch, W. F. Scott and J. W. Keys was instructed to buy or build a parsonage limiting the price to \$3,500.

The congregation held a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed before they sailed for Egypt in 1906.

Rev. Watson was released March 21, 1911, having accepted a call to Princeton, Indiana.

He preached there for ten years until his death, June 13, 1921.

Rev. R. Harlan McCartney



Rev. R. Harlan McCartney was chosen December 27, 1911 at a salary of \$1,200 and parsonage. The minutes of 1913 record the amount paid to J. E. Buchanan, as \$3,500 for the purchase price of the parsonage, this being the dwelling now occupied by B. B. Figley.

Rev. McCartney owned one of the first automobiles in town and used it in making calls on the members of his congregation. He took a great interest in young

people and in sports. He substituted in the high school on different occasions.

In 1916, the congregation raised his salary \$200. At a cost of almost \$3,000, work had been completed on redecorating the auditorium and Sabbath School room, varnishing the woodwork and pews, changing the choir loft and pulpit into a beautiful and well adapted form, installing a more adequate lighting system and covering the aisles and between pews with Brussels carpet.

In 1916, the congregation numbering 250 "did themselves proud" in the manner in which they entertained the large number of delegates who came to the fifty-fifth annual meeting of Synod at which Rev. McCartney was elected Vice-Moderator.

Rev. McCartney's resignation was accepted on April 9, 1917. His new field of service was Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Rev. James L. Thome



At a called meeting on September 5, 1917, Rev. J. L. Thome was chosen pastor. His previous pastorate was at Clinton, Pennsylvania. Rev. Thome served the church until 1924, when he resigned to accept a charge in Oxford, Ohio.

Dr. Thome is a graduate of Monmouth College. During his

pastorate here, he married Florence Kelso. They have two children. Mary Anna is married to Rogers Johnson, and now lives in Washington, Pennsylvania. James Jr., lives with his parents. Dr. Thome is now residing on his grandfather's farm near Eighty Four, Pennsylvania, and is a member of Chartiers Presbytery.

Rev. J. Lane Thome, retired moved to Burgettstown with his son when he came here in 1917, and frequently conducted services at the Second United Presbyterian Church. Miss Mary E. Thome, now the wife of Rev. A. A. Love, came with her brother and family.

Rev. Thome was pastor during the first World War. During that time many members of our congregation enlisted and served our country. Both Rev. Thome and his brother Bert enlisted. During the "flu epidemic" of 1918 Rev. Thome's mother died. He gave fully of his time and effort to all who needed him in this community.

Rev. Thome helped to establish the Langeloth mission and to bring Rev. George U. Martin there as stated supply.

Rev. Richard C. Sutton



Rev. Richard C. Sutton came to Burgettstown in 1925 and occupied the pulpit of this church for twenty-three years.

He was

born in Denver, Colorado in 1895, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sutton. His parents moved to Ohio when he was quite young. He attended high school at St. Clairsville, Bellaire and Wooster, graduating from the latter school in 1914. He attended summer school and taught for three years. He entered the service of his country at the outbreak of World War I serving in the Field Artillery. Stricken with influenza and pneumonia, his service was interrupted and he was discharged in December, 1918. He graduated from Wooster College in 1922 and from Western Theological Seminary in 1925. He received his Bachelor of Theology degree from the same institution in 1931.

The same year Rev. Sutton became minister, he married Frances Slonaker, a teacher, daughter of the late Rev. Paul J. Slonaker, Ph. D. and Mrs. Ida M. Slonaker. They went to housekeeping on Dinsmore Avenue in the new parsonage which had been purchased the same year from Mrs. Martha McCue at a cost of \$6,000.

They have two sons: Richard Paul, 21, an honor student and member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, National Honorary Mathematics fraternity. He is now in his senior year at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; and Francis David, 15, an honor student in the freshman class, Bellaire High School.

During Rev. Sutton's pastorate, 635 united with the church; 161 children and 84 adults were baptized. He conducted 255 funerals 163 of them being outside of the membership. He made 7,000 calls

leaving a message of prayer in most cases.

During World War II Rev. and Mrs. Sutton kept in close contact with 150 persons in the service including soldiers, WAACs and nurses.

An outstanding work of the church was in the Beginners and Primary Departments of the Bible School where Mrs. Sutton with efficient help served for many years building it up until it was widely known for its numbers and effective program. She also formed groups know as Little Light Bearers and Junior Missionary Society.

Extensive improvements were made in the church during Rev. Sutton's service.

In 1927, the sanctuary was re-decorated and new lighting fixtures installed. S. C. Malone, one of the elders, did the work, In 1929, a two manual Moller organ with chimes costing \$5,200 was purchased. In addition two rooms were built into the auditorium, one on either side of the pulpit. During 1930, the kitchen was re-modeled, a new furnace was installed, the Sabbath School room was repainted, the entire church rewired and new lights were installed in the first floor.

In 1941, the sanctuary, the stairway and vestibule were renovated and beautified. Harold Malone and Harry Miller did the work. New carpet for the sanctuary and new covering for the seat cushions were contributed by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Sabbath School room has been redecorated and divided into class rooms with curtains; robes have been acquired for the choir and shrubbery planted around the church.

In 1947, an honor roll, in tribute to those serving in World War I and World War II was fittingly dedicated.

Memorial windows were installed in the church in 1948. These windows are of beautiful stained glass, each window depicting a theme. Members of the congregation or organizations purchased these windows and plates have been placed on the windows.

Windows were purchased by the following:

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Thomassy by the children.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Duncan by the family.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Scott and Mrs. Margaret A. Malone by Elizabeth L. and James A. Scott.

In honor of Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Sutton by the Congregation.

In memory of Clyde B. Bigger by his mother, Mrs. Susan Bigger.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McKinney by Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. McKinney.

In memory of Former Members by The Ladies' Auxiliary

In honor of M. Alma Cox by the Young Men's Bible Class.

In honor of Mrs. W. R. Malone by The Faithful Workers' Class.

Other members contributed substantial amounts toward the purchase of the windows.

Rev. Sutton was fully consecrated to the work of the Lord, preaching, as he himself believed, in the absolute surrender of self to God's will. As a pastor, he shepherded his flock well. In the community he was a "good man, full of faith." Rev. Sutton and his family established a place for themselves in the hearts of our people.

Rev. Sutton delivered his farewell sermon on August 29, 1948, having accepted a call to Bellaire, Ohio. He and his family reside at the manse on Belmont Ridge.

Mr. J. R. Deemer



After Rev. Sutton's resignation a pulpit committee was appointed and immediately undertook the task of filling the vacancy. Various ministers filled the pulpit in the months following. In June, 1949, James R. Deemer, a supply from the Student Preaching Association of Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary came to preach. In August, he preached for the second time and being favorably received began his work in September as student minister, a stated supply by Chartiers Presbytery.

James R. Deemer was born in Bakersfield, California in 1921, his parents having moved from Pennsylvania to California shortly

after their marriage. He is the oldest of a family of five.

In 1934, his parents returned to his mother's home farm and he joined the Union United Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Robinson Township High School in 1938.

Between graduation and his enlistment in the service he held different positions and also studied. While working in Chicago he became acquainted with Dr. James A. Gordon, of the Fifth United Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood, who did much to guide his thoughts along channels of Christian service.

Before his discharge from the U. S. Marine Corps in June, 1946, he had a total of thirty-four months' service overseas including Midway, Hawaii, Samoa, and the Marshalls.

He entered Sterling College in September, 1946 and graduated in August, 1948.

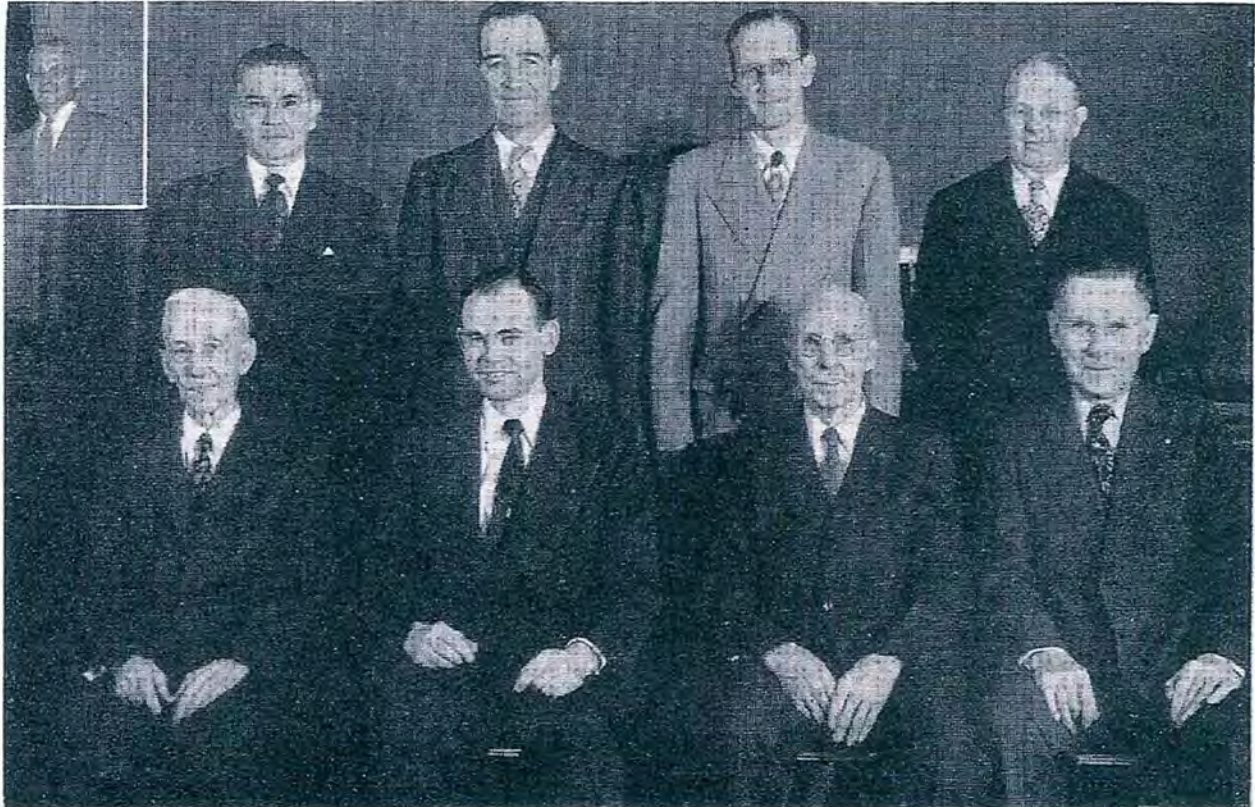
In September, 1948, he entered Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary under the care of Monongahela Presbytery and during that year served as student assistant in Knoxville United Presbyterian Church under the guidance of Dr. W. R. McGeary. Mr. Deemer preaches two Sabbaths of each month during the school year and full time during the summer.

HONOR MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Present members who have belonged to this church for fifty years or more are:

Mrs. Margaret Bowser Malone
 Mrs. Millie Bowser Brestle
 Mr. S. Reed Shillito
 Miss Alma Cox
 Mrs. Bella Ringler King
 Miss Maude Ackleson
 Mrs. Margaret Scott Malone
 Mr. Joseph A. McClurg
 Mrs. Anna Phillis Ralston

Mrs. Ella Phillis Reynolds
 Mr. J. Vincent Welch
 Miss Esther McNary
 Mr. T. Patterson Weaver
 Miss Anna Ackleson
 Mrs. Elizabeth Ackleson Proudfit
 Mr. Robert Cox
 Mr. Frank M. Russell



Seated l to r: Dr. W. E. Dickson, James R. Deemer, J. A. McClurg, Lee R. McKinney. Insert: R. G. Russell. Standing: J. C. Wolfe, James A. Scott, W. Harold Malone, J. W. Welch..

Present Members of Session

Senior member of session is J. A. McClurg, having served for forty-five years.

Dr. W. E. Dickson became clerk of session in 1929 and continued in that office until 1948.

R. G. Russell is vice-moderator of the session.

Lee R. McKinney is general chairman of the anniversary committee.

W. Harold Malone is a son of a former elder, Samuel C. Malone.

James A. Scott is a son of a former elder, Lee R. Scott.

J. Wilbert Welch is a son of a former elder, John White Welch, and a grandson of Elder M. R. Welch.

James C. Wolfe is the present clerk of session, taking office April 20, 1948.

Those who have served as ministers and elders since the organization are:

Ministers

Date of Organization	1800
W. Craig Brownlee	1809 - 1812
Alexander Donnan	1818 - 1839
Robert J. Hammond	1845 - 1856
Samuel H. Graham	1862 - 1871
John Hood	1871 - 1878
David W. Carson	1878 - 1898
A. W. Caldwell	1898 - 1903
Morris Watson	1904 - 1911
R. Harlan McCartney	1912 - 1917
J. L. Thome, Jr.	1917 - 1924
Richard C. Sutton	1925 - 1948

Elders

John Coventry	
William Bailey	
Joseph Phillis	
William Donaldson	
John Strain	
Nathan Porter	
William Smith	
James Brown	
James Leech	
James Keys	
John McBurney	1819
A. Hunter	1819
Robert Harvey	1819
Joseph McNary	1837
William Wilson	1837
Samuel Livingstone	1837
William Galbraith, Sr.	1839
Joshua Pyles	1837

William Colwell	1839
James McCalmont	1839
Samuel B. Shillito	1851
John Ferguson	1851
Robert K. Scott (Mt. Vernon)	before 1860
Finley Scott (Mt. Vernon)	before 1860
James P. McNary (Mt. Vernon)	before 1860
John Keys	1863
William H. Witherspoon	1869
M. Reed Welch	1869
William R. Galbraith	1869
John B. May	1887
David Reed	1887
James T. Patterson	1887
F. L. Andrews	1900
John M. Welch	1900
John W. Welch	1905
Joseph A. McClurg	1905
Joseph Henderson	1905
W. F. Scott	1913
S. C. Malone	1913
Dr. W. E. Dickson	1913
Lee R. Scott	1929
R. G. Russell	1929
S. J. McCalmont	1929
W. Harold Malone	1940
Lee R. McKinney	1940
James McCalmont	1940
J. Francis Reed	1940
R. Thompson Cowden	1946
James A. Scott	1946
J. Wilbert Welch	1946
James C. Wolfe	1946

Missions Established

Rev. George Snodgrass who was doing mission work in the small towns surrounding Burgettstown in 1916 called a meeting of people who were interested, at the Henry Tennyson hall at Slovan for the purpose of organ-

izing a Sabbath School to take care of the new population in that area. Rev. McKee of Washington was present at this meeting and a School was organized. From the beginning the teachers came from United Presbyterian

Church of Burgettstown. Miss Thelma Tennyson was pianist.

In 1917, the session of the United Presbyterian Church voted to take this mission under its care and appointed Mr. S. C. Malone superintendent and Mrs. Vincent Welch assistant superintendent. Others came from the Burgettstown church to help carry on the work. At the beginning of 1918, Miss Grace Welch was appointed missionary of this area and continued to work here and at Langeloth for a number of years.

In 1926, plans were completed for the building of the Langeloth church and in 1928, the church was dedicated. Miss Grace Welch was the missionary at Langeloth and Slovan until 1930 when she was married to Mr. Frank Lieske and resigned as missionary at Langeloth and became part-time worker at Slovan.

In 1928, Mr. S. C. Malone resigned as superintendent of the Sabbath School at Slovan and Mr. R. G. Russell was appointed superintendent.

Up to this date the meetings were held in the afternoon in the

school building but as this was unsatisfactory a room was rented know as the Longevich hall, and the meetings have been held there since that time. Sabbath School is held at 9 a.m. and a junior worship service immediately following the Sabbath School.

In 1934, the first Communion service was held in the mission when twenty-six partook of the Communion. In 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Lieske moved to Florida, and Mrs. R. G. Russell was appointed by the Women's Board to fill the vacancy and has continued to the present time.

Time would not permit us to mention all those who have served at the Slovan Mission. We might mention the people from this church and community who have gone to Slovan as teachers, pianists and have conducted inspiring devotions on Wednesday evenings; members of the session who have served Communion there twice a year and the ministers from this church, Langeloth and community who have preached the Gospel in Slovan.



The 1950 Choir



Seated: L to R: Laverne Tennyson, Phyllis Evans, Ruth Malone, Frances Tennyson, Josephine Lawson. Standing: Gaylord Malone, James Tennyson, Mary Bigger, Lois Cuervo, Sarah Welch, Odette Baier, Helen Bigger, Harry L. Tennyson.

Choir

After the erection of the brick building, the choir sang from the balcony at the rear of the sanctuary. For almost fifty years, Mr. John M. Welch directed the choir, beginning while the choir sang from the rear balcony. Three of our fifty year members, Mrs. Margaret Bowser Malone, Mrs. Millie Bowser Brestle and Mr. Vincent Welch sang with the choir while

they still used the choir loft. During Dr. Caldwell's pastorate, the choir moved to the right front of the sanctuary and an instrument adequate for the auditorium was purchased.

While Rev. McCartney was pastor, the pulpit was moved forward and the choir established in its present location. The pipe organ, which is now in use, was installed in 1929.

Sabbath School

Early Sabbath School records are very meager. An organization presumably existed in 1870, as a fund of the Sabbath School, amounting to \$11.00, was to be appropriated to Home Missions.

Today the Sabbath School plays an important part in the work of the church. It has a faithful group of workers and teachers and a membership of 125.

Miss Alma Cox, a veteran teacher in the Sabbath School, taught a class of young men for over thirty-five years.

Mrs. W. R. Malone, former teacher of the Faithful Worker's Class, taught for thirty-two years.

Mrs. J. Vincent Welch, teacher of the Friendship Bible Class for the last twenty-eight years, still continues to serve.

Sabbath School Superintendents

1877	Alexander Russell
1878	W. R. Galbraith
—	J. T. Patterson
no record	
1895	John W. Welch
1896	L. V. Duncan
1897	Robert Russell
1898 - 1901	F. L. Andrews
1902	Mrs. Clara Weaver
1903 - 1910	Robert A. Russell
1912	J. A. McClurg
1913 - 1914	W. E. Dickson
1915 - 1916	T. P. Weaver
1917	Charles Hindman
1918 - 1921	M. H. Borland
1921	S. J. McCalmont
1922 - 1924	J. L. Thome, Jr.
1925 - 1926	M. H. Borland
1927 - 1928	Harry Tennyson
1929	George Jack
1930 - 1935	S. C. Malone
1938 - 1946	Harold Malone
1947	R. T. Cowden
1948	Harold Malone

Missionary Societies

It is noted that the missionary

spirit has always been alive in the efforts of this church. As far back as 1846 a collection amounting to \$30 was taken for Home and Foreign Missions, and in 1847 a sum of \$20 was collected for the "Suffering Scotch." Session minutes of 1868 state that the missionary money was raised by cards left in the pews for that purpose.

It is uncertain when the first women's society was organized but it is thought to have been in Dr. Carson's pastorate.

In 1939, a young women's society was organized. Both societies have kept alive the interest in the Master's work both at home and elsewhere in the world.

Individuals have gone out as missionaries, religious workers, ministers and minister's wives.

Ladies' Auxiliary

Space will not permit adequate description of the work of the women of this congregation. The Ladies' Auxiliary has been a powerful force in the material well being of the church and manse. No actual date has been found for its organization but it is known to have existed in 1907.

Officers of the Church

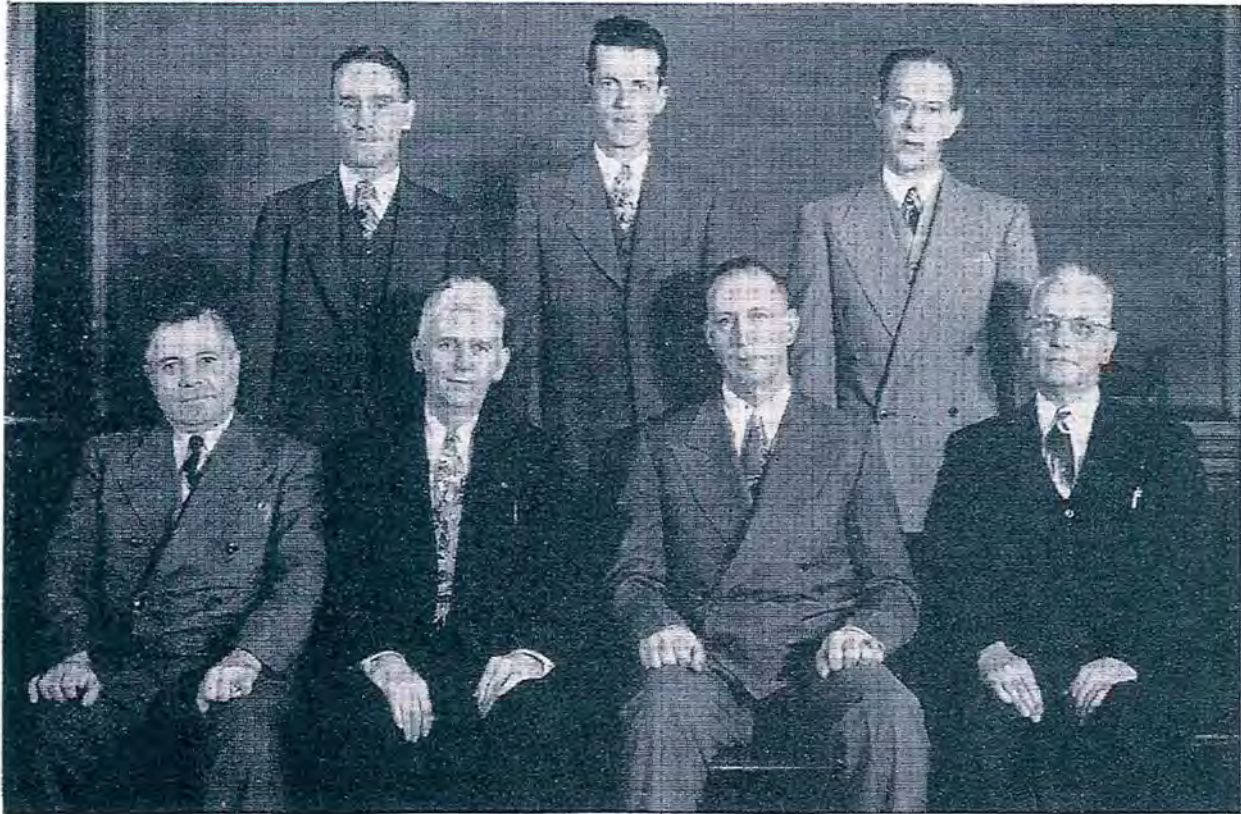
Congregational Chairman

Monte L. Scott

Secretary Mrs. Nelle Blaine

Treasurer C. Denny Scott

The 1950 Board of Trustees



Seated: J. M. Cunningham, B. J. Kenney, M. L. Scott, T. P. Weaver. Standing: C. D. Scott, Andrew Ralston, John Jones.

Recent Improvements

In 1949-1950 a new gas furnace was installed in the parsonage. The kitchen and bathroom have been remodeled; hardwood floors have been laid and other improvements made.

The outside of the church has been completely done over. A new steeple has been built to replace the old one. The brick on the front of the church has been painted and perma-sealed. The side walls and back have also been perma-sealed.

More improvements on the outside of the church are planned for the future.

Sons of the Church

Four sons of the congregation known to have entered the Gospel Ministry are Arthur Reed and W. H. Reed, brothers, sons of Elder David Reed (1887), Edward W. Welch, son of Elder John W. Welch (1905) and W. Brownlee Smiley.

Membership

The membership has varied at different times in the long history of the church, due perhaps to influencing circumstances. The practice of receiving persons into church membership at an early age has not always prevailed.

The members have ever been faithful in giving of their time, talents and substance in furthering the work of the Kingdom. The present membership numbers 263.

Through the Years

It is a tradition that Dr. Donnan was elected when two congregations met halfway between Burgettstown and Mt. Pleasant. One man nominated Rev. Donnan. Another man nominated Robert Douglas. People rallied around the standard bearer of the man he preferred. Rev. Donnan won.

Rev. Graham was pastor of the church during the Civil War. He was a strong Union man and apparently was not afraid to say so. There were quite a few "Copperheads" or Southern sympathizers in the Burgettstown area and they started to intimidate the minister. Feeling must have run rather high because a detachment of cavalry was sent into the community to protect Rev. Graham.

The question of the church charter is mentioned in the congregational minutes of 1907 but they do not state what, if anything, was done about it.

At the time of its organization this church was in Chartiers Presbytery. In 1859, Frankfort Presbytery was formed and Burgettstown, by its own choice, connect-

ed with it. In 1921, we were again placed in Chartiers Presbytery.

It is unique that the two members, who are the oldest in point of membership, Mrs. Margaret A. Malone and Mrs. Millie B. Brestle, are sisters.

The congregational minute book which has been preserved dates from 1873 and in the front of it is found the Constitution adopted by the congregation. According to it, the duties of the trustees (among others) were to rent pews, settle disputes about priorities of seats and to take care of the cemetery. There were 108 pews. There are frequent references in the minutes to arrears in pew rent.

In March, 1895, resolutions against dancing were passed by the session and read before the congregation by the pastor.

It is worthy of note that Mr. Robert K. Scott, who served as an elder for forty-seven years and his son, Mr. W. F. Scott, served successively over a span of eighty years with the exception of two years between the death of the father and the ordination of the son.

John M. Welch was director of the choir for almost fifty years.

The bulletin board which stands in front of the church was a gift of T. E. Millsop, president of Weirton Steel Company.

Closing the Book

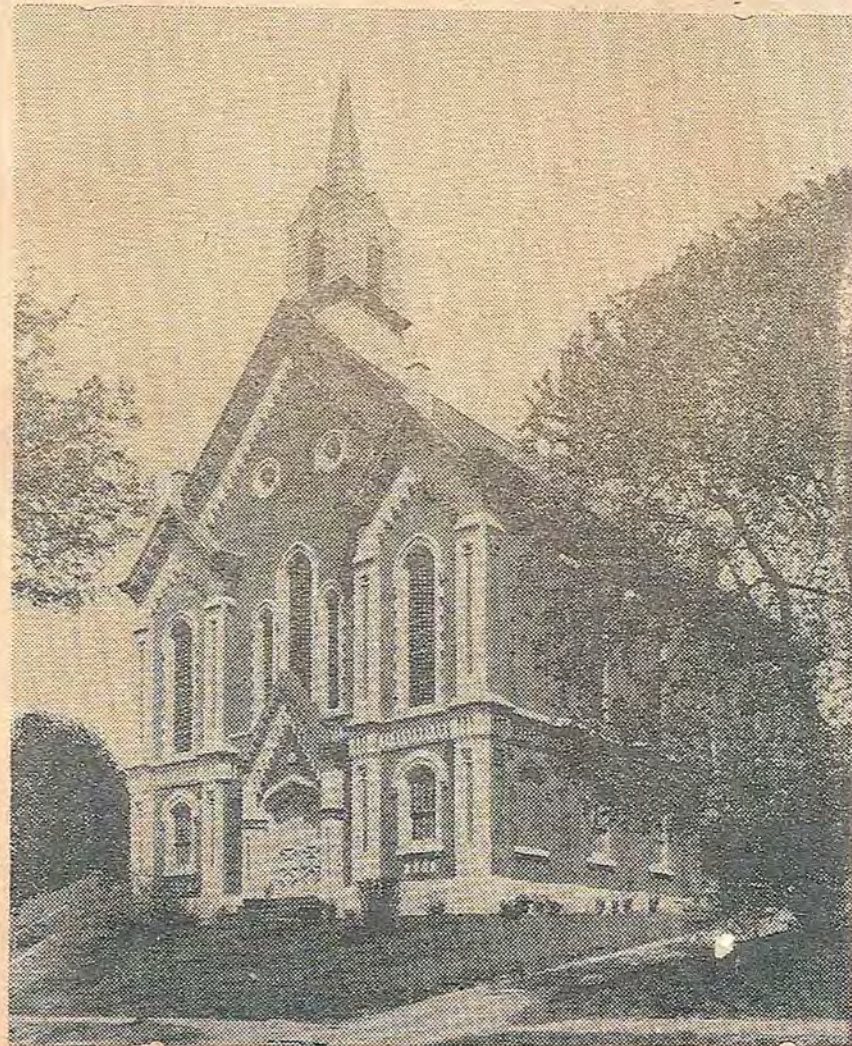
We have endeavored to follow the history of this church through the years, from the minutes, Rev. Sutton's historical sermon, newspaper articles, letters and information received from present and former members.

Those who have labored and loved have builded far better than they knew, and may the history that we are making today be just as sacred, just as vital and just as interesting to those who follow in our footsteps as the history of those who in great faith founded this church, has been to us.

Mrs. J. Vincent Welch
Miss Maude Ackelson
Mrs. Joseph R. Culley
Mrs. J. Wilbert Welch
—Historical Committee



Historic Burgentown United Presbyterian Church Celebrates 150 Years June 11, 18 & 25



Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary celebration at the First United Presbyterian church. Invitation have been mailed to as many of the former members and friends of the congregation as names and addresses could be secured. A feature of the anniversary will be a booklet giving the history of the one hundred and fifty year old church and many interesting facts concerning the early history of the church and families of the community as well as pictures of the church and officers and pictures and biographies of pastors from 1878 to the present day.

The celebration will open on June 11 with dedication services of recent improvements. In 1948 new memorial windows were installed. Complete repair and repainting of the outside of the church was done in 1949 and 1950. A new outside bulletin board has been erected identifying the church. A special evening service on June 11 will present Lal Motilal, Sialkot, Pakistan.

Homecoming day will be observed on Sunday, June 18, when former members and friends will attend. Dr. Richard W. Graves, editor of the Christian Union Herald will be the speaker at the morning service. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the church to guests at the services. At 2:30 homecoming fellowship will be observed. Former pastors and neighboring ministers will reminisce and will bring greetings. Mrs. A. A. Love, nee Mary E. Thome, for many years associated with Union high school will be the guest soloist.

On June 20 the Chartiers Presbytery will hold its summer meeting in the evening. June 23 Communion preparatory services will be held by student pastor James R. Deemer.

Observance of the summer Communion on June 25 will close the celebration of the One Hundredth and Fiftieth Anniversary. Dr. H. Ray Shear will have charge of this service.

Burgettstown U. P. Church Was Organized In 1800

The people of Burgettstown have been attending church almost since the Revolutionary War. Of the churches within Burgettstown borough today, the First United Presbyterian Church may lay claim to being the oldest, for its congregation was organized in 1800, just 24 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed. At that time the population of Burgettstown numbered about 200 people. For some years after its organization the congregation had no meeting house, and services were held in the open air, but eventually a double log building was erected just over the hill from the present church. The old United Presbyterian cemetery on the South Burgettstown-Cherry Valley road is near the site of the old log church.

Since the people who moved into Burgettstown area were Associate Presbyterians, Seceders or Covenanters, the United Presbyterian Church here was first known as the Associate Church, and early communion tokens bore the letters "A. C." as symbols.

The first minister to serve the congregation regularly was Rev. W. C. Brownlee who was in charge of the Associate Church at Hickory and the Burgettstown church simultaneously.

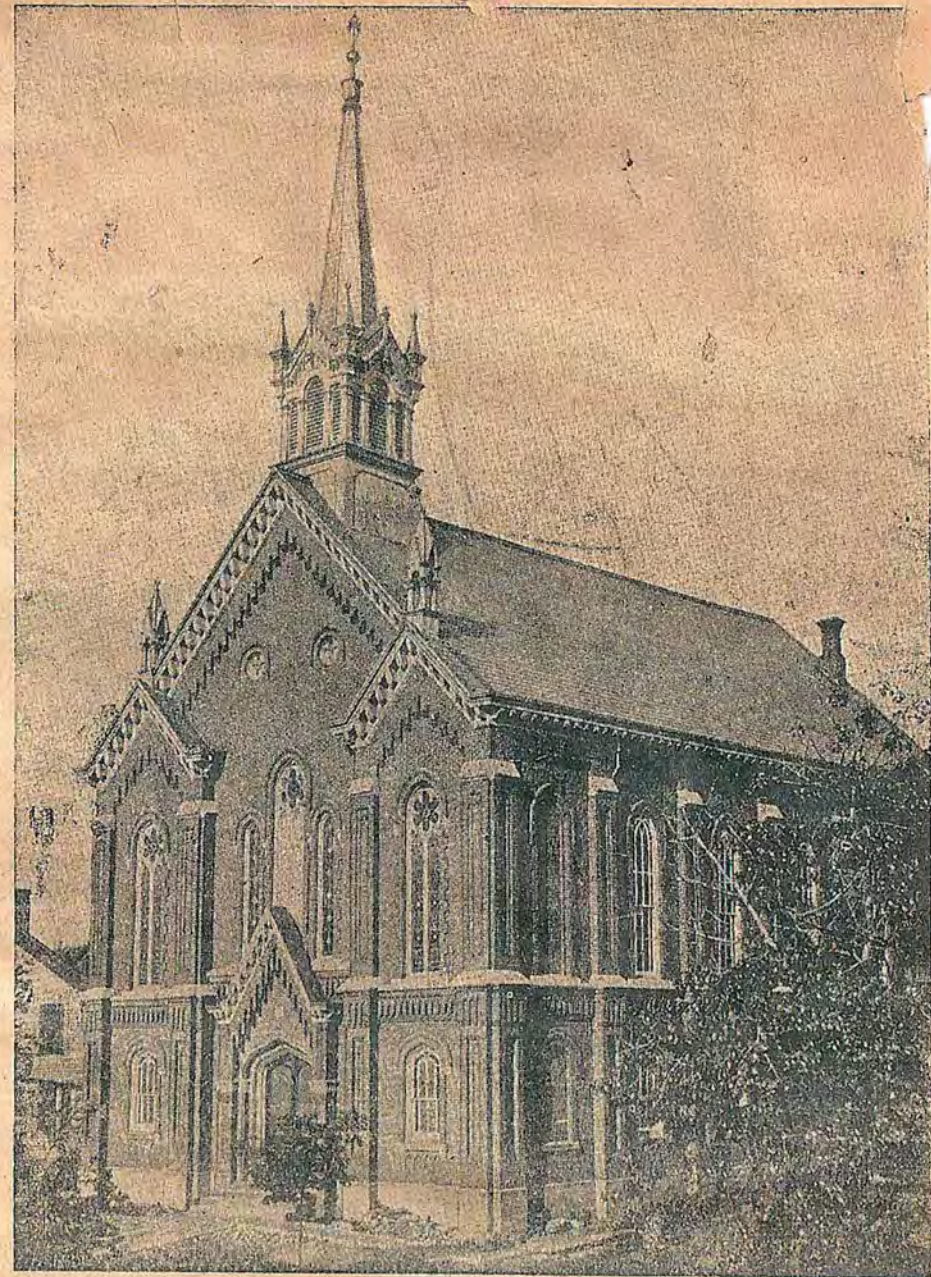
Rev. Brownlee, who incidentally was ordained in Scotland, served as pastor from 1809 until 1812. Rev. Alexander Donnan, ordained in Ireland, was the second regular pastor preaching from 1818 until 1840. For five years following his pastorate, the church was without a minister, but during this period the congregation replaced the old log church with a frame building costing \$1,040.00. The new building, which is reported to have been 40'X60', faced north and was entered by two main doors.

Two long aisles, the length of the church, met a cross aisle at the front of the pulpit. Here the communion table stood.

Ineligible members were discouraged from participating in the communion service by a "fencing of the tables". The phrase meant that communicants received the elements at a table set before the pulpit with bread, a large silver cup of wine and a pitcher for replenishing the cup. As a psalm was sung, two elders, one on either side of the church led a group of communicants to the table, where they were seated upon receipt of the tokens by two other elders. The group was replaced by another until each member holding a token had been served. Tokens were distributed prior to the communion service only to those who were in good standing.

While the frame church existed, Rev. Robert J. Hammond (1845-1858) Rev. Samuel Graham (1862-1871) and Rev. John Hood (1872-1878) served as pastors.

About 1860 the frame building was moved in its entirety to the



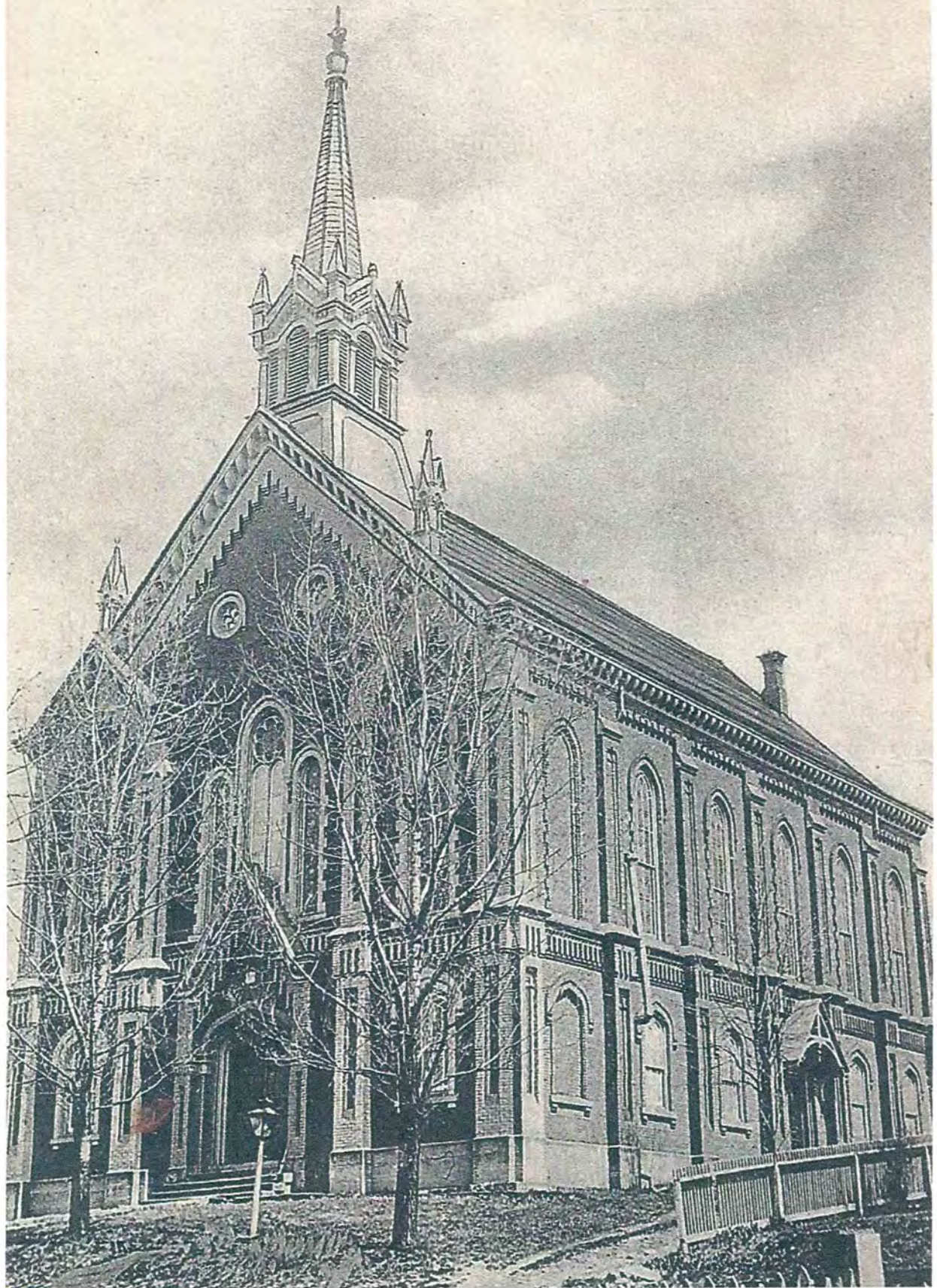
spot where the present church stands. In 1873 it was moved again to the rear of the lot in order that excavating could be done for the new brick building.

The "new building" is the pre-

sent First United Presbyterian Church and was erected at a cost of \$27,000. It was designed by James P. Bailey of Robinson Township; the walls were built by ex-sheriff Andrew Bruce, grand-



First U. P. Church, Burgettstown, Pa.





First United Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Pa.



Y. M. C. A. for Burgettstown

The men's organization, which was recently organized with R. C. Cassidy president, T. H. Huber and J. M. Pyle vice-presidents and C. A. Hamilton and L. M. Davies secretaries, held their first meeting in the First United Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A short song service was held, with H. M. Roy leader and H. K. Brumbaugh organist, after which prayers were offered by Rev. G. R. Steele, T. H. Huber and C. A. Hamilton. President Cassidy then called upon Rev. R. H. McCartney to outline the purposes and work of the organization. Mr. McCartney stated that the work, as he saw it, was to conserve the energy gathered in the recent evangelistic campaign. He pointed to the attendance at all the morning preaching services, and to the lack of profanity on our streets, as some of the great results of the meetings. The thing for the men to do was to try to maintain this high order of things. It will be so easy for some to slip back into their old ways; the men should stand as a body against the devil and his wiles and help the weak brother. Mr. McCartney then suggested that one of the best things the men could do was to organize a Y. M. C. A., where the young people could go for reading and recreation instead of loafing on the streets. The suggestion was heartily received and everyone called upon expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the movement. Dr. S. L. McCullough, of Crafton, was present and spoke of the great change he had noted in Burgettstown as a result of the meetings. He said that he knew of no better way to conserve these results than by establishing a Y. M. C. A., and stated that if the project was taken up and the men showed that they meant business he would contribute \$300 to the fund. He also stated that there was no reason why Burgettstown should not have a Carnegie free library, and he believed they could get it. Revs. G. R. Steele and G. W. Snodgrass and Prof. G. R. Norris expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the Y. M. C. A., as did practically every business man present.

On motion a committee, consisting of Rev. R. H. McCartney, J. P. Linn and W. G. Cramer, was named

to confer with the state authorities in regard to an organization. This committee has arranged to have a well-known Y. M. C. A. worker address the men of Burgettstown in a meeting to be held in Westminster Presbyterian church' next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Richard C. Sutton, pastor
Sunday School ----- 9:45 A.M.
Superintendent, Harold Malone
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A.M.
Junior Missionary ----- 6:45 P.M.
Superintendents, Mrs. J. R. Culley
and Mrs. Earl Lawson
Young People's Society -- 6:45 P.M.
o'clock.
President, Ruth Ternyson
Evening Worship ----- 7:30 P.M.
The Spring meeting of Presbytery
will be held Tuesday in the United
Presbyterian Church at Thomas.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. R. E. Carman, minister

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. John Stevenson and Alvin L. Berry, superintendents.

11 a. m. Morning service with sermon.

6:30 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor.

7:30 p. m., evening worship; Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A large congregation was present for Communion services last Sunday. There were four accessions to the church.

A Congregational meeting was held on Monday evening, at which time Trustees for the ensuing year were elected.

The Mary Pyle Bible Class met Wednesday evening, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Lee Addington, of Harmon Creek.

The Women's Missionary Society will meet Thursday, April 11 at 2 o'clock in the church annex. Mrs. George Pyle will be the leader. Mrs. Lola Ackleson will speak on foreign Missions and her subject will be, "Chosen". Mrs. Berry will discuss the National Missions, Topic "American Indians". Mrs. James McWhorter will have the Prayer Calendar.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Rummage Sale in the Barbush building, Main street, Tuesday, April 16.

three of them being outside of the church. He estimates he has made seven thousand calls leaving a message in prayer in most cases. No part of his work brought more joy than this. Cold statistics do not tell the whole story. Only eternity can reveal the number who have found Christ through our witness of this church, and the degree of growth of each of us into "the measure of the stature of Christ."

I want to pay this tribute to the companion God has given me to share my joys and sorrows, my triumphs and defeats. I cannot express how much she has meant to me, how her womanly intuition, her sensitiveness to people's suffering and need, her capability in enthusing others and leading them to work for the Master, her talent as a teacher of little children have made possible a service which I could not have performed alone.

As the time comes to leave you, we want to say that these last weeks have revealed your love in a way that stirs us profoundly. We did not know we had entered so deeply into your hearts. We leave with sincere gratitude for the little things many of you have been doing for us through the years to show your love. We appreciate the recent gifts, the entertainment in your homes, the beautiful tributes by mail. And then your tears tell better than words how much you care. Thank you Slovan, for your gifts. No one could be nicer to us than you have been. Thank you dearly beloved, for the pulpit robe. Mrs. Sutton thanks those groups and individuals who have been remembering her. This is written before Friday evening. Thank you for whatever you are planning for us at that time. It all overwhelms us. GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.



J. W. Welch
COMMUNION SERVICE
Rev. Sutton's Farewell.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Burgettstown, Penna.

FAREWELL COMMUNION SERVICE
Richard C. Sutton

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you." - Jno. 15:12

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"If ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God --- Set not your mind upon the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God." - Col. 3:1-3

PRAISE: Old Hundredth Psalter 268:1,2

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE:

APOSTLES CREED: Page 436

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 15:1-17

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

PRAISE: Psalter 350

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

OFFERTORY:

CHOIR SPECIAL:

SERMON: "Christ and the New Commandment"

PRAISE: Psalter 313:1,2

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

PRAISE: Psalter 53

BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER:

POSTLUDE:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We thank God for our years of service in Burgettstown. We thank you too for your hearty cooperation, - the session, trustees, choir, Sabbath School officers, teachers, young people's societies and women's organizations. We thank the ladies of the auxiliary for their watchfulness, for the

comforts to the pastor's family, the church treasurer for the promptness of the arrival of the monthly check, the choir director for his faithfulness in spite of a full schedule, the organist for her joyful cooperation, the secretary for our bulletins, clerk of session for our records, the custodian for his untiring efforts in keeping the Lord's house neat and comfortable. We think of the long years of service of Mrs Bill Malone, Miss Alma Cox and Mrs. J. V. Welch to the Bible School. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Russell's many years of service to Slovan Mission, going out every Sabbath morning at nine o'clock as well as on week nights, are an inspiration and a challenge to all of us.

Through our united efforts many improvements have been made, - the organ and chimes, a furnace, new lighting fixtures installed, the sanctuary covered with a new rug, shrubbery planted, the Sabbath School divided into class rooms with curtains, kitchen modernized, a complete job of rewiring done, acquiring of robes for both choirs, and, lastly the installation of new stained glass windows.

During the early years of our ministry we developed a very large Intermediate Society. Many of the young adults of today speak in terms of high praise of the things they learned and the good times they enjoyed in that society. Later the Beginners and Primary Department of the Bible School was built up until it now widely known for its numbers and its effective program. The same group forms an active Little Light Bearers and Junior Missionary Society. Recently a class of young adults was formed, called the J. O. Y. Class. The latest service to the church has been the organizing of a Junior Choir.

During my ministry six hundred thirty-five have been received into the church, Infant baptisms number one hundred sixty-one and adult baptisms eighty-four. The pastor has officiated at ninety-seven weddings. He has conducted two hundred fifty-five funerals, one hundred sixty-

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