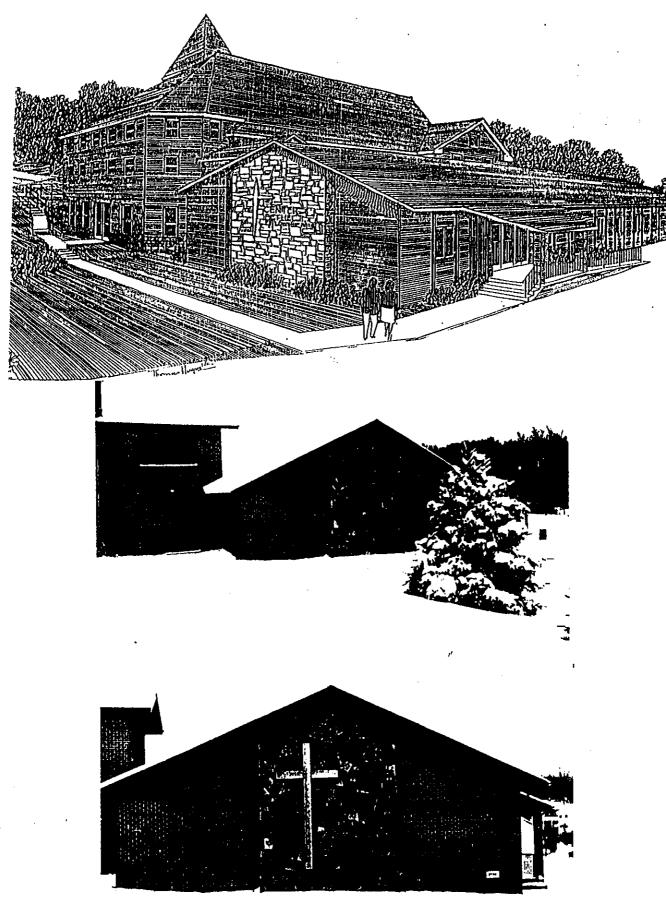


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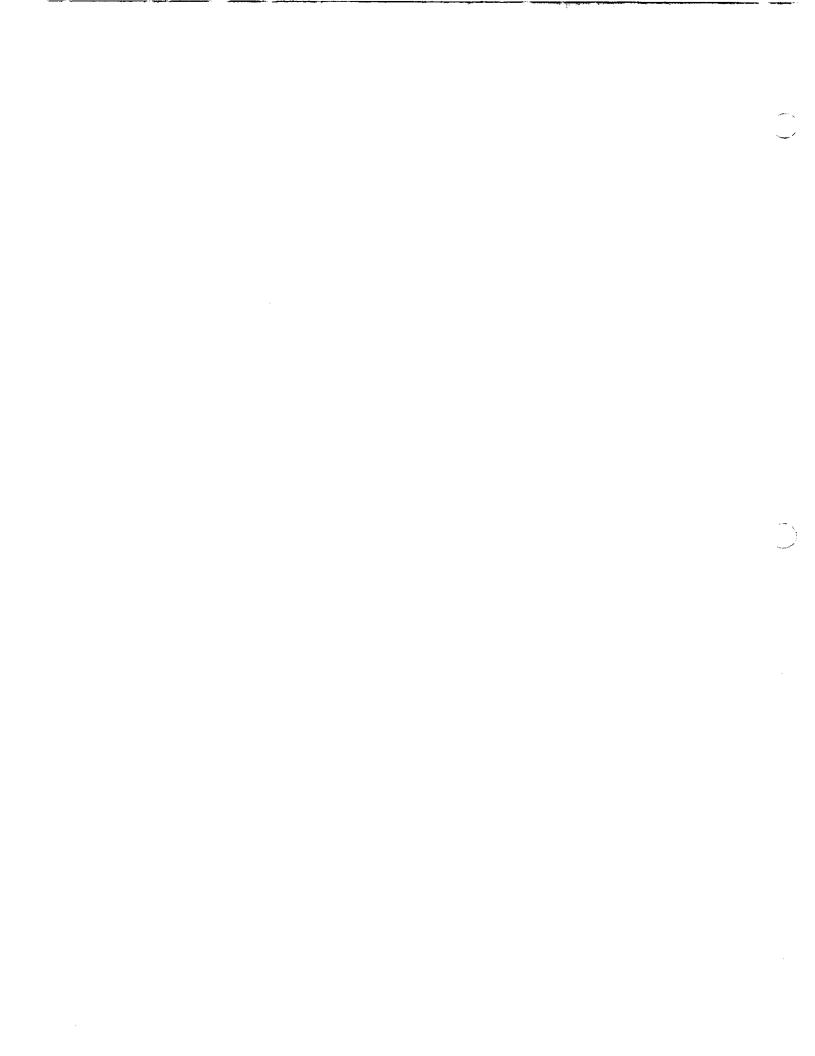
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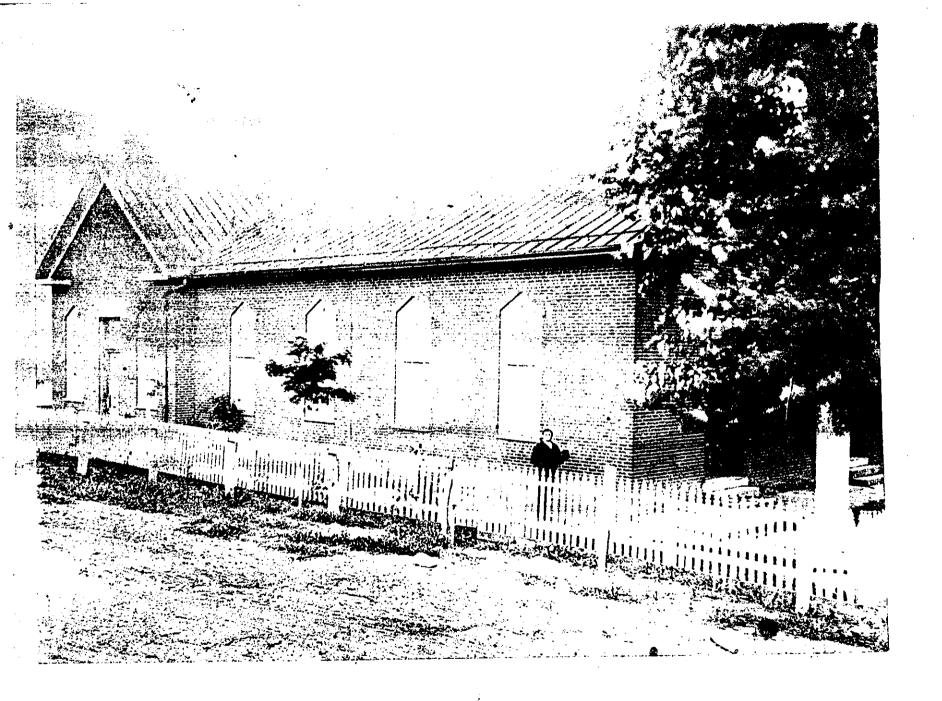


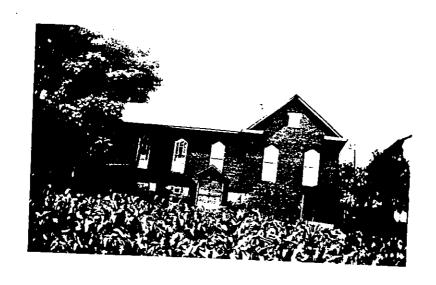


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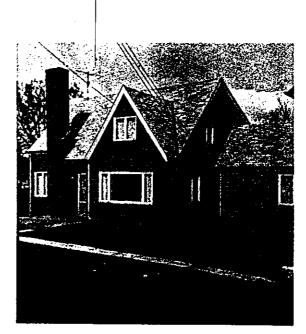




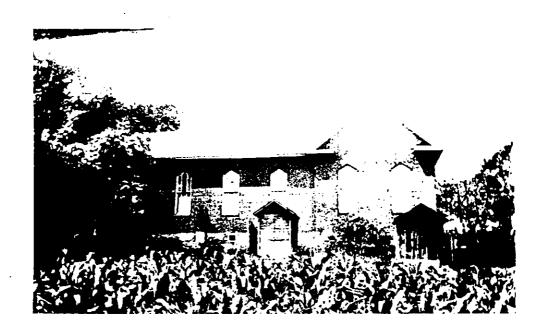




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# ALVERTON CHURCH OF GOD (CENTER BETHEL)

A HISTORY OF THE CENTER BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD (This portion of the history was written by Peter Loucks in 1870).

The first in a series designed to show why members of Center Bethel should feel proud to be members of this church.

The organization we know as the "Church of God" at Center Bethel, Westmoreland County, Pa. has passed through various transitions from its incipiency up to the time when it assumed its present title. As early as the year 1839 or 1840 at different times a number of ministers of the East Penna. Eldership of whom Elders L. Keller, T. J. Hickernel, Elder Winebrenner and others, either separately or in company with each other, visited the county in their missionary tours for the west and south. They readily found a home and stopping place at the Rosenbergers, Father Sherricks, and with several other families in this and the adjoining communities. Several preaching places were opened mainly in private houses, though Elder Winebrenner either before or after this had preached inthe Mennonite Meeting House which demonination at that time had the ascendancy in the community.

Soon after this, or about this time as the writer has no data to which he can refer excepting events as they present themselves to the mind from incidents gathered from conversations, a small church was organized by Brother John Hickernell, who was then a missionary of the East Penna. Eldership to Western Penna, and Ohio, in the house of Henry Rosenberger then living where the village of Bethany now stands. This small church as it was new organized continued to worship in private dwellings having preaching only occassionally, as the few missionaries who were at that time west of the mountains had quite an extensive field to travel so that their appointments were necessarily far apart.

The church though few in number were very zealous in their devotions and being assiduously attached to the principles which they had espoused, they urged the superiority of the claims of the "Church of God" above all human titles, and inasmuch as the church urged the primitive manner of observing the ordinances such as baptism, feet washing, and the Lord's Supper.

In connecton with the necessity of experimental religion or a radical change of heart as an essential prerequisite for the privileges and immunities of the church, they were held in contempt and derision, not only by those who made no profession of religion but also by other religious denominations whose theories of religion differed from those of the church. Not a few of the latter stignatized the preachers of the church as "deceivers" and as among the "false prophets" spoken of by Christ "who encompass sea and land to make one proselyte who when he is made is tenfold more the child of the devil than themselves."

The peduliar doctrines so reprehensible to these formal religioists were experimental religion, which many of them denied, baptism by

immersion exclusively, the washing of the Saints' Feet. The most prominent point aimed at by the opponents, as it also is the basest, was to present the want of ability, magnify the ignorance, and insignificance of the numbers advocating the doctrines of the "Church of God" as also to judge of and critizise the character of its members, a mode still resorted to to injure the church in its influence.

(The second in a series)
In addition to the organization at Brother Rosenberger's commonly known as the "Church at Bethany" there was also a church organized some four miles south of this in what was known as the Landis neighborhood—here as well as at Bethany regular meetings were held, as also at Father Sherrick's and other places for a number of years until the church in the Landis neighborhood was finally broken up by removals of the principal part of its members to the state of Iowa. (The first Church of God missionary came from this church in Iowa) It is due to the church here, as was state by Brother Bolton in a recent communication to the Church Advocate, that it be placed upon her historical record, that she has furnished the material out of which not only the church at Hermez, Iowa was originally established, as there are still living those who were members of the church or its auxiliaries in this community but also a number of other churches and individual members scattered through a number of the western states.

The church at Bethany sometime after its organization made an effort and succeeded in building a house of worship which was occupied by the church until it was succeeded by the bethel by which the present place of worship of the church is designated. The church continuing few in number and mainly poor and unable to commend much assistance outside was compelled to build a plain and cheap house hardly commensurate with the wants of the congregation which subsequently assembled for religious worship. Aside from the privilege of worship in the house, no other benefits were realized as there was some deficiency in the title so that the lot finally fell into other hands without any pecuniary advantage to the church. Between the years 1855 and 1863 the church having increased in numbers and being very much scattered worshipped a part of the time in "Stoner Grove meeting House" it having been built by a number of brethren styling themselves the "Brethren in Christ" but the majority of their members having united with this church, the house became accessible to this church. After Center Bethel was built, it being as its name imparts, in the center of the community, the latter place was also abandoned.

In the spring of 1863 it was determined to erect a new and more commodious house of worship in a more central location. At a preliminary meeting a soliciting committee was appointed who succeeded after some weeks in obtaining on subscription some eleven hundred dollars towards its erection. With the amount pledged it was decided that the churchproceed to build through a committee.

The greatest difficulty now to be encountered was that of procuring a site for the house. The ground most suitable was owned by members of the Mennonite Church, hence a memorial was drawn up and presented to said church in assembly meeting setting forth the wants of the church and praying that they would either sell to the Church of God one-half

interest in their house as they only occupied it every two weeks, or rent it for a term of years or allow the church to erect a house of its own on an adjoining lot which would have been available by obtaining such consent. Said memorial was treated with contempt as none of their number would read it, and the request postively refused.

The Third of the series to show the progress of Center Bethel.

This action on the part of that body aroused the independence of several members of that church and induced Father Stouffer and Father Fox each to agree to sell for a nominal sum ground sufficient upon which to erect a suitable house of worship. A lot of ground was hence obtained and buildings erected worth together in the aggregate some six or seven thousand dollars. (The deed for this land was signed in May 1863).

During the earlier years of the church's history in the community accessions were made to the church from their denominations on account of her scriptural doctrines. These accessions were mainly from the Mennonite Church from want of vital or experimental religion amongs that people, who when any of their number were truly converted, or enjoyed religion they readily found a home in the church. On this account the opposition from some of the leading members of that denomination was very strong, which now happily however is abated.

Of those belonging to the church in its incipiency were Henry Rosenberger and wife, Mother Rosenberger, and Mother Dillinger who are yet living, Father Sherrick and his companion, Father Landis who has crossed the river and his family with many others whose memories are cherished by their survivors.

In these years the church had the ministerial labors of men who are regarded as the earlier pioneers of the church, it being a regular stepping point for all who travelled form the east to the west, before the present railroad facilities were enjoyed. Since that time she has not enjoyed the same variety as before.

Since 1850 she has had as pastors Domer, Loucks, Hickernel, Loucks, and Long, with others who preached occassionally and during pretracted meetings from the east and the west.

During all this time at certain periods the church had its ebbings and flowings, sometimes her fiery creeds were such as to almost extinguish its visibility and cool the arder of its friends, but still God owned and blessed the labors of his servants and added to the number of the saved.

In 1858 the temperance issue assumed quite a prominent feature in the church as one of its prominent and most influential members had engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor contrary to the sentiment and advice of the church, who was publicly expelled by a vote of the church on the 12th day of June of this year. Brother G. Hern being present complimented the action of the church in this case in acting promptly and disinterestedly, and for taking this advanced step in the temperance issue, discountenancing the manufacture, sale and

use of intoxicating liquor by refusing to hold in her communion such as will deliberately without regard to the doctrinal feelings of the church embark in such an enterprise. Said distillery had something to do in the present location of Center Bethel.

Extensive revivals of religion were enjoyed at several periods in later years 1867, 1869, 1871. Each year from twenty to thirty were added to the church. Still, emigration and removals have been so frequent that the church has never reached maximum of more than one hundred and twenty-five members which is but little less than its present number though twenty-one have lately been added.

The present record was purchased in 1867 when Brother Domer had charge but this part of the history was left to the present, Feb. 28th, 1870. Elder Domer left the latter part of March 1869 taking with him the good will of the entire community when the pastoral care of the church came to the writer, who was not only brought up in the community but had preached nearly alternately with predecessors.

The Fourth in the series to show the progress of Center Bethel.

Being nearly at the close of the first year all may feel grateful to the gracious giver of all good, that nothing serious has occurred during the year and especially for the signal success we have had and for the enjoyment of God's presence during our recent series of meetings lasting two months.

In October 1868, John S. Funk died, who bequeathed by will one hundred dollars which came into my hand in the spring of 1869. Said bequest was made to the trustees of the church at Center Bethel, to be appropriated at their discretion, to the use of the church or other benevolent enterprises in installments of ten dollars yearly.

The pastoral relation between the writer and the church concluded with the meeting of the eldership in 1870, but there being no other one to take charge--as chairman of the Standing Committee he continued to preach until in the spring of 1870. He closed his labors on the 12th of March and Elder John Hickernell commenced to preach on the 26th of March and preached his introductory sermon on the 9th day of April having in a public meeting expressed satisfaction with the condition of the church as he found it. Elder J. Hickernell continued to preach until April 1872 closing his labors on the last Sabbath of March.

During the year there were no accessions but several dismissals by letter and no protracted meeting held and only two ordinance meetings during the year. In his closing sermon Elder Hickernell represented the spiritual condition of the church as being very low, almost without any vital power. Elder Loucks again assumed charge in April 1872 commencing his official labors with the church.

The Mission Chapel in Mount Pleasant was completed in the beginning of the year 1872. A church was organized and regular services were held from the time of dedication in February. During the winter of 1872 and 1873 series of meetings were held in the Bethel and the Mission Chapel resulting in 28 accessions to the church, as both organizations

cooperated as one body for the promotion of good. In the spring of 1873 W. B. Long by appointment from the Eldership took charge of both appointments. Elder Joseph Grimm was appointed to Center Bethel at the Eldership held in Mt. Pleasant in October 1874 and took charge immediately after the Eldership.

The latter feels grateful to be permitted to make this record as the church in this community has a history of twenty-five years at least of which no one now living is able to give a better data. There are some things in this history, the moral effects of which like in many instances of the history of the Jews, the future only can fully develop, although some persons altogether ignorant of part of this history acted upon the assumption of foreseeing its future.

B. F. Bolton continues in this history, I took charge immediately after the close of the Eldership in Oct. 1877, continued for three years. The three years were pleasant years to me. I opened an appointment  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of here which resulted in the organization of a church and the erection of a good brick meeting house. This was Grandview Church of which he was speaking.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CENTER BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD - ALVERTON, PA. Compiled by Miss Pearl DePriest in October 1962

In November of 1838, the Pennsylvania Eldership appointed John Hickernell and E. West to the "Pittsburgh Mission." This mission included five counties: Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler, and Venango. Hickernell's circuit covered two hundred seventy miles. J. Keller and his co-laborer in Westmoreland County.

They held a series of meetings in 1838 in the C. Landis Schoolhouse (near Hawkeye) where twelve persons were converted and a church organized. Thomas Hickernell, in 1839 organized a church in the home of Henry Rosenberger in Bethany (now Ruffsdale). The church property there later was lost because of a family title. Between these two churches inStonerville (Alverton), John Hickernell organized a church which met in the Mennonite Meeting House in 1839. A small plain house of worship was bult at a cost of \$1,100. in Stoner's Grove in 1841. The church in the Landis School neighborhood was finally broken up by the removal of most of the families to Iowa, where they formed the church at Harmony. The membership having increased considerably around Stonerville, the Stoner's Grove Meeting House being centrally located, all members of the three churches combined and named the Stoner's Grove Church Center Bethel.

In the spring of 1863 it was determined to erect a "more comodious house of worship." A tract of land was purchased for a "nominal sum" from "Father Fox and "Father" Stauffer, the house being erected and dedicated Sabbath, December 27, 1863. The entire cost of the land and building was \$6,600.

In 1881, two rooms were added to the church and these later (1908) were made into four rooms. In 1928 the whole building was remodeled, at the cost of \$25,000, with nineteen rooms and a sanctuary seating 400.

The parsonage was remodeled three times. In 1959 it was torn down and replaced with a red brick structure with seven rooms and full basement, heated with electricity at a cost of \$30,000.

Early records show the membership was largely made up of the Stauffer, Stoner, Fox, Dillinger, Rosenberger, Loucks, and Hickernell families.

From Center Bethel have sprung several other churches among which are the Mt. Pleasant Church of God in 1872 and the Church of God at Harmony, Iowa. This latter church was the home church of Clara Landis, the first missionary sent out by our denomination to India. Solomon Fulmer from Center Bethel helped found the Grandview Church of God. The building at Grandview was built in 1880.

An interesting little sidelight deserves to be remembered When J. Arnold Berg pastored here in the 1950's he purchased some small items and had them billed to the church. When the statement came, it was billed to the "Sinner Bethel Church of God." Of course, the background of the word "center" was not known to the merchant and it was a logical conclusion that we were all a pack of sinners as we might as well be honest and admit to it in our name. We cannot deny this brand of being sinners for our Lord has made it plain that He came, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. So we do lay claim to that terminology but are happy to add the words, "Saved by Grace."

Our church, whether she be a church without a name or not, has been a shining light in the community continuously from the day of her beginning in 1839.

Other pertinent historical facts associated with our church follows:

#### 1954 - 1957

In July of 1954 a Wurlitzer Organ was installed in the church.

A brass cross and candle holder were added to the Chancel by an anonymous giver. The recruiter Sunday School Class, which began in January of 1955, gave two brass vases for altar flowers.

The white satin embroidered altar cloth, fringed in gold, was placed underneath these symbols of our faith in memory of Donnie Myers and dedicated in April 1955.

In the summer of 1955 the red floor covering was purchased by the Ladies Bible Class.

A literature rack was placed in the rear of the sanctuary.

Extended church service for the childred began during the winter of 1955-1956 for ages 4-12.

#### 1958 - 1959

The church was repaired during the spring of 1959 after the termites which cuased the damage had been exterminated.

In June of 1959 the old parsonage was torn down to make room for the new one.

Rev. John Woods was assigned to a new pastorate and Rev. William D. Rodahaver was assigned as our new minister.

#### 1959 - 1960

An altar rail was placed in the sanctuary and dedicated on Easter Sunday evening.

The building of the new parsonage was begun in April 1960. It was completed in November of the same year.

#### 1960 - 1961

In August of 1960 the new Church of God hymnals were dedicated in the morning service.

In October of 1960 the Brotherhood completed their project of placing steps at the right side of the building and a walk which extended to the driveway at the rear of the church.

Two new flags, the Christian and American, were bought by the church and dedicated in December 1960.

In March 1961, the newly organized Junior Choir sang for the first time under the direction of Rev. Rodahaver.

In June of 1961, a pulpit scarf, in memory of Donnie Myers, and a pulpit light in memory of Nell Vance, and a Pulpit Bible in memory of George Echard, were dedicated in the morning worship service.

#### 1961 - 1962

In November 1961 two gas heaters were installed in the basement of the church.

One hundred steel chairs and four tables were purchased in February 1962. A cupboard was completed for the kitchen at the same time.

In September of 1962 new chairs for the choir were given by the James Murphy Funeral Home.

## 1963 - 1964

In August of 1963 the floors and ceilings of the Prayer Meeting

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Room and Doer's Class Room remodeled. The floor in the vestibule was also covered.

In October 1963 new chairs were purchased for the Doer's Class and Prayer Meeting Rooms. New lights were also installed.

#### 1963 - 1964

In December 1963 the church celebrated it's one hundredth anniversary of the church building.

In July 1964 an outside bulletin board was completed in memory of Ivan Sillaman.

## 1964 - 1965

The one-hundred and twenty-first Annual West Pennsylvania Eldership was held at Center Bethel from August 12-16, 1964.

In September 1964 brass flower holders for the piano and organ were given by Dorothy Frey in memory of Merle Frey.

In October 1964, Pearl DePriest was honored at a testimonial dinner in recognition of her 52 years of teaching Sunday School. Testimonies were given by Rev. Anna Hoverter of Harrisburg, and Miss Ida Hickernell of Findlay, Ohio. Mrs. Dorothy Neidley was the mistress of ceremonies. There was a time of informal singing, special music, a message by Rev. Rodahaver and reminiscenses from the group.

In 1965 a quantity of new church service hymnals were purchased for use in the Sunday School by the Charles McBeth family.

October 25, 1964, was homecoming Sunday. An afternoon service was held at 2:30 P.M. There was special music by the Senior Choir. The message was given by Rev. Harold Kinard who was pastor from 1943-1948. There was a time of reminiscenses by former pastors and members.

## 1966 - 1967

The new Sunday School room under the parsonage was completed under the direction of Nick Ritz.

A new piano was purchased for the sanctuary by the estate of Miss Carrie Stoner as provided in her will.

The fiftieth anniversary of Effie and Ernest Hough was celebrated in the church basement on Santurday, March 11, 1967.

The Prayer Meeting Room was paneled in 1966.

A rose bud vase was purchased by Kenneth Dugger for the altar table.

## 1967 - 1968

Doer's Class Room was paneled.

Church was painted and sandblasted during this time.

### 1968 - 1969

New red carpeting was placed in the sanctuary.

An organ was purchased for the church in January 1969.

A water cooler was placed in the church by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Meredith, Sr., in memory of their son, Walter, Jr.

New doors were put on the Sunday School room in the balcony.

A dusk to dawn light was installed at the back of the church.

## 1969 - 1970

Carpeting was installed in the Coat Room and the Married Couples class room. A new coat rack was purchased for the coat room.

The church purchased the Lorris Long property. The house was removed in order to have a parking lot for the church members.

## 1970 - 1971

The candelabras were purchased for the front of the church with money given to the church from the estate of Mrs. Hoverter and dedicated in her memory.

The parking lot was prepared for black-topping in the spring. This was completed by the Kendi Slag Co.

Two new doors were hung in the church basement.

## 1971 - 1972

The Wallace family has returned from the mission station in Haiti to accept a pastorate in Ohio, so the money used to support them has been transferred to the support of two native doctors in Bangladesh.

## 1972 - 1973

The public address system with speaker and amplifier was installed in the church by Taylor electric.

The glass door in the Prayer Meeting room was given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Quartz and Mrs. Louis Quartz by their families.

The Altar in the Sunday School area was given in memory of Sara Trout.

The CGYA held their fall rally at Center Bethel.

Carpeting was installed in a portion of the Sunday School rooms in the basement.

Rev. Rodahaver and the young people of our church were part of the Key 73 activities at the Westmoreland County Fair.

## 1973 - 1974

Greeters were used to welcome the worshippers as they entered the church.

New lights were installed in the Junior High and Married Couples class rooms along with carpeting and ceiling tiles.

Two lecturns were bought by the church, one for Patty McBeth and the other for Keith Solomon.

New drapes were bought for the parsonage living and dining rooms.

Hymnals entitled "Great Hymns of Faith" were purchased by Mrs. Iva Miller in memory of her husband, Robert. Also the new choir robes for the organists and pianists were purchased.

Cindy Porter started the church "Lending Book Library."

Dorothy Frey retired after serving as Administrative Council Secretary for the past nineteen years.

#### 1975

The Prayer Circle was started amoung several families of the church.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast was started; it will be held on the first Saturday of each month.

#### 1977 - 1978

New tables were bought for the classrooms in the basement as a memorial for Grace Sutor.

A Memorial Book lecturn was purchased and placed in the church in memory of Ada Sarver by her husband, Clayton Sarver.

Fire extinguishers were placed in the church.

The Church was insulated.

Folding doors were installed in the classroom in the balcony.

New carpeting was laid in the sanctuary.

A piano was purchased for the Prayer Meeting Room.

The kitchen was remodeled and a new stove was purchased.

#### 1979

The Doer's classroom was remodeled into a secretary's office. Judy Horak was hired as our first secretary. The Doer's Class moved into the room directly above the office.

A church pictorial book was ordered.

Tile was installed on the floor of the classrooms of the Primary/ Junior Department.

A new roof replaced the old one on the parsonage.

#### 1980

Window guards were placed over the stained glass windows of the sanctuary to protect them from weather and other hazards.

Carpeting was laid in the Prayer Meeting Room and the Balcony of the church.

Bibles were purchased to be placed in the pews of the church.

The stock room was remodeled into a Library. Anna Catherine Staggers was chosen as Librarian.

## 1981

A new roof was put on the church.

#### 1982

Under the guidance of Pastor Berg, it was decided to have a "Missionary For A Day" offering for Easter instead of the Thirty Pieces of Silver which had been the customary procedure. Since most people cannot actually go to the mission field, one could give a day's pay for the benefit of missionaries.

Choir robes were purchased for the Senior Choir as well as the pianists and organists.

The parking lot was paved and a new entrance was made to go out the Wardentown Road.

Glass block windows were put in the classrooms which faced the front of the church in the deep well.

The Ladies' bathroom was completely remodeled.

The Grandview Church of God became an independent church and is no longer on the Alverton/Grandview circuit.

#### 1983

The Caring Christians Class began a new program called "The Drug and Alcohol Program." A \$100 bond is purchased for each seventh grade student who attends the church and promises not to use drugs or alcohol during their Junior/Senior High School days. When they graduate the bond which is now worth \$200 is given to them.

New Hymn board were hung at the front of the church.

"Eternal Flame" lights were placed on the wall on either side of the altar area in memory of Jerald Ritz.

#### 1984

New hanging and side lights were purchased by families of the church in memory of loved ones.

The church was rewired at this time. Fans and smoke alarms were also installed.

A "Cry Room" was built in the upper left portion of the balcony.

The Youth Choir got new choir robes.

#### 1985

Lights for the piano and organ were purchased.

A Minolta copier was bought for the church office.

#### 1986

There was a massive building program launched in this year. The fellowship hall containing restrooms, foyer, storage rooms, Sunday School Superintendent's office, and stair tower was built and dedicated. Several building offerings were begun. The children decided to purchase bricks @ 20¢ a piece. The adults purchased shingles for the roof of the new building. The adults also purchased square feet of carpeting. New coat racks were installed in the foyer of the new building. An entry table was purchased by Pastor and Mrs. Fred Landolt. Additional fire extinguishers were placed where needed. Ed Neff, a member of the church was the architect for the building. Recycling was the brainstorm of Harry Bowser to recycle glass, aluminum cans and newspapers for the benefit of the Building program. Cost \$210,000.

A new P.A. system was installed in the sanctuary and new fellowship hall.

Altar rails and kneelers were remodeled by Carl Kimmel.

The R.O.S.E. awards were begun to honor the people who have accomplished certain milestones in their life, i.e., retirement, 50th anniversary, new job, promotions, becoming Eagle Scout, etc.

The Family Life Class installed new carpeting in their class-room from money they earned from making and selling Christmas candy.

#### 1987

Pictures were taken of church members for a church pictorial book.

#### 1988

Kenneth Dugger was ordained as a minister of the Churches of God and a reception was held in his honor in the fellowship hall.

The downstairs classrooms were painted.

## 1989

The old kitchen was remodeled into a classroom for Jerry Eicher's class, Pairs and Spares.

Part of the parsonage basement was remodeled into a fourth bedroom when Pastor Douglas began his ministry here.

The fan was installed in the choir loft much to the relief of the choir.

A wreath donated by Pastor Berg and designed by Fred Dugger was placed in the upstairs hall of the stair tower.

## 1992

We replaced and upgraded the emergency lighting system of the church and fellowship hall.

#### 1993

Beginning in 1992 and continuing in 1993 we remodeled the parsonage bathrooms, laid new kitchen flooring, painted entire inside of the house plus all the outside trim. New drapes and sheers were purchased for entire house.

February 7th, six babies were dedicated: Kristina Maree Bowman, daughter of Don & Pam Bowman, Cody Alan Echard, son of Derek & Crystal Echard, Amber Nichol Poorbaugh, daughter of Jeff & Sherry Poorbaugh, Timothy Robert Miller, son of Robert & Julie Miller, Jessie Lee Ross, daughter of John & Tammy Ross, and Tyler Scott Smith, son of Scott and Hope Smith.

Palm Sunday, April 4th, 23 new members received into church fellowship. They were: Adina Botitta, Michelle Bowman, Heather Collins, Peggy Collins, Janet Dillinger, Carrie Ferguson, James Ferguson, Lori Ferguson, Patricia Frey, Rhonda Frey, Jason Gearhart, Julie Gearhart, Robert Horrell, Adam Huff, Christopher Koontz, Candice Poole, Eric Poole, Moira Richardson, Shawn Schwartz, William "Casey" Seaman, James Shawley, Michelle Shawley, and Shawn T. Tlumac.

April 18th, there were eight baptisms. They were: Adina Botitta, Michelle Bowman, Patricia Frey, Robert Horrell, Adam Huff, Candice Poole, Eric Poole, and William "Casey" Seaman.

Wendell S. Grimm served as Interim Pastor for five months. Effective June 1, 1993, Robert Allison will become our new pastor, after graduating from Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay, Ohio.



# **PASTORS**

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Peter Loucks1868	_	1870
J. Hickernell1870	_	1871
Peter Loucks1871	_	1873
W. B. Long	_	1874
Joseph Grimm		1877
B. F. Bolton	_	1880
R. L. Byrnes	-	
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W. H. McKlveen	-	1890
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W. J.Umstead	-	1906
Wm. H. Guyer	-	1912
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Anna Edwards (Hoverter)1918		1930
Eugene K. Eakin	-	1934
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Lester P. Thornton1948	_	1952
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