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# FLASHBACKS

Revealing glimpses of our creative past

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"Where'er we tread, 'tis haunted, holy ground."

Byron-Childe Harold's Pilgrimage

The word "January" came from amythical Roman God, Janus, whose name means gate. He was thought to be the god of gates, doctrs, entrances, and exits. His two faces look in opposite directions. While we must look expectantly to the new year, the "gate" is not closed to the past which supports it.

About 700 E.C. according to legend Numa Fompelius put January and February at the end of the ten-month calendar. Julius Caesar about 46 B.C. made it the first month of the year.

## FALL OF 1982, Time for CELEBRATIONS

Decisions in its issues September, 1982 - January, 1983 carried detailed reports of anniversaries celebrated.

BLACK CREEK (CICERC)	100 yrs.
TWO RIVERS (EMANUEL)	150 "
LAKE MILLS	141 "
SANBORN	75 "
MILWAUKEE (CALVARY)	60 "
ENGLISH SETTLEMENT	136 "
DORCHESTER (SALEM)	100 "

## 1982 PILGRIMAGE

### A SUCCESS

On behalf of all of those who attended our annual Pilgrimage on October 2, I would like to thank all of the people who helped to make it a very enjoyable day. I would like to thank Eldon Riggs and the congregation of the Oneida United Methodist Church for providing us a delicious meal of corn soup, corn bread, fry bread, sandwiches, and apple and pumpkin pie and refusing to accept any payment for it. I also want to thank the staff of the Oneida National Museum, and David Brice, who led us on our walking tour at Lawrence University. The weather was beautiful, and so was the hospitality.

Robert Kuhn

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TURTLE LAKE and BERLIN churches were also given historical write-ups.

Many of the articles gave the early history, the ministers who served the church, members who made important contributions, and the mergers or other organizational changes that were a part of their heritage history. In the case of Calvary Church of Milwaukee a visual record was made for preservation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH - 1850-1912

The German Methodist Church, which existed in Madison from 1850 to 1912, when it merged with our congregation, exerted an influence far beyond the confines of the little building which stood at the corner of Webster and E. Mifflin Streets. Its building is probably better remembered as "Piper's Garden Cafeteria."

Founded by immigrants hungry for their own language and spiritual patterns, its members were a great force for good in church and community. Some familiar names are the Webers, grandparents of Howard Piper; Pierstorffs, grandparents of Margaret Jones Brancel; Woerpels, Trachtes, Rennebohms, Wolffs, Schenks, etc.. The last pastor was Rev. J. A. Jandre, father of Adelaide Wendt.

The disintegrating leather-bound record books, with their fading hand-written German script, have been translated by Ruth Winn, Walter Senty, and Herman Wagner, and compiled by our church historian. Printed in our church print room, and bound at Grimm's bookbindery, the new green book preserves the heritage of these fine Christians. An every-name index makes it easy to find reference to the families, and their birth, marriage and death records. Some even give the town of origin in Germany.

Copies of the new book can be seen in the church office and soon will be available for borrowing through our church library, Madison Public Library, State Historical Library, Methodist Conference History Library, and the LDS Library in Salt Lake City.

Louise Marsh, (Mrs. William F.)  
Historian

From the "CHIMES" of First United Methodist  
Church, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2, 1982

THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH

Grace Wigstadt, historian of the Salem United Methodist Church of Dorchester, Wisconsin, has sent the editor of "Flashbacks" a whole packet of material about the 100th anniversary celebration held on September 19, 1982.

Among the items sent was a long article from the Tribune-Phonograph. The following is taken from the September 22 issue:

- 1882 Under the leadership of Rev. William Kilander, the Salem Evangelical congregation was organized at a meeting held in a log schoolhouse one block east of the present church for the purpose of the Protestant witness among the German speaking residents of the community.
- 1883 The church known as The Little White Church was built.
- 1906-1911 Sometime during this period the church separated from the Marshfield Mission and became an independent church, sharing pastors with churches in Athens, Holway, Chili, Rib Lake, and Medford.
- 1911-1915 A Sunday School room was added, thus changing the spire and the main entrance.
- 1928 A youth league was organized.
- 1936 The Meade property was purchased for a parsonage.
- 1945 The present parsonage was purchased.
- 1946 A merger of the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in Christ churches was consummated, creating the Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- 1952 New Stained glass windows were installed.
- 1968 The Church became the Salem United Methodist Church.
- 1982 Celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary . . .

Space does not permit the names of the twenty-four ministers who served The Little White Church. They are mentioned according to their period of relationship to the above events.

## MADISON CHURCHES CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

United Methodist churches of greater Madison celebrated the sesquicentennial of the denomination in Wisconsin at a joint service held in the First United Methodist Church Sunday evening, October 14.

The service was structured to reflect the development of the United Methodist witness in the Badger state from the invasion of the circuit riders, through the slavery controversy and the Civil War, the Holiness Movement with its controversies, the optimism of the new century, through two world wars, the depression, and the ecumenical movement with its mergers.

The service was designed and led by Rev. Kirk D. Cavallo, pastor of Sherman Avenue Church. Art Bechnell of Bethany Church directed a massed choir which sang special music for each section typical of the period being presented. Bishop Ralph T. Alton led the congregation in the sesquicentennial prayer. The address of the evening, Where Past and Future Meet, was given by Rev. William Blake, conference historian emeritus. Madison churches presented historical displays in the social room following the service.

## SUPPLY OF CROSS AND FLAME LOW

The supply of Cross and Flame in Wisconsin held by the conference Commission on Archives and History is steadily diminishing. Demand through the sesquicentennial year has been brisk. Out of an original edition of 3,800 less than 300 copies remain in the present inventory. No plans have been made for a reprint of the book, so any wanting to purchase it should do so soon. The present price, set by the Commission at its meeting in October, is \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. Copies purchased at the Service Department or when on sale at services or special events are \$4.00. Only hard cover copies are available as the soft cover edition is completely sold out. Orders may be sent to: Service Department, United Methodist Conference  
325 Emerald Terrace  
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590



*From groundbreaking in fall 1981, through fall 1982, the United Methodist Archives and History Center is right on schedule.*

# The United Methodist Archives Center

The new Archives and History Center of the United Methodist Church located on the campus of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, was formally opened with a special service on October 2, 1982.

The new Center replaces the one located at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Materials were moved from the old location to the new beginning June 28, 1982 and continued through October. Preparation of the archives in the new building will continue through the winter, and it is expected to be fully operational and open for research by spring. Any desiring to use the facilities or just tour them are welcome. Arrangements should be made in advance with the General Commission on Archives and History, P.O. Box 127, Madison, New Jersey 07940 -- or telephone (201) 822-2787.

From the October "Newsletter" of the United Methodist Archives Center:

"The four story facility which includes a 2-story deep under ground vault is guarded by a halon fire protection system. The building houses equipment for fumigation and deacidification of artifacts - two procedures critical to the protection of old materials. The Center is one of only a dozen facilities nationwide as well equipped to undertake this extensive preservation."