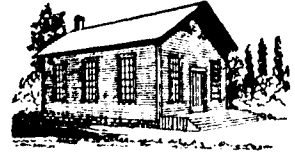




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FLASHBACKS



Revealing glimpses of our creative past

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KOREAN METHODISTS FEATURE
MAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PROGRAM AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
TO MINERAL POINT CHURCH

At the supper meeting of the Wisconsin United Methodist Historical Society May 30 during the Annual Conference at Steven's Point, Dr. John Park, lay delegate of the Green Bay Korean American United Methodist Church, was the featured speaker. He reported the Green Bay Korean Church has 150 members with 40 in the Sunday School and a growing youth program. They have class meetings and Bible study groups in the homes and are training members and officers. They have a new pastor who is young, well educated and enthusiastic about the future.

Methodism is strong in Korea because of the early work of Methodist missionaries such as Mr. Foot who came from Minnesota in 1882 and Mr. McLay in 1884, and Dr. and Mrs. Scranton who established a high school and college for men and one for women. The Presbyterians developed hospitals and Christian publishing works. The early missionaries were not permitted to preach and evangelize, only to teach and heal. Despite opposition by 1900 there were 12,000 converts, and a Methodist Conference of 6,000 members in South Korea by 1910.

With the Japanese invasion of Korea, China and Manchuria came persecution. Two million people were killed, churches were burned and torn down, seminaries closed and 10 ministers executed. Koreans were forced to worship in Japanese Shinto shrines. But persecution made Korean Christians stronger.

After restoration, the church grew with revivals, led by the Holy Spirit. In Seoul, one million souls were saved. Now Korea has two Methodist Annual Conferences who elect their own bishop with over 10 million members.

Saturday, October 5, the Annual Fall pilgrimage to historic areas of our Conference sponsored by the Wisconsin United Methodist Historical Society will go to the Mineral Point United Methodist Church, 400 Doty St., Mineral Point, Wi. 53565.

At 12 noon a Cornish pasty dinner will be served at the church, cost \$6 (please send reservations in advance to the church), followed by a short business meeting and election of officers of the Historical Society.

"We think we will have a very interesting time at the Pilgrimage," said the host pastor, Rev. David Kellin. "The Cornish pasty dinners of our ladies are famous, and our area and churches are historic. In the early 1800's, people came from Cornwall to work the lead mines here. Many of them were Methodists, for John Wesley traveled and worked extensively in Cornwall."

The program will begin at 1 p.m. with welcome by the pastor and presentations by Rev. William Jannusch, "Rural Churches, Past and Present," and by Rev. Richard O'Neil, "Primitive Methodist Churches and the Black Hawk War."

At 2:15 we will make the short trip to the historic Linden United Methodist Church for closing devotions by the pastor and a word on the history of the area.

Since the Pendarvis State Historical Site, which features early lead mining workings and miners' houses, is only a mile from Mineral Point, visitors might like to make the 1½ hour tour of Pendarvis before or after the Fall Pilgrimage meeting. Pendarvis brochures are available at the Mineral Point church office.

A NEW CHURCH FOR

BARABOO IN THE 1890's

by

Robert C. Dewel

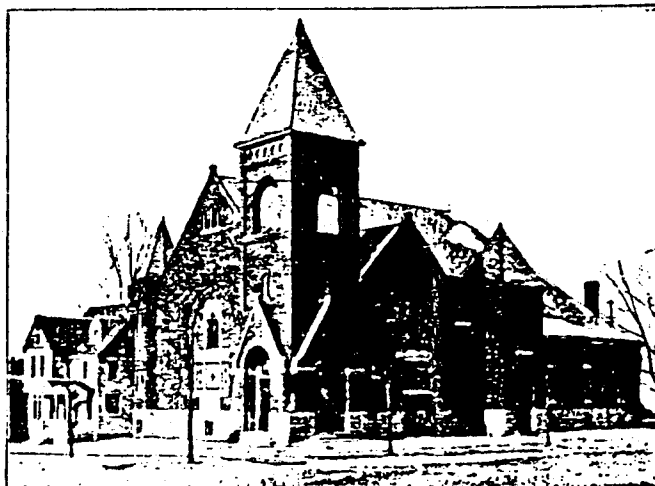
Note: This is taken from the 2nd of a series of chapters written by Mr. Dewel of the history of the First United Methodist Church of Baraboo for its 150th Anniversary. The first chapter appeared in the May "Flashbacks"

By 1892, Rev. Fullerton's fledgling 1842 class of pioneer Christians — who formed Baraboo's first church — was 50 years old, and an established leader in the burgeoning trade center. The railroad had long since penetrated what so shortly before had been wilderness. Electric lights and the telephone were appearing, and, eight years previously, a few local brothers had even formed a traveling circus.

But the Methodists were having growing pains. Some members were siphoned off by the new South Side church in 1890. German Methodists had replaced their old building with a new brick structure in 1896. Another group of Methodists now met in the Town of Fairfield, plus other Methodist churches had been organized in Merrimac and North Freedom. The downtown Methodist building of 1853, once the finest in city, had been greatly eclipsed by Congregational and Presbyterian sanctuaries, and the parsonage was minimal.

On May 7, 1899 Bishop McCabe dedicated the new church, a stellar event for Baraboo. Newspapers reported up to 1100 people present. The total cost of land, parsonage and church was \$23,605. Bishop McCabe raised \$7,000 in public pledges after the morning service. At the evening service the Bishop called the Trustees to the altar and said, "All the money has not yet been provided, but he knew it would be within an hour or so and would trust the people that long, and for that reason would proceed with the dedication." After the dedication he proceeded to collect the last \$3,000 to wipe out all indebtedness. The newspaper concluded, "The Methodist Society now has the finest church in the county and is the subject of congratulations from all its sister bodies."

HELP WANTED - Editor for "Flashbacks."
Tell a Society officer.



Records are sparse until 1895, but a remarkable confluence of men of action and decision assumed leadership of the Board of Trustees at that time. Under the pastorate of Rev. W. Mayes Martin, they built a new parsonage and a new church, finest in Sauk County, in 3 years time. Notes from Trustee meetings show:

- 11-11-95 Plans for new sanctuary considered.
- 3-16-96 Fledges sought
- 3-23-96 Decide to sell parsonage for \$200
- 10-19-96 Parsonage completed for \$2,300.
- 7-28-97 Architects plans accepted
- 3-16-98 Plans put out for bids.
- 4-20-98 11 bids opened. Member takes train to Sparta to investigate contractor.
- Next day Member reports Sparta contractor "all Right." Sparta bid accepted.
- 6-1-98 Old church sold for \$1810. (It burns beyond repair a few weeks later.)

WANTED - Pilgrimage Sites. Tell us if you would like the Fall Pilgrimage to visit your historic church and place.

CAMP BUDSIN
TABERNACLE OF FAITH

Camp Budsin United Methodist Assembly Center, located on Highway 22, 12 miles south of Wautoma, is rocking this summer with old-time hymns sung with gusto and nostalgia from the tattered, tan paper-back hymn book. For the 57th summer, Camp Budsin remains a bulwark of faith and celebration for many folks of the area who have attended summer camp-meetings through the years and for younger first-timers unacquainted with revival meetings of another era.

The flavor of the earliest encampments permeate the minutes of the Neshkoro Camp Meeting Association of the Evangelical Church. The first meeting, August 22, 1934 records offerings of \$108 and expenses of gas for lamps, grape juice for communion, \$35 for Rev. Nienstedt, evangelist and \$100 for a tent from Madison Tent and Awning Co.

In 1941 a meeting was called to plan to build a 36x70 feet tabernacle. It was ready for use for the 1943 encampment and the executive board was delegated to dispose of the tent.

In 1954, the campmeeting sign was changed to read: "Evangelical United Brethren Camp Grounds," and in 1969 changed to: "United Methodist Church Assembly Grounds." Discussions with the Conference Board of Evangelism led to plans to use the facilities for church retreats as well as summer Meetings.

In 1973 Rev. John Bartel was named coordinator of Camp Budsin activities. He arranged for noon hour preparatory services in participating local churches and for the United Methodist Women to hold a joint meeting at Camp.

To the present time, each participating church takes charge of one summer evening service and of bi-weekly music programs during the summer. Spring work crews cut the grass and clean the tabernacle.

So Evangelist Holmes said, "At Camp Budsin we remember the God of the Past and trust the God of the Future."
(From an article sent to "Flashbacks")

Book Review: Bauern-Sensei by Lowell Messerschmidt

Lowell Messerschmidt, retired minister of our Conference with Evangelical background, has used his retirement to write the story of his aunt, Susan Baurenfeind, pioneer missionary to Japan. Well researched from diaries, letters, and books on Japan plus several trips to Japan, Rev. Messerschmidt relates the experience of "Bauern-Sensei" (Teacher Bauern), as the Japanese called Susan Bauernfeind, over 40 years and, incidentally, presents a fascinating picture of Japanese culture, society, government, and daily living conditions during 40 years of rapid change.

Susan Bauernfeind was born in a log cabin on a pioneer farm in Minnesota in 1870, attended a one-room rural school, then Napierville Academy and Northwestern College. Active in her local church, she was influenced by the Student Volunteer Movement to become a missionary and was appointed to Japan as the first missionary to be sent by the newly-formed Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church in 1899.

Arriving in Tokyo in 1900, Susan found herself in a city of over 1 million crowded people, with no paved roads. Transportation was by foot, jinrikisha or horse-drawn bus. There was no running water, a charcoal pit for a stove, and no milk for farm-bred Susan.

Messerschmidt then traces her 40 years of missionary work. Early visits and teaching with Japanese women grew in time to the Toyko School for training Bible Women workers, her teaching of children grew into the Koishikawa Church and Kindergarten, and her working with Japanese pastors into the Susan Baurenfeind Memorial church, rebuilt in 1951 after World War II destroyed the church she had previously built and killed many of her Japanese Christian friends. She had been returned to the U.S. by the State Dept. in 1941 where she spent the rest of her life visiting U.S. churches reconciling the loved people of the land of her birth to those of her adopted land.

This book is recommended for private reading or for church study groups and may be purchased from Rev. Messerschmidt or from Fairway Press, 628 S. Main St., Lima, Ohio 45505 for \$8.50 plus \$3.50, postage & handling.

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