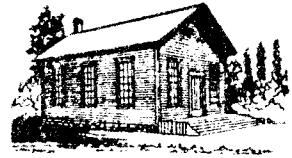




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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The United Methodist Historical Society of Wisconsin met at 10:00 a.m. at the Peace United Methodist Church in Richland Center on September 25, 1993. Joanne Hornby, a member-at-large led a very meaningful and well-planned worship service with Ariel Ferguson at the piano.

Dorothy Brice, recording secretary presented a history of the Peace United Methodist Church. Fern Miller registered those present. Merlin Hoeft led in prayer before the business meeting and thanked Joanne for leading devotions and Dorothy for giving the history of Peace.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. It was reported that we have \$700 in the treasury. Fern Miller gave the membership report. Rev. Hoeft read the names of officers who will serve in 1994 as follows: President, Merlin Hoeft, Vice-President, Wm. H. Jannusch, Recording Secretary, Joanne Hornby, Editor of Flashbacks, Gyneth Rinehart, and Member-at-large, Mary Schroeder.

The Fall Pilgrimage for 1994 will be at Oshkosh on Saturday, September 24, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. The fall executive meeting will be at Sun Prairie on Monday, October 25 at 10:00 a.m. Fern Miller reported the membership facts. Richard O'Neil gave good

reasons for all to join the national United Methodist Historical Society. The meeting was adjourned. Rev. Kenneth Brice directed us to Schmitt Woodland Hills where we enjoyed a delicious dinner and a tour of the building.

#### NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Mary Schroeder from the Commission on Archives and History reported that she is pleased with the cooperation from the Historical Society. The museum now has two members on Archives and History and ideas are needed for making it a place people want to visit. A discussion was held on plans for Annual Conference future papers. Some possibilities were early relationships between denominations, effects of the WW1 on the early German churches, the activities of the KKK in Wisconsin. It was then suggested that for Annual Conference, June 1 - 4, 1994, we hear the history and activities of the Hmong communities or the Hispanic church.

The Fall Pilgrimage for 1994 was set for Saturday, September 24 in Oshkosh, 700 West Linwood. A membership Secretary is needed to replace Fern Miller. Action was taken to make life membership \$100 as of March 1, 1994.

Mary Schroeder of Archives and History said that any time anyone would want to help at the Archival room at Sun Prairie, there is work to do. It's an interesting place.

The Conference Museum in Greenfield is another place to keep in mind if you happen to be in the vicinity.

DEERPARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARKS CENTENNIAL

Over 300 people gathered August 28 and 29 at the Deer Park United Methodist Church to celebrate the anniversary of the construction of the building 100 years ago. The morning sermon was preached by Bishop Sharon Rader.

Information from  
Ariel Setter



**Participants in the** Centennial celebration of the Deer Park Methodist church construction on Aug. 28-29 are shown here. Back row, left to right, are Bishop Sharon Rader, Douglas Marks and John Simmons; front row, Rep. Harvey Stower, Paul Strief, Pat Asp Zealley, Joan Tyvol, Allen Torkelson, and Gladys Brown, wife of the Rev. Virgil Brown, now deceased.

RICHLAND CENTER PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES

The original frame church was dedicated June 2, 1894 as the United Brethren in Christ. On January 15, 1911 a fire destroyed the structure. Immediately plans were made to replace it with a concrete structure and it was dedicated January 14, 1912. Additions have been made in 1935 and 1977, a new parsonage was purchased in 1986. A church van was purchased in 1979 which serves the church as well as the community.

In 1966 the congregation of the nearby rural church at Buck Creek merged with the Richland Center congregation. Some members of the Pleasant Ridge church joined at the same time.

A year of celebration was begun on October 17, 1993 and will culminate in a final day of celebration in October, 1994 when Bishop Sharon Rader will be present and a dinner will be held.

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