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# FLASHBACKS



Revealing glimpses of our creative past

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## UNITED METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The United Methodist Historical Society of Wisconsin met recently during Annual Conference on Friday, June 3 to celebrate our United Methodist Heritage. The speaker was Pastor Dora Gutierrez on "Our Work with Hispanic People." Memberships were received as follows: single membership - annually \$5.00, family membership - \$8.00, life membership - paid once, \$100.00.

## FALL PILGRIMAGE DATE SET

The United Methodist Historical Society Fall Meeting will be Saturday, September 24, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at 700 W. Linwood in the vicinity of North High School.

Besides devotions and a business meeting, there will be a tour of United Methodist historical sites in Oshkosh, a slide story of the Algoma Boulevard Church, and a tour of the new building. Lunch will be served at the church at a cost of \$4.00. No reservations are necessary.

## ALGOMA BOULEVARD UMC CELEBRATES ADDITION

A century old church is stepping into the future. Algoma Boulevard UMC consecrated their new structure in January, 1994. Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Raeder spoke at the morning services.

The new building provides a spacious business area, a privacy entrance, a nursery, eight new Sunday School classrooms, meeting rooms,

and a rehearsal room for the handbell choirs, as well as off-street parking. The Rev. Gordon Lind is the pastor.

--from The Oshkosh Northwestern

#### NEW LISBON UMC HAS LONG HISTORY

The church was founded by circuit riders in the days when New Lisbon was a big, bad, rip-roaring town of 3,000 people, and eight hotels, etc. It was a place where the railroad ended and freight and passengers were transferred to stage coach or Conestoga wagon.

Union soldiers sent here during the Civil War to quell the Indian uprising (which had culminated in the massacre of the Salter family nearby here) helped raise the frame for the church building. At first it had no windows or floor. The first year or so cranberries were stored in the church so that the rent from the storage would pay for a floor. The first members of the church made their own church pews, and brought their own candles to services.

--from the Centennial Book, Necedah UMC

#### EUREKA CHURCH CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

The church, once part of a boom town celebrated its 125th anniversary recently during a special service. Before the church was built, Methodists in Eureka were served by circuit riders who came twice a month to preach. The circuit also included Waukau, Delhi, Rushford Center and Democrat-Prairie.

Volunteers built the church which was dedicated January 13, 1869, and cost \$2,868 to build. The cost included acquiring the grounds and erecting a fence.

From 1915 to 1986 the congregation was paired with other Methodist congregations and shared pastors, but in 1986, the Eureka parish branched off on its own. The pastor at present is the Rev. Neil Wilson.

--from the Oshkosh Northwestern

#### NEW HOPE UMC BURNS MORTGAGE

In a special service of worship on April 10, 1994 the New Hope congregation burned their mortgage. Dwight Bastian, Southwest District superindendent was the featured speaker.

In 1984 there was a parish of three churches, Redmound, Retreat and DeSoto United Methodist churches. All three were in need of repairs.

A building committee was formed and plans for a new building at Redmound following a fire, and a church merger began. On April 30, 1986 the Certificate of Consolidation was signed making Redmound and DeSoto one. The New Hope United Methodist Church was born. In April, 1987, the new building was completed. The Retreat congregation found a way to repair their building and they continue to hold services.

--from the Southwest District Newsletter

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLOSES IN SWD

Trinity UMC in Arcadia voted unanimously February 13, 1994 to close immediately. A decline of membership was major factor in the decision. This ends a 116 year history in the community.

Amy Kay Nelson, News-Leader Editor writes "According to church history, the first church - a small frame building built near the Trempealeau River that is now the site of Deer Park--was erected about the year 1878.

The Church was later moved to its present location on West River Street in the year 1883 at a cost of \$23.50. Increasing membership

