



ONE HUNDRED YEARS
of
WORSHIP

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1958 - 1959

Prelude

Miss Irene Zenor, organist

Call to Worship

O give thanks unto the Lord; for his is
good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Hymn Service

- 7 - "Now Thank We All Our God"
- 213 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (1831)
- 233 - "Jesus Calls Us" (1852)
- 240 - "What a Friend" (1855)
- 245 - "O Sometimes the Shadows" (1823)
- 244 - "My Hope is Built" (1836)

Season of Prayer

The Anthem - "The Old Church Bell"

*Responsive Reading, page 632

*Gloria Patri

Scripture - Psalm 95:1-7; 96:1-13.

Solo - "Be Near Me, Father"
Mrs. E.L. Dunavin

Letters and Greetings from Former Pastors

"From the Past" - Rev. Raymond A. Reeves

"To the Future" - Rev. Robert Brandstatter

*Hymn 557 - "God Be With You"

*Benediction

OFFICIAL FAMILY 1959-60

Resident Bishop - Bishop C.W. Brashares

District Superintendent - Dr. E.N. Wisely

Pastor - Reverend Edward L. Dunavin

Trustees -

Walter Bouxsein, Chm	Edward Miller
Miss Irene Zenor, Vice	Edward Platt
Mrs. Chas. McLean, Sec.	Ernest Bassi
Mrs. Bessie Hollenback	Mrs. E. Krafft

Stewadrds -

Mrs. Eugene Krafft, Chm.	Nevin Morine
Mrs. Chas. McLean, Sec.	Walter Colby
Mrs. Peter Pesante	Mrs. Walter Colby
Mrs. John Petersen	Vernon Hundley
Mrs. Chester Seibert	Chester Morine
Mrs. Louis Biagi	Miss Ferne Biagi
Mrs. Durley Boyle	Mrs. Tearl Hall
Miss Ellen Johnson	Miss Ila Colby
Mrs. Byron Larson	Howard Johnson
Miss Irene Zenor	Raymond Munks

BLEST CENTENNIAL DAY

by
John Leckie

May all that Christ has meant to men,
Before, and since His birth,
Be yours, this "Blest Centennial Day"
And all your days on earth.

And when at last you reach that place
Of which He is the Light
May all the riches of His Grace
Be your Eternal Right.

Amen.

Composed shortly before Christmas 1956

Can be sung to tune "St. Anne" (533)

The words "Glorious Christmas" or
"Blessed Easter Time" may be
substituted for the words
"Blest Centennial Time".

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Hennepin, Ill.

Organized Methodism came to Hennepin in 1831 when the Reverend William Royal, Circuit Rider of the Peoria or Fort Clark Mission came to Putnam County.

1832 - Hennepin is listed as one of 18 preaching points on the Pekin Circuit.

1833 - The first class organized

1835 - The Hennepin First Church built.

1836 - The Hennepin-Washington Circuit

1852 - Hennepin Church is a Station Church

1856 - The Peoria or Central Illinois Conference organized

1859 - The Present Church built.

1928 - Illinois and Central Illinois Conf. merge as the Illinois Conference.

1947 - Hennepin becomes a part of the Magnolia-McNabb Circuit.

1953 - Hennepin becomes a part of Tiskilwa-Hennepin Circuit.

1960 - Illinois Conference changes names to Central Illinois Conference.

HISTORY

It has been one of the governing principles of Methodism to carry the Gospel to mankind everywhere, and this principle was especially carried out during the early settlement of our country. Wherever a new settlement appeared, the old "Circuit Rider" was always on hand with his earnest prayers, soul-inspiring songs and earnest appeals to men to accept redemption in Christ.

The first regular conference appointment which included Hennepin was made in 1831, under the charge of the Reverend William Royal; he, however, preached only a few times in the neighborhood during 1831 and 1832 as the Black Hawk War was then raging. His charge was called the Peoria or Fort Clark Mission.

In the fall of 1832, the old Pekin Circuit was formed, bounded on the north by the Vermilion River, on the east by Grand Prairie, on the west by the Illinois River and on the south by the Machinaw River. This circuit contained about eighteen appointments. The Reverend Jesse Hale was the preacher in charge, and the Reverend Jesse Walker was the Presiding Elder. The nearest appointment to Hennepin was at the home of Dr. David Ritchie near Florid.

In the month of July 1833, a few earnest Methodists gathered at the home of Dr. David Ritchie and organized the first class for Hennepin. This class consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram P. White, Dr. and Mrs. David Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caterline, Mrs. Sarah Brumfield, Miss Betsey Carpenter, (afterward Mrs. Hays) and J. P. Hays, who

for many years was a local preacher.

The meetings were held in different cabins and the places changed frequently. Soon after the organization of the class, Linas B. Skeel was added to the list as the first convert. Mrs. Olive Skeel and Mrs. Ermaline Durley were also added to the membership.

On February 16, 1834, the Reverend Zadok Hall preached what is probably the first sermon in Hennepin from the text - Matthew 9:12. During 1834, there were many converts and the society greatly increased.

At the Quarterly Conference February 25, 1835, Joseph Caterline, David Markley, Thomas Forney, Hiram White, Linas Skeel and J.P. Hays were elected as trustees of the Hennepin Church.

As interest grew the membership began to desire to build a church. Through the efforts of the Trustees and the Rev. A.E. Phelps, the old frame church was erected at a cost of \$400. The modest frame church - 26x36 ft. was built in 1835 on the lot next to the present church. It is now used as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Seibert.

In 1858, the congregation, having outgrown the old church, decided to build a new one. It is a fine, commodious brick structure with the sanctuary on the second floor, the lecture room, class rooms, etc. on the first floor. This plan, at that time, was considered the best. The lower story was finished in 1859, and services were held there until the upper story was completed in 1866. The whole structure, including all the furniture, cost between nine and ten thousand dollars.

During the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Parkinson (1923-26), the church was extensively remodeled. The church walls were entirely redecorated and the woodwork was painted to correspond. The kitchen was remodeled and a furnace was installed that would heat the entire church. The old winding stairs on either side were removed and a single stairway, more modern and convenient built. The seating arrangement was changed. Formerly the choir was seated in the south end of the church with the entrance doors to the sanctuary on either side. At that time the congregation sat facing the doors. A new floor covering was purchased and given to the church by Miss Cornelia Turner. The members of the Congregational Church contributed a fine walnut set of four pulpit pieces which had been used in the sister church. Adam Deck presented the large Pulpit Bible in memory of his sister, Miss Sarah Deck. The new memorial windows were contributed by: Mr. and Mrs. George Young; the Hurin Family; the Cecil, Neal, and Church Families; C.A. Pulsifer; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stouffer; Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Thomas; the Ray Sisters; the Jacob Zenor Family; the Deck, Simpson, and Maybe Families; Miss Sarah Deck; Reverend Parkinson and his class of boys; the Ladies Aid; and David and Mark Markley.

Various memorials and gifts have been added through the years. These include: the Lighted Picture of Christ, by the Sunday School; the Brass Cross, by Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Kunkle; Brass Candle Sticks, by Mrs. Eugene Krafft; Communion Table, Coat Rack, New Walks, in memory of Robert Zenor by his Family; Brass Offering Plates, by the MYF; The Hammond Organ; a Storage Cabinet,

in memory of Mrs. Dolly Paxson, by her sons; Methodist Hymnals; Hymn Racks, in memory of Mrs. Sadie Clemens and Fred Bush, by their Families; Candle Lighters, by Miss Ellen Johnson and Lawrence Eatoni; Organ Hymnal, by Miss Ferne Biagi; Carpet Sweeper, by Miss Olive Studyvin; the New Carpet; and Candlelabra, in memory of Fred Bush, by his Family.

During the years there have been gifts of money in memory: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Johnson, by Miss Ellen Johnson; Harley Zenor; Mrs. Isa Turner.

Also during the many years the church was redecorated many times. The hand-fired coal furnace was replaced by an automatic oil furnace.

The Hennepin Church starts on its second hundred proud of its past achievements and looking forward to a continued pointing of the way to God and His Christ!

Our sincere thanks to those faithful who settled out County and our Town, who built here a place of worship and then rebuilt to serve the needs of future generations.

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We are indebted for the materials to the Reverend L.F. Zinser, who wrote a history of the Hennepin Church in 1899, and to Mrs. Maude Holly, who wrote the history of the Hennepin Church for the Centennial of Methodism in Hennepin. We have quoted freely without the use of quotation marks.

PASTORS

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

1831	William Royal
1832	Jesse Hale
1833	Zadok Hall and John McHenry
1834	William Arlington
1835	A.E. Phelps
1836	Asa McMurtry
1837	William Condiff
1838	Zadok Hall and Mr. Moffit
1839	Joseph Morris
1840	Henry Maynard
1841	Mifflin Harker
1842	William Justice
1843	John H. Devore and L.A. Chapin (?)

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE (1844)

1844	S.P. Burr
1845	Seymour Stover
1846	C. Babcock and T.F. Royal
1847-48	W.C. Cumming and A.D. Field
1849	Roswell N. Morse
1850	J.C. Pinckard and E.W. Stockdale
1851	Hector J. Humphrey
1852	Henry P.M. Brown
1853-54	S.G. Havermale and N. Curtiss (?)
1855	S.C. Freer

PEORIA CONFERENCE (1856)

1856-57	Benjamin Applebee, Jr. and J.W. Sogdill (?)
1858	H.G. Murch
1859-60	Abel C. Price

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE (1860)

1861-62	J.L. Harris
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1863-64	W.C. Knapp and G.M. Morey (?)
1865	W.D.H. Young
1866-67	A.C. Frick
1867	W.D.H. Young
1868-69	G.B. Snedaker
1870	J.B. Dille
1871-72	D.T. Wilson
1873	E.N. Bentley
1874-76	William C.A. Cumming
1877	B.V. Denning
1878-79	J.M. Murphy and Andrew Ryan (?)
1880-82	J.W. Denning
1883	H.A. Peters
1884-85	M.M. McCreight
1886	A.M. Conard
1887	C.W. Whorrall
1888	TBS Mr. Nicklin (?)
1889	D.C. Martin
1890-91	W.T. Kerr
1892	Aaron Bower
1893	F. Boner
1894	E.E. Mecham
1895-96	J.C. Zeller
1897-98	L.F. Zinser
1899-1900	D.S. Andrawartha
1901	W.J. Ward
1902-03	W.L. Douglas
1904-05	A.R. Jones
1906-07	T. Clinton Moots (Granville part
1908-09	Henry Brink (of charge)
1910	J.B. Speaker
1911-13	A.A. Waters
1914-15	D.G. DuBois
1916-17	R.W. Ames
1918-19	John Wood (Granville part)
1920-22	Raymond A. Reeves
1923-26	Thomas Parkinson
1927	John Leckie

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE (1928)

1928-30	John Leckie
1931-32	W.C. Harms
1933	A.J. Obrecht
1934-36	W.H. Gillis
1937-40	Wade Smith
1941-42	Richard Atherton
1943	Glenn H. Barney and George Shriner
1944-45	Evaline Gaw
1946	Glenn Wittrup
1947-52	A.H. Nothdurft (Magnolia Circuit)
1953-54	A.H. Nothdurft (Tiskilwa Circuit)
1955-59	E.L. Dunavin

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE (1960)

1960

PARSONAGE

For many years the parsonage was located in the east part of town. In 1899, the Rev. L.F. Zinser refers to it as "the house occupied by the late Philip Ham".

In 1892, the present parsonage, one block north of the church, ~~was built~~. The Rev. W.T. Kerr was pastor at this time.

In 1957, the parsonage was completely remodeled and modernized at a cost of over \$4000. The parsonage is at present rented by Mrs. Ida Clemens.

The pastor and his family live in the parsonage at Tiskilwa.