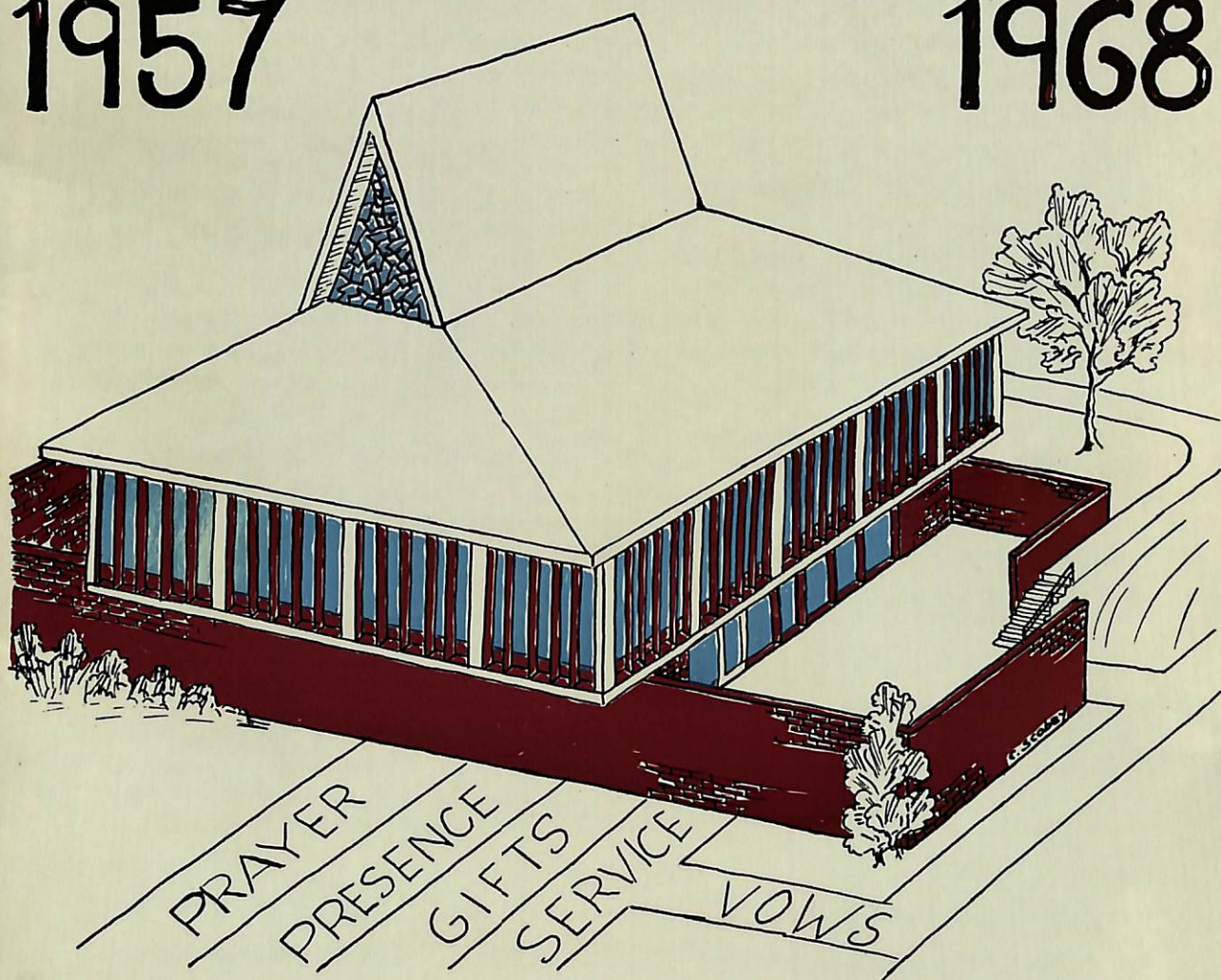


THE APPLEWOOD VALLEY STORY

1957

1968



APPLEWOOD VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WEST 20TH AT ELLIS GOLDEN COLORADO 80401

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Members and Friends

The year 1968 will long be remembered. This is the year that the dreams, the plans, the hard work and the unselfish devotion and commitment of a great many families over the past eleven years culminated in the fourth and final phase of our building program—a beautiful new church and expanded educational facilities. Both will fill critical space needs. For the people and the buildings we give thanks to God.

The Church is not the structure. It is the Body of Christ—people gathered for study and worship and people involved in mission, each as the Spirit of Christ challenges and inspires him to act out his faith. To enable Applewood Valley Methodist Church to help children, youth, and adults face the challenges in the days ahead, we will need to sharpen our goals, improve our methods, educate our leaders, and challenge our people to a new kind of dedication. These are unusual times and they require a new kind of commitment with a real sense of urgency. We will need to experiment in certain areas and no one with a new idea will be turned away.

This brochure gives you a glimpse into the history of our church, a few pictures representative of people and groups trying to define faith in relevant terms, the budget for the new year, and a message from the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. I urge you to give the budget your most careful consideration. I trust that your commitment in terms of voluntary service and your financial gifts will reflect a recognition of the ever increasing challenges any church faces if it refuses to "roll over and play dead" in the midst of crisis.

Please accept my thanks for your share in the fulfilment of cherished dreams for our church. God bless us all as we prepare to meet the challenges and the opportunities which lie ahead.

JAMES E. BARNES,
Minister

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

General Chairman	Bill Barker
Chairman, Budget Committee	Max Binkley
Art Editor—"The Applewood Story"	Mrs. Carolyn Scobey
Director of Loyalty Sunday	Matt Loufek
Chairman—Visiting Couples	Mrs. Bethel Short

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

Applewood Valley Methodist Church had its beginnings in the summer of 1956. At that time The Reverend William R. Griffiths first visited the area and made a canvass of potential members. The first services were held in a recreation building in Prospect Park, 44th and Youngfield. After several meetings there the group met at the Maple Grove School. Shortly thereafter services were moved to the Maple Grove Grange.

Formal organization of the church took place on March 31, 1957. The charter membership was formally established a short time later with 102 members signing the official scroll.

The first parcel of land purchased was a 2½-acre site at 28th and Youngfield, the deed being signed June, 1957. During August, 1958, a contract was signed for the first unit and construction commenced. However, on September 25, 1958, the State Highway Department advised of plans to build Interstate 70 across the property and in November, 1958, the land (and a hole in the ground) was sold to the State Highway Department.

Search for a new site commenced immediately and was successfully consummated in February of 1959 when the present 6-acre site at W. 20th Avenue and Ellis was purchased.

The first unit was commenced with ground breaking ceremonies April 18, 1959, the building being consecrated the following November 15th.

The parsonage was completed in July, 1961, and The Reverend Zeke Jumper, successor to Reverend Griffiths, was its first occupant. In October, 1962, Reverend Jumper was compelled to retire because of ill health (he died February 5, 1965) and the Reverend James E. Barnes became the pastor. In the 5½ years Reverend Barnes has served the church, the membership has grown from 272 to 1,085.

Almost from the very beginning of Applewood Valley Methodist Church a Building Committee has been in existence. Always in the planning of church construction it was the very wise policy of the committee to work toward an overall plan with each step complete in itself, yet so designed as to fit into the entire plan harmoniously.

In March, 1963, construction was started on additional educational facilities and these were completed the following September.

The building committee next engaged in the planning of the third and final unit—the sanctuary and additional educational facilities, together with a fellowship hall and kitchen.

The drawings of Architect W. Patrick Dulaney were accepted and the low bidder, Cyrus G. De Lano, was awarded the contract. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, July 2, 1967. On March 31, 1968, the eleventh anniversary of the formal organization of Applewood Valley Methodist Church, the congregation worshiped for the first time in the new Church at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

On Palm Sunday, April 7, 1968, Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of the Rocky Mountain Conference, assisted by The Reverend William O. Byrd, Superintendent of the Denver District, conducted the Consecration service in the new church.

1957 - 1968 — ELEVEN YEARS AND COUNTING — ON YOU!

OUR CHURCH IN MISSION

(Sorry, space did not permit more pictures of our people in mission.)



TOP LEFT: Betty Cowles and Betty Mason supervise ADC nursery at St. Paul's.

TOP RIGHT: Mexican Indian cave dwellers visited by Dr. Gerry Williams and Bob Lofgren on a mission of mercy.

MIDDLE LEFT: Scoutmaster Amster Howard and Mike Spayd with two of their scout troop at RIDGE.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Concerned laymen with Rev. Al Brown in emergency session to discuss urban crisis.

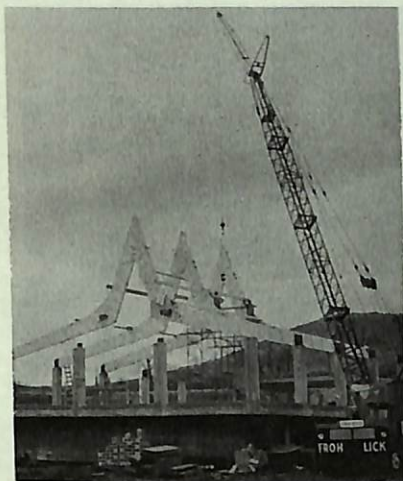
LOWER LEFT: "Doc" and Mabel Baber, whose "SOBRIETY HOUSE" is a project of "PAIRS AND SPARES".

LOWER CENTER: Judge Bill Burnett, outstanding Methodist layman, has sworn in several Applewood Valley volunteer probation counselors.

LOWER RIGHT: Ruth Wells and Virginia Koonsman busy as usual at Thrift Shop in Golden.



TO THE GLORY OF GOD



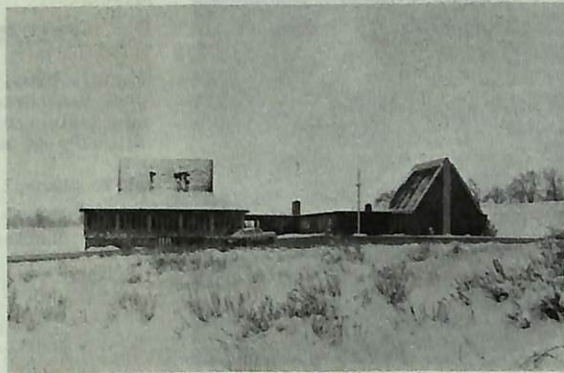
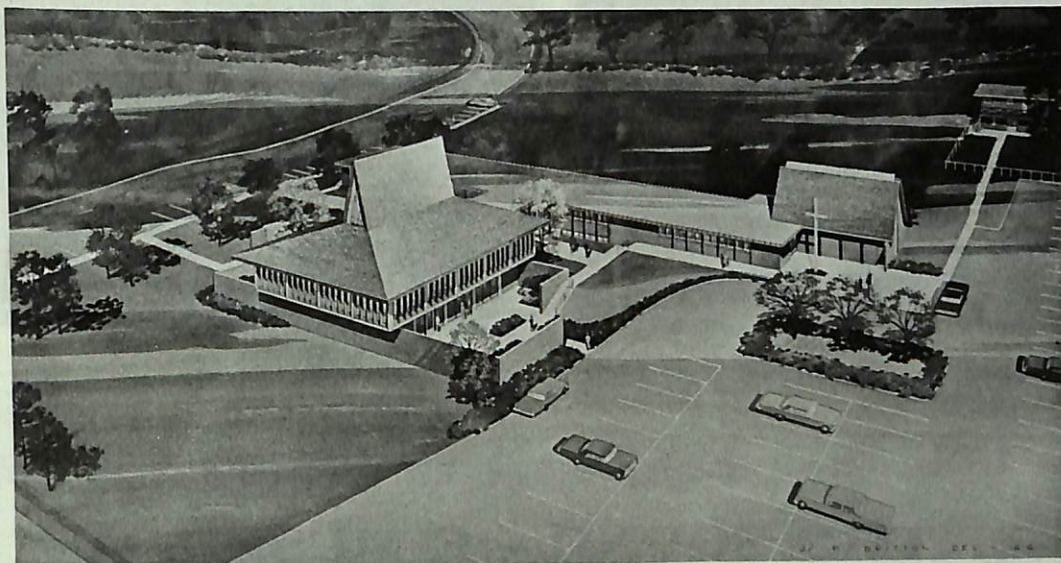
TOP LEFT: Crane lifts laminated beams into position.

TOP RIGHT: The roof goes on.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brick side panels lifted into place.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Nearing completion during a late Spring snowstorm.

CENTER: Completed church and Educational building.



MYF'ers ARE ACTION CHARGED



Last scene of MYF Play "CONSTRUCTION".



MYF on "Mission to Phoenix" in 1967.



Midnight departure on "Mission to San Antonio" 1968.



"Now let me tell you one more time"

THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Phyllis Raup, Director, and June Neathammer, Organist, are truly dedicated to the Ministry of Music.

LEFT: Chancel Choir.

RIGHT: Chapel Choir and Choristers.



OUR PEOPLE SHARING

June 1, 1968 to May 31, 1969

OPERATING EXPENSES

FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Minister's Salary	\$ 9,000.00
Car Allowance	1,200.00
Minister of Visitation Salary	1,800.00
Car Allowance	1,200.00
Pulpit Supply (Future)	—0—
Minister's Pension Fund	240.00
Minister of Youth (Future)	—0—
	\$13,440.00

FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD

Director of Christian Education — Salary	\$ 1,500.00
Church school literature, supplies, equipment, and audio-visual resources	1,949.00
Training workshops	75.00
Library	50.00
Nursery	275.00
	\$ 3,849.00

FOR THE MUSIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music — Salary	\$ 1,100.00
Organist	1,100.00
Sheet music, piano tuning, care of robes	405.00
Musician's workshop (Pipe organ)	75.00
	\$ 2,680.00

FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUSINESS OF GOD

Church secretary — Salary	\$ 3,180.00
Office expenses (Postage, supplies, care of office machines)	1,800.00
Commission Expenses	675.00
	5,655.00

FOR THE CARE OF THE HOUSE OF GOD (All structures)

Taxes	\$ 261.00
Utilities	2,600.00
Insurance	1,624.00
Supplies	1,760.00
Improvements	500.00
Custodial services	3,600.00
Snow removal and other emergencies	300.00
	\$10,645.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$36,269.00

BENEVOLENCES

FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Core City Missionary — Salary (Rev. Al Brown)	\$ 6,600.00
Conference Mission Causes (Apportioned) Methodist Action Program (MAP II): Conference camps (3) Campus Ministry — Wesley Foundations (4) Iliff Seminary Scholarships Methodist Colleges (3)	2,890.00
Christian Education (Apportioned)	58.00
World Service — Overseas Relief (Apportioned)	4,762.00
Administration — Rocky Mountain Conf. (Apportioned)	990.00
Ministerial Support — Rocky Mountain Conf. (Apportioned): Ministers in special appointments: Iliff professors and headquarters personnel (17); District Superintendents (5); and Bishop (1)	4,064.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$19,364.00

BUILDING FUND

FOR OUR DEBT ON THE HOUSE OF GOD

A. PARSONAGE:

Value — \$34,000

Balance of Indebtedness — \$16,298.19

Mortgage—Annual principal and interest (25 years) 1,470.00

B. CHAPEL AND SCHOOL (First Unit)

Value — \$173,000

Balance of Indebtedness — \$44,000

Mortgage: Refinanced and included
in the mortgage on Unit "C" below

C. CHURCH AND SCHOOL (Second Unit)

(Possession taken March 31, 1968)

Value — \$287,000

Indebtedness — including
\$44,000 above — \$312,485

Mortgage — Total annual
principal and interest (20 years) 29,472.00

D. COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN BUILDING CONTRACT:

Payment on pews \$1397.00

Payment on pipe organ 4100.00

Landscaping 6500.00 11,997.00

TOTAL BUILDING FUND \$42,939.00

BUDGET — YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1969

OPERATING EXPENSES \$36,269.00

BENEVOLENCES 19,364.00

BUILDING FUND 42,939.00

TOTAL \$98,572.00

Dear Members and Friends of Applewood Valley United Methodist Church

Beginning June 1, 1968, we enter upon a new Church year. This brochure has been designed with the purpose in mind of trying to answer the questions most people ask about our church. Some are answered in pictures, some in words, and some in figures. Let me talk with you a moment about the figures.

As you will see, the budget for the new church year has been itemized in detail within the three major categories: Operating Expenses, Benevolences, and Building Fund. Methodists are aware that the items in the Benevolence budget are Conference apportionments, requests for funds from each local church to support benevolence projects approved at each Annual session of the Rocky Mountain Conference. We have included Reverend Al Brown's salary in this category because his work in the Core City is our church in mission.

Having reviewed the budget your next question will be: "What shall I give?" The National Council of Churches has just announced that the typical American Protestant contributes \$2.44 a week to his church. What this actually says however is that some members tithe, while a large number still believe that a church can operate on a \$1 a member. You may be interested in the weekly giving pattern of 283 identifiable givers in our church, for the period October, 1967, through February, 1968.

Pledgers	Non-Pledgers
\$ 1 - \$ 5 74	\$ 1 - \$ 5 68
6 - 10 80	6 - 10 10
11 - 15 29	11 - 15 5
16 - 20 12	16 - 20 1
21 - 25 2	21 - 25 2

Based on receipts as of April 1, 1968, our people are supporting the current budget at the rate of \$77,180 a year. This is exclusive of \$5,214 in memorials as of April 1, but includes the generous special gifts received on Opening Day in the new sanctuary.

The Official Board has approved a tentative budget of \$98,572 for fiscal year beginning June 1, 1968. This is a 22% increase over the current regular pattern of giving and necessarily takes into account limited experience data on the cost of operating the new church and educational wing. However, we believe that the new budget is sound.

It is no secret to anyone that regular weekly giving is of utmost importance in meeting our obligations. But how much? You alone can answer that. However, is it unreasonable to ask that you consider as your goal for the coming year an amount each week equivalent to \$1 for each \$1,000 of income—half a tithe? We are aware that many have given and will continue to give more. Others, due to circumstances, must limit their gifts. This is proportionate giving—in proportion to the measure of our material blessings. Is that not a true definition of tithing?

Details of Loyalty Sunday should have reached you earlier. A Pledge Card is enclosed. The decision is yours. Thank you for vows fulfilled: Your prayers, your presence at worship, your gifts, and your service. With these, and God's blessings, how can we possibly fail?

Sincerely,

Commission on Stewardship and Finance

Max Binkley, Chairman

Roy Hoffman, Church Treasurer

Harold Mundell, Financial Secretary