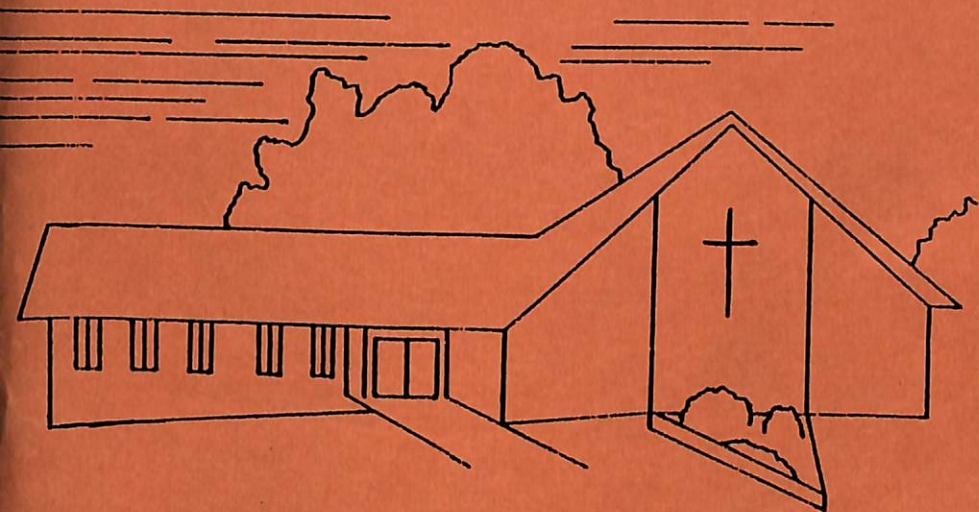


Our Church

" HISTORY "



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FORWARD

THIS WRITER IS NOT AN EXPERIENCED CHURCH HISTORIAN, HOWEVER, IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS IN THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FOUNTAIN SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE STORY OF A SMALL TOWN WESTERN CHURCH AND THE WAY IT HAS DEVELOPED OVER SEVENTY YEARS OF EXISTENCE.

THIS REPORT IS AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. IN MANY CASES, RECORDS OR MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS DID NOT CONTAIN ANY ITEMS OF INTEREST, OTHER THAN TREASURER'S REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS.

THIS HISTORY IS A TRIBUTE TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, BOTH MINISTERS AND LAITY, WHO STARTED OUR CHURCH AND HAVE KEPT IT GOING. MANY OF THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AND I AM SORRY IF ANY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT.

-Virgil Estep-

THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church is a church of Christ in which "the pure Word of God is preached and the Sacraments duly administered".

Its founder was John Wesley, a clergyman of the Church of England. Educated at Oxford University, young John Wesley, like Paul, sought in vain for satisfaction by the strict observance of the rules of religion and of the church.

At a prayer meeting in Aldersgate Street in London on May 24, 1738, he experienced a "strange warming of his heart". At this time he discovered that it is not by rules or laws, nor by our own efforts at self-perfection, but by faith in God's mercy as it comes to us in Christ that man may enter upon life and peace.

It was not Wesley's intention to found a new church, but to preach the gospel to the needy who were not being reached by the Church of England and its clergy, and also to take care of those who were won to the Christian life.

He gathered people and formed them into classes or societies and sent them to preach the gospel to the masses on the streets and in the fields, mines, and private homes. These people were not ordained ministers but lay persons interested in winning souls for Christ.

Methodism spread to America and was accepted by the American way of life. These lay ministers followed the tide of migration as it moved west.

By the close of the American Revolution the Methodists numbered fifteen thousand members and eighty preachers.

Wesley attempted to get the Bishop of London to ordain some of his preachers. Failing in this, he himself ordained two men, Dr. Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, and sent them to America.

At the Christmas conference, which met in Baltimore on December 24, 1784, sixty preachers met and organized the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1828 a group of earnest and godly persons, who were largely moved by an insistence on lay representations, separated and became the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1844 there was another division regarding the question of slavery.

After years of negotiations, a plan was agreed to and on May 10, 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church united to form the Methodist Church.

In April of 1968 the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church united to form the United Methodist Church.

COLORADO METHODISM

Not all of the early settlers who came to Colorado in the early mining days were saints. Many were godless and irreligious outlaws, robbers, ne'er-do-wells, thugs, gamblers, saloon keepers, dancehall girls, and others.

There was a great need for religious and spiritual work in the mining camps and settlements. However, despite the desperate needs, the denominational Boards were slow to supply preachers and to provide the necessary funds for the work.

Of course there were a few preachers from the beginning, but these were "free lance" preachers (some were lay preachers and some fully ordained). However, these were not official representatives of their denominations and came for other reasons than preaching and organizing churches. It appears that the first of these was George W. Fisher who was a carpenter, wagon maker, and a Methodist lay preacher. At the request of General Larimer on Nov. 21, 1858 he conducted the first religious service in Denver and the entire mining region.

This service was held in a double log cabin owned by two gamblers. While gambling continued at one end, the service was being held in the other. This was the beginning of many informal services conducted by Mr. Fisher and the other preachers whenever they could find a place in which to preach - often in the open air.

In the summer of 1869 on July 3, two official "missionaries" of the Methodist Episcopal Church held services in Denver. These two men, Dr. William H. Goode (a mature preacher experienced in handling frontier situations) and Rev. Jacob Adrance (who was in the beginning of his ministerial career) left Denver and went to Central City and held two outdoor services on July 10. While there, they organized a Methodist Church with George W. Fisher as preacher in charge. They went on to Golden and founded a second church. On August 2 they returned to Denver and organized the Aurora and Denver City Mission, now known as Trinity Methodist Church.

The first Sunday School in Denver was a union or interdenominational school founded on November 6, 1859. They met in the log cabin of Rev. Jacob Adrance, its first Superintendent. However, on June 10, 1860 the Methodists started their own Sunday School, still in existence as the Sunday School at Trinity Church.

With the coming of the railroads in 1870, the future of Colorado became assured and in 1876 the Territory became a State. Methodism developed and grew along with Colorado.

During all of this period, Colorado Methodism had suffered from the lack of a resident Bishop. In 1883 Bishop Henry White Warren decided to make Denver his episcopal home. He continued to live in Denver until his retirement in 1912. This year marked more than

half century of Methodism in the State.

At this time there were about 208 churches, 197 preachers, 29,504 members, and 42,793 Sunday School scholars.

Then, as now, there was a growing concern for the Methodist youth which led to the formation of the first Epworth League Institution in Colorado in 1919. Today there are several youth camps in the conference.

In 1857 the Rocky Mountain Conference was organized which includes parts of Wyoming, Utah, and all of Colorado.

METHODISM IN FOUNTAIN

Fountain gets its name from the creek which originates in Ute Pass, flows down the mountain south through the plains and empties into the Arkansas River at Pueblo. This creek was originally called Fountains que Bouille, which meant "bubbling water" by the French trappers. It was shortened to Fountain as it is today.

The first settlers moved into the Fountain area around 1859. It soon grew to be the hub of a thriving agricultural and cattle area. At 2:30 AM on Monday, May 14, 1888, Fountain experienced an explosion which almost eliminated the entire town. 17,000 pounds of black powder loaded in a railroad car exploded.

School District No. 8 (Fountain-Ft. Carson) was started in 1870. The town of Fountain was incorporated on

April 23, 1903 and is the oldest incorporated city in the Pikes Peak Region. At one time, Fountain was the center of one of the richest agricultural areas of Colorado.

During the years of 1907 to 1910, many new families came to Fountain as the result of the opening of new farming tracts due to the completion of the Johnson reservoir. Many of these new families were Methodist. At this time three churches existed in Fountain - a Congregational, Baptist, and Free Methodist. The new Methodist families attended and worked in these churches, but a need was felt for a Methodist Church.

In the spring of 1909 the J. E. Kurtz family moved to Fountain from Alton, Kansas. This family had been Methodists for several generations. Mr. Kurtz's father had been a pioneer Methodist preacher in the Northwest Kansas Conference and Mrs. Kurtz's grandfather had been a pioneer preacher and circuit rider in the Illinois Conference.

During the winter of 1911, the late Dr. Henry M. Mayo, a close friend of the Kurtz family and at that time superintendent of the Pueblo Methodist District, called at the Kurtz home and learned of the church situation in Fountain. After learning of the number of families of Fountain who would be interested in a Methodist Church, he suggested a revival meeting as a means of developing more interest in the organization of a new church.

Dr. Mayo arranged with evangelist Walter O. Woolever, known as the "Sunshine Evangelist" of the conference, to begin a series of revival meetings in March of 1912. Also, arrangements were made with the Baptist people to hold the services in their church. There had not been a successful revival meeting in town for about 17 years. People of the three churches in town worked together in harmony for a successful revival with many being brought into the new life through conversion. At the close of the meetings a number voiced their desire to unite with the Methodist Church and an organizational meeting was held at the Kurtz home in early April of 1912. The following persons joined at this meeting, or soon after, as charter members of the Fountain Methodist Church: Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Kurtz; Harry, Wayne, Russell, Luther, Frank, and Eugene Kurtz; Mr. & Mrs. N. H. West; Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Potter; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Clawson; Mr. & Mrs. I. T. Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Traller; S. W. Thompson; Mrs. Joe Collins; Miss Rita Spicer; Mrs. Molly Virden, Ledonia Virden, Herbert Virden, and Cora Virden; Coral Toothman; and Frank Bonner.

After the organization meeting, Dr. Mayo sent Rev. Charles Mathis to look after the organization and to act as pastor until the Annual Conference which convened in October. Rev. Mathis was a talented singer, a good organizer, and a forceful preacher.

The Free Methodist Church was used for services for a while as they were temporarily without a pastor. But it was soon realized that the new church needed a building of its own. A Board

of Trustees was elected and it decided to build a frame building about 30 x 60 feet with no permanent foundation. The construction was supervised by N. H. West, who was a carpenter by trade. The lot for the building was donated by S. W. Thompson. The lumber for the building was delivered to the site on a Monday morning. The pastor, without consulting the Trustees, announced that the dedication would take place on the following Sunday. The work was accomplished by donated labor, which consisted of a few faithful workers. However, by working from dawn to dusk the building was completed by the end of the week. Ordinary kitchen chairs, furnished by the members, served as pews and the building was ready for dedication free of debt.

A Sunday School was organized with H. E. Kurtz as superintendent. An Epworth League (MYF) was also organized with J. W. Potter as President. This proved to be a very interesting organization of the church with the devotional meetings being especially helpful to the young people. N. H. West was elected Class leader of the church and conducted many inspirational meetings at the close of the regular church services. At the Annual Conference in October of 1912, Rev. George T. Sledge was appointed pastor of the church. He was a young man, very active and well liked by everyone. Soon after he was appointed, he organized two country points - Hanover, east of Fountain, and Wigwam, south of town; thus making a circuit. He preached at these points on alternate Sunday afternoons. Rev. Sledge was presented a Ford Runabout by the church.

No minutes or records can be located for the period from 1912 to 1921. However, a few facts have been gleaned from various persons and some papers. The church, when organized in 1912, had 50 members, 1 Sunday School with 18 officers and teachers, 80 in attendance and an Epworth League. The minister's salary was \$395.00 a year which also included the Conference claims.

The building was a shell with a pot-bellied stove to heat it. People would sit in a circle around the stove in the winter to keep warm. They had an old foot-pump organ and often it was so cold it wouldn't work.

The ministers during this period were:

April 1912-Sept.1912 : Charles Mathis
Oct. 1912-Sept.1916 : George Sledge
Sept. 1916-Sept.1917 : J. Preston Lane
Sept. 1917-Sept.1918 : F. L. Logston
Oct. 1918-Sept.1919 : S. F. Chambers
Nov. 1919-Sept.1920 : M. W. Forsyth
Sept. 1920-Sept.1921 : M. P. Dixon

September 19, 1921: Rev. T. Marion Davis was pastor. Members of the Board present: Mrs. Drake, Mr. Potter, Mrs. Northup, Mrs. Sanborn, Mr. Pettypool, Nelle West, Mr. Woolever, I.T. Smith. Reported no outstanding bills and nothing in the treasury. Pastor's salary was \$1,240.00 a year.

September 26, 1921: Budget for the year is \$2,100.00. Mr. C. L. Charles was elected as the fuel and janitor who will receive \$6.00 per month salary.

October 7, 1921: (A meeting to discuss the Every Member Canvas) The stewards making the canvas made the following report:

Team #1 - Miss Northrop & Drake
21 people contacted \$636.00

Team #2 - Mr. Pettypool
19 people contacted \$139.00

Team #3 - Mr. Sanborn & Potter
16 people contacted \$295.00

Total \$1,070.00

March 14, 1922: Present were: Mr. J. W. Potter, Mr. & Mrs. John Sanborn, Nelle West, Mr. & Mrs. Weaver, Mr. Godding, H. West.

A motion was made by Mr. Sanborn that 100 new song books be ordered and this was seconded by Mr. Potter and carried. The idea of a new church was discussed, but with so few members present it was decided to table the discussion.

April 30, 1922: Brother Davis brought before the meeting the idea of having full time services at Fountain, if Hanover would accept an afternoon service. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Osborn and Mr. Story would contact the church at Hanover and discuss this with them. A church Building Committee was appointed: Mr. Story- Chairman, Mr. Tubbs, Mr. Potter, Mrs. Northrup, and Mrs. Davis.

June 30, 1922: A bill was presented by Mr. Weaver for \$6.00 for 6 gallons of icecream for the Father-Son Banquet. The church finances were discussed and are in such bad shape that another Every Member Canvas was planned. Mr. Story made a motion which was seconded and carried that the Board authorize the financial secretary to go to the bank and borrow \$250.00 to help with the shortage. Grandpa West offered to loan the church \$250.00, but it was the opinion of the Board it should be borrowed from the bank.

September 29, 1922: The Board met at the home of Northrup. A motion was made by Mr. Tubbs, seconded by Potter, and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate buying a furnace for the church. Mr. Sanborn was appointed. Four teams were appointed to carry on the Every Member Canvas.

October 26, 1922: The committee for purchasing a furnace reported they did not think it feasible to buy a furnace. However, they did purchase a stove and it was installed. Mrs. F. Johnson offered to build the fires each Sunday morning and the Board agreed to accept her offer. They voted to pay her \$4.00 a month for this service. Rev. G. S. Upton had been appointed as minister for the coming year. A motion was made that the Methodist Men pledge themselves to raise \$100 for the budget.

February 13, 1923: Members present were: Mr. Potter, Mr. Story, Mr. Boucher, Mrs. Northrup, Cora Northrup, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. & Mrs. Sanborn. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Mr. Story draw up a letter conveying to the Baptist people the fact that the Board went on record as desiring to work with them during their Easter services.

July 10, 1923: Meeting held at the home of John Sanborn with 12 members present. The pastor, Rev. Upton, gave a report on the accomplishments of the past year. The treasurer's report revealed that unpaid pledges totaled \$501.55. Mr. Potter was appointed Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference.

October 16, 1923: Board met at the home of Mrs. Northrup with 9 members present. Rev. Upton suggested several plans to be put into effect for the coming year. Mr. Story presented his resignation as Treasurer. It was accepted and Mr. Tubbs was elected to fill this position. The budget of \$2,217.00 was adopted. The Hanover church was given one-fourth of the pastor's time and accepted one-fourth of the budget. Again, four teams were elected to conduct an Every Member Canvas.

August 3, 1924: A meeting was held at the church and the Board went on record requesting that Rev. Upton remain in Fountain.

August 24, 1924: Meeting was held in the home of W. A. Godding. The Minister appointed A. R. Ward, W. A. Godding, and C. L. Charles as the auditing committee. Also appointed were J. W. Potter, A. R. Ward, J. W. Boucher, and John Sanborn to attend the Annual Conference on Friday, Sept. 5. The Board expressed a desire to have services both morning and evening of every Sunday and set a figure of \$1,200 for the minister's salary.

September 1924: The District Superintendent held the quarterly conference. No reports were given and the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the church at Hanover. A committee was appointed consisting of J. E. Early, Earl Hughes, and John Sanborn to meet with a committee from Hanover. At this meeting it was decided to give Hanover the fourth Sunday of each month. At a meeting held in October, 1924, Rev. L. G. Honnold was appointed minister for the coming year.

December 10, 1924: Meeting was held at Mrs. Godding's home with 7 members present. The pastor gave an estimate on the painting of the church. It was decided to have the painting done by a professional painter. The Pastor presented a proposition of the church purchasing Mrs. Adams' property which is located north of the church. He stated that the asking price was \$2,000 with a small down payment and the balance to be paid in monthly installments as rent. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Pastor call a special

meeting to discuss this matter further.

December 14, 1924: The Board held a meeting after morning church services to further discuss the purchasing of the property north of the church. After the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Potter that the Board be instructed to purchase the property if a 6% interest rate could be obtained. If not, do the best possible. The motion was voted on and carried.

February 6, 1925: The Pastor reported that the property had been purchased and that the initial payment made and the transfer completed. He also reported that the note for \$250 had been paid off. J. W. Potter was appointed custodian of all church papers. Mrs. C. L. Charles was appointed Treasurer.

April 12, 1925: The second Quarterly Conference was convened to reaffirm the purchase of the parsonage by the charge conference.

July 6, 1925: Meeting held in the parsonage with the following members present: Mr. Charles, Mr. L. E. Weaver, Mr. Godding, Mrs. Northrup, Cora Northrup, Mrs. Hughes, and Mr. & Mrs. Sanborn. The Treasurer's report was read and showed a deficit of over \$600. The matter of having Bernard Vessey and his Glee Club for a program on Aug. 4 was discussed.

August 30, 1925: A short meeting was held. Treasurer's report revealed a deficit of \$50.00. The various members of the Board made extra pledges of \$41.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that if the Treasurer did not have the full amount needed to pay all bills by Sept. 1, the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the needed amount from the bank. A motion was made by C. L. Charles that the minister be paid \$1,000 plus house rent for the ensuing year.

October 9, 1925: Rev. Vernon C. Tryee was the new minister appointed by the Annual Conference. He gave a short talk on the essentials of success as being cooperation, loyalty, hard work, and boostings. A tentative budget of \$1,650 was adopted and three Every Member Canvas teams were appointed. A motion was made and carried to allow a bill of \$7.50 for the ministers moving expense. A gift of \$50 had been received from Rev. George Sledge, the first minister of the Fountain church. The following officers were elected: J. W. Potter, Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Sanborn, Secretary; Cora Northrup, Treasurer; and A. R. Ward, Chairman of Finance Committee.

December 18, 1925: The minister reported that 27 new members had been received into the church. Mrs. Northrup gave the Treasurer's report: received for the year, \$393.36 and disbursements, \$387.67. A motion was made and carried that statements would be sent to members showing amount pledged and amount received. The matter of digging out a basement under the church was discussed.

A Committee consisting of Mr. Godding, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Osborn was appointed.

December 28, 1925: A meeting was held to further discuss plans of improving the church building. Mr. Osborn presented the plans of the committee which consisted of adding a 12 foot addition on to the rear of the building and a full basement. The committee was instructed to come back to the Board with an estimated cost.

January 8, 1926: The minister gave a talk which reminded the members of the responsibility resting on each one if they are to undertake an improvement program. The chairman asked Mr. Potter to take the floor and get pledges from the members present. A pledge of \$400 in cash was received. The following members were named to assist in the construction project: General Superintendent - James Munson, Carpenter Leader - N. H. West, Assistant Carpenter - I. J. Osborn, Financial Agent - W. A. Godding, Secretary - Cora Northrup, Treasurer - Mrs. Sanborn, Timekeeper - I. J. Osborn, Purchasing Agents - J. W. Potter, I. T. Smith, A. R. Ward, John Sanborn, N. H. West, and James Munson, Auditing Committee - A. R. Ward, L. E. Weaver, and C. L. Charles. Mr. Osborn was appointed to be the assistant time keeper and superintendent at a salary of \$2.00 per day. A motion was made and carried to adopt the following schedule: \$2.50 per day per man, \$5.00 per day for a team and man.

January 30, 1926: A special meeting was held to discuss the possibility of selling the two lots north of the parsonage to the Town of Fountain for \$500.00. A motion was made and carried that Mr. Godding act as agent of the Board and meet with the Town Board at their next meeting.

July 3, 1926: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that a person be elected to meet with the Town Board on July 3 to discuss the purchase of church property. Mr. L. E. Weaver was elected and to price the property at \$450.

July 16, 1926: The Pastor called the Board's attention to the work done on the parsonage by A. C. Johnson and the Board extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Johnson. New seats were installed in the sanctuary. These seats were reported to have come from a theater which started in Fountain and failed. The balance of the meeting was devoted to election of officers for the coming year.

August 30, 1926: The meeting was held to explain the year-end financial status. The Treasurer's report showed that there was a deficit of \$175. A motion was made and carried that \$125 be borrowed from the Building Fund and \$50 from the bank so that all accounts would be paid in full.

July 19, 1936: Rev. Paul Mundell was pastor and action is being taken on the water system in the church kitchen. Mr. Johnson was elected to assist on the membership committee. A bill for the minister's moving expense in the amount of \$3.35 was approved. The minister is to be gone the first Sunday in Sept.

March 14, 1937: The meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Johnson. Members present were: Rev. Paul Mundell, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Charles, I. J. Chancellor, Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Johnson and M. J. Henley. A motion was made by M. J. Henley and seconded by Mrs. Johnson that the appointment of I. J. Chancellor as superintendent of the Sunday School be approved. The motion carried.

April 4, 1937: Officers were elected for the coming year. Rev. Paul Mundell gave a report on membership. At this time the church has 80 members with 53 of these on the active list.

October 1937: Rev. John Jorden became the minister in June of 1937. The following are excerpts from a letter to members from the Finance Committee:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 400.00
District Superintendent	25.00
Conference Claimants	46.00
Episcopal Fund	7.00
Insurance (church & parsonage)	20.00
Interest on parsonage	36.00
Lights & Fuel	26.00
Incidentals	25.00
World Services	50.00
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These amounts total approximately \$53.00 a month. A pledge form was enclosed with this letter. Finance Committee: John Chancellor, A. W. Ward, Mrs. Horton West, and Mrs. Iva Huff.

August 26, 1941: Rev. Rufus D. Webster was employed as minister. Members of the Board were as follows: John Chancellor, Mrs. Don Colbert, Mrs. George Kerr, Mrs. H. R. Morris, Mrs. James Kerr, H. R. Morris, Frank Martin, Mrs. Ruth Lacey, and Mrs. Sam Renfro. The church was involved in a scrap iron program for the war effort.

November 14, 1941: Mr. Chancellor reported on the canvassing of members to date - about 20 have been contacted. Mr. Webster instructed Mr. Morris to compile a list of members to be called on.

June, 1942: Rev. Herbert R. Morris was appointed as minister for the coming year. A rental committee consisting of Rev. Morris, John Chancellor, Miriam Kerr, and Mrs. West was to be in charge of renting the parsonage.

October 18, 1942: A fellowship dinner was held in the basement of the church. A meeting was held in which John Chancellor was re-elected Chairman of the Board and Vira Colbert was elected Secretary to replace Mrs. Troy Gaines. There was a discussion to reorganize the Men's Brotherhood.

March 3, 1943: A meeting of the Board was held to discuss the repairs to the basement of the church. Also discussed was the possibility of building an extra bedroom and bath on the parsonage. At an undetermined meeting, Rev. H. R. Morris announced

that, due to ill health of himself and his wife, he wished to retire and at this meeting he officially resigned. Rev. Morris and his wife moved to their new home in Ft. Collins. Rev. George Kitchen of 152 N. Weber in Colorado Springs was appointed to fill the vacancy until the end of the conference year. He continued his residence in Colorado Springs with the parsonage being rented. At the Annual Conference he was re-appointed for one year. At a fellowship dinner held in the church basement it was decided to attempt to pay off the balance of the debt on the parsonage. The W.S.C.S. offered to pay all the debt that could not be raised by subscription. Mr. Clark Gregory was elected to head up the drive to raise money needed. This was completed. Another dinner was held in which Miss Irene Goodsell lighted the match which lit a blank sheet of paper; symbolizing the burning of the actual mortgage.

January 8, 1942: Rev. Webster reported that his salary was still in arrears. Rev. Webster reported on the scrap iron and paper collection. Mrs. Webster spoke about "Prayer Minute" - a plan to have every one pause for one minute at 6 o'clock each evening for prayer. Rev. Webster discussed the purchase of new hymnals. He would like to have ten memorial hymnals to start the order. The cost is \$1.00 each. He was instructed to purchase fifteen new hymnals.

March 12, 1942: The main topic discussed was finances. The minister reported his salary was \$47 in arrears, however, the insurance, coal, and light bills were being paid. New officers were elected for the Sunday School - Assistant Supt. - Troy Gaines, Secretary - Sam McGuire, Treasurer - Neva Jean Harns, Asst. Treasurer - Mrs. Gaines.

June 1944: Rev. George E. Kitchen was appointed as our new minister. Official Board members consisted of Mrs. A. R. Ward, Mrs. G. W. Kerr, Mrs. C.L. Charles, John Chancellor, Clark Gregory, Ernie McConnaughay, Marguerite Fullerton, Zettie Keys, Miriam Kerr, Mrs. Willard Greer, Mrs. Ross Bryant, Tisha Shiner, Mrs. Harry McGuire, and Ruth Lacy.

June 1947: Arthur Treman is the new minister for this year. The pastor's report to the Quarterly Conference on April 12 showed that average church attendance was 85. All bills were paid in full. 14 representatives of the Church School called on every family in Fountain on the crusade for Christ. Taxi service is being provided to bring those people outside walking distance to the church. The Epworth League was reorganized to the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

August 14, 1947: Pastor's report to Quarterly conference was given. The present program of the church was reviewed in the three most important

parts: 1) to attempt to get a resident minister, 2) to increase ministerial supports, and 3) to plan parsonage repairs. Two plans were submitted to the Board by the general board of church extension who had investigated the situation regarding parsonage repairs and possible remodeling of the present structure. These plans were passed around, examined, and discussed. The general feeling of the meeting was that the preferable plan would be to build the addition. The lots located north of the parsonage were brought into question. It was moved by Mrs. D. C. Colbert that the Trustees be authorized to sell these lots. Motion carried.

June 1954: Rev. Frank O. Gunter voted on recommendations to build a new church in the near future. Wilbur Snyder, Ruth McGahan, and Rev. Gunter were elected to lead the survey committees.

March 1955: The addition to the parsonage was started this month. In December, the East Methodist Church of Colorado Springs gave their used pews to the Fountain Church. These pews were refinished and put into use for the first time in the sanctuary on February 26, 1956. (The old theater seats were removed from the sanctuary on Feb. 13, 1956 and were given to the Spanish Speaking Penticostal Church of Fountain)

April 18, 1955: Quarterly Conference report showed: present church members numbered 164, Sunday School enrollment was 180, and average attendance - 95.

June 1, 1956: Board meeting held - 11 members present. New officers elected for the coming year are: Chairman - Clark Hanna, Vice Chmn. - Bill Skull, Secretary - Mrs. Bearup, Sunday School Pianist - Nita Belle Million, Sunday School Supt. - Preston Burnett, Asst. Supt. - Daniel McDaniels, and Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs. Preston Burnett. Dan McDaniels reported that the Board of Trustees had decided to repair or replace the stucco on the exterior of the church. A committee was appointed to contact contractors for an estimate of the cost. A sewer should be connected.

July 2, 1956: Board meeting held - 15 present. Usual reports were given and accepted. Rev. Gunter asked that greeters be selected each Sunday to greet people as they come into the church. Tish Shiner reported that the Sunday School was in good shape and all bills were paid. Rev. Gunter showed the Board the Laymen's Award Certificate given to our church by the Conference for faithful services in our church program. He suggested that it be framed and presented to Dan McDaniels, the Lay Leader.

August 1956: The sewer line has not been connected as yet. There is to be a work day to build cabinets in the kitchen for dishes. Any funds in the Memorial Fund could be used to improve the Communion set, such as crystal glasses, candlesticks, and racks to hold the cups.

September 10, 1956: 16 members present. Dan McDanials reported on the re-stucco job of the church with the color chosen as light tan.

October 8, 1956: The meeting was opened with a discussion regarding the re-stucco job of the church. The total cost for three coats of finish will be \$396. Wilbur Snyder made the motion and it was seconded to have the contractor start work. Rev. Gunter brought up the possibility of church members subscribing to the new Methodist magazine "Together". No action taken on this. At this time the church was so short on space for Sunday School that Mrs. Crew's home on the south side of the church was used for Sunday School classes.

June 24, 1957: The planning committee selected to look into the overcrowding of the Sunday School. They plan to have a Denver architect come down and look over the church.

August 12, 1957: Mrs. Tisha Shiner reported for the finance committee - \$390 in the bank and all bills paid to date with conference claimants of \$1,247 paid. The subject of the crowded Sunday School was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps a home could be purchased to use as a temporary parsonage and use the present parsonage for classrooms. Dan McDanials was to gather all information on houses for sale at this time. Dan presented a sketch for a proposed addition to the church.

September 30, 1957: At this meeting it was announced that a house for sale had been located in Rangeview and a motion was made to purchase it. However, none of the requirements listed in the Methodist Discipline for the purchasing of property had been met, so the motion was dropped.

January 6, 1958: A discussion was held regarding the possibility of renting Wilbur Snyder's new house for use as a temporary parsonage.

January 10, 1958: A special Board meeting was held to discuss the possibility of renting Wilbur Snyder's house for a temporary parsonage. Rental cost was approximately \$80 per month. Preston Burnett made a motion, seconded by Gene Hagans, that the Board rent Mr. Snyder's house. Motion carried.

February 3, 1958: It was announced that the monthly rent for the temporary parsonage would be \$77.69 per month. Twenty folding chairs were given to the church by Preston Burnett. A stove was donated for use in the parsonage.

March 3, 1958: Six benches have been made for use in Sunday School rooms. The possibility of renovating the front of the sanctuary was discussed. It was proposed to remove one level and to replace the old lights with two foot sections of fluorescent fixtures. It was moved by Preston Burnett, seconded, and carried that this work be completed before Easter.

Cliff Johnson presented information on Butler-type buildings which could be used as an annex to provide more space for Sunday School.

April 7, 1958: Mrs. Tish Shiner gave the Treasurer's report - all bills have been paid with a bank balance of \$461.77. Rev. Gunter reported that Rev. C. Winston Tanksley was the new minister and that he would be here June 22. The 1958-59 budget was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Burnett and seconded by Mrs. Bearup that the budget be accepted.

April 28, 1958: Dan McDaniels was authorized to hire Mr. Sweeney to finish the sewer job.

June 2, 1958: Ernest McConnaughay was elected Chairman of the Board. Preston Burnett reported on the building committee. There has been \$750 pledged to purchase a building site and the one being considered will cost \$3,000. A motion was made by Mr. Wilbur Snyder that we accept pledges to buy five lots subject to the dictate of the Methodist Discipline. The church held two services for Easter which was on April 6. On April 3 at 7:30 communion was held. The new bronze cross and candleholders were given to the church by the Clark Hanna family and the new communion tray, glasses, and linen were given by the Rachel Circle.

June 22, 1958: Rev. C. Winston Tanksley was present for his first meeting with the Board. Dan McDaniels reported on the discussion of purchasing property at the last meeting (building site). Preston Burnett reported that if the approval was given for the purchase of the lots, the method of payment would be \$500 down and \$35 a month. Dan McDaniels made a motion that the Board authorize Cliff Johnson to accept pledges for the purpose of buying the five lots and that if agreement cannot be made to purchase lots, the pledges would be returned. Motion seconded by Bill Shiner and carried.

October 6, 1958: Wilbur Snyder reported to the Board that he was offering them the rented parsonage if they could assume his VA loan and take over the payments. The property would be in the church's name. A motion was made by Mrs. Tish Shiner, seconded by Jim Burnside, and carried that the church accept Mr. Snyder's offer. The Board instructed Rev. Tanksley to contact a lawyer and to draw up the papers necessary to incorporate the church. There was reorganization of the Sunday School classes and there has been some relief in the crowded conditions. One room in the parsonage has been converted into an office for the minister.

October 18, 1958: It was recommended to the Board that the garage located behind the parsonage be repaired and converted to classrooms, as it would

be too expensive to repair the old garage. The possibility of building a new two-car garage was discussed. No action was taken on this. Dan McDaniels reported that a letter had been received from the District Commission for Buildings and Locations requesting that a building site be located in the near future.

October 31, 1958: The disposal of the old garage building was the topic of discussion. It was decided that the church should advertise it to be sold to the highest bidder; removal to be at the bidder's expense and to be removed within ninety days. Motion made by Dan McDaniels and seconded by Mr. McConnaughay that this be accomplished. The motion carried.

January 3, 1959: Rev. Tanksley reported that the papers for the incorporation of the church had been received and needed to be signed and returned to Denver. All the papers for the transfer of the property from Wilbur Snyder to the church have been completed and are ready to be signed by Rev. Tanksley, Dan McDaniels, and Gene Hagens and to be notarized and returned to the VA in Denver.

February 2, 1959: The deed for the new parsonage has been received. It is complete and final. A letter of authorization has been received from the District Building and Location Commission giving approval for the purchase of the parsonage.

March 1, 1959: At this meeting a motion was made by Roswell Bearup, seconded by Mr. McConnaughay, and carried that the church rent a safety deposit box and transfer all church bank accounts to the Central Colorado Bank in Colorado Springs. It was reported the W.S.C.S. served the Father-Son Banquet with 114 present.

June 22, 1959: Rev. Jack P. Davis was appointed as minister for the coming year. Jim Chancellor was elected Chairman of the Board for the coming year. The old garage behind the parsonage is now empty and will be removed in a short time.

July 13, 1959: Dan McDaniels reported that he had advised Ira McGahan that the garage was ready to be moved.

September 8, 1959: John Metcalfe was elected Vice Chairman of the official Board. Jim Burnside was elected as Lay Leader. Gene Hagens reported that the heaters in the annex were in very bad shape. A committee was appointed to check on new heaters. The committee composed of Gene Hagens, Dan McDaniels, and Jim Burnside.

October 8, 1959: The committee on purchasing new heaters for the annex reported they had purchased one heater with two units at a cost of \$75. They will attempt to find another heater.

November 3, 1959: Dan McDaniels reported that another heater had been purchased and both were installed. Both heaters cost \$150. Two used

heaters were donated by Herman Harder of Interstate Gas. A report was given on all work in the church and annex which had been accomplished.

December 1, 1959: Those attending this meeting were Rev. Davis, John Metcalfe, Mrs. Jennie M. Million, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. McDaniels, Cliff Johnson, Ray Ertman, Gene Hagens, Carl Schallock, Jess Foster, Helen Bearup, and Ernest McConnaughay. Mr. Martin L. Hanson was also present to discuss land which he has for sale as a site for the new church. This is the land which has been discussed at several Board meetings and which the Board has decided is the site preferred by them. Mr. Hanson stated that there are three acres between the ditch and the road. He also stated that if water was not found on this site, the contract would be void. He further stated the cost for the three acres would be \$3,000 and he would accept \$1,000 down with \$500 a year for four years with no interest charge. The building committee recommended to the Board that they accept this site as a future home of the new Methodist Church. Rev. Davis made a motion that this site be accepted. It was seconded by Jess Foster and carried. Dan McDaniels reported that the garage had been moved.

May 2, 1960: A report that the Mother and Daughter Banquet was held on April 25 with 150 in attendance. W.S.C.S. received an Honor Certificate for completing 12 out of 15 goals for the year. This was the third year in a row they have received this award.

June 6, 1960: Wilbur Snyder reported that the town had made a driveway into the back of the church. Rev. Davis suggested that Dick Bystrom, a member of the town council, thank the Town for doing this for the church. Officers elected at this time were: Chairman - John Metcalfe, Vice Chmn. - Dan McDaniels, Secretary - David Cates.

July 13, 1960: Dan McDaniels reported that the contract of sale for the property had been filed and that Mr. Hanson was working on the abstract. It was suggested that a sign be placed on the new church property indicating the future home of the Methodist Church. The budget for 1960-61 in the amount of \$10,000 was presented. On a motion by Mark Fox, seconded by Dean Fleischauer and carried, the budget was approved. A report on the Annual Conference was given by Lay Leader, Jim Chancellor.

November 9, 1960: The Boy Scouts were granted permission to use the basement of the church for their meetings. Rev. Davis stated that a test well needs to be drilled soon on the new property. The Methodist Men furnished the paint and refinished the interior of the church.

December 14, 1960: David Cates gave a report on the Special Session of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference held November 30 at the First Methodist Church in Boulder. Rev. Robert Ellis, former pastor of the Ordray Methodist Church, was appointed to be our minister starting January of 1961. Rev. Davis stated that the piano in the annex had been donated to the church

by D. J. Hankins. Motion was made by Rev. Davis and seconded by Tish Shiner that the Board accept and acknowledge the gift by Mr. Hankins to the church of a Schiller piano, Serial No. 35437, and the motion carried.

January 12, 1961: This was Rev. Ellis' first meeting with the Board. The importance of a well being drilled on the new property was discussed. No action taken. Mrs. Ertman reported that the W.S.C.S. was interested in obtaining new drapes and carpet for the sanctuary if the Board would approve it. Motion was made by Wilbur Snyder and seconded by Mark Fox that the W.S.C.S. be authorized to select and install drapes and carpet in the sanctuary if they so desire.

February 22, 1961: The Methodist Men are exploring the cost of drilling a well on the new church property with the possibility that they will have one drilled and pay for it. Rev. Ellis and Jim Chancellor presented a letter from the General Board of Lay Activities regarding a contract with that organization for conducting a fund-raising program for this church. Action on this was delayed until the March meeting. A motion was made by Mark Fox and seconded by Jim Chancellor that David Cates and Rev. Ellis be authorized to prepare and mail a letter with an "interest indicator postcard" to all new residents in the church territory. The motion carried.

March 22, 1961: The fund-raising program, which was tabled until this

meeting, was discussed. A motion was made by Jim Chancellor, seconded by Mary Bystrom, that the agreement with the Board of Missions be completed and returned. The motion carried. W.S.C.S. reported that the new drapes had been installed in the sanctuary. Dan McDaniels reported that the Young Married People's class did not have enough room and asked that the planter between the kitchen and the front room of the annex be removed.

April 26, 1961: The Methodist Men held a dinner meeting at which time they accepted the responsibility of having a well drilled on the new church property. They will serve for a Mother & Daughter Banquet. M.Y.F. conducted a car wash and raised \$22. They bought new hymnals for the church. The budget for 1961-62 in the amount of \$10,044 was presented. A motion was made by Dan McDaniels and seconded by David Cates that the budget be approved as presented. The motion carried. It was decided that trees be purchased and planted in the backyard of the parsonage and paint be purchased to paint the trim on the house. Mrs. Bystrom reported that there is \$321.99 in the Organ Fund. It was agreed that when the fund reaches \$5,000 that an organ be purchased.

June 28, 1962: New officers elected for the coming year are: Chairman - Dan McDaniels, Vice Chmn. - Helen Bearup, Secretary - David Cates. Mark Fox reported that a water well had been completed on the new church

property through the sponsorship of the Methodist Men. The Chairman appointed the following committee members to paint the trim on the parsonage; Mr. Schallock, Rev. Ellis, and John Metcalfe. A report on the Annual Conference was given by Lay Leader, Jim Chancellor. Rev. Ellis reported that the new communion trays, costing \$60, was paid for by the lenten collection. Mrs. Louise Simpson took over the Treasurer's office from Wilbur Snyder.

November 28, 1962: Dan McDaniels reported that the Methodist Men have reorganized and Ernie McConnaughay is the new president. Wilbur Snyder brought up the subject of the attitude of some of our members toward colored people or any race in our church. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Shiner that we would welcome all races to attend our church and would accept their membership.

December 19, 1962: Rev. Ellis reported that the sign at the new church site had been painted and lettered at a cost of \$15. Discussion was held concerning the heating systems in the church basement and sanctuary. The W.S.C.S. would consider working toward the improvement of this system. Mr. McDaniels will look into this problem for a possible solution.

April 26, 1963: The new budget was presented to the Board by Mr. McDaniels and was discussed. A motion was made

by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Ury, that the budget be approved as presented. Rev. Ellis reported the lenten offering amounted to \$123 and will be used for the purchase of new hymnals and rebinding some of the old ones.

July 14, 1963: Jim Chancellor gave a report as Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference. The 1963-64 budget has been revised to read Conference Apportionments instead of Conference Askings.

September 8, 1963: New officers for the coming year are: Board Chairman - John Metcalfe, Vice Chmn. - Wilbur Snyder, Secretary - Donna Higgins. Discussion was held on repairing the furnace in the church. Dan McDaniels agreed to take charge of the project and some of the men volunteered to help.

January 12, 1964: The Christian Social Concerns will contact a Mormon minister to visit our church sometime in Feb. A motion made by Mrs. Shiner and seconded by Mrs. Bystrom that he not be invited during the regular church service. A report was given by Finance Chairman - Jim Chancellor about future drive plans now being made for the Every Member Canvas.

December 13, 1964: The property purchased by the church as the site of the new church building was dedicated this date with Bishop Marvin R. Stuart presiding.

April 12, 1964: The Christian Social Concerns Committee reported on the recent hearing by the town council on a liquor license. The committee sent a letter to the town protesting this license but it is thought that stronger steps need to be taken for results.

March 14, 1965: The Finance Committee will send letters this year instead of making an every member visitation for new members. Jess Foster, speaking for the Board of Trustees, invited any one interested to attend their meetings. He discussed hiring an architect to draw up plans for a new church building. Jess Foster and Jim Chancellor will meet with the District Superintendent and discuss the possibility of a new church with him.

April 11, 1965: Mr. & Mrs. Ernest McConnaughay presented a Altar Bible in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Daily. A Bible stand was received from the Chancellor Memorial Fund. The building committee asked the Boards' permission to write the Board of Missions to send a professional man to help in the fund-raising drive. The Board was asked to appoint a committee to conduct a survey regarding a new church. Mark Fox volunteered and will appoint his own committee.

June 6, 1965: Rev. Ellis reviewed some of the issues to be voted on at Annual Conference. The Board of Missions will create a new department - Buildings & Church Location Department. The Conference will pay part of the minister's moving expense in the small churches.

June 11, 1965: A letter was received from the Board of Missions asking for a meeting with the Board regarding a Stewardship Crusade. (No further record of this meeting)

September 12, 1965: The following officers were elected: Chairman - Vern Meusborn, Vice Chmn. - Arlin Nyborg, Secretary - Grace Sours. During the Fall and Winter of 1965, a financial drive was conducted by members of the church under the direction of Rev. Emond R. Warne, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Ellis. The pledges received after this drive totaled \$33,448.95 to be pledged over a 156 week period.

January 3, 1966: A motion was made and passed to pledge \$75 a year for three years to the Peoples Methodist Church in Colorado Springs to help purchase their church property. This pledge is to be raised by four special offerings per year.

June 13, 1966: Verda Johnson announced the new officers for W.S.C.S.. They are: President - Ruth McGahan, Vice Chairman - Ruth Wilson, Secretary - Daisy Torbit, and Treasurer - Dorris Kraus. Rev. Ellis reported that the Annual Conference is considering a Covenant proposed by the Board of Christian Concerns on acceptance of ministers in the pulpit regardless of race, cultural background, or sex. A Methodist Men's retreat will be held August 20 at Pinecrest.

July 8, 1966: Timberarch Co. requested a meeting with the Board and Building Committee to present ideas for church buildings. Jim Chancellor presented a booklet from Kealiken Co., who are architects dealing in church buildings.

September 16, 1966: New officers were elected: Chairman - Virgil Estep, Vice Chairman - Ron Musgrave, and Secretary - Grace Sours.

November 6, 1966: A meeting was held with Rev. Jon Leonard who is replacing Rev. Ellis. Rev. Ellis has been assigned to the Idaho Springs Methodist Church. Rev. Leonard will only be in Fountain on Sundays until June of 1967 at which time he will move to the Mennenger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas. Ron Musgrave made a motion, seconded by Marge Spradling, that a member of the Board meet with Rev. Leonard and discuss the past operation of the Commissions and their relation to the church Board and the responsibilities of the church Board. The motion carried. Virgil Estep accepted the responsibility of this motion. Mr. Chancellor reported that a list of new residents to the community was being developed for a "member calling" program.

December 18, 1966: Jim Chancellor reported on the calls made on new people in the community. Mrs. Ruth McGahan reported that the W.S.C.S. had paid for the stove and refrigerator purchased for the parsonage.

Mr. Mark Fox said he would purchase the Gestetner Duplicating machine from Rev. Ellis and present it to the church. This was accepted.

June 6, 1967: At this special meeting a motion was made, seconded, and passed that we accept Rev. William Wright as our minister. This is to be a joint charge as we will share Rev. Wright with the Stratmoor Hills Methodist Church. He will live in the Stratmoor Hills parsonage, but is suppose to spend most of his time in the Fountain area. It was also moved and carried that we pay him \$4,500 a year and requested that he holds the 11 o'clock service in the Fountain church. As the minister will not be living in the Fountain parsonage, the possibility of renting it was discussed.

August 20, 1967: Burt Feste was elected Chairman of the official Board. Louise Simpson presented a bill for \$372.88 for hymnals. It was decided to use the Memorial Fund money for this purpose.

October 9, 1967: It was reported that the W.S.C.S. gave \$40 to the parsonage fund for repairs. Mr. Gwyn, tenant of the parsonage, appeared before the Board and reported that the parsonage still needed some repairs and that he would make the repairs with the Board's approval. Approval was granted. A motion was made and seconded that the Trustees reorganize the Building Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that a Fisherman's Club be organized. This was explained by Rev. Wright and adopted. Virgil Estep suggested that the Methodist Men's club be reorganized.

November 13, 1967: The Building Committee met with District Supt. Rev. Paulson. Mark Fox offered his services as Chairman of the Building Committee and was elected. Rev. Wright reported that the new hymnals would be dedicated Sunday, November 17.

January 8, 1968: Plans for an Every Member Canvas were made and Ron Musgrave is to set the date. Ruth Lacy was given a vote of thanks for the great work she has done for the church. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will move into the annex to take care of the church property and to take over the leadership of the Youth Group. A written agreement was drawn up covering this action.

March 11, 1968: Mr. Feste reported that Rev. Wright had started a membership class. A motion was made by Mrs. Simpson and seconded by Gladys Ury that a joint financial drive to include the General Fund and Building Fund be conducted in the Fall of 1968. It was pointed out that several items in the parsonage and annex were in need of repair. Mark Fox reported that the first meeting of the Building Committee was held on January 15, 1968. The members of the committee are: Ron Musgrave, Claude Toms, John Chancellor, Virgil Estep, John Metcalfe, Cliff Johnson, Marge Spradling, Dan Ury,

Bob Potkanjak, Vern Meusborn, Wilbur Snyder, Verda Johnson, Rev. Wright, and Mark Fox. It was agreed that the committee would maintain its own records and minutes of its meetings and actions and report to the Board and the entire church on a regular basis.

April 8, 1968: John Chancellor inquired if any thought had been given to using the local bank for church business. Walter Fortman and Louise Simpson were appointed to check with the bank regarding interest rates, etc. and if equal, a transfer of funds would be made. Mark Fox stated that the Building Committee had established a checking account at the Fountain State Bank. The Annual Conference was discussed. The church newsletter put out on March 26 was discussed and it was decided it was too long and heavy. It will be discontinued. The joining together of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church was made effective by the Uniting Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 23, 1968.

July 14, 1968: The Board agreed to urge the Trustees of the church to appoint a three member committee to expedite the church business in the area of buildings and equipment repair and grounds' upkeep.

October 14, 1968: A motion was made to pay 1/10 of apportionments by October 20. A motion was made to add

Ann Allen's name on the bank account.

December 9, 1968: Rev. Wright reported on the membership classes being held and that we would be taking in new members. Candlelight services will be held on December 24 at 7:30. The Building Committee reported that they hope to get things going soon.

January 13, 1969: A motion was made to send the conference \$92 to complete our Conference Apportionments for 1968.

February 3, 1969: At the charge conference held, the conference voted to start construction on the new church.

March 10, 1969: This meeting was held for the purpose of meeting with a group of Masons from the Fountain Valley Masonic Lodge in regard to the purchase of our church. The appraised value of the property is \$14,500. The Masonic members present were in favor of the property. The Grand Master will be here March 11 to make his decision. Cliff Johnson moved that the contract with Goodwin Church Builders be canceled and the contract and Topo Plan be returned. Motion carried. Louise Simpson moved that we get an appraisal on the church property.

March 22, 1969: A contract with Grant A. Wilson, Architect was signed.

April 14, 1969: New officers elected were: Chairman - Burt Feste, Vice Chmn. - Sam Allen, Secretary - Grace Sours.

May 12, 1969: Rev. Wright reported that Stratmoor Hills want their services at 11 o'clock. This was discussed and John Weinert moved and Louise Simpson seconded that Fountain's worship service would be at 8:30 AM from June 8 until August 31. The meeting was turned over to Cliff Johnson to discuss the preliminary plans of the new church building.

July 14, 1969: Mary Sample made a motion which was seconded and carried that the Building committee begin construction on the new building as soon as possible with funds available.

January 11, 1970: This was moving day for all the equipment in the old church. The collections from three buildings, including the pews, covering a period of fifty eight years, was transferred to the new building. This was accomplished in 4 hours. Because we never gave up the idea of building the top story, the roof was not sealed. Each rain or snow brought water cascading through the cracks, which necessitated mopping the floor to remove the water before Sunday services. It seemed that this was an every Sunday chore.

January 18, 1970: Our first Church service and Sunday School was held in the new church basement.

February 16, 1970: It was reported that the Building Committee will hold a meeting on March 1 in regards to obtaining a loan from the Board of

Missions in the amount of \$55,000 to finish the church building.

March 16, 1970: Rev. Wright reported that the loan from the Board of Missions had been approved and the necessary papers would be sent for signing. The Building Committee also reported that the Masonic Lodge had agreed to purchase the old church building and that the necessary papers for the transfer were being prepared. Selling price is \$14,599.45.

April 20, 1970: Mary Sample was elected Chairman of the Board.

May 17, 1970: The Grand Lodge of Masons of Colorado laid the Cornerstone of the new church. The first potluck dinner was served following the service and Cornerstone Ceremony.

May 18, 1970: Dan Kelling moved that the rent on the parsonage be raised to \$115 per month effective July 1. It was seconded and approved. Virgil Estep moved that we place our Building Fund accounts in the Western National Bank in Colorado Springs. It was carried.

July 20, 1970: The Building Committee reported on the progress of the new building.

August 17, 1970: It was decided to have a homecoming of past ministers and Charter members during and after the Consecration of the new church.

September 1970: At this time the lectern, pulpit, one pulpit chair, and nine pews have been purchased by members as their donation and gifts to the new church.

October 1970: This was a very busy month for the church. Letters were sent to all known living Charter members of the church and all know past ministers inviting them to the Consecration of the church on October 11. The Building Committee asked about ordering carpet for the stage in the basement and also tile for the basement floor. They were asked to check on prices of laying tile with volunteer labor. The carpet for the sanctuary is here. Rev. Wright reported on letters he has received from previous members and ministers. Of the 27 listed Charter members, the following are living:

Mrs. Coral Toothman - Colo. Springs
Mr. Frank Kurtz
Mr. H. Eugene Kurtz - Burlington, KS
Rev. Luther Kurtz - Woodburn, OR
Mrs. Rita Spicer Bittikofer - CA
Mrs. Lidona Virden Cohagan - WA
Mrs. Cora Virden Johnson

Letters were received from Rev. Kurtz, H. E. Kurtz, and Mrs. Cohagan.

October 11, 1970 was a memorable day for the Fountain congregation. Bishop R. Marvin Stuart was present at the morning service to deliver the sermon and conduct the Declaration of Consecration. This was the Bishop's third

visit to our church. The first was to consecrate the land. The second was for the ground breaking. Following the Consecration Sunday, there were a series of evening meetings featuring former ministers and the Rev. J. S. William Hosford, pastor of the Las Animas United Methodist Church. On October 13 the Rev. Jack Davis from Omaha, Nebraska was the speaker (Rev. Davis was pastor in Fountain in 1959-1960). On October 15, Rev. Hosford spoke and on October 16 Rev. Robert Ellis, pastor of Idaho Springs U.M. Church, was the speaker (Rev. Ellis was in Fountain in 1961-66). On October 18 Worldwide Communion was observed. This was the first communion service held in the new sanctuary. It was conducted by Rev. Edward Ness, a retired Army Chaplain who filled the pulpit at various times.

January 18, 1971: A vote of thanks was given to Verda Johnson for taking over the Chairmanship of the Building Committee and the good job she has done. A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave that the church send out a lenten letter asking for a special gift to pay the \$1,400 due the architect and the balance due on the pews. It was seconded by Louise Simpson. A motion was made to discharge the Building Committee. The Methodist Men are sponsoring a pancake supper.

March 15, 1971: A motion was made by Barbara Musgrave that due to the fact that the old pews in the basement take up a lot of space, we should dispose of some of them. It was seconded by

Mrs. Dern and carried. It was decided to have a "family night" on the first Sunday in May. It was suggested that all money in the Memorial Fund that isn't earmarked for special gifts be removed and used to help pay the architect. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Lakewood Methodist Church for the cross, the Baptismal Font, the chair dollie, and church registers which they presented to us. A motion made by Mary Ann Bryson and seconded by Evelyn Estep to have Maundy Thursday communion was carried. We are to have Palm Sunday Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 AM.

June 1971: At the Annual Conference, Jerry Franz was appointed as our minister for the coming year.

June 21, 1971: A committee was appointed to decide how the front of the church should be landscaped. Up to now there has been nothing but bare ground and weeds. The following committee was appointed: Sam Allen, Dan Ury, Irene Bryant, and Louise Simpson.

July 19, 1971: Louise Simpson presented information on the landscaping. It was decided to lay down flagstone slabs and plant myrtle in between the slabs and to obtain plants and bushes to be placed in the planter. They will build a redwood bench around the flowering crab trees.
August 29 Sunday service will be held at Tempel Hills.

August 16, 1971: A motion was made by John Weinert and seconded by Virgil Estep that we allow the Headstart Program to use the basement this winter. Walt Fortman, Beverly Weinert, and Mrs. Dern are to meet with Headstart and work out the details. A motion was made and seconded to publish a church directory. Barbara Musgrave was appointed Chairman of this committee.

September 20, 1971: Rev. Franz is going to obtain registration sign-in sheets to be placed in the pews.

January 10, 1972: The Headstart use of the basement was discussed. Several members are complaining about them using the church's paper towels and tissue and also their leaving doors open and lights on when not needed.

February 21, 1972: Jerry Johnson was elected Vice Chairman. Headstart report was given by Mrs. Dern. Mary Ann Bryson moved that the church request Headstart to pay \$50 per month for the use of the church. It was seconded by Mary Sample and carried. A motion was made by John Weinert, seconded by Lawrence Bower, and carried that we attempt to borrow \$2,000 to clear up allowed bills. Howard Oliver, Leo Benden, and Virgil Estep were appointed on this committee.

March 20, 1972: Arle Boon reported that Headstart can pay \$40 per month starting September 1. A motion was

made by Jerry Johnson, seconded by Mary Sample, and carried that Rev. Franz attend a Christian Education workshop in Billings, Montana.

April 1972: There still appears to be a problem with the Headstart Program. A person from the Sunday School was appointed to serve on this committee. Figures were presented for the cost of erecting partitions in the Sunday School rooms in the basement and in the Green Room. Leo Benden suggested that John Weinert present the plans and figures to the congregation for approval. Mary Sample moved and Howard Oliver seconded to dispose of the old wooden folding chairs. Howard Oliver and Wendell Sample will be responsible and check on additional storage space under the stairs. Rev. Franz reported on the workshop he attended in Billings.

August 21, 1972: The fence at the back of the church will be installed this week for the protection of the little children from the ditch. Headstart will begin using the church on September 6 and will sign a contract to pay \$40 per month for utilities and building maintenance. The committee to work with Headstart will be Mary Sample, Barb Musgrave, and Rev. Franz. The need for a new organ was discussed. The old organ is not worth repairing. The organ committee consists of Emma Ermel, Mary Sample, Verda Johnson, Nita Bell Day, Dorris Kraus, Sam Allen, and Howard Oliver.

Virgil Estep stated that the boiler system needed repairs and that consideration should be given to the purchase of a water softener to prevent troubles in the future.

September 18, 1972: A motion was made by Jerry Johnson to amend the minutes of the last meeting as follows; nothing is to be done on the purchase of a new organ unless brought before the Board of Trustees and no money will be spent until enough has been collected to pay for the organ in full. Motion was seconded by Howard Oliver.

October 16, 1972: A report of the Board of Trustees was given by Rev. Franz. The Trustees met on Sunday, October 15, to decide how the money left to the church by Mr. Walter Fortman would be spent. The following recommendations were made:

\$1,800 for organ

\$1,000 Pay off bank note

\$1,800 Make building payments

The Trustees decided to put the old organ up for sale by use of sealed bids - bids to be in by November 15. The sale of the organ is limited to members of the church at present. If no one in the church bids on it then it will be put up for public sale. The money from the sale of the organ, plus \$75 given by men of the church, will be used to purchase organ speakers. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these recommendations. Mrs. Jordan is to fill the unexpired term of Louise Simpson, who resigned as church Treasurer.

December 1972: As a result of work days at the church during the Summer and Winter months, many improvements have been made to the building and grounds. Trees, shrubs, vines, stepping stones, and benches were added to the yards. Coat racks and bulletin boards have been added to the children's Sunday School rooms. The large wrought iron cross, purchased by the Senior High Youth for the sanctuary, has been installed over the Alter. Mary Sample was elected Lay Leader.

As of January 1, 1973, the W.S.C.S. will change their name to the United Methodist Women.

January 9, 1977: On January 26, the El Paso County Demonstration Club will use the basement for a District meeting. On March 17, the ladies of the Catholic Church will use Metcalfe Hall and the kitchen for a fund-raising dinner. Rev. Phil Janowsky will talk to the Conference regarding funds to aid in getting city water to the church.

February 21, 1977: Rev. Janowsky reported that the Methodist Church would be in charge of the Easter Sunrise Service to be held in Metcalfe Park at 6:00 AM Easter morning.

March 16, 1977: It was reported that a new water heater should be purchased for the parsonage. The attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service at Metcalfe Park exceeded 500. Don Cockroft, a Fountain native who plays football for

the Cleveland Browns, was the speaker. Some tables and chairs were purchased at this time with money from the Memorial Fund.

September 19, 1977: A letter was received from the City of Fountain concerning the water tap to the church. The price quoted was \$1,527. Wendell Sample moved and Virgil Estep seconded that we accept this offer. The motion carried. This will bring water to the front of the church. The minister has talked to the District Superintendent about obtaining money from the Conference for help in doing this and was advised that we need to re-apply. Mary Sample made a motion and Emma Ermel seconded to have the Gas Company check the boiler.

December 4, 1977: The Charge Conference was held with Rev. Nobel Kime presiding. A book, "History of the Methodist Evangelical United Brethren Churches in the Rockies", was presented to Virgil Estep, Lay Leader. The minister presented the 1978 budget in the amount of \$24,930, which was adopted. Elwin Headley was elected Lay Leader and Sam Allen, Chairman of the Board.

July 17, 1978: Dorothy McConnaughay gave a report on the Annual Conference held in Fort Collins in June. Ann Allen reported that the church picnic would be at the old City Park on August 17. \$850 was received from the Conference to assist with the water to the church and the tap fee of \$750 was paid. Verda Johnson suggested that

the membership should be checked and brought up to date.

January 15, 1979: A meeting was set for February to adopt plans and schedules for 1979. Howard Oliver reported the Trustees had several projects which needed attention. The most important being a leak in the circulation pump on the boiler, along with various plumbing repairs. Milton Oleman suggested replacing the carpet in the foyer. This was discussed, but tabled. The proposed budget for 1979 (\$26,067) was adopted.

March 19, 1979: A letter was read from the Conference Lay Leader expressing the Conference's appreciation for our increase in apportionments. Rev. Janowsky is in charge of Easter Sunrise Services in Metcalfe Park. Bill Brown has made the necessary repairs to the plumbing. A bill from the Smith Plumbing Company for \$1,319.95 for repairs to the boiler was presented. Verda Johnson has talked to them and they will give us three months to pay it.

May 8, 1979: Bill Brown said he would share the responsibility for the yard care. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer for anyone interested in helping with the yard work. Rev. Janowsky mentioned the Conference idea of selling the parsonage and paying off the church debt and giving the minister a housing allowance.

September 10, 1979: The sale of the property south of the church was discussed and the issue is being sent back to the Trustees for more information and legal advice in hopes of bringing up the price. Rev. Janowsky explained the Pastor's Pension Plan and our obligation of \$5,220 over a period of three years - this is mandatory. Rev. Phil has to pay \$30 a month himself. A motion was made and carried that we pay what we can toward the Pension Fund.

November 6, 1979: Howard Oliver reported that the engineers needed an additional 30 sq. ft. for the widening of the irrigation ditch for the new road. They will pay \$175. Trustees inspected the parsonage. It needs to be painted, tiled (bathroom), new faucets, and a new door and casing. Lee Alldaffer said he will do the painting and supply what paint he has on hand. The budget for 1980 was presented in the amount of \$28,768 and was approved. Ann Allen asked approval to use the basement for the Annual Yule Log Hunt. A motion was made by Barb Musgrave and seconded by Howard Oliver and carried. Rev. Phil Janowsky has accepted a church in Canada.

January 14, 1980: No answer has been received from the Board of Missions concerning the 30 sq. ft. of land sold to the State for the widening of the irrigation ditch on the south end of the church property. Rose McCarger offered a phonograph to the church.

Helen Dowdy agreed to get a committee together to start planning for Vacation Bible School. A carpet committee consisting of Helen Dowdy, Ann Allen, Judy Gibbens, and Howard Oliver has been appointed. They reported that they have samples of carpet for the foyer and will submit them to the Trustees. Rev. Ray Mattheson, a retired U.S. Air Force Chaplain, attended the meeting. He will help fill the pulpit until we receive a new minister. Rev. Glenn McPhearson, a retired Methodist minister from Colorado Springs will assist in filling in. The minimum salary for a minister is now \$10,000 with \$1,200 travel expense. A committee composed of Elwin Headley, Howard Oliver, Verda Johnson, and Mary Sample will meet with Rev. Kime with an offer of \$11,000 and a possible increase in 6 months.

April 7, 1980: Rev. Kime introduced Rev. Ken Chapin who has accepted the position as minister beginning in June. Rev. Chapin has been the Youth minister in the First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. The Pension Plan covering a three year period was discussed. This is approximately \$145 a month of which we have paid nothing. Rev. Kime thought it would be best to pay what we could afford towards Ministerial support. There are still things to be accomplished at the parsonage. It was suggested that a carpet be purchased for the basement. Barbara Musgrave and Mary Sample will check on this.

May 12, 1980: Carpet for the parsonage has been selected. 52 2/3 yards at \$5.45 a yard plus installation. John Biga moved, Elwin Headley seconded, and the motion carried that the carpet should be purchased. Rose McCarger and Mary Sample will attend a meeting, prior to the Annual Conference, on May 19 at the First Church in Colorado Springs. The Annual Conference is to be held June 10-13 at Fort Collins. Rev. Chapin presented a plan for a parsonage allowance exclusion under the Federal Tax Law. A motion made by Elwin Headley, seconded by Rose McCarger, and carried that Rev. Chapin receive a total cash remuneration of \$7,312.50 for the year beginning June 15, 1980 and ending December 31, 1980. Of this amount, \$2,000 is hereby designated as parsonage allowance. Rev. Chapin has hired for himself a private secretary who will be working 15 to 20 hours per week. She will help with his correspondence and Conference work. A new storm door is needed for the parsonage. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to buy a new door at Fountain Valley Glass for \$185.

July 14, 1980: The Board was asked to approve the payment to Traveler's Insurance for Rev. Chapin's hospitalization for the balance of 1980 (\$188.13). The Trustees will review the fees now being charged for the use of the church. The sprinkler system has been cleaned out. However, approximately 280 feet of pipe needs to be laid.

The Trustees will have prices for the Board's approval at the next meeting. Rev. Ray Mattheson donated approximately 125 yards of carpet. The Board will determine where this is to be used.

August 11, 1980: \$88 from the Colbert Memorial Fund was used to purchase a communion chalice. The Trustees reviewed the charges for use of the church and presented the following proposal: Metcalfe Hall and Kitchen - \$25, Green Room - \$25, Sanctuary - \$25. The cost for the 280 feet of pipe will be approximately \$60. Most of this will be donated, but some funds will be needed for supplies and use of a digging machine.

October 13, 1980: Rev. Chapin asked for approval to purchase 25 hardback "Good News for Modern Man" Bibles at a cost of \$4.00 each. He made a motion to use Colbert and Bender Memorial funds for this project. Barbara Musgrave seconded and the motion carried. Tom McGrew will lay the carpet in the church basement and in the parsonage bedrooms. Mary Sample made a motion to pay him \$75 for his expenses. Verda Johnson seconded and the motion carried. The V.F.W. offered to donate an American Flag and flagpole. The offer was accepted - location to be in the northeast corner. Rev. Chapin will check with the Action Center for families needing food baskets at Thanksgiving.

January 13, 1981: The Trustees reported that the boiler needs repairs. Bill Bowers will contact the proper repair people. Elwin Headley reported that fire extinguishers were needed in the building at locations given by him. Verda Johnson made a motion, seconded by Irene Bryant, that three of these extinguishers be purchased. Motion carried. Irene Bryant suggested that some of the parking area in front of the church be designated as Handicapped parking. Elwin Headley and Rev. Chapin seconded that signs be obtained and this suggestion be carried out. The growth of the church was discussed and the group decided to set as a goal for 1981 a membership of 300 members. This would be an additional 110 members. A motion was made by Elwin Headley, seconded by Rev. Chapin, that Laura Whitmore was to be paid \$4.00 an hour for 4 hours per week, retroactive to January 1, 1981. The carpet has been laid in the parsonage bedrooms. Rev. Chapin reported on new chairs and tables that the church needs. He made a motion to buy four tables out of the memorial funds. The tables cost \$65 each. Elwin Headley seconded and the motion carried. The fire extinguishers have been purchased and installed.

April 13, 1981: Buddy Sample, Mark Noble, and Bill Smith met with the Board and requested that the church sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. This was explained and discussed. The Board will make a decision by the 2nd week

in May if this program will be accepted. Howard Oliver reported that the new water lines have been installed by Wendell Sample and Richard Kane. Mel Robinson was responsible for the clean up on the outside of the church. There are 5 or 6 men who have volunteered for the yard work during the summer. Florence Metcalfe donated a storage shed for the church and Rose McCarger donated a lawn mower. Mr. Headley made a motion that these gifts be accepted and a foundation laid for the shed. Wendell Sample seconded and the motion carried. Tina Bradley inquired about taping special programs and services for shut-ins.

February 8, 1982: The Trustees reported that the door of the pastor's office will be replaced at a cost of \$130. Al Hulbert will install the door at no cost. The following committees and Chairpersons were appointed: heating, John Biga; plumbing, Bill Bowers; interior maintenance, Jim Emmanuel and Bill Bowers; exterior maintenance, Al Hulbert and Bill Brown; parking lot, Wendell Sample and Ed Skillman; long term projects, John Biga. A record player and tape recorder have been purchased for the Sunday School.

March 8, 1982: The Widefield High School Madrigal Group are interested in singing a sacred program for our "Maundy Thursday" worship service. There will be no charge but a free-will offering will be taken to help the group with their expenses.

The service will be open to the public. No communion will be served. Barbara Musgrave moved to accept the proposal. Sue Chapin seconded and the motion passed. The Service and Missions committee met. They proposed having the first Sunday in each month as Food Sunday - asking persons to donate canned foods for the food closet. Tina Bradley moved and Sue Chapin seconded to begin a Men's Fellowship program-Fred Jones and Jack Deering will help to organize the program. The motion carried. Verda Johnson reported that the budget needs to be reduced by \$5,000. A gift of \$500 was given to the tape ministry. A tape duplicator has been purchased, along with 100 tapes and cases for a total cost of \$572. \$226 has actually been spent from the original \$350 budgeted. Tina moved that a separate account and check book be set up for the tape ministry and a bookstore. (sponsored by the Membership & Evangelism Committee) The account would be separate from our regular account. Sue Chapin seconded the motion, which passed. There is a need for extra locks on the north door of the sanctuary, the south door of the Green Room, and doors in the basement.

May 10, 1982: The work day held on April 24 accomplished the following: sprinkler system repaired, sanctuary linoleum cleaned, windows washed, and carpet cleaned. There is a need for an outside bulletin board. A new one could possibly be financed in

part by funds raised from the Choir Dinner Theatre this Fall. The first breakfast meeting of the newly re-organized Methodist Men's Club was held April 17 with 19 in attendance. Tina Bradley reported that the Easter Breakfast netted \$82.61 which was used to buy a second microphone for the sanctuary. The group is interested in helping to sponsor a bookshop tape library which will be called the "Fountainhead". The Choir Dinner Theatre will be held October 8, 9, 15, and 16. Lou Keeser moved and Barbara Musgrave seconded to put up a new outside bulletin board - the cost not to exceed \$1,000 - by November 1.

June 21, 1982: The Memorial Fund is presently \$1,908.12. Louise Bowers moved and Mary Sample seconded to borrow \$778.50 from the fund for payment of the annual insurance premium as was done last year. \$86.50 will be put back into the fund monthly to reimburse. John Biga moved that funds from Lula Hickie Memorial Fund be used to pay for a new outdoor bulletin board. Verda Johnson seconded and the motion carried. A committee of five persons (Florence Metcalfe, John Biga, Louise Bowers, Sue Chapin, and Ken Chapin) have inspected the parsonage and listed the necessary repairs. A storage shed, which was donated by Florence Metcalfe, has been found to be too bulky to be transferred.

July 12, 1982: Rev. Ray Mattheson will preach on August 15 at 8:30 and 11:00. He will be paid \$40.

October 11, 1982: The Charge Conference will be held Monday, November 15 at 7:30 with Rev. Jim Keesey, District Superintendent in charge. The contract for the outdoor bulletin board is signed and 1/3 payment of \$660 paid to the Skyline Electric Sign Company. Library shelves have been completed and installed at a total cost of \$430.

November 14, 1982: Bill Bowers, Chairman of the Trustees, reported on the list of items which had been accomplished by the Trustees. Ray Kulbeck gave a report on the financial condition of the church. It was pointed out that there has been a problem of people borrowing chairs and tables and other items from the church. This was discussed and Ray Kulbeck made the motion to permit borrowing of furniture, tables, chairs, and musical instruments by church members for church functions only. It was seconded by Jim Adamson and carried.

September 12, 1983: Tinia Bradley introduced James Snare, a local realtor, to give the Board information regarding housing costs. He stated that if the church decided to sell the parsonage in the near future, that based on houses in the same area and similar houses, that a value estimate would be in the range of \$52,500 - \$55,000 depending on interest level. He also stated that the parsonage could also be rented for approximately \$450 - \$500 per month. Information was then presented showing the cost of upkeep

over the past 22 years. The budget for 1984 was presented and discussed. Ray Kulbeck moved and Rev. Hopkins seconded that the budget be accepted. The motion carried.

January 9, 1984: Rev. Hopkins reported that there would be a planning session for all interested persons on Saturday, January 21. This is to establish goals and plans of the church for the coming year. Lou Keeser reported that a total of \$305 was received the past year from Love Offerings.

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IN THIS WORLD OF CHANGE AND CONFUSION, OUR PEOPLE TRAVEL THE ROAD OF TODAY AS IT STRETCHES AHEAD TO THE FAR HORIZON. WHAT AWAITS THEM NO ONE CAN FORETELL. GLOOMY DAYS MAY COME, BUT OUR FAITH SPEAKS OF CLEARING SKIES TOMORROW AND WE GO ON - HOPEFUL AND UNAFRAID.

MINISTERS OF FOUNTAIN U.M.C.

- 1912 - George T. Sledge (preached also at Hanover and Wigwam)
- 1916 - J. Preston Lane
- 1917 - F. L. Logston
- 1918 - S. F. Chambers
- 1919 - M. W. Forsyth (came to this conference from Puget Sound)
- 1920 - M. P. Dixon (came from S. W. Kansas Conference - he retired in 1923 and passed away February 11, 1963 in Lamar, Colorado)
- 1924 - L. G. Honnald (located at his own request)
- 1925 - V. C. Tyree (transferred to Wyoming State Conference in June, 1933)
- 1927 - B. A. Davis (came from the Dakota Conference)
- 1929 - H. A. Cottrill
- 1931 - Arthur Morrison (born October 5, 1870 and retired October 5, 1934 - Died August 4, 1950 in Illinois. Rev. Morrison was born with poor eye sight and later totally blind, but continued to reach and serve the Lord.)
- 1934 - Arthur Gurley
- 1936 - Paul Mundell (while serving the Fountain Church was also the assistant to the Conference statistician)
- 1937 - John Jordan (came from W. Wisconsin Conference - retired in 1948 and passed away March 7, 1972 in Greeley, Colorado)
- 1938 - Glenn Smith
- 1939 - Wayne Reed
- 1940 - E. G. Samuelson
- 1941 - Rufus D. Webster (born in Osage, Kansas on August 12, 1884 - he was transferred to this conference from S. W. Kansas Conference on June 15, 1931 - died in Ft. Collins, CO on May 28, 1960)

- 1943 - H. R. Morris
- 1944 - G. E. Kitchen (born July 1, 1867 in Casey, Ill. - retired in 1939
and died April 1, 1956 in Loveland, Colorado)
- 1947 - Arthur Treman
- 1948 - J. Robert Dibble (transferred to Dakota on June 15, 1952)
- 1949 - Paul E. Brown
- 1954 - Frank O. Gunter (retired in 1976)
- 1958 - Winston Tanksley
- 1959 - Jack P. Davis (now in Omaha, Nebraska)
- 1961 - Robert A. Ellis (transferred to Idaho Springs)
- 1967 - William R. Wright (transferred to Sterling, Colorado where he retired
in 1976 and has maintained his residence there)
- 1971 - Jerry D. Franz (came from Texas - from Fountain he went to Ft.
Collins as the Campus Minister. He is still in this conference
at the Methodist Church in Casper, Wyoming)
- 1973 - Albert W. Scarffe (came from Springfield and from Fountain he went
to the Trinity Methodist Church in Pueblo - he is now located
in a Denver church)
- 1977 - Phil Janowsky (was an ordained Free Methodist minister in Leota, KS -
he is now a Methodist minister at Sargents Community Church)
- 1980 - Ken Chapin (transferred from the South Georgia Conference January,
1979 to the First Methodist Church of Colorado Springs as the
youth minister - then to Fountain in June, 1980. In 1983
he withdrew from this conference to unite with another deno-
mination.)
- 1983 - Ralph Hopkins (transferred from Trinity United Methodist Church in
Denver where he served as Associate Pastor)

MEMORIALS

- A Bible was presented to our church by the son of Frank Cotton, Sr. in his memory.
- A communion service was given in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth V. Hendersen.
- A communion service was given in memory of Mrs. Telitha J. Sypher.
- Drapes were purchased for the sanctuary of the old church in memory of Mr. Isaac T. Gaut and Mrs. Edith F. Gaut by Roy Gaut.
- Twelve hymnals and a collection plate were given in memory of Charles L. Charles.
- A brass altar vase was given in memory of Mrs. Sara McElwain by Rev. Robert A. Ellis family.
- A worship center consisting of Bible, cross, and bud vase were given in memory of Cynthia Jo and Brenda Sue Burnside.
- A communion service was given in memory of Mrs. Norma E. Belden by Mrs. Frank Gunter.
- A bronze cross and two candleholders were presented in memory of Mr. Clark Hanna and his daughter, Randy Gay Hanna.
- A gift of \$150.00 was given to the church building in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. Roy Jackson.
- Two flower stands were given as a memorial to Dan McConnaughay by Ernest and Dorothy McConnaughay.
- A pulpit Bible, senior choir robes and stoles, and song books for the Junior Choir were given in memory of Mrs. Letitia (Tish) Shiner.
- Letters for the outside bulletin board and a closet for the choir robes as a memorial to Mrs. Maxine Snyder.

Carpet for the sanctuary for the old church given by Sergeant and Mrs. Robert Otti.

A Mimeograph machine given by Sergeant and Mrs. David Jones.

A collection plate was given in memory of Roswell Bearup.

The organ speakers and bell attachment were presented in loving memory of Gladys Hilgendorf by the Hilgendorf family.

Hymnals were purchased in memory of Edith C. Hilgendorf by the Hilgendorf family.

A pulpit chair was given in memory of Morris Jo Blazek by the Blazek family.

A contribution was given to the building in memory of Mrs. Mira Gaunt by Mrs. Crews.

Two bronze vases were given in memory of Mrs. Nina McAuliffe.

A Bible stand and vases were given in memory of James Madison Chancellor by the Chancellor family and friends.

Twenty-five Methodist hymnals were presented in memory of H. E. Bearup by the Bearup family.

A contribution was given to the building fund in memory of William and Jennie Meusborn by LaVern Meusborn family.

A pew was given in memory of Ray Francis Ream by Mrs. Nettie Ream.

The pulpit was given as a memorial to Rev. & Mrs. Frank Mathis, the first minister of our church, by the Keith Lacey family.

A Fayette S. Cable piano was given in memory of John E. Metcalfe by friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

A pew was given in memory of John E. Metcalfe, Fanny Metcalfe, and George Metcalfe by Mike and Florence Metcalfe.

A silver serving set and linens were presented in honor of Mrs. Zettie Keys by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bruening.
Room dividers were given in memory of William True Baker and Hattie Louvernina Baker by Marjorie Spradling and family.
A pew was given in memory of James R. Kerr by family and friends.
Office equipment for the pastor's study was given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. N. H. West and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Potter by Mr. & Mrs. Paul V. West.
A gift for Sunday School equipment was given in memory of Tal Harger by Mrs. Tal Harger, David and Dory.
The memorial bookcase, green and purple paraments and symbols used in the sanctuary were given in memory of Mrs. Ola Chancellor.
Bibles for second promotions were given in memory of Mrs. Blanche Charles.
The Conn organ was given as a memorial to Walter P. Fortman.
Nineteen Young Reader's Bibles, two Young Reader's Bible Dictionaries, one Young Readers Christian Symbolism, and one Interpreters Bible Dictionary were given in memory of William D. Shiner.
The outdoor sign in front of the church was given in memory of Mrs. Florence L. Schlott by the family and friends.
A pulpit Bible in memory of Mrs. Bertha Sours.
The water cooler in the church was given in memory of E. M. (Lish) Estes, Sr.
Four folding tables and twenty chairs were presented in memory of Keith Lacey.
A silver communion Chalice was presented in memory of Deonald and Viva Colbert.
Twenty-five Good News for Modern Men were given in memory of Thomas Bender.
Four folding tables were presented in memory of Mrs. Bertha Harns.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Sam, Ann and Tim Allen - one pew.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bystrom & Family - one pew.
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Bryson - one pew.
Richard & Mark Bryson - one lectern.
Mr. & Mrs. Ira McGahan - one pew.
Mrs. Lulu Hickie & family - one pew.
Hazel Gaunt & Doris Shafer - two electric clocks.
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Ricks - one pew.
Mrs. Lucile Dern - item for church.
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Bryson - communion linen.
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hanson - gift for landscaping.
Mr. & Mrs. Arral Sargent - Book by Norman V. Peale.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Heikes - one pulpit chair.
Mrs. Zettie Keys - picture of Christ.
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Oliver & family - outdoor carpet.
Mr. Thomas Bender - piano
Rev. & Mrs. William Wright & Elaine - Baptism font.
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Simpson - one pew.
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bender - one pew.
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Estep - a refrigerator.
Rev. & Mrs. Ray Matheson - 142 yards of carpet.
Jr. High M.Y.F. - a check.

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

The desk in the Pastor's study was bought from gifts of three
former pastors: Frank O. Gunter 1955-1958

John P. Davis 1959-1961

Robert A. Ellis 1961-1966

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO MR. VIRGIL ESTEP,
1984 CHURCH HISTORIAN, WHO RESEARCHED
AND COMPILED ALL OF THE INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET.