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*Barrington*  
*Methodist Church*

HISTORY OF  
THE METHODIST CHURCH  
OF BARRINGTON

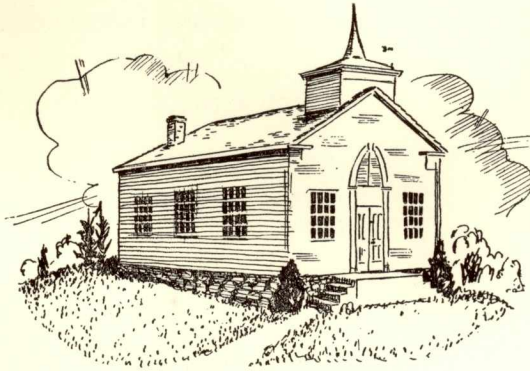
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## *Foreword*

More than nineteen hundred years ago, a lowly man walked the earth, who lived and taught a way of life that seemed good to many people and they became his followers. In all succeeding generations, others have banded together in groups, to endeavor to carry out his teachings. The history of one such group, the Barrington Methodist Church, is to be found on the pages of this book. That it may be of interest to some who have had a part in making this history is the wish of the author.

The author is deeply indebted to Mrs. H. A. Harnden for her help in compiling these records. Without her assistance, much of this history could not have been written.



*The Barrington Center Church*

## *Looking Backward*

**T**HE Barrington Methodist Church has reached an important milestone in its history. It is now 100 years since Methodism was first established in this vicinity.

With a membership of 334 persons and a beautiful and convenient church in which to worship, we take a backward look at our beginnings. As we turn the pages of history back one hundred years, we find ourselves in a primitive America with conditions very different from those of today. The first church was lighted by kerosene lamps and heated with a wood stove. Some of the members thought it was sinful to have a musical instrument in the church, so there was no organ. Some one with a good strong voice started the singing; if he got the right pitch, well and good but if

it was too high or too low the results were disastrous. A tuning fork was sometimes used. Carriages were rare in those days. Most families came to church in farm wagons. One man who had a large family of children, brought them to Sunday School in a hay rack, stopping on his way to pick up neighbors' children.

## CIRCUIT RIDERS

In those early days, communities were served by preachers who were called circuit riders. They rode on horse-back to their various charges. Several groups, or classes, as they were called, under the care of one preacher, formed a circuit. The circuit riders were courageous men, enduring severe hardships for the sake of preaching the gospel to the early settlers. An old settler of Indiana, who many years ago delivered an address on the early times, pays a tribute to the circuit riders in these words, "If it had not been for those men with their saddle bags, the West would have gone to barbarism. In the first settlements the Sabbath was forgotten, the Bible little read and vices were rife. To these communities the circuit riders went and opened their missions in the log cabins, bringing back the settlers to the Sabbath and religion of the older lands." A. D. Fields in his "Memorials of Methodism" pays a tribute to the preachers and members of those early groups. He says, "The long years of toil and days of anxiety endured by our pioneer members and preachers, if fully realized by us, would cause us to prize more highly the results of those early labors and remember with fonder solicitude the names of those early workers."

In reading of the early work of Methodists in this country, I found that in 1793 there were but 296 traveling preachers on the American continent, and the first mention of Illinois on the minutes was in 1803. As we are in the Rock River conference this item is of interest to us: "There is scarcely a neighborhood in the bounds of the Rock River conference, but was visited by the Methodist preachers as early as 1840; nearly all the preachers of this conference were from the South." In Mr. Field's book published in 1886 I also found this comment: "The circuits from 1840 to 1858

included most of the country through which the gigantic North Western railroad runs from Chicago to the Fox River."

In the year 1858 there were mighty revivals over the country. On the records of Dundee circuit which was in charge of Christopher Lazenbee at that time, 60 converts are reported at Barrington.



*The Present St. Anne's Church*

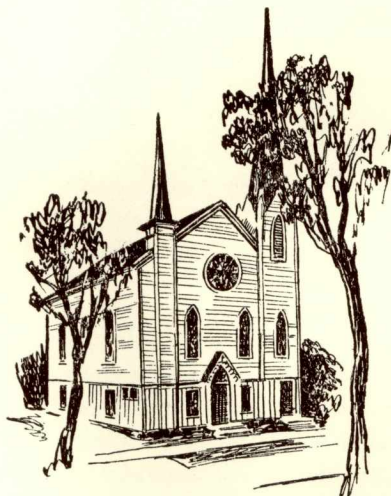
#### THE FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED

The first Methodist group in this vicinity was organized in 1840 at Barrington Center, with six members. John C. Allen was class leader and Philip N. Gould was steward. The other members were Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Alvah Miller and her son, E. N. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeVol. They worshipped in a school house for 13 years, when according to the records, a church was built—"a plain neat frame edifice, 34 x 52 feet with a short steeple and a bell, the whole costing \$2,000." This society grew to be quite flourishing and in 1858 it was considered to be the strongest church on the Dundee circuit, and had 85 members.

In 1844, a class was organized by the Rev. Nathan Jewett, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olcott White who lived on Section 23, Cuba Township. In the fall of the same year, a large log school house and church was built on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White on section 26 of the same township in what has



since been known as the "White School District." This building was used for both school and church purposes, until the fall of 1858, when a church on the North side of Barrington, was built and dedicated. This building, at the corner of Ela and Franklin Streets is frame, 32 x 50 feet and cost \$2000. The Barrington group worshipped in this church until 1872, when the church on Cook Street was built. In 1873 the building at Ela and Franklin Streets was sold to the newly formed Catholic Mission in Barrington and stands today as the present Saint Anne's Church.



*The Cook Street Church*

While this society was increasing, the one at Barrington Center was diminishing, until in 1884 there were only six members; one of the original seven, E. N. Miller, being still a member. The building up of Barrington village drew many people there from the central part of the township. After the year 1861 this church was connected with and supplied with pastors from the church at Barrington Station. During later years the services at the Center were held only from time to time, mostly in the summer months. The last pastor from the Barrington Church to serve this church was the Rev. Wm. Tuttle who was pastor from 1900-1904. The

Barrington group having outgrown the church on the North side of the village, a new church building was erected in the year 1872, on Cook Street on the South side of town, and dedicated December 22, 1872. This is described as "a two-story frame, with spire, and cost, including furnishings and a fine \$500 organ, about \$4,500. This building is now the Masonic Temple.

The first wedding to be solemnized in this church was that of Miss Sarah Ann Dearlove and Charles O. Otis.

The bell that was placed in the steeple was brought from the Barrington Center Church and this bell is in the steeple of the present church. A number of years ago the steeple was lowered because it had been struck by lightning several times. In the early days the church was lighted by a handsome chandelier containing a number of kerosene lamps with large round wicks and single lamps in other parts of the auditorium. It was heated by large drum stoves. During a severe cold spell in the winter of 1900, the heat was so inadequate that the pastor, Dr. Robinson, stood in the pulpit wearing overcoat and gloves. Later electric lights and a furnace were installed. The pulpit chairs were covered with horse hair and there was a white pulpit. Members of the "Aid" desiring something more modern purchased two large oak chairs. When in Chicago to make this purchase they saw a pulpit which matched the chairs and they coveted it but could not buy it for lack of funds. When Mr. Winter heard of this he supplied the money so that the set might be complete.

Extensive improvements were made in the auditorium in 1915. The walls were redecorated, new carpeting was laid in the aisles, choir loft and around the altar with a composition covering for the remainder of the floor, and indirect lights of the bowl type installed. The old carpet was made into large fluff rugs for use on the floor in the church parlors. A grand piano which is still in use was purchased that Fall at a cost of \$550.00. The following committee made the selection: Mrs. Wm. Skinner, Mrs. Stella Welty, Mrs. John Schwemm and Clifford Stout, assisted by Mr. Haldeman who had tuned the old piano for many years. The piano in use previously was a Stark, purchased in May 1904 at a cost of \$150.00.



This was paid in installments, the contract being signed by the committee on music: Fred E. Lines, J. E. Heise and Carrie E. Kingsley.

### DES PLAINES CAMP-MEETINGS

Attendance at the meetings at Des Plaines Camp-grounds was something enjoyed by members in former years. In 1870, while the Methodists were worshipping in the church on Ela and Franklin Streets, the men of the congregation built a large church cottage on the grounds which was available for use by all members. Those who went to remain over night took with them an empty straw tick, which could be filled on the grounds for twenty-five cents. Food was brought from home.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harnden and Mrs. Wilmer, Mrs. W. C. Harnden's mother had cottages of their own.

### EARLY CUSTOMS

Formerly there were morning and evening church services and a midweek prayer meeting. Years ago a district superintendent's title was presiding elder and four times a year he came to the churches under his care to conduct quarterly meetings. There were services on Saturday as well as on the Sabbath at such times and the superintendent preached. Old timers remember the love feasts held at such times where there was a testimony meeting and all partook of bread and drank water from a common cup as a symbol of Christian unity. In the early days there were revivals each winter, seldom conducted by an evangelist. For several years our church united with three other Barrington churches in securing the services of an evangelist. I think this practice was discontinued in Rev. Mattison's time. A nice custom of by-gone days was that whole families sat together. A practice of early Methodism was the grouping of members into classes under the care of a class leader.

In former years, when methods of transportation were not as

swift as they are now, the incoming pastor's family found the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harnden a haven until such time as their goods and chattels arrived. Used as she was to caring for these folks, I think Mrs. Harnden must have been nonplussed when one Minister and his wife arrived with their child, maid, canary, cat, Shetland pony and Jersey cow.

The activities of the church are carried on through the several organizations each of which will be reviewed in turn.

## *The Sunday School*

THE Sunday School of the Methodist Church as it stands today is a well organized and complete unit with classes for all ages and competent and faithful teachers. The present enrollment is 212. The school is divided into primary, junior and adult sections each having a superintendent and each meeting for a worship period before separating for individual class study.

The primary department has been under the able leadership of Mrs. Ward Olmsted for six years. One of the many varied activities of this department is the pleasant Christmas program and party to which the parents are invited. Away from the older groups, the small ones hold sway; there is a Christmas tree, the Christmas story, lovely holiday decorations and refreshments and a spirit of joy and devotion to the baby Jesus that is beautiful.

The junior department meets for its Sunday morning worship period in a small room which has been arranged as a chapel. This chapel idea came from Mrs. Myron Morrill, and has been carried on by Mrs. Percy Drover, who for the last six years has been the fine superintendent of this department. A lovely picture of Christ, lighted candles, a pulpit and large Bible add to the church atmos-

phere of the place and the juniors respond with the proper spirit of reverence.

In the adult section Mrs. J. H. DeBolt has been teaching the Sawyer Bible Class for nine years. The class is a source of genuine inspiration to its members. It was named for J. Y. Sawyer who was the teacher at the time of his death. Prior to Mr. Sawyer's leadership J. B. McCrady taught the class for a number of years.

Mr. T. C. Hosford has a class of young people. He has been on the Sunday School teaching force for 13 years.

Others who deserve mention for length of service and faithfulness to the Sunday School cause are Miss Gertrude Hager who has taught a class for 25 years, and Miss Ethel Kitson who has been in the work for 15 years. Mr. Victor Rieke was superintendent of our school for 5 years and that together with his teaching gives him a record of 15 years.

All through the years of our church, conscientious and devoted men and women have worked to give us a church school of high calibre where our children might come to know and appreciate the Bible stories and to learn to live the good life. We do not know the exact date of the first Sunday School, but we do know that there were classes at the Barrington Center Church. The first Bible class for adults was organized by Rev. Silas Searl in 1885; and though there had been work with young children before 1900, it was in that year that the first regular primary department was organized by Mrs. H. A. Harnden. She acted as superintendent of this department for more than 5 years and also took care of the cradle roll which was begun at that time, and for years taught a class of young ladies.

In our records we find that another one of our honored early members, Mrs. George Nightingale, taught in the Sunday School during the years 1889-1891.

In times past, Mrs. Joseph Nightingale took her turn at being secretary, librarian and teacher.

Some who are no longer with us were active in the work of the school as superintendents: Mr. H. A. Harnden for 13 years and Major G. A. Lytle, and Mr. Newton Plagge, the latter conducting



a very fine Sunday School orchestra. Mr. Lee Smiley enjoyed the unique distinction of being the last superintendent in the Cook Street Church and the first in the present church.

Others with long teaching records are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harnden, they having taught 9 and 11 years respectively. Honorable mention also goes to Mrs. E. S. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Harnden and Mrs. Robert Work. This month C. G. McCray assumes the teaching of the Couples Class.

The present officers of the Sunday School are: adult superintendent, T. L. Chiles; junior superintendent, Mrs. Percy Drovers; primary superintendent, Mrs. Ward Olmsted; secretary, Miss Jean Holke; treasurer, Wayne Rieke; home department, Mrs. J. M. Gunthorp; cradle roll, Mrs. Robert Sutor.

## *Epworth League*

*THE* Epworth League, the young people's organization of the Methodist Church is designated as an aid to the cultivation of Christian Character and a training school for leadership in the church. On the topic cards formerly used which listed the devotional meetings for six months appeared this pledge, "I will earnestly seek for myself, and do what I can to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. I will abstain from all those forms of worldly amusement forbidden by the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and will attend, so far as possible, the religious meetings of the chapter and the church, and take some active part in them." After the clause about amusements was taken from the discipline of the church, the text of the league pledge was changed to read—"I will refrain from taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus." In earlier years, the League operated in

four departments—spiritual work, world evangelism, mercy and help and literary and social work. The name of the third department was changed to social service but the type of work is the same. One of the things former league members did was to pack barrels of fruit and vegetables to send to Lake Bluff Orphanage. The name of the fourth department was changed to recreation and culture. There were devotional meetings in the church at 6:45 Sunday evenings and a social gathering in the evening once a month, usually in the homes of members. Elaborate preparations were made for these socials, often clever new ideas were carried out, and there was a large attendance. There was usually a pledge of money to the church each year as well as contributions to other causes.

To take care of these expenses the leaguers paid dues and engaged in enterprises to earn money. One such project was collecting papers and magazines, storing them in a member's barn until there was a car-load. The league often conducted study classes during the winter, meeting at the homes of members. For a number of years the Barrington league sent delegates to the Lake Geneva Institute at Conference Point. Among those who have been active in the league work in the past we find the names of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stout, Reba, Hazel and Lucille Peckham and their brother Elmer, Grace Freeman, Gertrude and Luella Hager, Mary, Mabel and Elsie Webster and their brother Elmer, Frank Dohmeyer, Irving and Alberta Horn, Hattie Frye, Laura and Rose Niemier, Esther Elvidge, Laura Wilmer, Wilbur, Howard and Stella Harnden, Victor, Sanfort and Louisa Rieke, Hazel Osborne, Earl and Ruth Schwemm, Harry and Nelson Hammond, Kirk Smith, Hadley Dobson and his sisters Millicent and Olive, and Harold Spencer.

Later, a group sponsored by Mrs. Floyd Lindberg included the young people of the R. A. Johnson, DeBolt, and Klopfenstein families; Hazel Brady, Darlene and Darrell Sanders, Thomas Johnson, Percy Harnden and Richard Drover.

The league is still active, meeting on Sunday evening to discuss problems of interest to young people. The present officers



are: president, Wayne Rieke; first vice-president, Billie Jane McCray; second vice president, Ellen Jensen; devotions, Sally Stanley; secretary, Carol Gardner; treasurer, William Barber; pianist, Charles Welty.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

For a number of years, there flourished a Junior League for those under Epworth League age. This group met at the church at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. What was taught here supplemented the work of the Sunday school.

## *Women's Foreign Missionary Society*

THE W. F. M. S. of the Barrington Church was organized in 1891 with a membership of 21, increased to 30 by the end of the first year. Mrs. H. A. Harnden, the first president, gave the new organization a fine start and those who succeeded her in that position have helped to build up the organization. Ever since its inception, the society has never lacked the aid of loyal, faithful women to carry on the work. Besides the help given to missions the society developed the spiritual life of its members. Those who were active during the time Mrs. Mattison was president, recall how her interest and beautiful spirit were an inspiration to us all. Over a period of 46 years, the society raised \$10,327.12 for missions. Besides Mrs. Harnden, the following women have served as presidents — Mesdames C. O. Winter, Thomas E. Ream, Clark McIntosh, J. B. Robinson, William Tuttle, J. Walker, Erman S. Smith, Louisa Coe, R. R. Hammond, J. E. DeLong, L. Webster, August Hoernecke, Sanford Rieke, William Skinner, H. L. Buthman, John Bell, Robert Muir, J. M. Gunthorp, J. H. DeBolt and Ward Olmsted. Mrs. Joseph Nightingale deserves

special mention. She acted as treasurer for 11 years and was a great help on the programs; Mrs. Frank Kirchmann has also been treasurer for the same length of time and Mrs. Merle Blackman and Mrs. Robert Mickey also served in that capacity. Mrs. Percy Drover and Mrs. William Dotterrer have been faithful workers over period of years and Mrs. Ernest Rieke was an outstanding worker in former years.

The following were charter members, Mesdames C. O. Winter, H. A. Harnden, J. C. Selleck, Ernest Rieke, J. W. Kingsley, J. Gardner, Misses Carrie E. Kingsley, Laura Cowden, Esther Elvidge, Nina Rogers, Jennie Comstock, Melissa Houghtaling, Luella Clark, Clara Olmsbey, Mary Clark, Carrie Golden, Rose Sodt, Lillie Harrower, Alma Winter, Gertrude Meyer and Hattie Frye.

In the past the W. F. M. S. has sponsored the following organizations for missionary work with the children and young people—Little Light Bearers, Kings Heralds, Standard Bearers and the Young Women's F. M. S.

## *Women's Aid Society*

*A* WOMAN'S working organization had been in existence for some time and during the pastorate of Rev. William Tuttle in 1900 it was recognized under the name the "Ladies' Aid Society," and later changed to "Women's Aid Society." Mrs. John Robertson was the first president. At this time the women did a great deal of sewing, making among other things, house dresses and aprons; quilting, and making chenile portieres. Some of the women who were active in the early years of the society were Mesdames Joseph Freeman, H. A. Harnden, John Page, Leonard Webster, Joseph Wilmer, Samuel Seebert, T. B. Peckham, Charles Hawley, Addie Lines, Leroy Powers, Ezra Cannon, Highland Hawley. Later Mesdames, E. S. Smith, William

Shearer, John Schwemm, Frank Harrower, G. A. Lytle, E. W. Magill, E. M. Blocks, J. B. McCrady, William Dobson, J. E. Catlow were active members. The following women have served as Women's Aid Society presidents in recent years: Mrs. Sanford Rieke, Mrs. J. M. Gunthorpe, Mrs. Frank Kirchmann with Mrs. Howard Harnden as associate president, Mrs. R. W. Dawson, Mrs. Charles Elsner, Mrs. Robert Muir, Mrs. Wm. Noyes and Mrs. John Babb. Lack of space prevents the mention of the many fine workers of today. The names of some will be found in the list of officers.

Due to Rev. Mattison's influence, I took my turn at the presidency of the society, not knowing it would be a five year term, nor that I would have a part in carrying out the plans for the improvements in the church in 1915.

As time passed, there was less of sewing and more serving of dinners and the members found many new ways of earning money. It was the custom for many years to hold a bazaar in December and serve a dinner in conjunction with it. It became sort of a tradition to make it a chicken-pie dinner. The Aid had long cared for the decorations at Easter and Christmas but we never knew how lovely the church, with its fine Gothic windows, could look until Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Record took over the task. They have carried out something equally beautiful for the present church. It has always been the aim of the Aid to promote the social life of the church as well as render financial assistance. This group arranges the reception for the incoming pastor's family and the farewell party for the one leaving, and other affairs of like nature. One such deserves mention. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Winter reached that important milestone on their journey of life . . . their 60th wedding anniversary, without children to arrange a celebration for them. Under the circumstances, the church parlors seemed an appropriate place for these long-time faithful members to celebrate the occasion. So the Aid gave a very nice party for them.

When we acquired our present church the Aid assumed a definite financial obligation—\$1,000 each year for five years. Later, when circles were organized each one made a pledge of \$150 yearly which was later changed to \$215. In 1938 the organization was



divided into circles. This has proven very successful as it has increased the social life of the church and each group has taken pride in working out plans to help in lifting the financial obligation. In 1936 the Aid and W. F. M. S. merged under the name of Women's Association with Mrs. Robert Muir as our efficient president. In the spring of 1938, it became apparent that extensive repairs were needed on the parsonage and our women cast about for a plan to raise some extra money. From the ingenious mind of Mrs. Lester Higgins came the idea of selling blankets. She was aided in this project by Mrs. Charles Forsberg, Mrs. William Noyes, Mrs. Percy Drover, Mrs. Alfred Bateman, Mrs. De Monte Bowker, Mrs. John Schwemm and Mrs. Lillian Schneff, the latter distributing the blankets from her shop on Main Street. More than \$400 was raised from this project.

In the spring of 1940, a group of women planned a day's entertainment which they called a "curtain raiser" to obtain money to buy new curtains for the auditorium of the church. At the morning session, Mrs. Robert Work gave reviews of several books of current interest, in the afternoon, Charlene Dilling Brewer, Violinist, and Hazel Sims Beidel, Pianist, provided a musical treat. A buffet luncheon was served at noon. Mrs. R. R. Hammond was chairman of the committee who carried out this successful project, the other members being Mesdames George T. Nesmith, Charles Elsner, F. A. Record, E. A. Mitchell, Charles Forsberg, Robert Dawson, John Prentice, Edwin Read, Sanford Rieke and Miss Elizabeth Howard. This netted \$281.

After the two branches of the Methodist Church united a new plan was formulated for the women's organization. Our society was re-organized in accordance with this plan on September 12, 1940, and the following officers were elected to serve the Women's Society for Christian Service, which is the new name—president, Mrs. Charles Elsner; vice president, Mrs. Russell Johnson; recording secretary, Mrs. E. A. Mitchell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Howard Harnden; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Kirchmann; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. P. R. Drover; secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. Sanford Rieke; secretary

of students' work, Mrs. H. A. Safford; secretary of children's work, Mrs. L. M. Simpson; secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. W. D. Dotterrer; secretary of supplies, Mrs. J. M. Gunthorp. The circles' leaders for the coming year are Circle A—Mrs. J. M. Gunthorp, Circle B—Mrs. T. L. Chiles, Circle D—Mrs. Earl Schwemm, Circle E—Mrs. Ward Olmsted.

## *The Choir*

*M*USIC plays a large part in the church service. Through it we are drawn nearer to the Infinite and singing together, the grand old hymns of our church, brings us nearer to each other in spirit. For many years the Barrington Church has had a fine choir.

Old timers remember way back when Carrie Hawley Kendall and Clara Crabtree Smith played the church organ. For about twenty years Miss Carrie E. Kingsley had charge of the choir and played the piano, and Mr. Verne Hawley served for a time. Later Grace Freeman Skinner had charge of this work for seven years and Stella Harnden Welty was in charge for six years. For a short period there were professional directors. Mrs. William Dotterrer began her choir work in Barrington by playing the piano while a professional directed. In 1925 she began directing and has been the director ever since. Mr. Karl Weichelt was pianist at that time and continued for a number of years. Mr. Don Titterton followed him and Miss Alvina Kocher served for a time. Mr. Robert Armstrong is the present pianist.

We remember many whose fine voices gave pleasure in the past—Mrs. Louisa Coe, Mrs. H. L. Buthman, Mrs. Arthur Weichelt, Misses Hazel Osborne and Hazel Peckham, Miss Carrie Kingsley,



Mr. Victor Rieke, Mr. Hugh Mattison and Mr. Atchison Aiken. We look forward to the time when Misses Olive and Millicent Dobson will again be in their places in the choir.

For a number of years the choir has given vesper services Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas.

Following is the personnel of the 1940 choir:

#### SOPRANOS

Mrs. R. W. Dawson  
Mrs. H. M. Coffman  
Marie Halfen  
Pauline Berger  
Mary Gardner  
Kathryn Coe  
Gertrude Elsner  
Dorothy Dotterrer

#### ALTOS

Mrs. C. A. Elsner  
Mrs. T. C. Hosford  
Jean Holke  
Carol Rieke  
Charleen Schneff  
Mildred Spires  
Ruth Drover  
Mildred Skinner  
Frances Bennett

#### BASSES

William D. Dotterrer  
Wayne Rieke  
John Dawson  
Donald E. Camlin  
Bayard Olmsted  
William Safford  
William D. Dotterrer, Jr.

#### TENORS

Charles A. Elsner  
T. C. Hosford  
George Elliott  
Edwin A. Sanford  
Howard P. Harnden

## *The Present Church*

*T*HERE had been talk of a new church for some time, and in 1928, plans were formulated for taking this step. Rev. H. L. Buthman who became the pastor of the church in 1925 was interested in carrying forward such a plan. His pleasing personality made it possible for him to interest the people of the community in a new Methodist Church, and he took a leading part in the campaign to raise funds, the goal being set at \$60,000. This plan culminated in the dedication on January 25, 1931, of the present edifice. A church building was on the market, formerly used by the Zion branch of the Evangelical church and this was purchased to be remodeled.

The original building was erected in 1880 at a cost of \$8,000, and was set on a half block of land valued at \$1,600. The remodeling was designed by Mr. Robert G. Work, well known Chicago architect, after the Colonial manner. On the building committee were the following persons: P. R. Drover, chairman, John L. Bell, Victor Rieke, Wilbur Harnden, and George W. Nightingale, with Miss Luella Hager as secretary and treasurer of the Building Fund. During the past nine years, the work of church has been carried on by its loyal, faithful, membership, through good years and bad years with the present outlook of its financial condition most hopeful.

## DEDICATION

The week of January 25 to February 1 was given over to events that were a part of the dedication program of the new church. Gratitude and rejoicing were our portion but there was sadness, too, for three who had labored faithfully for this goal were not with us to celebrate—Rev. H. L. Buthman, Mr. J. Y. Sawyer and Mr. R. R. Hammond. On January 25 Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes preached to us and there were vocal solos by Mrs. H. L. Buthman and Mrs. R. W. Dawson. In the evening the district superintendent, Rev. Aubrey S. Moore, was the speaker. On Monday evening, the Brotherhood gave a dinner in honor of the architect, Mr. Robert Work; on Tuesday evening there was a reception; on Friday evening a congregational banquet with Dr. John Thompson as speaker. At the morning service, February 1, the pastor Rev. M. S. Freeman preached and in the evening there was a young peoples' service with Dr. John Irwin as the speaker.

## GIFTS

Miss Carrie E. Kingsley a long time worker in earlier years, gave the new communion table, Mrs. R. R. Hammond the pewter candlesticks beside it, Mrs. Ernest Rieke and Mrs. Louisa Coe made a gift of the collection plates while we still worshipped in the Cook street Church; the tasteful furnishings of the room on the balcony were purchased with money bequeather to the Aid Society by Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Sawyer and the room adjacent to the foyer was furnished by Mrs. R. R. Hammond in memory of her husband; Mrs. F. C. Pundt made a gift of flat silver to the "Aid."

## PARSONAGE

The parsonage on Cook Street was built in 1896 while Rev. Ream was the pastor, in fact his was the moving spirit in the project. It replaced the small outmodeled house which was on the property when it was purchased from Alexander McClure years before. During Rev. Eagle's pastorate extensive improvements were made making a pleasant house more livable. This house has just been sold and the house on the Church property on East Lincoln is being prepared as the future parsonage.

## *Pastors*

*AND* what shall we say of the ministers who came to live in our midst, to break to us the bread of life, to baptize our children, marry our young people and bury our dead? And their wives who meant so much to the life of the church? We remember them with esteem and affection. The first appointee after the church on Cook Street was built was Rev. Robert Beatty. Succeeding him were Rev. John T. Cooper; Rev. George K. Hoover; Rev. John Hitchcock; Rev. Samuel H. Swartz; Rev. Joseph Caldwell; Rev. John Nate; Rev. Rufus Condon; Rev. Silas Searl; Rev. William Clark; Rev. William Frezell; Rev. George Wells; in 1891 came genial E. W. Ward who married one of Barrington's lovely young ladies, Miss Nina Rogers; and in 1894 the Rev. Thomas E. Ream friendly and optimistic, who brought cheer to his parishioners by making short, frequent visits, and charming and helpful Mrs. Ream. Then came cultured Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson, followed by the energetic William Tuttles who did much to build up the church. The fine work of the F. N. Laphams is remembered with pleasure. Who can estimate the lasting benefits to our people because Rev. and Mrs. O. F. Matteson dwelt among us for seven years? The term of brilliant J. Clayton Youcker and his capable wife was a short one, for Rev. Youcker passed away four months after he came, his friend Dr. W. J. Libberton finishing the year. At that time Dr. Libberton was a retired minister, but at the end of the conference year, he again took an active relationship and was sent to us for the following year as a conference appointee. He was most helpful in assisting



in the carrying out of plans for the improvement of the church auditorium that had been made during Rev. Matteson's pastorate. Rev. T. Atkey Brewster did splendid work in putting parsonage and grounds in repair after a period of having a non-resident pastor and Mrs. Brewster gave fine aid to our women's organizations. Rev. John E. DeLong will live long in memory for his fine sermons and Mrs. DeLong for her efficient help in all departments of church work. We shall long remember Rev. H. L. Buthman's friendly, human ways; and Mrs. Buthman's glorious voice. After Rev. Buthman's death, Rev. W. B. Doble kindly took his place until the end of the conference year.

After the new church was completed, came kindly optimistic, Rev. M. S. Freeman and his lovely wife. In 1933 Rev. H. L. Eagle succeeded Rev. Freeman. He improved the parsonage grounds by planting many flowers and shrubs and inaugurated the lovely custom of having altar flowers each Sunday.

Of Mrs. Eagle we can say—to see her was to love her, to know her was to praise.

We will long remember Rev. George Nesmith's inspirational sermons and will miss Mrs. Nesmith's gracious presence.

## *Laymen*

*M*INISTERS come and ministers go, but the laymen remain. Time would fail me to tell of all the fine men and women who have carried on the work of the Church from the early days at Barrington Center to the present time. There were the Charles Millers, the Jacob Coverys, the Jesse Millers, the Christopher Dickinsons, the John Allens, the Philip Goulds, the Wm. G. DeVols, the John Seymours, the Homer



Wilmarths, the Thomas Whites, the Olcott Whites, the John Ormsbees, the Alexander McClures, the Wm. Stotts, the James Stotts, the Wm. Hawleys, the Wm. Collens. Others were the Wilmer family, the Abbs family, the John Harrower family, the Walter Harrower family, the Mayor family, the Golden family, the John Silker family, the H. A. Harnden family, the Harrowers, the Robert Nightingale family, the Ernest Rieke family, the Winters, Samuel Clark and his daughter Mary; the Lytles, the Hammonds, the Hagers, the Mitchells, the DeBolts and the Clarks, the Sawyers, the Mickeys, the Muirs, the Evans, the Works, the Dobsons. Many more families there are represented by the names which appear on the list of officers and committee members recently appointed.

Mr. W. C. Harnden has a record of long service in one position. He was the church treasurer for 32 years.

Mr. W. D. Dotterrer has seen long service as financial secretary and Mr. R. W. Dawson as head usher.

The location of the Jewel Tea plant in Barrington brought many fine families here to live. Some of them are now active in the work of the church.

For the past two years Dr. and Mrs. Myron Morrill were residents here. They will be greatly missed for they contributed much to the life of the church.

The following list comprises the roster of workers elected by the fourth quarterly conference—September 11, 1940:

#### TRUSTEES

E. L. Read, Chairman  
John L. Bell  
R. W. Dawson

W. D. Dotterrer  
C. W. Kaylor  
W. C. Harnden

S. E. Rieke  
E. S. Smith  
P. R. Drover

#### STEWARDS

Corliss D. Anderson  
J. H. DeBolt  
C. A. Elsner  
Chas. E. Forsberg  
H. P. Harnden  
E. J. Harris

L. L. Higgins  
T. C. Hosford  
George Miller  
H. A. Safford  
Q. R. Paulson  
Victor D. Rieke  
R. P. Lewis

E. M. Schwemm  
E. B. Sproul  
R. D. Sturtevant  
D. W. Titterton  
C. G. McCray  
Harold W. Dotts

## OFFICERS

President of Official Board . . . . .	E. L. Read
Vice-president of Official Board . . . . .	C. W. Kaylor
Financial Secretary . . . . .	W. D. Dotterrer
Church and Benevolence Treasurer . . . . .	Q. R. Paulson
Secretary of Official Board . . . . .	Lola Rieke
District Steward . . . . .	W. D. Dotterrer
Communion Stewards . . . . .	Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Rieke
Flower Steward . . . . .	Mrs. Russell Johnson
Trier of Appeals . . . . .	E. S. Smith
Custodian of Deeds . . . . .	Q. R. Paulson
District Lay Representative . . . . .	Corliss D. Anderson
Historian . . . . .	Mrs. John Schwemm

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### FINANCE

E. B. Sproul	John L. Bell
C. G. McCray	W. D. Dotterrer
E. M. Schwemm	Q. R. Paulson
E. L. Read	Harold Dotts
C. D. Anderson	H. A. Safford
R. W. Dawson	Russell Johnson

### MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

C. G. McCray	Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Harnden
C. A. Elsner	R. D. Sturtevant
T. C. Hosford	J. H. DeBolt
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Forsberg	George Elliott
	Mrs. H. A. Safford

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

T. L. Chiles	Mrs. L. L. Higgins
Mrs. Earl Schwemm	Mrs. Russell Johnson

### WORLD SERVICE

H. P. Harnden	Mrs. F. Kirchmann
Mrs. J. H. DeBolt	Mrs. Ward Olmsted
Lee T. Smiley	Miss Luella Hager

## MUSIC

Mrs. Allen U. Hunt	Mrs. J. K. Prentice
Mrs. W. D. Dotterrer	Mrs. E. B. Sproul
Mrs. Stella Welty	

## AUDIT AND RECORDS

E. B. Sproul	T. L. Chiles
C. D. Anderson	

## PASTORAL RELATION AND PULPIT SUPPLY

E. S. Smith	R. W. Dawson
W. D. Dotterrer	E. J. Harris

## NOMINATING

The Pastor	W. D. Dotterrer
E. L. Read	C. A. Elsner
E. S. Smith	C. W. Kaylor
E. M. Schwemm	

## OFFICIAL BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE

E. L. Read	W. D. Dotterrer
C. W. Kaylor	J. K. Prentice

### USHERING

Charles Roselle	R. D. Sturtevant
Victor Rieke	Bruce Miller
R. W. Dawson	Harry M. Coffman

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

R. W. Dawson	P. R. Drover
Victor Rieke	S. E. Rieke
W. C. Harnden	

## MEN'S ACTIVITIES

H. A. Safford	R. A. Armstrong
George Elliott	L. L. Higgins
Ed Sanford	R. D. Sturtevant
E. J. Harris	

## BEQUESTS

Bequests have been received from the following persons—  
Mr. Alexander McClure, Mr. Thomas Freeman, Mr. J. Y. Sawyer,  
Mr. C. O. Winter and Major G. A. Lytle.

## *Retrospection*

Let thought turn backward thru the years,  
    Backward a hundred years, they say,  
When in those far off yesterdays  
    God's children sought a place to pray.

They built a humble little church  
    By lowly sacrifice and prayer  
And knelt upon the cold bare floor  
    So thankful they could gather there.

They came from off the prairie wide  
    And from the forest's leafy bower  
To seek the truth and worship God  
    And sing His grace and love and power.

The names of those few could recall  
    For peaceful in their graves they rest;  
We who commemorate the day  
    By works of theirs are truly blest.

Then came the railroad and our town,  
    The North side Church was built up here,  
But still that little country church  
    Played well its part for many a year.

And often now when passing it  
    (The cemetery by its side)  
We think of those who labored there  
    But now we know in Heaven abide.

Later the Cook Street Church was built,  
A better Church, perhaps, but plain,  
And there we sat in cushioned pews,  
O, that we had them once again.

The sermons then were long and loud,  
The preacher's fist oft' dealt a blow,  
He seldom talked about God's love  
But told the sinners where they'd go.

Many we know made peace with God  
Around that altar, kneeling there,  
To us who joined in song and prayer  
How dear those sweet old memories are.

But people change, new ways are sought,  
The old ones often times outgrown,  
So as our population grew  
We found the old church, too, outgrown.

And now we have this modern one  
Which much attention draws, it seems,  
But let us not be proud of that  
But think of what its message means.

May coming generations bow  
Beneath its roof and give their heart  
To God and nobler Christians be  
Because we each have done our part.

—(Mrs. Joseph) Laura Nightingale



As this history goes to press, preparations are under way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Methodism in this vicinity. October 20th is Home-coming Sunday with the following features arranged for the morning service:

Return of old members and friends to celebrate the one hundredth year of our Church.

Appropriate recognition of our oldest members.

Presentation of American flag by Women's Relief Corps.

Special Offering—"A penny for each of our one hundred years."

Sermon by Rev. Doenecke: "Consecrating Ourselves for Tomorrow".

Planting of tree in the Church yard.

In the afternoon, services will be held in the Barrington Center Church when Rev. Thomas E. Ream will reminisce of the old church and former choir members will sing. On October 23rd at 6:30 in the evening there will be a congregational dinner in the Church. The program will consist of:

A welcome to Rev. Doenecke whom we have called to guide us into the second 100 years.

Extracts from the History of Barrington Church, by Mrs. John Schwemm.

Reading of One Hundredth Anniversary Poem, composed for the occasion by Mrs. Laura Nightingale.

Recent history and near term future of our Church, by Edwin L. Read, Chairman of the Official Board.

Entertainment by the Williams Brothers Quartet of WLS.

Skit by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Movies of "Days Gone By".

Stories by folks who remember "way back when".

Report of Special Gifts Committee.

The committee in charge of these events is Mr. Corliss Anderson, chairman, Mrs. Percy Drover, Mrs. Charles Elsner, Mr. Howard Harnden, Mr. Charles Forsberg and Mr. Harold Safford.

## *Closing*

Compiling these records has brought fond memories of many whom we have loved and "lost awhile!" We are grateful for the courage, faith and devotion of those who have preceded us in the work of this Church.

As we begin the work of the second 100 years under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Christian J. Doenecke, may we carry on in the spirit of the pioneers of this Church. As they ministered to the needs of mankind in their day, so may we meet the requirements of the present age.