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First Presbyterian Church

Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin



125th Anniversary

1841-1966



Mrs. George (Estella) Accola, Mrs. Albert (Leta) Stelter, Henry Felix, Mrs. Robert (Irma) Waffenschmidt, Mrs. John (Ruth) Accola.



Mrs. Alice Conger Knapp making copies of Session minutes.



Mrs. Bert (Myrta) McCoy.

The following have been members of this church for more than 50 years:—

Alice Conger Knapp	1883
Ruth Accola	1897
Myrta McCoy	1899
Leta Stelter	1907
Estella Accola	1907
Irma Waffenschmidt	1910
Henry Felix	1910

Our 125th Anniversary Committee



Back Row: Mrs. Robert (Irma) Waffenschmidt, Mrs. Robert (Lois Koenig, Mrs. Dean (Caryl) Caflisch.
Front Row: Kenneth Powers, photographer; Mrs. Mary Meyer, chairman, Rev. Ray W. G. Bayley.

Program for the 125th Anniversary

Sunday, October 30, 1966

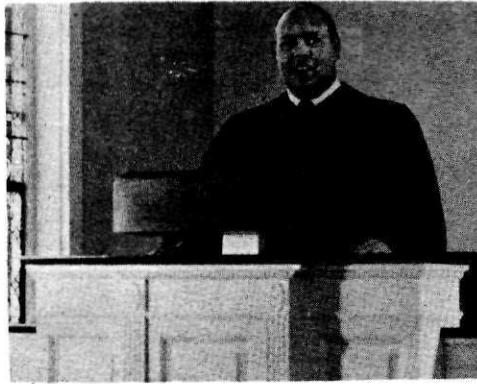
Morning Worship Service 11 O'clock
Rev. Kauppinen, Rev. Maruyama and Rev. Alexander

Dinner served at Sauk Prairie School Activity Room
By Ladies of the Lutheran Church

Anniversary Program 2 O'clock
"Memories of the Past"
By members and pastors

Reception and Fellowship Hour following Afternoon Program

Evening Service 7 O'clock
All pastors present taking part



A Message from the Pastor

As the 36th installed minister of this congregation, I wish to give you my greetings and congratulations on this the observance of 125 years of service to our Lord in this community. During this century and a quarter, this congregation has served the Lord faithfully, giving of its time, talent and treasure in order to support the work in the local community, and to support the work of the Church in the world through missions. As you read the contents of this booklet, I am sure that you will come to appreciate the efforts of those Christians who have been here before us and who helped build the heritage which is ours. We stand in debt to these persons who kept the faith, and who kept the church going throughout the years as a faithful witness to Jesus Christ. I thank the congregation of this church, the charter members, the members who have passed on or moved away, and the present members for making this day possible.

As we pause in this moment in our history and look back over the years gone by, it is also good to look ahead to the years to come. I am sure that this congregation will celebrate many more milestones such as this. What will the future bring? Though the future is always uncertain, we do have some control over what is to come. The members of this church, both present and future, could do well by continually rededicating themselves to the service of our Lord, always remembering that the church is the body of Christ, established by him to be a servant with him in the world. When the congregation of a church does this the future is sure to bring ever greater opportunities of service, and the history of the next 125 years can be even more filled with accomplishments than is our history to date.

As your pastor, I cannot help but feeling a little proud in being able to serve this church which has meant so much to this community and to the denomination. At the same time I feel humility in serving a church that has had so many fine pastors during its history. I pray that with the Session we can lead this church forward in its mission and that we can help the church continue to build on the faith and service of those who have gone before us. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor and to join with you in this observance.

Richard L. Kauppinen, Pastor.

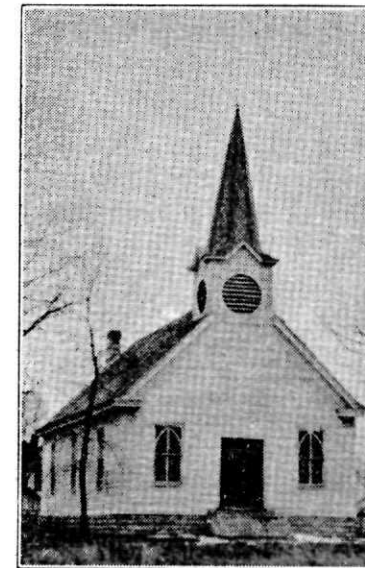
HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PRAIRIE DU SAC, WISCONSIN, 1841 — 1916

Taken from Historical Sketch — Diamond Jubilee Program — 1916

PIONEER DAYS—1841-1863.

When Marquette and Joliet passed down the Wisconsin River in 1763, they passed by a village of the Saukies located near the site of the present village of Prairie du Sac. As years passed by the Wisconsin became the route of many an adventurer, trader and soldier, journeying from the Great Lakes to the Father of Waters. Indian wars drove out the Saukies, and the Winnebagoes sold the land to the first white settlers in 1839. Three years later, Rev. Solomon Chafee came, and after a service in one of the homes, a Presbyterian church was organized. The charter members were:— Calvin Frink, Lydia his wife, and daughter Mary, Charles Parks, Burke Fairchilds, John and Nathan Kellogg, and Mrs. Jane Axtell. Next year Rev. W. Nichols became their first pastor. In 1844 the church became Congregational. During these years the church met in the homes of the members, in the school-house, and probably in the court house. In 1851 the first church was built, some of the money being secured from friends in the East. It was quite an undertaking for but a score of members, but it made possible

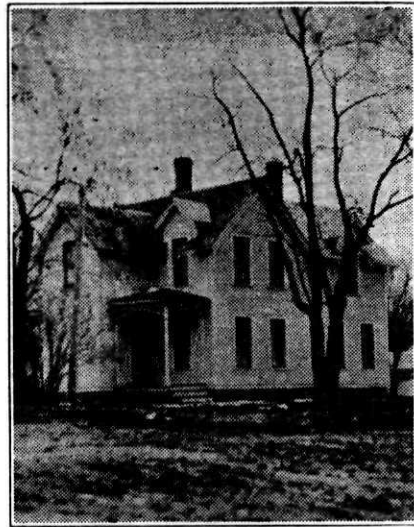
larger growth. In 1854 the Madison convention met here, the delegates coming overland by stage and horseback. The grandfather of Mrs. Ruth Hutchins Accola was pastor just prior to the civil war. As early as 1863 there was a flourishing Sunday School, and the church enrollment reached fifty-four. New settlers had been coming from the East and the future looked bright.



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STRUGGLING TIMES—1864-1892.

The young, fiery, and enthusiastic J. W. Dinsmore was the first pastor in this period. The new settlers had been largely Presbyterians, and so the church was changed back to its origin form. In 1868 the Presbytery of Dane convened here. The membership had grown to seventy-five, the "Wilkinson House" had been purchased for a manse, and out of



THE FIRST MANSE

a revival came the building of the second church, which was dedicated in 1868. It was well that the church was thus materially cared for, as there followed a long series of disappointments. Baraboo had become the county seat, and the railroad crossed the river at Merrimac. The later settlers were mostly of the German tongue, other churches were organized, and financial hard times added to the difficulties of the church. It was a credit to the members that the church was maintained thru these trying years. They not only continued the regular services, but they established the habit of giving generously to benevolences. The salary of the ministers was increased, the manse enlarged, and rebuilt after a fire. The organization of a Missionary Society and Christian Endeavor revealed the progressive spirit of the congregation. In this period was born the church, that has since become known as one of the best of the small churches of the state. Truly the struggle was not in vain.

CHURCH REACHES MAJORITY—1893-1916.

Rev. F. F. Barrett left a large church in Milwaukee because of poor health. After a few years in the South, he became pastor here and spent the last years of his life in faithful service for the Master. He was spoken of as "the finest preacher Madison Presbytery ever had." During this period the growth of the church enabled it to work for entire self-support which was finally gained when Rev. W. J. Turner became pastor. In the years that followed the church building was improved in several ways, especially by adding a basement, which has enlarged the social life of the congregation. The diamond anniversary year has been fittingly observed by the entertainment of Presbytery, and by the building of a new manse which a visiting pastor has spoken of as one of the best in the state.

During the seventy-five years, five hundred and twenty-five members have been received, an average of seven each year. The fact that 200 of these have been dismissed to other churches shows the self-sacrificing part played by a village church. It took over half a century to acquire a church building, a manse, and to become self-supporting, but during those years much of service was rendered that can not be told in figures or facts. The good things in the past can only be matched by better things in the future. May the God of our fathers be our God forever.



THE NEW MANSE

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Presbyterian Church History

Permission to use the following entries has been granted by the present session as of October 5, 1966.

The history of our church can best be told by actual entries from the Session minutes. Also some from the minutes of congregational and trustee meetings. The original books of Session minutes have been kept from 1841 and will be placed in the vault at Carroll College for safe keeping.

The minutes of 1841 through 1905 have been copied by Mrs. Alice Conger Knapp and are in our church office.

One entry which appears regularly is the appointment of a Session delegate to all stated meetings. They were exceedingly diligent in attendance no matter where the district or state meetings were held. The entries before 1900 record their attendance at Janesville, Beloit, Marinette and even Superior.

January 1841

At a meeting for religious purposes after a sermon, the following members of the Church of Christ were in due form constituted the First Presbyterian Church of Prairie du Sac by Rev. Solomon Chaffee. They adopted articles of Faith, Rules of Practice and Forms of Government.

The covenant follows:

We covenant to walk with this church in love and in the spirit of the Gospel; we hereby covenant, by the grace of God assisting us to do those things that are pleasing in the sight of God our Father, and carefully abstain from all such things as will offend God, wound our blessed Saviour or grieve our brethren. We covenant to watch over each other in the Lord, to reprove, admonish, and exhort one another as occasion may require; And when a brother or a sister offends, we agree to take the steps laid down by our Lord in the 18th of Matthew, to recover such offender to the path of duty and peace. We covenant to receive our brethren the members of this church, in the Lord regarding the government of the church, as Christ's institution, designed to watch our souls.

We hereby promise to submit to it in all things, when admonished, according to the Gospel; we promise to attend the worship of God on the Sabbath and on all other occasions when practicable with the church.

We agree to appropriate not only a reasonable proportion of our worldly goods, for the maintainance of the gospel ministry among ourselves, but also, for sending it throughout the earth—accompanying these our charities with our constant prayers, that our Redeemer's Kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; Such of us as are householders, agree to maintain family worship daily in our houses, and to restrain our children when under our care, from evil, as well as instruct them diligently in the right ways of the Lord, according to Deuteronomy 6:7 that the blessing of the covenant may come on us and ours forever.

We also engage to serve the Lord daily by the duties of the closet, consisting of reading God's Word with meditation and prayer.

We promise to be honest and just in our dealing with man, charitable and kind

to our neighbors, not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit serving the Lord. We agree to commend our dear Savior to all who are resident with us, not only by a Godly example, but by counsel and entreaty, at proper seasons, to be reconciled to God and walk in His ways.

We covenant with one another and with this church, before the Lord, that we will keep the Sabbath holy—we will not conform to the world in it's fashions and follies or any unchristian conduct, such as gaming, balls, dances and theaters, and all scenes of dissipation redeeming the time because the days are evil.

Also that we will not use as a beverage, manufacture or deal in strong drink—by which we understand anything that intoxicates—save in case of ill health. And that, finally, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust, we will live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. To these our deliberate purposes, we now call Heaven and Earth to witness, that these vows of God are upon us, in the diligent discharge of which to the death, may we find grace from the great head of the church, and no man take our crown.

(After the response and recording of duties this was signed by eight members.)

Calvin and Lydia Frink (and daughter):	by letter from Mineral Point Presbyterian Church;
John Kellogg:	by letter from Mineral Point Presbyterian Church;
Burke Fairchild:	by letter from Presbyterian Church of New York;
Charles F. Parks and Elizabeth Parks	by letter from Congregational Church of Massachusetts;
Nathan Kellogg:	by letter from Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania;
Jane Astell	by letter—home not listed;

Four elected elders; Calvin Frink and Nathan Kellogg for three years, Charles Parks for two years and Burke Fairchild for one year. Burke Fairchild made first clerk of Session.

Request for membership in the convention presented at the meeting in Racine on Tuesday of February at 2 o'clock, 1841.

May 1842

Resolved that the female members of the church be invited to take an active part in our prayer meetings.

December 1842

Resolved that Christians located in this vicinity, asking communion with this church, and not wishing to join it, shall be admitted so long as they give reasons for so doing that are in our estimation valid.

March 1843

It was unanimously resolved that the practice of calling at the Post Office on Sabbath either for the purpose of depositing letters or receiving the contents of the mail, is offensive to every enlightened and pious mind and is a sin against God.

June 1844

Committee which was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of erecting a church building reported the following recommendation:—a building of 20 x 24 with 10 foot posts which will seat 125. (This church was built in 1851. One report says about \$1,000 cost, and Sauk county Historical record lists it about \$500 valuation).

November 1844

Resolved to change to only Congregational. This amounted to the resignation of all officers. Meantime Quentin Smith was appointed clerk.



First Church Building

July 1847

The male members shall decide all questions in ordinary business, but in the choice of ministers and deacons the female members shall have a vote.

April 1849

After charges were filed and trial held the Rev. was unanimously expelled from church fellowship. (this was a former pastor. The elder bringing the charges was later, also, excommunicated.)

November 1850

William, by his course of action having brought reproach upon the church and making a byword among the unbelieving and a grief to his friends and thereby exerting an influence against the prosperity and welfare of the church and manifesting no signs of repentance, is hereby to have his name withdrawn from the church fellowship taking for example the injunction of St. Paul recorded in 2nd Thess. 3rd Chap. v. 14 & 15.

September 1852

Applied to National Mission Board for \$250.00 to aid in our church support. Mrs., a member, being guilty of attending balls, dancing and playing cards, will be called on by a committee. Her defense—that this was allowed in the church she formerly attended. (only male members were allowed to vote on the committee's report as the records show she had lost her husband and had re-married within a year. Any woman who could bury one husband and secure another within a year would have the envy of the female members.)

August 1854

The Madison convention will be held here Tuesday. Delegate appointed. (The delegates came overland by stage and horseback.)

January 1858

Resolved that our representatives in Convention be instructed to oppose in all proper ways the reception of any church which does not present a confession embracing every doctrine contained in the confession of Faith adopted by the General Confession.

August 1860

In view of the fact that the pulpit of this church was recently occupied for preaching by a Universalist minister—and that, too, against the express wish of our minister, it is hereby resolved that no one shall be allowed the use of pulpit without our minister's consent.

Members of the board presented another resolution to override the first "as the service conducted was a funeral and we should extend and hope to receive, this courtesy from all. We feel permission was in order."

March 1861

The grievances resulting from the use of church by a Universalist minister for a funeral of a friend, was brought to district convention. (16 members seceded and asked to be dismissed to other churches following this controversy.)

January 1863

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft a constitution and rules for the purpose of establishing a permanent Sabbath School connected with this church. (a copy of this constitution is in our files.)

April 1864

Resolved by unanimous vote (23 votes) that the form of government of said church be changed from a mixed to strictly Presbyterian.

July 1864 3½ O'clock P. M.

Resolved to take up a collection for the Deacon's fund at each communion beginning with the first tomorrow. (next entry records \$8.40).

January 1866

Session met after evening services. The main object of the meeting was to consider the cases of several members of the church who have been absent from the public observance of religion in our church for some time.

July 1866

The late residence of S. S. Wilkinson to be bought for parsonage. Amount not to exceed \$750.00. (This was bought for \$700.00. The house was burnt and rebuilt in 1886. Sold to J. E. Witwen. Now owned by George Schmalz, located at the corner of Park and Broadway.)

March 1867

A committee was appointed as a building committee whose duty it shall be to prepare and produce plans and specifications, receive proposals and assume the several direction and oversight of the erection of the church building. A committee of finance was appointed whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in aid of this project. (a separate notebook records these pledges amounting from \$500 to \$5 and totaling \$2977.00. Also received financial help from church extension service.

Motion made authorizing trustees to advertise old building for sale. Reserving the pulpit, blinds and pews.

May 1867

Mr. Charles Ross presented a bill for the building to be constructed according to plans, he furnishing all materials for \$4350. Resolved, the trustees are hereby authorized to sell, deed and convey the old property, provided the proceeds of said sale are appropriated to the locating and building of a new church edifice for the use of the First Presbyterian Church of Prairie du Sac, to be henceforth and forever held by said trustees and their successors in office for the use of said church, under the care of the Presbytery of Dane and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. 50 members voted aye, no negative votes.

May 1867 (trustee minutes)

Church building sold at auction to Charles Stoddard for \$200.00. (The Sauk County Historical records at the State Historical Society has the following comment—"The first house of worship, quite a small one, of the value, probably of \$500, was built in 1851 and dedicated in October of that year with Rev. Kanouse preaching the sermon. It was afterward considerably enlarged. On May 30, 1867, it was sold for \$200 to the Free-Will Baptists, and by them soon removed to its present site. The second house of worship, that is used today, was built after a marked revival in 1867, during the ministry of Rev. J. W. Dinsmore, and dedicated on February 14, 1868. Rev. Edward Reed, then of Madison, preaching the sermon. It is in size 37 x 57, cost near \$5000, and seats nearly 300. It is comfortable, commodious, and attractive, and will probably suffice for many years to come.") This first building is now the Royal Neighbor hall. The Baptists sold it to the Methodists and they to the lodge.)

July 1867

The building committee asked for instructions in regard to the location of the

new church. On motion they were authorized to locate it according to their own judgement. They were also authorized to have an excavation made in the ground to allow for furnace being placed there for heating the church. (on same lot as old church).

October 1867

Committee instructed to procure a four foot wood furnace and place same under the church in proper order for heating the building. On motion, the trustees were instructed to insure the building for three thousand annually.

February 1868

The new church was dedicated. Rev. Reed of Madison preached the sermon. Rev. Mayo of Lodi and Rev. Lore of Oregon assisted in the service.



*Church as it Appeared Before
Storm Removed Steeple.*

April 1868

The following charges were presented and the Session being so constituted as to be incompetent to try the case, it was referred to Presbytery, by consent of the parties.

(This concerned a charge brought against a member for dishonesty, fraud, and falsehood because of making and executing a mortgage on certain land, as of June 1852, on which he had no claim of ownership. Agreement reached and settlement decided upon on May 8, 1868. This was a much better way to settle differences than to have been aired in the public courts.)

November 1868

A communication on the part of the Session to be addressed to the respective

donors of a pulpit Bible and communion service for the use of the church. Also to communicate with some needy church in Minnesota to whom we may donate the communion service formerly in use by us.

March 1869

Meeting called to consider the case of Mr. and his wife who have absented themselves from the sacraments and worship for about four years.

(12 pages used to record steps taken to bring them back.) Final entry says, "Resolved they hereby are suspended until they shall repent of their sin,"

April 1869

It is resolved that hereafter the expense of pastor and elder attending meeting of Presbytery be paid out of the Session funds.

November 1871

Two members of the Session resigned as they were convinced that it would lend to the harmony and well being of the church by their doing so.

July 1874

Committee appointed to present a subscription paper to each member. Said paper to contain two columns—one for the board, from which the deficiency on pew rents is first to be taken, and one for repairs. (Quoting from a letter written by Mrs. M. C. Moore—"During Rev. Dinsmore's pastorate we had Godly preaching and a great revival. The weather did not interfere with the church going. Sleights went from house to house and picked up the people who were eager to partake of the spiritual blessing. During his ministry the present church was built. To help pay the minister's salary, the pews were rented. \$15 or \$20 per family.)

December 1875

It was decided to have some Christmas exercises for the Sunday School. A committee of eight young ladies appointed to engineer the thing through.

March 1876

A discussion was introduced by the pastor as to the propriety of using other than strong wine in the communion. After free expression of views it was unanimously decided to weaken the wine by a mixture of water—this being the best that can be done under present circumstances. The prevailing sentiment expressed was in favor of unfermented wine when such could be obtained.

June 1876

A Mrs. , who gave birth to a child in less than six months after marriage, was called to meet with the Session. After her tears and words of penitence, she agreed to make a public confession at Thursday prayer meeting.

February 1883

Following program for benevolent contributions, the following plan was adopted. For the Sunday School in January, for publications in March, For education in April, Home Missions in May, Freedmen in June, Church erection in July, Substantiation

in August, Foreign Mission in September, Bible Society in October and Ministerial relief in November. These offerings to be taken the second Sabbath of each month.

February 1883

Pastor called at a salary of \$800.00, and the parsonage and one month vacation. Session meetings to be held quarterly, at close of weekly prayer meeting proceeding communion.

January 1891

The sad feature of this report is:—there had been no revival of religion in this church for twenty-five years and no sign of showers of blessing during the year just closed.

June 1896

Motion made and seconded that at the coming communion and henceforward, that we use unfermented instead of fermented wine. Carried.

August 1896

Moved, seconded and carried that the United Young People Society change to distinctively Presbyterian Society.

Voted to install electric lights. \$1.00 a light per year for each 16 candle power light.

September 1898

Arrangements made to use the Tabor Opera Hall for the purpose of holding evening services while the church is being repaired. Voted to buy chairs instead of pews.



Interior of Church with Chairs

January 1900

A kindly admonition was given to a man asking membership. After prayers and promises he was taken into fellowship. (Not as strong reprimands as in earlier years.)

April 1900

The Ladies Aid report that they will pay for the hymnals by giving a Bonnet Social.

December 1900

Moved, seconded and carried that the Sabbath School discontinue the use of the Blakely lessons at the close of the year and substitute instead the Westminster lessons published by the Presbyterian Board.

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Here, at the turn of the century, let us pause and consider our wonderful heritage. I quote from an article written by R. S. Babington—(an elder of our church and superintendent of our schools for more than 30 years)—when he wrote about our church's history:—

"These pioneers stand in the same relation to our community as the somber, pious Pilgrims stand to the nation. We may smile at the Pilgrims, but if we had the same rugged integrity and piety today, both in high places and in the ranks we would have a better nation than we now possess. We owe a debt of gratitude to these sturdy pioneers. They set up and maintained a standard we well may emulate. We need to be awake to, and prepared for, the problems now before us if we wish to be accounted worthy stewards of a priceless heritage."



Church with stucco finish after storm had taken off the spire

January 1908 (congregational minutes)

Meeting called to consider the advisability of putting a basement under the church building for the accommodation of the various organizations and departments of

church work; especially the Sabbath School, the Endeavor Society and the Prayer meeting. A committee appointed to solicit the sum of two thousand dollars from the members for the purpose of completing a basement.

(Another notebook records the following: Believing a basement is needed under the First Presbyterian Church, we do hereby promise and agree to pay the sums set opposite our names. To be binding only upon conditions the two thousand be subscribed. Total of subscriptions was \$2046.00).

March 1908

The building committee to do the basement work instructed Mr. Baldwin to have sand drawn before the river should rise and cover it. Individual communion set sent on approval. Voted to purchase same.

May 1908

Motion made to make the frames for basement windows of 20 x 30 panes of glass. Motion made to have the floor cement. Rev. Laird commissioned by Presbytery to attend General Assembly in Kansas City.

July 1908

Motion made to accept Mr. Accola's offer to put in a furnace at cost, plus \$4.00 per day for a man to set it up.

October 1908

Rev. Laird granted six months leave, without salary, to travel in Egypt and the Holy Land.

Church to be painted one coat this fall as Patterson, Sargent Paint Company has offered to give one-half of paint needed.

May 1912

The pastor was appointed to consult with the other pastors in town about establishing a pleasant meeting place, to be open at least evenings for the strangers that the Dam will call to our town.

November 1913

Sale of old manse ratified and purchase of a new site considered. Present property sold to J. E. Witwen for \$2500.00.

January 1914 (congregational minutes)

Meeting called to consider the building of the manse. Committee reported it could not be built for \$3000.00. Motion made to extend limit to \$3200.00.

Supper served by the ladies, adults 25 cents and children 15 cents.

June 1916

Proposal for union services on each Sunday evening, at the park, during the summer months was endorsed. The German Reformed of Sauk City to unite with the Methodists, Evangelical and Presbyterian of Prairie du Sac.



Present Manse

October 1926

Joint meeting with Waunakee to work out union of the two churches. Pastors salary agreed upon. Both to contribute to the pension plan. (We had this union with Waunakee for 25 years.)

April 1927

Mrs. Accola offered her organ to the church in case the Keil church should buy the one offered to them for \$50.00.

April 1929

Session extends thanks to Senior Women's Bible class for giving the new song books to the church.

April 1935

Myrtle Felix agrees to become church pianist.

March 1936

Committee appointed to check on materials for the exterior of church.

April 1936 (congregational minutes)

After a dull discussion for those present, the congregation decided, with one dissenting vote, to restore the church edifice to it's former condition after removing the present kelley stone covering. (record shows cost of removal of stucco to be \$60.00).

September 1937

Four named for office of elder. (This is the first time a woman was approached for this office. Mrs. Ruth Accola was one of the four.)

October 1937

The village has made the sewerage connections. (Toilet rooms were built in the old funace room in 1940. One toilet donated by Kohler Co.)

November 1941

Thanks to Ladies Aid for purchase of a second hand coal burning circulating heater and fan.

1942

Minister worked with The Wisconsin Council of Churches in church work with residents of Badger Village during the operation of BOW.



Interior View of Present Church

January 1952

Moved to have rotary system for officers with forced retirement plan.

April 1952

Rev. Bayley commissioned by Presbytery to attend General Assembly at New York City.

October 1952

New carpet, pews, chancel furniture and communion ware was dedicated by Rev. Clarence Macartney. Rev. Macartney presented the congregation with a new pulpit Bible.

The pulpit, communion service and hymn books formerly used were given to Christ Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee, an integrated inner city church working under the board of National Missions.

Items of Special Interest

In a letter written by Mr. Bassinger, a clerk of Session, in 1861 records that "a few years after the church was built in 1851 a bell was procured by subscription from the citizens of the village for the purpose, at a cost of \$300.00.

Quentin Smith came to Prairie du Sac in 1842 from Scotland. He became a clerk of Session in the Presbyterian Church. The following year he established the first school, holding classes in his home.

In 1881, Mrs. William F. Conger organized a band of girls called the Cheerful Workers. Unlike the Women's Society the girls, having no money of their own, raised by entertainment all they gave. For seven years they raised \$25.00 per year for a scholarship in Miss Cole's Girls School in Chieg Mai in China.

The story, or history, of women's work in our church, or in any church, could more than fill a book by itself. Here we can only briefly comment. The women, as individuals and as a group, have always been busy, co-operative assets to the church's work. It would be more correct to say they have been—and are—a necessary, vital part. Not only have our women been wonderful workers in the local church, but several have served as officers in Presbyterial and Synodical work—Lu Radlund, Hazel Bayley, Myrtle Felix, Celeste Shields, Kay Accola and Mary Meyer.

We have the record that our Ladies Aid was organized in November 1894 with Miss Jennie Baker as the first president. The Missionary Society was organized in July, 1880, by Mrs. Baldwin and Matthews after they had attended General Assembly in Madison.

Just to show some of the work, let us take a year—say 25 years ago—and see what the minutes have to say; "will arrange for financing the robes, music and cabinet for robes for the choir—moved and seconded that the Aid replace the broken windows in the church—paid the insurance on the manse and expense of driveway—bought coal burning heater and fan—served about 600 at the Farm Bureau Banquet at 50c, net returns of \$182.15—purchased a mimeograph—served the annual bazaar, needles and tongues both busy, so we had a pleasant afternoon—agreed to help the expense of moving minister—bought Christian flag to match American flag—church insurance due, the Aid will pay one-half."

I believe we have lived up to the purpose they set back in 1894. We read this in the first meeting of the Ladies Aid:—"The object of this society is to increase general socialability, promote the interests of the church and aid in every good work."

The Missionary Society has always had as their purpose, the out-reach work of the church. This we have always done as attested to by our pledges to the mission boards. The women's "second mile" giving is a major part in mission work.

In 1950 we combined the two women's groups and became The United Presbyterian Women's Association with Myrtle Felix as the first president.

The men have, also, taken their part in the work of the church and many have served on committees of Presbytery and Synod. Peter Radlund served as moderator of Madison Presbytery in 1962. Ray Bayley is Stated Clerk of Madison Presbytery at the present time.

These former pastors and wives are buried in the Prairie du Sac cemetery: Rev. D. T. Noyes—Killed in the Civil War when serving with the Sixth Wisconsin Battery. Buried in Lot 50 Bolck 1.

Rev. Henry Hutchins—Ruth Accola's grandfather. Buried in Lot 10 Block 4.

Rev. Daniel Wells—Buried in Lot 30 Block 4. Taught at the first Academy.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Barrett—Buried in Lot 69 Block 3. A memorial window in our church is in his memory.

Mrs. Rev. Reid—Buried in Evans Lot No. 47.

MISSIONS

We have personal contact and give financial support to Rev. Richard and Mrs. Bryant and their work in Thailand.

A recent letter tells of the needs, both medical and educational and they ask for our prayers. Their children have all returned to school after being with their parents for the summer holidays. Their letter closes with "Our prayers are with you as the new year begins" with thankfulness to God,

Richard and Evelyn Bryant
751 Tha Ma Street
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Thailand

Roll of Pastors

Rev. W. Nichols	1842-1844
Rev. E. G. Bradford	1844-1847
Rev. W. Cochran	1847-1848
Rev. E. G. Miner	1851-1853
Rev. J. G. Kanouse	1854-1855
Rev. D. T. Noyes	1855-1858
Rev. Henry Hutchins	1858-1860
Rev. J. Silsby	1860-1861
Rev. C. Thompson	1861-1862
Rev. Rufas P. Wells	1863-1864
Rev. J. W. Dinsmore	1864-1870
Rev. Henry W. Wood	1870-1871
Rev. W. H. Blair	1871-1872
Rev. E. C. Hull	1872-1875
Rev. G. F. LeClerc	1875-1877
Rev. A. Sibald Reed	1877-1882
Rev. C. R. Burdick	1882-1888
Rev. J. G. Orr	1888-1891
Rev. James Dyghton	1892-1892
Rev. F. F. Barrett	1893-1898
Rev. W. J. Turner	1898-1903
Rev. M. R. Laird	1905-1911
Rev. Peter Bock	1912-1914
Rev. J. B. Donaldson	1915-1917
Rev. S. G. Schiek	1917-1918
Rev. Hugh Owen	1918-1920
Rev. G. C. Albright	1921-1923
Rev. W. A. Horn	1923-1927
Rev. O. C. Johnson	1927-1939
Rev. Maurice Jones	1939-1941
Rev. Kenneth Fox	1942-1945
Rev. Paul Haist	1946-1948
Rev. Ray Bayley	1949-1953
Rev. Robert Alexander	1953-1956
Rev. Allen Maruyama	1956-1962
Rev. Richard Kauppinen	1962-1970
Rev. David King	1970-1976
Rev. Larry Collins	1976-

Built Parsonage

*Called S. L. McKee
of West Salem*

ELDERS IN THE PRAIRIE DU SAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Burke Fairchild — (First settler—came in 1838)
 Charles F. Parks — (Built first house in village 1840)
 Calvin Frink — (Surveyor who laid out the village)
 Nathan Kellogg — (First treasurer of Sauk County)
 Arba Seymour
 David Conger
 L. T. Stowell
 Martin S. Moore
 Issac F. Smith
 David S. Conger
 Daniel Wells
 Lavelette V. Tabor
 Dr. John Watring
 E. Conway Moore
 Richard Hand

Dr. Frederick H. Conger
 Dr. A. O. Kendall
 Dr. N. H. Norris
 William F. Conger
 Jacob J. Felix
 Charles L. McCullum

(The above all served before 1900)

Congregational Elders in 1850 were:—

Elias B. Crane
 S. H. Bassinger
 Luther Keyser

Elders from 1900 to 1966

Paul B. Conger
 Oscar Atwood
 J. J. Waite
 R. S. Babington
 Nels W. Stephens
 G. E. Cook
 Charles Bickford
 George Meyer
 Glarner Gasser
 John Radlund
 Melvin Bickford
 Harvey Shields
 Ervin Young
 Carroll Accola
 Arthur Wareham
 Henry Felix
 Kevan Clemens
 Lewis Plummer
 Lu Radlund
 Sybil Tarnutzer

Peter Radlund
 Albert Ehret
 Verda Coulson
 Hazel Bayley
 Kenneth Cors
 Kenneth Powers
 Earl Pullen
 Loretta Bickford
 Lester Madison
 Mary Meyer
 William Hogan
 Milton Laufenberg
 Kay Accola
 John Taylor
 Oran Brand
 Caryl Cafilisch
 Jerry Jonas
 Celeste Shields
 William Calow