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THE CONTINUING STORY
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Salem, Oregon

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Have you ever wondered how the church has survived nearly 2,000 years? We are a very human institution and, as such, full of all the greatness and smallness of human ventures. Yet, the church has continued, surviving its own created, darkest hours as well as those coming from outside.

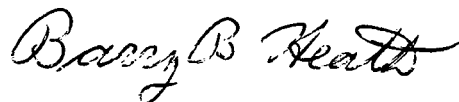
All of this, plus the reflection on these 30 years of history at Westminster, leads us to profess: this is God's Church and God's history. If the spirit is in it, all the work and worship will bear fruit.

As you read these pages, sense the miracle and movement of God in the events recorded here. Sometimes, the presence of God seems obvious, sometimes it is big and noticeable. But read "between the lines" of this history, too. There you will see the movement of God in individual lives, in quiet prayer and active service. It is this "behind the results" history that has given Westminster such a rich and fruitful commitment to the mission of Christ through this church. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for these faithful who have provided this strong foundation and example to follow.

Then, as we look forward to new opportunities to be God's people, let us rededicate ourselves to the faith that this is God's Church. And may all who look at what we do in the next 30 years say with Paul:

**"I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you,
because your faith is proclaimed in all the world."**

Romans 1:8



Barry B. Heath, Pastor

PASTORS



J. Dwight Russell
Born 9/1/18, Washtucna, Wn.
Monmouth College, Illinois
Pittsburg Seminary
Doctor of Divinity-Monmouth College
Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church
Klamath Falls, OR.
Deceased-August 5, 1985



John Najarian
Born 7/8/33, Fresno, Ca.
Fresno State College
San Francisco Seminary
Present - President of K/P Graphics
Berkeley, Ca.



C. Todd Martin
Born 4/10/36, Hamilton, Ohio
Stanford University
San Francisco Seminary
University of Teubingen, Germany
Western Oregon State College
Present - Cascades Presbyterian Church
Vancouver, Wn.



David Weed
Born 5/4/24, Calexico, Ca.
University of Redlands, Ca.
San Francisco Seminary
Present - First Presbyterian Church
Coos Bay, Or.

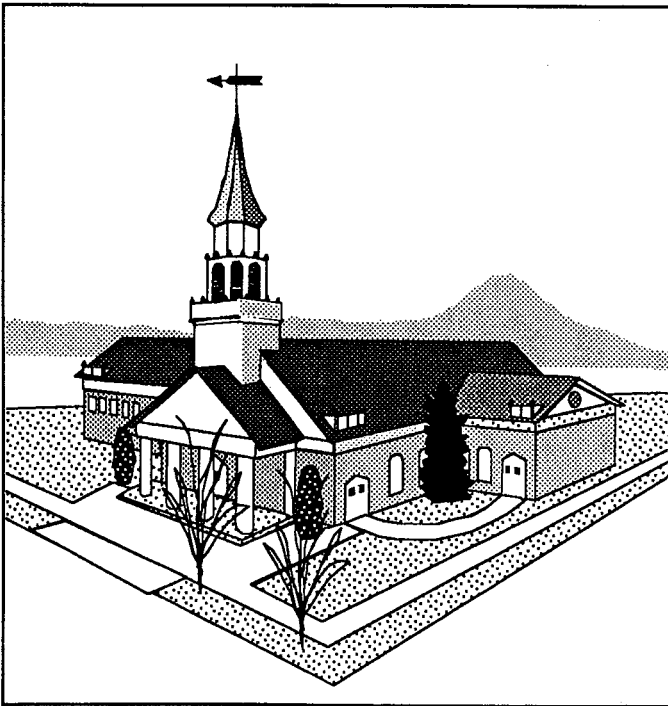


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So Westminster is 30 years old. How does a Presbyterian Church get started? Who decided that there was to be a church in South Salem and that it would be built on Boulder Knoll?

A NEW CONGREGATION

In the fall of 1953, M. DeWitt Safford, Field Secretary of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, came to Salem, to announce to the Presbyterians at First Presbyterian Church that the denomination was looking for an opportunity to found a new congregation in Salem. After being assured that the United Presbyterians were willing to loan \$85,000 for the establishment of the new congregation, the Session of First Church appointed a committee co-chaired by Burch Judson and Arthur Myers (for whom Myers Elementary School is named), to cooperate with the United Presbyterians in finding a site. The committee determined that South Salem was the most logical area for the new church. Within a year, property on Boulder Knoll off Liberty Road had been secured. This 5.2-acre, heavily wooded property had been the estate of H. S. Gile, Salem cannery owner. It included a four-bedroom house and a three-car garage.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RUSSELL ORGANIZING PASTOR

In 1955, the United Presbyterians appointed the Reverend J. Dwight Russell of Weiser, Idaho as the organizing pastor of the new congregation and selected architect Ben Cave to work with the United Presbyterians in planning the new building. The building fund was established by February 1956 under the chairmanship of Leo Reed. E. R. Batterman was the low bidder at \$42,385.

The Rev. Mr. Russell was given a year to contact every family south of Mission Street, north of Boone Road, west of 12th Street and east of the Willamette River. About fifty families of First Presbyterian decided to transfer to the South Salem congregation.

FIRST GROUND BREAKING

The spring of 1956 saw the groundbreaking and the start of construction. The Russell family, consisting of Pastor Russell, his wife Florence, son Bill and daughter Florence Elinor (Bonnie), moved into the former Gile residence, known as the manse.

Vesper services at 4:30 p.m. Sundays were started in the summer of 1956 and held on the lawn of the manse. Wallace Johnson led the singing, with Mary Johnson as organist and Sara Howells, substitute. An electric Hammond organ was lent by Stone Piano and Organ Co. and transported in one of their company trucks.

BUILDING COMPLETED

The building was completed by November, with the first service held Nov. 25, 1956, followed by an open house and coffee hour. The charter roll of the church was held open until the formal dedication on Jan. 13, 1957. Church school children were registered at the manse until classes could be held in the new building.

The new church was supervised by the United Presbyterian Board of American Missions, Oregon Presbytery of the denomination and a Provisional Session consisting of Dallas Levitt of Albany, Leslie White of Albany and C.W. King of Portland.

PROVISIONAL SESSION

The first Provisional Session meeting was held Sept. 15, 1956, with the Rev. Dwight Russell as Moderator. By this time, five committees were functioning: Spiritual Aims,

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Grounds, Building, Finance and Christian Education. It was decided to use the Faith and Life Curriculum of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. At the Oct. 7, 1956 Session meeting, 40 people were accepted as members of Westminster. Space was provided for names of people who were not able to be present.

NEW BUILDING & CHURCH DEDICATION

The first church service was held in the new building on Nov. 25, 1956. Communion service was celebrated at the 11 o'clock service, using previously ordained elders from other churches. Until the formal organization of the congregation on Feb. 10, 1957, all Session meetings included the reception of new members.

The new building was dedicated at 3 p. m., Jan. 13, 1957, with Dr. James K. Leitch, Associate Secretary of Board of Missions delivering the dedicatory sermon. The charter roll was closed on Feb. 10, 1957 with a total of 215 members.

FIRST SESSION

The Commission of Oregon Presbytery appointed for the organization of Westminster United Presbyterian Church met at 9 a. m., Feb. 10, 1957. Representing the Commission, the



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Rev. John C. Nevin stated that the congregation was organized and he presided at the 9:30 and 11:00 a. m. services. The congregation at that time elected elders and deacons and accepted the constitution and by-laws. The following were elected as elders: Paul F. Balé, Benjamin F. Cave, J. Earl Cook, Dr. Chas. Campbell, Dr. Harmon Harvey, Robert F. Howells, Edward Konka, Leo V. Reed and Robert S. Huyett. Elected as deacons were: Harold Bacon, John Bradfield, Della Campbell, Francis Colgan, Walter Crenshaw, Richard Denton, O. W. Frost, Jr., Betty Humphreys, Mae Morgan, Betty Nesvik, Samuel Robb and Dr. J. D. VanEaton. J. E. Culp was elected chairman, Mrs. Charles Bullock recording secretary and Gerald Hoiland, treasurer of the congregation.

The ordination and installation of all elders and deacons was held on Mar. 10, with the Rev. John Humphreys assisting the pastor. The Provisional Session was dissolved as having completed its mission.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Session was held at 7:30 p. m. Wed. March 13, 1957. J. Earl Cook was elected Clerk of Session and three services were planned for Easter Sunday. Session recommended to the congregation that it become self-supporting as of March 1, 1957 and that Presbytery be asked to hold a special congregational meeting to formally call a minister.

At a meeting on May 15, 1957 the congregation called the Provisional Moderator, Dwight Russell, as pastor at a salary of \$4,666.66. He was installed as pastor by Oregon Presbytery on May 26, 1957. It should be noted that the Christian Education Committee had been active at the start of the provisional congregation, with James E. Morgan as Chairman and Sunday School Superintendent. With the formal installation of the Session, Dr. Chas. Campbell became Chairman of Christian Education.

John M. Humphreys, Chaplain at Oregon State Hospital, was assistant to the pastor and Vice Moderator of the Session. The Session approved two Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 and 11:00, with Church School at 9:30 a. m. On June 5, 1957 E. Gene Thompson became Church School Superintendent, replacing Mr. Morgan.

CLIPPERS

In August 1957 a picnic was held to start a Mariner organization, with Clippers to be started in September. One Clipper built a cabinet for choir robes and Ollie Abdo built most of the kitchen cabinets.

BONNIE RUSSELL MEMORIAL

In February 1958, Florence Elinor (Bonnie) Russell, daughter of the pastor and his wife, was tragically killed in an auto accident in the family car on the way to Portland. Over \$2,900 was contributed to the Bonnie Russell Memorial Fund, which was used to purchase carillon chimes and establish a memorial garden and patio area adjacent to the manse. A plaque was placed in the narthex to tell of the memorial to Bonnie. The chimes were dedicated with a short carillon concert Sun., Dec. 7, 1958.

RUSSELL TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Session approved Mr. Russell's plan to attend the United Presbyterian General Assembly in Pittsburgh, May 25-June 1. Presbyterian Life was ordered for each Westminster family at a cost of \$1.00 each per year. By November 1958, over 500 were enrolled in the Church School, with an average attendance of 320.

CHURCH DEBT

The Moderator reported that all interest and principal payments on the church debt had been met and that \$8,000 of the debt had been reduced because the church had been self-supporting since its inception. On Jan 21, 1959, Edwin C. Boal was elected Clerk of Session, following the resignation of J. Earl Cook. Francis Colgan was reappointed head usher, with Sam Robb as assistant.



THE DWIGHT RUSSELL FAMILY

BY-LAWS WRITTEN

The constitution and by-laws for the new church were written by the Moderator, Mr. Russell, with the assistance of the secretary, Doris (Mrs. Robt.) Huyett and Paul Bale.

LANDSCAPING OF ISLAND

In May 1959, Building and Grounds Committee reported that areas in the landscaped island had been assigned to the various Clippers for maintenance. The Long Range Planning Committee recommended an addition to the educational wing of the church and a plan developed for the financing.

On July 8, 1959, a call was issued for a congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with J. Dwight Russell, who had been offered the position of Synod Executive for Oregon. On July 29, 1959 the relationship was dissolved with regret and a nominating committee of 12 members was appointed to seek a new pastor. Chaplain John M. Humphreys served as Moderator of the meeting.

The three-car garage was moved to the back of the property and renovated as a youth building. When completed in fall of 1959, it was named Merrifield Lodge in honor of Ward Merrifield, the first adult member of Westminster to have died.

NAJARIAN PASTOR

On Oct. 11, 1959 a congregational meeting accepted the call to John O. Najarian Jr. as pastor of Westminster. The terms of the call were \$4,200 salary, \$600 car allowance and \$600 utilities allowance. A \$296 washer-dryer and a \$179 Monarch range were installed in the manse.

The Reverend John O. Najarian, his wife Daisy and small daughter Susan moved into the manse in late 1959. Beth was born in January, 1960 and John M. in July, 1963.

At a Session meeting on Dec. 2, 1959, Wallace Johnson as Director of Music was given an annual stipend of \$400.

EDUCATION WING

On May 11, 1960, Session moved that construction begin immediately on the educational wing, since all but \$1,650 of the \$25,000 Broadway bonds had been sold at 5% interest. Robert McBee was elected Church School Superintendent for 1961.

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On Jan. 5, 1961, J. Dwight Russell, Synod Executive, reviewed our church building debt. He reported a total cost of \$91,345.55, a grant from Board of Home Missions of \$34,035.05 and a loan of \$41,849.52 which had been reduced by \$8,000 because Westminster had been self-supporting. The interest loan was 4% and a repayment schedule was accepted.

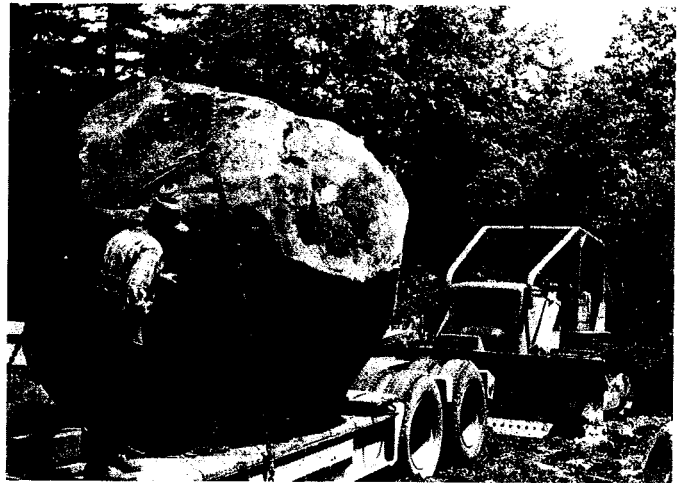
DRIVEWAY PAVED

In May, 1961, \$1,000 was approved for paving the driveway and circle and graveling the rest of the parking lot. Thirty dollars was spent to improve the Ewald driveway to the parking lot.

Membership totaled 546 at the end of 1961. Denton Walker was elected Clerk of Session to replace Edwin C. Boal.

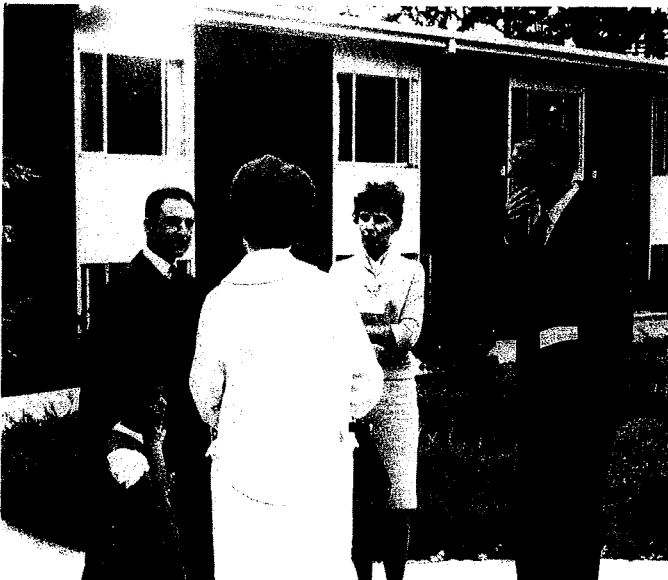
The minister's salary for 1962 of \$5,400 was adopted, with a total of \$7,695 including allowances. A budget of \$37,500 was suggested for 1962 by the Session, with 30 % of local budget for Mission. A meeting of the congregation held Dec. 5, 1962 increased the number of Session members from 9 to 12.

The Rev. J. Dwight Russell participated in the 1961 Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and the sixth anniversary Sunday service of Feb. 10, 1962.



REMOVING BOULDERS FOR NEW ADDITION - 1960

Westminster membership had grown rapidly these first five years. When the charter roll was closed on Feb. 10, 1957 there were 215 members. By Dec. 31, 1962, six hundred and ninety-eight people had joined and there were 589 current members. During this same time, 264 children and 89 adults had been baptized.



PASTOR NAJARIAN GREETING



ADVENT 1965

1963-1967

Under the leadership of the Rev. John Najarian, the number of members increased steadily from 589 in 1963 to 717 in 1967.

FIRST WOMEN ELDERS

Catherine Dench, Mabel Shiffer and Sara Howells were the first women elected to serve as elders in our church. Westminster participated in the dedication of John Knox Church in Keizer the same year.

WALLY JOHNSON, INTERN

Early in 1964, Session extended an invitation to the Rev. Mr. Walter (Wally) Johnson from Australia for a year beginning in August. He brought much enthusiasm in his teaching and assistance with Christian Education. Martin Hessel, a student from San Francisco Seminary accompanied by his wife Pam and small son, assisted the pastor in the expanded ministry the following year.

The participation of children and youth was high during this period. In 1964 the Church School reported a fall enrollment of 443 with 37% coming from non-member families. There were 45 junior high youth in the Pioneer Group and 32 senior high youth in the Highlanders. A Junior Choir, under the direction of Jackie Hilfiker, included 20-25 fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Increased need for use of every available space brought the decision to install draperies for the overflow room in the sanctuary so that classes might meet there when necessary.

During these five years, Peter Batten and Herb Carnahan served as Superintendent of Christian Education. In 1966, Daily Vacation Bible School, attended by 105 children, was supervised by Rae Carnahan, Dorothy Kent and Mary Sue Gingerich.

SUNDAY SCHOOL- MANSE BASEMENT

In the 1964 Annual Report, John Najarian wrote that space was becoming a more and more precious commodity as expansion continued in every area but square feet. Junior High youth had overflowed into the manse basement. On Sunday evening no room in the church was big enough for the group. Senior Highs began meeting in homes. According to John, there was only one solution that would satisfy the space hunger: "In 1965 we must begin making plans (for more building space) not for this year or next, but for ten and twenty years from now."

NAJARIAN RECOGNIZED

During the summer of 1966, John Najarian attended the Science of Theology program at San Francisco Theological Seminary, an honor granted to only a small number of persons each year. This program extends over a seven-year period and upon completion leads to a doctorate in "Science of Theology."

With a consistent growth in numbers of visitors at worship, a new assignment was offered to Sara Howells, who helped organize a group of Parish Visitors. The plan was to call on visitors who had attended services at least twice. With the use of a card file, from eight to 10 dedicated couples and individuals made home visits. As a follow-up, they helped the newcomers become involved in church life.

50 MILLION FUND

In 1966, the United Presbyterian Church presented the two year, "50 Million Fund Campaign". Churches throughout the nation were asked to select projects and determine a goal which provided this financial assistance. Westminster set a goal of \$20,000.00, selected Mr. Frederick Krives as a general chairman and chose as projects: financial aid to the Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines and assistance to the Christian Medical Center in Ludianha, India.

TODD MARTIN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

In April of 1966, the Session discontinued the Student Intern Program in favor of a full-time position, which led to the decision in September to invite the Rev. C. Todd Martin to serve as the first full-time assistant for Westminster Church. Moving to Salem with him were his wife Nancy and daughter, Cheryl. In August, Loree, another daughter, was added to their family.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

The Migrant Ministry was organized in 1966 with Terrence James as Chairman. The purpose was to extend and express Christian concern and aid to migrants through personal contacts. Weekly visits were made to a farm migrant camp. Evening activities included sewing, woodworking, movies and games. Six children were brought to Vacation Bible School. A trip to the Portland Zoo was a highlight for some of the children. In 1967, two swing sets were repaired and placed at the camp. The sponsorship of the Ramos family by this committee is reported elsewhere in this history.

MISSION GOAL & MISSION STUDY

Westminster set a goal in 1962 to increase our giving to General Mission by 5% per year until there was 50% as much given to Mission as was spent for local operating expenses. By 1967 Westminster had reached 45%.

Annual budgets increased during this time. In 1962 the total budget was \$32,500 from 167 pledging units. Not including the manse in which the pastor lived, his salary was \$4,800 with utilities at \$491.83, pension \$717.60 and conference allowance \$46.15. By 1967, with two pastors on staff, the budget had increased to \$52,229.

At the 1967 annual meeting, questions were raised concerning the future planning of the church with reference to building and land requirements. These questions required the Session to address itself to the mission of this church in this community, and to an investigation of the purpose, program plans and policies relevant to that mission. Session appointed the following committee: Paul F. Bale, Peter J. Batten, Catherine Dench, Ermina Fisher, Charles R. Fullerton, Paul S. Kuhns, Jr., Roy V. Proctor, Wallace E. Turnidge and Alfred T. Goodwin, Chairman. The mission of the church was stated:

"To represent Jesus Christ in this community and the world: gathering, to worship God, studying to prepare ourselves for service, and searching out unmet needs to which we can respond as servants of Christ."

MORE SPACE NEEDED

The principal finding of the committee early in 1969 was that Westminster needed a substantial improvement in its physical plant but there was a serious question whether the congregation was ready to finance such an undertaking. The committee suspended further activities until after the installation of a new pastor.

DEACONS

The Deacons at this time received their budget from the loose offering at the four communion services which in 1963 provided \$438.04.

Some of the Deacons' responsibilities were:

- Visiting the sick and lonely
- Attending to special needs for clothing, food, etc
- Organizing and carrying out church fellowship dinners
- Greeting at church and ushering at worship services
- Assisting with communion

They also sponsored an Indonesian family as is reported elsewhere in this report. Local mission projects of the deacons varied from assisting elderly women, a student at Hillcrest, and a migrant family in Independence, to providing transportation for Chemawa Indian students to attend Westminster. The Women of Westminster adopted a women's ward at the State Hospital, holding monthly parties, and celebrating birthdays of the residents.



PASTOR MARTIN GREETING

1968-1972

GROWTH

In reviewing a church history, we turn naturally to statistical measure, for numbers are most conveniently placed on the scoreboard. Through 1968, there was a growth in membership, in giving and in the number of people involved in programs at Westminster. In the 1968 annual report, Pastor John Najarian, wrote, "But a church is people. Its growth is measured by theirs. How do we measure deepened discipleship to Jesus Christ or new expressions of human love? It is exciting. It always has been---this thing called Christianity."

Membership, still growing in 1968 when it reached 753, followed the international trend among most traditional Protestant bodies through 1972, when it dropped to 621 even though 254 new members had joined Westminster in those five years.

MISSION PRIORITY

The church's budget grew during the five-year period, from \$56,413 to \$62,761, but was raised with increasing difficulty, especially in 1970-71, when inflation struck the Willamette Valley and membership losses were most notable. The share to mission(s) dropped from about 30% in 1968 to less than 12% in 1972. A change in nomenclature explains part of that drop. The larger change may have been the attitude of many members who believed that local missions deserved a higher priority than other missions in a time of financial difficulties.

DAVID WEED, PASTOR

In early 1969, Westminster's senior pastor, the Rev. John Najarian, accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo, Ca.. The associate pastor, the Rev. C. Todd Martin, served as Pastor and Session Moderator until a new pastor was called. A Pastor Seeking Committee was formed, with the following serving: Paul Bale, Peter Batten, Ted deLooze, Paul Hancock, Sara Howells, Paul Kuhns, Betty Mannock, Marian Minty, Stephanie Neer and Rev. John Stewart from First Presbyterian Church, Salem. On October 19, 1969, the call was made to the Rev. David Weed of Portland. He was accepted by the congregation and began his work on Oct. 19, 1969. Coming to Salem with him were his wife Jean and daughters Nancy and Janice.

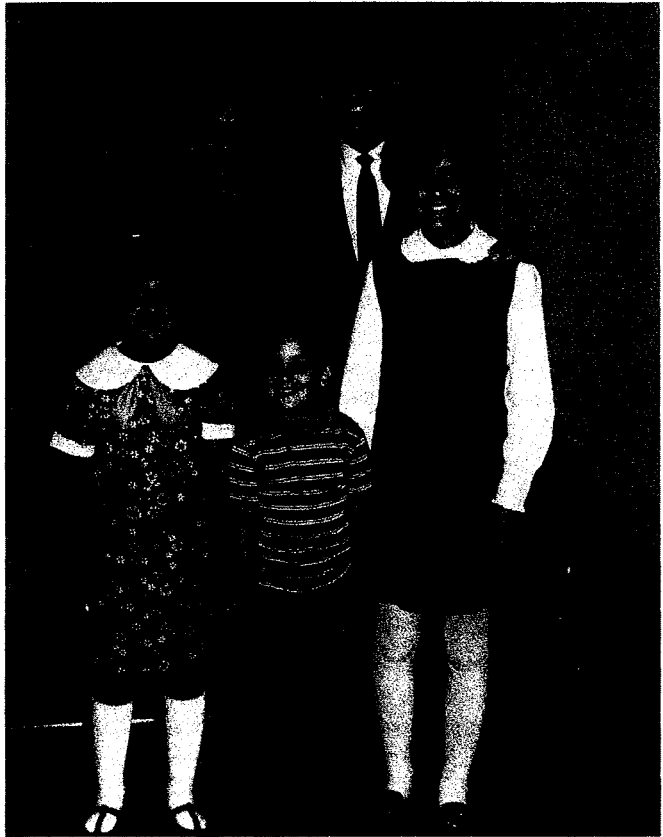
The plan of union of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S. and the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. (southern) took form in 1970.

CO-PASTOR

The session and the congregation concurred in establishment of a co-pastorate, with C. Todd Martin moving from Associate. Session also approved the addition of two youth to both the Deacons and the Session for a one-year term.

DEACONS

The Deacons regularly conducted clothing drives for needy people in Salem, and for worldwide disposition through both denominational and ecumenical channels. Toward the end of this five-year period, such drives were conducted only in emergencies, but a continuing collection went to fill area needs through Helping Hands. This service was founded by a



THE NAJARIANS SAY GOODBYE -1968

1968-1972

group of women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and strongly supported by Westminster, continues today as we place clothing in the barrel in the narthex. Regular collections of food were given to the Salvation Army. Christmas Clearing Bureau Cards, calling for gifts and dinners for needy families, were distributed by the Deacons. Financial aid was given to Senior Townhouse, a group still serving meals to elderly patrons.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Preparation of communion elements has always been the responsibility of the deacons. In 1972, the "shortbread," an unleavened wafer, baked by May Morgan, a devoted member since the beginning of Westminster, was changed to the leavened loaf.

HELP TO HILLCREST

Westminster volunteers were working at Hillcrest School for Girls and at Oregon State Hospital. Church families invited Chemawa Indian School students into their homes for the holidays. At times, the Indian students were bussed to Westminster for worship services. Migrant day care centers were provided with some financial funds to match federal funds. Members of the congregation volunteered their service at the centers.

MAINTENANCE & SIDEWALKS

In 1970, there was considerable discussion of needs for larger worship and educational facilities, but a badly-strained budget discouraged any significant increase in space. New roofs were put on the manse and the education wing. An apartment was created in the manse by closing off several passageways, with some of the rooms being used for Church School or other groups. Word was received from the city that a sidewalk must be constructed within 100 days along the property on Liberty Road. With no budgeted funds, the job seemed formidable. But with the know-how of some and the hard work of many, the walk was completed in one month at minimum cost.

ANGELA DAVIS

Perhaps one of the most controversial questions faced by the denomination during these first 30 years of our church was the grant of legal aid for black activist Angela Davis, which came before the Session in June 1971. Westminster, as a congregation, put no money at that time into the Legal Aid Fund established by the 182nd General Assembly. Declaring "the intent" of the body "commendable and deserving the

support of members of Christ's Church," the Session's statement suggested that the fund should assist persons, helpless and without knowledge of where to obtain financial support, and that applications should be screened more closely.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School, which had filled its space to overflowing with 340 pupils at the beginning of 1968, had 486 at the end of the year. Herb Carnahan continued to serve as Church School Superintendent during most of this 5-year period.

Members of a class which met in the manse basement (along with their teacher) still recall the odors that wafted down from the Najarian kitchen. Roasting meat, exotic vegetable combinations, fruity or spicy desserts provided the Sunday morning incense which made education something of a worship experience.

ADVENT FESTIVALS

There have been many inspiring and creative Advent Festivals at Westminster. The 1969 Church School Christmas pageant may have been one the most colorful and unusual-- Los Posadas, a celebration borrowed from South of the Border. Quoting from the January 1970 Scroll: "The families in attendance had as much fun as the participants as they followed the parade through town (from the sanctuary to the fellowship room) in a pilgrimage in search of the night's shelter. All the village doors were locked...but one...And behind that door--what a sight for little pilgrims. Flags.....luminariesBulging Pinatas. As the parade returned to the sanctuary, they found the same scene they had seen for the eight previous days, except that tonight, EL NINITO JESUS was lying in the crib. The children of Eusevio and Maria Ramos (one of our our refugee families)--Guadalupe, Rosita, Merta, Susanne and Eusevio, Jr. were the happy smiling angels, Joseph and Mary. The story of Los Pasadas and the Shepherds was read to the children as they pantomimed the action."

PIONEERS AND HIGHLANDERS

The Pioneers (junior high youth) and the Highlanders (senior high youth) were both very active during this period. Twenty to 40 Pioneers and 20-30 Highlanders participated in Sunday evening discussions on such topics as military draft and involvement in Viet Nam. They enjoyed firesides, hikes to Marion Lake and a party with Trinity Methodist youth. One activity particularly enjoyed by both groups was a picnic at Mt. Angel Abbey, where, with two monks serving as hosts, they shared in a monks' vesper service. The youth groups

square-danced with Chemawa Indian School students, played bingo with nursing home residents and had a swimming retreat on the North Santiam.

SUMMER SERVICES

During the summer, only one service was held each Sunday, with a contemporary service once during the month. Weather permitting, these services were held on the lawn and paving in front of the church.

Westminster joined Good Shepherd Lutheran, Queen of Peace Catholic and Morningside Methodist in conducting a well-attended Ecumenical Day Camp at Woodmansee Park. A joint picnic of the four churches was planned for the end of the camp.

MANSE TO HARRIS HALL

In 1972, the former manse was named Harris Hall in memory of Hugh Harris. Members who knew him well said he was "a man of smaller stature than any other at Westminster, but of great and willing hands, whose many services to the church were so quietly undertaken that many did not realize who had accomplished them until he was gone."



HARRIS HALL

1973-1977

NURSERY SCHOOL

"Sharing--Caring for Others" seems to be the dominant theme throughout this five-year period. In late 1972, on a trial basis, Westminster welcomed to its educational facilities, the South Salem Co-operative Nursery School and to its sanctuary, the South Salem Seventh Day Adventists. The group used the church several years, while the South Salem Nursery School continues to use the facilities on a rent-lease type of arrangements. Not only did the school use the facilities, but it also helped with providing toys and equipment and painting some of the rooms.

STUDENT MINISTER SUPPORT

Our church provided encouragement and financial assistance to two young people from our congregation who were preparing for the ministry. David Manock received some financial assistance during 1973 and until he graduated in 1974. His father, Eugene Manock, The Rev. C. Todd Martin and the Westminster choir participated in David's ordination and installation at the Presbyterian Church in Brownsville. In 1976, Session recommended Jan Carlson to Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Financial assistance was given to her as she attended San Francisco Seminary at San Enselmo.

CAMERON HOUSE SERVICE

In the summer of 1972, youth from Westminster and First Presbyterian churches spent three weeks as counselors in day camps sponsored by Cameron House, Presbyterian mission in Chinatown, San Francisco. In Boulder Knoll Scroll, September 1972, one of the youths wrote, "I worked with another counselor, Curtis, and we had 14 second-grade boys to pick up in a school yard each morning and take to Golden Gate Park. We found a campsite, took nature tours, had cookouts, read stories, went on trips and played games. Our team lived in Lincoln Park Presbyterian church, using the kitchen to prepare meals and lunches to take with us. We had training sessions which we had been taking before we left Salem so we were busy. We took a sociological tour of Chinatown, toured Cameron House, learned its history, and attended their church. There were many experiences, some good and some not so good, but I learned a lot about human nature and how to handle various problems."

1973-1977

NEW MEXICO SERVICE

A group of Highlanders from Westminster and Corvallis spent several weeks in the summer of 1974 at the Menaul School in New Mexico, where they contributed to the educational effort of this school.

"COOL IN THE FURNACE"

That same year, they presented "Cool in the Furnace," a musical adaptation of Daniel and his friends, under the direction of Jackie Hilfiker----a production thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

TODD MARTIN TO PASTOR

The year 1973 began with Pastor David Weed and Associate Pastor C. Todd Martin and a membership of 606. A special interest of Todd's was in the area of counseling, and while at Westminster, he received a master's degree from Oregon College of Education. All monies Todd received for counseling were put into the general operating fund.

David Weed decided to change vocations and asked that his pastoral relationship be terminated in late 1974. A one-pastor ministry was approved at the congregational meeting the following January. Occasionally during this five-year period, Rich Custer, an ordained minister, worked part-time for Westminster. Nine hundred dollars was included in the budget as payment to the Church Treasurer in 1973. Until this time, the financial duties were performed by a qualified volunteer person. Helen McGauhey came on staff as Church School Coordinator in 1976 and received a nominal salary.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

During this time, the contemporary form of worship was being used much more. An issue of Boulder Knoll Scroll described the services--9:00 a. m. with balloons and guitars; 11:00 with Presbyterian restraint and the choir. Some would say "Contemporary" at 9:00 and "Traditional" at 11:00. The early service tended to portray or to explore the Good News in a variety of ways, while the 11:00 emphasized traditional patterns and hymns, choir, organ music and preaching. Worshippers were encouraged "not to compare so much as to experience."

REMODELING

Several changes occurred in the building structures. The overflow room of the sanctuary was tiered to provide greater visibility for those sitting in that area. The narthex was enlarged at a cost of \$500.00. New carpeting was installed in the narthex, the steps and the hall, courtesy of Tom Kay.

ORGAN AND BUILDING TASK GROUP

An Organ and Building Task Force was organized to consider the purchase of a new organ and any remodeling necessary to accommodate the organ. Possible ways to increase seating capacity in the sanctuary were discussed. Many churches were visited, to hear and see the different types of organs. The bank on Liberty road was cleared and ivy was planted to control erosion. New iron gates were placed at Winola entrance to reduce unwanted traffic.

20-YEAR CELEBRATION

Westminster celebrated its 20th-year celebration on Jan 30, 1977 with the Revs. J. Dwight Russell, David Weed and C. Todd Martin participating. Newly-elected Deacons and Elders were ordained and installed. The Rev. Kazuyoshi Suzuki from Kasukabe, Japan was an honored guest, and a letter of congratulations was received from the Shalom congregation in Jakarta, Indonesia. A reception followed the celebration.

ADULT FORUMS

Throughout most of Westminster's history, Adult Study Hours, later known as Forums, have been an important part of Christian Education. Some of the topics listed for this period of time were:

Five-week series on:

"Facing the Crisis of Death"

"What Presbyterian Believe"

"The Penal System and Rehabilitation"

Four-week series:

"The Church at Work in Indonesia,"

"In San Francisco"

"In Salem" and "Out of Westminster"

Four-week series:

"The Bible Story--Our Story?"

Six-week series,

"An Encounter with other Faiths"

DEACON'S FUNDS

In 1974, the Deacons began to receive money as a budgeted item rather than from loose offering on Communion Sundays.

One of the Deacons wrote in an Annual Report, "Not being accustomed to prosperity, we were slow to reach out to projects that involved long-term commitments."

STAINED GLASS

"Stained Glass Guild" taught by Walt and Louise Pollock, was one of the groups participating in the Advent Festival for November, 1975. The lovely stained glass panels in the upper windows of the sanctuary were made by the Guild. Some of these windows may be incorporated in the new building. The windows are all symbols of our Christian Faith, and a special thanks goes to the following people:

Alpha and Omega	Ann Toland
Epiphany Star	Kent Toland
Burning Bush	Hollis Hilfiker
Chi Rho	Marje Sederstrom
Red Rose	Jeff Kovach
Lighted Candle	Mary Lou Iremonger
Sacrament of Communion	Amer Higley
The Fish	Ginny Kovach
All Seeing Eye	Miriam Higley
Descending Dove	Rosemary Bell

VALOR AWARD TO BETTY MANOCK

Eugene and Betty Manock were long time members of First Presbyterian and then at Westminster. Betty was a writer of Church School Curriculum which was used by the national church. In the June 1973 Boulder Knoll Scroll we find this tribute to Betty:

"U. S. Coast Guard has announced that a special award for valor will be made, posthumously, to Westminster member, Betty Manock, during the Rose Parade in Portland. The award ceremony will take place aboard a Coast Guard vessel, June 8, 2:30 p. m." Betty lost her life in the ocean near Coos Bay in the rescue of two of her Girl Scouts who were in trouble in the rough surf.

1978-1982

1978-1982 were the transition years, searching and researching the direction for the future of Westminster. As the study and questioning continued, the work of the church also continued, serving the needs of one another, serving the community and people from other countries in the world.

Competent pastoral leadership was provided by C. Todd Martin, interim pastor Albert C. (Jack) Chan and by Barry Heath during this five year period.

NEW BY-LAWS

The preamble of the by-laws adopted at the Sept. 1982 congregational meeting begins as follows----

"Looking to our Heavenly Father for his blessing and asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we, the members of Westminster United Presbyterian Church, in order to:

Further the general welfare of the community and deepen the spiritual life of those who fellowship with us by providing for dignified public worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and be encouraging private devotional life and Administer His Kingdom's work in an orderly fashion do hereby ordain and establish these by-laws.

Seeking to serve in Christ's name those of our community in need of the ministry of Christ's Church, we determine to make our denomination affiliation a means to that end and the channel whereby we fulfill Christ's commission to carry His Kingdom to the whole world. We accept as our motto: "A Christ-Centered Community Church."

MISSION

Mission reports from 1978 to 1982 include statements indicating our seeking to serve in Christ's name those of our community in need. A budget itemization from Deacons' Report, 1980 included:

Local Emergency Needs

Salem Referral Center.....	\$140.00
Cry of Love.....	180.00
Adult and Family Services.....	410.00
Phone Service for elderly.....	7.00
Women's Crisis Service.....	50.00

Church's Local Mission

Helping Hands.....	408.00
Community Food Bank.....	348.00
Mid-Valley Adolescent Center.....	67.00

1978-1982

The budget provides the accounting system, the minutes of meetings the record of involvement. Statements include the following, "Sherry Kuhns gave the report regarding 'Helping Hands' which assists in providing clothing and household items for people in the area.

Bill Ghormley told us about the 'Food Barrel' in the narthex where donations for the 'Food Bank' may be placed. Ruth Wrend told of 6 women from Westminster who serve as drivers for 'Meals on Wheels'--a program that takes hot meals to shut-ins. Charlotte Hartwig representing Volunteer Services Program, presented a certificate to Westminster in appreciation of our financial assistance. Jackie James reported that an aquarium was delivered to the Adolescent Treatment Center and that the deacons will soon paint the staff room at the Center."

"Further the general welfare of the community and deepen the spiritual life of those who fellowship with us." The leadership provided during these five years appropriately required us to share Westminster's ministry in the church and in the community. Todd Martin completed his 14-year ministry in June 1980, when he accepted a new challenge as pastor of Cascades Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, Washington. The celebration, held for him at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church, was characteristic of his ministry, with participants representing the Salem community and Westminster. The Rev. Albert C. (Jack) Chan of Albany, who had worked closely with Todd in Synod Leadership School, provided a smooth interim year transition.

BARRY HEATH, PASTOR

The Pastor Nominating Committee selected at a Congregational Meeting Jan. 18, 1981, included Andy Harris, Chair; Rosemary Bell, Carrie Yates, Michelle Johnston, Bob Hawkins, Steve Chambers, Roy Proctor, Jackie James, Tom Pemberton, Warren Thompson, and Nancy Martin. The committee completed its successful search, with the Rev. Barry Heath, from LaGrande, Oregon, accepting the call on Dec.12,1981. He came to Salem in early January, with his wife Connie and daughters Bryn (4) and Ashley (1).

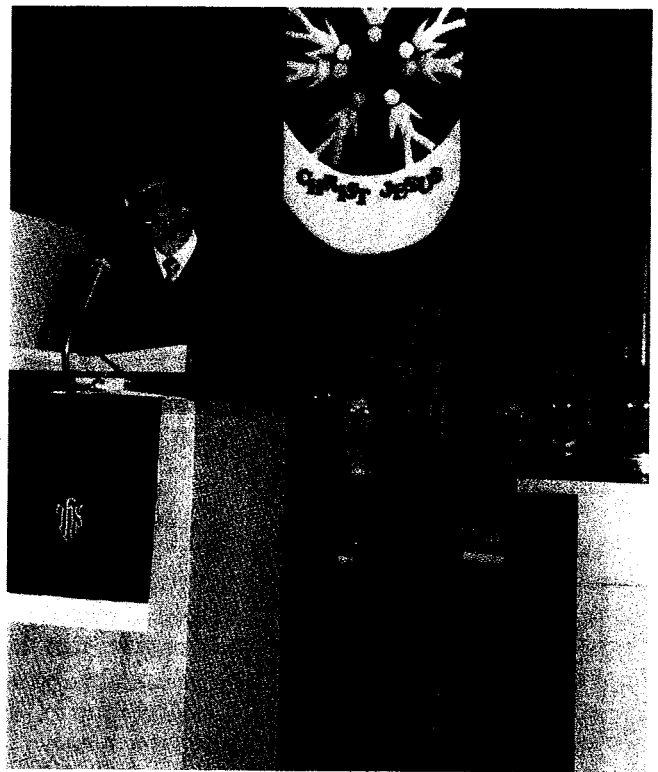
FAMILY CLUSTER GROUPS

Patty Garrett, Chair of Christian Education reported to Session in January 1980 the Adult Forum, Intergenerational Committee, Family Cluster programs and group meetings of "Mothers of Young Children," all reflective of the belief that Christian Education is truly a lifetime process. The Family Cluster groups were started, with an intergenerational group of people who met informally and were led, generally by Arlene

Pate, in learning activities that gave a better understanding of one another.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Helen McGauhey, as a part-time staff person, served as the Christian Education Coordinator and carefully planned and implemented programs for Christian Education.



PASTOR BARRY HEATH

CLERK OF SESSION

Denton Walker resigned as Clerk of Session in April 1978, after having served since January 1962. In recognition of his dedication he was presented a framed statement of his service, designed and illuminated by Rosemary Bell and signed by most of the elders and pastors who had served during the time he was Clerk.

CARE GROUPS

Care Groups were established in March 1982 at a Deacons' Meeting, as reported by Glen Green. Members, new and old, were assigned into groups with a deacon responsible for convening and organization. The Care Group concept helps all to become more aware and responsive to needs within the congregation, as well as sharing joys and concerns.

MEMBERSHIP

The transition years began with 514 members at the beginning of 1978 and ended with 414 members in 1982. During these years, the congregation was involved in researching possibilities to better meet the needs of the church and the community. Elder Andy Harris reviewed the process for the special congregational meeting of Oct. 21, 1979. Two specific questions were the purchasing of a new organ and building of a sanctuary.

NEW SANCTUARY & ORGAN

October 22, 1978: At the congregational meeting, it was moved, seconded and carried that the "Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church resolve to build a new sanctuary, designed by Chrisman and Grimm P. C. and to purchase an eight rank pipe organ from Balcom and Vaugh, Inc. of Seattle, contingent upon raising at least \$180,000."

February 11, 1979: At the Congregational meeting, it was moved, seconded and carried that we reaffirm the previous action taken at October 22, 1978 meeting. Moved, seconded and carried that "We commit ourselves to the purchase of a new organ, contingent upon the raising of a total of \$8,600 for the down payment."

April 6, 1979: Ordered the organ with delivery between October 1980 and February 1981

FUND DRIVE AND BUILDING PLANS

April 22, 1979: Kick-off Snack-Luck was held at Sprague High School. Roy Proctor directed the drive for funds which resulted in three -year pledges totaling \$191,000.

June 2, 1979: Moved, seconded and carried that Architect Keith Chrisman be directed to proceed with preparation of

working drawings to be available for bids. The finance committee was instructed to investigate financial arrangements for building of the sanctuary. Moved, seconded and carried that \$20,000 be designated as the pledge to "Major Mission Fund."

August 8, 1979: The Moderator read from a letter written by Cascade Presbytery, stating that "Westminster Presbyterian Church be authorized to borrow up to \$175,000 for construction of a sanctuary, such loan to come from commercial sources at current rate of interest, repayable over ten year period through congregational pledges and contributions".

NEW ORGAN

October 1, 1979: Working drawings were completed. Meetings continued until a decision was reached with the first question, that of purchasing a new organ. The organ was installed in the fall of 1980 following a slight modification of the sanctuary.

SANCTUARY BUILDING DEFERRED

A special meeting of the congregation March 15, 1981 was called to re-evaluate the "Sanctuary Building Program." Hollis Hilfiker, Chair of the Building Committee, presented financial information and results of a survey of the Westminster congregation which included life styles, housing patterns, family and pledging unit composition and membership. He presented the following recommendation of the Sanctuary Building Committee:

1. Complete payment of 3-year pledge of \$191,000 by June 1981
2. Invest money at highest return available
3. Create need for sanctuary through increased membership and the holding of two services each Sunday.
4. Reconsider construction in two years.

The recommendation as presented was adopted by the congregation.

MISSION

Mission activities included serving others in the community and extending to the world. The relationship with the Kasukabe church in Japan is described in another part of this history as are the stories of refugee families that Westminster sponsored or otherwise helped. A number of individuals from other countries were assisted in various ways. In 1978, Karif Koroma, a student from Sierra Leone, received regular financial

assistance to complete college studies as did another student Joseph Teclé. An Ethiopian nursing student, Shatae was given assistance in 1981. Other missions included those of two of our members, Eric Lindauer's volunteer mission to Appalachia and Adelle McMurry's to Hazard, Kentucky.

PEACE MAKING

Another area of concern was the "Peace and Conflict Resolution," with Cliff Eberhardt reporting a contact with Senator Mark Hatfield. The Senator was involved in the development of an "Academy" through "Congress for Peace and Conflict Resolution" in April 1981.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE

Rosemary Bell was selected by Presbytery in early 1980 to be a Commissioner to the General Assembly that year. Since selection is on a rotation basis, it may well be 30-40 years before Westminster is again represented.

BELL RINGING

In December of 1980, Westminster members responded quite positively to a request to serve as Salvation Army Bell Ringers during the Christmas season. Each succeeding year, more and more members have enjoyed this community service, and Westminster has received special recognition for their contribution.

KERYGMA

Kerygma, the Challenge to Grow"--This newly introduced program, in which 94 people have participated, is a 33-lesson in-depth study of the people of God, comprehensive, challenging and effective. It might also describe the transition years at Westminster which were the result of study, meeting, researching, prayer and a strong leadership with a positive focus on the future.

1983-1986

GROWTH

"Growth and Expansion" describe this period at Westminster. Between Jan. 1, 1983 and mid-1986:

Membership increased from 417-484 (Dec. 31, 1985).

Amount pledged grew from \$116,131 to \$179,960.

Enrollment in Vacation Bible School went from 33 to 118.

Westminster's Mission giving per person ranked #10 in Presbytery.

A building fund drive was carried out, Plans for the building plans were developed with completion scheduled for November 1986. \$304,714 was pledged in a Capital Fund Drive in April 1985. An Associate Pastor was added to the staff in 1986. A 32-hour per week Custodian-Groundskeeper is expected to come on the job in January 1987. A five-year Projected Budget was prepared by the Financial Advisory Committee, with input from all Session Committees.

NEW PROGRAMS

Many new programs were initiated during this time. These included:

Gatekeeper program to involve and retain new members

Tape Ministry (sermons taped and available to shut-ins)

YACS (a program for young adults and couples)

Carillion Bell Choir (youth)

Knoll Men's Breakfast Club

Care Groups

Clown Ministry

Stephen Ministry

Neighborhood mail-outs inviting the community to participate

Single Women's Group

New permanent signs, displaying the Celtic Cross, were placed at the Ewald and Winola entrances and at the crest of the hill on Liberty.

NEW COMMITTEES APPOINTED

In January 1983, a Building Review Committee was formed by the Session. The members were Bob Ohmart, Bob Howells, Bob McGauhey, Jack Johnston, Mary Johnson, Bill Ghormley, Del Wolf, Barbara Nelson, Hollis Hilfiker, and Janet Budke.

Later in 1983, the Building Review Committee presented to the congregation, its recommendations, which contained the establishment of a Long Range Planning Committee to prepare a building program which included the assessment of program, worship and mission needs and amount of space needed to facilitate these areas of our ministry. This recommendation was approved and the following elected to be members of the L. R. P. C.: Ted Dethlefs, Cliff Eberhardt, Jackie Hilfiker, Nancy Martin, Bill Marshall, Helen McGauhey, Marian Minty, Becky Pemberton, Lorene Tindall and Bob Ohmart, with Rosemary Bell as alternate.

At a special meeting of the congregation, Nov. 1, 1983, Cliff Eberhardt, Chair of the L.R.P.C., presented the committee's report. The four areas covered were Christian Education, Worship, Congregational Care, and Fellowship and Outreach. Each area included "Mission Statement, Needs Statement, Program Implications, and Facility and Non-facility Recommendations." The congregation voted to accept the recommendations of the committee, which included the election of a Building Committee at the January 1984 congregational meeting. The charge of this committee was to:

1. Develop a facilities design and plan no later than January 1985 and report same to the congregation.
2. Develop a financial plan for construction no later than January 1985 and report same to the congregation.
3. Oversee the construction phase.

A Building Committee composed of Marion Embick, Bob Ohmart, Dick Posekany, Joan Green, Bill Nelson, Maxine

George and Jack Johnston was elected at the January 1984 congregational meeting. Others who later served on the committee were Walt Friday, Larry Rowat, John Glasscock and Bill Foster.

FUND DRIVE

In April 1985, a Capital Fund Drive under the leadership of Jackie James resulted in \$304,714 being pledged. By February 1986 the working drawings were completed by the architect, Keith Chrisman. Dalke Construction of Salem was awarded the contract for the building, at a cost of \$509,400. A 10-year loan of \$260,000 was secured from Commercial Bank, with a 15 year amortization at 10.875 per cent fixed interest.

GROUND BREAKING

Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary, also to be used as a multipurpose room, took place on May 4, 1986. A service was held on the site and members came with shovels in hand to share in the joy of a dream come true. A tape was made and placed in an appropriate place in the building for future generations to hear.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

During this five-year period, a memorial plaque was placed in the narthex with the names of those for whom memorial



GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW SANCTUARY

1983-1986

funds had been given to the church since its beginning. New blue choir robes, a gift of Curtis and Louise MacDonald, were dedicated at a Sunday Worship Service.

MORE PARKING

More parking space was acquired when Andrew and Sue Harris gave us property at 3575 Winola Ave. S. The original sanctuary of Westminster will be known as "Russell Hall" to commemorate the life of Rev. J. Dwight Russell, who died August 5, 1985, for the dedication, contributions and love he gave to us.

STEVE KELLEY, INTERN

Steve Kelley, an intern student at San Francisco Seminary served from September 1984-August 1985. His primary work was in the areas of youth, young adults, evangelism and pastoral calling.

STEPHENS MINISTRY

Wendy Crane and Steve Proctor attended a two-week training session for the "Stephen Ministry" in San Jose, Ca. in summer of 1984. The following spring they trained six of our members to be Stephen Ministers. The participants were Blessing Proctor, Sue Barbera, Pauline Mather, Lucile Newton, Gloria Crenshaw and Adelle McMurry.



**STEVE KELLEY AND STEVEN
BEARDSLEY-SCHOONMAKER**



JACK McNARY AT V.C.S.

JACK McNARY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

At the annual Congregational meeting Jan. 21, 1985 an Associate Pastor Seeking Committee was selected. It included Hollis Hilfiker, Chair; Hal Brunstad, Len Van Kleek, Linda Miller, Cliff Norris, Dee Wolf and Ted Dethlefs. On Jan. 26, 1986, the committee presented the nomination of the Rev. Jack McNary to the congregation. He had previously served as interim pastor to a 700-member congregation, with major responsibilities in Christian Education, Evangelism and Membership and with the Board of Deacons. He accepted the call and was installed on March 16, 1986.

CLOWNS

Early in 1985, a Clown Workshop was conducted by Bud and Lenore Frimoth of "Open Door Ministry" in Portland. Much interest was generated and our own clown ministry began. This small, wonderful, laughable group which has included Steve Proctor, Joan Green, Ron and Trish Hanna, Terry and Erik Fennell, Lu Dethlefs, Dorothy Calvert and Arlene Pate, continues today, with excellent support and response from the congregation.

PASTORAL EXCHANGE

An exchange program with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in South Salem was planned and carried out in late 1985. Arrangements were made for joint discussion groups and a pulpit exchange between our pastor, Barry Heath, and Rev. Michael Foss from Our Saviour's Church. A combined worship service was held at Leslie Middle School. The shared offering was given to the "Aid for Africa" program.

HELEN MCGAUHEY RETIRES

On Sun., April 27, at Salem Heights Community Hall, an appreciative group gathered for a retirement party for Helen McGauhey, who had served more than 10 years as Church School Coordinator.

DEACONS

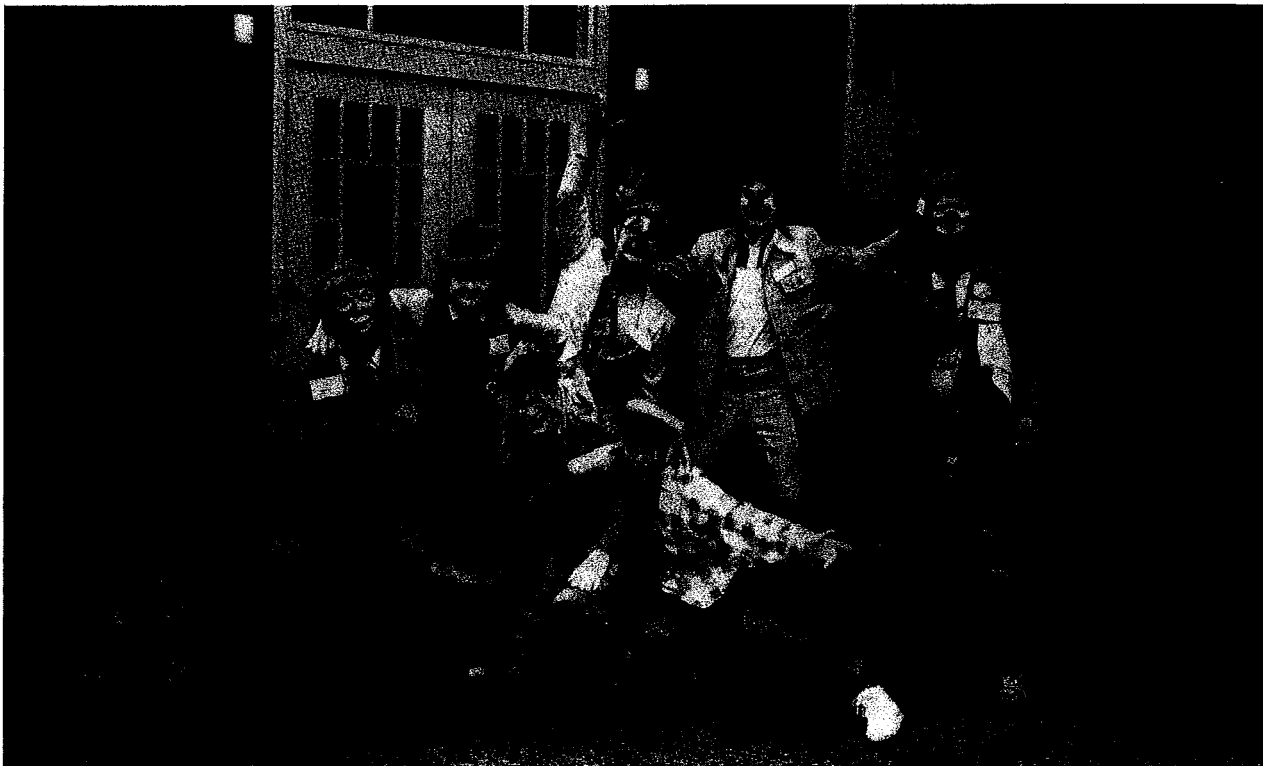
No part of a church history would be complete without the mention of the work of the Deacons. A listing of the disbursements for 1985 indicates the scope of the programs they help sponsor:

Northwest Human Services	\$2400.00
Community Food Bank.....	930.00
Mid-Willamette Valley Hospice.....	700.00
Salvation Army - Project Help.....	900.00
West Salem Clinic.....	900.00
Baffour Osei Tutu.....	500.00
Loans to needy people.....	609.00
Salvation Army.....	300.00
Direct aid to needy persons.....	373.98
Misc. Deacons' expenses.....	246.79
Typewriter for Cambodian refugee.....	200.00
Women's Crisis Center (blankets).....	84.00
Stephen Ministries.....	68.00
Total.....	\$8,211.77

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Not only do the Deacons support community programs, but they also give time and effort in other areas, such as:

- Birthday cards to nursing homes
- Hospital visits
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing



CLOWN MINISTRY

1983-1986

Food Barrel
 Christmas gifts for Senior Citizens
 Helping Hands
 Preparation of Communion elements
 Meals on Wheels
 Delivering flowers to shut-ins
 Blood Mobile

SYMBOLIC SCULPTURES

As 1986 draws to a close, our new building is nearing completion. The sculptures symbolizing Trinity, designed and executed by Roy Setziol, of Sheridan, a retired Presbyterian Chaplain, are ready to be placed high on the walls and will form a focal point for the sanctuary-multipurpose room.

DEDICATION OF NEW SANCTUARY

"CALLED TO THE GOSPEL TASK" is the theme of the building dedication with a week of special events planned February 1-8. The planning committee for the events includes Jackie Hilfiker, Chair; Nancy Martin, Bill and Lucy Foster, Dee Wolf, Marian Minty, Dorothy Eberhardt and Helen McGauhey. At the 9:30 coffee hour, Feb. 1, new members will be recognized and Russell Hall will be dedicated. Both services will begin with worshippers carrying the worship

furnishings into the sanctuary. Communion will be observed. On Friday evening, a congregational dinner in the new multi-purpose sanctuary will celebrate the 30 years of Westminster.

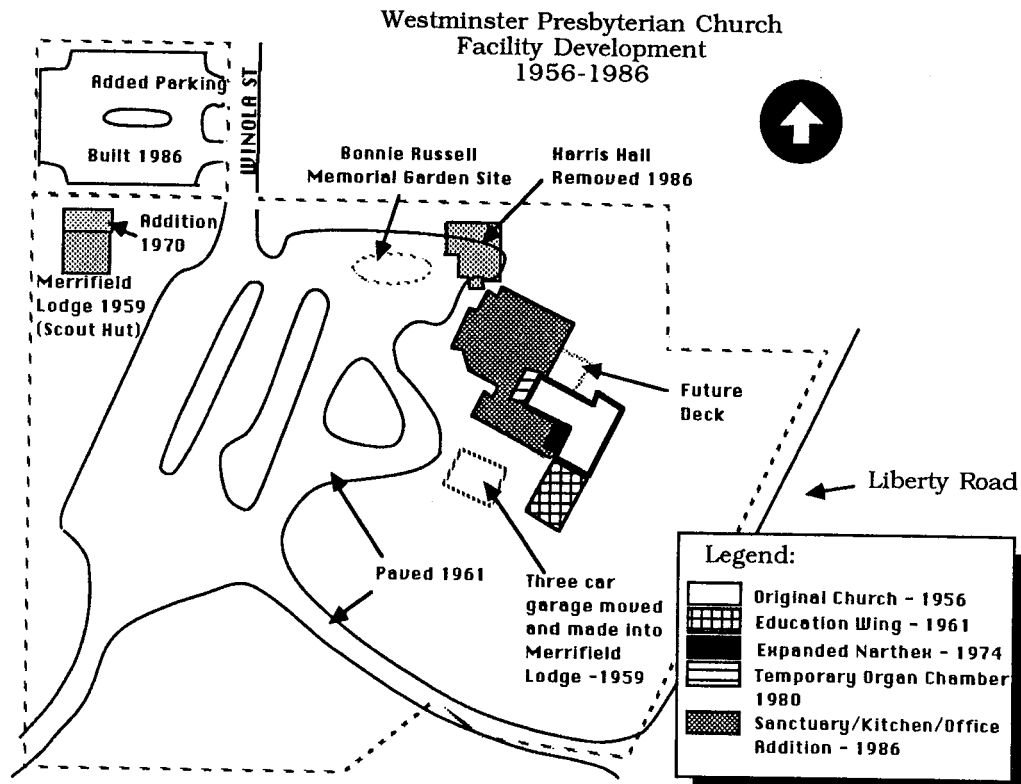
Climaxing the week's celebrations will be the dedication service itself, at 10:30 a. m. Sun. Feb. 8, with no church school, as the entire congregation gathers for this significant event.

A NEW GENERATION

Our Church was established in 1957. In these years, 1,683 people have been members of Westminster, 522 children and 154 adults were baptized, and 548 marriages performed. Of the original 215 charter members, 33 are still members of Westminster.

1957 was a generation ago. Young couples today are assuming the leadership their parents once provided at Westminster. May the generations to come share the same joys and Christian fellowship that we have had in trying to fulfill our goal of a "Christ Centered Community Church" !

Yes, it is the end of 30 years, but it is also the beginning of the thirty-first.



THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Westminster has been fortunate to have had " the Johnsons" as Choir Director and Organist during these past thirty years. They and others have contributed to the history of the music program.

J. Dwight Russell, the organizing pastor of Westminster, contacted Mary and Wally Johnson, upon the suggestion of Mary's aunt, a member of Dwight's church in Weiser, Idaho. At the groundbreaking ceremony for the building, Mary played the piano from the back of a truck for the hymns that were sung. That was the beginning of "Music for Westminster."

When the sanctuary was finished, the first choir was formed with 12-15 participants. No attempt has been made to include the names of all those who have participated in the choir. John and Bev Hunt, who have been in the choir at least 20 years, have enlightened rehearsals many times with their sense of humor. Ray Yandell, with his dry wit, once brought a couple of coconut halves to produce the sound of horses, an effect that was needed for a particular Palm Sunday anthem. Hollis and Jackie Hilfiker have been choir members for a long time. Jackie has sung many solos and also solos within an anthem.

Lu Dethlefs, Lorene Tindall and Lucile Newton, sopranos, Neysa Hickok and Jean Marshall, altos, have been in the choir for a long time. Jean has soloed with the choir many times. Lori Karvandi, recently of the First Presbyterian Church in Portland, has given numerous contralto solos. New choir members in recent years include Kathy Curlee, Francis Allen, Dave and Wendy Crane, Rue Manhire, Russ Wittmer, Lucy and Bill Foster, John Wood, Lysa Hall and Kay Souter.

In the mid-sixties, the choir engaged in a Jazz Service which was written by Wally. It consisted of a band of six (plus good ol' Mary at the organ) playing swinging versions of the hymns and sporting through the offertory. Judging by the applause, it was appreciated and everyone left in a happy mood.

Three talented members, Beverly Schwarz, Harriett Bush and Al Erickson have been lost through death.

It has been a pleasure to have tenors Wal Johnson, Australian pastor, and Steve Kelley, seminary intern, in our choir. Interim Pastor Jack Chan often opened the service with his call to worship chants.

During the years Wally and Mary and the congregation have enjoyed having the four Johnson children participate in special programs with Marilyn and Paula on the violin, Rhonda on the cello and Ken on the French horn and bass.

Bev and John Hunt wrote, "We have been very fortunate in having the music of our church in the hands of Wally and Mary Johnson. The quality of music that they have brought to our services is outstanding. Because of their involvement in the community, they have also been able to draw from a wealth of talent for special musical presentations. Wally has written many numbers that the choir has performed and it is a real treat for us to sing under his direction."

Wally relates an incident at a choir rehearsal in 1958. "Wally said to the choir ' O. K., we have to sing this response before Dwight begins his rigamarole.' From the back of the



MARY AND WALLY JOHNSON

church came a robust laugh from Dwight, who had just happened to come in to observe the choir rehearsal."

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

For several years, the Handbell Choirs have added much to our worship services and a special thanks goes to Wendy Crane, Director. The original set of two octaves was purchased in 1975 by Ruth Custer, a resident of Capital Manor in West Salem and a former member of this church. After using the handbells for a limited time at the manor, Ruth gave them to Westminster in 1979. Wendy Crane began weekly rehearsals with a group in 1980. Two years later, the third octave was given to Westminster by Pauline Mather's mother, Mrs. Bernard Huenike, in memory of her late husband. In 1984 a youth handbell choir, now known as Carillon Bell Choir, began weekly practices.

FOLK-STYLE MUSIC

Information is limited concerning the early use of folk-style music accompanied by guitar and or string bass at Westminster. About 1970, Sister Katyrie from Queen of Peace Catholic Church visited our church several Sundays and introduced this style of music to us. By 1973, records indicate that it was being used regularly at worship services, particularly in the early service. The songbook used was entitled "Hymns for Young Christians."

Among those who have played the guitar through the years are: Rich Custer, Mike Proctor, Jo Chinburg, Jan Carlson, Judy Wann, Katie Proctor Nelson, Dwight Billman, David Crane, William Nelson Jr. and our pastor, Barry Heath. Often Wally and Mary Johnson and occasionally Ken Johnson participated with their string bass instruments.



DAVID CRANE AND BARRY HEATH - 1986



BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL -1986



ORGANIZATIONS



WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER AND CIRCLES

On June 12, 1956, according to the Oregon Statesman, the women of the church met to discuss methods of organizing the women into groups. Neighborhood meetings were held during the summer to further discuss the organization and to hem towels for the kitchen. The official organization of Women of Westminster and the six circles took place in January and February of 1957. The circles were Charity, Faith, Friendship, Grace, Hope and Patience. During that time, the women purchased 102 place settings of stainless steel for the kitchen. In March, after hearing a talk by Chaplain John Humphreys, the group decided to adopt a ward at the State Mental Hospital. Throughout the year the patients were the recipients of parties, cards, Christmas gifts and once-a-month parties.

The circles accepted the responsibility of furnishing and distributing altar flowers, supporting and maintaining the church nursery, catering of weddings and preparation of communion elements. Least Coin Collections were made monthly and given to World Wide projects. In the 60's they sponsored Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquets each year.

In recent years the WOW has been oriented to fellowship and educational programs. Funds from this group were used to buy equipment for the kitchen in the new building. At the present time there are three Circles--Hope, Charity, and Faith-Friendship.

CLIPPERS

Through the years there have been from five to eight Clipper groups providing fellowship to their members and service to many individuals and groups. Clippers originally were couple-oriented, but today they are for members, non-members, couples and singles. In 1986 there are six Clippers groups with Bounty and Oregon being two of the original ones.

One of the Clippers provided transportation for Chemawa Indian School students to church, took a group to the beach for a picnic and gave them Christmas gifts. For over 20 years residents at Fairview have enjoyed monthly parties in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Clipper groups. Bounty II started with the parties in 1965 and Fairview Clipper in 1972, with Bounty I often assisting. Clippers assumed responsibil-

responsibility for maintenance of the landscaped island in the church grounds and continue the project to the present. Cabinets have been built, rooms cleaned and painted and Bibles given to fourth-graders. The creche scene, built by the Bounty Clipper in 1962 has been enjoyed by the Westminster family. Each year the two Bounty Clippers set it up for the Christmas season.

KNIT AND SEW

This organization has been in existence for over 20 years. In the Deacons minutes of Sept. 17, 1968 we read "\$50.00 was given to the 'Knit and Sew' for supplies to make needed articles for a leper colony." In 1969, the 15 members shipped to the American Leprosy Mission the following articles: 6 packets of rolled bandages, 71 small knitted bandages, 25 knitted bandages eight feet in length, 114 pairs of knitted socks and 2 crib blankets. Through the years, this group has provided articles for many different organizations, including State Hospital, County Health Department and Fairview, as well as helping individuals and families.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

This group is reported to be the oldest continuous one at Westminster. The June 11, 1956 Oregon Statesman, reports: "The men of the new Westminster Church will meet for breakfast in Coral Room of the Marion Hotel at 7 a. m. Tuesday to hear Rev. J. Dwight Russell speak on 'Loyal Order of St. Andrew.'" For many years, the group met for Bible study and meditation. In recent years they have been meeting on Thursdays mornings, 7:00-7:45, for fellowship and informal discussion on current issues.

KNOLL MEN'S CLUB

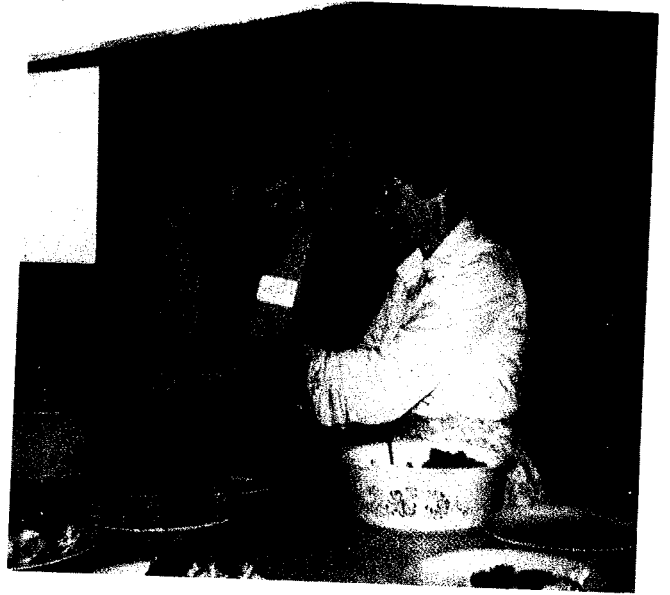
The purpose of the group is Christian education and fellowship. Douglas Berwick and James Repetto were instrumental in the organization of the group in September 1983. From September through May they meet every other second Monday evening at 6:30. In 1984-85, the individual members sometimes demonstrated their culinary skills by preparing the evening meals. Since its beginning, the group has doubled in size and currently has a membership of 55.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

This group was organized in 1979, through the efforts of Michelle Johnston, Becky Pemberton and Helen McGauhey, Church School Coordinator. The monthly meetings provide fellowship and support through varied activities, including guest speakers, picnics, demonstrations, eating out and workshops. Child care is always available. A similar group was in existence in the early sixties.

SENIOR LUNCH

At a Session Meeting in 1979, the Mission Committee, under the direction of Rosemary Bell, suggested that thought be given to ways of revitalizing the program and mission of the church. A lunch for senior citizens in the South Salem area was suggested. A committee composed of Patty Garrett, Dee Wolf, Becky Pemberton, Keeta Lauderdale, Charlotte Boal, Sarah Howells and Peg Secoy developed the program. Letters were sent to people in the neighborhood over 55 years of age. Of the 33 who came the first time, only 15 were members of Westminster. Members of the congregation donate food for each luncheon. The monthly luncheons, which include time for visiting, a program and celebration of birthdays, have continued to be successful, with attendance as high as 75.



SENIOR LUNCH PREPARATION - 1979



SENIOR LUNCH - 1983



KASUKABE

During 1985-86, a young Japanese girl, Nobuko Suzuki, has been a member of the Westminster Highlander Youth Group. She is part of the continuing exchange between the congregation of Kasukabe Christian Church of Japan and Westminster. The exchange between Salem and Kasukabe began before Nobuko was born, and the story should be told of this association with a Japanese Christian congregation of 125 members that in 1986 celebrated its 100th anniversary.

In the early 1950's, Miriam Higley, a former member of Westminster, was serving as secretary/treasurer of Church Women United of Salem. That group was sending money monthly through Mrs. Higley to assist three young Japanese men to attend a seminary in Tokyo. Miriam added correspondence of her own, along with Christmas gifts, and kept in touch for about eight years. Kazuyoshi Suzuki, one of those seminary students, became a pastor of the Kasukabe Christian Church and has worked to increase the bonds between the members of the two churches. In June of 1971, he made his first visit to our area to attend the Presbyterian Summer School held at Willamette University. He brought with him a few teachers from the kindergarten which the church sponsors.

While in Salem, the group stayed with Miriam and Amer Higley, as they were to do on two other occasions. In 1976, the Higleys moved to Baker. Since this was the year of the 90th anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Suzuki's Church, he persuaded Mr. and Mrs. Higley to come to Japan to help them celebrate. They were royally welcomed and stayed for six weeks.

Before long, the Rev. Mr. Suzuki took a year's sabbatical leave, and came to Oregon to work on a daily basis with several pastors and to study the various church and public kindergarten programs. He spent part of that time in Baker and the rest in Salem and Portland. Several Westminster families alternated as hosts for him during his stay in Salem. John Hunt was the Session Chairman of the Mission Committee at that time and became well acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Suzuki.

John and Bev's daughter, Sandra, journeyed to Kasukabe later, staying with the pastor's family and working in their church kindergarten for five months. Later, the eldest son of the Rev. Mr. Suzuki (Masakazu or "Mazzie") attended Sprague High School for two years while living with the Hunts. He participated fully in Westminster activities while here, and the

Kasukabe Church made a significant contribution of money to Westminster's first building fund drive in 1979.

At that time and later, the Rev. Mr. Suzuki attended many sessions of the Cascade Summer Schools, usually bringing with him several teachers from the Japanese Church Schools. They always visited with families of Westminster while in Oregon, keeping the congregational ties refreshed. When "Mazzie" graduated, Mrs. Suzuki, a brother and sister made the journey to Salem to see him reach his goal.

Visitations went the other way, too. These included the Rev. C. Todd Martin with his daughters Cheryl and Loree, and at another time John and Bev Hunt. In 1986 Becky Hilfiker spent six months at the Suzuki home a stay which concluded with a short visit by Becky's mother, Jackie, along with Jackie James, Mary Johnson and others.



REV. SUZUKI AND OTHERS FROM JAPAN VISIT WESTMINSTER FRIENDS -1984

On the reverse side, the youngest daughter of the Suzuki's, Nobuko has been living with the Hunts in Salem, attending Sprague High School and participating at Westminster. At the Worship Service on Sept. 14, 1986, Nobuko presented a check for \$3,000.00 to Pastor Barry Heath for the Building Fund. The students in the Kasukabe Church School, the parents, the teachers, the church staff and members of the church had collectively made this gift possible. Subsequently, the Building Committee has dedicated this gift to the building of a deck for our new building. The Kasukabe congregation is being asked to give the deck a name.

Contact with and mutual support from other Christian congregations is especially important to Japanese churches. At a time when the number of Christians in Japan is growing, the reality that 97% of the Japanese people are non-Christian makes fellowship with other followers of Christ a vital part of church life. Encouragement of others in the faith is a high calling.

And so it has gone, with the ties ever being renewed and strengthened.

SHALOM

During the mid-seventies, the Shalom Church in Jakarta, Indonesia and Westminster developed a relationship, primarily through the efforts of the Rev. Frank Cooley and his wife, Ruth, fraternal workers in Indonesia. The Cooleys lived in Salem and were members of Westminster for a time and created the contact necessary for such communications.

There were exchanges between the two congregations, which included books, maps, church newsletters, painting of an Indonesian village and subscription to A.D., our Presbyterian magazine.

Westminster had an Indonesian Celebration on May 19, 1974. The choir sang Indonesian songs and church school classes had appropriate activities. An Indonesian lunch was prepared for adults and interested children with hot dogs for the others. An Indonesian group from University of Oregon gave a program of folksongs and dances. In 1975 the Shalom congregation observed Westminster Day, in much the same way that our church had.

In 1977, Mr. Soharto, a member from the Shalom congregation visited in Salem. Some attempts have been made to renew the relationship between the two congregations but have not been successful.



INDONESIAN CELEBRATION - 1974



Boy Scout Troop 108

Troop 108 was chartered in late 1957 under the sponsorship of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Amer Higley was the first Scoutmaster and Russ Handley, the Institutional Representative. Bob Curtis, Bob Hawkins, Vance Tribett and Charles Knapp helped organize and lead the Troop in the early years. The twelve to fifteen boys in the group made bird houses and feeders to earn money for tents and other troop equipment. Paul Kuhns was Scoutmaster in 1961-62, followed by Dick Schaefer in 1963-64 and Walt Friday in 1965.

Each year since the beginning the boys have attended Scout Camp at Camp Pioneer near Mt. Jefferson. Scouts in 108 have participated in every National Jamboree since 1969 and a few have attended several World Jamborees. A number of Scouts and adults have also gone to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico as campers or as staff members. Since the early sixties the highlight of the year for the troop members has been a week-long "50-Miler" backpack trip to the mountains or a float trip on Oregon rivers.

Nearly every year at least one member has reached the rank of Eagle Scout with Ron Petsch being the first in 1965. Mike Marsh earned the first "God and Country Award" in 1966

The troop has always been very active in a wide variety of community Service activities. They have performed many clean-up projects at sites such as city parks, streets, trails and the church grounds. Assisting with projects at Mission Mill, Deepwood, City Library, and American Red Cross illustrates a different type of service. On numerous occasions they have guided traffic and helped with parking at various places, including Easter and Christmas Services at Westminster.

At a Congregational Meeting Jan.15 1984 Bruce Marsh was recognized for 25 years of leadership including 15 years as

Scoutmaster. Others who have worked with the troop include Bob McGauhey, Dan Barnes, Ted Dethlefs, Glen Green, Herb Carnahan, Ed Kupillas, John Howarth, Bob Toney, Bob Hollen, Morris Hunsaker, Sam Allison, Erl Svendsen, Jeff Kovach, Gene Fields, Jim Pate, Don Follas, Bob Tinnell, Del Wolf, Jack Doty, and for many years, Walt Friday. Tom Nathe served as Scoutmaster from early 1984 until mid 1985 when Mike Beagen, our current scoutmaste, assumed the leadership of the troop.

In 1970 Merrifield Lodge was expanded by 50% to better accommodate the 40 to 50 members in the troop. The Lodge remains the meeting place for the troop and has served well over the years with the church parking lot providing space for many outdoor activities.

Westminster's Troop 108 has afforded several hundred boys opportunities for scouting experiences, outdoor training and preparation for adult life.



ROSE MARIE AND BRUCE MARSH

The following Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout:

Ron Petsch	1965	Kris Carnahan	1975	Cliff Elling	1979	Tom Bailey	1982
Mike Marsh	1966	Steve Kuhns	1975	Jeff Allison	1979	Ken Friday	1983
Ron Dixon	1967	Brian Fields	1976	John Seymour	1980	Mike Boeder	1983
Doug Barnes	1969	Allen Hart	1976	Ken Doty	1980	Kent Meier	1984
Eric Larson	1971	Brett Hunsaker	1977	Andy Kovach	1980	Rob Tinnell	1985
Mike Proctor	1971	Rick Naimark	1978	Jeff Morris	1981	Chris Turpen	1986
Ken Allison	1973	Dan Quoidbach	1978	Richard Garland	1981	Scott Pugh	1986
Ron Hunsaker	1973	John McDonald	1979	Mike McDonald	1982		
Dick Palen	1975	Tim Doty	1979	Dave Wiley	1982		

REFUGEE FAMILIES

Since its beginning in 1956 Westminster has sponsored several refugee families. Responsibility has varied from almost total to assistance in times of crisis.

CATALANI FAMILY

Leo and Vilma Catalani, our first refugee family were Indonesian, and came to us by way of Holland. They and their two small sons arrived by train on May 29, 1961. Leo had been in the import-export business in Indonesia and the family was forced to leave in about 1958. Both spoke English quite well.

The Deacons took major responsibility for the family but called on many church members for help with various needs. A house was rented for them on Commercial Street. Members of the church furnished the house and stocked it with food for Catalani's arrival. The Women of Westminster gave \$100.00 to the family for their use. Seventy dollars was used to cover rent, heat, utilities and garbage collection the first month.

Before long, Leo had a job in the stock room at J. C. Penney's, where he has continued to work and has been in charge of the receiving dock for a long time. Recently Vilma retired from her job with food service in the Salem Public Schools.

Education is highly valued by the family and the children have done well. The Catalanis can be justly proud of their sons' accomplishments. Rick graduated from Willamette Law School with Class of 1986. After a year off he plans to pursue International Studies at the University of Arizona at Phoenix. Roy graduated from Law School at U. of O. in 1986 in the top 10 in the class. He passed the state bar exam in August and expects to work in the Oregon Supreme Court for three years. Ronald has been a practicing lawyer for three years. Bob is a supervisor for Air Research, a federal program in Phoenix.

GUS ENVELA FAMILY

In the late sixties, the First Presbyterian Church of Salem sponsored the Gus Envela family, which consisted of Gus, the father, Victoria, his wife and their five children from Equitorial Guinea. A Presbyterian minister, Mr. Envela had been serving as his country's delegate to the United Nations.

Apparently, political upheaval in his country prevented Mr. Envela and his family from returning home. The National Presbyterian Church, through the Oregon Synod, contacted the First Presbyterian Church, which in turn, sponsored the family. Mr. Envela was hired by the State Vocational Rehabilitation Division in Salem, where he continues to work.

Many individuals in Westminster and First Presbyterian churches helped the family to adjust to a different way of life, provided some needed essentials and gave them support. Grace and Charles Fullerton assisted the family in many ways, as well as serving as contact persons between the Envelas and the congregation. Sara Howells tells of taking the two-year-old son for walks while Mrs. James Triole helped Victoria, the mother, with her English.

The three older children have graduated from college. Gus, the youngest son, has distinguished himself as a runner in the local high schools and is currently enrolled in his first year at Stanford University.

RAMOS FAMILY

In 1968, the Migrant Committee at Westminster, under the direction of Terrence James, adopted the Ramos family which consisted of Eusavio, his wife Maria and their children, Nancy, Guadalupe, Rosita, Merta, Susanne and Eusavio, Jr. Since Mr. Ramos was not able to work, Maria and the children provided the income by working in the fields.

For more than four years, Westminster helped the family. Food was donated quite regularly. There were needs too, for bus fare to kindergarten, help with rent or utilities and clothing or medical assistance. Many people at Westminster were involved in this program, but Patty Garrett and Grace Fullerton probably contributed most to the families and are the ones who have maintained contact with the family through the years. The church also assisted Maria and Nancy in securing their permanent visas, since they were Mexican citizens, whereas the others were born in Texas.

The family participated in numerous activities at the church, but probably the most remembered is their role in the 1970 Advent Festival which is described in another part of the history.

Some time later, the Ramos family moved to Woodburn and became involved in a federally funded self-type of housing construction. By doing the work, they were able to have a home of their own.

At the present time Eusavio and his wife are living in California. Two of the girls are in the military service and others of the family are residing in California.

"HER" FAMILY

"Imagine you and your people, called 'Hmong' live in small villages in the hills of Laos. You and your extended "Her" family are forced to leave the village. You walk for miles at times, living on grass and bark or whatever you find. Eventually you are in a refugee camp in Thailand, but do not feel safe and are always hungry. Your family consists of Chong Kue (Grandpa), Seng (son 12), daughters Lu(15), and Chu(15), Son Yia, (26) wife Mai (24) and two small children, Thong(4) and Pha(1). Your language is spoken but has never been written."

"Thousands of miles away, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem, learns, through Church World Services that you want to come to the United States. Steve Chambers, Chair of Mission Committee, is getting the program underway. With the guidance of two members, George and Frances Lehleitner, committees are organized to provide all the things and services you will need. Harris Hall (the old manse) is cleaned and made ready for your occupancy. Furniture and clothing drives are held, food is donated, dishes are collected, washed and put in the cupboards."

"After a long trip on an airplane, you arrive at the airport in Portland in November, 1979. It is so cold and damp. You are wearing light clothing and thongs. Strangers meet you but there is some one with them who speaks your language"

For a week or so, the Hers lived with Cliff and Dorothy Eberhardt. Since they both were working, other church members stayed with them during the day and the Eberhardts were there at night. Many Westminster members spent time with the family helping with medical attention, shopping, teaching some basic English words, showing how to use electricity, the many different kinds of equipment and the telephone. There were shots to be given and medical testing to be done. Nurses Pauline Mather and Patty Garrett took care of the medical needs. Other members looked for job opportunities for Yia as soon as he was ready.

After a short time at the Eberhardts, the Hers moved into Harris Hall. They continued to need lots of assistance as they tried to become acquainted with an entirely different and strange way of life. After about a year at Harris Hall they moved into separate apartments as available. Salem housing codes would

not allow that many persons to live in one apartment, even though the "Hers" would have preferred being together in one place.

One of our members who worked with them says she particularly remembers how frightened, fearful and hungry they looked at first and yet how in a short time they looked so much healthier and a sense of humor began to show. They were very generous and kind. If you took something to their home, they always gave you a hand-made article to show their appreciation. Their painstaking, colorful embroidery and bead work is a speciality. For some years the Hmong people have had a small retail shop at the Mission Mill Store in Salem.

All of the Her family now live in California, but several members of Westminster keep in touch with them. The young children speak very good English and are doing well in school. Though they continue to learn and adapt, the adults and older children find it more difficult than the younger family members.

Westminster made it possible for the family to come to the United States and they benefited from our aid-but we, too, were changed and richly blessed by this experience and the courage and strength they exhibited each day.



HER FAMILY - 1980

HUONG FAMILY

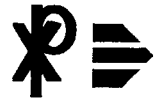
Late in the summer of 1983 an extended Cambodian family by the name of Huong came to Salem under the sponsorship of John Keo, a Cambodian working for the Oregon Employment Service. The original group consisted of twelve people from three related families. They were upper middle class people in Cambodia. One of the men had been the director of a nursing school. The husbands of the two mothers in the family were killed in the fighting in Cambodia. The rest of the family escaped into Thailand and then to Refugee camps in the Phillipines. Health problems prevented both of the women from seeking employment.

At the present time, the four children are in high school and doing well. Our church provided desks and study lamps for their use and purchased a typewriter for one of the girls to use

during a summer. Furniture and clothing has been provided and dentures for one of the women were paid for in Westminster. Barbara Nelson tells of providing transportation for the families, particularly for medical appointments. She says they are most gracious and hospitable and always want to share something when you visit. Pauline Mather recalls taking the family shopping for clothes, books and supplies at Fred Meyer at the beginning of their first school year. Learning to speak English has been a problem for some of the family. Bob Hawkins says finding summer jobs for the high school students has been difficult.

As the children graduate from high school, they may become the financial support for the family. Of the original group seven remain in Salem. One young couple has moved to Massachusetts near other relatives and has found employment. Others have moved to Medford, where relatives live. Several of Westminster members continue to maintain frequent contact with the family in Salem.

LEADERSHIP



CLERKS OF SESSION

J. Earl Cook	March 13 - Dec. 1958
Ed. C. Boals	Jan. 21, 1959 - Dec. 31, 1961
Denton O. Walker	Jan. 1962 - April 1978
Ermina Fisher	June 1978 -

ELDERS WHO HAVE SERVED WESTMINSTER

C. W. King, United Presbyterian Church, Portland, Provisional Session
 D. W. Lovett, United Presbyterian Church, Albany, Provisional Session
 L. A. White, United Presbyterian Church, Albany, Provisional Session

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| * Paul F. Bale 1957, 1965, 1977 | Mary H. Goodwin, 1966 | Richard Seideman, 1974 | Audrey Hale, 1979 |
| * Robert F. Huyett, 1957 | * Paul S. Kuhns, 1966, 1981 | James Triole, 1974 | Janice Hunt, 1979 |
| Chas Campbell, M. D., 1958 | J. Robert Williams, 1965 | Maria Talbert, 1972 | * Steve Chambers, 1981 |
| J. Earl Cook, 1958 | * Charles R. Fullerton, 1967 | Judy Wann, 1972 | * Richard Posekany, 1981 |
| * Harmon F. Harvey, M. D., 1959 | Thomas B. Kay, 1967 | * Jacqueline Hilfiker, 1975 | * Joan Green, 1981 |
| * Robert F. Howells, 1959, 1979 | * Roy Proctor, 1967, 1981 | * Lucile Newton, 1975 | * Lu Dethlefs, 1982 |
| * Benjamin F. Cave, 1960, 1978 | Elizabeth B. Nesvik, 1967 | Robert Sederstrom, 1975 | * Walt Friday, 1982 |
| Edward J. Konka, 1960, 1965 | Robert M. Shepherd, 1967 | * Erling Svendsen, 1975 | * Norma Erickson, 1982 |
| Leo V. Reed, 1960 | * Marion Embick, 1968 | * Lucy Embick, 1973 | * Jack Johnston, 1982 |
| * Thomas Wann, 1958, 1968, 1980 | * William G. McCormick, 1968 | Jane Ann Hassman, 1973 | * Sydney Thompson, 1983 |
| S. Bliss Leslie, 1959 | * Robert L. Tompkins, 1968, 1987 | Lloyd Griffith, 1976 | * Hollis Hilfiker, 1983 |
| Burch Judson, 1960 | Alfred T. Goodwin, 1969 | * Robert Hawkins, 1976 | * Dee Wolf, 1983 |
| * Russell Handley, 1960 | * Mary V. Johnson, 1969 | Marcheta Lauderdale, 1976 | * Barbara Nelson, 1983 |
| Edwin C. Boal, 1961 | * Marion R. Minty, 1969 | * William Nelson, 1976 | * Michael Marsh, 1982 |
| Frank Jacobson, M. D., 1961, 1974 | C. Ralph Voris, Jr., 1969 | Kris Carnahan, 1974 | Kris Thompson, 1981 |
| Maynard Shiffer, M. D., 1961 | Roger W. Blakeney, 1970 | * Susan Marsh, 1974 | * Barbara Marsh, 1981 |
| John L. Bradfield, 1962 | Donald K. Griffith, 1970 | * Cliff Eberhardt, 1977 | * Shirley R. Ohmart, 1984 |
| Wm. H. Bush, 1962 | E. F. Lusk, 1970 | * John Hunt, 1977 | * Wm. R. Ghormley, 1984 |
| L. Wayne Duggan, 1962 | * Rose Marie Marsh, 1970 | * Blessing Proctor, 1977 | * Rachel H. Carnahan, 1984 |
| * Robert McBee, 1963 | * Ermina Fisher, 1971 | * Dena James, 1975 | * Steve Mather, 1982 |
| * Fred R. Schwarz, 1963 | * Maxwell E. Garrett, 1971 | Linda Johannes 1975 | * Pauline Mather, 1985 |
| Vance Tribbett, 1963 | Don Hunsaker, 1971 | * Rosemary Bell, 1978, 1987 | * Dolores a. Winter, 1985 |
| Wayne E. Landers, 1964 | * Robert S. Moore, 1971 | Walter Pollock, 1978 | * Raemee R. Rowat, 1985 |
| * Mills Bruce Marsh, Jr, 1964 | Jeanette Fields, 1972 | * John Rude, 1978 | * James H. Adams, 1985 |
| Denton O. Walker, 1964 | Eugene R. Manock, 1972 | Sandra Hunt, 1976 | * Jackie James, 1986 |
| Orcutt W. Frost, 1965 | * Eric Lindaur, 1972 | Richard Buren, 1979 | * Dorothy Eberhardt, 1986 |
| Mabel C. Shiffer, 1965 | * Robert W. McGauhey, 1972, 1984 | * Andrew Harris, 1979 | * Harold Brunstad, 1986 |
| * Frances P., Colgan, 1964 | * Theodore Dethlefs, 1973 | * Jeffrey Kovach, 1979 | * Janet Budke, 1987 |
| Catherine H. Dench, 1964 | Glen Green, 1973 | * Lorene Tindall, 1979 | * Loree Martin, 1985 |
| * Sara S. Howells, 1963 | Miriam Higley, 1973 | * Carolyn Green, 1978 | * Carolyn Barker, 1984, 1987 |
| Ruth M. Baker, 1966 | Terrence C. James, 1973 | * Cathy Marshall, 1978 | * Nancy Martin, 1987 |
| Herbert E. Carnahan, 1966 | * Kathleen O. Marsh, 1971 | * Dwight Billman, 1980 | * Helen Schafer, 1987 |
| | Michael N. Proctor, 1971 | * Patricia Garrett, 1980 | * Don Smith, 1988 |
| | * Clifford Norris, 1974, 1988 | * Richard Mather, 1980 | * Curtis MacDonald, 1988 |
| | * Robert Ohmart, 1974 | Carl Petterson, 1980 | * Patricia Hale, 1988 |

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LEADERSHIP

DEACONS WHO HAVE SERVED WESTMINSTER

- John L. Bradfield, 1957
 Della Campbell, 1957
 Orcutt W. Frost, Jr., 1957
 May Morgan, 1957
 Walter J Crenshaw, 1958
 Betty Humphreys, 1958
 Elizabeth Nesvick, 1958
 Samuel W. Robb, 1958
 Harold Bacon, 1959
 * Francis Colgan, 1959
 Richard Denton, 1959
 Joseph D. VanEaton
 M. D., 1958
 Catherine Dench, 1960
 * Ermina Fisher, 1960
 * Robert Hawkins, 1960,
 1985
 Lee Olson, 1960
 * Laverne L. Bennett, 1960
 Harry Henderson, 1961
 Mary Ellen Landers, 1961
 Elmer Odgaard, 1961
 C. Katherine B. Zitzewitz,
 1961
 Donel J. Lane, 1961
 Denton O. Walker, 1961
 Ruth M. Baker, 1962
 * Mitsu. W. Fujii, 1962
 Hugh V. Harris, 1962
 * Louise B. Wann, 1962
 * Douglas W. Berwick, 1963
 * Gloria Crenshaw, 1963
 Miriam E. Higley, 1963
 Robert M. Shepherd, 1963
 * Lyleth M. Gregerson,
 1964
 Florence C. LaRue, 1964
 John F. Hanks, 1964
 Frank E. Larwood, 1964
 * Harvey D. Ronne, 1964
 Eleanor S. Griffiths, 1965
 * Ruby B. Hawkins, 1965
 Edward Jordan, 1965
- C. Ralph Voris, Jr., 1965
 R. Earl Gingerich, 1966
 * Lucile Newton, 1966
 Beverly S. Schwarz, 1966
 * Jack L. Stiles, 1966
 * Ronald W. Bell, 1967
 * Hollis E. Hilfiker, 1967
 * Bernice H. Piatt, 1967
 * Dorothy S. Yandell, 1967
 Mabel A. Colgan, 1968
 * Maxwell L. Garrett, 1968
 * Howard G. Walker, 1968
 Leona G. Worth, 1968
 * Theodore Dethlefs, 1969
 Kathleen S. Hoiland, 1969
 Terrence C. James, 1969
 Dorothy G. Jones, 1969
 Lenore C. Decatur, 1970
 Howard L. Eddy, 1970
 * Clayton W. George, 1970
 Audrey O. Leighton, 1970
 Peter J. Batten, M. D.,
 1971
 * Bernice Cave, 1971, 1986
 * Grace S. Fullerton, 1971
 Carl E. Smith, 1971
 * Laura Pederson, 1972
 Dorothy Kent, 1972
 * Harold Dixon, 1972
 Myer Avedovech, 1972
 Susan Roach, 1971
 William Dethlefs, 1971
 * Marie Burch, 1973, 1988
 * John Hunt, 1973
 * Arlene Pate, 1973
 Carol Talbert, 1973
 * Bob Tompkins, 1975
 * Norma Turner, 1975
 * Rae Carnahan, 1975
 * Margaretta McCormick,
 1975
 * Steve Proctor, 1973, 1984
 Debra Johannes, 1973
- * Lloyd Adair, 1974
 * Rosemary Bell, 1974
 * Patricia Garrett, 1974
 Vance Tribbett, 1974
 Lauri Nelson, 1972
 Janice Svendsen, 1972
 * Frank Barrows, 1976
 * Charlotte Boal, 1976
 * Doris Friday, 1976
 * Ginny Kovach, 1976
 Dinah Groom, 1974
 Rob Sederstrom, 1974
 Meleece Carlson, 1977
 * Joe Christian, 1977
 * Lu Dethlefs, 1977, 1985
 * Dolores Winter, 1977
 Sandra Hunt , 1975
 Debbie Wilson, 1975
 * Charles Fullerton, 1978
 * Ruth Holst, 1978
 * Kate Thompson, 1975
 Marje Sederstrom, 1978
 Jeff Lauderdale, 1976
 Gary Miller, 1979
 * Barbara Nelson, 1979
 * Sherry Kuhns, 1979
 * Wm. Ghormley, 1979
 Audrey Hale, 1977
 * Gregory Hilfiker, 1977
 Phyllis Jacobson, 1980
 * Wendy Crane, 1980
 Kris Carnahan, 1980
 Gene Mannock, 1980
 Paul Mather, 1978
 Ken Burch, 1978
 * Laurie Adams, 1981
 * Millie Rude, 1981
 * Jean Allen, 1981
 Jon Yunker, 1981
 Sally Lauderdale, 1979
 * Wes Heringer, 1982
 * Tom Pemberton, 1982
 * Beverly Hunt, 1982
- Gayle Ronne, 1982
 * Dorothy Eberhardt, 1981
 * Jackie James, 1980, 1983
 Carol Yates, 1980
 * Carrie, Yates, 1980
 * Cliff Norris, 1983
 * Sue Barbera, 1983
 * Shirley Tribbett, 1983
 * Susan Marshall, 1983
 * Helen P. Schafer, 1984
 Glen L. Green, 1984
 Roy Thompson, 1984
 * Shirley Reeves, 1984
 * Becky J. Hilfiker, 1982
 * Jeffrey F. Kovack, 1985
 * Laura E. Vogel, 1985
 Nancy Seyfert, 1985
 * Ellen S. Chambers,
 1983, 1987
 * Marlene F. Schalk, 1985
 * Thomas W. Wann, 1983
 * Calvin Rempfer, 1984
 * Kristyn Berg, 1983
 * Sandra Adams, 1986
 * Andy Harris, 1984
 * Ben Wrend, 1986
 * David Haney, 1986
 Robin Seyfert, 1985
 * Charlotte Marsh, 1986
 * David Crane, 1985
 * Debbie Rios, 1987
 * Russell Wittmer, 1987
 * Jerry Shepherd, 1987
 * William Marshall, 1987
 * Margaret Phillips, 1985
 * Robert Curtis, 1987
 * Thomas E. Lichy, 1985,
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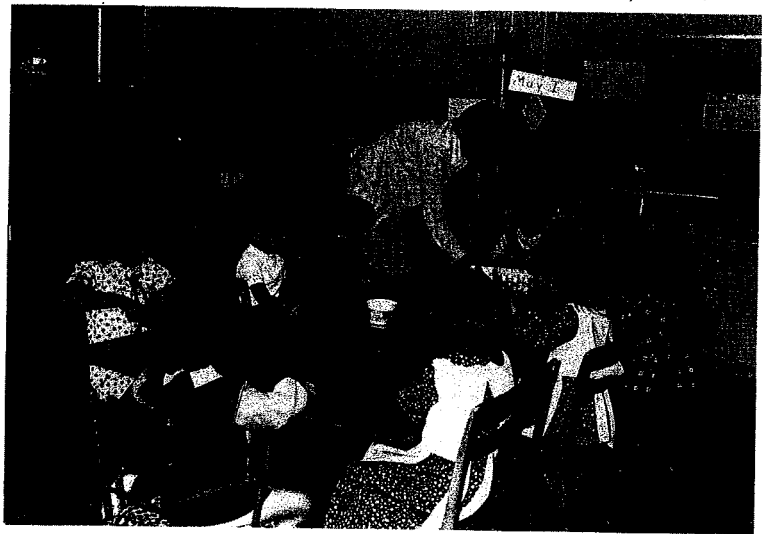
GLIMPSES OF WESTMINSTER



ISABEL ROSEBRAUGH IN THE NURSERY - 1962



HIGH SCHOOL GROUP - 1975



KINDERGARTEN CLASS 1975



MOTHER / DAUGHTER TEA 1962
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CINDY FIELDS, ANN FULLERTON,
HOLLY HILFIKER.



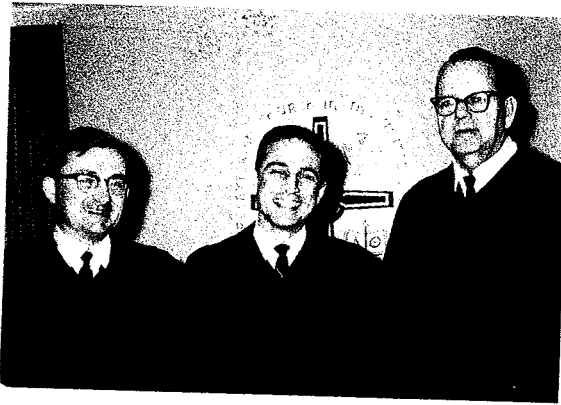
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CAPE LOOKOUT CHURCH CAMPOUT - 1983



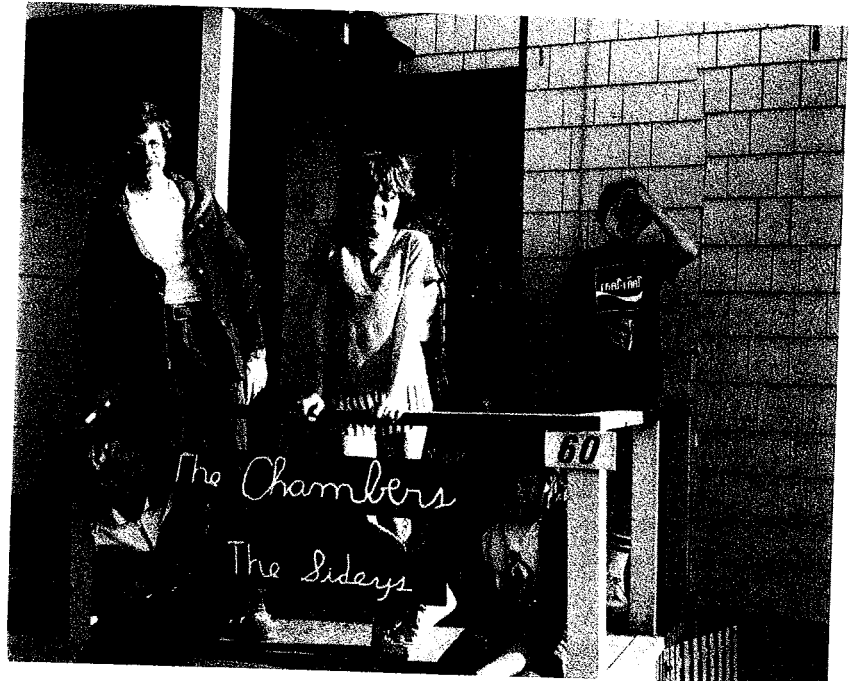
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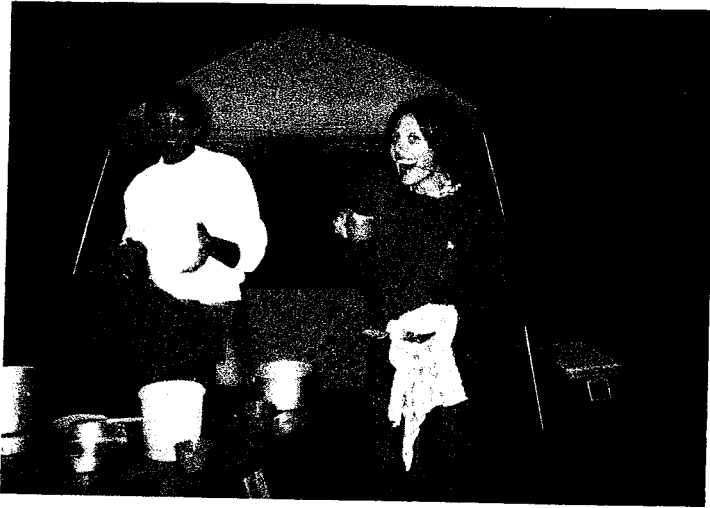
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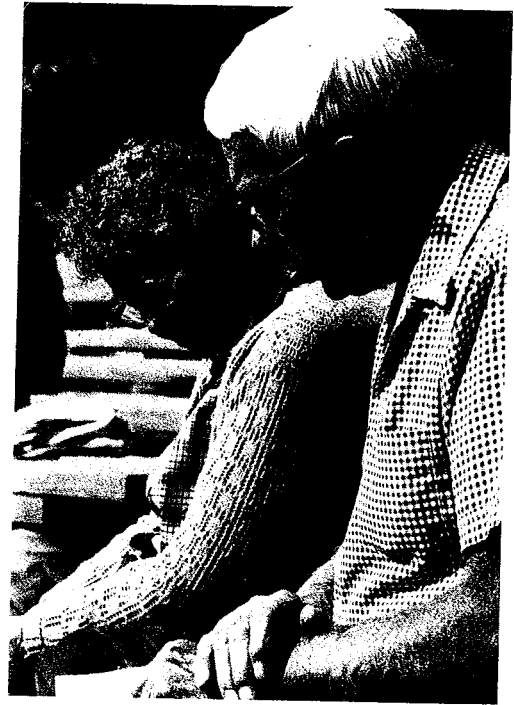
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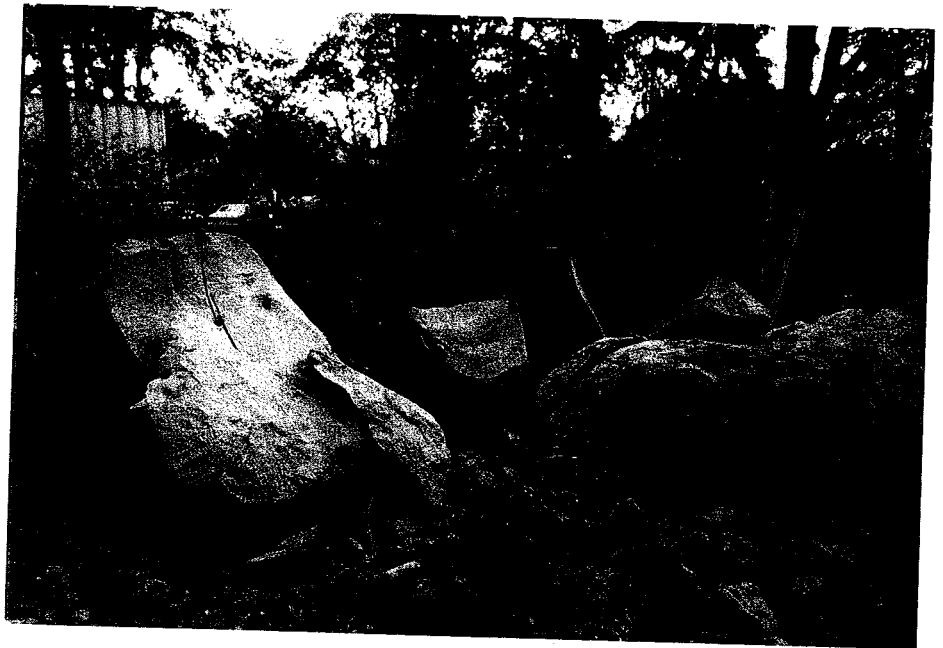
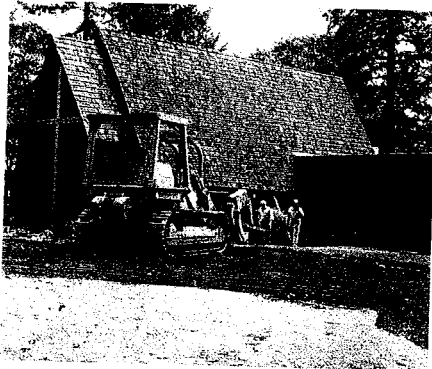
CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY



HARRIS HALL COMES DOWN



HARRIS HALL GOES INTO THE TRUCK



ROCK REMOVAL - A COSTLY ITEM



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KEITH CHRISMAN, ARCHITECT AND BARRY
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