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DR. ANDREW S. TURNIPSEED  
PASTOR — 1961.

## UNION CHAPEL AND FALLS STREET CHURCH

**T**HE FIRST BUILDING, a small plain frame structure built by General Parkhurst Whitney (1824) to be used primarily as a preaching center, was located on the site of the present Gorge Terminal Building and was used for public worship by Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others. It was first known as Union Chapel, later as Methodist Chapel. The Methodist Society met here for twenty-five years. It was there that the first Sunday School was organized in 1839 with 78 pupils and 11 teachers. The preachers in Union Chapel were:

REV. JOHN CANNON (Local)	.. . . .	1835
REV. E. C. SANBORN	.....	1839
REV. JOHN POWELL	.....	1839
REV. C. M. WOODWARD	.....	1846-47
REV. ZENAS HURD	.....	1849-50

In 1839 the society was incorporated under the name "First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara Falls Village"; the trustees were Thomas H. Leach, Henry W. Clark and the Rev. John Cannon.

On March 27, 1849, the trustees (Cannon, Garrett, Tibbets) were empowered to purchase a meeting house, erected in 1831, and a lot from the Presbyterian Society, situated at the southeast corner of Falls and First Streets, for the sum of \$2,000. This was a frame structure with a small belfry at its center. The frontage on First Street was 99 feet and on Falls Street 132 feet. Piece by piece this property was sold for a total of \$6,453. The last sale was made by trustees Amasa Butler, David Strail and James Shepard, August 24, 1865. A gift of three lots in the Town of Cambria, just east of Pekin, had been made to this Society by the Trustees of the First United Society of the Methodist Church of the Towns of Lewiston and Cambria. The sum of \$300 realized from this sale was applied on the Falls Street purchase.

In 1852, with a church membership of 69, the "preacher's claim" was \$400 raised by assessment and supplemented by the Home Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



1965—In February, Dr. John O. Mabuce was appointed by Bishop Ward to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Dean Richardson as District Superintendent, Buffalo District. Dr. Richardson was transferred to National Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Joan Smith resigned to accept another position near Rochester. Leland L. Stacy appointed Pastor's Assistant. The new Methodist curriculum for our Church School pupils was introduced.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Mr. Ralph Temple .....	1949-1950
Mr. Karl Sandmeyer .....	1951-1952
Mr. Walmsley, Mrs. Russell Wixson ..	1953
Mr. Eugene Morningstar .....	1954-1958
Mr. Allan Walker .....	1959.

#### W.S.C.S. PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Francis Adams .....	1949-1950
Miss Sueanna Hammerly .....	1951-1952
Mrs. Wilbur Craig .....	1953-1954
Mrs. George Connell .....	1955-1956
Mrs. Ira Thompson .....	1957-1960
Mrs. J. R. Robinson .....	1961-1962
Mrs. Thomas Hager, Jr. ....	1963-1965

#### LAY LEADERS

Mr. J. R. Hagen .....	1949-1952
Mr. E. Dent Lackey .....	1953
Mr. Larue Smith .....	1954
Mr. Leland Stacy .....	1955-1957
Mr. E. H. Coe .....	1958
Dr. R. L. Saunders .....	1959
Mr. J. R. Robinson .....	1960-1961
Mr. Arthur Falter .....	1962-1963
Mr. L. E. Bauer .....	1964
Mr. Paul H. Reid, Jr. ....	1965

## ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH — 1965

### TRUSTEE BOARD

**M**R. STAFFORD, MR. PIERSON, MR. KAMMERER AND MR. ANTHONY hold the longest record for membership on the Board of Trustees. They have been exceptionally faithful servants of the church. Mrs. Scott was the second woman to be elected to the Board. The first, Mrs. Maria D. Smith, was elected for one term in 1881. Mr. Hosler was President continuously from 1922 to 1952. Mr. Stone was treasurer until his resignation in 1932. Mr. Anthony held that office to 1964 and Mr. Connell now holds that office. Mr. Hagen was secretary from 1922 through 1930 and again from 1934 until his death in 1955. Mr. Roblin was secretary from 1931 through 1933, and Mr. Kammerer now holds that office. Mr. Connell was Financial Secretary of the church from 1925 until 1964 — this work now being carried on by Mr. Willis H. Long.

The trustees since 1895 have been:

A. W. Pierson .....	1895-1926
V. J. Stafford .....	1899-1933
G. R. Huse .....	1911-1929
H. J. Stone .....	1918-1932
W. E. Hosler .....	1919-1952
J. B. Kammerer .....	1922-
J. R. Hagen .....	1922-1955
J. C. Schwingle ..	1923-1926
G. M. Wicker .....	1923-1926
J. W. Roblin .....	1926-1934
M. H. Anthony .....	1926-
Mrs. Puella T. Scott ..	1926-1949
Dr. M. J. Brown .....	1929-1938
C. D. Shaw .....	1933-1936
G. K. Connell .....	1934-
Dr. Sterling Temple ..	1936-1954
Dr. E. A. Harding .....	1933-1944
L. E. Bauer .....	1938-1965
Dr. W. B. Jackman ..	1946-1964
Dr. M. B. Geiger .....	1950-1962



Ralph G. Temple .....	1951-1952 and 1955-1964
O. H. Bell, Sr. ....	1953.
Elbert H. Coe .....	1953-1958
Justice John S. Marsh .....	1959.
Dr. C. A. Stiegman ..	1961.
H. C. Horst .....	1963.
Dr. Richard Saunders .....	1963.

#### 1965 QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

Present officers of the Quarterly Conference are:

Dr. R. L. Saunders .....	District Steward
H. C. Horst .....	Recording Steward
Mrs. P. E. Taylor .....	Chairman
Maurice E. LeRoy .....	Church Treasurer
Willis H. Long .....	Benevolences
Paul H. Reid, Jr. ....	Financial Secretary
Leland L. Stacy .....	Lay Leader
	Lay Member, Annual Conference

#### OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board meets on the first Monday of each month excepting June, July and August. The pastor of the church is its presiding officer, Justice John S. Marsh is its vice-chairman and Paul Fowler is its recording secretary.

The General Conference of The Methodist Church has declared that no local church, however small, is adequately and effectively organized unless there is set up a minimum structure for participation in five of the major concerns of the Church Universal:

EVANGELISM

EDUCATION

MISSIONS

STEWARDSHIP

#### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Official Board is charged with the responsibility of giving continuous leadership and oversight to these designated commissions which have specific duties outlined in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Those presently serving as Chairman of the Commissions are: Mr. Leonard Bingman, Membership and Evangelism; Dr. T. T. Budrow, Missions; Mr. E. E. Henry, Education; Dr. C. A. Steigman, Stewardship and Finance; Mr. Kenneth Hoffman, Christian Social Concerns.

The Official Board is also the local church's administrative body which has the authority to create the necessary committee structure to properly and effectively carry out the purposes and programs of the local church.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

In 1923 the Church School enrollment was 502 plus cradle roll and home departments 130, total 632.

Figures as reported to the Annual Conference January 1, 1965 were 664 and 145 respectively, total 809.

Officers of the Church School are:

Mr. Allan P. Walker .....	Church School Superintendent
Miss Phyllis Jahn .....	Treasurer
Miss Ruby Brewer .....	Secretary
Mrs. Harold Beach .....	Sup't Nursery Department
Mrs. Russell Wixson .....	Sup't Children's Division
Mrs. W. M. Buehl .....	Nursery Home Visitor
Mrs. Arthur H. Falter .....	Sup't Youth Division
Mrs. Frederick Bastian .....	Sup't Adult Division

The loyalty of hundreds of lay people serving the church school, commissions, and various committees has made the continuous growth of St. Paul's possible and glorious.

#### CUI BONO CLASS

The Cui Bono Class organized in 1908, has as its project this year providing two pupil elementary grade scholarships in Bolivia, at La Paz, and Cochabamba; where Rev. Ed and Natalie Barber are at work.

The teachers are L. L. Stacy, Howard Fulton,



The 1965 officers are:

Mrs. Mildred Wainscott .....	President
Mrs. C. Vern Mestler .....	Vice-President
Mrs. L. L. Stacy .....	Vice-President
Mrs. M. Manker .....	Secretary
Mrs. Nina Brooks .....	Corresponding Secretary
Mr. W. A. Lockhart .....	Treasurer

#### YOUNG ADULT CLASS

This class of young men and women, 18 years and over, meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 at the parsonage for fellowship and study. Mrs. A. S. Turnipseed has been meeting with the group. This class holds forth promise of worthwhile projects for the future.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Three Methodist Youth Fellowships meet every Sunday evening. The Juniors — (Junior High School Students) meet in Asbury Hall at 6:30. The Seniors — (Senior High School Students) meet at 6:30 in the Church Parlor. Young Adults (18 to 35) meet with other young people of other denominations in the Wesley Room of St. Paul's at 7:30.

#### SCOUT GROUPS

There are now three Scouting groups in the church; The Explorers, Troop 7 Scouts and 4 Dens of Cub Scouts. This a very active group of boys and have a varied and interesting program.

#### USHERS

St. Paul's Church has a fine group of men acting as ushers. No worship service finds less than eight men greeting people, showing them to their seats and taking up the offering. Mr. R. H. Turver served for many years as the very efficient and capable head usher, and Mr. Howard Fulton has carried on since then. A notable feature of the present group of ushers is the increased proportion of young men serving.

#### WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service in St. Paul's Church officially succeeded the St. Paul's Women's Association September 19, 1940. Mrs. Arthur H. Prey was the first president. Others who have served in this office are: Mrs. E. C. Ansley, Mrs. Sterling Temple, Mrs. J. F. McKeehan, Mrs. Ernest Griffiths, Mrs. Francis S. Adams, Miss Sueanna Hammerly, Mrs. G. K. Connell, Mrs. W. A. Craig, Mrs. Ira F. Thompson, Mrs. James M. Robinson and Mrs. T. M. Hager, Jr.

The present officers are as follows:

President .....	Mrs. Fred A. Tucker, Jr.
Vice-President .....	Mrs. Wilbur A. Craig
Recording Secretary .....	Mrs. Phillip Griffiths
Treasurer .....	Mrs. C. Arnold Peterson
Financial Secretary .....	Mrs. John van Lonkhuyzen
Membership Cultivation .....	Mrs. Charles Lemke
Missionary Education .....	Mrs. G. B. Washburn
Christian Social Relations .....	Mrs. C. A. Stiegman
Local Church Activity —	

Dinner Bell .....	Mrs. Elwood Treadwell
Campus Ministry .....	Mrs. Howard Canfield
Spiritual Life .....	Mrs. A. S. Turnipseed
Supply .....	Mrs. P. E. Taylor
Program Material .....	Mrs. Robert Stoll
Hospitality .....	Mrs. Leland L. Stacy
Publicity .....	Miss Ina Fleet
Sunshine .....	Mrs. LaVerne Searle
Music .....	Mrs. Grover C. Smith
Magazines .....	Mrs. Roy Rew
Telephone Committee .....	Mrs. David Reeser
	Mrs. Henry Lewis
Nominating Committee .....	Mrs. Elwood Treadwell
	Mrs. A. Lindquist
	Mrs. Marion Baillio
	Mrs. Forest Keister
	Mrs. Claude Newfang
United Church Women .....	Miss Florence DeNeau
	Mrs. Lloyd Randall



The Society is divided into 6 circles, each with a leader, meeting monthly for Mission Study in the homes. The entire organization meets at the church for a program each month. Some fund raising activities are carried on from time to time, but in general the pledges of the members constitute the chief source of revenue.

A major improvement was the installation of a modern kitchen, which is available for all groups as required, although usage is directly the responsibility of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In 1960 the W.S.C.S. completely remodeled the kitchen at a cost of \$17,000 with every possible improvement, such as stainless steel sinks, counters and steam tables, dish-washing machine, electric ranges and new serving arrangements including new large sliding doors. This was made possible by years of saving by W.S.C.S. with some help from the Official Board. This past year completed the purchase and replacement of the chairs in the Community Hall. Over the years the W.S.C.S. has contributed generously to providing the furnishings of the parsonage.

#### THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild — a group of business women of the church, had its first meeting at the parsonage on June 26, 1945. The first president was Miss Phyllis Anne Reid. The purpose of the Guild shall be to provide a channel through which employed women can achieve spiritual enrichment and Christian fellowship and take an active part in developing a world Christian community.

The present officers are as follows:

Miss Louise Pifer .....	President
Miss Virginia Miller .....	Vice-President
Miss Ruth Cliver .....	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mabel Liersch .....	Treasurer

The Guild sponsors one joint meeting each year with the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

#### CHOIRS

St. Paul's in 1948 had three choirs known as the "Chancel Choir," the "Chapel Choir" and the "Carol Choir" composed of adults, young people of high school age, and children. Mrs. Ethel P. Cumming was the very able Director of Church Music, personally

directing the work of the Chancel Choir. She was assisted by Mr. George V. Leazer, director of the Chapel Choir, and Mrs. Kay S. White, director of the Carol Choir.

At the present time Mrs. Stanley S. Zimmer is Choir Director, and has the Chancel Choir and the Carol Choir under her direction. These two choirs furnish music for Sunday morning worship all year round except during the months of July and August, when soloists lead the singing. The enlarged music program was inaugurated in 1946.

The organist, Mr. Earl Brownell, serves whole-heartedly for all services, and follows a long line of faithful organists.

#### ORGAN AND ORGANISTS

In 1897 The Kimball Organ Co., Chicago, provided a \$2,500 organ installed in St. Paul's, First and Thomas Street.

First Street Church ..	Helen Simkins (Mrs. Geo. F. Nussbaum)
	Maude Cannon (Mrs. Ray Turver)
	Clara Porter (Mrs. Roy Fowler)
	Arthur Wallis
	Carrie Huse (Mrs. Harold Beers)
	Harriet Morgan
	Grace Baumhofer
Seventh Street .....	Mrs. Roy Fowler
	Mrs. Ray Turver
	E. Eugene Maupin
	Peter Luedig
	Rev. Myron Braun
	Earl Brownell

#### THE OXFORD CLASS

The Oxford Class was organized the fall of 1948 and was made up of young adults of the church before it merged with the Strough Class around 1962. It has many worthwhile social and study activities. The name of the merged group is Strough-Oxford Class.



## THE STROUGH CLASS

The Strough Class was organized in 1933 by Mr. Karl Wright, who became its first President. Over the years it has rendered service to St. Paul's Church in the fields of providing leadership for the Church School Classes from time to time, and for a variety of activities in the church and community which have a spiritual significance. At the present time four of the five Commission Chairmen of our church are members of the Strough Class.

The projects in which the class has participated over the years include: The contribution of White Poinsettias for the Altar the Sunday preceding Christmas Sunday. Following the service they are delivered by members of the class to people who can not attend church service or participate in the church's activities.

The present officers of the Strough-Oxford Class are:

Mr. Charles H. Lemke .....	President
Miss Jean Wolfe .....	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Grace Greenberg .....	Gifts and Cards
Dr. T. T. Budrow .....	Program Chairman

## LENTEN SPEAKERS

**O**UR ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR has again brought a very distinguished group of Lenten speakers to our 22nd year of Lenten Series (1943-1965). These outstanding speakers have represented the important issues of Christian concern, the racial social justice, the interdenominational spirit of religious cooperation and understanding, and the international spirit of religious fellowship.

The 1965 series included Dr. Martin Niemöller, one of the great Christian leaders in the world, who suffered under Hitler in concentration camps for eight years, to rise again as President of The World Council of Churches.

The following is a complete list of Lenten Speakers, a series started by Dr. John A. Redmond in 1943 and through the 1965th year. The years following the names of the speakers refer to the years they appeared on the Lenten Series, and presented their prophetic voices.

Dr. Merton S. Rice ..	1943
Dr. Rice's lenten talk in St. Paul's Church was his last service. The following Sunday he died of a heart attack. His great Christian leadership is still a memory.	
Bishop F. J. McConnell .....	1943
Dr. William L. Stidger .....	1943-1945
Dr. Bernard C. Clausen .....	1943, 1944, 1947
Bishop Charles W. Flint .....	1943
Dr. Henry H. Crane .....	1943 thru 1946, 1948, 1951 thru 1964
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman .....	1944 thru 1964
Dr. George A. Buttrick .....	1945
Dr. Charles R. Brown .....	1945
Dr. Harold C. Phillips .....	1945
Dr. Daniel Poling .....	1946, 1953
Dr. Blackwelder .....	1946
Dr. Robert R. Wicks .....	1946
Dr. Hugh T. Kerr .....	1947
Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz .....	1947
Dr. Frederick Norwood .....	1947
Dr. James Gordon Gilkey .....	1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955
Dr. Robert J. McCracken .....	1948, 1949, 1952
Dr. Clyde E. Wildman .....	1948
Bishop W. Earl Ledden .....	1948
Captain Norman Rawson .....	1948



Rev. Frederick B. Harris	1949
Dr. Chester Emerson	1949
Dr. Franklin C. Fry	1949
Dr. Boynton Merrill	1950
Dr. Lynn Harold Hough	1950, 1952
Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson	1950
Dr. Edwin Prince Booth	1950
Dr. E. Crosley Hunter	1950, 1951, 1952
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam	1951, 1957
Bishop William Scarlett	1951
Dr. Paul Scherer	1951
Dr. George Docherty	1952, 1953, 1954, 1962, 1964
Dr. Pierre van Paassen	1953
Dr. Emlyn Davies	1954, 1958
Bishop Richard C. Raines	1954
Rev. Harry Krueger	1955
Dr. Charles Ray Goff	1955, 1956, 1961
Bishop Walter E. Bagnell	1955
Bishop Lauriston Scaife	1956, 1965
Bishop Santo Umberto Barbieri	1956
Dr. John Short	1956, 1957, 1959
Dr. Addison H. Leitch	1957
Dr. Edward L. R. Elson	1957, 1958, 1959
Dr. David Wesley Soper	1958
Chaplain C. F. Carpenter	1958
Dr. Howard Churman	1959
Dr. Charles Noble	1959
Dr. Truman W. Potter	1960
Dr. Ralph W. Loew	1960
Dr. George W. Goth	1960, 1962
Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue	1960
Dr. James R. Mutchmor	1961, 1963
Dr. Harold A. Bosley	1961
Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr.	1961
The Bishop Company Players	1962, 1963
Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	1962 thru 1965
Dr. Daniel C. Whitsett	1963
Dr. Theodore H. Palmquist	1964
Dr. Harold W. Vaughan	1964
Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick	1965
Dr. William B. Selah	1965
Dr. Martin Niemoeller	1965
Dr. Ernest E. Long	1965

## MEMORIAL GIFTS — LEGACIES

### IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN 1923-48 HISTORY

Two white antependia for lectern and pulpit given by Mr. Allen Bruce Fowler and Miss Janet Elsie Fowler in memory of their grandfather, Mr. Harris Allen.

1951—Baldwin electric organ, given by Mr. Paul Fowler in memory of his mother, Clara Porter Fowler.

Legacy given by Mr. Henry Dart.

1952—Lectern given by Mrs. Paul Fowler in memory of her father, Mr. Harris Allen.

Pulpit Bible given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fowler.

Pulpit without figures given by Miss Joyce Wilson in memory of her father, Mr. Herbert G. Wilson.

1954—New cushions for Chapel pews are a gift of Mr. E. M. King. In Pastor's study — new walnut desk and chair - light fixtures - lounging chair - window drapes; gift of Strough Class.

Glass desk top for pastor's desk — furnished by Mr. Edward Shrubsall.

Book of Memories, given by Whittemore Associates of Boston. Repository for Book installed in narthex given by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bell.

Sick room communion set given by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mabon. Carving of image of St. Paul on pulpit given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson.

1955—Set of brass Altar vases and twelve walnut offering plates, given by Miss Virginia Miller in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Miller.

Two brass candle lighters given by Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Wilson.

1956—Outside bulletin board, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Roger Scott in memory of Dr. Scott's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Scott.

Silver tea and coffee service presented to W.S.C.S. in memory of Mrs. Daisy Shrubsall and Mrs. Emma L. Thompson by Mrs. Edward S. Shrubsall.

Flowers given each Sunday for the altar in memory of loved ones.



The Organ Fund has been augmented considerably by memorial gifts for Mr. John E. Verral, Mr. Frank Hoschke, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Rev. Noel Garwick, and Mrs. H. T. Hopwood.

The Memorial Fund has been added to by friends in memory of Mrs. Muriel Marsh, Mrs. H. T. Hopwood, Mrs. Ethel Downing, Louis E. Bauer, Mrs. M. J. Brown, William Hepburn, Rev. N. Garwick, and William Ruffner.

1957—\$3,306.03 bequest from Mr. Frederick T. Manning.

Wesleyan Service Guild presented a silver service to be used for receptions and social functions under W.S.C.S. direction.

1958—Companion piece to receptacle in narthex in form of guest register for narthex, with bronze plaque on register, presented by Miss Charlotte Johnston in memory of Miss Sarah Johnston.

1959—Scholarship fund started with \$1,000.00 as a memorial gift, presented by Miss Cora Grattrick in memory of Miss May Cramer.

Lectern bible given by Miss May Allen in memory of her brother, Mr. Harris C. Allen.

Altar cross given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Craig, in memory of Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hughes.

#### RECORDINGS WHICH WILL BE FOUND IN BOOK OF MEMORIES—

Reredos and Baptismal font cover given by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hosler.

Altar given by Mr. Otto Hauenstein in memory of his Mother.

Two candlesticks and electric candles presented by Mr. Fred A. Filby.

Two candlesticks and electric candles presented by Dr. and Mrs. Russell H. Wixson, Roy and Neal Wixson.

Red pulpit antependium presented by Carol Choir.

White pulpit antependium presented by Mr. and Mrs. David C. Knibbs.

Red altar runner and lectern antependium presented by Mr. and Mrs. Karl H. Sandmeyer.

Purple altar runner, pulpit and lectern antependia presented by Dr. and Mrs. Francis S. Adams, in memory of Mrs. Adam's mother, Mrs. George A. Bond.

Green pulpit antependium presented by Miss Ruth Cliver.

Book of Remembrance presented by Mrs. A. R. Cook.

Special flower tables presented by Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Treadwell.  
Green Tudor Rose silk lectern antependia given by Dr. John Abbott Redmond.

Machine hemmed fair linen, plain for Chapel altar; given by Mrs. Charles E. Victory.

Brass missal stand for Altar bible in memory of Mrs. James Truscott.

#### NURSERY GIFTS

Crib for babyfold given by Miss Virginia Miller, in memory of her mother and father, Dr. and Mrs. John Henry Miller.

Crib for babyfold given by Mr. and Mrs. Franklin F. Miller in memory of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Armelle Krametz.

Cash given to babyfold by Mrs. Fred Nagle in memory of her grandson, Kermit Allen Carpenter.



## HOW ST. PAUL'S PHYSICAL FACILITIES ARE USED TODAY



HE EXTENSIVE USE that is made of St. Paul's Church buildings indicates the real service being rendered today to the Community.

Many Church organizations and many outside organizations have used the Chapel and Community House.

The Church School on Sunday mornings uses all available space on three floors including the kitchen and Scout Room, with Departments for all age groups from nursery to older adults.

The Community House is open all day and well into the night. It is in constant demand for large meetings and dinners as well as the athletic program and recreational activities particularly for the Youth of the Church and the community.

The Sanctuary main entrance is closed except for services, but the Church is always available for prayer and meditation through the lower hall and the Chapel. Recently considerable interest has been evinced by persons outside of St. Paul's in the stained glass windows designed by William R. Jack of Boston. Persons desiring to view these windows are welcome and should merely apply at the Church office, which is open 9 to 5 on weekdays excepting at noon hour.

## LIST OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS TO ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH

Total Church Membership Shown in ( )

### At Union Chapel—

Rev. John Cannon	1835
E. C. Sanborn	1839
John Powell	1839
C. M. Woodward	1846-47
Zenas Hurd	1849-50

### At Falls Street Church—

Sanford Hunt	1850-51	(69)
E. R. Keyes	1851	
H. K. Hines	1851-52	
D. Nichols	1852-53	
R. L. Waite	1853-54	
W. Gordon	1854-55	
Rufus Cooley	1855-56	
J. N. Simkins	1856-57	
J. McCreery	1857-58	
J. N. Simkins	1858-59	
J. McEuen	1859-60	
P. Woodworth	1860-61	
J. Alabaster	1861-62	(78)
J. Timmerman	1862-63	
B. F. McNeal	1863-64	
Griffin Smith	1864-65	

### At First Baptist Church—(During Construction)

Smith Williams	1865-66
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### Old St. Paul's at First and Thomas—

Zenas Hurd	1866-69	
A. L. Bachus	1869-70	
E. M. Buck	1870-73	(52)
S. Seager	1873-74	
J. T. Humphrey	1874-75	
A. F. Colburn	1875-77	
G. W. Loomis	1877-80	
E. Wildman	1880-81	(76)
R. W. Copeland	1881-83	(87)



J. W. Gamble .....	1883-84	
W. B. Osborn .....	1884	
L. E. Rockwell .....	1884-86	(75)
K. P. Jervis .....	1886-87	
C. G. Stevens .....	1887-89	
J. N. Simkins .....	1889-94	(104)
R. C. Brownlee .....	1894-99	
O. C. Poland .....	1899-06	(298)
D. H. Muller .....	July-October, 1906	
F. S. Parkhurst .....	1906-09	(290)
E. M. Snodgrass .....	1909-11	(305)
G. S. G. Hares .....	1911-17	(479)
J. E. Manning .....	1917-19	

At Y.W.C.A. Building, Main St.—

J. E. Manning .....	June-October, 1919	
C. W. Walker .....	1919-22	(526)

At New St. Paul's on Seventh St.—

C. W. Walker ...	April 2, 1922-Nov. 19, 1922	
S. B. Owens .....	February 4, 1923-26	(500)

Names of later pastors are included in chronology.



OLD ST. PAUL'S  
1866 - 1919

— THE CHURCH —

*"What forms of strength and beauty; what  
glorious creations of the human mind."*

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW



NEW ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH  
1923





## FRANCIS ASBURY

✠  
Father  
American  
Methodism

ONE OF MANY  
MEMORIAL WINDOWS  
IN  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH  
ON  
SEVENTH ST., NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

## LOCAL METHODIST CHRONOLOGY

- 1784 American Methodism organized Baltimore, December 24.
- 1788 Visit of first Circuit Rider, George Neal.
- 1810 Genesee Conference organized Lyons, New York, July 20.
- 1813 Prior to this year services held in log school house.
- 1815 First Methodist society organized in a private home.
- 1823 The Holland Land Co., recognizing the existence of the first church organization in the area, granted the Trustees a 100-acre grant.
- 1824 Union Chapel built by Gen. Parkhurst Whitney, foot of Falls Street.
- 1833 Church farm on Lockport Road sold.
- 1835 The Rev. John Cannon was the first Methodist ordained minister to locate here.
- 1839 Methodist society reincorporated; First Methodist Sunday School formed.
- 1849 Falls Street Church purchased from Presbyterians.
- 1854 LaSalle Methodist Church begun.
- 1865 Falls Street Church sold.
- 1865 Name changed to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 1865-6 Services held in Baptist Church.
- 1866 First Street parsonage completed.
- 1866 Thomas Street chapel completed.
- 1868 Foundation and Cornerstone of St. Paul's laid.
- 1868 Ladies' Aid Society organized.
- 1872 Old St. Paul's completed and dedicated October 2.
- 1882 Debt paid off.
- 1883 Rev. J. Ward Gamble advertised in Gazette to thank unknown donor of a wagon load of vegetables.
- 1887 Missionary Society organized.
- 1888 Epworth League organized, first called Oxford League.
- 1892 Pierson Class formed, reorganized 1904.
- 1893 St. James Methodist Church organized January 23.
- 1895 Dwight L. Moody preached in St. Paul's June 6.
- 1897 Pipe organ installed by Kimbal Organ Co., Chicago, Illinois.
- 1899 Chapel enlarged, new parsonage built.
- 1908 Men's Club organized — Reorganized in 1919.



## WHAT OF THE FUTURE?



THE FOREGOING IS THE HISTORY of St. Paul's Methodist Church during one hundred and fifty years in Niagara Falls.

*History*, in general, is the accumulated experience of Mankind — and experience is the best teacher.

*History* of St. Paul's Methodist Church is an accumulation of records of accomplishment, of difficulties overcome, of inspiring services and acts of piety which may well serve as a guide to the *Future*. It is a collection of stories of persons whose lives inspire us all to try to live better and serve the Lord more faithfully.

Many people solved the problems of the PAST.

There will be problems in the FUTURE.

Members now in our church are serving and will serve in creative efforts which will assure a great and even greater Future for St. Paul's.

*"New occasions teach new duties*

*Time makes ancient good uncouth*

*They must upward still and onward*

*Who would keep abreast of truth."*

JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL

1815

1965

## REDEDICATION AT 150TH ANNIVERSARY



HIS 150TH ANNIVERSARY of the organization of our Methodist Church in Manchester, Town of Niagara, now Niagara Falls, and the 42nd Anniversary in our present St. Paul's Church is dedicated to the many people who, over the years have labored unceasingly in developing our Methodist church to the present day by a Christian fellowship, and to the devoted ministry that has, by the help of our Lord through prayerful reverence, helped and inspired so many lives during the life of our Methodist Church; and to the many people who are to follow in our church who will continue this Christian fellowship in devoted service to St. Paul's Methodist Church of Niagara Falls, New York. To this service we now rededicate ourselves for the future.