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✝ AN IDEA DEVELOPED

Many people were involved in the beginning of Christ Church, but the organizations that bore major responsibility were the City Council and the Church Extension Society of Indianapolis. At the time, all of Indianapolis, which was in the South Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church, was included in one district known as the Indianapolis District. The Church Extension Society surveyed land around Indianapolis that would be suitable for new church starts. Several sites were purchased.

A large landholder on the Southside was interested in providing land for a new Methodist Church. His name was Byron Curd, and he was a member of Southport Methodist Church. He agreed to sell land on the southwest corner of Highway 31 and Stop 12 Road. Dr. Kenneth Forbes was the District Superintendent. When the papers were to be signed, the lawyer for Mr. Curd sought to dissuade him from signing because the price did not represent the value of the property. However, Mr. Curd wanted the church to be on the property and signed the transaction.

1965	THE INDIANA CONFERENCE	469
Purchase of New Sites:		
Burkhart site payment, Evansville District		\$ 5,000
Floyds Knobs payment, New Albany District		7,250
Brooks School purchase, New Albany District		5,000
Prospect St. & Post Road payment, Indianapolis District		5,000
Road 31 and Stop 12 Road payment, Indianapolis District		11,760
Castleton purchase, Indianapolis District		28,000
Construction:		
Wesley Chapel, New Albany District		25,000
Pleasant Grove, New Albany District		12,000
St. Mark's, Bloomington District		35,000
St. Paul's, Indianapolis District		9,500
Expense to Start New Church:		
Aldersgate, Evansville District		9,583
Blackiston Village, New Albany District		416
Inner City Work:		
Indianapolis		5,000
Balance of commitment to Children's Home at Lebanon		14,663

Dr. Forbes then sought to find a pastor for the new congregation. Several pastors from the Mississippi Annual Conference had been transferring to other Conferences. One was offered the new church, but turned it down. The second one accepted the opportunity. So the Rev. Robert and Mrs. Mary Jim Hunt came from Mississippi in June of 1965 to start the new congregation on 6.8 acres of land. Dr. Forbes put up a sign providing a telephone number for interested persons to call.

A retired Methodist preacher lived in the subdivision behind the Baxter YMCA and served on the Board of Directors. He secured permission for the new congregation to begin holding services in the Y beginning in September.

During the summer of 1965, the new Indianapolis District Superintendent, Dr. Charles Ballard, met with the neighboring pastors of Southport, Edgewood, Center, and Greenwood Methodist Churches. Ground rules were agreed upon. These ground rules included:

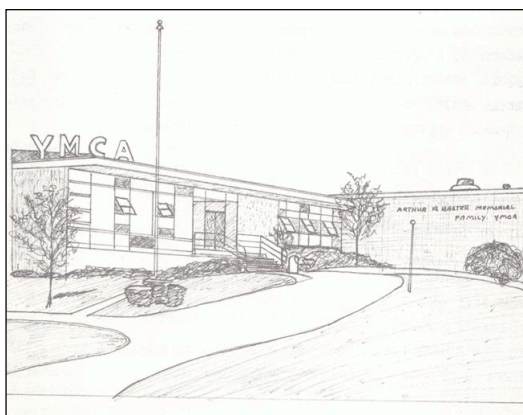
- The churches would help with a survey
- The boundaries of the survey were set
- Rev. Hunt could not visit a church member from one of the neighborhood churches, if such a member visited in a church service one time only
- Rev. Hunt was permitted to visit, if a neighborhood church member came to at least two services, but he had to call the pastor of the member before visiting



The survey was held in the summer. The approach of the visitors was, "The Methodist Church is starting a new congregation in this area. Are you interested?" If the person at the door replied that there was interest, the second question was, "Are you interested enough that the new pastor can come visit you?"

In the weeks that remained of that summer, the Rev. and Mrs. Hunt visited those who were interested in the new congregation. Rev. Hunt finished the survey work, which had not been completed by the laypersons from other churches. Small group meetings were held with those who were still interested after the contact meetings with Rev. Hunt.

On August 29, 1965 several interested persons met at the Southport Methodist Church to decide when to have the first worship service and to plan for that service.



So the first worship was held on September 19, 1965. The group secured as much publicity as possible. Set up was in one of the upstairs rooms at the Baxter YMCA. As people kept coming, it was necessary to shift downstairs to the largest room at the Y. One hundred twenty- six (126) people were in that first worship service. An additional thirty-seven (37) children and workers were in the Crib Room, Nursery, and Activity Class. Those who remained after the service chose **Christ Methodist Church** as the name for the church.

Four weeks later, the first invitation was given for persons who wished to join as members. Eighty-three (83) adults and youth joined the new church either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership.

The chartered membership was closed on November 21, 1965 with a total of one hundred and fifteen (115) members. (see Appendix A) On that day the District Superintendent, Dr. Charles Ballard, preached and afterwards a Charge Conference was held and officials were elected.

Throughout the early years of starting the church, the Rev. Robert Hunt kept in close contact with Dr. Ballard. He made himself available. His concern and co-operation were invaluable to the new congregation.

OUR FIRST YEAR

Dr. Forbes had located a duplex for Rev. Hunt and his family to live in, until a parsonage was secured. The duplex was located on Riverside Drive off Frye Road to the south of where the new Greenwood Mall was being constructed.

Every Sunday morning, volunteers met early to set up for the morning activities at the Y. After activities were ended, they had to restore the Y to the condition in which it was found.

On the third Sunday after the initial service, a Sunday School for all children through sixth grade was started. This Sunday School met at the same time as the worship service, though this was only a temporary move. In January a separate Sunday School hour was initiated with classes for all ages.

Mary Jim and Robert had two children, Robbie and Melody. After the congregation started meeting in the Y, Robbie was overheard saying to a playmate, "You ought to come to our church; we have two swimming pools."

Everyone was involved in inviting people to come, and the congregation continued to grow. Minimal advertising was done, but new people were in attendance almost every Sunday due to conversations people had with their friends and neighbors.

On the evening of the fourth Sunday, the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship began meeting. This group met in homes. In November, a meeting of boys and parents was held for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout Troop. Darrell Roach was the first scoutmaster.

Plans began to be made for constructing a Scout Hut to the south of the church property parking lot. After the money was raised, primarily volunteers did the work.

Early in November, the pastor and his family moved into a newly purchased parsonage located at 8131 S. Talbot. The Open House and dedication were held on December 5, 1965.

In January a Junior High Youth Fellowship was formed. Several women also met to plan a Women's Society of Christian Service with two Circles.

In early spring a choir began practicing and first sang in the worship service on Palm Sunday. Various commissions and committees met in the homes of members. The Building Committee visited many churches for ideas and held countless meetings.

That first summer, Vacation Bible School was held, meeting in the garages of members in the Hill Valley subdivision.

Very early in the first year, the Administrative Board decided to give a tenth of all our budget income to missions. One of our target groups was to help with new churches in India. During our second year we were blessed to receive enough for our share of Conference apportionments, which we paid in full each year.

After a few months the founding pastor was called to a luncheon with the District Superintendent. Present at the luncheon were pastors of churches, which had been started in recent years prior to Christ Church. They were told that they should be paying their apportionments, too.

MOVING ON

In September of 1966, the Methodist Men were organized. Their first major project was to build a shelter house. Thus, groups within the church had a central meeting place as they awaited the church building.

In November 1966, a pledge dinner for the building fund was held at the Baxter YMCA. The congregation pledged \$62,700.00 over a three-year period.

Groundbreaking for the new church building was held on April 16, 1967. Church families, each with a spade, were spaced at intervals around the perimeter. At a given signal, each family dug a hole for the groundbreaking. The new building would cover 11,000 square feet and contain a fellowship hall/sanctuary, 11 Sunday School rooms and offices.

As construction began, bad news was received from the architects, Fred Schroeder and Tom Shimer. Something had gone wrong with the borings. The realization was that there was more water underneath the soil than had been expected. The foundation needed to be upgraded to a "floating foundation".

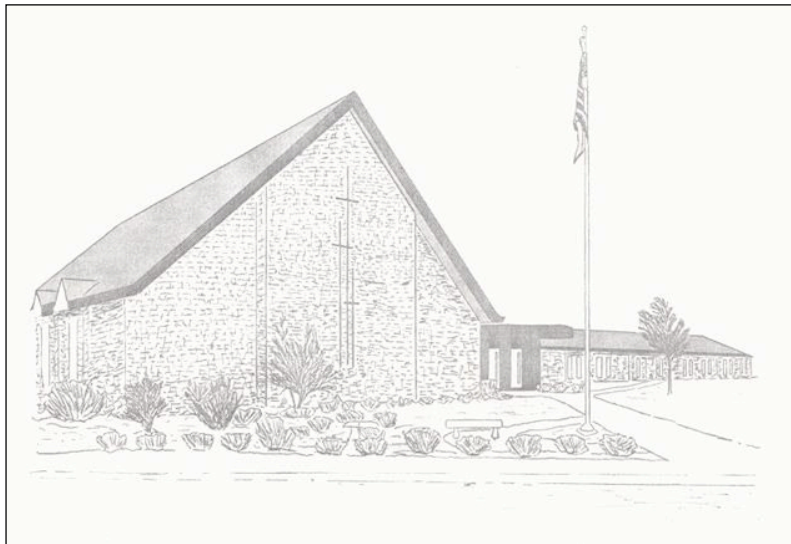
There was no money to spare. For a time it appeared that the only way to pay for the improved foundation was to omit, temporarily, the stone on the outside of the concrete block. However, the John Chittenden family volunteered to pay the additional cost.

A Methodist church on Madison Avenue was to be closed. One of the members of Christ Church had formerly been a member there and had given an organ. Permission was requested for the organ to be moved for use in the new building. That permission was granted and the organ was moved to the living room of the parsonage. The pianist (Ellen Rhoades) came to the parsonage frequently, to learn to play the new organ. She was ready by the time the sanctuary was finished.

On August 27, 1967 the cornerstone was laid. There was a slight drizzle that day, in contrast to the beauty of the groundbreaking.

The building was not ready in the fall of 1967, as we had hoped. Bishop Raines had been scheduled for the Consecration Service on the third Sunday in January 1968; his schedule was not flexible. On the Saturday evening prior to the Consecration Service, a group continued laying tile in the sanctuary and hallways. Another group worked on water and sewer lines that had been damaged by freezing weather. Others cleaned up the facility.

January 21, 1968 was cold, the ground was frozen, and snow covered the ground. The church was packed. Four hundred twenty-five (425) people attended. It was fortunate the ground was frozen, because the parking lot could not hold all the cars. It was obvious that the congregation had under built, but on the other hand they had not gone so far into debt as to cripple them for the future.



Members of the building committee were delighted with the results. Those members included: Jack Lammering (chair), Gene Perkins (vice chair), Darrell Roach, Jack Bennett, Robert Romine, Normajean Stone, and Alberta Mercer. The cost of the building was \$152,000.00. Of that amount \$152,000.00 was borrowed from the Indiana National Bank.

On February 18, 1968, an Open House was held at the church so that neighbors and friends from other churches could see the facilities. On March 31, a "Thank You Dinner" was held to express gratitude to the many members and friends who had made the facility possible.

Earlier mention was made of Mr. Byron Curd, who had originally owned the land and sold it for the new congregation at a price less than its value. With as much interest as he had shown in the desire for the church to be built, he never came to the site or entered the building.

FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

Gifts from The Methodist Church included: the purchase of the land, \$12,000.00 for the first year's budget; \$4,000.00 for the down payment on the parsonage; and \$60,000.00 for the first unit. The congregation received a loan of \$52,000.00 without charge of interest until July 1, 1992. Apportionments helped.

In 1968, The Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren to form the United Methodist Church. Thus, the church name was changed to **Christ United Methodist Church**.

CONTINUED GROWTH

From January to February, in 1967 the number of family units grew from 80 to 104. The average attendance in Sunday School grew from 141 to 167. The average attendance in worship jumped from 201 to 238.

The building became less and less adequate for the growing number of people. A second worship service was started in February 1969. New Sunday School classes met in the secretary's office, the pastor's study, the shelter house, the choir area, and even the parsonage.

Ground was broken in May 1970 for the second phase of the building - a kitchen and a ten-class extension of the education wing. The South Indiana Conference loaned us another \$20,000.00 for this addition; interest would not be charged until July 1, 1992.

Church programs continued to expand with a third youth group, a Cub Scout Pack, an Explorer Post, a softball team, a basketball team, a youth choir, and a children's choir.

Holy Week became the spiritual highlight of the year. Special services during the week brought us into the presence of God.

The congregation was basically young in age. The first member to die was Harold Blasingame in January 1969. Also, one of our members, Bill Karas, was killed in Vietnam. He was the 1000th Hoosier killed in that war.

In 1970, Chuck Berdel was a junior at Southport High School. He made his decision to become a minister. He was the first of a large number from the congregation to enter fulltime Christian service. Chuck was a staff member the summer of 1973, helping with our youth program.

In 1971, John Neuman organized a group of youth as "The Jesus Singers". They were so good that when they sang on Sunday nights, the church was packed. They received invitations to sing in other churches, and they sang somewhere, almost weekly. For many of them, these services became a spiritual highlight of their teenage years.

In 1973, the parking lot was asphalted. The project cost about \$20,000.00. The Park Engineering Company helped with this project.

A Lay Witness Mission was held in 1973 that brought many laypersons to share their faith. This was a heart-warming experience for the congregation. Several persons were won to Christ, and many more were inspired.

Also, in 1973 the church added a part-time associate pastor. The Rev. Jeff Trees was a student at Christian Theological Seminary when he joined the staff.

A few months later, a part time Director of Christian Education became a part of the staff. Mrs. Mary Kay Roe started attending the church, and it was learned that she had served as a director in a previous location.

The Annual Conference had a bus named the "Nightcrawler". It seated passengers during the day, and at night converted into bunks. Passengers slept at night as the drivers sped them to their destinations. Our youth used the bus to go to Florida, Six Flags in Atlanta, the Smokey Mountains; and young adults made a trip to Williamsburg and the Smokies. The fellowship and worship services made these trips memorable.

CHANGE

After several years, the Rev. Ted Murphy became the District Superintendent (he later became the superintendent of the Franklin Community.) He called Rev. Hunt one day saying, "You have five minutes to tell me why you cannot move..." Rev. Hunt explained that the church was just beginning the second phase of its building program. No more was said about moving at that time.

In later months a phone call was received that did lead to a change of pastors. Rev. Hunt was appointed to Trinity United Methodist Church in New Albany.

A SHOCK ABSORBED

The congregation was shocked when a weekly newsletter came to their homes in March of 1974 saying that Rev. Robert Hunt was to be transferred. The Rev. Keith Carlile and his wife, Joyce, were to come to our church. The size of the parsonage was tight for the Carlile's and their four boys. However, the boys were teenagers and preparing to leave home soon.

Rev. Carlile willingly and cheerfully served our congregation until October 1976. He delivered many thought provoking sermons and developed spiritual messages in the church newsletter. Joyce was very active and especially worked with the little children's Sunshine Choir.

In his good-by message, Rev. Hunt talked about obtaining a church bus, so that was a high priority. Over a period of months, information was analyzed and people gathered statistics including: scouts, Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) groups, the younger group of "Jesus Singers", Crestwood Village members, along with the number of miles being traveled.

In March 1975, a long-range financial planning committee was formed. They developed a set of priorities for expenditures over the next 5-10 years and then tried to establish methods of financing the expenditures. Priorities, not in order, were: 1) a new parsonage 2) a bus 3) a new sanctuary 4) air conditioning in the Sunday School wing 5) additional Sunday School rooms and educational space 6) connecting to the city sewer.

A fund to purchase a bus was started. It received donations from individuals and the women's bowling league. A bus committee was appointed to determine the bus size and cost.

Finally, in August 1975 a used bus was purchased. The bowling league gave \$3000 toward the purchase and \$400 for maintenance and insurance. The bus was to be self operating through charges for mileage. It was painted and the church name was painted on the side. In the beginning one person, Phil Stallard, was in charge of it. As its maintenance and repair increased, a committee took charge, and then the trustees began to oversee the bus. The bus broke down on more and more trips, and then in 1981, it was declared beyond repair. True to the statistics, many people rode on the bus and every trip was an adventure on that beloved bus.

Another priority of the long-range financial planning committee was a new parsonage. A new parsonage in Meridian Woods Village was purchased in June 1976 at a cost of \$53,000. The Carliles moved into the tri-level four-bedroom home and the old parsonage was rented to the Bob McCracken family until it could be sold.

In October of 1976, Rev. Carlile received a new assignment. The new minister, the Rev. James McKinney and his wife, Rachel, moved into the parsonage. Rachel was physically handicapped and had great difficulty getting up stairs to the bedrooms; so another parsonage was purchased in May 1977 in Valle Vista for \$59,000. It did not meet the requirements of the Methodist Conference; one reason being that it was not in the county the church was in. It was what our church could afford quickly to help the McKinneys. The Conference allowed us to keep it until May 1980 or until we found one that would satisfy the Conference standards. In 1979, a parsonage on Hickory Lane in Marion County was purchased for \$84,000 and the McKinney family moved in.

In 1975, the church sponsored a refugee Vietnamese family for a short time. This was at a time when the Viet Nam War was on everyone's mind. The family moved to California after about a year.

During the years 1976 through 1978 our country was experiencing an energy crisis. The trustees dealt with this by removing light bulbs and having reduced lighting in the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. The gas company recommended allocating gas to only certain sections of the building for part of the time.

The Administrative Board addressed the priority of a new sanctuary after the long-range planning committee report in June 1978. It was approved to remodel the present sanctuary by building an addition in the south side of the building to include a fellowship hall and additional church school rooms. By October it was determined to be too expensive to build the addition. In December, Churchbuilders of America, gave the building committee, chaired by Jim Hale a proposal. It was to remove the present stage and build a portable one on casters with an altar rail all the way around it, to carpet the floor, and to buy new padded chairs, doing all without borrowing any money. It was stressed that would not be our final sanctuary. The remodeling was approved with a cost of \$48,000.

The remodeling was completed by Easter 1979. The portable stage brought lots of options to the sanctuary. Some Sundays the platform was at the east end of the sanctuary, other Sundays it was at the west end or on the north side. Sometimes worship was "in the round" with the

stage in the middle of the room. That sanctuary was still used for dinners, social events and weddings. The beautiful, red padded chairs were moved many, many times.

A Memorial Garden for Vicki Resener, a teenager killed in an automobile accident, was donated and completed by her family and friends during the year 1979. It was located at the entrance to the church.

Rev. McKinney was interested in the members' spiritual growth. He himself went to California to a workshop given by the Rev. Robert Schuller at the Crystal Cathedral. He helped our congregation become involved in the Billy Graham Crusade and Evangelism Explosion that was a three-year program. A six-week Dobson film series, "Focus on the Family," was held in the sanctuary. In 1977, with Rev. McKinney as pastor, six men became candidates for the ministry. They were: Dave Miller, Bob McCracken, Chuck Peters, Matthew Kauffman, Kevin McKinney, and David Church.

By 1981 attendance had increased and there was a need for more Sunday School space. The Conference loaned the church two trailers. The Triple C Class used one and the post-high school class used the other, until the wing including the new sanctuary and more classrooms was eventually built.



THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

The Boy Scout program was active from the beginning of our church. Scout Troop 545 was chartered in December 1965. Darrell Roach was the first Scoutmaster. The Cub Scout Pack was chartered in the fall of 1966. The Explorer Post 545 was first chartered in the summer of 1966 and included only boys. It was terminated and re-chartered in 1975 as a co-ed post.

The scoutmasters have been: Darrell Roach, his son-Darrell C. Roach, Dick Vogt, Larry Lane, Wood Hackenbracht, Randy Randol, Don Resener, Paul Russell, Jerry Zike, Eric Brodt, Steve Memmer, Don Vondrak, Garth Cartledge, Del Chitwood, Eric Cox and Jeff Paton.

The scouting program has involved hundreds of boys from the community and their families, including many non-church members. It has produced 77 Eagle Scouts, many of them doing projects for the church. Scouting has contributed much to our congregation over the years and we are daily reminded of the accomplishments of these outstanding young men through the Eagle projects-the prayer garden and the fire ring; and the Life project-the communion table in the sanctuary. The scouts have participated at Jamborees, camping - including High Adventure Camps, working on many projects, and having lots of fun.



THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

The Methodist Men's Club was organized in September of 1966. Their first project was to build a shelter house for the boy scouts to meet in. The club did build it, put a furnace in it, remodeled it, and put running water to it. They financed the shelter house project with the money from their annual Pancake Day.

The Men's Club sponsored annual men's retreats at Camp Rivervale and Saturday morning breakfasts with speakers during Lent, a Sweetheart Banquet and have served dinners to the women of the church and have helped the women serve various dinners, along with "Breakfast With Jesus and Santa" as an outreach to show little members and neighborhood children the reason for Christmas.

For many years, beginning in 1972, the men shared fellowship with Trinity CME Church in Indianapolis.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship was formed in 1966 with the mission to support and enrich all of the women of Christ Church through fellowship, encouraging each to use her God-given talents. The name changed from Women's Society of Christian Service to United Methodist Women in 1972.

Women's Fellowship is open to every woman, age 18 and older. Activities through the years have included creating cookbooks, sewing for Goodwill and the Little Red Door, a spaghetti luncheon, Christmas Dinner, touring the Lebanon Children's Home, retreats, Global Gifts, candy and nut sales as fundraisers, rummage sales, wedding receptions, and programs on women's health and spiritual health. In the early years, women were babysitters at the Y for the teachers of the RISE Program. One of the early meetings was a baby shower for the first baby born in the church - Laura Moore.

More recently the Prayer Shawl group and the Quilters 'with a spot of tea' group have formed.

A NEW INVITATION AND DREAMS

In January of 1980, Dr. Leon Nichol森 was asked to go to Christ United Methodist Church by District Superintendent Harold Criswell at the request of Bishop Ralph Alton. After General Conference, the District Superintendent asked him to go again. After a meeting with the Staff-Parish Committee, Rev. Dr. Nichol森, with his wife, Jean, agreed to go.

It was determined that a large group of members wanted Bible Study. In 1981, twelve leaders were trained who in turn conducted a three-year course of an in-depth study of the Bible for 100 students. The material used was "The Bethel Study". This study involved memorizing scripture and the basic concepts of the Bible. This was followed by another three-year course called "The Divine Drama". These Bible studies not only drew a lot of interest, but also helped set the stage for hosting Dr. Win Arn of Pasadena, CA to our church to conduct a church growth seminar.



A NEW SANCTUARY

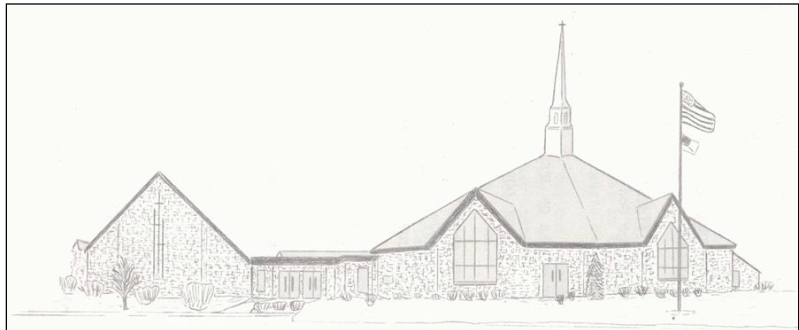
After the Win Arn seminar, the vision of a new sanctuary was rekindled. The building fund was reestablished and was included in the annual Fall stewardship program. The Mission Faith Promise program was initiated and support for mission work grew under the leadership of Alice Huff, Robert Bush, Jim and Ann Feeney and others.

A major capital fund program was undertaken with the New York office on funding and stewardship. A building fund committee was appointed with Ken Westercamp as chairperson. A feasibility study was done before plans were drawn and approved.

Financing was a challenge. Support from the Conference came in the form of a grant of \$10,000 and a loan. The National Bank of Greenwood agreed to loan the needed money of \$500,000 at 6% interest.

Phil Stallard was asked to oversee the construction of the new sanctuary and chair the building committee. Other members of the committee were: Jack Bennett, Sam Bean, Marilyn Bohrer, Joan Brunner, Morris Clark, Ray Fuller, Chuck Grismer, Calvin Higgins, Steve Kincade, Dean McFarland, Mary Mason, Dallas Moore, Jerry Moore, Leon Nichol森, Clarence Paul, Roger Park, and Sandee Thompson.

Bids were received in January of 1987, awarded in February, and ground breaking took place in March. The construction phase went well except for the steeple, which had to be removed and replaced because it leaked.



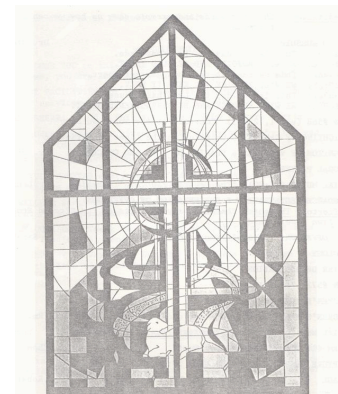
A great celebration was held on Sunday, November 29, 1987. The congregation processed from the old worship hall (fellowship hall) into the new sanctuary led by Earl and Gertrude Bockstahler at 9:00 a. m. and by John and Agnes Bair at 11:00 a.m.



THE SANCTUARY WINDOWS

The Trinity was an easy selection for the building committee to choose for the three windows in the new sanctuary. Different stained glass company artists submitted drawings. The Louisville Art Glass Company was chosen to do the windows. The artist combined the ideas of the committee with his own to give Christ United Methodist Church its original windows.

The window at the front of the sanctuary is the “God, the Father” window. The hands are the symbol of creation with water flowing



down representing the constant creative flow from God. Objects of creation are scattered in the background. God's Word, the Bible is inscribed with Alpha and Omega, the Beginning to the End.

The second window is the "Jesus, the Son" window. The cross tells us that God in His love for us sacrificed His Son and forgave us. The lamb under the cross represents Jesus as the Sacrificial Lamb. The lamb also is to remind us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd that leads us in the living of life.

The third window is "The Holy Spirit" window. The Dove descending from Heaven onto the Believers represents the Holy Spirit. The little flames or little tongues of fire represent God's Spirit in us, empowering and strengthening us to be productive for Him.

THE ORGAN

With the addition of the larger sanctuary came the need for a new organ. An Organ Committee was formed in the early 1980's and an organ fund was started. After many years of research and meetings, the Organ Committee made its proposal to the Administrative Board, and it was accepted. They chose to purchase the Rodgers Oxford 945 from Rodgers Classic Organs of Indiana, Inc. at a cost of \$38,800. The church was responsible for building a cabinet to house the speakers. As funds came available, a Rodgers Four Rank Pipe Complement was ordered in 1991 at a cost of \$24,000. Those who were on the committee at the time of purchase were: Marilyn Bohrer, chair, Paul Bohrer, Susie Brown, June Hannah, Georganna Irish, Mary Mason, and Mark Montgomery. An Organ Dedication Concert took place on April 26, 1992 at 3:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE

In addition to the Bible study groups, Dr. Nicholsen was invited to take the Emmaus Walk under the leadership of Rev. Herb Mather from the Division on Discipleship in Nashville, Tennessee in 1981. This was the first walk in Indiana. The Emmaus movement took root in Indiana and by 2007 some 200 people from Christ United Methodist Church had experienced it.

The Andrew's Harvest program (see Appendix B) began in 1986-87 by Dick and Judy McLeish after their Emmaus walk. Also, they set up a monthly schedule for preparing and serving a once a month evening meal at the Ronald MacDonald House.

In 1984, God began sending lay people, highly committed and wanting to work for the Lord. The first was Max Eveland. After three weeks in worship Max asked Dr. Nicholsen to put him to work visiting and leading people to experience Christ as Savior and Lord. With Staff-Parish approval, Max started, with no pay, until his job at Navistar ended. He then took on a paid position of Outreach as a staff member in 1985. Starting in 1988, Max gave leadership for an annual Fish Fry that aided the Outreach program.

Chuck Schnebelt came by in 1985. He came from California, had lost his wife to cancer and was retired. He worked for free almost 40 hours a week for five years until his death. He was a life-long Catholic and maintained dual membership at Christ Church and Our Lady of Greenwood.

Dean McFarland proposed the church increase visibility by building a new marquee at the entrance. Dean installed the sign with the three metal crosses in 1985.

In 1986, new members Steve and Jean Kesler started "Walk Through Bethlehem". They continued the program for at least 10 years with hundreds of people coming every year to Bethlehem at Christmas, which used most of the church building. It was a great education and awareness program for children with scores of Christ Church people doing bits and parts of Jesus' birth.

David Richardson, our organist, was the first Bell Choir Director in the early 1980's. As a memorial, Jack and Joan Hoadley and Alberta and Charles Mercer, Sr. gave the bells.

Music Director, Mark Montgomery, was hired in 1989. Under his leadership the drama "Passion Play" was presented annually during Holy Week.

Member, Mel Blades, provided counselling in divorce recovery, grief support, marriage enrichment and communication starting in 1992.

After a nation wide search, Rev. Larry Martineau from Arkansas was appointed to be our Associate Pastor. He introduced the idea of an Annual Winter Fun Festival called "Methodist Madness". Karen Grismer gave leadership for it. Every Sunday School class presented a skit at her request.

One project that produced tremendous results was Charles Mercer, Sr. using some old metal from behind the shelter house and building a bridge from the kitchen area across the creek to the new apartment complex to the west. It was an invitation for the apartment dwellers to come to church.

In 1990, U.S. Road 31 was torn up and rebuilt. It took two years for completion. Attendance dropped dramatically with entrances partially blocked. Mark Montgomery suggested that we launch an attendance program campaign using the "Harry Hard Hat" symbol. An eight-foot "Harry" was built and placed beside the church sign, and attention getters were put up on the marquee for passers by. Attendance came back.

1990 was the year Christ United Methodist Church celebrated its 25th year of existence. A great celebration was held on September 9, 1990 with the founding pastor, Robert Hunt, returning to preach. Mary Jim Hunt gave the children's sermon. The "Jesus Singers" were rounded up and sang under the leadership of Steven Hoagland. A big pitch-in meal, hog roast, fellowship and music were other highlights.

In 1991, Rev. Ted Cutrell was assigned to Christ United Methodist Church as our Associate Pastor. His talent for shepherding was felt by all. He remained for twenty years before retiring

July 1, 2011. He has continued to serve Christ United Methodist Church as a Parish Minister visiting our shut-ins from 2011 to the present.

The Stephen Minister program was started to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care with specially trained men and women.



CHANGES AGAIN

On May 3, 1994, Jean Nichol森 passed away after battling cancer for 18 years. Dr. Nichol森 married Ramona Provence on December 23, 1995.

During 1994, a new building fund was established with the initial amount of \$25,000 from the Jean Nichol森 Memorial Fund. A 25 room educational building was planned. Under the leadership of Jeff and Debbie Bryant, the goal of \$1,500,000 was pledged. The Conference loaned \$100,000 and the balance was secured from the National Bank of Greenwood. Ken Westercamp accepted chairmanship of the building committee and later became the church supervisor of construction.

Construction began in March of 1996 and the dedication service of the Jean Nichol森 Education Building took place in May of 1997. The second level of the education building had a large room dedicated to the youth program. During the week the preschool occupied the first floor.

In 1975, Edgewood began renting our space for their Preschool due to a state law change requiring preschools to have ground floor classes. Later it became the CUMC Preschool.

Dr. Leon Nichol森's ministry of 45 years, 17 of them at Christ United Methodist Church, ended on June 30, 1997 with his retirement.



A RETURNING SON

The Rev. Charles Berdel was appointed to be the new pastor. He had been a member of Christ Church as a teen and was the first student associate. (He and his mother, Frances, came to the Baxter Y services as they lived just across the street.) He and his wife, Janice, were warmly received.

During the time Rev. Berdel was at Christ United Methodist Church, many programs were started to serve our congregation. Spiritual life was enhanced with Sunday evening services and meals. Communion was served at the end of every Sunday morning service. A Prayer Room was designated and opened any time the church was open. An overhead screen was placed at the front of the sanctuary showing the scripture readings and the song words during the service.

In 2000, the Parish Nurse program was begun. Mary Doane was the first Parish Nurse. She would take blood pressures and provide help in homes needing nursing visits. Our Parish Nurses, including Becca Cartledge and Patt Quattrocchi, have conducted health fairs and

worked with the University of Indianapolis student nurses on projects at the church. A medical supply room and fitness room were established.

An American flag display is set up around the perimeter of our church several times a year (4th of July, Flag Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day). The flags were purchased with \$50 donations in memory or honor of someone. (See Appendix C)

For a short time, Rev. Berdel had an administrative assistant in the office. The church offices were computerized through a grant from Eli Lilly. The finance and membership programs were included. The phone system for all the building parts was established with a \$30,000 anonymous donation.

In the summer of 2002, the “Summer Fun Day” was started. It was an outreach program, paid for by the church, with no charge for the attendees. Bands were invited to perform and there were games and concessions. The Fun Days took place for the summers of 2003 and 2004.

In February of 2004, Rev. Berdel left and former pastors, Rev. Hunt and Dr. Nichol森, served as Interim Pastors until after Conference.

This was a time of great pain and confusion for the church.

These Eleven Years - 2004-2015

✝ TRANSITION

It was announced by District Superintendent James Gentry that a new pastor would be appointed to Christ United Methodist Church beginning July of 2004. The Rev. David H. Lee, his wife Carol, and their children Cassie, Corey, and Claire arrived and began their time. Cassie and Corey were students at Purdue University, and Claire was a student at Acton Elementary School, in Franklin Township, where the Lees had purchased a home. Their oldest daughter, Carrie, had married Jason Cash and they were living in Chicago.

During the summer of 2004, Pastor Lee led the congregation in a study of “Twelve Keys to an Effective Church,” by church consultant Kennon Callahan. The outcome of the study was a new church mission statement, “GREET... GROW... GO...”

- Christ Church would GREET the living Christ who came seeking us through the lost and hurting people needing help and hope.
- Christ Church would GROW deeper in relationship with one another and with our Savior through fellowship and study (especially the excellent Sunday School program on which Christ Church had been founded).
- The people of Christ Church would GO out to meet and make friends with new people who were seeking help and hope.

One of the early policy changes recommended by our new pastor and adopted was to make all wedding fees equal regardless of membership. The only distinction between members and non-members for weddings was the requirement that non-members worship with us for six weeks before we would schedule their wedding. This policy change has allowed us to welcome many exciting young couples that have grown into dynamic and committed church leaders.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

In the summer of 2005, Mark Montgomery, who had led Christ United Methodist Church's music program for over 15 years, including many Lenten Passion Plays, left CUMC along with most of the music department staff.

In May of 2006, after a long search, Sheri Sullivan was hired as Music Director, and her daughter, Hillary, an organ performance major at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, was hired as organist from October 2006 to October 2008.

In 2008, Dana Chandler served as interim Music Director, with Carol Lee as interim organist.

Another Indiana University Jacobs School student, Sunghee Kim, was hired as organist in 2009 and yet another student, William Bryant in 2010, succeeded her.

Rob Pfiester, a local church musician, was hired as organist in 2014.

Rebecca Morris came to us from Garfield Park United Church of Christ as our Music Director in 2009. Becky has built the Chancel Choir to over forty members, instituted new children's music programs encouraging the use of bells and hand chimes, revitalized the hand bell choir program by nurturing the 5 x 5 Bell choir and the Resurrection Bells choir, encourages summer specials from both the congregation and the community, and plans and organizes a late winter/early spring concert series.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Christ United Methodist Church celebrated 40 years with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and one Worship Celebration together at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2005. The guest speaker was the Reverend Jim Gentry, Executive Director of the Indiana Area Foundation. Rev. Gentry retired on July 1, 2005 from the Superintendency of the Indianapolis West District. A catered meal followed the service.

IN MEMORIAM

On May 17, 2006, long time trustee, trustee chair and facilities director Mike Blaich died while mowing the churchyard. Through the years Mike had been instrumental in helping us acquire property, telephone systems, and supervised the finish of the second floor education wing. As a way of bearing witness to his life and service to Christ United Methodist Church, a

new memorial plaque was established in the narthex called “Building Blocks for Christ”. Also, church members planted a weeping cherry tree on the front lawn in memory of Mike.

MOVING UP AND TEARING DOWN

In August of 2007, the trustees decided to remedy the long-standing problem with the heating and cooling ductwork in the sanctuary. It was a part of the floating foundation. Engineers recommended that the ductwork be moved to an overhead location. And there was an appeal to raise \$45,000 to complete this work. The concern that it would be unsightly in our sanctuary was proved unfounded, as most people don’t even know it is there. At the same time there was an appeal for \$15,000 for the demolition of the houses on the adjoining Hollingsworth property. This money was also raised and the homes were razed.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

After Pastor Lee’s arrival, members of Christ United Methodist Church expressed a desire to begin a laity led, contemporary format, alternative worship, and so T.H.I.R.S.T. (Through Him I Rejoice Salvation Today) was born.

The THIRST worship service has a coffee house style, contemporary music format, worship offering, that features Lay Preachers (all certified by the Annual Conference) with monthly Holy Communion. The THIRST Lay Speakers are the largest group of lay speakers from any congregation in the entire Indiana Annual Conference, and they continue to provide sound scriptural preaching for the THIRST worship service. The first THIRST service was in October of 2005. This service is at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Worship is traditional in style at Christ United Methodist Church. We use a mix of historic hymns, gospel and spiritual hymns and contemporary choruses. Our choirs offer a great variety of periods and styles of choral music. In addition to the Chancel Choir, we offer hand bell choirs, children’s choir, and instrumental ensembles. We seek to make each worship time Scripture centered and invitational, and we take prayer seriously. Sanctuary Worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

We began offering a Wednesday evening, mid-week worship service called EKKLESIA (those called together by God to make decisions and take action on behalf of the world) on September 11, 2011. EKKLESIA is a 45-minute service of music with piano, teaching, and prayers. Pastor Lee leads this on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

The Andrew’s Harvest program in 2004 was an effort to provide meals to families in need, as well as groceries from a small food pantry, whenever persons came to our doors wanting help.

After considering how to better serve the needs of hungry people, and remembering our Mission to GREET the Risen Christ who comes seeking us through the lost, and people needing HELP and HOPE, an Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry team was organized. Carl and Jan Weigle and Rich and Kathy Kakoczki led this.

In the fall of 2005, this team began offering food to hungry people every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon from the back door next to the kitchen.

In November of 2011, the food pantry hours changed to Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to accommodate the increasing need. An enlarged food pantry room was equipped, and food was gathered from local restaurants and from Midwest and Gleaners food banks. Team members worked at Midwest Food Bank to secure those donations.

In June of 2012, the trustees organized a church workday and Ann Moore and John Moore were instrumental in painting the front doors of the church a warm, welcoming red color.

After growing the program for several years, (See Appendix D) it was decided to use those welcoming front doors and greet our food pantry guests at the front doors of the church, in keeping with our pursuit of the FIVE PRACTICES of a FRUITFUL CONGREGATION, based on a study by Bishop Robert Shnase, Bishop of the Missouri Area United Methodist Church since 2004. The first practice is RADICAL HOSPITALITY.

In 2014, a plan to offer more concrete hospitality to our food pantry guests was phased in over a period of several months.

- The first step was homemade coffee cakes, coffee, juice, and milk offered to food pantry guests as they waited to be served.
- The second step was to offer prayer partners to our guests, and our Stephen Ministers filled this need. The prayer concerns shared are then prayed over by our prayer partners for the entire next week.
- The final step in expanding our hospitality was to offer Morning Prayer a half hour before the opening of the food pantry. This brief prayer service is accompanied by video music offerings, includes the prayers shared the previous week with Stephen Ministers, and includes Scripture readings and brief comments, led by our pastor.

These expansions to our RADICAL HOSPITALITY have born fruit in new families joining in worship, and new members professing their faith and receiving Baptism. Pastor Lee also performed a wedding on June 18, 2015 at the conclusion of Morning Prayer for one of our food pantry couples.

✝ INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Our Sunday School, a foundational building block of Christ Church, continues to thrive every Sunday morning. For many of our long time members, their Sunday School class is as important as any other activity at Christ Church. Christ Church has been reported as having the largest Sunday School in the entire Indiana Conference. New classes have been started over the years as new groups have joined Christ Church. Our newest classes currently are a young adult (post

college age) group and a Family/Parlor Class that welcomes newcomers with young children, as well as older adults, with weekly meetings in the Parlor.

The Parlor Class was organized in April of 2013. At this time a group of interested members took on the project of refurbishing our church parlor (the first effort since the parlor was built), and this space now offers display space for congregational artists, in many media, to show their work. This program is called "Art in the Parlor."

We have Sunday School classes for all ages. Currently the ten (10) adult Sunday School classes are: Christian Crusaders, Crossroads, The Family/Parlor Class, Koinonia, No Reservation, Messengers, Methodical Deeper Walk, Sojourners, Triple C, and the YES Class

In May of 2010, a Men's Promise Keepers support fellowship was offered to the men of the church. This has become a very meaningful weekly men's fellowship that includes men from the community as well as members of the congregation.

After a season of significant loss in our congregation, a Grief Support Group was started in April of 2011. This group continues to offer encouragement and support to folks who are suffering loss and grief.

On September 11, 2011, a mid-week worship service, EKKLESIA was begun. This worship experience offers a simple worship structure of singing, prayer, and Scripture, and preaching by our pastor.

Our youth groups are growing. Warehouse 242 is our Jr. High/Sr. High Youth. Acts 2:42 reads: *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* JAM 567 (Jesus and Me – our 5th, 6th, 7th grade youth group) is now meeting for a common meal with the Warehouse on Sunday evenings and then the two groups break off or may join together for a joint activity. They also meet Sunday mornings for Sunday School.

✝ RISK TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

The mission program of Christ Church received new energy in the spring of 2005 with the Faith Promise Mission Program. A Faith Promise Mission's Conference was held, and promises toward a mission budget that were separate from the General Fund were received. This program has continued through the present time, with over a quarter of a million dollars given to second mile mission giving in the last ten years. (see Appendix E)

For many years, we were providing workers at Roberts Park United Methodist Church, downtown Indianapolis, with their feeding program for the hungry. This began to progress toward our offering of time, talent, and resources to feed those in the Fletcher Place community through the LOAVES meal. By 2007, we were sending a team of workers to Fletcher Place with a meal and homemade dessert once a month.

There were forty-one (41) persons who went to Reynosa, Mexico on a mission trip in 2004. Forty (40) went on a Mexican mission trip in 2005. In 2015, we were blessed to be able to send thirteen (13) of our youth and adults to Guatemala with Mission Guatemala.

✝ **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**

The “Men in Black” have given a whole new perspective to “The Stewardship Moment”. Ed Land and Joe Moore, co-chairs of the finance committee, periodically update the congregation on the finances of the church. This, in most churches, is a dreaded moment in the service where the dismal finances of the church are given and everyone is guilted into giving more. At Christ Church the congregation looks forward to hearing from Ed and Joe with their very entertaining and humorous way of presenting. They are very successful in their approach.

In 2008, the North and South United Methodist Conferences, under the leadership of Bishop Michael Coyner, voted to merge as the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. With the merger in 2009, came the conference tithe (10% of your general fund offering), which replaced conference apportionments (based on membership and budget). Christ United Methodist Church was unable to keep up with the apportionments, so when the tithe was presented, Jerry Moore proposed that we begin a 4-year plan to reach full payment of our tithe. By 2013, we were paying our full conference tithe. In 2015, we began a 4-year plan to pay our District Asking.

✝ **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

We have many opportunities where we open our welcoming red doors and warmly invite the community in:

- Evening in Tuscany - a fundraiser for our youth featuring an Italian meal with musical entertainment and the “Oldy Wed Game” (began in 2007)
- Easter Eggstravaganza - an Easter egg hunt, with a meal, and the Easter story told through the puppet ministry (began in 2005)
- Chili Cook-Off and Cheesecake/Dessert Bake-Off (began in March of 2008)
- Fish Fry each September
- Trunk or Treat - where we transform the parking lot and the trunks of our cars into an alternative and safe place to trick-or-treat (began in 2007)
- Breakfast with Jesus and Santa each December

Some of our church groups that meet on a regular basis are:

- The Carpenter’s Shop - a group that meets in the workshop where they create beautiful items. The new Chancel steps and railings in the sanctuary were created and installed in 2014. (group began in March of 2010)
- Promise Keepers - an accountability group for men (began in May 2010)
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry – knitters, quilters, and crocheters blessing those who are sick, rejoicing at a birth, getting married, or needing encouragement through prayer and

a warm shawl or teddy bear. This group has produced 693 prayer shawls and teddy bears. (began in January of 2011)

- Quilting with 'a spot of tea' – quilters making quilts for the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home and enjoying fellowship together (began September 2013)
- Elderberries+ - our 'lunch bunching seniors' enjoying lunch and fellowship
- Scout Troop 545, Brownie Troop 1456, Venture Crew 545 (began October 2012)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Wednesday Night Bible Study, and Accountability Groups.

Our building is also used for community outreach by housing:

Narcotics Anonymous, Alanon, Alcoholics Anonymous, Toastmasters Speaking Club, Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, Bible Study Fellowship, Shihan Sherry Brown's Karate, PTREA – Perry Township Religious Education, Dance Fit, two Sewing Guilds, and the Ukulele Club.

Special Services at Christ United Methodist Church are:

Scout Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Services, Memorial Sunday, All Saints-All Souls, Veteran's Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve Services.

✠ **MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

With the organization of the new Indiana Conference, in 2009, Bishop Mike Coyner led the leadership of the Annual Conference in affirming our historic first mission of "making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Since the beginning of the new Indiana Conference, Indianapolis Christ United Methodist Church has continued to report confessions of faith, infant and adult baptisms, and growing opportunities for worship, mission, and service every conference year. With the moving of the Central District offices to U.S. 31, Christ Church has had the opportunity to welcome District and Conference gatherings in our spacious and accessible facilities.

After the new Indiana Annual Conference came into being, Bishop Coyner asked local congregations to consider how effectively we were employing our physical resources. As a result, leaders of Christ Church decided in late 2012 to offer property (6.2 acres) that had been gifted to the congregation by Lucy Hollingsworth for sale.

To date, there have been several interested commercial buyers, but none have come to fruition resulting in a sale of surplus acres. The Trustees and Finance Committee have a plan in place in the eventuality that a sale occurs. The first priority is to pay off all congregational debt (a reality of our common life for 50 years), to refurbish key areas of the facility, and to retain significant funds for our future physical and missional needs.

God has been exceptionally good to Indianapolis Christ United Methodist Church since our founding in 1965 under Robert Hunt's leadership. Our location has been key to our continued growth and missional presence on the Southside of Indianapolis. Our leaders, young and old, have made sure that the founding principles of Christ Church, faithful to Scripture in worship, in study, and in mission, continue to be foremost in our planning and work. We continue to assert our connectional nature as a United Methodist congregation by attending to the "Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation," and our first priority in mission, "To Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World." We look forward with thanksgiving for all that has been, and joyful anticipation of all God has in store for us at Indianapolis Christ United Methodist Church.

Compiled for our 50th Anniversary Celebration by

Ann Moore, Church Historian
David H. Lee, Pastor



APPENDIX A

CHARTER MEMBERS – 1965

Waitman Bailes	Debbie Montgomery (child)	Carole Perkins Wintin (child)
Wanda Bailes	William Feaster	Karen Perkins Gale (child)
Marilyn Bailes (child)	Mrs. Feaster	Harold Purtee
Jimmie Bales	Milton Garrison	Hazel Purtee Resner
Carol Bales	Helen Garrison	Emily Purtee Bucha (child)
Jerry Bare	Douglas Garrison (child)	Harold Randol
Dee Bare	Debbie Garrison Stover (child)	Joanna Randol
Jack Bennett	Richard Harman	Ron Randol (child)
Mary Frances Bennett	Laraine Harman	Jack Rhodes
Rita Bennett (child)	Steve Harman (child)	Ellen Rhodes
Jim Boggs	Sheree Harman (child)	Darrell Roach
Karen Boggs	Effie Harris	Fanny Roach
Ashley Lisa Boggs (child)	Eugene Hendricks	Darrell Roach (child)
Robin Paul Boggs (child)	Betty Hendricks	Allen Roach (child)
James Burks	Robert Hunt (pastor)	James Roach (child)
Beverly Burks	Mary Jim Hunt	Robert Romine
Billy Burks (child)	Harold Jackson	Vaniel Romine
Gary Burks (child)	Rebecca Jackson	Mike Romine (child)
Ron Campbell	Stephen K. Jackson (child)	Zelma Rundell
Karen Campbell	Howard Jackson (child)	Harold Scott
Bernard Champer	Audrey Jennings	Mary Jean Scott
Evelyn Champer	Lester Jones	Carol Scott Thomas (child)
Tom Church	Sue Jones Meek	Gayle Scott Mercer (child)
Marlene Church Walters	Jack Lammering	Marcia Scott Nance (child)
David Church (child)	Nila Lammering	James Spears
Debbie Church Deem (child)	Charles Mercer	Barbara Spears
Patty Church Geisler (child)	Alberta Mercer	Robert Stone
Allen Cole	Duane Mercer (child)	Normajeane Stone
Pat Cole	Robbin Mercer (child)	Gail Stone (child)
Joe Colter	Dallas Moore	Harold Unger
Karen Colter	Jonelle Moore	Pauline Unger
James Courtney	Barry W. Moore (child)	Pat Widdifield
Mildred Courtney	Joe Moore (child)	Bret Widdifield (child)
James F. Courtney (child)	Tom Moore (child)	Ivan Wood
Sally Courtney Sehn (child)	Jerry Steward Moore	Betty Wood
Joyce Cunningham	Ann Moore	Merna Young
Walter Denien	Robert Morris	Dennis Young (child)
Virginia Denien	Gene Perkins	
Nancy Denien Murray (child)	Carolyn Perkins Cummings	

APPENDIX B
ANDREW'S HARVEST FOOD PANTRY

Andrew's Harvest was started in 1996 in memory of 10-month-old Andrew Michael Quattrocchi. He was the son of Michael and Paula Quattrocchi, a grandson of Mike and Patt Quattrocchi, and nephew of Beth Quattrocchi Shupert. He was born April 25, 1995.

Because of a heart malformation, Andrew had his first surgery five days after he was born. During the next eight months, he had three more surgeries and spent his time between home and the hospital/ICU at Riley. The family of Dick and Judy McLeish, who were members of Christ United Methodist Church, took the Q family under their wings for support. Dick and Judy also had a grandson with a major physical malformation, but he was now a toddler and doing so much better. Both boys had been in Riley Hospital where Dick was a volunteer. They brought the Q family much support and nurturing. Dick and Judy made frequent calls, visited at the hospital, prayed, and brought food – with a lot of love. This was a roller coaster time. The support of the McLeish family was invaluable! They were able to anticipate many of the family needs, even before they were needed, because of their own experience.

Dick and Judy had the experience of each one going on the Emmaus Walk. As is encouraged during one's pilgrimage, the McLeishes honed their leadership and servant skills. Months later they decided to start a church program modeled after the love, service, and friendship they had given to Mike and Paula and the rest of the Q family. The service started first with taking families who were suffering under their wings. They prepared meals for them or helped in other ways that met the family's needs. They encouraged others in the church to do the same for them or helped in other ways that met the family's needs. They encouraged others in the church to do the same for their Sunday School class members and fellow church members. Meals were even prepared ahead of time and placed in the church freezer to be used, as needed, by families in need during crisis situations. The pantry was not yet started, but the seed was planted right here through helping Christian brothers and sisters who were hurting.

When Andrew went to be with our Lord in February 1996, after contracting the RSV virus, the McLeishes were again right there for the Q family. They brought food for the funeral dinner and encouraged others to do the same. They closely supported the family for months and months as they healed. The Quattrocchi family will always be grateful for the love and friendship shown to them.

Dick and Judy's own grandson thrived and grew. He is now a healthy teenager.

The Andrew's Harvest program was given Andrew's name because of what the many months with Andrew taught. It was because of the lives that were touched along the way and how people began to better reach out to others in the congregation during these tough times. The harvest is now about the pantry that evolved from all the food that was prepared and stored in the church freezer to be shared with others.

The Christ United Methodist Church Andrew's Harvest Food Pantry serves many families each week from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon each Thursday. We are grateful to all who have participated in this ministry and who have perpetuated it during the last twelve years, including Carl and Jan Weigle and the volunteers who now make this program a blessing to many families in our local community each week.

Written by Patt Quattrocchi, Andrew's Grandma
November 2008

APPENDIX C
PERSONS HONORED OR REMEMBERED BY A FLAG DONATION

In memory of Jack Klass	by Melissa Archer
In honor of James Byrum, Paul Ashley, Russell Mason	by Dorothy Ashley
In honor of Sgt. David J. Means, Army	by Walter Babcock
In honor of Walter Babcock Jr., Air Force	
In honor of George W. Bush, President & Commander in Chief	
In honor of Winston Ball & John Campbell	by Winston Ball
In honor of Joseph Brett, Robert Brett, Hugh Brett, Paul Brett and David Brett W.W. II Navy Air Corps	by Evelyn Benge
In memory of Carl Berdel, Navy, WW II	by Janice Berdel
In honor of Thomas Burch, Air Force	
In honor of Brad Manzenberger, Navy – Desert Storm	
In honor of Jerry Bristow, Marines	by Jeannine Bristow
In honor of Brian McRoberts, firefighter	by Jerry & Jeannine Bristow(3)
In honor of Steve Hargis, Marines	
In memory of Peyton Bristow, War of 1812	
In honor of Lt. Col. Todd Finley, Marines	by Emerson & Sandy Brown
In honor of Lt. Jonathan Drew, Air Force	
In honor of Warrant Officer Jason Drew, Army	
In honor of Lt. Cmdr. Warren Whitley, Coast Guard	
In honor of Arthur Beeler, W.W. II Navy	by Susan Brown
In honor of all servicemen and women	by Susie Brown
In honor of William Brown, Sr.	by William Brown, Jr.
In honor of Les Branham for leadership in the education community for special needs students	by Sarah, Luke & Shirley Branham
In honor of Korean War Veterans	by Ken & Carolyn Bullock
In honor of John and Brandy Burgess	by John & Sylvia Burgess
In honor of all military personnel	by Ray and Linda Cannarella
In memory of Maurice J. Cavanaugh and Robert J. Riney	by Gary Cavanaugh
In honor of Greg Clapper	by Jody Clapper
In honor of Col. Lou Ann Kremer Ret.	by James Courtney(7)
In memory of James P. Whalen	
In memory of Fred Courtney	
In memory of Richard King	
In memory of William Dennis	
In honor of Dale Auerbach	
In memory of Howard Chambers	
In honor of James E. Courtney	by Mildred Courtney
In honor of Austin Stephenson, our first grandson	by Eric & Debbie Cox(2)
In honor of Tyler, Joshua & Shelby Cox, our triplet grandkids	
In memory of Joseph W. Cox, Navy	by Eric Cox
In honor of Edward Bennett	by Ted & Harleen Cutrell
In memory of Walter C. Lutes	
In honor of Max Eveland	by Ellen Eveland
In honor of family members who served in the armed forces	by Dean & Judy Fasig
In honor of Don & Letha Swanson	by Scott & Stacie Gayheart
In honor of all the military service personnel who have served and are currently serving	by Rob & Becky Gooding
In memory of PFC. Jack Hasecuster	by Jerry & Pat Hasecuster
In memory of PFC. Francis Dougherty	
In honor of TSGT. Greg Hasecuster	
In honor of SSGT. Gary Hasecuster	
In honor of Michael Haworth	by Pat and Michelle Haworth
In memory of Orville Schooley, Jr., Army	by Terri Haehnle
In memory of Gene Hendricks, Army - Korean War	by Betty Hendricks
In memory of Jack Marks, Evelyn's first husband	by Herman Hudson
In honor of Herman Hudson	by Evelyn Hudson & family
In memory of Golie Huffman and Lloyd Chandler	by Bob & Carolyn Huffman

In memory of Bill Karas, Army 1,000th Hoosier killed in Vietnam, and member of Christ Church	by the Rev. & Mrs. Robert Hunt
In memory of Robert Johnson, Army	by Kevin & Tracey Johnson and family Mike & Becky Johnson and family
In honor of Steve Kesler	by Jean Kesler
In memory of Robert Koch, Army Infantry	by Georgia Koch
In honor of Norman Lasley	by Mary Lasley
In memory of Ronald Applegeet and Wilbie R. Long	
In honor of Jason L. Lear, Marines	by Lee Lear
In memory of Clyde Lear, Army	
In honor of future victims of the War of Terrorism	by Jeff & Chris Love
In honor of the men & women of the Armed Services	by Scott & Shalon McCart
In honor of Jeff Rodgers	by Amanda Medina
In honor of Steven R. Memmer, Army - Vietnam	by Gene Memmer
In honor of Albert C. Montgomery	by Mark Montgomery
In honor of Thomas Moran, Navy, retired	by Thelma Moran
In memory of Dale H. Johnson	by Denise Musick
In honor of Warren J. Noble, Jr. Conservation Officer	by Jana Noble, Maryann Noble, Sherri Brickey
In honor of James Nees, Army	by Michael Nees
In honor of David Kuebler, Air Force	
In honor of Kurt Kuebler, Army	
In honor of Robert Allan Hamilton, Army	
In memory of Admiral William Halsey, Navy	
In honor of Glen Edward Nees, Navy	by James E. Nees
In honor of Sandee Owen	by David Owen (3)
In honor of SSGT. Craig Parker	
In honor of Rev. Leonard Pavey	
In honor of Willard Parsons	by John & Cheryl Parsons
In memory of Paul Rosfeld	
In memory of Frank Persell	by the Persell Family
In memory of Robert Stephen Raines, Army	by Rick & Marilyn Raines
In memory of Clyde Rather	by Margaret Rather
In memory of Harold Purtee	by Hazel Resner
In memory of Lyle Lingenfelter	by Clara Rogers
In memory of Dennis McDermott	by Glenn Rogers
In honor of Richard Stocker	by the Rooted in Christ Class
In honor of Owen S. Stamper, W.W. II Army	by Marcia Routh
In honor of Sharyn M. Routh, Peace Corps	by David, Marcia & Rachel Routh
In honor of Gail Saylor and John Sykes	by Cham & Carol Saylor
In memory of John J. Fahey, W.W. II Army	by Mike & Roberta Sipe
In honor of Charles H. Smale	by Jay Smale
In honor of George L. Smith, W.W. II – Purple Heart	by Rob Smith & Jan Lesniak
In honor of Grace Jackson and Bernard Lesniak	
In honor of Paul and Ruth Straub	by David Straub
In honor of Lt. Col. John F. Stuart	by Hope Stuart
In honor of Shawn A. Boyd, Christopher Boyd	by Elise Taylor
In memory of Stanley W. Bullock	
In honor of Ronald Goldfarb and Brian Goldfarb	by Emma Jean Walker
In honor of Charles Walker	by the Walker Family
In honor of Fred Weidman, Marines – Korea	by Mark and Sue Weidman
In honor of Gene Blanchard, Marines	
In honor of Steve Hoagland & Ken Westercamp	by John and Laura Westercamp
In honor of Y.E.S. Class Veterans	by the Y.E.S. Class
In honor of Dennis Young, charter member C.U.M.C.	by Myrna Young

APPENDIX D
ANDREW'S HARVEST FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS
 Provided by Pantry Statistician Rich Kakoczki

FOOD PANTRY YEARLY SUMMARY through July 31, 2015							
YEAR	AVG # of Families/week	AVG # of People/week	AVG Weekly Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Total Families	Total People	Expense/Family
2006	12.8	44.4			655	2266	
2007	13.3	44.4			676	2265	
2008	16	52			798	2670	
2009	18.3	66.9	\$222	\$11,101	917	3344	\$12.11
2010	22.3	78.6	\$305	\$15,571	1135	4010	\$13.72
2011	31.3	107.4	\$510	\$25,499	1566	5368	\$16.28
2012	40.1	141.8	\$561	\$28,615	2047	7234	\$13.98
2013	43.5	159.2	\$483	\$23,645	2132	7799	\$11.09
2014	40.1	149.8	\$416	\$20,392	1964	7338	\$10.38
2015	41.5	151.6	\$529	\$13,769	1079	3941	\$12.76

APPENDIX E
FAITH PROMISE MISSION GIVING 2014-2015

Our Faith Promise Pledge year runs from April 1 through March 31 each year. Below you will find the description of the mission areas we are currently supporting.

We have been blessed to give \$54,875.97 for missions in 2014-2015.

Local/Nation Mission:

- **LOAVES MEALS AND FUNERAL DINNERS**
- **BRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER** www.indymetroumc.org/bcc
- **FLETCHER PLACE PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS** www.feltcherplacecc.org
- **INDIANA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN’S HOME, LEBANON** www.childrenshome.net
- **REDBIRD MISSION SCHOOL** www.rbmission.org

International Mission:

- **JOY IN THE HARVEST** www.joyintheharvest.com
- **MOSHE MESSIANIC MISSION** *One Mission Society (OMS)*
- **MISSION GUATEMALA** www.missionguatemala.com
- **KIDS AGAINST HUNGER** www.kidsagainsthunger.org
- **JAY AND CHRISTINA SANTOS** *One Mission Society (OMS)*

TOTAL GIVEN 2014-2015 **\$ 21,657**

Above and beyond Faith Promise Missions:

When our congregation hears a need in our global community, they react.

Since March of 2014, we have sent the following proceeds:

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)	\$ 4,710.00
UMCOR – US Disaster (Ebola)	\$ 225.00
UMCOR – School Kits	\$ 849.87
Andrew’s Harvest Food Pantry	\$ 20,432.10
Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home	\$ 334.00
Kids Against Hunger	\$ 6,668.00

TOTAL PLUS ADDITIONAL MISSION GIVING **\$54,875.97**

APPENDIX F
STAFF HISTORY & CURRENT STAFF

CHOIR DIRECTORS

1965-1972	Shirley Dutton
1973-1978	William Scharborough
1979	Matt Kauffman
1979-1981	Ellen Weimer
1982	Jane Brewer
1983	Glenn Haynes
1987	Mark Montgomery
2005	Marcia Routh
2006	Sheri Sullivan
2008	Dana Chandler
2009	Rebecca Morris

ORGANISTS – PIANISTS

1965-1972	Ellen Rhodes, Betty Pinnell, Martha Spinning
1973-1975	Kenny Maxey
1976-1977	Martha Spinning
1977-1978	Matt Kauffman
1979	Marlene Scharborough
1979	Dale Reith
1980	Mike Farris
1980	David Richardson
1985	June Hannah
2000	Julie Margason
2006-2008	Hillary Sullivan
2009	Sunghee Kim
2010	William Bryant
2014	Rob Pfiester

CONFERENCE APPOINTED PASTORS

June 1965-March 1974	Robert Hunt
April 1974-October 1976	Keith Carlile
October 1976-June 1980	James McKinney
June 1980-June 1997	Leon Nichol森
June 1997-February 2004	Charles Berdel
February 2004-July 2004	Robert Hunt and Leon Nichol森, Interim
July 2004-present	David Lee

CONFERENCE APPOINTED ASSOCIATE PASTORS

1973-1976	Jeff Trees
1976	James Duncan
1981-1983	Jim Truelove
1983-1985	Fred Cain
1988-1990	Larry Martineau
1991-2011	Ted Cutrell

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.”
Ephesians 4:11

“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”
Jeremiah 3:15

CURRENT STAFF AT INDIANAPOLIS CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor David H. Lee
Pastor Ted Cutrell
Becky Morris
Terri Haehnle

Amy Hensley
Max Eveland
Lisa Spiegel
Carol Lee
Rob Pfiester
Patt Quattrocchi
Georganna Irish
David Haehnle
Damon Cox

Pastor
Parish Minister
Director of Music
Director of Christian Ed. &
Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Finance Officer
Interim Preschool Director
Church Growth Director
Secretary
Publications Secretary
Organist
Parish Nurse
Women's Ministries
Custodian
Custodian

