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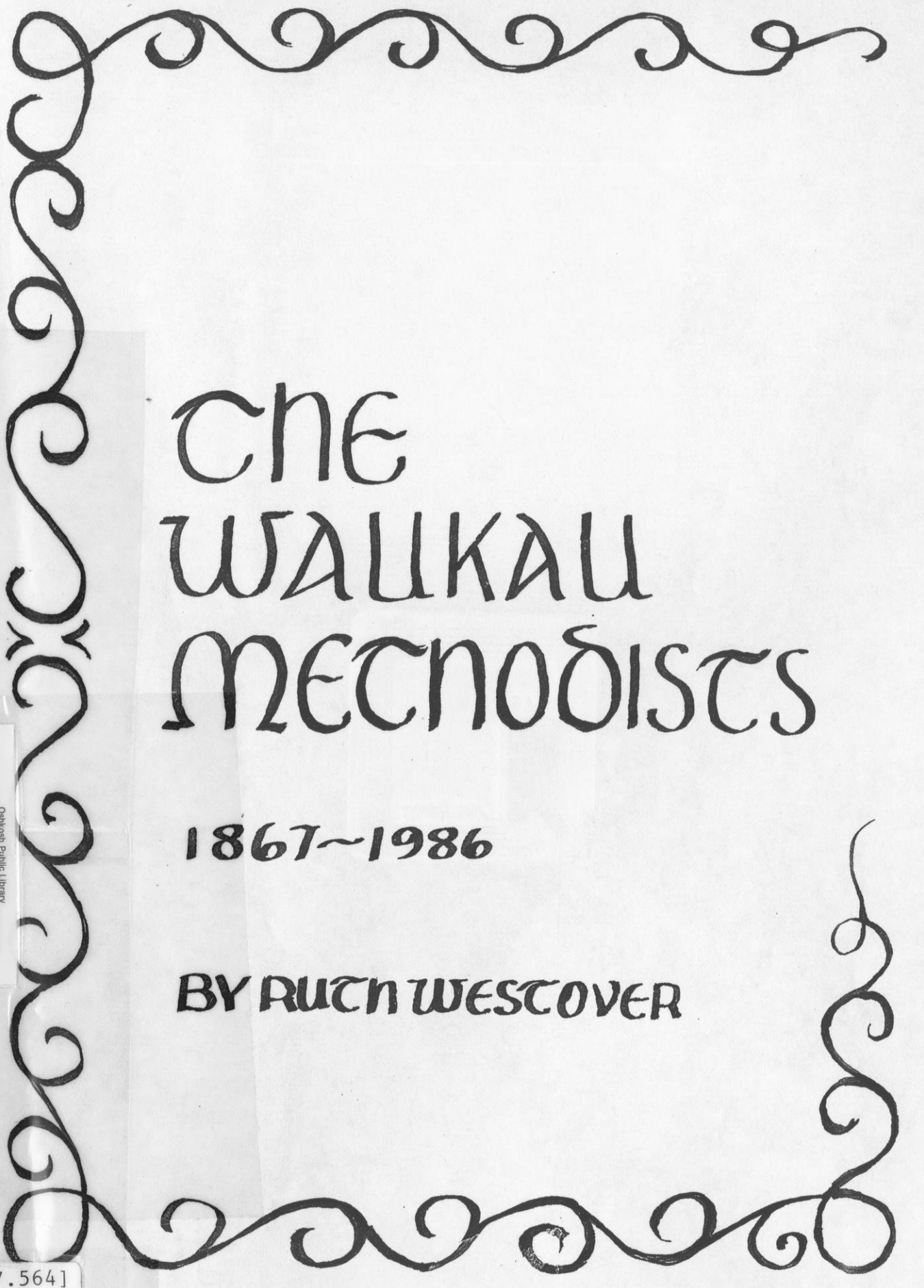
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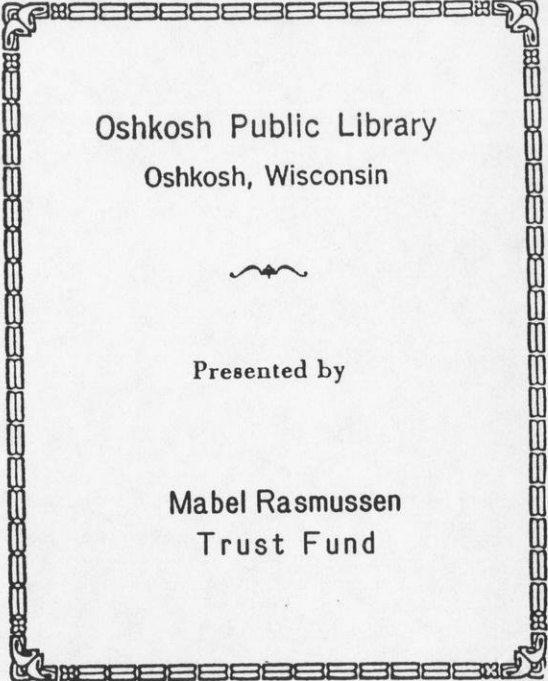
THE
WAIKAI
METHODISTS

1867~1986

BY RUTH WESTCOVER



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*This book is
dedicated to
the children
who will be the
Waukau United
Methodists of
the future.*

THE PIONEERS

The first man to come to Waukau with settlement on his mind was a Methodist. In the spring of 1846, John Hall arrived, but became ill, returned to Ohio to recover, then returned later.

Meanwhile, another Methodist, Luther Morton Parsons, dissatisfied with communal living at Ceresco (now Ripon), built an 8x10 foot log shanty on the shores of Waukau Creek. He also dammed the creek, built a sawmill & a large frame house - all of which have since disappeared.

Still standing in 1986 in Waukau is the house built by John Hall, cabinet maker. It is now owned by Lynn Jewell.

Actually, the first preacher in Waukau was a Baptist, the pulpit-pounding Free Soiler & abolitionist Hiram McKee, an itinerant preacher.

But a permanent settler & a Methodist, Elder William Manning, performed Waukau's first marriage & was the first school teacher.



HE SHALL

give the angels charge
over thee & keep thee in
all thy ways.

Psalm xci

BEGINNINGS

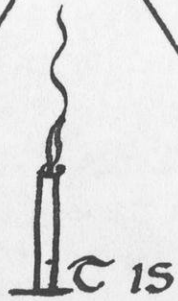
The first Waukau Methodist services were held in the log school or in homes. A circuit rider, the Rev. Dickinson, came around periodically.

When a large, frame school was built, Methodists, Baptists & Congregationalists took turns having services there, as well as social events.

Waukau grew, & by 1861 the first resident Methodist pastor came. He was the Rev. Thomas Peep who served 38 members in Waukau & 25 in Eureka.

About 1860 the Baptist built the first church in town on a lot purchased from Mrs. Gay. Their pastor was the Rev. Cook. That church is now the Mesner home.

At first there was no Methodist parsonage, so Eli Thrall could be counted on to board the pastor. Eli's children remembered his hospitality extended to a black preacher who always stayed over night with them on his way north to some meeting.

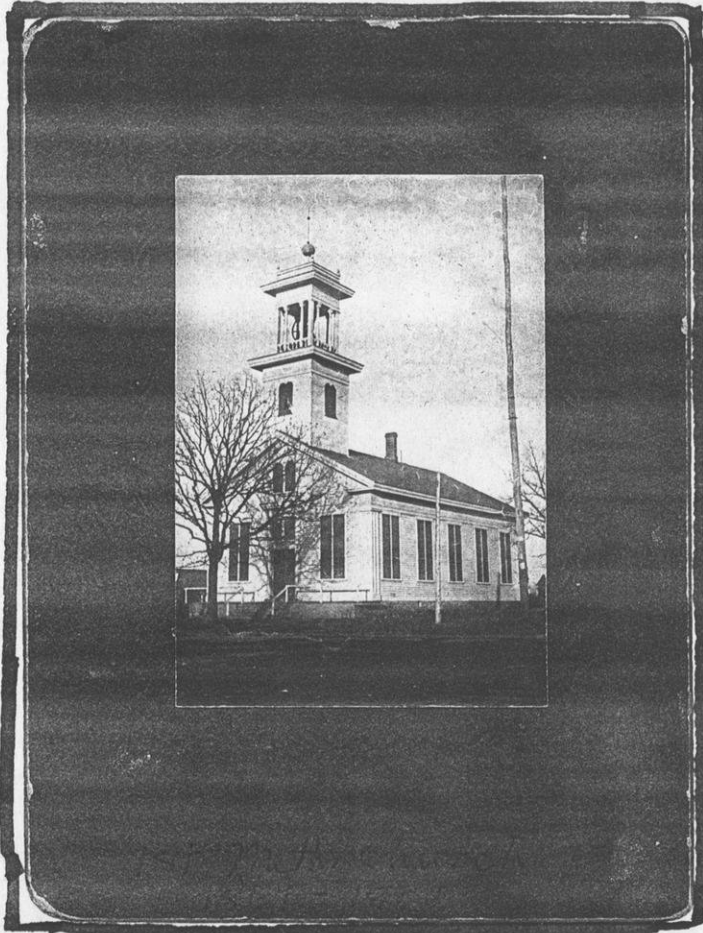


IT IS

BETTER TO LIGHT
ONE CANDLE THAN TO
CURSE THE DARKNESS.

MOTTO OF THE
CHRISTOPHERS

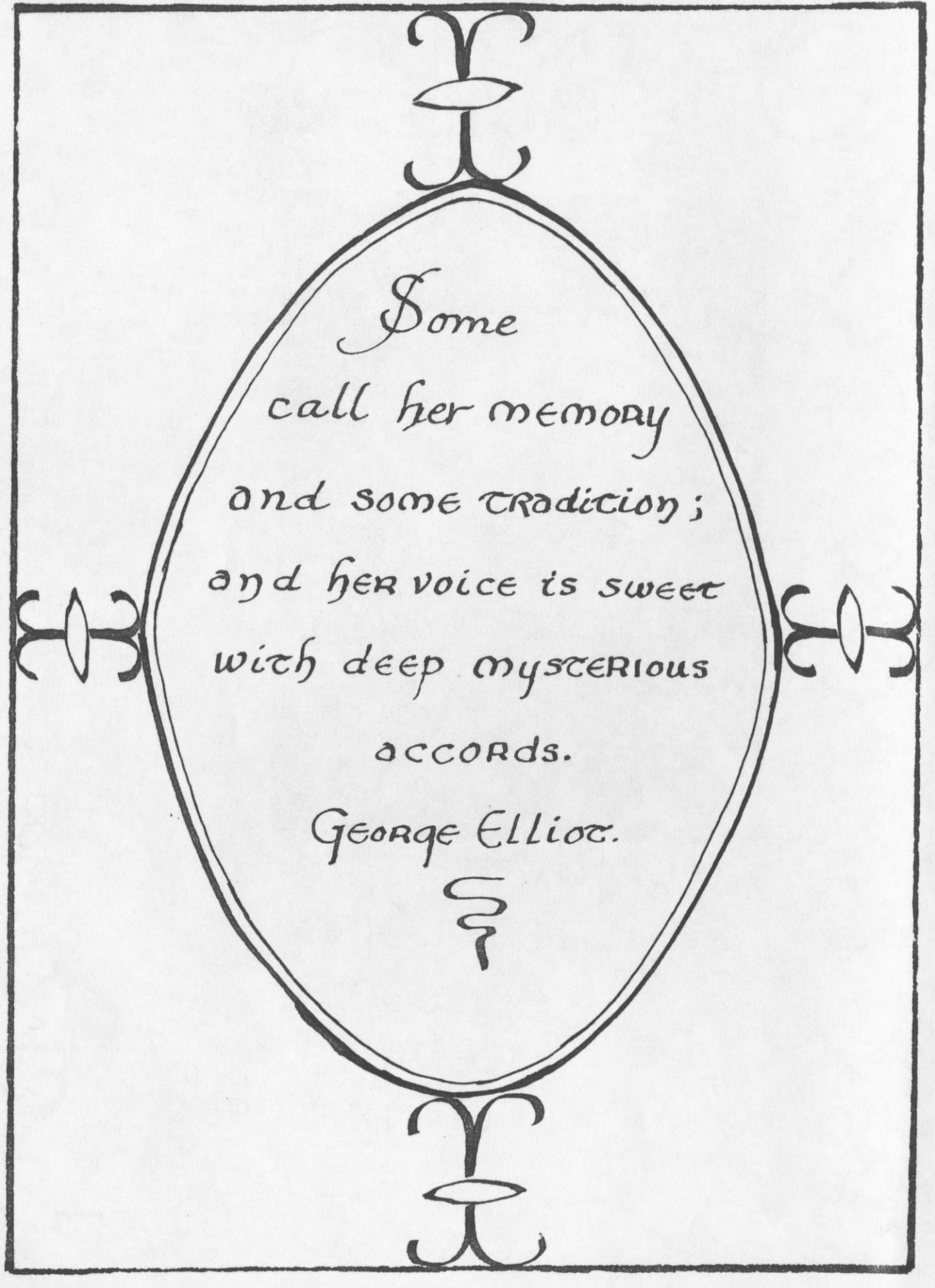
THE BUILDING



WAUKAU


METHODIST
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

1867~1904



Some
call her memory
and some tradition;
and her voice is sweet
with deep mysterious
accords.

George Elliot.



WORK & FAITH

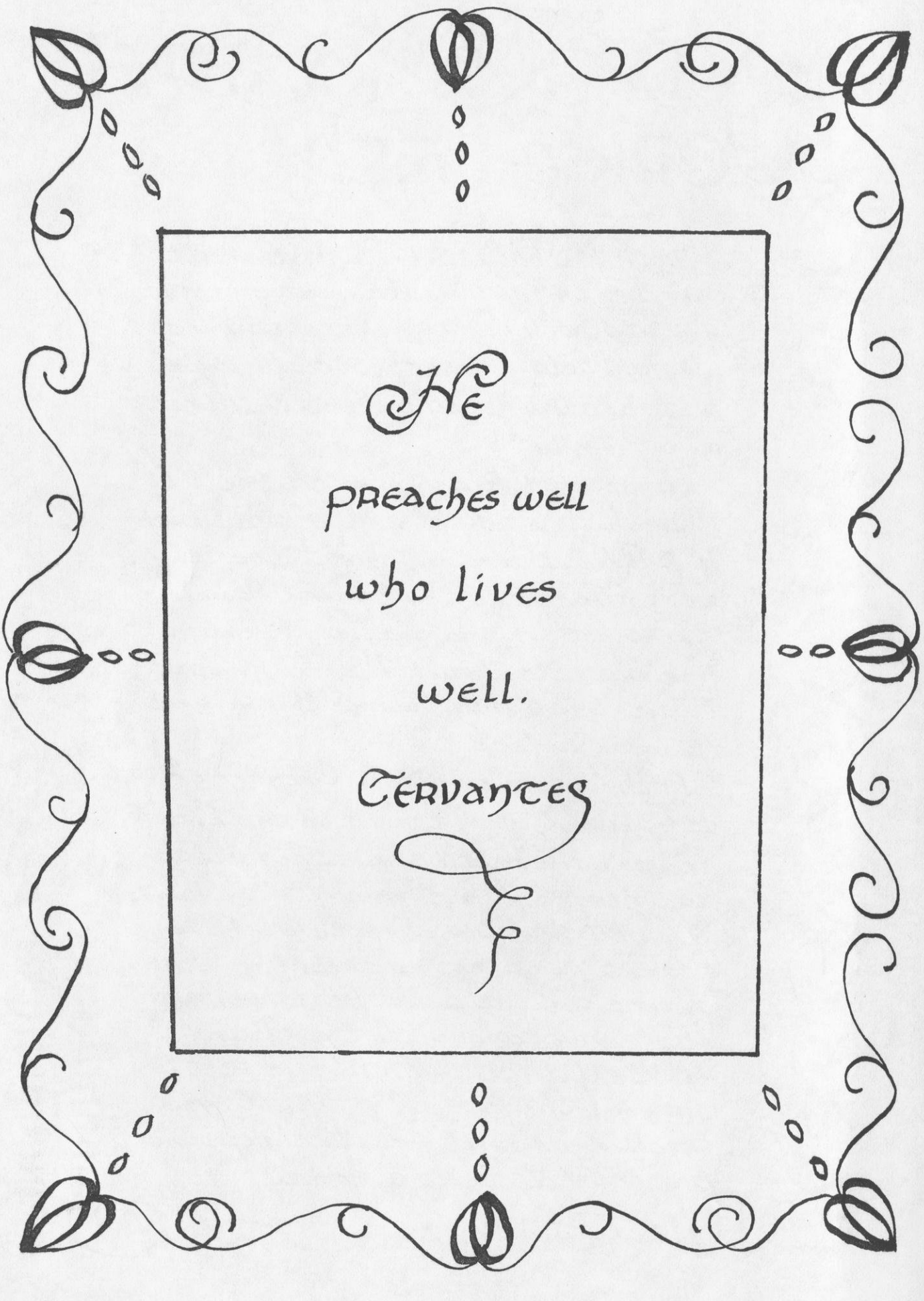
Both Methodists & Baptists built churches in 1867. Waukau area people gave to both causes. The Methodist women held suppers, socials and bazaars. Sunday school children did their bit.

Land on which to build the M. E. Church was purchased from David R. & Julia Bean in June. Witnesses were Ellen Hall & Edward Manning.

Trustees in charge were: Reuben Hurlbut, Eli Thrall, Patrick Knapp, Bean, Uriah Hall, James Marsh, and James Garlick.

Enthusiasm ran high. One farmer complained, with tongue in cheek, that he was bankrupt because his wife had given all his money to the fund.

A bell was purchased, with David Bean a generous contributor "so my name will always be remembered in connection with the church." The bell was the only object to survive the fire in 1904. It was cracked when it fell to the ground but is still in use today.



He
preaches well
who lives
well.

SERVANTES

MEMORIES

The Saukau Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated in July of 1867 by the Rev. Samuel Fallows of the Sixth Street Methodist Church, Oshkosh.

Maggie Tice Hotchkiss (Mrs. Fred) remembered just how the church looked & even where each family always sat.

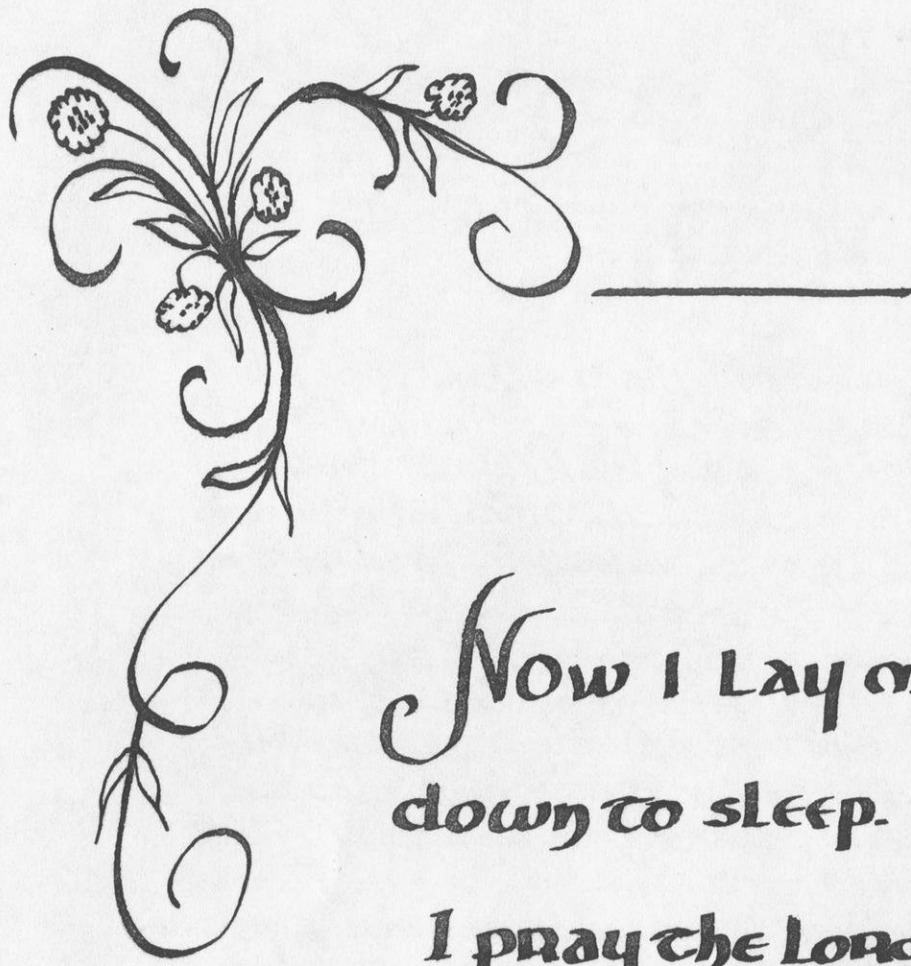
She said the frame building was painted white, with clear glass windows. The interior had white plaster walls, later papered in a tan scroll design. Grass matting covered the floor in the aisles. Pews were painted & a head-high partition divided the pews down the center.

Lighting was by means of many kerosene lamps in wall brackets. Heat was provided by a box stove that could take in a whole stick of cord wood.

Ventilation by a "newfangled" invention of L. M. Parsons that piped outdoor air in over the stove, worked well.

A rear balcony was where the choir sat in summer, but in winter they sat at the right of the pulpit.

Maggie said A. A. Cole & his wife, who kept the drug store next door & were very deaf, always had a front pew. The Dave Bean pew was the only one with a cushion.



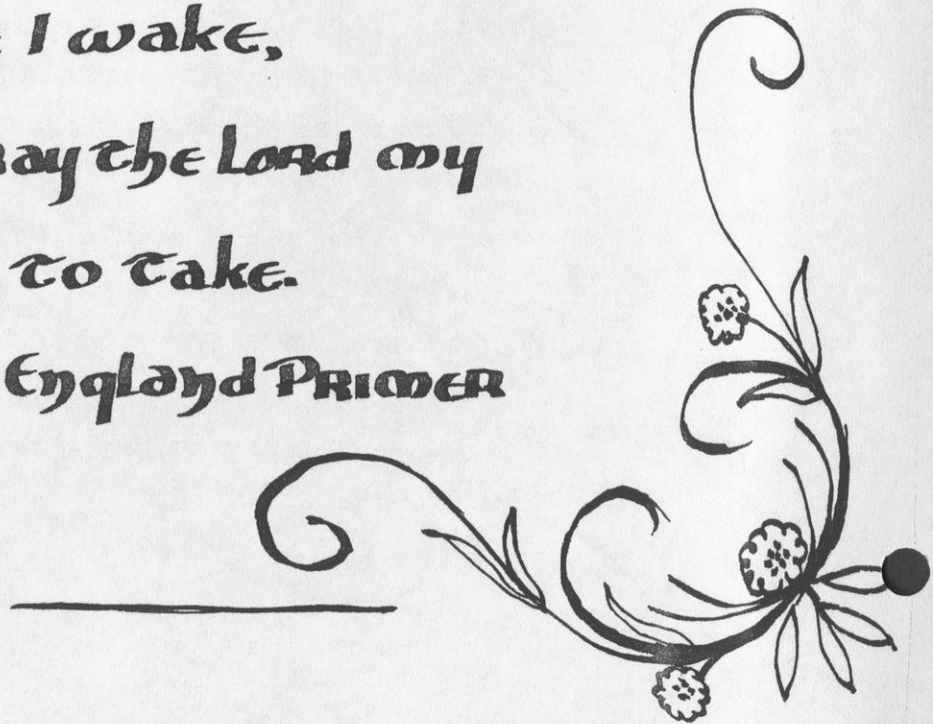
Now I Lay me
down to sleep.

I pray the Lord my
Soul to keep.

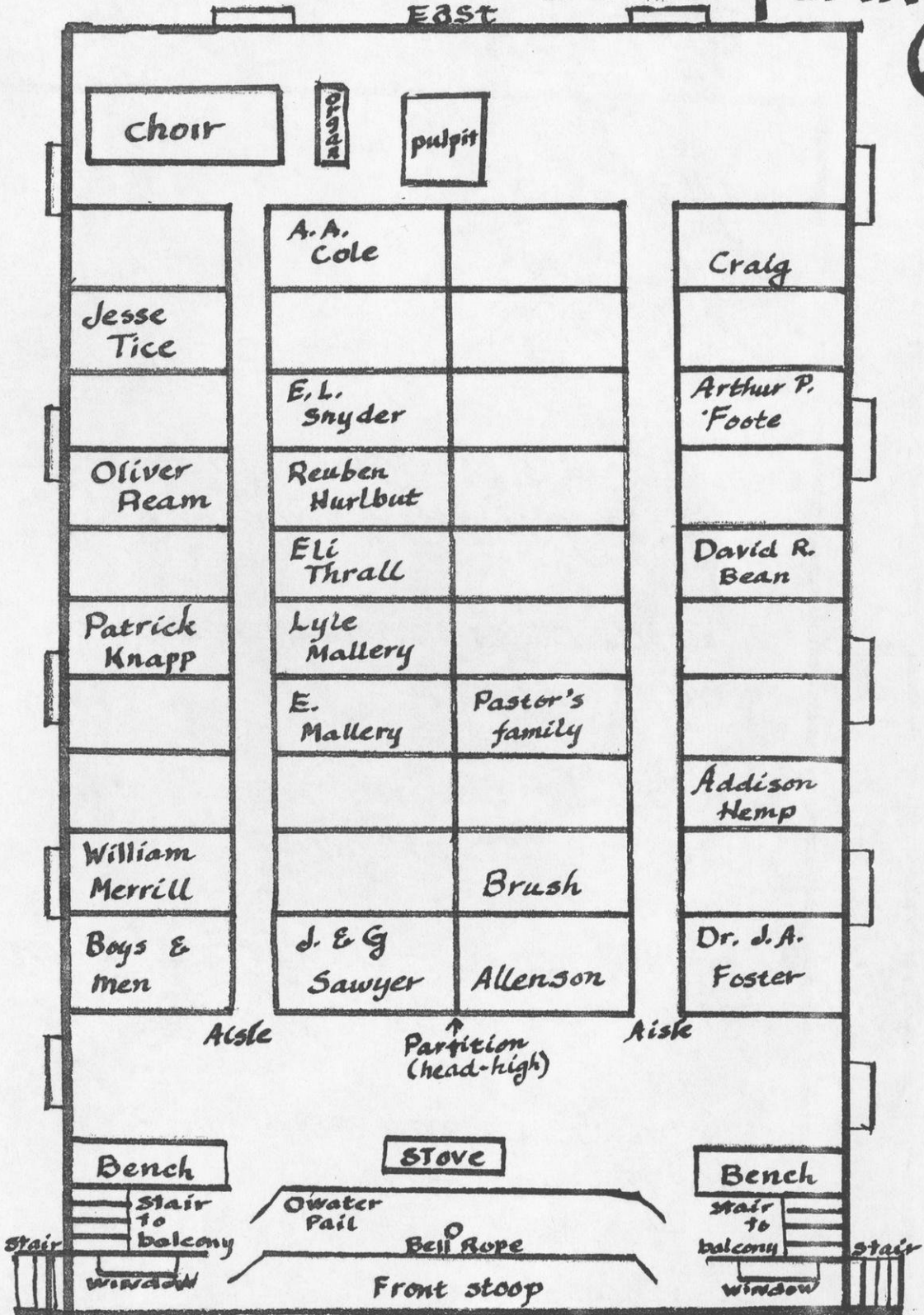
If I should die be-
fore I wake,

I pray the Lord my
Soul to take.

NEW ENGLAND PRIMER



OLD CHURCH FLOOR PLAN



1867~1904



A prayer,

God be in my head and
in my understanding;

God be in my eyes and in
my looking;

God be in my mouth and
in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in
my thinking;

God be in my end and in
my departing.

Old Sarum Primer, 1514, Salisbury, England.

BAPTISTS

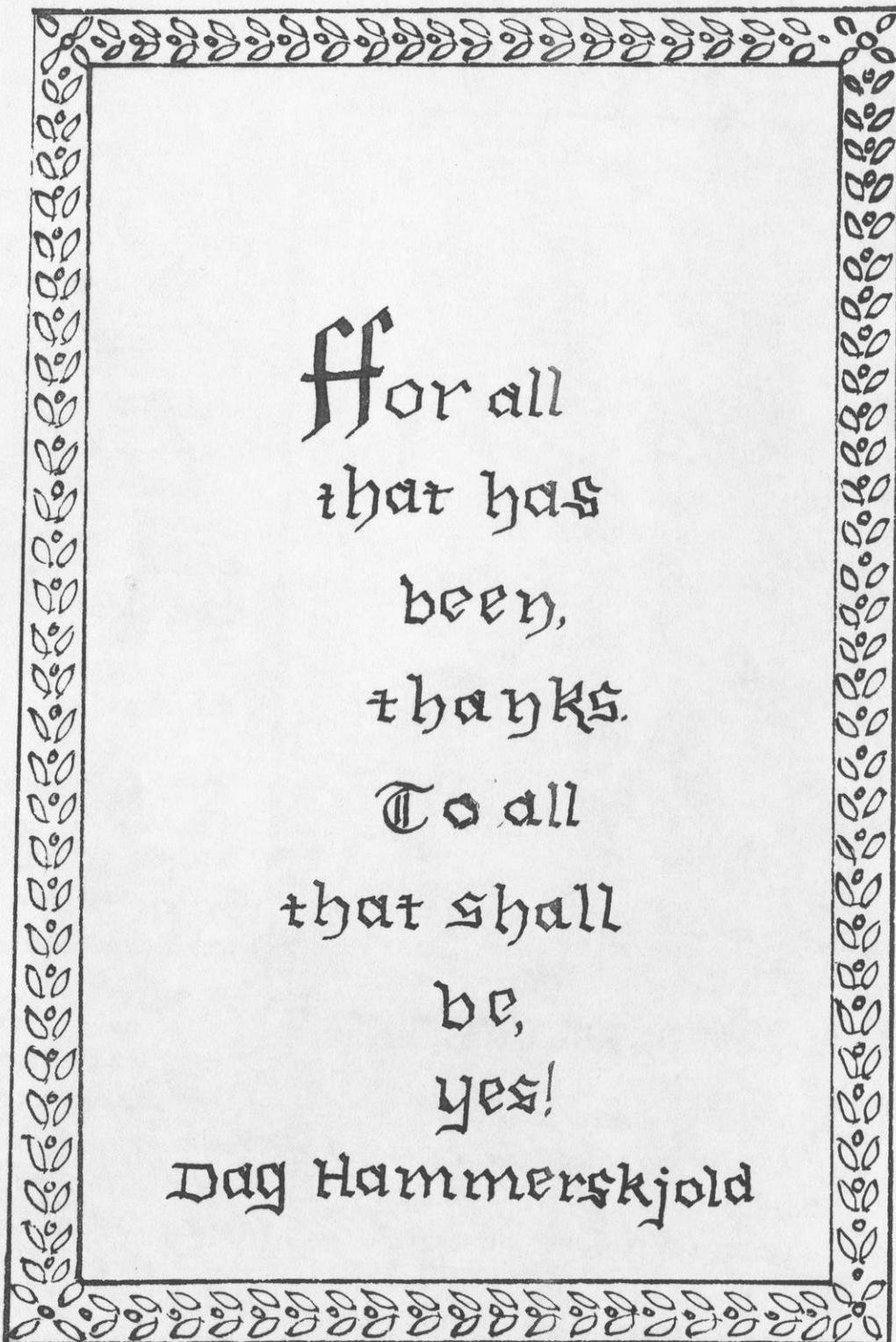


1867~1912

The Baptist Church was a source of pride to the people who labored hard to build it the same year the Methodists built theirs. Members of the congregation, who joined the Methodists when their church was razed in 1912, called it "the prettiest little

country church in the country." Especially they recalled the beauty of the morning sun streaming in through the round, stained glass window behind the preacher's head.

A church is God between four walls.
Victor Hugo.



ffor all
that has
been,
thayks.
To all
that shall
be,
yes!

Dag Hammerskjold

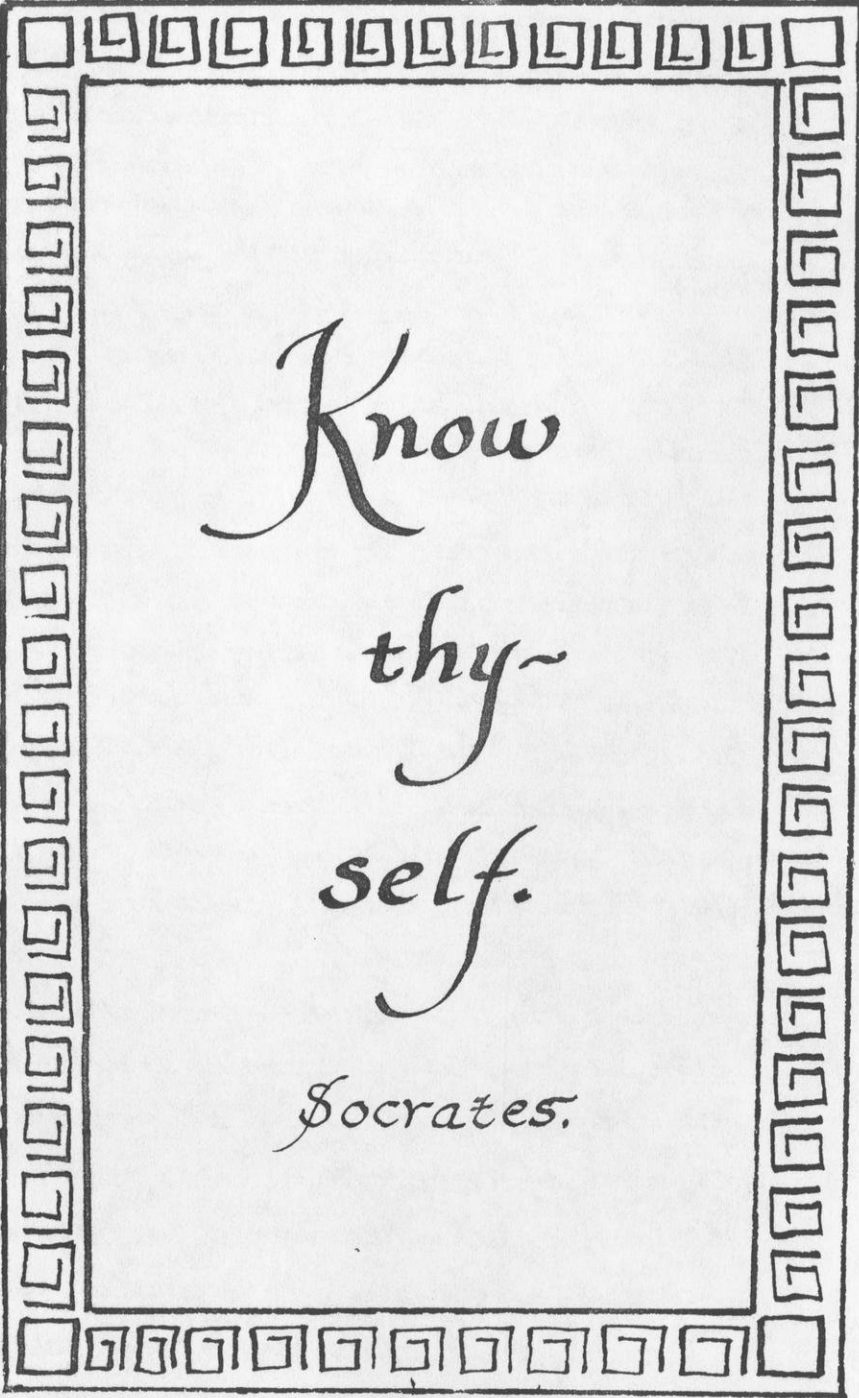
THE CORNERSTONE

"The Largest religious gathering ever seen in Waikau," commented people who assembled June 18, 1904 to lay the cornerstone of the New Methodist Episcopal Church & to partake of the subsequent dinner in the store building next door. The old church was now but a memory.

Records of the Ladies Aid told of the contents of the copper box inside & the memorial tablet affixed to the face ~ paid for by an ice cream social that netted \$12.02.

Most extensive among the box's contents were the names of people. Listed were persons connected with the building process, members of church organizations & the Sunday school. Also listed were Waikau businesses, the oldest & newest residents, Dudley Curtis & McKinley Vines, pastors of Baptist & Methodist Churches, members of the graduating class & teachers in Waikau School, outside contributors to the building fund, & the people who spoke at the event.

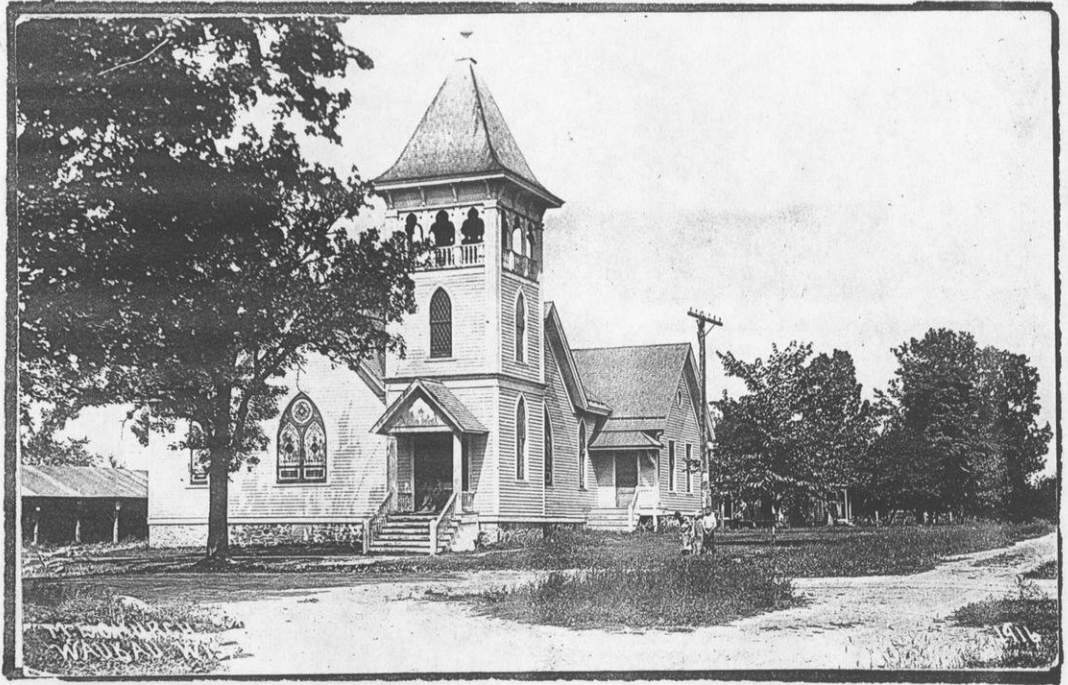
Also included were copies of area newspapers, Sunday school & other church papers, names of pastors since 1861, & an aluminum pin tray bearing a picture of old & new churches & of the pastor, the Rev. G. F. Reynolds. (These trays were sold by the Ladies Aid to raise money for the building.)



*Know
thy-
self.*

Socrates.

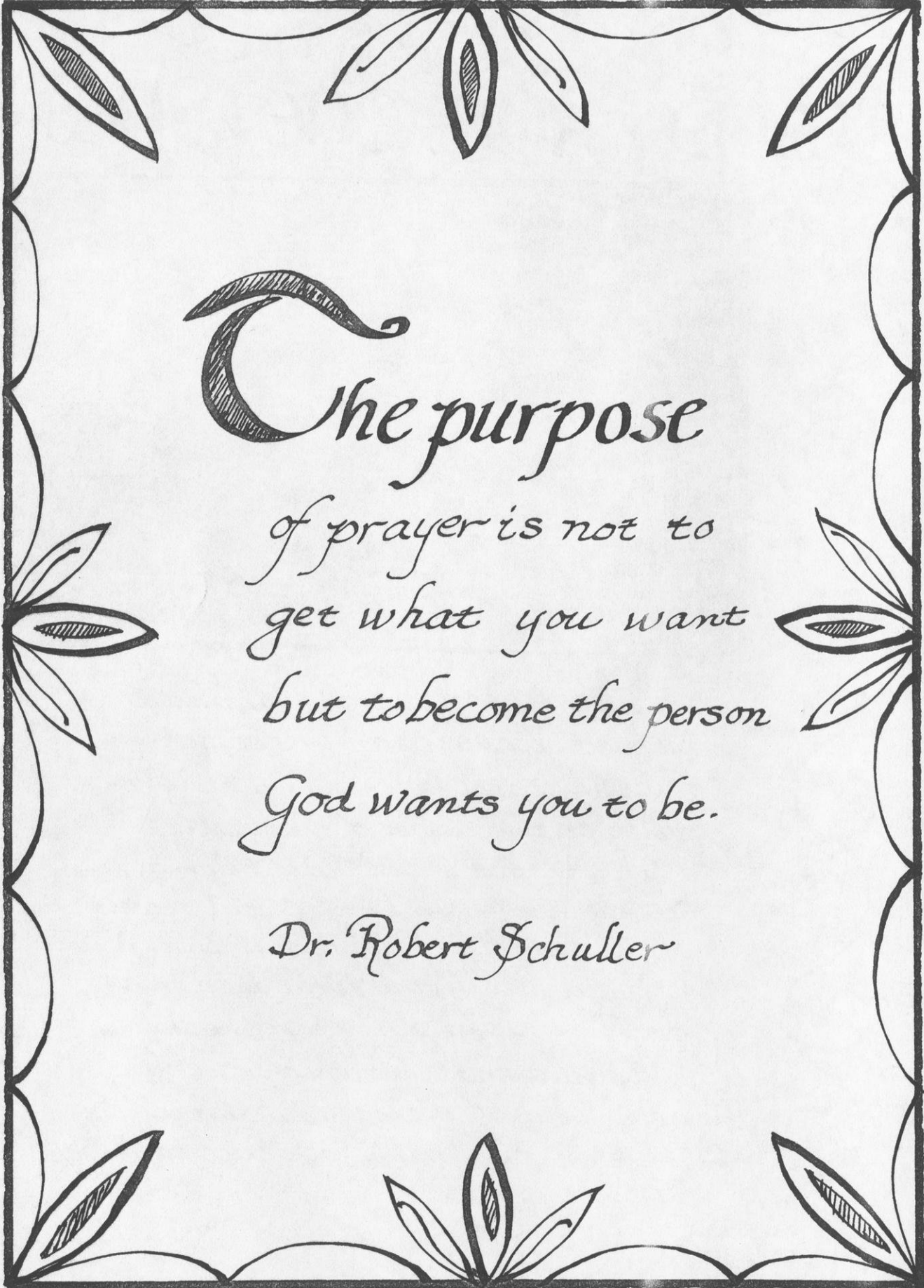
UP FROM THE ASHES



The first church which had burned because of an overheated furnace Jan. 3, 1904 was immediately rebuilt on the ashes of the old.

The pastor's wife, Julia Reynolds, kept meticulous Ladies Aid records of all aspects of the rebuilding.

Incidentally, this was a second double fund raising year, the church & a village hall for which stock was being sold, stretched Naukau pocket books to the limit. Both succeeded.



The purpose

of prayer is not to
get what you want
but to become the person
God wants you to be.

Dr. Robert Schuller

PASTOR & WIFE



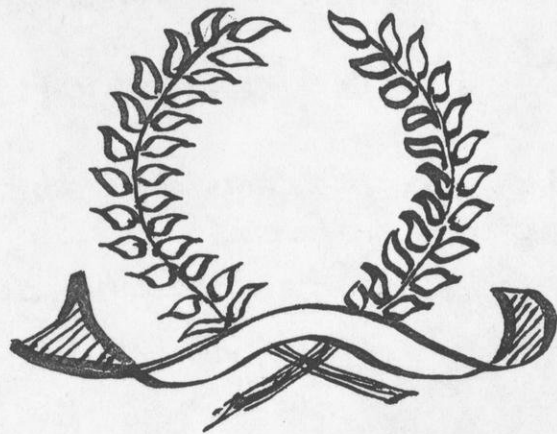
The Rev. & Mrs. George F. Reynolds

Stress of fire & rebuilding the church probably contributed to the fatal illness of the elderly pastor. His wife Julia often read his sermons for him & was said to be "as good a preacher as he was."

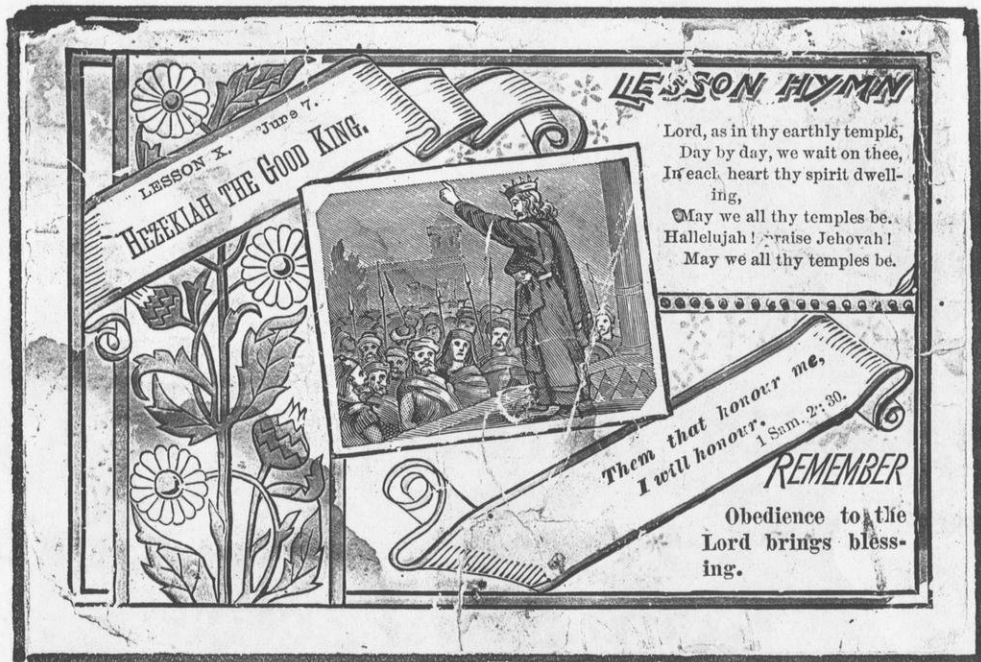
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nation reveals itself not
only by the men it produces,
but by the men it honors,
the men it remembers.

John F. Kennedy
(Address at Amherst College, Oct. 1963)



A GOOD COMBINATION



When the Baptist Church was razed & the lumber incorporated in the granery on the John Lenz farm on County Trunk X, the small congregation enriched the Methodist church, especially in its music. Theron Shove & his sister Freda were both well grounded in music & held the choir to high standards.

Freda saved a lesson-hymn card from the Baptist Sunday school of her childhood & gave it for safe keeping to a Methodist. A hand-built pew of simple lines from the Baptist church stood for years in the Methodist vestry.



The

BEST way to
KEEP good acts
in MEMORY is
to REFRESH them
with NEW.

Cato



CARRIE PERKINS REMEMBERS

Eli Thrall's daughter Carrie (Mrs. Fred Perkins) was the one who played the reed organ for many years in the old church. She said, "I had to be on my toes because the words & music were in separate books & I had to be sure I chose the music with the right meter." In gratitude for long & faithful service, the congregation gave her a marble topped Bible stand which always had a place of honor in her parlor.

Carrie's sister Lula Thrall Theiker was another of the old-time faithful organists.

Many people recalled the value of the singing schools periodically conducted by traveling teachers with gospel song books to sell. His pupils were mainly from church choirs.

Koro Band also contributed musical talent to the church ~ William Kaiser & Dan Wright. From the Waukau Orchestra came Wright, Forest Merrill, Fred Alger and Bill Carter. The Waukau Quartet members were all Methodists ~ Alger, Ward Mallery, Walter Noble & Theron Grove. Visiting Welsh Singers from Gung, especially Moses Morgan, were welcome guest artists.

Hymn singing was a vital part of the baptism rituals at Waukau Creek. Annual revivals in which the choir "had to be there" wore them "to a frazzle" at the end.



TO STORM A BREACH,
CONDUCT AN EMBASSY, GOVERN A
PEOPLE, THESE ARE BRILLIANT
ACTIONS; TO SCOLD, TO LAUGH, AND
DEAL GENTLY & JUSTLY WITH ONE'S
OWN FAMILY & ONESELF, THAT IS
SOMETHING RARER, MORE DIFF-
FICULT & LESS NOTICED IN THE
WORLD.

Esquiem Michel Montaigne
(FRENCH philosopher, 1533-1592)



MUSIC IN THE CHURCH


Best remembered of the area singing school teachers who enriched church music in Waukau were Filas Bridge, Oshkosh, 1860; & later J. F. King & Dr. Sheerar of Omro.

Choir leaders of early times were Mr. Bradish, before 1895; Mrs. Elizabeth Hemp, 1895; Mr. West & Fred Alger of Waukau; Miss Hamlin, a Ripon music teacher, 1910; Ira Lee, a vocal teacher turned farmer; Theron Shove, William Kaiser & Mrs. Irma Craig, all of Waukau; the Rev. E. G. Sanderson, Omro, 1923; the Rev. Homer Hoeing, Waukau 1933-34; and Mrs. Laura Bohn of Waukau, 1937-53. Mrs. Helen Larsen is leading the choir in 1986.

Gospel songbooks from the singing schools were said to be much preferred over regular church hymnals.

New hymnals were purchased in 1910 & in 1952. That was the year the junior choir bought red robes to match the new red hymnals. The senior choir had previously been outfitted with black robes. For participation in a Christmas play, the cherub choir was dressed in white cottas with black bowties made by the church women in 1953.

The early reed organ was replaced by a piano in 1910, an electric Hammond organ was purchased in 1952, a new piano in 1978, & a large Baldwin electric organ in 1986.



There are
only two
lasting bequests
that we can
give our children.
One is roots, the
other wings.

HODDING CARTER

CLASS MEETINGS

In early times, after the regular worship hour on Sundays, a group of members gathered in true Wesleyan tradition for the class meeting. All members were welcome, but usually only a few participated.

The minister came down from the pulpit & knelt with the others on the floor with elbows on the pew seats & head in hands. Tears often flowed.

The designated class leader called for voluntary prayers & spontaneous testimonies. Hymns were sung.

The custom of class meetings died out at the turn of the century, with the feeling being expressed that something of great value had been lost.

Remembered class leaders were E. L. Snyder, Dwight Sawyer, & Horace Van Kirk.

To pray well is the better half of study.
Martin Luther.

Do you wish to find out the truly sublime? Repeat the Lord's Prayer.
Napoleon Bonaparte.

Matthew, Mark, Luke & John,
Bless the bed that I lie on;
Four corners of my bed,
Four angels round my head,
One to watch & one to pray,
And two to bear my soul
away

Old Nursery Rhyme

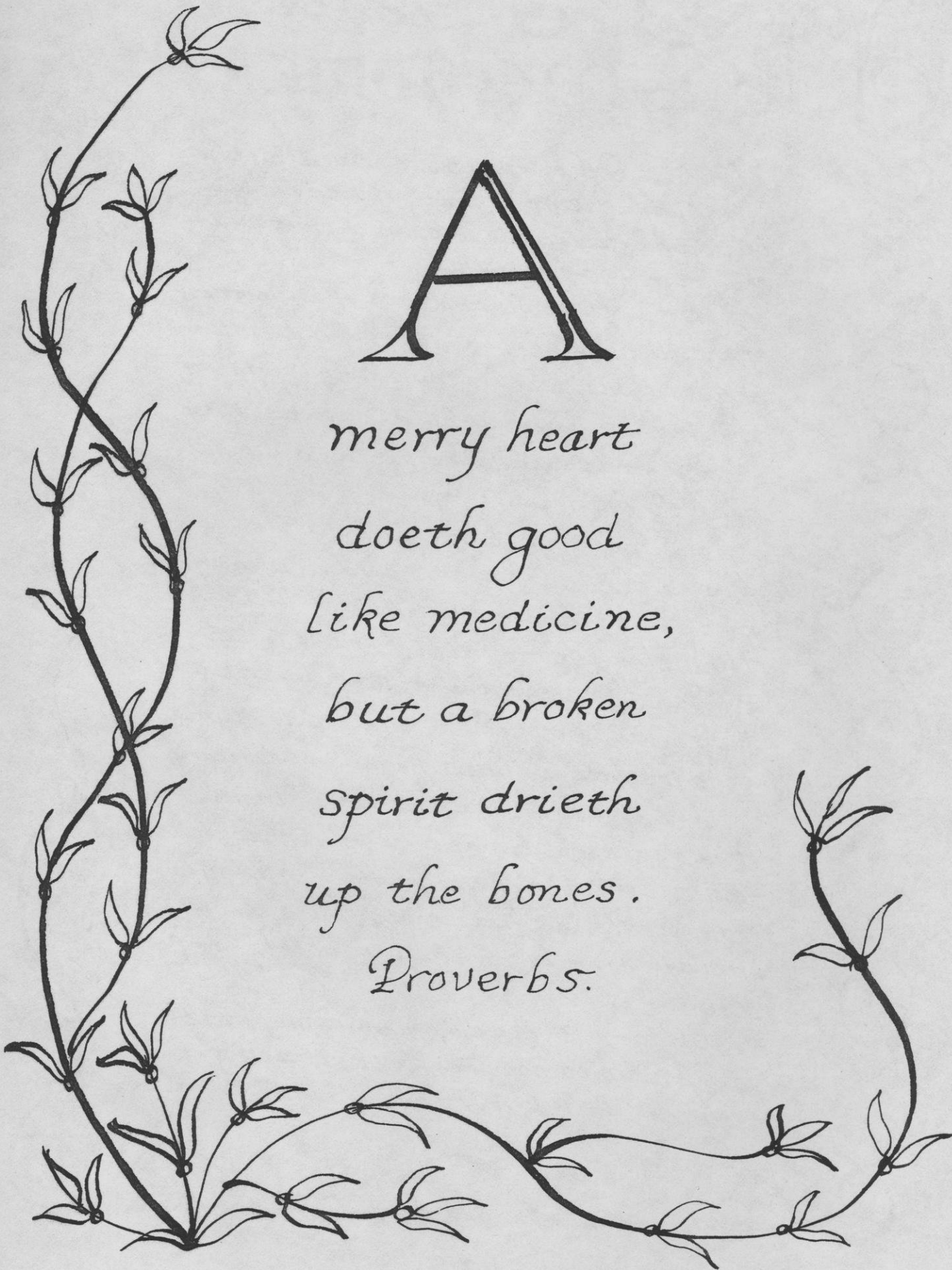
MORE MEMORIES

Ladies Aid records preserved by the late Mable Hemp Dibble provide insight into the activities & aims of church women from 1904 to 1912.

After listing the contents of the cornerstone dedicated June 18, 1904 & detailing the services held on the newly laid floor shaded by an overhead canvas, these records also gave an idea of how the church was paid for.

At a meeting, three days after the fire, a record-size crowd of women met at the home of Olive Hall Diley. They pledged to raise \$300.00 & elected officers: Jessie LeFevre, president; Lizzie Hemp, vice president; Belle Craig, second vice president; Julia Reynolds, secretary, & Addie Fridd, treasurer. (In 1904 the Ladies Aid was officially recognized as an authorized church society & the president was designated an official member of the quarterly conference.)

By June 15, 1908 the women were able to vote \$10.00 toward the building of a sister church in Flo.

A decorative border of a vine with leaves and small flowers, curving around the text on the left and bottom sides.

A

*merry heart
doeth good
like medicine,
but a broken
spirit drieth
up the bones.
Proverbs.*

FUND RAISERS

A variety of fund raisers were recorded in the old minute books of 1904-1912, most written in Julia Reynold's excellent script.

There was a December church fair, meals served to workmen on the roads around the church, luncheons for insurance company stockholders, chicken dinners & ice cream socials for the annual Homecoming of Haukai School classmates the last Saturday in July, tips from grateful families for services & meals at the time of deaths in the family.

The young people whose parents were active church members sometimes staged a play to raise money for a special project.

And then there were the every-other-Wednesday bean suppers ~ the "Dime Suppers," whose name persisted long after the price was no longer a dime for adults & five cents for children.

How did they spend their money? Recorded were: To Bagley's Store for a kitchen range \$12.00; Community song books (5¢ each) \$6.20 toward a new pump organ; new carpet for the kneeling bench at the pulpit ~ and just before the fire in 1904, there was the triumphant entry "No debt on the church."



Love is patient & kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own
way; it is not irritable or resent-
ful; it does not rejoice at wrong,
but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things, believes
all things, hopes all things, endures
all things.

Love never ends.

Corinthians 13:4-8 RSV

NEW BEGINNINGS

Dedication of the completed church took place at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 30, 1904. After a prelude by the Naukav Orchestra, the people sang, "Christ the Foundation Stone." Scripture was Psalm 24. After the Gloria Patri & prayer, the choir sang "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Rev. C. O. Merica gave the sermon & the collection was a whopping \$550.00.

A dedicating hymn written by Julia Reynolds was a part of the dedicatory ceremony.

The first reception in the new church was conducted by the "fid" in spite of inclement weather. They prepared a supper & presented a program.

After an instrumental selection by Mrs. Abercrombie, two songs were sung by Mr. & Mrs. Ward Mallery, assisted by Fred Alger. A brief history of the Ladies fid Society was read by President Mrs. LeFevre. Mrs. Fred Alger read a poem, & a paper on ways the society could aid the church & the pastor was given by Mrs. Reynolds. After a business session the pastor closed with a prayer.

Bless all the churches, & blessed be God,
who, in this our great trial, giveth us churches.

Abraham Lincoln.

(His reply to a Methodist delegation
on May 14, 1864.)

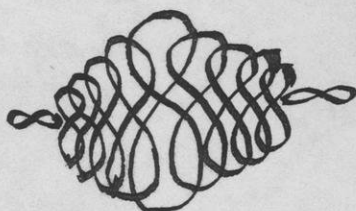


EAR KNOCKED
AT THE DOOR

FAICH ANSWERED.

THERE WAS
NO ONE THERE.

Sign over an old inn, Bray, England.



A WEEK OF DEDICATION

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1904 the Ripon Glee Club presented a cantata "The Rolling Seasons" in the new Waukau M. E. Church. Admission 25¢.

The official dedication was at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, but at 7:30 p.m. everyone gathered again to hear the Waukau Orchestra play & the choir sing "Ten Thousand and Times Ten Thousand." A tenor solo was sung by Mr. Eilert & the offertory was a trombone solo by Edgar Zobel of Ripon. After the sermon Mr. Knop sang a bass solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."



By Nov. 4, 1904, the Epworth League held a 7:30 p.m. rally. Rev. Gates substituted for the Rev. F. H. Brigham, Berlin.

The Sunday school held a rally at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 5 & again Rev. Gates filled in for an absentee, the Rev. L. E. Farmer.

At 11 a.m. Nov. 7, 1904 the Winnebago District Ministerial Association met at Waukau & was addressed by Evangelist Russell. Mr. Loper was the soloist.

A Ladies Aid reception, supper and program at 3 p.m. Nov. 12, & the Quarterly Conference at 7:30 p.m. again did without the scheduled speaker. Dr. John was detained in Omaha.

The Rev. George Reynolds preached at an 11 a.m. worship service Nov. 13, 1904 & special music was by the Ripon Methodist choir.





Poem

Not to the swift the race;
Not to the strong the fight;
Not to the righteous perfect grace;
Not to the wise the light.

But often faltering feet
Come surest to the goal;
And they who walk in darkness
Meet the sunrise of the soul.

Henry Van Dyke.



ANNIVERSARY 1894

Eight people who had witnessed the 1867 Waukau M.E. Church dedication were present at the twenty-seventh anniversary celebration in 1894.

A feature of that occasion was a baptismal service at Waukau Creek, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Turner.

DONATION PARTIES

Parishioners brought food, quilts, household equipment, hay & oats for the preacher's horse ~ it was the annual donation party to supplement his meagre salary. At any time of year church members brought gifts from their bountiful harvests or at butchering time.

As salaries increased the custom died out. Records show that the Rev. Fairbanks in 1862 was paid \$325 a year. By 1904 the stipend was \$500, & in 1910 it was \$900. In 1986 the pastor is paid annually \$16,500.00 of which 47% is paid by the sister church in Eureka.

The Waukau Church has never been seriously in debt, but during depression times it was sometimes difficult to raise all of the pastor's salary when it was due.

Let

all things
be done
decently
and in
order.

1 Corinthians: 14-40.



ORGANIZATIONS

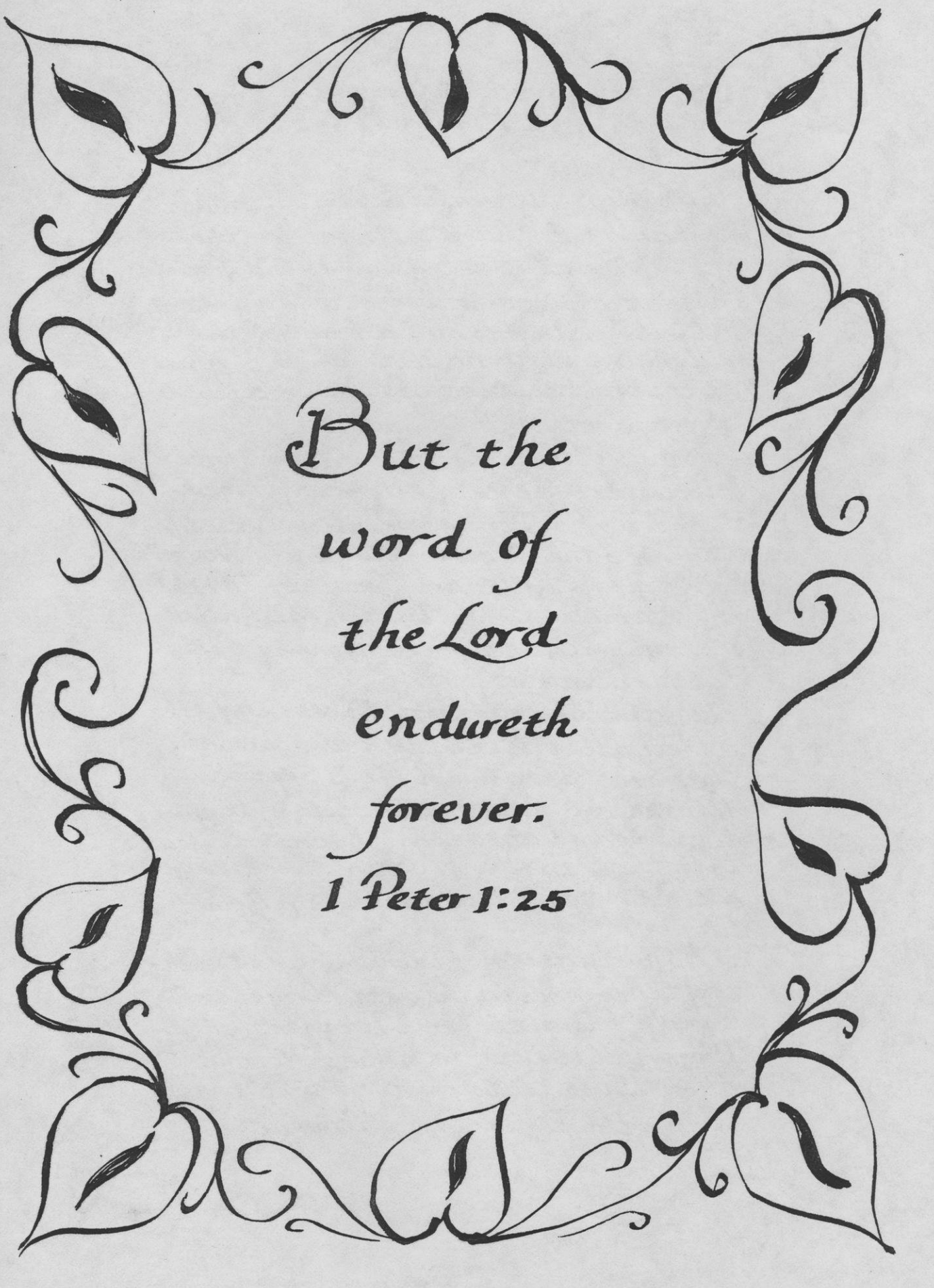
The most venerable organization of Naukai M. E. Church, other than the official board, was the Ladies Aid Society. These were the same women who organized in Civil War days to buy a flag for the "village green", a small triangle of grass at the intersection of Main & Mechanic Streets south of the church.

Along with the "Aid" was the Home Missionary Society & unconfirmed rumors of a Foreign Mission Society.

By 1936 the women became the Women's Society of Christian Service. In 1968 the name became United Methodist Women because of the joining of the two denominations.

Under the Rev. Harry Elhers in 1945 a Methodist Men's Club was formed. They held an annual Men's Supper, financed a new water system, bought the Hammond organ for the church, saw to it that conference claims were met, & always sang an anthem on Mother's Day.

As early as 1846 Elder King was preaching temperance in the area. Many church people joined the Good Templars Lodge. Their hall is now the home of Norma Shove. Even children were encouraged to join the Junior Good Templars.



*But the
word of
the Lord
endureth
forever.
1 Peter 1:25*

YOUNG CHURCH PEOPLE

There was always Sunday school for all ages in Haukai Methodist Church.

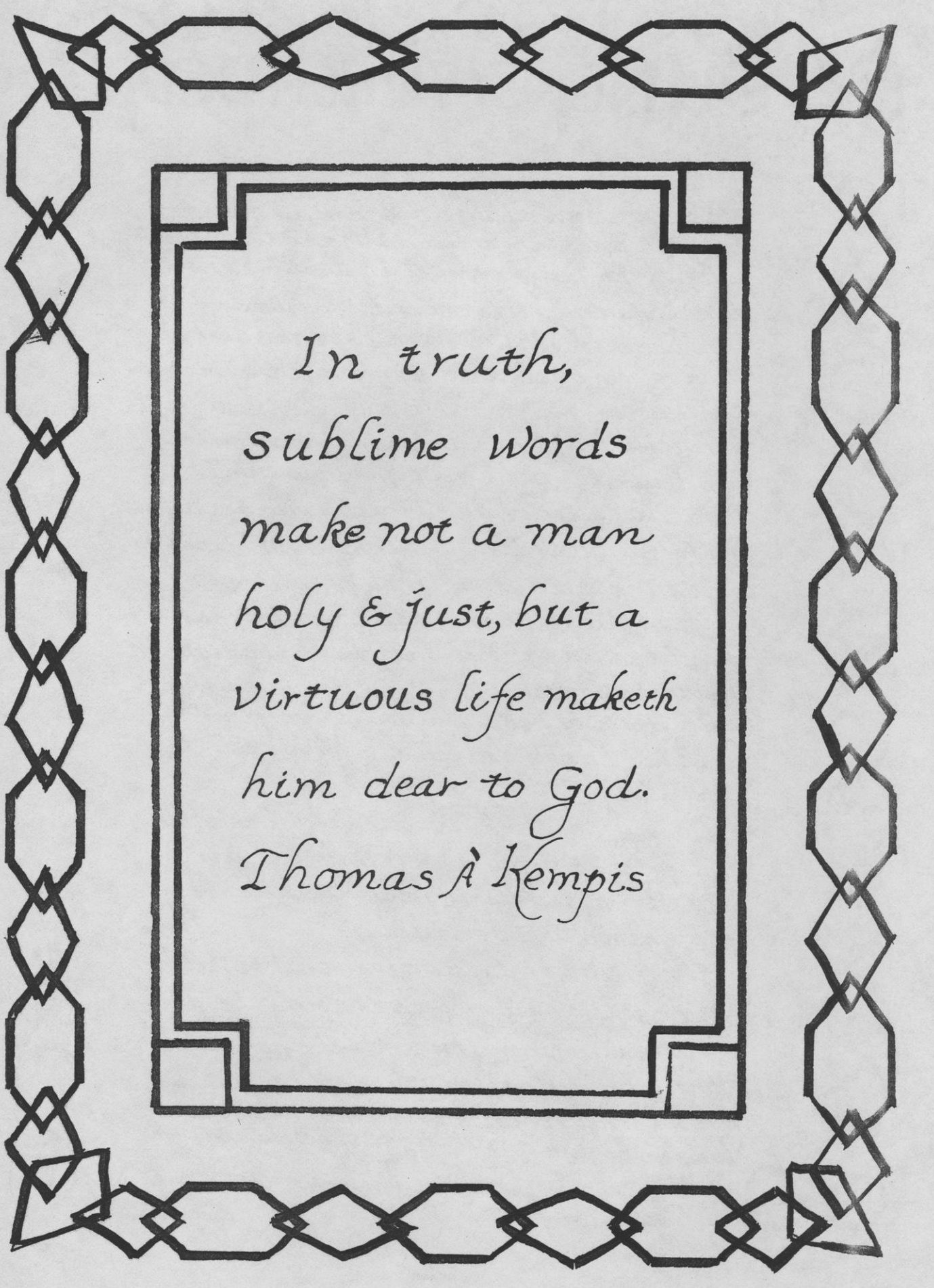
Epworth League until it died out in 1915 drew teenagers to social events & to do church work. Its demise was said to be lack of new recruits to replace the original aging teens.

About 1930 Mrs. Louise Elger organized the Haukai young people into the Fidelis Class. Barbara Grueb Jannusch was the first president & Richard Holmes was vice president. They conducted the first sunrise Easter services. In 1951 the class was renamed the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

In April of 1982 the young people of the Haukai-Eureka circuit organized the Youth in Action group.

Young people have always been the mainstay of the choir & young girls are always willing recruits at church suppers to wait on table.

The new electric organ in 1952 drew several young people to the role of organist. Among these were Loretta Bohn, Joan Knapwurst, & Cheri and Adair Harrison. In 1986 Miss Michelle Paulson began assisting on the Baldwin.



*In truth,
sublime words
make not a man
holy & just, but a
virtuous life maketh
him dear to God.
Thomas À Kempis*

CHURCH CHILDREN

Teenagers aren't the only ones to get together to have fun & do church work.

Early day Sunday school pupils of grade school age proudly named themselves "The Home Guards". Their teacher was Mrs. Darrow. They did home mission work for orphanages, mission schools, & hospitals.


Under the guidance of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Luccock, in 1911, youngsters in her class organized under the title "The Queen Esthers."

Mrs. Mamie Fisher led her Bethany Class in home mission work & the support of a colored girl, Beatrice Rodrigues in an orphanage in the south in the 1950's.

The Junior Helpers Class taught by Mrs. Ruth Westover did mission work for an orphanage in Alaska & through the Bible Society & Meals for Millions Foundation.

Sunday school members in 1896 numbered 177 & expenses for that year were \$55.00.

In 1986 there are 35 pupils in the church school. Mrs. Cheri Haynes is superintendant.



Little deeds of
kindness

Little words of
love

Help to make
earth happy

Like the heaven above.

Julia Fletcher Carney.

SACRAMENTS & CEREMONIES

Baptism, marriage, funerals, communion ~ the rituals of the church in Naukai have evolved to suit the times, & sometimes the ideas of a new minister.

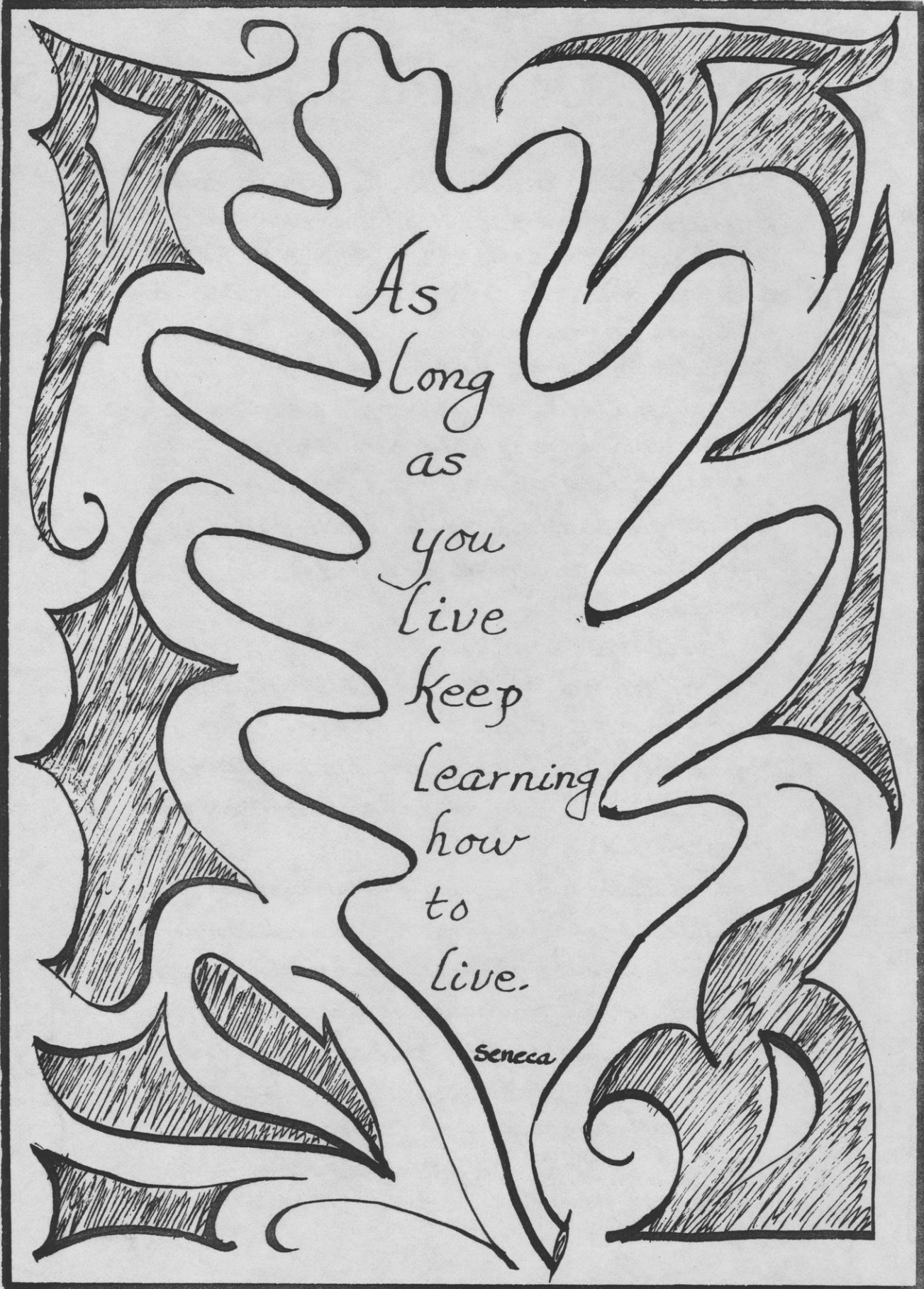
Adult baptism in the waters at the upper & lower dams on Naukai Creek have ceased. All the towns people used to gather to watch & join in the singing.

Sprinkling of infants from water in a cut-glass bowl on the altar rail has given way to a font on a pedestal at the rostrum.

Early day weddings were usually at the home of the bride or at the parsonage. Church weddings are more the usual custom in modern times, & the wide center aisle invites processions.

Funeral chapels have drawn many of these services from the church. In early times funerals were often in the homes.

Formerly communion was taken from small cups, along with bread cut in cubes, while kneeling at the altar rail. In recent times, a loaf is broken & bits pulled off to be dipped in a chalice of juice, as people file past & return to their pews.



As
Long
as
you
live
keep
learning
how
to
live.

Seneca

PARSONAGE

The first Waukau Methodist parsonage was originally a home built by Mr. Buck for Mr. Wright, father of Mrs. Robert Paris, owner of Waukau Woolen Mills. The Methodist people bought it for \$400.00. Later this house was moved to East Mechanic Street & subsequently torn down.

A new parsonage was built on the site of the old Wright home at a time when the land, ~~is~~ joining was just cow pasture. The work was done in 1900 by Joseph Mallery, Oshkosh, & Frank Awater, Omro. This team also built the new church after the old one burned in 1904.

The Rev. Joseph Luccock later replaced a coop over the front door with a large front porch. Other improvements over the years include electric lights, a water system & bathroom, a remodeled kitchen in 1964, insulation, an oil furnace, & a screened porch. The parsonage in 1986 is valued at \$50,000.00.

A comfortable home is a great source of happiness. Sydney Smith 1843.



Do

all the good you can
in all the ways you can
in all the places you can
to all the people you can
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

(Perhaps an expansion of
a proverbial stanza on
tombstones; became Dwight
Moody's motto.)

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Church sheds to shelter horses & buggies that conveyed Haukeau area people to the Methodist services & social gatherings were a necessary adjunct to the church itself.

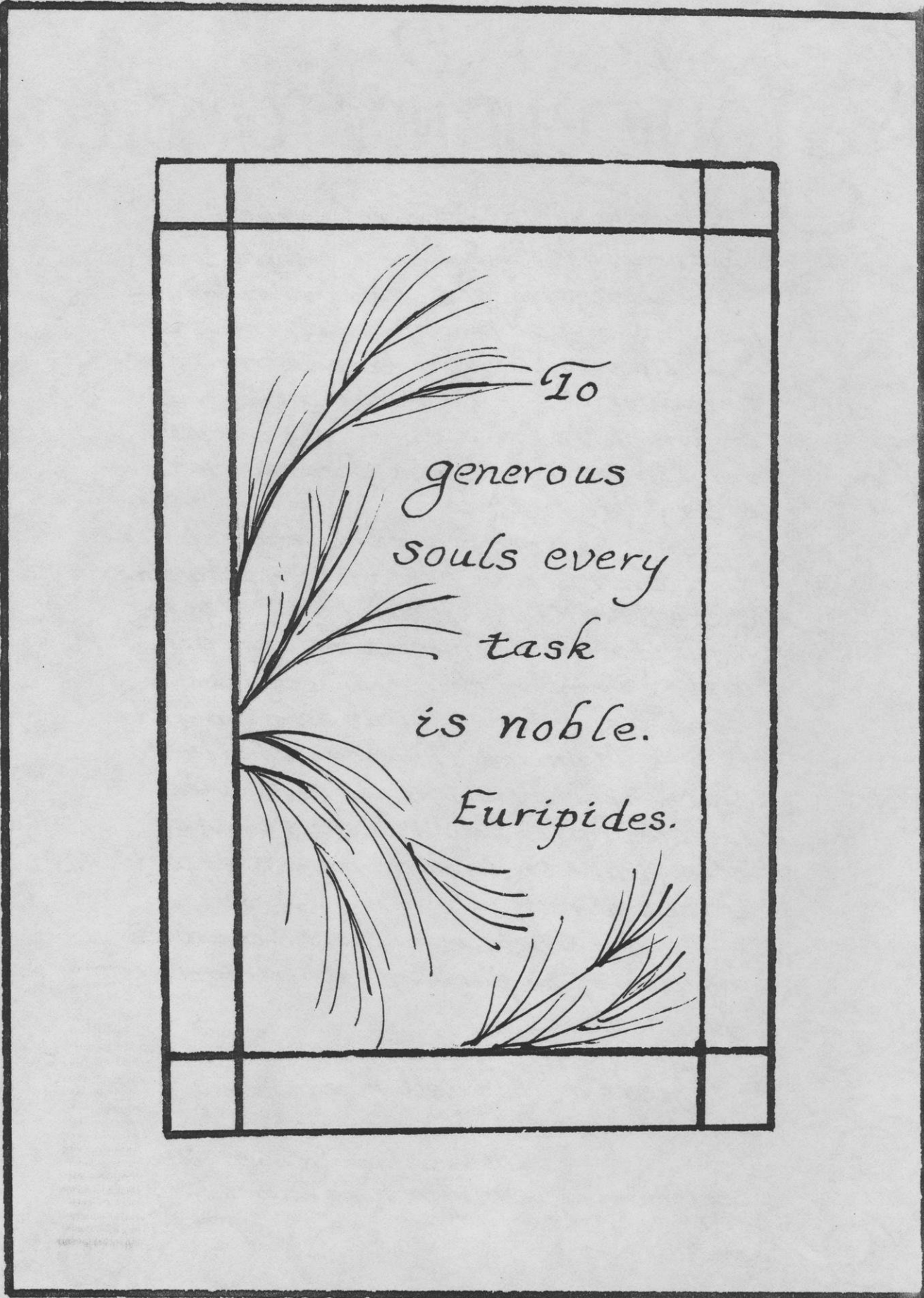
They were low open sided structures next door to the general store. Land on which to build them was bought for \$30.00 from Charles Steele, owner of the store next door.

Men who were boys of the era reported that the narrow passage way between store & sheds was just wide enough to walk through. Leon Westover, age 90 in 1986, remembers the shed area as a good place for evening games of hide & seek. Magnard Thompson, who lived in the apartment over the store when his stepfather Ed Erickson ran the store, liked to jump from the side porch to the shed roof.

The area between store & church is now an open parking lot & driveway for cars.

Better a little well kept, than a great deal forgotten.

Bishop Hugh Latimer, fifth sermon preached before King Edward.



To
generous
souls every
task
is noble.

Euripides.

STATISTICS

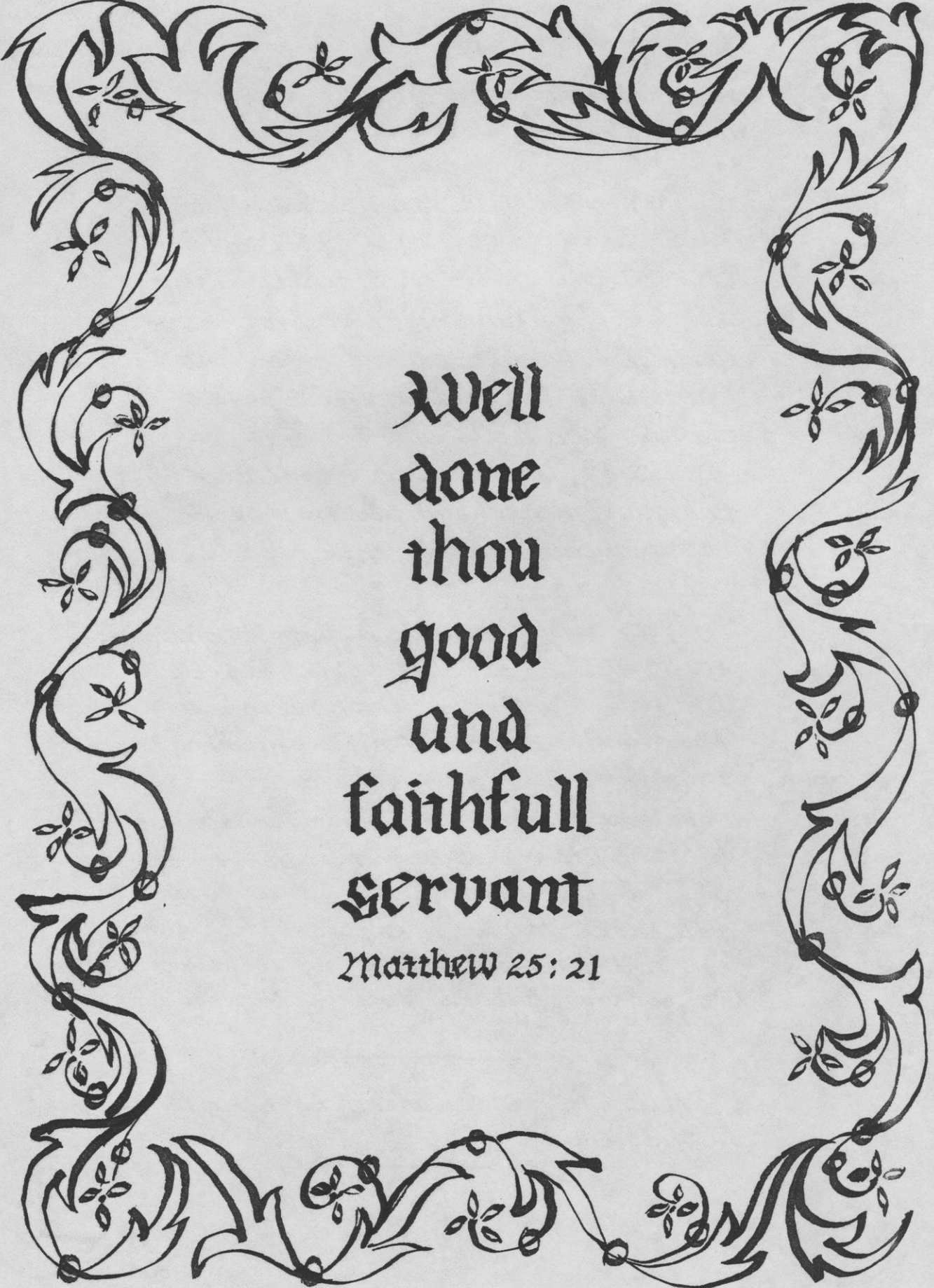
Membership rolls in Nauvau Methodist Church began at 38 people in 1861. The numbers grew to 81 under the Rev. Thomas Peep in that year. The largest ever recorded was 200 under the evangelistic pastor the Rev. John Mills in 1914.

By 1897, 152 members were listed by the Rev. George Reynolds. In 1902 the roster went back to 81, then rose again to 122 by 1912.

After a surge to the high point of 200 in 1914, the list fell to 92 in 1925. By 1953 the Rev. Arthur North recorded 135 members. The Rev. W. Dan Rushing in 1986 reported 142 members.

Valuation of the first church in 1867 was \$4000.00. After that structure burned to the ground in 1904, the new church was valued at \$7000.00. In contrast the church in 1986 is valued at \$190,000.00. Just to repair the stained glass windows in 1985 cost \$7000.00.

All things change, nothing perishes. Ovid.



Well
done
thou
good
and
faithfull
servant

Matthew 25: 21

MEMORABLE EVENTS

A church Christmas program in the schoolhouse, before the Methodists had a church building, was an event that Ellen Hall Rivard called "beautiful & impressive." She was a young girl at the time, but she well remembered the two lighted evergreen trees and candles set in holes in oak planking blazing at every window. She thought the fire hazard was worth it.

Then there were church suppers, originally held in member's homes, & moved next to the balcony of the old church where chairs supported planks laden with good food.

In 1904 the new village hall accommodated the larger crowds to suppers widely known as "The Dimes," for the cost of 10 cents for adults & five cents for children. These every-other-Wednesday social events drew area people to Naukav for baked beans, escalloped potatoes, brown bread, seasonal vegetables, pickles, pie & tea.

Probably members of the 1986 congregation will agree that the Easter sunrise service, first sponsored by the Fidelis class of 1930, is the most impressive of the long-lasting & still-existing events. The focal point is the wooden cross & altar banked with flowers. The culmination for many years was the choir singing "The Easter Sunrise Song," revived in 1986.



They
that wait upon the Lord
shall
renew
their
strength.

Isaiah 40-31



ORGANISTS

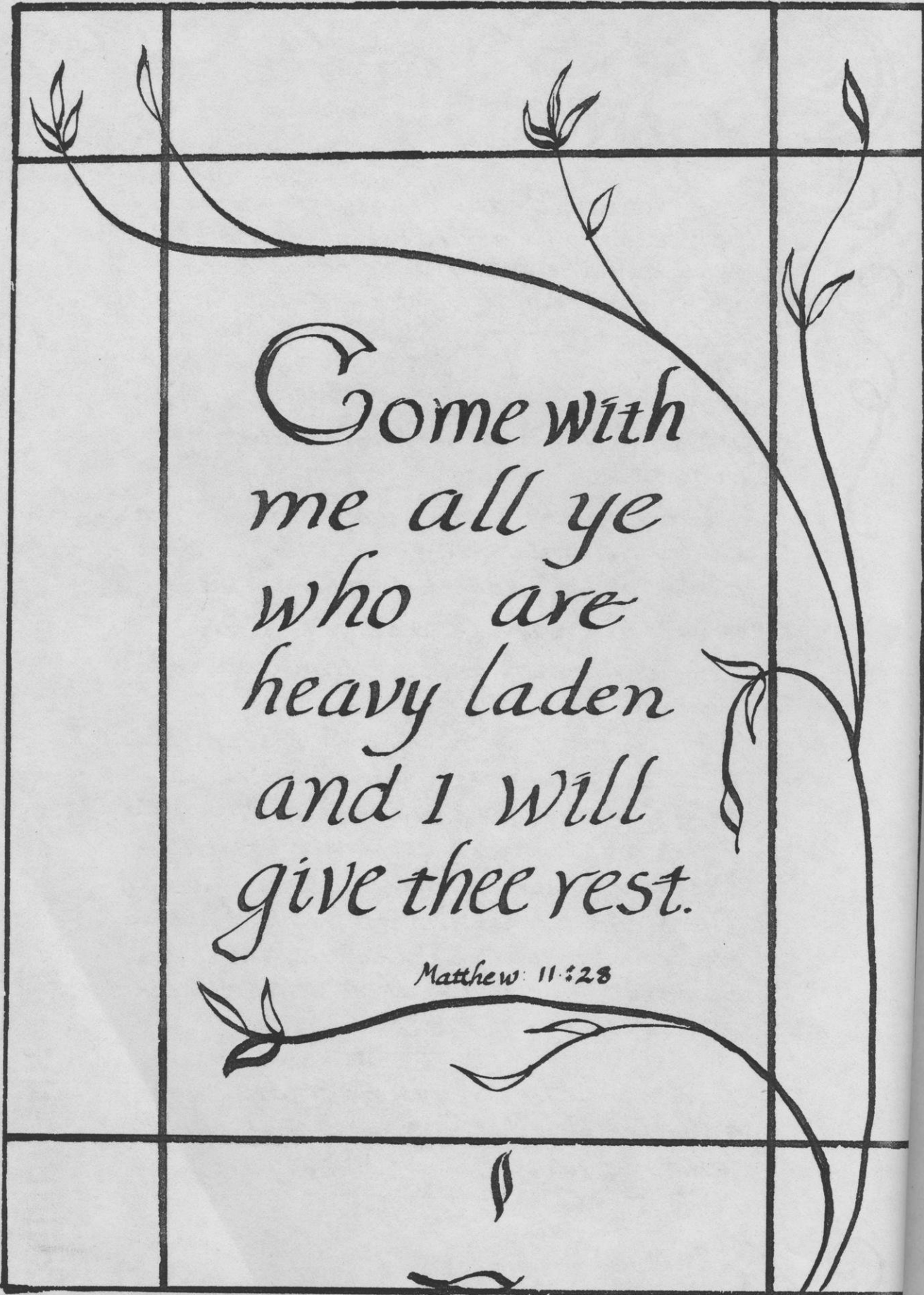
Of the early-day organists who played the reed organ, Carrie Thrall & her sister Lula are the ones remembered best.

Who first played the piano bought in 1914 is lost to memory, but as a young girl in the 1950's, Loretta Bohn was one of the faithful musicians at the piano & later at the new Hammond spinet organ in 1952.

Later Ruth Westover was organist, assisted by several young recruits, among them Joan Knapwurst & Cheri & Adair Harrison. In the 1970's Mrs. Dorothy Kafer of Eureka assisted on alternate Sundays.

Mrs. Sherry Carlson was the first to play the new piano purchased about 1978. Sherry at the piano with Mrs. Marie Stone at the organ cooperated to fill the church with music on some Sundays. The present organist at the new Baldwin electronic organ purchased in 1985 is Mrs. Stone. When she is absent, Miss Michelle Paulson is organist.

When the morning stars sang together, & all the sons of God shouted for joy.
Job 38:7.



Come with
me all ye
who are
heavy laden
and I will
give thee rest.

Matthew: 11:28

PEOPLE

Waukau has had many people who served the church joyfully; often for entire life times.

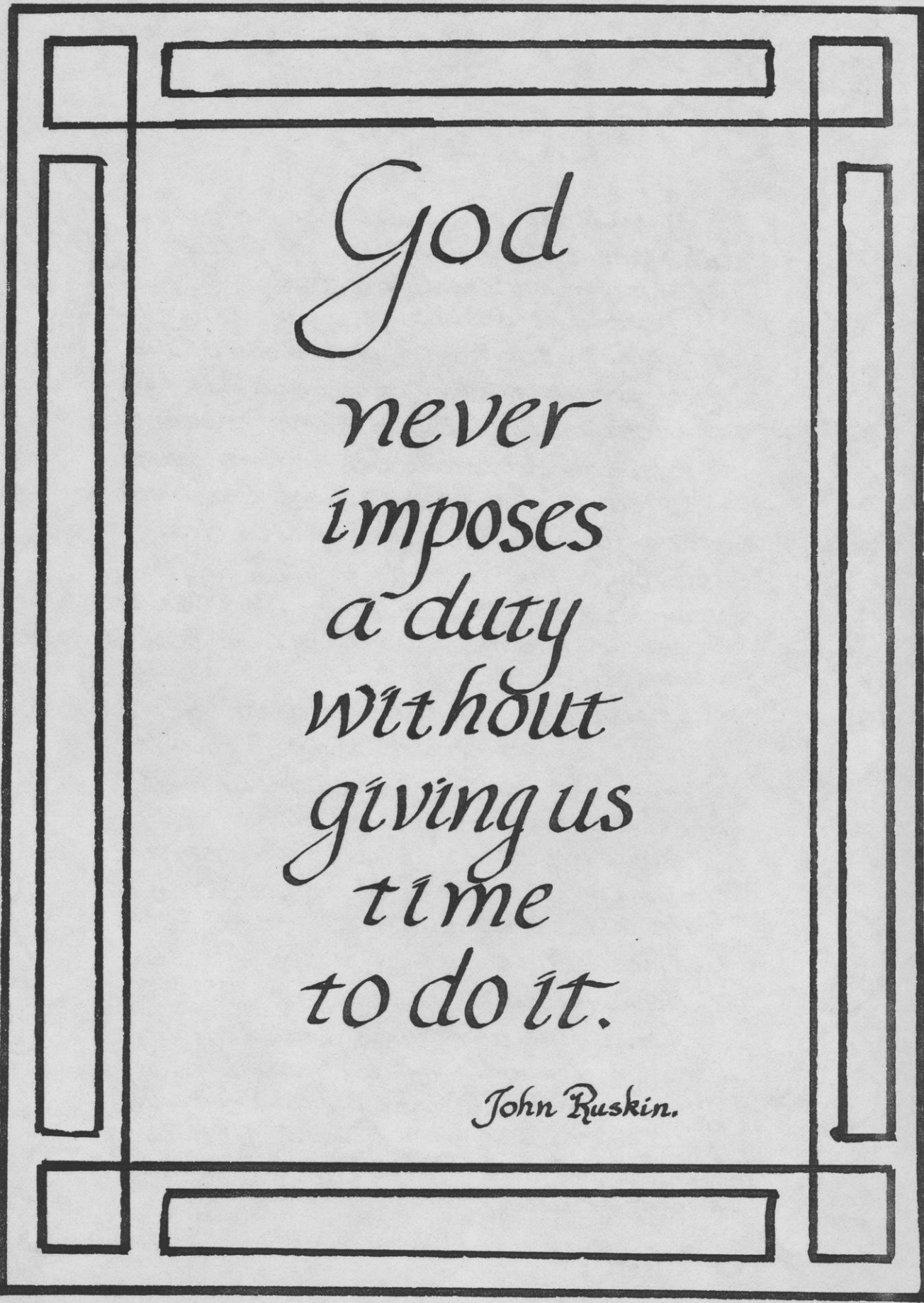
There are still a few who remember Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp, president of "The Aid" for years, who once said, "It is the responsibility of the president to always bake the beans for suppers."

Of early Sunday school teachers, probably best remembered is Mrs. Mae Alger whose photograph hung for years in the school room. Mrs. Jennie Steele & Mrs. Mamie Fisher were among other "old faithfuls."

People who wanted to go to the dime suppers could always count on Eli Thrall to pick them up with lumber wagon or bob sleigh.

Sunday school pupils were sometimes treated to sleigh rides by Uriah Hall. Rides ended with a party at his home, with games, pop corn, apples & hickory nuts for everyone.

Sanitorial work was first done by Jim Smith, followed by Jesse Tice, Theron Shove, Willard & Eliza Searls, William Kaiser, Leon Rivard, Job Bradley, Irvin Skatrud, Dan & Yvonne Lux & Helen Bradley.



God
never
imposes
a duty
without
giving us
time
to do it.

John Ruskin.

ENCENNIAL

The centennial of Haukku Methodist church was celebrated Nov. 12, 1967, when the Rev. Glenn E. Skatrud was pastor.

Memorials dedicated at the 10:30 a.m. worship service were the baptismal font in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Erickson, the Schulmeric carillon in memory of Thomas George Hoefft & the choir rail, given by Mr. & Mrs. Andre Shove, Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Harrison, Mrs. Lucille Craig, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Ewald & Mrs. Clara Harris.

A dinner was served at noon by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

The centennial service of re-dedication took place at 2:30 p.m. Bulletins for that service contained a list of church leaders of 1967, the Sunday school teachers, choir director & organists. Also listed were the pastors from 1861 to 1967 & a brief history of the church. The guest speaker was the district superintendant, the Rev. Richard Miller. He also conducted a re-dedication of all staff members. The afternoon culminated in opening & examining contents of the cornerstone box, sealed since 1904.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship served a lunch at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m. service dedicated new hymnals, with the Rev. Charles Starkweather, Wautoma, as song leader.

A new sealed cornerstone box with old & new materials is presently stored at the parsonage.

And I said to
the man at the gate of
the year, "Give me a light
that I may tread safely
in the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out
into the darkness and
put your hand into the
hand of God. That shall
be to you better than a
light and safer than a
known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins
Tumbridge Wells, England, 1876-1957



AN HISTORIC EVENT

A noteworthy coincidence occurred in 1978. The Rev. Ann V. Schaal was installed as pastor of the Waukau-Eureka United Methodist Church circuit June 11 by the Rev. Arthur Keen, Eastern District Superintendent.

Rev. Schaal was the first woman to serve the Waukau & Eureka Churches as pastor.

She was also the first to have a female district superintendent, the Rev. Sharon Ann Brown Christopher.

Surprisingly, she also had a woman bishop, the Rev. Marjorie Matthews, who was the first woman bishop in the entire Methodist Church.

A woman should always stand by a woman. Woman is woman's natural ally.

Euripedes

480-406 B.C.

One woman reads another's character without the tedious trouble of deciphering.

Ben Jonson

1573-1637.



*.... For yesterday is but
a dream*

*And tomorrow is only
a vision*

*But today well lived
Makes every yesterday
a dream of happiness*

*And every tomorrow
a vision of hope.*

*Look well, therefore, to
this day.*

From the Sanskrit

JOINT VENTURE

Waukau & Eureka official boards in April 1982 decided on a joint project for young people from eighth grade & up. In May, 33 teenagers met in the first of their Sunday evening meetings, alternating at Waukau & Eureka churches. They chose the name "Youth in fiction."

Since the beginning, the adult leaders have been Mrs. Ada Davis, coordinator; Russell Frees Sr., Bible teacher, & Mrs. Leah Ellis, treasurer.

Aims of the group are to increase Scriptural knowledge & to support selected missions.

Funding comes from an annual Rock-a-thon & several fish boils.

Adults backing the organization are: John & Sue Kreibich, Russell and Ellen Frees, Kenneth & Helen Larsen, Warren & Gloria Bohn, Dean & June Larsen, Richard & Bonnie Paulson, Creighton & Ada Davis, Mike & Pam Davis, Arlie Pomplun, & the Rev. W. Dan Rushing & his wife Geneva.

There was never law, or sect, or opinion
did as much magnify human goodness
as the Christian religion doth. Bacon.

He prayeth best
who loveth best all
things both great
and small;

For the dear God
who loveth us

He made and
loveth all.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge
1772-1834



WOMEN IN 1986

United Methodist Church Women in Waukau Church number 28 in 1986, a portion of this total in the Senior Ladies Society.

Officers for the current year are: Mrs. Bonnie Paulson, president; Mrs. Helen Larsen, vice president; Mrs. Audrey Llewellyn, secretary, & Mrs. Ardene Starr, treasurer.

President Paulson outlined the aims of the group, "To bring the women of the church together in spirit & friendship, to help the church as much as we can, with missions our next big project."

Projects of the UMCW include the Mother-daughter & Father-son Banquets on alternate years, the annual Christmas bazaar, about four suppers for the public each year, serving the Easter breakfast, trimming the Christmas tree, a summer ice cream social, sales of brooms & vanilla, & an annual luncheon to honor the senior ladies of the congregation.

Let us then be up & doing
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor & to wait.

Longfellow.

Love

will find a way

Indifference

will find an excuse.

St. John Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, Mn.

PASTORS

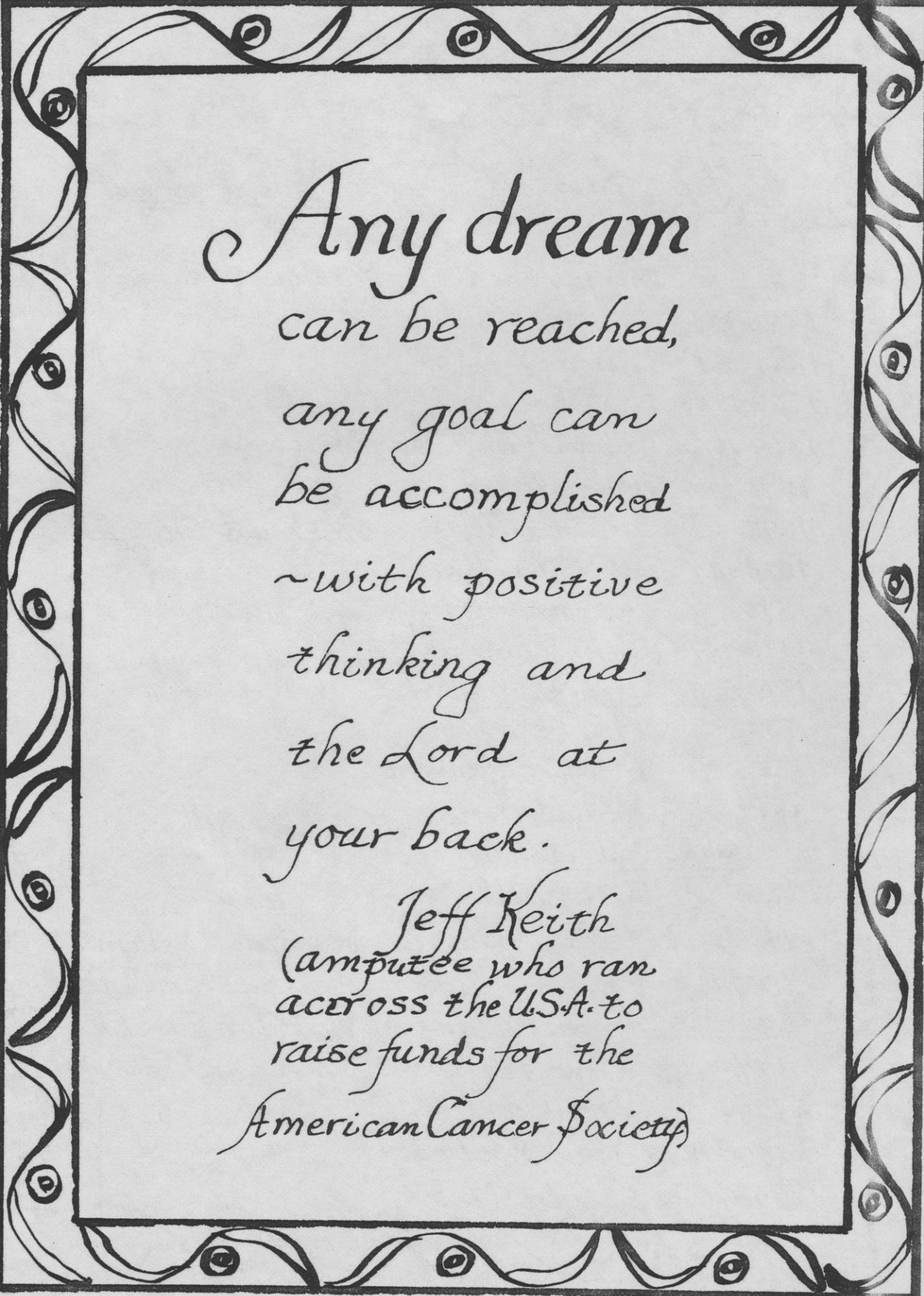
Appleton District

Churches served

1861	Thomas Peep	Waukau & Eureka
1862-1863	C. D. Fairbanks	
1864-1865	Thomas Walker	
1866-1868	Robinson Henry	
1869-1870	William Robotham	Waukau
1871	John Haw	
1872	T. G. Walker	Waukau & Eureka
1873-1874	W. H. Sampson	
1875	I. P. Roberts	
1876-1878	J. H. Jenne	
1879-1881	R. S. Hayward	
1882	G. E. Fellows	
1883	Fletcher Robeson	
1884	W. E. Morris	

Oshkosh District

1885	W. H. Hall	Waukau
1886-1888	M. T. Seeley	Waukau & Nekimi
1889	Frank Millar	Waukau & Rush Lake
1890	Frank Millar	W. R. L. & Eureka
1891-1893	C. W. Turner	Waukau & Rush Lake
1894	J. F. Decker	
1895-1896	Daniel Woodward	
1897	Samuel Olson	

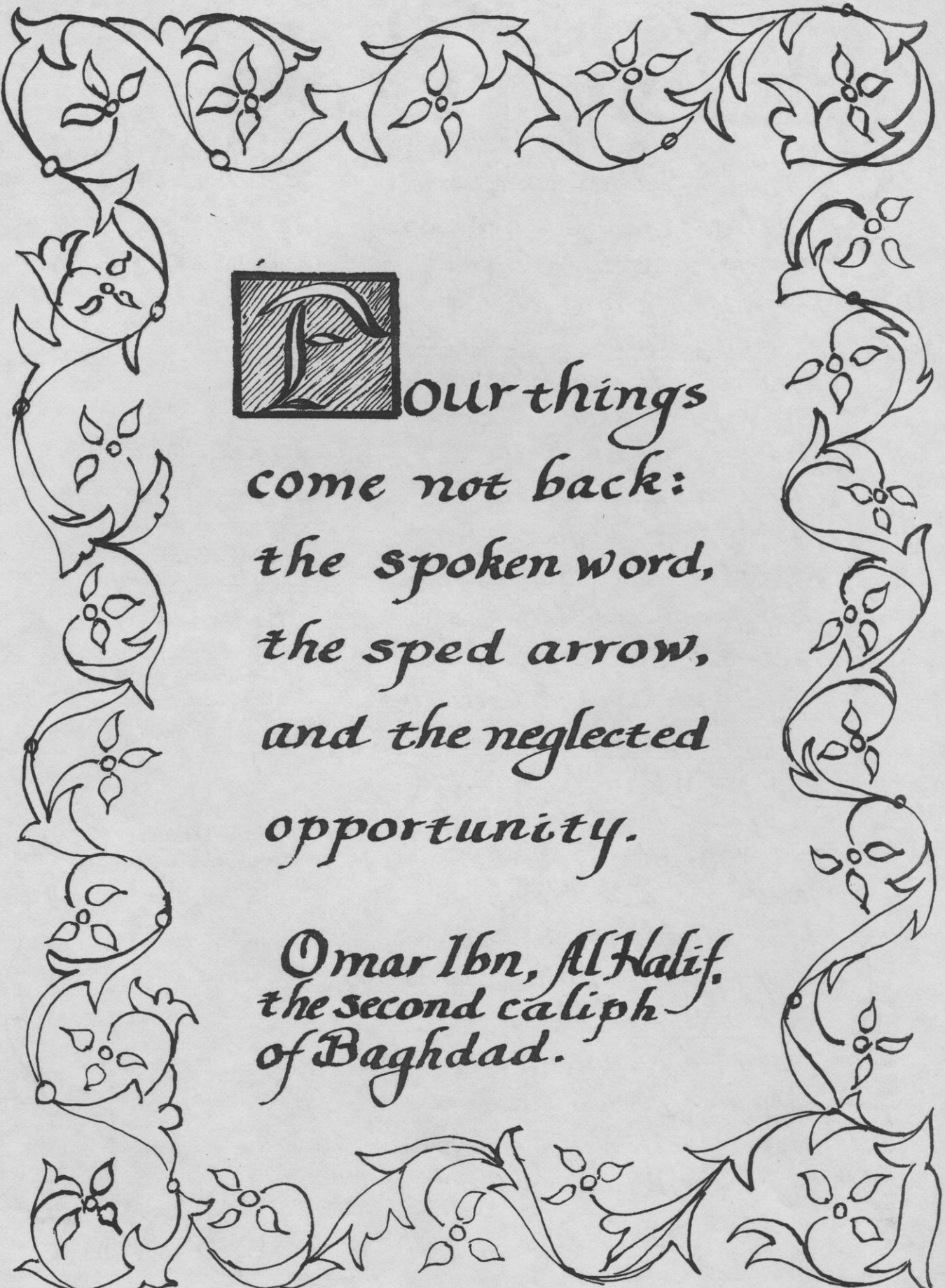


Any dream
can be reached,
any goal can
be accomplished
~with positive
thinking and
the Lord at
your back.

Jeff Keith
(amputee who ran
across the U.S.A. to
raise funds for the
American Cancer Society)

MORE PASTORS

- 1898 Samuel Olson Waukau
- 1899-1904 George F. Reynolds Waukau & Lion
- 1905-1906 Isaac Johnson Waukau
- 1907-1909 Isaac Johnson
Fond du Lac District
- 1910 Isaac Johnson
- 1911-1913 Joseph Luccock
- 1914-1916 John Wills Waukau & Eureka
- 1917-1920 E. G. Roberts
- 1921-1922 W. B. Justema
- 1923-1924 E. G. Saunderson North Rushford,
Waukau, & Omro
- 1925 Otis M. Johnson Waukau
- 1926-1927 Thomas E. Foss
- 1928-1930 John A. Collinge North Rushford
and Waukau
- Fond du Lac - Janesville District
- 1931 John A. Collinge
Watertown District
- 1933-1934 Homer M. Hoeing North Rushford,
Waukau, Eureka
- 1935 F. P. Hannaman
- 1936 Homer M. Hoeing
- 1937-1938 Donald Stannard
Watertown District
- 1939-1940 Donald Stannard
- 1941-1944 Arthur Edwards
- 1945-1946 Harry T. Ehlers
- 1947-1950 William J. Carr

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Four things
come not back:
the spoken word,
the sped arrow,
and the neglected
opportunity.

Omar Ibn, Al Kalif.
the second caliph
of Baghdad.

PASCORS CO 1986

1951-1955 Arthur M. North

1956-1957 Donald R. Thorn

1958-1961 Robert Priest

Fond du Lac District

1962-1964 Robert Priest

1965-1967 Glenn Skatrud (from fall 1964)

1968-1969 Glenn Skatrud Eureka, Elo
and Waukau

Eastern District

1970 Glenn Skatrud

1971 Conrad Mickelson

1972 Kenneth Zinn

1973 William A. Cargis

1974-1977 Allen P. McCaul

Waukau, Eureka

1978-1980 Anne V. Schaal

1981-1986 W. Daniel Rushing

1986- James Thomson Waukau, Elo

The monuments of noble men are
their virtues.

Euripides.

Character

consists of what
you do on the
third or fourth try.

James Michener





THE CARILLON

The electronic Schulmerich chimes were installed in 1967 by the family of Thomas George Hoefft, son of Hubert & Edna Hoefft. Tommie was born Nov. 25, 1955, was accidentally drowned June 25, 1967.

Three tapes came with the original purchase. Others were added later as memorials to Gordon Hilling, Arthur & Emma Steinko, Asahel Wrightman, & John Ream.

The bells are rung daily at noon & 6 p.m. & on Sundays before Sunday school and worship hours.

Tommie's mother said, "He chose the bells because Tommie loved beautiful things, especially music." His favorite hymn was the carol that began "there's a song in the air, there's a star in the sky...."

The bells are the voice of the church.

They have tones that touch & search the hearts of young & old.

Longfellow.

Music, oh sweet & healing balm of troubles.

Horace

The
present
is the
living sum
total
of the past.

Carlyle

JESUS KIDS

Youngsters from fourth to eighth grades were invited in 1985 by the Rev. W. Daniel Rushing to join "The Jesus Kids."

The Waukau children meet every second & fourth Sunday of the month for fellowship & to gain knowledge of the Scriptures.

About 16 members have been guided by John & Sue Kreibich, Kenneth & Helen Larsen, Richard & Bonnie Paulson, Warren & Gloria Bohn, Jack & Cheri Haynes, & the pastor.

One project of the Jesus Kids in 1986 was to decorate nine dozen hard-boiled eggs to trim the tables at the Easter breakfast.

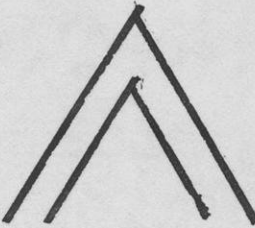
The new organization has been termed "a success."

A recreation of the setting in 29 A.D., when Jesus lived in Palestine, will be undertaken Aug. 12, 13, 14, 1986 for the Vacation Bible School in Waukau. Wesley Methodist Church, Oshkosh, will cooperate in the venture at the Waukau Youth Center grounds & the Waukau Community Center.

Give ear my children, to my words,
Whom God hath dearly bought,
Lay up his laws within your heart
And print them in your thought.

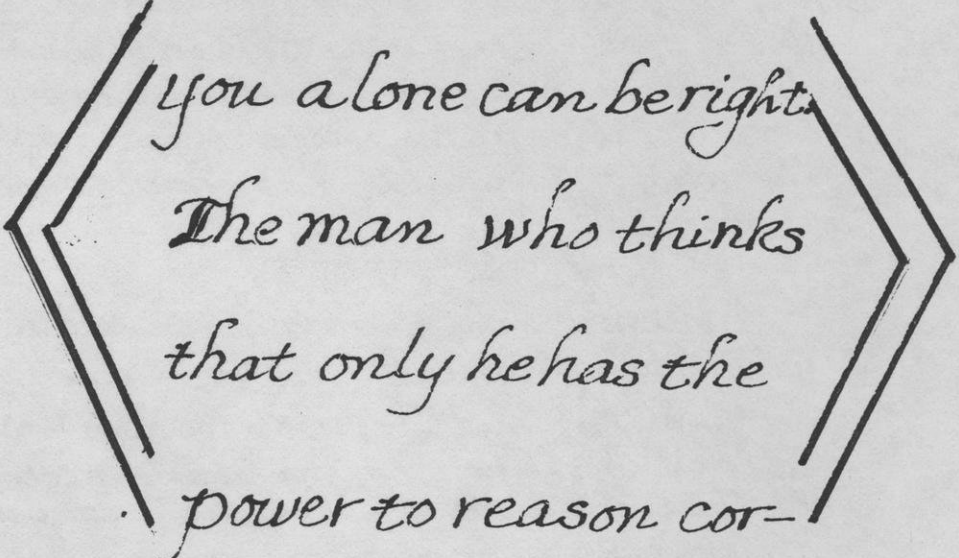
John Rogers, advice to his
children a few days be-
fore his martyrdom.

(From the New England Primer.)



*I beg you not to
be unchangeable.*

Do not believe that



you alone can be right.

*The man who thinks
that only he has the*

power to reason cor-

rectly, that man, when

you know him, is empty.

B.C. 496 ~ 406

Sophocles



TRAGEDY STRUCK TWICE

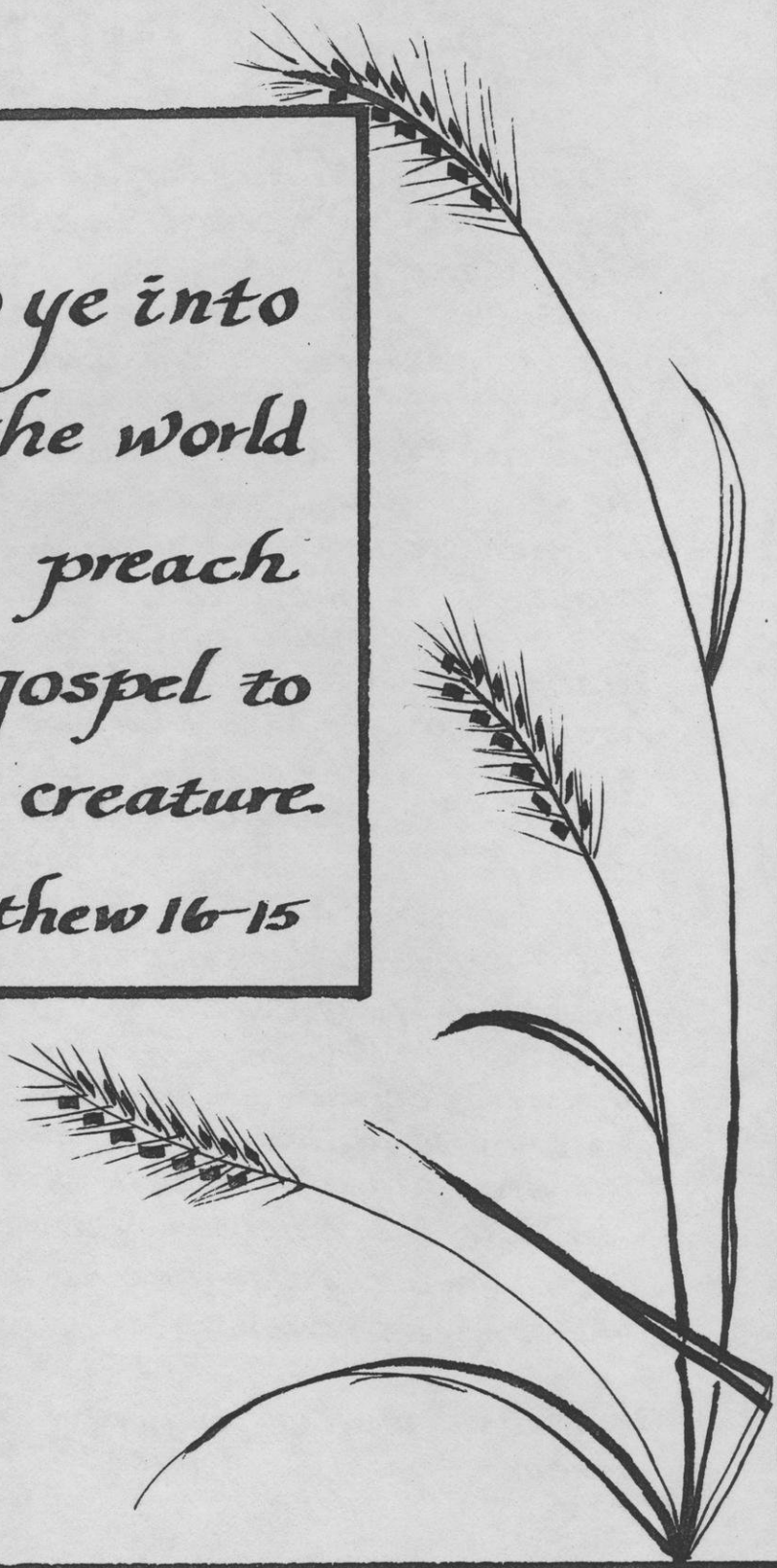
Twice death has struck down a speaker as he talked in Waukau Methodist Church.

As the class mates of the old Waukau School gathered at the church on the last Saturday in July 1946 for their annual Homecoming meeting & program, the speaker was a native son, Attorney Fred Holmes. Since this was Waukau's centennial year, Holmes, author of several books of historical nature, talked about the history of Waukau & of his own boyhood there. As he remarked that his presence for the centennial observance somehow seemed as though "things have come full circle," he collapsed & could not be revived.

The second death in Waukau Church was June 4, 1968. The Rev. Edward Saunders, 65, of Oshkosh, preached the Sunday morning sermon in Waukau & said he was scheduled to preach his first sermon in his first church the next Sunday. He collapsed without warning & died at the altar as his wife sat in the congregation.

But the word of the Lord endureth forever.
1 Peter 1:25

*Go ye into
all the world
and preach
the gospel to
every creature.
Matthew 16-15*



COMMITTED WORKERS

Dedicated Christian workers have been associated with Haukau Church.

Thomas Walker, Haukau pastor in 1872, was a chaplain in the 38th Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War.

Thomas Brinton, with his wife, an adopted daughter of the Sutherlands, & their six-month-old baby left Haukau to serve as missionaries in Africa. At their wedding in Haukau, because they both knew the ceremony by heart, ^{they} repeated it together.

Norman Ream, grandson of Oliver Ream, received his doctor of laws degree from University of Utah in 1941 & master of divinity degree, Garrett Seminary, Evanston, Ill., in 1944. He served churches in Milwaukee, Neenah & Kauwatoa. He is now retired.

William Jannusch received his degree at Drew University, N. J. He is the son of Milton & Barbara Grueb Jannusch & was ordained an elder in 1972. His first charges were at Bristol & Wesley Chapel. In 1986 is the pastor of United Methodist Church, Kaukauna, & Presbyterian Church, Kimberley.

The present pastor's wife, Geneva M. Rushing, was ordained a deacon in 1984 & will become elder in 1986. She is pastor of Davis U. M. Church & Dells-Delton U. M. Church.

Resolutions

Start new~ forget the old.
Be good to yourself, set
aside some precious moments
for yourself.

Walk more. It costs nothing,
requires no equipment or
instruments, & is wonderful
for your circulation.

Give three compliments a
day. A kind word will do
more good than you will
ever know.

Let all gossip stop with
you.

When you feel overwhelmed
ask the Lord to show you
the way. It works.

If you haven't tried it,
don't knock it.

Ann Landers.

The Church Today

Haukai's Methodist Church has changed much since it was built in 1904.

The structure originally included a vestry, sanctuary, prayer room, Sunday school & social area, a tiny kitchen & a primitive indoor toilet.

One of the early major improvements was a well. Water had previously been carried from the outdoor pump at the store next door. A natural gas furnace added to the comfort of the building.

A large kitchen & water system & bathrooms were built in 1948 at a cost of \$1700.00 plus \$500.00 worth of free labor.

A new school/dining area was added on in 1962, cost \$16,000.00, plus free labor.

The redecorated sanctuary & paneled altar was dedicated in 1962. The sanctuary was repainted again in 1982 & a new roof put on. Exterior painting & insulation was a 1984 project. The stained glass windows were restored in 1985.

The original valuation of the new 1904 church was \$7000.00. Today (1986) its valuation is up to \$190,000.00. The Rev. W. D. Rushing says these recent repairs have cost a total of \$140,000.00 - the stained glass window restoration alone cost as much as the original church.

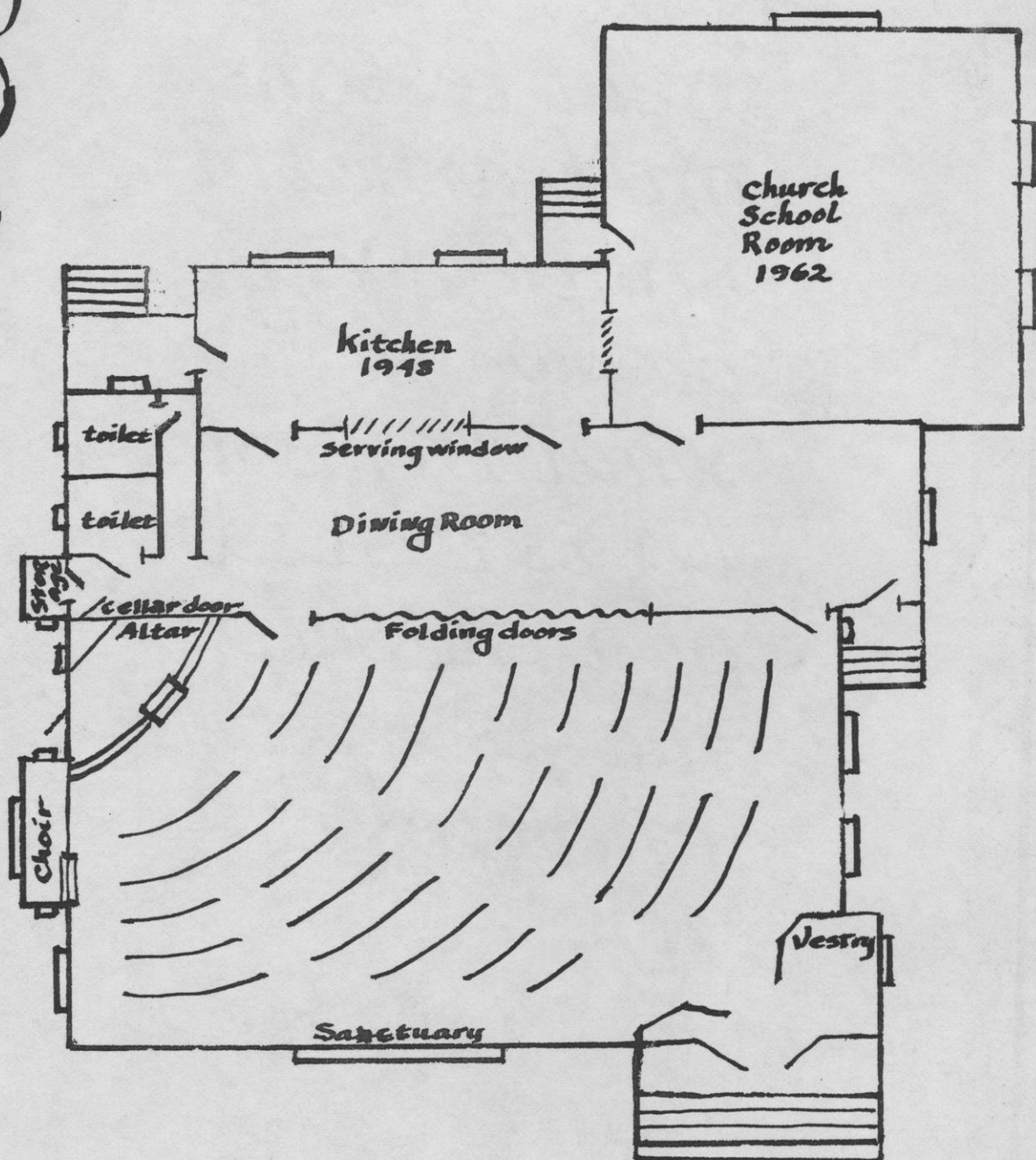
A kind of spiritual
unity links the whole
of mankind and it
is the purpose of relig-
ion to reach down to
that fundamental unity
of human relationship
of human effort and
achievement.

Rabinranath Tagore, quoting
Raja Ramolhun Roy.



The PRESENT CHURCH

2001-E



(Not drawn to scale)

R.W.

Great lessons
are learned in
simple, every-
day ways.....
what I remem-
ber is the lesson
of friendship...
that is a perm-
anent posses-
ion.

Pearl S. Buck.

SOURCES

Information for this history of Naukai United Methodist Church (initially the Naukai Methodist Episcopal Church) was gathered in 1946 for the Naukai Community centennial celebration, & again in 1952 when it was updated & recorded in a church record book which had a section designated for history. This book is lost or mislaid.

In 1986 the original notes from 1946 & 1952 were used, along with new data for 1986, to bring all the information into good order.

Calligraphy, research, writing & sketches are by Ruth Billings Nestover, age 76 in 1986, & a member of Naukai Church since 1946. She was born of Methodist parents & attended Sunday school & church in Oconomowoc & Omro before her marriage to Leon Nestover & the move to Naukai.

The best portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness & love.
Wordsworth

Every child
comes with
the message:
God is not
discouraged
of man.

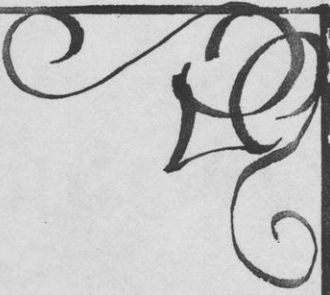

Tagore.

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In Waukau's centennial year, 1946, there were also interviews with persons now deceased to aid in writing an historical pageant. These persons were: Mrs. Olive Hall Diley, Mrs. Eva Westover Diley, Mr. Charles Steele, Mrs. Grace Palfrey, Mrs. Julia Thrall Hinderman, Mr. & Mrs. William Kaiser, Mrs. Josie Ream, Mrs. Jennie Nelson Steele, Mr. Theron Shove, Miss Freda Shove, Mrs. Maggie Dice Hotchkiss, Mrs. Mamie Merrill Fisher, Mrs. Nell Webster Huslop, Mr. Earl Thrall, Mrs. Sarah Perkins Westover, Mr. Daniel Wright, Mrs. Ida Deyoe Horne Merrill, Mrs. Eliza Judson Searles, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Gay, Mr. Earl Ballis, Mr. William Merrill & Mrs. Lillian Jannusch.

Recent help came from the Rev. Ann V. Schaal, the Rev. W. Dan Rushing, Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Kemp, Mrs. Bomie Wiley Paulson, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Jannusch, Mr. Hubert Noeft, Mrs. Cheri Haynes, & Mrs. Mary Schroeder, archivist at Sun Prairie.



The YEARS

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NEVER

KNOW.

EMERSON





Memorials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>In memory of:</u>
1954	Church Marker.....	Oliver P. Ream
1954	Baptismal Bowl.....	Josie Ream
1959	Missal Stand.....	Wm & Ida Merrill
1962	Pulpit Bible.....	Lillian Jannusch
1965	Pulpit.....	Mable Dibble
1967	Baptismal Font.....	Edward & Leah Erickson
1975	Piano.....	Bernard Hemp
		W. H. Bohn, Ralph King, Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Williams
1978	Public Address System.....	W. H. Bohn
1983	Entrance & vigil Light.....	Dale Bradley
1984	Organ Fund.....	Wilda Gay
		A. J. & Jennie Steele, Lena Foote
		Gladys Wightman, Lydia Becker
		William Llewellyn, W. H. Bohn
		Clara Ream
1985	Stained Glass Window.....	Edna Bullis
	Repair	Wilda Gay
		Clara Mueller



Space will not permit a complete list of all memorial gifts to the church in recent years. Complete records are faithfully kept by Mrs. Ethel Hemp.








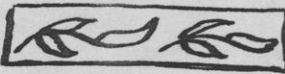

The
wise man
does not
lay up
treasure.


Lao Tsze



THE FUTURE



is a great land; 
a man cannot go around
it in a day; 
he cannot measure it in a
bound; 
he cannot bind its har-
vest in a sheaf. 
It is wider than the vision
and has no end. 

 Donald Marshall.





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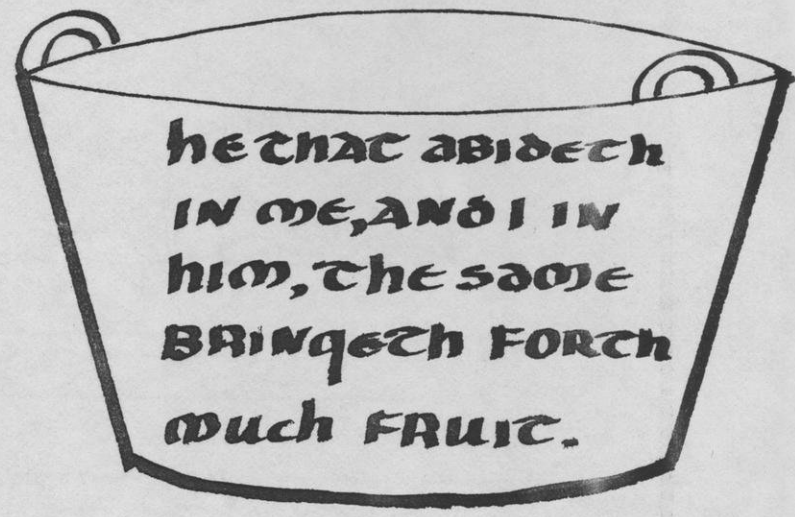
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branches.

John 15:5.



he that abideth
in me, and I in
him, the same
bringeth forth
much fruit.

OFFICERS IN 1986

Circuit:

- pastor-parish: Maynard Thompson, 1986;
Rex Stone, 1987; Kenneth Larsen, 1988.
- treasurer: Jack Haynes.
- parsonage com.: Lyle Williams, Dick Paulson, Hubert Hoest, Susan Thums.

Youth:

- coordinator: Ada Davis; Bible teacher, Russell Frees; treasurer, Leah Ellis; sponsors, Michael & Pamela Davis & Russell Frees, Jr.

Congregation:

- trustees: 1986-Kenneth Larsen, Blanche Thompson, Betty Porter; 1987-Donald Bohn, Warren Dohn & Ellis Hemp; 1988-Eugene Emmerich, Ardene Starr, Donovan Foote.

Lay member of Conference: Bonnie Paulson, 1985-89; Barbara Jannusch, alt.

Education: Ruth Stone, Bonnie Paulson, Dean Larsen.

Historian: Ruth Westover

Administrative Chairman: Archie Fink

Lay Leader: Kenneth Larsen

Recording secretary: Gloria Bohn

Financial secretary: Ruth Stone, Betty Porter

Treasurer: Marie Stone

World Service treasurer: Barbara Jannusch

U.M.W. president: Bonnie Paulson

Memorial committee: pastor, Ethel Hemp, Dean Larsen, treasurer

Membership secretary: Fern Davis

Worship: Barbara & Milton Jannusch

Communion Steward: Helen Larsen

Music: Marie Stone, Susan Thums

Youth member A/c: Michelle Paulson, Ken Larsen, jr.

Members at large A/c: Kermit Harrison, Dean Larsen, Betty Porter

Greeters: Bernice Bradley.

The Three Hardest Tasks

in the universe

are neither physical feats nor

intellectual achievements

but moral acts:

~ to return Love for hate,

~ to include the excluded,

and

~ to say 'I was wrong.'

Sidney Harris.



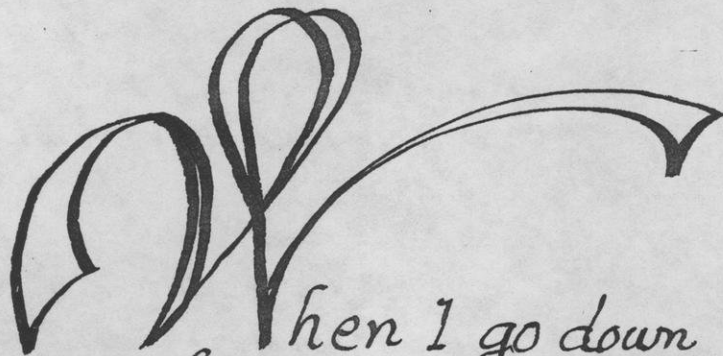
TRANSITION 1986

The Waukau United Methodist Church pastor-parish relations committee, meeting June 5, 1986 with the committee from Elo Church, made two decisions.

They accepted the bishop's appointment of James Thomson as pastor, effective in late July, and agreed to work together as a charge.

The committees decided that the new pastor would initially move into the Waukau parsonage. Meanwhile, a study will be made of practical matters related to both Waukau & Elo parsonages, according to the chairman, Rex Stone.

A farewell party was held at the Waukau Church June 14th to bid good bye to the Rev. W. Dan. Rushing, who will leave June 30 to serve in Montello United Methodist Church.



When I go down
to the grave, I can say
I have finished my
day's work; but I can-
not say I have finished
my life's work.

The tomb is not
a blind alley, it is an
open thoroughfare.

It closes in
the twilight to open
in the dawn.

Victor Hugo

1802 ~ 1885

*Fear not
little flock for it
is your father's
good pleasure to
give you
the kingdom.*

Luke 12:32

