



# Waggener High School



## St. Matthews Area Churches H to R, 1st. Edition

This is one of many sections that contain information, photos, newspaper articles, internet items, etc. of the St. Matthews area and especially of Waggener High School. Many of the items came from Al Ring's personal collections but many people have helped and I have tried to give credit where I can.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the history of Waggener and the students and teachers who were there during my time. Being retired I now have time to do many of the things I have always wanted, this project is just one of them. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews area from 1950 to 1962 or Waggener High, please contact Al Ring.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles and photos. Credit to the source of the photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications. Books that we have used for some information include, *Randy*, *Cactus*, *Uncle, Ed and the Golden age of Louisville Television*, *Waggener High School Alumni Directory 1996*, *Waggener Traditional High School Alumni Directory 2007*, *Memories of Fontaine Ferry Park*, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, *St. Matthews, 25 Years a City Two Centuries a Community*, *St. Matthews 1960-1995*, *Waggener Lair's 1958 to 1962*, *The Holy Warrior*, *Muhammad Ali*, *Louisville's Own (An Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Louisville Area Recorded Pop Music From 1953 to 1983)*.

## Explanation of the following pages, (Please Read)

This section is on the history of the churches in the St. Matthews area, mainly in the 1950's and 1960's. The majority of the information has come from the churches themselves, some of their Internet sites and *The Voice Of St. Matthews*. Thank you to all those people from the churches who helped.

### HELP NEEDED

If you have additional information, photos, etc. please get them to Al Ring so they may be shared with the Alumni of Waggener and friends. Your help is appreciated and needed.

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**Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:**

**Highlights in the life of HARVEY BROWNE CHURCH**

The history of Harvey Browne is rich with evidence of faith, Christian service, and growth. It always seemed to be in a constant and often disappointing search for space to meet the needs of its congregation. This account traces the saga from 1891 to 1987, the last year of a major expansion.

1891 The church grew out of a mission Sunday school started in 1891 by a group of young people in Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church who were concerned about the unchurched families living in the farming community of St. Matthews. The mission group met Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings in the old Greathouse School located in the triangle on Lexington Road.

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1916 Barret urged that a permanent church be organized and in July, 1916, the original 27 members petitioned Presbytery for a charter. And thus 25 years after the original Sunday school was started, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church was born. The first year budget was \$84. In October, 1916, William T. McElroy, a deacon in the Woodland Presbyterian Church, entered the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and also supplied the Harvey Browne pulpit as a layman until July, 1918, when he was ordained and installed as its pastor. He served in a part time capacity until 1937 when he resigned to devote full time as Editor of the Christian Observer.

1922 The first property acquisition was a manse, built at the corner of Willis and Meridian Avenues in St. Matthews. The lot, valued at \$800, was given to the Church by A.J. "Tony" Eline, an elder and church leader .

Eline was one of the young people who attended the Mission Sunday school formed in 1891. He and three members of his family were charter members of the church. Soon after, his sons, A. J. "Bud" Eline Jr. and Sidney Eline, joined and became officers; Bud an elder, Sidney a deacon.

Tony Eline was an early real estate developer in the St. Matthews area, an automobile dealer and savvy businessman. He was an excellent example of the good steward. Over the years he gave several building lots to the church and funds to purchase property the church wanted but he didn't own. It is obvious that without the financial support and leadership of the Eline family the church wouldn't have survived the first 25 years.

1928 The church made an offer of \$6000 for four lots in Oxford Place bordering Lexington road.

The Session, after determining the cost, voted to install water pipes in the church and the manse.

1930 The 1920's and early 30's were described as 'a time of close knit family ice cream socials and watermelon feasts.' The men took turns chopping kindling and carrying coal and the women did all the church housekeeping. They also made and sold soup and performed in a Kitchen band with "instruments" from cupboards and drawers and toy horns used to play the melody. Their uniforms were red and white, trimmed with ice cream spoons -all to raise money to supplement the church budget.

The congregation voted to grant an option on the lot and building of the St. Matthews Baptist Church for \$6000, the details to be worked out by the official boards." (*Session Minutes*)

1937 In May, the congregation called the Reverend Charles W. Owens as Harvey Browne's first full time minister. His arrival coincided with St. Matthews' first real growth spurt, when many Louisvillians sought to relocate on higher ground after their homes had been damaged by the 1937 flood.

1938 In March, the treasurer reported on the financial standing showing a balance of \$154.14 in the general fund and a building fund balance of \$146.79. The budget for the fiscal year 1938-1939 was \$2190.50.

1939 A Sunday School addition was built on the back of the church and alterations on the front (the church had been remodeled in 1937) at a cost of \$5000, toward which Mr. Eline donated \$1000.

Boy Scout troop #315 was organized. In following years members collected tons of waste paper and tin cans and sold war bonds to help the war effort. In one drive they sold more than a quarter millions dollars worth of bonds.

1941 In June, Harvey Browne celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church and 50th year of the Mission's founding.

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Carl Lauderback, Ernest Weber, John Mann and James Robertson were appointed Junior Deacons and were to act as ushers during the morning worship.

During the war, Harvey Browne operated a recreation center in the rear of a building next door for soldiers stationed at Bowman Field and for a Red Cross first aid program.

1942 In January, Tony Eline and son, Bud Eline, donated \$8500 for the church to purchase six 50 foot lots and an apartment building at the corner of Nanz Avenue and Breckenridge Lane. The property was to be used for a new church which was to be built after the duration of the war.

Reverend Owens resigned in Mayas pastor and was succeeded by Reverend Paul M. Watson, Harvey Brown's third minister who served through 1938.

Mr. Eline and his two sons, Bud and Sidney, gave \$3600 which with \$700 rent collections from the Nanz Avenue apartment property paid off the existing building fund debt.

1947 The congregation considered purchasing the church property of Beargrass Christian Church. The offering price of \$80,000 was considered a rare bargain. After applying all of Harvey Browne's assets, the Eline family guaranteed to pay the balance making the new property free from any Debt. Three months later Beargrass Christian Church decided not to sell. Harvey Browne's architect was told to continue work on the plans for the new church at Nanz and Breckenridge.

1948 Zoning Commission requirements and lack of adequate parking space forced a decision to can the building plans at Nanz and Breckenridge and search for another location.

Reverend Watson resigned and the congregation called Dr. Olof Anderson, Jr., a Louisville native who was installed in February, 1949.

A. J. Eline Sr. and Jr. proposed that the church properties at Nanz and Breckenridge and 118 Meridian Avenue (manse) be exchanged for lots no. 6 and 7 in Parkside Subdivision, section 3, with free and clear title and that a manse of four bedroom brick be erected on lot no. 7 at no cost to the church. The new manse was completed on Church Way in October and was occupied by pastors until 1969 and is now rented to dentists.

1950 Construction began on the new building at 311 Browns Lane. The sanctuary could seat 334; the basement included four classrooms, a large room for the men's class, kitchen and nursery. The large center space was for recreation/dining and Sunday school space for youth and Juniors. "The total cost, including architect's fees, equipment and grading of parking lot not exceed \$168,000." (771e Plans Committee).

The congregation of nearly 500 had completely outgrown the space on Bauer Avenue and was worshipping on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theater on Lexington Road.

1952 The first worship service in the new church was held on January 20. The congregation continued to grow and membership exceeded 900 by the end of 1953.

Reverend Anderson's energy and dynamic personality made him a good choice to lead the congregation at that time of transition. He was very effective with youth, was a pacifist and an advocate of civil rights causes. In 1955 he invited an African American family, living near Prospect, to attend Harvey Browne because their church was in Louisville's west end. He carefully prepared the congregation beforehand and the visitors were greeted courteously.

1954 In April, construction began on a two-story addition to provide more space for Sunday school classes and the daily kindergarten (now Preschool). The large upstairs room was named in memory of Sidney W. Eline, one of the four church members killed in World War II.

The next year membership grew to 1100, requiring two services on Sunday morning. In three years Harvey Browne became the largest church in Kentucky with a membership of over 1600.

1957 The Middletown Mission was started by several of our church families who lived in the area. Harvey Browne sponsored the group and pledged \$50,000 to erect an all-purpose building which became Trinity Presbyterian Church on Shelbyville Road.

1959 Reverend Anderson resigned to become Executive Secretary of Louisville Presbytery. During his eleven years at Harvey Browne the membership had nearly quadrupled.

Dr. Joseph B. Mullin was called as the new pastor. His charisma brought in scores of new members who kept the pews filled to capacity on Sunday mornings and late arrivals had to sit in the hall or the Barret Room at the back of the Sanctuary. Dual Sunday school classes were scheduled with four or five groups meeting at the same time in Eline Hall.

**Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:****Highlights in the life of HARVEY BROWNE CHURCH**

After finally locating in their new church the members began to give attention to outreach fellowship and community concerns.. In the early '50s members, with Emory Willeys leadership, helped build Presbytery's Cedar Ridge Camp near Jeffersonville.. Harvey Browners use it for retreats, picnics and the annual Labor Day weekend Do-In for all church youth.

In 1957 the church "adopted missionaries to Brazil, Bob and Martha Camenisch and financially supported them and their six children for a number of years. There were youth mission trips, Ice Cream Festivals, and the Harvey Bees Square Dancers gathered to Do-Si-Do in Eline hail.

1961 A new educational wing was dedicated in April, named Anderson Hall in honor of the former pastor. The same month Mrs. Harold (Helen) Wich was employed as Harvey Browne's first full- time music director and organist.

1962 Three services were scheduled on Palm Sunday and Easter. In November a special Sunday service was held in the Waggener High School gym with more than 1200 members attending. Plans were presented to build a new sanctuary and additional classrooms. A building fund drive began in 1963 and ground was broken for the new sanctuary two years later.

1966 The first service was held November 13, exactly 50 years and three months after Harvey Browne church was started. Almost immediately after the new sanctuary was completed renovation began on the old church building. The rear wall was moved forward almost half way to the chancel forming a new chapel, narthex and two classrooms. The balcony became part of a youth center.

1970 During the turbulent '60s Reverend Mullin became an outspoken advocate of civil rights and his challenge to the congregation to follow his lead was met with mixed response and some sharp criticism. He resigned in 1969. The Reverend Thomas L. Jones arrived in 1970. During his tenure Jones initiated many programs for community outreach and fellowship: Senior Citizens East was given the Chapel basement for offices, dinner-dramas were presented in the Foyer and an alphabet of programs: Sunday Night At Church, Saturday Night Out, Couples Under Eighty, spouses combined age.

1977 Tom Jones resigned and the Reverend Richard Kauffman was called. Space was again an issue and he guided the study and planning for an all-purpose facility. Misunderstandings over style and expectations arose between the pastor and the members and Kauffmann resigned in 1980.

1981 The Reverend Neil Weatherhogg arrived in November and began a series of "living room" meetings with members to hear their opinions, complaints and hopes. He delivered forceful sermons had strong administrative abilities. The search for space arose again and Neil guided the committees through several years of planning for new and remodeled space.

1987 Harvey Browne completed its latest expansion with a \$1.1 million construction and remodeling project that included a new multipurpose building (Emory Hall) remodeled Eline Hall, new and remodeled classrooms, new offices and a new living room.

*Primary reference for Highlights was Gary Luhr's extensive history in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue of The Harvey Browne News, 1991.*

**Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:****September 1991, Harvey Browne News—Let's Look At Where We've Been**

August 13, 1916. The nation's attention was divided between war news from Europe and the election campaigns of President Woodrow Wilson and his Republican challenger Charles Evans Hughes. Louisvillians prayed for relief from a week of near record temperatures that had gripped the eastern half of the United States; and on that sultry Sunday afternoon, a new church was organized by the Presbytery of Louisville, South, to serve the sparsely settled area east of the city known as St. Matthews.

The church, with 27 charter members, grew out of a Mission Sunday school started in 1891 by a group of young people from the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. The mission group met on Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings in the old Great-house School in the Triangle on Lexington Road (the present site of Super-X-Drugs). Hugh L. Barret, an Elder at Highland Presbyterian Church, took an early interest in the Mission and kept it alive when sparse attendance appeared to forecast its demise. Years later the *St. Matthews Sun* attributed the mission's ultimate success to Barret's "sincere efforts and sterling Christian character."

Barret brought coal to heat the building in winter and the Eline family brought kindling for the fire. "Assisted by students from the Presbyterian Seminary , Barret recruited additional families, concentrating on those with children for his wife's Sunday school class.

Ministers from Louisville churches filled the pulpit for Friday night prayer meetings until 1914, when the Reverend J.C. Longnecker took over the job for two years while awaiting a missionary assignment in Africa. That same year, Edmonia

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Browne Roberts of Bardstown gave the Presbytery \$2,000 as a memorial to her brother, a physician, Harvey Browne. She wanted the money to go for "mountain missions," but Barret prevailed upon Presbytery to let it be used to purchase land and build a permanent home for the St. Matthews Mission. The result was a one-room frame building, later modified, that still stands at 118 Bauer Avenue.

Upon its completion, Barret deemed it wise for a permanent church to be organized in July 1916, the 27 original members petitioned Presbytery, declaring that the new church would produce a "thriving congregation" in a short time. All pledged to make it "self-supporting" in as short a time as possible. Thus 25 years after the original Sunday school mission was started, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church was born.

In October, the Presbytery appointed William T. McElroy, a Deacon in the Woodland Presbyterian Church, to address the congregation and to ascertain its viability. "I came out on a Thursday and stayed for 20 years," McElroy later observed. The same month he entered the Louisville Seminary to begin studying for the ministry. He continued to supply the Harvey Browne pulpit as a layman until July 1918, when he was ordained and installed as its Pastor. A week later he performed the first baptism at the church (the first wedding didn't occur until nearly 20 years later).

McElroy served, though only in a part time capacity, until January 1, 1937, when he left to devote full time to his concurrent duties as editor of the *Christian Observer*. A meticulous man, he started his ministry on a salary of \$50 a month, \$10 more than he had earned as a student. For several years he and his wife traveled each week from Louisville's West End to St. Matthews by streetcar and the interurban. Occasionally they would miss the interurban and have to walk the last three miles. All of that ended in 1922, when they moved into the first manse located at the corner of Meridian and Willis Avenues (the present site of the House of Frames).

An observer recalling this period in the church's history described it as "a time of close-knit family ice cream socials and watermelon feasts." The men took turns chopping kindling and carrying coal and the women did all the church housekeeping. They also sold home-made soup and performed in a "kitchen band" (with pots, pans, toy horns and red and white uniforms trimmed with ice cream spoons) to raise money to supplement the church's budget.

In May, 1937, the congregation called the Reverend Charles W. Owens of Ft. Thomas as Harvey Browne's first full time minister. His arrival coincided with St. Matthews' first real growth spurt, when many Louisvillians whose homes had been damaged in the 1937 flood sought to relocate on higher ground. The building on Bauer Avenue was remodeled and Sunday school rooms added in 1939, but the congregation was rapidly outgrowing its existing home. In January, 1942, the Eline family donated money to buy the property at the corner of Nanz Avenue and Breckinridge Lane. Plans were drawn but the onset of World War II delayed construction. Zoning problems eventually forced the congregation to abandon the location.

During the war, Harvey Browne operated a Soldier Center in the building next door for recreation for soldiers stationed at Bowman Field. Use of the recreation hall was granted to the Red Cross for a first aid program. Members of Boy Scout - Troop #315 (organized in 1939) collected tons of waste paper and tin cans to help the war effort. The troop also received three awards from the U.S. Treasury Department for selling war bonds. In one drive they sold more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of bonds. On August 14, 1945, the church held a V-J Day service for four of its members who had been killed and 35 others (34 men and one woman) who had served during the war.

Returning soldiers and sailors led a nationwide exodus to the suburbs, and by 1947, St. Matthews had grown to more than 18,000 people. Harvey Browne was likewise bursting at the seams. In 10 years, membership had grown from fewer than 90 to more than 300. Every available classroom was packed on, Sunday mornings with two classes meeting in the sanctuary, another in the vestibule and another in the furnace room.

Pressed for immediate space, the congregation voted in November 1947 to purchase the Beargrass Christian Church property at Browns Lane and Shelbyville Road. The offer to sell was withdrawn, however, three months later. Three more years would pass before construction finally began on a new building at 311 Browns Lane. By then, the congregation of nearly 500 had completely outgrown the space on Bauer Avenue and was worshipping on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theatre on Lexington Road.

Owens resigned in May, 1942, and in September the congregation called the Reverend Paul M. Watson of the Buechel Presbyterian Church.

Watson resigned in August 1948, and the congregation called the Reverend Olof Anderson, a Louisville native, from the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Kentucky. Anderson had grown up in the Woodland Presbyterian Church and met his wife, Martha Ward, while serving his first pastorate in Frankfort. The couple married on Derby Day 1934, and had three daughters by the time he was installed at Harvey Browne in February 1949.

Anderson's stern appearance prompted the church youth to nick-name him "Holy Oly, the sinister minister." His energy and dynamic personality, however, made him the perfect choice to lead a bustling congregation. From the outset he worked

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effectively with young people (his stern countenance notwithstanding). He directed several youth conferences and for years led the high school age group at the church while his wife led a college age group that met in the couple's living room. (Four men from the class later entered the ministry.)

Anderson also instituted the candlelight carol services, complete with children's procession, that filled the church at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning during the '50s.

A new manse was completed on Church Way in October 1949, ground was broken for a new church building. Excavation was nearly finished when the Presbytery decided the new building would be too small to handle anticipated growth over the next several years. It subsequently approved an interest-free loan that allowed the structure to be enlarged. The cornerstone was laid Jun 17, 1951, and the first service held January 20, 1952, in what is now the chapel.

It didn't take long to fill the new space as the congregation continued to grow. Membership exceeded 900 by the end of 1953. By April 1954, construction had begun on a two-story addition to provide more Sunday school space and room for the daily kindergarten that opened in September. The large upstairs room in the new building was named in memory of Sidney W. Eline, one of the four church members killed in World War II.

Harvey Browne installed its first Associate Minister, George Clementson, in October 1953. Two years later, membership had grown to 1,100, requiring two services on Sunday mornings. In three more years, it surpassed 1,600, making Harvey Browne the largest Presbyterian church in Kentucky.

The congregation began to look for ways of serving the community beyond St. Matthews. In October 1957, an outpost church under Harvey Browne's sponsorship began meeting at the Middletown Women's Club. The following spring, it was formally organized as Trinity Presbyterian Church. Harvey Browne agreed to guarantee a \$60,000 loan for Trinity to erect an all-purpose building as phase one of a three-phase building program.

Membership was still on the rise at the end of 1959, when Anderson resigned to become Executive Secretary of the Louisville Presbytery. During his 11 years at Harvey Browne, the congregation had nearly quadrupled.

The church called the Reverend Joseph B. Mullin, a Missouri native, from the First Presbyterian Church in Paducah. He arrived with his wife, Betty, and their two children in April 1960.

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A new educational wing - Anderson Hall -was dedicated in April 1961, the same month the Session voted to hire Mrs. Harold (Helen) Wich as Harvey Browne's first full-time music director and organist.

The need for additional space was dramatized the following year when three morning services had to be scheduled on Palm Sunday and Easter. Membership exceeded 1,800, more than 1,200 of whom attended a special Sunday morning service in November 1962 in the Waggener High School gymnasium. There plans were presented to build a new sanctuary and additional classrooms. A building fund drive was announced in October 1963, and by February, more than \$700,000 had been pledged. Ground was broken in August 1965, and the first service held in the new (the present) sanctuary November 13, 1966, exactly 50 years and three months after Harvey Browne church was started.

The '60s were turbulent times. An air of unbounded optimism at the start of the decade gave way to cynicism, hatred and violence in the wake of assassinations, racial strife and protests over fighting in Vietnam. St. Matthews was also changing as its population grew older and suburban migration moved farther east.

Stirred by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Mullin became an outspoken advocate of civil rights. He challenged the congregation to follow his lead in an emotional sermon delivered on Palm Sunday 1968. The following year, he resigned to go back to school at Princeton Theological Seminary. In nine years he had helped the congregation grow to more than 2,300 members.

Mullin's outspokenness in behalf of equal rights generated mixed response from the congregation. Some rebelled and left Harvey Browne. Others began looking for ways the church could reach even farther into the community.

Such were the conditions that greeted the Reverend Thomas L. Jones, who arrived February 1, 1970, with his wife, Marilyn, and their five children. Jones, a Florida native, had been minister at Meadowview Presbyterian Church in the 1950s, and worked for the General Assembly of the denomination's southern branch prior to returning to Louisville.

Clearly it was a time for reassessing Harvey Browne's direction. In April 1970, the Session created a 'Task Force on Resources to determine the church's mission for the next five years. Care was taken to ensure the entire congregation was represented and had input into its deliberations.

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The task force took its job seriously and, in June 1971, delivered a 64-page report to the Session and the Board of Deacons. Its conclusion: Harvey Browne needed to change its "predominantly inward orientation" and strike a better balance between the community and the congregation. "As we have become larger, the demands of just running the church have caused us, perhaps imperceptibly, to devote more energies to ourselves," the report said. It noted that among various church organizations, only the Women of the Church directed a major part of their activities toward others.

The task force faced several immediate concerns. Church membership had peaked at around 2,300. Approximately \$200,000 was still needed to pay for the latest expansion, with only a fourth of it pledged. Programs and expenditures had been curtailed because of limited finances. And there was criticism that, with inflation, operating costs were consuming more of the church's disposable income, leaving less for benevolent giving.

The task force recommended earmarking a certain percentage of the budget each year for benevolences, the percentage to increase over the next five years, and apportioning whatever was left for operating expenses. Such an approach is still used today.

Interviews with community leaders had identified three groups with needs the church might address: youth, older persons and the poor. Within a year, the St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) was incorporated for that purpose, with Harvey Browne as a charter member. Senior Citizens East, an outgrowth of St. MAM, followed in 1974, again with Harvey Browne playing a major role in its operation.

The church found other ways of reaching out to the community. One that was evident to anyone who tried to find a parking space in the church lot during the week was to make the building available to service and support groups of every description. Another, beginning in 1975, was the regular collection of food and money for Louisville United Against Hunger (LUAH). In 1976, the Harvey Browne Family Counseling Center opened to offer individual and group counseling in a Christian context for church members and non-members alike.

The task force also recommended an internal reorganization to help the church carry out its new mission. Church Elders, responsible for Harvey Browne's spiritual life, and Deacons, who oversaw its finances, were combined into a single governing body. Other functions, in the future, would be carried out through five major operating councils responsible for worship, preparation, congregational care, outreach and support services. A sixth council was created to keep the long-range plan updated.

Though its mission clearly had expanded, the church continued also to meet the congregation's needs. Choirs of all ages, often accompanied by instrumentalists ranging from ensembles to full orchestras, established Harvey Browne's reputation for its music ministry. The first "Do-In" at Camp Cedar Ridge, the annual Labor Day weekend retreat for all church youth, occurred in 1972. Fellowship activities ranging from pot lucks to square dancing rounded out the picture. The list included an alphabet soup of programs such as a\$ SNAC (for Sunday Night At Church), SNO (Saturday Night Out) and CUE (for Couples Under Eighty, referring to the spouses' combined age).

Jones resigned in March 1977 to accept an executive position with the Louisville Seminary. The congregation called the Reverend Richard Kauffman, who arrived that fall from near Philadelphia with his wife, Judy, and their two sons.

Many in the congregation had expressed a desire for more biblically-based worship on Sunday mornings, and Kauffman, a formal but affable man, provided it. He also supported efforts to highlight the talents of members and non-members alike through several series of fine arts programs. Kauffman reduced the Session from an unwieldy 60 members to 36. (The Board of Deacons and the Session had been combined a few years earlier). He guided the study and planning for the facilities evaluation that resulted in the recent construction and remodeling.

The first Caroling Christmas Tree service by the Chancel Choir occurred in 1979, the first dinner theatre in 1980, and an important new ministry was started for single persons: S.O.L.O. (Single Ones Loving Others).

Kauffman resigned in 1980, and the congregation called the Reverend Neil Weatherhogg, who arrived from Kerrville, Texas in November 1981, with his wife, Janet, and their two sons.

Besides continuing a Harvey Browne tradition of strong sermons on Sunday mornings, Weatherhogg demonstrated a strong administrative ability that was needed to keep a busy and growing staff focused in the same direction. He arrived at a time when the church was feeling its most recent growing pains.

Though membership had declined slightly from its peak in the late '60s, the church found it needed both new and remodeled space to carry out its mission in the '80s. Progress on this front coincided with significant events on the national scene. In 1983, the two main branches of the Presbyterian Church were reunited for the first time since the Civil War. In 1987, the General Assembly voted to move its formerly separate national headquarters from New York and Atlanta to Louisville. The same year, Harvey Browne completed the first phase of its latest expansion, which ultimately included new offices, new and remodeled class-rooms, a living room and a multi-purpose building named for Emory Willey, an active and longtime member.

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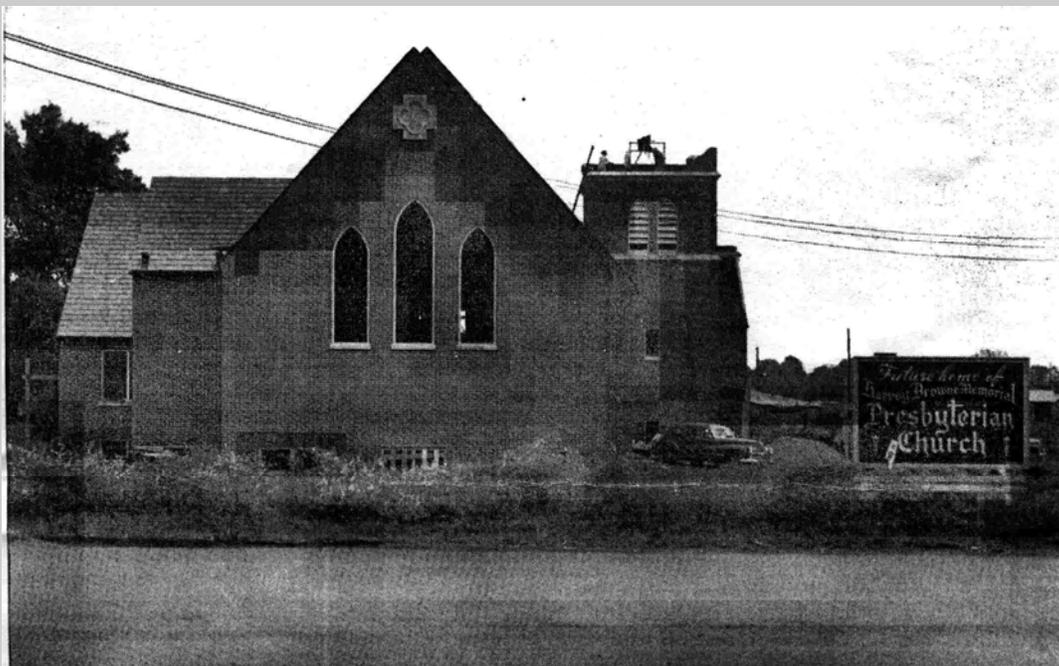
All of which is a far cry from the one-room building with the pot-bellied stove where the church began 75 years ago. The people who wrote its history, and the lives that have been touched in some way by what has gone on both inside and outside its walls would comprise a virtually endless list.

For many years Harvey Browne has described itself as "a church of many styles striving to serve." But in 1988, a new long-range planning committee determined an even broader statement was needed for the church to expand its horizons. From a nearly year-long study, presented at a Session retreat in May, 1988, the following vision statement emerged:

"For Harvey Browne to become a stronger community of Christian believers who celebrate and share a common faith; who care for one another, respect and are strengthened by one another's differences; who warmly welcome strangers; and who actively take God's love into the world."

It is a statement, coupled with a rich heritage, that will carry Harvey Browne Church into the 21st century.

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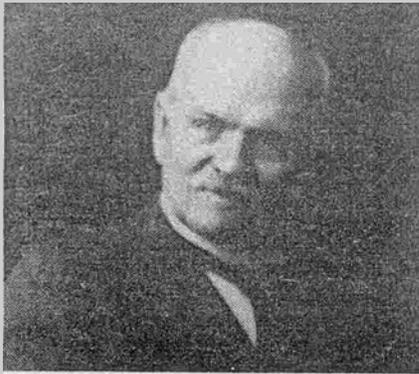
*The new church at 311 Browns Lane, completed in January, 1952.*

**St. Matthews Area Churches:**

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September 1991, Harvey Browne News—Let's Look At Where We've Been—Photos from article



*Hugh L. Barret*

*The Reverend  
Wm. T. McElroy  
Pastor  
1916-1937*



*Adult Division in front of church on Bauer Avenue, 1947. Reverend Paul Watson is on first row, left.*



*Original church building at 118 Bauer Avenue. The one-room church was built in 1914; Sunday School addition in back was built in 1939. Photo made in 1940.*

**Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:**

**It Took 75 Years To Get Here**

"Here" is in rather sharp contrast with the one room frame building, heated with a pot-bellied stove, in which Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church began operation on Bauer Avenue in St. Matthews one Sunday in August 1916. "Here" -now -is a centrally heated and air conditioned multi-structured complex, consisting of a small chapel, a large sanctuary, a spacious gym/auditorium/dining facility, and more than 50 classrooms, meetings rooms, and a library.

Since that day in 1916, we have experienced two World Wars, several "police actions," A Great Depression and a number of recessions, a tornado and a few floods. In the meanwhile, we have made several moves, acquired and disposed of several pieces of real estate, and developed and discarded several complete building plans, and elaborate financing campaigns.

The first property acquisition was of a manse, built in St. Matthews, at the corner of Willis and Meridian Avenues in 1922.

An addition to provide more classroom space was made on the back of the Bauer Avenue building, some years later in 1939.

In 1946, after a delay caused by World War II, plans were actually drawn and a building campaign organized for the construction of a church at the corner of Breckinridge Lane and Nanz Avenue in St. Matthews, on property donated by the Eline family in 1942. Unfortunately, Zoning Commission requirements and lack of adequate parking space forced a decision to cancel the plans for that location and to search for another site.

Two years later, in 1949, the manse at 4213 Church Way, was built on property that bordered our present location. Last used as a manse in 1969, it is now rented to dentists for their offices.

By early 1950 the congregation had grown to where it was without adequate facilities for worship services and it was meeting for that purpose on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theater on Lexington Road in St. Matthews.

In 1950 ground was broken for construction of a new sanctuary at 311 Browns Lane on a parcel of land large enough for future expansion, as well as with space that was then considered large enough to provide for parking.

It was very soon apparent, however, that we needed still more space, and in 1954 an addition was made to accommodate more Sunday School rooms, the Harvey Browne Kindergarten, and on the second floor, a single large room for social affairs which was named Eline Hall to honor Sidney Eline who had been killed in World War II.

Three years later, in 1956, a large house and lot adjacent to the church on Browns Lane was purchased to provide for future expansion and to take care of the seemingly unending need for more Sunday School rooms this time for both adults and preschoolers. Named McElroy Hall to honor our first pastor, the former residence was immediately put to good use; however, more space was still required.

And, in 1961 another addition was made to the wing in which Eline Hall was located. The new structure, named Anderson Hall to honor Olof Anderson, Jr., our pastor for eleven fruitful years, provided room for nurseries, still more Sunday School rooms, and much needed space for church staff offices.

In addition to marking our 50th Anniversary, 1966 saw the completion and dedication of our present sanctuary. With a floor plan resembling a Celtic cross, the building includes: a choir rehearsal room, music department offices, still more Sunday School classrooms, and a utility room on the lower level; on the ground level a handsome foyer features an impressive faceted colored glass window opposite a broad, short flight of steps leading to the narthex of the sanctuary; with its balcony the sanctuary seats 930 worshippers, and in the chancel area there is room for a 100 member choir, plus the console for an organ with chimes and almost 2500 pipes. (The installation of the Choir Manual for the organ in 1978, brought the ranks to 45, completing the instrument and making it one of the finest in the state.)

Almost immediately after we began to use the new sanctuary and the rooms on the level below it, renovation was started (and quickly finished) on the old church building. From the narthex approximately half way to the chancel in the old sanctuary, a partition was installed forming a lovely little chapel, a new narthex and two new classrooms. On the upper level, in what had been the balcony of the old sanctuary, and including the "new space" made by the partitioning, a large, yet cozy room was formed that quickly became an important part of the Youth Center.

As recently as 1987, with the completion and dedication of Emory Hall, another series of renovation and construction plans was in work. Named for member Dr. Emory Willey, a dentist who has earned the respect and love of all of us through his hours and hours of service to our church, the multipurpose activities building joined the eastern transept of the new sanctuary to what had been the pastor's office in the old church building. The beautiful little courtyard thus formed is far from wasted space, however, since it provides a play area for the kindergarten as well as a "look outside" for the users of the offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms which border it. Meanwhile, below the old sanctuary, the facilities for Senior Citizens East have been considerably improved, and an elevator and ramps have been installed to provide easier access for everyone. Another phase of our plans was completed in 1989 when the ten memorial windows in the new sanctuary, and one in the Prayer Room were dedicated. Like the foyer window, they are made of faceted colored glass; they illustrate passages from the Old and the New Testaments.

## St. Matthews Area Churches:

## Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

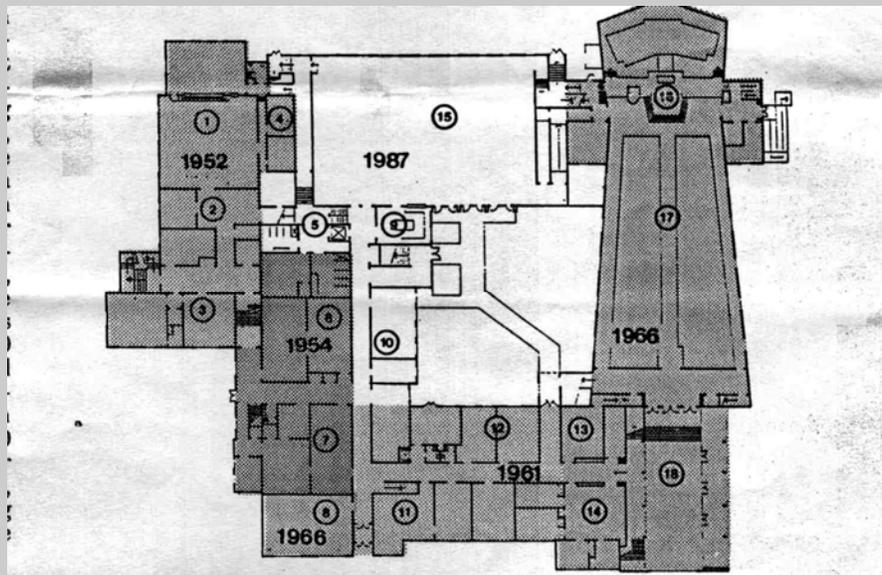
Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:

### It Took 75 Years To Get Here

In 75 years we may have "just growed" like Topsy—although the various new structures and additions are architecturally compatible—it seems however, that planning for the future is a characteristic of Harvey Browne rather than a phenomenon. It's quite obvious that we will always have a plan or plans "in the works" to improve our abilities to serve our members and our community.



*"Heavenly" view of the church complex, August, 1991.*



1952 original Browns Lane church building dedicated. Chapel (1) and classrooms (2) now, where original sanctuary was. Part of today's Youth Center is above (2). Classrooms (3) where Lydia and Barret rooms were; rest of Youth Center above them. (4) originally pastor's study -new section (5) includes elevator serving five levels. 1954 Eline Hall dedicated -areas (6) and (7) were classrooms -large rooms above them used for stage productions, social affairs. 1961 Anderson Hall added to Eline, provided classrooms in areas (11) and (12) subsequent renovations converted (11) to new Church Offices. 1966 space (8) was added between Eline and Anderson, it and (7) have been remodeled to make a nursery. 1966 the new sanctuary and foyer (16) -(17) -(18) dedicated. Rooms in (13) and (14) built at same time. (13) recently renovated to make ladies' lounge; church library on level above. Originally Church Office (14) now Church Living Room; Session Room on level above. Chancel area (16) was remodeled to accommodate special worship services. 1987 Emory Hall (15) dedicated -new kitchen (9) and new classroom (10) built at same time.

Courtesy Ray Purdom, some time in the 1950's.

Harvey Browne Church Choir, December 24, 1953



Back row - 2nd from the left - Phyllis Mills - '61, 3rd from the left - Ellen Sommer - '61 (Ray's future wife, of whom Ray says "...I didn't know from Adam at the time")

Front Row - 4th from the left - John Bush (John had the guts to sing a solo one Christmas), 8th from the left (Susie Cooke), 10th from the left Ray Purdom (What an angelic look!), 12th from the left - Diane Lamar

Courtesy Harvey Brown web site: <http://www.harveybrowne.org/Content.asp?page=location> Today



Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

## New \$200,000 Church Dedicated By Harvey Browne Presbyterian Ceremonies Climax 2 Years' Work

Two years of hard work came to a climax Sunday for members of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church with the dedication of their new, \$200,000 church at Brown's Lane and Church Way.

Ceremonies began at 11 a.m. with an organ prelude by Mendelssohn. Rev. Charles Owens, minister of the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, and minister of Harvey Browne from 1937 to 1942, delivered the invocation for Rev. William T. McElroy, who was ill.

Rev. McElroy was at Harvey Browne from 1916 to 1937. Other former Harvey Browne ministers who attended the Sunday program were Dr. Henry Sweets and Rev. Paul M. Watson. Also present were Dr. Andrew K. Rule, professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and Rev. Edwin R. Rock, executive secretary of the Louisville Presbytery.

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church began as a mission Sunday School in 1891 under the sponsorship of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, in the old Greathouse School which stood on the spot now occupied by the Kroger Grocery in St. Matthews.

Mr. Hugh Barrett, an elder in the Highland Church became interested in the mission. He and Mrs. Barrett did much to keep the work alive.

In 1914 a Mrs. Roberts of Bardstown, Ky., gave \$2,000 to Louisville Presbytery to be used for some good cause and as a memorial to her brother, Dr. Harvey Browne. Mr. Barrett was

instrumental in securing this money to help erect a building for a Presbyterian Church in St. Matthews. The Bauer Avenue site was selected and the building erected.

In February, 1949, the Rev. Olof Anderson, Jr., came to serve as pastor. Plans for a new church home, begun about ten years before, were completed. The ground breaking for the present building took place November 5, 1950. The corner stone was laid June 17, 1951, and the building used for worship and study January 20, 1952.

February 21, 1952

## Hope To Cut Church Debt With Bazaar

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church is planning its first annual bazaar for Saturday, October 4, from one to nine p.m.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ervin A. McClain, 316 N. Hubbard's Lane, Mrs. Jack Cleveland, 3710 Grandview Avenue, and Mrs. G. H. Schmid, 210 Sage Road, the whole congregation is participating in hopes of realizing a substantial payment on the mortgage.

With friendliness and community good will in mind, the ladies are pricing all articles quite reasonably. Home-made pastries and candies, hand-made gift articles and Christmas items will be some of the 13 kinds of booth attractions, but one of the most popular will probably be the parcel post corner where packages from everywhere will sell for a mere quarter.

The committee is hoping most people will come as families (there are several attractions for small fry) and stay to enjoy the turkey dinner to be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

October 2, 1952

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

## Combined Choirs To Give Cantata At Harvey Browne

The combined choirs of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Brown's Lane and Churchway, and the Speed Memorial Church, Speed, Indiana, will present "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, at the Harvey Browne Church on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 4 p.m.

The choral group, numbering fifty voices, will be under the direction of Robert W. Holmes, former Director of Music at Harvey Browne Church, who is now assistant pastor at the Speed Church.

Rudy A. vonAlmen, present choir director at the Louisville Church, will accompany on the organ, and soloists will include Fred Brehob, baritone, and Dennis Richardson, tenor, who is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The program will be repeated on Good Friday at the Speed Memorial Church.

March 26, 1953



Rev. George Clementson will be installed as associate pastor at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Sunday. The sermon for the formal ceremony will be delivered by Dr. Andrew K. Rule, a professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Olof Anderson, pastor at Harvey Browne, will propound the questions. Dr. W. R. Clarke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, will give the charge to the pastor. Dr. W. T. McElroy, editor of the "Christian Observer," will give the charge to the congregation. Cooper Willey, an elder at the Third Presbyterian Church, will complete the commission. Rev. Clementson worked as assistant to Dr. Anderson in 1949, when he was a student at the Louisville Seminary. He is married to the former Irma Henlein Dennis of Charleston, Ill. They have two children. Larry Henlein is a freshman at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Linda Henlein is a freshman at Eastern High School in Middletown. The family lives at Lyndon.

October 15, 1953

December 24, 1953

## Harvey Browne Church To Vote On New Building

The congregation of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will meet December 27 to decide on whether to build a new church school, according to the church's newspaper, "Harvey Browne Family News."

The church's educational project committee on December 10 recommended such a project.

Wayne May, committee chairman, announced A. J. Eline, Sr., would match all cash turned in to the committee by December 31. Mr. Eline owns a real estate firm and Chevrolet agency in St. Matthews. 200 pledges totaling nearly \$9,000 have been received, said Mr. May, but only \$4,400 in cash.

The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m.

Rev. Olof Anderson, church pastor, will hold open house for college students from 4 to 6 p.m. that day. On December 28, the Junior Department will have a Christmas Party.

At the New Year's Communion Service January 3 at 8:30, the church's new officers will be installed.



O, Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant!

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold its traditional candlelight carol service Christmas morning at six o'clock, and these youngsters, the Junior Choir, will sing from the church loft, while the Chancel Choir of 40 voices will sing from the rear balcony, directed by Rudy Von Allmen. The service will consist of scripture readings and carols from many lands. Members of the Junior Choir, from left, Lynn Murray Spalding, Diane La Mar, and Larry Young. In back are Linda Schweickert, Phyllis Mills, Ellen Sommer, Lucille Lapsely, Charlotte Carter, Judy Schuba, Carolyn Coggeshall, Marjorie Davis, and Ann Evans.

Betty Davis photo

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

## Harvey Browne Has New Music Director, Organist

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church has a new director of music and a new organist. Dr. Olof Anderson, pastor, announced last week.

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The new organist, Samuel F. Hodges, will also direct the junior choir. The music director, Monas Harlan, 122 North Hubbards Lane, is a member of the faculty of the University of Louisville School of Music. He is also the leading tenor for the Kentucky Opera Association.

A veteran of 2½ years in the Pacific with the combat engineers, Mr. Harlan is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York, which he attended three years on a fellowship. He was previously soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, the largest Presbyterian Church in the United States, with a membership of around 7,000.

Mr. Hodges is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Music. He has two bachelor degrees — in music and in music education. He teaches music at duPont Manual and Parkland Junior High in Louisville.

He was a fellow to the Berkshire Music Festival in Tanglewood, Mass., last summer for six weeks. He studied at the choir school at Maryville College in Tennessee.

April 1, 1954

## St. M. Firm Awarded Harvey Browne Contract

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church has let the contract for its new educational building to Holt and Holt, Inc., a St. Matthews firm, Rev. Olof Anderson, pastor, announced Tuesday.

Holt and Holt agreed to do the work for \$54,407, the lowest of four bids received by the church. Construction will start immediately, according to Rev. Anderson.

The two-story educational building will be located at the northeast corner of the present church structure at 311 Browns Lane. It will be of brick veneer and of modified Gothic architecture, the same type architecture as the church, which was completed in January, 1952.

The entire children's division of the church will be moved into the 50 by 80-foot structure.

It will include three nursery rooms, two kindergarten rooms, and primary and junior department rooms. The second floor will be arranged so it may be

converted into a large recreation room. It will contain a kitchenette and a church school secretary's office.

It should be finished around September 1. Carl Russell is the architect.

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The church has been conducting a fund-raising campaign for six months. \$24,000 in cash has been collected, with an additional \$25,000 in pledges, payable over three years.

April 8, 1954

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

### Harvey Browne Teen Agers Work In The Slums Of Indianapolis

## 35 Harvey Browne Youngsters Going To Indianapolis

About 35 boys and girls from Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will go to Indianapolis this month to do manual labor for others.

Church pastor Dr. Olof Anderson said the Senior High Youth Fellowship will participate in a weekend work camp February 24-26.

They will stay in the Flanner House in Indianapolis, and will work on the community project sponsored by the Quakers. They will work all day Saturday in the tenement section of Indianapolis, doing manual labor in homes, such as repair and clean-up work.

They will work side by side with a Jewish group. Purpose of the project is to promote brotherhood and service, said Dr. Anderson.

The boys and girls are 10th, 11th and 12th graders. A bus will be rented to take them to Indianapolis, and they will leave Friday, Feb. 24, after school.

Adult leaders of the Fellowship are John and Harriet Mohr, and Charles and Lela McHatton.

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The Men's Fellowship of Harvey Browne will hold its third annual brotherhood dinner with B'rith Sholom on February 16 at 6:30 p.m., said Dr. Anderson. The dinner and program on brotherhood will be held at the B'rith Sholom temple on Cowling Avenue.

February 2, 1956



—Photo by Charles Stone

Preparing to take off for the week-end work camp trip to Indianapolis, Ind., members of the Harvey Browne Presbyterian Youth Fellowship are herded onto the bus by, left to right, Carson Helm, who drove the bus, John Mohr, adult advisor, and Dr. Olof Anderson, Minister of the Church.

By LINDA HEINLEIN

Eighteen teenagers from the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship traveled to Indianapolis by school bus to participate in a weekend work camp.

The group lived and worked at Flanner House in the slum section of the city.

Bright and early Saturday morning they divided themselves into several groups. One section went to the shops to build with their own hands, the frame of a house.

The motto of Flanner House is "help them help themselves."

By being furnished the tools, instruction and initiative, the men are moving out of condemned homes into new modern ones which they built themselves. Another group went to the Herman G. Morgan Health Center to wash walls, scrub floors and in general, give it a thorough cleaning.

The health program at Flanner House is designed for the whole family. Here was a real application of a service designed to keep people healthy.

Flanner House also runs a self-help cannery for the proper preservation of food.

Flanner House has a staff of social service agencies, which offer everything from teaching school children to cook breakfast to a veterans training program in vegetable growing and landscaping.

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This, a Red Feather Agency, is a result of the cooperative effort of many individuals all working together to help people help themselves.

The trip was a fine experience for those who went and had the opportunity to serve.

They left Friday afternoon by

County School bus and returned Sunday night. The trip was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

Dr. Olof Anderson, Minister of the Church, Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, adult advisers to the Fellowship, and Carson Helm, serving as bus driver, accompanied the group.

Those attending the work camp were:

- Pat Hill, Kenneth Harbison, Ann Thorn, Mary Anderson, Linda Heinlein, Betty Cleveland, Mary Jo Harrison, Beverly Miller, Pat Schlier, Peggy Dean, Barbara Caswell, Gail Parsons, Ann Hayward, Dick Kelly, and Nancy Merhoff.

March 1, 1956

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Photo by Billy Davis

## Christmas Carols

The girls' section of the Chapel Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will sing with the rest of the Chapel Choir and the Carol and Chancel Choirs at the Christmas morning Carol Service at 8 a.m. Pictured is Richard Dales, director of music. In the first row are Sabra Yerkes, left, Betty Cleveland, Suzanne McKinstry, Betty Baldwin, Jo Ann Renn, Roberta Bryson, Patricia Hill and Ann Thorn. Second row: Barbara Caswell, Mary Anderson and Beverly Miller. Third row: Linda Heinlein, Sharon McGloshen, Charlotte McKinstry, Christine Derhefer, Peggy Dean, Jacqueline Hill, Phyllis Mills and Nancy Scheifer. A program of Christmas music was held at Harvey Browne last Sunday evening.

December 20, 1956

## Two churches slate construction plans

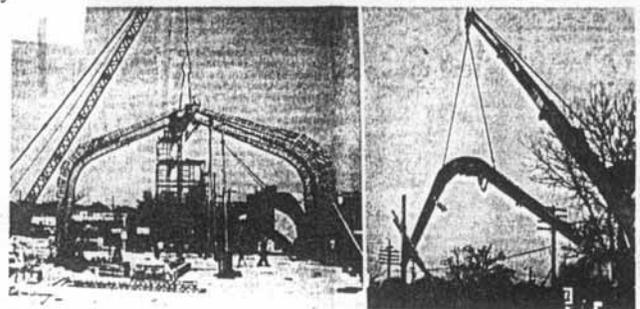
Plans to expand one church and construction of another are underway for this Eastend area.

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Ln., this week announced that a \$700,000 building-fund goal has been reached, with pledges totaling \$704,425, for a new sanctuary.

Church aides, however, said that at least one-third of the pledges is to be collected before construction on the new building begins.

The new sanctuary will seat about 1,000 persons and will be located just north of the church's present sanctuary. An expanded church school will join the present sanctuary and the new building at the rear and a courtyard will be in the center of the complex.

The church, with 2,020 members, is the largest Presbyterian church in Kentucky.



RAISE HIGH THE CHURCH BEAMS: A crane at right unloads from a freight car on Westport Road a beam for the new sanctuary of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. At left, workers put another beam into place. The program, which also will include educational facilities, will cost about \$675,000. Completion date: September.

March 24, 1966, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*

February 27, 1964, Rest of Article not on this church



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCH last Sunday are:

- Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Baker, 8611 Holston Rd., Lyndon
- Mr. & Mrs. M. V. Borland, 111 Stivers Rd.
- Mr. & Mrs. Stewart G. Brown, 1221 Old Cannon's Lane
- Dr. & Mrs. C. E. Denton, 807 Starlite Rd.
- Mr. William W. Gladden, 4007 Elmwood Ave.
- Mr. & Mrs. Edw. L. Kaiser, 307 Ridgedale Rd.
- Mr. & Mrs. John Knight, 1908 Alfresco Place
- Mr. & Mrs. F. V. Lacock & Diane, 225 Blankenbaker Le
- Mr. & Mrs. William Owen, 3517 Hycliffe Ave.
- Mr. & Mrs. Chas.L.Ploegama, 400 Westwood Dr.
- Mrs. Norman Radloff, 426 Sprite Rd.
- Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Ray & Ronald, 307 Norbourne Blvd.
- Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Shaw & Rosalie, 3903 Norbourne Blvd
- Mr. & Mrs. Clyde O. Walker & Sandy, 4400 Kinloch Rd.
- Mrs. Adrian White, 412 Oread Rd.

and on Thursday, April 3:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| *Anna Lee Adams          | (*Baptized)               |
| Beverly Lynn Alfred      | Sue Bartlett Kunz         |
| Stephen Andrew Balogh    | Pamela Ellen Lebo         |
| *Pamela Crawford Boston  | Allyn Gayle McCreary      |
| Robert Frederic Brandt   | Henry Douglas Mann        |
| Mary Elizabeth Brown     | Richard Brinton Marple    |
| *Billie Kay Burnett      | Leslie Margaret Mills     |
| Henry McIntyre Burt      | Jean Diane Milroy         |
| Timothy Micheal Cable    | Charles Ross Morrison     |
| Shelia Dianne Cheek      | James Allen Nimocks       |
| Joseph Eugene Cross, Jr. | Leslie Ann Peege          |
| *Mary Elizabeth Davis    | Muriel Stanley Penna      |
| Douglas Allen Deatz      | Wendy Ann Peterson        |
| Fredrick Charles DeHoag  | Jane Dorothy Radloff      |
| *Stephen Whyne Durbin    | Rebecca Linda Raymond     |
| Gordon Lee Edwards       | Alan Douglas Ring         |
| George Alan Ellsworth    | Oscar Lynwood Schweickert |
| Patricia Ann Froehlich   | Gail Langdon Spiring      |
| Diane Lee Giannini       | Brian Charles Stephen     |
| Dona Lynne Giannini      | Kenneth Levi Stephens     |
| James Allin Gray         | Betty Ann Steward         |
| Lee Edwin Griffith       | Frank Clinton Thomas      |
| *Sally Jeanne Haberstroh | Harriet Ann Thompson      |
| Billy Fredrick Harrer    | Jane Gregory Thorn        |
| Charles Lewis Harring    | Martha Virginia Thorn     |
| James Henry Hawley       | Johnny George Treitz      |
| James Martin Helm        | *Kay Twarzonas            |
| *Rickey Lynn Hendricks   | James Boyd Wadlington     |
| Susan Cole Hunter        | Gregory Kent Walker       |
| *Vivian Judith Johnson   | Gerald Douglas Wilder     |
| Sarah Kay Kalber         | *Shirley Ann Wilson       |
| Darrence Durrett Kelly   | *Steven Craig Worful      |
|                          | Donna Lee Young           |



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 Louisville, Kentucky  
 Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958  
 Order of Worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

PRELUDE - Prelude in C Minor -Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP INVOCATION

\* HYMN No. 204 -"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"-Lyra Davidica

THE APOSTLES CREED GLORIA

\* ORGAN INTERLUDE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (1st Service) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANTHEM: (1st Serv.) "O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing"  
 (Carol Choir)  
 (2nd and 3rd Serv.) "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"  
 (Chancel Choir)

SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 20:1-2, 11-18

MORNING PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE

\* ORGAN INTERLUDE

\* HYMN No. 208 - "The Day of Resurrection" -Smart

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH HIS GIFTS TO US

OFFERTORY -"Deck Thyself, My Soul,With Gladness" DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM: (1st Serv.) "Easter Passacaglia" -Riegger  
 (Chapel Choir)  
 (2nd and 3rd Serv.) "Alleluia To The Easter King"  
 (Chancel Choir)

SERMON - "God and the Resurrection" -Dr. Anderson

SILENT PRAYER FOR PEACE - BENEDICTION - CHORAL AMENS

POSTLUDE - Fugue in C Minor -Bach

\*Ushers will seat worshippers

Calendar for the Week

Tuesday at -

10:00 - Circle #1, Chm. Mrs. Smith, meets with Mrs. Richard Baldwin, 409 Kaelin Drive

- Circle #3, Chm. Mrs. Maltby, meets with Mrs. Ken Boylan, 100 Gibson Rd.

- Circle #4, Chm. Mrs. Carty, meets with Mrs. Joseph Carty, 7613 Norbourne Rd., Lyndon

- Circle #5, Chm. Mrs. Ellsworth, meets with Mrs. David Halley, #3 Pin Oak Lane

- Circle #6, Chm. Mrs. Bishop, meets with Mrs. Frank Wilder, 3933 Elmwood Ave.

6:30 - Circle #14, Chm. Mrs. Deatz, meets with Mrs. Dorothy Ray, Lyndon Le.(International Dinner)

7:30 - Monthly meeting of the Session

8:00 - Circle #12, Chm. Mrs. Morse, meets with Mrs. C. K. Elliott, 514 Macon Ave.

- Trinity Circle, Chm. Mrs. Cochran, meets with Mrs. Ben Gabbard, Dorsey Way

Thursday

7:30 - Monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons

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THE EASTER LILIES today are in memory of -

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Frentz Sr.	Mrs. George Younger
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Wasterman	Mrs. Julia C. Fuller
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McBride	Mr. David H. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Diecks	Miss Pearl Williams
Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Waddill	Elizabeth Grunwald
Mr. Thos. D. Sympson, Sr.	Gary Dean Lewis
Mr. E. Malcolm Murray	Mr. James J. Moore
Mr. Rudolph F. Merhoff	Mrs. C. L. Niman
Mr. Everett F. Shawler	Mr. Jess DeCraw
Mr. Olof Anderson, Sr.	Mrs. Emil Anderson
Mr. Robert Krick Evans	Mr. Fred Krauss
Mr. Joseph F. Lutz	

and one the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford J. Munz.

THE REV. DAVID F. JORDAN has accepted the call of the Session to become our Minister of Education. Mr. Jordan, a 1955 graduate of Louisville Seminary, is now Minister of Education in Pasadena, Texas. He will begin his work with us this week.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Choirs are singing Christmas music all over St. Matthews. This is the Youth Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church,

December 26, 1957

Members of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Chapel Choir pictured at the top of the page are, first row, left to right, Leslie Mills, Charlotte McKinstry, Barbara Henry, Gail Reichmuth, Lynne Broeker; second row, Diane Leacock, Carolyn Carapezza, Billie Kay Gillette, Phyllis Munz, Sharon McGloshen, Susie Cook, Sandy Walker, Carla Slinger, Martha Thorne, Jane Thorne; third row, Jo Ann Henn, Ellen Sommer, Barbara McHattton, Nancy Schelrer, Roberta Bryson, Harriet Micon, Nancy Mason, Sue Abbott; fourth row, Marcella Blakesley, Jean Milroy, Carol Cook, Suzanne McKinstry, Joan Harring, Karen Bryson, Shirley Wilson, Sandy Carter, Sheila Troutman; fifth row, David Hammar, John Bush, John Burekic, Jack Sommer, Scott Tichenor, Tom Bedwell, Jim Hawley, Chuck Harring, and Ronnie Young. The picture is by Larry Spitzer.

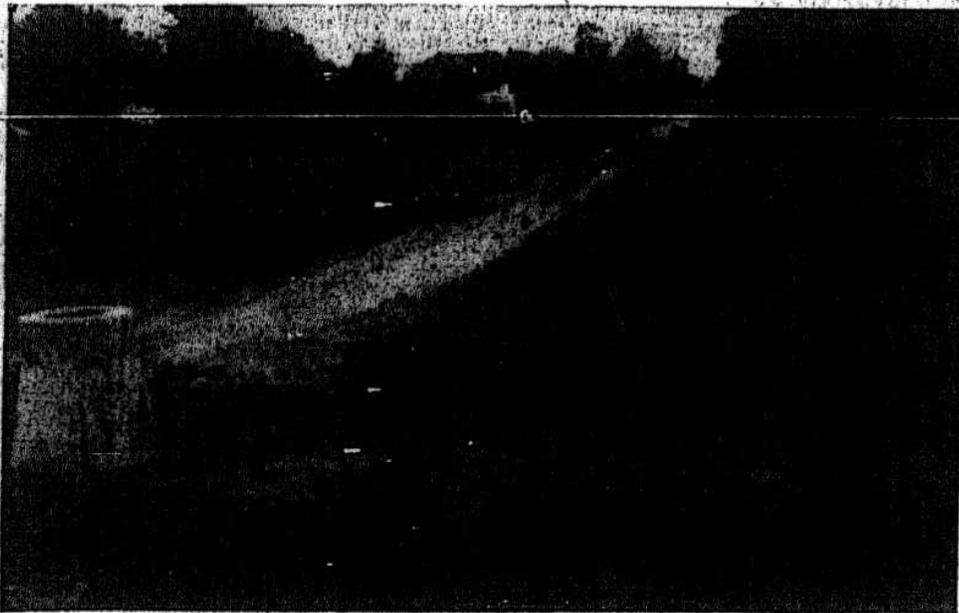


Choirs and Christmas music welcome the holiday season to St. Matthews.

December 25, 1958

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

# Harvey Browne Church launches \$140,000 improvement program



Trenches, pipes and equipment make some streets in Beechwood Village impassable as work on the new sewer system enters its second month.

October 29, 1959

## Educational facilities to be expanded

A \$140,000 physical expansion and improvement program has been launched by Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Browns Lane and Church Way.

The program, as approved by the Session of the Church, includes a 9,000 square-foot educational wing, re-arrangement and refurbishment of existing Church School facilities, and air conditioning of the Church sanctuary.

The financing aspect of the program is to get underway immediately; actual construction and other work will not begin until early next year.

Carl D. Russell, 317 Biltmore, has been named architect for the program, with E. R. Ronald and Associates, 554 S. 3rd., as engineering consultants.

The new educational wing, the second to be added to the original Church building will contain a number of large classrooms for pre-school and grade-school age children, an assembly hall, and a kitchen with facilities capable of preparing food for some 350 people.

Complete funding of the program will be sought on Nov. 22 when each Harvey Browne member will be personally contacted for the building fund pledge. Prior to that time, a thorough information program will acquaint each member with all aspects of the program.

With 1,800 members, Harvey Browne is the largest Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. The present Church building was completed in 1952. An educational wing was added in 1954. Since that time enrollment in the Church School has doubled, bringing it to more than 1,300 and making necessary the new facility.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

## Teenagers at Harvey Browne schedule work week to boost church building fund

Need a baby sitter? Or some windows washed? Or yard work done? Well, more than 200 teenagers from Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church stand ready to help you . . . and in turn, help the \$140,000 Building Program of their church.

It works this way:

The teenagers have scheduled a work week beginning Friday, Nov. 6 and lasting through Saturday, Nov. 14. During this time, the youngsters will do all sorts of light yard and house work, car washing and baby sitting. And the money they earn will go into the Harvey Browne Building Fund!

At the going rate of 50 cents an hour for baby sitting and 75 cents an hour for most other types of work, the teenagers should make a substantial contribution!

Already their work schedule is filling up. Anyone can hire the youngsters. If interested simply call Mrs. George M. Bales, 110 Holliswood Road, TW 5-1416 any day between 2 and 5:30 p.m.

The teenager work week is just one of several similar projects underway at Harvey Browne to involve all age groups and organizations of the Church in the recently-announced Building Program. The Church, located at Browns Laane and Church Way, is planning to add a 9,000 square foot educational wing and to air condition the sanctuary.

November 5, 1959



REV. MULLIN

## Church contracts awarded

Contracts have been awarded for the new addition and improvements on the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Henry A. Steilberg, Inc. is the general contractor and the Stewart Distributing Co., is the contractor for the mechanical work. Construction is to begin right away.

The new addition, which will consist of ten classrooms, will be a 53-by-83 two-story structure adjoining the present building. It will be faced with brick to match the present building. It will also include a new complete kitchen on the second floor joining the present Eline Hall and will be served from the first floor with dumb-waiters.

The new building and the present sanctuary will be completely air-conditioned. Wood paneling will also be added to the sanctuary. Work is expected to be completed in about six months.

Carl D. Russell is the architect and A. W. Mills is church building chairman. Rev. Joseph B. Mullin is pastor.

July 7, 1960

## It's one world now, says new pastor at Harvey Browne church

The inability of people to communicate with each other is the most serious problem facing the world today, in the opinion of Rev. Joseph B. Mullin, new pastor at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church.

"As Wendell Willkie said many years ago, it is one world," Rev. Mullin observed. "A riot in Leopoldville or in Little Rock—well, it might as well be happening right in our own backyards."

The warring sides never seem able to communicate with each other, or to find a common ground, so that tolerance, understanding and love can hold sway, he said.

The trouble starts with the family, he said. He observed that married couples who come to the minister for help fall into three categories. They are having difficulty with their physical relationship, their in-laws, or money.

"But back of all these troubles there is just one thing—the inability to communicate, to talk with each other about what's bothering them."

He noted that Russia and the United States, as nations, hate

each other. Yet Russians and Americans were able to compete peacefully recently in the Olympics at Squaw Valley. And Russians listen to and enjoy American music, just as Americans do Russian music.

But in the area of philosophies and of ways of life, the two are poles apart. The Russians have developed an atheistic Communism, and America is a nation whose ideals are based on Christian Democracy.

Rev. Mullin believes the American people are in favor of sharing their wealth with less fortunate nations, but he warned that gifts of food and money alone would not solve their problems, nor make them like or respect us.

"We've got to share our knowledge, he said; we've got to teach them the methods for growing their food and setting up their own production systems, so that they can help themselves."

Dr. Mullin took over his new duties Saturday and conducted his first service at Harvey Browne Sunday.

The 36-year-old Paducah minister is a 1952 graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological

Seminary, and received a master-of-theology degree from the seminary in 1957.

A native of Excelsior Springs, Mo., he received a bachelor-of-arts degree from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., before entering the seminary here.

He has done graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and he toured Europe and the Middle East in 1958.

His first pastorate was at Glenciff Presbyterian Church, Nashville, from 1952 to 1954, when he went to the Paducah church. The latter has about 475 members.

Mr. Mullin is moderator of the Muhlenberg presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern)—the same branch of the church to which Harvey Browne belongs.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Duncan of Hopkinsville, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Her father Dr. W. G. Duncan, Lexington, is now on the College faculty at the University of Kentucky.

The Mullins have two children, Mary Hamilton "Molly" Mullin, 5, and Elizabeth Duncan "Beth" Mullin, 3.

June 7, 1960

Courtesy of Ray Purdom:

I'm guessing that it's the college-level Sunday School class at Harvey Browne. That's brown's Lane in the background. About 1960, the only person I recognize is Margaret Sommer, Ellen's mother, holding the Bible.



Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

# Harvey Browne to dedicate new educational wing

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Lane, will dedicate a new educational wing Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m. The new building will be called Anderson Hall in honor of Dr. Olof Anderson, Jr., who served as the church's pastor from 1949 until January, 1960, when he became Executive Secretary of Louisville Presbytery. During his ministry, the church grew to a membership of more than 1700.

The new two-story structure covers 9200 square feet and includes new facilities for the Weekday Kindergarten on the first floor. A new kitchen to serve the present fellowship hall plus six classrooms complete the second floor.

The Planning Committee for the project is A. W. Mills, 505 Cornell Place, Chairman, A. J. Eline, Jr., 702 Circle Hill Rd. and Bar-

nett Grimes, 117 Spruce Lane. Carl D. Russell, Architect, designed the building. Henry A. Steilberg, Inc., was the general contractor.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson will be honored at a reception following the dedication service.

April 20, 1961

## Services scheduled for new sanctuary

The first services in the new sanctuary of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Matthews will be held Sunday, Nov. 13.

There will be services at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The new \$40,000 Reuter organ will be played for the first time during services this Sunday.

The new sanctuary and the adjoining education building were completed several weeks ago. The total cost of the units was approximately \$700,000, raised in a three-year building fund drive.

Members of the building committee were John McKinstry, chairman, Mrs. Leo Broecker, Barnett Grimes, James Holt and Virgil Owen.

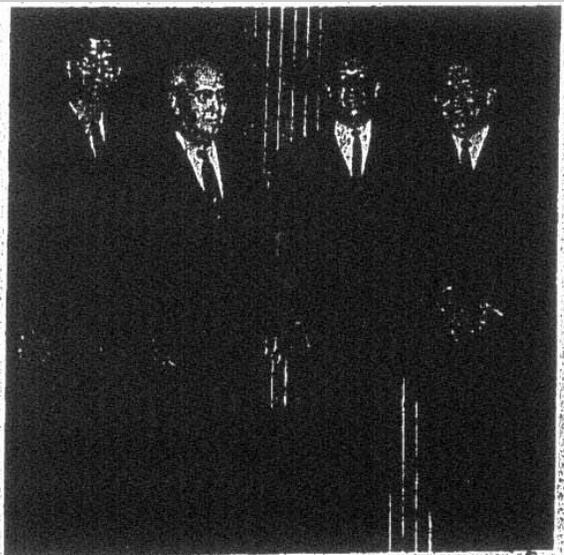
The church is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was founded in Greathouse

School in 1916.

The dedication services for the new sanctuary and education building will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Olof Anderson Jr., who was minister of Harvey Browne from 1949 to 1960.

November 10, 1966



INSIDE VIEW: From left, The Rev. Frederick R. Horner, the Rev. R. Murray Pegram, Dr. Joseph B. Mullin and the Rev. C.H. Rechar of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church pose beside the main pulpit in the new sanctuary.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



**Ready for Halloween**

Halloween, despite its background of eeriness, appeared to be a season of joy for pupils of the kindergarten of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pupils of Mrs. Thomas H. Thompson, Jr., prepared masks, ghosts, make-believe pumpkins and other items that pertain to the eerie observance. Pupils included Rodes Cleavinger, 2505 Glenview Ave., left, and Lynn Goodin, 4428 B-senheim Rd.

October 31, 1968

**Rev. Joseph Mullin resigns post here**

The Rev. Joseph B. Mullin has resigned as senior minister of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, the largest Presbyterian Church in Kentucky.

The Rev. Mullin, who has been pastor of the St. Matthews church since 1960, plans to obtain a master's degree in Christianity and society at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He will begin studies at Princeton August 1 and hopes to complete work for the degree by June of next year.

He already has a master's degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and holds a doctor of divinity degree (honorary) from Centre College. Before coming to this area he was minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Paducah.

The Rev. Mullin said he is going to Princeton "to sit back and really look at what is going on in the church."

He said he is looking for new challenges in his career. He said he may ask to be assigned as minister of another church after completing his work at Princeton.

The Rev. Mullin said he wished churches had a sabbatical-leave system (one year free every seven years) so that ministers could take time to pursue graduate studies and examine the needs of church and community.

Under his guidance the membership of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church grew from about 1700 in 1960 to 2353 this year.

A building program costing \$850,000 was completed while he was pastor. The program included a new sanctuary, office complex, youth center, organ and remodeling of the old sanctuary into a chapel.

The church celebrated its 50th anniversary in November of 1966.

The Rev. Mullin will resign as chairman of the Louisville Presbytery Executive Council, the governing body of 50 congregations in Central Kentucky in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

But he plans to continue as chairman of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. The council coordinates the executive activities of the 980,000 member congregation. He is

chairman of the council's grievances committee.

The Rev. Mullin is a member of the city-county Community Action Commission and a member of the Head Start committee.

He also is a member of the Salvation Army advisory board and a former member of the advisory board of the Family and Children's Agency.

A native of Excelsior Springs, Mo., the Rev. Mullin is 45 years old.

He and his wife, Betty, and their three children, Molly, 14, Beth, 12, and Bari, 8, will live at 5 Darrah Lane East, Trenton, N. J., while he studies at Princeton.

The church, he said, plans to appoint a nominating committee June 29 to begin looking for a new senior minister at Harvey Browne.

June 26, 1969

**St. Matthews Area Churches:**

**Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church**

**Courtesy Lynne Rae Milroy Wiles (60):**

**1991**



**Courtesy of Lee Bailey (61):**

**Joe and Betty Mullin, Easter 1993 in Greensboro, NC. Pastor of Harvey Browne for many years.**



**: Waggener High Alumni comments:**

June 2001— Joe Mullin, the former minister at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church on Browns Lane, is now living in Greensboro. I just got off the phone with him after a terrific half-hour conversation. He is now 77 and still preaches occasionally in the area (He had been the minister at 1st Presbyterian in Greensboro for about 20 years before retirement.) He remembered so many members of the Waggener class of '61 and said to send his greetings.

Courtesy The Courier-Journal:

December 23, 2008

### Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian gets new look in time for Christmas

#### St. Matthews church celebrates new sanctuary

At a recent Sunday evening concert, the Chancel Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church sang of "brighter visions" beaming afar -- as it also presented a brighter vision to the congregation.

The church on Browns Lane in St. Matthews is celebrating its first Christmas in a new sanctuary after a \$3 million renovation.

The lighting and acoustics were enhanced, giving what had been a somewhat dark and dreary space a new atmosphere, worshippers say.

"You can see!" Wilma Bennett said.

It's become "a beautiful, light-filled place of worship," said Juergen Tossmann, another member.

The church will hold two Christmas Eve services today, and a dedication is planned for next month.

Five years ago, the church had considered building a new two-level sanctuary with space for other uses in the basement. A 1951 chapel would have been demolished, and the sanctuary, built in the 1960s, would have been used for education.

But the idea proved too costly, and two years later the church decided to renovate instead, expanding only a gathering space outside the sanctuary.

"I had no idea you could take that existing space and make it look so incredible and work so well," said the Rev. John Roper, the church's pastor. JRA Architects did the design, and the building contractor was Wehr Construction.

The changes include angling new pews to give a better view and installing new pipes for a refurbished organ. A 15-foot blue glass cross hanging in front is surrounded by 1,000 individual crosses, at least half of which were made by church members.

"I love it all," said member Edith Light. "It was plain vanilla. Now it's tutti-frutti."

Other details are a new set of liturgical furnishings -- including a pulpit and communion table with copper accents -- created by artist Guy Tedesco of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Larry Brandenburg, the minister of music, conducted the choir and an instrumental ensemble at the recent "Festival of Readings and Carols for Advent and Christmas."

The chancel area around the altar was reconfigured to make it more open and spacious and to improve the sound.

"It's a stunning difference," Brandenburg said.



**The Chancel Choir performed during the Christmas concert at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. The church has undergone a \$3 million renovation.**

Courtesy <http://www.htparish.org/history>

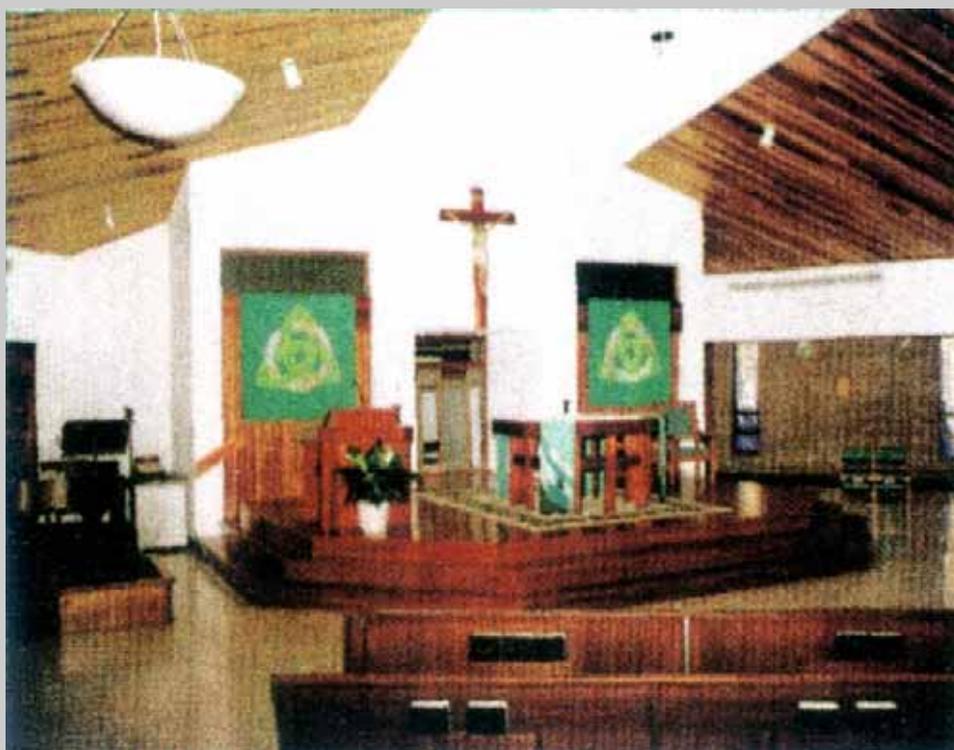
### **History of Holy Trinity Parish**

On September 1, 1882, Bishop William McClosky established a new parish for the benefit of the farming community of St. Matthews. Until that time, Catholics went into the city for Mass and other liturgical services. This new parish, named Holy Trinity, was the first Catholic Church in eastern Jefferson County, and the twentieth in the area.

Since the dedication of the first church, on the 17th of December 1882, there have been three subsequent churches. The first two churches were built on what is today Trinity High School. After outgrowing the first church, a second church was built. This church was heavily damaged by fire in 1937 but was renovated and used until 1953. At that time, the parish donated its property to the archdiocese for the purpose of establishing the first Archdiocesan Catholic high school, and obtained approximately sixty acres on its current site. Today, our parish property consists of nearly fifteen acres. After outgrowing the first church on Cherrywood Road, work began on our current church in October 1968 and was dedicated on November 2, 1969, by Archbishop Thomas J. McDounough.

Courtesy Betsy Stanis, Holy Trinity Church:

**Archdiocesan Book**



**September 21, 1937: \$150,000 Fire Razes Holy Trinity Church.** Flames, discovered at 4 a.m. Tuesday, swept Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Frankfort Avenue, St. Matthews, reducing the school section to ruins and causing loss estimated by the pastor, the Rev. B. F. Besinger, at \$150,000.00.

The blaze slightly damaged a cornice of the sister's home and threatened the rectory.

Father Besinger expressed the opinion that the entire church structure would be a total loss as walls which did not collapse appeared severely weakened. He opined that masses would be held in two frame school annexes in the yard and that classes for the 335 pupils would be resumed in those buildings Monday.

**Had Insurance:** The loss was partly covered by insurance, Father Besinger said, adding that he would confer with Bishop John A. Floersh on plans for continuing activities of the school and church.

A passing workman, noting flames in the attic of the school addition at the north end of the church, ran to the home of J. B. Zehnder, 201 Meridian, who summoned the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Sounding of the town's fire siren awakened virtually every resident.

A call to Louisville for aid at 4:17 a.m. sent one engine and Battalion Chief Joseph F. Harper to the scene, detouring via Cannon's Lane and Westport Road, because of impassable construction work on Frankfort Avenue in St. Matthews. Twenty-four minutes after the first call to Louisville Captain Harper ordered two additional engines.

**Sacrament Saved:** Mr. Zehnder spread the alarm to the sisters home. Meanwhile, Father Besinger and his assistant the Rev. K. H. Dreiling awakened by the light of the flames, rushed into the church, saving the chalice, sacrament, vestments, altar curtains and part of the altar. The flames swept through the second floor of the church property used by the school, but did not reach the nave.

Four hundred families are parishioners of the church, Father Besinger said. The school addition, costing \$30,000, was dedicated last October. The church, a two-story brick structure covering approximately 200 by 60 feet, was built in 1915. Murals in it were seriously damaged by water.

The ruins hampered effort of investigators to learn the cause of the blaze.

**September 22, 1937: *The Courier Journal*: Fire-Swept Church Will Be Rebuilt—Damage is Estimated At \$130,000.** Plans for reconstruction of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and school annex, St. Matthews, which were swept by fire early Tuesday, will be mapped as soon as possible, the Rev. K. H. Dreiling, assistant pastor, said.

Meanwhile, masses for the approximately 450 families in the parish will be held in the gymnasium. Arrangements for classes for the 335 pupils, however, were uncertain.

Believed to have smoldered several hours before breaking through, the fire reduced the school section to ruins and left the church building proper in such a shape that the Rev. B. F. Besinger, pastor, expressed the opinion the structure would be a total loss. He estimated the damage at \$130,000.00.

**Workman Notes Flames:** Residents of St. Matthews detected smoke in the air several hours before the blaze was discovered. W. Jesse Ogden, a member of the town's volunteer fire department, said, but were unsuccessful investigating the source. It became so unpleasant the windows were closed in some homes, he said.

A workman, passing at 3:50 a.m. noted flames in the attic of the school addition at the north end of the building and ran to the home of J. B. Zehnder, 201 Meridian, who summoned the volunteer firemen. Sounding of the town's fire siren awakened virtually every resident.

**Alarm Is Spread:** Mr. Zehnder spread the alarm to the Sisters home, situated on the church lot, which was slightly damaged. Meanwhile, Father Besinger and Father Dreiling, assistant pastor, awakened in the rectory by the light of the flames, rushed into the building and saved the chalice, sacrament, vestments, altar curtains and part of the altar.

A call to Louisville for assistance brought five pieces of equipment and the Salvage Corps. Construction work on Frankfort Avenue delayed their arrival. Lieutenant Felix Brannigan and Henry Boehler of the Salvage Corps were cut slightly by falling metal lathes, but remained on the job.

The school addition, costing \$60,000, was dedicated last October. The church, a two-story brick structure, was built in 1915. Flames swept through the second floor, but did not reach the nave. Walls which did not collapse, however, appeared irreparably weakened, Father Besinger said. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

The ruins hampered efforts of investigations to determine the cause of the blaze. Deputy State Fire Marshal Arthur C. Gandy, who spent three hours going over the ruins, said the ventilating system apparently had much to do with the swift spread of the flames.

## St. Matthews Area Churches:

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

**September 23, 1937: *The Record*: Holy Trinity Guttled By Fire, Blaze of Undetermined Origin Discovered Early Tuesday Morning, Building Recently Enlarged.** A blaze of undetermined origin, discovered by a passerby at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, (Sept. 21), issuing from northwest corner of the roof of Holy Trinity School-Church, St. Matthews, east of Louisville, gutted the handsome three-story structure. Both the St. Matthews and Louisville fire departments responded to the alarm, and succeeded in saving the Sisters Home, close-adjoining on the south, and the old frame buildings, formerly used as classrooms on the north. The rectory, to the west, separated from the church by a large playground, was not damaged. After several hours the flames were brought under control, with the four walls still standing. The Blessed Sacrament had been removed and the vestments saved.

The Rev. B. F. Besinger, C.P.P.S., pastor, was endeavoring Tuesday to make arrangements to hold classes with as little interruption as possible. A second frame building on the church property, now being used as a gymnasium, will probably be fitted up for church use. Several classes can be accommodated in one of the frame buildings.

The original structure was built by the Rev. John A. Bohlson, pastor from 1913 to 1925, in 1915. Less than a year ago, a large addition was built increasing the seating capacity of the church in the lower floor and bringing the number of classrooms up to ten.

***St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass, by Samuel W. Thomas, 1999:*** The following two pictures and the below information: Soon after a substantial addition was made in 1936, the entire structure was gutted by fire. Smoke was detected in the air by neighbors for several hours before the blaze from an arsonist's fire could be pinpointed early on 21

September 1937. The son of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department's chief admitted "**setting fire to draperies near the altar,**" which left the school and church in ruins. A fireproof school building was constructed on the foundations. NOTE: The boy was later a suspect in various fires and robberies in St. Matthews. "Bond Set At \$1,800 For St. Matthews Firebug" *The Courier-Journal*, 7 February 1939.



Holy Trinity Church & School November 1936



Aftermath of Fire on 21 September 1937. Courtesy of Earl Combs Stich.



**St. Matthews Area Churches:**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

**Courtesy Al Ring Collection:**

**January 18/19, 1954**

Holy Trinity Church  
501 Cherrywood Road  
Knoxville 7, Ky.  
Jan. 18, 1954

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association,  
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sirs,

Anxious to cooperate fully with your splendid efforts for our common protection, I wish to inquire how many units of our plant here are under your protection, and if not completely covered, would wish to have it clarified now. The present bill is for Holy Trinity School, the central unit of our plant. (See sketch inclosed).

We wonder if this protection extends to: a) the Church  
b) the Convent

Also, what about the Rectory, an entirely separate structure; and what about the Janitor's House, also separate? And the Storage House below the rear terrace? Please let me know if all these units are included, and if not, what further contribution we are asked to make. We shall gladly cooperate.

With all best wishes, and God's protection on your personnel,  
I am

Yours truly,

*Rev. Chas. C. Boldrick*  
Rev. Chas. C. Boldrick  
501 Cherrywood Road.

January 10th 1954

Rev. Charles C. Boldrick  
Holy Trinity Church  
501 Cherrywood Road  
Louisville, 7, Ky.

Dear Rev. Boldrick:-

In regards to your letter of Jan. 18th I am herewith enclosing a new statement for \$15.00 covering all the buildings as shown in your sketch.

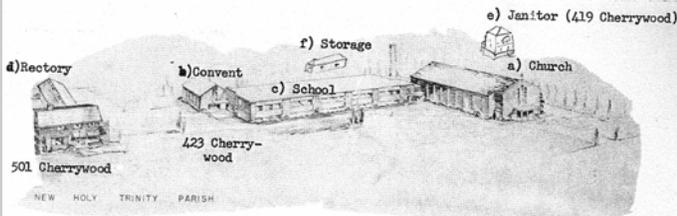
I hope that my error in billing you at the rate charged to residences in this area has not inconvenienced you as it was my intent to make the original statement for \$15.00 but due to sending many statements at the same time I must have inadvertently made your's for \$3.00 also.

Assuring you of our deep appreciation for your very kind wishes we are,

Yours Sincerely,

St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Ass'n Inc  
V. L. Lloyd Sr. Ass't. Sec.

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**Courtesy Betsy Stanis, Holy Trinity Church:**

**Archdiocesan Book**

*Louisville* **HOLY TRINITY**

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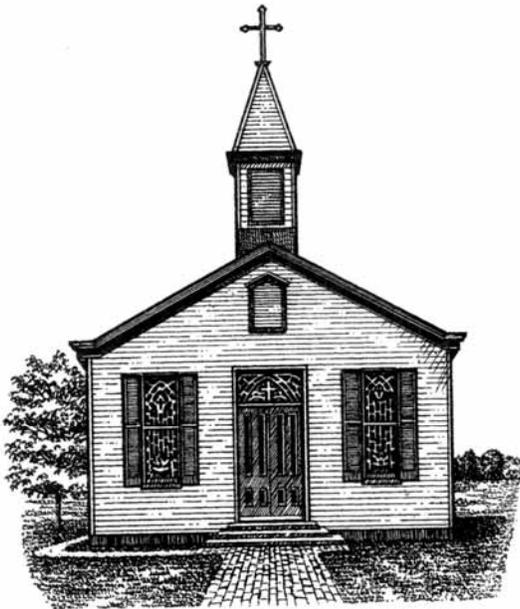
*The chapel*

In 1882 Bishop William G. McCloskey secured a plot on the Shelbyville Pike, and the new church, costing \$7,500, was dedicated on December 17 of that year. Father Louis C. Ohle was appointed the first pastor. By 1885, a school run by the Ursuline sisters was established, and in 1898, a small schoolhouse was built.

By 1913, with 165 families in the parish, the parish purchased additional land and for \$42,000, erected a new building serving as church, school, and convent. This structure was dedicated on December 15, 1915. Through the years, a rectory, new convent, and gym were built for the parish's growing population, and in 1936 the church/school complex was expanded with an addition to the rear of the building. When a fire destroyed the church and school in 1937, it was rebuilt by 1938.

In 1953, Holy Trinity donated its property on Shelbyville Road to the Archdiocese for the establishment of a Catholic high school for boys--now Trinity High School--and a new church, convent, rectory, and school were constructed on Cherrywood Road, the parish's present location. The current triangular church, which seated 850, was built in 1969. The parish added a large gathering space in 1993, and a long-range plan in 2003 provided for further renovation and expansion.

The common thread running through the history of Holy Trinity is its continuous growth and diversity. In the course of its 125-year history, the parish has given birth to seven daughter parishes. Parish population has risen from 165 families to 1,200 families (4,200 parishioners) today. The parish offers more than 85 committees and organizations. Acknowledging its blessings of abundant time, talent, and treasure, Holy Trinity Parish's unique mission is to demonstrate how best to share its gifts with those within and beyond the parish community.



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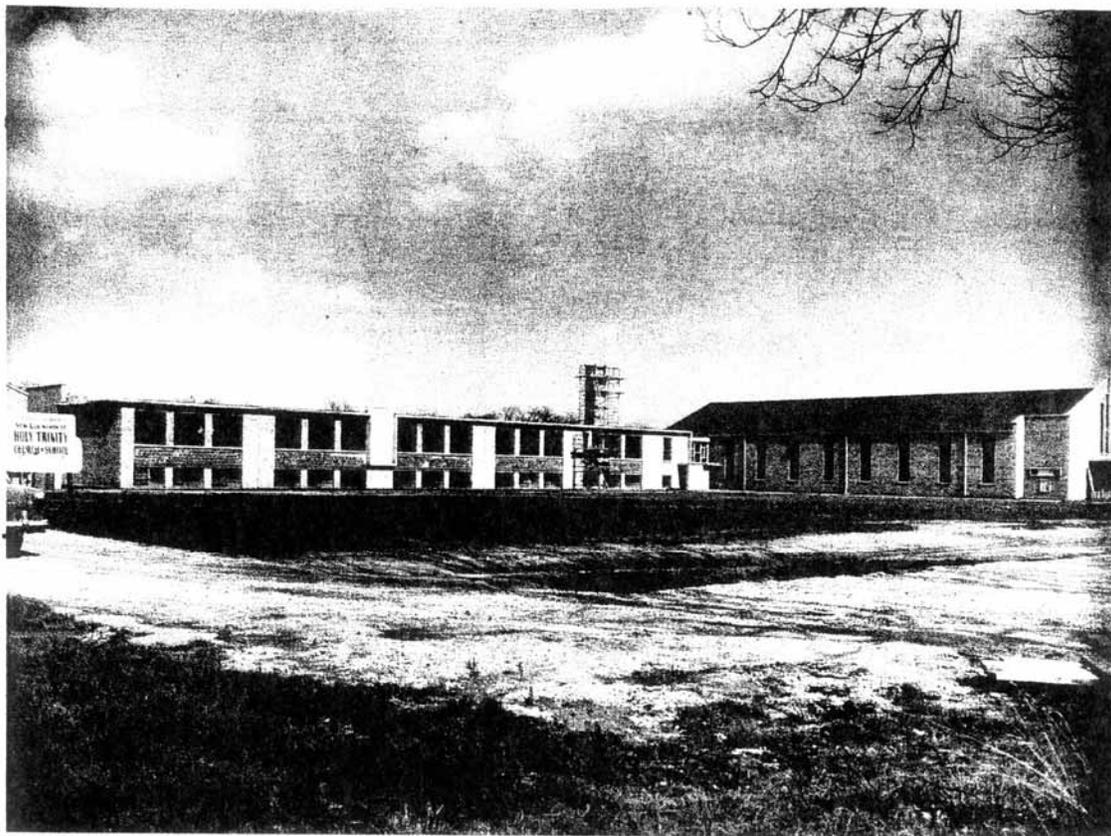
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125th Anniversary  
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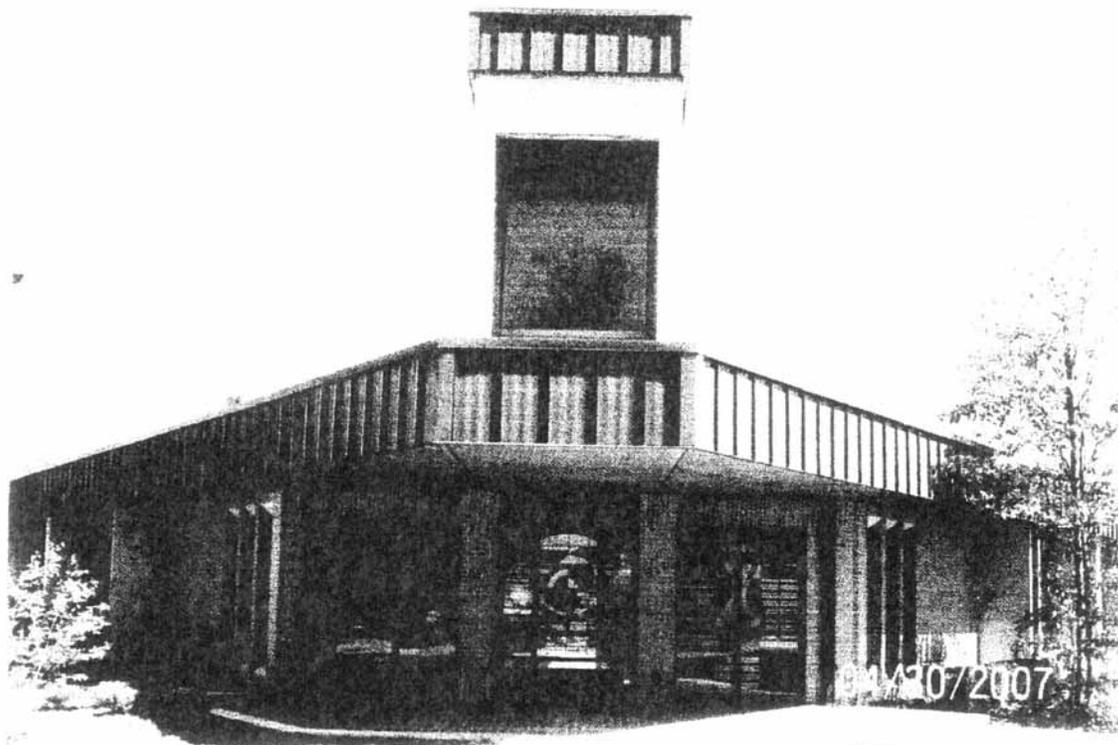
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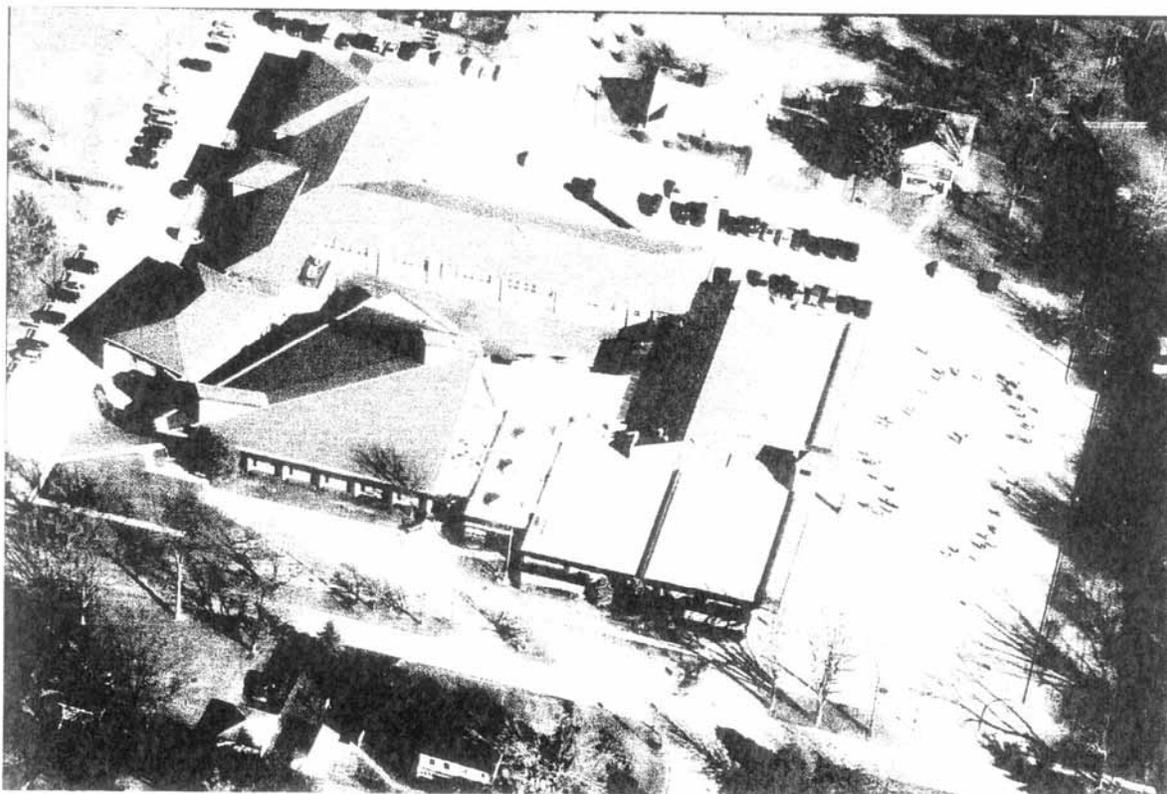


*Blessed 9/6/1953*



*Blessed and Dedicated 11/2/1969*





**May 30, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Holy Trinity honors its past-Parade Sunday will celebrate parish's 125th Anniversary, by Bill Pike:** Jack Monohan will combine two important aspects of his life Sunday -- the lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and longtime member of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will drive a historic fire truck leading the parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of the church.

The procession will go from Trinity High School on Shelbyville Road, which was the church's original location, to its current site several blocks away on Cherrywood Road.

"We'll have the siren on, and we'll be ringing the bell," said Monohan, who was baptized at Holy Trinity in 1937.

Organizers are calling the procession "Retracing Our Steps."

Participants will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the current church, 501 Cherrywood Road, so they can be shuttled to Trinity High School, where ceremonies will begin at 2.

The parade's grand marshals will be students in the parish school who submitted posters to mark the church anniversary. They will ride on the fire truck.

The parade is set for Sunday because that's the feast of the Holy Trinity.

The parish also has scheduled a Mass and dinner Sept. 8 to mark its actual establishment.

Holy Trinity began as a little country church with 200 seats in 1882 on what was then called Shelbyville Pike. The first Catholic church in eastern Jefferson County, it was needed because Swiss and German immigrants had moved to farms east of St. Matthews, according to the book "St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass" by Samuel W. Thomas.

The area stayed mostly country until after the 1937 flood, which devastated much of western and central Louisville. That's when St. Matthews began growing, said Mary Jean Kempf, who attended Holy Trinity School during the 1930s.

Kempf said the teacher she best remembers was Sister Ambrose, an Ursuline nun who had her students memorize poems, including "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

"It was long, but sister didn't care," Kempf said. "I still remember some of those poems today. She was strict, but she was a good teacher."

Kempf remembers playing dodge ball and jumping rope during recess.

The school and church were rebuilt on Shelbyville Road in 1938, after a fire gutted them the year before.

"Everything but the four walls was gone," said Miriam Gravatte, who is preparing a parish history.

The fire engine that Monohan will drive was used to fight the fire.

Monohan said the figure he best remembers from those years was the Rev. John Knue, pastor from 1938 to 1945.

"He was a big man. He drove an old Hudson automobile," Monohan said. "He had a big voice, too. When he walked into a room, he took control."

Monohan, whose grandchildren are his family's fifth generation to belong to Holy Trinity, also remembered school lunches prepared by a cook he knew only as Mrs. Bauer. "The food was great. We had barbecue, chili, hot soups, hamburgers. There was always a vegetable and fruit. Lunch cost 15 cents."

In 1953, the growing parish moved to Cherrywood Road after donating the Shelbyville Road property to the Archdiocese of Louisville for a boys' school called Holy Trinity High School.

The school dropped "Holy" from its name in 1956 to avoid confusion with the parish, said Joey Porter, Trinity's vice president for advancement. However, "Holy Trinity School" is written in concrete over the front door of the old building, still used by the high school and called Old Trinity Hall.

The parish's new church had 630 seats. But that was soon too small as the parish grew, along with all of St. Matthews. In 1969, the parish built its fourth church, with 850 seats.

Holy Trinity now has 1,245 families and a total of about 4,300 parishioners, said the Rev. Charles Thompson, the current pastor. It has 745 youngsters in its school and kindergarten.

Those figures make it among the largest in the archdiocese.

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**June 6, 2007, <http://www.archlou.org/therecord/article82566c217763.htm> —Holy Trinity parish celebrates its 125th year in St. Matthews,** Glenn Rutherford, *Record Assistant Editor*.

**More than 100 parishioners visit church's former sites, then parade back to its current location on Cherrywood Road.** There was a time when Holy Trinity Church in St. Matthews was surrounded more by fields and farmland than streets and houses.

More than a century ago — long before the St. Matthews neighborhood became an incorporated city in 1950 — the area was an agricultural center east of the city of Louisville, a small village on its own with a group of markets and merchants centered along the rail line that ran through town.

Just east of the rail station and adjacent to what is now Shelbyville Road, the first Holy Trinity Church was dedicated 125 years ago. And on this past Sunday, June 3, more than 100 parishioners gathered at that original spot — which is now the site of the Trinity High School gymnasium — and held a brief service there and at the three other former locations of the church.

Parishioners, led by Holy Trinity's pastor, Father Charles Thompson, visited each of the church's former sites at Trinity High, then they walked behind a 1931 Seagrave fire engine, restored by members of the St. Matthews Fire Department, back to the church's current location on Cherrywood Road.

Once there, Father Thompson dedicated the parish's new carillon and the parishioners enjoyed an old-fashioned ice cream social to celebrate the occasion.

The first time parish member Dean Washbish set foot in Holy Trinity Church, it was 55 years ago and he was a visitor attending Mass in the wooden building that was then home to the parish.

"Five years later my wife (Boots) and I returned to Louisville and I've been a member of the parish for 50 years," he said. They raised their six children in the parish and school, and for a while, Washbish was the school's football coach. Along with other members of the parish, he tried to persuade Msgr. Charles C. Boldrick of the need to build a parish gymnasium.

"He was a wonderful man but he was tough," Washbish said. "I remember once I was going to confession, and the confessionals had names on them, Msgr. Boldrick and Father Norris, and I got in line for Father Norris but it turned out Msgr. Boldrick was in that confessional instead."

Washbish offered a brief confession, he said, then stepped into the line for the other priest.

"And I said 'forgive me Father, for I have sinned...it's been five minutes since my last confession,'" he said. "I'll never forget that."

The parish finally created a gymnasium, Washbish noted, by convincing Father Boldrick of the need to build another church. "Then we used the old one for a gym," he said.

Back in the 1930s, the parish built a 12-room house for nuns who served at the school, and in 1936 the church building — which included the school on the second floor — was enlarged. The church could seat 550 people at that time, but less than a year after the expansion, a fire gutted the building and left only the four walls standing.

The 1931 fire truck that led the parish parade on Sunday was part of the equipment that fought the fire.

It was driven by Jack Monahan, who is retired from the St. Matthews Fire Department. "We're educating our fifth generation of Monahans at Holy Trinity School these days," he said.

The fire truck looks show-room new, with gleaming brass and wooden floor boards and running boards. "It's on its second engine, it's fifth transmission, its seventh set of tires, and its second water tank," Monahan explained.

"This truck is known as 'Betsy,'" he said with more than a hint of pride. Monahan also personally owns a restored 1921 Stutz ladder truck and a 1930 Model A Ford fire chief's car.

For the parade, students from each grade at Holy Trinity — who won an anniversary-celebration poster contest — were allowed to ride on the fire truck from Trinity High back to the Cherrywood Road location.

These days, Holy Trinity has nearly 1,200 members. Back in 1950, the parish boundaries reached out to Anchorage and beyond Middletown. According to the history prepared for the special ceremony by parishioner Mariam Gravatte, the parish census was 3,300 in 1950 and Holy Trinity School had an enrollment of nearly 850.

That year the parish was divided into three parts, with St. Margaret Mary and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes being created from the huge St. Matthews church. A new school, church, convent and rectory were built on the Cherrywood Road location in 1953, and a half-dozen years later, the church had again grown so large that two more parishes were formed from Holy Trinity — St. Albert the Great and Mother of Good Counsel.

When the parade made its way from Trinity High to the current parish location, more than 100 people walked behind the fire truck while portable loud speakers played rag time and marching tunes, including "When the Saints Go Marching In."

And after blessing the carillon — and the parishioners — Father Thompson noted that the heat and humidity that surrounded the parade made ice cream social especially enjoyable.



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Many families from the west end of the city of Louisville moved eastward to rebuild after they lost their homes in the 1937 flood. Following the end of World War II from 1945 to 1950, Louisville and eastern Jefferson County again began to experience rampant growth. Local businesses and industries were expanding to supply the demands of the region and country in the booming peacetime economy. With hundreds of Louisville families moving from the west to the east side of the county, the St. Matthews potato and agricultural area became the hub of a flourishing community. Commercial and residential development in St. Matthews started in early 1950 by J. Graham Brown. Catholics in St. Matthews attended Holy Trinity parish, which had been built in 1882. The Pope was Pius XII, who had guided the Roman Catholic Church through the war and Archbishop John A. Floersh had been our local spiritual leader for more than a quarter century.

**1949** The Catholic population in St. Matthews had outgrown Holy Trinity with enough parishioners to form two new churches and rumors were flying. A brief statement issued from the Chancery Office in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of *The Record* confirmed negotiations were under way "for the eventual establishment of a parish church and school" in the St. Matthews area. The Archdiocese of Louisville had foreseen the need of additional parishes and had the groundwork with the new boundaries in place. An administrative entity was formed to supervise the financial transactions between the three parishes and the Archdiocese until the original Holy Trinity parish property could be sold. Our parish was to be

founded in 1950 with a charter congregation made up of approximately 300 families and 37% of the funds from Holy Trinity parish. Held in reserve was 24% for the new St. Margaret Mary parish, founded in 1951. The remaining 39% stayed at Holy Trinity and they relocated to their current location on Cherrywood Road in 1953. Those funds became seed money for the construction of the new parishes.

The Pastor of Holy Trinity, the Right Reverend Monsignor Anthony George Gerst, was asked by Archbishop Floersh to be in charge of selecting the building site for one of the new parishes. Monsignor Gerst purchased land on Breckenridge Lane for the Archdiocese from J. Graham Brown. The site had once been the former Tinsley family estate and was dotted with small ponds fed by Beargrass Creek and underground springs. Records show Monsignor Gerst was a good steward with the Archdiocesan funds as the expenses totaled \$239,985 for the new church and school. From that amount, \$30,318 was for the property; architects' fees were \$13,000; church furnishings and equipment came to \$18,912 and school furnishings were \$6,356.

At the same time, the house belonging to Covington Arterburn on the southwest corner of Breckenridge Lane and Norbourne Boulevard was also bought to be used for a rectory. Additional accounts show the investment in the rectory totaled \$24,914; which included \$18,128 for the property and \$4,965 for remodeling rooms on the first floor for small conference rooms for meeting space.

**Jubilee Year 1950 In the Roman:** Catholic tradition, a Jubilee is a Holy Year and a great religious event. It is a year of receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of sins and of punishment for sins. It is a year of hope, justice and commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. A Jubilee Year is above all the Year of Christ, who brings life and grace to humanity.

The Archbishop had Father Gerst at Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Charles C. Boidrick at Holy Trinity, and Father Ehrich J. Stuart at St. Margaret Mary assume the responsibility of the development of the three newly formed parish properties. It wasn't until February 28, 1951 though, that they were officially appointed as Pastors!

Monsignor Gerst had studied for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome and was ordained on February 28, 1931 in the Holy City. In 1949, Father Gerst was given the title "Monsignor" which he preferred not to use, choosing to remain "Father." He had definite ideas about many facets of parish organization, being considered meticulous, and conservative with finances. Exactly five years to the day he was appointed Pastor of Lourdes, Father Gerst celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Father Gerst is remembered by most with great affection and that he was a scholarly man, subtle with directions and guidance. His talents and perceptions enabled him to bridge two distinct eras in Catholics' history. Much of his agenda anticipated the results of the Second Vatican Council. More changes took place in the Catholic Church during Father Gerst's 27- year tenure pastoring Lourdes, than in the previous 400 years, when in 1563 the Council of Trent had last standardized practices.

Father J Donald Gallagher was the first Associate Pastor, also coming from Holy Trinity. He is remembered as having a personality opposite of Father Gerst, and that they worked well together with complementary styles. Father Gallagher started right in with renovating, refurbishing and furnishing the rectory. Friends from Holy Trinity, who would become some of our

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charter parishioners, helped him. At his suggestion, invitations for a "shower" were sent to all the women of the new parish to supply household items for the new rectory. Founding parishioner Georgia Ellinger hosted the early summer party and said, "A good time was had by all, and we received a lot of good loot!" Holy Trinity's Sewing Committee donated the first set of altar linens and their Altar Society donated \$510 to purchase candles, wine and supplies for the new church.

In June when the rectory renovation was completed, Father Gerst and Father Gallagher moved from Holy Trinity. Living in the "neighborhood" enabled them to work closely with the architects and builder, and to supervise construction of the new church and elementary school building. When the excavation for the foundation began, underground springs were discovered. It reminded Father Gallagher of the springs in Lourdes, France where the Blessed Mother first appeared to 14 year-old Marie Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858. Father Gallagher persuaded Father Gerst, who in turn conferred with the Archbishop, to formally name the new parish "Our Lady of Lourdes" instead of "Our Lady of the Lakes" as had been originally suggested.

The new three-floor building had the classrooms finished in time to begin school in September 1950 with 224 children enrolled in kindergarten through seventh grades. (That year the eighth grade stayed at Holy Trinity in order to graduate with their original classmates.) The school was the parish's focus of attention in the early years. Parish schools had come a long way from their origins, when they were established in America to serve Catholic families who had emigrated from Europe. Religious instruction was emphasized, adding a fourth "R" to "readin', ritin' and 'rithmetic." Father Gerst contracted with the Ursuline nuns for teachers. Lourdes' first faculty included Sisters teaching grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 with Sister M. Aloyse Stocker teaching seventh grade and she also was the first principal. Two lay teachers taught the kindergarten and fifth grade. The six Sisters were initially paid a total of about \$300 each month. Father Gallagher coordinated volunteers to transport the teaching Sisters daily back and forth from their home at the Ursuline Motherhouse on Lexington Road. Margaret O'Dea volunteered to help Sister Aloyse several days a week in the school office.

Hot lunches were prepared daily in the cafeteria. Mrs. Benita Schlich, a parishioner, was the cafeteria manager from 1950 through 1975 and was loved both for her cooking and her kindness. Initially, those school lunches with milk cost 25 cents each day. Mrs. Schlich was wonderfully organized, operating the kitchen with six employees and six parent volunteers. Imagine preparing and serving meals for 800-900 children each day as she did in the late '50s and '60s! Outside the cafeteria next to the Children's Garden is "Benita's Bench," which was donated by her children and their spouses on August 15, 1996 in her memory.

Lourdes' parishioners continued to attend Mass at Holy Trinity until the finishing touches in the church were completed. The church was finally finished in December, with celebration of the first Mass on December 8th, the feast of our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception. The formal dedication was on Sunday, December 10th, with Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Floersh, Father Gerst and Father Gallagher. Timothy Lee Wine was the first child baptized on December 17th. Many other "firsts" were also commemorated in the church after the new year.

**1951** On January 13th, the wedding of Rita Roppel and Bill Steedly was the first to take place in the new parish. January was also the first full month in the new parish. With rapid growth of the new parish, the initial order for collection envelopes was for 600 households. With masses on New Year's Day and five Sundays', the total collection received that first month came to \$2,642. Father Gerst was quite proud of the support of his new parish family.

The Men's Club started on March 12" primarily to direct and support the sports programs for the boys and girls of the parish. The organization also purchased equipment, and coordinated parents and volunteers to coach. The group inaugurated the Summer Fish Fry in July to raise operating funds. They also began to meet socially; monthly for communion and then with the first annual Father/Son Communion breakfast in 1953. The breakfast tradition continued for about 15 years until the mid '60s when more emphasis was placed on families attending Mass together. Valentine's Day brought about the Sweetheart Dance. The evening usually included a band for dancing and some "off-Broadway" type entertainment. Remember the "Gut Bucket Five" and the Blincoe family? Sweet rolls and coffee were traditionally served at midnight before the party ended. The Men's Club became the Booster Club, welcoming all parishioners in 1990 when Stewardship was adopted. They still meet monthly for fellowship and hosting speakers, run the concession stands and coordinate the annual summer picnic now called the Festival/Homecoming. The quality and success of the Men's/Boosters Club dedication to the sports' reams is measured by the many awards, trophies and banners displayed in the Activities Center, as well as the activities and programs that are so well attended.

On March 7, 1951 the first funeral Mass was offered for Miss Mary Josephine Thorn berry in the new church.

The Altar Society began on April 4th, with 109 ladies meeting for the first time. They quickly organized a slate of officers, the constitution and by-laws, approving them at their next meeting in May. Georgia Ellinger was the first President. Membership quickly grew that first year to 282. The Altar Society's mission was one of service to the parish. They provided needed items for the altar and also took care of the altar and sanctuary. The ladies of the Altar Society gave receptions for children making their Sacraments and newly ordained priests from the parish. They prepared and hosted dinners for priests leaving for new assignments. At Father Gerst's request, the Altar Society kept him informed of the health and well being of the parishioners as they visited the parish homebound. Members of the Altar Society also provided support, prayer, food and

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sympathy to families of deceased parishioners. That first November they held a Christmas bazaar making a profit of \$600. Everyone agreed it was a lot of fun and "a wonderful way to meet people." The following year the Altar Society hosted their first of many annual Spring Card parties.

In August, Sister M. Thecla Shiel's assignment as principal and first 8th grade teacher brought her to Lourdes faculty. She had received her Masters in Administration from St. Louis University.

Sister Thecla lived at the Ursuline Motherhouse for three years and was also the Mother Superior. After daily communion, the Sisters got their coffee and took a cab at 6:45 a.m. to the school. The cabbies vied for the opportunity to drive the Sisters each school morning because they felt it brought them good luck!

A small library was adjacent to the cafeteria when school was built. Sister Thecla had the wall removed between the library and the Sisters' lunchroom to enlarge the space for the library. At that time, the government still gave money to parochial schools, which was allocated to purchase additional library books. Parent volunteers ran the library, as there was no full-time librarian. Monthly assemblies for the whole school were held for entertainment and handing out merit awards. Sister Thecla made sure every student received an award through the school year and handmade the ribbons. When the school bought a film projector, movies were shown occasionally. She also implemented the School Senate program that taught the students the principles of democratic government and allowed them to participate in the operation of the school. It was the beginning of the Student Council as it is known today. Sister Thecla also remembers Father Gerst as "a wonderful man spending time in the school practically every day."

**1952** In the early 1950's the teenagers of the parish were encouraged to become a member of the "Clu-La-Lou" Club. The name was made up from Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Each Sunday night, the social group hosted a dance for teens from the other Catholic parishes. They danced to jukebox tunes in the auditorium under the church. In 1953, the Teen Club and their sponsors donated the marble statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is currently on the right side of the church facing Breckenridge Lane.

**1953** On May 15th Lourdes' first class of children was confirmed by Archbishop Floersch; it had been more than two years since the church had been dedicated before this sacrament was celebrated for the first time.

That autumn, Father Gerst and the parish bought a school bus to transport the large faculty from the Motherhouse each morning. After dropping the Sisters at school, it then made rounds picking up children. In the afternoon, the bus returned the children first, then the Sisters to the Ursuline campus. Sister Thecla recalls the Sisters nicknaming the bus "Bernadette, as it was going daily to Lourdes!"

When Holy Trinity finally made the move to their new location in 1953, their original parish property was vacant. Since there was a need for a boy's high school in eastern Jefferson County, another administrative entity known as "Archdiocesan High School Corporation" was set up. The AHSC then purchased the property for \$600,000. This money was used to repay Holy Trinity's, Our Lady of Lourdes' and St. Margaret Mary's building loans from the Archdiocese. Trinity High School was opened with only a freshman class in September 1953. For all four years this class of boys was the oldest in the school and was Trinity's first graduating class in 1957.

Our Lady of Lourdes school also provided many opportunities for involvement for the children, their families and parishioners. In addition to the sports programs coordinated by the Men's Club, Holy Trinity's Cub, Girl and Boy Scouts had also moved to Lourdes and began to make their own Troop identities...

In the fall, the Boy Scouts of America honored Father Gerst's request to have number 325 assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes troops. The "325" signified March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. In 1953, 100 Cub Scouts were in the first 13 dens organized in Troop 325, with Frank Moses as the Cubmaster. Parents organized Lady of Lourdes in March 1958, and the Men's Club donated \$50 toward the cost of the first Charter fees.

The boys and their Leaders have given thousands of hours of service over the years, and have certainly enjoyed at least that many hours traveling and camping. Remember Scout-o-Rama, Den and Pack meetings, the Blue/Gold dinners, the Pine-wood Derbies, plant and popcorn sales, the day *after* the summer picnic and Crooked Creek?

For the first six years after Troop 325 was chartered, Bob Fleck was the liaison (Institutional Representative) to the Boy Scouts of America, and Tom Speed has been Lourdes' IR ever since. Charlie Leppert, a Scout dad and Lourdes' parishioner, designed the Webelo Scout program during the '60s that the Boy Scouts of America adopted as a national program, which is still being used today.

Troop 325 is very proud of the 44 Lourdes' Scouts who have achieved the Eagle rank and they look forward to ten more boys accomplishing rank before the end of 2001. Needless to say, the continuity of Troop 325 is a great success due to Lourdes' men's and boys' dedication to Scouting.

**1954** As "baby-boomer's" joined the parish and their children started in school, enrollment increased rapidly. Six more classrooms were added with a new building addition on the south end of the school. With 13 teachers now on staff the need

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for a residence for the Sisters on the parish property became a priority. The low bid of \$52,658 for a convent was accepted in December and construction was started.

1955 The new convent with an adjoining chapel had an unfinished basement; a living room, kitchen, large dining room, and a full bath on the first floor; the bedrooms and additional bathrooms for the Sisters were on the second floor. The building was completed and the Sisters were excited to move in. Sister Thecla also became Mother Superior of the convent, in addition to being the school principal.

1956 St. Matthews was a thriving community in these years. Neighborhoods were built up around Our Lady of Lourdes. The church and school continued to flourish. Eleven Ursuline sisters were now living at the convent. With the growth of the school staff, parishioner Betty Fleck became their part-time secretary as a volunteer.

One of the busiest ladies in the Parish was Rose Sheehy, the first Music Director, who played the organ at most weddings and Masses. She was a professional musician and she had helped Father Geist "shop" for Lourdes' first organ when the church was built. Her husband, James, sang and directed the choir for many years. Mrs. Sheehy retired in 1987 after 37 years as principle organist.

**1958** Pope Pius XII died and the new Pope was John XXIII, elected by the College of Cardinals on October 28th.

**1960** Over 800 children were registered in school. Kindergarten through eighth grades had two classes each; with most having 50 or more children per classroom. That year Sister Thecla gave up the eighth grade and became the first "non-teaching" principal. The faculty made sure the school gave a quality education working with the challenges of enormous enrollments and the changing requirements for qualified teachers. Nuns were permitted to work in Catholic schools with a teaching certificate obtained after only two years of college. Some Sisters more than overcame their lack of a bachelor's degree with their dedication, perseverance and renowned classroom discipline. About that same time, the Ursuline Order was unable to continue to meet the demands for teaching Sisters. Fewer women were taking vows, some Sisters left their order and some pursued social ministries. This led to more "lay" teachers being hired to accommodate the ever-growing needs of the school.

The school newspaper was called *School Times*. The articles to be printed were selected by students and a teacher advisor. In the spring issue some of the stories were about school lunches, the Ursuline Festival on May 13th and 14th, spring sports, exams and the possibility of a new church!

Late afternoon on Monday, October 3rd, Thomas Weber, a Lourdes 8th grader, riding home on his bike, discovered the church was on fire. The fire was centered in the back of the church, destroying the confessional and the choir loft. Sister Thecla, having attended a Teachers' Institute seminar, got to church after the fire trucks had arrived. She surveyed the damage and contacted Father Gerst. They thought children playing around the confessional with matches gotten from the votive area probably caused the fire. While professionals were called in to clean the smoke damaged school, the Sisters organized their many volunteers, and working together, the church was cleaned by 9:30 that evening. The following morning, as usual, Mass was held and school was in session!

**1961** Sister Thecla was reassigned and Sister Mary Olivia (who later resumed using her family name, Sister Helen Marie Schroeder) became the third principal. Her emphasis was on basic Math, English and Literature; and she established the first Art and Physical Education classes. Sister Helen Marie also increased space for the Library. The Special Reading program for one-on-one tutoring for students with dyslexia was put in place. The initial program used was Dr. Shedd's phonics, which was multisensory-based, and was directed by Betty Bergner, and assisted by Carol Ehnes and Kitty Furlong. Betty Fleck's part-time volunteering as secretary in the school office became a paid position and she stayed another 18 years.

With the prosperity at that time came plans to erect a new church building. The structure was contemporary at that time and was designed by the prominent architectural firm of Nolan & Nolan. The cornerstone was laid, and construction continued on the new air-conditioned church. Hays & Nicoulin Construction Company, of which parishioner Leonard J. Hays was president, was the builder.

**1962** Father Gerst offered the first Mass in the new church on September 30' and Bishop Charles Maloney consecrated the altar on November 1. These words were written for a program when the new church was finally open, "The visitor to Our Lady of Lourdes will surely be impressed by the artwork incorporated into the design and structure of the Church." Much of the descriptions that follow come from that same program "offered as an aid to understanding the ideas of the artists... Thus have architect, artist and artisan cooperated with the sacrifices of the parishioners, to construct in Our Lady of Lourdes church, an edifice in some way worthy of God's Presence, a house of prayer and sacrifice, and a continuing source of instruction in the mysteries of God's love for his people."

**1963** Pope John XXIII died on June 3rd and our new Pope, Paul VI, was elected on June 23.

The Mass dedicating the new church was concelebrated by Archbishop John Floersh, Father Gerst, Fr. Jim Flynn and Fr. Torn Duerr on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15, 1963, thirteen years after the Parish began, and it was cause for great celebration!

When the original church was vacated, the Men's Club converted it into the parish hall. They built a stage for productions,

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laid a floor for a gymnasium for physical education, basketball and volleyball, and put in a service bar for concessions and special parish functions.

Even though Lourdes' new church had been completed, more physical changes were necessary as a result of the Vatican Council II. The modifications were dramatic. The altar was moved forward in the sanctuary so priests offering Mass would face the community.

Removal of the altar rail brought tile congregation up to the sanctuary steps at the foot of the altar for Communion, symbolic of coming to the Lord's table for our Eucharistic meal. These changes brought the faithful to feel more included in the Liturgy. There were also more chances for people to actively participate.

Other religious personnel took on responsibilities outside of teaching, and parishes created new staff positions to take advantage of the knowledge and resources of the Sisters and Brothers.

Lourdes was one of the first parishes in the diocese to employ a Director of Religious Education. Sister Betty Jane Barnett, SCN, was one of the earliest additions to Lourdes' expanded pastoral staff. Her office was established to serve two specific missions of the Catholic Church - overseeing the continuing religious education of adults and parish school children; and teaching religion to parish children who attended other schools (CCD - Confraternity of Christian Doctrine). Two of her successors were Sister Frances Krumpelman, SCN, who developed several more programs for the adults in the parish, and Sister Miriam Hixenbaugh, OP.

No Catholic American, grade school age or older, will ever forget Friday, November 22nd when they heard the news of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the only Catholic to have been elected President. Even the school children were touched and they wrote about it in the winter issue of *The Voice of Our Lady*.

**1965** Father James Flynn taught a Bible study class at Larry and Ann Andriot's home. It had begun a couple of years earlier as instruction for "converts." Small groups continued to meet there every other Sunday evening for over five years.

Pope Paul VI completed the work his predecessor, Pope John XXIII, had started with the Second Vatican Council, closing it on December 12th.

**1966 through 1969** With the end of the Second Vatican Council and most of the changes implemented, parish life once again settled into a regular routine. In the spring of 1966, Father Tom Malloy started the Christian Family Movement program, with small groups of eight to ten couples.

In September the school was "bursting at the seams" with 908 students enrolled. (In retrospect, it is hard to imagine how that many children could fit in the existing classrooms; and how Mrs. Schlich, her staff and volunteers could cook to feed everyone!) Volunteers were kept busy with maintaining the property and buildings. Ray Kempf, a founding parishioner, had begun to help out in the 50's when the parish opened, and continued to assist when he was needed. He recalls hearing from principal Sister Helen Marie, sometimes as often as once a week, when a window needed repair. Regardless of the weather, he would come in at night after the building was vacant, carrying a bucket of window putty, to fix the windows so the children would be comfortable the next school day.

Now with a black and white television in almost every home, more foreign influences and information came into St. Matthews. Many national topics were covered in school and written about in the monthly school newspaper: "Folk Masses" - lively music played with guitars and sung in English; "The Mod Look" - bright colors, big flowers and mini skirts; "Open Housing" - selling your home to a minority; "Race to the Moon" - Americans' and Russians' competition in space; the "War in Viet Nam" - communism and so many people being killed; and "Catholic Education" - the privilege of learning a Christian way of life. Boys copied "The Beatles" longer hair, while Twiggy and the girls cropped theirs' short!

Outside the school, larger issues were of note: Martin Luther King, Jr. and racial equality, his assassination and that of Robert Kennedy in 1968, "hippies" at Woodstock. At the movies we watched "The Sound of Music" and "Mary Poppins," and on TV we saw "Leave it to Beaver" and "Gomer Pyle."

In the summer of 1969, most Americans watched with great pride as Neil Armstrong landed, walked and golfed on the moon... "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

1971 The Rectory was increasingly busy as all bookkeeping and recordkeeping were done there. A new two-story rectory, to be the home and office for the Pastor and two assistant priests, was built adjacent to the church. The first floor had several small offices, a conference room, kitchen and dining room, and a small apartment (bedroom, sitting room and bath) for a live-in housekeeper. The second floor consisted entirely of living quarters; four bedrooms, a sitting room and three bathrooms. The basement was finished and carpeted. It had a large meeting room (with moveable partitions to make up an office as needed) and two additional offices for the Director of Religious Education and Administrative Assistant. Several priests were "in residence" through the years while they taught at Trinity, and they also helped out with religion classes at Lourdes' school and with saying Mass.

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to become a complaint department for petty issues. Since Sister Helen Marie efficiently ran the school, there were usually minimal problems to address. One of the first changes approved for the '71 -'72 school year was a modification to the uniform to allow girls to wear slacks instead of jumpers or skirts.

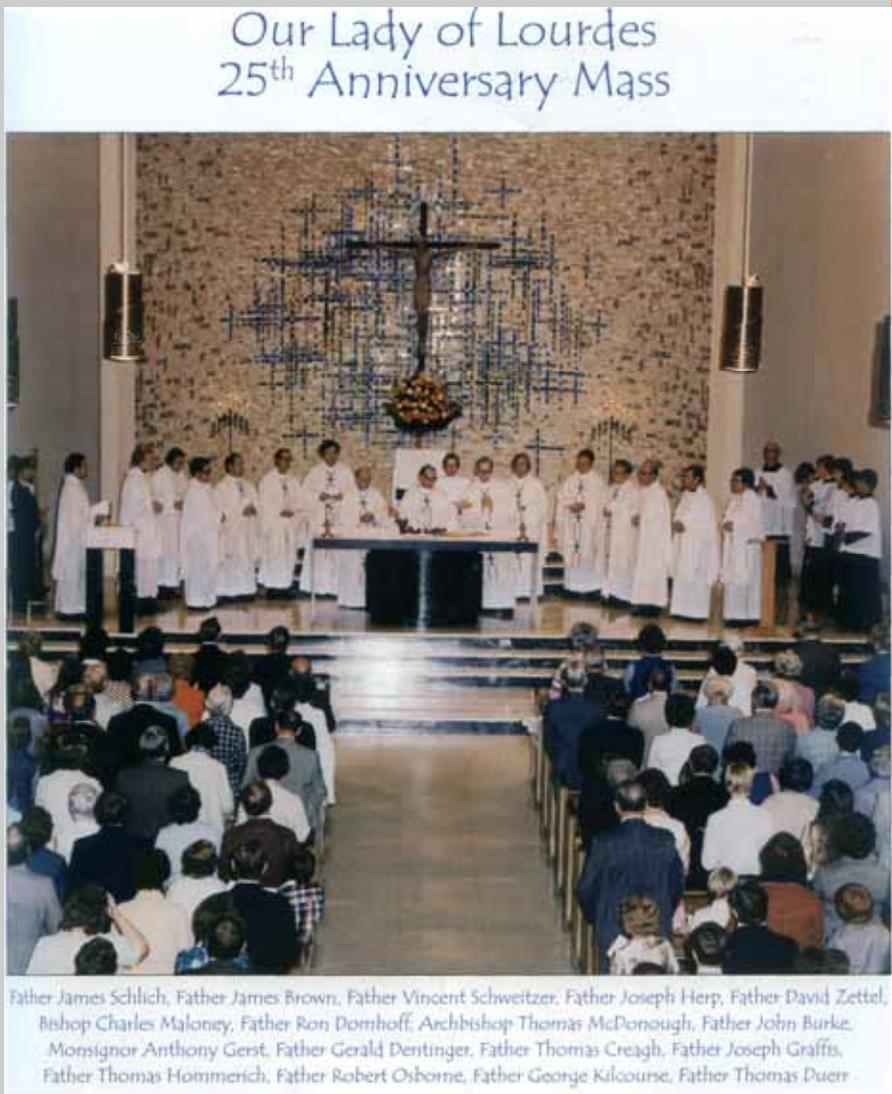
Sister Helen Marie and Sister Michael Ann began the Special Reading program for one-on-one tutoring for students with dyslexia. They first met after school and on Saturday mornings. The initial program used was Dr. Shedd's phonics, which was multisensory-based, and the following year Betty Bergner became the Director. Carol Ehnes and Kitty Furlong joined as assistants, becoming supervisors and training parents to help with tutoring. The program was eventually adapted for Lourdes' own use and Dr. Shedd's program was discontinued.

**1973** The Second Vatican Council required increased involvement of "Laity in Parish Life," leading to the establishment of a Parish Council. Father Gerst was hesitant to form the Council because it meant a change in leadership style, but he did support it with grace "as an obedient servant of the Church." Many of the activities within the Men's Club and the Altar Society would now fall into committees being formed within the Parish Council. With Henry Kauffmann as the first President of the Parish Council, the group of involved parishioners carefully proceeded along the lines suggested by the Vatican. They organized the committees for Administration (Financial), Formation (Religious Education), Worship (Liturgical Services) & Service (Volunteer Activity). The Altar Society's "Neighborhood Reps" became part of the Service Committee when the parish territory was divided into 12 areas. Each area had approximately the same number of households and a person was elected from each particular area to stay in touch with parishioners and to report any information back to Parish Council. The Council meetings were regularly held in the new rectory basement.

**Holy Year 1975** Holy Years are every 25 years and this year it coincided with the 10 anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Renewal, Prayer, Pilgrimage, Reconciliation and Evangelization were the dominant themes for this Holy Year.

In the fall of 1975 with the start of busing for racial integration in the Jefferson County Public schools, a parochial education became popular. For the first time in many years, student capacity became a problem, and some applicants had to be turned away.

Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the parish with Mass on Sunday evening, November 2nd. Archbishop Thomas J. McDonough was principal celebrant, with Bishop Maloney and Pastor Gerst. Thirteen other priests, either once assigned to Lourdes or ordained from the parish, were in attendance for the 7:30 p.m. Mass. Lourdes' choir was accompanied by the New Louisville Brass Quintet. A reception was held in the parish hall immediately following the Mass.



Father James Schlich, Father James Brown, Father Vincent Schweitzer, Father Joseph Herp, Father David Zettel, Bishop Charles Maloney, Father Ron Dornhoff, Archbishop Thomas McDonough, Father John Burke, Monsignor Anthony Gerst, Father Gerald Dentinger, Father Thomas Creagh, Father Joseph Graffis, Father Thomas Hommerich, Father Robert Osborne, Father George Kilcourse, Father Thomas Duerr

# From the 50's



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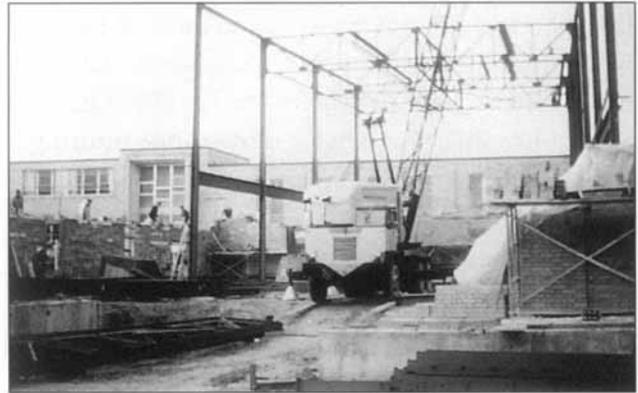
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Original Church 1951



1962

Cheerleading



1958



Our Lady of Lourdes 1958 Toy Bowl Team



*Delaware Paper*  
**10th ANNUAL TOY BOWL**



**1957 WINNERS — ST. RAPHAEL**



**25¢**

**THE RUNNERS UP — ST. COLUMBA**



**November 16th 1958**

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS COLISEUM**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN. BIG EVENT**



**FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS**

FAR EAST LEAGUE			FAR WEST LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
Our Lady of Lourdes	5	1	Holy Cross	6	1
St. Plus X	5	2	Christ King	6	1
Holy Trinity	5	2	St. Cecilia	5	1
St. Margaret Mary	4	2	St. Helen	4	3
St. Bernabas	3	1	St. Columba	2	3
Cath. Country Day School	1	5	St. George	2	4
St. Patrick—Our Lady	1	6	St. Anthony	1	6
St. Gabriel	0	7	St. Ann	0	7

MID EAST LEAGUE			MID WEST LEAGUE		
Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
St. Raphael	7	0	Most Blessed Sacrament	6	0
St. Vincent de Paul	6	1	St. Thomas More	6	1
Holy Family	5	2	Holy Name	5	2
St. Francis Assisi	4	3	St. Simon & Jude	4	2
Our Mother of Sorrows	3	4	St. Stephen Martyr	3	4
St. Augustine	2	5	St. Lawrence	2	5
St. Elizabeth	0	6	St. Matthias	1	6
St. Agnes	0	6			

**Football In The Parochial Schools**

Football in the grade schools started with a game between St. Francis of Assisi and St. George in 1942. Since then the football program has gradually expanded until in 1952 twenty-151 games, three enclosed fields, were used. The fields were shared rubber football shoes became standard, and essential equipment made necessary for play. Three cup match games, with these precautions, markable record in regards to the security of injuries. Better coaching as well as to the skill of each team played.

**Past Toy Bowls**

- 1949 St. Agnes 13—St. Elizabeth 7
- 1950 Most Blessed Sacrament 19—St. Elizabeth 9
- 1951 Christ the King 7—St. Patrick, Our Lady 6
- 1952 Most Blessed Sacrament 32—St. Patrick, Our Lady 6
- 1953 St. Simon & Jude 19—St. Cecilia 6
- 1954 Most Blessed Sacrament 33—St. Cecilia 0
- 1955 St. George 24—Holy Family 0
- 1956 St. Raphael 18—St. Columba 13
- 1957 St. Raphael 14—St. Columba 7

## THE PLAYOFF WINNERS 1958

*King Toy Bowl*  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**



**BARRY LANGFORD**  
2609 S. Greenleaf Ct.  
Twinbrook 5-8776

**Our Lady of Lourdes Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.	Grade
50	Larry Mehl	C	8th
29	Bob Payne	G	8th
46	Tim Yates	G	8th
35	Tom Ryan (Co-Capt.)	T	8th
21	Harold Greenstein	T	7th
23	Tim Selton	E	7th
49	B. Landby (Co-Capt.)	QB	8th
28	Joe Gleason	HB	8th
47	Mark Depast	HB	7th
43	Mike Green	FB	8th
44	John Hoffman	T	8th
30	Bennie Vozak	E	8th
40	Paul Wark	C	7th
37	Bob Coonin	G	8th
36	Tony Simons	T	8th
24	Ed Swacko	E	8th
39	Dick Wilford	E	7th
11	Joe Louban	E	7th
42	Joey Lenz	E	7th
33	Jim Richardson	E	7th
33	Bob Gallag	QB	7th
22	Chuck Bagley	HB	7th
44	Larry Green	HB	8th
27	Mike Abell	HB	8th
25	Ray Schaafman	HB	7th

*Starting Team*  
Front Manager: Rev. Thomas Miller, Head Coach; Owen Schmitt, Assistant Coaches; Kenny Hertzoff & Bill Kachler.

*Queen Toy Bowl*  
**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**



**JOYCE MASTERSON**  
3128 River Park Drive  
Spring 5-8269

**Officials**

**Toy Bowl Game**

Bill Brown — Referee  
Jack Faust — Umpire  
Norman Berk — Head Linesman  
Jack Fisher — Field Judge

**TROPHIES**

- Toy Bowl Champion Lag on Trophy — Knights of Columbus
- Sportsmanship Trophy — Notre Dame Club
- League Winners — Catholic School Athletic Assn.
- All Star Awards — Catholic School Athletic Assn.



**The Paul Karem Sportsmanship Trophy**

Mr. Louis Karem has graciously donated a huge trophy in memory of his brother the late Paul Karem, who contributed so much in past years to the support of athletics, particularly on the grade school level, in and around Louisville. This award will be made to the boy or girl in the parochial schools who is judged as most exemplary of the qualities of character and sportsmanship which Paul Karem worked so diligently to promote as the fruits of athletic competition. The trophy will be engraved each year with the name of that boy or girl and a smaller replica will be presented to him or her. Designation for this award should be considered an honor of the highest degree.

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**Courtesy AI Ring collection:**

**October 6, 1960: Fire Damages Lourdes:** A fire which broke out in the confessional at the rear of the sanctuary Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church caused damage estimated at less than \$5,000.00.

As to the origin of the fire Father Anthony Gerst, pastor, refused to comment.

The fire broke out at 4:45 p.m. St. Matthews Volunteer firemen battled the blaze for about an hour. The fire damaged the confessional, flooring and pews in the rear of the church, and the balcony, and broke several windows.

REPORT BY ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 10/6/60 LOCATION: 500 Breckenridge Lane  
 ALARM TIME: 4:55 P.M. NO. OF MEN: 12 ENGINE RESPONDED TO HOUSE: 6-19-60

CLEAN UP TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

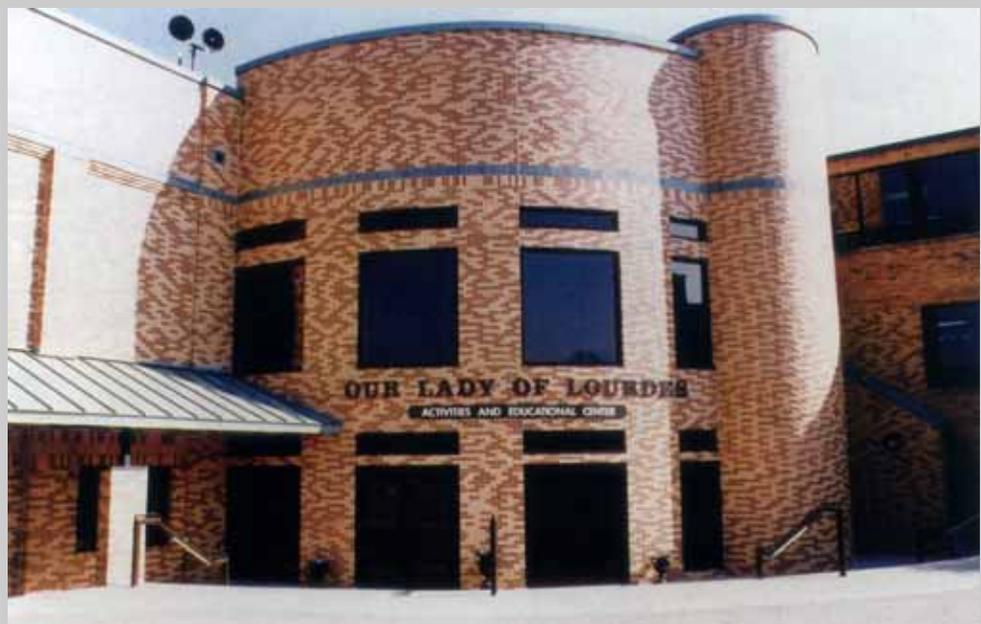
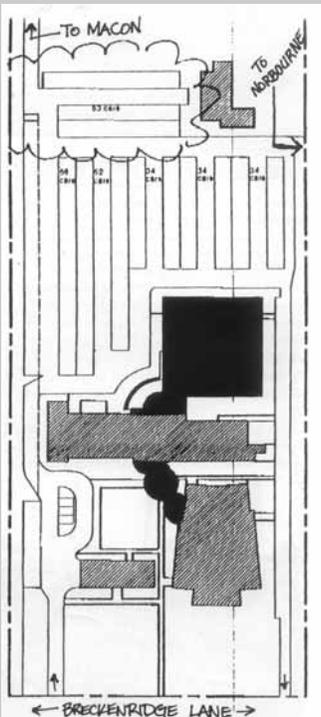
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2. Marty Kamen	25. Jack Monahan	48. _____
3. Fred Barringer	26. _____	49. _____
4. Robert Bunsel	27. John Kilgus	50. _____
5. Paul Gracet	28. _____	51. _____
6. G. Cruise	29. _____	52. _____
7. Paul Dillman O.C.	30. _____	53. _____
8. Danny Engel	31. _____	54. _____
9. Walter H. Weber	32. _____	55. _____
10. _____	33. _____	56. _____
11. _____	34. _____	57. _____
12. _____	35. _____	58. _____
13. _____	36. _____	59. _____
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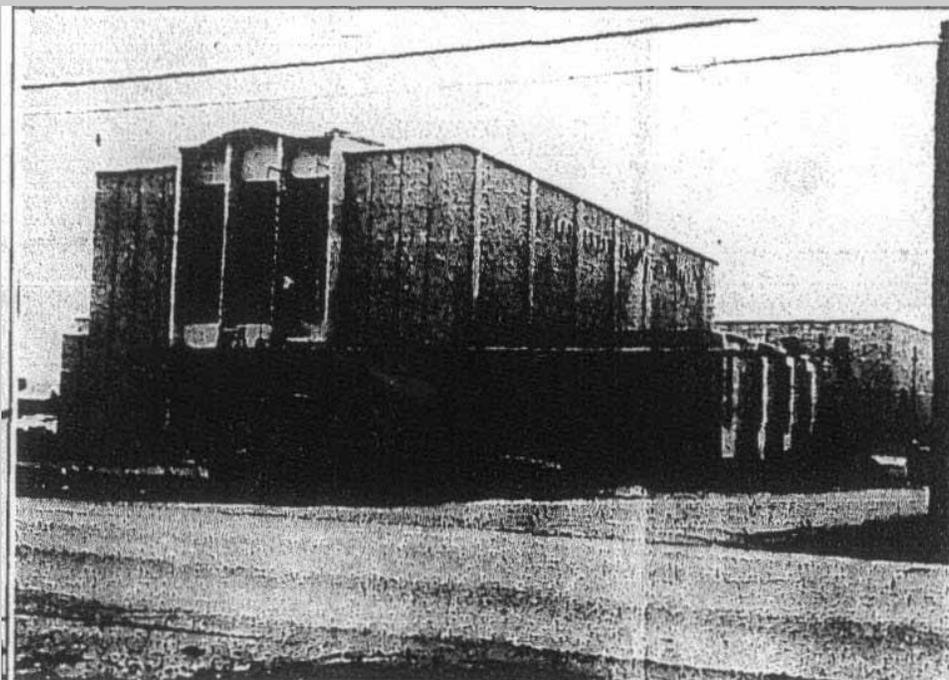
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ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date 10-3-60 55  
 A. M. \_\_\_\_\_ P. M. 4 PM  
 Location 500 Breckenridge Lane  
 Owner Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building or Property Confessional in REAR OF Church.  
 Cause \* Per. Thomas Malloy  
 5-1-5-2-54 E 55  
 Special Notes 2-1/2" lines - 1-2 1/2" line  
 laid to 2 hydrants - 800ft 2 1/2"  
 Officer in Charge Marty Kamen

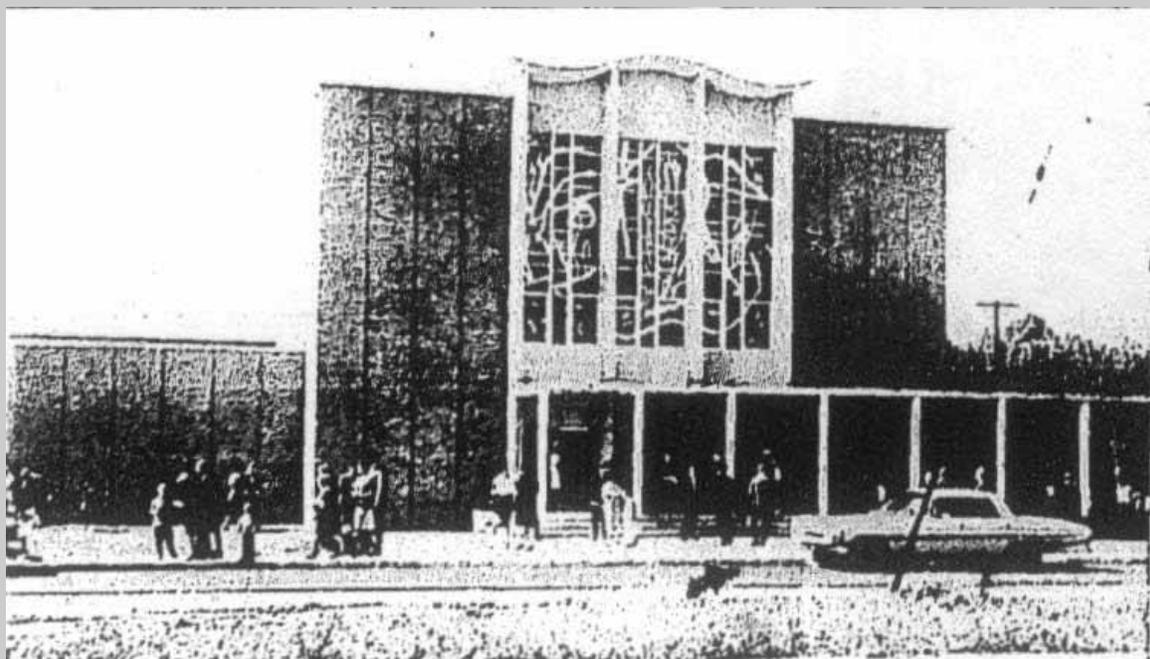
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church moves along toward completion on Breckinridge Lane. The new building will seat 900 persons in its sanctuary and will contain church offices. Construction started last July.

1962



First mass was held Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes new sanctuary on Breckinridge Lane. A dedication of the contemporary-style building has not been set.

October 4, 1962