

Many Changes Take Place in Recent Years

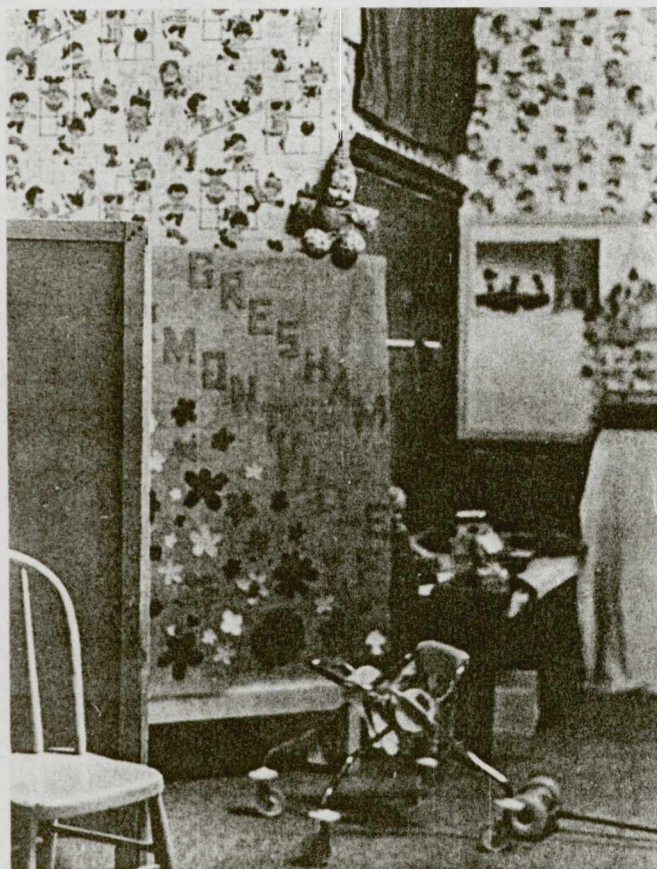
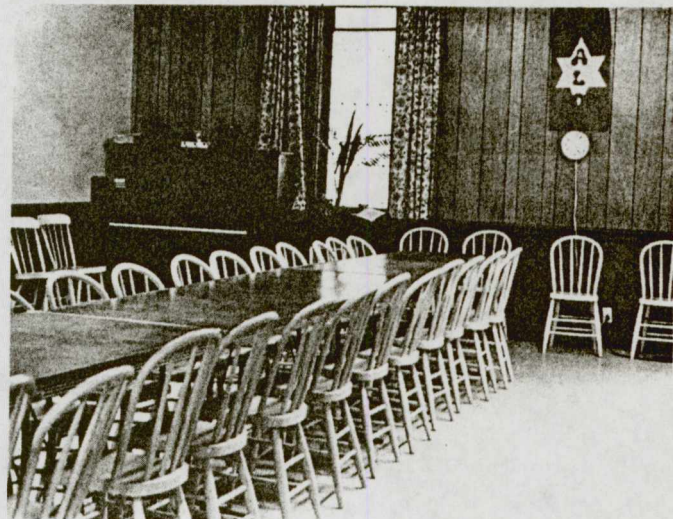
In the years following the 1959 Centennial anniversary of our founding, many innovations and alterations have occurred. The Bismark Church, which had been a part of the charge since 1859, has been closed. The Gresham Church, however, is still an active part of our charge.

Celebrating the relocation of our church building is an unusual opportunity. This occasion chronicles not only the building in its new setting, but also its influence in the lives of our members, friends, and community in a variety of areas.

We have listed some of the activities and accomplishments of our church in addition to the responsibilities of church school, worship services, societies, and Christian guidance:

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| Junior Choir cantatas | Camping |
| Summer children's programs | Parties |
| Bicentennial services | Men's group |
| Cook-ins, and cook-outs | Plays |
| Senior Citizens' Sunday | Children's story time |
| Memorial funds | Sugaring off time |
| Ball teams | Community Christmas baskets |
| Sunshine party | Fun-in-the-snow |
| Church band | Singspirations |
| Task Force | Birthday cakes |
| Bazaars | Easter sunrise service and breakfast |
| Work sessions | Carolling |
| "Church Mouse" newspaper | VA Hospital work |
| Joint church services | Baby showers |
| Summer church at cottages | Tours |
| Christmas family workshop | |

Following the church's traditional obligation of feeding our souls, this one has also provided well for our bodies with family dinners, banquets, pancake and syrup lunches and suppers, chili dinners, pig roasts, chicken barbecues, auction lunches, an annual family Thanksgiving turkey dinner, ice cream socials, a coffee-and-homemade-donut hour on Sunday, men's and family breakfasts, dessert and salad times, and of course we feed thousands who come for barbecued chicken at the Maple Syrup Festival, as well as lunches at the Bluegrass Festival.



All members and friends of the church are involved in these shared projects, making us more truly a church family.

Most noticeable of the changes in our church in recent years are the physical renovations and alterations, which include:

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| Carpeting | Remodelled kitchen |
| Panelling | New south entrance with ramp |
| Papering | Landscaping and tree plantings |
| Outside cross | Pew Bibles |
| All-weather sign | Painting inside and out |
| New hymnals | Pew cushions |
| Communion and Baptism ware | New restroom |
| Literature and memorial book racks | Releading windows |
| New linoleum | Repair of lighting and ceiling |
| Paraments for church seasons and alter Bible | Barbecue pit |
| | Decorated children's room |

Our request to the Michigan Historical Commission to have this church accepted as a Michigan Historic Site is now under consideration. If approved, our next project will be to purchase and install the standard historical marker.

These paragraphs list only the obvious changes; the spiritual work and obligations of our church are vital and ongoing. We face the next 100 years with enthusiasm and dedication for Christian growth.

Ministers serving after 1959:

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| Rev. Robert E. Townsend | Rev. Warren Jackson |
| Rev. Marjorie Matthews | Rev. David Haney |
| Rev. William Tate | Rev. Gary V. Lyons |
| Rev. Gerald Salisbury | |