

*The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Services  
of  
The Re-building  
of the  
First Methodist Episcopal Church  
Westfield, New York*

*April Twenty-third to April Thirtieth  
Nineteen Hundred Thirty Three*

*This Program is dedicated  
to the Trustees of twenty-five years ago.*

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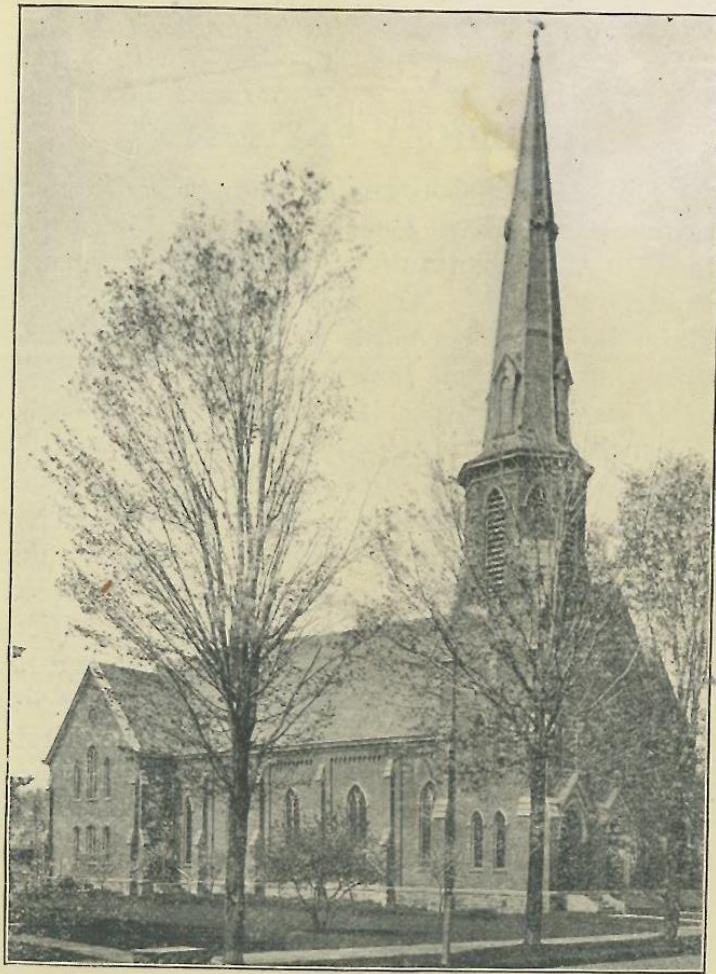
To the Philadelphia Conference belongs the honor of sending the first regular pastor, Rev. George Lane, in 1809 to Chautauqua County. In 1810 the Chautauqua Circuit was formed embracing Clymer, Ripley, Westfield, Mayville, Forestville, Sheridan, Fredonia, Sinclairville, and Sherman. In 1819 the circuit was divided and that part lying along the lake from Silver Creek to North East was now called Lake Circuit. In 1821 Lorenzo Dow conducted a very successful Camp Meeting in this vicinity and as a result the Methodist Church of Westfield was organized. History records the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Brainard Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Peck. Reuben Peck was the first class leader in this new organization. In 1822 Richard Wright was the preacher. Shortly after this Dr. Richmond, the preacher and physician, moved to Westfield and built a home on the west side of the village. When the question of the site came up he moved his house to the rear of the lot and the First Methodist Church of Westfield was built on that site. Later his home became the parsonage and the doctor moved to a new house built on the east side of the creek.

In 1832 Westfield becomes the head of the Circuit. The pastor in that year was the Rev. Theodore Stowe. In 1844 the church was made an incorporated body with the following board of trustees: Zenas Colburn, Hugh Crosgrave, Elnathan Bristol, Thomas Knight, and Eli Goodrich.

In 1850 a new church was built at the corner of Clinton Street, near Portage. The trustees were Thomas Knight, Josiah Ward, Asa Stephens, Hugh Crosgrave, Elnathan Bristol, Harvey Peck, Sidney Lake, Eben Abell, Addison P. Couch, Andrew Kelsey, and John Francis.

In 1871 the third or present church was begun. It was dedicated November 2, 1872. The building committee consisted of J. C. Schofield, pastor, J. C. Gifford, W. T. Hines, Orris Persons, and J. H. Towles. The cost of this church was between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The march of time demanded changes appropriate to the needs and though sensing for years that radical alterations should be made plans to go ahead were not decided until 1907. The building committee then appointed was C. E. Welch, G. F. Dickson, A. H. Harris, E. D. Harrington, and W. B. Lindsay. H. E. Wratten was the contractor. The total expense of the refinished and refurnished church was \$35,000. The pulpit furniture was the gift of L. W. Chapman. Dr. C. E. Welch presented the new organ, which cost \$5,000. The





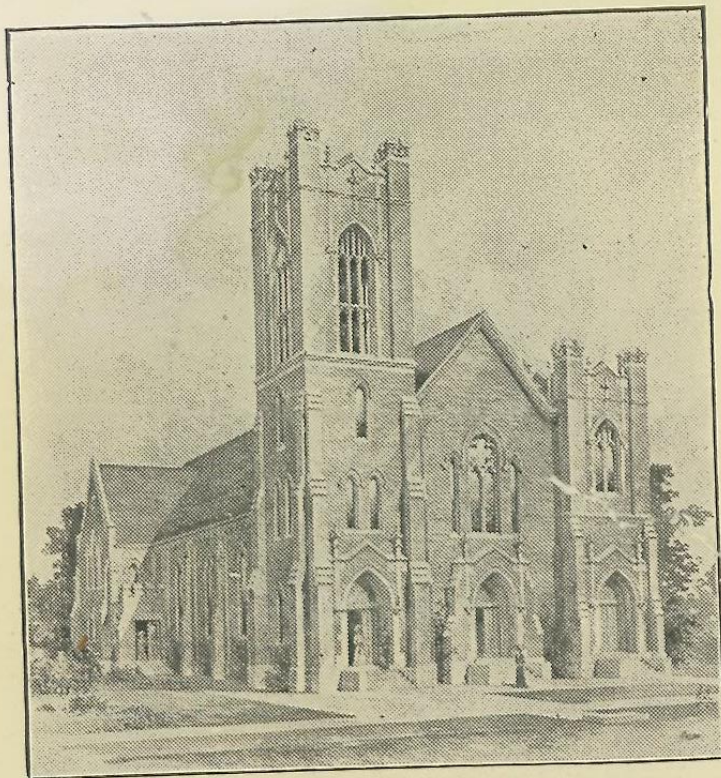
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1872-1908

tablet placed on the organ by the trustees reads: "To the glory of God and the sounding of His praise this organ is dedicated by Charles Edgar Welch, 1908." The Ladies' Aid furnished the carpet for the new church at a cost of nearly \$1,000.

The re-dedicatory services were held April 20-27, 1908. The reporter for the occasion says: "Throughout the week and especially on Sabbath the singing by the choir under the leadership of Prof. Dickson was the occasion of many complimentary remarks. The beautiful new organ under the manipulation of Wm. T. Welch, the young organist, delighted everybody." Dr. Riker of Mt. Union College preached the opening sermon. The week of services closed with a stirring address by Dr. C. M. Boswell of Philadelphia, Pa. The Rev. E. C. Delaplain was the minister.

Since 1908 the following improvements have been made: The organ was rebuilt in 1927 at an expense of \$4,000. Electric action was installed. During the ministry of Rev. Mr. Freeman Redinger



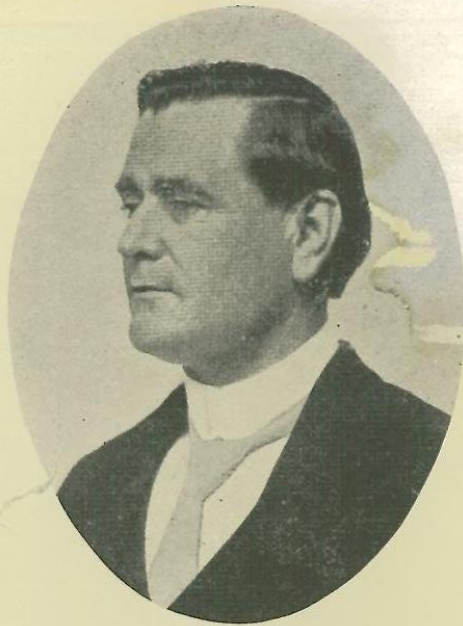


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1908-1933

a new floor was added to the church school. During the pastorate of Rev. R. N. Merrill the parsonage on East Main Street was purchased. Since 1908 the pastors have been as follows: E. C. Delaplain, 1906-1908; R. F. Randolph, 1909-1912; R. N. Merrill, 1913-1915; J. E. Roberts, 1916-1918; H. B. Potter, 1919-1920; C. S. Robertson, 1921-1923; F. M. Redinger, 1924-1927; L. S. Cass, 1928-1931; F. S. McKnight, 1932-. The Erie Conference met at Westfield in 1927. A Director of Christian Education was employed in 1923. Beginning in 1927 and continuing to the present time there has been a community week-day school of religion held in this church. This work has been under the supervision of our director of Christian Education.

According to the Erie Conference Journal for 1932 the membership of the church was 538 active members, the total enrollment of the church school was 407, the Senior Epworth League 25, the Intermediate League 8, and the Junior League 32. The amount contributed to World Service was \$10,055. The W. F. M. S. gave \$445, and the W. H. M. S. \$371.





REV. E. C. DELAPLAIN, 1906-1908

### THE CHURCH OFFICIALS—1908

The Trustees (who were also the building committee) A. H. Harris, D. G. Jillson, C. E. Welch, J. R. Fay, H. Hardenburg, G. F. Dickson, F. B. Lamb, M. L. Harrington, W. B. Lindsay.

The Stewards—C. E. Welch, Walter Persons, Melvin Johnson, A. H. Harris, John Herron, E. M. Peckham, J. H. Kinney, Delos Hall, John Rogers, E. D. Harrington, E. T. Welch, Newell Hopson, P. W. Bemis.

Financial Secretary—Cora E. Ottaway.

Treasurer—D. G. Jillson.

Sunday School—C. E. Welch, Superintendent.

Epworth League—E. T. Welch, President.

Ladies' Aid Society—Mrs. C. E. Welch, President.

Class Leaders—P. W. Bemis, Jerome Burhans.

Presidents Womens' Missionary Societies—Mrs. Daniel Morse, Foreign; Mrs. J. M. Bray, Home.

Organist—William Taylor Welch.

Choir Director—Prof. G. F. Dickson.

Retired Minister—J. M. Bray.

In selecting the organ of 1908 the pipes, stops, pedals—everything that goes to make up this organ—the church had efficient help from Mr. J. Winsor Phillips, organist of the Presbyterian Church.

We wish to pay loving tribute to Prof. G. F. Dickson who was the chorister of the choir of 1908.

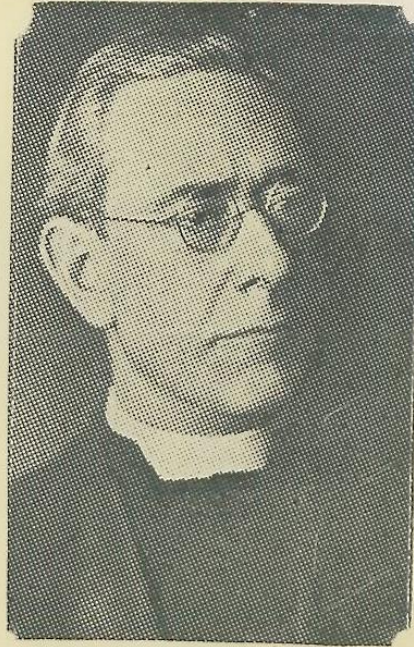


REV. F. S. McKNIGHT, 1932-

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- President of W. S. G.—Bessie L. Macdonald.
- President of Senior Epworth League—Thomas Welch.
- President of Intermediate League—Betty Jensen.
- Chorister—Mrs. Georgia Amidon.
- Organist—Mrs. Cecil Jackway.
- Janitor—E. L. Lewis.
- Retired Minister—F. A. Mills.
- Local Preacher—Edgar T. Welch.





REV. A. C. LOCKE  
District Superintendent of Eric-Jamestown District

### PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK—APRIL 23-30, 1933

Sunday, April 23, 11 A. M.—Sermon by the minister.

5 P. M.—Sermon by the Rev. A. C. Locke, D. D.

Monday, April 24, 6:30 P. M.—Family Night Supper.

The Stitchery will have charge of the dining room.

Former ministers will be present.

Dr. John Roberts of Chautauqua, N. Y. will be the speaker of the evening.

Photographs of Methodists twenty-five years ago will be displayed.

Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. John H. Clemens, who was pastor of the church from 1898 to 1900. The choir of 1908 will sing.

Thursday, April 27, 7:30 P. M.—“The Church of 1958” by the Young People of our Church School and Epworth League.

Sunday, April 30. Services at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.  
Church School as usual at 10 A. M.





MISS RUTH RANSOM  
Director of Christian Education

# MORNING WORSHIP 11 O'CLOCK, APRIL 30TH

Organ—Chorus in D Minor,  
Doxology.

Matthews

Invocation.

Hymn No. 495.

Anthem—"Break Forth Into Joy,"

Simper

Choir of 1908

Psalm 150.

## RESPONSIVE READING

1. Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary:  
2. Praise him in the firmament of his power.
1. Praise him for his mighty acts:  
2. Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
1. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:  
2. Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
1. Praise him with the timbrel and dance:  
2. Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
1. Praise him upon the loud cymbals:  
2. Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

All. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Offertory.

Andante Cantabile—4th Organ Symphony,

Widor

Sermon.

Hymn No. 207.

Pilgrims Chorus,

Wagner

Hymns Nos. 180, 702, 621, 544.

Benediction.

Marche Pontificale,

Tombelle

The above program, with the exception of a few minor changes, is a reproduction of the service of 25 years ago. Our guest organist, William Welch, was the organist in 1908.



## FIVE O'CLOCK VESPER SERVICE

Prelude.

Hymn No. 208.

Prayer.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. a. Deep River,                     | Burleigh         |
| b. Friend O'Mine,                     | Sanderson-Salter |
| 2. Solo—The Blind Plowman,            | Clarke           |
| Richard Winston                       |                  |
| 3. a. Dear Saviour of Mankind,        | Maker            |
| b. Invictus,                          | Huhn             |
| 4. Tenor Solo—"Thanks Be to God,"     | Dickson          |
| Ralph Hanson                          |                  |
| 5. a. The Old Refrain,                | Kreisler         |
| b. In this Hour of Softened Splendor, | Emerson          |
| 6. Solo—Dream of Paradise.            |                  |
| Glenn Field                           |                  |
| 7. God Send Us Men,                   | Maker            |
| 8. Offertory Solo—Pilgrim's Chorus,   | Tannhauser       |
| Edward Hubbard                        |                  |
| 9. The Long Day Closes,               | Sullivan         |

Hymn No. 38.

Benediction.

The above program will be given by the male chorus of the Y. M. C. A., Erie, Pa. The chorus consists of 20 men, Charles Le Sueur being director.

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## THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 1933 PROGRAM

Mr. E. T. Welch, Chairman  
Mr. C. E. Judd  
Mr. W. B. Lindsay  
Miss B. L. Macdonald  
Mr. R. G. Stoolfer  
Mrs. E. T. Welch

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GIFTS

The late Mrs. Jennie M. Hopson has established a Five Thousand and Dollar Fund to be known as the Newell P. and Jennie M. Hopson Memorial Endowment.

Various individuals and organizations have made provisions for other memorials and special gifts to the church. These will be announced at the Sunday morning service on April 30th.



### DEDICATION

*Thou whose unmeasured temple stands,  
Built over earth and sea,  
Accept the walls that human hands  
Have raised, O God, to Thee!*

*Lord, from Thine inmost glory send,  
Within these courts to bide,  
The peace that dwelleth without end  
Serenely by Thy side!*

*May erring minds that worship here,  
Be taught the better way;  
And they who mourn, and they who fear,  
Be strengthened as they pray.*

*May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,  
And pure devotion rise,  
While round these hallowed walls the storm  
Of earthborn passion dies.*

—William Cullen Bryant.