



Zion, thy God is King

50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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ABOUT THIS BOOKLET...

On this happy occasion, which marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formal recognition of the Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, it seems appropriate to reprint some of the most significant parts of our historical records so they will not be lost to the present and future generations.

In this booklet, therefore, you will find many interesting items which give the background and a brief history of our church accompanied by many pictures of long ago as well as the present, all of which have been accumulated and so ably edited by one of our charter members, Mrs. Theodore Rayburn. She certainly deserves our thanks for all the time and effort involved in making such a priceless booklet possible.

We would hereby dedicate this booklet to those of the Past, who organized our beloved church and who have so faithfully served through the years—to those of the Present, who are carrying on the duties and upholding its dignity and purpose—and to those of the Future, our children and the stranger, who shall come into its gates to further the cause of Christ.

Rev. Raymond Schatz



It is indeed a privilege and pleasure for us to be serving the Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, as the 50th Anniversary of its existence is being celebrated.

As we are making plans for this celebration, we recall the past and are made more appreciatively aware of the love, the faith, and the hope expressed by both ministers and members as they labored together to fulfill God's purpose through their lives.

The progress of any church is never credited to an individual. It takes many men and women of like mind and aims to bring such noble endeavors to fruition. As we read the history of Zion, we note that many have labored. Some have sown, others have reaped, but it was always God who gave the increase. The accomplishments have been many and the sharing unselfishly of material blessings has found itself in the deepest needs of life.

In writing history, we become aware that we ourselves are a part of the on-going process that is being recorded. My wife and I had our first contact with Zion in May of 1962, when we received a telephone call inquiring whether we would be interested in serving the church. Our interest grew steadily and so it was that on July 1 we candidated and met with the Church Board and other committees. The call was extended and we accepted. We thus terminated our first Church ministry at Selby, South Dakota, and came to be Zion's eighth pastoral family in October of 1962.

The warmth and kindnesses shown to us through the members and friends of Zion easily offset the extreme weather conditions which followed shortly after our arrival. The West Coast witnessed one of its worst storms in history, doing extensive damage to buildings and trees, and resulting in some \$4000.00 damages to the church and annex. A few weeks later a second "jolt" hit Portland when we experienced a sizeable earthquake which rocked and shook the earth and everything on it. However, in the almost two years of our being here, we have come to enjoy the beautiful "City of Roses"; and in the life of ZION CHURCH have come to feel very much "at home."

I should like to express sincere appreciation to all the loyal members of the church for their devotion and willingness to serve, for their faithfulness and prayers, for their sacrifices and untiring efforts in seeking to make Christ more real in the community and the world.

Rev. Raymond Schatz



EDWARD GRAUMAN
Pastor-at-Large of the
General Conference
West and Northwest District,
Portland, Oregon.

The Rev. Mr. Edward Grauman graduated in 1923 from the Redfield Seminary, Redfield, South Dakota. Since his ordination he served the following churches: Evangelical Congregational Church—Tacoma, Washington 1923-1927; the Alpena Parish—Alpena, South Dakota 1927-1933; Evangelical Congregational Church—Tacoma, Washington 1933-1935; Brethren Congregational Church—Portland, Oregon 1935-1944; Christ Congregational Church—Ft. Morgan, Colorado 1944-1946.

In 1946 he was elected Pastor-at-Large by the General Conference of Congregational Churches of America and has since then served in this capacity.

Under his leadership and counsel new organizations, both within the various State Conferences and the General Conference, were organized and new life came into the fellowship. He was instrumental in mediating a closer relationship between the Associations of German background churches and the English State Conferences. Through his leadership the General Conference appointed a committee to explore the possibility to unite the total fellowship of German background churches with the mother church of Congregationalism. These dreams are now becoming a reality in 1964.

It can also be stated that he did a lot of spadework in bringing the various local churches into the United Church of Christ and thereby fulfilling the prayer of Jesus Christ—"That they might all be one".

FROM THE PASTOR-AT-LARGE . . .

Greetings and Congratulations to all members and friends of the Zion Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, of Portland, Oregon, on your Fiftieth Anniversary.

For many years you have been one of our leading churches of our State and the General Conference of America. We look back over the fifty years of your existence with honor and dignity because of the fine leadership that you have given to our fellowship and for sharing unselfishly your material and spiritual blessings with those who found themselves in the deeper needs of life. Your fine spirit of co-operation will linger long in the memories of those who knew and labored with you through the years.

On many occasions I was privileged to be in your midst and to preach from the pulpit of your church. Throughout the eighteen years, as

Pastor-at-Large, you have always extended me a most cordial welcome, treated me as a friend and christian brother. This I deeply treasure and for which I am most grateful.

However, upon this memorable event let us, together, draw nigh unto God with praise and thanksgiving. This we ought to do in the spirit of rejoicing, since the accomplishments of a church are not wholly the results of man's efforts, skill and intelligence, but rather the results of God's Spirit working and reaching out thru man.

I trust that this Anniversary Celebration will add to the deepening of your spiritual lives and a fuller dedication to the work to which God has called you.

Mrs. Grauman joins me in extending congratulations and best wishes to you all on this happy event and may God bless you richly as you look ahead.

*Yours in Comradeship of Service,
Rev. Edward Grauman.*



DR. ADELBERT J. BUTTREY
Conference Minister
United Church of Christ of Oregon

Dr. A. J. Buttrey, a graduate of Stanford University and the Union Theological Seminary in New York, was awarded the honorary degree of Dr. of Divinity, by Olivet College, Michigan. His first pastorates were in New Jersey where he served two different churches for a total of 21 years. Following a pastorate of six years in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he came to Oregon Conference as superintendent in November, 1959.

A BRIEF HISTORY of our FOREFATHERS

Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, 1914-1964

By Christine Rayburn

The history of a church is also the history of a people who make up the church. As we are able to trace back over our fifty years of existence, we are reminded of some of our ancestors who have gone to their eternal reward. For the old it will be a means of recalling some of their precious experiences of the past, and for the younger generation, it will be a reminder of how their ancestors sacrificed and labored in order that this existence might be secured.

As we recall the past, we must thank God for His great providence which has been so richly experienced by our people. From out of their tireless prayers and toil emerge the gifts that time has proven. "Fill Thou our hearts with faith like theirs, who served the days they could not see, and give us grace, through ampler years, to build the Kingdom yet to be."

The question arises as to our ancestry. Where do we come from? Who were our forefathers? Whence came they? Our forefathers originated in Germany. From 1764 to 1768, 104 German colonies with a total population of 23,019 were established along the Volga River in Central Russia. These colonies were established by our forefathers from Germany, who migrated to Russia. When Peter became Czar III, his weak-minded ways soon made him unpopular. He offended the church dignitaries and preferred the companionship of German-Russians. But Catherine was well liked; she had accepted Russian customs as her own. In July of 1762, the army placed Peter under arrest and declared Catherine Empress. Several days later, Peter died after a scuffle with the guards. On July 22, 1763, Catherine II of Russia issued a Manifesto and invited people of other nationalities to settle this Volga area, offering special privileges as an inducement. She hoped in this way to introduce a higher type of culture than was then found among the Russian people. The invitation came when conditions in Germany were almost at their worst. The Seven Years' War had ended in 1763, the year the manifesto was issued, and whole regions lay devastated. Poverty was widespread, fields lay waste. Commerce and manufacturing had suffered heavily. Involuntarily, people began to think of emigration and many went to Poland, Hungary and to America. Then came the manifesto which found ready response and thousands of German people turned their faces toward the land of the Volga River.



CZAR PETER III



EMPERESS CATHERINE II

The Charter of Privileges granted to the German Colonists by the Russian Empress, and confirmed by her successors, included the following provisions and guarantees:

1. Full religious liberty with one exception: the colonists were forbidden to propagate their faith among the native Russians.
2. Exemption from military service.

3. Granting of thirty dessiatine of land to every immigrant family.
4. Complete control over their own churches and schools.
5. Almost complete autonomy in local government.
6. Free transportation from Germany to their new homes in Russia.
7. Tax exemption for 10 years.
8. Interest-free loans of 500 rubles.

As a result of these attractive terms, thousands of Germans found their way to Volga during the years 1763 to 1768. People of all classes departed for the steppes of Russia: farmers, tailors, barbers, craftsmen, officers, students, artists and others. They journeyed to Moscow and to St. Petersburg. From there they moved southward to Saratov, then a city of 10,000 inhabitants. Here the Empress had established a subsidiary branch of the treasury-chancery which administered all governmental affairs affecting the German colonists. At this point they received enough money and means to make a start in agriculture. They were taken in wagons to the open steppes along the Volga River to the places of their settlement. It was a long journey, beset with many hardships and disappointments, with hunger, cold, sickness and death. But the colonists continued to come until 1768 when emigration from Germany was stopped by the German government. By that time, 104 colonies had been founded, 59 on the eastern side and 45 on the western side of the Volga. Despite the long years of suffering and struggle that followed, populations increased so rapidly that beginning with 23,019 in 1766, the population increased to 30,193 by 1768 and to 866,696 by 1914.

The hopes and dreams of the immigrants were shattered immediately upon their arrival at the place of settlement. They had been promised that everything would be in readiness, that houses would be built, that machinery and livestock would be on hand; but little or nothing had been done. They had been told that the Volga region was a paradise; but when they arrived, they saw nothing but an endless steppe. When they were told that that was to be their future home, they looked at each other with frightened expressions. "Is this our Paradise?" they asked of one another. They were faced with great disappointment and heartache.

The early settlers passed through perils of famine and sickness. The distress of the colonists was still further deepened by the fact that during the first fifty years of their life on the Volga, they were exposed to the attacks of semi-savage tribes of Tatars, Bashkirs and Kalmaucks. These nomadic hordes of the steppes prowled about on horseback and pillaged and devastated many of the German villages. Many were killed. In addition, the colonists were despised, hated and persecuted by the Russians themselves. A great deal of the animosity on the part of the Russians themselves toward the German people had its origin in the fact that the Germans were the recipients of special privileges from the Russian government. This in itself tended to set the colonists off from the main stream of Russian life and naturally made them the object of considerable resentment and persecution. The additional fact that the Germans were separated from the natives by social, political, and religious barriers, and were held firmly together by ties of race, language and religious beliefs, merely served to fan all the more the fire of animosity among the native Russians.

There were many reasons our forefathers had for leaving the Volga region after having experienced about 100 years of hardship and persecutions. Lack of land in the colonies, mandatory military service, years of famine, persecutions and other reasons encouraged them to leave Russia for America. The Czar put an end to all the guaranteed privileges. Emigration began almost at once, some going to South America, some to Canada, but by far the largest number came to the United States. In 1873 five emissaries from Russian colonies were

sent to the United States to search for suitable places for settlement for the many German people who desired to leave Russia. Volga Germans came to Nebraska in 1784; settlements began in Colorado in 1880; in Washington in 1881; in Oregon in 1882; in Montana in 1899; and in Idaho in 1910. By 1910 there were 243,381 German-Russians, first and second generations. By 1920 there were 79,000 Protestant Odessa Germans; 37,000 Catholic; 100,000 Protestant Volga Germans; 79,000 Catholic Volga Germans and 31,000 Mennonites. The Catholic and Mennonite groups remained faithful to the religion of their fathers; but not so all of the Protestant Christians. They were bewildered by the many denominations they found in this country, even by the Lutheran Church which they knew as a single body in the homeland, but found divided here into several groups.

Many of the early emigrants to America were united with the Reformed or Lutheran Church of Russia. Many of them looked about for a religious denomination in America which would at least grant them the freedom to hold prayer meetings and to worship in the German language. Worship services were held in private homes. The freedom for which they had longed they eventually found in Congregationalism, that system of church which recognizes the equal rights of all believers and the autonomy of the local church.

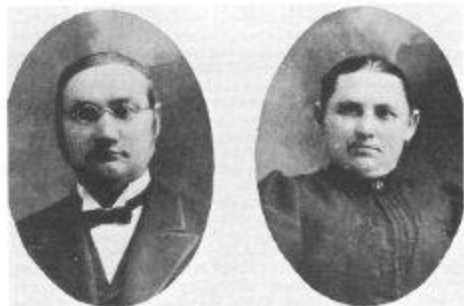
The oldest and most important settlement of the Volga Germans in Oregon is that in Portland. This dates back to the year 1882, when colonists of the Russian village of Norka came to the Portland community by way of Iowa, Nebraska and California. Families settled in the upper and lower Albina districts. There was very little that the first emigrants brought to America except their belief in freedom, their love for God and a determination to rear and educate their children in an atmosphere of democracy.

America has a great religious heritage, brought to our shores by men and women who lived the religious principles in which they believed. Their abiding belief in the dignity of the individual was translated into our Declaration of Independence and into our Constitution. Our pioneering forefathers were taught the principles and meaning of religion as children.

It was of great importance that our forefathers had a place of worship for their families. They conducted prayer meetings in their homes, with the brethren acting as lay ministers, but the need was felt for a pastor to minister to the spiritual needs of the people in the community.

Reverend John Koch with a group of these devoted people organized the Ebenezer Church of Portland in August of 1892. This was the first and oldest church of our German settlement and the mother church of the German churches in Portland. Years later, the church was moved to a new location on Stanton Street and converted into an apartment house.

The present Ebenezer Congregational Church was built during Reverend John Hopp's time in 1903. He served as pastor until 1914.



REVEREND AND MRS. JOHN KOCH

1. ORIGINAL EBENEZER CHURCH
2. PRESENT EBENEZER CHURCH
3. REVEREND HOPP—1903

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ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was organized on April 13th, 1914 in the home of Brother Conrad Helzer. The officers which were elected at this meeting were as follows:



BRO. CONRAD HELZER

JOHN H. KRIEGER
Chairman

HENRY SCHWARTZ
Secretary

WILLIAM LIND
Trustee

GEORGE HINKLE
Trustee

JOHN HOHNSTEIN
Trustee

JOHN WEBER
Treasurer

LUDWIG SAUER
Trustee

CHRISTINA SCHNELL
Organist

CONRAD REPP
Deacon

PETER SCHNELL
Deacon

GEORGE WEITZ
Deacon

AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

of the Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, 1914-1964

By Christine Rayburn

And thus begins with great pride and joy the historical account of Zion Congregational Church. It is the history of Christian laymen as well as devoted ministers of the Gospel. Both were leading figures in the founding of the church.

The Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon was organized on April 13, 1914 at the home of Brother Conrad Hecker. The first officers elected were as follows: John Krueger, Chairman; Henry Schwartz, Secretary; John Weber, Treasurer; George Hinkle, John Hohnstein, William Lind and Ludwig Sauer, Trustees; Conrad Repp, Peter Schnell and George Weitz, Deacons; Christina Herder, Organist.

After a pastorate of eleven years at the Ebenezer German Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon, Reverend John Hopp with a group of members withdrew from the church and on April 13, 1914, organized the Zion German Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon. Reverend Hopp was called to be pastor of the new congregation. This small group of men and women launched out in great faith, determined to serve the Lord and the community well. They purchased the present site of the church on the corner of 8th and Fremont Streets and the work of the building began immediately.

While the church was being built, the congregation was having worship services at the Mennonite Church on N. E. 6th and Fremont Streets. Prayer meetings were held weekly in private homes. Work on the new church progressed so rapidly that the cornerstone could be laid on Sunday, July 19, 1914. From that day on, the worship services were held in the new basement, until the rest of the building was completed at a cost of \$11,391; the total cost amounted to about \$20,000, including the church furniture.

The building was completed by November 8, 1914, and was dedicated on that day. No greater satisfaction can man experience than the satisfaction of successfully completing an important task, "The Church Completed." The parsonage was built in the same year at a cost of \$1879.

Before the end of the year, a series of evangelistic meetings were conducted by the pastor of the church. The converts numbered eighty-six. This brought new life and activity into the congregation. The beautiful tone bell, which has called the people to worship these many years, was purchased and dedicated in April of 1915.

On the tenth anniversary of the church it spoke of outward growth. The membership of the church was 290. The Sunday School had over 300 pupils. The Christian Endeavor had a membership of 90, the Ladies Aid 135. The Young Ladies Club had been busy raising enough money to buy a carpet for the church, a project in which they were very successful. The little girls organized a club which was called "Zion's Little Hostlers." Our Young Men's club did splendid work in the welfare of the church. They surprised the church with a beautiful \$375.00 piano. The church services and prayer meetings were well attended and a number of persons were converted.

Great opportunities lay ahead for the new congregation. New immigrants continued to arrive from the old country. Many of our people who had settled in the midwest were coming out to the beautiful Northwest, settling in the Northeast section of Portland. The congregation continued to progress and grow in membership. In 1929 a beautiful pipe organ was purchased and installed at a cost of a little over \$3900.00. Over the years the church choir has rendered a blessed service to the worship of the Lord and has been greatly enjoyed by all those who love good music. After a ministry of 22 years, Reverend Hopp retired from the active ministry.

Reverend Tiede accepted the call to Zion Congregational Church on August 3, 1936. Shortly after his arrival he reorganized the Sunday School into classes and a short time later classrooms were installed which were of great help to the teachers. There will be those who remember in the early days of Zion Sunday School when all the classes met in the church basement, each class in a separate bench, and the teachers stood between the benches, each trying to speak louder than his neighboring teacher, his only teaching aid being the German Bible and the Lexion plus his Christian Faith.

Reverend George Schmidt began his pastorate with Zion on July 11, 1938, and ministered to the spiritual needs of the people. He enjoyed a ministry of somewhat over two years.

Reverend Kalmbach took the leadership of the church on November 4, 1940. It was his great task to lead the church during the war years, sharing with the members their sorrows and heartaches as well as prayers answered and dreams fulfilled. Splendid work was being done. Many improvements were accomplished. New pulpit chairs were purchased and a brass railing for the platform was installed. Brother Borgardt donated a beautiful Baptismal Font. Brother Brauer started a fund-raising campaign which resulted in the purchase of a grand piano. A carpet fund was also started.

Reverend Strobel arrived at Zion on January 1, 1947 on a cold, rainy day. There were many willing hands to help unpack and get things in order. In 1952 the question of language to be used for worship services was a matter of great concern. Many of the younger people lost interest in the church because of their inability to read and understand the German language which was used in most services. A compromise was effected and the younger people were allowed to buy the English Hymnals; this made it possible for the young and old alike to worship in the language best understood. At the same time, the need was felt for an organization of the young married couples. The Fellowship Club was the result of this need and this group has become one of the most active organizations of the church. The Junior Choir was reorganized by Mrs. Strobel in 1947, and has proved to be an important factor in the worship services.

Once again many improvements and additions were being made to the church. The Ladies Aid paid for the remodeling of a more up-to-date kitchen in the parsonage. The platform of the church was enlarged. The organ was moved to the position it now occupies. Wall-to-wall carpeting was installed throughout the sanctuary. An outside bulletin board was donated by Mr. Pearson and installed. The church bulletins and pledge system were introduced. A public address system was purchased and installed. Still, the great problem during this time was the question of the transition from German to English and various forms and methods were tried to attempt to satisfy both young and old alike. The problem was not solved during Reverend Strobel's pastorate, but the church weathered the storm and today the language is no longer a problem.

Reverend Geier accepted a call to Zion in 1952. The church had been host to the General Conference in 1937 and was host again in 1954. Also in 1954 there was much activity due to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the church. The ladies prepared and served dinners in conjunction with this celebration. During this time a building fund was created toward a goal of a much needed educational and social annex. Tower chimes were donated by Ross Hollywood and installed.

Reverend Biel arrived in August of 1954. His was the tremendous job of bringing to the people of the church the much needed encouragement and the strengthening of faith to launch out stronger than ever to serve the Lord with grateful hearts for the many blessings received. In addition to the spiritual needs of the congregation, he was constantly reaching out for new ideas for the betterment of the church. He was an active and dynamic leader. During his pastorate, Zion was host to two Pacific Conferences in 1956 and in 1961.

Reverend Biel was vitally interested in the youth of the church and community. He reorganized and directed the Junior Choir which has made great progress. Under his leadership a daily vacation Bible School was organized with an enrollment of 112. Also, his interest in Camp Adams was transmitted to many of us and the benefits we derived from various camps and retreats is much to his credit.

In 1955 the congregation purchased a very fine parsonage several blocks from the church. This purchase allowed the former parsonage building to be used in its entirety as a church annex. The kitchen in the church was completely remodeled and a sound-proof nursery was completed in the back of the sanctuary. The exterior of the church was refaced with white aluminum siding and four years later the church school facil-

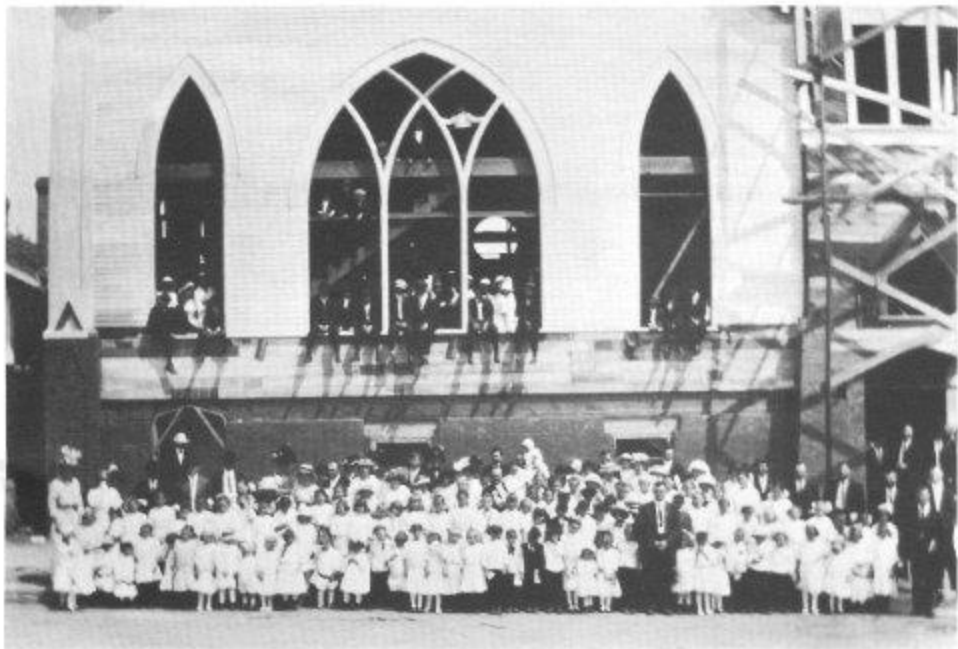
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Zion Congregational Church, Organized

April 13th, 1914.

Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.—Math. 16-18.

During the period of construction of our church, worship services were held at the Mennonite church located on N. E. 6th Ave. near Fremont street.



ities were greatly enhanced by a \$12,000 remodeling project in the basement.

As in many churches, the women were very active. The Ladies Aid and the Women's Guild have been depended on frequently to raise funds to help meet the church expenses. A Bazaar was held in the fall of 1960 which was a tremendous success. Many of the ladies spent long, hard hours making stuffed toys, sewing aprons, and fashioning fancy articles. The Fellowship Club has also done a really tremendous job raising funds to help pay off these debts with great success. The church has continued to progress since celebrating the 40th Anniversary in 1954.

In March of 1958 the name of the church was officially changed from Zion German Congregational Church to Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon. A short time later it changed from German to all English, and new English Hymnals were purchased. This brought new life among the younger generation.

During the pastorate of Reverend Biel, Zion affiliated with the Oregon Conference of Congregational Churches and became a member of the Portland Association on May 4, 1959. On December 2, 1960, the congregation voted to approve the Constitution of the United Church of Christ and to become officially affiliated with the body. New boards were formed; the Christian Education, Social Action, Evangelism and Mission Board. The congregation voted to donate \$2000.00 to the Christian Higher Education Fund. Mission Fest offerings were

equally divided to the Oregon Conference and the General Conference. Special offerings were taken for the American Bible Society and Yankton College.

Reverend Schatz accepted the call to serve Zion Church on August 1, 1962. He delivered his first sermon on October 7, 1962, and was installed as Pastor on Wednesday, October 10, 1962, following which a reception was given in his honor. We consider ourselves fortunate in having a young, well educated and dedicated man as our Pastor. His wife is truly an asset to all phases of our Christian endeavor, especially to our church choir which is richly blessed with her voice. Also, the Junior Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Schatz and we are most grateful to her for the valuable time and patience she extends in working with the children. On Thanksgiving morning, 1963, the Lord blessed the Schatz family with the addition of a beautiful little princess, Marissa Elaine, who joined her brother Murray in livening up the parsonage. We see a good prospect here for the Junior Choir!

Many of the charter members of Zion have been called to their eternal rest. As we look back over the fifty years of the existence of this church and its people, we find that very few of the older generation are still with us. They have left us a rich heritage. God grant that we may carry on in true Christian Spirit in the work they dedicated themselves to, and that we may continue to preserve the beautiful edifice which stands as a living memorial to their faith and sacrifices.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us on His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

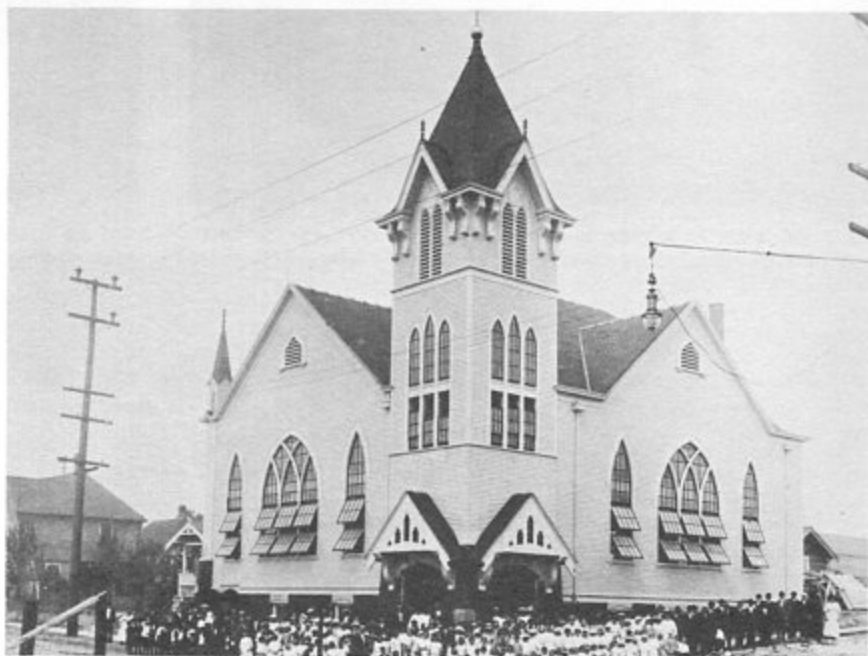
CHURCH STATISTICS—1914-1964

Baptisms, 934	Confirmands, 955
Marriages, 524	Funerals, 486

DEDICATED NOV. 8, 1914

"Behold, I have set before thee
an open door."

Our every gift, O God, is Thine
To help achieve Thy great design.
Our earthly treasure, time and skill
We dedicate to do Thy will.



REVEREND JOHN HOPP

Reverend John H. Hopp had one of the most remarkable pastoral records in Portland. He came to the congregation of the Ebenezer Church in 1903. Under his ministry, a small mission increased to a church with a congregation of 250 members in two years.

In the early years of his ministry, the German people spoke no English and they relied on him to render them assistance in legal matters such as applying for citizenship, buying of homes, and transportation arrangements for people coming to and leaving Portland. He was a director of the Volga Relief Society and as such was instrumental in coordinating the efforts of his congregation in their participation in the Volga Relief Work. One of the successful features of his pastoral work was his activity among the children. In the Fourth of July parade of 1913, his church was represented by the largest and best-trained groups and won the medal offered for excellence.

Reverend Hopp was born on December 14, 1869, in Frank, Russia. He was confirmed by Reverend Rose in 1884. He was married to Charlotte Miller on February 2, 1889; she was born on November 12, 1867 and was confirmed by Reverend Rose in 1883 in Frank, Russia.

He attended college in Wilton, Iowa and graduated in May of 1901. In September, 1901 he entered the Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois and in June of 1903 received a call from the Ebenezer German Church of Portland, Oregon where he was ordained on July 27, 1903. He served the church eleven years. He left the Ebenezer Church to organize the Zion German Congregational Church in 1914 and he served as pastor there from 1914 until his retirement in 1936, a total of twenty-two years. Reverend Hopp was called to his eternal home on May 12, 1943.



REV. HOPP & FAMILY

1st Row—Mrs. Charlotte Misner, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hopp, Mrs. Anna Hughes.
2nd Row—Mr. Carl Hopp, Mrs. Lydia (Hopp) Richardson, Mr. John Hopp, Miss Marie Hopp.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA, 1919-1923—THE VOLGA RELIEF SOCIETY

This Society, which was organized by German groups of the United States and Canada, had a well defined purpose which it carried out with conspicuous success: "To conduct relief work in the stricken German colonies located in the Volga River District, Russia." These colonies had been planted in Russia by Catherine the Great, herself a German Princess. Although they adopted many of the customs of the Russian Villages that, like a vast sea, surrounded their little German Island, the Colonists retained the religion, language and characteristics of their race. In the course of years there had been a considerable emigration from the Volga colonies to our central and western states and the western provinces of Canada, and so when the days of famine came there were relatives and friends in America to send help.

The German colonies suffered from all the afflictions that beset the Volga districts. They were the scene of battles between Reds and Whites; they were disrupted by bitter political controversy; they were the object of the devastating attention of bandits; they were in the center of the area of drought. Hence, when the A.R.A. men established the relief district of Saratov, they found the colonies at the very end of their resources. A.R.A. kitchens in the colonies were among the first organized in the Saratov District.

In September of 1921, the Volga Relief Society sent its General Secretary, George Repp, to Russia as its representative with the A.R.A. Mr. Repp reached Saratov on September 14th and immediately went to work in the double capacity of Representative of the Volga Relief Society and member of the A.R.A. Saratov staff as an organizer of feeding stations. The situation in the colonies (known under the Soviet regime as the Volga Labor Commune) was especially difficult, not only because of the desperate food shortage, but because of political and religious complications. Mr. Repp's tact, singleness of purpose and great ability were responsible for the establishment of the work in the colonies on a firm foundation which insured the success of the relief in these regions and greatly facilitated the work of his successors and of the A.R.A.

The Volga Relief Society supported the general feeding in the colonies to the extent of about \$220,000 which was turned over to the A.R.A. for food purchases. Additional aid by means of food packages and other means was important and extensive.



MINISTERS...1914-1964

Zion Congregational Church of Portland, Oregon

Rev. and Mrs. John Hopp

(Deceased)

1914-1936

Baptism	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
517	619	334	223

Host to the General Conference of German
Congregational Churches in 1927.



Rev. and Mrs. Otto Tiede

980 N. E. Harlet Street

Port Charlotte, Florida

1936-1938

Baptism	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
4	36	26	17





Rev. George J. Schmidt
(Deceased)
1938-1940

Baptism	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
7	41	6	14

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kaimbach
900 S. W. Westwood Drive
Portland, Oregon
1940-1947

Baptism	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
124	108	59	54



Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Strobel

5016 N. Commercial Street
Portland, Oregon

1947-1952

Baptism	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
123	56	56	72



Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Geier

1952-1954

Baptisms Confirmation

44 20

Marriages Funerals

7 17

Host to the General Conference of
German Congregational Churches 1953





Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Biel

316 Sigmund Street

Glendive, Montana

1954-1962

Baptisms	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
110	63	29	69

Host to Pacific Congregational Conference 1956

Host to Pacific Congregational Conference 1961



Rev. Raymond Schatz and Family

1962-

Baptisms	Confirmation	Marriages	Funerals
5	12	7	20

Host to Concluding Pacific Congregational Conference 1964



First Row—Mrs. Elizabeth (Pfenning) Leonardi, Mr. Peter Schlitt, Mr. John Hopp, Miss Lydia Albert, Mrs. Anna (Hopp) Hughes, Mrs. Marie (Steinpreiss) Schafer, Mrs. Elizabeth (Helzer) Newgard, Mrs. Marie Schlitt, Mr. Philip Schnell, Second Row—Mrs. Christine (Schnell) Herder, Mrs. Katherine (Jorg) Hausman, Mrs. Elizabeth (Jorg) Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth (Schwartz) Dillman, Mrs. Pauline (Schnell) Popp, Mrs. Anna (Krieger) Hinkle, Mrs. Marie Repp, Mrs. Madeline (Repp) Coss, Mrs. Christine (Kniss) Rayburn, Insert—Mrs. Elizabeth Weber, the oldest charter member. Not in Picture—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green, Mr. and Mrs. Yost Schmier, Mrs. Lena Sinner, Mrs. Katherine Pfenning, Mr. John Herder, Mr. Peter Miller, Mrs. Katherine Miller, Mrs. Katherine (Lind) Markille, Mrs. Katherine Lehl, Mrs. Dorothea (Albert) Krist, Mrs. Lydia Schatz, Mrs. Magdaline Schwartz, Miss Pauline Schwartz, Mrs. Katherine Schieger, Mrs. Katherine (Weidenkeller) Grussie, Mr. Adam Rapp.

ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—CHARTER MEMBERS

April 13, 1914

*Henry Albert
 *Mrs. Kath. Albert
 Lydia Albert
 *Henry Arndt
 *Mrs. Anna E. Arndt
 *Henry Amem
 *Mrs. Barbara Amem
 *Henry Ashenbrenner
 *Mrs. Kath. Ashenbrenner
 *John Albrecht
 *Mrs. Christina Albrecht
 *Jacob Bastron
 *Mrs. Anna Bastron
 Amslie Emilie Bastron
 *Jacob Burback
 *Mrs. Margaret Burback
 *Ludwig Burback
 *Mrs. Elizabeth Burback
 *Ludwig Bloom
 *Mrs. Margaret Bloom
 *Henry Bernhardt
 *Mrs. Kath. Bernhardt
 Mrs. Magdaline (Repp) Coss

*Constantine Deines
 Mrs. Lena Deines
 *Christian Dick
 *Mrs. Eliz. Dick
 *Conrad Fink
 *Mrs. Eliz. Fink
 Henry Green
 Mrs. Eliz. Green
 *Rev. John H. Hopp
 *Mrs. Charlotte Hopp
 John Hopp, Jr.
 *Balser Herder
 *Mrs. A. Marie Herder
 John Herder
 *Lucas Herder
 Mrs. Christina (Schnell) Herder
 Conrad Hinkle
 Mrs. Anna (Krieger) Hinkle
 *George Hinkle
 *Mrs. Eliz. Hinkle
 Elizabeth (Hinkle) Weber
 *George Hinkle
 *Mrs. Anna Hinkle

*John Hauser
 *Mrs. Augusta Hauser
 *Henry Helzer
 Mrs. Kath. Helzer
 Henry Helzer
 Lydia Helzer
 *Conrad Helzer
 *Mrs. Louise Helzer
 *Christian Helzer
 Henry Helzer
 *John Hohnstein
 Mrs. Emma Hohnstein
 *Henry Jorg
 *Mrs. Anna E. Jorg
 Christina Jorg
 *John Jeager
 *Mrs. Magdaline Jeager
 *John Jeager
 *Mrs. Kath. Jeager
 *John Kniss
 *Mrs. Kath. D. Kniss
 Henry Kniss
 *Mrs. Kath. Marie Kniss

*Jacob Kniss
Dorothea (Albert) Krist
*Otto Krumholz
*Alice Krumholz
*John H. Kreiger
*Mrs. Marg. Kreiger
*John Kreiger
*Mrs. Marg. Kreiger
*Henry Lehl
Mrs. Kath. Lehl
*William Lind
*Mrs. Anna M. Lind
Katherine (Lind) Markille
*John W. Miller
Anna (Hopp) Miller
*Philip Miller
*Mrs. Kath. Miller
*John Miller
*Henry Miller
Mrs. Kath. Miller
Peter Miller
*Mrs. Amalia Miller
*Christina Miller
Peter Miller
Mrs. Kath. Miller
Mrs. Christine (Kniss) Rayburn
*Conrad Repp
*Mrs. Emma Repp
Adam Repp
Mrs. Marie Repp
*Henry Repp
*Mrs. Marg. Repp
*Mrs. Lydia (Hopp) Richardson
*Adam Rothermal

*Mrs. Kath. Rothermal
Mrs. Pauline (Schnell) Popp
*John Pfenning
*Mrs. Amalia Pfenning
*Henry Pfenning
Mrs. Kath. Pfenning
*George Schwartz
*Mrs. Kath. Schwartz
*Henry Schwartz
*Mrs. Eliz. Schwartz
*Conrad Schwartz
*Amalia Schwartz
*Peter Schnell
*Mrs. Eliz. Schnell
Philip Schnell
Mrs. Eliz. (Schwartz) Dillman
*Ludwig Sauer
*Mrs. Magdaline Sauer
Mrs. Lydia (Sauer) Schatz
Peter Schlitt
*Mrs. Kath. Schlitt
*Conrad Schlitt
*Mrs. Eliz. Schlitt
*Mrs. Barbara Schlitt
*George Schlitt
Mrs. Marie Schlitt
*Mrs. Kath. Schmer (Widow)
*Elizabeth Schmer
Yost Schmer
Mrs. Emma (Hinkle) Schmer
*John Steinpries
*Mrs. Kath. Steinpries
Mrs. Marie (Steinpries) Schafer
*Conrad Schwab

*Mrs. Marie Schwab
*Henry Schwartz
Mrs. Magdaline Schwartz
Pauline Schwartz
*George Schwartz
*John Schwartz
*John Sinner
Lena Sinner
*George Scheidman
Mrs. Margaret Scheidman
*Lorenz Schleiger
Mrs. Katherine Schleiger
*George Seeder
*Mrs. Kath. Seeder
Jacob Schiessler
Christina Schiessler
*Conrad Urback
*Mrs. Kath. Urback
Elizabeth (Jeager) Walters
*Henry Weidenkeller
*Mrs. Lena Weidenkeller
*George Weidenkeller
*Roy Weidenkeller
Mrs. Kath. (Weidenkeller) Grussi
*George Walker
*Mrs. Magdaline Walker
Mrs. Christina (Walker) Peterson
*John Weber
Mrs. Elizabeth Weber
*George Weitz
*Mrs. Marie Weitz
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Weber
J. J. Walker
Mollie Wilson

* Deceased



CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

First Row:

Ted Rayburn—Secretary
Pete Helzer—Trustee
Lucille Harding—Social Action
John Schnell—President
Reverend Raymond Schatz

Second Row:

Fred Klein—Deacon
Allan Popp—Deacon
Randy Orloff—Deacon
Jack Deines—Trustee

Third Row:

Jack Herron—Trustee
Carlyle Fairley—Deacon
Eldon Levi—Treasurer
Ernie Klein—Asst. S. S. Supt.
Paul Widlitz—S. S. Supt.

Missing from Picture:

Mrs. Ramona Levi—
Recording Treasurer
Louise Lichtenwald—Missions

THE ZION PRAYER MEETING GROUP



First Row: Mrs. Marie Schaffer, Mrs. Peter Klaus, Mrs. Elizabeth Weber, Mrs. Anna Hardt, Mrs. Marie Klein, Mrs. Molly Spady, Mrs. Anna Klein.
 Second Row: Mrs. Mary Litt, Mrs. Katherine Miller, Mrs. Henrietta Willman, Mrs. Marie Schilt, Mrs. Katherine Margheim, Mrs. Alice Stevens, Mrs. Katherine Weidenkeller.
 Third Row: Mr. Conrad Kanzler, Mr. David Wilman, Mr. Peter Schilt, Mr. John Litt, Mr. Henry Klein, Mr. Henry Miller, Mr. David Brauer, Mr. Fred Klein, Mr. Manuel Kramer, Mr. Fred Klein. (Insert) Mr. Peter Klaus.

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

O Master, let me walk with Thee
 In lowly paths of service free;
 Teach me Thy secret; help me bear
 The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
 By some clear, winning word of love;
 Teach me the way-ward feet to stay,
 And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience! Still with Thee
 In closer, dearer company,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
 Far down the future's broadening way.
 In peace that only Thou can'st give,
 With Thee, O Master, let me live.

The Zion Brotherhood was organized the same time as the Church and the first meeting was held in the home of Brother Henry Hopp. Following that, they met in the Mennonite Church until the Zion Church was completed. Although this group started with but twenty-seven members, the Lord was able to use this small group of faithful Christians as a means for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Through the years the group grew to a considerably larger sized body but now it is getting smaller again; the reason at this time is that the older people are passing on to their re-

ward, and others have not made their decision for Christ and entered this organization. The Prayer Group at this time consists of thirty-eight members but due to some of the age limitations, they do not all attend the prayer meetings regularly, though those who can still meet three times a week for meditation and prayer in the German language and hope and pray to do so for a long time to come. God Bless our Prayer Meeting.

The present Elders are Brother Peter Klaus and Brother Conrad Kanzler.

THE ZION LADIES AID SOCIETY



From its humble beginning in 1914, this organization has served the church in faithful Christian fellowship and devotion. Through courage and everlasting faith in God, their leadership and service has been a great inspiration and most rewarding.

Throughout the years, this organization has supported the church financially, and has also contributed very generously to missions and charities. The Ladies Aid purchased the material and made the first robes to be worn by the choir. They also contributed to the new choir robes now being worn. It has made many improvements to the church proper, and has added facilities as they saw the need. Several years ago they paid for the complete remodeling of the parsonage kitchen. In 1953 they pledged to finance one of our South American Students at our School of Theology for five years and also contributed \$500.00 to our building fund.

From the membership of thirty at its first business meeting in June of 1914, it increased to 125 by 1919 and to 350 by 1928. In 1934, forty years later, our enrollment was 114, three of whom were charter members and in 1964, our fiftieth year, we are 62 in number with one charter member, Mrs. Elizabeth Weber, still active.

Though we cherish the heritage of our Zion Ladies Aid Society, the past ten years have brought about some changes due to the younger generation assuming leadership. The transition from the German language to English was gradually employed, and also the introduction of associating with the English State Conference Women's meetings and mission projects. It has broadened our knowledge of the needs around the world and the necessity of greater stewardship for the Church World Mission. Through "Friendly Service" we have supplied the requests for hospital needs and school supplies. We furnished a room at Pacific University, made articles for our State Institutions, had clothes drives, and worked for Red Cross and Cancer Society.

Our source of revenue has been from quilting, serving lunches, and food sales combined with bazaar items. Aside from the monetary values, our ladies have acquired an excellent reputation as superb cooks.

Our membership at present is the smallest in the history of our Ladies Aid, but we hope that in both deed and effort, we are continuing to successfully function in the life and progress of the church.

The Zion's Ladies Aid Society was organized May 14, 1914, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Krieger, 3825 N.E. 8th Avenue. Those forming the Charter were:

Maria Weitz

Magdalene Sauer

Katherine Schmeer
Augusta Hauser
Elizabeth Schnell
Elizabeth Steinpries
Anna Marie Lind
Katherine Schlitt
Margaret Urbach
Mollie Pfennig
Margaret Krieger
Elizabeth Hinkle
Margaret Krieger

Katherine George
Katherine Hopp Hahn
Katherine Marie Kniss
Ema M. Krieger
Katherine Albert
Charlotte Hopp (Rev.)
Anna M. Yeager
Katherine E. Holzer
Katherine R. Kniss
Anna E. George

The first officers to be elected were:

Mrs. Marie Weitz President
Mrs. Magdalene Walker Secretary
Mrs. Margaret Krieger Treasurer

The first business meeting was held on June 4, 1914, at which time the following new members were received:

Mrs. Elizabeth Weber	Maria Herder
Mrs. Lena Yeager	Mrs. Lolla Helzer
Mrs. Katherine Derr	Mrs. Katherine Ashenbrenner
Mrs. Katherine Simmer	

The following ladies have served as President during the period 1914-1964:

Maria Weitz	Pauline Schlitt
Elizabeth Steinpries	Margaret J. Krieger
Katherine Marie Kniss	Margaret Scheldman
Augusta Hauser	Katherine Miller
Margaret Urbach	Christine Gorte
Dorothea Borgard	Mrs. Rev. Kalmbach
Alice Krumbholz	Grace Sauer
Charlotte Hopp (Rev.)	Mrs. Rev. Stroble
Margaret Krieger	Esther Schnell
Mrs. Rev. Tiede	Christine K. Rayburn
Paulina Popp	Edna Speck
Elizabeth Leonardini	

LADIES AID SOCIETY

President: Mrs. Elizabeth Leonardini
Vice President: Mrs. Christine Herder
Secretary: Mrs. Bernice Wagner
Treasurer: Mrs. Elizabeth Newgard
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Katherine Lechner
Reporter: Mrs. Flora Lincoln
Musician: Mrs. Esther Schnell





YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir was organized in January of 1969 by Mr. Ruble, and first sang at a "Youth Sunday Service" in February of that year. Thereafter the choir sang at irregular intervals for the next several seasons.

They sing occasionally for both the early and regular services. Youth from the eighth through the twelfth grades comprise the membership.

THE ZION SENIOR CHOIR

When one thinks of a church and worship therein, it is almost synonymous to think also of music and its contribution. The presentation of this music is often attended to by the church choir. Zion has indeed been blessed these many years to have a group of faithful and dedicated members willing to join their voices to enrich the service of worship. This devoted contribution has been appreciated by the Pastor and Congregation, alike.

The Zion Senior Choir has had an average of twenty-five members who devote many hours to rehearsing and presenting worship in song at the services. Garbed in their lovely vestments, they add beauty and dignity to the service while leading the Congregation to worship the Almighty God through song. In addition to the regular worship services, the choir generally presents a Spring Concert and a Christmas Concert each year.

When the church was first organized and the choir established, the late Mr. Lucas Herder was the director and the church organist was Christine Schnell Herder. At the present time the choir is directed by Mr. Tilford Ruble and Mrs. Meta Holm serves as organist.

ZION JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir meets for rehearsal every Saturday morning. They are directed by Mrs. Chere Schatz and their accompanist is Miss Janet Nelson. There are sixteen children who attend regularly and three others who attend occasionally. The Junior Choir sings for both the early and the regular worship services on several occasions, and at Easter generally sing with the adult choir. The church is indeed very proud of these young children.



ORGANIST—Mrs. Meta Holm



Director: Mr. Tilford Ruble; Organist: Mrs. Meta Holm.

First Row: Debbie Kappy, Barbara Fairley, Christine Miller, Kay Deines, Karen Kriss.
Second Row: Patricia Spady, Judy Harding, Seundra Bihn, Susan Fairley, Connie Miller, Kay Hagemeister.

Back Row: Mr. Ruble, Clifford Fairley, Peter Miller, Ron Walker, Peter Herron, Philip Schnell, Allen Widlits, Ricky Leonardini.



Director: Mr. Tilford Ruble.

First Row: Meta Holm (Organist), Betty Widlits, Chere Schatz, Frieda Penning, Tilford Ruble (Director), Audrey Sinner, Betty Ferguson.

Second Row: Marie Schafer, Laura Ruble, Nancy Lange, Elma Klein, Esther Herron, Pauline Schnell, Sally Borgardt.

Third Row: Donald Bihn, Clifford Fairley, John Rohner, Ronald Walker, Peter Miller, Paul Widlits, Ernie Klein, Gene Holm. (Absent from Picture) Grace Sauer, Molly Blaylock, Harold Scudder, Jerry Mathis, Dale Mathis.



Director: Mrs. Chere Schatz.

First Row: Todd Wagner, Molly Leonardini, Debra Lynn, Kristi Klein, Cindy Kingston, Eddy Blaylock, Lisa Sinner.

Second Row: Tim Herron, Louis Miller, Tom Widlits, George Wilhelm, Chuck Kingston.

Third Row: Debra Bihn, Kathy Lebsack, Christine Wunsch, Molly Schnell, Gail Kappy.



WOMEN'S GUILD

President: Katherine Helzer
 Vice Pres.: Louise Lichtenwald
 Secretary: Lorraine Loving (Not in picture)

Treasurer: Lillian Stafford
 Corresponding Secty. Lydia Nelson
 Circle Chairmen:

Esther Miller—Mary-Martha Circle (Evening)
 Esther Herron—Priscilla Circle (Afternoon)
 Shirley Hood—Silinda Circle (Morning)

Often these days many people feel that there are far too many changes taking place. You hear them saying: "If only things were as they used to be in the good old days." Actually, this is sentimentality, because in "the good old days" people were saying the very same thing. However, it is nice to be sentimental! It shows we have heart! But changes are inevitable. Without them we would have stagnation, or (we'll use that favorite expression) find ourselves "in a rut." We must keep in stride and be a part of the ever moving, living world.

During the past few years, within the group known as Zion Daughters, there was the ever present feeling of being at a standstill. With this awareness, a breakthrough finally took place on September 31, 1961 when members realized that "change" was the order of the day, and it was agreed that Zion Daughters graduate into the age of maturity by changing the club name to Women's Guild.

Then, in order to promote further interest and bring "new life" to this group, reorganization plans were considered and then materialized. After hours of discussion and planning, it was decided by vote there would be a general meeting every other month, with the exclusion of June (picnic month), July and August (vacation months). However, circles would be formed with the specific purpose of studying and discussing some theme or topic of interest, such as parts of the Bible, World Affairs, etc. The Silinda Circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Priscilla Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.; and the Mary-Martha Circle meets at 7:45 p.m. on evenings throughout the club year that are most convenient for those participating members. After the time devoted to studying a particular subject, and should it be the desire of the circle members, some form of home mission project may be accomplished, such as the making of pads for victims of cancer, sewing layettes or making Christmas tree ornaments for the annual Christmas tree.

This organization does not collect dues. It is financed by the pledge system—each woman gives monetarily to the Club Treasurer what she feels is within her financial capability. If she cannot contribute monetarily, it is her personal business. No one will question her, and she is most welcome to participate in the club's functions and give of her own personal talent and service, which is needed far more often than money. The budget is also maintained by various money-making projects, such as an annual rummage sale, food sales, etc.

The Women's Guild also maintains the Church nursery in the Church annex during Sunday morning Worship services, with Guild members volunteering to care for the children.

In the Church basement a library of fiction and non-fiction books has been established by this energetic group of women, and books are available through the honor system.

Each summer members are urged to attend Women's Retreat at Camp Adams. For a nominal sum of money, women of the Church find a brief respite from the routine of daily living and find many happy hours in spiritual development and social enjoyment.

Dating back to 1864, the 40th Anniversary of the Church, and going back even further to the time of organization on May 12, 1914 when the group was known as the Zion Busy Bee Club, this active club has endeavored to do good deeds for the Church and for Missions at home and abroad. At every gathering there is prayer and time for devotion to God; and always there is the warm atmosphere of meeting with friends who share the desire to do God's work. Women have come and gone, for one reason or another—perhaps electing to move on to the Zion Ladies Aid Society; or moving from the community; then, too, death has taken its toll; and some have even lost interest; but, nonetheless, each of these women have contributed in some great measure to the function and continued existence of Zion Congregational Church.

ZION FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Zion Fellowship Group was organized on May 27, 1949, under the leadership of Reverend Theodore Strobel. A dinner was sponsored by the Zion Daughters. The dinner was enjoyed by seventy persons. That same evening the first officers were elected and a committee was formed to draw up a constitution.

The first officers were: President, Wayne Lincoln; Vice President, Marie Lister; Secretary, George Pfennig; Treasurer, Charles Speck.

At present this group has forty-six members. They meet the third Monday of each month. The object of the Fellowship Group is to promote an interest in Christian fellowship among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance and to cultivate a sense of service to the church and community. At the meetings they hear outside speakers, participate in panel discussions, and view an occasional movie. The evenings are generally concluded with a social hour.

The Fellowship Group supports the church budget by many fund raising projects. The chief among these is their annual sausage supper, which has become very popular throughout the city. This supper started out with an attendance of about 125 people and has grown to 1000 people in 1983.

The Fellowship Group is sponsoring a scholarship fund which will be available to the young people of our church. The fund was suggested by Mr. William Spady and his idea found a ready response. We are hopeful that this fund will continue to grow and that some deserving young people may benefit from our efforts.

HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club held its first meeting April 23, 1957 at the church annex. Officers for the newly formed club were: Wally Herder, President; Bill Winner, Program Chairman; and Shirley Costantino, Secretary-Treasurer.

The second meeting of the club was the first of the annual dinner meetings. This meeting was held at the home of Frank and June Kappy and the club name was selected at this time. The organization of the Heritage Club was brought about by Reverend Kenneth Biel to meet a need of the young people of the church who were no longer being served by the United Youth Group and not quite ready for the program of the other established church groups.

The Heritage Club holds monthly meetings at which a worship service is held. The meeting program also includes speakers and discussion on many subjects related to the church and community. At present, the club is showing a series of lectures by Dr. Allen Wehrli, based on the book of Genesis. A period of social activity rounds out the monthly meeting. Throughout the year an annual dinner party is held. An overnight retreat or a picnic in the late summer for the entire family is another of the club activities. During December, Santa Claus appears at the Christmas party for the children. The Heritage Club in turn also sponsors the Junior Pilgrim Fellowship Club, an organization for the 7th and 8th grade children of our church.

During this year of our church's 50th Anniversary, we recognize our indebtedness to our grandparents who gave us our heritage; a beautiful memorial to the Lord in which to worship and to continue their Christian faith.

Officers:

President: Peter Schnell
Vice Pres.: Gene Holm
Secretary: Edna Speck
Treasurer: Ted Rayburn

First Row:

Chere Schatz
Marge Popp—Secty.-Treasurer
Pat Leonardini
Shirley Hood
Audrey Sinner
Betty Widlitz
Ramona Levi

Second Row:

Rev. Raymond Schatz
Allen Popp
Richard Leonardini—President
Leon Hood
Alvin Sinner
Paul Widlitz
Eldon Levi

Missing from Picture:

Jeanette Scudder—
Program Chairman
Harold Scudder





ZION UNITED CHURCH YOUTH

In March of 1964 the Youth Fellowship Club was organized at Zion Church. This group originally was composed of ten members. In 1966 they became a part of the Oregon Congregational Youth Conference and were called the Pilgrim Fellowship Group. In 1968 the name was changed to the United Church Youth and at present there are twenty-five members.

At the time of organization this group was sponsored by the Fellowship club, but after a few years became self-supporting. Each year they make pledges to the State Conference which goes to the State Conference budget and missions. This group consists of high school age youngsters and they meet every Sunday evening. Many of the members of this group have held various offices in the State Conference and we have had a State President, National Delegates, Secretary and others.

Ernie and Elma Klein have faithfully counselled this group since it was organized. At present they are joined as counsellors by Reverend and Mrs. Schatz. On Youth Sunday each year the Church Youth conduct the morning worship services. We are indeed proud of these dedicated young people and their leaders.

Counsellors:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Klein
Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Schatz

First Row:

Elma Klein
Barbara Fairley
Patricia Spady
Judy Harding
Connie Miller
Kag Hagemeister
Karen Kniss
Christine Miller
Chere Schatz

Second Row:

Ernie Klein
Clifford Fairley
Peter Miller
Ron Walker
Peter Herron
Philip Schnell
Allan Widlits
Ricky Leonardini
Reverend Raymond Schatz



JUNIOR PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship of Zion Church was initiated in the Spring of 1957, under the guidance of Reverend Kenneth Biel with the Heritage Club as sponsors. This organization was developed to help our seventh and eighth graders learn they could look to their Church and their friends therein for fellowship and fun with Christian nurture. At the same time, through leading worship, planning activities and parties and detailing other functions, we hope they are attaining a basis for future leadership potential. This group meets generally on alternate Sunday evenings, and enjoy a varied program. They have learned of our Church, its Symbols and structure, and also about other churches and their backgrounds. The social activities have included mountain and beach excursions as well as picnics and parties.

Counsellors for this youth organization are Betty and Paul Widlits and Lucille and Dan Harding, with the assistance of Reverend and Mrs. Schatz as counsellors and advisors. Where most of the youth no longer live within walking distance of the church, we are grateful to the parents of these children for arranging their Sunday schedules to provide the necessary transportation for the meetings and also for our extra activities.

Counsellors:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Widlits
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harding

First Row:

Debbie Kappy
Kay Deines
Sandra Bihn
Molly Schnell
Christine Wunsch

Second Row:

Paul Widlits
Betty Widlits
Tim Deines
Philip Deines
Steve Harding
Lucille Harding
Dan Harding



CONFIRMATION CLASS 1964

First Row: Francie Monahan, Linda Loprinzi, Laura Herdt, Christine Miller, Karen Kniss, Petricia Spady.
 Second Row: Harvey Pfenning, Allan Widlitz, Reverend Raymond Schatz, Philip Schnell, Ricky Leonardini,
 Missing from picture: Diane Morrison, Richard Peterson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This structural function of our church came into being as the Zion Sunday School when it was organized in 1914 with Henry Hopp as its first superintendent. As is necessary with any growing concern, the organizational structure, methods and means of teaching, even material itself, has continued to change as our leaders have seen the needs for these functional alterations. It is our sincere prayer that the teaching endeavors of this department be not limited to Sunday practice only, but that the students will apply these teachings to their daily experiences—thus we have even altered the name from "Sunday School" to Church School, thus embracing the definition of an all-church function with an all-living teaching. With the adoption by the congregation of a Unified Budget Program some years ago, the Church School's financial picture was fused with the over-all church program and needs, and therefore we no longer need to concentrate on our financial problems, but on the wise planning of the budget committee to envision these needs, thus freeing our teaching staff for the purpose of preparation and presentation of the materials. Also, through this budget program, our youth in particular feel they are helping through their regular envelope contributions, to further the work of their church as a whole, another facet of Christian education.

Within the past ten years, particularly, the growing needs of our Church School contributed materially to the decision to purchase a new parsonage and develop the facilities of the former parsonage as additional space for our school rooms. Therefore, this building has been utilized as best possible to serve the Nursery, Pre-school and Primary departments. The

remainder of our Church School Program is served in our newly renovated church basement, an impossible "dream come true" in its many functional uses, and an encouraging vision for our dedicated workers who continue to dream, while working, of other needs eventually fulfilled for our classrooms.

With the merger of our church in the United Church of Christ, there also became available the reality of new, challenging teaching materials brought about by the joining together of many great and good minds. This new curriculum has now been adopted on a full-scale program within our Christian Education Department, and is a real challenge to student and teacher alike, especially in the goal of providing foundations for everyday Christian living.

Other progress within our program has been the establishment of a Board of Christian Education. This Committee works in conjunction with the other Church School leaders in securing and training teachers for the many diversified classes and also in the education of the parents and families as to the aims and depths of the curriculum, thus establishing an even closer bond between the home, family and church, for in the Education department lies much of the futures of both the church and the families of tomorrow. At the present, our Church School is comprised of eleven classes with about fifteen dedicated teachers, working together with the Pastor, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Church School, and the Board of Christian Education members to continue to bring the best available material, presented with challenge and foresight, striving ever to keep our goals and sights on the higher planes needed.

HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching Staff:

Paul Widlits, Lorraine Miller,
Harold Seudder (not pictured).

First Row:

Christine Miller, Connie Miller,
Patricia Spady, Karen Kniss,
Judy Harding, Barbara Fairley,
Laura Herdt.

Second Row:

Philip Schnell, Ronnie Ross,
Peter Miller, Mike Stafford,
Allan Widlits, Clifford Fairley,
Ricky Leonardini, Harvey Pfennig.



7th and 8th GRADES

Teaching Staff:

Ernie Klein, Susan Fairley.

First Row:

Debbie Kappy, Kay Deines,
Saundra Bihn, Molly Schnell,
Kristine Wunsch.

Second Row:

Craig Miller, Steve Lebsack,
Mark Gerlack, Timmy Deines,
Mark Piennett, Steve Harding,
Philip Deines.



5th and 6th GRADES

Teaching Staff:

Ganeshvive Miller, Nancy Nelson.

First Row:

Gail Kappy, Debra Bihn,
Kathy Lebsack, Diane Peterson.

Second Row:

Billy Ferguson, Timmy Herron,
Louis Miller, George Wilhelm,
Tom Widlits, Chuck Kingston,
Ricky Ross.





3rd and 4th GRADES

Teaching Staff:
Sally Borgardt.

First Row:
Kristi Klein, Lisa Sinner,
Todd Wagner, Debbie Lynn,
Mollie Leonardini.

Second Row:
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Cindy Kingston, Janice Morrison,
Mark Lebsack.



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Teaching Staff:
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Jeanette Scudder (not pictured),
Molly Blaylock (not pictured).

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Dawn Bihn, Karen Ferguson,
Jeffrey Ross.

Second Row:
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Robbie Widlits, Steven Sinner,
Gale Klein.

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William Orloff.



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Mary Lange.

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Toni Leonardini, Susan Winner,
Sharon Popp, Murray Schetz.

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Sally Kay Winner.

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Jimmy Weitzel, Donna Plennig.

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Pauline Schnell
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Jeck Herron



Rev. Reinhold H. Klein



Rev. Robert C. Klein



Mr. Mark Miller

WE ARE PROUD indeed of the three young men who have gone forward from our church to enter the ministry. Reverend Reinhold H. Klein and Reverend Robert C. Klein are both ordained ministers. Reinhold being ordained at Bazine, Kansas in 1951 and Robert at Fairfax, South Dakota in 1949. Both these young men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klein. Mark Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Jr., is now a student at Yale Divinity School.

May the gracious Lord continue to bless our work and give new strength and enthusiasm for greater achievements as we look to the future.

YOU SERVED YOUR COUNTRY AND INSPIRED YOUR CHURCH



Alvin Markstahler
125 Bond



Harold Weber
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Ens. Wilbert Popp
125 Bond



Calvin Gorte
125 Bond



Edward Sinner
125 Bond



Harold Schoeneman
125 Bond



2nd S. M. Victor Kaiser
125 Bond



1st Lieut. W. Krumholz
125 Bond



Conrad Repp
125 Bond



William Klaus
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Carl Miller
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Leroy Schnell
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Reinhold Klein
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Roy Miller
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Sgt. D. W. Dillman
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Earl Kniss
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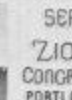
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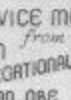
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Robert Schlegler
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Robert Sinner
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Marvin Coss
125 Bond



Leroy Schnell
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Leroy Schnell
Paul Mohr
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William Mohr
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George Weber
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Victor Linger
Conrad Miller
Norman Helzer
Jim Schlegler
Conrad Miller
Henry Hardt
Ruben Mohr

Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice During World War II Were



SAMUEL MAIER

CONRAD REPP
HAROLD GETTMAN
RAYMOND WAGNER
SAMUEL MAIER
GEORGE HOHNSTIEN



CONRAD REPP

To the promised land these boys have gone, to the land of perfect rest.
Their work is done, and the setting sun has sealed their life's request.
They have left this earthly stand for a home beyond the sea,
Though dead and gone, they still live on in cherished memory.

★ ★ GOLD STAR MOTHERS ★ ★

Mrs. Marie Repp
Mrs. Kath. Gettman

Mrs. Marie Wagner
Mrs. Amalia Hohnstien

Mrs. Kath. Maier



GEORGE HOHNSTIEN



HAROLD GETTMAN



RAYMOND WAGNER

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FRED SCHAFER
Custodian

CAMP ADAMS

A Conference Center, Campground, and Picnic Place.

In the past several years, members of Zion have become aware of still another source for Christian development in the form of participation in our Oregon Conference Camp Adams. We have a very special blessing in this state to have our own campsite, and especially one of such extensive and natural beauty.

The purpose of Camp Adams is to provide an experience of growth in Christian understanding close to God's nature. This experience is enjoyed by youth and adult alike in various kinds of retreats and planned programs. A number of the young people from our church annually attend the sessions, and our church likewise has been active in supplying leaders and counsellors for camp programs. Scholarships are available, also, to assist campers financially.

Camp Adams is situated in Molalla Valley and comprises two hundred acres, heavily timbered, but with a cleared area for the location of the physical plant. The facilities include Morris Lodge, a central dining and assembly area, and large dormitories plus offices and caretaker's cottage, which provides sleeping accommodations for over a hundred campers. The camp has the added feature of two streams flowing through it which converge and form a natural "swimming hole", which naturally is a mighty popular place at each camp. In addition, there is a main outdoor chapel, finished by the high school youth of our conference, as well as several smaller outdoor worship areas which have been cleared by some of the campers during their special camps. Untold numbers of campers have received a special worship experience at a service in one of these chapels so very close to God.



Do You Remember...

Bernice Lavern Pfenning
July 19, 1914



FIRST BAPTISMS
July 19, 1914

Bernice Lavern Pfenning

Emil Burback
Edna M. Miller
Olinda Krieger
William Schlitt

FIRST FUNERAL
Mrs. Anna Katk. Kniss
April 7, 1915



ZION'S FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS—March 28, 1915

Jacob Alles, Nikolaus Glanz, Jacob Weidenkeller, John Schossler, Amelia Schwartz, Matilda Weitz, Conrad Repp, George Jorg, John Hohnstein, Conrad Schwab, Marie Helzer, Amelia Schwartz, Emma Miller, Amelia Jaeger, Christina Schleiger, Kath. Achenbrenner, Emilie Strich, Emilie Hinkle, Marie Schnell, Pauline Herder, Henry Schreiner, August Glutch, Pauline Krieger, John Schreiber, Maria Schnell.

FIRST CHOIR DIRECTOR
AND ORGANIST

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Herder



FIRST MARRIAGE—Nov. 14, 1914
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weitz

BAZAAR



LADIES AID LUNCHEON



PACIFIC CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

Fifty-Ninth Meeting—May 18, 19, 20, 1956

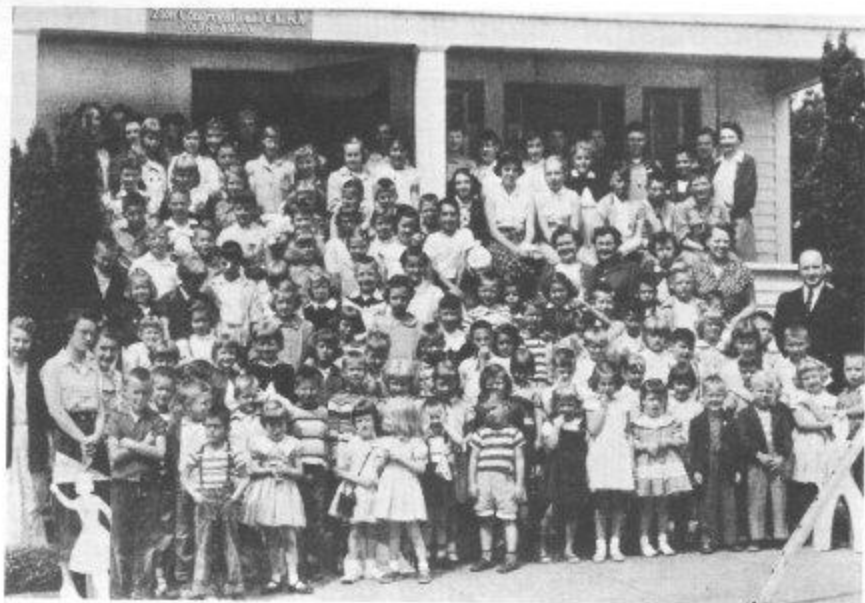


Rev. Meer, Rev. Behn, Mr. Sauer, Rev. Zimmerman, Rev. Grauman, Rev. Huber,
Rev. Klein, Rev. Biel, Rev. Reiger, Rev. Gyrog, Rev. Sauer, Rev. Maier.

THE CONGREGATION—1959



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



MRS. THEO. STROBEL—JR. CHOIR

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and harkens his will
to make known;

The wicked oppressing now cease
from distressing.

Sing praises to His name;
He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God
with us joining.

Ordering, maintaining His Kingdom divine,
So from the beginning the fight

we are winning;
Thee, Lord, west at our side.

All glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee, thou leader triumphant.
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.

Let Thy congregation escape tribulation.

Thy name be ever praised, O Lord,
make us free.



40th Anniversary CELEBRATION



MEMORIALS...

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Center:

In Memory of Peter Schnell, Sr.

—Donated by the family.

Right:

In Memory of George & Margaret Scheideman

—Donated by their children.

Left:

In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Schnell.

Mr. Lucas Herder and Mr. John Kottkamp

—Memorial gifts.

ALTAR SET IN SANCTUARY

In Memory of S/Sgt. Conrad Repp

—Donated by parents, Marie and Adam Repp.

ALTAR SET AND TABLE IN CHURCH SCHOOL

In Memory of Alex Reiter

SET OF PULPIT SCARVES

In Memory of Mrs. Mary Baker

—Memorial gifts.

SILVER TEA SERVICE

In Memory of Mrs. Leah Rutz

—Memorial gifts.

GUEST BOOK LECTURN IN SANCTUARY

In Memory of Garry Wagner

THANK YOU...

The members of Zion United Church of Christ and its minister, wish to thank the members and friends who helped make this Anniversary Book possible.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Brauer
Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Deines
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deines
The Jack Deines Family
Virginia and Ronald Derr
The Ellsworth Herder Family
Mrs. Christine Herder
The Jack Herron Family
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hopp
Mr. and Mrs. John Hopp
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klaus
Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Klein
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knippel
The Erv Lind Family
Mr. William Lind
The Hank Miller Family
Pearson Mortuary
The Wilbert Popp Family
Mrs. Pauline Popp

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rayburn
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Repp
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The Paul Widlitz Family
J. A. Wiley Company
Weimer Hardware and Furniture Store
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To all persons, living or dead, who have in any way contributed to the preservation of Zion Congregational Church as a holy place of worship, we preserve these memories in this booklet.

CHRISTINE K. RAYBURN
Chairman, Historical Committee

50th Anniversary

PROGRAM

BANQUET NIGHT

Saturday, April 11, 1964

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place:

Evangelical-Congregational Church

4927 N. E. 55th Avenue

Portland, Oregon

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Schnell

Welcome and recognition of Charter Members

Who's Who Among our Speakers:

Rev. Theodore Strobel, Mr. Paul Kalmbach,

Rev. Edward Grauman

Letters from former Pastors, members and friends

PROGRAM

Glimpses of Zion's 50 years of existence

by Jack Herron and Ernie Klein

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 12th—10:45 A.M.

Dr. A. J. Buttrey, Guest Speaker

Sunday, April 12th—2:30 P.M.

Rev. Edward Grauman, Guest Speaker

