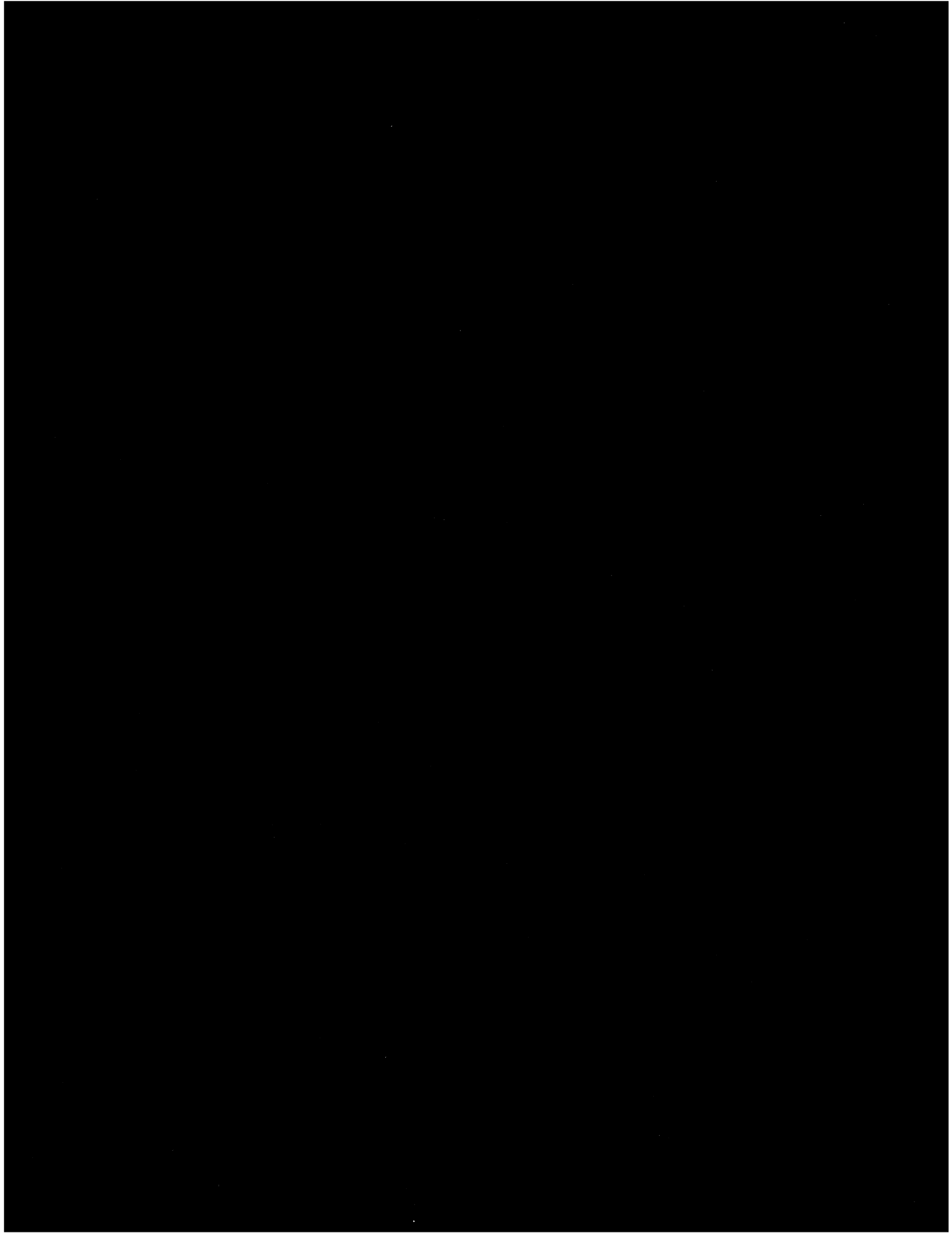
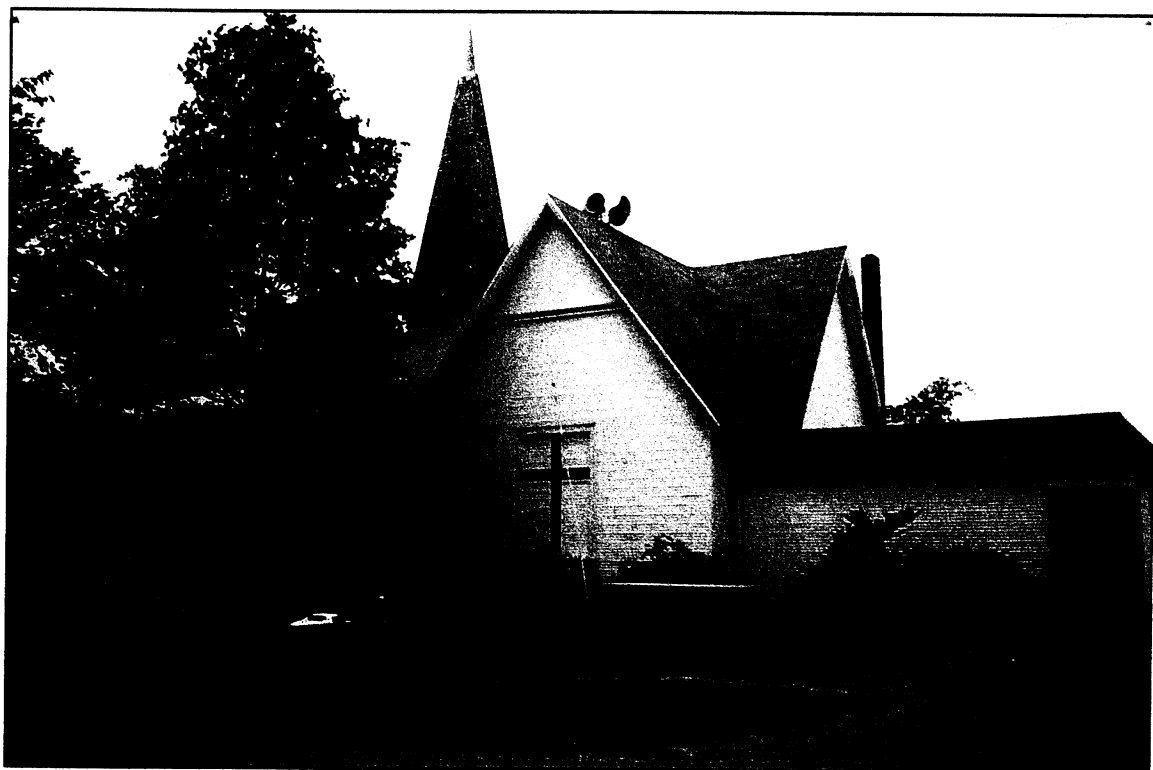
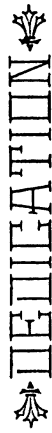






**The LaMoille
Congregational Community Church
in 2001**





Congregational Church,

LAMONVILLE, IOWA.

Sunday, November 6th, 1887.

AT TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

"Let us go into the House of the Lord"

2:00 p. m. - - - DEDICATION EXERCISES

REV. GEO. F. MAGOUN, D. D.

Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

3:30 - - - "WHAT NEXT IN OUR WORK,"

REV. WM. R. SCARRITT,

Pastor Congregational Church, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Miss Mary Wolcott, Chorister ; assisted by Mrs. A. T. Wolcott and
Mrs W. R. Williams.

A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL.

S. A. MARTIN, PASTOR.

→ PROGRAM ←

10:00 a. m. - - - PREACHING

REV. GEO. A. GATES,

President Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

11:30 - - - MISSIONARY ADDRESS

REV. T. O. DOUGLASS,

Secretary I. H. M. S. Congregational Churches.

INTERMISSION.

TRUSTEES.

THOS. HAYNE, THOMAS KIMBALL,

MISS LUCY J. CRARY.

Building Committee.

S. A. MARTIN, THOMAS KIMBALL,

MISS LUCY J. CRARY, THOMAS HAYNE,

W. R. WILLIAMS.

Background of the Congregational Church

A town was founded on the frontier and not too long to follow, the good people needed a church. Traveling by horseback, wagon, or buggy or just plain walking a short distance was appealing. The farmers and townspeople centering around a post office and stores, thought LaMoille should have a church.

What type of church evidently was a problem as a Methodist Episcopal Church had apparently failed. A Congregational Church then was chartered and is still active at this writing in 2001.

What is a Congregational Church... Why a Congregational Church? Let's break down the word.

Congregate means people to gather together. Congregation is when people have gathered together in a crowd or mass. Congregational means done by a congregation recognizing the governing power of the congregation or belonging to congregationalism. Congregationalism is a system of church government in which each individual has equal rights in governing. The church governs itself in Christ. Congregationalist is a believer of congregationalism. What does congregationalism believe? Faith, freedom, and fellowship. It is a New Testament church. Christ is the head of the church. Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or more are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The congregational way is by Christ's way. John 14:6 says, "I am the way, the truth, the light.. no man cometh into the Father, but me."

Article XVI Government

The government of the church is vested in its members, who preserve to themselves the right to control the spiritual affairs and those relating to its covenant, policy, and doctrine, and to manage and control its own property, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa and the United States of America.

This church may counsel and hold council, fellowship, and cooperate with other churches involved in free fellowship.

This church has been, is now and will always remain as a free, independent and autonomous church. It shall always be independent of any hierarchical control.

The members of the church may adopt a constitution and provide for the spiritual welfare of the church, but such constitution shall if adopted be consistent with these articles and the bylaws, and shall be subject to amendment in the same way as the bylaws are. If the members desire, no constitution need be adopted, and the spiritual welfare of the church shall be governed under the bylaws, consistent with the articles.

Article II Covenant

The covenant by which this church exists as an independent, autonomous and distinct body, and which every member accepts is as follows: Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord, and accepting the Holy Scriptures as our rule and practice, and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, the public worship of God, and the advancement of His kingdom in the world, we do now, in the sight of God and invoking His blessing, solemnly covenant and agree with each other to associate ourselves in a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, as warranted by the Word of God.

We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the Church, and to walk together in brotherly love.

And this we do depending upon the aid of our Heavenly Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation, and of Jesus Christ who hath redeemed us with His blood, and of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide.

Congregationalism came to America with the Pilgrim Fathers and the Puritans who followed them to New England. The Salem settlers agreed to a very simple covenant which stated, "*We covenant with the Lord and one with another and doe bynd our selves in the presence of God, to walke together in all his wais, according as he is pleased to reveale himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.*"

Questions & Answers Regarding the Congregational Church

1. Robert Browne, born about 1550, was said to be the father of what important church movement? *(Congregational)*
2. Henry Barrow, John Greenwood, and John Penry were Englishmen who were executed for their beliefs, were among the first church martyrs of what religious body? *(Congregational)*
3. What religious group escaped to Holland to worship as they pleased, keeping the faith and principles? *(Early Congregationalists)*
4. The Mayflower Compact was unusual because it was one of the first truly democratic documents of its time, written in 1620 by? *(The Pilgrims; the first Congregationalists in America)*
5. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by? *(Pilgrims, the first Congregationalists in America)*
6. Harvard College, which was founded in 1636 by rev. John Harvard, was established for the training of what kind of ministers? *(Congregational)*
7. After the Revolutionary War, what church group was the strongest religious body in America? *(Congregational)*
8. The first American board for foreign missions was established by what church group? *(Congregational)*
9. What religious group ordained the first woman in the United States? *(Congregational - Antoinette Brown)*
10. What religious group began the Christian endeavor in 1852? *(Congregational)*
11. What religious group began the Y.M.C.A.? *(Congregational)*
12. What religious group began the first black colleges in America? *(Congregational)*
13. What merger in 1929 formed the religious group that exists today, and continues the Pilgrim heritage? *(Congregational and Christian)*
14. Washington Gladden- known for social justice in America, Lloyd C. Douglas who wrote "The Robe," Charles Sheldon who wrote, "In His Steps," and James Mitchener who wrote, "Hawaii," were all ministers of what church? *(Congregational)*

It is obvious, with our grand heritage, that one could go on and on with further Congregational trivia. It does leave one to wonder, "Where are the modern day Congregationalists who will make an impact on history?"

Are we so cautious and democratic that we do not want to share our viewpoints anymore? How many other church organizations can say they are a church of "Faith, Freedom, and Fellowship?" We have a wonderful heritage, great "saints" of God have preceded us. Now, however, it's up to each and every one of us to carry the torch of Congregationalism, and ensure that always and foremost, we will "Hold forth the Word of Life!," and do it in a truly "democratic and self-governing church," with complete control and authority reserved to the members.

Our Congregational Way was the seed bed of American constitutional government and has been in the forefront of democratic endeavors through the years.

We are completely and entirely free from external control... think about that! NO Pope, Bishop, or other man-made hierarchy has any authority over this or any other Congregational Church. The authority within a Congregational Church is the authority of Christ. All decisions given to us by our National Association and its officers, are simply recommendations and advice; they have as much worth as there is in the wisdom of them, and no more.

We're proud of our heritage and happy to belong to a group of people who believe in the Congregational Way of "Faith, Freedom, and Fellowship!"

LaMoille Church Progress

The past years have been years of growth as well as a few periods of discouragement.

There were times when no minister was available, when church attendance was low, and finances were even lower. But the group came through such times with renewed strength and faith and in time continued to build membership and improve the church plant.

New shingles and paint and lights were added in 1943. The foundation was repaired and a water system installed in 1944. New doors were installed in 1947, with a new furnace being added in 1950. A Wurlitzer electric organ was purchased in 1954 and a new piano several years later. Later, another new piano was donated to the church by Shirley Wills Dixon. New windows were installed and the sanctuary ceiling was lowered for better acoustics and easier heating.

Prior to the 75th anniversary of the church in 1962, much work was done. A new addition was added, giving greater sanctuary room and more classrooms for the Sunday School classes. A larger basement with greatly improved kitchen facilities was added, and paneling of the sanctuary added new beauty to that of the altar, pulpit, chairs, and pews.

(In 1886 the founding group met in the LaMoille schoolhouse to organize. The school then was a two-room, one-story frame building, which stood directly north of the present church. That building is long gone, as well as the consolidated school house, which followed it. The ground on which both school buildings once stood, now belongs to the church and is being used for church parking space and a playground for community children.)

The church was a source of entertainment and social fellowship for the members of the community. Community plays were performed in the church once a year, with everyone participating. A makeshift stage was constructed at the back of the church for the presentation, and the pews were turned around for audience viewing of the plays.

A pump organ provided the music for the church and choir. Later, a sweeper motor was installed to the organ to relieve the organist from having to pump the pedals.

The Ladies Aid (now known as the Women's Fellowship) was organized in 1886. This group was instrumental in purchasing a parsonage for the church in 1892 costing \$950.

At least once a year, the Women's Fellowship hosted an Ice Cream Social, which was held on the ground of the LaMoille School, adjacent to the church. While this was an event everyone looked forward to, it was a lot of work for the church members. Everything, including tables, chairs, etc., was hand-carried from the church to the school grounds, and carried back to the church after the social. The LaMoille School Band was the source of entertainment and many came from outside the LaMoille area for the ice cream and entertainment.

All of this has been accomplished by many prayers and the work of many hands. Many of those gone on before left firm foundations on which to build. Many of those present at the 75th anniversary contributed many hours of labor, much thought and planning, and much of their worldly goods that these things might be accomplished.

As we look at this lovely church building and see the friendly faces gathered today, we are humbly and truly grateful to them all, and to Him who, through them, made this all possible.

No history of this church would be complete without including the names of Miss Hilda Johnson and Mr. J. O. Bissett. Many times the two of them with their prayers, their word and faithfulness, held together that small nucleus that emerged through trying times and kept alive the teaching and practicing of Christian love in our community.

The majority of this text was written by Mrs. Luella Wills on November 4, 1962.

LaMoille Church Officers Resign

In 1921, officers of the LaMoille Congregational Church resigned.

People add the word "Community" to LaMoille Congregational Community Church and elect new officers and move

LaMoille, Iowa, Aug 24 1921

To G. A. Johnson
Clerk LaMoille Church

We the undersigned Official
board of LaMoille Congl Church, knowing that the
Church is not serving its purpose as a Community Church
and admitting ~~our~~ inability to make it do so, and
wishing it to be everybodys Church.

We, without reserve - Resign - and request that
you lay our Resignations, before the President and
Officers of LaMoille Community Club, with request
to take action and reorganize, the Church in any
way suitable to the needs of the people

Financial Condition of the Church will be furnished and
any questions cheerfully answered

D. V. McLean	Trustee
W. F. Mayo	Trustee
W. St. Buchanan	Trustee
J. B. Bissett	Deacon
A. A. Joid	Deacon
Harry Erickson	Treasurer
G. A. Johnson	Clerk

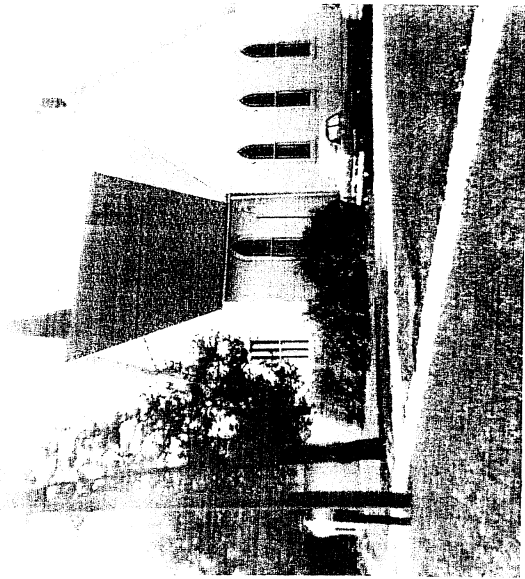
Believing in "freedom of worship" as strongly as the founding Pilgrim Fathers and also in a true democratic form of church government, the LaMoille Church declined to joint the merger of the Congregational Christian Church and Evangelical Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ. The LaMoille Church was the first church in Iowa to be formed as a separate entity from the United Church of Christ churches. At present the church remains as an independent church group.

Groundbreaking for New Addition on North Side of LaMoille Church



Groundbreaking for new addition on north side of the LaMoille Church

Left to right: Mr. Linser, minister; Charles Johnson;
Florian Wilcox and Bob Frickie ready to dig the first spadefull;
Clif Billman; Howard Olson.



Picture in upper left shows church from northeast corner with the Gothic windows. Larger photo shows entrance from south and east. Caption on reverse tells about the people in picture.

With its bright mantle of winter snow, Main street in La Moille appears much as it has for many years. James O. Bissett, 78, one of the oldest residents, enjoys a visit with La Moille school children. (From left)-- Dick Klar, 8; Stephen Johnson, 7; Dorothy Klar, 9; Janelle Edler, 10; Connie Ann Matney, 9; Linda Kay Stevens, 7; Linda Lee Tribby, 8; Next year consolidation will close the school in the back ground. Bissett hopes the Congregational Community Church (in front of school) will hold the community together. Staff Photo by John Houlette

Register and Tribune February 3, 1956

The History of God's Portion at LaMoille Congregational Community Church

One of the fund raising projects of the church is the God's Portion sale, which raises thousands of dollars each year toward church needs. The annual fall event had its start in 1943 when a committee developed a plan for members of the community to set aside "God's Portion" to help in maintaining the church. The planning committee included Chauncy Bryant, chairman, Cleo Huston, Wilbur Sharer, George Parsons, Virgil Brockman, Don Huff, and Rev. L.D. Savage, pastor.

A letter was sent out to the community in the spring of 1943 outlining the plan of the project. The purpose: for the church members to allocate a certain portion of their farm revenue for church work. The funds would be used to recondition the church and provide funds for the future. These funds were to be specifically set apart from the regular Church budget for this purpose. One newspaper article summarized it this way, "The plan incorporated biblical theory of tithing in a practical application and accomplished a purpose without burdening the contributor." Similar activities took place in other rural communities such as the "God's Acre" plan at Bethel Grove.

Fifty pledges were received in the spring of that year. Participants set aside a variety of items for God's Portion. The following is a sample of what appears on the pledge cards: Virgil Brockman, one hog; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hickman, cash; Chauncy D. Bryant, one steer calf; Loren West, one acre of soybeans; Mrs. Mary L. Wyatt, 1 pig, wheat, extra eggs I sell from my 2 dozen hens; Alva Parsons, 1 hog; Fred W. Johnson, one hog; Florian Wilcox, one acres of beans; Rev and Mrs. Lewis D. Savage, 25 roosters; Clifford Olson, 1 hog; M.L. Plummer, one hog; Cleo J. Huston, one acre of corn. Many others completed pledge cards and helped to raise \$1200.

The community wide event concluded in the fall of that same year with a special "Harvest Home" program held the week before Thanksgiving. The pledges were collected and a Thanksgiving service held with music and spiritual lessons being shared.

Today members of the Church and community continue to meet and raise funds for God's Portion on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. These funds, just as the committee planned fifty-eight years ago, are used for the care and maintenance of the church and for providing funds for the future.

One the following page is a copy of the letter and pledge card sent out to the community in the spring of 1943.

Reprinted below is a copy of the letter sent out to the community in the spring of 1943 requesting members to pledge their God's Portion.

Dear Friends of LaMoille Community,

By means of this letter, we want to bring to your attention a Community Wide Project—the God's Portion Plan.

The plan is a movement in the rural churches of our country to revitalize the work of the rural church. It is a method of getting rural church properties thoroughly reconditioned and of creating reserves for the future. Also, it is a means of helping individuals, both younger and older, to realize and recognize God's ownership and man's stewardship by setting definitely a part a certain portion of that which God has provided, and caring for it for Him. It is to be clearly understood that this project is entirely apart from the regular Church budget.

As a climax to this worthy undertaking, a special Harvest Day will be held late in the Fall. At this occasion, recognition will be given of all participant and their part in making this Community Project a success.

Suggestions for setting apart for God's Portion could include one of the following:

1. acre of grain (corn, beans or vegetables)
2. pig
3. calf
4. team (farmer and non-farmer)
5. flock of chickens, ducks or eggs
6. lamb
7. fruit

We want you to be thinking about the part that you will take in the plan.

Within the next few days, the Soliciting Committee will call on you to explain further details, answer any questions and receive your pledge.

Yours for a Better Community
God's Portion Committee of the LaMoille Church

A sample of the pledge card:

GOD'S PORTION PLEDGE CARD

Recognizing that a Community without the presence and influence of the Church would be an undesirable place to live and desiring to join with others in making necessary improvements possible to the Church property, I hereby set apart as my GOD'S Portion:

promising to faithfully care for it, and to turn the proceeds thereof into the God's Portion fund of the LaMoille Church.

Name _____
Date _____

Pastors

The following men and women have served as Pastors of the LaMoille Congregational Christian Community Church:

S.A. Martin	1886 – June 1890
J.W. Scott.....	June 1891 – May 1895
A.L. Dunton	August 1895 – October 1897
E.E. Reed.....	December 1897 – June 1901
C.H. Oxley.....	September 1901 – June 1903
R.E. House.....	July 1903 – March 1904
S.J. Huffman	May 1904 – April 1906
J.D. Lewis.....	April 1906 – September 1908
Mrs. Lucy Carter.....	October 1908 – May 1909
E.B. Palmer.....	October 1909 – January 1911
Noel J. Breed	September 1911 – September 1912
George LaBounty	October 1912 – December 1914
Henry Horton.....	May 1915 – 1918
C.V. Landholm.....	November 1918 – June 1921
N.F. Hicks	October 1921 – April 1925
E.R. Carey.....	August 1925 – August 1926
G.I. Farnham.....	January 1927 – September 1931
Mrs. Anna Smith.....	December 1933 – December 1934
B.B. Hoyt.....	January 1935 – November 1935
R.K. Youngdahl	March 1936 – December 1937
M.E. White.....	May 1936 – November 1940
F.J. Sager.....	January 1941 – May 1942
Lewis B. Savage.....	May 1942 – May 1944
Z.M. Bressler.....	October 1944 – August 1947
Harry Banks	December 1947 – September 1948
Ralph Galt	June 1949 – September 1951
Clair A. Hughes	September 1951 – October 1953
Mrs. Miriam Mitchem	December 1953 – August 1961
Dwight J. Garrington.....	September 1961 – 1966
Roger Linser.....	1966 - 1969
Milton Edward (Ed) White.....	1970 - 1973
Clyde Billington.....	1973 – February 1974
Charles Huffman	1974 – June 1977
Boyd Ellefson	March 1978 – June 1980
Greg McLaughlin.....	September 1980 – March 1983
Leonard Bergstrom.....	November 1983 – November 1986
Steven Nyberg.....	January 1989 – February 1994
Jean Bower (interim lay minister)	April 1994 – September 1996
Harlan Nuss	November 1996 - current

Five ministers have been ordained in this church:

Rev. A.L. Dunton (1897)	Rev. Milton E. White (1973)
Rev. Ralph M. Galt (1949)	Rev. David C. Benson (1985)
Rev. Dwight Garrington (1967)	

Throughout the years, the ministers' salaries have changed. Back in the 1800's the yearly salary was \$200-250. By the early 1950's, the salary was \$200 a month. This included a parsonage. By the mid 1970's, salaries were \$540 a month with no parsonage. By the 1980's, a part time minister for our small church received \$14,500 per year. Currently our church has a part time minister.

The following is information about some of the more memorable pastors who have served the LaMoille Church.

Rev. Youngdahl filled the pulpit from March 1936 to Dec. 1937. He gave a powerful 15 minute sermon that the people said gave them something to think about for the rest of the week. He then had to rush back to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. He then left to start a new big church in Minneapolis, MN.

Rev. Lewis Savage accepted the call and moved to the parsonage in May 1942. Rev. Savage introduced the "God's Acre," or God's Portion," plan of financing projects for church improvement. This plan was adopted on May 3, 1943. The plan asked each person to set aside a portion of the season's crop to be contributed to financing new improvements for the church. It was quite successful and the concept is still being used today. It has contributed to the many new and various additions to the physical structure of the church. The God's Portion Plan has been a wonderful source in helping to keep up the church, in remodeling, in buying new furnaces, new pews, and a new worship center in 1956.

Rev. Zell Bressler followed Rev. Savage and served as pastor from 1944 to 1947. Rev. Harry Banks served as pastor from 1947 to 1948, and in June 1949, Ralph Galt took up residence in the parsonage. On November 25, 1949, he was ordained into the ministry in a very impressive service in our church. Rev. Clair Hughes served as minister from 1951 to 1953.

Miriam Mitchem (1953-1961)

The Mitchems were in Portuguese East Africa and South Africa for a year and a half where they served with the Methodist Mission Board, returning to the United States in 1949.

Mrs. Miriam Mitchem began her service as the pastor of the LaMoille Church in 1953. Preceding her pastorate at LaMoille, Mrs. Mitchem served the Hartland Friends Church from November 1952 and continued to serve both the Hartland and LaMoille church Community through August 1955. She continued her ministerial work with the LaMoille community until August 1961.

Under her guidance, the church underwent two remodeling projects including remodeling of the sanctuary followed by a rededication in 1958 and later the addition of kitchen and classroom facilities. Mrs. Mitchem was instrumental in organizing a Young Married's People's class and was a key figure in leading the church through the turbulent decision of the church maintaining its independent status.

The Mitchems left the LaMoille community in August of 1955, moving to Haviland, Kansas to continue with mission work and also teaching science in college.

Dwight Garrington (1961-1966)

Dwight Garrington was a teacher in the Marshalltown school system. He became our part time minister, but being a man full of energy, seemed more like a fulltime man.

Our church grew with his help to the PF Group and by the fact that he also did a lot of calling. His sermons were memorable and short with real thought.

He bought a house in LaMoille; becoming a part of our village. We later ordained him.

He eventually moved on to teach at Westmar College and then later to Chicago where he worked for the Salvation Army teaching college preparation. Later he and his family lived in Dearborn, Michigan teaching and pastoring in the Salvation Army. They dedicated a nursery to him there.

His son Jim and wife Judy have been involved with the Salvation Army in Germany for 17 years and signed over for another three years. Son Steve taught school for 25 years. Daughter Jan and husband work for the Salvation Army in Kansas City and daughter Debbie and husband for the one in Chicago.



Rev. Charles Huffman

ISH Chaplain Now Member Of 'College'

The Rev. Charles E. Huffman, resident chaplain at the Iowa Soldiers Home, has been accepted into membership of "The College of the Chaplains", which is a personal membership of the American Hospital Association.

One of the goals of the College of the Chaplains is to assist in the establishment of chaplaincy services in all health care institutions; be an advocate for the inclusion of spiritual dimensions in health and illness in health care programming; secure, maintain and enhance the support of churches, interpret to the public the purposes and needs, and to demonstrate Christian responsibility through education in health care institutions.

The Rev. Mr. Huffman has initiated the Associate Chaplains program at the ISH involving the local and county churches, which meets the goal of securing, maintaining and enhancing the support of churches for health and welfare institutions.

Tentative plans are being made for a spring meeting of Institutional Chaplains and Ministers April 22, 1975, at the ISH. The proposed program was initiated by the Marshall County Ministerial Alliance, Sept. 12.

Among the duties is to be on call, on a rotating schedule, when necessary for the ISH resident chaplain to be out of the area, with the program on a volunteer basis; orientation by the resident chaplain as to the residents of the ISH who are seriously ill and to introduce the associate chaplain to residents needing spiritual counseling when the associate chaplain is on duty.

A certificate of appreciation is to be awarded to the

Minister Leaves Church; Family Will Be Honored

1961

The Congregation of the LaMoille Congregational-Christian Church will honor the Leonard Mitchem family Sunday at open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the church parlors. Everyone in the community who wishes to attend is welcome, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Mitchem, who has been pastor of the church since December, 1953, will close her work there Sunday and a basket dinner will be served in the church dining room following Mrs. Mitchem the service.



half where they served with the Methodist Mission Board, returning in 1949.

They will move to Havi-land, Kan., where they have purchased a home.

The LaMoille church will vacation Aug. 20 and 27, it has been announced, and the Rev. Dwight Garrington of Marshalltown will be the supply pastor through September.

Immediately preceding her pastorate at LaMoille, Mrs. Mitchem served the Hartland church from November, 1952, continuing through August, 1955, while also serving the LaMoille church.

Outstanding work accomplished at the latter church has been two remodeling projects and the organization of a Young Married People's Class.

Work on the building includes the remodeling of the sanctuary followed by a rededication in 1958, and later the addition of kitchen and class room facilities.

Attendance at Sunday School and church was doubled, 31 new members have been added bringing the membership to about 110 and she has officiated at eight weddings and 46 baptisms. Also, the junior intermediate and senior Pilgrim Fellowship groups have been re-organized.

The Mitchems were in Portuguese East Africa and South Africa for a year and a

A certificate of appreciation is to be awarded to the associate chaplain for the volunteer work given to the ISH at the meeting of the Marshall County Ministerial Association in May 1975.

The Rev. Mr. Huffman came to the ISH, May 1, replacing the Rev. Lester Proctor, Clemons, who retired. He came from Davenport where he had resided for the past two years and been an interim pastor for several churches in the area.

Ed White- Milton E. "Ed" White is married to Patricia (Pat) and they have three adult children: David, Kathryn, and Timothy, and three grandchildren: Andrew Corbman, Rebecca Corbman, and Julia White.

Ed received his formal education in Iowa, graduating from Coe College and Drake University with additional graduate work at Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburg, Indiana.

He was ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ on June 1, 1973, at the LaMoille Congregational Community Church, LaMoille, Iowa.

Since leaving the LaMoille Congregational Community church, Ed has served the following churches: 1973-1975, "The McGee Road Independent Methodist Church," Montgomery, Alabama; 1975-1987, "The Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church," Tallahassee, Alabama; 1987 - present, "The Congregational Church of Sun City," Sun City, Arizona.

Ed is one of the founding members of the "Southwest Inter-Mountain Association of Congregational Christian Churches and Ministers," (known as SWIM), comprised of 12 member congregational churches. He was its second moderator, and continues to serve on the board of directors.

He is a past chairman of the N.A.C.C.C., (Congregational Church Development Division.) In the secular world, Ed is a "Certified Professional Counselor," among the clergy in the West Valley of Phoenix, officially certified by the "Board of Behavioral Health Examiners" of Arizona.

Ed is a veteran of the United States Air Force, having retired after serving 20 years and 4 months, with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

In his recreational moments, he plays trombone in several musical organizations and euphonium in the Sun City Concert Band, along with his wife, Pat, who plays the clarinet.

Charles Huffman (1974-1977) The Reverend Charles Huffman served as the resident chaplain at the Iowa Soldiers Home while serving as the pastor at LaMoille. Huffman, a native of Adel, moved with his family to Marshalltown in 1936, graduating from the local high school in 1937. Most of Rev. Huffman's ministry was in the Davenport area and in 1970, while serving in the ministry in Kansas, he became critically ill. His illness, first thought to be cancer, was finally diagnosed as dermatomyositis. In 1973, learning to live with this handicap, Rev. Huffman accepted a full time chaplaincy at the Iowa Veteran's Home. Huffman received several honors for his community involvement with the handicapped.

The Rev. Huffman was instrumental in involving the local and county churches with Iowa Veteran's Home. His leadership encouraged many LaMoille church members to participate in volunteer activities at the Veteran's Home.

Harlan Nuss - (1996 - present) Harlan Nuss started pastoring at LaMoille in the fall of 1996. His first professional training is in the area of Music Education. He has earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Drake University in Des Moines. He has taught in the public schools of Iowa, 15 years at Marshalltown Community College, and is presently an Adjunct Professor at Buena Vista University. He is continuing his education at Trinity Seminary in pursuit of a Master's of Divinity Degree. Past Nuss has been involved in church music his entire life, and for 20 years conducted the annual Messiah performance with the Marshall County Choral Society. Harlan's wife, Deborah, also is a church musician, and is helping with the ministry at LaMoille, as well as beginning a ministry of her own. They have two sons; Jeremy, who is the music and artistic director of the Main Street Theater in Quakerstown, PA, and Aaron, who is the Associate Band Director at Linn-Mar High School in Cedar Rapids, IA. Aaron is married, and his wife Stephanie also is a band director.

T-R *Aug. 17, 1985*

Religious News

David C. Benson Will Be Ordained Saturday

LAMOILLE — David C. Benson, a LaMoille area native, will be ordained in a service at 7 p.m. Saturday at the LaMoille Community Congregational Church.

David Charles Benson is the son of the late Charles Benson and Isla Benson Reece, now of Booneville, Mo. He was graduated from West Marshall High School at State Center in 1973 and earned his BS degree from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1977.

He then entered the Peace Corps and served in Belize, in Central America, from March 1978 until May, 1981. After his Peace Corps service, he entered Gordon-Conwell School of Theology in South Hamilton, Mass. and received his master of theology there this year.

He served as a student minister at Mystic Side Congregational Church at Everett, Mass.

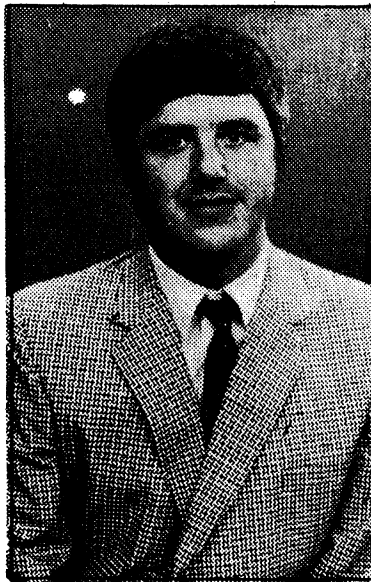
His wife Leigh, from Massachusetts, is a surgical technician.

Taking part in the ordination service will be the Rev. Leonard Bergstrom, pastor of the LaMoille Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Garrington, formerly of the LaMoille Church; the Rev. and Mrs. Doug Hasty, Bison, Kan., school friends of Benson; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harms, Omaha, who were missionaries in Belize; the Rev. Clifford Bollenbacher, North Lima, Ohio, also a missionary in Belize, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Brickel, Hanson, Mass., also in the Peace Corps.

Others here for the occasion are Bob and Isla Reece and Leigh Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Torney, South Weymouth, Mass.

As a youth, David Benson was an active member of the LaMoille Church.

The public is invited to the ordination service. A reception for David and Leigh Benson will follow the service.



David C. Benson

Bryant.

Presentation of the Bible was given by David's mother, Mrs. Isla Reece, of Booneville, MO, and also Mrs. Grace Emerson. Another hymn was sung and David then gave the benediction.

A reception was given in David and Leigh's honor by ladies of the church following the ceremony. Approximately 200 friends and relatives were on hand for the special event.

Rev. David C. Benson is now at the Congregational Church in Hayward, Wisconsin where he has served since July 16, 1986. He and wife Leigh have three children: Sara, Joel, and Jonathon.

LaMoille Church ordains David Benson

Wednesday, August 21, 1985

State Center, IA 50247

LaMoille — The ordination service of David Charles Benson, formerly of LaMoille, was held Saturday evening at the LaMoille Congregational Community Church.

After an organ-piano prelude by Shar Fricke and Marian Goecke, the Reverend Bergstrom of the LaMoille Church welcomed everyone and a hymn was sung. Victor Harms, Omaha, who along with his wife was a missionary in Belize with David, gave the call to worship.

The Reverend Douglas Hasty, Bison, KS, who was a school friend of David's gave the invocation. The village choir then sang an anthem, "My Tribute."

After the message, chairman of

the church board, Cliff Billman gave a statement by the church, followed by layman, Ed Rozendaal. The Rev. Bergstrom led the taking of vows by David and his wife Leigh, followed by an ordination prayer by all representatives of the ordaining congregation.

The Reverend Bergstrom gave the declaration of ordination with the right hand of fellowship by all ordained ministers present. The Reverend Clifford Bollenbacher, North Lima, OH, also a former missionary to Belize, gave the charges to the minister and to the church, and his wife Laurabel gave the charge to David's co-worker, his wife Leigh. The charge as a family was given by Mr. and Mrs. Chauncy



Christian Endeavor Play
at LaMoille Community Chruch in the 1920's
 Bernice Bissett, Ellen Noid, Pearl Woodard, Hilda
 Johnson, Luella Melberg, Marvel Ankrum, Eleanor
 Dunlap, Edith Melberg, Louise Bohnsack, Susie
 Benson, Frances Mayo, Alpha Tuttle, Ben Noid,
 Wilbur Benson, Meirs, Meirs, Ethel
 Dunlap, Mabel Nelson, Ethel Benson, Jennie Noid



LaMoille Church Sunday School Class - 1939
 Front Row: Elmer Benson, Verne Poole, Marian Wills, Neil Graves
 Back Row: Bob Lahr, Mrs. Minnie (Ralph) Landon (*teacher*), Charles Benson,
 Charles Johnson, Herbert Wyatt, Bill Meeker

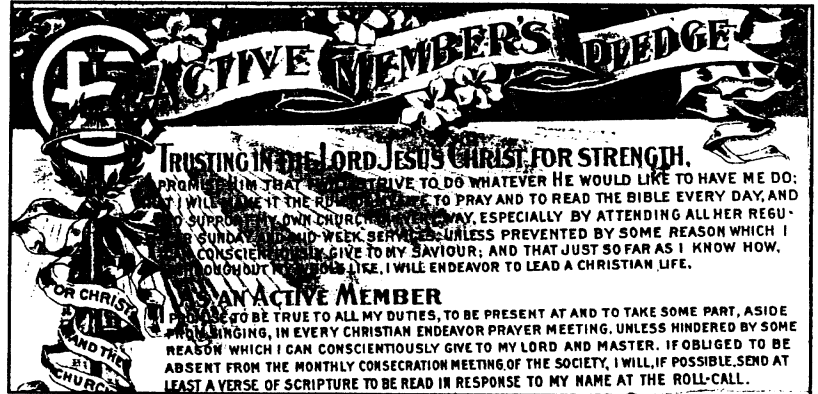
LaMoille Church

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavors - and Today's Youth Group

On Saturday evening, Sept. 17, 1892, a meeting was called by Rev. W. Scott to organize a society of young people called Christian Endeavors of LaMoille.

They would meet on Saturday evenings at 8:00 for weekly prayer meetings. They had active members and associate members. Membership grew steadily from 20 to 40 by December.

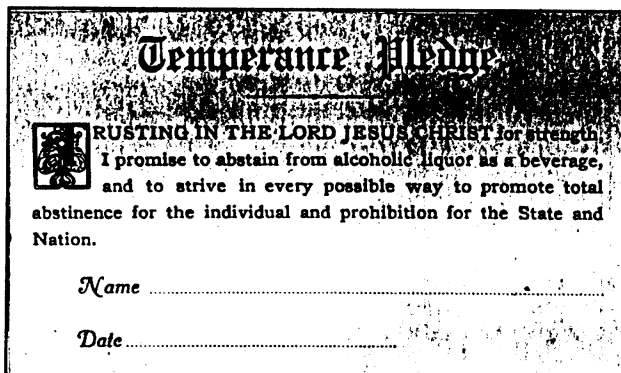
A prayer led off the evening with plenty of singing. The Lord's Prayer was recited often. There was always a leader in some topic and everyone was encouraged to take part in the discussions.



The Christian Endeavor Pledge

There was some type of social every two weeks by the young people or ladies aid. These were such things as a candy social, weiner roast, dime package social, oyster supper, maple sugar festival, apron social, chicken pie supper, ice cream social, harvest supper, New England social, hard time, moon lite picnic, etc. The group helped pay for electric lights, the preacher's salary, church repair, missions, 16 cent song books, delegates to the national convention, and in defraying other expenses. Attendance grew to 100 by April 1897.

In December 1886, they were going to send money to the Armenians but the address was lost so they sent flowers in honor of Andrew Hart who was murdered one morning. Andrew was very active; an officer and led quite a few religious meetings.



Temperance Pledge

Membership dropped off in 1889-1900 as people were getting older, etc. They reorganized in 1912. In 1919, the song, "Church in the Wildwood" became the national endeavor song. It was sung at every meeting.

The group changed their name in later years to Pilgrim Fellowship or "PF", LaMoille Pioneer Club, and later to the LaMoille Youth Group, but was still active. Enter-

tainment included bowling parties, pizza parties, all night sleep-ins at the church, movies, and ball games. They also helped the community when needed by doing such things as ushering and passing out programs.

The youth group today is responsible for Easter morning sunrise services followed by the Women's Fellowship breakfast. They help with keeping the church grounds fit, serve as ushers, help with Bible School, help with the Easter Egg Hunt, sell rolls at the God's Portion Sale, pass out treats at the Christmas Eve Program, and help make gifts for Christmas giving. Things they do for entertainment include scavenger hunts, taffy pulls, hay rides, box socials, lock-ins, game nights, and caroling. Sometimes they raise money to go on short trips for roller skating, bowling, canoeing, camping, swimming, concerts and youth rallies.

LaMoille Church - Ladies' Aid/Women's Fellowship

The women of the church can't be praised enough. They have always been very active in taking control and helping in areas that they could help with.

It's been mentioned that the women took care of the church parsonage after the purchase of it. With the help of some of the men, they eventually sold it, as tax laws had changed and part time ministers seemed to become more popular.

The women handled Bible School throughout the years. Bible School lasted two weeks for many years. It was later dropped to one week, then two days, and in more recent years, to one overnight lock-in. The women have always been very active in implementing the Bible School program.

In the early years of 1890-1920, there were socials every two weeks. The women worked very hard in planning and organizing these events.

There used to be plays presented in the back of the church. The pews were turned around for the people to see. In later years, the plays were presented on the new stage in front of the church.

Women assisted with lunches and refreshments being served at many local farm sales, at the Marshall County Home, and at schools. In 1960, the women helped at the John Deere National Plowing Matches held at Ottilie Seed Farms north of Marshalltown, at the International Pancake Days, and by serving special dinners for working men. In 1962, they helped at the Geddes family harvest and work days. The women could also be found at the Iowa Soldier's Home pushing residents on wheelchairs to meals and programs.

The women were responsible for the ordering of special decorative plates for anniversaries and other special events.

Many times the women have donated generously with things like candy for Easter Egg Hunts, treats for the Christmas Eve program, etc.

Their generosity and willingness to give of their time and energy has contributed greatly to the LaMoille Church and the surrounding area.

LaMoille Congregational Community Church Membership List
Nov. 1886 through April 2000

1. Hayne, Mr. Thomas	Nov. 1, 1886	38. Buchanan, Christina	July 7, 1889
2. Hayne, Mrs. Mary G.	"	39. Shutes, Mrs. Dorsa	"
3. Tompson, Mrs. Frances	"	40. Forbes, Edward Albert	Nov. 3, 1889
4. Hanford, Mrs. Fannie J.	"	41. Forbes, Harriett Callista	"
5. Wolcott, Mrs. Henrietta S.	"	42. Buchanan, Archie	"
6. Williams, Mrs. Ellen B.	"	43. Fenner, John	Jan. 19, 1890
7. Bennett, Mrs. James	"	44. Meeker, Mrs. Sallie E.	July 5, 1891
8. Bennett, Mrs. Priscilla	"	45. Fraser, George L.	Oct. 4, 1891
9. Rogers, Mrs. Mary E.	"	46. Fraser, Jennie W.	"
10. Snow, Mrs. Dewitt C.	"	47. McCullough, William	July 10, 1892
11. Snow, Mrs. Eliza E.	"	48. McCullough, Isabella	"
12. Flanders, Mrs. Anna	"	49. Hart, Andrew	"
13. Gilbert, Mrs. Effie L.	"	50. Whiteman, Mrs. L. M.	"
14. Cray, Miss Lucy J.	"	51. Pyle, Mrs. Eva Zella	Jan. 29, 1893
15. McIntosh, Mrs. Martha R.	"	52. Moss, Miss Anna	"
Name	Date	53. Benson, Miss Harriett	"
16. Wickersham, Mrs. Eliza J.	Jan. 2, 1887	54. Haydon, Miss Bertha	"
17. McManaman, Mrs. Rebecca	Apr. 3, 1887	55. Curtis, Mrs. Fred	"
18. Hinckley, Mrs. Julia	Jan., 1888	56. Eaton, Mrs. Eva	"
19. Johnson, Mrs. Louisa M.	" "	57. Randall, Mrs. Anna	"
20. Woodard, Mrs. Ellen	Apr. 1, 1888	58. Lane, Mrs. Harriett	"
21. Gibert, Addie E.	Oct. 16, 1888	59. Benson, Mrs. Bertha	"
22. Adland, Horace J.	"	60. Hart, Mr. Weir	"
23. Woodard, Ann Eliza	"	61. Benson, Mr. William	"
24. Tallett, Mrs.	"	62. Griffin, Mrs. Cora Belle	Apr. 2, 1893
25. Forbes, Mrs.	"	63. Scott, Mrs. M. M.	"
26. Kimball, Mrs. Caroline J.	"	64. Hart, Mrs. Maranda	"
27. Cray, Mrs. Addie	"	65. Eells, Mr. Louis	"
28. Bishop, Mrs. Francis	"	66. Eaton, Mr. Edward	"
29. Larson, Mrs. Allie	"	67. Mayo, Mrs. Anna	"
30. Kimball, Addie E.	"	68. Mayo, Mrs. Theresa Willis	"
31. Cray, Lulu Morse	"	69. Lair, Mr. D. W.	Aug. 27, 1893
32. Woodard, Addie Rachel (Bohnsack)	"	70. Lair, Florence	"
33. Woodworth, Edward E.	"	71. Lair, Mrs. Mary A.	"
34. Woodard, Mary M.	Jan. 6, 1889	72. Curtis, Mrs. Cora I.	"
35. Buchanan, E. H.	"	73. Hart, Miss Georgia	"
36. Worth, Mrs. M. J.	Mar. 31, 1889	74. Wyatt, Edward M.	Dec. 31, 1893
37. Nettle, Clara B.	"	75. Wyatt, Sarah R. (Allen)	"

76. Wyatt, Amelia	Dec. 31, 1893
77. Wyatt, Agnes (Crary)	"
78. Benson, Delia (Bissett)	"
79. Mayo, William	"
80. Wyatt, Mrs. Isabella	"
81. Huff, Mrs. Myrtie	Apr. 1, 1894
82. Wyatt, Mary E.	"
83. Copeland, Archie	"
84. Lair, Charles	July 8, 1894
85. Woodard, Winifred	Jan. 13, 1895
86. Flanders, May	"
87. Crary, Mary	"
88. Stouffer, Andrew	May 26, 1895
89. Durkee, Mrs. Sarah	Jan. 5, 1896
90. Benson, Mrs. Delia	"
91. Lowry, Maude	"
92. Hart, Fannie (Benson)	"
93. Copeland, Ethel C.	"
94. Pratt, Oscar	Feb. 9, 1896
95. Pratt, Bessie (Buffet)	"
96. Pratt, Mrs. Rachel	"
97. Echer, Frank	"
98. Buchanan, William	"
99. Buchanan, Charlie	"
100. Benson, Lester	"
101. Benson, John	"
102. Love, Marshall	"
103. Love, Freeman	"
104. Love, Zenith	"
105. Huff, Mabel	"
106. Huff, John	"
107. Wilson, Maude	"
108. Wilson, Jessie	"
109. Wilson, Mrs. Addie	"
110. Wilson, Mrs. Orville	"
111. Meeker, Clark	"
112. Griffin, William H.	"
113. Flanders, Nellie	"

Name	Date
114. Lowry, Edith	Feb. 9, 1896
115. Roundy, Mrs. Callista	"
116. Wills, Mrs. Alice	"
117. McLean, Mrs. Emma	"
118. McLean, Miss Catherine	"
119. McLean, Amy (Benson)	"
120. McLean, Don	"
121. McLean, Harry	"
122. Benedict, Mrs. Mary	"
123. Benedict, Ethel	"
124. Miller, Mrs. Ann	"
125. Wilson, Charlie	"
126. Moore, Augusta	"
127. Hudgins, Martha	"
128. Moninger, William R.	Apr. 5, 1896
129. Moninger, Mrs. Mary	"
130. Chandler, Miss Clara	"
131. Love, Mrs. Laura	"
132. Woodard, Julia	Oct. 4, 1896
133. Billman, H. E.	"
134. Roberts, Mrs. Frank	Jan. 10, 1897
135. Roberts, George	"
136. Buffit, William	July 10, 1897
137. Buffit, Salina	"
138. Stubbs, Jessie Bedford	Jan. 2, 1898
139. Reed, Rev. E. E.	"
140. Reed, Mrs. E. E.	"
141. Larson, Mrs. Hattie	"
142. Carson, Mr. John	"
143. Carson, Mrs. Lula	"
144. Whiteman, Mrs.	July 3, 1898
145. Billman, Mrs. Emma R.	"
146. Kirkendall, Mrs. Anna	July 10, 1898
147. Hart, Mrs. Nettie	"
148. Benson, Miss Bessie	"
149. Crecelius, William T.	Apr. 3, 1899
150. Crecelius, Mrs. William T.	"
151. Crecelius Anna	"

Name	Date
152. Shearer, Mrs. Nancy	Sept. 19, 1899
153. Monroe, Ralph	Apr. 1, 1900
154. Mc Cormick, Elsie	"
155. Kahn, Otto	"
156. Huff, Claude	"
157. Wills, George T.	"
158. Johnson, W. H.	"
159. Kirkendall, Clarence	"
160. Groover, Bertha (Kirkendall ?)	"
161. Groover, Ethel	"
162. Reed, E. Ruth	"
163. Pratt, Jonas	"
164. Buchanan, Ralph B.	"
165. Buchanan, A. Wilson	"
166. Talbott, Mrs. Rachel	"
167. Lowery, Grace	"
168. Gross, Minnie	"
169. Bishop, B. Herbert	"
170. Crecillius, W. Alton	"
171. Bishop, Gertrude E.	"
172. Matson, Mrs. Mary	July 1, 1900
173. Oxley, Rev. C. G.	Jan. 5, 1902
174. Oxley, Mrs.	"
175. Bissett, James O.	"
176. Danner, Lena	May, 1902
177. Myers, Belle	"
178. Woodard, Leah	Sept., 1902
179. Woodard, Eva	"
180. McNerny, Charles	Jan. 4, 1903
181. Kimball, Ruth	"
182. Morse, Ida	"
183. Hause, Rev. R. E.	Oct. 4, 1903
184. Hause, Mrs. Phebe	"
185. Hause, Grace	"
186. Hause, Darley L.	"
187. Johnson, Emma	Nov. 28, 1903
188. Handley, E. S.	Dec. 14, 1904
189. Shaul, H. P.	"

Name	Date
190. Shaul, Viola	Dec. 14, 1904
191. Kirkendall, Elmer	"
192. Huff, Merle L.	"
193. Groover, Edna (Brockman)	"
194. Bishop, Mrs. Gertrude	Jan. 1, 1905
195. Carson, Gladys E.	"
196. Buffett, F. S.	"
197. Wills, Charles F.	"
198. Pratt, J. A. G.	"
199. Wilson, Paul	"
200. Huffman, Rev. S. J.	"
201. Huffman, Clara C.	"
202. Wilson, Josie	Jan. 16, 1905
203. Wilson, Hazel	"
204. Landon, Ralph	"
205. Shaul, Blanche	"
206. Packer, Gera	June 1, 1905
207. Packer, Anna (Mrs. D. V. McLean)	"
208. Benson, Mrs. Mary	Mar. 12, 1905
209. ^{Shaul} Shaul, Cora	"
210. Handley, Mrs. Maggie	July 1, 1905
211. Handley, Myrtle	"
212. Erickson, Hans	Jan. 1, 1906
213. Erickson, Mrs.	"
214. Erickson, Anna	"
215. Erickson, Ethel	"
216. Roundy, Mrs. Mattie	Jan. 29, 1906
217. Wilson, Mrs. Dora	"
218. McLean, Margie (Young)	"
219. Groover, Blanche	"
220. Groover, Pearl	"
221. Benson, Elsie (Mrs. G. E. Coulter)	"
222. Morrison, Gertie	"
223. Teeter, Inez (Mrs. Gallentine)	"
224. Ellis, Stella	"
225. Wilson, Ray	"
226. Larson, George	"
227. Ellis, Glen	"

Name	Date
228. Handley, C. W.	July 8, 1906
229. Handley, Lee H.	"
230. Heishman, H. R.	Nov. 18, 1907
231. Heishman, Mrs.	"
232. Parsons, E. E.	Jan. 2, 1910
233. Parsons, Mrs.	"
234. Buffett, William	Apr., 1910
235. Buffett, Mrs.	"
236. Palmer, Rev. E. B.	July, 1910
237. Plavets, Lusta (Mrs. Dale Henderson)	Aug 18, 1912
238. Hayne, Mrs. Mary G.	Jan. 15, 1913
239. Johnson, Lena (Mrs L. M. Buck)	"
240. Johnson, Edith	"
241. Johnson, Emma (Mrs. J. N. Lander)	"
242. Johnson, Hilda	"
243. Johnson, Gustaf	"
244. Johnson, Fred W.	"
245. Benson, Lelia Grace	"
246. Johnson, Jennie (Mrs. Ben Noid)	"
247. Larson, Opal Marie (Mrs. Verle Newton)	"
248. Plavetts, Mrs. Frank	Apr. 6, 1913
249. Plavetts, Edward	"
250. Plavetts, Mary (Mrs. Ray Billman)	"
251. Buffett, Marjorie (Mrs. Phin Turner)	"
252. Wilson, Clara May	"
253. Kohn, Mina	"
254. Kohn, Adda	"
255. LaBounty, Rev. George	Apr. 13, 1913
256. LaBounty, Mrs. Hilma	"
257. Lively, Mrs. Mabel Huff	July 6, 1913
258. Nemitz, Mrs. Robert	Oct. 5, 1913
259. Nemitz, Mr. Robert	"
260. Huff, Mrs. Flora	Nov. 2, 1913
261. Hilleman, Mrs. A.	Apr. 5, 1914
262. Hilleman, Mr. August	"
263. Felton, Abraham	"
264. Butler, Mr. Raymond	Sept. 6, 1914
265. Butler, Mrs. Letta	"

Name	Date
266. Wickersham, Mrs. Cora	Nov. 8, 1914
267. Wickersham, Burton	"
268. Noid, Miss Ellen	"
269. Mole, Mrs. George	"
270. Mole, Miss Vera	"
271. Mole, Miss Verna (Mrs. Chago)	"
272. Noid, Mr. C. A.	"
273. Noid, Mrs. C. A.	"
274. Noid, Mr. Benning	"
275. Nelson, Mrs. Mabel (A. O.)	Nov. 29, 1914
276. Horton, Rev. Henry	Jan. 2, 1916
277. Horton, Mrs. Etta	"
278. Landon, Maurice	Apr. 23, 1916
279. Landon, Harriett (Mrs. E. Coleman)	"
280. Ankrum, Violet	"
281. Ankrum, Gladys (Mr. W. Eggers)	"
282. Ankrum, Mabel (Mrs. Krause)	"
283. Clements, Mrs. J. S.	"
284. Clements, Jay S.	"
285. Benson, Mrs. Susie G.	"
286. Woodard, Mrs. Amy Raselle	Mar. 11, 1918
287. Woodard, Pearl Lesta	"
288. Woodard, Harold Wilferd	"
289. Tuttle, Donald	"
290. Tuttle, Alpha	"
291. Lane, Earle Emerson	"
292. Lane, Ramona Vaneta	"
293. Melberg, Mary Luella (Mrs. C. F. Wills)	"
294. Turner, Mrs. Fred	"
295. Diggins, Geo. Raymond	Apr. 7, 1918
296. Randall, Luther	"
297. Randall, Burdette	"
298. Lanholtm, Charles V.	"
299. Lanholtm, Mrs. Plavets, Anna	"
300. Lanholtm, Gerald V.	Apr. 20, 1919
301. Meiers, Dela (Mrs. Frank Miller)	"
302. Meiers, Lyla (Mrs. Glenn Mertz)	"
303. Bissett, Bernice (White)	Jan. 4, 1920

Name	Date
304. Woodard, Florence E.	Jan. 14, 1920
305. Nelson, Essie (Addison)	Apr., 1920
306. Bohnsack, Martha (Tuttle)	Apr., 1920
307. Bohnsack, Louise (Rule)	"
308. Melberg, Edith C. (Foote)	1921
309. Dunlap, Ethel May (Goecke)	"
310. Dunlap, Gladys Eleana (Tuttle)	"
311. Meiers, Elda M. D.	"
312. Buck, Howard	Jan. 8, 1922
313. Buck, Erma	"
314. Randall, Leola	"
315. Butler, Mrs.	"
316. Randall, Chas.	"
317. Randall, Mrs. Chas.	"
318. Hanna, Louise	"
319. Benson, Susie J. (Mrs. Ted Bruns)	"
320. Buck, Vesta Olive (Mrs. Darwin Renbarger)	Nov. 10, 1923
321. Buck, Norma Adeline (Mrs. Lester Corbin)	"
322. Buck, Maxine May	"
323. Mayo, Frances Marie (Mrs. Alva Parsons)	"
324. Mayo, Clara Ann Lucille	"
325. Bohnsack, George Albert	May 11, 1924
326. Powers, Elgin	"
327. Tuttle, Nessa Louise (Rule)	"
328. Phillips, Helen (Mrs. Gauch)	"
329. Benson, Clifford Gifford	"
330. Benson, Karl Hamilton	"
331. Tuttle, Henry Allan	"
332. Dunlap, Harold Thomas	"
333. Phillips, Lewis Martin	"
334. Johnson, Mrs. Viola (Fred)	"
335. Dunlap, John Crawford	"
336. Dunlap, Mrs. Nellie Ida	"
337. Benson, Mrs. Helen Kerr	"
338. McLean, Philip Packer	"
339. Parsons, Alva	"
339. Benson, Ethel Annabel (Mrs. B. D. Dannen)	July 13, 1924
340. Phillips, Charles H.	"
341. Phillips, Mrs. Charles	"

Name	Date
342. Butler, Franklin	July 13, 1924
343. Butler, Charles	"
344. Nemitz, Georgia (Mrs. Howard Miller)	"
345. Lively, Kenneth	Apr. 19, 1925
346. Nelson, Oscar	"
347. Nelson, Albert	"
348. Phillips, Charles Howard, Jr.	"
349. Melberg, Joseph	May 9, 1926
350. Renbarger, Wilbur	Apr. 17, 1927
351. Renbarger, Mrs. Lottie	"
352. Farnham, Mrs. George T.	"
353. Lively, Doris	"
354. Lively, Paul	"
355. Hilleman, Ronald	"
356. Nemitz, Ellen	"
357. Plavets, Frank	"
358. Plavets, Charles	"
359. Tuttle, Luther	"
360. Melberg, Elmer	"
361. Melberg, Ruth	"
362. Melberg, Florence	"
363. Daniels, Dorothy	"
364. Daniels, Hugh	"
365. Buck, Zella (Mrs. Carl Benson)	"
366. Bissett, Lois (Mrs. C. D. Bryant)	"
367. Brockman, Onalee (Mrs. A. Miller)	"
368. Renbarger, Darwin	"
369. Renbarger, Wilda (Long)	"
370. Hamilton, Ray	"
371. Hamilton, Mrs. Ray	"
372. Herrick, Mrs. Ella	"
373. Herrick, Olive	"
374. Rule, Mrs. Kenner	"
375. Brockman, Mrs. Chris	"
376. Hyzak, Mrs. John	"
377. Bohnsack, Henry	"
378. Meeker, Clarke	"
379. McLean, Mrs. Phillip	Apr. 21, 1930
380. Mayo, Evelyn (Keen)	"

This page includes 78 names left unnumbered on original member list

Name	Date
Bohnsack, Oliver	Apr. 21, 1935
Smith, Jean	"
Landon, Mrs. Ralph (Minnie)	"
Landon, Max	"
Lively, Austin	"
Lively, Claude	"
Hoyt, Benjamin, Jr.	"
McLean, Marlanna (Bailey)	Apr. 21, 1935
Smith, Mrs. Charles	"
Lively, Mrs. Kenneth	"
Hoop, Mrs. Henry	"
Benson, Mrs. Kate	"
Hoyt, Rev. B.B.	"
Hoyt, Mrs.	"
Hoyt, Emmet	"
Foran, Harry	Apr. 21, 1935
Foran, James	"
Graves, H.C.	July 8, 1935
Graves, Mrs. H.C.	"
Graves, Austin	"
Graves, Marion	"
Graves, Frances	"
Graves, Charlotte	"
Kerr, Nera Graves	"
Graves, Neal	"
Seiems, Mrs. Omar	Mar. 28, 1937
Brockman, Virgil	"
Brockman, Mrs. Virgil	"
Nemetz, Mrs. B.	"
Nemetz, Mr. B.	"
Larson, George	"
Butler, Mrs. Ray	"
Butler, Mr. Ray	"
Wills, Margery (Lockwood)	Apr. 9, 1939
Wills, Marian (Hickman)	"
Johnson, Chas. Frederick	"
Wills, Shirley Jean (Dixon)	"
Meeker, Mrs. Minerva	"
Meeker, La Verne	"
Meeker, Billy	"

Name	Date
Meeker, Lois	Apr. 9, 1939
McLean, Alice May (Engelbrecht)	"
Polley, Albertus	"
Polley, Victor	"
Benson, Barbara (Baltisberger)	"
Wyatt, Richard	"
Martin, Elaine	"
Wyatt, Herbert	"
Randall, Richard	"
Randall, Robert	"
White, Milton E.	"
White, Mary E.	"
Melberg, Mrs. Elmer	July, 1939
Bryant, Chauncy D.	Mar. 24, 1940
Plummer, Owen	"
Plummer, Warren J.	"
Plummer, Marian (Goock)	"
Wilson, Mrs. Laurence	"
Wilson, Gail Arden	"
Wilson, Mrs. Gail	"
Wyatt, Mrs. Mary L.	"
Landon, La Vern	"
Siems, Elmer	"
Huff, Donald	"
Minnick, Mrs. Harold	"
Minnick, Harold	"
Graves, Mrs. Austin	"
Huff, Mrs. Donald	Apr. 25, 1943
Poole, Frank	"
Poole, Mrs. Frank	"
Poole, Vern	"
Poole, Ralph	"
Parsons, Okal	"
Parsons, George	"
Olson, Jean (Johnson)	"
Miller, Mrs. J.B., Sr.	"
Miller, Mary Lou (Speas)	"
Olson, Joan (Durek)	Apr. 9, 1944
Johnson, Herbert Wm	"

Name	Date
380. Parsons, Leland	Sept. 2, 1945
381. Parsons, Mrs. Leland	"
382. Parsons, Ronald Lee	"
383. Keen, Walter Thomas	"
384. Nelson, Mrs. Oscar	Apr. 21, 1946
385. Nelson, Shirley Ann	"
386. Nelson, Charles Fanton	"
387. Martin, Mrs. Dorothy	"
388. Martin, Carolyn Jane	"
389. Martin, Marilyn Ann	"
390. Galt, Rev. Ralph M.	Nov. 12, 1949
391. Galt, Mrs. Ralph M.	"
392. Wickersham, Mrs. Emmett	Apr. 2, 1950
393. Wickersham, Dorothy (Rider)	"
394. Galloway, Clyde	"
395. Galloway, Mrs. Clyde	"
396. Huff, Mrs. Merle	"
397. Goecke, Raymond	"
398. Engle, Gaylord	Apr. 9, 1950
399. Engle, Mrs. Gaylord	"
400. Engle, Dale	Dec. 17, 1950
401. Elsberry, Edward	"
402. Elsberry, Glen, Jr.	"
403. Galloway, Rex	"
404. Galloway, Vieve (Davis)	"
405. Wickersham, Joan (Boston)	"
406. Wills, Muriel	"
407. Hilleman, Daniel Nelson	"
408. Hilleman, Janet Marie	"
409. Johnson, James Arthur	"
410. Nuese, Duane	"
411. Wilson, Eunice (Mrs. Marvin Reece)	"
412. Johnson, Mrs. Lola Bryngelson	"
413. Wills, Mary Lou (Smith)	Jan. 21, 1951
414. Smith, Harriet Hammerly	"
415. Smith, Robert	"
416. Goecke, Robert	Mar. 25, 1951
417. Goecke, Mrs. Gertrude Vry	"

Name	Date
418. Hauser, Cecil	Mar. 25, 1951
419. Hauser, Mrs. Opal Loupee	"
420. Hilleman, Ronald J.	"
421. Hilleman, Mrs. Evelyn	"
422. Hurst, Russell	"
423. Hurst, Mrs. Russell	"
424. Ingledue, Marion	"
425. Ingledue, Mrs. Verna Garrington	"
426. Jostons, Jenis	"
427. Jostons, Mrs. Elsa	"
428. Jostons, Karlia	"
429. Jostons, Mrs. Pauline	"
430. Rider, Robert	"
431. Dyrland, Blaine	"
432. Dyrland, Mrs. Blaine	"
433. Geddes, Mrs. Russell	June 10, 1951
434. Smith, Mrs. Max	Apr. 13, 1952
435. Ruff, Roger	May 11, 1952
436. Ruff, Mrs. Roger	"
437. Hughes, Claire A.	Jan. 11, 1953
438. Hughes, Mrs. Claire A.	"
439. Billman, Clifford E.	Apr. 5, 1953
440. Billman, Mrs. Clifford E.	"
441. Benson, Clifford Gibson	May 11, 1954
442. Bryant, Ruth Elaine (Huen)	Apr., 1955
443. Keen, Noel Thomas	"
444. Keen, Judith Jane (Nichol)	"
445. Bryant, Jane Annette (Croskey)	Apr. 21, 1957
446. Johnson, John Edward	"
447. Wilson, Emory Mitchell	"
448. Rule, Mrs. Lyman	"
449. Hilleman, David Ronald	Oct. 6, 1957
450. Coleman, Russell D.	Feb. 2, 1958
451. Coleman, Mrs. Russell	"
452. Bissett, Wm Lester	Mar. 30, 1958
453. Rider, Patricia Eileen (Freiberg)	Apr. 6, 1958
454. Hickman, Theodore LaRue	"
455. Rempp Robert	Mar. 29, 1959

Name	Date
456. Rempp, Mrs. Robert (Velma)	Mar. 28, 1959
457. Fricke, Robert	"
458. Fricke, Mrs. Robert (Doris)	"
459. Paul, John	"
460. Paul, Mrs. John (Marian)	"
461. Phillips, Fonda Mae (Womack)	"
462. Phillips, Lewis	"
463. Phillips, Mrs. Lewis (Esther)	"
464. Carlson, Mr. Roy	"
465. Carlson, Mrs. Roy (Ruth)	"
466. Benson, James C.	"
467. Benson, Mrs. James C. (Greta)	"
468. Orr, Mr. Harry	"
469. Orr, Mrs. Harry (Darlene)	"
470. Benson, Kate Esther	Apr. 2, 1961
471. Bryant, Roger Lee	"
472. Paul, Michael John	"
473. Paul, John Marion	"
474. Emerson, Grace	Dec. 25, 1961
475. Goecke, Calvin	"
476. Goecke, Shirley	"
477. Goecke, Kendra	"
478. Goecke, Deborah	"
479. Goecke, Jeffrey	"
480. Goecke, Lisa	"
481. Eichorn, Ralph LeRoy	Apr. 15, 1962
482. Eichorn, Avis Leona	"
483. Miltenberger, Robert Baxter	"
484. Miltenberger, Betty Jane	"
485. Miltenberger, Robert Kenneth	"
486. Miller, Edward James	"
487. Miller, Mary Ann	"
488. Butler, Mrs. Charles (Betty)	Dec. 23, 1962
489. Olson, Howard B.	"
490. Olson, Kathryn J.	"
491. Craskrey, Gary L.	"
492. Hickman, Kay Elaine (Mrs. Jim Stewart)	Apr. 7, 1963
493. Hauser, John Ches Chester	"

Name	Date
494. Hauser, Larry Allen	Apr. 7, 1963
495. Paul, Patricia Marie	"
496. Tempel, Wayne Lawrence	June 2, 1963
497. Tempel, Linda Lou Hayes	"
498. Orr, Sheila	Mar. 22, 1964
499. Goecke, Donald Ray	"
500. Rempp, Lionel	May 24, 1964
501. Olson, Tenus	Jan. 19, 1965
502. Olson, Mrs. Tenus (Reba M.)	"
503. Gauch, Ronald	Apr. 11, 1965
504. Gauch, Mrs. Ronald (Betty)	"
505. Cerka, David Martin	"
506. Cerka, Mrs. David (Sharon K.)	"
507. Miller, Linda K.	"
508. Garrington, Dwight J.	"
509. Garrington, Mrs. Dwight (Neoma)	"
510. Garrington, Stephen	"
511. Hauser, Nancy (Mrs. Tom Whalley)	"
512. Johnson, Mary Jean	"
513. Carlson, Thomas Roy	"
514. Goecke, Robert Allen	"
515. Paul, Stephen	"
516. Kellogg, Mrs. Darlene M. (Cooper)	Dec. 19, 1965
517. Johnson, Nancy Kay (Mrs. Bob Edler)	Apr. 3, 1966
518. Olson, Denise Kay	"
519. Ingledue, Jane Louise (Mrs. Bob Melish)	"
520. Hartwig, Roxanne Lee (Mrs. Don Goecke)	"
521. Miltenberger, David Lee	"
522. Garrington, James LeRoy	"
523. Billman, Nadine Marie (BURKE)	Mar. 18, 1967
524. Goecke, Beverly Denise (Mrs. Bruce Thomas)	" 1967
525. Johnson, Judith Diane (Mrs. Tab Hill)	"
526. Fricke, Lorraine Kay (Mrs. David Waltemeyer)	"
527. Fricke, Gary Lee	"
528. Johnson, Roger Dale	"
529. Johnson, Douglas Craig	"
530. Carlson, James Alan	"
531. Olson, Daniel Paul	"

Name	Date
532. Slifer, Robert Allen Jr.	Mar. 18, 1967
533. Fiscus, Mrs. Willis (Jane M.)	Apr. 7, 1968
534. Fiscus, Willis L.	"
535. Heun, Emil	"
536. Work, Donald	Mar. 30, 1969
537. Work, Mrs. Donald (Phyllis)	"
538. Linser, Dan	"
539. Paul, Douglas	"
540. Wilkinson, Walter	"
541. Wilkinson, David	"
542. Linser, Don Mark	"
543. Olson, Dale	"
544. Olson, Arnold	"
545. Olson, Mrs. Arnold (Janice)	"
546. Hickman, Kenneth Allen	Nov. 30, 1969
547. Hickman, Mrs. Kenneth (Kristin)	"
548. Benson, Charles Daniel	Apr. 4, 1971
549. Benson, Isla Faye (Mrs. Chas.) (For David Benson, see page 16)	"
550. Benson, Timothy James	"
551. Benson, Rodney Dean	"
552. Johnson, Teri Ann (Mrs. Larry Schoberg)	"
553. Rempp, Douglas Allen	"
554. Rozendaal, Mary Jean (Mrs. Ed)	"
555. Rozendaal, Edward N.	"
556. Pearson, Marjorie K. (Mrs. Tom)	"
557. Pearson, Tom	"
558. White, Patricia Ann (Mrs. M.E.)	"
559. White, Milton E.	"
560. Orr, Craig Robert	"
561. Kimberley, Lynnette (Mrs. John Hauser)	July 25, 1971
562. Hill, Talbert C.	Aug. 29, 1971
563. Brown, Charlene (Mrs. Herschel)	"
564. Drinorsky, Sharon	Nov., 1971
565. Fiscus, Michael Willis	Apr. 2, 1972
566. White, David Edward	"
567. Billman, Diane Lynn (Mrs. Bill Veren)	"
568. Benson, Tamara Jo (Mrs. Jky Flora)	"
569. Benson, Rebecca Rae (Mrs. Kevin Whitaker)	"

Name	Date
570. Howard, Linda Jean (Clark)	Apr. 22, 1973
571. Howard, Dawn Alise	"
572. Olson, Julie (Mrs. Doug Riley) (Mrs. Greg Sandy)	"
573. Copen, Mrs. D.W. (Betty)	"
574. Benson, Dennis Faye	"
575. Wyatt, Sandra S.	"
576. Fricke, Daryl Robert	"
577. Fiscus, Mark Alan	"
578. Whalley, Tom	Nov. 18, 1973
579. Fricke, Karen Lynn (Mrs. P. Santz)	Sept. 28, 1975
580. Paul, Cindy	"
581. Goeck, Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. Stan MacKinnon)	"
582. Rozendaal, Kelley Sue	"
583. Rozendaal, Douglas Norman	"
584. Rempp, Craig Robert	"
585. Tempel, Leslie Wayne	"
586. Speas, Tom	Feb. 12, 1976
587. Speas, Mrs. Tom (Mary Lou)	"
588. Rev. Boyd G. ELLEFSON	4/2/78
589. MRS. Judith L. ELLEFSON	4/2/78
590. Benson, David Charles	Apr. 4, 1971
591. WEST, LOREN Douglas	JUN. 11, 1978
592. WEST, Patricia ANN	6/11/78
593. Peterson, Joni KAY	6/11/78
594. Peterson, Patricia ANN	6/11/78
595. Peterson, Sheryl Marie	6/11/78
596. FRICKE, CAROL JEAN	6/11/78
597. Benson, Jay Herbert	6/11/78
598. Benson, BRIAN HAROLD (Gary Thomas)	6/11/78
599. JOHNSON, LORI Lynn (Jack Pulhinn)	6/11/78
600. FISCUS, SUSAN JANE (Myers)	6/11/78
601. WEST, CAROLYN Sue (Jim White)	6/11/78
602. TEMPEL, PAULA JEAN	6/11/78
603. Rempp, Lionel	8/13/78
604. Rempp, CHLORIS	8/13/78
605. ELLEFSON, JONATHAN G.	12/17/78
606. ELLEFSON, Michele L.	12/17/78
607. Peterson, Robin	12/17/78

Name	Date
608. SPAS, MARK ALLAN	12/17/78
609. WEST, BRUCE CORY	12/17/78
610. Tempel, STEVEN CARL	12/17/78
611. STEWART, JAMES RAY	12/17/78
612. Rempp, JAMES BRIAN	12/17/78
613. FRICKE, MARCIA	5/20/79
614. FLORA, JAMES (JAY)	5/20/79
615. Goecke, Jeffrey	May 1980
616. Goecke, Lee Ann	May 1980
617. Benson, Sherry ^(Mrs. Rodney) Roseland	Oct. 1980
618. Whitaker, Kevin	Apr. 1981
619. McLaughlin, Gregory Dean	June 1982
620. McLaughlin, Jean Joanne	June 1982
621. HICKMAN, KARA LIN	April 13, 1983
622. HICKMAN, Kellie Sue	April 13, 1983
623. Miltenberger, Timothy	April 13, 1983
624. HONARD, Max	April 13, 1983
625. FRICKE, Mrs. Robert (SHAR)	July 10, 1983
626. Billman, Randy DEAN	Sept 14, 1986
627. KENDRA NEUROTH (Mrs. DEAN)	Dec 13, 1987
628. BRIAN TALBERT Hill	Dec. 13, 1987
629. JAMES KEVIN HAUSER	Dec. 13, 1987
630. BRENT RICHARD HAUSER	Dec. 13, 1987
631. KENT JUSTIN HICKMAN	Dec. 13, 1987
632. JASON John Scheffert	Dec. 13, 1987
633. NATHAN JEFFREY GOECKE	Dec. 13, 1987
634. Taylor, Cindy	Mar. 2, 1988
635. Taylor, Gary	Apr. 15, 1988
636. Fricke, Laura Dawn	Feb. 27, 1989
637. Rhoades, Timothy Lee	Feb 27, 1989
638. Hill, Joel William	Feb 27, 1989
639. Stewart, Patrick Allen	Feb 27, 1989
640. Wall, Albert (Bud)	April 21, 1996
641. Wall, Joan	April 21, 1996
642. Benson, Brandon James	June 23, 1996
643. Whitaker, Justin Jay	June 23, 1996
644. Altenhofen, Christine (Johnson)	June 8, 1997

Name	Date
645. Zaruba, Kevin	June 15, 1997
646. Zaruba, Sarah	June 15, 1997
647. Benson, Alyssa	April 15, 1998
648. Hauser, Lucas	April 15, 1998
649. Hill, Kyle	April 15, 1998
650. Neuroth, Kristen	April 15, 1998
651. Stewart, Kristin	April 15, 1998
652. Behr, Lyle	Mar. 28, 1999
653. Stewart, Melanie	May 2, 1999
654. Easley, Ashley	April 16, 2000
655. Nelson, Steven	April 16, 2000
656. Hauser, Lance	April 16, 2000
657. Behr, Joshua	April 16, 2000
658. Neuroth, Kelly	April 16, 2000
659. Benson, A. Lanie	April 16, 2000
660. Nussbaum, Betsy	April 16, 2000

Actual number of members is 788 due to 128 members recorded on original member list without being numbered.

Memorial Gifts to the LaMoille Congregational Community Church

Brick church marker which included the LaMoille
School bell and the cornertone of the school

Kate Benson, Herbert Benson, Charles Benson

Carillon

Fred Johnson, helen Wilkinson, Doris Fricke, Todd Johnson, Myrtle Huff, Harold Smith, Ella Hauser, Amy Eaton Binder, Evelyn Keen, Oscar Nelson, Walter Keen, Rachael Eichorn, Hilda Johnson

Sound System

Mabel Wickersham, Kate Benson, Herbert Benson, Charles Benson, Mildred Sullivan, Roy Hickman, Fred L. Bissett, Nora Sunkle, Leland Parsons, Frances Benson, Art Bryngelson, James & Stella Hauser, Edward A. White, J.B. Miller, Genevieve Goecke, William Lester Bissett, Joseph Echer

Family Room

Margaret Hall, Avis Eichorn, Edward A. White, Jemima Smith, Wadells, Josephine Tomlinson, Earle E. Lane, Lloyd & Lena Buck, Lottie Renbarger, Lettie Butler, Edna Brockman, Vlasta Plavets Henderson, W. Dale Bryant, Herbert Benson, Evelyn Hilleman, Myron & Nina Plummer

Choir Robes

Susan Benson

Cassette Storage Case

Wilbur Benson

Brass Cross & Candlesticks

Montgomery Willis, August Hilleman, Anna Erickson, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Erickson, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kimball, Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Wadell, Mrs. Charles Smith

Silver Coffee Service

Delia A. Bissett

Wurlitzer Piano

Mabel Nelson

Organ

James O. Bissett, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Echer, Nina Plummer, Helen Wilkinson, Thomas Emerson, Herman Jentzen, Georgia Plavets

Brass Flower Vases

Emma Mayo

Brass Bible Stand

Betty Taft

Altar Bible

Ellen Woodard, Mr. & Mrs. G.A. DeButts

Sallsmans "Head of Christ"

August Hilleman

DeVincis "The Lord's Supper"

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Benson

Pews

Joe Melberg, Myron Plummer, William Mayo, Orma Keen, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mitchem

Brass Offering Plates

Mabel Lively

Large Brass Cross

Floyd & Esther Billman

Pulpit Chairs

Thomas Emerson, Merle Huff

Office Bookcase

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Mitchem

Brass Candleabra

Margeret Geddes

Baptismal Fount

Donald Geddes

Baptismal Bowl

Raymond Bryant

Sellsman's "Head of Christ"

Alice Hauser Haskell

Piano Light

Jessie Hauser Hovey

Silver Nut Dish

Margaret Geddes

Tablecloth

Emma Mayo

Silver Tray

The Joston Family

Praying Hands

Todd Johnson

Piano

Hattie Benson Lane, Monty Willia

Pew Bibles

Robert Rider

Colored Window

Verna Ingledue

Guest & Memorial Books

Mrs. Olive Byerly

Kitchen Clock

Mrs. Hugh Davis

Folding Chairs in Family Room

Cecil Hauser

Choir Robes

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goecke

Office Furniture in Family Room

Cecil Hauser, Floyd Billman, George Bohnsack, Rachael Eichorn, Donald Tuttle, Walter & Evelyn Keen

JULY SECOND

1939

The pageant produced last year met with such wonderful approval of everyone that it was decided to again put on a similar event. This time "The Striking of America's Hour" was chosen. The original date was set for June 26th, but due to rain was postponed until July 2nd. The story dealt with Christian Liberty and was very vividly presented by an elaborate cast of 400 members under the direction of Rev. Milton White of Lamoille. Actually 25 churches were represented in the cast, showing the most outstanding spirit of inter-denominational cooperation. It was acclaimed by over 8,000 spectators as the most beautiful religious drama ever produced in the state.

The lesson, dramatically pointed out in the story, was that Christian Liberty can only be had and perpetuated thru the acceptance of the Cross of Christ. Again a sermon was given by means of a pageant which was so gripping and factual that it was worth all of the efforts put into its presentation. The participants voiced the very beneficial effect it had on them in helping present the story, and likewise, those who saw it were deeply impressed by its strong religious intensity.

Thousands View Pageant Held at Franklin Field

Acceptance of the Cross of Christ Stressed as
Way to Christian Liberty—Responsibility
Placed on America.

DECIDING TO CO-OPERATE with the Marshall County Council of Christian Education the weather man offered a perfect moonlight night Sunday for the production of the annual county church and bible school day pageant, "The Striking of America's Hour," after having caused postponement by rain a week ago. The gigantic pageant was presented at Franklin field by representatives of 52 county churches before an audience of between 7,000 and 8,000, according to W. D. Curry, chairman of the council, who based his estimation on a count taken at the gate.

Dramatic in its story, the production brought to central Iowa the idea that christian liberty can be reached only by accepting the cross of Christ.

It presented a picture of the opportunities which great empires have had in the past and have lost because of their rejection of the Savior. Each of these nations was brought before the Spirit of Brotherhood, the Spirit of Justice and the Spirit of Liberty. Each was tried and found wanting.

America's Opportunity.

After America was called forth to make a spectacular entry thru an isle of handmaidens, she told of her commercial wealth, lands, huge buildings and working opportunities. The heathen nations of the world appeared to show America's tremendous opportunity to work with these people.

Towards the close of the pageant the Spirit of Liberty was pictured as a phantom that lures men across the seas to America. In a striking scene she told that the way to Christian Liberty can be reached only by accepting the Cross.

The grand finale with the entire cast of 400 on the stage arms up-lifted to the large illuminated cross, closed the pageant, which was under the direction of Rev. Milton White of Lamoille.

Main characters were played by John Howard, the Spirit of Brotherhood; Mrs. C. H. Brimhall of State Center, the Spirit of Liberty; Mrs. Howard Alexander, the Spirit of Justice, and Miss DeLome Laird, America.

Musical Background.

An appropriate musical background was furnished by a large choir directed by Chauncey Bryant of Lamoille and Miss Marie Graham of Marshalltown, and an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Bryant.

The various churches of the county which contributed characters for the cast of the pageant, also furnished the musicians.

Attractive lighting arrangements illuminated the huge stage which was draped in neutral tones to provide a suitable background for colorful costumes of the characters. The lighted cross appeared brilliant against a darker velvet background, at the highest point at the rear of the stage.

Thousands already had gathered at the field before the Iowa Salvation Army Festival Band of Des Moines gave its scheduled concert from the stage, beginning at 7 o'clock. Others came while the band was playing and nearly all joined in the mass song festival preceding the presentation of the pageant and the prayer by Rev. Benjamin J. Trickey.

50TH

LA MOILLE

CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH

1887

1937

ANNIVERSARY

Ladies' Aid

The next regular Aid meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Luther Randall. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. L. Tuttle and Mrs. E. C. Wickersham. At the recent Aid meeting at Johnsons, plans were made to have a dressed chicken and bake sale, Saturday, October 23rd in MARSHALLTOWN.

A Kind Statement

The following statement was handed your pastor, to be published in this paper:

"In the recent resignation of Rev. Youngdahl, the La Moille Community Church feels deeply the loss sustained. Altho very sorry to sever a relationship which has been both pleasant and profitable, we extend to himself and family prayers and best wishes as he enters a larger field of service in the Master's vineyard." Thanks so much for that kind statement. I surely have enjoyed my work at La Moille and only hope is that God might have used me to bring to someone a clearer vision of the way of Eternal Life.

The Anniversary Tea

Kindly notice the announcement pertaining to this tea to be held Saturday afternoon November 6th, from 2 to 4 P.M. at the church. You are invited and urged to attend. It will make a very splendid beginning for our anniversary festivities.

LOOK! Some facts about the church

Entire membership of the church has been 373. That is total number of people that have belonged to the church.

On November 1st, 1886, 6 members joined.

There are no charter members living.

The present membership of the church is 61 adults and 20 young people.

We are inviting all former members of the church to come back for the anniversary, and if you cannot be here, kindly send us a greeting to be read.

Mrs. Caroline Kimball is our oldest former member living. She joined the church in October, 1888.

Mrs. Henry Bohnsack joined the church in October 1888.

Mrs. J. D. Bissett joined the church in December 1893.

Mr. John Huff joined the church in February 1896.

These last three mentioned people are writing the history of the church which will be read at the afternoon service.

The Anniversary Envelope

The board felt that the best way to defray the expenses of the anniversary would be to receive an anniversary offering on the Sunday that the anniversary is to be celebrated. You will find an envelope enclosed in this letter. That is to be brought in and placed in the offering plate at any one of the service Sunday, November 7th. The board also asks that a special gift be given this day in this envelope that enough might be gained to also pay for the expense of painting the church. Make your gift a liberal one and then we shall have enough to pay for all the expenses.

No service Sunday Oct. 31st

Because of the fact that we will have three services on Sunday, November 7th, there will be no worship service on October 31st which is next Sunday. Sunday School and the Bible Classes will be held as usual at 10 A.M. on this Sunday, however.

Everyone enthused!

That's our motto for the Anniversary. Everyone should be so enthused about our plans that they should be willing to make a supreme effort to influence their friends to come to our special services. We have a very attractive program. Please do your part in making this celebration the finest one ever conducted in the La Moille Church.

Anniversary Booklets

Anniversary booklets are being printed with the programs of the services and a brief history of the church, and the names of the former pastors of the church. These will be on sale at a nominal price by the members of the Ladies Aid. They are very attractive.

Two Former pastors back

We are very happy that at least two of our former pastors will be back with us for this celebration. We wish to bid Rev. La Bounty and Rev. Lannholm a most sincere welcome. We know that your presence among us will make the day a happier one for all of us.

Communion Service

Communion service will be celebrated right after the opening service at 10 A.M. on Sunday morning, November 7th. All members of the church should be present to partake in this service. We hope to see you there.

The Editor

Miss Hilda Johnson is the general editor and business manager of this paper. She is the one who sends it to you each month.

LA MOILLE MESSENGER

EXTRA! EXTRA!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WILL MEET SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7:30. ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO THIS MEETING. REV. YOUNGDAHL WILL GIVE A SHORT TALK. COME!!!

FALL SEASON OF ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR THE LA MOILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT LA MOILLE

RALLY DAY

Bring your Fathers and your Mothers
Bring your Sisters and your Brothers
Bring your Uncles and your Aunties
Bring your Grandmas and your Grandmas
Bring your friends and your neighbors
Bring your kiddies and your babies
No matter what kind of weather

We will have a fine time together ---
And don't you fail to remember
It's the last Sunday in September.

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R ally for service.
A ttendance of every Sunday School member
L argest attendance of visitors
L asting impressions made
Y ou are included.

D elightful program
A t all the services
Y ou must not miss.

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Keep your mind upon the date

RALLY DAY

Let no slothful one be late

RALLY DAY

As we want a record clear
You should come from far and near
Friends and parents should appear

ON RALLY DAY!

Lend a hand and help

RALLY DAY

Make your influence felt

RALLY DAY

Ask your parents to come out
And see what it is all about

RALLY DAY.

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"I love Thy Church, O God
Her walls before Thee stand
Dear as the apple of Thine eye
And graven on Thy Hand."

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If you know of anyone who desires to
unite with the La Moille Church, please
give their names to Rev. Youngdahl. He will
be happy to call on them!

Plans include a special Rally Day

Sunday and the 50th Anniversary

With the summer season over, plans are
being made for a fall of activity in the
La Moille Congregational Church. Special
announcement of the 50th Anniversary
plans will be found on the second sheet
of this paper.

The Annual Rally Day Sunday will be
celebrated Sunday, September 26th. We are
hoping for a capacity audience at this
service. Morning worship will be held at
10 A.M. in charge of Rev. Youngdahl. Follow-
ing this service, the Beginners, Primary,
Junior, and Intermediate departments of
the Sunday School will put on a short de-
monstration of some of their work. Please
be in church and Sunday School this day.

On Sunday, October 3rd, the morning
worship at 10 A.M. will be in charge of
Rev. S. E. Engstrom of Des Moines, Iowa. Rev.
Engstrom was the rally speaker at the
Central Iowa Fair last year and is rec-
ognized as one of the outstanding pul-
pit orators in the State of Iowa. It is
hoped that a large audience will greet
him at this service.

The Sunday School attendance is in-
creasing each Sunday but it should be a
lot better than it has been. Please be
regular in attending Sunday School.

We are happy to have the La Moille
Teachers worship with us again. We welcome
them to the community and to the La Moille
Church and its activities.

A CHRISTIAN IS -----

A MIND

Through which Christ thinks

A HEART

Through which Christ loves

A VOICE

Through which Christ speaks

A HAND

Through which Christ helps

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AN ANNIVERSARY POEM CONTRIBUTED
BY MRS. J. L. ROUNDY OF
MC ALLEN, TEXAS

.....
There is a little church on La Moille hill
Built fifty years ago and it stands there
still,
It was in the year 1887
Twas built with its steeple pointing
towards heaven,
And telling all in the community around
To come and worship for the Lord was
found.
They had met in a school house for Sunday
School,
And had preaching occasionally as a rule,
Then the Reverend Martin did organize
And they erected this building the small
in size.
It was left unfinished for several years
Until an accident happend that caused
many tears,
For the janitor preparing for the service
one night
Caused an explosion as gas was then used
for light.
There was no service on that night to be
For it was put out of commission then
you see.
While the membership of the church con-
tinued to grow,
Where it will stop none of us ever will
know.
The church has been finished with a base-
ment nice,
And the Ladies Aid knows all the cost
price,
For they have toiled unceasingly year
after year
And give all an opportunity to help around
near.
So I for a few years with my little mite
Did what I could to keep things going
right,
And with joys and sorrows that come to us
all,
Say congratulations for the golden anni-
versary this fall,
Many dear ones of course are now gone on
To obtain their reward that was here
begun,
To me it will ever seem like home
When a trip up North and to Iowa come.
Though time brings changes and strange
faces I see
It indicates largely what God's Church
should be

Special services to be held that day
in the morning, afternoon, & evening.

The La Moille Congregational Church
will hold special services on November
7th when the 50th Anniversary of the
Church will be celebrated. Plans have been
formulated to make this a red letter
day in the history of the church. This
early announcement is made in order that
you readers may pass on this word to
your friends and to other people who
have lived in La Moille and who might be
interested in returning for this celebra-
tion. If every member of the church would
write to those they know who used to live
in La Moille, the committees would be
greatly assisted in getting as good a
crowd as possible at these services.

Several committees have been appointed
that are working with the pastor, Rev. R.
K. Youngdahl. They are as follows: History,
Mr. John Huff, Mrs. Henry Bohnsack, and Mrs.
J. O. Bissett; Publicity, Mrs. D. V. Mc. Clean,
Mrs. Fred Benson, and Hilda M. Johnson.

The tentative program for these fes-
tivities is as follows:

10 A.M. Special morning worship with
the sermon by Rev. R. K. Youngdahl, Special
music by the La Moille Choir, directed
by Mr. Bryant.

10:45 A.M. Sunday School and Bible
Classes.

Noon - Fellowship dinner in the church
sponsored by the La Moille Ladies Aid.

3 P.M. - Festive Anniversary Service
with as many former pastors as possible
participating in the service. Special
music by an outside choir.

6 P.M. - Lunch served by the La Moille
Ladies Aid.

8 P.M. - Concert given by the La Moille
Choir under the direction of Mr. Bryant.

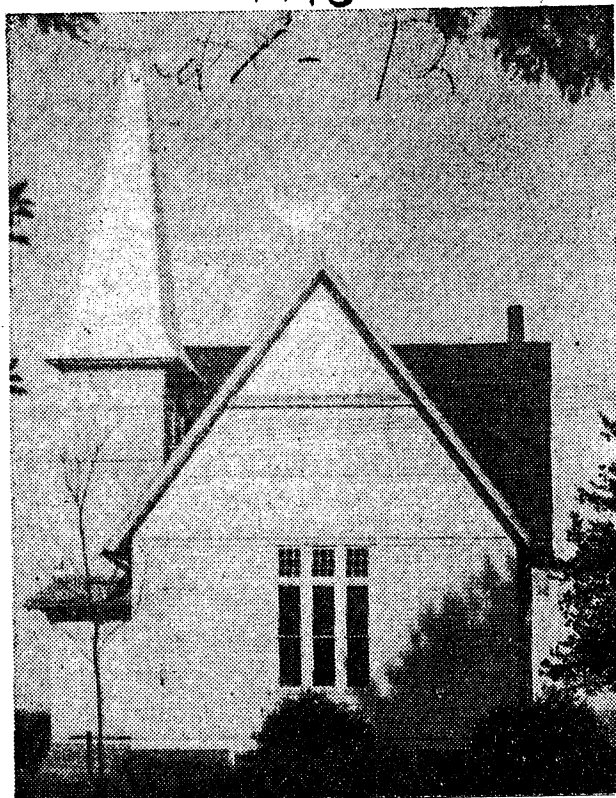
PLEASE RESERVE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH FOR
YOUR CHURCH AND PLAN TO SPEND THE DAY IN
LA MOILLE AT THIS HISTORIC CELEBRATION!

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LA MOILLE NEWS - Published in the interest
of La Moille Congregational Church. Hilda
Johnson, Business Manager and Editor.
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POEM - CONTINUED

And wishing joy and happiness to those
carrying on,
With success for the next fifty years
to come.

To Sponsor "Harvest Home" Program 1943



LAMOILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH.

Lamoille — (Special) — A special "Harvest Home" program, sponsored by the Lamoille Community church, will be held Wednesday and will start at 10:30 a. m., when the Lamoille consolidated school band of 20 pieces presents a program directed by "Cap" Crawford of Waterloo. Numbers to appear on the program include "The Star Spangled Banner," "America," "Organ Melody," "Song of the Rose," "Village Chapel" and "The Promotion March." Flute solos will be presented by Ellen Zeisness and Virginia Goecke. A baritone solo will be given by Margery Wills. School will be dismissed at noon for the occasion.

The service of Thanksgiving will be held at 11:15 a. m., when Rev. R. J. Montgomery of Grinnell, superintendent of the Congregational-Christian conference of Iowa, will be present to address the group. A musical number, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" will be sung by a girl's quartet, composed of Margery Wills, Shirley Wills, Joan and Jean Olson.

Following a basket dinner, the afternoon program will open at 1:30 o'clock. Colored moving pictures, taken locally and showing parts of the "God's Portion" project will be a feature of the program and will be shown by Mrs.

Luella Wills. The girl's quartet will sing "The Little White Church on the Hill", and dedicate it to the local church.

During the afternoon, reports will be given and awards made by Chauncy Bryant, chairman of God's Portion committee, to the oldest participant in the project, the youngest participant, the largest family present and to the person giving the largest single portion. A short talk, "What Shall We Do With the Portion?" will follow by Wilbur Sharer, after which Rev. H. N. Solliday, pastor at Bethel Grove, will report on the God's Acre program carried on there.

Plans for the new year will be explained by Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Rev. Lewis Savage, pastor of the Lamoille Community church and Chauncy Bryant. A trio composed of Mrs. Lewis Savage, Mrs. Wade Dillavou and Miss Bertha May Stanley, sisters, will sing, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus."

At 3:30 p. m., Rev. Glenwood L. Stanley of Kansas City, Mo., pastor of the Community Friends church there, will give an address on "Have We Forgotten Something?" Rev. Mr. Stanley has served as pastor of a number of Iowa churches and has held a number of offices in the Iowa Yearly meeting of Friends while preaching in Iowa.

Town Of LaMoille Refuses To Die

From Marshalltown Times Republican 1956

Church Keeps Village Alive

By SALLY BARKER
T.-R. Staff Writer

To the average community, the loss of its depot, post office and school, would constitute a death blow.

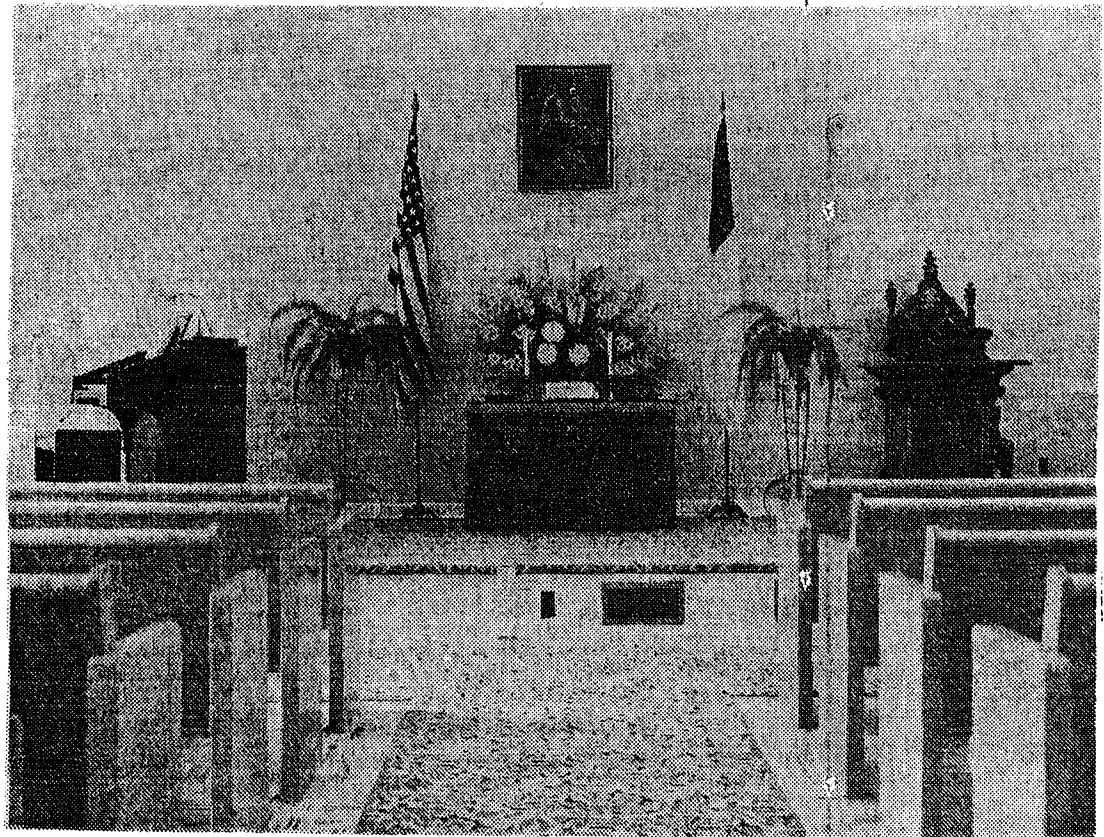
Not to the residents of LaMoille, a village picturesquely situated on a hillside seven miles west of Marshalltown. The loss of such facilities presented a challenge to keep alive the last mainstay of the community, its church.

UNDER THE leadership of the Rev. Miriam Mitchem, an ordained minister of the Friends Church, and one of the few women pastors in the state, the Congregational Community Church of LaMoille has grown almost to the saturation point. The Sunday School has already overflowed into the recently vacated teacherage next door.

Spurred on by a "do or die" spirit, members of the congregation decided that the church needed a face lifting, at least on the interior, and through the combined efforts of the five organized groups in the church and the men of the congregation, renovation was begun less than two years ago on the 69 year old church structure.

The first debt incurred was for the purchase of an electric organ which was paid for in less than one year, then in rapid succession came the installing of new windows and limed oak pews, the lowering of the ceiling into an arch of acoustical material, indirect fluorescent lighting, complete redecorating in colors of soft green and white, a vinyl tile floor with aisle and chancel carpeting in gray and maroon and new kitchen equipment in the basement.

CURRENTLY under construction is a worship center in the basement being built by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship. The velour backdrop for the altar has been purchased by the "Faithful Followers," a group of long-time members, and will be installed soon.



COMPLETE RENOVATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL Community Church at LaMoille has been accomplished through the efforts of every member of the congregation. They expect to retire the debt on the new pews through their "God's Portion" sale Oct. 24. Dedication services will be Nov. 18. (T.-R. Staff Photo).

With an active membership of 65 including young people who have joined the church, plus about 25 non-resident members, the work was done only through the willingness to give time and money of all concerned.

During the renovation of the building, the men of the church have used their leisure hours to paint, pound and saw. No outside labor was hired, even the wiring was installed by members. Only the carpeting was laid by a professional.

A start in the financing was made through a grant from the Fisher Foundation, but bake sales, chicken suppers, ice cream socials and the men's "God's Portion" sale provided most of the money.

TO COMPLETE payment on the pews, the 1956 God's Portion sale will be Oct. 24. The first such sale was in 1944 and sales have been held inter-

mittently since. They are conducted by the men of the church. Members and friends donate the goods which are later sold at public auction, Mrs. Mitchem explained. She added that in theory, people are to contribute what they feel is God's portion of the harvest.

This year's sale will be held at the farm of Chauncy Bryant with Anthony Dunn as auctioneer. Lunch will be served by the Women's Fellowship. In previous years the proceeds have been used for upkeep of the building and equipment.

On Nov. 18, dedication services will be held at the church. A guest speaker will be engaged and plans are being made for an organ recital.

ASKED ABOUT what really sparked the activity in the church after the loss of three focal points of interest, Mrs. Mitchem said she thought the Daily Vacation Bible School

which was started two summers ago showed the importance of keeping the church going.

"Children from the nearby Hartland Church as well as those in the community attended the Bible School eagerly. They in turn interested their parents who soon became aware of the church's possibilities," she pointed out.

Another group that has been active in the renovation of the church is the young married couple's organization, started about a year ago. Their first course of study was from the Ford Foundation on "Parent-hood In a Free Nation," a subject vital enough to whet the interests of the young adults of the community.

More recently a Junior Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized for youngsters in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

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WITH AN AVERAGE attendance of 55 at the 10:30 worship service on Sunday and an average attendance of 70 at the Sunday School (nationally the average Protestant attendance is 33 1/3 per cent — LaMoille boasts over 80 per cent) the LaMoille church is neither going to die nor fade away.

LaMoille residents feel that what can be done with a church, in all probability, can be accomplished with the town itself — who knows?

LaMoille Church Names Officers

LAMOILLE — The Rev. Miriam Mitchem was extended the call again by the congregation of the LaMoille Congregational Church at its 74th annual meeting Sunday.

Trustees of the church named were Raymond Goecke and Clifford Billman with Alva Parsons elected deacon; Mesdames Myrtle Huff, James Benson, Roy Carlson and Charles Benson, deaconesses; Mrs. Donald Geddes, clerk; Chauncey Bryant, church treasurer; Mrs. Viola Johnson, historian, Charles Johnson, Sunday School superintendent; Robert Fricke, assistant; Mrs. Robert Rempp, Sunday School secretary, and Ruth Bryant, assistant.

LaMoille Church Picks Officers

LAMOILLE — Officers of the LaMoille Congregational Community Church were elected Sunday following a basket dinner. Ted Hickman, chairman of the board, was in charge.

Elected for the new year were Mrs. Grace R. Emerson, clerk; Chauncey Bryant, trea-

surer; Charles Johnson, deacon; Roy Carlson, trustee, and Mrs. Fred Johnson, historian.

Deaconesses are Mesdames Virgil Brockman, Howard Olson, Charles Johnson and Fred Wyatt.

Charles Johnson was named superintendent of the Sunday School, James Benson and Herbert Johnson are head ushers, and Robert Fricke, James Benson, Raymond Goecke, Herbert Johnson and Calvin Goecke will serve on the God's Portion committee.

LaMoille Church Elects Officers

Elections were held at the recent annual meeting of LaMoille Congregational Community Church following a basket dinner.

Officers are Mrs. Grace Emerson, clerk; Chauncey Bryant, treasurer; Ted Hickman, deacon; Robert Fricke and Robert Wilkinson, trustees; Mrs. Fred Johnson, historian; Mrs. Tom Speas, Mrs. Harry Orr, Mrs. Robert Davis and Mrs. Joan Miller, deaconesses; Charles Johnson, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Harold Olson, assistant Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Robert Rempp, Sunday School secretary; Patricia Rider, assistant Sunday School secretary; Ray Goecke and Wayne Tempel, ushers; Mrs. Kate Benson, stewardship and mission chairman, and Mrs. Luella Wills, publicity chairman.

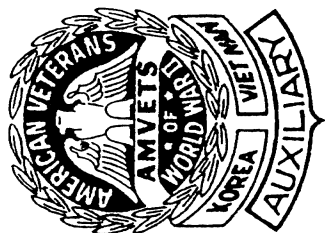
Members were appointed to the following committees: God's portion committee, nominating, progress, music, special music and daily vacation bible school.

Incorporation Articles Filed With Recorder

Two articles of incorporation were filed Friday in the office of Blanche Campbell, county recorder.

The LaMoille Congregational Church filed papers with duration of the corporation to be 50 years.

Officers will consist of a clerk, treasurer and board of trustees composed of five members, one-third to be elected at each annual meeting. Listed as trustees are Roy Carlson, Calvin Goecke, Ralph Eichorn, Robert Fricke and Robert Wilkinson.



Rededication Ceremony
Lamoille Servicemen's Honor Roll Board
In Honor of Minnie Landon

Rededication Ceremony

Pastor - "In loving remembrance of those who have gone out from our community to serve with the Armed Forces of our Country.

Audience - "We dedicate this Honor Roll."

*Pastor - "In deep appreciation of the sacrifices and the sufferings which confronted them."

Audience - "We dedicate this Honor Roll."

Pastor - "In sincere admiration for their courage and bravery."

Audience - "We dedicate this Honor Roll."

Pastor - "In deep gratitude for their loyalty to the principles of liberty, freedom and democracy."

Audience - "We dedicate this Honor Roll."

Pastor - "In sincere humility before Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World, and the Prince of Peace, and with trust in God."

Audience - "We dedicate this Honor Roll."

Presentation of Colors - American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Rev. L.R. Bergstrom
Lamoille Congregational Church

Introductions - Master of Ceremonies
Wendell Benson, Managing Editor
Times-Republican Newspaper

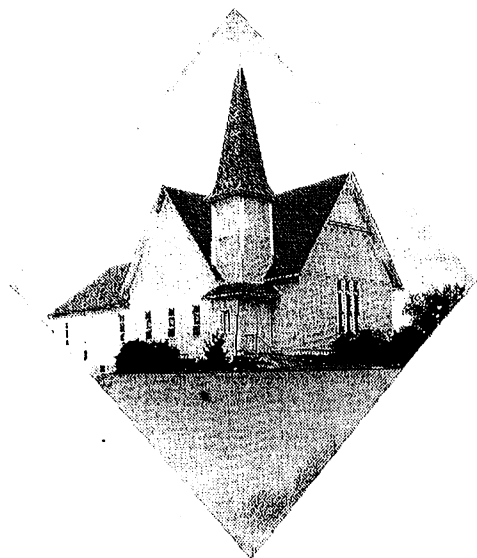
Guest Speaker - H. Allan MacNaughton
Adjutant, Iowa Veteran's Home

Rededication Ceremony - Wendell Benson
Rev. L.R. Bergstrom
Allene Charlton

Benediction - Rev. L.R. Bergstrom

Rededication Committee -
Mrs. Norman (Mary Jane) Charlton, Chairman
Wendell Benson
Rev. L.R. Bergstrom
Mrs. Lavern (Helen) Landon
Mrs. Terry (Karyol) Hays

Renovation Committee -
Stenciling - Mrs. D.W. (Betty) Cooper
Painting - Mrs. Harley (Marjorie) Leeper
Carpentry - Mr. Harley Leeper



Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

of the

LaMoille Congregational Community Church

LAMOILLE, IOWA

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1887

1962

LaMoille Congregational Community Church

History of the Church

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The LaMoille Congregational Church was organized on October 24, 1886, by the Rev. S. A. Martin. The church was dedicated on November 6, 1887, or 75 years ago this coming Tuesday. There were 15 charter members. They include the following:

Mr. Thomas Hayne
Mrs. W. G. Hayne
Mrs. Frances Thompson
Mrs. F. J. Hanford
Mrs. H. S. Wolcott

Mrs. E. B. Williams
Mrs. Priscilla Bennett
Mr. James Bennett
Mrs. Mary E. Rogers
Mr. DeWitt Snow

Mrs. Eliza E. Snow
Mrs. Anna B. Flanders
Miss Effie L. Gilbert
Miss Lucy Crary
Mrs. M. B. McIntosh

The membership of the church on the Fiftieth Anniversary was 61 adults and 20 young people. 373 people had belonged at various times.

The present membership of the church is 125. 619 people have belonged to the church at various times through the seventy-five years.

REV. DWIGHT J. GARRINGTON, PASTOR

Pastors

S. A. Martin	1886 - June 1890
J. W. Scott	June 1891 - May 1895
A. L. Dunton	August 1895 - October 1897
E. E. Reed	December 1897 - June 1901
C. H. Oxley	September 1901 - June 1903
R. E. House	July 1903 - March 1904
S. J. Huffman	May 1904 - April 1906
J. D. Lewis	April 1906 - September 1908
Mrs. Lucy Carter	October 1908 - May 1909
E. B. Palmer	October 1909 - January 1911
Noel J. Breed	September 1911 - September 1912
George LaBounty	October 1912 - December 1914
Henry Horton	May 1915 - August 1918
C. V. Landholm	November 1918 - June 1921
N. F. Hicks	October 1921 - April 1925
E. R. Carey	August 1925 - August 1926
G. I. Farnham	January 1927 - September 1931
Mrs. Anna Smith	December 1933 - December 1934
B. B. Hoyt	January 1935 - November 1935
R. K. Youngdahl	March 1936 - December 1937
M. E. White	May 1936 - November 1940
F. J. Sager	January 1941 - May 1942
Lewis B. Savage	May 1942 - May 1944
Z. M. Bressler	October 1944 - August 1947
Harry Banks	December 1947 - September 1948
Ralph Galt	June 1949 - September 1951
Clair A. Hughes	September 1951 - October 1953
Mrs. Miriam Mitchem	December 1953 - August 1961
Dwight J. Garrington	September 1961

Saturday Evening Service

NOVEMBER 3, 1962 — 7:30

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HYMN NO. 2—HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER MINISTERS

JUNIOR CHOIR

PICTURES OF	}	50TH ANNIVERSARY
		GOD'S PORTION
		BUILDING OF NEW ADDITION

HYMN NO. 346—LIVING FOR CHRIST

Sunday Morning Services

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:30

CHURCH — 10:00

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PRELUDE—Mrs. Roy Carlson and Miss Ruth Bryant

PROCESSIONAL—No. 140, The Church's One Foundation

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

HYMN NO. 142—Onward Christian Soldiers

SCRIPTURE—Nehemiah 4:1-6

ANTHEM—LaMoille Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

PRAYER HYMN—No. 186, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

PRAYER

SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer," Mr. Beryl Keen

MESSAGE—"Another Day, Another Wall"
Rev. Garrington

HYMN NO. 284—Have Thine Own Way

BENEDICTION

12:00 NOON—Basket Dinner at the Church

75th Anniversary Committee

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MRS. H. E. BENSON, CHAIRMAN

MRS. WALTER KEEN

MRS. ALVA PARSONS

MRS. RAYMOND GOECKE

MR. CHAUNCEY BRYANT

MRS. CHAUNCEY BRYANT

The Rev. Dwight J. Garrington, also, worked
with the committee

Anniversary & Dedicatory Service

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00 O'CLOCK

Rev. D. J. Garrington, Presiding

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PRELUDE—Mrs. Ray Goecke and Miss Jane Bryant

HYMN NO. 50—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SCRIPTURE LESSON

INVOCATION

SOLO—"Bless This House," Mrs. Harold Goecke

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ADDRESS—"The Uplifted Christ," Rev. Miriam Mitchem

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH—Mrs. C. F. Wills

GREETINGS—From Former Ministers and Friends

OFFERTORY

BENEDICTION

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Reception by LaMoille Woman's Fellowship at 3:30 p.m.

A Congregational church is a company of Christians, complete under God in spiritual authority and ecclesiastical power, regularly meeting and worshipping together in one place, and covenanting to walk together after Christ's commandments in love, toward God and neighbors.—Harry R. Butman.

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LaMoille Church Women Prepare For Annual God's Portion Sale

It was candy making time this week at the LaMoille Community Church in preparation for the annual God's Portion Sale and Bazaar this Saturday.

By the middle of the week 25 batches of fudge had been made, a half gallon of cherries wrapped in fondant and dipped in chocolate, nearly 300 nut and coconut filled chocolates prepared as well as other tasty delicacies including peanut brittle, divinity, caramels, mints and popcorn balls.

The Woman's Fellowship

Division, which will be in charge of the booths, has been busy for months making items to sell. General chairman is Mrs. Virgil Brockman.

There will be various kinds of needlework, including stuffed animals; baked goods, potted plants and greenery for the greenhouse and canned items for the pantry shop. Many Christmas pieces will be sold. These will include candles, centerpieces and toothpick Christmas trees.

Hay, feed, hogs, corn and other produce will be avail-

able at the auction.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the church will have charge of a fish pond.

Booths will open at 10 a. m., says Mrs. Brockman; dinner served from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and the auction starts at 1 p.m.

The various chairmen are Mrs. Clifford Billman, dinner; Mrs. Charles Johnson, pantry; Mrs. Ted Hickman, bakery; Mrs. Walter Keen, greenhouse; Mrs. Raymond Goecke, party shop; Mrs. James Benson, candy; Mrs. Howard Olson, official hostess; Mrs. Brockman, needlework.



DECORATING AND ARRANGING items to be sold in the needlework and party shop booths at the LaMoille Community Church God's Portion Sale and Bazaar to be held Saturday are Mrs. Virgil Brockman, left, general chairman, and Mrs. James Benson hanging one of the Christmas decorations to be featured. (T-R Staff Photo)

Nov. 19, 1964



This float was built by the LaMoille Congregational Community Church for the annual Rose Festival Parade in State Center. Seated on the float were two young ladies from the church, Bev Goecke on the left, and Lorraine Fricke on the right.

County Towns 'Get Involved' With Bicentennial



A MEMORIAL to a veteran from LaMoille is due to be dedicated soon at the community's church. Shown with it are members of the family of Charles Benson, whose name the brick mon-

ument bears. They are Isla Benson, his widow, and sons, Dennis (left), age 18, and Dave, 21. Erection of the memorial is a Bicentennial project in LaMoille. (Staff Photo)

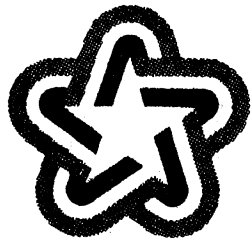
LaMoille Makes Plans To Note Bicentennial

July 4 will be the official Bicentennial Festival in LaMoille, according to a decision reached Saturday afternoon when the newly organized LaMoille Bicentennial Committee met at the LaMoille Church.

Application has been made for LaMoille to be listed as a Bicentennial Village. Plans were made for projects to be completed during the year, and officers and special committees were named.

The next meeting is Feb. 28.

County Towns 'Get Involved' With Bicentennial



bicentennial briefs

A busy summer of activities and projects related to the Bicentennial year is planned by the LaMoille community through its Bicentennial Committee, it has been announced by Mrs. Ray Goecke and Mrs. Isla Benson, co-chairpersons.

Events start Sunday evening when the LaMoille Community Congregational Church will honor the 1976 high school graduates of the community. Also on the agenda will be the presentation of the community's Bicentennial Flag.

The Rev. Dwight Garrington, a former pastor and now education officer for the Salvation Army's Officer Training School, Chicago, will deliver the principal address to senior class members of West Marshall and Marshalltown High Schools who live in the LaMoille community. Each senior will receive a Bible from the church.

Wendell Benson, chairman of the Marshall County Bicentennial Commission and a native of LaMoille, will present the Flag and Congressional Scroll designating the community as a U.S. Bicentennial Village by act of congress to Mrs. Luella Wills and to E.C. Wickersham, longtime residents who will accept in behalf of the community.

Sunday, May 30, a church service patterned after an early-day Memorial

Service is scheduled, Mrs. Goecke reported. At 9 a.m. participants will march from the church to Elmwood Cemetery for a brief memorial service and dedication of a new American flag and pole given by Emmett Wickersham, cemetery sexton. Wreaths will be placed on the graves of the 15 war veterans buried there.

On June 27, Lt. Col. Milton E. (Ed) White, U.S. Air Force, stationed at Montgomery, Ala., and a former LaMoille pastor, will deliver the dedicatory address during special commemorative services for the new church sign given in memory of Charles Benson and Mrs. Kate Benson. Incorporated in the memorial are the LaMoille Consolidated School bell and cornerstone and a lighted flagpole.

LaMoille will celebrate the nation's 200th birthday July 4 with a Bicentennial Church Service in charge of the Rev. Charles Huffman, chaplain, Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown. At noon a community picnic featuring barbecued beef will be held on the schoolgrounds. At 1 p.m. a special tolling of the Memorial School bell will be held to join the national bell tolling on the exact hour of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, 200 years before in Philadelphia. There will be one minute of silent prayer observed, Mrs. Goecke said, after which games will be held for young and old. A baseball game will cap the day. Residents are urged to prepare family memorabilia for display at the community picnic.

Mrs. Benson has called for a communitywide cleanup this spring in preparation for the summer's activities. It is hoped that each home will feature red, white and blue flower plantings to add to the festive air. Mrs. Benson asks that all residents fly the flag on Memorial Day, May 31, Flag Day, June 14, and on Independence Day, July 4.

Some 21 evergreen trees have been planted on the church and school grounds with painting to be done as weather permits, Mrs. Benson reported.

LaMoille has erected a sign in front of the church in memory of veteran Charles Benson. The sign is made of brick and stands six feet long, five feet tall, and is three feet wide. Built into the sign is the cornerstone and bell from the old school house. A flagpole also accompanies the sign. The structure is completed and will be dedicated on Sunday, June 27, after the church service. Several other projects have also been completed. The community has planted 21 new evergreen trees around the Congregational Community Church and painted the Rider Building for a town improvement move which is being car-

County Towns 'Get Involved' With Bicentennial!

Lt. Col. White To Speak At Dedication Service

Lt. Col. Milton E. White, Montgomery, Ala., will return to the LaMoille Congregational Church Sunday as guest speaker for the dedication services for the recently constructed church sign. The sign is a memorial for Kate E. Benson and Charles D. Benson.

Col. White's sermon topic will be "God Bless America." Service time is 10:30 a.m.

While working toward his advanced degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Col. White served as pastor of the LaMoille Church from 1970 to 1973. He was ordained into Christian ministry at the LaMoille Church June 1, 1973.

A graduate of Coe College in 1956, he entered active duty with the U. S. Air Force in 1956.

He has been awarded 10 medals, including the Bronze Star, the Vietnamese campaign medal with four battle stars and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, first class.

He presently is serving with the USAF in Montgomery, where he resides with his wife, Pat, and three children. He serves the McGehee Road Methodist Church in Montgomery.

He plans to retire from the military in December.

All are welcome to attend the special service Sunday.



Lt. Col. Milton E. White.

Wednesday, November 4, 1987



DRESSED IN CLOTHING from yesteryear are these LaMoille Congregational Community Church members as they prepare for their centennial celebration this Sunday, November 8 at the church. Special services are planned for the day with Rev. Milton "Ed" White, a former pastor of the church, conducting the worship services. Shown from left are Lois and Chauncey Bryant, Jean Johnson, Greta Benson and Marian Goecke.

LaMoille Church Notes Centennial

LAMOILLE — A special Centennial Sunday was celebrated at the LaMoille Congregation Community Church Sunday. The Rev. Milton (Ed) White, of the Congregational Church of Sun City, Ariz. came "home" to help in the celebration, giving the sermon at two services.

During the regular morning service, many members came dressed in centennial attire. White's message was "Behold The Lamb."

Special music was provided by the "Alumni Village Choir," which sang "Bless This House" with Shar Fricke directing. Roger Bryant, Marshalltown, was soloist, Beverly Thomas, Newton, was organist.

Special recognition was given to long-time members of the church, Luella Wills, Viola Johnson and Frances and Alva Parsons.

Dinner was served to the members

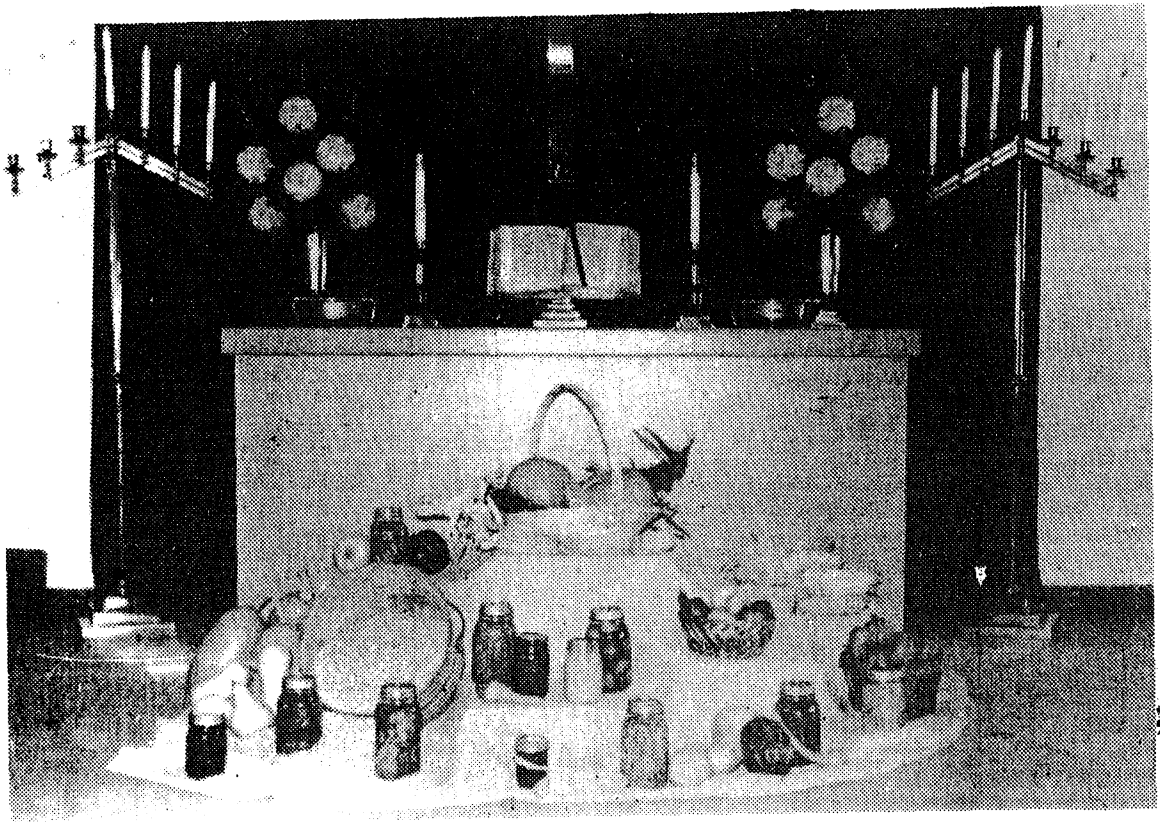
and guests, with Dan and Roxanne Goecke as hosts.

The afternoon service was held at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. White presiding, with the message "Christian Unity." Communion was served. Bob Fricke gave the welcome. Anne Goecke spoke on "Bright Hopes for the Future, a Reflection of the Past."

The alumni choir again furnished music, singing "Let Us Break Bread Together" and "Peace."

Opal House read correspondence. It was noted guests came from Arizona, Newton, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, State Center, Pella, Rhodes, Nevada, Melbourne and Union.

Planning committee members included Chloris Rempp, Grace Emerson, Bob and Velma Rempp, Beverly and Bruce Thomas and Marian and Ray Goecke.



Thanksgiving 1984

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favour and glad to do Thy will.

Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way.

Defend our liberty, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail.

AMEN



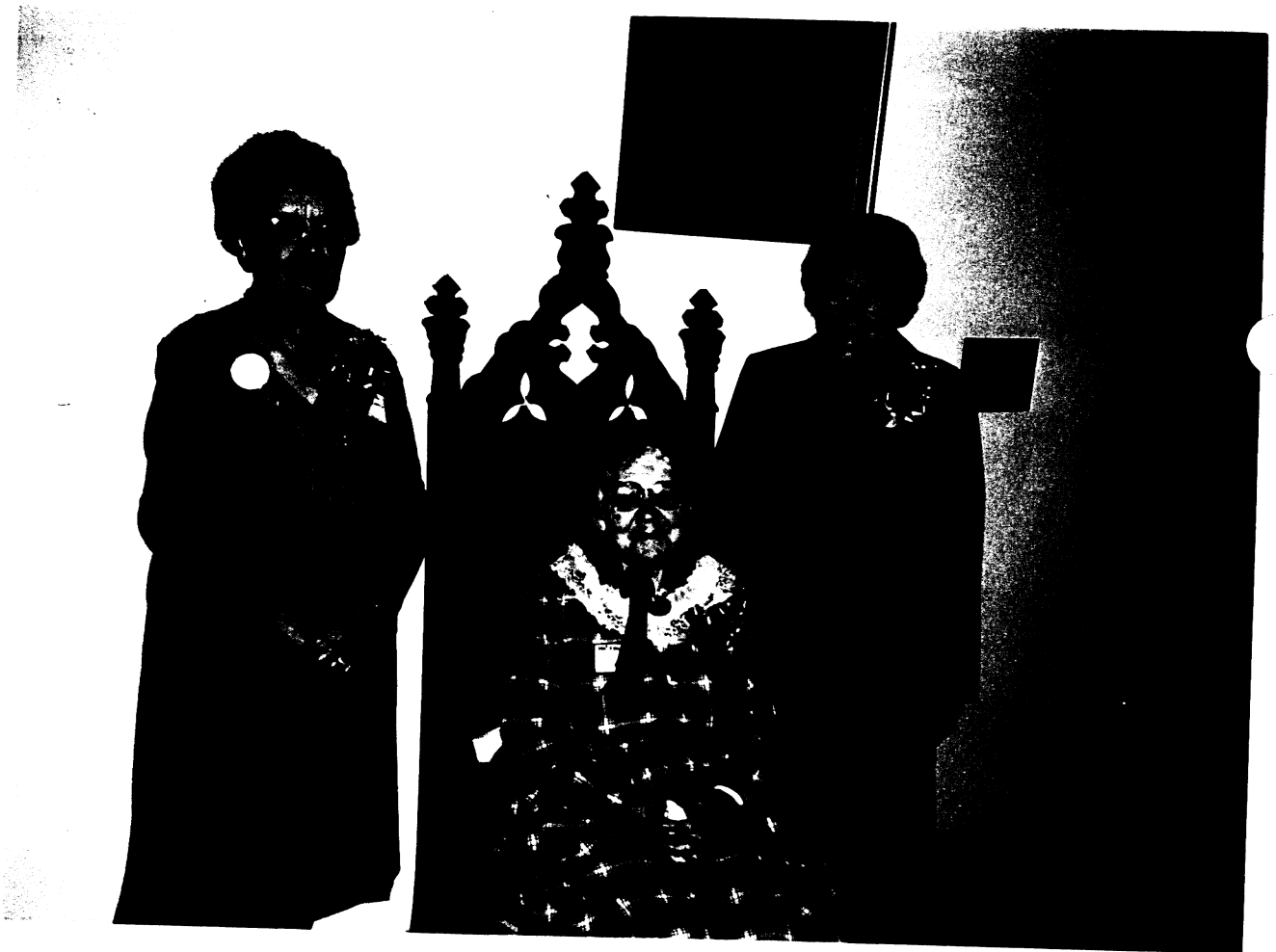
Hands Around the Church celebrating 100 years of the LaMoille Community Church (1987)

How fitting....

A popular song of the day
was "We are the World,
We are the Children."

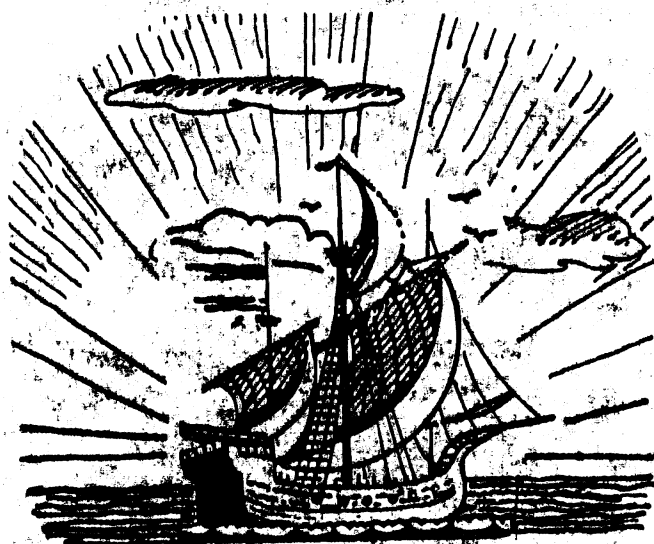
100TH YEAR — The LaMoille Congregational Community Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary this Sunday, Nov. 8, culminating a year-long series of centennial observances, included this service in June that concluded with the congregation joining hands and completely encircling the church in a gesture of lasting unity and fellowship. The Rev. Milton (Ed) White, minister of the Congregational Church in Sun City, Ariz. will be guest speaker this Sunday. He was ordained in the LaMoille Church and served it from 1970-73. The church was originally

dedicated Nov. 6, 1887, with 15 charter members. The original pulpit, minister's chair and communion table will be used in this Sunday's service and there will be a memorabilia display including an window with colored glass insets. Longtime members Luella Wills, Viola Johnson and Francis and Alva Parsons will be honored. Sunday school will be at 9:30 and the festive worship at 10:30 a.m. The Alumni Choir will sing, directed by Shar Fricke. A reception will follow, then a noon dinner and 1:30 p.m. service with recognition of guests, communion and reminiscing time.



Viola Johnson, left, Luella Wills in costume, and Francis Parsons, right,
at the 1987 Centennial celebration at the LaMoille Church

One Hundredth
Anniversary



La Moille Congregational
Community Church
1887 - 1987

History Of The Church

The LaMoille Congregational Community Church was dedicated November 6, 1887 with fifteen charter members. The church was constructed for a total cost of \$2,044.48! Since then the physical appearance of the church has changed through additions and remodeling projects. Many of the improvements are the result of volunteer work from the people in the community.

The LaMoille Church is currently a member of the Iowa-Nebraska branch of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. It is governed by officers elected by members each year. The congregation has the final vote on policy and on all other important matters.

Throughout the past one hundred years the people of this church have gathered for worship, seeking guidance and fellowship. The spirit of good neighbors and friends is revealed through the smiles and friendly greetings during events at the church. This goodwill feeling continues as people leave the community and return for visits.

Through this centennial year we honor the fifteen people who had the foresight and faith to build the church on the hill. A special thank you to the people who have preserved this faith and tradition of the LaMoille Congregational Community Church. And a challenge to the present members to continue with the spirit and dedication of this community.

Sunday Morning Services

Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.
Church — 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude "The Lost Chord," by Arthur Sullivan
"The Pilgrim Chorus," by Richard Wagner
Organist - Beverly Goecke Thomas
Pianist - Shar Fricke

Invocation
Processional-No. 547 "God of Our Fathers"
Trumpet Accompaniment - Brent Hauser

Recognition and Tribute to Long Time Members

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "Bless This House"
Alumni Village Choir

Prayer Hymn-No. 550 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Pastoral Prayer - Our Lord's Prayer

Choir Response

Offertory "Thanks Be to Thee," by G. F. Handel

Doxology

Reflections

Throughout the centennial year special worship services were held each month. The celebrations started in January and continued through the year with the exception of the service in March cancelled due to a blizzard.

The following is a list of the celebration themes which represent the traditions and spirit of the LaMoille people.

January—	Mens Fellowship
February—	Village Choir
March—	Womens Fellowship
April—	Memorials
May—	Youth, S.S., Pilgrims Fellowship, VBS
June—	Weddings
July—	Homecoming Hands Around the Church
August—	Missions
September—	Young Married Couples
October—	Church History
November—	Centennial Commemoration
December—	Challenge to the Future

Scripture - John 1:29 (KJV)

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Message "Behold the Lamb"
Rev. Milton "Ed" White

Anthem "America the Beautiful"
Alumni Village Choir

Benediction

Organ Response

Organ Postlude

A lunch will be served following the service.

Welcome today to Rev. Milton "Ed" White; he was Pastor at the LaMoille Church 1970 to 1973. Currently he is the minister of the Congregational Church of Sun City, Sun City, AZ.

Congregational Fellowship

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual soul, and the right of private judgement hold to the autonomy of the local church...We cherish the fellowship of the church.

Statement of Faith

Dedication

We dedicate this booklet to Lois Bissett Bryant, a lifetime member of the LaMoille Congregational Community Church.

As chairman of the centennial committee, she has spent many hours in research and planning for this centennial year. Thank you, Lois.

Centennial Commemoration

☛ Sunday Afternoon
1:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude

"Hymn of Thanksgiving"
Organist - Beverly Goecke Thomas
Pianist - Shar Fricke

Hymn-No. 543

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Welcome

Bob Fricke

Recognition of Guests Present

Bright Hope for the Future,
a Reflection of the Past

Ann Goecke

Anthem

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Alumni Village Choir

Scripture - Psalm 133:1 (KJV)

"How Good and How Pleasant it Is for Brethren
to Dwell Together in Unity."

Message

"Christian Unity"
Rev. Milton "Ed" White

Communion

Anthem

"Peace"
Alumni Village Choir

Benediction

Reception following the Service

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Iowa Sesquicentennial celebration continues

LaMoille Congregational Community Church continues growing

by Marian Goecke

As the State of Iowa proudly celebrates 150 years, the LaMoille Congregational Community Church is quietly having its own little celebration of existence. This cozy little landmark church stands tall on the hill in the tiny village of LaMoille, giving its members plenty of reasons to celebrate. Unlike many small community churches which have had to close, the LaMoille church is still going strong, in fact it seems to be thriving.

In recent years, there seems to be a surge of renewed growth and interest in the church. Whether it be explained by roots, the current trend toward ances-

tral digging, local heritage, renewed spiritual growth, or the care and concern that comes from the people that make up the congregation, there is a genuine adoration for this special church. Just as the people of Iowa have come to appreciate their precious state and have put much time and energy toward conserving and maintaining it and planning for its future, so the congregation of LaMoille does for their special church.

Back in 1886, there were stores, a school and a post office in this village, but no church. On October 24, 1886, the Rev. S. A. Martin, who later became the first minister of the church, called a meeting to organize

a Congregational church in LaMoille. Rev. T.O. Douglas of Grinnell delivered the sermon and invitation to unite. A week later, an organizational meeting was held at the school where the statement of doctrine and faith was read and accepted. There were 15 charter members, who began planning for the construction of the house of worship which was completed the following year and dedicated November 6, 1887 in the presence of an overflowing crowd. The building cost \$2,044. The congregation was affiliated with the Central Association of Iowa Congregational Churches until about 1956. It chose to not join the merger of

churches that year.

The church is now a member in good standing of the Iowa-Nebraska branch of the National Association of Congregational Christian churches. The church is governed by officers elected by the members each January at the annual meeting. The congregation has the final vote on policy and on all other important matters. The organized church board meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month. Elected officers who comprise the board are the president, clerk, deacons, deaconesses, trustees, missions committee chairman, treasurer, and Sunday School superintendent.

A Ladies Aid was organized in 1886. This ladies group, now called the Women's Fellowship, has maintained and improved the kitchen facilities and the dining area and supports home and foreign missions as well as other needs. Some of these include funding for summer campers, the purchase of Bibles for Sunday School students and the children's treats for Christmas Eve. This group of about 30 members meets monthly on the second Thursday, and annually to give the church a thorough spring cleaning.

Currently there are about 30 Sunday School students, ages 3 through 12th grade

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Congregational Church holds 108 years of memories

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attending in seven classes. There are about twelve in the Adult Sunday School. Classes are scheduled for 9:15 each Sunday except summer months. Vacation Bible school is held one week in June.

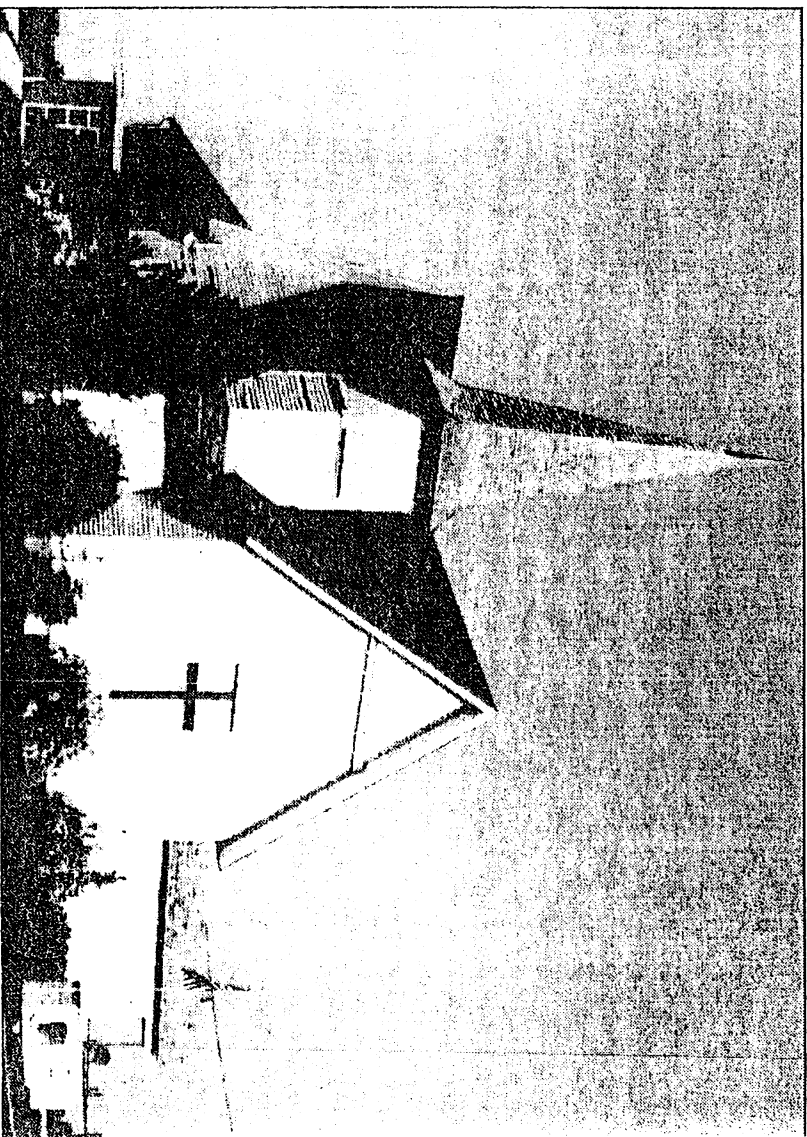
Christian Endeavor, later named Pilgrim Fellowship, now called Pioneer Club, was started in 1892, uniting young people for mission work, study, socializing, fun, and special events. They meet at irregular intervals for special events such as pizza parties, concerts, lock-ins, and fund raisers.

Other groups that have functioned through the years include Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible

Study, Prayer Groups, Choir practice and a young married group called LaMoille Christian Club (LCC's) who met regularly for parties, decorating the church for Christmas, box social dinners and athletic competition. These young members have contributed much to the improvements of the church, offering muscle and labor for aesthetic satisfaction.

There have been many changes in the structure of the building. They include new windows, flooring, fluorescent lighting, and new woodwork. In 1921, the church was raised while a basement was constructed and a furnace installed. There are now 3 oil burning furnaces in use. Acetylene

lamps were replaced long ago. The church purchased several new furnishing in 1937, the 50th anniversary. Items acquired then include rugs, new pulpit, altar and velvet backdrop, gold cross and candleholders. In 1954, a Wurlitzer electric organ was added. There were two pianos already. A new addition was built in 1956. The sanctuary ceiling was lowered at that time, along with



LaMoille Congregational Community Church

new windows and new blonde pews. Generous memorials to deceased members made much of this possible. Other memorials have included the carillon chimes with outside speakers and sound system with recorder so that services can be taped and taken to homes of shut-ins.

One of the most impressive projects of the church is the God's Portion Sales,

which raise thousands of dollars each year for church needs. The event is appropriately held the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. It includes a craft and bake sale, dinner, and an auction. Open to the public, it is a real group effort, every member serves on a committee.

A scholarship fund has been maintained for use by young persons from the church who wish to obtain an education for Christian service. One tenth of each month's offerings is dis-

persed to mission fields, home and foreign. Five ministers have been ordained in the church. They include Rev. A.L. Dunton (1897), Rev. Ralph M. Galt (1949), Rev. Dwight Garrington (1967), Rev. Milton E. White (1973) and Rev. David C. Benson (1985).

The following ministers have served LaMoille Congregationalists:

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Tradition is strong at LaMoille Congregational Church

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Reverends J.W. Scott, A.L. Duntun, E.E. Reed, C.G. Oxley, R.E. House, S.J. Juffman, J.D. Lewis, Lucy W. Carter, E.B. Palmer M.J. Breed, George L. LaBoutny, Henry Horton, C.V. Lannholdm, N.F. Hicks, E.R. Carey, G.T. Farnhame, Anna Smith, B.B. Hoyt, R.K. Youndahl, M.E. White, Frederick Sager, Lewis D. Savage, Z.M. Bressler, Harry F. Banks, Ralph M. GAlt, Clair A. Hughes, Miriam Mitchem, Dwight Garrington, Roger Linser, Milton E. White, Clyde Billington, Charles Huffman, Boyd Elletson, Greg McLaughlin,

Leonard Bergstron, Steve Nyberg, and currently, Jean Bower.

There are 100 members. There have been as many as 400 in the past. Tradition is strong. The following annual events have been held for years: Spring Family Night, Good Friday service, Easter Sunrise service and breakfast, children's Easter egg hunt, the commencement ceremony for graduating seniors, Bible School, Ice Cream Social, the Summer Picnic, Fall Family Night, Women's Fellowship fall salad supper, the God's Portion sale, the Christmas choir cantata and the Christmas Eve program and pageant.

Occasionally Valentines and New Years parties are held.

In 1976 the church celebrated the Bicentennial by

planting an oak tree and dedicating a memorial on the church lawn which included a plaque identifying the church, a bell and the cornerstone of the former consolidated school. A lighted flag continues to fly over this memorial. In 1985 the church celebrated its centennial with special events throughout the year. A time capsule was buried in the church lawn, to be opened in 2085. Former ministers and members were invited to the special service and dinner which culminated the years observance. Ann Goecke submitted the theme for this centennial celebration "Bright, Hope for the Future, and Reflection of the Past." This centennial motto continues

to be the guideline for the LaMoille Congregational Church, the little church that refuses to die.

Marian Plummer Goecke is a graduate of LaMoille High School and Central Iowa Business College, "when it was above Marshall Implement."

She was employed at Fisher Governor Company before her marriage to Raymond Goecke. In 1947, after Ray returned from service in W.W.II, they moved to a farm west of LaMoille where they reared four children; Larry, Don, Beverly, and Ann.

Both Marian and Ray have participated in LaMoille activities including long-time leadership positions in 4-H.

Marian has given much of her time to LaMoille Congregational Community Church, serving in Women's Fellowship, teaching in Bible School and faithfully accompanying the choir on piano or organ more than 40 years. She has also held a 7 year term of Secretary-Treasurer of the lowa-Nebraska Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Presently, Marian enjoys her association at the Marshall County Care Facility, where she has worked for 10 years in the dietary department.