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UNION CONGREGATION

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**A HISTORY**  
**OF**  
***Union United Presbyterian Church***  
**MONONGHELA PRESBYTERY**  
**1894-1929**

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## PREFACE

Time rolls his ceaseless course. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may. Old time is still a flying. It is hard to realize that thirty-five years have passed since the Centennial historian wrote the closing words of that history by saying, "Our task is completed." The session of the congregation, realizing that the history should be brought up to date, appointed a committee for that purpose. The work was divided according to the arrangement and classification followed by the former historian. We believe the history to be correct insofar as records could be found. We realize that it will not be as full a history as should be written, for in our day and age congregations seem to be too busy making history to keep records, just as the Centennial historian said they were one hundred years ago. We hope that what we gather may be instructive and helpful to the present congregation and their friends and that the congregation in future years may read this history and know that God has had a people here to serve Him all these years.

## Social

The building in which the Centennial Celebration was held was the fourth house of worship for Union Congregation.

The first was a tent and the second a log building. These were located in what is now the old cemetery. The third building was of brick and was built on the hill west of the cemetery. This building was very poorly constructed and was partly demolished by a storm, December 9, 1855.

The fourth building was erected in 1856, and was a beautiful, comfortable, brick building and stood for 43 years on the hill which is the site of the present building. The fifth or present building was erected in 1899-1900 and a description of it, and also of the parsonage built in 1927, will be found under Finances. Just here we want to make mention of the beautiful knoll on which Union Church stands.

A few years ago, when a government survey was made, a government marker was placed on this knoll, 120 feet from the church, showing that this is the highest point in all this part of the country.

The church can be seen for many miles in all directions, and at the foot of the knoll, within the last year the Lincoln and the William Penn Highways have been built, over which each hour of the Sabbath more people pass than could worship in the church. Where they are all going we do not know but we know they are not all going to church. From the church you can look down over the cemetery, where on the hillside rests the congregation of past generations.

The Centennial Historian said in his history that Union Congregation has always been progressive. We think the same can be truthfully said by the historians of today. Our ministers have all been spiritual men. Men who believed that the Bible is God's Word, and they preached a pure gospel of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

The order of the Sabbath service has not changed much in the years. In the manner of praise we find the greatest change. First, the Psalm was read line by line and sung, because the congregation did not have books. Then books were available and were used and the congregation was lead in the praise service by some male member of the congregation who had musical talent. Later a choir consisting of men and women of the congregation was appointed to lead the praise. Since that time we have had choirs of mixed voices with the exception of the years 1926-1928 when the praise was lead by a double male quartette.

A short time before the Centennial Celebration an organ was placed in the church. It was used first in Young People's meetings, then it was placed in the choir loft and used in the preaching services without any serious objections.

The first organist was Miss Anna Rosborough, daughter of the minister at Montour Church. She moved from the community in 1898, and when the new church was completed Andrew Carnegie donated to the congregation a beautiful pipe organ. Miss Laura Bell, a member of the congregation, then became organist and filled this position until 1929, a period of 28 years. The present organist is Mrs. Marian Woods, of Ingram, Pa. The books of praise authorized by the General Assembly have always been used in our praise service.

When the church was repaired in 1888 the pews were so arranged as to do away with the wide center aisle in which the communion table was always placed. For a few communions the table was placed in the aisle in front of the pulpit, but very soon the communion was served in the pews and the individual communion service, as we have now, was first used.

On the second Thursday evening of April the annual congregation meeting is held, when reports are read and officers for the coming year elected. At this time there is also a reception held for members who have come into the church during the year.

In the membership of the congregation in all the years we know there have been many godly men and women who will have many stars in their crowns for faithful service here.

The growth has been steady if not very large. At the organization there were fifteen families and thirty-five members. In 1804, sixty-five families and one hundred thirty-five members. In 1851, one hundred forty-five families and two hundred fifteen members and in March, 1930, one hundred eighty-six families and four hundred forty-six members.

There has also been growth in the grace of giving as the Finances and Activities show. Union may well be proud of her past history. Her earnest and self-sacrificing pastors, her ever watchful and faithful elders, and her many noble and true hearted members have left us a heritage of which we need never be ashamed. What are we going to do with it? We should do our part faithfully, so that the congregation may continue to grow in numbers, in liberality, and above all in the Christian graces mentioned by Paul in Galatians 5: 22, 23.

## Finances

The Finances of Union Church are still under the control of the Board of Trustees. They are six in number.

On January 11, 1907, the charter of the church was amended in the proper manner, so that Section II of the charter shall read "the Board of Trustees shall be composed of six members." The present members are Charles Williams, Frank S. Rowe, John R. Scott, Frank W. Scott, Samuel Linton, William G. Neely.

For several years records had not been written into the minutes of the congregation. The following statements are taken only from records. At a congregational meeting held March 2, 1899, it was decided to build a new church. The church, one story in height, of Pompeian brick with stone trimming, provided a main auditorium to seat 400 people, and a Sabbath School auditorium with separate class rooms.

The building committee chosen for the erection of the church were as follows: James W. Bell, W. M. Adams, John Scott, Sr., Robert McFarland, William Aiken, John P. Scott, and Milton S. Phillips.

The new building was completed in 1901 and dedicated free of debt at a total cost of \$29,886.99 plus the material in the old building. Of this sum, \$12,869.74 was received from the sale of oil on the property of the church, \$16,017.25 was raised by subscriptions of the members of the congregation, \$1,000.00 was donated by J. H. Bell and the members of the building committee. It might be mentioned here that almost all the material used in the construction of the new building was hauled from Scott Station by William M. Adams, a member of the building committee, and all the money received by him from the contractor for this work was given to the building fund to help liquidate the indebtedness.

After the completion of the church the grounds seemed to be inadequate so a strip of ground containing 66 perches was donated by John Palmer.

In 1909 a stone wall was built along the northwest side of the cemetery at a cost of \$234.59. The stone used in the building of this wall was donated by the Scott brothers and the hauling of the stone was done by the members of the congregation.

In 1913 the Pittsburgh Coal Company paid the Union congregation the sum of \$1,179.20 for coal taken from beneath the parsonage property.

At a regular meeting of the congregation held April 8, 1924, the trustees reported the sale of the parsonage property, consisting of about six acres, to S. H. Morgan for the sum of \$10,000.00.

In 1924 the church was redecorated and the art glass windows were repaired at a cost of \$4,980.10. In 1925 a lot adjoining the church property and fronting on the Steubenville Pike was purchased from Henry and Julia Astfalk for the sum of \$1,000.00. On this lot, a parsonage was erected, consisting of seven rooms, a bath, and a reception hall. The building of red faced brick with stone trimming has a concrete block foundation, a slate roof, and all modern conveniences. This building was constructed at a cost of \$13,194.29.

The building committee in charge of this work were as follows: Charles W. Scott, Mrs. Anna A. Pritchard, Mrs. William H. Scott, Frank W. Scott, and William J. McCoy.

In 1925 a new carpet was purchased for the Sabbath School room at a cost of \$589.16. A concrete floor was laid in the dining room and kitchen of the church at a cost of \$319.13 for the material. The work was done by the members of the congregation.

From the records obtainable we find that \$203,824.89 has passed through the hands of the treasurers. Of this amount \$35,724.63 was paid to missions, \$23,634.41 consisted of New World Movement Funds, the remainder, \$144,465.85, was spent for congregation purposes. The sources of the above funds consist of contributions by members, sale of oil on church property, which amounted to \$6,045.62, donations by classes of the Sabbath School and a legacy of \$1,000.00 from the estate of J. H. Bell. The contributions of two of the classes which have passed through the hands of the treasurers of the congregation are as follows: The Loyal Daughters class, to missions \$891.49, to improvements and repairs to church and parsonage, \$786.96; the Willing Worker class, to missions \$601.00, to improvements and repairs to church and parsonage \$1,665.00.

Part of the money received from bequests and receipts from the sale of lots and the greater part of the money received from the sale of oil has been placed in a trust fund known as the cemetery fund and amounts to \$5,603.38. The income from this is used for the care of the cemetery.

The financial affairs of the Union Church at present are in a sound condition, the church being entirely free from debt.



## Activities

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Going back to the year 1894, we find the W. M. S. of Union church carrying on the work for which they organized with a loyal, persevering, Christlike spirit which is an inspiration to all who read the record of their work. Never very many in numbers, but always with a steadfast purpose overcoming disappointments and hindrances, keeping always burning the interest in missions, which to them was of such infinite importance.

As in the beginning, contributions were made to Home, Foreign, Freedman and Syrian Missions and to the Aged People's and Orphans' Home. Jars of fruit were sent annually to these homes and sewing and donations were sent to Columbia Hospital. In October 1897, the proceeds of the sale of the linen formerly used on our communion tables was sent to help defray expenses of a bazar held at the Aged People's Home. Boxes of clothing have been sent to needy mission stations in our Home and Freedmen's missions.

In spite of inconvenience meetings have been quite regularly held, usually at the church, but at times, to create more interest, were held at houses of different members. In 1899 a committee was appointed to solicit money from the ladies of the congregation for the new building fund. As a result of their efforts three hundred and forty-six dollars was donated. A July 1899 copy of the Women's Missionary magazine was placed in the corner stone of the new church. The women also assisted generously in the carpeting of the new church.

A very generous contributor from time to time was Mr. A. H. Kendig. His largest contribution being one hundred and fifty dollars in 1897. He was later made a life-member of the W. G. M. S. The contingent fund which has become such an important factor in the success of this organization is first mentioned March 9, 1900.

At the meeting of April, 1908, a committee, consisting of Mrs. Jas. Aiken, Miss Laura Bell and Miss Florence McCurdy, was appointed to look after the matter of organizing a Young Women's Missionary Society. In May, 1908, at a meeting addressed by Mrs. J. W. Harsha, the society was organized with a membership of twenty. Many of the meetings of this organization seem to have been joint meetings with the W. M. S. Their Thank-Offering in 1912, amounted to fifty-one dollars and forty cents. In April, 1902, this organization disbanded and the members joined the W. M. S., who assumed all their pledges. One member of the Y. W. M. S., Mrs. J. W. Acheson, later went as a missionary to Egypt.

During the earlier years of this organization the Thank-Offering service was held during March or April, usually at a special meeting of the women alone. In December, 1901, it was decided to request our pastor, Rev. J. T. Aiken, to preach a special thank-offering sermon, the offering to be taken at the close of the service. In May, 1902, a request came from the G. W. M. S. that a thank-offering secretary be appointed to take charge of this work, Mrs. Jennie Milles being appointed. At the meeting of April, 1906, it was decided to hold thank-offering services in the fall in connection with the church service, which has since been the custom. In September 1915, first mention is made of the Isaiah 41; 6 fund and in November, 1920, one fifty-

dollar '407' bond was purchased. At the meeting of October 12, 1907, the first temperance secretary, Mrs. M. S. Phillips, was appointed. On May 8, 1913, the matter of organizing a W. C. T. U. in our community, by inviting the women of the other churches to join with us, was discussed. On June 12, 1913, a union meeting of these women was held at Union Church, at which meeting the Gayly W. C. T. U. was organized.

In 1911, a Little Light Bearer's Circle was begun, but in 1914, this work was turned over to the Sabbath School by organizing a Cradle Roll. Again on November 5, 1925, Mrs. Frank Rowe was appointed as leader of a Little Light Bearer's Band. So at present, we have both organizations for the little children.

The members who have held office in the W. M. S. have been many and faithful, but the one who excels in point of time, at least, is Mrs. Ida Aiken, who was elected treasurer at the meeting of February 18, 1905, and who still holds that office. At the meeting of March, 1930, the W. M. S. celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, with Mrs. J. D. Sands of the Women's Board as the principal speaker. The same meeting recorded twenty-five years' service for Mrs. Aiken as treasurer and she was presented a beautiful brooch as a token of appreciation. Two charter members are still living: Mrs. Mary Bell and Mrs. Emma Riddle.

During these years the missionary studies outlined in the Women's Missionary magazine have been carefully followed and some books on missions read. It would take much time to mention all who have proven faithful in this work. Many of them have gone to their final reward and we think of them and speak of them very lovingly and very tenderly.

Those who have had the honor and privilege of attending as delegates the annual conventions of the G. W. M. S. are as follows:

Miss Emma Glass, Philadelphia.....	1893
Mrs. Jennie Milles, Erie .....	1895
Mrs. Letitia McCormick, New Castle.....	1898
Mrs. Ida Aiken, Pittsburgh, N. S.....	1903
Mrs. J. P. Scott, Buffalo, N. Y.....	1909
Mrs. J. M. Briceland, Washington, Pa.....	1913
Miss Eva Aiken, Spokane, Wash.....	1915
Mrs. James Riddle, Sterling, Kan.....	1917
Mrs. William Scott, Monmouth, Ill.....	1926

During the past fifty years our thank-offerings have amounted to almost \$6,775, each member of the church now having the privilege of contributing to this fund. The first thank-offering was taken in April, 1889, amounting to sixty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents. The thank-offering for both 1928 and 1929 amounted to four hundred dollars.

Any woman in the congregation may become a member of the Missionary Society by contributing through this organization to Missions. These contributions may be paid monthly or whenever convenient, being used to help carry on the work of the W. G. M. S., amounting to one hundred fifty or two hundred dollars each year. A portion of these contributions are used to help pay salaries of workers in our Mission fields. Our annual pledges at present are as follows: \$30 to Miss Nelly Smith, Egypt; \$15 to Miss Margaret Fehlman, India; \$25 to Italian Mission; \$10 to Freedman's Missions and \$12 to Freedman's salary. The balance in the treasury, after pledges are paid, is sent to the Presbyterial treasurer to be used where the need is greatest but always for mission work. All expenses of the society and any money needed for things not strictly missionary are taken from the contingent fund, which is kept up by the offering taken at the monthly meetings.

## JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Junior Missionary Society was organized to benefit boys and girls in the community between the ages of six and fourteen years. Its object is to prepare members for active Christian service; to lead them to Christ; to instruct them in the needs of mission-work and their personal responsibility to it; and through prayer, study, work and gifts to do their part toward sending the Gospel story to the ends of the earth.

Our present membership is thirty-eight. A copy of the Junior Missionary Magazine is given monthly to each member of the society, subscriptions being paid by Women's Missionary Society. The children have always been interested in the work and strive to live up to their pledge. In 1900 they contributed ten dollars to help purchase carpet for the new church. Contributions have been made regularly to Home, Foreign, and Freedman's Missions and their efforts have added splendidly to our Thank-Offerings. In 1902, thirty-five dollars was contributed to support a native missionary. In 1894, the Juniors were organized as a Junior Y. P. C. U. but after a few years were again reorganized as a Junior Missionary Society and are still working under that name. During the earlier years the Juniors met each Sabbath evening during the summer months, but in May, 1929, it was decided to hold one meeting each month throughout the year on Sabbath at the time of the morning preaching service. Many of our Juniors have become Junior Life Members of W. M. S.

## PRAYER MEETINGS.

During the early part of Rev. Briceland's pastorate, the members of the congregation were invited to meet on Wednesday evenings at the church for the study entitled, "The Church in the Country." The outcome of this study was the dividing of the congregation into six sections for cottage prayer meetings. These meetings were held usually on Wednesday evenings and the topic for discussion was the weekly Sabbath School lesson. For a time these meetings were well attended and were both interesting and instructive, besides contributing much to the social spirit of the community.

After a time the novelty of this plan wore off and during Rev. H. C. Hildebrand's pastorate an attempt was made to hold the prayer-meetings at the church, but without much success. So cottage prayer-meetings were held previous to communion season.

Rev. McElhinney advocated dividing the congregation into two sections for cottage prayer meetings, meeting every two weeks at different times during the year, discussing topics, or references selected by the pastor. Following this plan meetings held were both helpful and instructive and, as a rule, very well attended.

## Y. P. C. U.

About forty years ago the young people of our church and community banded themselves together for the purpose of being trained in Christian work and that an earnest Christian life might be developed among the members. While during these years the membership has been diminished somewhat, yet they have been true to their purpose. Committees have been appointed semi-annually to take up different phases of the work as follows: Prayermeeting, Membership, Social, Missionary, Temperance, Tithing, Literature and Good Samaritan. Business meetings have been held quite regularly and meetings on each Sabbath evening for the discussion of some biblical or missionary topic have been the custom.

Very liberal contributions have been made yearly to both Home and Foreign missions and presbyterial and national assessments have

been regularly paid. Subscriptions to the Christian Herald have been regularly paid, that each member might be supplied with a copy.

Many festivals, oyster suppers, entertainments and socials have been given. At least one missionary book has been studied each year, during recent years, and missionary topics have been discussed frequently in the Sabbath evening meetings. Delegates have been sent frequently to presbyterial, state and national conventions and interesting reports of these meetings have afterward been given to the Society.

In February, 1895, a Self-denial offering was made, amounting to fifty dollars, which was equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. In 1900, fifty dollars was contributed to assist in purchasing carpet for new church. In 1901 one hundred seventy-five dollars was contributed to purchase curtains for new Sabbath School room and two hundred Bible Song Books were also purchased.

In 1904 a committee was appointed to request Rev. Aiken to remain as our pastor, but failing in this, made a canvass of the congregation, securing a purse of two hundred dollars, which was presented to him as a token of respect.

In 1919 a fifty-dollar Liberty Bond was purchased and copies of the "Christian Herald" were sent to soldier boys from our congregation. Money has been contributed liberally to almost every need that has been presented in connection with our local church needs. Many purchases have been made which have added to comfort and efficiency in church work.

During the campaign for the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment, various Temperance remonstrances were circulated for signers. One great interference in this organization has been the constantly shifting membership, the older ones, who have had training for service, dropping out and leaving the work for those coming in, who, as yet, are not so well fitted to carry on the work. Truly our young people have been found faithful. The spiritual uplift which has been the result of their work cannot be estimated.

The social life of our community has been benefitted by the many social gatherings which these young people have superintended. May they continue to be blessed and encouraged in their work.

## *Introduction to Sabbath School*

The Centennial Historian tells us that when plans were first made to organize a Sabbath School in our congregation there was some opposition, so this work was begun only about seventy years ago. Since then there have been some changes made in the manner of conducting it. Those who were scholars in the school fifty years ago will remember the Sabbath School hour was spent by the scholars reciting to their teacher's questions from the Catechism and Bible verses that they had memorized. Five or six questions with from fifty to one hundred Bible verses each week was not counted too hard a task for some of our boys and girls of today being instructed in the doctrines of the church, and are they hiding God's law in their hearts, that, like the Psalmist, they may not sin against God, are questions which Christian leaders of our times should ponder. The enrollment at the present time is 225 with 15 classes, most of them organized. The history of these classes, as written by some of their members, will tell something of the work being done. The Beginners Class and two Primary Classes, one for boys and one for girls, are using the Graded Lessons. Our superintendents have been men who were sincerely interested in the spiritual uplift of our boys and girls and the work has gone steadily forward. In 1929 the school was divided for opening and closing exercises; the Juniors, meeting in the Sabbath School room and the Adults in the Auditorium. Our contributions are sent to missions. At present, besides the regular officers, we have an Associate Superintendent of Activities, an Associate Superintendent of Finance and an associate Superintendent of Attendance. Miss Frances Phillips has had charge of the Beginners since 1919.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

The Women's Bible Class has never organized, but because of their faithfulness is worthy of mention. It is composed of grandmothers, mothers, and some others, who have always been ready and willing to help with any good work. For a number of years the very efficient teacher was Mrs. Anna Adams Bell. Surely those who were in the class at that time will never forget the Bible truths which she taught so faithfully. When physically unable to go on with the work, she requested Miss Emma Glass to take charge of the class, who continued teaching, with some help from substitutes, for more than eighteen years. One of the oldest members of the class, Mrs. Thomas McCoy, who has now gone to her reward, when she was eighty-six years of age pieced a quilt which the class had quilted. The quilt was sold for twenty-five dollars and the proceeds given to the parsonage fund. For a time this class paid for the schooling of a little mountain white girl. The widows and orphans of the community have not been forgotten. The members of this class are always doing something for somebody in need and so helping on the work of the congregation and the kingdom of Christ.

### **MINISTER'S CLASS**

The Men's Adult Bible Class of the Sabbath School became an organized class October 25, 1926. It adopted the name of Friendship Bible Class and chose as its class motto: "Go, Get Em."

This class maintains its own treasury by retaining one half of the weekly class offering and from this fund contributes to various worthy causes.

This class purchased a quilt from the Women's Bible Class for twenty-five dollars, this money to be turned over to the new parsonage fund. This quilt was pieced by Mrs. Thomas McCoy and left to the Women's Bible Class for disposal. The quilt was presented to Mrs. J. W. Acheson by the men of the Friendship Bible Class.

During Rev. Briceland's pastorate several members of this class, with a number of others, had organized under the leadership of William Boyle, Jr. They called themselves the "Catch My Pals." This class was well attended and did some very efficient church and community work. Later they disbanded and after the death of their teacher, Mr. Jas. W. Aiken, became a part of the minister's or Men's Bible class.

### **LOYAL DAUGHTERS A. B. C.**

Class eleven of the Sabbath School recognizing the benefits to be derived from organization became a member of the O. A. B. C. on February 7, 1913, with twenty-four charter members. An International Certificate and Class Emblems were procured. The class name chosen was "The Loyal Daughter's Bible Class" and the motto, "We are in the King's Business."

The class maintains its own treasury through funds derived from annual dues of members, the diversion of a stated amount from the weekly collection and the proceeds of the various class enterprises.

The class has endeavored to aid in financing certain improvements in our own church by contributing toward the parsonage fund, aiding in the purchase of a carpet for Sabbath School room, by furnishing blinds and curtain rods for new parsonage, purchasing part of silverware for church and certain minor furnishings for kitchen. The class also furnished the room which it occupies during the Sabbath School hour.

A donation was made to our Sunday School library during its recent campaign for additional books. Bible Song Hymnals have twice been purchased for general use. A number of other very worthy organizations have been the recipients of donations from the class, viz., Women's General Missionary Society, Salvation Army, Henderson College, Greenville College, New Future Home, Stanton College, etc.

During the period of the World War, 1918-1921, the class supported the young daughter of a deceased French soldier.

The Home Department was organized and has been continued through the efforts of the class. The Cradle Roll Superintendents have been selected from members of this class.

During the fifteen-year period since organization, our class has been fortunate in having many additions to its membership, besides many who have withdrawn. The present membership is forty-two.

At two different times death has entered our midst and removed loved and esteemed members: Miss Mae Aiken and Mrs. Bertha McKenzie.

At the time of organization Miss Laura Adams was the teacher of the class. The other teachers were: Miss Anna Milles, 1914, 1915; Mrs. L. W. Stone, 1915-1919; Mrs. C. K. Phillips, 1919.

The class meets at stated intervals for business and recreation. At these meetings sewing is usually done for the Columbia Hospital or some other worthy organization. Mrs. J. W. Acheson is one of the charter members of this class.

### **WILLING WORKER'S ADULT BIBLE CLASS.**

During April of 1914 the Willing Worker's Bible Class organized with thirteen charter members and with Miss Etta McCormick as its

first teacher. When a Teacher's Training Class was organized in 1918, the Willing Workers joined en masse! After the completion of the training course in November, 1919, Mrs. Hays Scott took charge as teacher. Mrs. Scott resigned in the spring of 1921, and in April, 1922, the class reorganized with approximately twice their original membership. Mrs. Martin Clever, who has faithfully filled this position ever since, was elected teacher. The present membership is thirty-seven. The class has always supported the program of the United Presbyterian Church, and has always been active in the work of our local church. This is evidenced by its subscription to the New World Movement, its yearly donations to the mission work, its benevolent work in the community and its yearly contributions to the local church, which, in many instances, have added to the conveniences, comforts, and repairs of our church home.

Since organization in 1914, three members have answered the call, "Come up higher:" Elizabeth Noble in 1915; Verna Scott Lowery in 1923; and Margaret Pollock Scott in 1925.

### THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Young Men's Bible Class of Union Sabbath School was organized in 1927. The very efficient teacher of this class for nine years has been Mr. Clayton W. Speer, the class having a membership of fifteen when he began teaching. At the time of organization the membership was thirty-five. The present membership is twenty. These young men have taken their part in the work of the church, serving as ushers, assistant superintendent or teachers, as the opportunity presented. Financial help was given at different times to Mr. Victor Schones during his long serious illness. During the winter of 1929, twenty-five dollars was given to purchase shoes for children in Moon Run, that they might go on with their school work.

When the parsonage lawn was being graded, twenty-five dollars was contributed for the purchase of trees and shrubbery for the lawn. An annual offering is made to the organization for Sabbath observance. The class is now paying a scholarship for a young man in Egypt, under the supervision of Rev. J. Willard Acheson, our missionary there. The main purpose of this class is cooperation and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Two members of this class have been called to a higher service: James Linton in 1921, aged 22 years, after an illness of several months, and William Pressley Phillips in 1928, aged 24 years, after an illness of a few hours. The work of this class is worthy of special mention, because of the indifference of so many to this opportunity of training for service. May God keep them faithful.

### "FOR OTHERS" BIBLE CLASS

The For Others Bible class was organized in the summer of 1918, with twenty charter members and Mrs. M. S. Phillips as teacher. "For Others" was selected as their motto, and organized under an intermediate charter. The first year a festival was held at which about one hundred dollars was cleared. In 1919 Miss Mary Phillips was elected teacher. In 1921, during Mrs. Alice Acheson's first furlough, she recommended that the class undertake the support and education of an Egyptian girl in one of the mission schools at the cost of about fifty dollars per year. This the class decided to do and the money has been raised in various ways. At present the dues are one dollar per year.

Contributions have been made to different funds, such as Near East Relief, New World Movement, etc. Other teachers were Mrs. S. E. Pritchard, 1922-1927; Mrs. J. H. McElhinney 1927.

Teachers previous to the organization of this class were Mrs. Fred Shellito, Elizabeth Scott and Mrs. James Aiken. Weddings have



been frequent in this class, but we very sadly record the death of our dear friend and classmate, Norma Harrower, October 8, 1928.

At one time this class organized as a "Girls Circle," a branch of W. M. S. Meetings were held once a month, on Sabbath at the time of the regular Sabbath School lesson period. But this did not prove successful and was abandoned.

### **FAITHFUL HELPERS SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS.**

The "Faithful Helpers" Sabbath School Class was organized about 1925 or 1926 with fifteen members. Our Motto is: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Our class colors are blue and gold. We have three working committees: Membership, Social and Visiting. In 1928 we contributed three dollars for the purchase of books for the Sabbath School Library. In 1929, the members of our class, with the help of some others, gave an Easter Pageant. Some sewing has been done at our business meetings, the articles made being sold at a bazaar. The social hour at our business meetings has been a very enjoyable one. We have done sewing for The New Covenant Mission in East End Pittsburgh. One time in our beginning we had a play and served refreshments afterwards. At the time of the purchase of the Sabbath School carpet our class contributed \$40. Mrs. Frank Rowe has faithfully and patiently served as our teacher since we organized.

### **PERSEVERING HELPERS BIBLE CLASS**

The Persevering Helpers Class was organized May 7, 1927, with fifteen charter members. We have a Devotional Committee, one member of which takes charge of class devotions for each month. Our dues are ten cents a month. We contributed five dollars to Thank-Offering in 1929 and three dollars for the purchase of books for the Sabbath School library. Our present officers are: President, Dorothy Harper; Secretary, Mary Scott; Treasurer, Gladys Conley. Mrs. Margaret Mortimer has been our very efficient teacher since our organization.

### **TEACHERS TRAINING CLASS**

There was much discussion during the latter part of 1916 concerning a Teacher-Training Class. This had arisen on account of certain points being necessary in order that Union Sabbath School might be classified as a Standard School.

Anna A. (Milles) Pritchard was asked to undertake the work of Training Class. So in January, 1917, the work began, using as a textbook Rev. Chas. A. Oliver's revised edition, "Preparation for Teaching," each member having her own copy.

There were eleven members when the class began its work, as follows: Jean Aiken, Eva Aiken, Laura Bell, Etta McCormick, Mary McCurdy, Elsie McCormick, Mrs. Jane Milles, Laura Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Myrtle Tidball, and Margaret Symonds, who later moved to Coraopolis and so did not complete the latter half of the work, but who is faithful in teaching in Mt. Lebanon Sabbath School.

The Training Class met during the Sabbath School hour. Quarterly examinations were held, when each vied with the other in attaining the highest percent. The following are the final quarterly averages: May 5, 1917, 98 1-10%; August 10th, 97 5-10%; November 16th, 100%; March 6, 1918, 96%. The final average for the year's work, 99 2-5%. Some splendid work was done to produce these results.

The work had proven interesting to both teacher and pupils and another class was started at once using the same text book. The members of this class were Evelyn Aiken, Evaline Glass, Emma Glass, Mrs. Hildebrand, W. D. Maize, Mrs. McCown, Elizabeth McCormick, Frances McCormick, Velma McCurdy, Florence Nye, Florence Phillips, Jean Phillips, Jane Phillips, Mary Phillips, Sarah Phillips,



Pearl Riddle and Edna Schoeller. Later three members dropped out, Miss Nye, Mrs. McCown, and W. D. Maize, leaving fourteen to finish the work.

Splendid work was shown in this class, also. The following averages were given: 1st test, 98 1-10%; 2nd test, 94 14-15%; 3rd test, 95 9-14%; 4th test, 88½%. The final average for the year's work was 99 5-14%. Of the members of these two classes many were teachers in the Sabbath School. Some had been teachers before taking the work and continued teaching again after finishing the year's work. One member of the first class, who was perhaps the most ardent worker of all, and also the oldest member of that class, has passed on to sit at the feet of the Master, whose life she patterned daily.

Of the first class five have married, but hope that thoughts and ideas gleaned from the training lessons will help in the training of little ones in the home. Of the second class, so far as we know, all are still enrolled in life's school. Six of this class are in their own homes with little minds to train. At least half of this class taught, or are still teaching in the Sabbath School. While there were some who did no teaching either before or after, they have always been interested in Sabbath School work.

Sometimes the teacher had a feeling that it seemed presumptuous on her part to try to teach those who were so well versed in the Bible and its truths, but the work proved interesting and we hope a gain to all.

### HOME DEPARTMENT

During Rev. H. C. Hildebrand's pastorate the need of a Home Department in our Sabbath School was recognized. A meeting of those interested was called and the subject thoroughly discussed with the result that steps were taken to organize a Home Department with a Superintendent in charge, having helpers in different sections of the congregation. The superintendents have been Mrs. F. H. Phillips, Mrs. William Baker, Mrs. Carvel King and Mrs. Leonard Petrie. The work began in a promising way but at present interest is lagging. Quite a number of deaths have occurred in this branch of the work; Miss Agnes Burroughs, Mr. William DeVassie, Mr. James Kelso.

### CRADLE ROLL.

During Rev. J. M. Briceland's pastorate a committee including Mrs. J. M. Briceland and Mrs. C. I. King was appointed to organize a Cradle Roll. Mrs. C. K. Phillips acted as Superintendent until 1920; Miss Elizabeth Crozier, 1920-1928; Mrs. James McKnight, 1928. A flower is given on Children's Day to each child enrolled and each child is remembered with a card on its birthday. Over one hundred names have been enrolled up to the present time.

## *Introduction to Pastors*

At the time of the Centennial Celebration, October 11, 1894, three former pastors of Union Congregation were living and serving in other pastorates. These were all present at the Centennial and had a place on the programs. As the Centennial Historian has given their history up to that time, we will just add the dates necessary to complete the history.

### REV. LAFAYETTE MARKS, D. D.

Rev. Lafayette Marks, D. D., the sixth pastor of Union United Presbyterian Church, resigned the pastorate of this congregation, March 26, 1867, and was stated supply at North Church, Philadelphia, for about one year. He became pastor of Hanover Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and continued there until his death, which occurred January 5, 1898, aged 65 years. He received the degree of D. D. from Franklin College in 1878.

### REV. JAMES DUFF TURNER

Rev. James Duff Turner, the seventh pastor of Union Congregation, was present at the Centennial Celebration, October 11, 1894. He resigned as pastor of this congregation, June 30, 1874. He was pastor at East Eleventh street, New York, from 1874-1878. He was installed pastor of the Fourth United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, in 1878 and continued in that pastorate until his death, September 25, 1896, aged 64 years.

### REV. JOHN A. DOUTHETT

Rev. John A. Douthett, the eighth pastor of Union Congregation, was present at the Centennial Celebration, October 11, 1894. He resigned as pastor of this congregation, June 26, 1894. He was installed at Greensburg United Presbyterian Church in September, 1894. He was pastor there until 1907. In March, 1907, he was installed at Coraopolis United Presbyterian Church and was pastor of that church until his death, August 1, 1908, aged 57 years.

### REV. JOHN T. AIKIN

Rev. John T. Aikin, the ninth pastor of Union congregation, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 21, 1869. In 1894, he was graduated from Muskingum College and from the Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh in 1897. He was licensed to preach by Muskingum Presbytery, April 7, 1896. He was called by Union Congregation to be their pastor, and was ordained and installed in this church, June 29, 1897. He resigned as pastor of this congregation, June 28, 1904. His other pastorates were as follows: Rochester, Pa., July, 1904 to July, 1912; Wilmerding, Pa., July, 1912 to February, 1916; Rushville, Indiana, February, 1916 to January, 1921; Aurora, Illinois, stated supply, January, 1921 to April, 1922; Hebron, Indiana, April, 1922 to November, 1924; Columbia City, Iowa, November, 1924-1929; Deer Creek, Pa., December 17, 1929 to the present date. He preached the Word in its purity and simplicity, and was a faithful pastor. In the homes where there was sickness or bereavement, he was a true friend. He was pastor of Union Congregation seven years.

### REV. JAMES M. BRICELAND

Rev. James M. Briceland, the tenth pastor of Union Congregation was born at Hickory, Washington County, Pa., June 29, 1876. He was graduated from Westminster College in 1902. He entered the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1905, and was licensed to preach by Monongahela Presbytery in the same year. On June 27, 1905, he was ordained and installed pastor of our congregation. He was released from this pastorate, September 1, 1914, and became pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Butler, Pa., in 1914, remaining there until 1917. He was pastor of Parkers' Landing Presbyterian Church from 1917-1924 and Sheraden Presbyterian Church from 1924-1929. On June 1, 1929, he became pastor of the Federated Church at Sheraden.

### REV. HARRY C. HILDEBRAND

Rev. H. C. Hildebrand, the eleventh pastor of Union congregation was born at Greenville, Pa., October 23, 1877. He was graduated from Westminster College in 1903 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1906. He was licensed to preach at Jamestown, Pa., December 12, 1905, by Lake Presbytery. He was ordained by Lake Presbytery and installed pastor at Linesville, Pa., June 6, 1906, and was released November 4, 1908. He was pastor of Harmony United Presbyterian Church from December 8, 1908, to October 12, 1915. He was installed pastor of Union Congregation, January 18, 1916 and released August 31, 1925, to go to the First church of Canton, Ohio. Here he was installed October 6, 1925 and has since held that pastorate.

### REV. J. HOY McELHINNEY

Rev. J. Hoy McElhinney, the twelfth pastor of Union congregation was born in Minden, Nebraska, March 14, 1893. He was graduated from Monmouth College, in June, 1916. In the fall of 1916, he entered the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, graduating in 1919. He was licensed to preach by Keokuk Presbytery. He was ordained, July 8, 1919 and installed pastor of Burlington, Iowa, United Presbyterian Church, where he remained until December 23, 1923. He held the pastorate at North Bend, Nebraska, from January 18, 1924 to June 6, 1926. July 9, 1926, he became pastor of Union United Presbyterian Church, our present pastor. It was during this pastorate that Moon Run Presbyterian Church reorganized as Moon Run United Presbyterian Church.

## *Sons of Union Congregation*

Rev. Wm. S. Glass was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa., February 9, 1875. His ancestors were all active members of Union congregation. He is a great grandson of Elder Samuel Glass, and a grandson of Elder William Glass, and a son of Samuel Glass, writer of the Centennial History. He was graduated from Geneva College, and entered the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1898, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was licensed to preach by Monongehela Presbytery. His first charge was Hopewell United Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Tenn. In 1909 he moved to Mercer County, Pa., where he was installed pastor over Springdale and Ebenezer Congregations and later Scotch Hill Congregation was added. In 1918 he became pastor of North Buffalo Congregation, Washington Co., Pa. Since September, 1927, he has been pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Minden, Nebraska.

John W. Aiken is the son of Charles and Ella Bell Aiken, who were born and reared within the bounds of Union Congregation. John Aiken was born in Ingram, Pa., in October, 1902, but after the death of his father made his home with his grandparents, John and Hannah Ross Aiken of Union Congregation. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1923. The same year he entered McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He had charge of Atalissa, Iowa, Presbyterian Church from May, 1924, until September, 1925, when he again entered the Seminary. In October, 1925, because of ill health, he gave up his Seminary work. He spent the two following years on a farm in Butler County, Pa. The next two years he acted as Principal of the Prospect High School, Prospect, Pa. Since 1929 he has been living at Phoenix, Arizona.

William M. Hendricks was born in Bristol, Pa., February 9, 1900. He was graduated from Bristol High School in 1918 and from Pennsylvania State College in June, 1922. He was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Bristol. While in college, he attended the Methodist Church. While teaching in Centerville, he united with the Centerville Methodist Church. In October, 1926, he brought his certificate to Union United Presbyterian Church. He taught Vocational Agriculture in Freedonia, Pa., for one year, in Centerville, Washington County, Pa., for three years, and in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa., for three years. On September 18, 1929, he entered Pittsburgh Theological Seminary under the care of Monongahela Presbytery. He had been a member of different churches, but at the time he entered the seminary, he was a very active member of Union, besides being superintendent of the Sabbath School. It gives us pleasure to give him a place among the sons of the congregation who entered the ministry.

## Missionaries from Union United Presbyterian Congregation

Alice Bell Phillips, the daughter of Samuel and Alice Scott Phillips, members of Union Congregation, was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. Early in life she united with the church, being a very faithful member until leaving for the mission field. She received her early education in the rural schools of Robinson Township. She afterwards graduated from Coraopolis High School, spending most of her time in that borough, during the years she attended high school. In 1907, she was graduated from Westminster College and spent five years as a teacher in Robinson Township schools. Her marriage and the record of her missionary work will be found in the record of Rev. J. Willard Acheson.

Rev. Joseph Willard Acheson, the son of Rev. Allen Morrow Acheson and Jennie Elizabeth Hamilton Acheson, was born at the Willamette Congregation parsonage near Albany, Oregon, December 15, 1886. He was graduated from Westminster College in June, 1907. He served as professor in Freeport and Coraopolis High Schools. He entered Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1912. The same year he married Alice Bell Phillips, going to Oregon for their wedding trip. The following winter was spent at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut. They sailed, August 2, 1913, to Egypt as Missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church. Their service during the first seven years was as follows: At Assiut, one year; at Cairo, five years; at Luxor, one year; spending part of the time on Nile boat, "Witness." In 1920, they returned to America on furlough. The second seven years of their service as missionaries was spent in the city of Cairo. During these years Mrs. Acheson spent much of her time as a teacher in the Ezbekiah district, also going out with the Bible women to assist them in their work. In 1928, they returned to America on their second furlough, bringing with them their little son, Willard Phillips Acheson. In 1929, they were returned to Cairo, Egypt. Union congregation is very proud of her daughter and son-in-law, who have done a wonderful work in the land of Egypt. They love their work and their visits home have been a wonderful inspiration to the home congregation. Union congregation has supported them in part during the sixteen years they have been in the work, and are thankful for the privilege of doing so. May God give them long life and health and His greatest spiritual blessing that they may continue in the work.

## Session

Andrew Dickson was born in Mifflin Township, Allegheny County, Pa., July 3, 1805. Early in life, he united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In 1827 he moved to a farm in North Fayette Township, and transferred his church membership to Union congregation. On November 22, 1850, he was ordained and installed elder at Union and in 1854 he was made clerk of session and filled that office for fourteen years. He was a man of well balanced mind and beautiful Christian character. He had a modest, unassuming manner and was honored and loved by all those with whom he came in contact. He lived to a good old age and served longer as elder than any man holding that office in our congregation, serving for 47 years. He died April, 12, 1897, aged 91 years, and is buried in Union Cemetery.

William Glass was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was the eldest son of Elder Samuel Glass, Sr., and grandfather of Albert P. Glass and Clayton W. Speer, present members of session. He was the father of Samuel S. Glass, writer of the Centennial history. He was a farmer and a man who loved his country and his church and was interested in everything that was for the good of his fellowmen. He worshipped God in his home and in the church, and remembered the Sabbath to keep it holy. He was ordained in Union Church in 1858, serving in this office until his death, May 18, 1901, in his 91st year. His body was laid to rest in the family lot in the old cemetery.

Jonathan Phillips was born and lived all his life in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was a son of Elder Samuel Phillips, and was always interested in the work of Union congregation and the church at large. He was a farmer and a kindly man who loved the church and the worship of God. He was ordained elder in 1869 and filled the office very acceptably until the time of his death. He died in 1902, aged 82 years, and was laid to rest in the family lot in the old cemetery.

Joseph McCurdy was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was a farmer and died on the farm on which he was born. He was a man of pleasing personality and quiet disposition, always interested in the work of the church. He was ordained and installed elder in 1892. Later the family went to Ingram, Pa., and he was connected with the church (United Presbyterian) there until 1901, when he returned to the farm, and was again installed elder in our congregation. He died August 17, 1919, aged 86 years. His body lies in the family burying ground in Union Cemetery.

John Scott was born in Findley Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was a farmer and a man who was loved by all who knew him. Of the many good traits of character which he possessed, perhaps the two outstanding were his kindness of heart and his hospitality. The door of his home was always open to friends, and no one in need was ever refused help if it was in his power to give it. In Union congregation he was one of the leaders of his day. His seat was never vacant unless providentially hindered. He was not only loyal to the church, but he was loyal to his country, and gave some of the best years of his life in service in some of the hardest battles of the Civil War. He was ordained elder in 1882 and served faithfully until his

death, June 2, 1902, aged 61 years. He was buried in the new part of Union Cemetery.

John Wallace Phillips was born in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. Early in life he united with Union United Presbyterian Church. He was always willing to serve in the congregation wherever opportunity called, and while quite young was elected to the office of elder. He was ordained and installed in 1892. In 1904 he went to make his home in a neighboring borough, transferring his membership to the Methodist Church, where he remained an active member until his death. He died April 19, 1929, aged 66 years, and was buried in Union Cemetery.

James Aiken was born and lived all his life on a farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was the eldest son of Elder Jonathan Aiken. In 1892, when a very young man, he was ordained elder, soon after the death of his father, and filled this office very faithfully until the time of his death. His seat in God's house was never vacant at any of the services unless providentially kept away. He was a leader among the people, and was very much missed when taken away. He died in 1925 at the age of 63 years and was buried in Union Cemetery.

Milton S. Phillips was born on a farm in Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pa. He was a grandson of Elder Samuel Phillips and Elder Samuel Glass and a son of Elder Jonathan Phillips. Early in life, he united with Union congregation and soon after the death of his father was elected elder. February 6, 1903, he was ordained and installed elder of this congregation, which office he filled faithfully until his death. During his later years, on account of failing health, he left the farm and went to live in a neighboring borough, still remaining a member of the home church and continuing his faithful attendance as had been his usual custom. He died March 16, 1923, in the 71st year of his age, and was laid to rest in Union Cemetery.

J. Walter Scott was the son of Elder John Scott, and like his father was always interested in the work of the church. After the death of his father, he was elected to the office of elder. We think he was the youngest man ever elected to this office by Union Congregation. He was ordained and installed February 6, 1903 and served faithfully until 1907, when he went to make his home in Coraopolis, transferring his membership to Coraopolis United Presbyterian Church. He was installed as elder of that congregation soon and has been actively engaged in the work of that congregation ever since.

Samuel Evans Pritchard was born at New Eagle, Pa., May 7, 1865. He resided in or near Finleyville until 1899. In 1909, he was employed as Superintendent of the Pittsburgh Coal Co.'s mine at Moon Run, Pa., where he remained until October, 1926. He then began work in the Essen mine, and in November, 1926, purchased a home in Kerwin Heights where he lived until his death.

During the period of the World War he was very active in Red Cross Work and was very much interested in aiding others to carry on for the Red Cross. After moving to Moon Run he became a member of the Moon Run Presbyterian Church, served as elder there and was interested in helping that congregation through financial difficulties. In September, 1922, he became a member of Union United Presbyterian Church and attended all services faithfully. He was also a member of the Men's Bible Class. In 1925, he was elected to eldership. He seldom, if ever, was absent from any of the session meetings and attended all communion and preparatory services.

On sabbath morning, December 9, 1928, while preparing to attend the usual services, he was suddenly taken ill. This illness developed into pneumonia and he passed away December 14, 1928. On December 16th, funeral services were held in Union Church, followed by burial in Union Cemetery.



The following are elders of Union Congregation at the present time:

John P. Scott.....	Ordained and installed in 1903
J. Andrew McCurdy.....	Ordained and installed in 1911
Frank H. Phillips.....	Ordained and installed in 1911
Albert P. Glass.....	Ordained and installed in 1911
Clayton W. Speer.....	Ordained and installed in 1925
Charles W. Scott.....	Ordained and installed in 1925
James Elliott.....	Ordained and installed in 1925
Andrew H. Phillips.....	Ordained and installed in 1929
Percy L. Adams.....	Ordained and installed in 1929



## *Moon Run*

The Moon Run United Presbyterian Church was organized on Friday night, June 7, 1929. The members of the commission from Monongahela Presbytery present were: ministers Dr. E. R. Davidson, Dr. A. J. Alexander, A. W. Caldwell, S. A. McCollum, John E. Simpson, J. Hoy McElhinney and Elder G. C. Kuchuert. In the service proper Dr. Davidson presided, Mr. Caldwell read the Scripture and Mr. McCollum led in prayer. Dr. Alexander addressed a few appropriate remarks to the congregation encouraging them in the new step which they were about to make. The moderator then asked that all those present who desired to join the United Presbyterian Church which was then being organized to come forward and give in their names. There were 39 present, 3 of whom came by profession of their faith in Christ and the remainder by letter from the former Presbyterian Church. An added encouragement to the work was shown by the response which was given to the invitation of the pastor at the close of his sermon on Sabbath evening, June 9th, when 32 others came forward, six were received by profession and the remainder by letter from the former Presbyterian body. There were three adult baptisms and five infant baptisms. This makes a total of 71 members that have been received into the Moon Run United Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. Hoy McElhinney, pastor of the Union Church, is also pastor of this congregation.

## Union Cemetery

Alphabetical list of the names of those persons buried in Union Cemetery during years 1894-1930:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Age</i>
Aiken, William	1911	86	Brown, James	1912	
Aiken, Margaret	1901	86	Bane, Infant	1914	
Aiken, John	1920	68	Bitenow, Gladys	1915	
Aiken, Hannah Rose	1925	72	Beck, Mr.	1916	
Aiken, Mae R.	1917	43	Beck, Mrs.	1917	
Aiken, William W.	1903	27	Barwell, George	1918	
Aiken, Charles J.	1909	30	Barwell, Mrs.	1918	
Aiken, Evaline	1905	77	Brecka, Mr.	1918	
Aiken, W. James	1925	63	Brownish, Cain	1921	
Aiken, Jessie Moore	1909	39	Brownish, Infant	1921	
Andrews, Mark	1901		Betes, A. G.	1922	
Andrews, Samuel	1915	68	Bracker, Minnie	1925	
Andrews, Anna M. B.	1930	78	Barton, Philip	1927	
Andrews, Mary	1902		Barton, Mary Louise	1929	
Andrews, William J.	1905	47	Brown, Samuel	1921	
Andrews, Tillie	1924		Caldwell, George M.	1897	65
Andrews, Mark C.	1923	63	Caldwell, Lettie McC.	1895	67
Ackelson, James	1894	64	Campbell, Annie	1914	
Ackelson, Letitia	1910		Campbell, H. L.	1918	
Adair, Ann	1903		Campbell, Edith	1915	
Adair, Eliza	1908		Campbell, Daisy	1918	
Adams, William	1912	67	Campbell, Mrs.	1918	
Adams, Emma	1913	66	Campbell, Elizabeth	1897	54
Adams, John	1926	76	Campbell, Isabella	1918	87
Adams, Sarah J.	1895	73	Cantwell, H. M.	1914	
Adams, Margaret	1914	73	Chess, Andrew	1929	67
Adams, Ellen	1926	82	Chess, Zabine	1926	66
Adams, Jennie M.	1926	79	Cummings, Alexander	1919	59
Adams, Casper	1915		Cummings, Isabella S.	1929	64
Ahlborn, Harry	1899	2	Cummings, Thomas F.	1913	27
Ahlborn, Elsie (infant)	1900		Cummings, Stewart L.	1920	
Bell, James W.	1918	94	Cowan, Harry	1900	
Bell, Anna Adams	1909	54	Cowan, Harry	1909	
Bell, J. Hays	1927	78	Cushman, Infant	1914	
Bell, Orlando C.	1909	77	Cernget, Infant	1915	
Bell, Eliza Jane	1913	68	Campbell, Infant	1918	
Bell, Nelson E.	1929		Dickson, Andrew	1897	91
Burrows, Ann	1899	75	Dickson, Samuel	1915	77
Burrows, Wm. W.	1920	90	Dickson, Sarah Ann	1920	68
Burrows, Kate	1919	53	Dickson, Joseph M.	1915	75
Burrows, Infant	1908		Dickson, Sarah E.	1921	72
Burrows, Agnes	1928		Dickson, Porter McB.	1910	23
Brimm, Henry W.	1901	27	Dickson, J. Herbert	1917	32
Brimm, Daniel	1903	73	Dickson, M. James	1926	72
Brimm, Dorothea	1924	92	DeVassie, William	1928	65
Brown, Mr.	1905		Deer, John H.	1924	74
Betts, Adam	1908		Deer, Elizabeth	1911	66
Bear, Elmer	1909		Drexler, John	1920	

Name	Died	Age
Davis, Victoria .....	1924	
Droblitz, Jake .....	1929	
Eagleson, Kate .....	1908	71
Edmundson, John M. ....	1894	71
Edmundson, Hester A. ....	1896	70
Edmundson, Eliza ....	1911	
Edmundson, Etta ....	1910	
Ewing, J. Nelson .....	1902	82
Ewing, James .....	1906	61
Ewing, Elwilda .....	1906	
Ewing, James .....	1925	
Freebing, Valera .....	1921	
Frame, Robert .....	1919	
Frame, Adeline .....	1918	
Frame, George .....	1919	
Fhy, Mary E. ....	1924	69
Flowers, John W. ....	1926	84
Fullmore, Agnes S. ....	1921	
Geyser, Mrs. ....	1916	89
Geyser, William .....	1930	
Geyser, George .....	1930	
Geyser, Henry .....	1921	53
Geyser, E. K. ....	1917	
Geyser, Mrs. ....	1916	
Glass, William .....	1901	90
Glass, Sarah McCurdy .....	1895	79
Glass, Samuel S. ....	1902	61
Glass, Rocsa .....	1908	55
Glass, Infant .....	1907	
Glass, Hannah Aiken .....	1897	73
Goulding, John .....	1910	66
Goulding, Elizabeth .....	1894	51
Gibb, Thomas .....	1922	39
Gibb, David .....	1927	16
Grames, Miss .....	1906	
Garland, James .....	1919	
Gale, Infant .....	1915	
Gayup, Mathew .....	1926	
Gayup, Laurence .....	1922	
Gayup, Frank .....	1923	
Goater, Francis .....		
Goater, Elizabeth .....	1901	
Hopper, William J. ....	1904	58
Hopper, Mary .....	1923	75
Harrower, Norma .....	1928	24
Hunter, James .....	1911	
Holmes, Mrs. ....	1912	
Harper, Infant .....	1914	
Hopson, Infant .....	1915	
Hastings, Elmer G. ....	1922	
Hartig, August .....	1929	
Hartig, Martha .....	1924	
Hartig, Harry .....	1921	
Harton, John .....	1922	
Hunter, George .....	1914	27
Holland, Simon .....	1926	
Hiles, Samuel Kay ....	1930	
Hillburg, William ....	1908	
Harbaugh, Lorene ....	1915	36
Harbaugh, Ellen .....	1922	70

Name	Died	Age
Harbaugh, Infant .....	1915	
Harbaugh, Bertha ....	1928	29
Jenkins, Edward .....	1912	
James, Ida Mary .....	1922	61
Jenkins, Samuel .....	1915	74
Jenkins, John .....	1918	36
Jones, Laura McCurdy .....	1909	52
Jones, Mrs. ....	1908	
Jewett, Floris .....	1896	
Kelso, Louise .....	1906	61
Kelso, George W. ....	1917	44
Kelso, James C. ....	1927	58
Kelso, William G. ....	1929	20
Kearnes, Mary .....	1918	
Kerkwood, Roy .....	1917	
Kerkwood, Mary Bell .....	1928	
Langer, John .....	1922	82
Langer, Edward .....	1929	56
Legget, Mrs. ....	1905	
Linton, James .....	1894	62
Linton, James .....	1921	22
Link, George C. ....	1922	62
Link, Grace Adams .....	1930	58
Logan, Sarah Ann. ....	1899	
Logan, Stewart .....	1907	
Logan, John .....	1917	
Logan, John .....	1921	
Lowery, Verna Scott .....	1923	25
Markham, John .....	1929	
Markham, Infant .....	1921	
Mertz, George M. ....	1900	69
Mertz, Amanda .....	1904	66
Mitchell, Joseph .....	1920	
Mitchell, Margaret ....	1926	
Mitchell, Elizabeth ....	1925	
Mitchell, H. ....	1914	
Mitchell, Katherine ....	1910	
Mitchell, .....	1915	
Milles, James Adams .....	1920	73
Milles, Joseph J. ....	1908	34
Moore, Letty J. ....	1905	76
Morgan, William .....	1901	
Moss, Mary Jane .....	1915	75
Moss, Charles .....	1901	94
Moss, Mary P. ....	1911	97
Moss, Harold .....	1923	
Moss, Dayton .....	1924	
Mortimer, Robert .....	1921	
Motherwell, David ....	1922	
Mickliff, P. Hill .....	1897	13
Murdock, Laurence ....	1902	16
McCoy, Sarah K. ....	1906	83
McCoy, Elizabeth ....	1897	95
McCoy, Thomas .....	1922	81
McCoy, Isabella .....	1927	87
McCandless, Ida E. ....	1919	60
McCurdy, Joseph J. ....	1910	86
McCurdy, Mary A. ....	1913	82
McCurdy, Frank .....	1929	
McCurdy, Kate .....	1914	55

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Name	Died	Age
McCluskey, Cyrus	1895	70
McCluskey, Rachel	1903	79
McGarr, Jane T.	1908	70
McCormick, Eleanor	1895	90
McCormick, Richard	1895	50
McCormick, Joseph L.	1896	46
McCormick, Hugh	1894	80
McCormick, Letitia G.	1905	54
McCalinus, Mrs.	1918	
McMichael, John	1922	84
McMichael, Margaret	1926	78
McMichael, Isaac	1904	69
McMichael, Clarence	1896	19
McMichael, John Y.	1899	3
McMillen, Margaret	1898	79
McMillen, Carne	1894	41
McMillen, Margaret	1918	59
McMillen, Sarah	1926	80
McCoy, Jane	1904	76
McClarren, Diana	1896	73
McClarren, William	1913	
McClarren, Elizabeth	1921	
McKee, Nancy	1910	85
McKenzie, James	1904	72
McKenzie, Anna	1929	93
McKenzie, Bertha B.	1925	48
McClelland, John	1894	84
McClelland, Amanda J.	1908	61
McFarland, Margaret	1896	84
McFarland, William	1896	67
McFarland, Robert	1899	69
McVay, Harry	1926	62
McVay, Elizabeth	1918	62
McVay, Charles S.	1896	1
McVay, Irene J.	1898	1
McKown, James C.	1926	66
McClain, Daniel	1924	
Nelson, Peter	1924	
Nelson, Louis K.	1904	6
Nelson, May	1929	
Obenour, Infant	1928	
Obenour, Infant	1928	
Palmer, John	1910	62
Phillips, Samuel B.	1894	85
Phillips, M. McC.	1897	82
Phillips, Samuel	1901	63
Phillips, Sarah	1895	61
Phillips, John M.	1905	68
Phillips, Matilda G.	1897	57
Phillips, James B.	1910	31
Phillips, William S.	1912	81
Phillips, Emaline	1902	69
Phillips, John W.	1929	65
Phillips, William P.	1928	24
Phillips, Jonathan	1902	82
Phillips, Milton S.	1923	71
Phillips, Samuel	1911	61
Phillips, Alice Scott	1916	58
Phillips, Thomas	1902	59
Phillips, Helen	1904	2

Name	Died	Age
Phillips, Alexander	1875	51
Price, John	1922	
Price, Mary	1897	78
Pritchard, Samuel E.	1928	63
Pritchard, Jennie	1917	46
Perkins, Francis	1901	
Patterson, James	1907	
Patterson, Anastasia	1927	
Pestail, Thomas	1915	
Peterson, Mr.	1909	
Peterson, August	1923	
Pietred, Thomas	1917	
Puch, Andrew	1921	
Quinn, William	1909	86
Quinn, John M.	1928	52
Reed, Emma R.	1918	56
Reed, Infant	1917	
Reed, Infant	1916	
Reed, Infant	1919	
Rhodes, Annie	1917	
Riddle, James	1929	
Riddle, S. Vance	1896	6
Roberts, John Brady	1926	64
Roberts, Infant	1914	
Rowe, Charlotte	1915	57
Rowe, Henry	1910	
Rowe, Susie	1920	
Rodgers, William	1917	65
Robb, Charles	1907	
Robert, Joseph	1908	
Russel, Mary	1908	
Scott, John	1902	61
Scott, Arabella Speer	1919	66
Scott, Susie A.	1920	64
Scott, Elizabeth	1911	83
Scott, E. Priscilla	1903	47
Scott, Mattie Walker	1901	35
Scott, Charles R.	1897	3
Scott, Ralph W.	1901	1
Scott, John H.	1907	8
Scott, John	1901	
Scott, Infant	1918	
Scott, John	1906	81
Scott, Edward	1920	
Stewart, Walter	1903	42
Stewart, William	1902	
Stewart, Anna M.	1924	61
Stewart, Thomas E.	1918	73
Stewart, John	1904	61
Stewart, James A.	1917	58
Stewart, Jane	1900	82
Stewart, James	1894	1
Schrecengost, M. C.	1918	
Schrecengost, Samuel	1919	
Schrecengost, John	1922	
Schrecengost, Infant	1924	
Sampson, George	1910	70
Sampson, Margaret	1910	66
Smith, J. R.	1916	74
Stockdale, Eliza Ann	1907	80

Name	Died	Age
Speer, Hannah	1907	86
Speer, Andrew B.	1921	88
Speer, Elizabeth Glass	1903	64
Speer, Walter B.	1906	28
Speer, Elizabeth Jane.	1912	77
Shoup, J. M.	1916	69
Shoup, Jane	1918	64
Shoup, Charles	1918	
Shoup, Pearl	1920	
Sarver, Mrs.	1910	
Sarver, Clyde	1902	19
Stone, Maude S.	1927	58
Stone, Charles	1912	3
Stone, Edward	1898	4
Shafer, David	1907	37
Shafer, Theobald	1919	79
Shafer, Mrs.	1910	68
Schafer, Emma E.	1928	55
Sampson, Infant	1912	
Sampson, George	1921	
Sample, William E.	1899	42
Sample, Shelby	1895	15
Standish, Henry S.	1894	38
Standish, Sarah E.	1923	67
Standish, Jane	1930	
Strang, Infant	1903	
Snardy, John V.	1912	
Slagle, Infant	1912	
Shones, Victor	1929	
Shones, Infant	1914	
Shaner, C. A. Sr.	1913	87
Shanner, Charles	1914	
Shulter, Donald	1929	
Smith, Mrs.	1916	
Sarver, Mrs.	1919	
Sarver, John	1917	
Sarver, Anna	1920	
Severn, Catherine	1920	
Severn, Mr.	1908	
Severn, Ann		
Schapman, Pearl	1919	
Schapman, William	1919	
Schapman, Infant	1914	
Schapman, Infant	1915	
Sheldon, Elizabeth	1909	

Name	Died	Age
Sheldon, Frank	1910	
Sharp, Mr.	1902	
Sproat, David	1895	77
Sproat, Louise	1898	58
Scalspi,	1924	
Shaw, Howard	1900	
Torrence, M. D. Albert	1904	78
Turner, Charlotte E.	1921	35
Thornburg, Mrs.	1907	
Turnbull, James E.	1924	
Uffelman, Charles	1921	
Verner, Sophia	1903	74
Verner, James	1900	49
Verner, David	1916	62
Verner, William	1929	72
Verner, Infant	1919	
Verner, Infant	1922	
Verner, Infant	1930	
Walker, James	1895	82
Walker, Julia A.	1904	85
Walker, James	1918	74
Walker, Mr.	1902	
Watson, Mrs.	1911	
Watson, David	1916	
Watson, Samuel B.	1917	
Williams, Jane Ewing	1910	
Walton, Thomas	1923	
Walton, George	1918	
Walton, James H.	1923	
Winters, Charles	1922	
Wallock, Amelia	1924	
Wallock, Amelia	1925	
Walls, Infant	1926	
Wagner, Infant	1927	
Wembish, John	1928	
Whiteford, Robert	1930	
Young, John F.	1904	36
Young, Raymond	1899	2
Young, Marian A.	1901	1
Young, LaVerne	1921	18
Young, Samuel	1898	83
Young, Guy F.	1904	2
Young, E. J.	1908	
Young, Infant	1921	

## Conclusion

Our task is done. We lay down our pens with the realization that the work is not as complete as it should be, but we have given you the best we could gather from available records. We see that there have been many changes. Perhaps in the activities of the congregation we find the most change. We are thankful to all who have helped in any way to make this history what it is. We hope it may accomplish the end for which it was intended. Do not read it in a critical spirit, but in a spirit of good will remembering it was no easy task and the best of us may make mistakes. As members of Union congregation we should be proud of what has been done and what is being done. Let us honor those who laid the foundation here on Christ the living Rock, and also those, who for more than a century and a quarter have builded so well on this foundation. Let us of today resolve that we will do all in our power to keep the banner of King Jesus waving from this hill-top, so that future generations may have a church home here, and the world may know that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church of Christ and that He shall reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.