

The 175th Anniversary Service

Barratt's Chapel

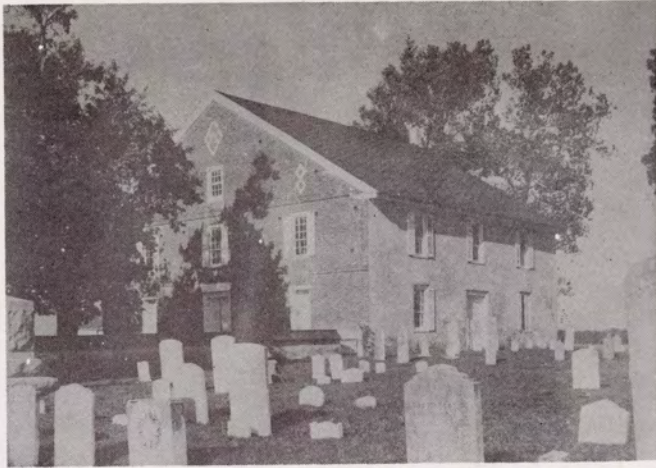
A Methodist Shrine

Commemorating the first administration of the
Sacrament of Holy Communion by legally
ordained Methodist ministers
and

The Call for the Christmas Conference

Saturday, November 14, 1959

8:45 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.



A Service Of
The Peninsula Conference of The Methodist Church

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Special Services For Barratt's Chapel Oct. 25

Methodists will consecrate Museum and Curator's Residence at Barratt's Chapel, Frederica, Delaware, on Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. Services of consecration will be conducted by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington area. Methodists and friends of Methodism will gather for this occasion when the museum and curator's home will be open.

The building has been constructed under the direction of the Historical Society of the Peninsula Annual Conference. The Reverend William O. Hackett of Hillcrest Memorial Methodist Church has been in charge of the project. Mr. Clinton H. Brown, President of the Society, announced that the cost of the building and contents was \$50,000. Completion of this building has been made available to the area another center recognizing the historical heritage of the American people.

Barratt's Chapel has the distinction of being one of four primary shrines of American Methodism. The deed for the ground is dated May 1780. The building itself was completed in August of the same year. Approximately two decades passed before the interior was fully completed.

The building was called Barratt's Chapel in honor of Philip Barratt, who donated the ground on which it stood. Barratt was a prominent layman of early Methodism in Delaware. He was a judge and also an intimate friend and defender of Bishop Asbury. Not only did he take an active part in all the enterprises of the Methodist Society, but he also contributed liberally to the erection of the chapel.

The chapel is especially noted as the place where Thomas Coke met Francis Asbury on November 14th, 1784, and revealed to him John Wesley's plan for launching an American Methodist Church. The seat on which Coke and Asbury had their first consultation is still preserved. This meeting between Coke and Asbury in Barratt's Chapel was very important. More than one thousand people were in attendance. Here the two leaders made the historic decision to send Freeborn Garrettson off 'like an arrow' among the colonies to call all the Methodist preachers together for a conference. The preachers convened on Christmas eve, 1784, in Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore. This was the conference at which the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was formally organized.

Barratt's Chapel also has the distinction of being the place where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered in America by a regularly ordained Methodist preacher. At the service in the chapel on November 14th, 1784, Dr. Coke, assisted by Richard Whatcoat, administered the Sacrament to several hundred people.

The original Barratt's Chapel is still standing. A parsonage and a museum of colonial design has been erected to complete this historic site.

Bake

Saturday Oct. 31
Sponsored by the Count-On-Me Club of Blades M. Church. In front of Butler's Sewing Center at the Shopping Center. 9:30 a.m.

Trinity

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mithun family of Newark and Mr. John Williams of Smithville Saturday visitors of Mr. John Kelley and son, John Middle River, Md. Mr. Arthur Workman of Seaford visitors on Sunday of Mr. Enos Nichols.

Mrs. Carl Walston and Grace Neal Charles visit and Mrs. Dallas Neal of Sontown and their guests, Mrs. Gary Smith of C Point, N. J. on Monday.

Jeffery and Jay Hastings Frankford spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. John Hastings.

Miss Joanne Hastings and Mrs. Eunice Mervine at Seaford Delaware on Thursday.

Miss Carolyn Hitchcock Bridgeville visited Miss Hastings on Sunday evening.

Miss Pamela Coleman spent at Baltimore City Hotel and spent the week end with the Warrington family.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Warrington spent last week touring New England states.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Warrington were given a supper on Sunday in honor of their 30th anniversary. Those present were Mrs. Hattie Sylvia of Bridgeville, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warrington and children, Miss Pamela Warrington of Baltimore, Mrs. Warrington and Miss Janice Warrington.

A food sale will be held at the home of Mr. Mace Allen on

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