Christ United Methodist Church Laurel, Delaware

List of Pastors 1831--1987

This church, organized in 1831 was first known as Laurel Charge of the Methodist Protestant movement with headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. It was later known as Laurel Station, Christ Methodist Protestant and finally Christ United Methodist Church.

1831-1832 Thomas Pearson and Samuel Rawleigh

1833 Stephen Taylor	1867-1870 W. M. Strayer
1834-1836 George D. Hamilton	1870-1873 J. W. Carlton *
J. V. Everist	1874-1875 J. L. Mills
1838 R. T. Boyd	1876-1880 J. L. Straughn
1839-1840 L. A. Collins **	1880-1882 J. E. T. Ewell
1841-1842 George D. Hamilton	1882-1884 John Bayley Jones **
1843 J. H. Kennard	1884-1886 G. Q. Bacchus
1844-1845 D. F. Ewell	1889-1892 J. W. Kirk
1846-1847 L. W. Bates	1892-1894 S. C. Ohrum
1848 William C. Poole	1894-1900 F. C. Klein
1849-1850 H. P. Jordan	1900-1903 E. A. Warfield
1851-1852 Thomas W. Wilson	1903-1906 W. J. Neepier
1853-1854 John Morgan	1906-1911 Avery Donovan
1855-1857 A. S. Eversole	1911-1918 J. H. Straughn (Bishop)
1858- F. G. Wright	1919-1927 A. W. Ewell
1859 B. F. Brown	1927-1932 J.Earl Cummings
1860-1861 H. J. Day	1932-1934 J. G. Eaton
1862-1864 J. A. McFaden	1934-1935 H. K. Wareheim
1865-1867 A. B. Dick	1935-1938 H. C. Burkins

^{*} On tombstone this name spelled Charlton

^{**} Buried in Christ M. P. Cemetery

Christ United Methodist Church List of Pastors 1831-1987 cont'd.

1939-1945 L. E. Werner

1945-1956 Dr. F. B. Bailey

Rev. George C. Godfrey served as

interim pastor during this period.

1956-1959 Arthur W. Hastings

1959-1961 Conrad Hamer

1962-1965 Edward B. Blevins

1966-1968 Joseph V. Holliday, Jr.

from January 1966 served Christ and Centenary Churches.

1968-1970 Harvey B. Flater

1970-1976 Lawrence E. Staton

1976-1981 Romie H. Payne

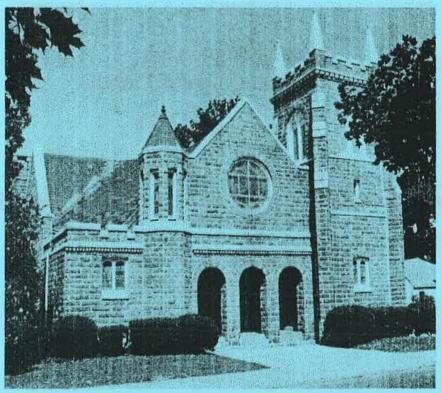
1981-1987 Dr. J. Ronald Owens

1987 Glen Lyburn

Christ

United Methodist Church

510 South Central Avenue, Laurel, Delaware



To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are lonely and want friendship; to all who are tempted and need strength; to all who sin and need a Saviour, this church opens wide her doors and bids you welcome.

Rev. Dr. Brooks E. Reynolds

and

the congregation of Christ United Methodist Church

welcomes

Bishop Peter D. Weaver, Philadelphia Area, The United Methodist Church

> Rev. H. Sterling Green, District Superintendent

> > and

all visitors attending services today.

We sincerely hope that the service today will be an inspiration to all. Thank you for attending and may God's blessings be on you and your families.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

PRESENTATION

10:15 a.m. Hymns of the Church.

Rev. Betty Gilmore Bob Lewis, Trumpet

10:25 a.m. All Hail the Power of Jesus

WELCOME & RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Rev. Dr. Brooks E. Reynolds

GATHERED TO WORSHIP GOD

Choir & Congregation

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place: I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Courtney Dunn and Derek Dykes

Charles P. West, 41st Representative District

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: And in the last days it shall come to pass,

God declared, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

People: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

*HYMN Pg. 77

"How Great Thou Art"

Song In Back of Bulletin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SONG

We Are The Church

Children's Choir, Mrs. Janet Walker

Father's Day Awards

Mrs. Judy Vickers Eddie Wharton

This Is My Father's World *PSALTER Pg. 805

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God, at your altars even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the valley of tears, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

9 Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield, and bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you!

*GLORIA PATRI "Glory be to the Father"

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Pg. 881 "The Apostles Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Hold Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM "Family of God" Senior Choir, Calvin Hearn, Director SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 1:4-10 (King James)

- 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.
- 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of JesusChrist:
- 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
- 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. H. Sterling Green, Dover District Superintendent THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PEW As the attendance book is passed to you, please write your name address & phone. If you are new in our community, or do not have a church home, we hope you will consider our church family as we warmly welcome you today.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

YOUTH CHOIR

"Testify To Love" Bob Lewis, Director Christ Church Youth and Woodbridge School Choir

*DOXOLOGY Pg. 95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP PETER D. WEAVER Rev. H. Sterling Green

Dover District Superintendent

SERMON

Bishop Peter D. Weaver

RECEPTION AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & COMMITMENT

*HYMN Pg. 593

"Here I Am, Lord"

Song In Back of Bulletin
Our Bishop's Favorite Hymn

*BENEDICTION

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES Courtney Dunn & Derek Dykes

*RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you, with his love securely hold you, God be with you till we meet again.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Rev. Betty Gilmore

*Congregation Stands

Immediately following the Service we will consecrate our new "Miracle House" next door. During the Postlude please follow us over for this important service, after which we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments back in Straughn Hall.

Service of Consecration "Miracle House"

Declaration of Purpose	Rev. Dr. Brooks E. Reynolds
Book of Worship	Pg. 638
Presentation of the Building	Mr. Robert Blake
C	hairperson, Board of Trustees
Naming of the Building	Mr. Bruce Farrelly
- AL -	Chairperson, Miracle House
Bishop: By what name shall	
Pastor: It shall be called "N	Miracle House."
Consecration of the Building.	Bishop Peter D. Weaver
Solo "Bless This Hous	e" Mrs. Kathy Gorman
Renediction	Rev. Dr. Brooks E. Revnolds

Good Food awaits us in Bishop Straughn Hall!

Everyone is Welcome!

Time for Fellowship!

How Great Thou Art







Here I Am, Lord



Here I Am, Lord



We Are The Church Children's Choir

Verse 1: The church is not a building.

The church is not a steeple.

The church is not a resting place.

The church is not a resting place.

The church is a people.

Verse 2: We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too. From all times and places.

Verse 3: And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying

Verse 4: No matter if I'm ninety, or nine or just a baby, there's one thing that I'm sure about and I don't mean maybe

Chorus: I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world
Yes, we're the church together!

(Congregation joins on last chorus after verse four)

SERVANTS OF THE LORD

Social Hour: United Methodist Women Nursery: Beth Wheatley & Janet Smith Head Usher: Layton Carmean Ushers: Robert Blake, Bill Hastings, Jack Lynch, Frank Littleton, Steve Vickers, George Collins, Derby Walker, Thomas Dykes, Jr. Greeters: Robert Blake, Rosa Lee Mutchler, Ann Skidmore, and Bea Simonds Altar Flowers: Are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Frances Hastings in loving memory of her husband. Mr. Roland G. Hastings. The second arrangement is also given to the glory of God by Mrs. Dot Wiley and family in loving memory of her husband, Marion Wiley. And the single rose bud is in honor of Corin Louise Grady, born May 30, 2000 to parents, Dr. Matthew and Carolyn Grady and proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright.

Attendance Last Week 114 worship / 33 Sunday School Offering \$1566.80 Church Calendar Today 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and nursery 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Nursery Provided, birth- K

Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Mid-week service

<u>Priscilla Circle Pot-Luck Dinner</u> Was well attended. A brief business meeting was held following the meal and the group enjoyed an IQ test, jokes, game and a serious devotion. Regularly scheduled monthly meetings will resume in the Fall.

Mark Your Calendars Car Wash/Sat. June 24, Vacation Bible School /August 21-26 Wish List Volunteers to mine our Acres of Diamonds. There are scores of unchurched children, youth and adults just waiting to be found. Diamonds of great value are all around us. Children, youth and adult Bell Choirs to enhance our worship services and win more persons for Christ. \$4,600 will purchase the bells we need to fulfill this dream, and we already have the finest band leader anywhere-Bob Lewis. This would make a great memorial gift that would ring out memories for years to come. Pray about it! Could begin program this Summer.

It's Here! Beautiful 1999 Dodge 15 passenger van to enlarge our evangelistic outreach and build Christian Fellowship. Miracle!

Kids' Club Praise the Lord, for He does only wondrous things! And a wondrous thing is happening on Wednesday afternoons at the church. At 3:00, children start pouring in for food, fun, and fellowship. It's awesome! CUMC was a church that had few children, now anywhere from 20 to 30 children are present for Kids' Club. The fellowship between the children is wonderful. They look forward to seeing each other each week and if someone is absent, they are missed. The volunteer staff is also guilty of this. The helpers have grown close to these children and look forward to seeing them and hearing about their week. This is where our mentor program stems from. CUMC mentor program allows adult members of our church to act as mentors to area children providing them with Christian guidance and love. As Kids' Club comes to a close for this season, plans are in the making for some exciting things this summer. We are planning pool parties, a trip to a horse farm, Bar-bque, movies, hiking, and even an all night lock-in. CUMC members have been very busy planning for these young people. They are important. These kiks are the future. CUMC was like a home without kids, often quite and very tidy. Not any more, there are clear signs that kids are present at CUMC- - singing, laughing, reading, homework, basketball, toys, balloons, paint, pizza, ice cream, crayons...join us! Support this ministry with your time, talent and gifts-phone Wendy Wharton, Kids' Club Director at 875-4233.

Thanks To All. Many people worked long hours to prepare for this special service. What began as an idea has become a reality, thanks to those who served on the planning committee for the past few months. You are a wonderfully dedicated group of individuals. My sincere thanks to everyone who played a part--- whether--- great or small--- in making this Bishop Weaver Day Service such a success.

Janet L. Walker Committee Chairperson

<u>Special Thanks</u> We wish to recognize and thank the youth from Christ Church and Woodbridge Middle School and High School chorus: Christine Bisson, Elizabeth Bisson, Jamie Ciolek, Tara Jones, Adam Lewis, Mark Lewis, Stephanie Marvil, Jeni McClellan, Lisa McClellan, Jennifer Parmell, Mike Ryles, Tammy Skis, and Jessica Umstead. Robert Lewis prepared these young adults for today's service. He is the band and choral director for Woodbridge

Look at the Fran Plan Bring people to church—Invite them to join! Info on the backs of each pew. Dr. Reynolds will contact anyone interested in membership.

Prayer List Luther Bailey, Ruth Blevins, Judy Carmine, Gary Flood, Jim Flood, George Gilmore, Olevia Johnson, Rosalie Kehlenbrink, Margaret Lewis, Ethel Littleton, Elizabeth Phillips, Keith Robinson, Monroe Taylor, Gertrude Watts, Louise Woolley If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know please call the church office at 875-4233.



Christ United Methodist Church, Laurel, Delaware Avg.

Year	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Changes since January of 1999
1940	292	- 1	5 m
1950	314	I PURE II	50.7% increase in attendance:
1960	248	of the Post of	from 73 to 110
1970	253	104	
1975	305	85	70.8% increase in giving:
1980	290	90	from 904 to 1544
1985	287	85	medical signal of All Link St. 11
1990	283	65	37.0% increase in membership
1995	168	57	from 162 to 222
1997	150	69	
1998	162	73	

New Members to Christ U M Church since January of 1999

April 4, 1999

Robert S. Sinnett Mildred Anne Bedwell Robin Lee Todd

May 2, 1999

Rob M. Jones

Deanna C. Jones

November 17, 1999

Laurence Fitch

November 21, 1999

James Cecil Shirley M. Cornelius

Thomas M. Dykes, Jr. Thomas M. Dykes, III Jeffrey Opal

Nancy Shockley Kathleen F. Eger Kip E. Wharton

Joseph W. Yawn Linda D. Goodwin Janice I. Cecil

Betty Dickerson Genetta E. Dykes

Rosa Lee Mutchler Orville E. Bailey Michael O. Shockley

Dianne L. Russo Wendy S. Wharton Deborah L. Yawn

November 28, 1999

Julie A. Lewis Robert A. Cannon Robert Lewis

April 23, 2000

Norman W. Hastings William Dean Minton Chester J. Walls

John W. Whitby Kelly A. Steele

Joshua S. Duryea Shirley Lancaster Frank L. Littleton

Charles D. Yelle

Angel Contini
Ashley L. Goodwin
Alexander C. Matthews

Layton E. Timmons Margaret E. Walls Janice A. Whitby Brad M. Benson

Angel R. Duryea

Diane D. Hastings

Marguerite A. Tull Teresa C. Littleton Carolyn F. Yelle Courtney M. Dunn Adam C. Lewis

June 18, 2000

Billy J. Nack
Judith Timmons
Deborah L. Phillips
Janet L. Abbott

Deanna M. Nack Debby R. Flood Shawn C. Phillips Heather L. Steele

Derek E. Dykes

A History of Christ United Methodist Church by Mrs. Mildred Harrington

It was in 1831 that the present Christ United Methodist Church, then known as the Methodist Protestant Church was introduced to Laurel by Rev. Thomas Pearson.

Toward the end of the year, three men, an Episcopalian, a Baptist and a Presbyterian inaugurated a "Church Building Movement" and it is to these three gentlemen that the young church was indebted for a "Shelter". The so-called "Shelter" was moved to the "Bacontown" section of Laurel, used by the black community, and was known as Mt. Pisgah in 1832. Extensive renovations, whitewashing, plastering and replacement of the no-back benches were made to Mt. Pisgah in 1841 and the church served the congregation for 26 years when a new church was needed to accommodate a larger congregation.

In 1866 a new site was purchased on Wheat Street, now Central Ave., for the purpose of building the first "Church" which was a two-story frame structure costing \$500.00 and first used in 1867.

Throughout the ensuing years, additional land was purchased on Sixth Street and the old frame structure was replaced by the present stone building at a cost of \$26,000.00 in 1911.

In 1931 the 100th anniversary of the church was observed and in 1939 its official name became Christ Methodist Church.

Our very fine pipe organ, which is used today, was installed in 1912.

There have been 55 Pastors to serve our church over the years.

Christ Church has always been comparatively small in membership but characterized as a friendly church and one of strong determination. With God's help we shall continue to serve Him through helping to meet the needs of the "least of these" and following the Golden Rule.

Current History:

The ministry of Dr. Brooks Reynolds began in January 1999. His theme "Acres of Diamonds" has inspired the purchase of the Miracle House for an expansion of religious education, addition of 52 new members, organized Kid's Club, revitalized the children's Sunday School and enlarged many deeds of Christian service.

Christ United Methodist Church Pastors

Those who have served the church as its pastor from its organization are as follows:

Thomas Pearson & Samuel Rawieigh, 1831-32 Stephen Taylor, 1833 George E. Hamilton, 1834-36 J. W. Everist, 1837 R. T. Boyd, 1838 L. A. Collins, 1839-40 George D. Hamilton, 1841-42 J. H. Kennard, 1843 D. F. Ewell, 1844-45 L. W. Bates, 1846-47 William C. Poole, 1848 H: P. Jordan, 1849-50 Thomas M. Wilson, 1851-52 John Morgan, 1853-54 A. S. Eversole, 1855-57 F. G. Wright, 1858 B. F. Brown, 1859 H. J. Day, 1860-61 J. A. McFaden, 1862-64 A. B. Dick, 1865-67 W. M. Strayer, 1867-70 J. W. Carlton 1870-73 J. L. Mills, 1874-75

S. G. Valiant, 1875-76 J. L. Straughn, 1876-80

J. E. T. Ewell, 1880-82

J. B. Jones, 1882-84 H. C. Cushing, 1884-86

G. O. Bacchus 1886-89 J. W. Kirk, 1889-92 S. C. Ohrum 1892-94 F. C. Klien, 1894-1900 E. A. Warfield, 1900-03 W. J. Neepler, 1903-06 Avery Donovan, 1906-11 J. H. Straughn, 1911-18 W. L. Hoffman, 1918-21 A. W. Ewell, 1921-27 J. Earl Cummings, 1927-32 J. G. Eaton, 1932-34 H. K. Wareheim, 1934-35 H. C. Burkins, 1935-38 L. W. Werner, 1938-45 F. B. Bailey 1945-55 George C. Godfrey, 1955(Interim) Arthur W. Hastings, 1956-59 Conrad Hamer, 1959-61 Edward B. Blevins, 1962-65 Joseph Holliday, Jr., 1966-68 Harvey Flater, 1968-70 Laurence Staton, 1970-76 Romie Payne, 1976-81 Dr. J. Ron Owens, 1981-87 Glenn H. Lyburn, 1987-92 John B. Triple, 1992-96

Robert O'Kelley Wallace, 1996-98

Current Pastor, Dr. Brooks E. Reynolds, 1999-



Welcome to Bishop Peter D. Weaver from Christ United Methodist Church and the local community

Christ United Methodist Church, Central Avenue, Laurel will celebrate Bishop Weaver's Day today, June 18th, at 10:30 a.m.

Peter D. Weaver is the bishop of the Philadelphia area of the United Methodist Church and will be the featured speaker. The celebration will include receiving of new members, recognition of recent new members, and dedication of the newly acquired "Miracle House."

Elected in July 1996, Bishop Weaver was assigned to the Philadelphia area of the United Methodist Church which includes 240,000 members and 1,000 churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware conferences.

Along with serving on the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, he serves on the Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century Committee, the Goodwill International Centennial Committee, the Ecumenical Leaders Forum for Philadelphia, the Ecumenical of Delaware, the Boards of Albright, Lebanon Valley, Wesley College and Drew University and a number of other church related institutions and committees. His international visits for the church have included Russia, Eastern Europe, Africa and South Korea.

OFFICIARY

Pastor	(New York Control of C	Brooks E. Reynolds
		Edward B. Blevins
Retired Missionaries.	Geo	rge and Betty Gilmore
Consultant	Ro	bert O'Kelley Wallace
Organist		Betty Gilmore
Trumpeter		Robert Lewis
		Calvin Hearn
Lay Member, Annual C	Conference	George Collins
Reserve Lay Member, A	Annual Conference	
Treasurer		Frances Wheatley
		Leatrice Hearn
Membership Secretary.		
		Janet Henry
		Judy Vickers
		Derby Walker
		Layton Carmine
Committee Chairpersor	ns:	Total Control of Control
Finance		Ralph Todd, Jr.
Pastor Parish		LeRoy Fooks
Nominations - Perso	nnel	Pastor
Work Area Chairperson	ns:	
Nurture		Calvin Hearn
Outreach		Dolores Todd
Witness		Edward B. Blevins
Chairperson, Church Co	ouncil	Janet Walker
		Robert Blake
President, United Metho	odist Women	Lucy Lutz
	Board Of Trustees	
2000		
2000	2001	2002
Layton Carmine	Robert Blake	George Collins
Shirley Sommers	Olan Matthews	William Fischbeck
George Wilson	Frances Wheatley	Charles Yelle
	Telephones	

Church: 875-4233 Dial Daily Devotions: 875-4309 Parsonage: 934-9484

With God Behind Us

And His Arms Beneath Us

We Can Face All That Lies Before Us.

Bishop Peter D. Weaver Day June 18, 2000



Welcome to

CHRIST U.M. CHURCH

510 South Central Ave. Laurel, DE 19956

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DR. BROOKS E. REYNOLDS
PASTOR

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in connection with the congregations of Vienna and Fishing Creek, Md. He served the church until the fall of 1795, when, with two elders, Samuel Scroggins and Fleming Edgen, he moved to Kentucky. The year previous, Smith Wingate, another elder, had removed. The death of Alexander Smith occurred tho same year, and in the following year Robert Houston and Jonathan Boyce died. The loss of so many elders seemed to threaten a dissolution of the church. During 1796-97 and 98, the Rev. John Burton, of Lewis Presbytery, preached here occasionally. From 1799 till 1817 there was no stated supply, but occasional services were conducted by Revs. McMaster, Burton, Sherman and Johnson, and Messrs. Williamson and Walless, licentiates under the care of the New Castle Presbytery. Levin Vaughan, an elder since the organization of the society, died in 1804. In 1808 ten were received into full membership. Rev. Charles Walless preached here every fourth Sunday during the year 1817. After that year the church was in a manner vacant until 1834. In 1832 Joseph Smith, William Vaughan, M. Stuart, Barkley Townsend, Luther T. Moore, William Hobbs and John S. Vaughan were elected and incorporated as trustees, and the name of the church, which heretofore was the Broad Creek Church was changed to the Presbyterian Church of Laurel.

In July, 1834, Rev. George W. Kennedy became stated supply, and preached once in three weeks until April, 1836. The next pastor was Rev. Isaac W. K. Handy, who supplied the congregation every fourth week. He was succeeded by Henry C. Frise, who filled the pulpit from July 13, 1840, until April 22, Rev. C. H. Mustard became pastor January 27, 1850, and continued until May 16, 1852. During his time there were only thirteen members There was no minister from 1852 until 1856, when Rev. Frise again officiated for a short time. In 1857 the church withdrew from the Wilmington Presbytery and joined the one at New Castle. In 1858 the building was taken apart and moved into Laurel on a lot of land granted to them by Dr. Stephen M. Green, so long as it should be used for religious purposes, with reversion to his heirs. On December 12th of the following year the building was dedicated by Rev. J. B. Spotswood, D.D. Rev. Frise again took charge of the church and conducted services until 1870, when it was finally abandoned. The building was destroyed by fire August 19, 1886. The last trustees were: Jacob Adams, Joseph Vaughan, John W. Windsor, Eben Collins and William S. Calloway.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—In 1801 there was a great revival of religion among the inhabitants of Little Creek Hundred and vicinity. From the converts was formed a class which met at the house of George Adams, about a mile from Laurel and on the site of the residence of George W. Horsey. This house was known for years as "Daddy Adams' house of glory." In the following year a single story frame church building about thirty-six by forty feet,

with a gallery on three sides, was erected in Laurel. It was built on a lot ninety-nine by one hundred and five feet on the corner of Back and Corn Streets, and was known as lot No. 31. This land was granted by Thomas Skinner to Samuel Williams, Jr., George Armstrong, William Polk, Henry Bacon, Thomas Townsend, Samuel Jacobs and Joshua Magee, trustees, on September 9, 1809. This building was used for divine worship until 1848, when it was removed and used by the colored people for church purposes. A new two-story frame building was framed on land now owned by Isaac W. Sirmon, and then moved to the site of the former church. It was a little larger than the old church, and its dimensions were about forty by fifty feet. Services were held in this building until 1866, when it was removed and also fitted up for a church by the colored people. The erection of the present edifice was immediately commenced and completed the following year. The dedicatory services were conducted on February 24th by Rev. A. Cookman. It is a neat two-story frame building, forty-eight by seventy feet, with tower and steeple, and cost nearly ten thousand dollars.

The church at present has a membership of two hundred and five.

The Sunday-school with a membership of two hundred and forty, is under the superintendence of Daniel J. Fooks.

The present board of trustees is composed of Daniel Hearn, J. H. Marvil, Joshua Boyce, John W. Wootten, Elijah Hearn, Thomas Bacon, H. C. Lewis, Jos. P. F. Smith, William B. Records, Thomas H. Riggin and Levin J. Marvil.

From its organization the church was connected with the same circuits and served by the same pastors as Mt. Pleasant until 1868 when it was made a separate charge. The following pastors have ministered here since that time:

Røv.	Elijah Miller1868-70	Rev. T. S. Williams1877-79	
66	T. J. Quigley1870	" G. A. Phœbus1879-82	
16	Robert Todd1870	" J. B. Qulgg1882-84	
4.8	W. E. England1871-74	" F. C. McSorley1884-87	
44	A. W. Milby1874-75	" J. O. Sypherd1887	
46	D. C. Ridgway1875-77		

Methodist Protestant Church.—In November, 1831, the doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church were introduced in Laurel by Rev. Thomas Pearson. The first services were held in a school-house on the site of the present school building, near the Methodist Episcopal Church. The project of erecting a church was soon inaugurated by Messrs. Geo. Phillips. Dr. S. Greene and C. C. Windsor. In 1832 a class was formed composed of the following persons: Nathaniel Horsey, Eliza Horsey, C. C. Windsor and wife, Leviu A. Collins and Josiah Penwell. In the same year the church was opened for services although not yet completed. The dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. Samuel Rawleigh. In this condition it was used until 1841, when it was plastered and whitewashed. Soon afterwards the benches with-

out backs were replaced by comfortable seats. This church was used until 1867 when it was sold to the colored people, by whom it was used for religious purposes until 1884. In the summer of 1867 Rev. A. D. Dick advised the erection of a new church edifice. A building committee composed of Martin L. Hearns, Nathaniel Thomison, Rev. Thomas H. Burgess, Edward L. Wolf, William W. Dashiell, John T. Moore, J. A. McFerran, M.D., and George W. Horsey. The contract for erecting the building was awarded to Joshua H. Marvil for six thousand four hundred dollars. A more desirable lot on Central Avenue was purchased of George D. Phillips on May 14, 1866. The church was completed and dedicated November 10, 1867, by Revs. J. J. Murray, D.D., R. Semple Rowe and L. W. Bates, D.D., and has since been used for religious services. It is a neat two-story frame edifice forty by fifty-five feet, with a Gothic front and tower and steeple.

In this year a revival of religiou pervaded the town and more than one hundred were converted, fifty of whom joined this church.

On April 10, 1884, a parsonage on the corner of Central Avenue and Sixth Street, was purchased, This was improved and enlarged in 1887, and has a present valuation of two thousand dollars.

The little class formed in 1832 increased steadily, in numbers until at present there is a membership of one hundred and sixty-five, and from this congregation have gone forth seven ministers of the gospel.

J. H. Elliott, is the superintendent of a Sundayschool, numbering one hundred and forty members, connected with this church.

The present board of trustees, is composed of J. T. Moore, Nathaniel Thomison, William T. Elliott, E. L. Wolfe, E. B. Riggen, Benjamin Hitch, George B. Phillips and W. W. Dashiell.

The church was supplied by Revs. Thomas Pearson, Samuel L. Rawleigh and Stephen Taylor until 1834, when it was added to the Dorchester and Sussex Circuit. In 1839, the circuit was divided and the Laurel Church assigned to the Sussex Circuit. It was thus connected until 1844, when this circuit was divided and Union Circuit created, to which it was joined until 1865, when Laurel Circuit was formed. Three years later it was made a station. The church has been ministered to by the following pastors:

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Industries.—In 1871 Joshua H. Marvil fitted up a building, formerly used as a cabinet-shop, with the requisite machinery, and began the manufacture of peach and berry baskets and crates. The factory at first had a capacity of sixty thousand berry baskets and one thousand crates per week. Employment was given to about fifty persons, and the factory was in operation about ten months per year. In 1875 the building was enlarged and afterwards several additions were made, until 1883, when it was deemed advisable to erect a new factory. The present structure, one hundred and thirty-three by fifty feet, was then erected and has since been operated by him. The turning of iron and wood, scroll-sawing and ornamental work was then added. The present factory has a capacity of one hundred and twenty-five thousand berry baskets and three hundred crates per week; about double the capacity of the first factory. It gives employment to one hundred persons and is operated during eleven months of the year. The product of the factory is shipped to all parts of the United States. The development of the town west of the railroad is solely due to this factory, as previous to its existence there were no houses in this neighborhood.

In 1885 J. R. Wilson, J. H. Marvil, Isaac E. Hearn and Newton Warderected a building and commenced manufacturing wooden-pails under the style of J. R. Wilson & Co. The factory was in operation for a year and then abandoned on account of the scarcity of juniper timber. The interests of Wilson and Hearn were purchased by J. H. Marvil, who sold a one-fourth part interest to Lorenzo W. Marvil. It was opened in 1886 for the maufacture of fruit packages, under the firm name of N. Ward & Co. It is under the superintendence of Lorenzo W. Marvil, and has about the same capacity as J. H. Marvil's factory. The product is also shipped to all parts of the country.

In 1865 E. B. Riggin opened a blacksmith and repair shop in Laurel. This he operated until 1877, when he associated himself with W. C. C. Knowles, under the style of E. B. Riggin & Co. The firm began the manufacture of wagous, which they have since continued. In 1879 they built the factory which they

Ferry." Here, is located the only intrastate ferry in Delaware, under the supervision of the State Highway Department. The ferry is a flat-boat of two-car capacity, powered by an automobile engine. It is guided by a steel cable that sinks to the bed of the river when the ferry has passed. It is operated from sunrise until sunset and there is no charge for crossing.

On Dec. 10, 1832, Isaac and Jacob Cannon donated the site to Canton M. E. Church with the provision that the church would then be built. It was

incorporated on May 18, 1833 and again on June 13, 1843.

A new church was erected in 1883. In 1941, it was remodeled and the reopening service was held on Sept. 21, 1941. It has a county-wide reputation for its fine fish-fry and fried-chicken suppers which are served in the social-hall beside the church. In the graveyard there is a walled-in plot of the Nicholson family, the stones of which date back to 1811. This is undoubtedly an instance of a church being built beside a graveyard.

Wallace M. E. Chapel was organized and met in Quinton's School, between Laurel and Cannon's Ferry. They were incorporated on Mar. 4, 1881. No church was ever built.

Mt. Zion Methodist Church (M.E.) is located on the Du Pont Highway three miles north of Laurel. The original church was built on the road to Bethel. The congregation was organized in 1809. On May 19, Matthias and Charles Moore deeded 81 square perches of land at Manlove's Grove to a board of trustees headed by Elzy Moore. The church was built and was called "Elzy Moore's Meeting-House," until 1825, when it was given the name "Wesley Chapel." The building was of frame construction. In 1852, the chapel was torn down and the congregation divided; one group organized Sailor's Bethel at Bethel and the second group organized Mt. Zion Church. For a short time the second group met in a district schoolhouse.

The present church site was donated on Jan. 8, 1853, by Wm. Wheatly. A church was erected during that year. In 1872, the church was extensively repaired. A rededication service was arranged to be held on Nov. 3, 1872, by the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Urie, J. B. Mann and Ridgeway. The church was in-

corporated on Oct. 31, 1881.

Four acres of land, opposite the church, were secured from Robert T. Spicer on Oct. 4, 1918. The present church was built in 1921 and was dedicated on June 11, 1922. The old church was moved to the opposite side of the road where it is used as a social-hall. There are two graveyards, one to the rear of the church and one north of the social-hall.

Christ Methodist Church (M.P.), at Laurel, was organized in 1831. The first meetings were held in the schoolhouse. The first church was built in 1832 and a graveyard was laid out. It was located on West St., just west of the railroad where the old graveyard can still be seen. The oldest tombstone is that of Susan Townsend, who died on April 28, 1852. The church was dedicated by the Rev. Samuel Rawleigh. It was not plastered until 1841 at which time the benches without backs were replaced with comfortable seats. The church was incorporated on Feb. 4, 1843.

On May 14, 1866, a new church site on Wheat St.—now Central Avenue—was purchased from Geo. B. Phillips. The new church was completed and was dedicated on Nov. 10, 1867, by the Revs. J. J. Murray, R. Semple Rowe and L. W. Bates, D.D. The old church was sold to a negro congregation and moved to a new site. More land beside the old graveyard was purchased on

Mar. 4, 1881, from Joshua H. Marvil.

Property on the cor. of 6th and Central Ave., was purchased on Apr. 10, 1884, from Edward L. Wolfe. Additional land was purchased on Feb. 26, 1887 from Wm. J. Hitch. Land on 6th St. was purchased from Martha A. Hearn on Mar. 23 and on Oct. 27, 1911. The present stone church was built in 1911 and was dedicated in 1912.

Centenary Methodist Church (M.E.) at Laurel. This church was an outgrowth of a most successful revival meeting held at Mt. Pleasant Church in 1801. The number of converts was so great that they were divided into several groups which met at their leaders' homes. George Adams, who lived on the edge of the present town of Laurel, was one of the leaders who took charge of a large group. His home was located about one-quarter mile south of the Odd Fellow's Cemetery gate. It was burned quite a long time ago. The scoffers called it "Daddy Adam's House of Glory." This group decided, in 1802, to build a frame church in Laurel.

The church was incorporated on Aug. 14, 1809, as "Zion Meeting-House." A lot was purchased, on Sept. 9, 1809, from Thomas and Eleanor Skinner at a cost of \$100.00. It was located at Back and Corn Sts., being the present church site. In the meantime the street names have been changed to Poplar and Market Sts. The building had a gallery on three sides, no heat and was lighted by pine knots placed in earthen scones. It had an extremely high pulpit, the benches were hewn planks with no backs and the altar was also built of hewn planks. This church was called "Old Zion." In 1833, a new frame church was built on the same site. It had a rear gallery, was heated by stoves and was lighted with oil lamps. It was called "New Zion."

The old church was given to a negro congregation who worshipped in it until 1866, when they secured a second building from Centenary Church, after which the old church was used as the first negro schoolhouse in Laurel. It served this purpose until the County built a new negro school. The old first church was used for various purposes until 1924, when it was torn down.

In 1866, a new church was framed on the lot of Isaac W. Sirman. The former church was sold to a negro congregation. The new building was moved to the church site and completed. It had a high spire, the Sunday School and classrooms were located on the first floor and the church auditorium was on the second floor. The dedication services were held on Feb. 24, 1867, with the Rev. Alfred A. Cookman in charge. At this time the Methodists were preparing to celebrate the centennial of Methodism and it was decided to call the new church "Centenary." The first pipe-organ was installed in 1895. The last service was held in this building on July 23, 1911, with the Rev. George C. Williams in charge. The lumber salvaged from the church was used to build houses on State St., in Delmar.

Ground was broken for the present stone church on Sept. 10, 1911. The corner-stone was laid on the afternoon of Dec. 17, 1911, by the Rev. Dr. George P. Jones, Dist. Supt., assisted by the Revs. Samuel McWilliams and George C. Williams. While the church was under construction services were held in Bacon's Hall. The church was completed on Sept. 15, 1912. It was dedicated on Sept. 22, 1912, following a full week of services. The baptismal font was a gift of Dallas Marvil in memory of his father, former Governor Joshua H. Marvil. There is a large enclosed cemetery beside the church, the tombstones dating back to the 1850's. After extensive renovations, in 1942, the church was reopened on Sept. 6, of that year.

The church was incorporated on July 13, 1943. On Nov. 2, 1943, additional land was purchased from the Farmer's Bank. It was announced on

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EXPLANATION.

- 1. When a name is received on probation, make your entries on "Record of Probation," (See page 40), as follows: Enter the name under the heading "Names," and enter the date under the word "Probation," and when a probationer is elected into full membership, enter that date under the word "Election," after which transfer the entire record thus made to that of Qualified Members, (see folio 1), but no name shall be so transferred until elected to full membership.
- When a name is received by Certificate, fill the blank under the head "Probation or Certificate," (see page 1), with the word "Certificate," and enter the date under the head "Election or Admission."
 - 3. In case of discontinuance of a member, who subsequently rejoins, the name must be re-entered.
- 4. Be careful in entering a discontinuance to place the entry opposite the name to be discontinued, but if mistakes do occur they must be corrected by erasures, or by placing a blank over the erroneous entry.
- 5. When a woman's name is changed by marriage, enter after her moiden name, on same line and in some column, her name by marriage in brackets.
- 6. Let the numerals under "No," beginning left hand side of page I, commence with the organization of the church, and continue on with its history, so as to show the whole number of members received, but me only the left hand column. (See 7th explanation for use of right hand column.)
- Let the "No." on the right hand page of the "Pastor's Record," (see page 1), represent the number recorded by each Pastor. Each succeeding Pastor beginning as his predecessor, with number 1.
- 8. On Pastor's Record (see page 1), under head "Name of Pastor and President," with date, let each Pastor enter his own name, date of appointment, and name of President.
- 9. The blank spaces under "Discontinuance," (see folio 1), represent the actual number of members belonging to the charge,
- 10. In the "Alphabetical List of Members," under the heading "No," insert the chronological number preceding the member's name in the "Record of Qualified Members,"

PREFACE.

While previous attempts to provide Registers of Baptisms and Marriages have given general satisfaction, all registers of membership hitherto published, so far as we are informed, have contained some fatal defect, therefore none of them have come into general use. Either they failed to provide for all the facts which should be recorded or they allowed the names to be transcribed again and again, on which account a book that ought to last a hundred years has been used up in ten, or at most, in twenty; the history of individual membership has been utterly lost. There are very few Registers in the Church through which the aged can trace their membership back to the beginning, or by which remote descendants can read the history of their ecclesiastical ancestry.

We are happy to believe that the defects of previous Registers are completely remedied in this publication. The plan was originated by Rev. B. F. Benson, adopted by the General Conference of 1870, and again by the General Convention of 1877, and is found in the Discipline, page 125, but as it appears there so disconnected and not to be easily understood, it has been regarded by those who failed to give it a thorough examination, as too complex. This objection, the only one that has been urged against it, now that it has been care fully revised by the author, and printed with full explanation of the plan, no longer exists. The changes which have been made do not affect its official character. It is the "Church Register," ordered by the General Convention of 1877; and both by its superior merits and official endorsement, is commended to every Society in the Methodist Protestant Church.

This, the seventeenth edition of the Register, has been altered to conform to the recommendations made in the report of the Committee on the Baltimore Book Directory.

OFFICIAL DUTY OF PASTORS.

(Discipline, Folio 125, Section 8).

"To keep an exact record of all the members belonging to his Station, Circuit or Mission, and of the Baptisms and Marriages."

This book makes the following permanent record:

First.—The number of persons who have been received into the Church in the course of its history.

Second.—Their names and the date of probation and election.

Third.—The number received by each pastor, the names of the pastors, and the date of their pastorate.

Fourth.-Names of Presidents of the Annual Conference, and the date of their presidency.

Fifth.—Manner and date of discontinuance, so arranged that every blank directs to a name in full standing.

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