

The Profile of a Church

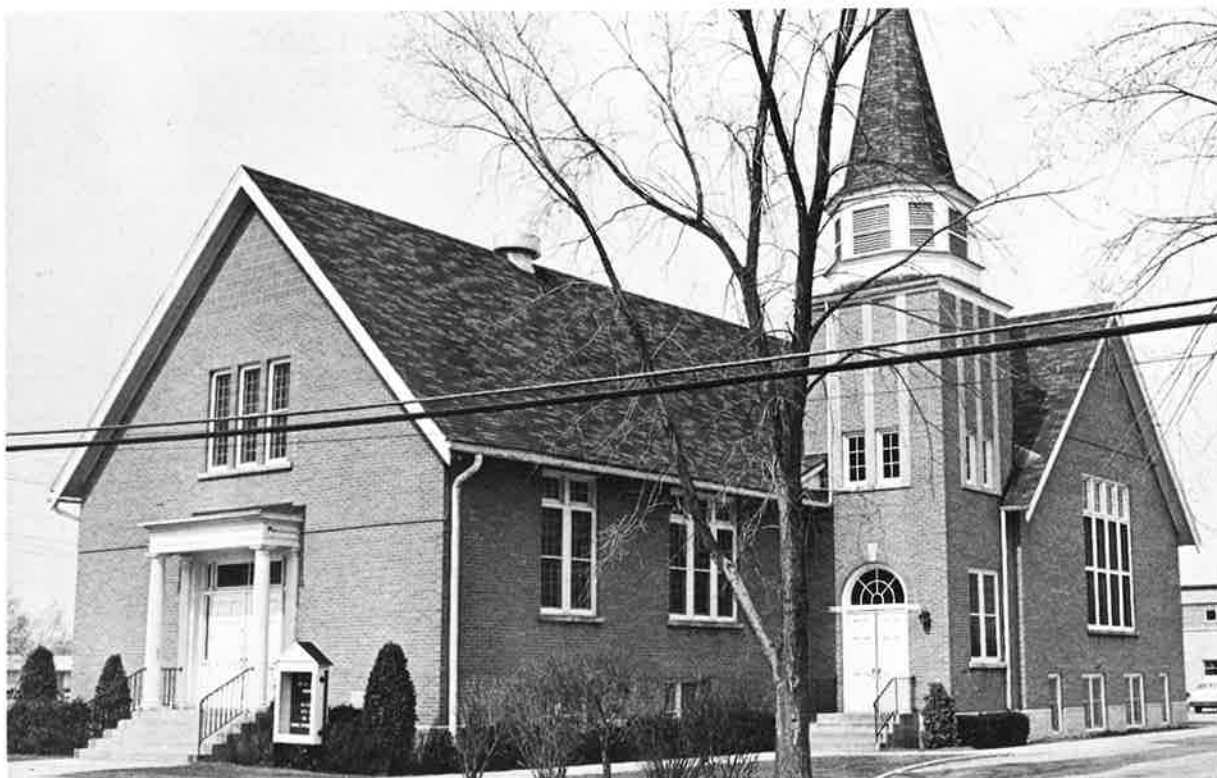


First Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church

DEDICATED IN GRATEFUL MEMORY
TO
THE REVEREND ZACHARY J. SHERDA

A faithful pastor, a capable minister of the
Word of God and a loyal friend, during twenty-three
years of active ministry and fifteen years of
retirement in our congregation.

*"Remember them that had the rule over you,
men that spake unto you the word of God;
Consider the issue of their life,
imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:6).*



OUR CHURCH



OUR PARSONAGE

*Walk about Zion,
and go round about her;
Number the towers thereof;
Mark ye well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces;
That ye may tell it to
the generations following.
For this God is our God
for ever and ever:
He will be our guide even unto death.*

Ps. 48:12-14



REV. HAROLD BOSSENBROEK

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ:

In this our Diamond Jubilee year we must pause to praise our God and also to behold what wondrous things He has done for us.

The Psalmist urges us to do this. "Walk about Zion," is his call to survey, to assess, to behold the church, the City of God. We are to encircle her again and again so that her beauty, her stability, and her strength may be clearly seen and understood. We must take note of her towers and her ramparts and go through her citadels.

The ancient city was beautiful for situation. Its location was right and its defenses were strong. An enemy was challenged by her strength and her beauty. God's people dwelt securely in her palaces there.

Our church is beautiful for situation; it is beautiful in elevation; it is founded on the Rock which is higher than we are, Jesus Christ. After seventy-five years it is a joy to behold her. Walk about her,

see and behold that God is known to her. Her teachings, her doctrines, her faith, her works are rooted in the Truth! Our church is alive. The enemy has made his onslaughts, he has sought entrance but behold the ramparts and the towers are still there. The faith of the fathers is our faith. The eternal God is still our dwelling place. On the Lord's Days we assemble in Zion and rejoice in God our maker. We can face life and death triumphantly for we dwell securely. Change and decay are much in our experiences today so that when we can find stability it is a refreshing experience. To have a place where the strength and security of yesterday is still evident today is indeed a comfort.

The Lord has done great things for us! The survey of 75 years of blessing is a joy to heart and mind. But the blessings of the past are a challenge for today. "That ye may tell the next generation that this God is our God" is our mandate. We are a second and third generation church. The preceding generations have told us clearly and honestly that the living God is great and good, that He is just and righteous, that He is loving and gracious. The next generation needs to know as perhaps no generation in all of history that this God is our God for ever and ever.

The coming generations too must dwell secure in Zion. This is our responsibility.

The tensions, fears and uncertainties of our day can only be relieved and overcome by the assurances of God's promises. The faithfulness of our Covenant God is the security for tomorrow. He will be our guide now and even unto death.

And though time will all things conquer,

It shall not our lot decide;

Thou alone, eternal Father,

Wilt for aye our Lord abide;

And when dangers round us gather,

They cannot our souls molest;

In Thy Son Thou art our Father,

In Thy love our hearts e'er rest.

YOUR PASTOR

The Profile of a Church

The record of the life of a church does not fall into neat little compartments, for the ongoing program of any congregation has its ups and its downs. There are days of struggle and then again there are times of prosperity. Sometimes it reaches a plateau, and then again, there are times of rapid change and progress. For the Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church there has been a forward and upward movement for the span of the past 75 years.

The church does not live on an island, but it is a part of the nation in which it was born and of the community in which it carries on its work. The past three-quarters of a century have been a wonderful and stimulating time in the history of the world. It has been an interesting time in which to live. There have been some great achievements in the world of science, the inventive genius of men has given many new and fascinating discoveries. From the slow pace of the horse and buggy days we have moved into the jet-age, the age of the satellites and an unprecedented growth in population.

There have also been heart-aches, for there has scarcely been a time in this era when we were free from wars, or the threat of wars. It marked the age of the coming of the automobile, the radio, TV, and many deviant movements in education, in culture, in moral standards and the variety of cults in religion. We have moved through several periods of depression, and today poverty and affluence live side by side with frequent conflicts.

But through the sustaining grace of God and the stern faith of those who have gone before us the church has moved on through these 75 years. Well over 4000 worship services were conducted in which God's people silently bowed their heads in prayer, God's Word was spoken by many of His servants, and the congregation was stirred to new endeavors in the Christian life. Children were baptized, young people professed their faith and a number of them heeded the call for full time work in the Kingdom. Many of the members have already completed the journey of life and now serve God more perfectly in the triumphant church. To present the profile of a congregation we should look into the past that we may remember the rock from which we have been hewed.

Humble Beginnings

The men and women who formed the charter membership roll were deeply conscious of their obligation to give their children a Christian education. They had carried this concept with them from

the Netherlands. In this they were supported by the Rev. S. Koster, at that time pastor of the Kelloggsville Christian Reformed Church. Under his guidance this group within the church formed a Christian School, and Rev. Koster served as the teacher.

When after but two years Rev. Koster moved to another field of labor, it became evident that there were few supporters of the Christian School in that area. At a congregational meeting it was decided to close the school. Undaunted by this turn of events, the supporters of the Christian School decided to organize their own society, independent of the church, and they built a school on a lot located about a mile and a half north of the present site. Mr. L. Hofstra was chosen to be the teacher of all 8 grades.

The result of this move created a very unpleasant and unbrotherly spirit in the Kelloggsville church. Some felt deeply the need of covenant training for the children while others could not agree with them. So, with the advice of Classis Grand Rapids it was decided to organize this band of Christian School supporters into a new congregation. The organization took place on August 8, 1893 and it was incorporated under the name "The Holland Christian Reformed Church of Fisher Station."

There were some 20 members who signed the request for organization. It was a small and struggling group but deeply determined to establish a church in which they could feel at home. The services were held in the school building they had constructed. The schoolmaster, Mr. L. Hofstra was appointed as "voorlezer, voorzinger en koster." This meant that he would announce the songs and see to it that the audience started on the right pitch, for their singing was unaccompanied. He would also read the law and the scripture passage. It was also his task to keep the church clean. For all this he was paid \$2 per month. There was a close tie between church and school and offerings were taken for Christian education every Sunday.

These were trying years for the congregation. When they could not obtain the services of a preacher they would have reading services. They needed a church building but they were unable to raise the funds for this. They needed a pastor of their own, but when they asked for help from the Home Mission Fund the classis refused, telling these members to go back to Kelloggsville. But the members moved ahead with stubborn determination.

In 1893 they bought property at the present location and built a small and humble structure, 39 by 50 feet in size. In 1899 they called candidate S. S. Vander Heide, offering him a subscribed annual wage of \$450. The coming of the first pastor gave real impetus and encouragement to the church, and during his ministry they experienced some growth. Rev. Vander Heide was also instructed to help the people in Byron Center in an attempt to establish a congregation there.

After two years the first pastor left for Beaverdam, Mich. This gave the elders the responsibility of once more guiding the affairs of the church, and they had the added burden of conducting catechism classes and other congregational work at Byron Center, which was at that time still a mission station. In 1903 the Rev. Vander Vries, an older and more experienced man was called to be the minister. His able leadership was soon felt in stirring the congregation to new activity. The building was improved, the young people purchased an organ, and during this time the corporate name of the church was changed to "The Cutlerville Christian Reformed Church." At that time the name Cutlerville was adopted by the people of this community.

When Rev. Vander Vries left us there was again a vacancy of one year before the arrival of Rev. T. Jonkbloed in 1908. During his ministry Pine Rest Christian Hospital was founded, with his active participation. The location of this hospital in the vicinity of the Church has left a stamp on the church felt even to this day. Many of the hospital workers built their homes and raised their families in this area and took an active part in the building of the church.

Years of Development

By the time Rev. J. Post became our pastor in 1914 the church had passed through its years of struggle and from then on there has been a steady and healthy growth and development. The services of this venerable and experienced pastor were richly blessed. The church grew both in numbers and in spiritual strength. There was an active interest in society life and also in outreach into the community. A new church building had to be constructed since the old one had become too small and was entirely inadequate.

Construction was difficult during World War I, so it took much longer than was expected to complete the new structure. During the summer months the congregation would meet out of doors, but when the weather was less favorable the services were held in the Christian School building, which was far too small.

These were also trying years for our people, as war years always are. Nine of the young men of the church were sent into the service, many of them to fight in France and Germany. During this time there was also a severe attack of influenza that took the lives of a number of people in the community. In fact for several weeks no public meetings were allowed due to the infectious nature of the disease. This also included church services.

Up to this time the services had been conducted entirely in the Holland language. In 1920 the consistory decided that the English language would be introduced in some of the services, especially for the benefit of the younger generation. The Rev. Post agreed with this decision but felt that it would be too difficult for him to preach in English at his age. He then accepted the position of full-time pastor at Pine Rest Hospital, and was released from his work at the church. Before this he had been pastor of the hospital as well as of the church. So he continued to live in the community and remained a member of the congregation. His loss was deeply mourned by the congregation when he was struck down in an accident on Division Avenue and died in January 1928.

Following the resignation of Rev. Post, candidate H. Vander Woude became our pastor. He has the distinction of being our only bachelor minister. After three years of devoted labors he heeded the call to go west and moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. From 1924 to 1929 the Rev. L. Van Haitsma was the minister of the church. In his own quiet way he gave able leadership to the members of the congregation. He is now the oldest of our former pastors still living in retirement in Zeeland, Michigan.

During the ministry of these two brethren the church continued a slow but steady growth and much of the debt on the buildings was reduced. A new organ was also purchased and there was a gradual weaning away from the use of the Holland language in the services so that we were becoming

an English speaking church. This was very important due to our strategic position in this community near the Pine Rest Hospital, and also because we were at that time the only church in the village of Cutlerville.



A Church on the Move

The Rev. Z. Sherda came to the Cutlerville Church at an opportune time. The church was no longer a struggling organization, but through the pangs of struggle it had become a strong and active church, striving to fulfill its place in the community. Rev. Sherda came to us as a man with considerable experiences. He was an able preacher who made the doctrines of the church live, and he held to the position that it was not his task to do all the work, but to get the members of the church active in the Christian endeavors which form such an important part of the Christian life.

Already before his coming the young people had organized the Cutlerville Christian Volunteers who assumed the responsibility for the Lamar Plat mission at Fisher Station. For many years services were conducted there, usually by students from Calvin Seminary. Sunday School teachers and Vacation Bible School workers were enlisted from the congregation. This mission project proved to be a great blessing for all those who took part in it.

As the work grew, and more intense work was required, workers were placed there either on a part-time, or on a full-time basis. Some of these are Mr. Miner Tanis, Miss Sylvia Tichelaar, Mr. Dick Van Laar, Miss Ebbelink and Mr. Ed. Postma. A new chapel was built in 1950 which was then called the Ideal Park Chapel, and this has developed into a flourishing Church, the Ideal Park Chr. Reformed Church. During part of this time Byron Center also joined in this venture. The Lord has richly blessed these efforts.

During the ministry of Rev. Sherda we experienced a large influx of people into this suburban area, a part of the rush to the suburbs that is common today. It is said that today Cutlerville has a population of some 9000 people. Because of this trend both the church and the school experienced a remarkable growth. In 1947 the seating capacity of our church was more than doubled with the addition of a large section added to the north side of the old building. Brick veneer was installed and a new tower was built, giving the church a more modern appearance. Though we now had a seating capacity of 535 it was still necessary to have an overflow crowd in the basement who would hear the service by way of a speaker system, and later by means of closed circuit TV.

In 1942 World War II broke out, a war that was fought on two fronts, one in Western Europe and the other in the Far East. This again involved a number of our young men as was illustrated by the Service Flag which hung in our church auditorium as a constant prayer reminder. Four of these blue stars turned to gold as young men lost their lives on the battle fields. Later another one was slain in the Korean conflict. Somehow or other the congregation felt a bit closer ties of love and concern as we met for these unforgettable memorial services. Our pastor led us each Sunday in stirring prayers for those who were fighting for their country.

The commemorative booklet published at the time of our Fiftieth anniversary was gratefully dedicated to the men who were serving in the armed forces of our country.

During all this time the church continued to emphasize Christian education for the children and young people of the community. From a three-room frame building in 1943 the Cutlerville Christian School has expanded to a 27 room modern school complex. A branch school has been built a half mile to the east of the old site to allow for better planning and future expansion. It was also felt that this community needed a Christian High School for the growing number of young people. With the cooperation of neighboring churches a modern High School building was built, which today has over 500 students and a faculty of 27 members.

At the end of 1953 the Rev. Sherda retired from the ministry after 40 years in the service of the Christian Reformed Church, having given 23 of these years to our congregation. He continued to be a member of the church until his death on June 24, 1968. His wife had preceded him in death on Christmas Eve of 1951. Rev. and Mrs. Sherda left a wholesome and indelible mark on the life of our church which they served in a strategic phase of its history.

The Church Branches Out

Before the Rev. D. Hoitenga came to us from Lafayette, Indiana, a new parsonage was constructed. Due to the rapid expansion of the population of the Cutlerville area it became necessary to organize a second church. Under the guidance of Rev. Hoitenga the Cutlerville East Church was established in 1954. Within a few short years this congregation has built a beautiful Church and parsonage and now numbers more members than the mother church. An excellent relationship has always existed between the two churches.

Rev. Hoitenga was very active in all the work of the church, but put forth a special effort in evangelism in the community, as well as in other areas. The SWIM program for young people was begun at this time and a number of our young people had the adventure of going out to speak to others about Christ. A local SWIM program became a part of the neighborhood evangelism work of the Church.

The congregation has given handsome dowries to the daughter churches that were founded, but it has also been mindful of its own comfort. The interior of the church was improved by new pews, new pulpit furniture and carpeting. Parking facilities were also improved at the insistence of the sheriff department. But even with the forming of a new congregation and added seating the church building was still too small to hold all the worshippers on Sunday, so a part of the audience was required to worship in the basement overflow area.

After a fruitful ministry of some 7 years the Rev. Hoitenga heeded the call to become Home Missionary of Classis Holland and was placed at St. Joseph,



REV. HOITENGA



REV.
JACK VANDER LAAN

Michigan to help to establish a church there. Rev. Jack Vander Laan then came to us from his first church at Leighton, Iowa. He was a young man and gave of his youthful vigor to the work of the church. He was able to make an impact on the young people of the church and entered in a lively way into the entire program of congregational life.

Both Rev. Hoitenga and Rev. Vander Laan felt a great deal of the impact of modern society and culture on the members and families of the church. It became necessary to spend a good deal of their time in personal counseling and in family counseling with young people who had personal problems or marital problems. The pastoral emphasis of their work was evident also in their messages from the pulpit.

In a troubled world the members of the church are not exempt from the temptations and dangers that surround us. In an ever increasing way the church has a message for the people of our day, for the Gospel speaks in every age. The breakdown of family life is also felt within the modern church. The pastor is in a unique position in our church to be of help in such times of stress.

During the ministry of Rev. Vander Laan it became evident that further expansion was needed in the Cutlerville community. A new congregation again had to be organized since both our church and the Cutlerville East Church were too small to hold the Sunday audiences and to adequately provide for the catechism instruction needed in this growing community. In 1962 the Covenant Christian Reformed Church was formed and in a few short years it has become the largest of the three churches in Cutlerville.

A Church with an Outreach

The church has always been actively interested in the evangelistic outreach, both in a wider way in the world and in a more special way in the local community. When the Ideal Park Church was organized the congregation began to look for other local fields of mission endeavor. For some time the church supported a part-time evangelist for work in the community.



MR.
KASJEN M. TEBBEN

Today a full-time lay evangelist, Mr. Kasjen M. Tebben, serves in this capacity. Due to the fact that there are a number of large trailer parks in the area work has been carried on here for some time. Of late, the Pine Gate Chapel has been used for this purpose and services are conducted here every Sunday. The beginnings are still small but the potentials for growth are evident.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD PADDING



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN SCHOLTEN

The church has also loaned two of its families to work in the large and expanding Nigerian Mission field of the Christian Reformed Church. For years Mr. and Mrs. Harold Padding have been missionaries in Africa where Harold is serving as Laboratory technician in the Takum hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scholten, Jr. and family are serving in Takum, Africa, where Herman is active in maintenance and construction work. The congregation shared the sorrow of the Scholtens when their second son, Brian, was suddenly taken from them, following an operation. His grave in distant Nigeria marks the second one of the Christian Reformed Missionaries who have served there.

To each of our missionaries in Africa the congregation offers both financial and intercessory support. In addition to this we are supporting three native Mexican Missionaries with our gifts. This is in addition to the support that is given to the Foreign and Home mission programs of the Christian Reformed Church. This is part of the outreach of each member of the congregation.

After an energetic and blessed ministry of some four years the Rev. Vander Laan accepted the call to Denver, Colorado. Following a year of vacancy the Rev. Harold Bossenbroek became our pastor. He comes to us with many years of experience in the ministry, especially a number of years of teaching Bible in two of our Christian High Schools.

In the spring of 1968 a new congregation was again formed in the Cutlerville community. The Covenant church effected the organization of the Cutlerville Hills Christian Reformed church, now numbering some 40 families. Since the village of Cutlerville continues to expand it would not be hard to predict that soon this will also be a strong and vigorous congregation.



REV. PETER VAN TUINEN

Looking Back

To retrace briefly the 75 years of history of our congregation fills us with a sense of humility and gratitude. From the struggling beginnings of a small group of men and women who held stubbornly to a principle that was dear to them, we have grown into a strong and vibrant church, with two daughter churches, and now also a granddaughter. Each step of the way the Lord has guided and abundantly blessed. The faith of the early fathers has been richly rewarded.



REV. ISAAC APOL

It is easy to give facts and statistics, but it is not easy to gauge the spiritual life of a church. But, as in the life of a Christian, so also we shall be known by our fruits. Many of these fruits are recorded in the pages of this account of the profile of a church. But there are others that show a vital life.

A goodly number of the sons of the church are now in the gospel ministry. The Rev. Peter Van Tuinen has served since 1941; Rev. Isaac Apol since 1951; Rev. Fred Diemer since 1958; Dr. Joel Nederhood has been radio pastor of the denomination since 1960; and Rev. Peter Ver Maat has been home missionary since 1960. A number of the daughters of the church are now mistresses of the manse in various parts of the country. For some time one of the sons of the church was in Nigeria. A number of our young people have given themselves for the work of Christian instruction.



REV. FRED DIEMER

Throughout the years since the founding of Pine Rest Hospital in 1910 there has always been a large number of our members who have given their whole lives in the service of others in the work of Christian benevolence, as nurses, doctors or in other aspects of the work. This has left its stamp on the congregation.

No, this is not an indication that we are better than other churches, but it does give evidence of the work of the Spirit in the lives of the members. We can rejoice in these fruits of the Gospel as it reveals itself in the inner motivation of the hearts of men and women.



DR. JOEL NEDERHOOD

It is true, there have always been sins and failings. Cutlerville has been a church that is quite free from unusual disturbances and inner strife. Possibly our sins are rather those of omission, for we could have done more than we have done.

But we pay tribute to those who gave so much of themselves in days gone by. To the early founders, to those who have served many years as consistory members, to those who have given of their talents as organists for many years, and to those who so loyally supported both church and school with their prayerful concern and gifts. To all these we owe a debt of gratitude.

We thank God also for pastors who each gave a part of their lives to First Cutlerville. They have given us much. We honor the memory of those who have been called to higher service in Glory. We express our deep appreciation to those who are still in the church militant.

The Rev. Sherda wrote, in his unique style, in his foreword to the 50th anniversary booklet the following appropriate words. "May the occasion that brings us together leave sweet memories with us in the days to come, hallow the bond which unites us to our church, and continue to win for us a still deeper significance of the place of the church in our personal life. And as God has signally blessed the work of the past which was undertaken to His honor, may we so abound always in the work of the Lord. Pray that these blessings may be continued to us. And may our covenant keeping God lay our foundations with sapphires that all our children may be taught of the Lord, and that great may be the peace of those who shall come after us."

A Look Ahead

Each generation anew faces problems, new challenges and new dangers. The dangers that face the church today are possibly greater than ever before. We live in a restless and changing age, a time in which many face inner conflicts, a time in which there are conflicts within the nation and within the world. There is little hope that these conflicts will soon be resolved.

The barriers of language and culture which kept the church somewhat separate from the world are no longer found. We have been thrown into the main stream of American life, and have become a part of it. Men are calling into question the very foundations of the Christian faith, so the youth of 1968 faces the church with difficult questions and serious doubts.

Our church was born with a strong conviction of the covenant responsibilities of its members. Today questions arise as to whether we can really afford Christian education for our youth, or whether we should invite government support with the accompanying government interference.

This is the challenge that faces us in the future, for the Gospel has not changed, the doctrines of the church are still the same, but it is becoming more and more difficult to apply these principles to the lives of people today. This will be the great responsibility for the leaders of the church of the future.

As we face the days that lie ahead we move forward in the same faith, with the same determination, and with the same humble trust in God that enabled our fathers to build our church. Every danger, every problem then becomes a challenge to continue to build His church, until Christ comes again.



REV. JOHN VANDER PLOEG
Associate Pastor



REV. RALPH HEYENEN
Associate Pastor

Our Congregation . . .





... One Body in Christ



Consistory

Standing: R. BAKER, W. VAN TUINEN, G. BOSCH, R. TER HAAR, H. WALCOTT, J. LANTING, J. DE YOUNG, T. LYZENGA, W. VAN HOUTEN, A. MIEDEMA, A. SCHRAM. *Seated:* B. TIEMEYER, H. SCHOLTEN, P. GABRIELSE, N. VANDER VLIET, H. FENNEMA, J. LANINGA, H. STERK.



Sunday School Teachers

Back Row: MR. A. NEDERHOOD, MR. J. STERK, MR. J. VALK. *Middle Row:* MRS. W. DOUMA, MISS A. SLAGER, MRS. B. VANDER BILT, MRS. R. WIERENGA, MISS S. DOUMA. *Front Row:* MRS. W. VISSER, MISS C. BEUKEMA, MISS E. VAN MESBERGEN, MRS. A. BAAR, MISS H. APOL. *Officers:* MR. J. VALK, *Superintendent*; MR. J. STERK, *Asst. Superintendent*; MRS. R. WIERENGA, *Secy.* *Missing:* MRS. J. ALFERINK, MISS L. MENNEGA, MISS R. DYKSTRA.



Organists

SHARON DOUMA, MRS. G. VAN HOUTEN, CAROL MEULENBERG, MRS. H. DE VRIES.



Ushers

Clockwise: RICHARD LANINGA, DALE DE YOUNG, JOHN WASSENAAR, DONALD NIEUWKOOP, CHARLES FENNEMA, JAMES HOEKWATER, DONALD FENNEMA, GENE ELLENS; MICHAEL FENNEMA, *center*.
Missing ushers: EUGENE KUIPERS, CHARLES DYKSTRA, HENRY RAAD, ROBERT BOVERHOF, DAN BUIST, DAVID NIEUWKOOP, DOUGLAS SCHRAM, JERRY JONKER, HERMAN DE GROOT.



Senior Choir

L. to R. — *Back Row:* MR. A. CHRISTIANS, MR. P. KAPTEYN, MR. G. TE WINKEL, MR. N. WASSENAAR. *Second Row:* MRS. C. EZINGA, MRS. J. VALK, MRS. N. WASSENAAR. *First Row:* S. DOUMA, MRS. P. GABRIELSE, MRS. I. HOEKWATER, MRS. J. DE YOUNG, MRS. J. BORST. *Missing:* T. LYZENGA, MRS. W. KOOL, MRS. H. DE GROOT, MRS. G. WARSEN, MRS. G. BOSCH, MRS. R. GIFFORD, MRS. E. SCHOLTEN.



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Back Row: KATHY DE VRIES, JOAN WIERENGA, CAROLYN HAAN, SUE VANDER LAAN, JUNE APOL, JANE WIERENGA, KRISTI VANDE LUNE, MARGO KAPTEYN, ROCHELLE BAKER, JANICE FENNEMA, PATRICIA VISSER. *Second Row:* BRENT MIEDEMA, KENNETH TE WINKEL, JAMES WALCOTT, JACK KOOL, ROGER WALCOTT, JAMES KEYZER, KEVIN BAAR, RANDALL TER HAAR, JAMES BORST, ADELE SCHANS. *First Row:* ANTHONY BAAR, Director, IRMA DE YOUNG, JOYCE FENNEMA, MARY PYLMAN, SUSAN MEULENBERG, KATHY HOFSTRA, PATTY HOFSTRA, MARY REENS, ROLENE BAKER, BRENDA KAPTEYN, LYNDIA JELTEMA, KATHLEEN COOK. *Missing Members:* GENE BENTING, DALE NIEUWKOOP, GREGORY TROMP, SANDRA SCHRAM, pianist.



Junior Choir

Back Row: BRYAN KAPTEYN, MICHAEL JELTEMA, MARK TER HAAR, MARK BORST, GARY MIEDEMA, DEAN KUIPERS, MARY BORST, NANCY DE VRIES, LINDA REENS, ELAINE SCHANS, BERNICE VANDER BILT, CARLA BOSCH. *Second Row:* ROBERT KOOL, RANDALL BAKER, CALVIN TER HAAR, DAVID HOFSTRA, JAMES FENNEMA, DUANE KUIPERS, SANDRA MIEDEMA, JANE REENS, MARCIA MULDER, EDNA VANDER VELDE, BARBARA VALK, NAOMI SYTSMA. *First Row:* ANTHONY BAAR, Director, RODNEY BAKER, FREDERICK KAPTEYN, LEE FENNEMA, JOHN BORST, CARLA TE WINKEL, ARDIS ROZEMA, DEBRA VISSER, LORI VANDER SLIK, PATRICIA BUIST, CARLA DOUMA, MARY KEYZER.

Missing Members: DEBRA BENTING, SANDRA SCHRAM, pianist.



Martha Ladies Aid

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The "Martha Ladies Aid" was organized in 1902. It meets every other week on Wednesday from the last week of September to the first of May.

Its object is to engage in the study of God's Word to be helpful to each other in the Christian life; and by other activities to promote the interests of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.



Fellowship Club

Back Row: MRS. A. VAN EK, MRS. J. BUIST, MRS. W. VAN TUINEN, MRS. B. ELLENS, MRS. GEO. WARSEN, MRS. A. SYTSMA, MRS. G. TE WINKEL, MRS. J. ELLENS, MRS. H. LEMMEN. *Third Row:* MRS. T. LYZENGA, MRS. J. APOL, MRS. G. FENNEMA, MRS. H. STERK, MRS. N. WASSENAAR, MRS. A. KUIPERS, MRS. P. GABRIELSE, MRS. C. VOETBERG, MRS. I. HOEKWATER, REV. J. VANDER PLOEG. *Second Row:* MRS. G. DYKSTRA, MRS. B. LANSER, MRS. A. SCHRAM, MRS. R. TER HAAR, MRS. E. BROOD, MRS. A. HOOGEVEEN, MRS. A. NEDERHOOD, MRS. P. KEYZER, MRS. N. VANDER VLIET. *First Row:* MRS. N. REENS, MRS. J. VAN HOUTEN, MRS. J. LANINGA, MRS. H. HOOYER, MRS. C. STAPERT, MRS. J. DE YOUNG, MRS. E. RAAD, MRS. C. VAN BRUGGEN, MRS. M. ELLENS, MRS. G. WARSEN, MRS. A. ROZEMA, MRS. C. NIEUWKOOP. *Officers:* *Pres.:* MRS. A. ROZEMA; *Vice Pres.:* MRS. H. STERK; *Secy.:* MRS. G. WARSEN; *Treas.:* MRS. E. RAAD; *Vicar:* MRS. A. HOOGEVEEN. *Missing Members:* MRS. W. BOVERHOF, MRS. B. BAZAN, MRS. J. DYKHOUSE, MRS. H. FENNEMA, MRS. J. FENNEMA, MRS. E. FIELSTRA, MRS. R. HEYNEN, MRS. H. JONKER, MRS. R. JELTEMA, MRS. H. MENNEGA, MRS. R. MEULENBERG, MRS. J. SEINEN, MRS. E. SIKKEMA, MRS. F. SMITH, MRS. J. VANDER VEEN, MRS. E. VANDER VELDE, MRS. B. WARING, MRS. A. YBEMA.

Our Fellowship Club was organized Nov. 8, 1949. Its purpose is to study God's Word and its application to our daily life. Of our present membership, fifteen are charter members.



Golden Hour Circle

Back Row: MRS. F. LANINGA, MRS. A. DYKHOUSE, MRS. P. KAPTEYN, MRS. T. COOK, MRS. R. HAAN, MRS. R. BAKER, MRS. H. PYLMAN. *Middle Row:* MRS. R. HONDERD, MRS. KARSTEN, MRS. D. APOL, MRS. J. BORST, MRS. A. MIEDEMA, MRS. J. FABER, MRS. J. VALK. *Front Row:* MRS. J. STERK, MRS. W. VISSER, MRS. R. VOETBERG, MRS. E. SCHOLTEN, MRS. A. BAAR, MRS. T. LYZENGA. *Officers:* *Pres.:* MRS. T. LYZENGA; *Vice Pres.:* MRS. W. VISSER; *Secy.:* MRS. R. HONDERD; *Treas.:* MRS. F. LANINGA; *Vicar:* MRS. A. BAAR; *Asst. Treas.:* MRS. P. HOOYER. *Missing Members:* MRS. R. HAAN, MRS. P. HOOYER, MRS. W. KOOL, MRS. J. TE WINKEL, MRS. G. TROMP, MRS. H. WALCOTT.

Our Golden Hour Circle, organized in September of 1949, meets on alternate Tuesday evenings from September to May.

The society is founded on the Word of God as is interpreted in the three forms of unity.

Its purpose shall be to study the Word of God and its application to everyday problems.

Men's Society



*Our Men's Society was organized in the thirties.
The aim of the society is to give its members a systematic study of God's infallible
Word and applying its truths to every phase of life.
Meetings are held every Monday evening beginning in September and ending in April.*

Back Row:
E. RAAD
G. TE WINKEL
J. G. FENNEMA
J. STERK
A. ROZEMA
J. FENNEMA

Middle Row:
G. DE HAAN
P. KEYZER
G. WARSEN
H. HOOYER
J. APOL
J. BUIST

Front Row:
H. JONKER
J. LANINGA
K. HOFSTRA
J. ELLENS
M. ELLENS
S. MULDER

Missing Members:
A. BAAR
G. BOSCH
F. BROCK
J. DYKSTRA
H. FENNEMA
E. FIELSTRA
A. KUIPERS
B. LANSER
T. LYZENGA
N. REENS
E. SIKKEMA
H. STERK
J. TE WINKEL
G. TROMP
N. VANDER VLIET
H. VONK
H. WALCOTT

OFFICERS:
Pres.: S. Mulder
Vice Pres.: H. Hooyer
Secy.-Treas.:
J. Laninga
Vicar: N. Vander Vliet
Bible Leader:
REV. ARNOOYS

Young Adult Society



*The Young Adult Society was organized in 1962 and presently meets in the homes of
its members.*

*The purpose of the society is to mold young people in their tasks in the various spheres
of life by a study of the common problems of life by means of a deeper knowledge of
Scripture.*

Back Row:
C. MEULENBERG
D. SCHANS
B. JAGER

Front Row:
J. LUINENBURG
J. WASSENAAR
S. DOUMA
H. APOL

Missing Members:
R. CHRISTIANS
G. ELLENS
F. VOS

OFFICERS:
Pres.: J. Wassenaar
Vice Pres.: G. Ellens
Secy.: C. Meulenberg
Treas.: S. Douma



Boys' Club

Back Row: H. WALCOTT, J. WASSENAAR, W. VISSER, J. DYKHOUSE, D. APOL, G. TE WINKEL, A. MIEDEMA, A. KUIPERS. *Third Row:* R. JELTEMA, R. ROZEMA, M. BORST, G. MIEDEMA, J. MEULENBERG, D. KUIPERS, N. KOOL, J. VANTUINEN, M. TER HAAR, D. JELTEMA, J. DE YOUNG, G. DIEKEVERS. *Second Row:* M. APOL, R. WELLS, R. BAKER, B. KAPTEYN, J. FENNEMA, J. DYKSTRA, R. QUAKKELAAR, B. WARING, T. VISSER, M. FENNEMA, D. MIEDEMA, E. VALK, K. COOK, K. SCHOLTEN, R. PYLMAN, D. NIEUWKOOP, F. KAPTEYN. *First Row:* R. BAKER, J. BORST, T. PYLMAN, R. KOOL, D. HOFSTRA, M. JELTEMA, R. BOVERHOF, D. KUIPERS, P. HAAN, G. FENNEMA, D. NIEUWKOOP, L. FENNEMA, M. MEULENBERG.

Missing Leaders: P. HOOYER, R. MEULENBERG.

The Boys' Club was reactivated in 1955 under a new constitution by the consistory of our church.

The object of this organization shall be to develop the spiritual, physical and intellectual qualities of the membership through Bible training, Christian fellowship, and exercising our Christian duty by service to our fellow man.

Calvinettes



*Our Calvinette Club was organized in 1959.
We strive to use the Word of God as our guide as we develop the talents He has given us; provide Christian fellowship with girls in the community; and devote time and talents to others. Herein lies the hope for our future.*

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Counselors:
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MRS. D. APOL
MRS. G. DIEKEVERS
MRS. A. MIEDEMA
MRS. P. HOOYER
MRS. J. G. FENNEMA

Middle Row:
C. KUIPHOF
A. QUAKKELAAR
B. JAGER
L. APOL
N. DE VRIES
M. BORST
J. KNIGHT
A. DE HAAN
L. REENS
E. SCHANS
B. VANDER BILT

Front Row:
B. VALK
C. DOUMA
N. SYTSMa
M. MULDER
C. TE WINKEL
S. SCHRAM
D. HEYBOER
J. REENS
J. JONKER
B. SCHOLTEN
C. BOSCH

Missing Members:
G. GIFFORD
K. HOOGEVEEN

Young People's Society



*Our Young People's Society meets every other Sunday at 4:45.
The aim of our society is faith, fellowship and service. We endeavor to carry this out by means of our Bible lesson and social activities.*

Back Row:
S. VANDE LUNE
H. DE GROOT
D. DE YOUNG
M. DE VRIES
A. VALK
D. NIEUWKOOP

Middle Row:
B. SMITH
D. BOSCH
B. ELLENS
D. FENNEMA
M. TER HAAR
G. STAPERT

Front Row:
P. ANDRINGA
K. FENNEMA
M. HOOGEVEEN
M. HOFSTRA
J. LANSER
S. DE GROOT

Missing Member:
D. BUIST

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AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING, CHARLES FENNEMA, MICHAEL FENNEMA, LEONARD MENNEGA,
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