

# Strong and Steadfast in the Spirit: Kingsville Presbyterian Church and Its Community

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*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.  
And they will know we are Christians by*

*our love, by our love,*

*They will know we are Christians by our love. From a hymn by Peter Scholtes*

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*Sheila Branch, 175 Anniversary Chairwoman for the Kingsville Presbyterian Church (right) and committee woman Jan Volk prepare for the celebration. Ashtabula Star Beacon photo by Warren Dillaway.*



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## Pastor Bill Daywalt, July 2020



The Kingsville Presbyterian Church was my first experience and foundation of my spiritual life and relationship with God.

I can remember starting Sunday school at an incredibly young age with Mrs. Virginia Keller as the teacher. The classroom was across from the steps in the basement of the fellowship hall. I continued my Sunday school journey all the way through high school. Every year we were given a pin for perfect attendance. There were lots of kids in all the classes.

At one point I was an assistant teacher to Mrs. Francis Blenman in her third and fourth grade class. Mrs. Blenman taught Sunday school for over 50 years.

Rev. Eakin was the first minister that I remember. I was a little young to appreciate him. Rev. Olsson followed. He was there throughout my junior high

and high school years. Rev. Olsson led the communicant's class that I took to prepare to join the church. I was baptized and joined the church at age 12.

Rev. Ina Hart was here when I returned but left shortly after, so I do not remember her well. Rev. Helen Dekker came as an interim pastor following Ina's leaving. Helen was, and is to this day, very special to me.

I was involved in the youth group during junior and senior high school. The fellowship during that time was so special. We did lots of activities including fund raisers. We adopted a little girl's schooling through a special program to educate children overseas.

We also did lots of fun and fellowship activities. I remember camping in the primitive area of Pymatuning State Park. When I say primitive, I mean primitive. There was no running water or electricity. It seems they always came to clean the outhouse right around breakfast time. It was always fun to play jokes on the girls. I do not think they enjoyed them much. Ask Lori Robishaw. She will attest to that.

The youth group included the Dunne, Mills, Keller, Skarlinki, Robishaw, and Theiss families and probably others that I cannot remember at this time. There were at least 15 members. We also used to do activities with other church youth groups. Betty Swanson was one of our leaders.

I was elected Elder and served on the session at age 17.

I graduated high school in 1974 and left this area to attend college at the College of Wooster. It was important to me to keep active in the church. I attended the Westminster Presbyterian Church on campus. I remember going to meet with the minister to talk about starting a youth group. I worked with Rev. Cindy Jarvis from Westminster church and Rev. Susie Myer from the First Presbyterian Church in town to start a youth fellowship group. I still have contact with Susie. That was a special time with a lot of great young people. For three years we produced cantata type musicals and spent a weekend traveling to other Presbyterian Churches around the state.

Wooster, being a Presbyterian College, allowed me to continue my faith journey and develop my spirituality.

I left Wooster in 1980 and lost touch with the church. Although my faith did not change. I found myself not practicing that faith. Looking back, I am not sure how or why that happened.

In 1994 I returned to Kingsville and became reacquainted with the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. The face of the church had changed but the welcoming

environment remained the same. It was a difficult time in my life, but the church helped me to get my feet planted firmly and to move forward. I was soon elected to session and became clerk for several years.

It was through my involvement and the support and love demonstrated by the church, that led me into ministry. There were originally four of us in a class that worked with the Presbytery of the Western Reserve to develop a Lay Pastor's Program. Since completing the program, I have served three different churches, returning to Kingsville as pastor in 2018.

At first, I hesitated to show my interest in becoming the pastor of the church. I was not sure that it was the right thing for someone who grew up in the church to come back and be the pastor. I started by preaching once a month and then they asked me to do twice a month and soon I became motivated to serve in that capacity.

The church has been an important part of the community and many people's lives for an exceptionally long time. I am sure it will be for an exceedingly long time to come. It is made up of wonderful, loving, and caring people who live their lives in service to the Lord.

It has always been a pleasure to be a part of it. The church has and will continue to be an important part of my life.

Pastor Bill Daywalt, July 2020

# Introduction



*Kingsville Covered Bridge, Archives, Star Beacon.com*

## “We Are One in the Spirit

Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Methodists and the people of Kingsville, Ohio, the United States, and points all over the world helped write the history of the Kingsville United Presbyterian Church, but God is the Chief Creator.

The church began in the hearts and minds of Reverend Joseph Badger and missionaries and ministers who came to the Western Reserve to meet the religious needs of the early pioneers who in the early years of settlement met in leafy forest glades and rough log homes with natural and divine light filtering through the cracks in the logs. Despite revivals and clergymen paying them horseback visits, they yearned for organized worship and hopefully, a designated church to attend each Sabbath.

Pioneer minister Joseph Badger and his fellow ministers and missionaries spent years of arduous traveling over muddy trails and snow-covered tracks through thick woods with snow laden trees and through spring and summer mosquitos and underbrush to keep the gospel as green as a lilac bush in front of a pioneer cabin.



As more people flocked to the Western Reserve to take advantage of its land and opportunities for shaping their own lives, churches sprang up in newly gathered communities. Like Christ, His church does not reach out to people from a mountain top. Christ came down from the mountaintop and like Him, his church stands, sits, and works in and through a community of people. Christ's earthly church does not always demonstrate perfect love and its story, and the individual stories of its people are not perfect. As long-time Kingsville resident and church member Altie Phillips said in her 1944 history of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church,

“As individual members of this church, we have in our lifetime made many mistakes and doubtless some mistakes have been made in the early history of the church. The path has not always been easy; sacrifices have been made many times. However, I think we can emulate the broad-minded writer who said of a dear friend, ‘His heart was as great as the heart of the world, but there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong.’

The church is people and the people are the church. Here are some of the stories of the Kingsville United Presbyterian Church and its people who have traveled difficult paths, made sacrifices often, but still work to show a great heart and loving spirit and leaving few memories of wrongs.

## Chapter One: “We Are One in the Lord



Kingsville Falls by Jacob Teed

*Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses ,and to one hope she  
presses,  
with ev'ry grace endured.*

*From the Church is One Foundation by Samuel  
William Stone*

### **In the beginning, Connecticut created the Northwest Territory and the Connecticut Western Reserve.**

Kingsville and Kingsville Presbyterian Church trace the roots of their family trees to the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the Connecticut Land Company. Connecticut, just one of several states with land claims in the Ohio County in Colonial times, gave up most of its claims to the Federal Government after the American Revolution. The state of Connecticut contributed land to help create the Northwest Territory but held back the northeast corner of the new territory for itself. This northeast corner of the new territory soon became known as the Connecticut Western Reserve.

The state of Connecticut divided its new territory into two parts, calling the western part of the region the Fire Lands and awarding plots of land to people who had lost their property in the American Revolution. In 1795, the state sold the eastern part of the reserve to the Connecticut Land Company, earmarking its 1.2-million-dollar profit for public education in Connecticut.

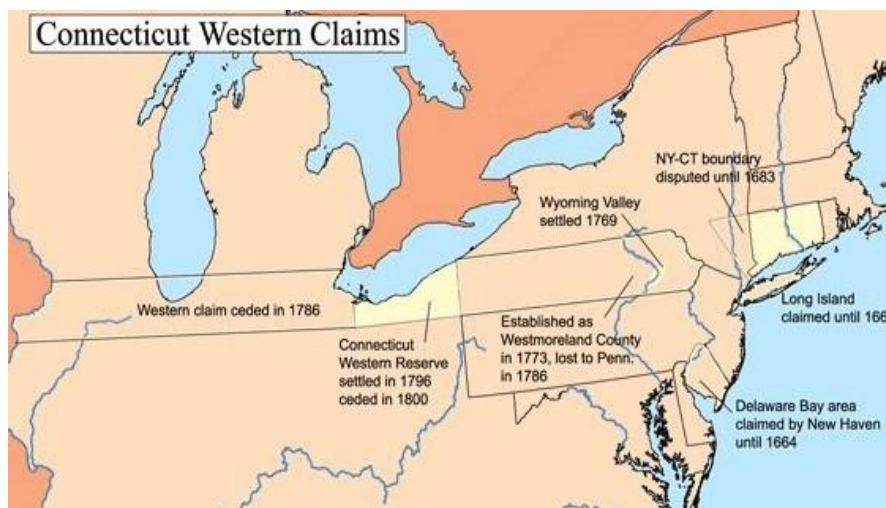
The Connecticut Land Company sent General Moses Cleaveland to survey its new lands and on July 22, 1796, he arrived at the mouth of the twisting Cuyahoga River. General Cleaveland assigned the land east of the River would be the capital of the new settlement and he directed his surveyors to lay out a town. The surveyors complied, creating a new town on the high bluffs above Lake Erie and the winding Cuyahoga River which included a ten-acre public square, a town

called Cleaveland in his honor. History has it that its creators originally spelled Cleaveland the same way the Colonel did, but a mapmaker misspelled his name as Cleveland. By the 1820s, the spelling mistake had become a permanent part of the maps and the name of the new town by Lake Erie.

After the state of Connecticut sold its part of the Western Reserve to the Connecticut Land Company, it gave up all rights to govern the land. It took the federal government until 1800 to consider the Western Reserve part of the Northwest Territory, and it did not provide legal or military protection to its inhabitants until then. The Connecticut Land Company, unlike the Ohio Company and Associates, did not provide for educational and religious organizations. The Connecticut Land Company focused only on selling its lands, leaving its new inhabitants to develop educational and religious institutions. By 1800, just over 1,000 people lived in the Western Reserve, and in 1809 the Connecticut Land Company dissolved because it could not successfully sell enough of its lands.

Settlers moved into the Western Reserve because of its proximity to Lake Erie and in the settlement's early years, many people from New England migrated to the Western Reserve. These settlers struggled with the Native Americans over Western Reserve lands. The Treaty of Greenville of 1795 had given the far western part of the Fire Lands in the Ohio Country Territory to the Native Americans who viewed the white people crowding their land with livestock, wagons, and tools to clear land and build permanent cabins with alarm.

## In the Beginning, Diverse Pioneers Settled and Shaped the Western Reserve



Before General Cleaveland and his surveying party arrived at the future site of Cleaveland, they dropped a few of their party off in Conneaut on July 4, 1796. The firing of their muskets and their glad shouts introduced the Spirit of Seventy-six to their

new homes.

Judge James Kingsbury and his family arrived soon after the surveyors and settled in Conneaut. When the surveyors returned to their homes in New England, Elijah Gunn, and a Mr. Stiles who with their families had accompanied the surveyors remained and formed the first Lake Shore settlements. Around the same time Judge Kingsbury settled at Conneaut and Mr. Stiles at Cleveland, Mr. Young, Mr. Walcot, and Mr. Hillman located at Youngstown, located near the southeast corner of the Western Reserve. They came from Pittsburgh, and so Pennsylvanians and New Englanders claimed different parts of the Western Reserve in the same year. Each individual settler and each group of settlers bought land in different parts of the Western Reserve, scattering themselves like the Biblical sower sowing his seed on fertile ground.

The settlers striving to reach their new homes in the Western Reserve mostly used two routes from Buffalo and Pittsburgh. The New England and New York migrants took the northern route, but some New Englanders took the southern way, mingling with the migrants who came from Pennsylvania and Virginia. These settlement patterns insured that the entire Western Reserve was settled nearly simultaneously, but very slowly. This pattern also created challenges in establishing churches and Sabbath Schools, and establishing and continuing public worship. The settlement pattern also created more dangers and hardships for the settlers.<sup>1</sup>

The settlers of Kingsville and the Kingsville Presbyterian Church were as diverse a group as the people listening to Christ preach the Sermon on the Mount. There were Congregationalists, Presbyterians, a sprinkling of Methodists. There were Yankees, Revolutionary War veterans, and land seekers and land grabbers. There were Pennamites who were people from Pennsylvania who fought three wars with Yankees from Connecticut for control of the industrial Wyoming Valley in Northeastern Pennsylvania. There were skeptics, scoffers, indifferent worldlings and backsliders. Most remembered their ancestry and cherished their individual sentiments and attachments but having won the Revolution and wanting to be charitable practicing Christians, they suppressed their individual preferences far enough unite cordially to form a new society and tolerate different churches.<sup>2</sup>

Often isolated and lonely, Western Reserve Christians were glad to associate with other Christians, regardless of ecclesiastic connections and sentiments. If

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<sup>1</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of "Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856. pages 2-37.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 3.



missionaries and ministers preached “Christ crucified,” they did not need to preach denominationalism to earn attention and affection from the settlers. In the absence of church buildings, people gathered in cabins, shops, or schoolhouses to mingle their worship and study the Bible. When missionaries visited a settlement, everyone rallied around them to hear the Word of God with the common purpose of sustaining religious services and building up Christian institutions.

The Presbyterians and the Orthodox Congregationalists were the first denominations to accumulate numbers in the Western Reserve, but gradually other denominations, especially Methodists, established themselves in the pioneer regions as part of the evangelization of the wilderness.<sup>3</sup>

Although Presbyterians and Congregationalists so wholeheartedly united to minister to settlers in the Western Reserve that it was difficult to distinguish one from the other, the missionaries, the ministers, and the congregations did retain some of the color and character of their individual denominations. Like the early disciples of Christianity, Western Reserve Missionaries went everywhere preaching the Word of God and collecting believers into groups and churches but leaving them to run their organizations and disciplines according to their own convictions. When different ideas and practices arose, which they inevitably did, their leaders labored to solve them with charity, concession, and cooperation.<sup>4</sup>

As the Plan of Union states, “Here we see the spirit of love to Christ, rising above all local and sectarian prejudice, and drawing together in fraternal co-operation, all who were interested to see Christianity advance upon the new territory. The Connecticut brethren did not think to stop and inquire whether the milk from their Congregational cows, might not be churned into Presbyterian butter by the Synod of Pittsburg !”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of “Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856. Page 13.

<sup>4</sup> The **Plan of Union** of 1801 was an agreement between the Congregational churches of New England and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America for mutual support and joint effort in evangelizing the American frontier. It lasted until 1852.

<sup>5</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of “Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856. Page 2.

## The Pioneering Pulpit of Reverend Joseph Badger: Congregationalist and Presbyterian



Reverend Joseph Badger crafted the first chapters of the Gospel story and began the story of Kingsville Presbyterian Church with his "purpose firm and his courage to make it known." Once upon a moveable wooden pulpit, Reverend Joseph Badger traveled the dense Western Reserve woods on horseback to spread the gospel of Christ and to nurture and organize his flock, earning the title of the first missionary of the

Ohio Western Reserve.

Born into stalwart New England Puritan stock on February 28, 1757, Joseph Badger moved with his family to Partridgeville, Connecticut in 1766. As the Revolutionary War progressed, Connecticut contributed numerous supplies to the Continental Army, including beef, salt, flour, and gunpowder. Connecticut contributed so much to the war that General George Washington named Connecticut "The Provision State." Connecticut also contributed Joseph Badger. In February 1775, he joined the company of Captain Nelson Watkins and the regiment of Colonel Patterson, stationed at Litchfield, Point.

After active and faithful Army service, Joseph Badger married and went to Yale College to study for the ministry. In October 1784, Reverend Badger married Lois Noble in Connecticut, and they eventually had six children: Henry Langdon; Julia;

Lucia; Sarah; Lucius; and Joseph, who died in 1816 and is buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Ashtabula.

After graduating from Yale College in 1785 at age 28, Reverend Badger studied theology with Reverend Leavenworth in Waterbury, Connecticut, and he received his preaching license in October 1786. He settled as a pastor at Blanford, Massachusetts.

Besides his ardent love of Christ and his strong faith, Reverend Badger held firm views on the leading issues of his day, including American Slavery and Temperance. He opposed slavery as a moral and natural evil, a sin, and he believed that harsh measures and severe condemnations would never convince the slaveholder to surrender the right to own another human being that the Constitution had given him. Reverend Badger was convinced that if mild means and moral arguments would not convince the slaveholder of the evil of slavery, it must remain until Divine Providence should interfere.

When the subject of Temperance arose, he heartily agreed that excessive drinking of alcohol caused many evils in society and he actively worked to form a Temperance Society. He pledged himself and the Society members to abstain from drinking ardent spirits.

In October 1800, after fourteen years at Blanford, Reverend Badger resigned from the pulpit to accept an appoint under the Connecticut Missionary Society as a missionary to the Western Reserve. Bidding his family goodbye, Reverend Badger traveled on horseback down the southern route by Pittsburgh to reach the Western Reserve. He arrived at the cabin of Reverend Wick at Youngstown about the last of December 1800, recording that Reverend Wick had charge of three small settlements: Hopewell, Neshanoc, and Youngstown. He noted that "a few weeks before I reached the Reserve, I was received by this brother and his wife as a familiar friend."

The last Sabbath of 1800, Reverend Badger preached his first sermon in the Western Reserve at Youngstown and immediately began visiting the little settlements and preaching to their inhabitants. Visiting Vernon, Warren, Canfield, Poland and Boardman, each containing from three to six families, he wrote that "Here and there I found professing Christians, mourning the loss of former privileges, and wondering why they had come to this wilderness, where there was

no house of worship nor gospel ordinances. I told them that they had been moved here by the hand of God, to plant the Church in this wilderness."<sup>6</sup>

Six months later, in a letter to the Connecticut Missionary Society dated June 23, 1801, Reverend Badger reported that he had spent his time in about twelve townships in the southeast part of the Reserve, except four Sabbaths spent in Pennsylvania and after attending Presbytery at Washington, Pennsylvania. He reported "a general disposition among the people to hear and in some instances experience real conviction,"<sup>7</sup>

Reverend Badger set some unusual precedents in establishing his ministry in the Western Reserve. He began cultivating Presbyterian acquaintances while at the same time keeping his Congregational and Pennamite sympathies, instead of he and Reverend Wick establishing rival churches in Youngstown. Reverend Badger belonged to the Congregational Association in Massachusetts and retained his ecclesiastical preferences; yet he was the first to unite with a Presbytery on the plan of union."<sup>8</sup>

Instead of sowing religious discord, Reverend Badger visited the northern and western settlements of the Western Reserve and toured the settlements of the Indians on the Maumee River to explore the possibilities of establishing a mission there.

Returning to Hudson in October and later wending his way to Austinburg, he organized a church at Austinburg, consisting of ten male members and six female members on October 24, 1801. This was the first church that a New England minister organized on the Western Reserve and only the second church, with the Youngstown Church being the first, to be organized in this field before 1802. The Youngstown Church was Presbyterian and the church at Austinburg Congregational.

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<sup>6</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of "Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856.page, 17.

<sup>7</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of "Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856.page, 19.

<sup>8</sup> The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries by William S. Kennedy, author of "Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856.page, 20.



The Trustees of the Connecticut Missionary Society reported on Reverend Badger's tour, saying that the call for missionaries to the Western Reserve would increase and that another missionary would be sent as soon as a suitable person could be found for the service and two or more missionaries would be kept their permanently. They reported that Reverend Badger visited every settlement and almost every family and all the schools daily and performing all kinds of ministerial service. He also occasionally went into Pennsylvania where he attended two Presbyteries, preached, and visited families.”<sup>9</sup>

The Connecticut Missionary Society offered Reverend Badger the compensation of seven dollars a week to continue his missionary endeavors and move his family from New England to Ohio. He returned to New England, loaded a wagon with all the furniture and goods that could be transported. He and his wife and children started for Austinburg, Ohio on February 23, 1802, following the northern route to the Western Reserve. They made their way through dense snow-covered forests and waded in knee deep snow to hunt and make camp. They chopped the ice in frozen streams and rivers for drinking and washing water. They felt the jagged icy edges of streams of uncertainty about uprooting their comfortable, settled lives to come to an unsettled country beyond the reach of schools and churches with little money to provide food and clothing.

Reverend and Mrs. Badger perhaps pondered the faith of Abraham and his journey to the altar with Isaac. The Badger family reached Austinburg about the last of April 1802, and he secured a lot and built a cabin of round logs without a chink and floored only half over with split logs. He partly covered the roof with boards from Austin's Mill, but built no chimney. He worked and toiled until he had money to buy ample provisions and buy a cow. <sup>10</sup>

When he had finished winterizing his family, Reverend Badger, prepared for another missionary trip through the settlements. This time his path wound through

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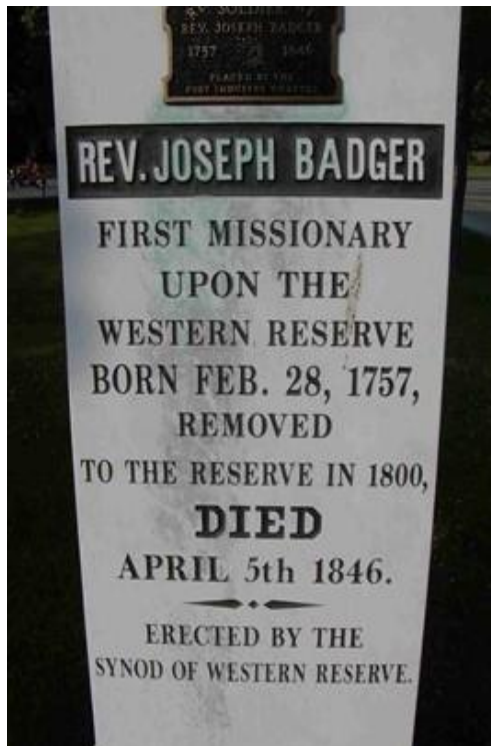
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Painesville, Cleveland, Hudson, and then east to the settlements where he had first preached, and then home. He built bridges, cut roads, blazed trees, and guided his flock through unexplored country, his being the first wagon west of Buffalo, New York. His salary was seven dollars a week at a time when living expenses were high and he was expected to support himself and his family on this small salary.

In January 1803, the Trustees of the Connecticut Missionary Society voted to reduce his pay to six dollars per week. According to William Kennedy, in *The Plan of Union*, the Trustees held “a mistaken view of the destitution and trials of missionaries on the Reserve,” providing the rationale for reducing the salaries of the missionaries.”

In 1805, with Reverend Badgers encouragement and leadership, six of the original Kingsville pioneers were organized into the Congregational Church, the first formally organized church in Kingsville.

As he established churches and missions throughout the Western Reserve,



Reverend Badger found it increasingly difficult to support his family on his meager salary. Finally, Reverend Badger, by letter and through friends, informed the trustees of the Connecticut Missionary Society that he could not possibly support his family on such a small salary, but the Trustees persisted in their “blind and cruel policy.” He persisted in his labors and underwent difficult trials and hardships until January 1, 1806, when he ceased laboring for the Missionary Society of Connecticut and went to work for the Western Missionary Society at Pittsburgh. Under the patronage of the West Missionary Society at Pittsburgh, Reverend Badger served as a missionary to the Wyandot Indians in the Sandusky region where he toiled faithfully for many years.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> *The Plan of Union or a History of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of the Western Reserve, with Biographical Sketches of the Early Missionaries* by William S. Kennedy, author of “Messianic Prophecies. Pentagon Steam Press, 1856, page, 21.

In 1810, Reverend Badger established a permanent home for his family in Ashtabula, but he continued to travel his missionary circuit as well as churches nearer home, including preaching at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church on a rotating minister basis. When the War of 1812 broke out, Reverend Badger was appointed chaplain in the Army and spent much of his time in caring for the sick in the Army near Ashtabula. Since his ministerial duties had often taken him through the country in Michigan, General William Henry Harrison chose Reverend Badger to pilot the army through from Ohio to Fort Meigs, which he did well and thoroughly.

Reverend Badger's wife Lois shared his Christian faith which she had developed since early childhood. Early in life she joined the Christian Church where her father, mother, two brothers, and two sisters were also members, later transferring to the church in Blanford, Massachusetts after her marriage to Joseph Badger, and later to the Austinburg. From Austinburg she transferred to Ashtabula where she finished the days of her earthly pilgrimage.



Lois Badger died on August 4, 1818, just two years after their son Joseph. Her death was a shock because in July 1818, she suddenly fell ill and died after a few days of painful sickness. In his tribute to her, Reverend Badger said that his wife endured the ordeals of leaving her beloved friends in Connecticut and moving in 1802 to the almost unbroken wilderness of the Western Reserve.

The grieving minister wrote of his wife that she was “a discrete wife, an affectionate mother, a consistent Christian, beloved as a friend and neighbor. She bore with Christian fortitude and patience the trials we had to encounter. On her devolved, almost exclusively, the task of forming the minds of our children, and storing them with the principles of piety and virtue; and this

she performed with unwearied fidelity.”

After Lois Badger died, Reverend Badger married Abigail Ely. In the Winter of 1844, he moved to Perrysburg, still preaching and praising God. He was asked a few hours before his death, if the Savior was still precious to him and he answered in the affirmative. At ten o'clock on Sabbath evening in his 89<sup>th</sup> year, without a struggle, and with a smile on his lips, he died on April 5, 1846. He is buried in

Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg. His wife Abigail survived him by six months, leaving the Badger children to carry on his legacy.

In the tradition of their missionary parents, Reverend Joseph and Lois Badger, their daughters Lucia and Sarah carried their faith into a second generation. Reverend Badger and his life of missionary diligence established churches and attracted converts in the Western Reserve. Lois Badger's life and legacy is interwoven with that of her husband. She moved from place to place with him bravely bearing and overcoming frontier hardships while caring for and teaching her children.

### Lucia Badger

The Ashtabula Telegraph, April 4, 1874, page 3 reported that the Conneaut Reporter contained an extended notice of the death, at Maumee City, in February of 1874, of Mrs. Lucia B. Van Tassel, daughter of the late Reverend Joseph Bader, known to some of the early settlers of Ashtabula, as one its pioneers. She died at age 80 years. She was married to the Reverend Isaac Van Tassel, and like her father began missionary work with her husband among the Ottawa Indians of the Maumee Valley.

Lucia Badger Van Tassel's devotion to the master's service led her to contribute regularly one tenth of her income for the spread of the truth. They remained at the station 12 years. Her labors at the station were arduous, consisting of teaching and instructing and aiding the Red Man and ministering to his physical and spiritual wants. During her labors among them, as many as 80 embraced Christianity,

Upon leaving the Station, Reverend Van Tassel purchased a homestead in Plainwood County, where the resided until 1848. When Lucia had to depend on herself after Reverend Van Tassel's death, she attended a medical college in New York State, thoroughly qualified herself, and went to Memphis, Tennessee, where she successfully practiced the healing art for five years.

She possessed great energy. She once rode on horseback from Ashtabula County, Ohio, to Massachusetts. Love for her fellow creatures was the most marked trait in her character. She died as one falling asleep. Her body sleeps beside her aged father in the cemetery at Perrysburg.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve," Part I, Mrs. Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, Editor [published under the auspices of the Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, July 1896], p.p. 17-21:



## Sarah Badger

Sarah Badger, daughter of Rev. Joseph Badger, married Rev. John Hall, who came to Ashtabula in 1809, and whose contributions to the history of the county have aided much in preserving those early days. She was beloved and respected by all who knew her, and well merited the devotion which her husband ever accorded her.<sup>13</sup>



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### Reverend Joseph Badger

In the 1880s, the Kingsville Tribune published a series of historical sketches signed by PIONEER. He wrote a sketch about Reverend Joseph Bader, naming him as the first pioneer missionary in the Western Reserve. Reverend Badger graduated from Yale College, and then he served in the Revolutionary War as a common soldier. After he fought in the Battle of Saratoga, the church sent him to minister to the Indians on the Maumee River as well

as to the Western Reserve in general.

In 1801, Reverend Badger settled his family in Austinburg, and traveled on horseback through the wilderness of the Western Reserve to and from his Mission on the Maumee. When the War of 1812 broke out, he left the Maumee Mission and settled in Ashtabula where he remained for some years, preaching in the Ashtabula County region of the Western Reserve.

During Reverend Badger's sojourn in Ashtabula, the Missionary Society sent him an invoice of Bibles to be sold to those who were able to pay for them and to give

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to those that were not able to pay. An Ashtabula woman sent her small boy on horseback with a cheese to purchase a Bible. Reverend Badger weighed the cheese and dedicated that it fell short of the price of the Bible. The boy remounted his horse and then told the minister that he was a mean old fellow. Then the boy put the spurs to the old mare, fearing that the Reverend would produce a couple of she bears to deal with his sass, Elisha fashion. He survived long after Reverend Badger to tell the story.

While on his missionary circuit in Harpersfield, Reverend Badger found himself treed by a bear and remained in the tree all night. The next morning, the bear started off in another direction to hunt his breakfast. Reverend Badger descended from his tree and made his way to his home in Austinburg without a scratch, but somewhat the worse for his night's lodging.

In 1829, Reverend Badger preached his last sermon in Kingsville in the old Presbyterian Church. After that, he lived in Gustavus for a time, acting as postmaster during his stay. He believed that it was wicked to transport the mail on Sundays and wrote a letter to the Postmaster General, (either William T. Barry or Amos Kendall) instructing him to stop Sunday mail delivery. The Postmaster General wrote back, "I cannot stop the mail, but I can you from acting as postmaster."

Reverend Badger preferred not to be stopped.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Pioneer. November 20, 1888. The Kingsville Tribune.



### A Church Difficulty

In the 1880s, the Kingsville Tribune published a series of historical sketches signed by PIONEER

Pioneer wrote a story about a minister by the name of Reverend Phelps, stating that between 60 and 70 years ago, the Presbyterian Church in Kingsville employed Reverend Phelps. According to PIONEER, Reverend Phelps was badly deformed physically and was not quite congenial enough for the liking of some, although he was qualified for the ministry.

Consequently, part of the church with some outsider help, campaigned to dispense with the services of Reverend Phelps. Their actions created quite a commotion, and the congregation and parts of the town took sides, for and against him. Finally, Reverend Phelps left.

Shortly after Reverend Phelps left, an unsigned letter began circulating throughout the church and Kingsville community. In the letter, its author described a dream, stating that he dreamed he had died and went to heaven and soon was invited to go and visit hell. Hell proved to be a large valley surrounded by immense walls with a large throne in the center. The enclosure had only one well-guarded gate, and no one could go out or in unless a primate who sat on the throne granted permission.

A company of cavalry stood before the throne, receiving instructions to go to Kingsville and help fight off Reverend Phelps. About that time, a bugle call sounded, the gate flew open, and a horseman galloped up and presented a letter from Kingsville to the primate. The primate read the letter and turned to the soldiers. He said, "Your services are not required in Kingsville. The job is done. The dung-fork I sent to old Roger Nettleton, Bill Corwin, and Tom Cheney has effectually done the work. Phelps is absquatulated. You may disband and hold yourselves ready for the next call."<sup>15</sup>

<sup>15</sup> **Absquatulate** is a deeply silly word that **means** to make off with something or someone. Why say a thief ran away with your money when it is much more fun to say he **absquatulated** with it? The word **absquatulates** came out of an odd fad in America in the 1830s for making playful words that sounded vaguely Latin.

Time eventually smoothed over the acrimonious feelings, members became united, harmony restored, and all apparently satisfied that the same selfish blood has ceased not run through similar veins.<sup>16</sup>



## **Presbyterian Pinpoints**

1803- The first settlers arrive in what is now Kingsville. Eldred Harrington from Western Pennsylvania settles along Conneaut Creek.

1805- Several more people make homes near Eldred Harrington on Conneaut Creek.

1805-Captain Walter Fobes, the first settler to own land in Ashtabula Township, arrives with his family from Norwich, Massachusetts.

1805-Reverend Badger encourages six of the first settlers to organize into the Congregational Church, the first church in Kingsville.

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<sup>16</sup> PIONEER. The Kingsville Tribune, November 20, 1888.

1810-Reverend Joseph Badger arrives in the Western Reserve from Connecticut and is the first missionary in the Western Reserve. He preaches at Kingsville and shares his preaching with Ashtabula.

1817-Reverend Badger's son Lucius lived in Kingsville from about 1817 until after 1830. (From Directory I, First Residents from 1800-1856, Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Compiled and Edited by Mary L. Spencer Novak, 2010).

1819- Reverend Joseph Badger's son Henry Langdon Badger, lived in Kingsville and held township office in 1819. He moved to Wood County after 1830 and before 1850. (From Directory I, First Residents from 1800-1856, Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Compiled and Edited by Mary L. Spencer Novak, 2010).

1820s-Reverend Phelps is asked to leave the pulpit of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, but secures his revenge.

1821-Reverend Joseph Badger moves to Kingsville.

1829-Reverend Joseph Badger preached his last sermon at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. From Directory I, First Residents from 1800-1856, Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Compiled and Edited by Mary L. Spencer Novak, 2010).

1846. Reverend Joseph Badger dies in Perrysburg, Ohio.

## Chapter Two: Presbyterian Passages, 1800-1850

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above, has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. From the hymn "We've a Story to Tell the Nations by H. Ernest Nichol.*



*Dibble Road, Kingsville Township*

### **In the Early Western Reserve, People Were Scarce, Comforts Few, and Pioneer Perils Plentiful**

The Ashtabula County section of the Western Reserve featured trees as thick as the cornmeal mush the pioneers ate and wind that whistled more often through tree branches than cabin chimneys. The few cabins that existed were scattered like stones on the Lake Erie beaches with miles of brush and trees in between. In the beginning, there were no roads, and few bridle paths, making sturdy boats and feet important survival tools. An 1800 census of the Western Reserve revealed a population of 1,144 people. In 1800, the United States consisted of only 21 states,



with most territory west of Indian, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi still being developed. In 1800, the population of Ohio numbered 45,365 people. Ten years later in 1810, the Census showed that the Ohio population had increased to 230,760. In 1811, the boundaries of Ashtabula County were definitively established, and in 1816, the county was divided into townships, each five miles square of 25 square miles.

People migrated to Ohio from the eastern states, especially Connecticut and New York, to establish permanent homes in the Western Reserve. With more people came more creature comforts. About 1803, mail service began along South Ridge Road, now State Route 84. At first the mail carrier had to deliver mail on foot, but with the gradual clearing of the proposed road, horseback delivery and later wagon delivery became possible. By 1816, the new east and west road had developed so much that stagecoach services began and although the stages were crude and traveled over extremely rough road, they were still an improvement over foot and wagon transportation.

By 1820, South Ridge Road, still rough but at the time considered top notch, had been greatly improved and flashy new stages ran between Cleveland and Erie. At this point, Cleveland, and Erie, each with a population of about 600, were considered metropolises.

Initial settlement of the area was sporadic and slow, however by the 1820s, the region began to prosper. The first settlers and the towns they established reflected the culture of Connecticut and New England. However, as the region prospered it became a destination for migrants of all backgrounds and the region became increasingly diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, and religion.

### **“The White People Have Now Found Our Country”**

The cultural roots of Northeastern Ohio twine back more than 10,000 years ago to the Native American peoples who first lived there, including the Paleo-Indian people, the Archaic, the Adena, the Hopewell Mound Builders, people of the Mississippian Culture, and in later centuries the Erie, Ottawa, Wyandotte, Mingo, Shawnee, Delaware, and Miami Native American peoples. In 1784, the Six Nations (Iroquois) signed The Treaty of Fort Stanwix, surrendering their lands west of the western Pennsylvania boundary to the United States, although they continued to claim a portion of these lands including much of the Western Reserve.



The proprietors of the Connecticut Land Company decided that a conciliatory approach to the Indian claims would make it easier to sell its lands and attract settler, so its administrators instructed Moses Cleaveland and his surveying party to meet with the principal chiefs of the Six Nations outside Skinner's Tavern in Buffalo, New York, on June 20, 1796, for a three day council. After two days of feasting and drinking, the parties began negotiations.<sup>17</sup>



On June 23, 1796, Chief Red Jacket, orator of the Six Nations and a Seneca sachem, delivered a speech through an interpreter. John Milton Holly, a member of Cleaveland's surveying party, documented the speech in which Red Jacket defined the values and customs of his people, defending them against the encroaching white

civilization.

Red Jacket who was called Red Jacket because he wore a red jacket when he fought with the British during the American Revolution, observed: "You white people make a great parade about religion, you say you have a book of laws and rules which was given you by the Great Spirit, but is this true? Was it written by his own hand and given to you? No, says he, it was written by your own people. They do it to deceive you. Their whole wishes center here (pointing to his pocket), all they want is the money...He says white people tell them, they wish to come and live among them as brothers and learn them agriculture. So, they bring on implements of husbandry and resents, tell them good stories and all appears honest.

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<sup>17</sup> The State of Connecticut authorized the Connecticut Land Company to buy and resell the majority of the Western Reserve, an area of northeast Ohio that Connecticut had reserved for her citizens in 1786 in exchange for other western land claims of the U.S. Government. The Connecticut Land Co. held title to all Reserve land except for the Firelands and a Mahoning Valley salt tract which had been previously sold. A syndicate of 35 purchasing groups representing 58 individuals, the company bought the lands for \$1.2 million on September 2, 1795. The sale was on credit, with the proceeds earmarked to establish the Connecticut School Fund.

But when they are gone all appears as a dream. Our land is taken from us and still we don't know how to farm it."<sup>18</sup>

At the close of the Council, the Six Nations agreed to the white settlement of their land in Western Reserve, with the stipulation that they could hunt and fish on those lands for a designed amount of time. According to Seth Pease, a member of the surveying party, Moses Cleaveland gave the eastern Indians two beef cattle and 100 gallons of whiskey. He gave the western Indians goods worth 500 pounds in New York money and enough provisions to last until they returned home.<sup>19</sup>

A story in the Buffalo News by Luke Hammil dated May 14, 2018, cites another Red Jacket speech. Red Jacket whose Indian name Saqu-ua-what-hath, translated means Keeper-awake, addressed a missionary from Massachusetts about the efforts of missionaries in the Western Reserve in an 1805 address on the banks of Buffalo Creek.

In his speech Red Jacket said in part:

*The white people had now found our country. Tidings were carried back and more came amongst us. Yet we did not fear them. We took them to be friends. They called us brothers. We believed them and gave them a larger seat. At length, their numbers had greatly increased. They wanted more land; they wanted our country. Our eyes were opened, and our minds became uneasy. Wars took place. Indians were hired to fight against Indians, and many of our people were destroyed. They also brought strong liquors amongst us. It was strong and powerful and has slain thousands.*

*Brother. Our seats were once large and yours were small. You have now become a great people, and we have scarcely a place left to spread our blankets. You have got our country but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion upon us.*<sup>20</sup>

The perspectives of the missionaries, the Native Americans, the Western Reserve settlers, and the historians sometimes clashed as resoundingly as waves on a Lake Erie beach during a storm. Moina Large in her History of Ashtabula County stated that just a few Native Americans lived in Ashtabula County by 1811, and they were generally friendly toward the white settlers who returned their friendship.

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<sup>18</sup> Moses Cleaveland Papers, West Reserve Historical Society. *Red Jacket* was buried in South Buffalo before his body was moved to Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo in 1884 at the recommendation of politician William C. Bryant. (Mark Mulville/News file photo)

<sup>19</sup> [Encyclopedia of Cleveland History](#)

<sup>20</sup> [Library of Congress. Indian Speech Delivered](#) Before a Gentleman Missionary from Massachusetts.

Pioneer Kingsville resident Harvey Nettleton characterized this attitude in one of his reminiscences in the *Ashtabula Sentinel* and the *Kingsville Tribune*. He wrote that every fall, many Indian hunters traveled from their home villages to Ashtabula County by land or water to pitch their camps for the winter and enjoy the best hunting season. After they arrived, the Native American hunters, dressed in their best feathers, beads, and silver ornaments, would visit each white settler home. The settlers traditionally welcomed their visitors and treated them to a feast before they left, because if they had not prepared a feast, the Native Americans would have considered them unfriendly. When the hunting season had ended, the Native American hunters again visited the settler's cabins for a farewell feast.

In her account of Native Americans in Ashtabula County, Moina Large noted the attitudes of many early settlers toward the Native Americans. She wrote that "they occasionally displayed evidence of "a latent feeling of resentment because of the encroachment of the strangers from the civilized world, which would be displayed in some despicable little act that was calculated to tantalize the whites."<sup>21</sup>

Harvey Nettleton remembered once such act on a day from his childhood when his parents left him and two younger sisters in their cabin while they attended a worship service, probably a Presbyterian service, because the Nettletons were among the first members of the Presbyterian Church. Eight to ten Native Americans visited their cabin and finding the children alone, their attitude turned threatening. The young chief of the band, Po-ca-caw or John O'Mic, cocked and pointed his rifle at Harvey and his sisters, tracking their efforts to avoid being shot.

Then O'Mic raised his tomahawk above their heads as if he were going to strike them, feeling the edge to signify the weapon needed sharpening. He forced Harvey to turn the grindstone while he sharpened his tomahawk. Po-ca-caw and his men tormented Harvey and his sisters for over two hours, going through the motions of an Indian massacre. When they had tired of their sport, Po-ca-caw took a set of teaspoons, a measure of salt, and some other articles from the house and he and his party disappeared into the woods.

After terrorizing Harvey Nettleton and his sisters, John O'Mic continued his wayward ways and finally gained notoriety in the Western Reserve as the first person to be executed in Northern Ohio. He belonged to the Massasauga band of Chippewa Indians residing near Pymatuning Creek until 1811, when they moved to

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<sup>21</sup> [Kingsville Township in History of Ashtabula County](#), Ohio. Moina Large, *Topeka: Historical Pub. Co., 1924, 1132. Chapter 25.*

the west bank of the Cuyahoga River. On April 3, 1812, two trappers, Daniel Buel and Gibbs, were murdered in Sandusky for their furs. O [Mic and two other Indians were arrested. One committed suicide. The authorities released the other because of his extreme youth, but they sent O'Mic, himself just 21 years old, to Cleveland for trial.

O'Mic was tried on April 29, 1812, and he was sentenced to death for the murder of Daniel Buel, with his execution set for June 26, 1812. After his conviction, O'Mic told Mr. Carter and Sheriff Baldwin that he would show the pale faces how an Indian could die. They did not need to tie his arms, but when the time came, he would jump off the gallows.

A large crowd gathered on public square and after a religious service, the sheriff and other officials attempted to carry out the execution. O'Mic clung to a platform post and informed the Sheriff that he would die courageously if he could have some whiskey. After several tries and several drinks of real old Monongahela whiskey, Omic finally swung from the end of the rope.

Suddenly, a terrific storm rapidly brewed from the north northwest. making it necessary to hasten the process of making sure O'Mic's neck was broken. When his body fell, the rope broke as readily as a tow string and fell to the ground. His body was picked up and put into the coffin and the coffin immediately put into the grave. The storm pounded the spectators with wind and rain and all scampered but O'Mic.

The day after the execution, Dr. David Long of Cleveland and several other physicians took O'Mic's body to use for medical studies and the skeleton traveled to Hudson, Ohio and then to Pittsburgh. O'Mic's death paralled the outbreak of the War of 1812, and many Native Americans fought on the British side, partially because of their anger over O'Mic's execution. Shortly after O'Mic's hanging, General Hull surrendered Detroit to the British and Sandusky area settlers fled east, fearing that the Native American raiders would avenge O'Mic's death. The avengers never came.<sup>22</sup>

After the War of 1812 erased the fear of British invasion and occupation of the Western Reserve, the slow and sporadic settlement pattern prevailed for a few

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<sup>22</sup> Early History of Cleveland, Ohio, Including Original Papers and Other Matter Relating to the Adjacent Country with Biographical Notices of the Pioneers and Surveyors. Colonel Charles Whittlesey. Cleveland, Ohio: Fairbanks, Benedict & Company, Printers. Herald Office. 1867, p. 438-442. Execution of O'Mic, June 24, 1812, Honorable C. Whittlesey.

years, but by the 1820s, growth in the region moved as fast as a bear running away with a settler's pig in its grasp.

The first settlers and towns the pioneers established in the Western Reserve reflected the physical and cultural characteristics of Connecticut and New England. As the settlers, settlements, and prosperity increased, people from all background migrated to the Western Reserve and it became a patchwork quilt of race, ethnicity, and religion. Kingsville and the Kingsville Presbyterian Church contributed many squares to the patchwork quilt.

### Fobes Dale, Gallons of Whiskey, and Kingsville



Eldad Harrington, a white man daubed a squatter by early historians, lived in a cabin he built on the bottom land at the bend of the Conneaut River in 1803. He had come into the Kingsville Township wilderness without any idea where he would settle, but when he came upon the spot by the Conneaut River its beauty overwhelmed him. When he spotted an opening in the

woods that the Indians had cleared to use for raising corn, and then discovered the excellent hunting and fishing in the vicinity, he decided to stay and built a cabin.<sup>23</sup>

Conneaut Creek by Junius Sloan

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Most accounts of the History of Ashtabula County, including the histories by the Williams brothers and Moina Large and the census records list his name as Eldad Harrington. It could have been a typographical error or perhaps his nickname. A story in the Kingsville Tribune by "One who was then a Kingsville Boy, later known as Pioneer, has his name as Eldred Harrington.

Other men who did not own property in the region came and squatted along the Conneaut, men including Andrew Stull, Leonard and Michael Widener, Daniel Tolbert, Elijah Lewis, Israel Harrington, and brothers Elijah and Hiram Blackman and Mr. Blackamore. Most of them hailed from Pennsylvania and like Eldred Harrington, they were adept at hunting and living off the land without owning any of it. Kingsville and Ashtabula County proved to be so beautiful in scenery and bountiful in game and fertile land that most of the squatters eventually settled down and became useful and respectable citizens.<sup>24</sup>

Captain Walter Fobes arrived in Kingsville about the same time as Eldred Harrington, and each surveyed their surroundings ambitious eyes- Eldred Harrington with the viewpoint of the hunting pioneer and Captain Fobes with dreams of development dancing in his eyes. Although Captain Walter Fobes possessed considerable means, the kind that would have allowed him to live a prosperous, comfortable life in the East, he wanted to help develop this new country.

Purchasing 500 acres of land in Kingsville and 500 acres in what is now Madison, Captain Fobes established himself and his wife on his Kingsville land and their five children on their own acres in the Madison tract. He also purchased the land that is now North Kingsville, as well as the property where the Ashtabula County Infirmary formerly stood. He donated land for the East Lake Cemetery in North Kingsville, and appropriately, he was the first one to be buried in the East Lake Cemetery.

Amanda Elderkin, daughter of James and Betsey Waterman Elderkin, married Walter Fobes on July 21, 1785. In 1806, a year after her parents had settled in Kingsville, their daughter Octavia became the first Kingsville baby to greet the world according to Kingsville. Their other daughters were Amanda, Rosamond, Louisa, and Harmony. After Captain Fobes died in 1814, Amanda Fobes devoted the rest of her life to nursing the sick.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Junius Sloan, the artist who painted the photograph of Conneaut Creek was born in Kingsville. He married Sarah Spencer, one of the daughters of Platt Spencer and during his career became a well-known artist. Some of his most famous paintings are of rural scenes, such as the one of Conneaut Creek.

<sup>25</sup> "Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve," Part III, Mrs. Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, Editor [published under the auspices of the Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, December 1896]. p. p. 534-541:

The first Kingsville Township map identified the township as “Fobes Dale,” in honor of Captain Fobes. Some of the settlers who came later did not care for the name and ridiculed it into “Fobes Tale.” After some discussion, The Fobes Dale and Fobes Tale people decided to come up with a new name and most of them agreed on the name Norwich. Norwich still suggested Fobes Dale because Captain Fobes hailed for Norwich, Connecticut, so they decided to search for another name.

The traditional story of how they finally settled on the name Kingsville involved whiskey and a man named Mr. King. Mr. King, who was just passing through and had no interest in the township, heard about the controversy. He suggested a plan. He told the two factions that if they would give him four gallons of whiskey, they could use his name as a compromise and call their town and township Kingsville. They accepted his proposition and the name of Kingsville for their town and township.

By 1810, the pioneers of Kingsville Township had organized themselves and their land into a village and they held the first election in the village in a log cabin on the bank of the Conneaut River which bends from the east to almost the center of Kingsville Township and then east again. William Ferguson, Israel Harrington, and Roger Nettleton were elected trustees; Alpha Nettleton, clerk; Silas Tinker, Jr., assessor; and Thomas Kezartee, constable. Israel Harrington was also named Justice of the Peace of the organized township.<sup>26</sup>

## **Missionaries to Camp Meetings to Meeting Houses**

Presbyterian Three Days Meetings

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<sup>26</sup> Silas Tinker, Jr., and Thomas Kezartee are buried in Kingsville Presbyterian Cemetery. William Ferguson is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.





In 1803, Reverend Joseph Badger who by profession of faith was a Congregationalist, but supplied Presbyterian pulpits, including the one at Kingsville, traveled to Pittsburgh, where he learned of some remarkable revivals that had taken place. These revivals were called “Three Days Meetings” or communion sessions. Reverend Thomas Robbins of the Warren, Ohio church that Reverend Badger founded, in a letter dated Canfield, December 7, 1803, described these Three Days Meetings, as communion seasons dating back to early Presbyterian history.

Quoting Dr. Nesbit of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Reverend Robbins wrote that the Three Days Meetings was a custom introduced in Scotland during the reign of Charles I, when many Presbyterian ministers were silenced, making if necessary for one or two to minister to several churches. The 1803 practice was to have a Sacrament at every congregation once, and sometimes twice a year, generally twice in a minister’s charge. Three or four ministers presided, and most of the people within twelve, fifteen or twenty miles attended.

On Thursday before the Sacrament people generally fasted. Ordinarily, the ministers preached Saturday afternoon and twice on the Sabbath, administering the Lord’s Supper between. On Sabbath evening, they held a prayer meeting and on Monday preached a sermon before the people left. The people who belonged to the congregation where the meeting was held kept open houses for anyone that came.

Reverend Robbins, in his letter to the Missionary Society, described one of the sacramental seasons as the most solemn scene he had ever witnessed. He wrote, “I

have never conceived anything which appeared so much, as some parts of the solemnities, like the judgment day.”<sup>27</sup>

The ceremony of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper lasted for three and a half hours. Before they came to the table, each communicant had applied to any elders who knew them for a token- a small piece of lead. No one could come to the tables without a lead token. In fencing the tables, the minister showed the people from scripture who did and did not have a right to Communion. If people who had received tokens felt proddings of conscience about being right to take Communion, they could decline to come to the table. The main point in fencing the tables was “to let the world know that if wicked men do come to that ordinance, the Scriptures do not authorize it, nor does the church allow it. The number of communicants was about three hundred.”<sup>28</sup>

When they did not have a church, people frequently held meetings in the woods, managed a little like the Methodist camp meetings, but according to Reverend Robbins, “in a more quiet and orderly manner.”

Presbyterian and Methodist camp meetings took place in dramatic settings. Trees reaching into heaven as high as the hopes of the worshippers to get there reached bough to bough across hundreds of acres of sun patterned forests., with occasional cabins puncturing the green sea like wooden rafts. At the night meetings, candles fastened to trees to guide the worshippers and their campfires created shimmering pools of light weaving across the star sea sky. Musical notes from praise songs and anguished cries from seekers and joyous shouts from finders mingled in the air, creating a concerto of worship, a concerto with diverse notes that blended into a finale of soul saving and church building. During the church building phase, the pioneers did not neglect their religious needs. Before they built schoolhouses and

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<sup>27</sup> History of the Presbytery of Erie: Embracing in its Ancient Boundaries the Whole of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio. S.M. Eaton, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Franklin. New York: Hurd and Houghton, 1868, p. 27.

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churches, the pioneers held meetings on the Sabbath in private houses and Deacon Clark Webster or Deacon Corwin conducted them.

In their quiet and orderly manner, church officials and people established churches in Kingsville. The Plan of Union, the agreement between the New England Congregational Churches and the Presbyterian Church in the United States advocating the mutual support and joint effort to evangelize the American frontier had been in practice in the Western Reserve since 1801. By 1810, the Congregationalists had organized the first church in Kingsville Township, with Reverend Samuel Crocker its first minister. Reverend Crocker probably did not have a serious salary, because a small congregation could not afford to pay very much for a designed pastor's services.

The six people who made up the Congregationalist Congregation were Walter and Amanda Fobes, Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery, John P. Read and Lois Badger. The congregation met frequently in the homes in the members for over a decade until growing numbers made services in private dwellings impractical. In 1821, the church members built a meeting house in the center of the village of Kingsville.

In 1844, Erastus Williams led the movement to organize the Congregational and Presbyterians as a Presbyterian Church. In 1847, the meeting house burned, and the congregation built a new church on the present-day site that was dedicated on October 17, 1848. George Gillett donated the lot and cemetery adjoining the church as well as the bell which he purchased at a Cincinnati fair. The church was entirely remodeled in 1898.<sup>29</sup>

## Baptists

Along with the Congregationalists, in 1813, the Baptists organized the Baptist Church of Kingsville, meeting in one of the townships schoolhouses. Elder Benjamin Barnes served as pastor. In 1825, when the log building used for a school and church burned, the Baptists hired a hall for four years and afterwards built their own church.

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<sup>29</sup> History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church History of Kingsville, Altie Phillips, from a manuscript in the Presbyterian file of the Kingsville Public Library.

## Methodist Moments



*Methodist Camp Meeting*

In the early Kingsville years, Methodists and Methodist ministers were not plentiful in Kingsville. In his historical sketches, Pioneer writes that a Methodist minister by the name of Johnson instructed fellow Methodists during the years 1813-1814. At over 70 years of age, he was old fashioned as well as old. He wore an old blue coat buttoned down and rounded out from the collar to the waist and nearly to the ankles, called the shad-bellied coat. Under the coat he wore a white vest and his exceedingly long pants came down to his knees. A pair of long stockings, each tied with a ribbon with a tassel at each end tickled the edges of his long pants and hung at the outside of each knee. His shoes were low cut and fastened with silver shoe buckles.

During the winters, he and his wife lived in the log schoolhouse in the center of Kingsville, sleeping in one of the closets and eating in the other. Reverend Johnson managed the school on weekdays and preached there on Sundays. Methodist number continued to grow slowly, but steadily.

As the result of the great Methodist camp meeting held by Elder Charles Elliott near the Ohio State line in 1824, Reverend John P. Kent formed a class in the western part of the village of Kingsville. The class consisted of leader William Maltby and his wife; Mr. Tinker and his wife and son; Silas Tinker and wife; Mr.

Gunn and wife; and several other people. The class was dissolved, and Reverend J.C. Ayers organized a church society in the village of Kingsville in 1830, with 16 names on the roll. Reverend Samuel Ayers served as the first pastor, and in 1834, the congregation had grown enough in numbers and resources to build the first brick church in town.<sup>30</sup>

The deed to the land sold for the brick church lot was signed by Elijah Batchelor and wife in 1837. When plans for the larger frame building were being made, it became evident more land would be needed, and the extension was purchased from Melzar Macomber. The church was incorporated on March 28, 1850, with Harvey Sperry, E.A. Butler, James R. Abbott, Nathan Thompson and S.F. Curtiss as trustees and Valentine Tourgee as clerk.

The brick church served the congregation until 1856 when a second building was built on the site. The second building would eventually be incorporated into the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian church.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches federated in 1930 and with the blessing of the Methodist District Superintendent, united as a single Presbyterian Church on February 27, 1937. At the time of the union, 98 Presbyterians joined 124 Methodists and became a church of 222 members. By the 1940s, the congregation had grown to 338 members.<sup>31</sup>

Reverend Samuel Ayers, Kingsville's first Methodist pastor of the first Methodist Church to be built in Kingsville, enjoyed the distinction of being the second preacher on the Mercer Circuit Admitted on trial in the Pittsburgh Conference in 1827, he entered into full connection and was ordained deacon in 1829 and as an elder in 1831.

His contemporaries described him as a tall man, of rather poor health, wanting in self-confidence, and easily discouraged. He was a most amiable Christian gentleman, and a good, sound preacher. After retiring two years and studying medicine, he was located in 1832, readmitted in 1835, located again in 1836, and then he practiced medicine.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church History of Kingsville, Altie Phillips, from a manuscript in the Presbyterian file of the Kingsville Public Library.

<sup>31</sup> Brief History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 1950 Altie Phillips, from a manuscript in the Presbyterian file of the Kingsville Public Library.

<sup>32</sup> History of Methodism within the Bounds of the Erie Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Revered Samuel Gregg, Volume II. Nelson & Phillips, New York. p, 99

According to Pioneer, during the early years of the brick church it was customary to have a pail of water and a cup or dipper nearby so children could help themselves when they were thirsty. Mrs. Linna Luce Dunn, the daughter of one of the Methodist ministers, recalled a church incident from her childhood. She said that the church used to issue tickets for the people eligible to attend the love feasts of the Quarterly Meeting. Reverend Luce asked his daughter, Linna, who was a young child at the time, to cut the tickets apart for one of the meetings. While she cut, she saved out four tickets, one for each of her three sisters and one for herself. When it came time for the service, the girls showed up at the door and the doorkeeper let them in since they had tickets. Their minister father spied them and later applied some Methodist consequences!

## Pioneering Presbyterians

Presbyterians came to North America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, arriving in the Northwest Territory by the late 1700s. By 1803, they were the one of the largest religious denominations Ohio, scattered throughout the state but strongest among the New England settlers in the Connecticut Western Reserve.

In the Connecticut Western Reserve, the Presbyterians formed a plan of Union with the Congregationalists, agreeing to share resources and by the 1820s, the cities of Columbus, Cincinnati, and most of the towns in Ohio had Presbyterian churches. Presbyterians in Ohio divided into any factions, although minor doctrinal issues were the only things that separated them. Some factions even established their own colleges to teach their version of Presbyterianism. Generally, Presbyterians followed strict rules, especially for honoring the Sabbath and forbidding frivolous activities on Sundays.

During the 1830s and 1840s, the Presbyterian Church divided into Northern and South branches over the issue of slavery, and these divisions also existed in Ohio. The Civil War and the end of slavery helped reunite the Presbyterians and they thrived into the twentieth and twenty first centuries.

## Kingsville Presbyterians

The church that Reverend Joseph Badger organized in 1810 with just six members grew slowly over the next twelve years and the records show that he signed his name as clerk at several of the meetings. Twelve years later in 1822, the congregation built a church on the site of what was then the town hall, and

although the Western Reserve at age twelve remained a mostly unsettled wilderness, the new church featured a pipe organ.

### Record Revelations

The clerk's records for these pioneer times provide a glimpse into the church operations and policies. The May 7, 1832, entry directed the Trustees to solicit subscriptions to "raise stock and grain sufficient to pay what is now due to Reverend H.T. Kelly, the grain to be paid in January, the stock in March."

Also, on the topic of payment, another entry noted that the congregation voted to furnish one-half a cord of wood or pay 50 cents.

The church also scrutinized the spiritual condition of its members. One entry recorded a committee plan to visit "Mr.B." and talk with him about his reasons for neglecting Communion.<sup>33</sup>

On July 11, 1844, when the Congregational Church had been in the building for 22 years, 22 members were added. For years Congregationalists and Presbyterians had talked about consolidating their forces. Tentatively at first and then, perhaps remembering the example of Reverend Badger, more loudly and insistently, they spoke and acted for joining their spiritual forces. They met and conferred and finally agreed on a merger, with Reverend Erastus Williams as the first pastor of the newly united Congregationalists and Presbyterians.

### The First Nine Ministers

Both chronologically and spiritually diverse ministers served Kingsville's first church. Reverend Joseph Badger established the Congregational Church in Kingsville as its first church.

Reverend Samuel Crocker was the first minister of the Congregational Church, serving from 1810-1820.

Reverend Urban Palmer – 1824. The Cayuga Presbytery of New York directed his theological studies and licensed him to preach in 1820. In February 1821, he served the church in Genoa, New York and then in 1824, came to Kingsville and remained until 1829. While he pastored in Kingsville he suffered from bleeding of the lungs, which prevented him from preaching for a season. When he served at Chester, in Geauga County, he spent a summer as commander of a schooner on

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<sup>33</sup> Altie Phillips, History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. Clerks Records of Church Meetings.



Lake Erie and spent a summer as commander of a schooner on Lake Erie, with an excellent influence on the sailors he encountered. As his health permitted, he preached at Ridgefield and Monroe in Ridgefield County, Ohio.

Reverend Isaac Van Tassel – 1828.

Reverend Henry T. Kelley-1829-1834. Henry T. Kelly was the son of Reverend Mr. Kelly of Hampstead, New Hampshire. He left Andover Theological Seminary with the class of 1822 and licensed by the Londonderry Presbytery and ordained over the Congregational Churches in Parsonsfield and Newfield, Maine and dismissed on June 27, 1827. He was installed over the church in Kingsville in 1829 and dismissed on July 9, 1834. The same day he was installed over the first church in Madison, Geauga County. While at Kingsville, Reverend Kelly supplied the church in Sheffield for a time.

Reverend Nathan Latham-1835. Mr. Latham studied theology with Reverend Mr. Packard of Shelburne, Massachusetts. He came to the Western Reserve in 1834 and preached at Kingsville.

Reverend Gregg-1838-1840. In 1838, the editor of the Kingsville Tribune wrote that in Kingsville Reverend Mr. Gregg married Mr. J. Danforth of Middletown, Connecticut to Miss Mary E., daughter of Ichabod Curtiss of Kingsville. The editor noted that the printers received a bountiful share of the wedding cake for which, the happy pair will please accept their thanks.

Reverend Peleg Randall Kinney-1840-1842.

Reverend Erastus Williams was the first minister of the newly united Congregationalists and Presbyterians when they merged their congregations in 1844. The 1850 United States Federal Census shows Erastus C. Williams as being born in New York about 1817, with his current residence in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio. He lived with his wife Corinna R. Webster Williams, age 25, his children Corrinna C. Williams and Charles H. Williams, 1. Mary E. Beedy, 15, from Pennsylvania, also lived with them.

On April 4, 1844, the Dunkirk, New York Beacon, noted that Reverend Erastus C. Williams of Kingsville, Ohio, married Theodore Hequembourg of St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Heloise E. Williams, second daughter of Dr. Ezra Williams of Dunkirk. Heloise was the sister of Reverend Erastus C. Williams.

The newly merged Congregational and Presbyterian worshipped in its old building for only three years. In 1847, two disastrous fires, both deliberately set, changed the course of the Presbyterian Church and of the village of Kingsville. The Presbyterian Church and the Kingsville Academy burned. The Academy had burned earlier that year and classes then were held in the Presbyterian Church. When the church burned, out of the ashes arose new hope and a new church, and the village of Kingsville acquired a new cemetery and a new, more prominent Academy.

Businessman George Gillett donated land for a new site for the church and an adjoining cemetery which he stipulated would be privately administered. Dedicated on October 17, 1848, the new church featured a balcony built over the entrance. When the congregation stood to sing the hymns, they turned to face the choir above. George Gillett also donated a prize bell bought at a Cincinnati fair.

The church was incorporated under the name of “The Presbyterian Society,” on October 21, 1848, for the purpose of holding and maintaining the property including the newly built church. The original book of records of the corporation was faithfully kept until 1911.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Brief History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 1950 Altie Phillips, from a manuscript in the Presbyterian file of the Kingsville Public Library.



## Presbyterian Profiles

### The Puritan Emigrant

The first emigrants who settled in Kingsville were principally from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont and they were descendants of Puritans who were imbued with the strict religious habits of that peculiar people. They endeavored to plant their sentiments in the wilderness of Kingsville and give it such vigorous growth that it ever afterward would take the lead. But as time rolled on, inhabitants became mixed with variety as they always will in every place, till homogenous sentiments are the ruling order. They endeavored to

establish rules and regulations for keeping the Sabbath, but for the government and the training of children in a secular way. There is no doubt in our mind that if they had succeeded in keeping control of all the youth as they first set out to do, there would have been better respect for parents than we are in the habit of seeing in this day of promiscuous, indifferent community.

There is nothing in an army so effective as the exact training to rules and regulations, although many items many be considered trivial and unimportant. Whenever we see descendants of the Puritans, we are apt to notice a better regard and demeanor to the aged and to principle as well, though general sentiments many have materially changed. It cannot be much out of the way to keep the “tiger” of the young well in hand till god and thorough habits are well established in our common native.

“As the twig is bent, so the tree many be inclined.” Hence, all honor to the Puritans for their great endeavor to train and bring up their children in a way that when they become old, it will stand b them. Every child when grown to manhood and womanhood will in their age look back to their parents with love and respect, which is the solid ground of the best civilization. Pioneer<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> “Pioneer” wrote a series of historical sketches for the Kingsville Tribune in the 1880s. Reading between the lines, he probably hailed from North Kingsville, but did not identify himself, except to exhibit a wide acquaintance among the early Kingsville pioneers, including Presbyterians.

## Kingsville History Happenings



### The Kingsville “Squatters”

#### Eldad Harrington

Eldad (Eldred) Harrington, originally a native of the Bay State, but used to frontier life, and immigrating to the township from western Pennsylvania, was the first resident. Some local historians termed him and some non-property owners “squatters,” for not possessing a title to the land where they settled but appropriating it to their own use. Other sources say that frequently early settlers came without owning property, but settled on likely spots, hoping that they would have enough money to buy their land. Sometimes they sold their improvements to the land to buy their own land and start over. Local historian Darrell Hamilton wrote that many early settlers of modest or poor means used that this method of acquiring land in the Connecticut Western Reserve.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>36</sup> Most accounts of the History of Ashtabula County, including the histories by the Williams brothers and Moina Large list his name as Eldad Harrington. A story in the Kingsville Tribune by “One who was then a Kingsville Boy, later known as Pioneer, has is name as Eldred Harrington. His name is spelled Eldad on census records which sometimes contain creative spellings. Eldad could have been an error in transcription from handwritten to typescript manuscript. According to Claude L. in *The Connecticut land company and accompanying papers*. Cleveland, OH: Western Reserve Historical Society., 1916. pp. 135–136, the Connecticut Land Company was plagued by mismanagement, low sales, and uncertain titles which affected the people who did or did not buy land in the Connecticut Western Reserve.

The first family, Eldred Harrington and his wife, Samantha [or Tacy Phillips], were from Elk Creek, Pa., but originally from Massachusetts.

There had two daughters, Lucretia and Deborah, but the historical record is unclear as to whether they were born in Kingsville or elsewhere. Deborah married William George and lived in Kingsville for many years. She is remembered as a woman of a bright, lively disposition, equal to any feat in walking, and a triumphant heroine in conjugal warfare. She sent two sons to the Union army in the late war, one dying on the field of battle.

A sister of Mr. Harrington lived here at an early day -- Mrs. Andrews -- a capable, worthy woman.<sup>37</sup>

The Kingsville Tribune printed a rattlesnake story about Eldred Harrington. During the winter of 1812 or 1813, Eldred Harrington, one of the first settlers of Kingsville, and a great hunter, came upon the track of a bear near the Southwest corner of the town. He followed the track in a northerly direction to a ledge in the bank of the Ashtabula Creek, where he found the bones and rattles of many rattlesnakes which had been eaten by the bear.

Near these remains he found a hole in the ledge in which he suspected the snakes had taken refuge for the winter. Soon after, he and several of his neighbors went with tools for blasting and prying to make a thorough search of the suspected den. Their efforts were rewarded by the bringing to light one hundred and twenty-seven rattlesnakes and two blacksnakes.

These snakes were opened, and the leaf taken out and given to Mrs. Daniel C. Phelps to render for the oil, of which she secured several quarts. In those days, rattlesnake oil was considered of great value, as an application to the throats of children suffering from croup and colds. Dr. Coleman of Ashtabula used frequently to call on her for rattlesnake oil to anoint and cure for his suffering patients.

Whether it always cured I am unable to say. But that rattlesnake hunt was generally believed to have nearly exterminated the animal from that region.

One who was then a Kingsville boy<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve," Part III, Mrs. Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, Editor [published under the auspices of the Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, December 1896]. p. p. 534-541:

<sup>38</sup> In the Kingsville Tribune Scrapbook at the Kingsville Public Library, page 101. One who was then a Kingsville Boy, later called Pioneer.

A story by Pioneer in the Kingsville Tribune said that Eldad Harrington settled on a plot of land, built a cabin, and in 1804 brought his family to their new home. He assumed the squatter's right and the right to claim that he and his family were the first settlers in Kingsville.

A few years later, when he was out hunting, he heard the nearby crack of a rifle and went to investigate. He found a place where an animal had been shot and dragged away and he followed the trail through a light snow. Soon he came to a brush heap piled up against a large tree, and pushing the brush aside, discovered the body of an Indian. He followed the hunter's trail and soon met Joseph Bennett. Eldred asked Joseph Bennett why he had killed the Indian and Bennett answered by tapping his rifle and saying, "Ask Colonel Brady."

Eldad Harrington never said anything about the dead Indian, making some people think that he had killed the Indian and earning him the nickname of *Leather Stocking*, meaning a frontiersman and warrior the likes of Natty Bumppo in James Fennimore Cooper's *Leatherstocking Tales*. Then, a few years before he died, Joseph Bennett confessed to murdering the Indian, but the nickname stuck of Eldred Harrington for the remainder of his life.<sup>39</sup>

Pioneer wrote that Eldad Harrington was a tall man of light complexion, and possessed a peaceable, friendly disposition and a religious turn of mind. He believed the woods to be God's own natural temple, that God spoke through thunder and lightning, and the winds chanted God's praise.

Eldad Harrington died of lingering consumption in 1826, and he was buried on the right bank of Conneaut Creek, upstream from where he lived.<sup>40</sup>

### Andrew Stull

It may not be generally known that tree climbers were invented by Andrew Stull, who with five others settled on the flats east of the center of Kingsville, as early as 1804. He was an ingenious blacksmith and invented many things in his line which was convenient and useful to early settlers of that day. He supplied the colony with bear traps and plow points, and not least with iron claws for feet and hands to ascend the largest trees equal to a bear. He could follow a coon or wild cat up the tallest trees and if not quite so fast, he would get there just the same, and shake them off to have their brains knocked out by those below.

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<sup>39</sup>In the Kingsville Tribune Scrapbook at the Kingsville Public Library, page 101. One who was then a Kingsville Boy, later called Pioneer.

<sup>40</sup> Pioneer. North Kingsville, December 3, 1888.

He was from Pennsylvania and with Leonard, Widener, Talbert, Lewis, Harrington, and Blackmore, the last named from Massachusetts, had been a continental soldier and fought through the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. Pioneer

Leonard Widener

Resident of future Kingsville Township at the time that Richfield Township was founded in 1800.

Michael Widener

Resident of Kingsville Township in 1818.

Daniel Tolbert

Listed in 1815 males, Kingsville Township.

Elijah Lewis and Lucy Lewis.

Elijah was born on March 8, 1764 in Exeter, Rhode Island. He died on September 18, 1852 at age 88 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. He is buried in Valley Cemetery in Albion, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

D.A.R. records show that Elijah Lewis is a son of Caleb and Sybil Lewis. He married Lucy O'Dell at Hoosick Falls, New York. They moved to Otsego County, Montgomery County, Auburn in Cayuga County, New York, and then to Erie County, Pennsylvania. After they lived in Erie County Pennsylvania for a time, in 1805, they moved to Kingsville Township in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Eventually, Elijah and Lucy had thirteen children.

Elijah owned 400 acres of land between Keepville and Albion, Pennsylvania. According to one source, Elijah was a captain in the War of 1812, but his pension application says that he was a private in the Revolutionary War. The family later returned to Pennsylvania. Lucy died in 1850 at age 81, and Elijah died in 1852 at the age of 88. Both are buried in Albion Cemetery.



Israel Harrington, Jr.





Israel Harrington, the cousin of Eldred Harrington, was one of the family of “squatters” that settled along Conneaut Creek in Kingsville Township and he was elected the first justice of the peace in Kingsville Township in 1811.

Eventually he moved to Conneaut, and then to Sandusky, Ohio, establishing a tavern at what is now Fremont, Ohio shortly after the War of 1812.

He eventually became a judge and land speculator, influencing much of the organization of northern Ohio during the early 1800s.

In 1824, land speculator Harrington traded his tavern for land near Harrington cemetery where an Indian trail crossed the river. The settlement Harrington established there became Elmore.

Pvt. Israel Harrington, Sr., father of Israel Harrington, Jr. was born on March 7, 1740 in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He served during the Revolutionary War in Private Allen’s Vermont Militia. Pvt. Harrington died on September 10, 1825, at age 85. He is buried beside his son in Harrington Cemetery in Elmore, Ottawa County, Ohio.

#### Elijah Blackman and His Dog.

Elijah Blackman was a native of Massachusetts and served his country well as a Continental soldier during the Revolutionary War for independence. He died poor, not having received any aid from the government by way of a pension. He fought in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth, and well deserved the recognition of government, but it came too late.



He toiled faithfully and to do this the heavy timber must first be cleared away and for one not used to a life in the woods it became most decidedly an uphill business. After toiling early and late to clear a patch for corn, then when nearly grown, see it almost wholly destroyed by wild animals. He was no hunter and could not protect his crops that way. Therefore, he applied to Andrew Stull to make him a bear trap. He set his trap for the bears, and strange to say he caught a large vicious dog the same night. He tried every way to give the dog his liberty as he very much pitied him, but in the operations, he got bit which riled him considerably. He then applied long poles to the springs which finally loosened the dog. The dog went, and as a

parting salute, the trapper sent his ax after him, which happened to cut off the dog's tail. He gathered up the appendage and went to Israel Harrington to find out if he knew of anyone owning a dog with such a tail. Israel Harrington said he knew of many such dogs, but he knew of "no particular owners." It was the tail of a wolf.

Pioneer

Elijah and Hiram Blackman were Continental soldiers from Massachusetts, probably arriving in Kingsville about 1804. Elijah attended the first meeting of Kingsville Township held in the Fobes cabin on the North Ridge. He was elected one of the Highway Supervisors

Stephen Blackamore. Resident of the future Kingsville Township at the time Richfield Township was formed in 1806. He held early Kingsville Township office in 1814.



Some of the Original Members of  
the Kingsville Presbyterian Church.  
July 11, 1844.<sup>41</sup>

Ichabod Curtiss and Selina Curtis.  
Ichabod Curtiss was a veteran of the War  
of 1812. He and Selina are buried in Lulu  
Falls Cemetery.

Luman Webster. He is buried in Old  
Kingsville Corners or Kingsville

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<sup>41</sup> U.S. Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Eliza N. Webster. She is buried in Old Kingsville Corners.

Jonathan Gillette. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Jeremiah King. Jeremiah King came to Ohio in 1832 and settled where Kingsville is now located. He was a blacksmith by trade, but before leaving Connecticut, he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of plows which he sold in Norfolk, Virginia. After he arrived in Ohio, he became a farmer and struggled hard to make a living in the early years. When the Lake Shore Railroad came to northeastern Ohio, he sold one half of his land and invested his profits in the Lake Shore Railroad. After that, he made enough money so that he enjoyed excellent financial circumstances for the rest of his life.

He was an honest, conscientious, and philanthropic man. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but his wife, Esther Ward King and her children belong to the Baptist Church and he often accompanied them there. He died June 10, 1884 at age 90 in Kingsville, Ohio and he is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. (From "The King Family of Suffield, Connecticut," compiled by Cameron Haight King, 1908.)

Captain Samuel Newton was born in 1794 and died on July 20, 1838. He is buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

Samuel Newton. Samuel was born in 1788 and died on July 9, 1845 at age 57. He is buried in the Old Kingsville Cemetery.

Samuel Rice. Samuel Rice. Born 1772. Died October 22, 1853, at age 81. Wife, Corinna Gillett Rice. He is buried in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

Olive Merrill. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. Born February 1, 1781. Died October 21, 1869.

Avis Elizabeth Nettleton. Born in 1816. Avis Elizabeth Nettleton. Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Alpha Nettleton. Alpha Nettleton, an early resident of Kingsville, kept the only tavern from 1825-1852. He also owned a farm and raised his own products. He had a niece who married H.E. Hall and lived in Conneaut many years. While there, they kept the stage house for a time. As the stage stopped to water horses one-night, Alpha Nettleton, to show his good will, placed on top of the stage half dozen nice pumpkins to send to his niece. When the stage arrived at West Conneaut or Westville, as it was called, somebody discovered the pumpkins and slyly took

them off for his own use while the driver was watering his team. When the stage drove up to the tavern in Conneaut, Hall was informed there was pumpkins on top for his wife, but no pumpkins could be found. They could not have fallen off as they had a good railing to protect them, hence it was concluded they had been stolen off at Westville. The place was afterwards called Pumpkin Hook until it was changed to Amboy by establishment of the post office. Pioneer.

Daniel Noyes. He is buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery

Henry Cheney. Born in Connecticut in 1794, he moved to Kingsville and later Ashtabula. He is buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

Hermon Reed. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Gideon Bushnell-Millwright. Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Eunice Bushnell. August 7, 1788 to November 24, 1874. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

William Bushnell. Born in 1793. On February 24, 1825, he married Mary Luce in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Eunice Gillett-Buried in Old Kingsville Corners Presbyterian Cemetery

Theresa Bushnell. March 1821 to September 19, 1849. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Lois Reed. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Elizabeth Cook. The 1850 Census shows that Elizabeth Cook, age 76, lived in the household of Alonzo T. Lyon.

Clara Noyes. She buried in Old Kingsville Corners Presbyterian Cemetery.

Mary E. James. The 1850 Census shows that Mary E. James, Black, age 38, lived in the household of George G. Gillett.

Mary Thayer. Mary Molly Packard Thayer. 1767-1846. July 14, 1844.

Buried in Farnham Cemetery.

Annis Thayer Mccomber Born October 29, 1803. She is buried in Old Kingsville Corners Presbyterian Cemetery. July 14, 1844.

George Harder. Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. August 40, 1844.

Nancy Harder. August 30, 1844

Henry Thurber. August 30, 1844-He was appointed postmaster in Kingsville on November 15, 1850. Buried in City Cemetery in Conneaut.

Harriett Thurber. August 30, 1844- Buried in City Cemetery in Conneaut.

Lelia Ann Reed. September 1, 1844

Corrine N. Webster. September 1, 1844

## Elders

Presbyterian Elders, 1840s-1850s

Hermon Reed. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Gideon Bushnell. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Henry Caughey. The Caugheys are a Scots-Presbyterian family with a large contingent in Erie, Pennsylvania. Andrew H. Caughey was a pastor at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church in the 1880s.

Luman Webster. He is buried in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

Samuel C. Johnson. The 1850 Census shows Samuel living with his family in Sheffield, Ohio. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Kingsville.

Elnathan Luce-In 1847 he was appointed postmaster of Kingsville. By the 1860s, the Luces had move to Buffalo, New York.

Ichabod Curtis. A veteran of the War of 1812, he is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Jeremiah King. After blacksmithing and manufacturing and selling plows in Connecticut and Virginia, he came to Ohio in 1832, and became a farmer. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and he is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Nelson H. Benjamin. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. Undated newspaper clipping. "It is special interest to note that in the fall of 1846, Mrs. McGoun's father, Nelson H. Benjamin bought the mill to be known as Benjamin's Red Mill, located just below the Benjamin Homestead from Mrs. Jessie Ekey's grandfather and operated it as a flour, feed and sawmill. Wooden butter bowls and other like items were made here.

In 1869, Mr. Benjamin and his family, except for his second son, moved to Sharon, Pennsylvania to have charge of a mill there. The second son was left to carry on

the Kingsville Mill. After some time, the Sharon Mill burned, and Mr. Benjamin returned to his mill in Kingsville.

In the meantime, his daughter Flora had married Clayton McGoun in Sharon and moved to Kingsville in 1878. In 1881, Mr. McGoun took over the mill here. It was called a "Burr Mill."

After being in possession of the Benjamin family for four years, the mill was sold to Frank W. Crowther, later to B.F. Matson, when it was operated as a sawmill. C.F. Tuttle was the next owner and used the building in which to manufacture piano benches. Mr. Hadlock next took it over and wrecked the machinery. At present, the building is not in use."

Ozias Camp. He is buried in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.



## Presbyterian Pinpoints

- 1803. Eldad Harrington, described as a “squatter from Western Pennsylvania, settled along Conneaut Creek.
- 1805. Several other squatters and their families joined Harrington, carving homes in the wilderness.
- 1805. Captain Walter Fobes migrated from Norwich, Massachusetts and purchased land in Kingsville Township.
- 1810- Reverend Joseph Badger arrived in the Western Reserve as a missionary pastor to organize churches.
- 1805-1822. Reverend Joseph Badger encouraged and enabled six of the original pioneers-Walter Fobes and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery; John P. Reed; and Lois Badger to organize a Congregational Church, the first one established in Kingsville. These original church members held prayer meetings and services in their homes until they build a church in the center of the village. The new Congregational Church even featured a pipe organ!



- The Ashtabula Star Beacon of April 29, 1932 included this tax story. Taxpayers who lined up in front of cashers' windows in 1834 did not have to dig very deep in their pockets of pay personal property and farmland taxes. The tax rate in 1834 was about .0087 mills, compared to the 1932 rate of .0218 mills.

A receipt signed by County Treasurer Church Smith and issued to Erastus Peck on April 19, 1834, is on display at the National Bank of Ashtabula. Mr. Peck paid taxes amounting to \$1.292 which is one dollar, 29 cents and two mills. How he paid the two mills has not been determined. The receipt is the property of Fred Smith of 324 W. 54<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Peck had listed \$73 worth of personal property and 20 acres of land valued at \$64.

- July 11, 1844. Reverend Erastus Williams and 23 people received as members organized as a Presbyterian Church.
- Eight people who had belonged to the Congregational Church were included among the 23 people received who became members of the Presbyterian Church. They were Ichabod Curtiss; Selina Curtiss; Luman Webser; Eliza H. Webster; Jonathan Gillett; Jeremiah King; Samuel Newton; and Samuel Rice.
- 1847. Kingsville Academy, which stood next to the Presbyterian Church, burned, and Academy classes were held in the church. Then the church burned in the same year.
- December 20, 1847. Conneaut Reporter. Ladies Fair. The Ladies of Kingsville propose to hold a fair at the Academy yard, centre of Kingsville on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July next, to commence at 1 o'clock p.m. and continue throughout the afternoon. A variety of useful and fancy articles will be offered for sale – the proceeds to be appropriated to the erection of a house for public worship by the Presbyterian Society of that place. A table refreshment will be provided.

Public attention and patronage are respectfully solicited.

- 1872. Mrs. Caroline Blood acquired a life membership in the American Bible Society by contributing over \$30.00, according to the Society's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Report.



- 1805. Captain Walter Fobes and his wife traveled from Norwich, Massachusetts, and settled on the North Ridge. They were the first permanent settlers in the township.
- 1806. Octavia Fobes, was the first white child born in the township.
- 1806. Roger Nettleton moves to Kingsville from Austinburg.
- 1806. The first school was taught in the home of Walter Fobes.
- 1806. Thomas Hamilton settles in the township.
- 1806. Reverend Nathan B. Derrow, first minister to settle in Kingsville, remained there for eighteen months.
- 1806. Deacon Clark Webster settles in Kingsville.

- 1809. Captain White Webster, Jonathan and Isaac Hall and Silas Tinker settle in the township.  
1809. The second log schoolhouse is built near the site of the 1905 town hall.
- 1810. Dr. Daniel Noyes is the first physician in the township.  
1810. The township is organized with a population of 25 families.  
Ezekiel Sheldon settles on the Lake Shore.
- 1811. Miss Clarissa Noyes teaches the first school in the township.  
1811. Amos Bachelor and D.C. Phelps settle in the township.  
1811. Ashtabula County is organized.
- 1812. The Old Sherman mill is raised.  
1812. Two hundred soldiers on their way to Detroit camp near North Kingsville.  
1812. A second school is built east of the town hall.
- 1813. The first frame house built in the village. Nathan Blood built the first frame house which originally was a shop, but afterwards it was occupied as a dwelling house.  
1813. Obediah Ward settles in the township.  
1813. The Baptist Church is organized.
- 1814. Platt R. Spencer delivered his first speech, on the Fourth of July, in Kingsville.  
1814. Jonathan Hunt came to Kingsville from Litchfield, Connecticut.  
1814. The first funeral in North Kingsville cemetery took place. Walter Fobes, who had given the land for the cemetery, was buried there.
- 1816. Reuben Luce settled on Conneaut Creek. Ives Morse came to Kingsville from Northfield, Connecticut.  
1816. Zaccheus Bugbee made his home Kingsville.

- 1817. Mayhew Luce came to Kingsville from Worcester County, Massachusetts.
- 1819. The third school building was built, half a mile south of the residence of Addison Tinker.
- 1820. Drusilla Luce pioneers the manufacture of straw bonnets.

1820. Pioneer Physician Dr. Daniel Spencer hangs up his shingle in Kingsville.

1820. First woolen mill built.

- 1821. The first circus and menagerie were exhibited on the barn of Walter Fobes. The menagerie consisted of an elephant and a monkey.

1821. The first frame schoolhouse was erected west of North Kingsville Corners.

- 1822. The Congregational Church was built. It was a frame church where the town hall stood in 1905.

1822. A Sunday School was organized by Miss Jane Gleason at the schoolhouse on north ridge.

- 1825. Alpha Nettleton's tavern, a famous hostelry of the early days, opened for business.

- 1830. Gillette's tavern opened.

1830. Second woolen mill completed.

1830. Methodist-Episcopal class organized.

- 1833. First Post Office in North Kingsville.
- 1835. The Kingsville Academy opens its doors.
- 1837. Matson's mill erected.
- 1847. Academy building destroyed by fire.
- 1848. New building for Kingsville Academy built.
- 1848. New Presbyterian Church built.

From the Kingsville Centennial Celebration Booklet and Program, July 2, 3, and 4, 1905

## Chapter Three: Kingsville Presbyterian Church and Kingsville Grow Together, 1850-1900

### Presbyterian Portraits

SMITH'S NEW BLOCK.  
REMOVAL EXTRAORDINARY  
NEW YORK STORE

has removed to

First Door North of Fisk House,  
Where will be found a full and complete assortment of  
Staple Dry Goods!

which will be had VERY LOW FOR CASH!

THE Subscriber has taken the above-named Store, for a term and honest,  
fair, and liberal dealing- to favor a share of public patronage. His motto  
is "CHEAP FOR CASH."

JUST RECEIVED, A fine assortment of  
Pacific and Manchester Delaines, for 29 cents, a thing never done in  
Ashtabula.

Also, A nice lot of Prints.

These Calico are the best offered for the money.

Shilling Prints for 10 cents.

Cotton Cloths,

Bleached and" Brown Shirtins,

Cloaks, Shawls, Hoods, 4c,

Nice, New and Cheap,

More New Goods next week.

Goods Received Weekly, makes the Stock always  
fresh. Remember the place.

No. 1 Smith's Block

O. GILLETT.

Ashtabula, Jan. 12, 1860.

George G. Gillett merchant and manufacturer, Kingsville

## **Kingsville Presbyterian Church and Kingsville Grow Together**

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, William C. Phelps, a brother of Francis. B. Phelps wrote a historical profile of Kingsville. Miss Frances Holden, niece of F.B. Phelps, shared the profile with Altie Phillips, Twentieth Century Kingsville resident and member of the Presbyterian Church. According to the F.B. Phelps sketch, the earliest settlers Captain Walter Fobes and Roger Nettleton settled in North Kingsville and soon other families joined them in purchasing land along the North road and starting a town.

Captain Fobes built a double log house on the north side of the North Ridge Road east of the four corners. The builders put together the house by building two log houses about ten feet apart and standing them end to end and in line with each other. They extended the roofs of the two houses to cover the space between them, creating an open hall that the family could use for a sitting room. One of the houses was used for cooking, carding, spinning, and tailoring and the other for bedrooms and receiving visitors. The sleeping rooms were usually separated or partitioned from each other by blankets hung between one bed and another. The hall, or open space, was a common space and held everything from mops and brooms to hoes, axes, cycles, harnesses, buff caps, hats, shoes, and stockings.

Twentieth Century Kingsville historian Altie E. Phillips wrote a regular column for the Ashtabula Star Beacon and in a January 1932 column she touched on Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Kingsville Presbyterian Church and village history. Altie wrote that she received information about the state of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Kingsville history in 1858. Altie interviewed Mrs. Luce Dunn of Ashtabula who told her that Reverend Hiram Luce, a Methodist minister, came to Kingsville about 1858 and stayed for two years. Altie quotes his niece, Mrs. Luce

Dunn of Ashtabula, as telling her some Kingsville history as well. She said that at the time Kingsville had:

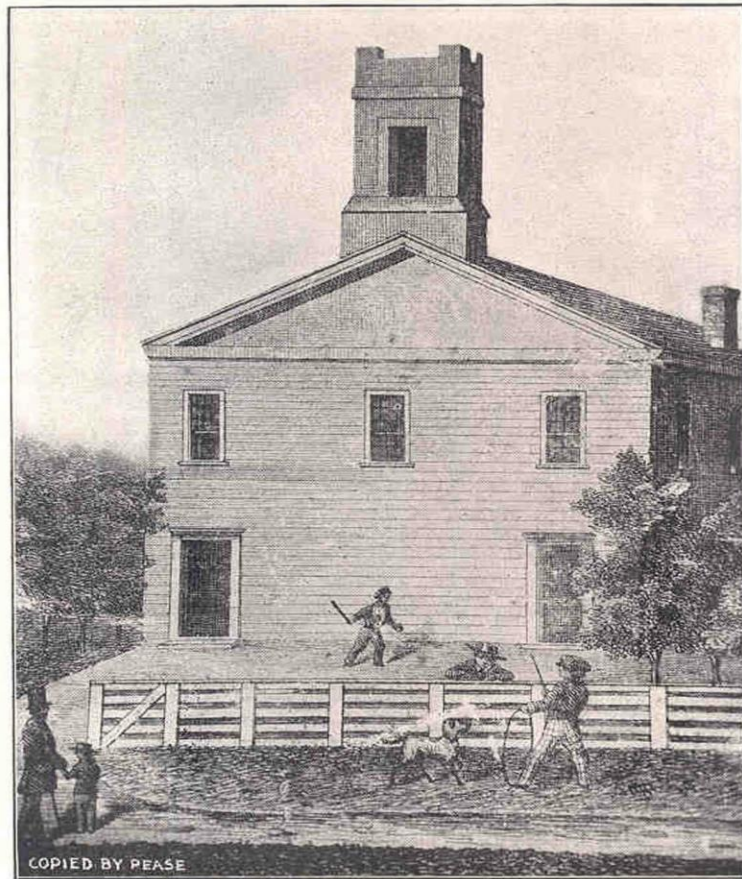
- A big dry goods store
- Two literary societies
- A Shakespearean Class with plays performed that were even presented in large theaters.
- Four of the Crowther brothers sang in the Methodist choir. Isaac, the leader, Isiah, David, and Samuel were all fine singers. Other noted Methodist singers were Amos Luce, Susie Barrett and Joe Sirline who played the small organ in the Methodist Church and helped with the singing.
- Kingsville Academy, a nationally famous school. Albion Tourgee, scholar, and author was one of the students there.<sup>42</sup>

## The Kingsville Academy

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<sup>42</sup> Ashtabula Star Beacon, April 29, 1932





Kingsville Academy, Kingsville, Ohio 1835 - 1872

Historically, Presbyterians have focused on God, God's purpose for human lives and how they live for God. Training and educating ministers to teach Presbyterian principles ranked high on the denomination's list of priorities. In 1701, Presbyterians created Yale College to train men for the ministry. The original charter of Yale expresses its founding vision as a school "wherein Youth may be instructed in the Arts & Sciences who through the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for Publick employment both in Church & Civil State."

During 1723-1724, James Witherspoon brought the principles of Scottish Reformed educational tradition to Princeton, and these principles eventually spread through the rest of the United States. The core values of Scottish Reformed education were the intersection of faith and knowledge, creating a college as a moral community, believing in a Christian sense of career, and preparing students for service in the world. Presbyterian founders of liberal arts colleges faithfully adhered to these principles, focusing especially on individual character, a life beyond self, and the importance of developing the full human potential of all people.

The pioneer Presbyterians who settled in Kingsville from the Eastern United States brought these education ideas with them as part of their cultural heritage. In 1806, Walter Fobes, a founding father of North Kingsville, created a school, assembling seven pupils for the first teacher, Miss Rebecca Cowles, to instruct. They held regular semesters at this school.

Classes also moved from house to house and in 1812, the townspeople built a log schoolhouse on the Clark Webster clearing, not too far east of the village square. In 1821, citizens build the first frame schoolhouse in the township in North Kingsville in 1821, and nearly 50 students attended during its first term. As well as children of school age, adults studied at the school to continue their education.

Francis B. Phelps who lived west of North Kingsville corners, was one of the children who attended that first class. He spent his entire life on the North Kingsville corners farm and in later life became the unofficial Kingsville historian. In his reminiscences about the old school, he said that if the school house could talk, it could tell stories about boys throwing paper wads and apple cores at teachers and dancing to witch hazel limbs as a consequence of their pitching arms.

In the pioneer days of the Western Reserve, education ranked high on the list of pioneer priorities after basic survival necessities. Education beyond reading, writing, and arithmetic, “the Three R’s”, became so popular that a group of progressive citizens decided to follow Ashtabula and neighboring towns and establish an academy of higher learning in Kingsville. In the winter of 1834-35, they formed a stock company, with several of the leading men to town purchasing 60 shares at \$10 a share. They organized and elected D.M. Spencer as president; Nathan Wakefield, secretary; and Artemus Luce, Johnathan Gillette and J.P. Eastman as trustees. Several Presbyterians including Artemus Luce and Johnathan Gillette participated.

Gilbert Webster, also a Presbyterian, donated the ground for the building and construction began in 1835. The new Kingsville Academy building measure 42x28 feet and was two stories high, with two rooms on each floor. The organizers hired Professor LaHutt as principal and the first classes were held in the fall of 1835. The next year, a large Academy building was built to help house students who attended the Academy. Educators estimated that eventually over 300 students a year attended the Academy and over 5,000 students received part of their education there.

Principals of the Kingsville Academy were Professor La Hutt, 1836; Professor Sharp, 1837; Professor J. Graves, 1840; Professor Z.C. Graves, 1841; Professor I.

J. Fowler, 1852; Professor C.H. Hayward, 1857; Professor A.J. and Professor S. P. Barrett, 1861; Professor J.B. Corey, 1868; and Professor S.D. Bentley, 1870.

Eventually, The Kingsville Academy grew in numbers and reputation to rank just second to Oberlin College in the minds of numerous Ashtabula County citizens. Prominent pupils attending the Academy included Albion Tourgee who became an author and U.S. Counsel to Bordeaux, France; Michigan Senator J.C. Burrows; Congressman A.E. Sisson of Erie, Pennsylvania; and Judge J.B. Burrows of Painesville, Ohio.

Judge Albion Tourgee described the educational reach of Kingsville Academy in his book, "Figs and Thistles." "As far back as the memory of the oldest inhabitant could reach, it had been the Mount Atho of that region, to which flocked the youths of all the country round, both male and female, to learn the new things which were beyond the curriculum of the country district school in those days, when grammar and high school were yet unknown."

In 1847, two students set fire to the building and it burned to the ground. According to the Williams History of Ashtabula County, officials suspected arson and after investigation, they learned that two students named Kinnear and Moore confessed their guilt to Z.C. Graves, the principal. The parents of the boys knelt in front of Mr. Graves begging him to pardon them and they were not charged with arson.

The Conneaut Reporter of December 22, 1847, reported that most of the contents of the school were burned including the books belonging to the students, and that its principal Mr. Graves was devastated by the loss. The building had been insured for about \$700 by Portage Mutual Insurance Company. The story continued that the fire would not break up the school which "is now in a very flourishing condition, numbering about 180 students."

Arrangements had already been made to continue the school and Kingsville citizen located a suitable building that could be used as an academy until a new academy could be built.

Several years after the burning of the first Kingsville Academy, rumor had it that in California, Moore had confessed on the scaffold before being hanged for murder that he had been the one to burn the Kingsville Academy. He said that the Academy had been his first criminal act, before murdering four people, the crime that took him to the gallows.

After the building burned, the classes were held in the Congregational (later Presbyterian) Church until a new building could be built. In 1848, Academy supporters collected subscriptions in the amount of \$1,325, and workers erected a new building on the site of the old one.

These two newspaper letters to the editor from 1867-1868 reveal the cultural contributions that the Kingsville Academy made to Kingsville and the region.

Ashtabula Telegraph, March 2, 1867

KINGSVILLE, OHIO, Feb. 22, 1867.

Mr. Editor: As an item of interest to your readers I thought a short description of "The Prize Declamation" In Kingsville Academy, would not be inappropriate. This contest for a prize of twenty dollars occurred on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20, at the Academy. Twelve speakers had been previously selected by ballot to represent the school. These then drew lots for the order of their appearance, resulting as follows:

Wright, Andover, O.  
 W. McCartney, Jefferson.  
 F. E. Ransom, Conneaut.  
 Willis Richmond, Geneva, O.  
 Washington Webb, Warren, O.  
 Fank Fickinger, Conneaut, O.  
 C. W. Osborne, Hamden, O.  
 B. C. Wakefield, Kingsville, O.  
 A. K. Caughey, Erie, Pa.  
 N. J. Rogers, Sheffield, O.

The evening was favorable the audience large and enthusiastic. The piece selected was "Spartacus to the Gladiators." The speaking was admirable and afforded one of the finest entertainments which it has been our pleasure to enjoy this many a day, and the best of all, Prof. Barrett announced that this prize speaking was to be hereafter an established institution of the Academy occurring once each term. The prize is open for competition to all. The committee of award appointed by the speakers themselves, consisted of the following gentlemen:

W. J. Gibson, Orlando Luce, and Professor Myron E. Barrett.

At Chapel, next morning, the chairman of the Committee announced the prizes: First prize awarded to the 12th speaker, Mr. N. J. Rogers of Sheffield, 2d prize to Mr. B. C. Wakefield of Kingsville, 3d prize to Mr. Frank Fickinger of Conneaut.

The announcement was received with the greatest enthusiasm by both spectators and contestants. All agreed that the occasion was one of peculiar interest and was one of those features of Kingsville Academy which will help to sustain her reputation of being foremost in everything praiseworthy and laudable  
Watchman

Ashtabula Weekly Telegraph, May 9, 1868

Kingsville Academy.

Mr. Editor,

It has been our good fortune to attend the closing exercises of Kingsville Academy several times since we ceased to be numbered among its students. And we doubt if any of its assembled "Alumni" rejoice more heartily than we, it is the manifest prosperity and genuine success of this "Alma Mater," an institution, to which so many of our most worthy and promising men owe their most cherished possession, an enlightened and a cultivated mind. But never to us were the "closing exercises or tuts institution, so thoroughly interesting and truly edifying as were the last which occurred on the 10th of November.

So, pleasing a scheme and such an excellent display of culture and original talent, could hardly fail to produce the entire satisfaction which each one felt and enjoyed. Among the prominent features of the entertainment was Auld Robin Gray," and a pantomime entitled "Curiosity" and the desperately humorous colloquy announced as "Hob and Nob."

In all these exercises, the respective characters were well sustained, and admirably adapted to the persons selected to act them. The music presented to us, under the direction of Miss Susie Barrett, was delightful and artistic, fully establishing her former reputation, as a musician of the highest culture and ability.

The "Prisoner and Nightingale" sung by Miss Barrett and Mr. A. B. Luce, and the "Buccaneers Bride" (quartette,) were, in our estimation, the star pieces of the

evening. In fact, the exhibition entire, offered as abundant satisfaction, as the most ardent could desire, and reflects great credit upon the skill, and earnest effort of the instructors. Kingsville may truly feel proud of an institution of learning whose is so and whose future is so bright.

#### Alumnus

The Kingsville Academy flourished for over thirty years until the effects of the Civil War and the growth of public schools eroded the pupil population of the Academy and in 1872, trustees turned over the building to the Township for a public school. In 1884, the building was demolished to make way for the high school which was built in 1885 and eventually became the home of the first centralized school in the state of Ohio.

### Kingsville Consolidates Its Schools

In 1890. Kingsville High School principal C.A. Corbin appeared before the Kingsville Board of Education to promote his plan to eliminate several of the district schools adjoining Kingsville and bring the students into town to the village school. Even though Mr. Corbin administrative qualifications including years as editor of the Ashtabula Democratic Standard, and two terms as the Ashtabula Postmaster, the Kingsville School Board did not agree with his plan.

The Kingsville Board of Education did not endorse Mr. Corbin's idea, but it remained alive in the minds of enough people to be resurrected. In 1893, when F.E. Morrison served as principle of the Kingsville Schools, he convinced the Board of Education to try the plan. Once implemented, the plan worked so well that newspapers spread the word of its success across the country and representatives of boards of education from all over Ohio and adjoining states came to Kingsville to see the Kingsville system operate and study its advantages.

Children from rural districts receiving a quality education and a saving in school finances were two of the primary advantages of the centralized school system plan. The schools of various districts pooled their resources to construct large centrally located schoolhouses. School vans transported the children back and forth to school, eliminating walking back and forth to school in bad weather and illness from exposure to bad weather. These new procedures allowed school districts to save enough money so that the school boards could employ better talent and fewer teachers. School districts that adopted the Kingsville Centralized Plan enjoyed the added benefits of good roads and increasing rural property values.

## Kingsville in the Civil War

Along with the other Western Reserve communities, most Kingsville citizens rallied to the Union cause in the Civil War. In April 1861, a large crowd of cheering citizens and a brass band escorted Edward P. Bates, a Kingsville Academy student, to the depot to catch the train and eventually reach the Union Army.

- Edward Payson Bates is buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Youngstown, Ohio.

Approximately a week later Charles L. Smith; Henry Fox; Marion Rockwell, and Osman Goff enlisted. Many other men tried to enlist, but Ashtabula County had already reached its quota, so the aspiring soldiers had to wait their turn.

- Charles L. Smith, 19<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He survived the Civil War and lived on Harbor Street in Conneaut.
- Henry Fox. Company I, 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry. He enlisted on March 21, 1865 and was discharged on August 7, 1865. He died at the Ashtabula County Infirmary on April 22, 1882 and he was buried on April 23, 1882 in Lulu Falls Cemetery.
- Marion Rockwell. Marion Rockwell enlisted in Company I, Ohio 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment on April 27, 1861, and mustered out on August 30, 1861, at Columbus, Ohio. He died on July 14, 1862, at Kingsville, Ohio and he is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.
- Osman D. Goff enlisted in Company I of the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ohio Infantry, on April 27, 1861. He mustered out on August 30, 1861 at Columbus, Ohio. He filed for a pension as an invalid on July 12, 1862.

Kingsville citizens organized a Soldier's Aid Society with Mrs. Emily Webster as president. In May there were six men from Kingsville who responded to the third call for troops, and in July at the fourth call, twenty more from the town enlisted.

In July 1861, the military issued a second call for troops, and eleven men from Ashtabula County joined the Second Ohio Battery; sixteen men joined the Twenty



Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and eight the New York, Iowa, and Illinois regiments and batteries

At the fifth and sixth calls, several men from Kingsville joined the Second Ohio Battery and the Second Ohio Cavalry.

At eight o'clock one September morning, the "Squirrel Hunter's call came. The people of Kingsville worked all night and until eleven o'clock of the next day in preparing the provisions and arms for the sixty men who gathered to go to the front.

Some Kingsville Academy students and other Civil War Soldiers from Kingsville include:

- Fred Brown
- Colonel J.C. Burroughs (Julius Caesar)
- Captain J.B. Burroughs
- Major S.S. Burroughs
- Lt. Samuel N. Castle's father, Samuel P. Castle served in the War of 1812. He married Clarissa Demming. Lt. Sam N. Castle was born in Madison, Ohio, in September 1835. He served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry and the Ohio Heavy Artillery from 1863-1865. He died on February 2, 1906, in Geneva, Ohio, and he is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.
- William H. Castle was born in 1840 in Geneva, Ohio. After attending local school and Kingsville Academy, William H. Castle, 22, enlisted in Company K of the 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served as Ordnance Sergeant. He was promoted from 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Company K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Company A on February 20, 1863. He was again promoted on February 18, 1864 to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Company E. He was "dismissed" on January 10, 1865 for desertion, going A.W.O.L., and officially discharged on June 10, 1865. This happened even though he had a pass from his commanding General in his pocket.

Albion Tourgee devotes almost an entire chapter to his story in his book about the 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry that he called “The Story of a Thousand.”<sup>43</sup>

After the war, Lt. Castle attended Columbian Law School in Washington D.C. and earned an L.L.B. degree in Law in 1869. He married Frances E. Pratt on March 7, 1871, in Geneva, Ohio.

William’s father was a skillful mechanic who established a foundry machine and sawmill business in Geneva, and he grew up in the shop, and developed his own strong mechanical bent. After practicing law for a few years, William returned to his machinist and manufacturing roots, including supervising the metal work of the Columbian Novelty Company of Northeast, Pennsylvania. He was also a creative and talented inventor. A partial list of the patents granted to William includes:

US Patent 76,712, April 14, 1868, Washington, D.C.....’Improvement in Water Elevators.’

US Patent 204,713, June 11, 1878, Geneva, OH  
.....’Improvement in Towel Racks’

US Patent 280,449, July 3, 1883, Ashtabula, OH  
.....’Railway Car Coupling’

US Patent 346,641, Aug. 3, 1886, Geneva, OH  
.....’Carpet Sweeper’

US Patent 391,118, Oct. 16, 1888, Geneva, OH  
.....’Animal Trap’

US Patent 507,417, Oct. 24, 1893, North East, Erie county, PA  
.....’Animal Trap’

US Patent 512,242, Jan. 2, 1894, North East, Erie county, PA  
.....’Car Coupling’

US Patent 601,613, Mar. 29, 1898, Weedsport, Cayuga county, NY  
.....’Bicycle Handle Bars’

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<sup>43</sup> The Story of a Thousand," Albion Winegar Tourgee, McGerlad& Son, Buffalo, NY, 1895.

US Patent 624,296, May 2, 1899, Geneva, OH  
 ..... 'Handle Bar for Bicycles'

US Patent 843,517, Feb. 5, 1907, Geneva, OH  
 ..... 'Railway Tie'

US Patent 873,294, Dec. 10, 1907, Geneva, OH  
 ..... 'Railway Tie'

US Patent 915,072, Mar. 16, 1909, Geneva, OH  
 ..... 'Railway Tie'

William exhibited his patents at the Universal Exhibition of 1899 at Paris. He died in 1917, and he is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Geneva, Ohio.

- George Curtis-Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery



- Daniel C. Gould. Civil War Veteran. Enlisted July 30, 1862, in Company G, 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in battle at Perrysville, Kentucky on October 8, and died October 12. He is buried in Springfield Cemetery, East Springfield, Pennsylvania.
- Joseph C. Hammond- Company K. 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He died in July 1919, and he is buried in Kelloggsville Cemetery.

- Benjamin Hewitt- Benjamin F. Hewitt. Enlisted July 25, 1862 as a wagoner in Company G of the Ohio 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Mustered out on February 15, 1863 at Munfordville, Kentucky.

William Henry Jones, Jefferson, Ashtabula County Union Soldier, Ohio,  
Freedom Walker

- William Henry Jones. Company M. United States Colored Heavy Artillery.



The Giddings Post of the G.A.R. conducted Henry's funeral.

'Tis coming! Truth's triumphal car,  
With lamps of boundless lustre bright –  
And Liberty's translucent star  
Burns lovely in their holy light;  
We see, we own! a Pow'r Devine  
Speaks Freedom to the immortal mind;  
And – spurning from the world the chain  
Bids millions walk erect again. Platt L. Spencer<sup>44</sup>

William Henry Jones, a mulatto man from Jefferson, Ohio, walked many miles in his 73 years, some of them working as a janitor in Jefferson, some of them through the southern states to claim his freedom in the north, and others while he served

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<sup>44</sup> **ANTI-SLAVERY**

'Tis coming! Truth's triumphal car,  
With lamps of boundless lustre bright –  
And Liberty's translucent star  
Burns lovely in their holy light;  
We see, we own! a Pow'r Devine  
Speaks Freedom to the immortal mind;  
And – spurning from the world the chain  
Bids millions walk erect again.

THE next meeting of the Ashtabula County Anti-Slavery Society will be held in Rome, on Thursday the 25th of April inst. at 10 o'clock a.m. Several speakers will address the meeting, and a general attendance is requested, as matter of importance will require consideration and action.

By order of the Executive Committee. P. R. SPENCER, Corresponding Secretary  
Dated 1st April 1838. Conneaut Ohio Gazette, April 1, 1838.

with the Union Army. Some of the most significant miles he walked involved the legislative steps he took to participate in work of Reconstruction in the South.

His obituary in the Jefferson Gazette dated January 1, 1920, provides fascinating glimpses of the contributions William Henry Jones made to win racial equality a century ahead of the Civil Rights Movement and although the jackbooted efforts of white supremacists like the Ku Klux Klan left deep muddying imprints on these early efforts, they didn't and couldn't erase them. Using records to put Henry's life in the larger historical picture reveals the important part that Jefferson played in it as well.

An article by Jerry Hanks in the Jefferson Gazette dated May 4, 1943, includes some of his reminiscences about his boyhood adventures in Jefferson. He remembered Henry Jones as a black man, part Choctaw Indian and probably part white. He said that the Ku Klux Klan had driven Henry out when he had the courage to serve as a member of the legislature in one of the Southern states.<sup>45</sup>

Depending on the document of record, Henry Jones is listed as Henry Jones, William Henry Jones, or Henry William Jones. He was the son of Jordan Jones, who according to a Jefferson Gazette article, was part Choctaw Indian and part Mulatto and according to the 1860 census record was born in 1820 in Germany. He married Louisa Sweitz who the census of 1860 also says was born in Germany, but she and Jordan were married in Bibb, Georgia.<sup>46</sup>

Henry's obituary states that he was born in Augusta, Georgia in 1846. The 1860 Federal Census records that Henry was born in 1848 in Germany. The rest of the information in this census states that Henry, age 12, was a mulatto and lived in Jefferson. It identifies his mother as Louisa and his father as Jordan Jones and describes them both as mulattos.

At first glance, it seems that the census taker might have made a mistake in listing the birthplace of Henry and his parents as Germany. The census taker might be in

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<sup>45</sup> Jerry Hanks, Jefferson Gazette, January 1, 1920.

<sup>46</sup> The 1870 census lists his mother Louisa as a mulatto and that her father was of foreign birth. Maybe that is where the Germany comes in. Susan Bowdre, age 14 lived with them.

error, but there is a strong possibility that Germany might be the correct location of their births. Although Germany did not become a unified country until 1871, independent German states and regions and municipalities established slave forts and brought slaves from the west coast of Africa in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to sell to the Dutch East India Company. In 1717, King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia sold his estates in Africa that had been the home of the approximately 30,000 slaves that he sold to the Dutch East India Company. German slave cartels and individual traders in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries enabled the German states to become important contributors to the Atlantic Slave Trade.<sup>47</sup>

Henry and his family may have crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a trans-Atlantic slave ship and been sold to slave buyers in Georgia which could account for his birthplace being listed as Germany in some census records and Georgia in others. Events in Henry's adult life took place against a backdrop of Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, history, the Underground Railroad, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement.

In the 1840s when Henry was born, Jefferson, the county seat of Ashtabula County Ohio, had already been growing for at least forty years. Gideon Granger, U.S. Postmaster General during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson, officially founded Jefferson in 1803, basing his plans for the village on the layout of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also dreamed that Jefferson would grow like Philadelphia, and in 1804 he had his agent build a cabin as a start toward making his dream a reality.

Another of Gideon Granger's land agents convinced the Samuel Wilson family to move to Jefferson in 1805, and when they arrived on Granger's land, they searched for their new home in a bustling settlement. They found a wilderness with scattered trees bearing Philadelphia street names that implied future growth, but no present houses or goods. Samuel Wilson died after two weeks of strenuous labor preparing for winter, but his wife and children remained in their new home and were the first citizens of Jefferson.

### **Although Not Philadelphia, Jefferson Grows**

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<sup>47</sup> *Not So Plain as Black and White: Afro-German Culture and History, 1890–2000*, Patricia M. Mazón, Reinhild Steingröver, page 18. [German entanglements in transatlantic slavery: An introduction.](#) **Heike Raphael-Hernandez & Pia Wiegink.** Pages 419-435 | Published online: 29 Sep 2017

The Wilsons witnessed the establishing of Ashtabula County in 1807 and Jefferson's slow growth over the next fifty years. By the time Henry Jones appeared on the scene, Jefferson had expanded to four churches and 73 homes and provided a place for farmers to buy seed and other provisions from the three stores in town.

Advertisements in the Ashtabula Sentinel of March 5, 1857, reflected the growing commerce in Jefferson.

Jefferson Cabinet. John Ducro's Headquarters. The subscriber would respectfully remind his old friends and the public generally that he is still in hand at the southeast corner opposite the courthouse, Jefferson, where they will find him with every variety of cabinet, furniture, finished in best style and in the process of making. March 5, 1857, Ashtabula Sentinel. The same issue also contains advertisements for Barbers Water Elevator, and for J.A. Hervey and Company's harnesses, trimmings, trunks, hardware, and carriage and race trimmings.

### **A Hotbed of Abolitionism**

The pioneer Wilson family also welcomed new citizens of Jefferson. Benjamin Wade and Joshua Giddings were both lawyers and Republican Abolitionists. In 1831, the two lawyers established a law practiced which lasted until Benjamin Wade won a seat in the Ohio State Senate in 1837 and Joshua Giddings was elected to Congress in 1838. State senator Wade became Congressional Senator Wade in 1851. Both senators helped create the Republican Party and were solid Abolitionists, sheltering and aiding fugitive slaves in their law office and homes.

Abolitionists were as plentiful as oak trees in Jefferson and several houses served as stations on the Underground Railroad. John Brown frequently visited the village and made speeches to its citizens. many of them active participants in the Underground Railroad. Wilbur Henry Siebert wrote in the Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom that Underground Railroad operations in Ohio featured



fixed routes from the border of Kentucky throughout the state, with most of them ending at Cleveland, Sandusky, and Detroit.<sup>48</sup>

When William Henry Jones was about two years old, or four years old, depending on which date of birth from the documents is correct, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 as part of the Compromise of 1850, making the Federal government responsible to find, return, and try escaped slaves. It mandated that slaves be returned to their owners even in free states and required ordinary citizens to assist in their capture as well as making it illegal to harbor fugitive slaves. Abolitionists called the law the “Bloodhound law” because slave catchers used bloodhounds to recapture the fugitives.

By 1860, the year that William Henry Jones and his family were enumerated on the United States Census and listed as living in Jefferson, Underground Railroad operations in Ohio followed broad and defined patterns. Wilbur Siebert described Ohio’s Underground Railroad operations as “culminating chiefly at Cleveland, Sandusky, and Detroit, led by broad and defined routes through Ohio to the border of Kentucky. Through that State, into the heart of the Cumberland Mountains, northern Georgia, east Tennessee, and northern Alabama, the limestone caves of the region served a useful purpose.”<sup>49</sup>

According to Wilbur Siebert, not everyone in Ohio admired the Underground Railroad or welcomed fugitive slaves. Ohio law prohibited slavery, but some people opposed ending it. They worried that former slaves would move to Ohio, take jobs away from white people, and demand equal rights with white people. These people despised the Underground Railroad. Some of them attacked

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<sup>48</sup> Wilbur Henry Siebert. *The Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad from Slavery to*

**Freedom** – Wilbur Henry Siebert

<sup>49</sup> Wilbur Henry Siebert. *The Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom* – Wilbur Henry Siebert p. 119

conductors while others worked to return fugitive slaves to their owners to collect rewards.<sup>50</sup>

The obituary of Henry Jones in the Jefferson Gazette stated that he was a runaway slave. Since he was so young in 1860 when he lived in Jefferson, it is likely that if he ran away from slavery, he escaped from the South with his entire family.<sup>51</sup>

### **Jordan Jones and William Henry Jones Fight for the Union**

At the beginning of the Civil War, the black population numbered 36,700 people or two percent of the Ohio population. After the Federal Conscription Act passed in 1863, the state of Ohio began to enroll blacks in volunteer units, where they served under white officers and were paid half of the pay that the white volunteers received.

During the Civil War, recruits for the Union Army received their training at Fort Giddings, which stood in Jefferson Village at the site of the future Ashtabula County fairgrounds. Senator Benjamin Wade stood one vote away from acting as president because President Andrew Johnson had been impeached. By the end of the Civil War, 5,000 black soldiers had served in state or federal units during the conflict.

Jordan Jones and his son William Henry Jones, both served in the Civil War. Jordan Jones enlisted in Company K of the 103<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. The 103<sup>rd</sup> was organized at Hilton Head, South Carolina, on March 10, 1865, and became attached to the District of Savannah, Georgia, Department of the South from June 1865 to April 1866. The 103<sup>rd</sup> performed garrison and guard duty at

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<sup>50</sup> Wilbur Henry Siebert. The Underground Railroad. **The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom** – Wilbur Henry Siebert p. 118

<sup>51</sup> The 1860 Federal Census lists 12-year-old Henry as living in Jefferson, Ohio.

Savannah Georgia and at various points in George and South Carolina. It mustered out on April 15, through 20<sup>th</sup>, 1866.<sup>52</sup>

William Henry Jones joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the United States Colored Heavy Artillery. Organized from the 14<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island 11th Regiment, United States Colored Heavy Artillery, the regiment was renamed the 8<sup>th</sup> Colored Heavy Artillery on April 4, 1864, and finally the 11<sup>th</sup> Colored Heavy Artillery on May 21, 1864. The 11<sup>th</sup> Colored Heavy Artillery participated in the Defenses of New Orleans, Louisiana, Department of the Gulf, until October 1865 and it was mustered out on October 2, 1865.<sup>53</sup>

### **Henry Jones Helps Legislate Black Rights**

At the end of the Civil War, Northern and Southern leaders confronted the question of how to reunite and reconstruct the country, with the right to vote a central issue. In the last half of the 1860s, the United States Congress passed a series of acts called the Reconstruction Acts created to address the questions of voting and other civil rights and how the Southern states should be governed. The Reconstruction Acts created the Freedmen's Bureau, the Civil Rights Act of 1866, and imposed military rule over Southern states until they could establish new governments. The Constitutional Amendments and Reconstruction Acts gave former male slaves the right to vote and hold public office.

Each former Confederate state was required to forge and adopt a Constitution including voting and civil rights for all its citizens. Henry's obituary in the Jefferson Gazette noted that he had been a member of the legislature in one of the Southern states. Henry walked the twisted legislative paths to democratic government and wrestled with its white backlash. In South Carolina with its black majority, the backlash against a democratic government was especially toxic. The website Political Graveyard records a Henry Jordan of Horry County, South

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<sup>52</sup> Jordan's wife, Louisa, filed for a pension In Georgia, dated November 27, 1900, based on Jordan's service. [Louisa Jones filed for a pension for her husband Jordan Jones.](#)

<sup>53</sup> Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops: Artillery Organizations. Henry filed for a pension April 2, 1883.

Carolina as being a delegate to the South Carolina State Constitutional Convention in 1868 and it specifically states that he was of African ancestry.<sup>54</sup>

Perhaps the Henry Jordan who participated in the Constitutional Convention mandated to write a new state constitution is Jefferson's Henry Jordan. His obituary said that he was "a man of good intelligence and kept well informed upon public affairs." Jerry Hanks in his reminiscence in the Jefferson Gazette stated that the Ku Klux Klan drove Henry out of the state capital as a reconstruction senator in the carpetbagger days. Ashtabula County Abolitionist and writer Albion Tourgee of Williamsfield, described conditions in the Reconstruction South in his book *Fool's Errand by One of the Fools*. Although a novel with a love story, Tourgee based the themes and settings of his story on his actual experiences in Greensboro, North Carolina, during Reconstruction and graphically illustrates the impact of the Klan, and the efforts to rebuild a shattered South.<sup>55</sup>

Judging by the way he had conducted his life, Henry walked slowly and purposefully away, instead of being driven.

### **Henry Jones Comes Home to Jefferson, Ohio**

After he had fought in the Civil War and contributed to creating a democratic South, Henry Jones married Rebecca Lewis of Toronto, Canada in 1877. They raised a son, Joseph P. Jones, and a daughter, Henrietta Jones Leek.

By 1880, the year that Henry became a school janitor in Jefferson, approximately one thousand people resided in Jefferson. In 1886, the town had two newspapers, five churches, and two banks. Henry began his janitorial duties in 1880 and continued them until 1910. The 1910 census lists him as a school janitor. In his newspaper recollections of Henry Jones, Jerry Hanks in the Jefferson Gazette noted that one day "I nearly missed getting to school before the last toll of the

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<sup>54</sup> Political Graveyard

<sup>55</sup> A Fool's Errand by One of the Fools

morning bell, rung by janitor Henry Jones, who was one of the many famous actors about the village.”<sup>56</sup>

Jerry also mentioned that in those days several former slaves lived in the vicinity of Jefferson. He that a man named Crooms had a large family and Cassius, one of the sons, a musician, traveled with a black orchestra. Another former slave, Ned Sikes, lighted the streetlamps.

After thirty years of serving as janitor of the public-school building in Jefferson Henry resigned because of his age and his worsening diabetes. He died at his home on West Ashtabula Street on Monday evening, December 29, 1919, from his diabetes.

Henry’s funeral took place at his home on Wednesday, December 31, at 1:30 p.m. The Giddings Post of the G.A.R. conducted the funeral. with Reverend H.W. Buckles, pastor, presiding. John M. Miller was the funeral director.

### Sharing a Living Legacy



William Henry and Rebecca Jones, Jordan and Louisa Jones, their son John Paul Jones and their daughter Nettie J. Leek, are all buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Two of Jefferson’s famous Abolitionists Joshua Giddings and Benjamin Wade are buried in Oakdale Cemetery as well.

The lives and causes of the Jones family and Joshua Giddings and Benjamin Wade were united in life and they rest near each other in death. Their legacies live on. but

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<sup>56</sup> Jerry Hanks, Jefferson Gazette, January 1, 1920.

there are still many steps to take toward the finish line. They are not yet resting.

### **The Seesaw Swings Toward Equality**

Even though the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments of the 19<sup>th</sup> century mandated equal treatment and civil rights under the laws of the reunited United States, African Americans continued to be treated unequally and unfairly. Jim Crow Laws in the South, urban ghettos in the North, unequal schools and economic inequality were persistent 20<sup>th</sup> Century issues.

The prevalent inequality in the South also existed in the North. Most Northern states have taken seesaw steps in the march toward racial equality. The Ohio Accommodations Law of 1884 banned discrimination based on race, but skating rinks, pools, hotels, and restaurants were still segregated in Ohio through the 1950s. In 1959, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission was created to monitor and enforce laws preventing employment discrimination.

Founded in 1865 in Tennessee to keep newly freed slaves in economic and social bondage, the Ku Klux Klan two years later elected General Nathan Bedford Forrest its Grand Wizard. During the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries the Ku Klux Klan expanded its white supremacist operations from South to North, enjoying a degree of support in 1920s Ohio even in major cities like Columbus, its capital.

In 1912, the first Ohio Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in Cleveland and 100 years later in 2012, chapters of the NAACP exist in countless cities around Ohio. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and other Civil Rights pioneers walked and ran down the twist path to equal rights but did not fully arrive at the finish line.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the goal of racial equality still gleams in the distance, like yellow finish line tape. Steps are slow, faltering, and sometimes stop. Jefferson and the rest of Ohio have pioneers like William Henry Jones, hometown walkers and sprinters who had the vision to see rainbows instead of segregated colors and they kept walking.

Let us walk with Jordan and William Henry Jones from Jefferson, Ohio all across America.



- Captain Ephraim Kee, 25, was commissioned an officer in Company B, Ohio 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry on August 21, 1862. He was mustered out on January 19, 1863 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is buried in South Cemetery in Trumbull County, Ohio.

## Eugene Linn: A Solitary Soldier's Grave in a Kingsville Cemetery



- Lt. Eugene Lynn (Linn)- Eugene S. Linn. 2D Ohio Battery, G.A.R. Civil War Monument. Died April 17, 1867. 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery. Civil War Veteran.

Eugene S. Linn. 2D Ohio Battery, G.A.R. Civil War Monument. Died April 17, 1867. 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery. Civil War Veteran. Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery or possibly Lulu Falls Cemetery.

The record of his grave in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery lists his birth and death unknown, and

that he is a veteran of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery of the Ohio Light Artillery in the Civil War. Records show that Eugene S. Linn is not unknown and that he has not

entirely disappeared from the historical record or recognition of his service in the Civil War. They also show Eugene's connections to Kingsville.

It is necessary to trace some of Eugene's family tree to understand what happened to him and his family and why he is buried in a lonely grave in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery in Kingsville, Ohio or possibly in Lulu Falls Cemetery in Kingsville.

Edmund S. Linn, son of James S. Linn and Theodosia Lemira Pettibone Linn, moved to Ohio around 1841. His father, James Linn, served as a private in the First Texas Foot Riflemen unit in the Mexican War. James married, possibly twice, and settled with his family in Lima, Ohio.

James' son, Edmund, married Minerva Barney in Franklin County, Ohio, on October 31, 1841, and they settled in Lima in Allen County. By 1848, Edmund had become the Allen County Recorder, charged with the safekeeping of all records, deeds, mortgages, and other documents connected with the title to lands.<sup>57</sup>

As well as being a civil servant and successful merchant, Edmund belonged to Lima Lodge 205 of the Free and Accepted Masons. Records show that Lodge 205 buried Edmund S. Linn, who had been a victim of the 1851 cholera epidemic. The site where his Lodge brothers buried Edmund S. Linn is unknown.<sup>58</sup>

There is also a historical mystery about the whereabouts of the graves of Edmund's father James, Edmund's wife Minerva, his daughter Laura. His son Arthur is buried in New York and his son Eugene is buried in Kingsville.

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<sup>57</sup> James S. Linn Enlisted in the First Texas Foot Riflemen at Nacogdoches on June 13, 1846. He served at Point Isabel, Texas.

<sup>58</sup> History of Allen County Ohio and Representative Citizens, Dr. Samuel A. Baxter, Chicago, Illinois: Richmond & Arnold, 1906, p. 297. Most of the graves and gravestones were removed from the Old Lima Cemetery and transferred to Woodlawn Cemetery. The history of the Old Lima Cemetery states that some of the graves remained there and are covered by modern day industries. There are Linns buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Is it possible that Edmund is buried in Old Lima Cemetery?



The 1850 Census of Allen Township, Lima, Ohio shows that James S. Linn, age 54, a printer, lived in Lima, Ohio, with his son Edward (Edmund) S. Linn, age 30, born in Connecticut. Edward S. Linn is listed as a merchant owning \$6,300 worth of real estate. Other records list him as a cabinet maker.

Also listed are his wife, Minerva Linn, age 31 who was born in New York; their children Eugene S. Linn, age 8, born in Ohio, Arthur L. Linn, age 2, born in Ohio, Laura M. Linn, age 10 months, born in Ohio. James S. Linn, age 54, is listed as born in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth Busheart, age 20, born in Ohio. Two store clerks are listed, David Brinkley, age 21, born in Ohio and Elijah Adams, 22, born in Massachusetts.<sup>59</sup>

It is difficult to trace Edmund, Minerva, Eugene, and Laura, in records after the 1850 Census. Arthur, 11, appears in the 1860 Federal Census and is shown living with Ira Maltby, 55, and Emily Maltby, 48 in Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Records show that Emily Maltby and Minerva Linn were sisters. Index to New York Death certificates, 1862 to 1948 shows that Minerva W. Linn, the spouse of Edwin S. Linn and their child is Arthur L. Linn. Her maiden name is listed as Barney.

Ira and Emily Barney Maltby would later play an important role in the lives of Arthur and possibly Eugene Linn. Census records show that Arthur Linn and his brother Eugene did not live with the Maltbys in 1850, but Arthur is listed as living with them in 1860.

## Cholera Creates Epidemics

Cholera epidemics were one of the unpleasant facts of 19<sup>th</sup> Century life in the United States. From about 1832 to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, cholera epidemics killed thousands of Americans. Spread by drinking water or food contaminated with human waste, cholera causes severe diarrhea, vomiting, and cramps. People can die from dehydration within a few hours or days after they experience the first symptoms of cholera. Cholera usually followed the pattern of flourishing during

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<sup>59</sup> James S. Linn was listed as editor of *Western Intelligencer* in Delaware, New York. [*Columbian Centinel*, Mar. 1920, from Index to Marriages in *Massachusetts Centinel* and *Columbian Centinel* 1784-1841, at the American Antiquarian Society Library, Springfield, Massachusetts]. [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Linn-285#\\_note-0](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Linn-285#_note-0)

spring, summer and, fall. States like Ohio which had cold winters, enjoyed a winter respite from cholera.

The water and cholera equation with people in between equaled disaster for people. In 1832, cholera came to Cleveland and Clevelanders first, when travelers and businessmen carried it across Lake Erie. By the fall of 1832, people traveling along the Ohio River brought cholera to Cincinnati. Lakes like Lake Erie and lesser lakes and rivers like the Ohio and Mississippi enabled cholera to speed across the United States in all directions.

Inland Ohio did not escape the clutches of cholera, either. Ohio's network of canals provided laboratory petri dish calm breeding grounds for cholera and drinking water for canal workers, an often-fatal combination for the workers. Canals, railroads, and steamboats created prosperous transportation and travel networks for Ohioans, but they also brought cholera to the heartland.

The cities proved to be the most fearsome and fatal harvesting grounds for cholera. Between 1832 and 1835, St. Louis lost 500 people to cholera; Cincinnati, 732; and Detroit, 322. The most severe cholera epidemic in Ohio struck in 1849-1851, and 5,969 people died in Cincinnati alone, including the baby son of Harriet Beecher Stowe. The total Ohio death toll for those years is estimated to be about 8,000 people. Officials had to postpone the first Ohio State Fair and the Ohio State Constitutional Convention. In the 1849-1851 outbreak, St. Louis lost 4,557 people; Cincinnati, 5,969; and Detroit, 700. In each outbreak, the deaths totaled five to ten percent of the population.

Despite the number of cholera deaths in the cities, they managed to survive, stumbling for a time, but they rebuilt their economies and worked to discover the source of cholera. After John Snow found that drinking water in London had caused a cholera outbreak, and German microbiologist Robert Koch discovered the cholera bacillus in 1884, scientists and public health officials across the country campaigned for cities to install water purification systems.

Cholera epidemics continued to march across the United States. until the early 1900s. By then, sanitation measures, including sewer systems and clean water facilities, had become commonplace enough to make cholera less commonplace.

## Cholera Also Stalked Small Towns in Mid America

When cholera came to Nineteenth Century small towns, it not only threatened the health and lives of its residents, but the social structures of their communities. Some fearful residents noted what they considered the sinful behavior of vulnerable groups like poor black people and Irish immigrants. These fearful people accused them of incurring the wrath of God that He expressed through cholera epidemics on the entire population. Many times, they drove out those they considered to blame for the epidemic.<sup>60</sup>

Often, the governing authorities of these small towns denied the existence, origins, and scope of the cholera. Even historians tend to divide the cholera epidemics into 1832, 1849, 1866, and the late 1870s sections of time, when a closer look at the epidemic boundaries were not so neatly divided.

Officials and the public did not understand cholera and its ability to easily sweep through populations. They did not make the connection between drinking contaminated water and getting sick. They did not see the cause and effect of disposing sewage and other household waste in streams and cesspools close to drinking water supplies and people contracting cholera.

Especially before the Civil War, the diagnosis and attempted cures for cholera were often as severe as the disease itself. Doctors prescribed bleeding, purging, and opium. Often, they told people to use lead acetate as a disinfectant and calomel as a medication. Calomel contained mercury and many people died of mercury poisoning or suffered negative side effects from calomel.

## A Proper Burial

Cholera pandemics also created a problem for survivors. How could they safely bury the victims of the contagious disease? Edmund Linn was fortunate that his lodge gave him a Masonic Burial. Family and friends of cholera victims frequently had no grave to visit. Most of the time, the bodies of cholera victims were

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<sup>60</sup> "The Black Cholera Comes to the Central Valley of America in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century-1832-1849 and Later." Walter J. Daly, MD. American Clinical and Climatological Association, 2008. 119:143-153.

collected, put on wagons, and since there was no time to make coffins for them, they were taken to cemeteries and buried at night in mass graves. Often the bodies were wrapped in cotton or linen and doused in coal tar or pitch. Sometimes the bodies were burnt before they were buried. If coffins were available, they were placed in coffins. Each body was placed in an eight-foot-deep pit and liberally sprinkled with quicklime.

Many cemeteries and other locations featured what were called cholera pits, burial places used when cholera ran rampant. Such mass graves often went unmarked and they were placed in remote or especially selected locations. Lack so space in graveyards, fears of contagious cholera, and laws restricting the movements of people during cholera epidemics were factors in establishing cholera pits.

Often, there was no time or inclination to record the names of the victims. During particularly severe and widespread pandemics, cemeteries submitted bodies and last names by location instead of victim. Many of the victims were poor and could not afford memorial stones, although memorial markers were sometimes added at a later date.<sup>61</sup>

### Cholera Shatters the Linn Family

The 1851 cholera epidemic shattered the Linn family. Rumors swirling around Lima had it that a man named Linn, who kept a store in the old log courthouse went to Cincinnati for goods in 1845 and he brought cholera to Lima. Is it possible that Edmund Linn, 1850 merchant in Lima, had been partners with a brother who died in a cholera epidemic? There is an Andrew Linn listed as a storekeeper in Lima in the History of Allen County.<sup>62</sup>

Although there are conflicting stories about who brought cholera to Lima, Edmund's will clearly states that Eugene and Arthur Lynn are orphans, which

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<sup>61</sup> "The Black Cholera Comes to the Central Valley of America in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century-1832-1849 and Later." Walter J. Daly, MD. American Clinical and Climatological Association, 2008. 119:143-153

<sup>62</sup> *A Standard History of Allen County, Ohio*, Vol. I, Chicago, and New York (1921), pp. 365,

indicates that their mother, father, sister, and grandfather had perished in the 1851 cholera epidemic in Lima.

The Last Will and Testament of Edmund Linn, dated August 25, 1851, appoints Henry Grove guardian of Eugene Linn, age 9, and on September 2, 1851, he was named guardian of Arthur L Linn, age 3, orphans of Edmund S. Linn, late of the county of Allen, the state of Ohio.

Lima Lodge 205 of the Free and Accepted Masons buried Edmund Linn with a Masonic funeral, but where they buried him and probably his wife, daughter, and father has not been discovered. Eugene and Arthur Linn were the only surviving members of their immediate family. They probably stayed with relatives or friends while Edmund's will was being probated and living arrangements were made for them. The 1860 Federal Census lists Arthur as living with his mother's sister Emily Barney Maltby and her husband Ira Maltby in Kingsville, Ohio.

The Kingsville Academy catalog of 1860 lists Eugene S Linn as a student and his residence as Kingsville. Seventeen years old by now, Eugene could have lived at the Academy or with another relative or worked for a nearby farmer.<sup>63</sup>

### The Maltby Connection

Genealogy and history are interchangeable in reconstructing the lives and the events in the lives of people. A brief look at the Maltby genealogy sheds some light on the relationships between the Linn and Maltby families, their connection to Kingsville, and the fate of Eugene and Alfred Linn, sole survivors of their immediate family.

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<sup>63</sup> Twenty-sixth annual catalogue of the officers and students of Kingsville Academy, 1859-60: Kingsville, Ashtabula. Kingsville Public Library Archives.

### *William Maltby*

William Maltby was born June 3, 1768, in East Hartford, Connecticut. He married Rachel Kerr Maltby in 1790. Their children were:

Benjamin Kerr Maltby; Charles Milton Maltby; Daniel Maltby; David Maltby; George Washington Maltby; Hester Ann Maltby Doty; Ira Maltby; Isaac Newton Maltby; John F. Maltby; Joseph Maltby; Lydia Maltby; Mary Maltby; and William Wesley Maltby.<sup>64</sup>

William died on June 17, 1835 and he is buried in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery in Worthington, Ohio. His epitaph reads: "Adieu my friends, Dry up your tears, I must lie here, 'Til Christ appears." His wife Rachel Kerr Maltby died July 20, 1839, and she is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery in Kingsville.<sup>65</sup>

William and Rachel's son Ira, born in 1805, and his wife Emily Barney Maltby were most connected to the Linn family, since Minerva Barney Linn was Emily Barney's sister. Both members of the Methodist Church, Ira and Emily lived in Kingsville with their children Minerva Adelle and Oliver A. Mary died in infancy and Lydia Augusta died when she was three. The grave of Mary A. Maltby is in the Old Kingsville Corners cemetery. A Daniel Maltby, age 9, is also buried there. Ira and Emily are buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Eugene and Arthur came to Kingsville to live with their Uncle Ira and Aunt Emily after their father, mother, sister, and grandfather died in the 1851 cholera epidemic in Lima, Ohio.

Arthur and Eugene Linn most likely attended school and worked for the first few years of the Civil War.

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<sup>64</sup> Maltby Genealogy

<sup>65</sup> Maltby Genealogy

## Eugene and Arthur Linn in the Civil War

Eugene and Arthur Linn both appear on the roster of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Independent Battery of the Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery, but they were mustered in at different times and served in mostly different campaigns. On December 28, 1863, Arthur joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Independent Battery of the Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery. According to his service record, Arthur was 21 years old when he entered the service. According to his father Edmund's will, Arthur was three in 1851. No matter what his age, Arthur mustered into in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Independent Battery of the Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery in 1863.

His brother Eugene, who according to his father Edmund's will, was nine in 1851, entered the service on September 2, 1864 when he was 22 years old, also serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Independent Battery of the Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Independent Battery of the Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery had made much history before Arthur and Eugene were mustered into it. Organized at Camp Chase near Columbus, Ohio and mustered into service by Howard Stansberry, Captain of Topographical Engineers, it was scheduled to serve three years.

When its term of service expired, the original members, except veterans, were mustered out, and the organization composed of veterans and recruits stayed in service until August 10, 1865. On August 10, 1865, Captain Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Cavalry, mustered out the battery.<sup>66</sup>

The battles the Second Battery participated in included:

- Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 5-8, 1862.
- Port Gibson, Mississippi, May 1, 1863
- Raymond, Mississippi, May 12, 1863
- Champion Hills, Mississippi, May 16, 1863
- Red River Expedition, March, April, and Early part of May 1864
- Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 18 to July 4, 1863
- New Orleans and Plaquemine, August 1863, March 1864
- Retreat to Morganza May 13-20, 1864

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<sup>66</sup> Louisiana and the Civil War

- Duty at Plaquemine, Louisiana, February 1865
- Duty at Ship Island, Mississippi, until July 21, 1865
- Mustered out July 21, 1865<sup>67</sup>

Ship Island is a barrier island twelve miles off the coast of Mississippi, in the Gulf of Mexico. Two months after the Confederates had evacuated Ship Island, a detachment of Yankee sailors and Union Marines held it. In November 1861, Union General Benjamin Butler arrived. Almost as soon as General Butler set foot on the island, he used it as a place to imprison and detain Confederate prisoners. By June 1862, the General had sent his first civilian detainees from New Orleans to Ship Island, a month after he captured New Orleans. He also sent Union soldiers convicted of serious crimes to Ship Island.

Despite General Butler's accommodations for them, the first Confederate prisoners did not arrive on Ship Island until October 1864, when General E.R.S. Canby ordered more than 1,200 Confederate captives transferred from New Orleans. In April 1865, the Union Army captured Mobile, Alabama, and sent 3,000 prisoners of war were sent to Ship Island, swelling the prison population to its highest number. The prisoners remained there until late April or early May, when they went sent to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to be exchanged for Union soldiers. By June 8, 1865, no prisoners remained on Ship Island, and by October 11. 1865, the Civil War occupation of Ship Island had ended.

Arthur and Eugene Linn were mustered out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Light Artillery in July 1865. When Arthur filed for his Civil War Pension on February 23, 1893, his brother Eugene had been resting under his GAR marker in the Kingsville Corners Pioneer Cemetery for 26 years. <sup>68</sup>

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<sup>67</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery

<sup>68</sup> Ship Island



## Civil War Germs Were More Lethal Than Guns

Civil War movies and reenactments as well as Civil War literature frequently portray gallant Union and Confederate soldiers charging each other and fighting to the death for their respective causes. The reality for Civil War soldiers on both sides is less glorious. The reality is that of the 620,000 military deaths recorded in the Civil War, about two thirds of them were from disease and not combat. Some studies even estimate that the number of deaths came closer to 750,000.

The conditions that brought about the sky-high death toll included crowded camps, poor health practices, no sanitary way of getting rid of garbage and human wastes, inadequate diets, and no treatments to match the specific disease. At the beginning of the war, soldiers-built latrines close to streams which contaminated the water for people downstream. Diarrhea, dysentery defined as bloody diarrhea, and typhoid fever were the most lethal diseases. Diarrhea and dysentery accounted for 57,000 deaths alone. Other diseases that took their toll included rheumatic diseases, typhus, and cholera, and about 30,714 cases of scurvy were recorded.

Both Union and Confederate Civil War doctors had to wage their own wars against lack of knowledge or remedies while striving to meet the challenge of the largest number of diseased people in 19<sup>th</sup> century America. Millions of soldiers left military service with chronic diseases of the intestines and lungs that killed them even though the Civil War had been over for a decade.<sup>69</sup>

Since Eugene Linn died in 1867, only two years after the Civil War ended, it is possible he was one of the soldiers who mustered out of the military with a chronic disease, especially since he had spent the last months of the war in the unhealthy climate of the Mississippi bayous and swamps.

One of his relatives, a Maltby general, also died in 1867, but in Mississippi instead of Ohio.

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<sup>69</sup> [Behind the Lens: A History in Pictures; Diseases in Civil War Camps](#)

## The Maltby Civil War

### *Henry Alonzo Maltby*



Arthur and Eugene's Uncle Ira's brother David and his wife Lucy had a son named Henry Alonzo Maltby who was born in Ashtabula in 1830 and lived until 1906. Henry moved to Texas in 1851 and became the mayor of Corpus Christi. In 1857, he resigned his office, raised a militia company in Corpus Christi, and joined General William Walker's filibuster forces in Nicaragua.<sup>70</sup>

Like Eugene and Arthur's father James Linn, Henry Alonzo Maltby was a newspaperman, and in 1859, after he turned to Texas from Nicaragua, he started publishing the Corpus Christi Daily Ranchero. He continued publishing the Daily Ranchero sporadically through the Civil War and finally he moved to Brownsville where it published it from 1866 through 1870.

Eventually, the Ranchero merged with the Rio Grande Democrat to form the Brownsville Democrat and Ranchero which lasted until 1880. After he returned from the convention, he started a paper in Brownsville he called the American Flag, a Confederacy newspaper targeted to advance Confederate interests in

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<sup>70</sup> William Walker, an adventurer and soldier of fortune from San Francisco, California, aspired to control Latin American countries and annex them to the United States. General Walker and his small army briefly invaded Nicaragua in 1855. In 1856, he gained control of the country, but by 1857, a coalition of Nicaraguan Liberals and Conservatives ousted General Walker and his forces.

foreign countries. When Brownsville came under Union control, Henry moved the newspaper headquarters to Matamoros.

In 1861, his fellow citizens elected Henry Alonzo Maltby to represent Nueces County in the Texas Secession Convention. In April 1861, he served on the executive committee of the Nueces County Committee of Safety and in June 1861, he unsuccessfully for the state legislature. He was an officer in the Confederate Army.<sup>71</sup>

On March 21, 1862, Henry Alonzo Maltby married Hannah A. Franks in Nueces County, and they eventually had five children. Their children were:

Henry Alonzo Maltby, (Jr.) 1862-1934; Jasper Adelmon Maltby, 1869-1917; Ida Maltby Combe, 1874-1946; Texas Bird Maltby, 1877-1878; and David Maltby, 1882-1947.

A dedicated Mason, Henry was the oldest past master of the Rio Grande Lodge, Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons. He owned and operated a successful hardware store in Brownsville, Texas.

Henry died on May 18, 1906, and his obituary in the Brownsville Herald paid tribute to him as “quiet and unassuming, a man of staunch principles, loyal to his friends, and true to his conception of right. His death removes from our midst one of the men who have related to the border history of Texas for many years, and whose demise is universally regretted.”<sup>72</sup>

He is buried in the Old Brownsville Cemetery.

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<sup>71</sup> Henry Alonzo Maltby

<sup>72</sup> Houston Post, May 19, 1906; San Antonio Daily Express, May 19, 1906.

*Jasper Adalmon Maltby*

Malvina James Maltby outlived her husband Brigadier General Jasper Aalmon Maltby by 23 years. During the years she spent in Chicago after his death, she clung to the American flag and her memories of her life with him.

Malvina James was born in Missouri in 1835. She married Jasper Adalmon Maltby on March 25, 1852, in Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. The 1860 Federal Census shows that they had a five-year-old son named Henry. In the 1870 Census, Henry was age 15, and in the 1880 census, a 27-year-old printer. The 1889 Chicago City directory listed him as a printer.

Jasper Adalmon Maltby, husband of Malvina James Maltby and a brother of Henry Alonzo Maltby, was born in Kingsville, Ohio on November 3, 1826. He learned the gunsmith trade, and later moved to Illinois. He served as a private in the Mexican War and he was severely wounded at Chapultepec. When he returned to private life, he operated gunsmithing and other mercantile pursuits at Galena, Illinois until the Civil War broke out.

When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted as a private in the 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry.

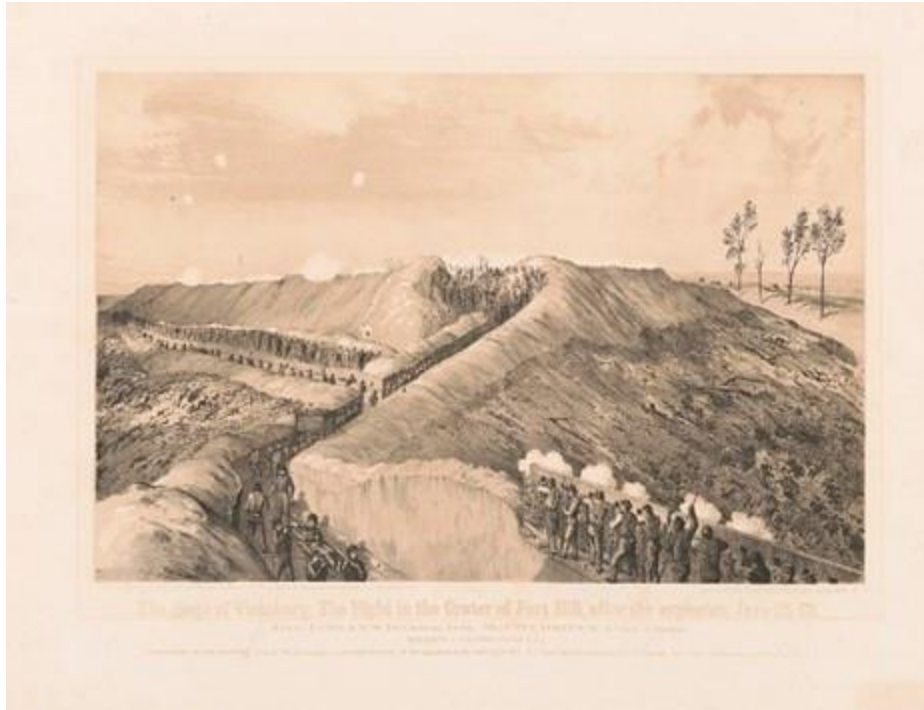
Jasper Maltby rose through the ranks and on December 26, 1861, he became lieutenant colonel of his regiment. On March 5, 1863 he was promoted to Colonel. and in August 1863, he assumed command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, XVII Corps which fought in northern George and later in Tennessee. He was wounded at Fort Donelson.<sup>73</sup>

General Ulysses S. Grant chose Jasper Maltby and his regiment for a desperate mission at the siege of Vicksburg which began in May of 1862 and lasted until July 4, 1863. Some historians call the mission of the 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois one of the most desperate missions of the Civil War.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>73</sup> The Union Army Volume 8. Fort Hill, Library of Congress

<sup>74</sup> **U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles about** Jasper Adalmorn Maltby Name: Jasper Adalmorn Maltby Residence: Galena, Illinois Age at enlistment: 35 Enlistment Date: 17 Sep 1861 Rank at enlistment: Lieut Colonel State Served: Illinois Survived the War?: Yes Service Record: Commissioned an officer in Company S, Illinois 45th Infantry Regiment on 26 Dec 1861. Promoted to Full Colonel on 29 Nov 1862. Promoted to Full Brig-General on 04 Aug 1863. Mustered out on 04 Aug 1863. Commissioned an officer in the U.S. Volunteers General Staff Infantry Regiment on 04 Aug 1863. Mustered out on 15 Jan 1866. Birth Date: 3 Nov 1826 Death Date: 12 Dec 1867 Death Place: Vicksburg, MS Sources: Illinois: Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men Dyer: A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion Heitman: Register of United States Army 1789-1903 Generals in Blue, Lives of the Union Commanders Photo courtesy of Massachusetts Commandery of MOLLUS



A week before July 4, 1863, the day General John Clifford Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg to the Union Army, a council of the Union generals met. They decided that the blowing up of Fort Hill, the anchor of the left flank of the rear Confederate defense line, and Union control of the crater after the explosion would be of strategic value to the Union cause. Confederate artillery and sharpshooters in a hundred rifle pits commanded Fort Hill.

The Union generals understood that a successful blowing up of the Fort would mean that few of the men who rushed into the debris would survive. Only a single regiment could bring about the necessary explosion and manpower to jump into the yawning crater that the explosion created and hold it against the Confederate hell fire while their comrades constructed protective works.

A multitude of volunteers stepped forward, but the Union generals in General Ulysses S. Grant's Army chose the 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois, the Lead Mine Regiment, with Colonel Jasper A. Maltby in charge. The 45<sup>th</sup> regiment silently waited for the explosion. The signal given, they heard a mighty roar and the earth shook from a heavy explosion. Colonel Maltby, his Lieutenant Colonel Malancthon Smith, and the men of his 45<sup>th</sup> Regiment hurled themselves into the smoking crater.

Shot through the head and mortally wounded, Lieutenant Colonel Smith died as his feet touched the bottom of the pit. Colonel Maltby was shot twice but ignored his wounds to continue the fight. A Confederate artillery battery rained sheets of shrapnel into the ranks of the 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois and Confederate sharpshooters provided continuous volleys of bullets. The Union regiment had to throw up protection before the Confederates annihilated it. Colonel Maltby designed certain of his men divert the sharp shooter's fire and provide some resistance to the Confederate artillery. The 45<sup>th</sup> diversionary soldiers desperately fired to save their comrades who toiled to throw up protective barriers to deflect Confederate firepower. Both Union and Confederate soldiers fell.

The surviving Union soldiers passed beams into the pit and placed them in positions to protect their comrades. They placed joists lengthwise and piled dirt around them. Colonel Maltby helped his men lodge the beams. He went to one side of the crater that had no elevation where he stood fully exposed, a tantalizing target. Although weak from his wounds, Colonel Maltby put his shoulder under a heavy piece of timber and pushed it up and forward into place. Bullets chipped the woodwork, erupting the sand all around him. One Confederate artillery gunner trained his piece dead center on Colonel Maltby and a solid shot hit the beam that the Colonel had just set into place. The beam shattered into kindling, driving sharp pieces of wood into the colonel's side and back.

After the 45<sup>th</sup> Illinois Regiment had succeeded in securing the crater, they picked up Colonel Maltby who was still alive, and carried him to a surgeon at the field hospital. Afterward, the surgeon said that it would be time-consuming work to count his wounds. Colonel Maltby had only been in the field hospital about an hour when the clicking over the telegraph wires from Washington carried a message announcing the recommendation that Colonel Jasper A. Maltby of the Lead Mine Regiment be appointed a brigadier general of volunteers for conspicuous personal gallantry in the face of the enemy. A week later, General Grant's victorious forces marched into Vicksburg.

Colonel Jasper A. Maltby, now Brigadier General Jasper A. Maltby, lived through the rest of the Civil War, and was mustered out of the service on January 15, 1866. The military appointed him the commander of the district mayor of Vicksburg, Mississippi, on September 3, 1867, but as time went on, it became medically impossible for his body to withstand the shock and pain of the gaping wounds he had suffered at the Siege of Vicksburg. He died on December 12, 1867, in Vicksburg, the city that he had helped to conquer.

His widow, Malvina Maltby, received his flag and embraced it for the rest of her life, still treasuring it and his memory when she died in St Luke's hospital in Chicago on December 28, 1901. She is buried with her husband in Greenwood Cemetery in Galena, Illinois.<sup>75</sup>

*William Henderson Maltby*



William Henderson Maltby took a different military path than his brother General Jasper Maltby and the same Confederate path as his brother Henry Alonzo Maltby.

Born in Worthington, Ohio, on March 14, 1837, William Henderson Maltby worked as a typesetter for the Cleveland Herald in 1859. When his older brother Henry Alonzo Maltby founded the Ranchero in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1859, William moved to Texas to help his brother with his newspaper.

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<sup>75</sup> Greene County Herald, Leakesville, Mississippi. December 8, 1911.



William and Henry lived in a boarding house. William met a young woman named Mary Grace Swift there and they were married on July 15, 1860.

At the beginning of the Civil War, William Maltby joined an artillery battery, earning the rank of lieutenant and later becoming its captain. His artillery unit later became Company I of the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment.

When the Civil War began, William Maltby earned the rank of lieutenant in an artillery battery, and later became its captain. This unit later became Company I of the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment. On November 17, 1863, the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Regiment fought the forces of Union Brigadier General Thomas E.G. Ransom to take a Confederate earthen fortification on Mustang Island called Fort Semmes. The Confederate garrison had less than 100 men, made up of detachments from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Texas State Militia commanded by Major George O. Dunaway and the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry under Captain William N. Maltby.

The small Confederate garrison of Fort Semmes was not prepared to fight the Union forces so Major Dunaway decided to unconditionally surrender his entire garrison instead of trying to fight the way back to the mainland.<sup>76</sup>

General Ransom's forces sent their Confederate prisoners to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where Captain Maltby had an influential advocate. His other brother Jasper Maltby, who had just been named a brigadier general. Through Brigadier General Jasper Maltby's influence Captain William Maltby was exchanged. He returned to Corpus Christi and reunited with his wife Mary Grace and their son Jasper who was born, while he served in the Army. Their daughter Mary was born three years later.

Soon after, William Maltby became publisher of the Corpus Christi Advertiser. A disastrous yellow fever epidemic swept the community in 1867, claiming the lives of at least 157 residents, including his wife Mary Grace. Their two children, Jasper and Mary survived. On July 22, 1870, William married Anna Maria Headen, and the couple added three more children to their family.

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<sup>76</sup> Howell, Kenneth Wayne, ed. *The Seventh Star of the Confederacy: Texas During the Civil War*, University of North Texas Press, 2011

In 1877, William Maltby and Eli T. Merriman established the Corpus Christi Free Press, which became the forerunner of the Corpus Christi Caller.

William Maltby continued to work in the newspaper business until his death on August 20, 1888. He is buried in Old Bayview Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Texas.

*The Fate of the Maltby Nephews, Arthur, and Eugene Linn*

Because of Ira and Emily Maltby's willingness to provide a home for her sister Minerva's sons who survived the cholera epidemic, Arthur Linn and Eugene Linn had the opportunity to grow into adulthood.

The 1880 Federal Census revealed that Arthur L. Linn, age 31, was living in Cleveland with his wife Elizabeth C. Linn, age 27. They had a son Arthur L. Linn Jr, age 8; and a daughter, Minerva E. Linn, age 6. Elizabeth's mother Jerusha R. Boyd, 52, and her brother, David A. Boyd, 24, lived with the Linns as well. Arthur listed his occupation as a traveling salesman.

The New York Index to Death Certificates 1862-1948 showed Arthur, a widower, living on Park Lane South in Kew Gardens, Long Island, New York. He died in the Veteran's Hospital in Bronx, New York. on August 29, 1935 and he was buried on September 1, 1935 in Rensico Cemetery in New York.<sup>77</sup>

Although the Lima cholera epidemic orphaned Arthur Linn at age three, with the help of his Aunt Emily, his mother's sister, and her husband Ira Maltby, he persevered and lived a long and productive life. His brother, Eugene, was not so lucky.

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<sup>77</sup> New York Index to Death Certificates 1862-1948. Arthur Linn. Gender: Male. Race: White. Marital Status: widowed. Age: 87. Birth Date: August 3, 1848. Birthplace: Lima, Ohio. Residence Street: 116-40 Park Lane So Kew Gardens, L.I. Residence Place: New York. Years in United States: Life. Death Date: August 29, 1935. Death Street Address: 130 West Kingsbridge Road. Hospital: Veterans Administration Facility. Death Place: New York City, Bronx, New York. USA Burial Date: September 1, 1935. Burial Place: Rensico Cemetery. (Kensico Cemetery?) Occupation: Bookkeeper. Father's Birthplace: Pennsylvania. Father: Edwin (Edmund) S. Linn. Mother: Minerva W. Linn. Informant: Arthur L. Linn. Executor: Minerva Linn Warren.

## Is This Really Eugene Linn's Grave?

Like his uncle by marriage Brigadier General Jasper Maltby, Eugene Linn could have died young from a wound he received in battle during his Civil War Service. Other possibilities are he could have returned home with disease viruses and bacteria like cholera alive and fatally attacking his immune system, or he could have contracted a disease or died in an accident locally. Whatever the cause of his early death, Eugene Linn died on April 17, 1867, at approximately 25 years of age.

At some point in the final days of his life, Eugene Linn either returned to his Kingsville ties with the Ira Maltby family or his brother Arthur brought him back to Kingsville to be buried. His tombstone can be found in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

But there is one more mystery and irony connected to the death of Eugene Lynn. His grave marker is in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery, but his Army record states that he is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. There is no marker for him in Lulu Falls Cemetery. Was he lost in the shuffle of moving bodies from the Old Kingsville Cemetery to Lulu Falls, an event that took place in the late 1800s according to a Kingsville Tribune article? Is Eugene's grave marker the only part of him that rests in the Old Kingsville Cemetery and his body lies in an unmarked grave in Lulu Falls Cemetery?

The final irony of Eugene's short life is that his resting place is as obscured as those of his father, mother, grandfather, and younger sister.<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> After the incorporation of the new cemetery in Kingsville (Lulu Falls?), the heart of the people seemed to leave the old one. It has alternately been cared for and neglected. The burial ground is located on the south side of Main Street and west of the center of the village. According to the custom of our fathers, the site was fixed up almost in the center of the town. It has long been a burial place for the dead and every inch of ground, set apart at first should be forever holy and consecrated to this use. The surface of the ground slightly and pleasant and the earth for the determined purposed most fit. It not wisely, it was most justly set apart and should never be converted to any other use. Here from time to time, the people have buried many of the members of the most prominent families. These have not for the greater part been disturbed. The ashes of some have been moved to the new cemetery, but we believe only a few. Professor WE, Cooper. Kingsville Tribune, Friday August 13, 1886.

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- Captain Horatio Luce, age 22, enlisted in Company E, Ohio 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment on September 16, 1861 and was commissioned as a captain on September 27, 1861. He mustered out on June 9, 1862, at Port Republic, Virginia. Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio Roll of Honor of Ohio Soldiers
  - George A. Manning, brother of Charles H. Manning, was born about 1846. He enlisted on March 21, 1864, as a private in Company F of the Ohio 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment. He died on August 25, 1922, and he is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Pleasant Hill, Oregon.
  - Charles H. Manning, brother of George Manning, served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery. He died on January 5, 1862, in Port Henry, Rollo, Mississippi.
  - Seth Parker



at Lynchburg, Virginia.

Seth Parker enlisted in the US Army on August 5, 1862, and served as a private Company G of the 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died of typhoid fever in a regimental hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is buried in West Lakeville Cemetery in Amboy.

- Hiram Sly enlisted in Company E, Ohio 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry, on September 27, 1861 at age 18. He was a POW and mustered out on June 18, 1862

- Captain E. Abbott Spaulding, 24, enlisted in Company G, Ohio 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and then promoted to full 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on October 8, 1862. Promoted to full captain on January 29, 1863 He was mustered out on September 26, 1863. He was



wounded at Chickamauga, Georgia on September 20, 1863, and he died of his wounds on September 26, 1863. He is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



### Albion Winegar Tourgee

Albion Winegar Tourgee, social reformer, outspoken Civil rights advocate during the Reconstruction period after the Civil War, and author, was born May 3, 1838 in Williamsfield, Ashtabula County, Ohio. He attended Kingsville Academy, where he met his wife to be Emma Lodoilska Kilbourne. One of his biographers wrote that the first time Albion Tourgee saw her he said to a friend, "I'm going to marry that girl." He married Emma in 1863, and they had one child, a daughter, Lodoilska, (Aimee), born in 1870. <sup>79</sup>

When the Civil War began, Albion was a student at the University of Rochester in New York. While in college and as a Republican he wrote an essay which Hinton

<sup>79</sup> Roy, Dibble (1921). Albion W. Tourg e. New York: Lemcke & Buechner. p. 18.

Rowan Helper included in his book, “The Impending Crisis of the South,” published in 1859.

In 1862, Albion received his degree from the University of Rochester and enlisted in the Union Army, mustering in as a private in Company E, 27<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry in May of 1861. In 1861, he fought in the First Battle of Bull Run, and suffered a severe wound of the spine that caused temporary paralysis and chronic backpain for the rest of his life.

After his discharge in August 1861, Albion Tourgee married his childhood sweetheart Emma and he recovered enough from his injuries to resume his fight for the Union. In August of 1862, he was commissioned as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in Company G, 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In October 1862, he was again wounded in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky and in January 1863, Confederate forces near Murfreesboro, Tennessee captured him, and he spent five months in the notorious Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Exchanged in May 1863, he fought in the August and September 1863 Chattanooga and Chickamauga Campaign, but finally in December 1863, he resigned his commission because of disability from his injuries.

When Albion returned to Ohio, he studied Law and joined the Ohio State Bar Association. In 1865, following the advice of his physician he and his family moved to the warmer climate of Greensboro, North Carolina where he established a law practice and edited a newspaper. He built a reputation for fighting for social reform and social justice, especially for newly freed African Americans. His advocacy work often brought him into conflict with white people who wanted to keep black citizens “in their place.” He founded the National Citizens’ Rights Association and founded Bennett College as a normal school for freedmen in North Carolina.

As a delegate to the 1868 North Carolina Constitution Convention, Albion successfully advocated for the new State Constitution which was very slowly implemented. In 1868, he was appointed a Superior Court Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and as a Superior Court Judge he frequently opposed the Ku Klux Klan which terrorized the African Americans in that area.

In the 1870s, he began writing about his experiences and created many successful novels about Reconstruction. In 1879, he and his family left North Carolina and returned to New York to publish his most famous novel, “A Fool’s Errand, by One of the Fools.” He was also writing speeches for the Republican Party and lecturing and writing columns in newspapers. By the 1880s, he had become a prominent and vocal white advocate for African American Civil rights and social justice.



In 1896, Albion Tourgee represented Homer Plessy, the plaintiff in the landmark court case, *Plessy vs Ferguson*, which reached the United States Supreme Court who ruled that racial segregation was “separate by equal” under the law. During the case, Albion Tourgee introduced the concept of “color blind justice” into the national legal conversation. *Plessy vs Ferguson* stimulated the growth of Jim Crow Laws which would not be overturned until in the 1954 “*Brown vs the Board of Education*” case, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation is unconstitutional

In 1897, President William McKinley appointed Albion Tourgee as United States Consul to France, and he served until he died in Paris in 1905.<sup>80</sup>



Albion Winegar Tourgee's Boyhood Home

<sup>80</sup> “Carpet-bagger’s Crusade: The Life of Albion Winegar Tourgee.” Otto H. Olsen, 1965.



- Henry C. Webster - He was born in 1843, and in 1860 was a student at Kingsville Academy. H.G. Webster. Co. I, 87<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He died October 8, 1862. His headstone contract dated 1879, says he is buried in Lulu Falls. Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

- Lt. Daniel H.H. Wheaton, 20, enlisted in Company G of the 105<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment on August 20, 1862. He was wounded, but survived the war, and was mustered out on December 18, 1862, at Louisville, Kentucky. Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.



- Isaac W. Wheaton, born in 1835 in Mill Creek, Pennsylvania. On August 1, 1861, he joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Light Artillery and eventually became a lieutenant. He was discharged on January 7, 1863. He died in Geneva, Ohio on February 11, 1890, and is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery, Kingsville, Ohio.

- Clytus Williams-Enlisted at age 19. Enlisted August 7, 1862. Enlisted as a private. Enlisted in Company A, Ohio 105<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment on August 20, 1862. Died April 3, 1863. Buried in Stones River National Cemetery.



The Presbyterians of Kingsville Presbyterian Church were growing their church and lives alongside Kingsville Academy.

## The Presbyterian Ladies Meet

Ashtabula Telegraph

August 28, 1874.

The ladies' society of the Presbyterian church met on the evening of the 13th, at the residence of J. H. Kinnear, where ample arrangements were made, not only in the house, but upon the grounds, for the enjoyment of the occasion. The premises were illuminated, so that swinging, and croquet were among the pastimes.

The refreshments were duly served, the collections duly-- made, and every body duly happy.

Next Sabbath, the pastor preaches his last, ante vacation discourse. With his usual indisposition at this season of the year, he leaves next week for the White Mountains, for an absence of about one month. During the vacation, the church building will undergo quite extensive repairs.

We are hoping, on his return with renewed health, a well-appointed house, in harmony and sympathy with our sister churches, to see many trophies of grace.<sup>81</sup>

## 1880s

Kingsville Tribune Friday, October 30, 1885

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<sup>81</sup> Reverend Dormer L. Hickok, pastor of Kingsville Presbyterian Church from 1871-1877.

The long looked-for post-office change at this place took effect last Saturday. Of the retiring postmistress, Miss M.A. Kinnear, nothing that we could say would add one laurel to her past record of nearly 22 years. It is well known that she has been most faithfully devoted in her duties and obligations and those circumstances so trying only known to people who have had experience in the post office. She has in the past 22 years taken but three short vacations and while the people will miss her familiar face at the delivery, it will be to her a much-needed rest. Of the new postmistress Mrs. E. Whatney, we feel safe in saying the office has been passed into good hands. All are aware that it will take some time for her to become familiar with her duties and wish all will exercise patience in the business transactions with her until she has unraveled the mysteries of meeting the people's needs. To the retiring post mistress, we say," Well done good and faithful servant." And to the new one, "Our best wishes for the future."

### Mr. Henry Wilkerson Dies

Kingsville Tribune

Friday, April 29, 1887

Henry Wilkerson, age 61, died in Kingsville on April 24, 1887.

Born in Thorole, Canada, he had been a resident of Kingsville about twenty years. He suffered with the dread disease, consumption, for a long time. He left a widow and large family of sons and daughters to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held at his residence in Kingsville on Tuesday, April 26, with Reverend C. E. Hitchcock officiating.

### Christmas Wedding

Kingsville Tribune

December 21, 1889

Reverend J.H. Merchant united W.E. Hawley of Omaha, Nebraska, and Miss Nellie M. Kinnear of Kingsville in marriage on December 21, 1889. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony to visit relatives in Columbus Ohio.

## 1890s

### Kingsville Tribune

January 24, 1890

We are at a loss for suitable words. A comment on the concert at the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening, given by the Boston Ideals. The instrumental music was of an unusually fine character and their rime was so complete that it was as if one instrument did the whole or that they were operated by machinery while the blending of the instruments were perfect and the shading and ornamentation admirable.

If the repeated encores and recalls in any way expressed the delight of audience, we should say their unity was amply satisfied. The Ideals will be welcome if they ever visit Kingsville again by a much larger house.

### Park Sisters at Presbyterian Church

March 28, 1890

The instrumental concert by the "Park Sisters" at the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening was well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather. These young ladies are musicians in the true sense of the word, and their renditions well received, being encored many times during the evening. As a reader, Miss Estelle Merrymon is a success, bringing down the house each time she appeared on the rostrum. To hear this young lady recite one of her comic selections is well worth the price of admission.

### E.M. Curtiss

February 11, 1892

E.M. Curtiss of Kingsville died on February 11, 1892 after an illness of nearly nine months. He was a native of Kingsville, born there on June 9, 1836, and spending his life there except for living in Elkhart, Indiana, for one year.

He married Helen Gerrish in September 1862 and they were happily married for nearly 30 years. They had a son and a daughter.

Mr. Curtiss was a widely known and worthy citizen, deeply interested in everything that related to the prosperity of Kingsville. When he died, he held the office of township trustee, and he also served as the superintendent of the county infirmary for five years. He was conscientious and faithful in all his official duties.

For many years he was an active member and office holder of the Presbyterian Church. No section of the community would feel his loss as much as the Presbyterian Church.

Some months before his death, Mr. Curtiss realized he was dying, and he set his house in order. Patiently he waited for the Master's summons to call him home. He bore his long and distressing illness with great patience and death seemed to be a happy release.

His funeral services were held at his home at 2 o'clock p. m. on Sunday, February 14. His funeral was largely attended, and but for the heavy rain attendance would have been much larger. His pastor Reverend A.B. Sherk gave an address on Romans 8:18 and Reverend E. Dibell highlighted his life and character.

His widow Helen and his children have the sympathy of the entire community in their heavy bereavement. As we bid goodbye to our friend and brother we say, "gone to rest."

E.M. Curtiss is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

## 1893

### Presbyterian Sabbath School Sleigh Ride

December 22, 1893

The Presbyterian Sabbath School will celebrate Christmas this year by giving their scholars a sleigh ride. If the weather permits, they will assemble at J.H. Kinnear's store on Saturday, December 23 at 10:00 o'clock from which place the start will be made. Let everyone bring their lunch basket. Also, let everyone bring as large a donation in money as their heart and pocketbook will allow for the poor of Cleveland.

Surely your hearts must be deeply stirred by the awful suffering these hard times have produced among the poor of our great cities. Then let each remember to be thankful for all their benefits and donate accordingly.

## 1894

### Concert, Presbyterian Church

February 13, 1894

The Concert. A feast was furnished to the appreciative people of Kingsville Wednesday evening, February 13 at the Presbyterian Church by the Emerson Quartette and Burwell-Bear Orchestra of Ashtabula assisted by Miss Fannie Haskell, Soprano soloist, Mr. Fred Hogue, Elocutionist, and Miss Hall, accompanist.

A full house testified to expectations that were fully realized. All the music rendered was of excellent quality and very pleasing. Mr. Hogue was especially good in humorous pieces.

After the concert, the choir of the Presbyterian Church furnished their guests from Ashtabula with refreshments. Dr. Webster opening his house for that purpose. Net proceeds were twenty-two dollars.

### Lord's Supper, Presbyterian Church

May 3, 1895

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday next at the hour of the morning service. The Preparatory Service and lecture will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. A meeting of the Session of the Church will be held at the house of Mr. Mullett on Friday evening and on Saturday afternoon after the service.

### Communion and the Growing Church

May 15, 1896

The recent Communion Service in the Presbyterian Church was one of more than usual interest to the members. Older people among them say that never was so large a number added at one time to the church. There were four admitted by letter from sister churches, and twenty-two on confession of their faith. Of the twenty-two, fourteen received the ordinance of baptism, seven had been previously baptized, and one received by the Session was absent from town on the day of the communion.

Most of the new members are from the Sunday School, generally children of families of the church, but a considerable number are young ladies and older ones who will doubtless prove a valuable addition to the active element of the church.

The whole church appears to be much encouraged and strengthened. The mid-week prayer meeting the Pastor, (Reverend Caughey) tells us, has been more than doubled both in numbers and interest, and the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society, both the junior branch with its forty members, and the older society, are in a very flourishing condition. There is some talk, we hear, of a semi-centennial celebration of the organization of the church in the coming September, and still louder talk of extensive repairs and improvements in the church building. For all of which we extend to the people our hearty "God speed."

## Presbyterian Directory, 1896

[History of Cleveland Presbyterianism with a Directory of All the Churches by Reverend and Mrs Arthur Clyde Ludlow,](#) Published by W.M Bayne Printing, 1896

### Kingsville Presbyterian Church Directory, 1896

Reverend A.H.  
Caughey, Ph.D.

Pastor: Reverend A.H.  
Caughey, Kingsville,  
Ohio.

Elders: Reed, A.F.  
Noyes, William  
Strong, G.E. Webster,  
M., Clerk.

Deacons: C. Caughey,  
E.M. Webster, M.B.

Trustees: Burt  
Matson, J.H. Kinnear,  
M.L. Davis

Treasurer: J.E. Glezen

Sunday School  
Superintendent: Jessie  
Caughey

Assistant Sunday  
School Superintendent:  
Emma Caughey

Secretary: Lottie Case

Librarian: Bertha Peck

Organist: Alta Glezen

Ladies' Aid Society:  
President, Mrs. Alice  
M.B. Webster

Vice President: Mrs  
Ella K. Viets

Secretary: Sarah  
Fickinger

Treasurer: Mrs. C.S.  
Robinson

Young People's Class  
President: Ethel  
Richmond

Vice President: Alta  
Glezen

Recording Secretary:  
Bertha Peck

Corresponding  
Secretary: Troia  
Aylesworth

Treasurer: Dr. G.E.  
Webster

Organist: Bertha Peck

Junior Vice President  
Sunday Class:

Superintendent: Mrs.  
A.M.B. Webster

President: Claude  
Robison

Secretary: Fannie  
McGoun

Treasurer: Kenneth  
Webster

Organist: Troia  
Aylesworth

Choir: Chorus Choir  
under leadership of  
James E. Glezen

Organist: Bertha Peck

Members

Mrs. Matilda King  
Aylesworth

Helen Aylesworth

Troia Aylesworth

Louis A. Beebe

A.B. Bonuell

Mrs. A.B. Bonuell

Carlotta Case

Kaliel J. Case

Daniel C. Caughey

Mrs. D.C. Caughey

Emma Caughey

Isadore M. Caughey

Jessie A. Caughey

Helen M. Curtiss

Martin L. Davis

Virginia A. Davis

Mrs. Charles Eastman

Mrs. Jay Eastman

Mrs. Jacob Fickenger

James A. Fickenger

Sarah Ann Fickenger

James E. Glezen

Corrice H. Glezen

Alta M. Glezen

Elizabeth Hammond

Mrs. Reuben Harmon

Mrs. L.K. Hart

Mrs. William Hawley

Agnes Henderson

Edith F. Johnson

Clara Johnson

Kate Johnson

Nellie A. Johnson

Mrs. E.M. Kingbiets

Clara P. Kingsbury

J.H. Kinnear

Mrs. J.H. Kinnear

Mary A Kinnear

Mrs. Byron McCreary

Fannie C. McGoun

Mrs. Burt Matson

Mrs. Joseph Mullett

Elizabeth Nettleton

Harvey P. Newton

Mrs. Harvey P.  
Newton

Fay S. Noyes

Mrs. F.S. Noyes

Arthur F. Noyes

Myra Ellen Noyes

Nellie Noyes

Mrs. Orsen Palmer	Martha S. Richmond	Myrta B. Strong
Amy L. Palmer	H. P. Richmond	Helen M. Strong
Mrs. Perry Parker	Mrs. John Robison	Elizabeth E. Strong
Florence Parker	Miss W.E. Robison	Homer A. Strong
Mrs. Henry Pease	Claude N. Robison	Mrs. Jennie Swift
Henry H. Pease	Harold S. Robison	Gaylord Veits
Anson S. Peck	Louise M. Rogers	E.M. Webster
Ellen Peck	Maria A. Sabin	Mrs. E.M. Webster
Charles Peck	Mrs. Stephen Sabin	George E. Webster
Mrs. Charles Peck	Stephen Sabin	Mrs. G.E. Webster
Bertha E. Peck	Nellie M. Shank	Alice G. Webster
Nora Peck	Frederick E. Shepard	George K. Webster
Lucille Peck	Mrs. Lucy M. Stanton	Sarah Wilkerson
Carl Peck	Ben Stanton	Mrs. Albert Wilkerson
Sarah Alice Phelps	E.R. Stanton	
Mrs. Hattie M. Phelps	Mrs. E.R. Stanton	
Charles Reed	Francis A. Straight	
Mrs. Charles Reed	William Strong	
Lydia Ann Rice	Mrs. William Strong	
Helen Richmond	Mrs. Lydia Strong	





June 2, 1860-Ashtabula Weekly Telegraph

Alpha Nettleton of Kingsville informs us that he has a Durham Calf, which at the tender age of ten hours weighted 124 lbs. What a monster he will be when he arrives at oxhood. We think as Mr. N., does, that his calf will hardly be equaled anywhere. There are some things born into this drudging world that are biggest at birth, though we did not suppose that Durham calves were of that order!

Wednesday, September 11, 1895

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will have a Basket Picnic at the church Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

May 22, 1896

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church enjoyed a picnic at Lulu Falls last Saturda



- 1852. Lake Shore Railroad completed from Buffalo west.
- 1861. First soldier leaves Kingsville for the Civil War.
- 1863. First mill for dressing lumber erected.
- 1866. Lulu Falls cemetery opened.
- 1872. The Kingsville Academy is turned over to the Township for a high school.
- 1877. The Union church is built.

December 22, 1893

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The Kingsville Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet this week, Saturday at 2 p.m. with its President Mrs. C. Hanchett, to celebrate its twentieth anniversary, December 23, "Crusade Day, the anniversary of the going forth the Crusade Band at Hillsboro, Ohio, 1873."

This "going forth" and the consequent rise of the W.C.T.U. power is classed in history as one of the greatest events of the Nineteenth Century. It is well that once a year at least we relate the story of that wonderful uprising which spread with such amazing force and rapidity over the length and breadth of the land, awakening not only in our own nation but all Christendom from its apathy regarding the saloon evil. Every W.C.T.U. woman is stimulated to fresh effort by its recital and the holy fervor of the crusaders is still capable of inspiring a kindred spirit in the hearts of men and women who listen to it.

An appropriate program is arranged. We expect to have an interesting and profitable hour. All are cordially invited. Arline B. Greenslee, Superintendent of Press Work.

December 22, 1893

Dr. C.A. Thatcher, the Arophene Dentist, who extracts and fills all classes of geeth without pain, will visit Kingsville during the Holidays, and will doubtless locate a "permanent Dental Office" in Kingsville, not later than March 1, 1894. If he does, the office will be able to turn out all kinds of dental work from gold crown and bridgework to the simplest piece of work. It will be a permanent fixture to Kingsville.

He will work at the residence of Postmaster G.G. Viets and will welcome all who have had teeth made by anyone claiming in the past to represent the Arophene Dental Company, as agents and whose plates do not give satisfaction. He will do all kinds of dental work and will extract teeth with the world renowned "Arophene" system which is recognized as the only safe and painless method. NO other dentist or persons can use it in Ashtabula County except Dr. Rodgers of Conneaut, who has the lease purchased from the County. Beware of others who claims to use it as they are frauds.

## Chapter Four – 1900-1950



Altie Phillips, Presbyterian Church History, July 16, 1950. Kingsville Public Library Archives

### Celebrating One Hundred Years of History

Kingsville Township celebrated its Centennial on July 4, 1905. One of the Mrs. Lydia Wright Brown, one of the celebrating Kingsville residents, read a history of Kingsville from 1855-1880. She noted that the year 1855 found Kingsville with perhaps 1,500 inhabitants as the census report for 1880 counted 1,730 and about 28 houses less than in 1905.

At this point in its history, Kingsville businesses included:

- two general stores
- a tin shop
- morocco (leather) factory
- heavy leather tannery
- two woolen mills doing extensive business
- two grist mills
- a shoe shop
- three churches
- two hotels
- the Kingsville Academy and district school
- the town hall.

The Park was an uneven plot of ground about two or three feet higher near the town hall than it measured in 1905, and lower at the south end. A deep stream ran diagonally from the old Academy to the southwest corner of the Park. The stream or creek was extremely dangerous to cross in the dark.

The engineers of the Lakeshore Railroad set the stakes to grade the Park. No more than twenty of the shade trees that shelter Kingsville village were planted before 1855 and public-spirited townsmen accomplished the task of planting them. No citizen knew for sure who planted the elm tree.

In 1855, Reverend H.W. Palmer served the Presbyterian Church as pastor, Reverend H. E. Hatch was minister of the Baptist Church, and Reverend A.W. Brown the Methodist Church. Their homes were all on the north side of the short street which has been known as Priest Street.

The Kingsville Academy in 1855, had 263 students and four teachers. The four teachers were: Professor Heywood; Professor Drake; Mrs. Osbourne; and Mr. Thomas Hoskins, the blind music teacher. The directors were: Oliver Barrett; Harvey Newton; and William Steele. Harvey Newton was a prominent member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. The Examining Board consisted of S.S. Gillett; F.M. Davis; and Warren Stanton. The tuition per term was \$3.00 for Common Branches; \$4.00 for Higher Branches; and \$8.00 for 24 lessons of piano music.

In 1856, two teachers joined the teaching force at the Kingsville Academy. Herr Hollacher from Newburg, Germany, taught German and Miss Goodrich, painting and drawing.

In 1859, there were 297 pupils studying at the Kingsville Academy. The teachers were: Professor Heywood, principal; Miss Sarah Schoonmaker, Preceptress; Joseph Webster and Seneca Coon, assistants; Miss Montgomery, penmanship; and Professor Hopkins, music.

Reverend Graham of the Methodist Church and Reverend Palmer of the Presbyterian Church and Reverend Hatch of the Baptist Church were Chaplains in 1856. On high days and holidays they assisted in the devotional exercises.

The great religious revival, the great comet, and the great fire marked the winter of 1857-1858. The great fire started at the Ashtabula County Infirmary on February 2, 1858 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and it burned so fiercely for several days that it even consumed the embers of the building. Infirmary residents Thomas Neno; Joseph Brunson; Mr. Minor; Eliza Persival; and two other people died in the flames and approximately sixty other people escaped. Citizens of the neighborhood provided the survivors with food and shelter until they could be resettled.<sup>82</sup>

The total fire loss was \$5,000 with the insurance just covering \$2,000 of the loss.

An editorial in the Ashtabula Sentinel dated February 11, 1858, stated that Mrs. Huldah Munson, the woman who set the Infirmary on fire, was now in jail. A friend in Kingsville furnishes the following facts: "Huldah Munson got her little boy to hand her a lighted stick, as she said, 'to light her pipe.'

## 1920s

### Federation

Carrying on the traditional inclusive spirit of Reverend Joseph Badger, the pivotal figure in establishing organized worship in the Western Reserve, in 1927, the Kingsville Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist Churches became to explore the possibilities of merging into one community federated church. They created an Inter-Church Council with three representatives from each congregation making up its membership. In late 1929, by favorable vote of the Inter-Church Council, a Young People's Society was created.

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<sup>82</sup> Ashtabula Sentinel, February 4, 1858.

The Young People's Society conducted a regular meeting each Sunday evening at 6:30, alternating at the churches in the order followed by the 7:30 Union Service. With an average attendance of 35, they used the Christian Endeavor topics for discussion and selected Lillian Allcock, president; Raymond McNutt, vice president; Leota Merritt, secretary; and John Bugby, treasurer.

The successful cooperation between the three churches fostered the idea that they could merge, but in 1930, the Baptists withdrew from the Council. The Methodists and Presbyterian began worshipping together in February 1930, and by April 1, 1930, they had established their federation by signing articles of agreement.

Under the Articles of Agreement, each church members retained his or her membership in their chosen denomination. The two churches combined and departmentalized Sunday School programs and accommodated each other's communion and baptism practices. The two churches alternated worship services monthly between the two buildings.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches became known as the Federated Church of Kingsville and the Federation operated successfully from 1930-1935, before the two churches considered an official merger.

## Reverend James Gray, Methodist Pastor Dead at 72

April 19, 1928

Reverend James Gray, age 72, died at his home in Kingsville after a brief, one day long illness. He died from a general breakdown in health and infirmities of old age.

Reverend Gray served as the Methodist pastor in Kingsville for nine years as well as participating prominently in activities of other dominations and in community activities.

Born February 17, 1856, in Daventry, Northhamptonshire, England, Reverend Gray was the oldest of 15 children born to James and Hannah Chester Gray. At age 14, James went to sea and at age 18, he came to Cleveland where he attended the public schools. On December 26, 1883, he married Miss Susan Jones of Cleveland and they eventually had seven children.

Three years later in 1886, James graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. He served pastorates in Kellogsville and Gageville Churches, and

the Kingsville Methodist Church was his last pastorate, In the past weeks despite his advanced age, he participated in a number of church activities.<sup>83</sup>

## 1930s

### Presbyterians and Methodists Federate and Merge

#### The Methodist Side of the Merger

In 1831, Reverend Samuel Ayers organized the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingsville in a log schoolhouse located on the site of the old Academy. He served as first pastor to its original 18 members. The congregation worshipped in the schoolhouse until 1834 when they built a small brick church near the site of the old Methodist Parish House which they used until 1856 when they built the church which later merged with the Presbyterians.

In 1837, Elijah Batchelor and his wife Joan signed the deed of the land for the brick church lot. Later when the church needed more land for a new building, Melzar Macomber sold his land for the extension.

In the early days of the church when class meetings took place before Sunday morning worship, Valentine Tourgee and Samuel D. Kingsbury, were noted class leaders. Ira Maltby was the first class leader.

On March 28, 1850, the Methodist-Episcopal Church incorporated, naming Harvey Sperry; E.A. Butler; James R. Abbott; Norman Thompson; and S.Y. Curtiss as trustees, and Valentine Tourgee as clerk.

As nearly as can be estimated, these men served the Methodist Church as ministers:

Samuel Ayers	E.E. Latimer
Chandler	Hall
Jeremiah Hill	Burgess
Bain	Reno
John Graham	Warner

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<sup>83</sup> Pastor Dies at Kingsville. Rev. James Gray Dead at Age 72. Ashtabula Star Beacon, April 19, 1928.



H.M. Stearns	F.H. Armstrong
J.E. Hollister	J.H. Starrett
C.W. Staples	James A. Ullman
H.M. Hollister	J.M. Keck
Luce	R.W. Gardner
S.L. Binkley	W.S. Hollett
E.F. Edmonds	W.H. Nicholson
T.S. Hodgson	C.B. Henthorn
C.W. Holmes	Ward
J.M. Houston	James Gray
M.J. Stutz	B.C. Campbell
J.H. Merchant	Glen C. Cornell
J.W. King	

A Kingsville citizen reported that the first school he ever attended took place in the brick Methodist Church. Frankie Parrish taught the school, called a Select School, and for a time a Singing School was also held in the brick building. At the singing school, each pupil carried a candle for the evening lessons and the boys created unique candle holders. Each boy ran a pen knife through a candle and then stuck the point of the knife into the upright part of the desks, making a candlestick unnecessary.

Another pioneer reported that during the early years of the church, the décor included a pail of water with a cup or dipper standing nearby so that when the children were thirsty, they could help themselves.

Mrs. Linna Luce Dunn, the daughter of one of the former Methodist Ministers, told the story of the Love Feast tickets. John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, believed that love feasts dated back to the apostles and that they were a “means of grace” and “converting ordinance.” Love feasts included testimonies, hymns, prayers, bread and water or wine from a communal loving cup, collections for the poor, circulating a loving cup, and sermons.

It was customary to issue tickets to the people who were eligible to attend the Love Feasts at the Quarterly Meeting. Reverend Luce asked his daughter Linna, who was quite young at the time, to cut the tickets or coupons apart for one of the love feasts. She cut out four tickets, one for each of her three sisters and one for herself. The hour of the service arrived, and the girls appeared at the door. They showed their tickets to the doorkeeper and he let them in because they each had a ticket. Their dismayed minister father spied them, and later at home, applied Methodist discipline.<sup>84</sup>

## The Presbyterian Side of the Merger

Reverend Joseph Badger organized the first church in Kingsville Township under the Congregational denomination in 1810. Six people enrolled in the first congregation and for the first twelve years the church moved between houses of its members for worship services. The congregation built a meeting house in 1822 on the site of the old Kingsville town hall.

In 1844, Reverend Erastus Williams organized the Congregational congregation as a Presbyterian Church. On July 11, 1844, eight people who had been members of the Congregational church were received as the first members of the newly organized Presbyterian Church of Kingsville. These new members were Ichabod Curtiss; Selina Curtiss; Luman Webster; Eliza J. Webster; Jonathan Gillett; Jeremiah King; Samuel Newton; and Samuel Rice.

During the rest of the year 1844, 22 more people joined the newly organized Presbyterian Church. They were:

George R. Arder

Nancy Arder

Gideon Bushnell- Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

William Bushnell

Theresa Bushnell-Buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Henry Cheney

Elizabeth Cook

Eunice Gillett- She is buried in the Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery

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<sup>84</sup> Love Feasts. [https://www.blendedbody.com/\\_cl/\\_audio/\\_2ndgen/DebelakDetroit2000/05-LoveFeastsAsTheCenterOfTheChurchLife.htm](https://www.blendedbody.com/_cl/_audio/_2ndgen/DebelakDetroit2000/05-LoveFeastsAsTheCenterOfTheChurchLife.htm)

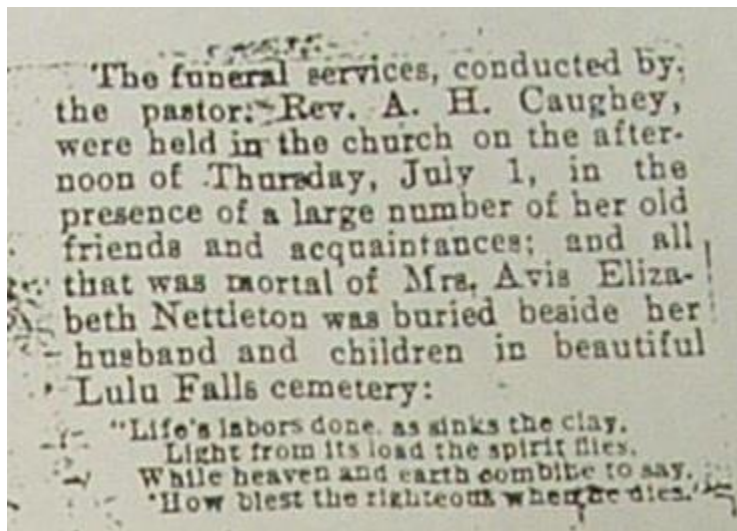
Mary E. James

Annie Macomber- She is buried on Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery

Olive Merrill

Elizabeth Nettleton- She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. Avis Elizabeth Webster, born in 1817 in Connecticut, married Charles Nettleton. One of their children was Sarah Elizabeth, who was born on September 5, 1842. Elizabeth, She was baptized July 14, 1844 in the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. She married J.W. Dewey in Kingsville on January 1, 1873. She died on July 20, 1886 in Cleveland.

They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In 1870. Avis Elizabeth was 53. She was 77 when Reverend A.H. Caughey served the Kingsville Presbyterian Church beginning in 1894 and ending in 1900.



It is unlikely that Avis Elizabeth Webster Nettleton lived from 1900-2000 as her Find A Grave death date states. It is more likely that someone confused Avis Elizabeth with her daughter Sarah Elizabeth.

Alpha Nettleton-Son of Charles and Elizabeth Nettleton. Baptized in the Presbyterian Church on August 31, 1849.

Daniel Noyes- Buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery

Clara Noyes- Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery

Hermon Reed- He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Lois Reed- She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Julia Ann Reed- She married Haskell Skinner in 1846. On February 22, 1872, Presbyterian minister Reverend D.L. Hickok married Julia Ann and Uri Blakeslee. Julia Ann died on July 28, 1910 and she is buried in Prairie Grove Cemetery in Cawker City, Kansas.

Mary Thayer

Henry Thurber-He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Harriet Thurber- She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery

Corinna N. Webster- She is buried in City Cemetery, Conneaut, Ohio

The church burned in 1847, but prosperous merchant George Gillett donated the land for the church and the adjoining cemetery, and the Presbyterians built a new church, George Gillett also gave the church a bell, which had been awarded a prize at a Cincinnati fair. The new church building featured a centrally located entrance with a choir loft above the doors at the rear of the church. When singing hymns, the congregation turned and faced the choir singing from the loft.

On October 21, 1848, the church incorporated as the Presbyterian Society for the purpose of holding and maintaining the property, including the newly built church building.

## From Incorporation to Federation

For well over a century and a half, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists in Kingsville worshipped in their respective congregations. They established an Inter-Church Council to serve the community of Kingsville, but the move toward church unity did not produce much action beyond talk until 1929. In early October 1929, the young people of the Kingsville community with the backing of the Inter-Church Council and a favorable vote of the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian Churches united to form a Young People's Society.

The Young People's Society held regular meetings each Sunday evening at 6:30, alternating at the churches in the order followed by the 7:30 union services. Their average attendance was 35. They used the Christian Endeavor topics for discussion and selected these officers: Lillian Allcock, president; Raymond McNutt, vice-president; Leota Merritt, secretary; and John Bugby, treasurer.

A significant event in the march toward the Federation happened on March 13, 1930, when members from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches united for an evening of Christian fellowship and important business at the Presbyterian Church.

A basket supper was the first order of business. Later, the Methodist congregation in one room and the Presbyterians in another, each choose trustees and directors according to the Articles of Agreement that the two churches were slowly creating.

Altie Phillips, one of the three beloved Phillips sisters living in Kingsville, wrote about the 1930 Presbyterian and Methodist merger in her Ashtabula Star Beacon column. Reporting that the Presbyterian and Methodist Congregations had been worshipping together since February 23, she wrote that they had decided to form a federation as of April 1, 1930.

Representatives from the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches to worked together to write Articles of Agreement. The Presbyterian contingent consisted of J.H. Keller; Herman Bowdler; and A.L. McNutt. The Methodists sent M.O. Bugby; William Campbell; and Bert Stull. Reverend Glenn C. Cornell; Dr. Lewis F. Ruf of Cleveland; and Dr. Battelle McCarty of Warren, Ohio, assisted in creating The Articles of Agreement. The group listed the significant categories spelled out in the Articles as membership; doctrine; sacraments; pastor; church; government; budget; worship services; and church school.

The Articles of Agreement provided that the church doctrines would be based on the Holy Scriptures as commonly accepted by the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches as “the rule of faith and practice.

The morning services would alternate monthly between the church buildings. The church schools of the two churches would combine and departmentalized under the direction of the board of directors. For reporting to the denomination boards, the attendance and enrollment statistics would be divided equally.

Communion and baptism were to be ecumenical sacraments and forms of baptism were to be practiced based on the wishes of the parents or the adults to be baptized. A pulpit committee composed of three members from each church was appointed to oversee the election of a pastor and the Superintendent of the Youngstown District of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Superintendent of the Cleveland District of the Presbyterian Church.

The Articles under membership stipulated that each member of the constituent denomination will be given the choice of uniting with either church. When the person chooses, his or her name will be added to the church having the fewest members.

Five trustees chosen from each church were charged with the care of the church property, and six directors from each church were elected to supervise the spiritual and financial interests of the church.

A council would consist of the trustees, directors, superintendents of Sunday schools, presidents of affiliated ladies' associations and men's organizations, the pastor, local preachers, elders of the Presbyterian church and directors of religious education. Equal parts of the undesignated benevolent collections will be sent to each of the congregations.

The Presbyterians in deference to the Methodist custom of having the ladies of the church represented on the board of trustees elected one on their new board. The Methodists in deference to the Presbyterian custom chose all men on their new board. The record stated that, "The fact that the lady has withdrawn in favor George Kaul does not in any way effect the fine spirit which characterized the separate sessions and the joint one which followed."<sup>85</sup>

The directors and trustees chosen for the new federation were:

Methodist Directors: M.O. Bugby; William Campbell; Bert Stoll; F.E. Shaffer; A.M. Braunbeck; and Victor Watts.

Presbyterian Directors: A. L. McNutt; John Keller; C. M. Peck; Floyd Warner; Harold Robison; and Herman Bowdler.



REV. GLENN C. CORNELL

### **Reverend Glenn C. Cornell is First Federated Pastor**

The first pastor of the newly Federated Churches, Reverend Glenn C. Cornell, was a native of Cleveland. He graduated from West Technical High School in January 1920 and before he entered college, he worked as a draughtsman at Swift and Company. In 1924, he received his B.A. degree from Baldwin Wallace College, and in 1927, after three years of study he graduated from Drew University College of Theology with a B.D. degree. In June 1928, New York University awarded him an M.A. degree and during the 1928-1929 school year he studied at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Reverend Cornell served churches in Parma, Edenville, and Greenwood Lake, in Ohio. From April 1925 to

<sup>85</sup> Altie Phillips, Ashtabula Star Beacon, 'Presbyterian Merger with Methodist Group Effective on April 1.1930.

September 1927. He served a church in New Milford, New York. He came to Kingsville in 1927.

On March 16, 1930, when the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations worshipped together for the first time, Mina Peck Parshall, or “Aunt Mina,” as everyone called her, occupied a prominent place in the pews. She was poised to celebrate her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12, making her the oldest living member of the Methodist Church which she had joined at age 14 when Reverend John Graham served as minister. She frankly stated that she did not \vote for the merger, because she felt a strong loyalty for the church of her childhood.

Despite her Methodist loyalty, Aunt Mina sat firmly in the Presbyterian Church pew, when the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations worshipped together for the first time on Sunday morning, March 16, 1930. When a friend approached her and asked, “Are you here?” Aunt Mina replied, “Yes. I’m not going to stay at home, just because the service isn’t in my church!”<sup>86</sup>

## From Federation to Merger

The federation worked so well that in the spring of 1935, at the end of five years, members of both congregation felt that their unity should be organized, and the congregations should unite as a community church or under one denomination. In the summer of 1935, a joint meeting of the directors, trustees and their wives met at the Campbell Cottage Moreland Club to discuss what they wanted to choose. Everyone agreed that they wanted to choose some form of unity.

The directors and trustees presented a resolution at the annual business meeting of the church, requesting that a congregational meeting be called to consider a one denominational plan.

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<sup>86</sup> The newspaper accounts have conflicting dates as to the first meetings of the two congregations, but Aunt Mina was right not to stay home just because it was no longer her church.

The meeting was held on October 3, 1935. A ballot was circulated, given the congregations four choices.

1. To become Methodist
2. To become Presbyterian.
3. To become Congregational
4. To continue the Federation

Altie Phillips writes in her 1950 History of the Presbyterian Church that the people nearly unanimously to form a Congregational Church if they could receive the consent of the Presbytery and Methodist Conference. A Presbytery Commission of Cleveland called a congregational meeting and the congregation voted unanimously to agree to becoming Congregationalist if the Methodist Conference agreed.

Then Bishop Smith of Cincinnati, representing the Methodist Church, stated that he and his fellow Conference members felt it unwise to destroy two loyalties and start a new one. He urged the Methodists to transfer their property and members to the Presbyterian Church. The Methodists took his advice.

The merger proved to be numerically beneficial to both the Presbyterian and Methodist Congregations and the united churches prospered. By 1937, 56 new people had been added to the rolls, bringing the total active membership to 295 members. The newly united congregation made many improvements to the buildings and equipment. They purchased an electric organ, a new oil furnace for the church, and new outdoor bulletin board. The manse acquired a new toilet, the church roof sported new shingles, and the church a new coat of paint.<sup>87</sup>

## 1940-1950

### Reverend Samuel Harris Highlights Church Activities

In her History of the Presbyterian Church dated July 16, 1950, Altie Phillips asked Reverend Samuel Harris to point out some of the current activities of the church.

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<sup>87</sup> Altie Phillips, "Brief History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, July 16, 1950. Kingsville Public Library Archives.



New members since June 1948

By profession of faith.....41

By letter.....25

Total.....66

Total active membership at present is 295, which is a net gain of 36 in two years. The difference between the net gain and the 66 received is accounted for by death, dismission to other churches, and suspension to the reserve roll for non-residence, etc.

Adult baptisms.....23

Infant baptisms....24

Church weddings.....7

Improvements to the buildings and equipment.

Re-shingled roof of church

Sunday School classrooms in basement of the church.

Bulletin board in front of the church.

Toilet in the parish house.

Pained the church.

New oil furnace in the church.

Electric and water heater in the manse.

Papered the rooms in the manse.

Painted the interior of the parish house.

New organ in the church.

Redecoration of the high school class and the mother's classrooms.

Replastered west wall of the interior of the church.

Two dozen folding chairs purchased by church and one dozen by the Mothers lass.

One dozen by the Mothers Class.

Blower from the old furnace at the church installed in the manse.

Communion table the gift of Ida Munsell

Altie Phillips noted that “of course we know there are many things which have been done that he wouldn’t ’list.” There has been a Nursery conducted during church service for a large part of the time he has been here. That is a much-needed service and much appreciated.

One of our recent projects was to aid in sending a local Boy Scout representative to Valley Forge in the person of Dean Keller.

### Eleanor Campbell Marries Arnold Carlson at Kingsville Presbyterian Church

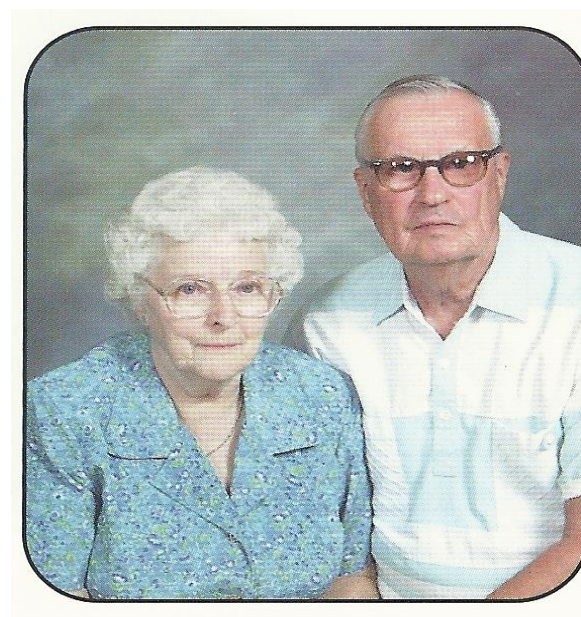
Reverend Eric S. Tougher performed a wedding ceremony at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church on October 31, 1945.

Eleanor Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Ward Campbell and Arnold Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Carlson of Kingsville, O., were united in marriage Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church in Kingsville.

The Reverend Eric S. Tougher, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with baskets chrysanthemums and cathedral candles in tall candelabra.<sup>88</sup>

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<sup>88</sup> Bradford, Pennsylvania Era, October 31, 1945, p. 4



Arnold and Eleanor Carlson, Kingsville Presbyterian Church Directory, 2002



April 9, 1932

The Old Kingsville Gleanings column in the Ashtabula Star Beacon of April 9, 1932 records the missionary movements of Reverend Perry Bovee.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Perry Bovee, Kellogsville Road, who left Kingsville three years ago to serve the Presbyterian Board of National Missions in work among the Indians of New Mexico, is with his wife visiting his mother and father, Frank, and Nellie Bovee.

Reverend. and Mrs. Bovee will speak Sunday in Kingsville Church services. They are located at Laguna, New Mexico and are serving the Pueblo Indians.

They have many exciting experiences to tell about and many costumes to exhibit.

Reverend Bovee's wife Ruth will appear in costume at the Sunday School of the Federated Church Sunday morning and speak to the school at 10:45 in the M.E. Church and Reverend Bovee will bring the message at the morning worship service at 11:15 at which service the minister, James A. Reichel will preside. The choir will sing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

April 29, 1932

Altie Phillips wrote about some of the Kingsville events in her Ashtabula Star Beacon column of April 29, 1932. The Harmony Club met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Georgia Keller of the Creek Road. There was a good attendance. The business session oversaw Mrs. Zaida Porter, President.

Plans for the supper to be served for the Eastern Star inspection on May 6 were discussed. Mrs. Genevieve Parker won a contest. The special guest was Howard Keller. A delicious chicken supper was served during the social hour which followed.

The Presbyterian Guild meets next Wednesday afternoon at the Keller home.



1921

- Volunteer Fire Company formed at C.F. Tuttle's place of business.

1922

- J.E. Davis became postmaster and operated from Carlson's Hardware Store.

1927

- Brick school building burns. Normal school closes.

1929

- Kingsville Elementary School completed.

## Chapter Five- 1950-1960

Altie Phillips wrote a history of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church dated July 16, 1950, adding a personal perspective to the historical records in the Kingsville Public Library and the church records.

### Altie Phillips History of Kingsville, History of Kingsville Presbyterian Church



A 1955 Star Beacon file photo shows (from left) Sarah, Altie and Alice Phillips consulting an old book they used to research a history of Kingsville Township for the 1955 Sesquicentennial book. The sisters were recognized by the community in October 1958 for their many contributions to the school, library and community of Kingsville Township.

#### Phillips sisters preserved local history for the next generation of township residents

By CARL E. FEATHER  
Lifestyle Editor

The names "Altie, Sarah and Alice Phillips" appear with regularity in documents relating to the Kingsville Township Sesquicentennial, held July 2-4, 1955.

The Phillips sisters, as they collectively were known to residents, made their marks on the community in many areas. Alice was librarian for both the school and community libraries; Altie a primary-grades teacher, town historian and newspaper correspondent; and Sarah, trained as a nurse, served as her sisters' assistant in their research.

Their brother, Thomas, was a professor of chemistry at Ohio State University and headed the department of agricultural chemistry at the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

Their father, the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, was a pastor in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He and his wife Altie Wright Phillips served churches from New England west to Wisconsin. Locally, they served

South Ridge Baptist in Conneaut.

The sisters' paternal grandfather was the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, a pioneer missionary in the India mission field. Their children were born in India.

Altie Wright Phillips had a connection to Kingsville. She was the daughter of Capt. Marshall Wright, who was commemorated "The Story of the Thousand," written by the 19th century author, judge and U.S. Consul to France, Albion W. Tourgee, who spent a portion of his childhood in Kingsville. Marshall Wright was an Ashtabula County sheriff during pre-Civil War days and is credited by some sources as the first man to reach the scene of the Ashtabula bridge disaster.

Altie Phillips wrote the township history sketch for the 1955 Sesquicentennial book with assistance from her sisters, Ruth Tuttle, Ronald Branch, A. Jay Sherman and others.

The sisters lived on Priest Street in a house still stands. A picture of the sisters hangs in the original section of the library and honors their contributions.

### Presbyterian Church History, July 16, 1950

#### Altie Phillips

Six years ago in November, we celebrated the centennial of this church. In 1953, we hope to celebrate the sesquicentennial of our town, for it was in 1803 and for several successive years that families, mostly from New England, settled in various parts of what is now Kingsville Township. One group, located on the bank of Conneaut Creek in the bend of the stream just east of this village. In 1810, their need of religious services was met by the coming of Reverend Joseph Badger, the first missionary to the Western Reserve. He encouraged them to hold prayer meetings in their homes until they could build a church. So in 1810, he organized them into the first church association of Kingsville. It was called a Congregational

Church. In the records of some of their meetings, Joseph Badger's name is signed as clerk. The original group included six members.

For twelve long years (until 1822) the people waited to build! Their church stood on the site of the town hall and it contained a pipe organ! When the building was 22 years old, 22 members were added and on July 11 of that year (1844) under the leadership of Erastus Williams, the church was organized as Presbyterian.

The year 1847 was a disastrous one for the Presbyterian Church, now 25 years old. In it, fire of an incendiary origin burned it to the ground. In the same year, another fire of the same origin burned the 11 year old Academy, a two story building of four rooms. After the Academy fire, classes met in the church.

Both of the buildings were rebuilt; the church on a new site; the land and cemetery adjoining were the gift of George Gillett, the storekeeper. The bell, a prize bell, bought at a Cincinnati fair, was also given by George Gillett. The gallery was built over the entrance. When the audience rose to sing the hymns, they turned to face the choir above. It is of interest that a separate organization called "The Presbyterian Society," was effected on October 21, 1848, to care for the church building, newly erected. The book of the proceedings was faithfully kept until 1911.

As I have gone through the old records I have taken down the names of the pastors in their order beginning with the year 1810. The list is as follows:

Samuel Crocker; Rev. Van Tassel; Urban Palmer; Mr. Kelley; Mr. Latham; Mr. Gregg; Mr. Kenney; Erastus Williams; Horace W. Palmer; Dormer L. Hickock; John M. Davies; Ralph A. Davis; Charles E. Hitchcock; Edwin A. Dibell; A.B. Clark; A.H. Caughey; M.H. Bradley; J.M. Wiley; E.R. North; M.H. Bradley; B.M. Swan; D.O. McKay; P.W. Sinks; E.T. Roney; A.E. S. McMahon; Myron K. Hume; Haines A. Reichel; Howard L. Bethel; Eric S. Tougher; A. H. O'Brien; Samuel T. Harris Jr.; John Eakin; L.F. Bickford;

The Methodist group was organized somewhat later, and I quote from the article that appeared in the Star Beacon at the time the federation, March 26, 1930.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingsville was organized in 1831 with 16 members in a schoolhouse located on a site of the old Academy. The organization was effected by Mr. Samuel Ayers, the first pastor. The Society worshipped in the schoolhouse until 1834, when a small brick church was built on the site of the present edifice. That served until 1856, when the present building was erected.

Recent investigation in Jefferson reveals the fact that there must have been an organization of the church, for under date of March 28, 1850, the record states that

the first Methodist Church of Kingsville was organized with Harvey Sperry; E.A. Butler; James R. Abbott; Norman Thompson; and S.Y. Curtiss as trustees and with Valentine Tourgee as clerk. The following have served the church here as ministers, the order of their pastorates as nearly as can be learned:

Samuel Ayers; Rev. Chandler; Jeremiah Hill; Rev. Bagin; John Graham; E.C. Lattimer; Rev. Hall; Rev. Burgess; Rev. Reno; Mr. Warner; E.M. Stearns; J.E. Hollister; C.W. Staples; H.M. Hollister; J. Luce; S.L. Binkley; E.F. Edmonds; T.S. Hodgson; C.W. Holmes; M. Houston; M.J. Slutz; J.H. Merchant; J.W. King; F.H. Armstrong; L. Starrett; James A. Ullman; J.M. Keck; R.W. Gardner; W.S. Hollett; S. Nichol森; C.B. Henthorn; Rev. Ward; James Gray; D.O. Campbell; Glenn C. Cornell.

One of our townsmen told us that the first school he ever attended was held in the brick Methodist Church. It was called a select school and was taught by Frankie Parrish. There was for a time a singing school held in the same building. The pupils each carried a candle for the evening lessons. The pupils would run a penknife through the candle, then stick the point of the knife into the desk; thus a candlestick was not added. It is worthy to note that the deed of the land sold for the brick church lot is signed by Elijah Batchelor, and his wife Joan Batchelor in 1837. Later when the plans were made for a larger frame building and more land was needed, the extension was purchased of Melzar Macomber. In the earlier days when class meetings were held before morning service on Sunday, Valentine Tourgee and Samuel D. Kingsbury, Grandfather of G.G. Kingsbury, were noted as class leaders. Ira Maltby was the first class leader.

From another source we learned that during the years the church was in use, it was customary to have a pail of water and a cup or dipper nearby so when the children were thirsty, they could help themselves. Mrs. Linna Luce Dunn, daughter of one of the former Methodist Ministers, told me that tickets were to be issued to those eligible to attend the love feasts of the Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Luce asked his daughter Linna to cut the tickets or coupons apart for one of the love feasts. She was quite a child at the time. When she finished the cuttings she had four tickets: one each for her three sisters and one for herself. When the hour for the service arrived, the girls appeared at the door and the doorkeeper let them in because they had tickets. When the minister-father spied them he was horrified. Discipline came later.

In the secretary's record of the Ladies and Pastors' Union. Mr. Holmes was pastor in 1879, I find that at each monthly meeting, an answer was to be given to each of the following questions, viz. (1) Are there any sick to be visited? (2) Are there any members of the church beside the sick to be visited? (3) Are there any strangers in



the community to be visited? (4) Are there any to be invited to church services or Sunday School? (5) Any seeking Christ? (6) What work for the church has been done during the past month?

Later, in 1918, the Women's group was organized as a Missionary Society.

Following the Federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the women's groups from the two churches united and functioned as The Ladies' Guild and Missionary Society. The old records of the Guild have not been available. But their past achievements are well known and currently the organization is doing a fine work in seeking to deepen the spiritual life of the members and to increase the understanding of missionary problems.

In looking through the Presbyterian clerks records of church meetings under date of May 7, 1832, we find this statement:

"Trustees shall circulate subscriptions for the purpose of raising stock and grain, sufficient to pay what is now due to Reverend H.T. Kelley the grain to be paid in January, the stock in March." Another entry, "voted that each member furnish ½ cord in wood or pay 50 cents in money."<sup>89</sup>

A case of discipline: "voted that in the case of Mr. B, a committee be appointed to visit him and invite him to come to the church at the next meeting and give the reasons why he has for a long time neglected Communion. "

Still another voted that "slips" pews, in this church be rented and the proceeds appropriated to the support of the gospel, and the exercises of divine worship in this place."

In closing, I thought it would be interesting to review briefly the steps which led to federation and final union of the two churches.

Reverend Glen C. Cornell while pastor of the Methodist Church organized the Inter Church Council in 1927. It held monthly meetings with few exceptions until 1933. It was largely through the leadership of this group consisting in the beginning of the members from each of the three village churches that interest in the union of churches was carried on.

By 1930, sentiment in favor of the merger had grown strong and an agreement on federation was reached. However, by April 1 when the Union was to become

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<sup>89</sup> In the next chapters, Altie Phillips states that she asked Reverend Samuel Harris to detail the recent undertakings of the church. I have located them else on the following pages for the purpose of continuity. Kathy Warnes.

effective, the Baptist group had withdrawn and Methodist and Presbyterian Churches became a federated Church.

The Federation was so successful that at the end of five years, in the spring of 1935, many felt there should be organized unity, either as a community church or under some denomination. At a congregational meeting held on October 3, 1935, a vote was taken on four propositions: viz; to become Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, or to continue the federation. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of a Congregational Church if the consent of the Presbytery and the Methodist Conference could be secured. The Cleveland Presbytery appointed a commission to deal with the matter. The Commission called a Congregational meeting here. At that time there was a unanimous vote to agree to the proposition when and if the Methodist Conference did. Bishop Smith of Cincinnati felt it was unwise to destroy two loyalties and start a new one. He, therefore, urged that the Methodists should transfer their property and umbers to the Presbyterians, which action was taken. The solution has proved a happy one.

As we pass through these dark days toward an uncertain future, we may find courage in these words of Maltbie Babcock:

‘Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,

We have hard work to do and loads to lift,

Shun not the struggle, face it,

‘Tis God’s gift.

Be strong! Be Strong!’”<sup>90</sup> Maltbie D. Babcock

Altie Phillips noted that “As individual members of this church, we have in our lifetime made many mistakes and doubtless some mistakes have been made in the early history of the church. The path has not always been easy; sacrifices have been made many times. However, I think we can emulate the broad-minded writer who said of a dear friend, ‘His heart was as great as the heart of the world, but there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong.’”

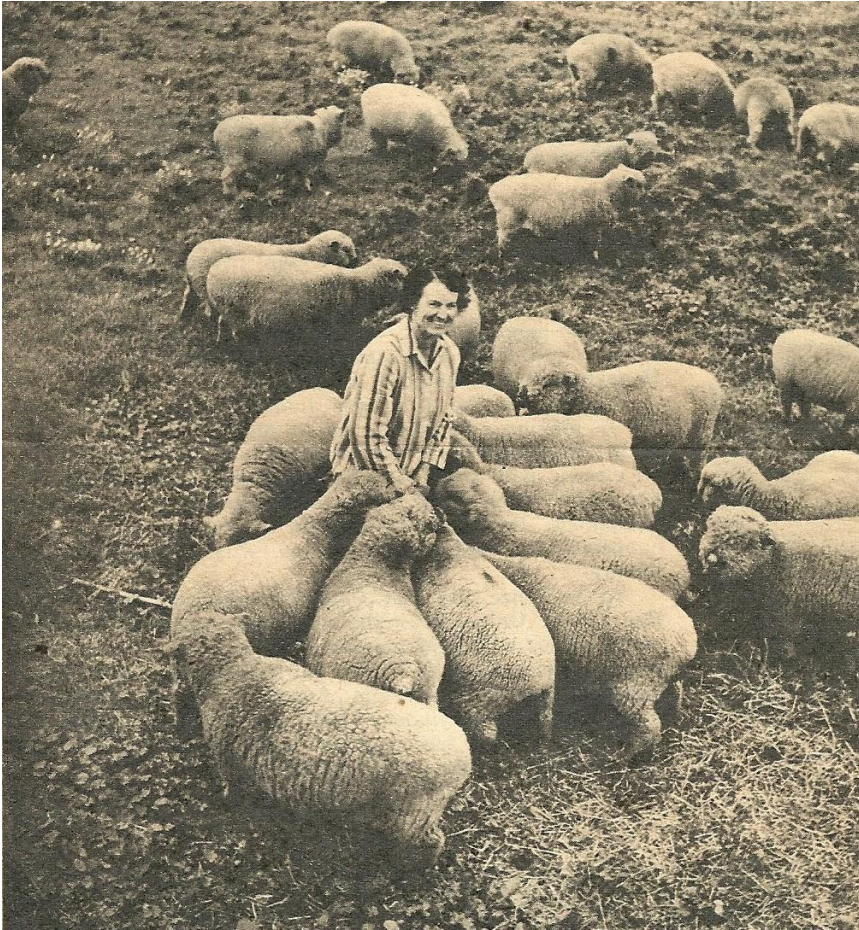
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<sup>90</sup> Reverend Maltbie D. Babcock, talented poet, musician, and orator was the pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church and Baltimore, Maryland, and the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. He wrote several beautiful hymns including “This is My Father’s World,” and “Be Strong

## Presbyterian Profiles



“Missy Robison,” one of Ruth’s prize Shropshire ewes. Ruth Robison traveled 9,000 miles to attend shows. Last year in Toledo she Missy and Ruth Robison won



best in show against 11 other breeds. Ruth began breeding Shropshire sheep as a hobby 20 years ago and she has won bushels of prize ribbons and most of the coveted awards from the American Shropshire Registry Association. The demand for sheep from her farm for breeding is so great that she has a hard time keeping up with the orders. There are 125 Shropshire sheep on the 75-acre Robison farm, 20 of them always trimmed and groomed ready for a show. A former schoolteacher, she never lived on a farm until she married Harold Robison.

Mrs. Robison’s day begins at daybreak and frequently ends after midnight. From March to May during the lambing season,

she works far into the early morning hours. Her husband helps with the heavy work.

The Robisons also raise turkeys for retail sale.

On the board of directors of the Ohio Farm Bureau, Ruth is in great demand as a speaker. Her popularity increased since her trip in October 1946, to the International Co-Operative Alliance in Switzerland as the only woman delegate to its first postwar meeting.





Rep. Oliver P. Bolton of Ohio's 11th District is pictured (left) with Mrs. Harold Robison, Kingsville, and Lester R. Dean, Harpersfield, two of the Farm Bureau legislative spokesmen who conferred with congressional leaders and Secretary of Agriculture Benson this week at Washington. The Ohio delegation received promises of less government interference and more cooperation in farm problems — especially on that of skidding prices.

## Kingsville Country Cousin Visits Cleveland

In October 1953, Kingsville resident Mrs. Harold Robinson of Kingsville presented a program at the Federation of Women's Clubs of Greater Cleveland. Mrs. Robinson reported on the International Co-operative Conference that she attended in Paris.

A graduate of Columbia University, Ruth Robinson taught school for a time. She is the first Ohio woman to serve on a county farm bureau cooperative board, representing the Ohio Farm Bureau on the Board of the Cooperative League of the United States.

She has won top awards during the past twenty years for the Shropshire sheep she and her husband Harold, raise on their farm in Kingsville.<sup>91</sup>

Mrs. Harold Robison, South Ridge East, is attending the U.S. National Commission of United Nations Economics Social Organization Conference as an official delegate.

The conference being held in San Francisco opened Tuesday and will continue through Saturday.

Mrs. Robison was appointed a member of the U.S. Commission by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.



Reverend Samuel Harris and his wife Margaret and their children (left to right), Tim, Jeff and Peggy Lee, 1956.

February 1958

Kingsville Presbyterian Women's Association Meeting

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<sup>91</sup> Cleveland News, Monday, October 5, 1953. "Invite Farm Women to Visit Our Town," Frances Synder. The Club World, p. 20.

Miss Kitty Doedyns, an exchange student from the Netherlands, was guest speaker at the Kingsville Presbyterian Women's Association meeting held Monday night at the church. Miss Doedyns described the people and customs in Holland, its educational system and government.

Election of officers was held preceding the program and the following were elected:

Mrs. Harold Robison president; Mrs. Kenneth Allen, vice president; Mrs. William Loomis, secretary; Mrs. Gene Moroski, treasurer; Mrs. John Keller, finance chairman; Mrs. Paul DeGroodt, fellowship; Mrs. John O'Bell, world service.

Mrs. Donald Bowdler, program; Mrs. Howard Blenman, local service, and Mrs. August Braunbeck, morning circle. Two members elected to be nominating were Miss Ruth Bugby and Mrs. Wallace Brocklehurst.

The group approved recommendations to complete sewing assignments and to have each association member bring a guest to circle meetings. Circles will meet again on May 9. The next association meeting will be in September.

Serving as hostesses were Mrs. John Keller, Mrs. Joseph Webster, and Mrs. Howard Blenman.

### Kingsville Presbyterian Women's Association Installs Officers

Installation of officers was held Monday night when the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church met at the Fellowship Hall. Installing officer was the Reverend John Eakin. Installed were vice-president, Mrs. Harold Robison; secretary, Mrs. Irwin Loomis; program chairman, Mrs. Wallace Brocklehurst; world service chairman, Mrs. John O'Bell; local service chairman, Mrs. William Runyan; finance chairman, Mrs. Georgia Keller, and fellowship chairman, Mrs. E. Mumaw.

New circle chairmen are Mrs. Joseph Webster, Mrs. Georgia Keller, and Miss Ruth Bugby.

The group voted to send \$25.00 to the Loehlins, the church missionaries.

Plans were made for a Christmas program on Family Night, December 23. Announcement was made of the cancellation of sewing days on the third Thursday of the month.



Mrs. Harold Robison led the program following the business meeting. Her topics – international relations, race relations, and separation of church and state affairs – were taken from the “Minutes of the 172<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. A committee served refreshments.

<p style="text-align: center;">KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. John L. Eakin, Minister *****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER OF WORSHIP</p> <p>Sunday                      February 9, 1958                      11:00 AM</p> <p>"Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy!" (Ps. 99:9)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORGAN MEDITATION</p> <p>CHORAL INTROIT . . . . . and . . . . . CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN OF VISION . . . . . 3 INVOCATION . . . . . and . . . . . LORD'S PRAYER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCRIPTURE LESSON</p> <p>Old Testament - Isaiah 6:1-4 New Testament - Revelation 4:1-11 ANTHEM . . . . . "Thou Art My God" . . . . . Van Woert</p> <p>ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES AND OTHER CHURCH OFFICERS</p> <p>OFFERTORY . . . . . and . . . . . DOXOLOGY</p> <p>CHILDREN'S SERMON . . . . . "The Bishop of Calcutta" PRAYER HYMN . . . . . 417 verses 1 and 2 sung by the choir verses 3 and 4 by the congregation before and after the morning prayer SERMON . . . . . "Take Time to be Holy" HYMN OF DEDICATION . . . . . 3 BENEDICTION . . . . . and . . . . . CHORAL AMEN The congregation will remain quietly until the candles are extinguished ORGAN POSTLUDE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICES</p> <p>The following newly elected Elders and Deacons are to be ordained and installed this morning:</p> <p>Elders to be ordained:- Donald Bowdler, Robert Keller, Gordon Jewell Elders to be installed:- Morris Bugby, August Braunbeck, Ronald Derry, Lynn Sprague Deacons to be ordained:- Dorothy Bowdler, Bonivere Parker, Donna Mae Wentink Deacons to be installed:- Leona Keller</p> <p>The two Youth Fellowships will meet this evening at 7 o'clock in their respective places of meeting.</p> <p>On Sunday, Feb. 16, we turn our thoughts toward a Lenten theme, the discipline of sacrifice. We begin, this Sunday, our preparations for ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, which will occur on Sunday, March 23rd. Be sure you get your little church-shaped coin box for your sacrificial giving during Lent that you may have a large gift ready by Mar. 23rd.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FUTURE WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>Feb. 16 - THEME - Exhorted, Encouraged, Charged Our second Bible Study, using 1 &amp; 2 Thessalonians. On this Sunday before Lent, young people will be challenged to offer their lives to Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EVENTS OF THE WEEK</p> <p>Tue. Feb. 11 - The Sunshine Circle will meet at the home of Viola Carle at 8 PM. Wed. Feb. 12 - The Mothers Circle will meet at the home of Mildred DeGroodt at 8 PM. Thu. Feb. 13 - Senior Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORY VERSE FOR FEBRUARY</p> <p>I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6</p>
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KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Rev. John L. Eakin, Minister  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday February 23, 1958 11:00 AM

G O D I S W O R K I N G

Jesus said, "My Father is working still,  
and I am working." (John 5:17)

ORGAN MEDITATION

CHORAL INTROIT . . . . and . . . . CALL TO WORSHIP  
HYMN OF VISION . . . . . 226  
INVOCATION . . . . . and . . . . LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . Matthew 13:3-8, 24-33, 44-46  
ANTHEM . . . . "Be Still and Know" . . . . Byles  
CHILDREN'S SERMON . . . . "The Infolding Mystery"  
OFFERTORY . . . . . and . . . . . DOXOLOGY

PRAYER HYMN . . . . . (341) . . . . . Naomi  
Let the sweet hope that Thou art mine  
My life and death attend;  
Thy presence through my journey shine,  
And crown my journey's end.

MORNING PRAYER . . . . . and . . . . THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN OF FAITH . . . . . 189  
SERMON . . . . "The Kingdom of Our Sovereign God"  
HYMN OF DEDICATION . . . . . 302  
BENEDICTION . . . . . and . . . . . CHORAL AMEN

The congregation will remain quietly  
until the candles are extinguished  
ORGAN POSTLUDE

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The two Youth Fellowships will meet together this evening in the Green Room at 7. A movie will be shown, entitled, "How honest Are You". After the movie, the two groups will separate for discussion and then come together again for refreshments and some games. The meeting will close with worship.

FUTURE WORSHIP SERVICES

Through the next four weeks we shall continue the series of services started today on the Inward Attitudes of Christians, based on the Parables.

Mar. 2 - THEME - God is Loving  
Mar. 9 - THEME - God is Calling  
Mar. 16 - THEME - God is Judging  
Mar. 23 - THEME - Our Response

On this last Sunday, part of our response will be bringing to God's House our sacrificial Lenten Gifts in ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING with the world.

The Annual Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will be held in the Hotel Ash-tabula, Feb. 27th, at 6:30 PM. Tickets may be obtained from Gordon Jewell or the Minister @ \$2.50.

Senior Choir Rehearsal on Thursday at 7:30 PM.

The Session met last Thursday evening. During the meeting the elders were organized into six committees to forward the total work of the church. The committees printed below were approved by Session.

Spiritual Life	Ronald Derry, Frank Bowdler
Christian Education	Lynn Sprague, Morris Bugby
Membership	Paul DeGroodt, Nels Carlson
Stewardship	August Braunbeck, Robert Keller
Outreach	Gordon Jewell, Floyd Redman
Organizations	Ralph Robishaw, Donald Bowdler
Gordon Jewell was elected the Clerk of Session.	

MEMORY VERSE FOR FEBRUARY

I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6

## The Annual Report to the Congregation of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 1958

### Dedication

To the people who have made our church a place for worship, for Christian education, for loving service to the community and to the world, we do dedicate this annual Report for 1959.

### A Look at the Officers Who Have Served Our Church in 1958

#### The Session

Rev. John L. Eakin, Moderator

Gordon Jewell, Clerk of Session

Donald Bowdler   Morris Bugby   Paul DeGroodt   Floyd Redman

Frank Bowdler   Nels Carlson   Ralph Robishaw   Ronald Derry

Robert Keller   August Braunbeck   Lynn Sprague

#### The Board of Deacons

Rev. John L. Eakin, Moderator   Dorothy Bowdler, Secretary-Treasurer

Eula Jane Allen   Ann O'Bell   Boniver Parker   Leona Keller

Donna Lu Miller   Bessie Ogren   Donna Mentink   Lucile Webster

Marguerite Braunbeck   Elizabeth Huey   Henrietta Bradley

#### The Board of Trustees

Ralph Robishaw, President   Emma Howe, Secretary

Arnold Carlson   Eleanor Carlson   Basil Nichols   Joseph Webster

Dean Laugen   Clarence Miller   Russell Wentink

#### Other Church Officers

Gene Moroski, Choir Director

Organists – John O'Bell   Johnette Eakin   Marilyn Marr

Finance Secretary. Robert Keller

Asst. Fin Sec. Viola Carle

Church Treasurer Kenneth Allen

Canvass Director Paul DeGroodt

Head Usher August Braunbeck

Custodian Paul DeGrott

Auditors Val Manwaring Miriam Day Hellen Perry

Seen by the Session Discerned by the Deacons Beheld by the Board of Trustees

The facts found on these two pages are gleaned from the records of the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons. These are the things that these three groups have seen happen in the church in 1958.

The first big event in the life of the church this year was the invitation from the Board of Foreign Missions to our pastor to be the companion and interpreter for Reverend Puang Akkapin, moderator of the Church of Christ in Thailand. Before plans were complete for this work, a great many letters were passed back and forth. We were given the opportunity to have Reverend Peter Latuihamallo from Indonesia as interim minister during Reverend Eakin's absence.

The Board paid \$250 to the church to help us in having Peter come. The church, on the other hand, paid him \$15 a Sunday for the five Sundays he was here. For the other two Sundays that our pastor was going to be away, the Session arranged through its Spiritual Life Committee to have Mr. Richard Olsson and Mr. Richard Rose lead our services.

Thus, we gave our pastor to serve the ecumenical church for a season, and the ecumenical church served us through the three men who came to us during the time he was gone. The Manwarings enjoyed Peter as a guest in their home while he was here. Nels Carlson gave him many a ride in his Cadillac, with the hope that he might pass his examination and get his driver's license while he was here, a plan that did not pan out. Peter failed, but he certainly did not fail otherwise.

There were other less important events that might be mentioned. The Bible School held during the summer in cooperation with the Baptist Church was most successful. The enrollment was 102, of which 65 were from our church. The whole cost to us was \$13. Twenty-new members were received into the church during the year. The Communicants Class, 13 in number, was an exceptional one in many ways. The Gerald Ludwigs were received into our membership at a service in their home. Mrs. Ludwig is a victim of polio and could not come to the church to be received. The service in the home was a happy experience for those who attended. Worldwide Communion in October hit a new high in attendance. It was gratifying to have 210 of our members partaking of the Communion on this Sunday, 54 percent of our membership currently. Much credit should be given the Deacons for the success of this. These twelve women visited all the homes and urged our members to attend. The Deacons are also responsible for preparing the Communion Table each time we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The attendance at the worship services this year was not as high as it was last year. The average attendance for the year dropped from 135 to 127. The Deacons planned the worship services on Mother's Day and the Session the service on Layman's Sunday.

The second big event in the life of church was the beginning of the task of renovating the Parish House. This project has required much time on the part of the Session and the Board of Trustees. Much preliminary work had to be done – the surveying of the land, the purchase of the tract of land to the north from Frances Bowdler. A small strip on the north was also given to us by Richard Rose. We are endeavoring to straighten the line between the church and the O'Bells. The two boards were given the task of appointing the permanent building committee. Now that committee has carried out its task in a fine way. The building has been moved to its new location on the land we bought. A great deal of the work of transforming the building into one that will have two floors, giving us a lot of additional room, is well on its way to completion. It will be a great day when we move in again.

It was worthwhile to have become incorporated as a non-profit corporation this year, so that the Trustees now have full authority to do business for the church. More insurance has been taken out on all the buildings, as well as liability insurance and temporary insurance on the Parish House while it was being moved. Repairs for this year consisted of some papering and painting in the manse, the purchase of a new coil for the stove there, reconditioning the typewriter in the office and putting new eave spouting on the church.

Some memorial gifts have been purchased- carpeting for the platform, a light over the bulletin board in the vestibule, new flag poles, stands and crests. The large

balance in the Memorial Fund, \$197.85. is being saved to obtain equipment that will beautify our new building and make it more useful.

Here is a summary of membership for 1958 as reported to Presbytery. Total membership January 1- 385. Added on profession and reaffirmation of faith – 24. Added by certificate – 5. Removal by certificate – 7. Deaths – 7. Other removals - 1. Total membership December 31- 399. Infant Baptisms – 11. Adult Baptisms- 7. Sunday School Members-317.

## A Look at the Sunday School

Our Sunday School attendance expanded again during 1958. Furthermore, despite the problems involved in enlarging and renovating the old Parish House. the Sunday School has continued to function with classes for all age groups. This performance was possible only because our Primary, Kindergarten, and Nursery Departments were permitted to use the Happy Hearts School. Enrollment and attendance averages for the year 1958 were as follows:

		Enrollment	Attendance
The Cradle Roll	Under three years old	50	
Nursery Depart.	three years old	12	8
Kindergarten Dept.	4-5 years old	30	24
Primary Dept.	6-8 years old	60	45
Junior Dept.	9-11 years old	50	31
Junior High Dept.	12-14 years old	39	24
Senior High Dept.	15-17 years old	15	12
Adult Dept.		28	19
Teachers in all Departments		33	33
Totals		317	196

The Sunday School teachers and pupils are looking forward with great anticipation to the time when the new "Fellowship Hall" will be ready to house a substantial part of our growing Sunday School. The improved facilities will do more than

create a pleasant environment for the Sunday School. They will also add greatly to the effectiveness of the teaching program and will enable us to handle the enlarged enrollment which is certain to come our way during the next few years.

### The Report of the Sunday School Treasurer

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance, January 1, 1958	\$297.04	Supplies	\$687.34
Collections	739.03	Benevolences	113.00
Youth Budget Receipts	55.00	Training School	128.00
White Gift Offering	63.00	Other Expenses	31.05
Other receipts	12.40	Balance Dec. 31, 1958	207.08
Totals	\$1166.47		\$1166.47

### A Glimpse of the Youth Council

The whole program for young people in our church is headed up in the Youth Council, nine young people, and the Finance Secretary of Youth Budget. Those serving this year were: Beverly Herl, Jean Davis, Marilyn Simmons, John Konnart, Norman Herl, Dick Sherwood, Janice Huey, Don O'Neil, Patty Wentlink and Kenny Carle.

The first project carried out by the Council was serving the Easter Breakfast Advisers who helped this year were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brocklehurts. Members of the Youth Council and other volunteers set the tables, served the food, and cleaned up afterwards.

The second project was the Ice Cream Social held late in August. The evening of the social, many people came, and the money made was added to the Camp and Conference Funds. All through the summer, young people were going to various camps and conferences. The cost of sending them came to \$334. The funds already received, even with gifts from any friends, were insufficient to pay all. Parents of campers were asked to give more help. Youth Budget balances finally made up the amount still lacking. We are glad that so many had a chance to go. On New Year's



On April 28, 1958, the Women's Association of our church came into being, and the former Women's Guild was dissolved. (This new organization follows the format suggested for all United Presbyterian Churches and approved by the General Assembly at our church.) The women of the church met on that day and, using the Association Chart, formed the framework of the organization. Officers were elected, committees appointed, departments formed, and names were drawn for the members of the six circles. Then circle officers and chairmen were selected. Thus, the Women's Association became a vital part of the total program of our church.

Shortly after this, a Constitution and a set of bylaws was composed. These were sent to the Session for study with the request that Session approval be given so that the Women's Association might be the authorized organization for the women of our church.

After gaining Session approval, these documents were sent to the circles for further study and discussion. Then, at the second Association meeting in September, they were approved and became the rules governing the life and work of the association. This organization meets four times a year on the 45<sup>th</sup> Monday of January, April, September, and November.

The six circles decided that they would meet on the second Thursday of each month, two meetings in the morning, two in the afternoon, and two in the evening. Here are the circles and their chairmen:

Meeting at 9:30 a.m.	The Deborah Circle	Mrs. Donald Bowdler
	The Miriam Circle	Mrs. William E. Loomis
Meeting at 1:00 p.m.	The Rebecca Circle	Mrs. Wallace Brocklehurst
	The Ruth Circle	Mrs. Howard Blenman
Meeting at 8:00 p.m.	The Martha Circle	Mrs. Russell Wentink
	The Phoebe Circle	Mrs. William Runyan

Since it is the purpose the Association to build up the spiritual life of its members, the circles are studying the book of Acts.



## Behold! the Association is Growing Strong!

The following projects have been promoted:

- A delegate, Bertha Brocklehurst, was sent at Association expense, to the Ohio Synod Leadership Training School held in Wooster in July.
- A truck load of used clothing and other items was taken to Garden Valley Community Center in Cleveland last summer.
- A 39-pound package of used clothing was sent to St James Island in South Carolina the first of December.
- A “Christmas for Others” package valued at \$82.00 was sent to St. James Island at Christmas time.
- A \$150 pledge for the year was made by the Association in October to meet its various benevolent obligations.
- “Take Home Supper” was held November 15 in the Green Room. This was a great success, netting a profit of \$71.29. The money received at this supper is to be saved to help pay for repairing and painting the two rooms back of the Sanctuary, cleaning the drapes, and patching the old linoleum in the Green Room and buying new linoleum for the other room. This project is still uncompleted.
- New drapes for the second room are in the process of being made.
- Several cleaning days were held recently. The Sanctuary and both the back rooms benefitted exceedingly from this work.

### Financial Statement of the Women's Association

Balance, Jan. 1, 1958	189.75	Women's Presbyterial	31.90
Circle collections	132.76	Asia Project	40.00
Tax Stamps	62.07	Garden Valley Center	124.81
Profit from dinners	159.29	Books	54.24
Miscellaneous Receipts	40.80	Delegate to Wooster	32.00
		Postage	18.90
		Miscellaneous Expense	180.11
		Balance, Dec. 31, 1958	102.72
Totals	584.68		584.68

### A Glance at the Continuing Classes

After the formation of the Women's Association in April, the three classes wished to continue their meetings. So, to the report on the Association and its circles must be added a report of the doings of these classes to complete the picture of what our women are accomplishing in the life of the church.

The Mother's Class had programs on segregation and race prejudice, studied the book of Luke, and enjoyed Miss Marguerite Bugby's pictorial report on her work in India. Gifts and cards were sent to all the ladies in the County Home on their birthdays. Donations were given to the Bible Club work, to Rev. and Mrs. Wichean Watakeechoan, the CARE, and the camping program of the church. Out of a total of \$248 spent, \$141 was benevolence giving. The class has \$241.56 in the bank and \$35.54 cash on hand at the close of the year.

The Sunshine Class has enjoyed a series of talks on different subjects in the Bible by Mrs. Emily Miller at each monthly meeting. During the year, a gift of cards and games was sent to a shut-in-child and a basket was given to a needy family at Thanksgiving time. To raise extra money the class has been selling kitchen towels. It also served one wedding reception. Over \$800 is deposited in the bank, ear-

marked for kitchen equipment for the new building. A steam table and coffee urn have already been ordered. The total receipts for this year came to \$171.64 of which only \$46.80 was spent Cash on hand amounts to \$24.64 as the year ends.

The Priscilla Class, meeting bi-monthly since the Association came into existence, studied the book "Meet Dr. Luke" and discussed race prejudice. A white elephant sale was held during the year. Money was donated to the church's flower fund. \$25 was given to one needy family and goods and clothing were sent to another as a Christmas project. Out of a total of \$33.67 received, \$28 was spent for benevolences. a cash balance amounting to \$17.38 is left at the end of the year.

### Seen from the Pastor's Pulpit

No report can be very comprehensive when it must be squeezed into 12 pages. Many things that we all would like to see published here had to be left out Yet, they will not be wholly forgotten for they are written down in the records of the various organizations and boards of the church.

As your minister, I would like to note down a few matters that will not be found in any records. They are small services that are performed for the church without any fanfare. Few know anything about them.

When your minister was away last summer, Janet Brown and Jean Davis took over the responsibility of printing the bulletins. They did an excellent job. Quietly, Sunday after Sunday, Ann O'Bell and her committee see to it that there are some flowers or other decorations in the sanctuary to adorn the center of worship.

Floyd Redman has spent a lot of time fixing up the choir chairs, redoing the old pulpit into a repository for the communion equipment and a resting place for our Book of Abiding Memorials. He is now repairing a table that has been broken for some time.

Paul DeGroodt sees to it that a short, meaningful sentence is placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule that we may be reminded when we enter the sanctuary as to why we are there.

Eula Jane Allen has been responsible for writing up the memorials in the Book of Abiding Memorials these past two years. Many women have worked at the job of cleaning the church Many men have worked on Saturdays to make the remodeling of the Parish House less expensive.

Thus, in quiet ways many people serve their church, through the choir, through the Sunday School, on the various boards. There are officers who give many hours a week in work for the church. There are unknown Christians who offer a sincere prayer for the church and its leaders. Both are serving their Lord. These people do not want public recognition, but we want them to know their service is appreciated.

Reverend John Eakin

## A View of Church Finances

### Church Treasurer's Report

#### Receipts

January 1, 1958.... Cash balance on hand		\$1,144.41
Received for church support		11,277.37
Allocated Receipts		
One great hour of sharing	\$284.47	
Foreign Mission Board for Rev. Peter	250.00	
From Building Fund for buying land	350.00	
For C.R.O.P.	10.00	
From Youth Budget Givers	807.62	
Memorial fund gifts	185.62	
To be used in the flower fund	3.00	Total 1,890.71
Total Received by the Church Treasurer		\$14,312.49

Disbursements	Budget	Actual
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Our World Mission	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00
Our Pastoral Ministry	5,120.00	5,109.64
Our Worship and Service	1,250.00	1,168.54
Our Church Home	2,550.00	2,497.72 Total \$11,655.90

#### Allocated Disbursements

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$284.47
Youth Budget Disbursements	819.90
Memorial Fund Purchases	178.19
Sent to C.R.O.P.	10.00
Paid to Rev. Peter from Board	250.00
Purchase of land	350.00 Total \$1,892.56
Total disbursed by Church Treasurer	\$13,548.46

#### Balances December 31, 1958

In General Fund	\$527.62
In Youth Budget	6.56
In the Memorial Fund	197.85
In the Flower Fund	15.00
In the Book Binding Fund	17.00 Total \$764.03

## The Budget for 1959

Total \$12,000

## Our Worldwide Mission

Presbytery Extension	\$385
Beaver Valley Camp	97
Synod Benevolences	300
General Assembly Benevs.	1680

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\$2,462

## Our Worship and Service

Worship and Music	\$250
Office and Finance	300
Telephone and Other	200
Presbyterian Life	250
Presbytery Dues	330

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\$1,330

## Our Pastoral Ministry

Minister's Salary	\$4,200
Pension	433
Car Allowance	400
Supply Ministers	75

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\$5,158

## Our Church Home

Repairs	\$500
Fuel and Electricity	1,460

Taxes and Insurance	300
Custodian	720
Miscellaneous Supplies	70
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	\$3,050

## Some Goals to Think About

The session has set up a program in which each elder has a list of 14 out of a total of 168 member-homes in the area. Elders will visit these homes in behalf of the church during the next year. The deacons are also hoping to keep in closer touch with our members next year.

We hope to add 35 new members to our roll during 1959. We would like to attain an average attendance of 140 at the Sunday Worship Service. And it would be wonderful if we could have an average attendance that would reach 185 in Sunday School after we are in our new building.

## Nomination for Church Leadership

For the Congregational Meeting

To the Session for three years:

Kenneth Carle, Arnold Carlson, William Kennert, Val Manwaring

To the Board of Deacons for three years:

Bertha Brocklehurst, Helen Mead, May Louise Hadlock, Marjorie Webster

As Head Usher for one Year: Russell Wentink

As Superintendent of the Sunday School until Oct. 1, then Assistant: James Dawson

As Assistant Superintendent until Oct. 1, then Superintendent: Marguerite Braunbeck

As Secretary of the Sunday School: Richard Sherwood

As Treasurer of the Sunday School: Viola Carle

As Superintendent of the Primary Department: Mildred DeGroodt

As Secretary of the Primary Department: Joan Davis

## For the Corporation Meeting

To the Board of Trustees for three years: Wallace Brocklehurst, Miriam Day, Earl Kister.

To be Finance Secretary for three years:

Virginia Keller

To be Assistant Finance Secretary for three years:

Aline Derry

As Director of Every Member Enlistments:

Paul DeGroodt

As Auditor for one year:

Morris Bugby, Lynn Sprague, Virgie Sunbury





## Presbyterian Pinpoints

From the Jan Volk Collection.<sup>92</sup>

- Ashtabula Star Beacon, Monday, February 6, 1958

### Group Hears Indian Topic

“If You Were an Indian: was the program topic Wednesday night for the Priscilla Class of Kingsville Presbyterian Church. Hostess was Mrs. Gene Moroski. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Kenneth Allen, Mrs. Dallas Allen, and Mrs. Robert Hill.

Ways and means of making money were discussed.

Mrs. Burton Mills will entertain the group in March, when a white elephant sale will be held.

- Kingsville Presbyterians Elect Staff, Hear Reports

The session – Lynn Sprague, Ronald Derry, Morris Bugby, Robert Keller, Gordon Jewell, Donald Bowdler, August Braunbeck. This increases the number on the Session to 12.

Board of Deacons- Dorothy Bowdler, Leona Keller, Donna Wentink, Bonivere Parker.

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<sup>92</sup> Jan Volk collected newspaper clippings mostly from the Ashtabula Star Beacon over the years covering the decade of the 1950s of the church and of Kingsville. Nadine Moroski also collected church bulletins and annual reports and much of the material in these chapters is taken from her collection.

Sunday School Officers – James Dawson, superintendent; John O’Bell, secretary; William Konnert, treasurer; primary department superintendent, Mildred DeGroodt; primary department secretary, Joan Davis.

Head usher- August Braunbeck

Trustees - Joseph Webster, Jr.; De Laugen, Russell Wentink, Clarence Miller

Visitation Director – Paul DeGroodt

Auditors – Val Manwaring, Miriam Day, Hellen Perry

Lynn Sprague, chairman of the Building Committee presented tentative plans drawn up by the committee. A discussion period followed.

After the regular business meeting, the Reverend John Eakin showed colored slides of the church buildings, interior and exterior, the grounds, and various church activities and social gatherings in progress, including weddings, and receptions that had taken place during the past year.

### Church Members Oversubscribe Building Goal

Aided by an every-member canvass, the Kingsville Presbyterian Church has over subscribed its building fund goal.

After months of preparations, the church is ready to launch plans for expanding facilities. The goal had been set at \$30,000. However, about \$40,000 has been promised by the membership.

The every-member canvass goal was \$10,500, and pledges received covered the rest.

Definite plans as to what form the improvement will take have not been made. A committee to study the possibilities has been named, and it will report soon.

Director of the fund-raising campaign was Grier R. Baynum, of the fund-raising department of the National Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Local workers were headed by Kenneth Carle and Charles Pryor. Committee members included James Dawson, Nels Carlson, Arnold Carlson, Paul De Groodt, August Braunbeck, and Val Manwaring

The church has a membership of about 380. Pastor is the Reverend John Eakin.

### Presbyterian Mother-Daughter Banquet

The Mother-Daughter Banquet of the Presbyterian Church was held Thursday. The Priscilla Class had charge of the arrangements with 137 present. Prizes went to Mrs. Kate Schaeffer as the oldest mother; Mrs. Lloyd Ogren as the youngest mother; and to Mrs. Bud Howe with the largest family.

Mrs. John Keller had charge of the business meeting and Mrs. Joe Webster, Jr. of the program.

The following group including Bill Fandrich, Marian Lilja, Norita Reed, Nancy Westcott, and Barbara Lovejoy sang two songs under the direction of Mrs. Robert McCausland. Marilyn DeGroodt was the accompanist.

Mrs. John Hadlock and Mrs. Lloyd Ogren with Gene Moroski as accompanist, sang two duets. Marilyn De Groodt played a clarinet solo with Mr. Moroski at the piano. Mrs. Elizabeth Merron of Ashtabula presented two humorous readings. The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Wesley Kellogg.

Reverend John Eakin, Gene Moroski and Robert Keller helped to serve.

## Kingsville History Happenings



Gilbert Huey has been appointed to serve as township trustee replacing Harley Brocklehurst who resigned. Mr. Brocklehurst has obtained winter work in Florida.

Boy Scout Troop 11 has been reorganized under the leadership of Gordon Prue, Scoutmaster, with Basil Nichols as his assistant. The Troop will meet each Monday at the Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Huey and family returned from a two-weeks' vacation on the Florida coast.

36—Ashtabula, O., Star-Beacon, Thursday, May 21, 1953



Ralph Robishaw, a member of the Ashtabula Post Office staff for 26 years, is shown completing the sorting of mail for his route in preparation for making his daily rounds.

(Star-Beacon Photo)

#### Meet Your Mail Man:

### Ralph Robishaw 26-Year Vet

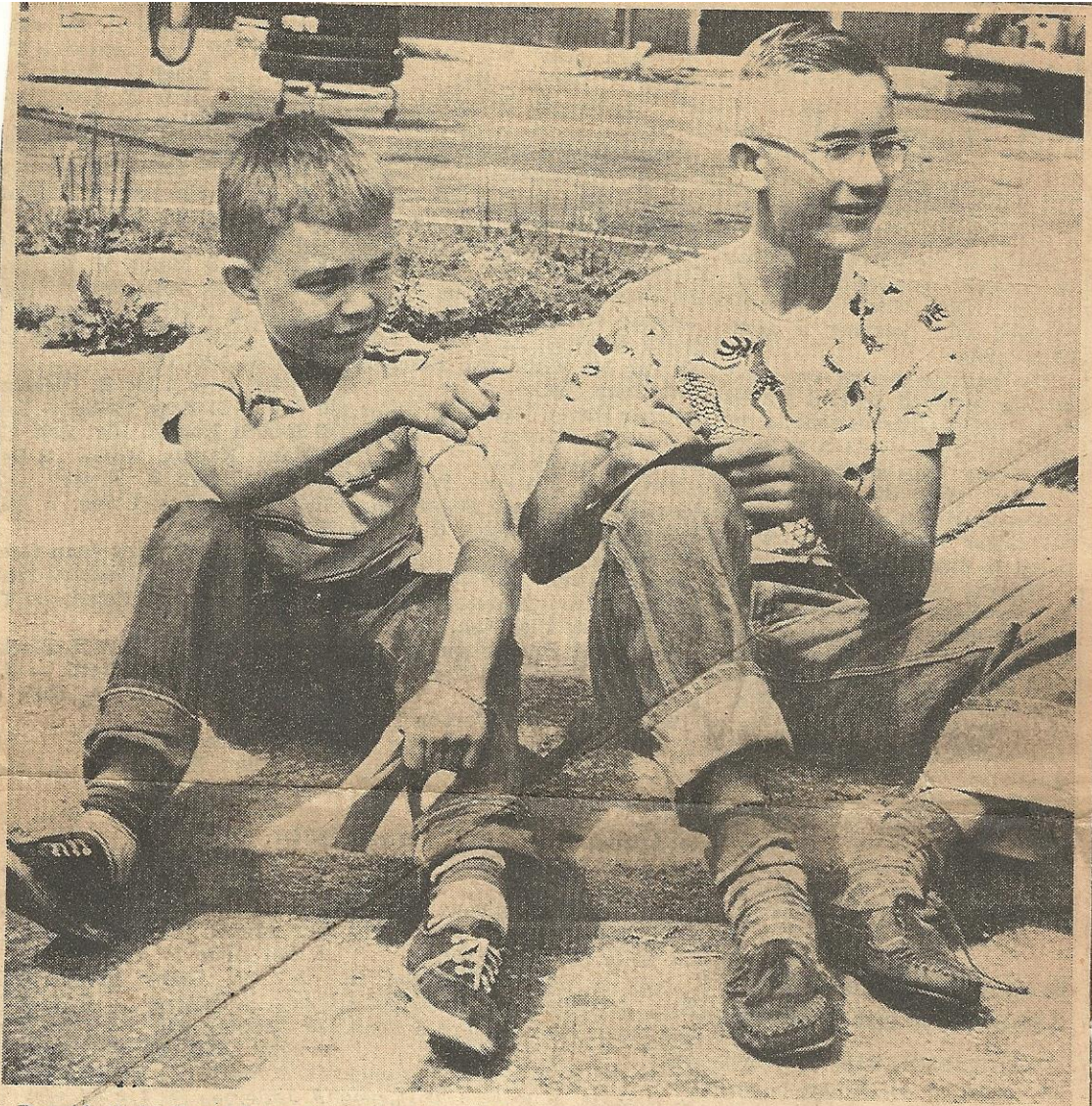
The son of a retired rural carrier and the brother of another post office dept. employee, Ralph Robishaw has been a member of the Ashtabula Post Office staff for 26 years.

He and his wife, Jeannette, live at Kingsville with their two sons, Lee, 19, and Ted, 12. Mr. Robishaw puts his spare time in his home workshop and working around his garden. He is the brother of Donald Robishaw, a

parcel post truck driver, also in the local post office.

Known as carrier No. 14, Mr. Robishaw delivers mail up to No. 1511 on Bunker Hill-rd; to No. 56 on Jefferson-rd; No. 6011, only, on Jefferson-av; to No. 500 on W. 58th-st; from No. 4700 on the even side of Main-av; from No. 5700 on both sides of Main-av; all of Amelia-av, Fox-dr, Hiram-av, Edwards-av, Layman-dr, Phillips-dr, Holden-ct, Maplewood-av, Ross-rd, Grove-dr, and Riverside-dr.





Donald, (left) 8 and John O'Bell, 13, Kingsville youths, revealed today they observed vehicles from 18 different states within an hour's time at the intersection of Park-av and Center-st. The two boys, sons of Dr. and Mrs. John J. O'Bell, decided to conduct the survey "just for the fun of it." The lads, who have sat at the corner "off and on" for the past couple weeks, have noted vehicles from 42 states and three provinces utilizing U. S. Rt. 20. Above, Donald points out a different license while John writes it down.

(Star-Beacon Photo)

- Miss Ellen Kinnear Laid to Rest

Funeral services for Miss Ellen Kinnear, 77, of 2123 Stearns Rd., Cleveland, were held Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Miss Kinnear died Tuesday at Lakeside

Hospital, Cleveland. The Reverend John Eakin, pastor of Kingsville Presbyterian Church, conducted the services. Burial was in Lulu Falls Cemetery, Kingsville.

- Shirley Castle Entertains her “Doll’s” Club

On Saturday afternoon, Shirley Castle was hostess to her “Dolls’ Club.” Following games and stunts, Mrs. Smith served a chicken supper. The guest list included Eula Jane and Nadine Keller; Patty Lee and Beverly Jeanne Bowdler; Ruth Shepherd; Betty Shawberger; Jane Bowdler; Barbra Jean and Bernice Joan Braunbeck, all of Kingsville. Jean Smith of Conneaut.

- Kingsville Choir Formed

Tuesday, October 3, 1957

A newly formed Town Women’s Choir held its first practice Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Genevieve McCausland. The group will meet there every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in choral work is invited.

- Kingsville Eastern Stars in Regular Recent Meeting

by Mrs. John J. O’Bell

Orion Chapter, OES, met last Tuesday and initiation was held. The worthy matron, Margaret Kenner, announced that the chapter will serve the Masonic Inspection dinner for Orion Lodge tonight

Refreshments were served by Florence Bowdler, Mary Ellen Bowdler and Georgia Keller. The next regular meeting, April 21, will also be initiation. Theo Walrath, Helen Ashley, and Dorothy Harmon are to serve on the refreshment committee

- Kingsville History Told by Mrs. Keller

Kingsville. Mrs. Ronald Derry was hostess to 33 last week when Harmony Club met at her home in the afternoon. Assisting her were Mrs. X.J. Fox and Mrs. Ralph Robishaw. Four guests were present



Mrs. George Keller gave a paper on the History of Kingsville.

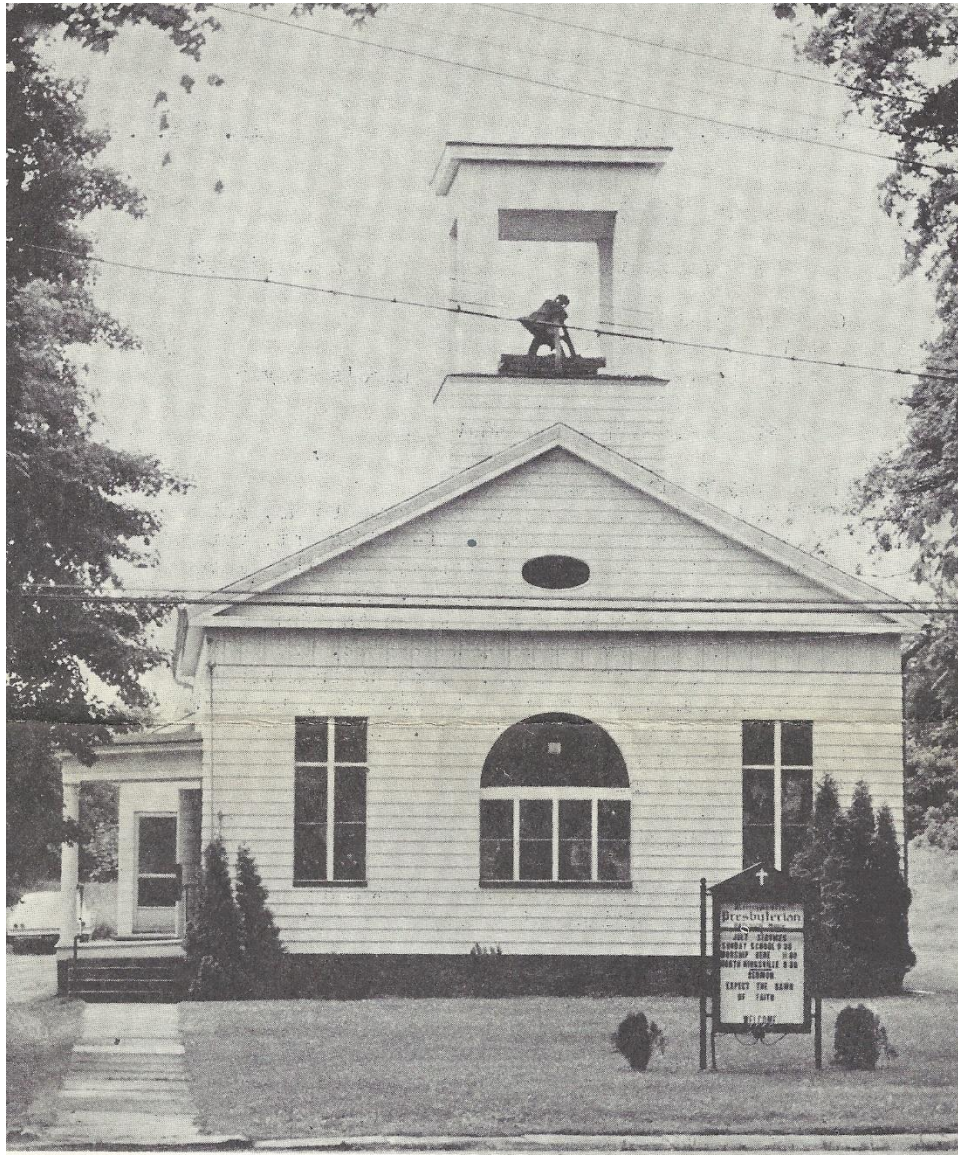
Plans were made by the club to send a CARE package and to also adopt a needy family for Christmas. The date and place of the Christmas tureen supper will be announced. At that meeting there will be a white elephant gift exchange.

Girl Scout Troop 208 is taking bowling lessons at the Ashtabula Bowling Center under the instruction of Mrs. Clarence Brumley. Currently, nine girls are participating. Mrs. H Janendo and Mrs. W. Brunnell are accompanying the girls.

Pinochle Club met Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kellogg. Prize winners were Mrs. Cecil Luce and Don Wilson, high; Mrs. William Dewey and Charles Carr, low. Mrs. Luce was co hostess. They will meet in May at the



## Chapter Six – 1960-1970



**Kingsville United Presbyterian Church**  
Kingsville, Ohio

RICHARD A. OLSSON, Minister

1965

The Directory

Kingsville Presbyterian Church

Kingsville, Ohio

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The Session and Its Committees:

Moderator, John L. Eakin

Clerk, Ford M. Davey

Spiritual Life Committee, Rhaul Reger

Christian Education Committee, Lynn Sprague

Stewardship Committee, Ruth Robison

Stewardship Committee, James Miller

Burton Mills

Outreach Committee, William E. Loomis

Bessie Ogren

Membership Committee Ford M. Davey

Leon Webster

Organization Committee, Robert Keller

Keith Flack

The Board of Trustees

President, Robert Dunne

Clerk, Lee Robishaw

Richard Howe

Robert McCausland

Ann O'Bell

August Braunbeck

Rhaul Reger

Kenneth Carle

Joseph Webster, Jr.

Custodian of Church Buildings: Paul K. DeGroodt

Finance Officers

Finance Secretary, Georgia Keller

Asst. Financial Secretary, Marguerite Braunbeck

Church Treasurer, Jean March Dawson

The Board of Deacons and its Committees

Moderator, John L. Eakin

Clerk, Ruth Blenman

February Communion, Nancy Dunne

Ruth Blenman

April Communion, Bonnavere Parker

Marjorie Webster

June Communion, Ruth Swanson

Catherine Baker

August Communion, Carol Hill

Frances Clayman

October Communion, Evelyn Robishaw

Carol Case

December Communion Phyllis Vanek

The Christian Education Scholarship Committee

From the Session, Lynn Sprague

From the Trustees, August Braunbeck

From the Deacons, Marjorie Webster

Leaders in Music and Aids in Worship

Choir Director Gene Moroski

Organist, Carolyn Herl

Asst. Organist Mary Jean Kray

Head Usher, Ralph Robishaw

Head of the Church Nursery, Elizabeth Pru

Printing Bulletins, Carol Daywalt

The Enlarged Christian Education Committee

Chairman, Lynn Sprague

Secretary Hellen Perry

Midlred DeGroodt

Ruth Robison

Robert Keller

Bertha Brocklehurst

**The Sunday Church School**  
 Superintendent, Robert Keller

Asst. Superintendent, Bertha  
 Brocklehurst

Secretary, John Kirkland

Treasurer, Kenneth Carle

Superintendent of Lower Grade,  
 Mildred Degroodt

**Teachers and Helpers, Nursery  
 Department**

Nadine Moroski

Virginia Keller

Carol Case

Phyllis Vanek

**Kindergarten Department**

Kenneth Carle

Viola Carle

Shirley Wilkinson

Jean Dawson

Boris Simmons

**Primary Department**

Frances Blenman

Judith Blenman

Norma Flack

Ruth Swanson

Sharon Swanson

Evelyn Robishaw

**Junior Department**

Ruth Carle

Phyllis Shinault

Ruth Blenman

Hellen Perry

**Junior High Department**

John L. Eakin

Paul K. DeGroodt

**Senior High Department**

William E. Loomis

Rachel Loomis

Adult Department

Ruth Robison

Everett Mumaw

## **The Women's Association**

President, Nancy Dunne

Vice President, Ann O'Bell

Secretary, Diana Theiss

Treasurer, Nadine Moroski

Finance Chairman, Evelyn Sprague

Local Service Committee,

Eula Jane Allen

Fellowship Committee, Janet Fenton

Program Committee, Rachel Loomis,

Maureen Davey

World Service Committee, Frances  
Blenman,

Beverly Skarlinski

Nominating Committee

Marguerite Braunbeck

Georgia Keller

Ann O'Bell

Martha Circle Chairman

Margaret Runyan

Mary Circle Chairman

Donna Lu Miller

The Youth Council

President, William Runyan

Vice President,

Wallace Brocklehurst

Secretary, Penny Howe

Financial Secretary Cheryl Tanner

James Loomis

David Daywalt

William Smith

Brenda Parker

Doris Schiedel

Norman DeGroodt

Addressing What's Cooking

Frances Clayman

## Directory of Church Members

### 1965

John A. and Ethel F. Allen, Kingsville	Mrs. Burr (Laura) Blakeslee, Kingsville	Mrs. Donald Blenman (Gertrude P.) Kingsville
Kenneth, Eula Jane, William and Douglas Allen, North Kingsville	Mrs. Floyd (Sandra J.) Bennett, Ashtabula	Gordon and Deloris Bovee, Kingsville
Arthur R. and Catherine Baker, Kingsville.	Mrs. Carl (Esther) Blank Kingsville	Hardy R. Bovee, Kingsville
Mrs. Harlan (Patricia) Baldwin, Ashtabula	Mrs. Howard (Frances) Blenman, Judith, Ruth, Kingsville	Denise and Deborah Bowdler, children of Mrs. James Budd, Ashtabula
D. Frank and Florence Bowdler, Kingsville.	Harley and Dian Brocklehurst, Kingsville	Janice M. and Sara K. Brunell, children of Wilbert Brunell, Kingsville
Frank E. and Mary Ellen Bowdler, Ashtabula	Wallace and Bertha Brocklehurst, Kingsville	Wilho L. and Betty J. Brunell, Kingsville
Walter R. and L. Jane Bowers, Ashtabula	Wells Jr. and Dorothea Brocklehurst, Kingsville	Mrs. James (Dorothy) Budd, Ashtabula
Mrs. Homer (Virginia) Branch, Kingsville	Mrs. Joseph (Janet) Brown, Ashtabula	
August and Marquerite Braunbeck, Kingsville		
William H. and Rhoda P. Campbell, Kingsville	Louis J. Jr. and Dorothy L. Camplese, Kingsville	Kenneth J. and Lynda F. Carle, Madison
William H. Jr. and Simone, Campbell, Ashtabula	Roger A. Carle, son of Donald Carle, Kingsville	Myron C. and Ruth Carle, Kingsville
	Kenneth and Viola Carle, Kingsville	Arnold L. and Eleanor Carlson, Kingsville
		Nels and Olive Carlson, Kingsville

Gary and Marla Carr,  
Children of Charles  
Carr. Ashtabula

Mrs. Ressa Case,  
Kingsville

Mrs. Georgianna  
Chapman, Kingsville

Elmer and Winifred  
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Earl Daywalt,  
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Miss Della Howe,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Emma Howe,  
Kingsville



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Beth Y. Theil,  
daughter of Clarence  
Thiel, Ashtabula

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(Phyllis) Vanek,  
Kingsville

Mrs. Dale (Marguerite)  
Walton, Kingsville

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Walton, Union City,  
Pennsylvania

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North Kingsville

## 1969

April, 1969

### Moroski Honored as Choir Director

Kingsville-Choir Director Gene Moroski of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church was honored Sunday by the church for 18 years of service as choir director. Mr. Moroski who had resigned as choir director, was given a gift purchased jointly by the church and the choir.

The gift was presented at the close of the Easter Worship Service by Elder Robert Keller. Keller, who represented both the session and the choir. Mr. Keller said, "This gift is simply a token of gratitude and appreciation for the 18 years of unselfish service you have given as choir director."

The Senior and Junior High Youth Fellowships of the church served Easter breakfast to more than 140 persons in the Fellowship Hall after the 7 a.m. service. The breakfast was under the director of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Flack.

Total attendance for the 7 and 11 a.m. services was 348, just seven less than the total membership of 355.

## Presbyterian Profiles



Kingsville United Presbyterian Church

Richard A. Olsson, Minister

January 12, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leonard are greeting members of the congregation at the door this morning.

Sermon: "God Won't Let Go"

Senior High Fellowship meets at 7:00 at Fellowship Hall.

### Church Officers

Mrs. Janet Fenton, Church Secretary

Gene Moroski, Choir Director

Carolyn Herl, Church Organist

Mrs. Georgia Keller, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Marguerite Braunbeck, Assistant

Mrs. Eula Jane Allen, Treasurer

The Session, Doris Miller Clerk of Session

Spiritual Life Committee

Ralph Robishaw, Richard Howe

Organizations Committee

Robert Dunne, Marguerite Walton

Stewardship Committee

Kenneth Miller, James Miller

Membership Committee

Doris Miller, Rachael Loomis

Christian Education Committee

Robert Keller, William Runyan

Outreach Committee

Arnold Carlson

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1969

Ralph Robishaw, Chairman

Richard Miller

Edwin Wentz

1970

Nancy Dunne

John Adams

Raymond Simmons

1971

Henry Herl

Howard Paulino

Eleanor Carlson, Secretary

Deaconesses

1969

Viola Carle

Mildred DeGroodt

Carol Brunell

Beverly Tanner

1970

Sara Jane Howe

Evelyn Robishaw, Secretary

Eleanor Carlson

Betty Huey

1971

Audrey Corley

Helen Miller

Emma Howe

Pauline Nichols

Women's Association

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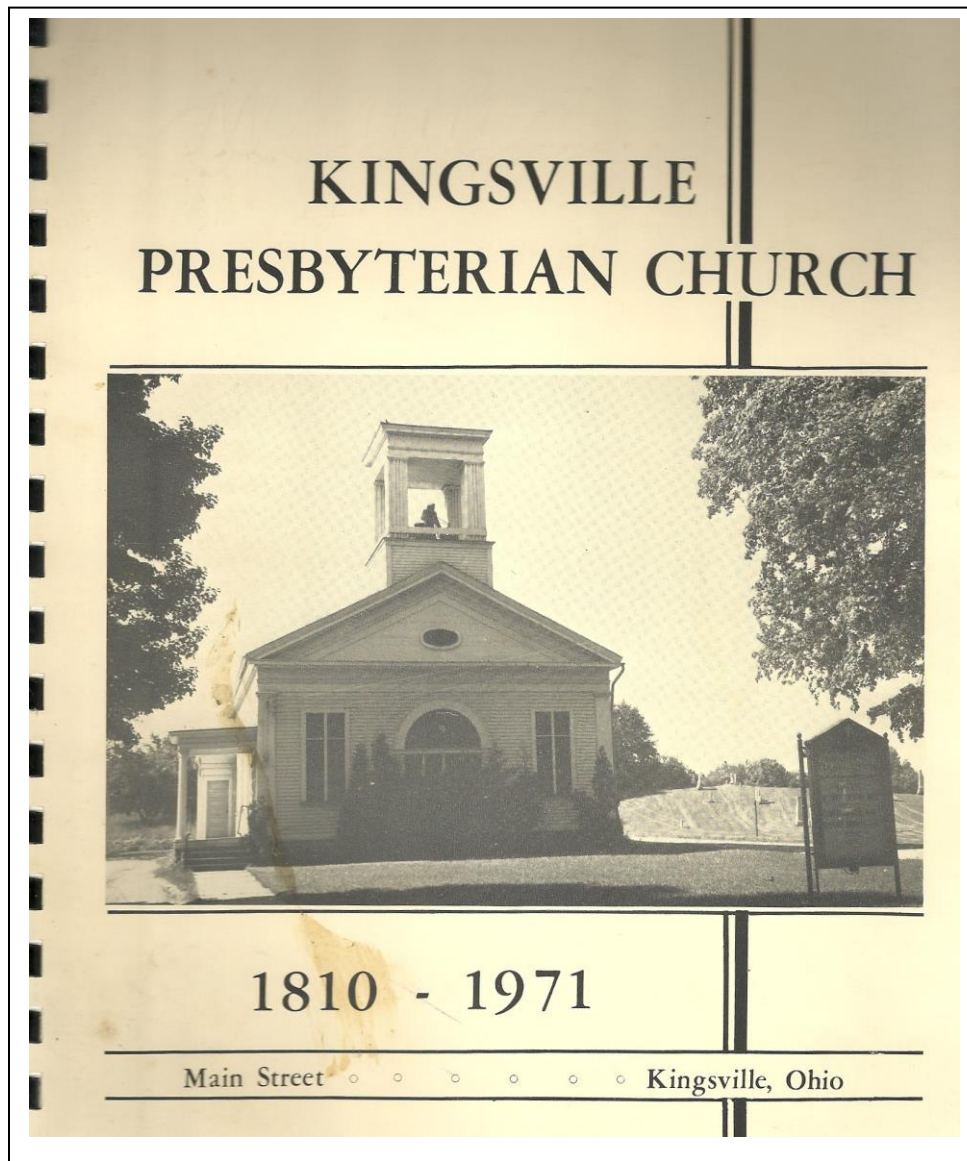
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Walton

## Chapter Seven – 1970-1980



WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED

IN WORSHIP

IN STUDY

IN FELLOWSHIP

IN SERVING . . .

Worship . . . . . 11:00 A.M.

Every Sunday and at other special times

Study . . . . . 9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday

Nursery Class through Sixth Grade in the Fellowship Hall

Junior and Senior High Classes in the Church Building

Young Adults in the Kitchen

Senior Citizens in the Sanctuary

Youth Fellowship . . . . . 6:00 P.M. Till 8:00 P.M.

Every Sunday

Women's Association, Mother's Class

and Circles . . . . . As Announced

**FOR PASTORAL SERVICES**

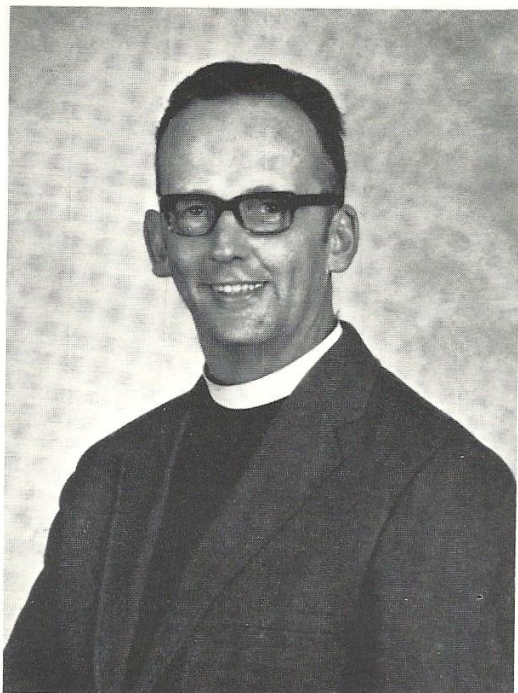
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**161 YEARS OF SERVICE IN KINGSVILLE**





**RICHARD A. OLSSON – PASTOR**

The Kingsville Presbyterian Church first held services in 1810 under the Rev. Joseph Bodger, organizing Pastor. In 1822 a building was built and the church was organized as a Congregational Society. In 1844 this church was re-organized as a Presbyterian Church. Following the fire in 1847, the present building was built.

On the north side of the road, a Methodist Church was organized by the Rev. Samuel Ayers, and in 1856 a church building was built.

Cooperation between the two began in 1927 with the organization of an Interchurch Council. In 1930 the two churches federated. 1935 saw the significant event of merger as the two churches became one. In 1957 the Methodist Church Building was relocated on the lot and completely refurbished to become our Fellowship Hall.

Such are the roots of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. It's history has been one of ecumenical cooperation and community Service. Through the activities of Session, Trustees, Deaconesses, Women's Association and Classes, the Sunday School, and the Youth Group, the Kingsville Presbyterian Church continues to be a Community Minded and serving church.

We invite you to link your hands and your family history with ours, and become a member of this Historic and serving Church . . .





JOHN ADAMS



HOWARD BLENMAN



ROWYNN BOMBOK



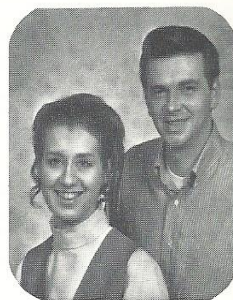
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JAN FENTON



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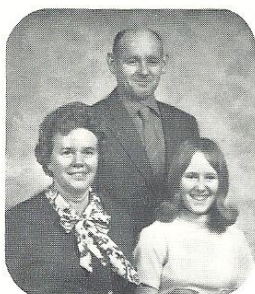


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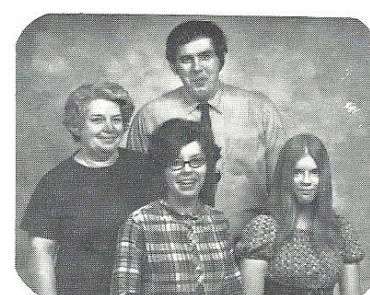
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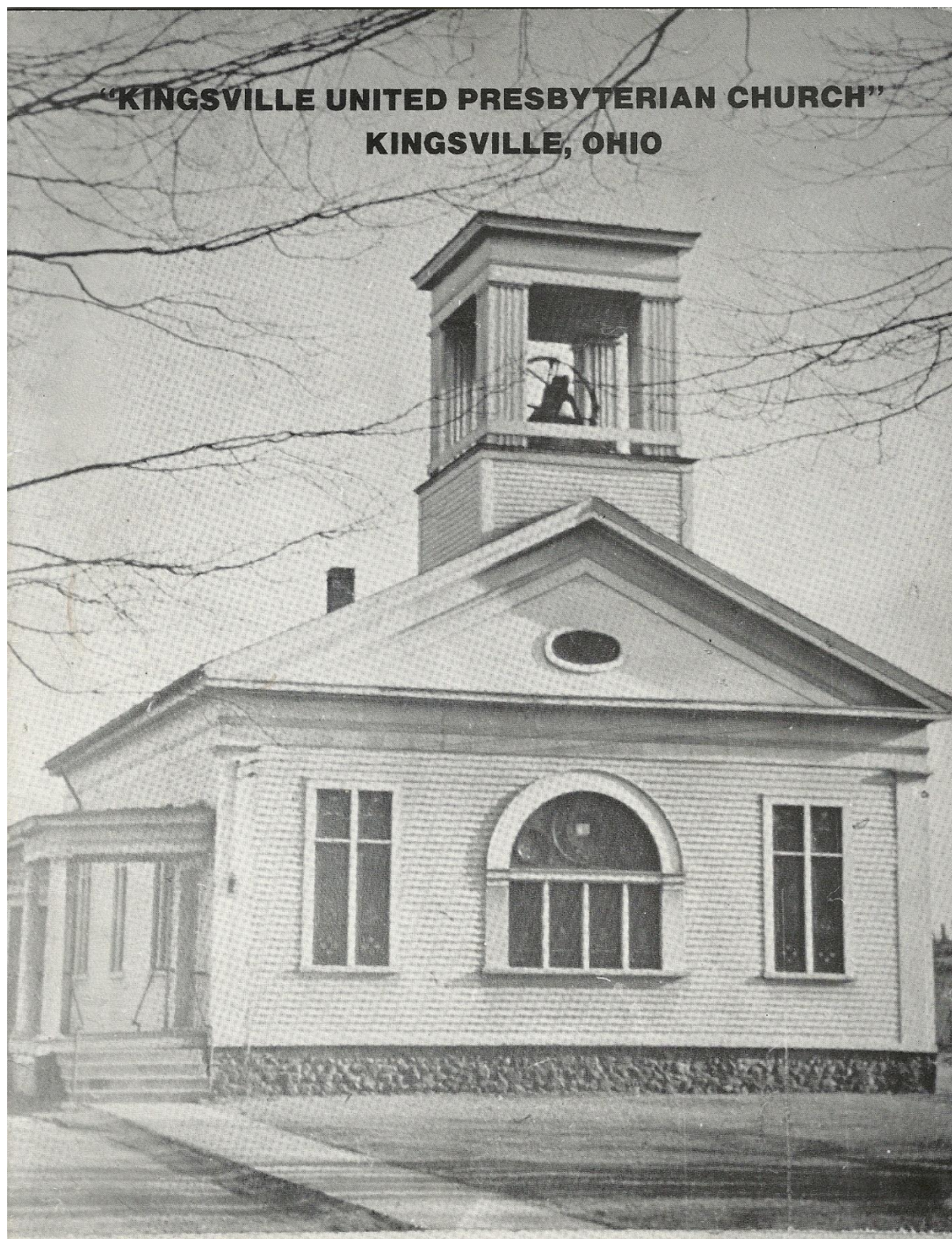
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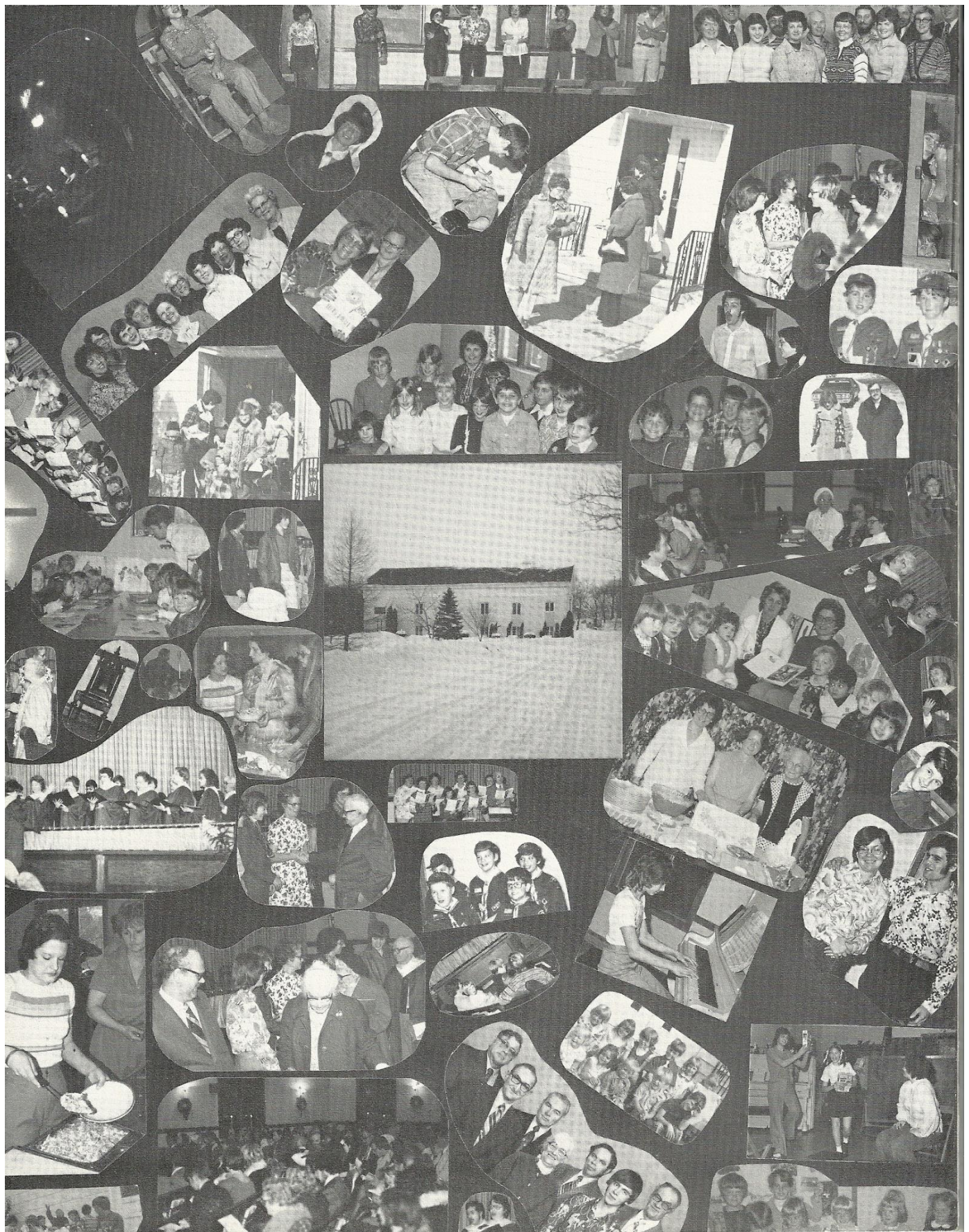
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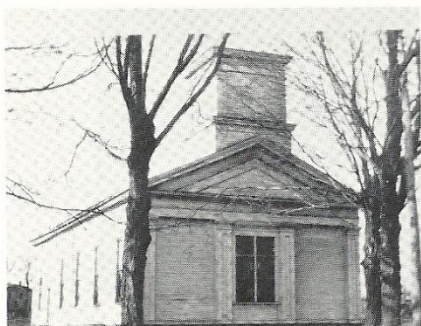
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Now Fellowship Hall**



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**Rev. Samuel Harris Family**



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**Rev. Richard Olsson Family**

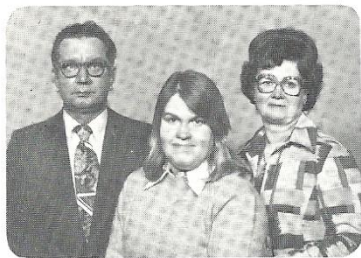


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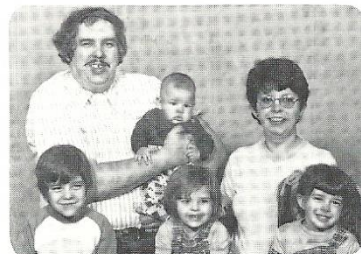
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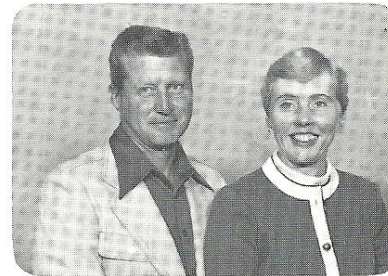
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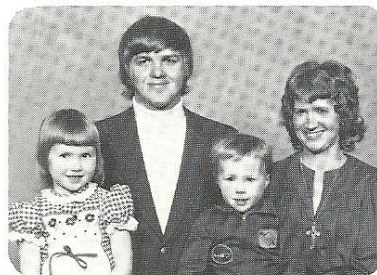
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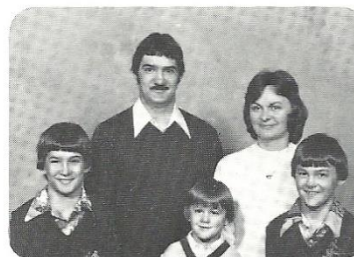
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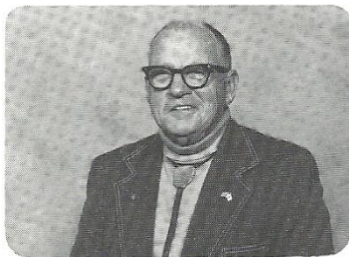
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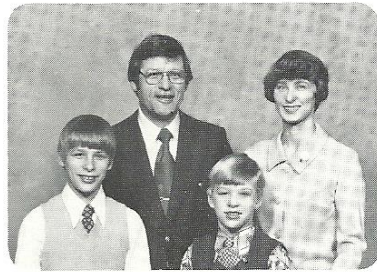
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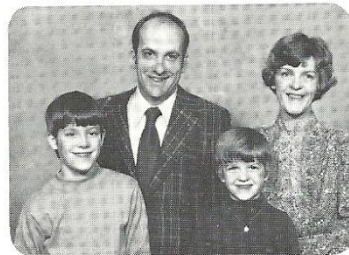
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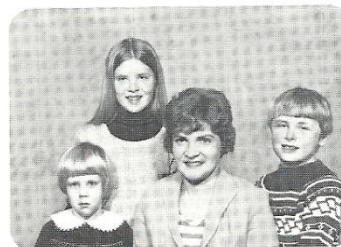


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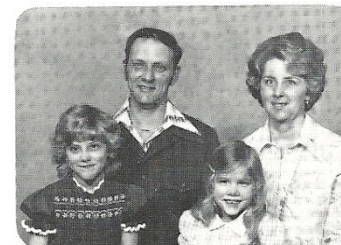
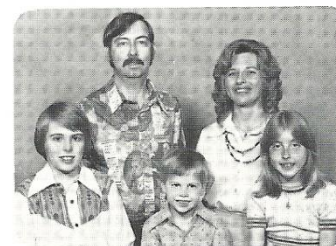
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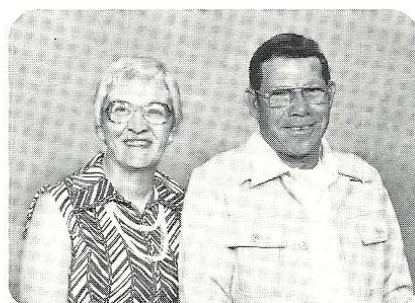


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Joe  
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## Chapter Eight – 1980-1990



### News and Notes

#### Kingsville United Presbyterian Church

##### June 1981

A memorial service is planned for Ann O'Bell at the church on Sunday June 14 at 4 p.m.

The new floor has been laid in the dining room and hallway of the fellowship hall and it is beautiful. Many thanks to the men of the church who put in many long hours laying the sub floor and thus kept the labor cost down. Gary Stevens, Bob Sherwood, Norm Thorpe, Ray Simmons, Jim Shinault, Chuck Page, Bud Nichols, Bob Keller, Jay Camplese, Reverend Baxter, and Mike and Scott Sherwood. And a big thank you to the Thiel's and Doan Upholstery who donated all the staples used to lay the sub-floor.

Our flooring fund has surpassed the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mark of its goal. If you wish to help out with the cost of the floor, a \$ 12 donation will pay for one square yard of linoleum. Please help us reach our goal.

The trees in front of the church and shrubs along the walk of the hall were given in memory of August Braunbeck and Harold Robison by Reverend and Mrs. John Eakin. We thank the Eakins for the beautiful additions to our yards.



The following people spent a bright spring morning planting the shrubs, and we thank them: Bev, Robbie, and Jamie Newbold; Carol, Susan, John, and Jim Budd; Bob, Mike, and Scott Sherwood. Special thanks to Bruce Robishaw and Bob Sherwood for planting the trees.

## Kingsville United Presbyterian Church

Kingsville, Ohio

Reverend Craig H. ZumBrunnen

April 8, 1984

We were saddened by the loss of Genevieve McCausland this past Wednesday. Our sympathy is extended to her family and many friends. She will be sadly missed.

The combined choirs from our church, the Gageville Methodist and Kingsville Baptist Churches will present a cantata entitled, "The Third Day," this evening at 7:30 in the Baptist Church.

### Church Officers

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Treasurer, Laoretta Lute

Financial Secretary, Marty Robishaw

Organist, Carolyn Herl

Choir Director, Sally Fodor

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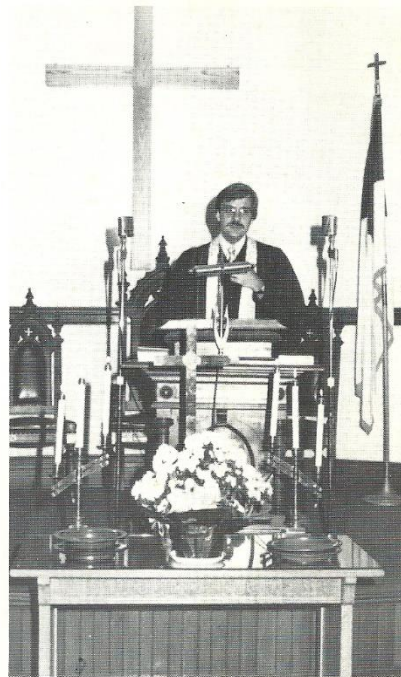
## 1985 Church Directory



***KINGSVILLE  
PRESBYTERIAN***



*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4*



The congregation of our church is a body of believers in Jesus Christ who care for each other. We must find ways of mutual support and loving concern.

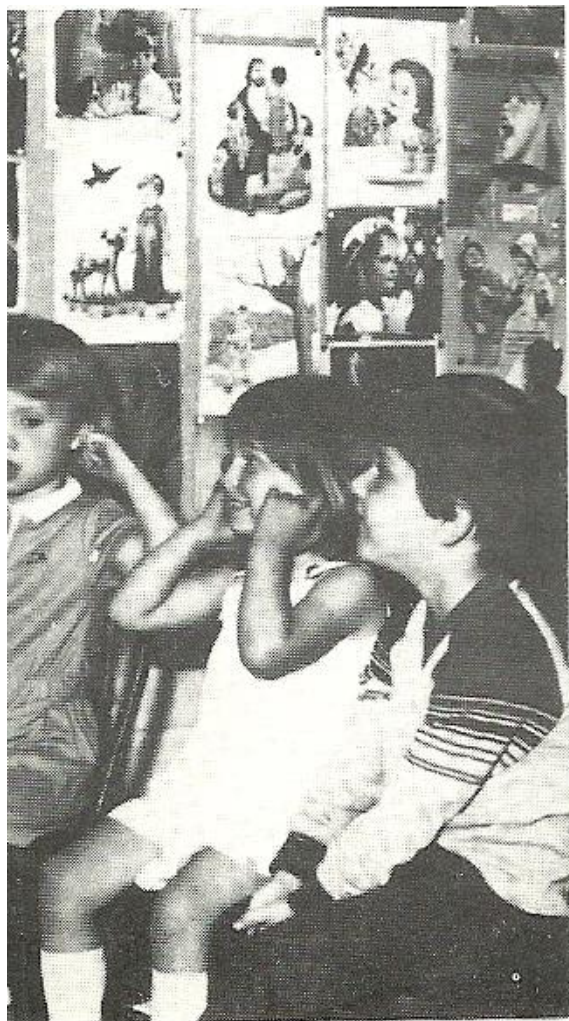
A photo directory is a very good aid for the purpose of togetherness. Just looking through the pictures from time to time, helps keep these people before us for prayer and support. Or we might look through the list of names in the directory and remember a few each day in our devotional prayer.

God has richly blessed us and united us. Let us continue to grow together in Christ-likeness and service.

In His Service,

*Craig H. zumBrunnen*  
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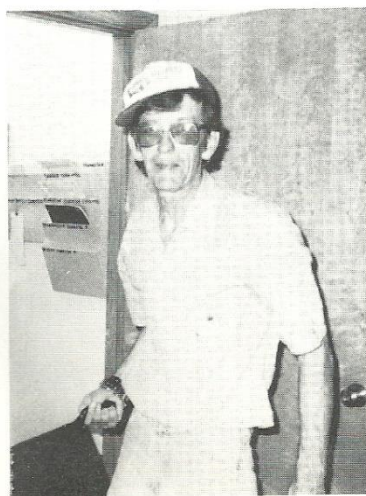
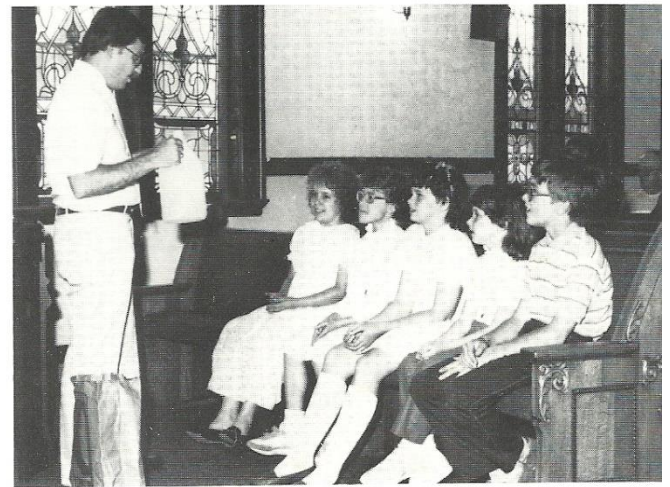




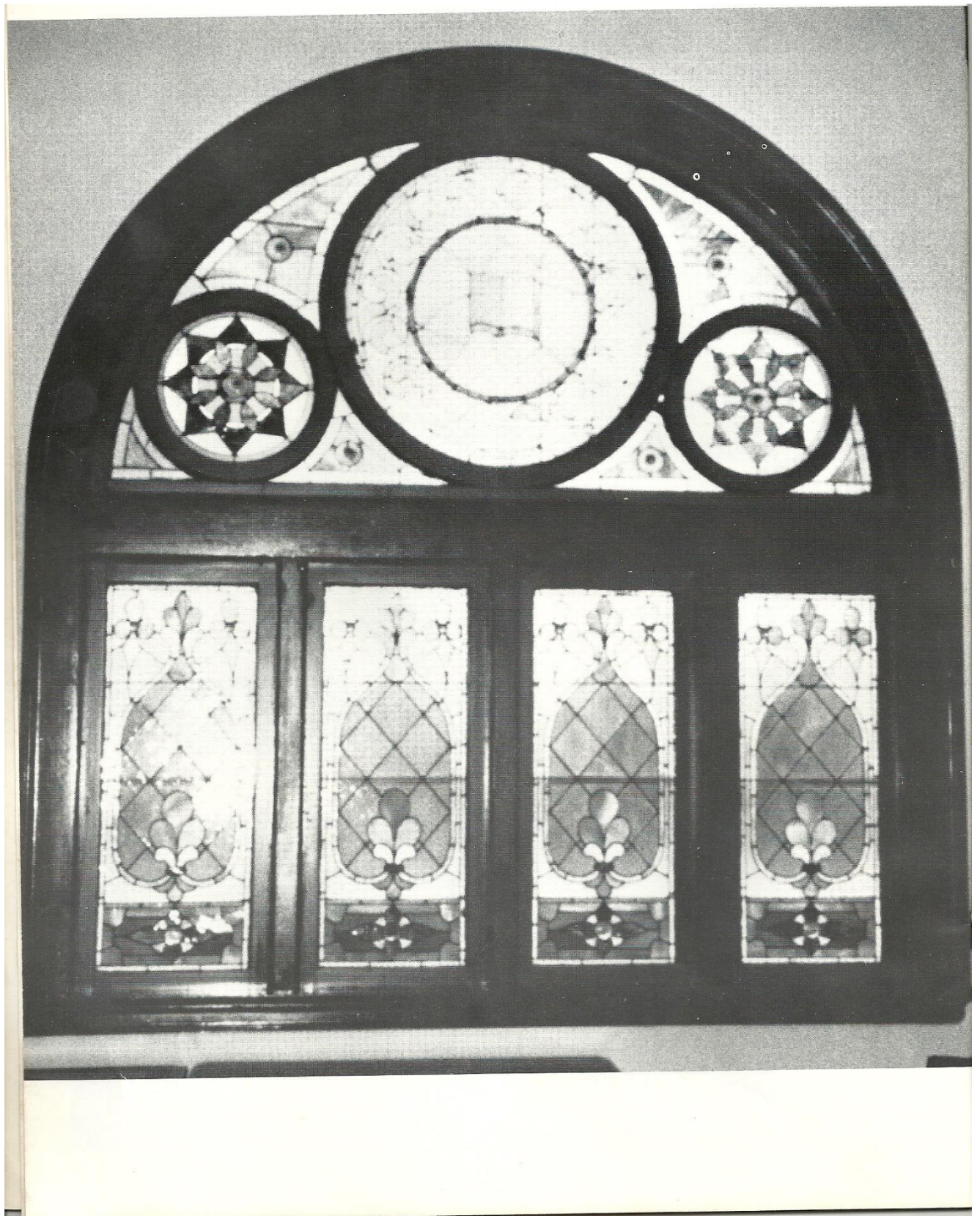




# ***TOGETHER WE SERVE***













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Scott, Shelley



ALLEN, Ken & Eula Jane



BANCROFT, Duane & Rowynn  
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Kristi Bancroft, Lesley Bancroft



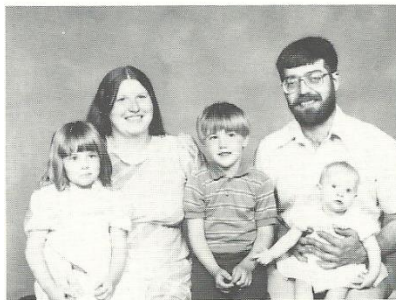
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BLENMAN, Dave & Sandy  
Penny, Jason



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BOVEE, Harold & Brenda  
Russell, Vanessa, Melessa



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BRUNELL, Wally & Betty



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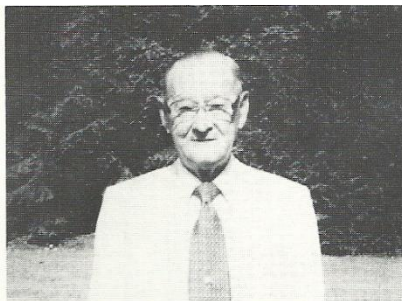


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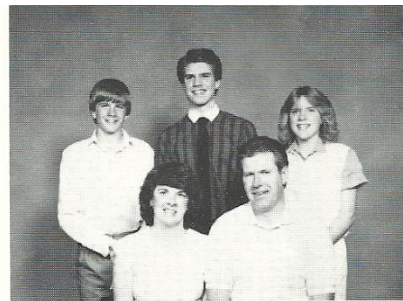




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HARE, Russell & Becky  
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HERL, Douglas & Carolyn



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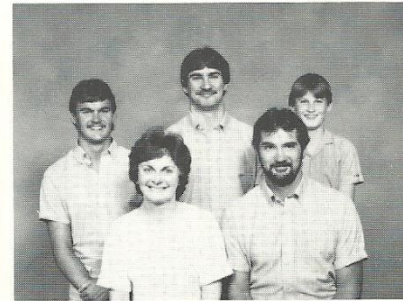
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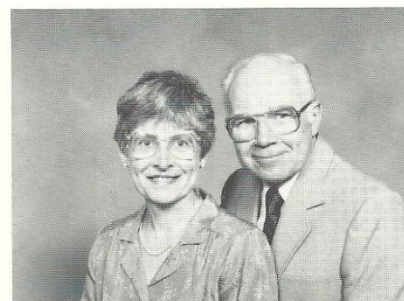
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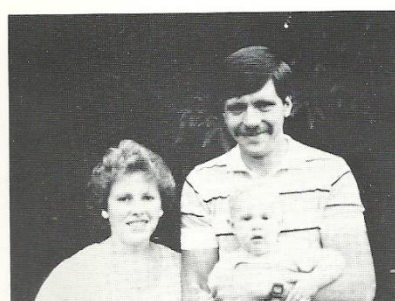
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MILLER, Clarence & Opal



MOROSKI, Nadine  
Larry



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Michael



NEWBOLD, Bev  
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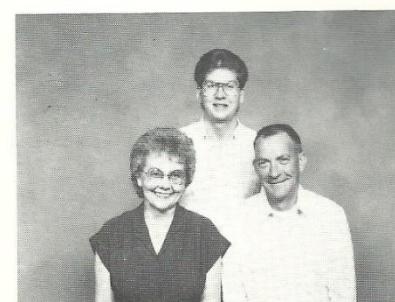
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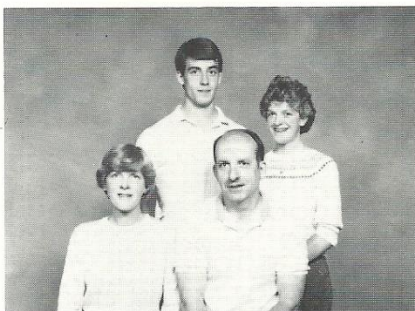


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Bruce



†ROBISHAW, Ralph & Jeannette





ROBISHAW, Ted & Martha  
Ted, Jr., Jennie



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SHIFLET, Gordon & Alice



SHINAULT, Jim & Phyllis



SILVA, Lynn & Jane  
Kris Taylor, Bob Taylor,  
Becky Taylor



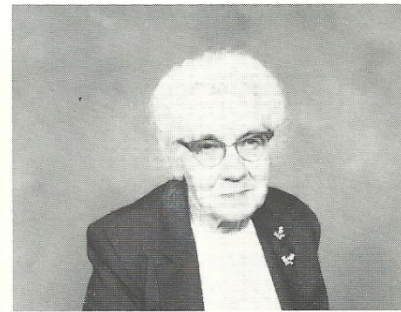
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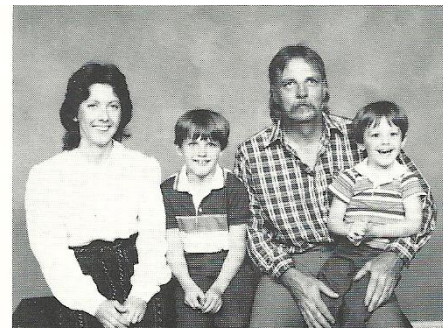




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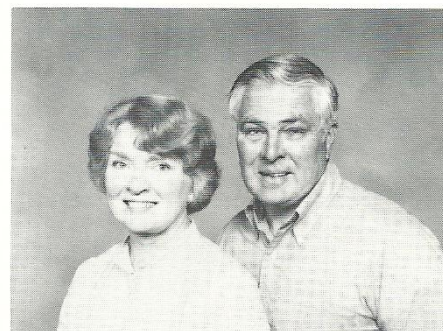
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THIEL, Allyn & Marianne  
Julie, Becky, Vicki



THORPE, Norman & Mary Ann  
Tammie, Tiffany



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WATKINS, Dale & Betty



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WENTINK, Russ & Donna



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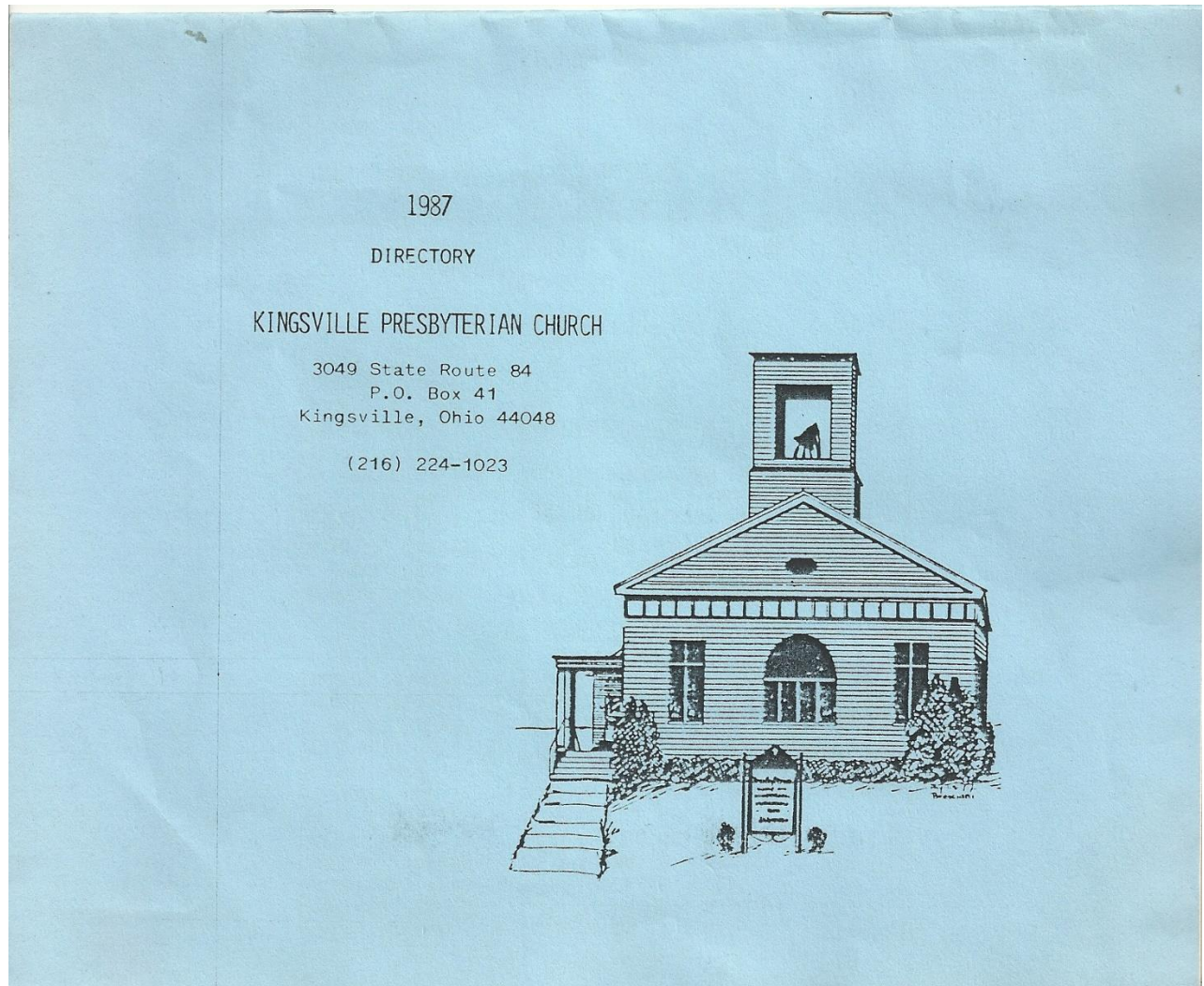


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Excerpts from the 1987 Annual Report of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church

Presented to the Congregation on January 24, 1988

People

In loving Memory of Those from  
among our church family who have  
entered the Church Eternal: Christina  
Margaret Emerick.

#### New Members Welcomed in 1987

Gail Urch

Stacey Urch

Shelley Allen

Scott Allen

Mary Case

#### Public Baptisms in 1987

Shana Ray Thompson

Bradley Aaron Childs

Gail Dorothea Urch

Stacey Rene Urch

Timothy Raymond Urch

One Private Baptism

#### Marriages in 1987

Calvin L. Lewis and Colleen Bovee

Daniel A. Harper and Doris M.  
Hunter

Richard Laugen and Linda Hanson

Active Membership as of December  
31, 1986.....193

New members in 1987 by Profession  
of Faith.....4

by Letter of Transfer.....1

Members lost by transfer.....2

Members lost in death.....1

Members placed on inactive  
roll.....15

Active membership as of December  
31, 1987.....180

Services of communion....6

#### Church School

Number of students.....23  
children, 12 adults

Number of teachers.....7

Number of officers.....1

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## Pastor's Report, 1987

I have been here now for several months. As we complete another year and begin a new one, there are good vibes in the air around Kingsville Church, such as:

- a lingering sense of welcome of people and of pastor.
- friendly mutual feelings of support among members.
- good humor, jostling about our short comings.
- respect for and sometimes appreciation of our individual funny ways.
- a willingness to pitch in, sometimes with freshness in doing odd jobs.
- a healthy willingness to try the new, like upgrading of our educational programs.
- savoring old values, mutual prayers, wanting to be rooted in God's Bible, a waking love for God's word and our need for involvement.

Yes, good things are happening around here:

- New things like an annual homecoming, a stewardship celebration, a carol walk, a New Year's Party, and Officer's Retreat.
- How about that new roof on Fellowship Hall!
- We're talking about some new emphasis in '88 like Parent Effectiveness Training, Kerygma (?)new PREM curriculum, special fundraisings/study to upgrade buildings and property, more fellowship dinners, continued community service.

So, you and your kind help just wrote my Pastor's Report. Let us keep it up. Over and out.

Walt Case

## Board of Session Annual Report for 1987

As we began 1987, our Session was in the mile of many tasks began in 1986 and yet to be completed. So, we came up for air, took a deep breath, and jumped back to work again. 1987 the became a year of ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

- January. We continued our journey with excellent ministers filling our pulpit as we searched for a stated supply minister. Very symbolically, we planted seeds of the Leucaena plant, as well as for our dreams of many new programs. Our sees and we grew together as we prepared for our Lenten offering “One Great Hour of Sharing.”
- February. Many board members attended the “Big Event.” Leadership training program in Pierpont and First Presbyterian in Ashtabula. PEACE MAKING: The February 24<sup>th</sup> collection was designated to CONTACT in support of their work in the county. We renewed the corporation of our church for another five years until 1991.
- March. A Pastor’s Job Description was adopted and was include with our objectives sent to candidates for our stated supply ministry. A Policy Job Description Notebook was set up so that all boards could easily refer to it during meetings. PEACE MAKING: We began to ring our bell at 3:00 p.m. the day after and have on minute of silent prayer on the next Sunday following a nuclear weapons test anywhere in the world.
- April. Our doors opened in community fellowship with a Maundy Thursday Communion and Soup Supper shared with members of the North Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

PEACEMAKING: The collections at the Supper and Palm Sunday, were designated for “One Great Hour of Sharing.” We joined in fellowship on Easter morning for a delicious breakfast served by the Sunday School before joining in worship together.

A contract we signed with Walter A. Case to serve as our Stated-supply minister for a period of one year, June 1, 1987, to May 31, 1988, renewable indefinitely, and with the option to call him as our permanent minister.

We voted to have the per capita Apportionment included in our budget and to make monthly payments to Presbytery to assure that the full amount due is paid on time.



- May. PEACE MAKING. We celebrated Mother's Day with a service of worship led by the Women of Session and their daughters and mothers as we dedicated the service to abused women and children all over the world. The morning's collection was designated to HOMESAFE for abused women and children in Ashtabula County.

Our mothers and daughters gathered for a delicious dinner at the Fellowship Hall on Monday in honor of Mother's Day.

PEACE MAKING: We gave help to Joseph, a wayfarer who needed a night's lodging and meal.

PEACE MAKING: We heard the Reverend Dick Watts speak from our pulpit on Memorial ay and heard the concerns and received the challenge of the Dream for Peace.

- June. The Reverend Walter A. Case arrived and began his first preaching duties by serving Communion on June 7. What a good feeling to again have a sense of continuity and a new friend in our pulpit and community.

The Sunday School Account was transferred to the General Fund as a separate account so that all funds could be disbursed by the treasurer at the direction of the C.E. Committee.

- July. We welcomed Mary and Walter Case to our community with a church picnic held on the lawn in front of the Fellowship Hall.

Peacemaking: Our guest speaker was Merdine Morris, President of Women's Presbyterial, who had just returned from a trip to China and shared her beautiful slides and thoughts with us. We learned that the women of China pray for peace and cry with us.

- August. Rhea Dalrymple was appointed Superintendent of our Church School for the year.
- October. The By-Laws for our church were adopted at our Congregational Meeting.

The Planning and Personnel Committee (old Mission Committee) was disbanded and a trial Personnel Committee was established to serve for the balance of 1987.

PEACEMAKING. The collection for PEACEMAKING was made in special envelopes on World-Wide Communion Sunday.

HOMEcomings SUNDAY was celebrated with a pot-luck dinner following the church worship service. Mr. George Marling was guest discussion leader as members shared stories about the history of the church and Kingsville. Kenneth Mead displayed the model of his Priest Street home.

A resource notebook listing the various human service programs in our county, Presbytery, and nation was set up in the church office.

- November. We adopted the following percentages for allocation of our 10% Mission amount for 1988: 40% will used in Ashtabula County programs, 30% for international programs, 20% for state programs and 10% for national programs.

We gathered for a “Festival of Music” and a roast pork dinner on Stewardship Sunday and rejoiced in sharing time, talents, and funds as we turned in our pledge sheets ’88.

Six of our new board members attended the “BIG EVENT” Leadership training at Fairmont.

PEACEMAKING: We contributed food and money all through the year to the Deacon’s Needy Family Program. Thanksgiving baskets were packed and delivered by the Deacons as another part of this program.

We gathered in fellowship with North Kingsville for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at their church with Reverend Case as guest minister. The choirs combined to sing during the service.

PEACEMAKING: The collection was designated to the Christmas “Joy” gift that was also collected at our church in special envelopes in December.

- December: Members from our choir joined with other area church choirs to present a Christmas Cantata at the Kingsville Baptist Church.

PEACEMAKING: Our congregation purchased gifts for the “Giving Tree” and donated money, food, and gifts to the Area Minister’s Needy Family Christmas Basket Program.

We sponsored a Kingsville Community Christmas Carol Walk and invited the entire community to participate.

The birth of The Baby was celebrated with a candle lighting service of music and scripture on Christmas Eve with our families and friends joining us, filling the church to capacity.

We gathered for a Family New Year's Eve Party and each person lighted their candle as the New Year was ushered in.

What a milestone year it turned out to be! We said goodbye to the Shiflets, Kathy Camplese, and the Runyans, sending them to new homes, jobs, and responsibilities with our love and prayers. We welcomed the Cases with prayers of thankfulness and the hope that God's blessing would be with them as they served in our community. We gave our thanks to the Reverend Kevin Horrigan, the Committee on Ministry, and our Presbytery for their help during the time of vacancy.

Indeed, one of the blessings of the year was that we learned of the great resource we have as members of our Presbytery. We learned at the workshops, enjoyed good speakers, gained from advice and wise counsel given by the leaders, and took many steps together, working sharing, and caring. It was exciting to be a part of that learning experience and I know that our new relationship with Presbytery and its good people will continue to flourish as we seek their help fulfilling our obligation of our stated supply ministry.

We now have the option (with the concurrence of our Session and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry) to renew Walter's contract, change to an interim ministry assigned by Presbytery, another stated supply or to elect a pulpit nominating committee and begin the process to call a permanent minister to our pulpit . (a position that Reverend Case may candidate for). It sounds so awesome, but it is all a very natural step-by-step process that we follow to determine the best direction for our church.

As we begin the new year, may we all keep the members of our boards, especially our Session, in our daily prayers. May God continue to guide them and all our church members according to His loving will. May we grow closer as we work together to seek and do His will and serve our church and community.

Shalom

Mary L. Novak, Clerk

## Board of Deacons Annual Report for 1987

The Deacons for 1987 were Carol Brunell, Francis Clayman, Harriet Daywalt, Terri Daywalt, Iverna Doyle, Linda Kalinowski, Virginia Keller, Kathy Runyan, Beverly Skarlinski, Betty Swanson, Beverly Tanner, and Sheryl Taylor. Kathy Runyan resigned as a Deacon in September.

The Maundy Thursday service was held April 16. The members of the Deacons Committee made soup, homemade bread, and served 80 people.

The Graduation Party for the seniors was held on May 31. Three graduates attended plus 35 church members.

In 1987, the Deacons held five Bakeless Bake sales and seven Bake sales.

The Deacons were happy to take turns in providing food for Nancy Page's family while she was in hospital and also supplying the evening meal.

On June 1, 1987 Reverend Walter Case attended our meeting. We were pleased to welcome him as our minister.

The Deacons' Peacemaking efforts were really outstanding in the food and clothing effort to help the needy. Francis Clayman delivered pounds and pounds of food and clothing to the Conneaut Food Pantry, Church of Christ in Conneaut, and clothes to the Mary Chatman center in Ashtabula.

The Deacons signed up for babysitting during the worship service for the summer months. Also, provided flowers for each month and set up for six Communion Services. At Thanksgiving time, the Deacons helped 3 families. We spent \$100.00 from the Deacons' Fund for fresh produce, fresh fruit, and meat.

The Deacons' Christmas Cookie Exchange was a real success. There were 28 people who participated. The Deacons delivered 18 plates of cookies to the shut-ins and 5 fruit plates to the Diabetics.

The Deacons were busy getting ready for Christmas. The gift "Giving Tree" was also a great success. The support given from the church members was great. Sheryl Taylor and Terri Daywalt made the ornaments for the tree. Deacon Betty Swanson decorated the church beautifully.

Several of the Deacons were very active packing food and delivering food and gifts to the needy for Christmas. The Deacons gave \$600.00 to the Kingsville Area Minister Association to help with the Christmas food for the Needy. Also, this year we have given \$400.00 to the Conneaut Food Pantry and \$100.00 to people who need help in our community.

The Board of Deacons feels good about what we have provided for in 1987, and pray that in 1988 we will be able to accomplish more in our Peacemaking efforts and reach out to our entire community as a “Caring Church.”

Iverna Doyle

## Board of Trustees Annual Report for 1987

The past year saw many projects completed. Early in the year we replaced the outside door in the music room. This is a steel insulated door with a panic bar. The storm door on the family room of the manse was replaced also the shower stall off the master bedroom had to be removed and a new unit installed.

In the Fellowship Hall, a programmable thermostat was placed into service on the main floor of the building. Russ Wentink painted two of the basement Sunday school rooms. The biggest amount of expense this year went to have the roof on the hall replaced which was over 40 years old.

The incorporation papers for our church were renewed. This must be done every five years.

We held three clean up days for yard work. Also, the Trustees oversaw the cleaning of the manse before the Cases moved in. Walt painted all the trim on the manse this summer. Also, insulation was installed in the crawl space beneath the family room.

The Trustee held regular monthly meetings, plus a few special called meetings in 1987. It might be noted, we have some stock given to us by Frank Eastman several years ago. This is General Public Utilities stock (they own Three Mile Island), We are now receiving a little return from this stock, \$45.00 for the year.

My thanks to all who have helped over the past years while I have served as a Trustee.

Best Regards,

Bob Keller, Chairman



## Report from the Sunday School – 1987

The Sunday School children began the year using the Presbyterian Church Peacemaking materials. We learned about what it means to be Peacemakers and how we can learn to follow Christ's example. Our Peacemaking program concluded with an intergenerational event, "Peacemaking in the Family."

In December, we began using the Augsburg Press materials which are designed to help the church proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. The material seeks to help teachers and learners grow in four closely related areas: 1) faith, 2) community, 3) discipleship, and 4) life. Also, in December we had our second intergenerational program, a Christmas program which examined the giving of gifts and gave participants the chance to make gifts for someone.

In January we began STEP, Biblically, Systematical Training for Effective Parents, a course designed to help parents learn how to have a Christian home. This program helps parents practice effective parenting skills to reduce the frustration and to share in the joy that comes from Christian parenting.

The adult class has continued to focus on their Bible study. This year they have been studying the characters of the Bible.

We are studying adding the Kerygma Program to our Sunday School.

Average attendance is 23 children, 12 adults, and 7 teachers.

Respectfully,

Rhea Dalrymple

Sunday School Superintendent

## Sunshine Class – 1987 Annual Report

Sunshine Class couples and friends held 12 luncheon meetings during the year. An average of 20 were present at the meetings.

We had some of the group in hospital during the year. Bill Konnert and Emily Miller moved away to live with their families. 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and birthdays were celebrated. Bus trips with Kings Tours were taken by some of the group.

Gifts were given to the church kitchen: two thermal pitchers and a large pan.

President – Ruth Swanson

Secretary & Treasurer – Elizabeth (Betty) Huey

## Kerygma Task Force

First Segment

“Introduction/Feed Back”

Educational Stimulation

Events, Quiz, Newsletter

Dialogue, Posters, etc.

Goal: To interest the congregation to the Kerygma idea: to explore Kerygma as an alternative in our church school curriculum.

Objective: To make the decision to initiate Kerygma alternative by April 14.

Kerygma Task Force is:

Evelyn Robishaw

Becky Hare

Frances Blenman

Walt Case

Norm Thorpe, ex officio

Rhea Dalrymple, ex officio

The word, kerygma, means “that which is proclaimed.” It refers to the ten great themes which recur again and again in the Bible, which tell the story of the people of God and how God works in history even until today, to fulfill this purpose.

Kerygma helps people to read the bible like Dwight Moody did: “I read the Bible like I eat fish; I eat the meat and spit out the bones.”

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The Kingsville Presbyterian Church

Minister, the Reverend Walter A. Case

February 7, 1988

Bev Newbold presented special music for the service. The title of Reverend Case's sermon was "Helping Persons Up."

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism will be observed today for Haley Nelson, daughter of Tom and Tami Nelson. The maternal grandparents are Nathan and Beverly Tanner.

May 27, 1988

We welcome today, Reverend Rob Shores, Chaplain at Ashtabula County Medical Center.

The Deacons will honor Edgewood High School graduates after the worship service at the Fellowship Hall. High school graduates to be honored: Wally Brocklehurst, Jennifer Novak, Nichole Daywalt, Loren Hare, Tamara Thorpe.

Graduate of Cornell University: Scott Hare

Graduate of Yale University: Lori Robishaw

Graduate of West Virginia University: Andy Case

Families, friends, relatives, and all church people are invited to attend and join in as we all honor and congratulate these graduates.

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Kingsville Presbyterian Church

June 11, 1989

Welcome to Outdoor Worship

- Joint meeting Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00 PM, North Kingsville Church. Western Reserve Presbytery Resource Person, Nova Kordalski, will be present.
- Wednesday, June 14, at 7:00 PM, there will be a meeting of the Session.
- Prayer Houses. Our two volunteer coordinators are Joan Ezzone, 593-2408 along Route 20 and Joe Williams, 224-2558 along Route 84.
- Vacation Bible School for all the community at The First Baptist Church, Route 193, and Creek Road. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. June 19-23, 1989. Spread the word.
- Flowers today in honor of Lori Larson for her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Attendance last week: 97.

## Do You Care About Your Church?

Announcing a Special Sunday – Kingsville Church

Sunday June 18, 1989 9:30 a.m.

A Service of Worship and Discussion

Sponsored by the Session of Kingsville Presbyterian Church

Brief Presentations-Lots of Discussion-Questions & Answers

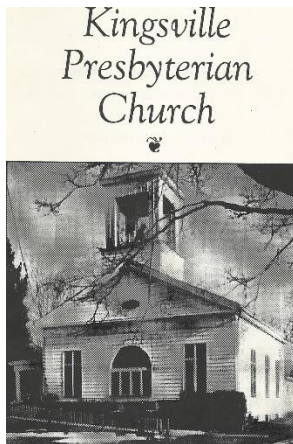
**You Are Wanted!**



## Chapter Nine – 1990-2000

1990

### Bits of Bulletins



August 19, 1990

Today we celebrate the baptism of Calvin Lester Lewis and Patience May, daughter of Calvin and Colleen Lewis. We welcome Virginia Lewis, Calvin's mother, and grandmother of Patience. Also, we welcome Gordon and Delores Bovee, maternal grandparents, and Dean and Jeanette Bovee, godparents of Patience.

Reverend Robert and Mrs. Esther Shoff will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is going to be a card shower. Reverend Shoff has filled our pulpit on numerous occasions.

October 14, 1990

The Federated Church Teen Choir is a group of approximately 40 young people from Northwestern Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio. The young people, ages 13 to 18, represent several school districts surrounding East Springfield, Pennsylvania.

The Teen Choir is active throughout the year participating in services in churches, nursing homes, and by invitation to other locations. For nearly 20 years, the choir has taken an annual tour at the conclusion of the school year. These tours have taken them to all parts of the United States, as well as mission trips to the Bahamas and Jamaica, and last year, to inner-city Camden, New Jersey. Eligibility for the annual tour is determined by faithfulness to practices and concerts, Sunday School and Worship Service attendance, a willingness and desire to exemplify Christ in their everyday living, and their participation in other activities and outreach projects sponsored by the choir.

The ministry of the Teen Choir incorporates a variety of music, drama, and personal testimonies. Through all these methods of presenting the gospel, the choir seeks not to impress people, but rather to lift up the Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known to all.

The choir is directed by Youth Pastor Rick Plucknett. Rich graduated from Houghton College in 1983, with a B.S. in Church Ministries, and has been on the staff of the Federated Church since September 1983. He most recently completed his master's degree in Guidance Counseling at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania. Rick and his wife, Kelly, were married in 1987, and had their first child Brennan Richard, on August 23, 1990.

December 9, 1990

Announcing the first annual live Manger Scene reenacted by the Kingsville Presbyterian Church and Kingsville Boy Scouts. If you ever wanted to have a major role in an off-broad way play, but were afraid of memorizing lines, here is your big chance to steal the scene!

We need Josephs and Marys. We need Toms, Dicks, and Harriets!

We need shepherds and angels. We need three wise men. We need a choir of 20 to 30 joyful voices.

If your talents include directing or serving hot chocolate and donuts, WE NEED YOU! If you have live stable-like animals, we need THEM!

Opening night and closing night will be Sunday, December 23. The time of the performance will be 6-8 p.m. and will consist of four, 30-minute scenes.

An organizational meeting will be held December 9<sup>th</sup>, after Sunday worship.

Contact Betty Swanson to volunteer and for more information.

## May 1991

### Bits of Bulletins

May 1991

Guppy and Guppy II contributed much wisdom and entertaining stories to Kingsville Presbyterian Church bulletins. This Guppy II column in honor of mothers appeared in the May 1991 bulletin. Let's talk about mothers, those wonderful, wonderful people. We all have one you know! I was very lucky to have the best mother of all. (Don't we all say that!) I did not realize it at the time of course. In fact, most do not realize how wonderful she is until it comes time to raise our own children, or until she is gone.

It is hard to realize how wonderful she is when she won't let you go out and play until your homework is done, or you can't watch TV until your dishes are done, or you can't have that new dress or video game you want because she "says" she does not have the money. And she actually makes you keep your room clean and your clothes picked up. How horrible! What a terrible mother!

Do you realize that she was teaching you responsibility, discipline, values, cleanliness, and best of all LOVE? Yes, children. She actually does all these mean things because she loves you. God gave us all the Ten Commandments (rules) because He loves us and wants the best for us.

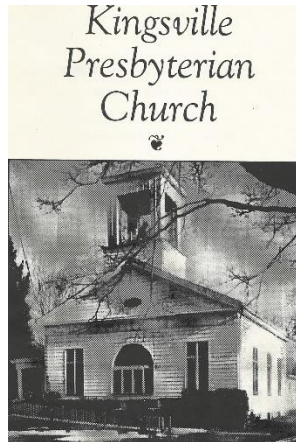
Let's show our love for our moms every day, even if she is with the Lord, by living our lives the way she wanted, by honoring her, by loving her and showing it. God really shines through mothers.

I love you all.

Guppy II

1992

## Bits of Bulletins



## April Prayer List

Chris Cook

Laura Blakeslee

Claude Hawn

Beverly Dean

Jim Stevens

Keith Flack

Wilho Brunell's Family

Shut In's

Catherine Bowdler

Clara Kemp's Family

Bob McCausland

Florence Redman

Jeanette Robishaw

Snowbirds

Ken Allen

Earnest Fiala

Lynn and Becky Armstrong

Bud Nichols

Viola Carle

Today, we are receiving the offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are in the pew racks.

Wednesday April 22, 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed., Membership and I & S Committees meet in the Fellowship Hall. Worship Committee will meet later.

This week, Ina will be away at the New Pastor's Training Seminar in Columbus, Ohio. Sunday, April 26, Shirley Pitzer will be the preacher.

Among the New Officers for the County Presbyterian Youth Group (P.O.W.) are Stacy Urch, co-moderator of the group, and Tim Urch, editor of their newsletter. Congratulations Stacy and Tim! And thank to their mother Gail for her support of the youth group.

Clara Kemp died Friday morning at Park Haven Home. Our prayers are with Ruth, Bob, Betty, and Sharon Swanson in the loss of their mother and grandmother.

Financial Update: received in the offering April 12, \$1,189.90. Needed to run the church for one week, \$950.00.

Scripture texts: Acts 4:32-35; I John 1:1-2:2, John 20: 19-31.

Deacon of the Month: Pauline Nichols

Elder of the Month: Marilyn Lynch

Thanks to Carolyn and the choir for their beautiful anthems and special music during Lent and Holy Week.

Thanks to Joanne Evans, our secretary, for working extra hard to print three bulletins this week.

Thanks to all who cooked and served for the Easter breakfast.

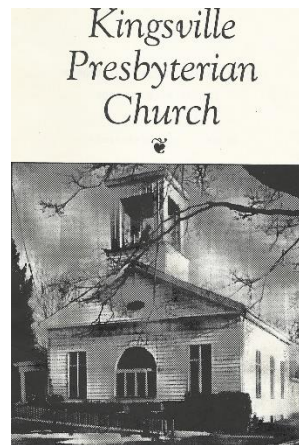
Happy Easter!

December 1992

Live Nativity Scene. Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be four showings, beginning at PM and continuing at 6:30, 7, and 7:30 PM. Come and bring family, friends, and neighbors to see the angels, shepherds visit the Holy Family in the manger. Members and friends of the church and Boy Scout Troop 11 will sing Christmas Carols accompanied by a guitar, a narrator, and real live animals. Don't miss this magical expression of the meaning of Christmas.

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### 1993 Church Officials

Minister: Reverend Ina Hart

Secretary: Joanne Evans

Unicameral Board

Class of 1993: Wallace Brocklehurst, Wells Brocklehurst, Frances Clayman, Lauretta Lute, Mary Novak, Jane Silva

Class of 1994: Iverna Doyle, Bob Keller, Ray Simmons, Betty Swanson, Norm Thorpe, Jan Volk

Class of 1995: Linda Kalinowski, Stacy Urch

### Deacons

Class of 1993: Dorothy Camplese, Carol Childs, Sally Donatone, Lois Laugen

Class of 1994: Bonnie Carr, Harriet Daywalt, Frances Newbold, Ruth Swanson

Class of 1995: Marilyn Lynch, Ressa Olin, Evelyn Robishaw, Sheryl Taylor

### Sunday School

Sunday School Superintendent: Gloria Stevens; Betty Swanson, Assistant

Sunday School Teachers: Frances Blenman, Viola Carle, Ken Carle, Laura Johnson, Connie Kirk, Linda Laugen, Bev Newbold, Jessie Pontoni, Chris Stevens

Custodian: Russell Wentink

Organist/Choir Director: Carolyn Herl

Treasurer: Lauretta Lute

Financial Secretary: Donna Wentink, Virginia Simmons

### 1993 Committees

#### Christian Education

Linda Kalinowski, Stacy Urch, Marilyn Lynch, Gary Stevens, Gloria Stevens

### Membership and Personnel

Jane Silva, Iverna Doyle, Dorothy Camplese, Doug Herl

### Budget and Nominating

Wells Brocklehurst, Wally Brocklehurst, Sally Donatone, Tom Fravel, Laretta Lute

### Worship

Jan Volk, Bob Keller, Ressa Olin, Ginny Simmons, Carolyn Herl

### Interpretation and Stewardship

Norm Thorpe, Betty Swanson, Evelyn Robishaw, Francis Clayman, Laretta Lute

### Auditing

Carol Hill, Chuck Leonard, Nancy Page

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May 8, 1994

Kingsville Presbyterian Church

3056 Route 84, West

The Reverend Ina Hart, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.m.

In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kingsville Presbyterian Church

“With Hearts and Hands and Voices”

Cantata by John F Wilson

May 8, 1994

## Organ Meditations

## Lighting of the Candle

To worship is to listen for the ancient song of creation and to recognize within that song our individual songs. To worship is to share these melodies and dissonances of our human condition Our voices vary: some warble, some bellow, but the song is universal It is our ode to God and to the God within us. let us join hearts and hands and voices and worship God.

## We Praise the Lord

## Choral Introit

## \*The Call to Worship

Leader: Touch us, O God, through the ministry and melody through the sounds and senses of song.

People: Through the wordless wonder which fills our souls with heaven, through the spirit which teases our feet to dance and causes our hearts to overflow.

Leader: That we might be absorbed in the mystery and magic of music,

People: and that in this moment of oneness our lives will be bonded to each other and to You.

All: Amen!

## We Share With One Another

## Presentation of our offerings

## Offertory

## Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

(Children may go to the nursery)

## We Pray Together

## Announcements and Prayer Concerns

## The Pastoral Prayer and Spoken prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

### We Sing Together

"With, Heart, and Hands and Voices"

(When choir stands, congregation please stand and join in singing the hymns.)

1. Hymn 564, Now Thank We All Our God

(First verse only – omit "Amen")

2. Doxology. Sung to the tune of Hymn 20. Omit "Amen."

3. Hymn 37. Great is Thy Faithfulness. Third verse only Omit "Amen."

## The Benediction

Choral Response "Prayer of Benediction"

Candles are Extinguished

Organ Postlude

Presented by The Kingsville Presbyterian Church Choir

Director Carolyn Herl

Organist Betty Baldwin

Readers Gary Stevens Reverend Ina Hart

Liturgist Stacy Urch

Announcements, May 8, 1994



## Prayer List

Ernest Fiala

Bob Easell

Julia Shellhammer

Hazel Glotzbecker

Linda Holmes

Jennie Hinkle

Peaches Newbold

Bob McKibben

Harriet Daywalt

Keith Flack

Norma VanGordon

Leona Keller

Shut ins

Jeanette Robishaw

Laura Blakeslee

Margaret Watkins

Celel Shank

Snowbirds

Today, the beautiful flowers on the Communion Table are given by Jim and Doris Helba and Ray and Ginny Simmons in loving memory of their mother Laura Simmons whose birthday was May 8.

Today, Happy Mother's Day and welcome to all members worshipping with us today.

Monday, May 9, 6 P.M Mother/Daughter Salad Supper. Program by the Worship Dancers of Kirtland. Bring a salad and your own table service.

Wednesday, May 11, 7 PM. Session meets.

Friday, May 13, 11AM – 1 PM. Soup lunch Vegetable beef and split pea soup.

Saturday, May 21. Library Lawn Sale. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative medals go on sale. The Clowns for Christ will have games and balloons.

Sunday, May 22. Pentecost Sunday. Communion will be observed. Plan to wear something red for this special service.

Our sympathy is with Arnold and Eleanor Carlson upon the death of Arnold's sister, Laura Eilsworth. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, May 10 at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church of Kingsville.

Financial Updates: received in the collection May 1, \$1,111.25.

## Church Officers

## Board of Session

Class of 1994

Ray Simmons

Betty Swanson

Norm Thorpe

Jan Volk

## Board of Deacons

Class of 1994

Bonnie Carr

Peaches Newbold

Beverly Skarlinski

Ruth Swanson

Class of 1995

Iverna Doyle

Bob Keller

Linda Kalinowski

Stacy Urch

Class of 1995

Marilyn Lynch

Evelyn Robishaw

Ressa Olin

Sheryl Taylor

Class of 1996

Francis Clayman

Lauretta Lute

Mary Novak

Gary Stevens

Class of 1996

Pat Baldwin

Carol Brunell

Calvin Lewis

Maryann Thorp

Organist and Choir Director

Custodian

Church Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Church Secretary

Carolyn Herl

Russ Wentink

Lauretta Lute

Donna Wentink

Virginia Simmons

Joanne Evans

Youth Coordinator

Mark Baker

Minister

Reverend Ina Hart

Pastor's Office Hours 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MTWF

Church Office Hours 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. TWF

Church Office Phone 224-1023 Pastor Home 224-0169

Kingsville Presbyterian Church

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## How Candy Making Got Started

In the 1960s, Sharon, Betty, and I started making candy – hard tack -to put on the fruit plates for the shut-ins.

Everyone liked it so well that the Sunshine Class groups started making it in our homes following our potluck suppers we had once a month. When it became too big a project, we got permission to use Fellowship Hall where we continued making it until 1975. We had lost some of our members and decided we could not continue any longer. The Sunday school teachers with the help of Francis Blenman, Judy Talso, and Ruth Fedor made it for a few years.

Then, in 1988, I was asked if I would help if they started making candy again. With the help of many hands we have been able to donate some money to the church and to invest in some project for the church.

The money we make is important, for our church needs it, but to me the most important thing is the fellowship. What else could we do that takes so little time and work from each of us, makes the church some money, and have so much fun remembering old times and stories, telling new stories and making memories.

We make candy each Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for ½ hour or any hour to two hours. Just bring your sheers!

Love,

Ruth Swanson

1995

Bits of Bulletins, 1995



## Catch the Spirit

*According to her friends and family, Nadine Moroski had a habit of keeping treasures from the church and elsewhere. She gave Kingsville Presbyterian Church a treasure trove of our past if we use it creatively instead of tucking things away in*

*storage and in our memory. One way we can use the old bulletins, and there is a stack of them, is to read them and compare what we were doing then to what we are doing now. What have we gained and what have we lost with time? And, there are smiles lurking as we remember people that were and still are dear to us. Here is the Kingsville Presbyterian Church bulletin from May 7, 1995, the first Sunday that Reverend Helen Dekker began her service as Interim Pastor.*

*Lord, may we use this bulletin as a meditation of time past, time present, and time yet to come.*

## Kingsville Presbyterian Church

May 7, 1995

Organ Meditation  
Lighting of the Candles

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:2

We Praise the Lord

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Leader: A new day has dawned.  
God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People: Praise God for today! Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Leader: Be still and know that God is here Let the Spirit in.

People: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice. We are ready to hear God's word.

Leader: Then listen and respond to God, who meets u in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

People: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak, speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your people. Amen.



**Hymn of Praise:** 27- Let the  
Whole Creation Cry

## **We Confess Our Sins**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

The spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet, we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

Kyrie (congregation in unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread. Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life. Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

## **We Share with One Another**

Minute for Mission

The Anthem  
Roger Wilson

Love Divine

A Time for Our Children

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

(Children may go to the nursery)

## **We Pray Together**

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and Spoken Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Hymn: 223 God Hath Spoken  
by His Prophets

## We Study Together

Old Testament Lesson      Ezekiel  
37:1-14 (p. 764)

New Testament Lesson      1 John  
4: 7-12 (p. 223\_

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Come, Spirit Come

### Affirmation

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who sets us free and binds us together as one body of Christ, one church the communion of saints. The same Spirit who inspired prophets and apostles still speaks through Scripture read and proclaimed, washes us in living water, feeds us with the bread of life, and calls both women and men to all the ministries of the church. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.

## We Go Forth to Serve

Closing Hymn    187 Breathe on Me,  
Breath of God

The Benediction

Choral Response "Prayer of Dedication"

Candles are Extinguished

Organ Postlude

Announcements May 7, 1995

### Prayer List

Bill Runyan

Jean Plants

Viola Carle

Lynne Bresciani-Neill

Donna Wentink and family

Keith Flack

Ken Mead

Chuck Hawn

### Shut Ins

Laura Blakeslee

Margaret Watkins

Stella Simmons

Ernest Fiala

Julia Shellhammer

Peaches Newbold

Jennie Hinkle

Today, we welcome Reverend Helen Dekker as our Interim Pastor.

Today after worship we will hold our final self study meeting. If you have not yet attended one of these meetings, please plan to stay.

Today, Men of Praise and The Starlighters will present a Spring Concert this evening 7 pm. at the First United Methodist Church, Elm Avenue, Ashtabula.

Monday May 8, 7:00 PM. Deacons will meet.

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 PM. Session will meet.

Sunday, May 21, 3 PM. We will have a Public Reception for Reverend Helen Dekker.

Friday May 12, 11AM- 1 PM. Community Soup Lunch. This month the soups are vegetable beef or Ham & Bean.

Sunday, May 14. Mother's Day. A Rigatoni Dinner will be held in our Fellowship Hall sponsored by Kingsville Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 12 noon to 4PM. Pries are: adults \$3.50, students K-6<sup>th</sup> grade \$2.50 preschool age is free.

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM. Sone help is needed to help set up tables in the Fellowship Hall for the Mother/Daughter Banquet.

Monday, May 15 6:30 PM. Mother/Daughter Salad Supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Bev Newbold will provide entertainment. All ladies invited!

## Special Concert



Kingsville Presbyterian Church will be the site of a concert of favorite hymns, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 1995. Performers include Gene Moroski (seated) and left to right Evelyn Robishaw, Judy Yusko, Bill Daywalt, Beverly Newbold,

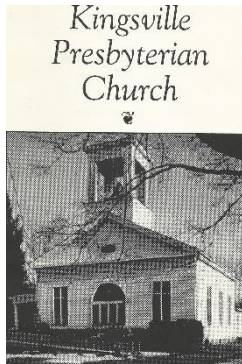
Bob Keller, and Doug Herl. The songs will be performed to the background of digital music, representing guitars, brass, pipe organ, piano, and other instruments. A free will offering will be taken. Photograph by Carl Feather.

The church and community received a glorious, hallelujah blessing Sunday afternoon at the musical performance of the much-loved Christian hymns. May God bless each one who had a part in this. Doug Herl, Judy Yusko, Beverly Newbold, Evelyn Robishaw, Bob Keller, Bill Daywalt and to Gene Moroski, as he played his digital piano and presented this program to an overflowing number of joyous people. A standing ovation was given at the intermission and again at the finale. We were truly blessed. Praise the Lord! In Christian Love, Ginny Keller

Saturday, May 20. Kingsville Library Lawn Sale. Help is needed for our booth which will be selling geraniums.

Financial update: received in the collection April 30, \$1,888.25.

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November, 1995

Bill Daywalt was given a surprise birthday party at the home of Maryann and Al Thiel. The party was given by his family on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Family, friends, and fellow choir members gathered to wish him a happy birthday.

Sixth Annual Live Nativity will be presented Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Performances at 6, 6:30, 7, and 7:30 p.m. All participants please be at the church by 5 p.m.

All participants are responsible for their own costume and props. Fabric remnants serve as shawls or head covering. Robes or caftans are suitable for costumes because they fit over winter apparel. Beards lend an authentic touch. Shepherds should carry staffs. Please remember that Biblical characters did not wear tennis shoes, nor watches. Characters should wear make-up to accent their features for the effect of the spotlight. Blue eyeshadow and eye liner should be sufficient. If you can apply your make-up at home, it would be greatly appreciated. Chorus members should be dressed in regular streetwear.

Larry Moroski "team bowled" in Austintown for Special Olympics" and received a gold medal which qualified him to go to Columbus on November 19 where he won another gold medal. Big day for Larry. Congratulations!

## 1996

August 16, 1996

# Kingdom OF THE Son

A Prayer Safari



Kingsville Presbyterian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
Closing Program  
August 16, 1996 7:00 PM



Song "Harambe"  
Welcome to the Parents and Families  
Song "Jambo"  
Introduction of Teachers and Students  
Song "The Father Loves Me"  
"It is Written", performed by: Sarah Belknap, Tara Mitchell, and Caroline Schad

## Welcome to the African Bazaar

Tembo Clan	Three and Four Year Olds	Coconut Bowl
Simba Clan	Five Year Olds and Kindergarten	Pin the Tail on Simba
Kiboko Clan	First and Second Grades	Jewelry Making
Twiga Clan	Third and Fourth Grades	Rubber Stamping and
		Story Telling
Punda Milia Clan	Fifth and Sixth Grades	Basket Toss

Please return to the Main Floor at 8:15 PM.

Offertory  
Closing Song Kum Bah Yah The parents are invited to sing with us.  
The Lord's Prayer

Thank you all for coming and we hope you enjoyed your Safari.

Please join us for refreshments at "The Watering Hole"

## Some Swahili Words and their Meanings

Safari	Journey	Harambe	Let's get together
Jambo	Hello	Namsifu Mungo Kwa	I praise God for
Baba Yetu	Our Father	Kum Bah Yah	Come By Here





Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way or donated to the program, to all teachers and helpers, but most especially, to the children who make it all happen. Without them there would be no Vacation Bible School.

#### **Tembo (Elephant) Clan**

Three & Four Year Olds

Teacher: Gail Urch

Helper: Tim Urch

Helper: Chris Lewis

Helper: Kenton Lewis

#### **Simba (Lion) Clan**

Five Year Olds & Kindergarten

Teacher: Tiffany Angerer

Helper: Tammy Stewart

Helper: Mary Ann Thorpe

#### **Kiboko (Hippo) Clan**

First & Second Grades

Teacher: Peggie Blenman

Helper: Francie Clayman

#### **Students**

Mindy Barker

Amanda Curtiss

Shawn Dunne

Gayle Foote

Carli Hatfield

Anthony Kirk

Brittney Perry

Ally Smith

Amy Soller

Hallie Wiese

#### **Students**

Meghan Barker

Cody Chabola

Taylor Coffman

Justin Curtiss

Eva Graham

Gregory Kirk

Patience Lewis

Joshua Perry

Ryan Platz

Hanna Wiese

Robbie Wiese

Argeia Laylin

#### **Students**

Jackie Baird

Clay Chabola

Katie Coffman

Kayla Curtiss

Dawn Cusano

Shea Dunne

Aleta Inman

Julie Lakota

Andy McCumber

Jennifer Schad

Jennifer Soller

#### **Twiga (Giraffe) Clan**

Third & Fourth Grades

Teacher: Louise Smith

Helper: Bonnie Carr

#### **Punda Milia (Zebra) Clan**

Fifth & Sixth Grades

Teacher: Brenda Urch



#### **Students**

Randy Coffman

Christine Curtiss

Kyle Graham

Bobbie Inman

Jessica Lakota

T.J. McCumber

Shaude Mitchell

Abby Sjostrom

#### **Students**

Sarah Belknap

Tara Mitchell

Caroline Schad

Rachel Schad



Crafts:

Refreshments:

Music:

V.B.S. Director:

Christian Education Committee:

Colleen Lewis and Donna Kray

Linda Kalinowski

Bev Newbold and Peggie Blenman

Bev Newbold

Linda Kalinowski and Bill Daywalt



# 1997

## Bits of Bulletins

### April 1997

Session Holds All Night Meeting

Maybe it wasn't all night long, but the April meeting sure seemed like it! So much to do, so much life in the church!

Hank and Mark Dufour from Boy Scout Troop 11 presented their plans for building a ramp in front of the Fellowship Hall. This will be Mark's Eagle Scout project. The Boy Scouts will be installing the ramp during the month of May.

The members of the Confirmation Class will be received as members of our church during worship on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. These include Erin Cook, Steven Castro, and Kenton Lewis.

Session commendations were given to:

- The Care and Fellowship Ministries of the Deaconate for all of their hard work.
- To Bill Daywalt for his work as Clerk of Sessions.
- To the Youth of our church.

### News from the Session

#### June 1997

The Session met on Wednesday, April 30 for a special meeting with presbytery staff and representatives of the presbytery's Committee of Ministry (COM). The purpose of this meeting was for presbytery to comply with the constitutional requirement to meet with our session once every three years for review and feedback of the congregation's ongoing ministries and fellowship.

The Session reflected on ministries of the last three years and candidly discussed conflicts that date back fifteen or more years. Based on these reflections, the presbytery staff and COM offered to provide people and resources to help the elders address unresolved issues from current and previous pastorates. Unlike years past,

the presbytery has made great strides in providing practical assistance for its congregations. The Session expressed their thanks.

Everyone desires to reconcile our various unresolved issues so that we can move ahead together in new and exciting ministries. The elders will keep the congregation informed of future meetings with COM and the developments toward resolution of past concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Daywalt, Clerk of Session

### News from the Ministries

#### Christian Education Ministry

Due to a lack of volunteers, there will be no children's Sunday School from June 8<sup>th</sup> until September 7<sup>th</sup>. However, there will be a Children's Worship program during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on all Sundays throughout the summer except for outdoor worship on the third Sundays in June, July, and August. Adult Sunday School will be offered from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Pastor Mark will lead the class in a continuing study of the essential beliefs of Presbyterians....

Linda Kalinowski, Moderator

#### Fellowship Ministry

The Mother/Daughter Banquet was a lovely success. We had about 135 women and girls who attended! The Soundsations were sensational, the quilts were inspirational, and the tables were beautifully decorated. Thank you to Carol Brunell, Jan Volk, Ginny Simmons and so many others for creating an enjoyable event for us all.

Maryann Thorpe, Moderator

## Bits of Bulletins

### 1998

January 1998

Guppy II notes that Kingsville Presbyterian Church, although little, is featuring much activity during January 1998. There is a Choir Cantata, (Great), Live Nativity (Weather good for a change!); New Church Sign (telling all we are here), Giving Tree, baskets of food for the less fortunate, soup lunch (always good), good messages from the pulpit, another successful candy making year. Whew, we are busy! Isn't it wonderful?

From the Candyman

The candy making is over for another year. It was a big success. We couldn't make it fast enough. We used 1,000 lbs. of sugar and forty gallons of Karo. This amount made 619 batches which is 1,393 lbs. of candy. Mary Ann and I would like to thank everyone that helped.

The Candymaker

"I am only a candymaker," he thought sadly. "No one will listen to me when I tell of the wonderous love of my Lord, about how and why God entered our world, born as a baby in Bethlehem."

"How can I tell the children about the love of Jesus?" he wondered.

Then he smiled. "I will make them some candy. I will begin with pure white and the virgin birth of Jesus and his sinlessness. It will be hard and pure. I will make it into the letter J so all will be reminded that it is by the name of Jesus that we are saved from our sins. It will also look like a shepherd's staff, so that we may know that Jesus is our shepherd, our Savior and Lord."

"To remember the awful price of Jesus's love for me, I shall include red to tell of the blood He shed to save me from my sins. Three small stripes to show is scourging and a large red stripe for his blood shed on the cross by nails and spears."

And so was made the candy cane, crafted in love, and made to help us remember the costly love of Jesus. Pass them out freely and use them to witness to others of Christ this Christmas.

## March, 1998

Burton Mills and Bob Keller installed and put into place 5x3 x32 sink, cabinet, and counter which was purchased and donated by Lynn and Jane Silva. Stop by the Music Room and see how this modernizes the room. A big thank you to Burton, Bob, Lynn, and Jane.

## May 1998

Guppy II reports in May 1998 that the Easter season has passed, and our little church was soooo busy. Six evening services during Holy Week, including Maunday Thursday Communion, Good Friday, (Why would it be called Good Friday when it was the day Jesus was nailed to the cross?) I can understand maybe Good Sunday for Easter!) Saturday Night Vigil and then all that early stuff Easter morning. I say “good job, well done,” to the teenagers for Saturday night and Easter breakfast. If you could not attend any of this, you really missed out.

Did you know that this was Carolyn’s 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year playing on Easter morning? She just agreed to fill in that Sunday 33 years ago. Now that is what I call dedication. Thanks, Carolyn. And I can’t forget the soup lunch on Friday, too Whew! We were busy!

## FYI – For Your Information

- Don Theiss will be in the pulpit May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Reverend Ellen Neville will be in the pulpit May 10, Mother’s Day.
- The Annual Mother Daughter Banquet of Kingsville Presbyterian Church will be held Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. You are all cordially invited. The menus will be our famous Salad supper, so bring y our favorite salad dish to share. Rolls, beverages, and table service will be provided. The program will be the Cross County Shoreliners, a delightful barbershop group of which Doug Herl is a member. If you do not have a daughter to bring or a mother, borrow one, or just come as you are and enjoy the fellowship! See you! Carol Brunell and Jan Volk, Deacons
- The Youth will lead the service May 17.
- Peggie Blenman will be in the pulpit May 24.

- Office closed May 25.
- Bill Daywalt will be in the pulpit May 31.

### News from the Session

The regular meeting of the session was held on Wednesday, April 15, 1998.

We currently have \$6,267.50 in the General Fund. Isn't that amazing!

Commendations were made for the Youth Group and Bev Newbold for performing the Vigil on Saturday evening before Easter.

The youth raised \$207.00 from the Easter breakfast toward going to summer camp.

The Rebekah Lodge has donated \$500 to the church toward the purchase of new tables for the Fellowship Hall.

## 1999

### June 1999

The Session met Wednesday, May 19 in the Memorial Room. Sharon Clemson will remain on Session but will serve as Elder and on the Mission and Evangelism Committee. Bill Daywalt will serve as Clerk of Session with Sharon acting as Secretary. This makes me happy, because I am a firm believe in people being in jobs that better suit their capabilities, and I will feel much more of service in these roles.

A discussion about cleaning up some of the "junk" that seems to accumulate in the furnace room and the Sunday School Rooms that are not being used for classes at the present was held. We decided to clean up and rearrange so better use could be made of these rooms. Also discussed was the issue of brush behind the Fellowship hall property, and the possibility of cleaning this up also. Other collection monies will be going into the new interest-bearing account at Key Bank starting next week. The General Fund balance is \$19,742.60 at this time.

The Session presented Reverend Stephen Long with a gift of a necktie in thanks for his serving as our Moderator in the absence of a pastor. Reverend Kevin Horri-gan will be serving as Moderator in June. We certainly have appreciated Stephen's



help. Special commendation to Janet Weise, who has done a wonderful job chairing our very successful Soup Luncheons, as well as the many other things she does for our church. Janet truly amazes me with her eye for beauty. She can take three weeds and two cattails and put them in a mason jar and it becomes a work of art. I can take an orchid and put it in a crystal vase and it looks like a work of art. Thank you, Janet. We really appreciate you.

We approved the purchase of a new two-line phone with an answering machine for the Fellowship Hall. Please call us if you have a need. Monica is in the office from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also available are members of Session, and Monica will be happy to refer you if you call.

Remember our ad for a pastor goes into the Presbyterian Magazine, Monday Memos, the first of June. We are hopeful that God will lead someone to us through this. Keep praying.

Respectfully,

Sharon Clemson

July 1999

I received a note June 4<sup>th</sup> from Helen Dekker thanking me for the newsletter every month. She informed me that she and her husband Henri will be moving in July to Urygyzshaw, a republic in Central Asia. She did not give me her new address. Monica Roco, church secretary.

Thank you to all who helped serve the dinner after the funeral for Ernest Fiala. Ginny Simmons.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the illness and passing of my father Ernest Fiala. We also want to thank the ladies for the wonderful funeral dinner.

Mary Ann and Norman Thorpe

## Summer Music

July 25.....Bev Newbold

August 1....American Drill Team

August 8.....Outdoor Service, no music

August 15.....Bev Newbold

August 22.....Scott Treen, bagpipes

August 29.....Sweet Adelines

On July 14, the Youth Group will be going to Waldameer Park.

There will be a Fundraising Breakfast before church on Sunday, August 18.

There will be a camping trip on the weekend of Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Your Session has developed a Prayer and Contact chain to assist in spreading the news of the church as quickly and efficiently as possible. This chain will be used to communicate members and friends' needs, church cancellation due to inclement weather, or any other announcements that need to reach all of you quickly.

If you are aware of news or prayer concerns that should be spread through the contact list, please call either Bill Daywalt (224-0803) Peggie Blenman (224-1467) or Sharon Clemons (998-6854) to start the word flowing.

## September 1999

Isn't it wonderful to have our choir back, and a new face, too. Thanks, Chip. That men's section will really shine this year, me thinks. Come to hear, see, join in the fellowship and inspiration of it all. See you next month.

Love you all,

Guppy II

## October 1999

## News from the Session

The Session met on September 13, 1999. Liza Hendricks from Presbytery attended, and we had a very in-depth discussion with her about our search for a pastor. She assured us that there are many churches in the same circumstances as Kingsville due to the severe shortage of ministers. Not exactly comforting, but perhaps helps us to understand. She says she would assist us in our search with her guidance.

Bill Daywalt resigned as Spiritual Life Committee member. We will be grateful to anyone who would volunteer to help us with this committee.

We wish to thank Burton Mills for the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall which he so graciously donated and installed.

The General Fund balance is \$26,742.33.

The Boys Scouts gave a new coat of paint to the ramps and railings. They asked to have merit Badge Camp, a sleep over at the Fellowship Hall on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> before Scout Sunday. The Church will be hosting the Scouts Annual Court of Honor Spaghetti Dinner on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Candy making has begun!! Please join us.

Next Session meeting October 11<sup>th</sup>.

## November 1999

The Session met October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. November clean up day will be on November 6 at 9 a.m. till all the leaves are raked. Pray for a dry day so we can get buttoned up for winter. Everyone is welcome to help. The roof on the manse will be replaced by the time you read this. We now have light again in the kitchen at the Fellowship Hall. There were several burned out bulbs and ballasts which were replaced by some good fellows in the church. Thanks! It was getting so we needed miner's helmets to make candy as it is necessary to read the thermometers.

We have been blessed with someone, Lori Webster, who has volunteered to lead the children's choir to prepare for a holiday program. The Session enthusiastically approved her offer. She will be letting us know when she wants to begin practice.

The General Fund balance is \$26,520.30.

We need some help with the Spiritual Life (Sunday School) Committee. Bill Daywalt has resigned as Moderator and we need someone to help Bev to coordinate the Sunday School activities. We also need help to get ready for the Holiday Season.

We are still in need of two elders for our next term.

## December 1999

- Notice the beautifully decorated gazebo in Kingsville Park, which was done by Carol Brunell and her 4-H group “The Kingsville Spinneretts” and Boy Scout Troop 11. Thank you to Jay and Janet Weise for the tree. The whole thing puts you in the holiday spirit.
- Francis and Louie Clayman just returned from spending time with their daughter, Laurie MacDonald and family, in Charlotte, NC, where they helped her celebrate her birthday. But Laurie will not divulge her age. Atta girl!

When the Clayman’s returned, they, with the help of their other daughter and son-in-law, Rowynn and Duane Bancroft, loaded up a couple of trucks and took 1130 pounds of clothing from our church to the Church of God in Conneaut where once a week, they distribute clothes free. Francis said this is way over average giving so a BIG THANK YOU to all of you, especially to the Clayman’s and the Bancroft’s. This is indeed a wonderful mission.

- Thanks to Barb Mills and Benjamin Wiese for cleaning the refrigerator in the kitchen.
- Thanks to Ginny Simmons and all who helped with the dinner after the funeral of Betty Huey.

## From the Deacons

The following Deacons met November 1<sup>st</sup>: Carol Brunell, Janet Wiese, Al Clemson, Phyllis Shinault, Maryann Thorpe, Jan Volk and Carol Hill.

The Hanging of the Greens took place November 27<sup>th</sup>. The new Christmas tree Janet purchased at the end of the season last year was put up in the Sanctuary. Carol

Brunell will put up a decorated tree in the Fellowship Hall. Batteries for the candles in the windows will be purchased as well as Advent candles. The Boy Scouts will put up the structure for the Nativity scene on the lawn in front of the church. The Giving Tree was discussed.

The Deacons are boxing cookies on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have extra cookies to donate let a Deacon know.

Maryann is getting the names of needy families to receive the Thanksgiving baskets. We will need food and money.

Communion is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>, with Reverend Missy Shiverick in the pulpit.

The Soup Lunch is Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next Deacon's meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup>.

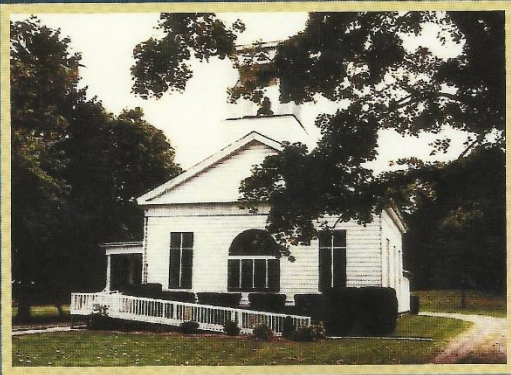
Respectfully submitted by

Jan Volk, Clerk

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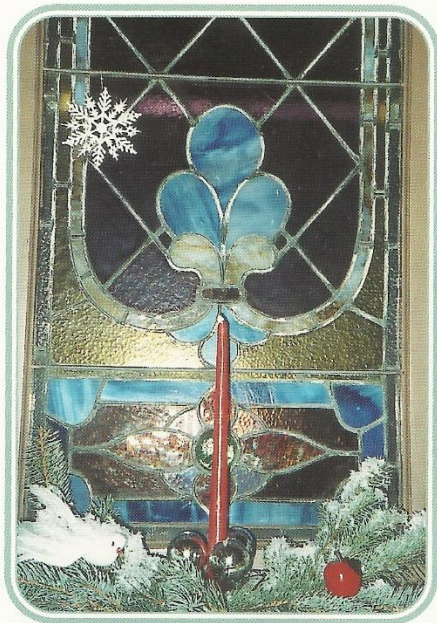
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*Worship  
and Work*



Stained Glass Window



Session



Deacons

*Sing to the  
Lord a New  
Song*

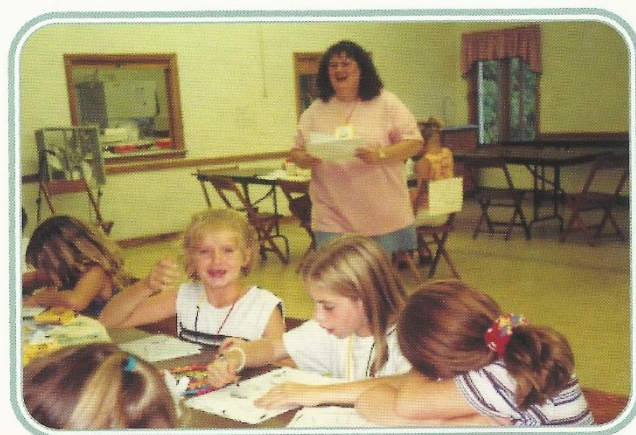


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Sunday School



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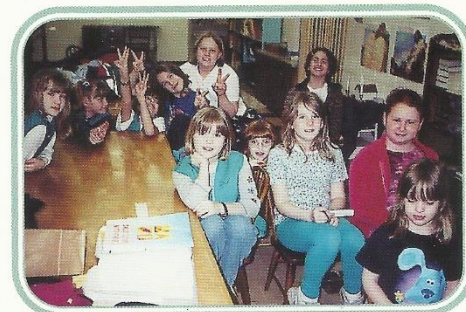


Youth Group at Waldameer Park

## Youth



Boy Scouts Troop 11



Girl Scouts

*"And Jesus said, 'let the children come.'"*



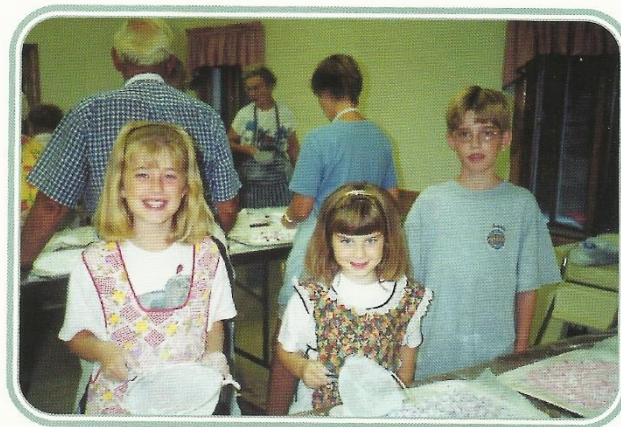
4H Kingsville Spinnerettes



## Candy Making for Mission Giving



From the Beginning Ruth and Frances



To the Future



Morning Cooks Candy Making



Night Cooks Candy Making



Generations in Between

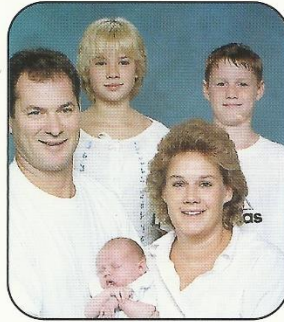


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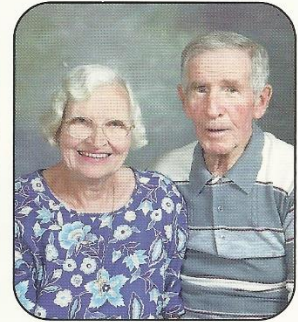
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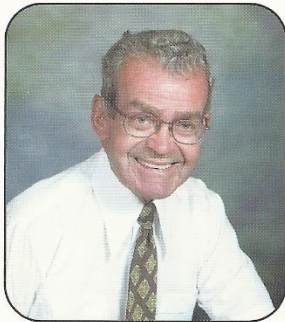
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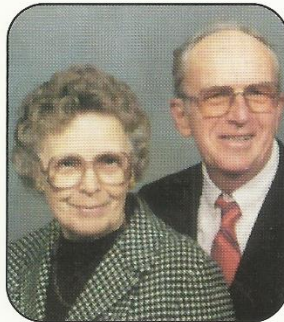
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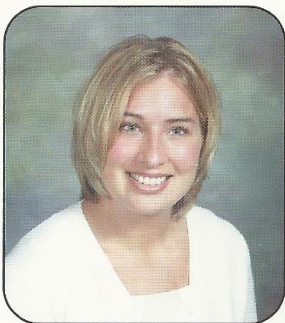
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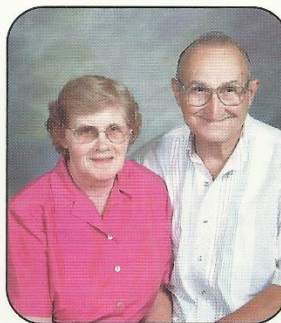
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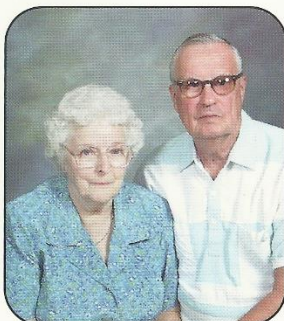
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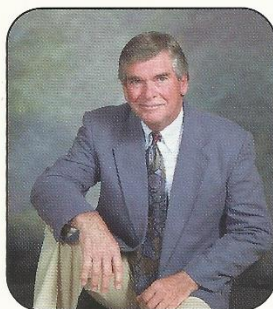


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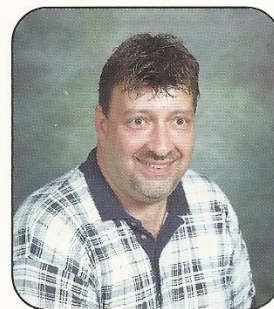
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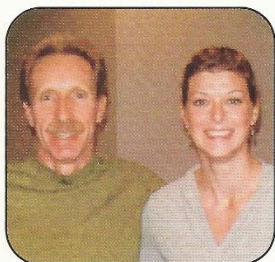
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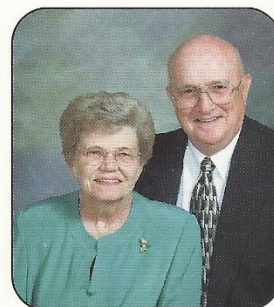
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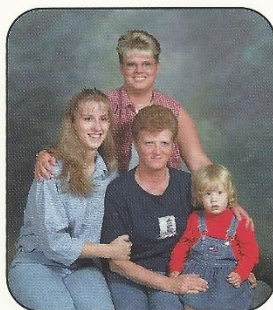
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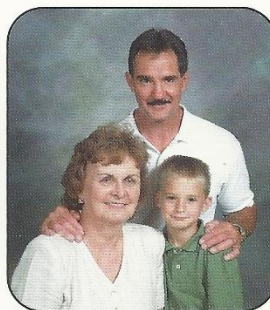
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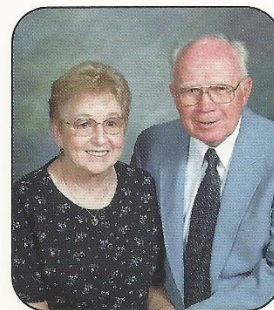
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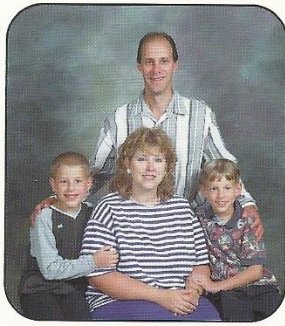


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KELLER, Bob & JoAnn Howard





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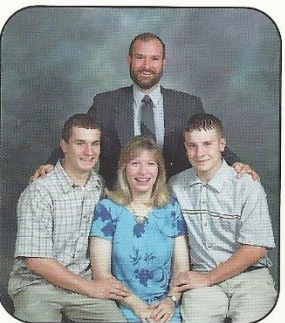
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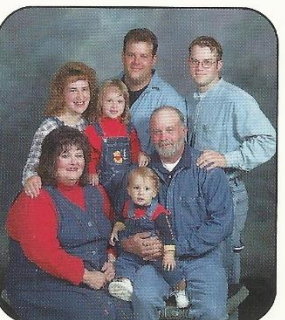
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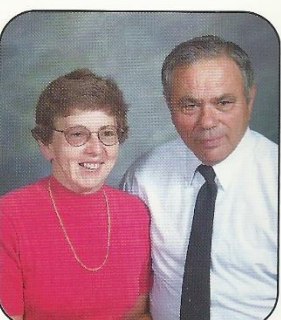
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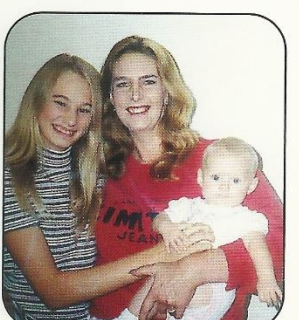
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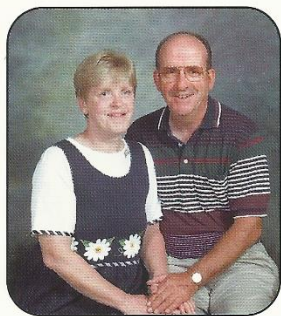


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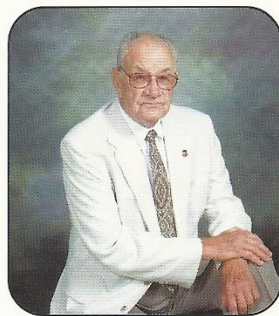




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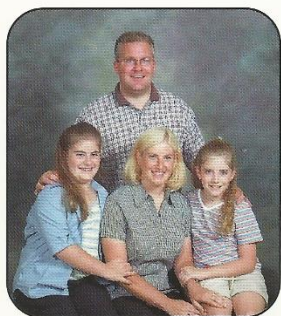
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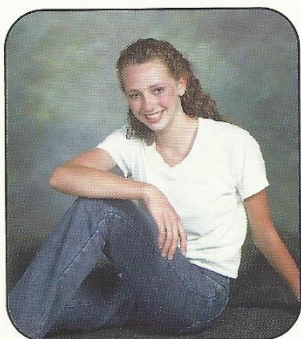


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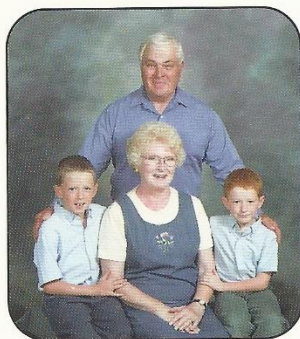


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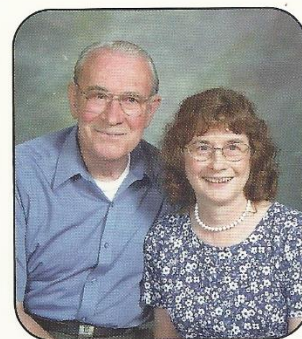
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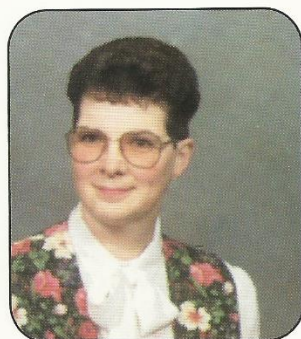
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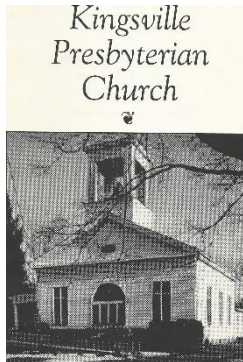


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## Bits of Bulletins



March 15, 2000. Reverend Bonnie Habbersett was installed as pastor of Kingsville United Presbyterian Church. This note from Reverend Habbersett appeared in her installation bulletin.

“As long as the sun sets, we have to say goodbye to old ideas; as long as the sun rises, there will be new ideas to take their place...we needn't be afraid or frustrated, for such is the goodness of God's love...it's a magical world; let's go exploring! Amen!

The song in the bulletin insert was “Here I Am Lord” and the presiding Elder from Kingsville United Presbyterian Church was Rob Schimmelpfennig.

March 19, 2000.

### The Board of Session

Bonnie Carr

Joe Kray

Carol Glotzbecker

Calvin Lewis

Chuck Leonard

Rob Schimmelpfennig

Lauretta Lute

Clerk of Session: Bill Daywalt

Norm Thorpe

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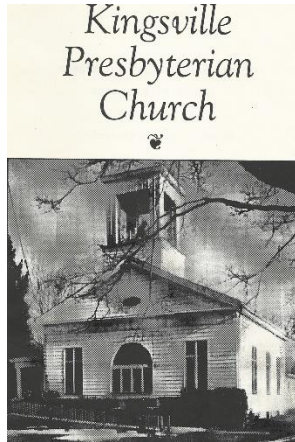
Betty Swanson

Gail Urch

Jan Volk

Janet Wiese

## Bits of Bulletins



Sunday, October 1, 2000. Carla Joy Holcomb was baptized into the family of Jesus Christ at Kingsville United Presbyterian Church. Her mother is Carrie Faith Richter, and her father is Luke Allen Holcomb.

Sunday, November 5, 2000.

Worship leaders for this Sunday were Reverend Bonnie Habbersett in the Pulpit, Elder Al Clemson, Liturgist.

The announcements included sympathy for the family and friends of Al Rosenbrough, and the news that the Deacons would be packing food baskets for Thanksgiving and needed donations of canned and dry foods.

The October clothing drive was huge success, collecting two truck loads of clothing. Francis Clayman estimated the church had collected 730 pounds of clothes. Some were taken to the Chapman House in Ashtabula. The rest were taken to the Church of Christ in Conneaut.

The meeting and important dates for the month included Boy Scout Troop 11 meeting at the Fellowship Hall on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Monday, November 13 Session Meeting was scheduled for 6:30 in the Memorial Room. Other activities included Candy Making, Basket Weaving, making a beaded Christmas Ornament, and adult Bible School, Prayer Partners and Choir practice.

## 2001

May 2001

I want to thank you so much for sending me The Messenger. I lived next to the church for twenty some years and I enjoy hearing about the people. I especially like Reverend Bonnie's articles – Prayer Porch – and also Guppy II.

I miss Kingsville and enjoy reminiscing.

Thanks again,  
Theodora Poros

Thanks to Bob Keller

I took my car loaded with baby stuff from seat, back seat to roof and trunk full to Birthcare and they were astonished. They kept saying "What church is doing this?" They were so grateful. Keep up the good work all you wonderful people. There are lots of yard sales going on.

Thanks so much.

Jan Volk and the Deacons

June 2001

Calvin and Colleen Lewis are the proud new grandparents of a grandson, Jonathan Christopher Lyle Lewis born May 15, 2001. His parents are Christopher and Jessica Lewis.

Congratulations to Jane Silva at her retirement at the end of this school year from Buckeye Local Schools. Jane worked at Ridgeview Elementary School.

Everyone is invited to the wedding of Kenton Lewis and Charlene Clemens. Wedding reception is on July 1, 2001 at Sheffield Fire Hall, 3616 Sheffield Monroe Road, 4-9 p.m.

Congratulations to the Graduates

- Justin Daywalt, son of Kris and Cindy Daywalt
- Jake Fenton, son of Dan and Melissa Fenton, grandson of Jan and Ralph Volk
- Kenton Lewis, son of Calvin and Colleen Lewis, grandson of Gordon Bovee
- Bryan Taylor, son of James and Sheryl Taylor, grandson of Iverna Doyle
- Kylie Tompkins, daughter of Steven and Becky Tompkins, granddaughter of Ray and Ginny Simmons.



Thank you to our church family and friends for making our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary so great. Thanks for all the gifts, cards, and flowers. Bob and Bev Skarlinski

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations of clothes for the May clothing drive. We collected 1100 pounds of clothes. We took clothes to the Chapman Center and the Church of Christ.

Thank you to Francis and Lewis Clayman for delivering the clothing.

Deepest Sympathies go out to the Tim Moroski Family. Tim passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2001. Please keep Nadine and Larry and the Moroski Family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Doug and Carolyn Herl on the birth of their great grandson.

Karl and Shawn Brunell and their son Paul, 14 months, were here in Kingsville for a visit for 10 days. They came with their friend Aaron from Cheyenne, Wyoming. They will soon be moving to Florida. They had a great visit.

August 2001

Our church picnic on July 29 was a great success. A beautiful day was enjoyed outdoors at the Fellowship Hall. The children had fun playing games and getting soaked with the water balloons. The big kids had fun playing a water balloon toss with the winners being Julie Artman and Janet Wiese. The candy guess games were won by Joe Webster and Gordon Bovee. The games were provided by Chip and Miranda Barker. The hotdogs were perfectly grilled by Norm Thorpe. Thanks to Bill Daywalt for buying the supplies and everyone who helped make it a fun day.

Special thanks to Bev Newbold for planning another wonderful Vacation Bible School. We would like to also thank all the workers who devoted their time and energy to make the Polar Expedition a success.

Thank you to all the children who faithfully attended Bible School. Thanks to Pastor Bonnie for being a part of the program each night.

September 2001

Congratulations to Becky Talso Taylor and James Taylor on the birth of their twin daughters on August 28, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

Shelby Lynn .....6 lb 9 oz. 19 ½ inches long

Sidney Nicole....6 lb 13 oz 20 inches long

They have an older brother Tyler

Proud grandparents, Richard and Judy Talso

Proud great grandmother, Frances Blenman

Things we should not do as a church

Putting church over community

Putting orthodoxy over love.

Putting certainty over wonder.

Putting teaching over conversation.

Putting polished over real.

Putting explanations over empathy.

Putting answers over questions.

Putting membership over friendship.

Putting prayer over action.

Putting services over self-care.

Putting style over substance.

Putting appearance over authenticity.

Putting functionality over beauty.

Putting religion over spirituality.

Putting numbers over faces.

Putting holiness over humanity.

Putting accountability over acceptance.

Putting heaven over earth.

Putting meetings over relationships.

Putting reputation over risk.

Putting superiority over humility.

Putting charisma over compassion.

Putting the afterlife over the herelife.

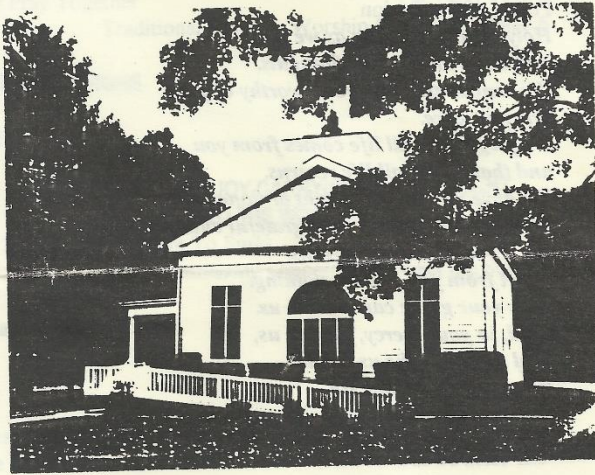
Putting doctrine over reason.

Putting hierarchy over equality.

Bill Daywalt

## Bits of Bulletins-2002

*Kingsville Presbyterian Church  
The Rev. Bonnie Habbersett*



*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
In Memory of Kenneth Ordel Carle  
Wednesday, May 12, 2002*



Morning glories begin the day,  
Flowering in a message way,  
Although their stay lasts short hours,  
Like people, they are God's flowers.



I saw Jesus standing behind the gate of heaven  
with fenceposts all around  
The fence posts had labels on them  
Some said gay, some said straight,  
Some said men, some said women,  
Behind them were posts and labels I couldn't see.  
Jesus answered my knock,  
He handed me a saw,  
I sawed through the front posts,  
The labels blew away with the power of his love  
And I spent my life replacing the labels with  
Love, Compassion, Empathy,  
And open-heart gates.

The (\*) indicates that we are asked to stand as we are able.  
*Bold italicize print* indicates the responses of the people.  
 The Worship Guidebook is located in the front of the Hymnal.

# WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Bonnie Habberset

## *We Come Together to Worship Our Lord*

### WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH SINGING

Beverly McClain & Phyllis Shinault

"In The Garden"

### WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, you see us as we are,*

*and know our inmost thoughts.*

*We confess that we are unworthy of your*

*gracious care.*

*We forget that all life comes from you*

*and that to you all life returns.*

*We have not always sought or done your will.*

*We have not lived as your grateful children,*

*nor loved as Christ loved us.*

*Apart from you, we are nothing.*

*Only your grace can sustain us.*

*Lord, in your mercy, forgive us,*

*heal us and make us whole.*

*Set us free from our sin,*

*and restore to us the joy of your salvation*

*now and forever.*

Assurance of Pardon

\* # 106 (Hymns We Love To Sing)

"Here I Am, Lord"

### WE REJOICE IN LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Sharing

Psalm 23

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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Reflection

Bill Daywalt

### \*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH BEFORE GOD

The Apostle's Creed

Worship Guidebook, Page 4

### \*WE WORSHIP GOD WITH A SONG OF PRAYER

\* #236 (See Insert)

"On A Hill Far Away"

### WE PRAY TOGETHER

We Pray Together

The Lord's Prayer

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### COMMENDATIONS

Bill Daywalt

"Just As I Am"

### WE GO FORTH WITH JOY CARRYING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*# 24(Hymns We Love To Sing)

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

Charge and Blessing

Please Return for a Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall across the street from the Church. The Luncheon will be after the Service at the Greenlawn Memory Garden in North Kingsville.

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## Vocalists:

Bill Daywalt  
 Beverly McClain  
 Phyllis Shinault

## Eulogist:

Bill Daywalt

**Matthew 11:28**

*Come to me, all you that are weary  
 and are carrying heavy burdens,  
 and I will give you rest.*

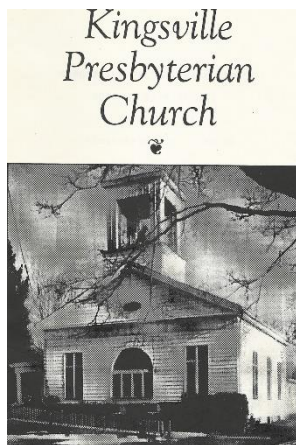
## March 2003

- The Deacons of Kingsville Presbyterian Church met Tuesday, February 18 at the Fellowship Ha.. The meeting was called to order with devotion read by Gail. Minutes of January were approved as written. Members excused were Carol Glotzbecker, Louise smith, and Betty Swanson. All other members were present.
- Communication: thank You card from Lee & Ted Robishaw and family for dinner after Ralph's funeral along with a donation. Thank you to the Robishaw Family for their donation.
- Fund Raiser: Jan Volk discussed a Hoagie Sale, possibly around June. Going ahead with Furniture Doctor- possibly November first Saturday. Also discussed selling Avon.
- Old Business: February 12. Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, served about 96 people. Thanks to the youth who helped serve and also all who helped make this annual event possible.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Soup Lunch. Served approximately 70 people. Took in \$134.30. Bake sale, \$11.40. Will no longer have bake sale monthly. Only at end of year around holiday time.
- February 15<sup>th</sup>- White Elephant Bingo. 12 people enjoyed good food, fellowship, and a great time.
- \*\*\*Dinners after funerals will need a chairperson. Deacon message board at Fellowship Hall will be changed by Julie Artman and Gail Urch.
- New Business. March 14<sup>th</sup>. Soup lunch will be vegetable beef or split pea
- Deacons picked months and discussed if anyone would like to furnish flowers for the altar. They may contact the Deacon of the Month or the church office.
- It was suggested that we see that shut-ins get a copy of the bulletin weekly, to keep those who are unable to attend church informed of church activities and news.
- March 15<sup>th</sup>. Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Cost \$5.00. 4-6 p.m. It was decided to place on sign outside of Fellowship Hall in hopes of getting more people to attend.
- Asked Bev Newbold to do the entertainment at the Mother and Daughter Banquet in May. She accepted.
- Next meeting is March 17, 2003, 6 p.m. in the Memorial Room.
- Deacon for March: Julie Artman.
- Communion is March 9, 2003.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with the closing prayer by Jan Bennett.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Urch, Moderator of Deacons

## Bits of Bulletins, 2004



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gail Urch

The Star-Spangled Banner

Tiffany Newbold

Dinner

“Mary Did You Know?”

Bev Newbold & Linda Laugen

Presentation

Jan Bennett and Gail Urch

Entertainment

Theo Puppet Skit

“A Gift from Grandma”

Amanda Taylor and Bobby Taylor

Music

Children’s Worship Youth

Linda Laugen-Music Director

Bev Newbold-Children’s Worship Leader & C.E.  
Superintendent

Closing Prayer – Gail Urch

## Entertainment

Theo Puppet Skit

The Good Life

My God Is

I Will Obey You

Just Like You Promised

He Reigns – Solo- Mindy Barker

Trust in the Lord

His Love

Jump, Shout, & Sing

We Believe in God

Jesus is Still Alright- Baton  
Twirling, Meghan Barker

Shout It Out

You Are the One

Everybody Ought to Know

Love with The Love

Doxology

Rise up & Praise Him

Let All the World Sing Praises

The Lord's Prayer

## Youth

Mindy Barker

Meghan Barker

Megan Kelly

Zach Laugen

Patience Lewis

Brittany Lute

Taylor Lute

Tiffany Newbold

Carrie Pozum

Tara Pozum

Katie  
Schimmelpfennig

Lauren  
Schimmelpfennig

Ally Smith

Amanda Taylor

Bobby Taylor

## 2005

### Letter from the past Committee plans events to mark Kingsville Township's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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KATHY PAPE (left) and Lori Stewart of Kingsville Township co-chair the committee formed to celebrate Kingsville Township's birthday. They hold the articles of incorporation for the 1955 Sesquicentennial Committee. The articles were recently discovered in the library attic; a letter from members of the 1955 committee was attached and directed them to a box of memorabilia from that event. The 2005 committee is incorporating as a non-profit entity, as well.



January 17, 2005

By Carl E. Feather, Lifestyle Editor

It was a most appropriate find, a belated Christmas gift to the Kingsville Area Bicentennial Committee from their predecessors from 50 years ago.

While poking around in the attic of Kingsville Public Library several weeks ago, employees discovered a framed copy of the articles of incorporation.

for the Sesquicentennial Committee. Attached to the back of the frame was a yellowed envelope containing a letter that directed their successors to a box of memorabilia from that event.

Kathy Pape and Lori Stewart, co-chairs of the event, wasted no time opening the time capsule of sorts. While they hoped that their predecessors had bequeathed seed money in the form of stocks or bonds, they, were nevertheless pleased with the simple, brief letter from 50 years ago wishing them success on their efforts to celebrate the township's 200th birthday. The letter was signed by Myrtle Crandall, recording secretary; Coraline Stevenson, chairwoman. Dorothy Sherman, treasurer; and G. H. Myers, the Rev. John Eakin, Emily Miller, Claude Hawn, Altie Phillips and the Rev. Ralph Wagner.

"We, the Planning Committee of the Kingsville Township Sesqui-Centennial, July 2, 3 and 4, 1955, hereby bequeath our Articles of Incorporation, a copy of our Souvenir Booklet, our Program, Guest-list and the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer," states the letter. "In addition, we extend our Greetings and Best Wishes for the success of the 2005 celebration; and keeping in mind the words of the poet Kahlil Gibran; "Yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow are today's dream. And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with long."

"Isn't that kind of cool that they left us a message?" said Pape in describing the find to committee members Jan. 3. The box contained literature pertaining to the 1955 celebration, including a pamphlet about the "Brothers of the Brush," an organization of township men who gave up shaving for the celebration. Now committee members are thinking about what they'll leave in a box or time capsule for the group that will celebrate the township's next big birthday, in 2055. They want to make sure the capsule they choose will safely preserve whatever they select as artifacts.

“I think that’s a neat way to take a look at the past and what has happened in the area,” says Lori Stewart.

In the meantime, the committee is working hard to make the township’s bicentennial celebration one to be remembered by the youngsters who will, in 50 years, might plan that next big party. Stewart says the idea of holding a celebration was suggested by township trustees and Clerk Carole Vanek. Trustee Charles Page put out his phone number as a contact for any person interested in getting involved; Lori Stewart was the first to call.

A meeting was called in September and Kathy Pape, now director of the Kingsville Public Library, and Stewart, were elected to co-chair the event. Other officers are Cheryl Cliff, secretary, and Bill Daywalt, treasurer. Numerous subcommittees have been formed to plan and execute events and festivities and pre-festivities.

Pape says some of the advance activities being discussed include a golf outing, community baseball competitions, a booth at the Kingsville Public Library Lawn Sale, a tour of homes, display of flags, school’s participation and an extreme sport event in June. The latter event is one of several in need of a chairperson and helpers to pull it off. Geared toward the youth, the extreme sports weekend event would feature appearances by Trevor Vines (Motocross), Tim Farr (quad ATV) and Kevin Santee (motor racing). A Motocross track would be built for Vines’ demonstrations and use by participants.

“We need people,” Pape says. “It’s a great idea, it is in the works, but we need someone to step in and coordinate it.”

A tour of Kingsville/North Kingsville homes and historical buildings are planned as well and is in need of a chairperson and homeowners willing to open their residences to the tour.

A Native American pow wow and encampment in the park are planned for the weekend prior to the celebration, said Bonnie Thompson of Ashtabula, who is heading up that project.

### **Big weekend planned for July**

Pape says the weekend of July 15-17 has been selected for the focus for the celebration, which will be centered in the township park. A Kids’ Fest, sponsored

by the Friends of the Library is planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15. Planned attractions include a rock wall, inflatable obstacle course, magicians, jugglers, clowns, Jungle Terry, characters in costume, food, and a Scholastic Book Fair.

A pageant will be later in the day. Open to several age brackets, the contestants would wear patriotic everyday wear and be prepared to talk about why they love Kingsville/North Kingsville. The winners will preside over the weekend's activities and be in the parade. A street dance with food vendors along Academy Street that evening will close out the first day of festivities.

The following day, a parade from North Kingsville to the park will symbolically tie the two communities together and get the activities off to a good start. A festival will be held in the park following the parade. "We need help with the festival, coordinating the parade, traffic control," says Pape.

Although not part of the formal events, a wedding will be held in Kingsville Baptist Church that afternoon. Tia Mauro and Nick Rhodes are the bride and groom said Tia's grandmother. Alma McConnell Page.

Events on July 16 will be geared toward the tourist who is coming into town for the celebration. Sunday, the focus will be providing a celebratory event for the residents, starting with homecoming church services and continuing with family entertainment, a community meal and old-fashioned games in the park that afternoon.

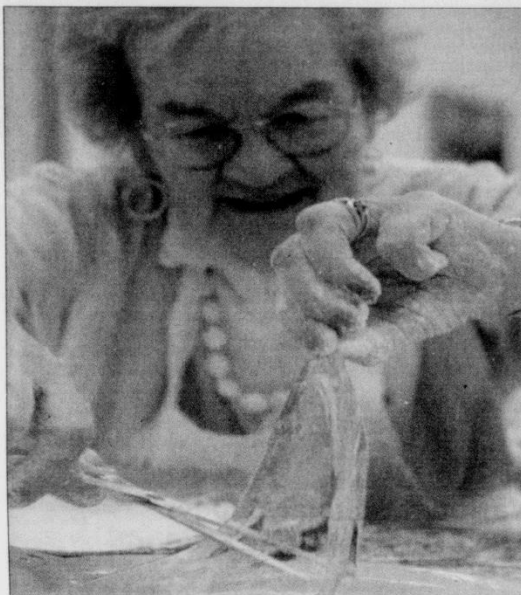
"Sunday, we're hoping for a more down-home, neighborly feel," Pape says.

44048-44068: A BICENTENNIAL PORTRAIT

# Sweet fellowship



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NADINE MOROSKI enjoys one of the perks of being a volunteer candy maker with the Kingsville Presbyterian Church: a neck rub by Chuck Leonard, who coordinates the fund-raising project.



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LOUISE SMITH snips a glob of hot candy from a buttered plate as she works on the cutting line in the Kingsville Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall Sept. 14.



IT TAKES a crew of at least 14 to make the hard tack candy that's sold by the Kingsville Presbyterian Church to assist the general fund. Working on the cutting table are (clockwise) JoAnn Keller, Al Loomis, Bernice Day, Rowyn Rogers, Francie Clayman (hidden), Jan Volk, Louise Smith and Eula Jane Allen.

*'They enjoy it.  
It's a good time  
to chit-chat.'*

## Candy makers continue decades-old tradition

By CARL E. FEATHER  
Lifestyle Editor

A project that originated more than 40 years ago as a way to provide shut-ins with homemade candy at Christmas has become a fund-raising tradition at Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

The late Ruth Swanson, her husband Bob and their daughters Betty and Sharon used to make the candy in their home. Demand for the candy soared, and the project became too much for one family. The Sunshine Class, an adult Sunday school group, took on the project and expanded it into a fund-raiser for the church.

Chuck Leonard is coordinating this year's candy project. He says the first candy-making session was held Sept. 7 and sessions will continue every Wednesday morning and evening until their supplies of sugar, 500 pounds, and volunteers, about 25 of them, are exhausted.

Many of the volunteers head to Florida after Election Day, so the candy making has to be done before the ranks are thinned by snow

pounds of sugar produces 100 pounds of product.

The candy is made in small batches of about 2½ pounds each. The recipe, a secret everyone seems to know, originally came from a newspaper clipping. It's simple: 3½ cups of sugar, 1 cup of white corn syrup and 1 cup of boiling water mixed then boiled together until the temperature reaches 305 degrees. A little flavoring and coloring are stirred into the hot gooey mixture, which is poured onto buttered plates to cool.

While it's still pliable, the glob is divided into small chunks by workers who sit around a long table with trays of powdered sugar in front of them. The chunks of hot candy are rolled out and dunked in the sugar, then cut apart using scissors. The pieces are sifted out of the sugar, sorted and packaged at two other stations.

Chuck says he needs a crew of 14 people, including a person to wash all the dirty dishes and pans generated by the activity, to efficiently turn out the 22 batches they make during a typical session.

ter rum, orange, cinnamon, lemon and wintergreen. The standard packaging is a mixture of all the above, but they'll also do a special order of all one flavor. Nadine says the popular flavors are cinnamon, butter rum and anise.

A bag costs \$3, a 25-cent increase from last year. Back when the Sunday school class started making the candy, a bag sold for just \$1.

Kingsville Presbyterian isn't the only church in the community to make the candy. North Kingsville Presbyterian started up its candy-making operation Monday. Its bags of mixed-flavors will be sold at FirstMerit Bank, North Kingsville; Hil-Mak Seafoods in Ashtabula Harbor, Gas 'n' Go in Kingsville and the Bushnell Store. Nadine says that judging by the stack of orders she had to fill, there appears to be plenty of business to go around. Proceeds from the candy sale go in the church's general fund.

Nadine says several of their volunteers are in their 80s, but they continue to participate for the fellowship and opportunity to contribute to their church. Some, like Virginia Sherwood,

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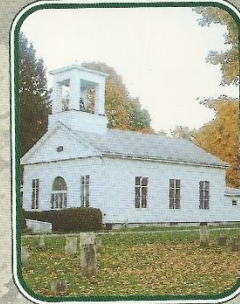
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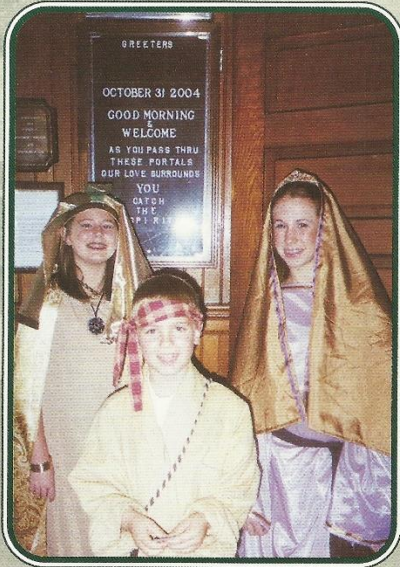
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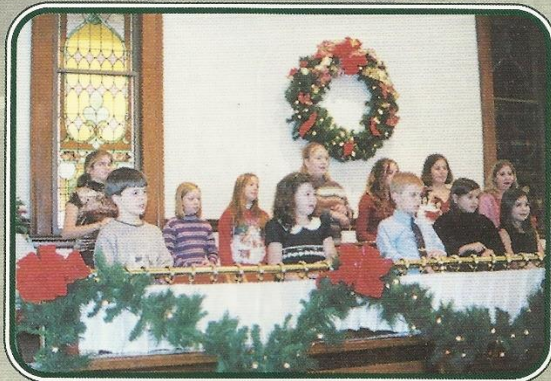
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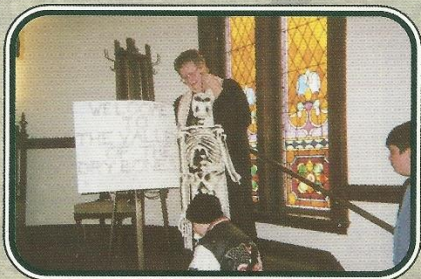
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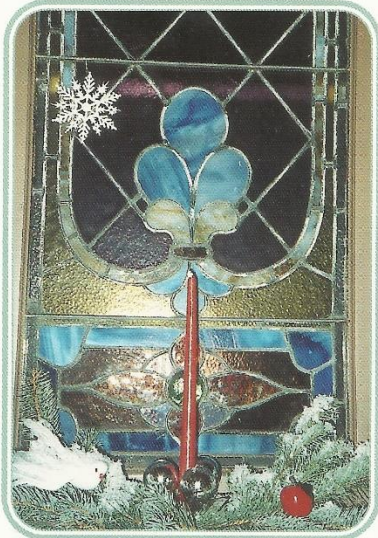
Children's Own Worship



Vacation Bible School



*Worship  
and Work*



Stained Glass Window



Session



Deacons

*Sing to the  
Lord a New  
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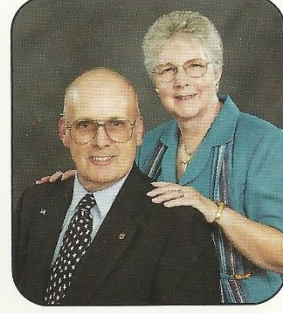
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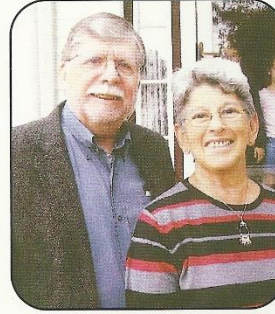
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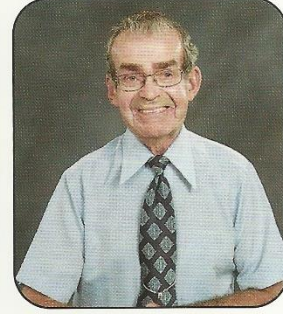
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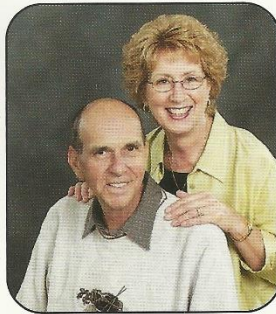
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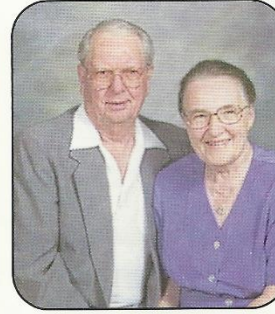
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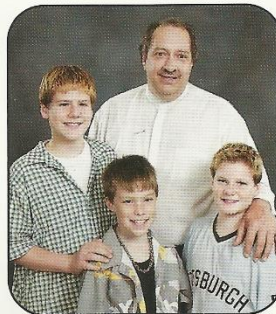
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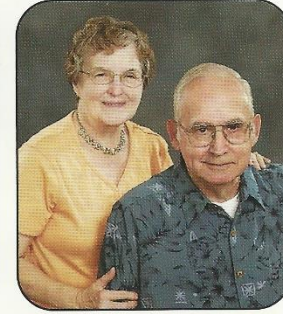
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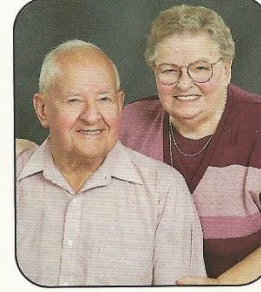
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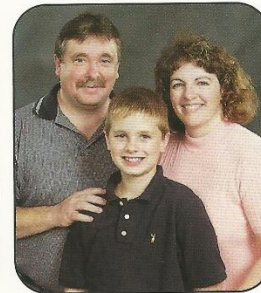
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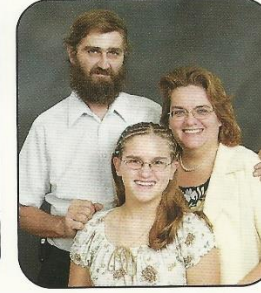
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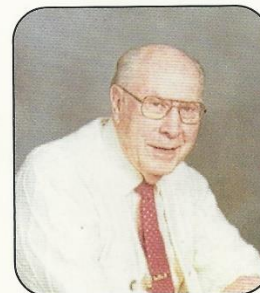
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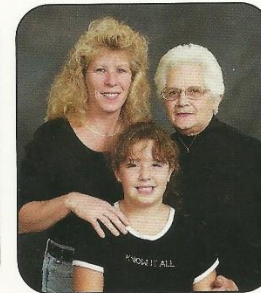
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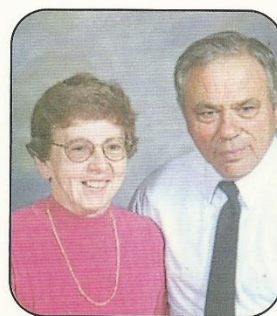
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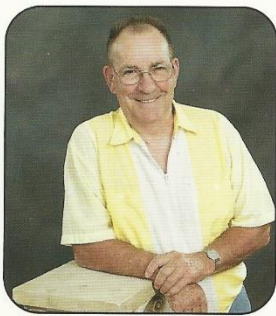
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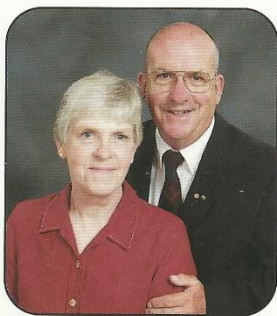
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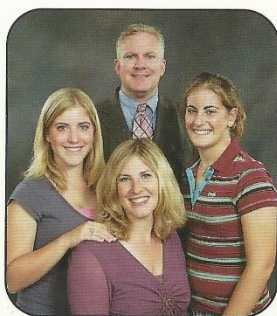
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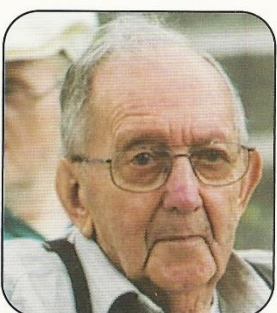
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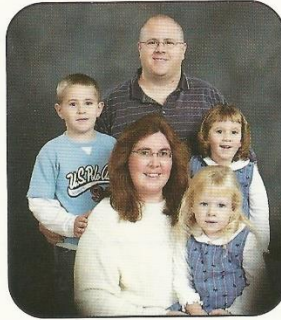


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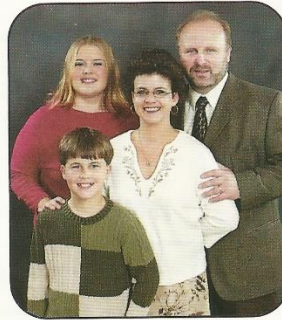




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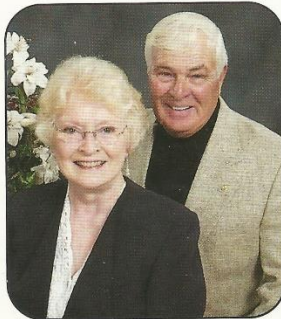
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## 2007

### March 2007

Dinner was served to over 100 [ep[;e in the Fellowship Hall after the funeral for Ray Simmons. Friday, February 23, 2007. Thank you for all who set up, cooked, served and cleaned up.

### April 2007

#### Kingsville Presbyterian Youth Group

Please bring a picture of yourself and favorite Bible verse for the bulletin board.

Senior Youth Group is making jewelry to be sold at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Concert at Edgewood Senior High on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The money raised will be used to help send our youth on the 2007 Mission Trip to Saranac Lake, New York. The Youth will also be selling jewelry at the Library Lawn Sale on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the 2007 Mission Trip. They want to make special jewelry to sell for Mother's Day. Watch for announcements for the Mother's Day sale.

### Special Greetings from Doug and Carolyn Herl

Hello to everyone and miss seeing you all on Sunday mornings. We have a new address, 7913 Ashby Glen Drive, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078. We are moving things each day and will be staying there on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Telephone nos are the same. If you are traveling south on 177, keep in mind that we will now be about 5 minutes from 177 at exit 25. Would like to see anyone who can stop by. There's always an extra bed.

Take care and best wishes to all. Carolyn Herl

Max Ehrmann wrote the poem *Desiderata* in the early 1920s. he Reverend Frederick Kates handed out about 200 unattributed copies to his congregation at Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore during 1959 or 1960.

### *Desiderata*

*Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.*

*Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtues here is; many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.*

*Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of universe, no less than the trees and stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.*

Read I over again...and then again. Let it sink in.  
Love to all,  
Guppy II

## 2008

### January 2008

Once again you have blessed me with your good wishes, prayers, and gifts for the Holy Days of Christmas. My heart is filled with gratitude and love for each of you. Thank you all for taking such good care of me. I thank God every day for all of you. I pray your Christmas was blessed and that the New Year will be filled with love, joy, laughter and peace.

God's peace and grace,  
Pastor Bonnie

### February 2008

Pastor Bonnie's Prayer Partner Program is wonderful. Try doing something for someone else each month which can be only 12 things, but you may get into it so much it could be much more. For instance, when shopping buy a little extra for the food bank at Church. Give away those clothes you will NEVER get into. When cooking, make a double batch to share with your neighbor. Snowplow/shovel your neighbor's drive, walkway. Write a note instead of emailing. Call someone on the phone you have not talked to in a long time. Tutor a child. There is no end.

### Guppy II

Jan Bennett has volunteered to take charge of refreshments at Lake Shore Park early services during the summer. Iter deacons will help as needed.

### April 2008

Send congratulations cards to Patience Lewis for making the National Honor Society.

### May 2008

Mother's Day Banquet was held Saturday May 10 at 1 p.m. this year, with about 85 in attendance. This was about the same as last year when it was held on Monday evening. 18 themed tables were set up and they were beautiful and very



well done. A big thank you to all. Gorgeous quilts adorned the walls. Reverend Jeffrey Hollan's program was very enjoyable. A contribution was made to him for his participation. Stacy Urch presented gifts to outstanding mothers and daughters. Jan Bennett gave the blessing.

Jan Volk delivered food to the Conneaut Food Pantry. We should encourage the congregation to bring in food, because the Food Pantry is very low.

We checked with Pastor Bonnie about the disposal of the bread used for Communion. She said to remind any that take it that it has been blessed. It can also be used for feeding the birds who are God's creatures.

The following graduates will be honored in the church service June 1, 2008.

- Amanda Taylor
- Meghan Barker
- Katie Schimmelpfenning
- Lauren Schimmelpfenning
- Rob Wiese
- Karen Habbersett

While at the "Tap Out" ceremony in summer camp with Kingsville's Boy Scout Troop 11, Bobby Taylor was awarded the prestigious Order of the Arrow in Boy Scouting. He still has some local community duties to perform in what they call "Wapashui." Congratulations Bobby.

The Kingsville Area Little League team of which Zach Laugen is a player, became the champions of District 1, which covers Ashtabula, Lake and Cuyahoga County, which entitled them to travel to State Competition in Cambridge, Ohio. They played two games and lost two games. However, this is the first time Kingsville Little League has gone this far and needless to say, Congratulations. We are very proud of all of you.

A huge thank you to Rob Newbold for building the beautiful steps going into the Scout Storage Room in the Fellowship Hall.

September 2008

The Father's Day Potluck Lunch was served after church service in the Fellowship Hall June 15<sup>th</sup>. Jeanette Newbold offered to chair the program and did a great job. She and her hubby Rob grilled hotdogs. Communion was also served at this service and was set up by Jan Messenger.

October 2008

Attendance for Kingsville Presbyterian Church

September 7.....49.....19 Sunday School  
September 14.....60.....Communion  
September 21.....46.....15 Sunday School  
September 28.....47.....18 Sunday School

Thank you goes out to Charlotte and James Dunne for generously donating a piano bench for the Fellowship Hall piano.

December 2008

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree. With the generous help of this congregation, we furnished Sixty gifts for the Twenty children's names we received. Thank you for once again helping with the thanksgiving baskets and Giving Tree Gifts.

The Fellowship Hall floor is finished. Step in and worship with us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Church will be in the Fellowship Hall for the next three months. The month of January will be inter-generational services. No Sunday School for the month of January. Bring your Bible to worship. Nursery will be open for families with small children.

## 2009

January 2009

Attendance for Kingsville Presbyterian Church  
November 2008

November 23.....65....Communion  
November 30.....45....16 Sunday School  
December 7.....41....17 Sunday School  
December 14.....51....17 Sunday School  
December 21.....77...Children part of worship service  
December 24.....124...Christmas Eve, Communion  
December 28.....47....No Sunday School

Our deepest sympathies go out to Dick and Carol Glotzbecker. Hazel Glotzbecker passed away. Please keep all the Glotzbeckers in your prayers.

Kingsville Presbyterian Church Youth Group

The youth put on a play for worship service on Sunday, December 1, 2008. Thank you to everyone for all the hard work. The play turned out wonderful.

Jeanette Newbold and Miranda Barker

Youth Group Leaders

July-August 2009

2009 Vacation Bible School – Noah Builds an Ark for God

For those who missed our VBS, you missed an amazing time. Our VBS program skits and crafts were completely designed by Bev Newbold. They learned many facts about who was on the Ark, how big the ark was, and animals who would have been on the ark. We had daily scripture passages from the Bible.

We had 16 children attend the VBS program on June 22-26. The children created some globes, made animal masks to wear, so they could be sure to be able to get on the Ark when the flood arrived. They made necklaces and enjoyed the outside atmosphere of the VBS program. They played games and won prizes. On Friday

night they watched Evan Almighty, a modern day tale of Noah. Our Mission project this year was the Kingsville Animal Shelter. We collected \$47.00 along with many wonderful donated items.

Workers this year:

Group leaders

Gail Urch with her helpers

Brittney Perry and Taylor Lute

Miranda Barker with her helpers

Tiffany Newbold, Bobby Taylor and Zach Laugen

Meghan Barker with her helper, Amara Brickell

Skits

Narrator: Bev Newbold

Noah.....Chip Barker

Mrs. Noah.....Ann Pauley

Miscellaneous parts: Norm Thorpe, Tiffany Newbold, Bobby Taylor and Amara Brickell

Music...Linda Laugen

Crafts.....Bev Newbold and Jeanette Newbold

Market Place...Calvin, Collen and Patience Lewis.

The children got to sample different breads, cheese, fruits every night.

Pastor Bonnie was there every night answering questions about the story of Noah.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the VBS happen.

November 2009

Attendance Kingsville Presbyterian Church

October 4.....57....World Communion

October 11.....54....13 Sunday School

October 18.....72.....9 Sunday School

October 25.....65

Jan Messenger would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers.

Francie Clayman is missing her large print Bible. Please let Francie know if you have found her Bible.

Thank you to all who made p those beautiful Shoe Boxes of Hope for children all over the world. They go out to 133 countries, including our own. If you were unable to make up a box, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is the absolute deadline. Our congregation is such a wonderfully giving congregation and it is a satisfying thing. Thank you again. Jan Volk and Your Deacons.

Earl and Jan Bennett would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers they have received for Earl. Please continue to hold Earl and Jan in your prayers.

### Kingsville Presbyterian Church Youth Group

Cluster Youth Group met at North Kingsville in October. Our October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting we packed lunches to take to the Corn Maze on Route 6 in Pierpont. We had 17 attend. It was a lot of fun and we welcome Sarah and Jake from Orwell who have joined the Cluster Youth Group. Our next meeting will be November 8 and November 22 at East Side Presbyterian Church- Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
Thanks. Miranda Barker, Youth Group co-advisor

Another year of Candy Making has come to an end. Jane and Lynn Silva would like to thank everyone who helped in any way make another successful year of candy making. Without the support and donation of those from the congregation, we could not have completed this project. Thank you everyone.

## 2010

May 2010

May 3, 2010

Dear members and friends of Kingsville Presbyterian Church,  
We have a challenge before our congregation. The congregation has done a really good job in the 1st quarter. Thank you for everyone's willingness to dig deeper and give more money. Our goal is to find ways to keep within our budget, but at the same time pay Pastor Bonnie's full time salary. We do not want to transfer any money out of our savings.



Session has taken steps along the way to help save money. Our first big step has been to replace the church secretary's job with a part time church secretary. Instead of paying for 20 hours, we will now be paying for 10 hours. Ideas on ways to reduce the amount of paper printed for bulletins and newsletters. Reductions in numbers of newsletters mailed out during the year. Some money has been moved from special funds – example, activity and candy to the General Operating Fund.

The Deacons and helpers have done a wonderful job of raising money with the chocolate Easter baskets. The Deacons are in the process of planning a lawn sale at the church on the same day as the Kingsville Lawn Sale. Plans are also in the works for a September Swiss Steak dinner.

Session needs to ask the congregation for a second pledge drive. We need to get a better idea of what the giving will be in the final seven months of 2010. We have noticed an increase in pledges, not counting the money received from special fund raisers. We are trying to determine what our actual pledges are. If we notice a drop in our quarterly pledge, we will have to make drastic changes so we do not become insolvent. Our biggest drastic change would be to reduce Pastor Bonnie's salary. Anything less than full time will mean less time that Pastor Bonnie will be available for pastoral care. That would include meetings, home visits, hospital visits.

Please present any suggestions of fund raisers to any member of the Board of Session. Any ideas are welcome. We need the help and support of the congregation to increase our Operating Fund. More importantly, we need ideas on ways to increase our church membership.

Session is proud of everything the congregation has done to support our church. God has plans for us. We asked for blessings and they were given to us.

God's blessing on each member and friends of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church  
From the members of your Board of Session

June 2010

Pastor Bonnie's prayer porch is so inviting with the comfy lounges and ice tea or lemonade, whichever you prefer. She even has some scones. Yummy! And the

conversation is always enjoyable. BUT, can't stay long, for there is work to do-church work.

Guppy II

September, October, November 2010

Session has voted to send the newsletter out quarterly

June, July and August

September, October and November

December, January and February

March, April, May

Thank You

I would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and prayers during my illness.

Thanks again,

Gene Moroski

Lake Shore Service

A special thank you for

July.....Jan Bennett, Bev and Bob Skarlinski

August.....Sheila Branch, Jan Bennett, Donna Hanson and Jan Messenger

Thanks to all who helped out.

Great job representing Kingsville Presbyterian Church

School Supply Donations

Thank you to all who participated in this Event. Pastor Bonnie delivered many notebooks, folders, crayons, rulers, colored pencils, markers, pencils, glue bottles, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, boxes of tissue, disinfecting wipes, construction paper, pencil box, loose leaf paper, scissors, pens, erasers, and composition books.

### Kingsville Presbyterian Church Youth Group

Youth group will begin on Sunday September 12 from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of our church. It will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month and for September will be at Kingsville Presbyterian Church. Reverend Shane Nanney has agreed to lead the group in activities and study plans. All youth, grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend. A light lunch will be provided at each meeting.

### November 2010

There is a combined worship service with North Kingsville Church at North Kingsville on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Chapter 11

## 2011-2021

2011

### *Kingsville Presbyterian Church*

*Rev. Bonnie Habbersett*

*At the Pulpit:*

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*We are glad that you have  
joined us for worship on  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 28, 2011*

**We Come Together to Worship Our Lord****RINGING OF THE HOUR****WE SHARE THE EVENTS OF OUR CHURCH***(Lighting of Candles)***WE GIVE THANKS BY THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS****WELCOME "GRACE FLOWS DOWN"****INFORMATION**

August 22-Sept. 5 Pastor Bonnie on Vacation

August 28 New Beginnings Meeting 3pm-5pm F.H.

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER:**

8/28-"Grace Flows Down"

**OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER**

At the Pulpit....."GRACE FLOWS DOWN"

August Elder.....Gail Urch

August Deacon.....Betty Swanson

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:****August Birthdays:**

David Blenman(01), Laurretta Lute(02), Dustin Eckard(02),  
 Missie Urch (02), Bev Newbold(05), Laney Brunell(06),  
 Destinee Lewis(10), Kayleigh Lute(16), Benjamin Wiese(19),  
 Martha Robishaw(21), Frances Blenman(22), Linda Laugen(22),  
 Lori Robishaw(23), Meghan Barker(24), Isabelle Brunell(24),  
 Calvin Lewis(25), Abigaile Webster(25), Shelby Taylor(28),  
 Sydney Taylor(28), Jeanette Newbold(30), Cynthia Armstrong(31)

**August Anniversaries:**

Richard &amp; Cindy Spink(20) Thomas &amp; Gail Pickett(27)

**FYI**

New Beginnings Meetings August 28<sup>th</sup> (Last Meeting)  
 (3-5pm @ FH)

**CANDY MAKING**Will begin on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE SUPPLIES TO THE SCHOOL

**PRAYER LIST*****Hospitalized/ Under Medical Treatment/ Recovering:***

Caleb Alexander Abbott, Carolyn Allemeier, Ayden Aponte, Jared  
 Artman, Clyde Baker, Doug Bennett, Linda Bennett, Frances Blenman,  
 Anita Blenman, Roberta Boles, Jim Booth's Mom, Sheila Branch, Kay  
 Brocklehurst, Katie Brunell, Fred Bucci, Frances Buck, Gary Carr,  
 Annie Caruso, Dylan Christian, Matthew Corlew, David Cosner, Lynsey  
 Davis, Bernice Day, Bill Donatone, Matt Dreslinski, Brian Dunne, Ralph  
 Ferguson, Butch & Mary Ann Firster, Joanie Follet, Mary Jo Foust, Bill  
 Graham, Dorian & Charlene Graham, Maxine Grippi, Pastor Bonnie  
 Habbersett, Alice & Bob Headley, Tanya Heeren, Carolyn & Doug Herl,  
 Charles Hogan, Bob Homas, Cody Houser, Donna & John Hubbard,  
 Emily Hunt, Ruth Jensky, Bill Kalinowski, Bob & JoAnn Keller, Janet  
 Lake's Father, Josh MacDonald, Glen & Julie McKay, Dixie McKibben,  
 Jan Messenger, Garrett Newbold, Donna Phelps, Tom Pickett, Jerry  
 Pocatko, Wendy Pontoni, Carolyn Porter, Lee Robishaw, Gary Rock,  
 Fred Roerdanz, Linda Saari, Susie & Dale Scott, Sharon Scott, Ginny  
 Simmons, Joe Simak, Bev Skarlinski, Louise Smith, Oliver Smith,  
 Marlene Spencer, Betty Swanson, Ellen Davey-Sweeney, Frank Taylor,  
 Stefan Tompkins, Beverly Vanderhick, David Wadzemielski, Davey Vee,  
 Terri Weaver, The Runyan Family, & Joel from Western Michigan

**THE FAMILIES OF:**

James Dunne, John Fedor, James Pelton, Frances Rawlings,  
 Agnes Shellhammer, Evelyn Steigerwald & Orene Tucker

**HOME CHURCH:**

Wally & Bertha Brocklehurst, Doretha Brocklehurst,  
 Olga Brocklehurst, Arnold & Eleanor Carlson, Bernice Day,  
 Ray Daywalt, Bob Keller, Jim Mills, Louise Smith, &  
 Marge Webster

**SERVICE MEN / WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES:**

Zach, Krystle, & Baylee Rae Alexander; Danny Brocklehurst;  
 Karl, Shawn, Paul, Eve, Isabel & Laney Brunell;  
 Justin & Tessa & Myles Daywalt;  
 Josh Glotzbecker; Rob Humi;  
 Greg Jones; Adam Moyer;  
 Tim, Missie, Hunter, & Corbin Urch;  
 Justin Valenti; Brian Wells; & Jeffrey Williams



### **MOST IMPORTANT TO CHURCH FAMILY**

*Compiled from the NEW BEGINNINGS survey question*

Continue to Worship in Sanctuary if possible  
(Friendly & Caring Church Family)

Sell and/or Rent Manse

Use Fellowship Hall More  
(Both Rental & Church Activities)

#### **GROW OUR CHURCH FAMILY THROUGH**

1. Worship
2. Sunday School
3. V.B.S.
4. Choir & Music
5. Bible Study
6. Mission ( Both Local & Other)
7. Soup Lunches
8. Candy Making

#### **FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP AS A CHURCH FAMILY**

(the most important stated idea)

*The mission of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church is to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ through word and deed, by reaching out to the community and to the world. With open arms, we minister to all who want to know the Lord, focusing toward the betterment of all God's people.*

#### **The Leadership of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church**

##### **The Board of Session**

- (2011) Dean Bovee; Al Clemson; Lauretta Lute  
(2012) Phyllis Shinault; Calvin Lewis; Gail Urch  
(2013) Rob Newbold; Norma Flack; Lynn Silva  
Clerk Miranda Barker

##### **The Board of Deacons**

- (2011) Sheila Branch; Jeanette Newbold; Chip Barker  
(2012) Becky Schwotzer; Colleen Lewis; (Open position)  
(2013) Carol Glotzbecker; Jane Silva; Betty Swanson

*We are glad you were able to join us for worship this morning. If you have joys or concerns that you would like to share with us or would like further information or a visit by someone from the church, please call the church office at 440-224-1023. You may also call Gail Urch, Secretary at 440-224-1805; Miranda Barker, Clerk of Session at 440-224-1893; Sheila Branch, Moderator of the Deacons at 440-224-1031; or Rev. Bonnie Habbersett at 440-224-3245*

## June, July, August 2012

### Christian Education Report

Recognition of the Sunday School students and high school or college graduates will be held during worship service on June 3. Elementary students will receive their Good News Bibles. Cakes and punch will be served in the Memorial Room after worship. Any high school or college grad not present at worship will be mailed cards after June 3.

Vacation Bible School plans are underway. VBS will be held June 25-29 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Children ages three years old through sixth grade are invited to attend, and junior and senior high students are encouraged to volunteer as helpers for the week. Children younger than 3 must be accompanied the entire evening by a parent or responsible adult. The theme for VBS is "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything," and should be a fun-filled week of pirate antics centered around Bible stories and activities.

Many thanks to Shelby Taylor for sharing her guitar music with us. She played "Mary Had a Little Lamb: for the Mother's Day banquet. She was accompanied vocally by her sister Sydney and Tiffany Newbold. On Mother's Day worship Sunday she played "Jesus Loves Me" while Sunday School students Sydney Taylor, Shelby, and Jared Schwotzer sang with her. Shelby did a fantastic job. She will be playing her guitar again for the Father's Day worship on June 17, performing "this Little Light of Mine." Shelby has been a guitar student of Bev Newbold's since October 2012, and has worked very hard since then to be able to share what she has learned with her family and our congregation. Congratulations Shelby!

Sunday School classes are out for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Cluster youth hope to have one activity per month for June, July, and August under direction of Reverend Shane Nanne.

Vacation Bible School Ahoy, Maties!!!!

Calling all Pirates or anyone wishing to be one!! Come on board for a week of seafaring Bible lessons and activities. Take part in some weird science projects and some very fun games. Step lively to the music we will learn. Make some pirate garb to wear and a few things that all pirates like to have in their possession. We

will be making some really good stuff to eat, in addition to a light meal at the start of each evening.

Registration are enclosed in this newsletter and will be available in the Memorial Room . Students may also register the first night of VBS, June 25 at 8 PM, but pre-registration would be appreciated. Teen and adult helpers ar enndded and we also encourage parents who would like to be a part of our activities to do so. For further informatin, please call Bev Newbold at 224-1962 or contact the churh office at 224-1023.

## 2013

April 27, 2013

Presbyterians swap pastors

Pulpit Exchange Sunday will be marked by the Ashtabula County Cluster of Presbyterian Churches on Sunday. Shane Nanney of East Side will lead worship and preach at Trinity in Ashtabula; Stephen Long of First Presbyterian will be at North Kingsville; Mary Susan Pisano of Kingsville will lead and preach at East Side; Ken Ayers of North Kingsville will be at First Presbyterian.

## The Messenger, 2013

Church Staff: Pastor, Mary Susan Pisano

Church Secretary: Gail Urch

Choir Director: Linda Laugen

Organist/Pianist: Gene Moroski

Treasurer: Lauretta Lute

Financial Secretary: Gail Urch and Betty Swanson

Sunday School Superintenant: Bev Newbold

Custodian Church: Dorian Graham

Fellowship Hall: Dorian Graham

Board and Ministry Leadership

Moderator of Session: Reverend Mary Susan Pisano

Clerk of Session: Elder Miranda Barker

Moderator of Diaconate: Deacon Jan Volk

Clerk of the Diaconate: Deacon Judy Yusko

Budget and Finance Ministry: Elder Jim Booth

Misson and Evangelical Ministry : Elder Laurett Lute

Nominating and Volunteers: Elder Colleen Lewis

Personnel Ministry: Elder Dean Bovee

Elder; Chip Barker

Property Ministry: Elder Lynn Silva

Elder Ryan Swotzer

Elder Dean Bovee

Stewardship, Fund Raising Ministry: Elder Lynn Silva

Spiritual Life: Elder Bev Newbold, Elder Chip Barker, Elder Julie Smallwood

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Fall 2013

Ashtabula County Fair

Following is a report of Kingsville Presbyterian Chruch people who participated in the great Ashtabula County Fair held in Jeffeson, Ohio on August 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Zach Laugen entered his Rooster named Turtle in the Rooster Crowing Contest, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year he has participated. I think he is getting tired, Zach. Zach also entered Buzkill and Peanut who were encouraged by the whole extended family. Zach said it was like a family reunion. His cousins Noah Swiger, Logan Swiger and Hunter Caruso also participated. Can't wait till next year. Go Turtle!

Shelby Schwotzer entered the For Jumping Contest with her frog Big Jumper II. I think they had more fun catching the frog to be entered, wallowing around in the water and mud. She also entered the Bubble Gum Contest. She won a Blue Ribbon shooting arrows which took place at the 4H meetings. Good job, Shelby!

Jared Schwotzer did an excellent job explaining at the meeting what 4H stood for. He also won a Red Ribbon in the Arcery Project. He shared the frog, Big Jumper II, for the contest. He came in second in two bicycle races and First place in the Bubble Gum Contest. Jared is 9 years old and has won every year since he was 4 years old. Way to go, Jared!

Donna Hanson was at the Fair every day watching her two granddaughters, Amanda Dbais and Jaime Davis winning several ribbons with their horses. The girls are advisers of the 4H group.

Jan Volk took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her two entries of themed decorated tables set for two- Thanksgiving and Baby Shower. She also entered for display only, Picnic on the Patio. Fun!

Jeff and Joyce Fenton, children of Jan Volk, entered six beautiful Haflinger horses in several events. Lucky won 1<sup>st</sup> in her class. She also earned the title "Grand Champion." Lady came in second and Maggie came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. All horses carried several ribbons in several different events. Good job, kids!

This year for the first time over 100 red, white and blue beautiful afghans were hand knitted or crocheted and awarded to Purple Heart recipients during a beautiful Veterans Day ceremony. Our Glenn McKay was honored, but his son accepted for him since he could not be there. Also Kenny Babcock, a faithful Soup Lunch member, was honored. God Bless all!

Submitted by Jan Volk



## Fall 2013

Mindy Barker is working on the video from Vacation Bible School to show at the December 5<sup>th</sup> worship as part of the Children's Christmas presentation. Bev will send information to families outside of our church who attended the VBS, inviting them to this special worship in December.

## Kings Kitchen

A new name was chosen for the Break Bread Mea; on the second Tuesday of each month to eliminate confusion about whether this was a meal or a worship service. Bevsuggested the new name at Session. The next meal will be held on September 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be a taco and burito night. The meal is open to anyone desiring Christian Fellowship and is free. Donations welcome. We still have funds left from the grant from the Ashtabula Foundation. Bev Newbold

## 2014

### February 2014

Have you ever prayed and prayed and seemingly nothing happens and you think He is so busy He is not paying any attention to you? However, God is perfect and He IS always aware of our needs. The Bible tells us that He loves us and that He will never leave us. Our actions may sometimes disappoint God, but He always does what is best for us even though we may not quite understand why things happen as they do. God's ways are not always our ways and trusting in our Father is a sign of our faith.

Look for the answers to prayer in the most unlikely places and accept those answers as God's wishes. I know it is hard to accept the way He wants us to go, but He knows best. Just have faith and it will all turn out good in the end.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.

Happiness is not a destination. It is a way of Life. And if you travel with god, you will appreciate it more. The next best thing to winning is losing<sup>1</sup> And at least you've been in the race. Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail. Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

God Be with You.

Guppy II

## 2015

November 2015

No matter how many times I read the scripture passages that tell the story of Christ's humble birth, there's always something new to learn and think about. As if the story is a favorite decoration hanging on a Christmas tree. An ornament with an amazing, unique design. Every year we turn it in our hands, or hold it up to the light and see it differently, from a new perspective. We see it in a way we never have before.

What struck me most this year was the isolation and even alienation this young couple must have felt on their journey and during their stay in Bethlehem. Forced by a government decree to up and leave their home and all that is familiar and comfortable to them and travel a great distance. And all of this just as Mary is about to give birth. It must have been hard enough in those days to give birth to a healthy child. Just think of it, at that time and in that culture, a young woman expecting her first child was most likely surrounded by her female relatives, counseled and coached by her mother, a midwife perhaps, and other women in her community. Even these days, so much excitement and preparation surround the birth of a new child. Relatives, especially grandparents, rallying around the new parents, eager to give advice and support.

But Mary and Joseph were utterly alone, arriving in a foreign place where they had no relatives or even an acquaintance to turn to for their most basic needs – food and shelter for the night. Imagine their feelings, their exhaustion and discomfort. No sense of relief and safety when they arrive in the town. Instead,

they go from inn to inn, trying to find a place to stay. They must have felt frightened and perhaps even a bit desperate as Mary's time approached.

Think of the shepherds in vast empty fields, staring up at the dark sky and stars as they fell asleep, perhaps feeling very distant from any kindred soul. And the three wise men traveling down through foreign lands. As the scripture says, an angel appears to the shepherds and the wise men and inspires them to find the child.

And finally, all the players in this ageless tale come together in the stable with the new family.

What could Mary and Joseph have been thinking as these strange visitors arrived, asking to see their baby? They did not know anyone for miles. They didn't think anyone had given them a thought, a poor couple bedding down with the naims, struggling to bring their son into the world.

The new mother and father must have been frightened at first by these visitors, possibly even kings. But the kings are humbled by the sight of the baby and eagerly present their costly gifts which must have awed Mary and Joseph. Yet, they bring another gift that surprised the parents and not part of the list. The gift of unconditional, unquestioning love for the tiny child.

So the night is filled with unexpected visitors and gifts. The young couple's abject isolation, even fear, miraculously transformed to connection, goodwill, and joy. The dark, lonely scene in the stable turns into one of celebration with lowly shepherds and kings brought together by the same mission and message. A kind of surprise party, if you will. Certainly, a scene of reunion and even reconciliation. For these visitors have come from far and wide. Connection, Reunion, reconciliation, and Unconditional love. These are a few of the deep threads that run through this story's rich tapestry. Those are lessons we can all take to heart.

How many of us experience the sense of being set apart, isolated, even in the midst of a roomful of people? I suspect we have all experienced that feeling at one time or another, even in a room filled with those nearest to us. In this story, we learn that this day is a time for connection. A time to put aside fear and open up our hearts. To strangers surely. And also to family and friends, which is sometimes even harder.

It's difficult to put aside differences and grievances. It's hard to offer the gifts of forgiveness, trust, and love. But that example, that challenge, is one beautiful idea we can take away from this story and live out in our lives today and every day of the year ahead. Many times it is not easy at all. As the story suggests, it can be a

frightening journey through a dark, foreign place. But the reward is great for those who persevere who hold fast to their faith and try to live in this isolating, alienating world. Those who try to express the best part of themselves, the inspired part that strives for connection and forgiveness and unity, refusing to be guided by fearful, alienated instinct. But instead by our spiritual and loving selves, which is the divine image in each of us.

Fear not, for I bring you good tidings

Peace on Earth

Goodwill toward men. Merry Christmas everyone.

Love and Prayers, Guppy II

## 2016

### At Home in Heaven

CONNEAUT - Marjorie C. Webster, age 95, formerly of Kingsville, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at her son's home. She was born on Dec. 14, 1920, in Bath, Ohio, the daughter of Iva (Eaton) and Hiram Ezra Cochran. Marjorie was a graduate of Kingsville High School, Class of 1939. She was a member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church and former member of the Eastern Star.

Pastor Mary-Susan Pisano of Kingsville Presbyterian Church officiated at her funeral, and she was laid to rest next to her husband Joseph at Greenlawn memory Gardens.

### At Home in Heaven

May 18, 2016

Robert C. Skarlinski

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Robert C. Skarlinski, age 83, of Ashtabula, Ohio, died at his residence Monday, May 16, 2016. Bob was born August 28, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Walter and Dolly Rupp Skarlinski. He attended Dorset School and then entered the United States Army where he proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged.

Bob worked at the Ashtabula Rubber Company and later retired from the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad as a Car Inspector after 23 years of service.

Bob is a member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church and loved to snack on candies and junk food. He also was an avid card player, playing poker with his brothers and pinochle. He liked to fish and put together crossword puzzles, have breakfast with the Railroad friends, and was a Cleveland Sports fan for his entire life. Bob cherished the time he spent with his family and loved to follow his grandchildren at their sporting events..

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, May 19th, 11 a.m., at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church with Pastor Mary Susan Pisano officiating. Burial will take place at Dorset Cemetery with the American Legion Post #743 Honor Squad conducting Military Honors

December 24, 2016

**KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

3049 W Main St

Sunday school 9 a m worship 10 a m

Candle Light Worship Service begins at 7 p m today

Christmas worship sermon, “ Child of Promise, Promise Fulfilled,” by Elder Bill Daywalt

Scripture Isaiah 9 2-7 Luke 2 1-20

2017

March 25, 2017



KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 3049 W Main St

Sunday school 9 a m; worship 10 am

Message by the Rev Aland Smith: "Worry- The Great Promise Robber". Scripture Matthew 6 25 34 Philippians 4 4-7

Deacon Betty Swanson Elder Gail Urch

April 15, 2017

KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 3049 W. Main St.;

Sunday school 9am; worship 10am,

Easter service 8 a.m., breakfast 9 a.m.

Message: "The Trials of Jesus-The Voce of the Tomb" by Elder Bill Daywalt; Scripture 1 Peter 13-9 and Luke 24:1- 12

Deacon Lauretta Lute

Elder: Betty Swanson

June 3, 2017

KINGSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 3049 W. Main St.;

Sunday school 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.;

Communion will be served;

Music: Jared Schwotzer;

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 20:19-23;

Message: the Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

## At Home in Heaven

September 3, 2017

Marty M. Robishaw

Marty M. Robishaw, 74 of Kingsville died Sunday (Sept. 3rd) at Austinburg Rehabilitation and Nursing Center after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born August 21, 1943 in Conneaut, Ohio the daughter of Morris and Doris (Stump) Nogal of North Kingsville. Her father was killed in a car accident when Marty was seven and she pretty much had to raise her three siblings because her mother had to work to support the family.

Marty was dedicated to education and her loving students. She was a 1961 graduate of Austinburg High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society; a 1966 graduate of Youngstown University in English and a 1965 graduate of Montreal University in Canada in French; and she received her Master's Degree in Education from Lake Erie College in Painesville. She taught English at Ashtabula High School; she started the Sheltered Workshop program at Happy Hearts School. She also taught English at Rowe Junior High in Conneaut and West Ave, Junior High in Ashtabula and Special Education at Chestnut Street Elementary in Ashtabula where she retired from. She also did Substitute teaching at Kingsville Elementary when her children were little. She also took continuing Education classes at Kent State University, Ashtabula Campus and Miami University of Ohio.

She was a fanatic about Genealogy Research, spending years doing research traveling to libraries and village halls around the country and traveling to Scotland twice and Ireland and England. The last trip she and her husband took both of their children to Scotland because she wanted them to see where their great-great grandfathers came from.

She was a fabulous cook and baker, she loved to make pies for the church and firehouse dinners in Kingsville. She sewed, knitted, took care of her house and was always busy doing everything and never wanted to leave her house of 50+ years in Kingsville.

She met her husband, Ted H. Robishaw when she went to Kingsville High School for the 10th and 11th grades. She married Ted on October 29, 1966 who survives

her; also two children, Ted H. Robishaw, Jr of Marietta, GA and Jennifer L. (Shawn) Robishaw Kirk of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Memorial service will be Saturday (Sept. 9th) at 12:00 noon at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 3056 West Main St. Kingsville with Pastor Bill Day Walt officiating. Burial will be in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

“A Beautiful life”

A beautiful life

That came to an end,

She died as she lived, everyone's friend.

In our hearts a memory will always be kept,

Of one we loved, and will never forget.

## At Home in Heaven

September 17, 2017

K. Nadine Moroski

K. Nadine Moroski, 90, of Kingsville died Friday, Sept. 15th. at the home of her granddaughter in Geneva, Ohio. She was born October 12, 1926, in Ashtabula, the daughter of John H. and Georgia A. (Beasley) Keller and had been a lifetime area resident.

She was a 1944 graduate of Kingsville High School. She was the owner and operator of Norge Village Laundromat in Ashtabula for twenty years. She was a member of Kingsville Presbyterian Church where she was active as a Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir.

She had been treasurer and board member of the Retarded Citizens of Ashtabula County and was active at Happy Hearts School where she and Gene Moroski were instrumental in starting the school and remained active there. She was also a member of the Red Hatters group; the Roadrunners Travel Club and the VFW Auxiliary . She also enjoyed dancing and travel.

Pastor William Daywalt of Kingsville Presbyterian Church will officiate at her funeral. Burial will be in Lulu falls Cemetery in Kingsville.

2018

## Facebook Ministry



The church is running people away faster than we are drawing them in. Perhaps our idea of love is limited to those we approve instead of those who Christ invites.



“Christianity is about helping others and controlling yourself. When it becomes about controlling others and helping yourself, it ain’t Christianity.” Jim Heath, TCL community member.



## At Home in Heaven

Eula J. Allen

Eula J. Allen, 93 of North Kingsville died Thursday (Nov. 29th) 2018, at the Ashtabula County Medical Center. She was born June 8, 1925 in Ashtabula the daughter of John and Georgia (Beasley) Keller and has been a lifetime area resident.

She was a graduate of Edgewood High School and had worked at Edgewood Norge Village. She had worked there most of her life and retired from there

Eula was an active member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church where she was a Deaconess and Treasurer at the church. She was a member of the American Legion Post 743 Auxiliary; a member of the Ashtabula Women's Club and Child Conservation League. She loved her family and enjoyed making scrapbooks for her grandchildren.

Funeral Service will be Wednesday (Dec. 5th) at 11:00 am at The Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 3056 W. Main S. Kingsville with Pastor Bill Daywalt officiating. Burial will be in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

## At Home in Heaven

Barbara Leah Mills

Barbara Leah Mills, 83, of Kingsville, passed away Thursday, October 25, 2018 She was born on July 2, 1935 in Conneaut, the daughter of William E. and Etta Opal (Potter) Green and had been an area resident since 1935.

She married Burton Mills on March 5, 1955 and together they have celebrated 63 years of marriage.

She graduated from the Andrews School for girls in 1954 with a degree in cosmetology. She went on to earn her associates degree in Nursing and worked as registered nurse from 1974-1994 in the Obstetrics Department of Ashtabula General Hospital

A member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, she worked hard and was very frugal but loved travelling the world with her husband after their retirement. Their favorite destinations being Alaska and Antarctica. In her earlier years she sang with the Kingsville Starlighters. Her hobbies include sewing, flower gardening, and bird watching.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 11AM at the Lulu Falls on Cemetery Rd., in Kingsville.

2019

## At Home in Heaven

Carolyn E. Stasny Bovee

Carolyn E. Bovee, age 69, went to be with her Savior Jesus on June 13, 2019 at her residence on Dewey Rd. in Sheffield Twp. with family by her side.

She was born October 21, 1949 in Ashtabula, the daughter of the late Joseph R. & Arlene (Hanson) Stasny and has resided in Ashtabula Co. all of her life. Carolyn was married to Dean R. Bovee on June 10, 2014 at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church. She was a realtor with Howard Hanna Reality for several years.

Carolyn attended the Kingsville Presbyterian Church and was a member of both the Ashtabula Co. Realtor's Association and the National Realtor's Association. She enjoyed gardening and loved children, she was known as "The Baby Whisperer".

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11:00 AM at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church 3056 E. Main St., Kingsville, OH 44048 with the Rev. Bill Daywalt officiating. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery.

Carolyn Bovee

Today we remember Carolyn Bovee who went to be with the Lord on July 13, 2019.

Carolyn was a loving and caring person who loved to do things for other people. She was a good-natured person. She was mother to a blended family of 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She loved life, gardening, babies, and real estate.

Carolyn was active in the church and she loved to participate and help out.

Carolyn was a servant of the Lord.

We take this opportunity to celebrate Carolyn's life and light this candle in her memory.

## AT HOME IN HEAVEN

Bertha Brocklehurst

Today we remember Bertha Brocklehurst who went to be with the Lord on July 23, 2019. Bertha was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Bertha was a nurse and always a real care giver. She always had people's best interest at heart.

Bertha was small but a mighty woman. She knew just the way things should be and expected them to be that way. She was a long time and active member of this church serving in many different capacities.

Bertha was a servant of the Lord. We take this opportunity to celebrate Bertha's life and light this candle in her memory.

## At Home in Heaven

Gene Moroski

Gene was the loving husband of Linda for 43 years. They cherished their time together. He was also a father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Gene was a well-known musician in the area. Gene was instrumental in starting Happy Hearts School so that his son, Larry, would have a place to be educated.

Gene was a long-time member of this church and shared with us his many talents. Gene was a servant of the Lord.

We take this opportunity to celebrate Gene's life and light this candle in his memory.

### Adelbert Gene Moroski

Gene Moroski, 92, of Ashtabula, died unexpectedly on Friday, August 2, 2019 at home. Born on January 22, 1927 to John and Helen (Dodge) Moroski, in Monroe Township, Gene grew up on Conneaut and was raised by his grandparents.

He graduated from Kingsville High School and retired from Frank Fortune Grocery Co. in 1989.

As the last living founder of the original Happy Hearts School and the first president of the parent council, Gene worked tirelessly to organize a school that would accept his son Larry, who was born with Down Syndrome.

Gene's passion was music. He was a working musician from his high school years until his death. He performed in many dance bands over his long career. The best known recently was "Boss Music" which was formed as the house band when he and Linda owned and operated Jewels Dance Hall in the 1970's.

His last gig was as the musician of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, from which he planned to retire on August 11th.

Gene was a life member of the Musician's Union Local #118 and was very proud of his Gold Card. He was also a longtime member of the FOPA #94 and served as a trustee.

In his later years, he enjoyed reading, antique car shows and passing out pens to everyone he encountered.

Gene deeply loved God, family, music and animals of all kind.

Gene will be missed by his wife of 43 years, Linda; grandchildren, Lisa (Chris) Palinkas, Tamra Moroski and Tim (Laura) Moroski; four great-grandchildren, Ava, Mya, Colson and Leo.

Visitation will be held Sunday, August 11, 2019 from 11A.M. until 12 P.M. at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 3056 E Main St, Kingsville, OH 44048. A service will follow at 12 Noon.

July 9, 2019

## Kingsville Church to Celebrate 175 Years



Sheila Branch, 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairwoman (left) and Jan Volk, committee woman prepare for the celebration next weekend.

Brian Haytcher, Ashtabula Star Beacon

**KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP** — Kingsville Presbyterian Church is preparing to celebrate their 175th anniversary next weekend.

The church, set back from the road next to the cemetery, was founded on July 11, 1844.



The original building was destroyed by fire in the 1840s, and the current church was built to replace it, on ground donated to the church.

On Saturday, the church will host an open house, with an ice cream social, popcorn, corn hole, a fishing pond, face painting, animals from the APL, and stage coach rides.

“All things to get people to know we’re here,” Sheila Branch, chair of the church’s 175th anniversary committee, said. “A lot of people miss this little church.”

Sunday’s services will be led by Helen Dekker, a former pastor at Kingsville Presbyterian. Ina Hart, another former pastor, will speak at a dinner afterwards.

The church is also putting together a time capsule to commemorate the anniversary.

The church has also had commemorative plates made for the occasion.

“We’ve been here for a really long time,” Pastor Bill Daywalt said. “We’re (a) very welcoming, inclusive church.”

In the 1950s, the Presbyterian church merged with a Methodist church from across the street, with members of both churches voting to join together, and become a single, Presbyterian church. The former Methodist church now serves as the fellowship hall, Daywalt said.

The 175 years the church has existed has seen a number of changes in the church, both locally and nationwide.

“We’re expanded, gone farther away. It used to everything was local,” Branch said.

“There was a point where everybody was pretty much from the neighborhood, and now, that’s clearly changed,” Daywalt added.

Nationwide, religious organizations have faced changing attitudes. “Not specific to us, but the face of evangelism was much, much different when there were no businesses open on Sunday, when schools didn’t schedule events on a Sunday. Sunday was a church day, it’s no longer that way,” Daywalt said. “I think our outreach is different than it was before, because you’re dealing with a different population, who are going to respond differently. ... That’s not us, that’s society in general.”

“We’re constantly evaluating what we’re doing, and making sure that what we are doing is relevant to the community,” Daywalt said.

“We also have a candy making project, once a year, we make hard candy,” Jan Volk, a member of the 175th anniversary committee, said. Parishioners have been making candy at the church since the 50s, Volk said in a letter.

“That’s a fundraiser, a fellowship event, and a community, because people look for it,” Daywalt said.

The church is expecting a capacity crowd for services on July 14.

“We’re going to be here another 175 (years),” Branch said.

## Celebrating Our Church Anniversary



2020

February 2020

## At Home in Heaven

Frances Blenman

Frances Blenman, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the David Simpson Hospice House, after a wonderful and blessed 103 years.

She was born in Sheffield on August 22, 1916 to Charles and Nettie Ruland Weaver. Frances was a 1934 graduate of Kingsville High School. She married the lover of her life, the late Howard R. Blenman on June 4, 1938 in Jefferson on her parents 25th anniversary. They were blessed with 66 wonderful years until his passing on November 4, 2000.

She was employed for five years with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Jefferson. After having children, she became an Avon Representative in Kingsville for 21 years. Frances was a member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years and was also a Deacon, Elder and member of the Women's Association. In addition, she was a charter member and officer of the Kingsville Fireman's Auxiliary, member of the 55 and Much Alive Club and an 85-year member of the Sheffield Grange. She loved bowling, golf, watching the Cleveland Indians and spending time with her family.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 24, 2020 at 11:00AM at the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 3056 W. Main St., (Route 84) Kingsville, with Pastor Bill Daywalt, officiating.

## Rocky Moves on and We Need to Move on with God



Today I checked the maple tree by the deck to see how my little friend, Rocky Raccoon (that's what I named him), was doing. Alas, he has moved on to another safe haven. Something in his nature must have encouraged him to make that change.

Each of us at one time or another finds it necessary to make

changes in the way we live our lives. Like Rocky, we cannot hide away in "a hole in a tree" indefinitely. God expects us to think more of doing for others than isolating ourselves in a cozy and comfortable place where we feel safe.

We have His work to do. We must venture forth in order to care for the needs of others. What purpose have we served if it is to serve only for our own needs?

Jesus spent his ministry roaming from place to place, spreading the word of God to as many people as possible. He did not know each day where He might find nourishment or a place of rest. Yet He did not cease his journeys to teach others about God's love and salvation.

We must also do the same. Sharing the word of God with the world around us is the task that God has given to us. There is no satisfaction in keeping it to ourselves. Like Jesus, let each of us be willing to freely share the Good News of our love for the Father and His Son.

PRAY WITH ME:



Lord, You have always shown us Your love in the many things You have done for us. In these times that are so difficult right now, help us to continue to search for ways to let others know that You are there for Your children. It is a blessing to

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enlighten others with Your word and Your

love. AMEN.

Bev Newbold

## Kingsville United Presbyterian Church Virtual



Bulletin, May 24, 2020



Prelude      [God is So Good](#)

Welcome

Welcome to the virtual worship service of Kingsville Presbyterian Church. Worship the loving, living God with us, and please join us again.

Pastor Bill Daywalt



Hymn     [All Things Bright and Beautiful](#)

Prayer of Confession (unison) O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus' name. Amen  
Silence for personal confession     [Lord, Teach Us to Pray](#)...Michelle Sherliza

Call to Worship

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name. Let all the nations bow down to worship God. God is ruler over all creation. God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all. Listen to hear God's mighty voice. This sanctuary is filled with God's presence. Here we receive power and strength from God. Here we pray together for God's guidance. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness. God draws us together as one people. We can experience eternity in the midst of time.

### Assurance of Pardon

Let the righteous be joyful! The God of all grace cares about you and wants the very best for you, in company with all God's children. God restores, supports, and strengthens you. God establishes you as a person of worth and as a community of faithful, loving people. Individually and together, we are called to eternal glory in Christ, whose love we share. We are together in awe before God. Now we carry our worship into our work. We see God's power in the skies. We realize the power of God's love within. God dwells among us and unites us in Christ. In this faith is our deepest joy.

Response to the Assurance ["Gloria Patri"](#) First Presbyterian Church, Douglasville Kids

Choir ["I'll Praise You in This Storm,"](#) Stephen Henderson

### Scripture

1 Peter 4:13-19

But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

Sermon  
“Suffering”

Many surveys tell us that the number one topic of concern for Christians not only today but for all human history is the subject of suffering. The greatest problem for most Christians and even for many non-Christians is “Why does God allow awful things to happen?” If God is so good and so powerful then why are innocent children abducted off the street and then raped and killed? Why does a tornado touch down on one house killing everyone inside? These are just some of the things that for most of us make no sense whatsoever. Why do people we love who are so young and have so much of life ahead of them develop cancer and die? Where in the world is God in the midst of all this suffering?

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

The pastor really did not want to be bothered by these seemingly trite questions, but he decided to try and help them. The pastor entered into a long, complex, theological response as to why their kitten had died. The children stood silent and attentive to the pastor as he spoke and when he finished the children walked away bewildered by what he had said. The little boy, holding his older sister's hand as they left looked up at her and said, "He doesn't know either does he?"

If you are a normal person, Christian or not, you have asked questions like this. I am not going to pretend today that I have all the answers to these questions. I am not going to be like the preacher in an English movie called "Whistle In The Wind".

In this movie a brother and sister had experienced the death of a pet kitten. They had both prayed fervently for the cat to be healed but instead it died. They could not understand why so they decided to go see their local pastor to ask him why



Another reason I don't feel we can ever have the "WHY" question answered in this life is because of incident where Jesus confronts a man who was born blind and the first question his disciples asked was, "Who sinned that caused this man to be born blind?" Jesus never answered their "Why" question.

If Jesus felt it was important for us to know the "Whys" don't you think he would have told them and us? Since the "why" is not critical about suffering then what is?

When it comes to suffering the number one reason that we are surprised and upset about our suffering is because we live under a false understanding of suffering.

One thing I want to make very clear to you today is this. If you are hoping to go away from this message with the answer as to "WHY" Christians suffer you are going to be disappointed. I just want you to know up front that I cannot answer that question because I am convinced that this side of heaven the answer does not exist. The only answer I found that comes close to being satisfactory I found in a quote by C.S. Lewis who when asked, "Why do the righteous suffer? Why Not?" he replied. "They're the only ones who can take it." That's a pretty good answer but it still leaves a lot of blanks unfilled.

A false premise many Christians live under is that if I do suffer then my suffering should be short lived. In other words I can accept the fact that I will have some trouble in this life just as long as it is temporary, just as long as it doesn't last more than a day or two. Have you ever had the occasion to say to God, "OK I get the point, enough is enough."? "I have learned my lesson so can we move on now?"

How many times have you said to yourself, "I should not have to suffer. I am a good Christian, I go to church often, I read my Bible, I pray, I give time and money to the church. Shouldn't problems and troubles like these be reserved for those who ignore God or refuse to believe in Him?" Does any of this sound familiar? It probably does but where does this understanding of suffering and trouble come from? Does the Bible really teach us that suffering and trouble are to be reserved for only those to refuse to put their trust in God?

You see if we go back to that earlier false premise that God intends for all of us to healthy, wealthy, and wise, but we find that our lives are experiencing trouble and hardship then we can only assume from there that we have made God mad and we are being punished. Now what happens to you and I if we look over our lives and we can't find any sin or any area where we are denying or rejecting God?

Another false premise we have about suffering is that all suffering is a result of some sin or failure in our lives

"Teacher," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" They related the blindness of this man to something he or his parents did wrong.

Now how do we respond to this suffering? The only thing we can conclude is that God is not fair, that God is not loving or good as we were led to believe because if He was and we were doing everything we were supposed to be doing then none of these bad things should be happening to me.

Here is another false premise of suffering. If I suffer, if my life is not prosperous, if I am not healthy or healed from my illness then it is because I lack faith. How many times have you dealt with this issue? How many times have well meaning Christians told you that if you had the faith these things could all change? The problem is that these attitudes are not supported by the Bible.

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So what did man do? He chose to disobey God and live the way he wanted. The result was evil. The result was that pain and suffering entered our world. God didn't create this or cause this, this is not God's fault the fault lies entirely with man. Now this decision made by man has left us with two kinds of evil in the world, natural evil and moral evil. Let's look at both of these because they are very important in our understanding of suffering in this life.

You will not find the idea that God created suffering anywhere in the Bible. If we go back to Genesis one what we find is that God created the world he told us that it was all good. The only thing that wasn't good was that man was alone so what did God do in response to that? He fixed it by creating woman and making man complete. Now what we do learn from the Garden of Eden is that God gave man a choice. A choice to obey Him and experience eternal enjoyment or disobey Him and reap the consequences



There are two kinds of evil. First is natural evil. Listen to how one author stated the reason for natural evil in our world. "When we humans told God to shove off, He partially honored our request. Nature began to revolt. The earth was cursed. Genetic breakdown and disease began. Pain and death became a part of the human experience." Remember that God created the perfect environment when He created the Garden of Eden. It was man's choice that released the turmoil that we all now experience. All of us today are suffering the consequences of the choice our first parents made. This world is never going to be the perfect place to live that it once was. The Bible speaks to us about a new earth that will be made for God's children after the second coming of Christ.

The second is moral evil.

The natural evil we just looked at is something over which we have very little control. Moral evil on the other hand is very different.

Moral evil is the result of direct choices that people continue to make today. For instance, you may have had someone ask you why a drunk driver killed someone they loved. God did not cause that to happen. That happened as a direct result of that man's choice to drink and drive. Some have estimated that 95% of the worlds suffering today is the result of our sin or the sin of others. Look at your hands. You can use those hands to hold a gun and kill someone or you can use those hands to feed hungry people or care for the wounds of someone who is injured. You see the choice is OURS! We can't blame God.

Another common question, “Couldn’t God have foreseen that all this was going to happen and stopped it?” The answer to that question is “Yes” God did foresee it, but he also knew that with the potential to make both good and bad choices He hoped that man whom He created would make the right choices.

Consider this. Our ability to stand up under the pressure of suffering in this life will be the direct result of the foundation upon which we stand. Where is your foundation today? You may be suffering through some things right now that seem totally unfair to you, and you might be right.

The question you have to answer today is are you certain of the foundation on which you stand? Is your trust and faith in Christ alone or is it in the circumstance and situations that your life seems to find itself in right now? The hymn writer had it right when he said, “On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.” Amen.

Hymn [My Hope is Built on Nothing Less](#)

Offertory/Offering  
“[God Will Make a Way,](#)” Don Moen

Doxology “[Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow](#)”

### Offertory Prayer

Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join you in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us.  
Blessed be your name, O God! Amen.

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The reign of God is being restored among us. The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us. God cares for us and supports us day by day. In all we do and say, God is present. Go now to share that love to strengthen others. Trust God and be alert to life's possibilities. Amen.

We pray the prayer that Jesus the Christ, has taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer [Our Father](#)

Hymn     [“How Great Thou Art”](#)

Benediction Charge and Blessing

Benediction Charge and Blessing May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15: 5-6.

Choral benediction   [“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,”](#) the Prayer of St. Francis

Postlude     [God Leads His Dear Children Along](#)

Passing of the Peace   [“There is Peace in Christ,”](#)  
Claire and Dave Crosby



## Announcements

Prayer List Hospitalized.....Home Bound.....Under Medical  
Treatment...Recovering .....Russell Bovee.....Arnold  
Carlson....Cindy Daywalt.....Shareen DiGasbarro.....Arnie  
Esterer.....Ruth Fedor...Donna Hanson....The Lake  
Family....Loretta Lute.....Julie McKay....

Prayer List Rich Newbold.....Charles and Nancy Page..... Blaine  
Pickens..... Phyllis Shinault.... Jane Silva.....Pat Diemer - Sharon  
Scott  
Family of Gordon Bovee.

The men and women, and their families serving in the armed forces.  
All first responders and other medical personnel

Please keep Sharon Scott in your prayers.  
She is having trouble walking and in a  
lot of pain. It looks like it is a hip  
problem.

Pray for Sheila Branch who is also  
having some health issues.

Boy Scouts did not have their annual  
Mother Day Plant sale, but will have it  
Memorial Day Weekend.

Dorian and his crew consisting of Miranda, her sister Cheri and hubby Ed Laylin,, stripped and waxed the floors in the sanctuary and cleaned the carpet in Memorial Room. They also moved out all the tables and chairs from Fellowship Hall and stripped and waxed the floors. Everything looks just wonderful. Great big Thanks to all.

Janet Ball organized a Soup Give-Away May 15th and it was a huge success. Several helpers showed. Bags were filled with soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, crackers, cookies and pumpkin muffins. People drove up and bags were delivered. They planned on 100 people and 90 arrived. We served 85 and Pastor Bill took 15 to GO Ministries. Another is planned for June 12th. Big Thanks to Janet Ball and all who helped.

Just a reminder to please send a  
birthday card to 100 year old lady in  
nursing home in N.C. Ms. Buz Lamb,  
8733 W.Yuklee Dr., Apt. 308,  
Homosassa, FL. 34448

Please keep Jan Bennett and her family in your prayers.  
Her brother, Ralph Ferguson, had heart surgery at the  
Cleveland Clinic and is on a ventilator.  
They hope to slowly begin to remove some of the tubes  
but he is in critical condition.

Jan Bennett  
708 St. Rt. 307 E.  
Jefferson, OH 44047  
440-998-5509

Blessings,  
Pastor Bill



(Left to right) Claude Hawn; Clifton Porter' Bob Marr' Chuck Hawn' Gene Moroski; Bob Swanson; Burr Blakeslee' Clarence Huey.  
Top  
Ed Goode; Curley Stevens; Harold Bowdler; Bob Eastman

From the  
amazing  
archives of  
Nadine  
Moroski.

### Mission Statement

The Kingsville Presbyterian Church is committed to spreading the teaching of Jesus Christ and caring for the blessings given to us by God, while providing for the needs of the congregation and community in a safe and friendly environment and keeping up with the changing nature of our world and the people in it.

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## At Home in Heaven

Norma J. Flack

November 9, 1933 - July 23, 2020

Norma J. Flack. 86 of North Kingsville died Thursday (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020) at her home. She was born November 9, 1933 in Kingsville, Ohio the daughter of John Lawrence and Julia May (McFarland) Shellhammer, Sr.

She was a graduate of Kingsville High School and she retired from R.W. Sidley Company.

She was an active member of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church where she was a deaconess and had sang in the choir.

She enjoyed singing, golfing and reading and she was a charter member of the Starliters singing group.

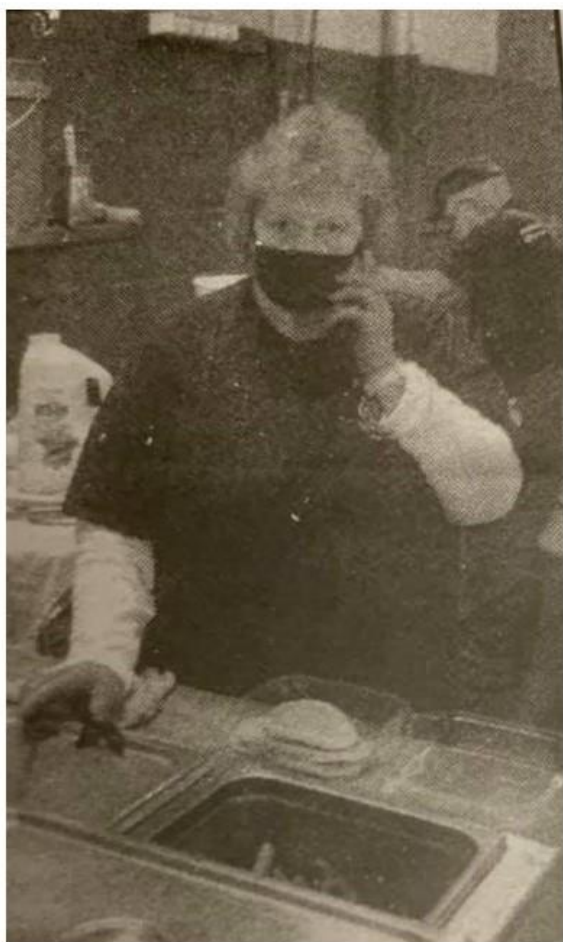
Private services will be held Monday (July 27th) at the Fleming & Billman Funeral Directors and Crematory, 526 W. Prospect Rd Ashtabula with Bill Daywalt and Joyce Shellhammer officiating. Burial will be in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

## Twenty Twenty Times



**BACK BY POPULAR  
DEMAND  
FREE DRIVE THROUGH  
SOUP LUNCH  
KINGSVILLE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FRIDAY JUNE 12  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**





Kingsville  
Firefighter Gail  
Urch was part of  
the cooking crew  
at Saturday's  
Breakfast with  
Santa" in  
Kingsville

2021

## Guppy Fins



As told to Jan Volk

### Pray While You Walk

When you are taking your daily walk, notice the wonder all around you, the wonder of our Lord. It is a good time to pray. Prayer walking puts your prayers on the street where they belong. Prayer isn't just for church you know. It's for the world around you. Prayer walking is great because it satisfies your need to be active and doing things and your need to reflect and meditate. "Be still and know that I am God."

### Keys to Rewarding Prayer Walks



- Retreat Get Away

- Rethink Notice the world around you, the world that you don't see from the house or car.
- Remember. Reflect on memories, good and bad. These memories are part of you.
- Repent..
- Make a decision for some positive change in your behavior, your responses to people, to God's call for you.

## Prayer Prints

### Circles in the Sand



When our lives dig circles in the sand,  
Footsteps wandering in a strange land,  
Walking where we don't understand,  
Then it is time to take God's hand.



# At Home in Heaven

May 9, 2021

Phyllis Ann Shinault

Phyllis Ann (Carle) Shinault, 90, formerly of E. Main Street in Kingsville passed away late Sunday, May 9, 2021 at the Villa at the Lake in Conneaut.

She was born December 13, 1930 in Youngstown, the daughter of the late Myron C. and Bernadine (Haring) Carle, and grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

She was a 1949 graduate of Kalamazoo High School. After the family moved back to Ohio in the early 1950s, she met her husband James W. Shinault and they married in April, 1955.

Before moving to Ohio, Phyllis worked for the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Huey Coal Company in Kingsville, and in the offices of the Carlisle Company in Ashtabula. After her children were older, she had a number of jobs including the Kingsville Telephone Company in Kingsville, Edward Jones in Kingsville, The Ashtabula Mall in Ashtabula, and helping with children at The Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation Center in Ashtabula.

Phyllis was active in the Kingsville Presbyterian Church and a longtime member of the church choir, frequently making homemade soups and treats for church functions. She was a member of the Orion Chapter #12 Order of Eastern Star, and the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed league bowling with friends, camping, Pinochle Club, Yahtzee with family, and watching baseball (especially Kingsville Little League). She loved helping others. She had a happy, playful personality and always saw the good side of life and people.

Services and burial will be held Friday, June 18 at 1pm at Lulu Falls Cemetery in Kingsville, beginning with an Eastern Star service and followed by a funeral service officiated by Pastor Bill Daywalt of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

## Despite His Faith, Noah Must Have Wondered



We can picture Noah looking out one of the rain-streaked port holes of the ark and wondering, “Is it ever going to stop raining?”

We summer 2021 mortals are wondering the same after several days of steady rain and reclusive sun. Think about rain, heavy, wet, dreary, drenching rain. Think about Noah and the ark spending, according to modern reckoning, at least 150 days on an ark full of two animals of every kind and a human family with human faults and human habits. He might have spent a lot of time on the rain-washed deck instead of the company below. Sometimes life seems like a rain-washed deck. Our life voyage sometimes takes us into a series of steady rain squalls as heavy as two elephants on the ark that threaten to sink our hope of a rainbow.

Despite his faith, do you think Noah ever wondered if and when it would stop raining?

Imagine this. Day No. 29 on the ark. The elephants are having a squabble and one of them stomps out of the room and slams the door. The entire ark rocks back and forth and the trumpeting insults of the other elephant cause a windstorm that blows several chickens off their perches on the deck rail. He can’t go below for human solace because he can hear Mrs. Noah calling his name and one of his sons and his wife – probably Ham and Mrs. Ham – arguing about who was going to dry the dishes. Noah sighs and grips the rail, wiping away the raindrops running down his nose.

At this point Noah might wonder: “Do I have enough faith to weather this latest storm?” Noah’s story in Genesis identifies Noah as a “righteous man who found favor with God.” How do righteous and favored people like Noah navigate storms in their lives, and what about ordinary people with regular sinning episodes?

Do you think Noah might have wondered from the beginning if his listening to God was faith or folly? What did he think when He heard God’s voice telling him to build a boat and load animals and his family onto it? What did he think when his neighbors laughed at him and questioned his sanity? Instead of trying to prove He actually heard God’s voice, Noah listened and built the ark. He listened to his neighbors laugh and kept on building. He listened to his family and animal sounds and kept loading the ark. Noah kept believing in God’s plans and goodness despite the storm clouds, including some doubt, that followed him through each experience in his life on the ark and afterwards.

Faith and feeling often battle each other like porcupine quills on dogs’ noses on the ark or otherwise and people on the ark or otherwise. When storms strike our lives, feeling sometimes says that God has turned His back on us. When things don’t turn out right or the way we want them to turn out, feeling wants to give up and retreat. Noah had to have days like that. He was responsible for a diverse population of animals that included elephants, skunks, and porcupines. He was responsible for a diverse population of people that included great potential for family squabbles. The weather did not ease his problems any. Some days he surely felt like we do when we feel that some days or some situations are not worth the effort and emotional energy they require.

But...



Noah kept following his faith over his feelings. He had enough faith in God to send out the raven who kept flying over the waters to see if they were going down at all and the raven did not return to the ark. Biblical scholars and ministers of the gospel interpret the raven and his actions in different ways. Some believe the raven is a symbol of Satan, of human depravity, or sexual sin. The positive interpretation says that ravens fed Elijah. Psalm 147:9 and Job 38:41 use ravens to symbolize God’s care for all of his creation. In Luke 12:24, Jesus uses ravens to illustrate God’s care for his people.

Is it possible that Noah's raven symbolized God's concern and care for people and both their rebirth and the birth of their home, planet earth? The raven didn't return because he had the difficult task of helping Noah resurrect the flooded world and he had enough faith to begin what seemed like an endless task? However small the steps of faith, they don't move backwards. There is always a mustard seed of faith buried in the rank weeds of doubt.

Even when the raven didn't return, Noah followed his faith in rebirth. He sent the dove out two times. The first she returned with an olive branch. The second time she did not return. Had she developed the same faith in resurrection and rebirth as the raven despite their biological differences?



Noah took the next steps on his voyage of faith, despite currents of doubt. After the dove returned with the olive branch, he tackled the task of unloading the ark and settling everyone on land again. Where to begin after the initial faith step. There are so many choices in faith action.

Despite his faith, Noah must have wondered what to do next. Then Noah

waited for the rainbow that his faith told him would come. It appeared in the rain-washed sky.

Despite our faith, we wonder. Then we wait for the rainbow that our faith keeps us searching to see. Then we take tiny faith steps following God's rainbows of promises through sunny and rain-washed skies.



## Chapter Twelve – Kingsville Presbyterian Pastors: From Congregationalist Beginnings to Pastor Bill Daywalt



### Congregationalist Beginnings

*Dare to be a Daniel,” by PP  
Bliss*

*Standing by a purpose true,  
Heeding God’s command,  
Honor them, the faithful few!  
All hail to Daniel’s band!*

*Refrain:*

*Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose firm!  
Dare to make it known.<sup>93</sup>*

With the encouragement and example of Reverend Joseph Badger, a Congregational Church was organized in Kingsville Township in 1810, the first church association in the Township. Walter Fobes and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery; John P. Read; and Lois Badger made up the congregation with Reverend Samuel Crocker as the minister. Reverend Crocker probably collected wood or potatoes or other barter articles instead of a monetary salary

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<sup>93</sup> This is just one of the many hymns that P.P. Bliss wrote. The historical record says that he was composing a hymn when he died in the Ashtabula train wreck in December 1876.



because his parishioners could not afford to pay cash for the services of a special pastor. Reverend Crocker served the church from 1810-1822.

## Presbyterian Ministers

### Reverend Isaac Van Tassel- 1820-1822

Lucia Badger, daughter of Reverend Joseph Badger looked back on the life she had with her husband, Reverend Isaac Van Tassel. Mr. Isaac Van Tassel was born in Durham, New York, April 7, 1791, and came to Ashtabula, O., in 1821. In the summer of 1822, he was appointed to the Maumee Mission, by the Western Missionary Society. of Pittsburg, Pa., as assistant and teacher, and was the first member of the Mission family on the ground. Rev. Samuel Tate, of Mercer, Pa., was appointed Superintendent pro tem., remained six months, and was succeeded by Rev. Ludovicus Robbins. Mr. R. remained about two years, and was dismissed at his own request, on account of failing health.

Mr. Van Tassel taught the school and pursued his theological studies, spending one winter with Rev. G. H. Cowles, D.D, of Austinburg, O. In 1826 Mr. Van Tassel was licensed and ordained by the Huron Presbytery; he remained a member of that Presbytery until the Maumee Presbytery was formed, of which he remained a member until his death, March 2, 1849. . He was appointed Superintendent of the Maumee Mission in 1826, at which time the Mission was transferred to the A. B. C. F. M. He served in that capacity until the Mission was abandoned, in consequence of the removal of the Indians, in 1834.

He died suddenly, having been thrown from his horse and instantly killed, on his way from Gilead, (now Grand Rapids,) to our home in Plain

I was born in Blandford, Mass, Jan. 19, 1794. My maiden name was Lucia Badger. My father, Rev. Joseph Badger, was then pastor of the Congregational Church in that town. In 1800 he was appointed by the Connecticut, Missionary Society, Missionary to New Connecticut, (now Western Reserve) in the Ohio Territory, and in 1802 removed his family to Austinburg, Ashtabula, 00., O. I was married in Ashtabula, O., to Rev. Isaac Van Tassel, Sep. 17, 1822. We went immediately to Pittsburg, where we, with others, were organized into a Mission family. We landed at Maumee, Oct. 27, 1822. r. Van Tassel repaired immediately to the site of the mission-house.<sup>94</sup>

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<sup>94</sup> History of the Maumee Valley, Commencing with Its Occupation by the French in 1680: To which is Added Sketches of Some of Its Moral and Material Resources as They Exist in 1872 ... [Horace S. Knapp](#); January 1, 1872. Blade Publishing House; Listed in Index of Presbyterian ministers, containing the names of all ... Beecher, Willis Judson, 1838-1912.

## Reverend Urban Palmer – 1822-1829

The Cayuga Presbytery of New York directed Reverend Palmer's theological studies and licensed him to preach in 1820. In February 1821, he served the church in Genoa, New York and then in 1824, came to Kingsville and remained until 1829. While he pastored in Kingsville he suffered from bleeding of the lungs, which prevented him from preaching for a season. When he served at Chester, in Geauga County, he spent a summer as commander of a schooner on Lake Erie, with an excellent influence on the sailors he encountered. As his health permitted, he preached at Ridgefield and Monroe in Ridgefield County, Ohio.<sup>95</sup>

## Reverend Henry T. Kelley-1829-1834

Henry T. Kelly was the son of Reverend Mr. Kelly of Hampstead, New Hampshire. He left Andover Theological Seminary with the class of 1822. The Londonderry Presbytery licensed him and ordained him over the Congregational Churches in Parsonsfield and Newfield, Maine. On June 27, 1827, he was dismissed from those churches. He was installed over the church in Kingsville in 1829 and dismissed on July 9, 1834. The same day he was installed over the first church in Madison, Geauga County. While at Kingsville, Reverend Kelly supplied the church in Sheffield for a time.

## Reverend Nathan Latham-1833-1838

Mr. Latham studied theology with Reverend Mr. Packard of Shelburne, Massachusetts. He came to the Western Reserve in 1834 and preached at Kingsville.<sup>96</sup>

## Reverend Gregg-1838-1840

Kingsville Tribune. 1838. Married-In Kingsville on the 3d inst. by Rev. Mr. Gregg, Mr. J. Danforth of Middletown, Conn. to Miss Mary E. daughter of Ichabod

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<sup>95</sup> Pastors of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church in order from 1810. Altie Phillips in the Presbyterian File, Kingsville Public Library.

<sup>96</sup> Plan of Union, pages 97-98.

Curtiss, of the former place.

[With the above the Printers received a bountiful share of the wedding cake, for which, the happy pair will please accept their thanks.]

## Reverend Peleg Randall Kinney-1840-1842

The year 1811 is the first date we have of Deacon Park Morgan , who was the successful tanner and currier of pioneer ties. Of the old settlers still living , Daniel A. Thompson , a native of Columbia county , now 87 years old , came to the place in 1817 when a young man of twenty years. He has been in he blacksmithing business since that time in the village. Lucius Babcock , Reuben Doud , Wm. Shearer (the last named located where Reuben Shearer now lives) , were all early settlers of McGrawville or its vicinity. William Pike , David Corey , Dr. Hiram Brockway , Revs. Peleg R. Kinney , Joseph R. Johnson , E.B. Fancher , and Rensselaer Merrill , an associate of Harry McGraw , are all prominent names in the history of this section of the town , but came upon the field somewhat later than those before mentioned.<sup>97</sup>

## Reverend Erastus Williams, 1842-1852

Reverend Erastus Williams was the first minster of the newly united Congregationalists and Presbyterians when they merged their congregations in 1844. The 1850 United States Federal Census shows Erastus C. Williams as being born in New York about 1817, with his current residence in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio. He lived with his wife Corinna R. Webster Williams, age 25, his children Corinna C. Williams, age 4, and Charles H. Williams, 1. Mary E. Beedy, 15, from Pennsylvania, also lived with them.

On April 4, 1844, the Dunkirk, New York Beacon, noted that Reverend Erastus C. Williams of Kingsville, Ohio, married Theodore Hequembourg of St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Heloise E. Williams, second daughter of Dr. Ezra Williams of Dunkirk. Heloise was the sister of Reverend Erastus C. Williams. Reverend Williams died on October 3, 1878 and he is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Fredonia, New York.

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<sup>97</sup> [History of the Village of Cortlandville.](#)

## Reverend Elam J. Comings, 1856

Elam Jewett Comings was born in Berkshire, Vermont, April 22, 1812, and died at his home in Kingsville, Ohio, after one week's illness, November 23, 1894, aged 82 years 7 months and 1 day. He was separated five days only from the wife with whom he had lived for more than fifty five years, and whose death preceded his own. Mr. Comings prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy, and took a part of his course at Burlington. In 1838, he graduated from Oberlin College, and he worked his way through seminary graduating in 1841. His classmates included the Fairchild brothers, Dr. Strieby, H. L. Hammond, Dr. W. B. Brown and Father Barber. He, with seven classmates, was ordained at Oberlin in the summer of 1841, President Finney preaching the sermon.

His first pastorate was at Fredericktown, Ohio, a small anti-slavery church, where he was obliged to encounter the current arguments of that time in the form of stones, rotten eggs, the shearing of his horse's tail, and an attempt to blow up and burn the church. The work was, however, successful, enemies were turned to friends, and he has left on record, "I have never loved a people so well; they seemed ready to die with me in the cause."

Returning by carriage journey, for his wife's health, to Vermont, he became pastor at Montpelier, 1844-49, failed of a call to Townshend for the sole reason that "he gives money to the A. M. A.," and was pastor at Haverhill, Massachusetts, 1849-53. From 1853 until 1861 he was pastor at Gustavus, Ohio. Of this period, he says, "the happiest and most successful years of my life, the church well united and growing." One hundred and twenty-five scholars in the school were brought to Christ, and there were also revivals following his labors in Mecca, Wayne and Chatham. In 1861, he accepted a call to his native church at Berkshire, Vermont, and remained there and at Fairfield and Highgate, in the same State, until 1872, with the exception of a season under the American Missionary Association, among the freedmen at Beaufort, North Carolina.

Coming to Kingsville, Ohio, in 1872, Reverend Comings bought and cultivated a small farm, holding no regular pastor rate, but preaching often, and greatly honored by his brethren as he met them from time to time in the gatherings of Grand River Conference, of which he was a member.<sup>98</sup>

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<sup>98</sup> Google Books [Reverend Elam J. Comings](#)

## Horace W. Palmer-1852-1870

Appointments by the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, during the month of March 1858. Not in. Communion last year. Rev. Horace W. Palmer, Kingsville, O.

November 1858. Kingsville. Baptist Church, in part of L. M. for Rev. G. E. Hatch, Presbyterian Church, in part, of L. M. for Reverend Horace Weston Palmer. Born January 19, 1815. Died November 18, 1876. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

## Reverend Dormer L. Hickok 1871-1877

Reverend Dormer L. Hickok was born May 13, 1830, and died September 9, 1912. He married Eliza Oneida Merrill, on August 23, 1855.

HICKOK, DORMER LEWELLYN, Ph.B. Teacher academy, Albion, Wis., 1854-56; normal school, Lebanon, Ohio, 1856-58; licensed Congregational preacher 1858; preacher Bloomfield and Bristolville, Ohio; ordained 1860; pastor Bloomfield and Bristolville 1860-71; Presbyterian church, Kingsville, Ohio, 1871-79, 1881-82; missionary American missionary association 1879-81 ; pastor Talladega, Ala., 1879-80; Mobile, Ala., 1880-81; superintendent Emerson institute, Mobile; pastor Presbyterian church, East Cleveland, Ohio, 1882-1902 ; pastor emeritus 1902-. Author various sermons. Address, East Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1880 he lived in Kingsville, but by 1900 he had moved to East Cleveland. He and his wife Eliza celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in August 1905. They are buried in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

## Reverend Levi Francis Bickford. 1877-1880.

He was born in Hartford, Indiana, in 1850. His wife's name was Charlotte and their children were Fred L., Clairbel L. and John T. Bickford. Reverend Bickford traveled to England and Ireland in 1875. He was a Civil War veteran. . The 1910 Census reveals that he had been married for 30 years. He died on January 26, 1919, and he is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California .



## Dormer L. Hickok- 1880-1882

In response to an invitation from Rev. J. N. McGiffert, D.D., chairman of the Presbyterian Committee on Home Missions, a number of ladies, representing several churches, met in the parlors of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church, on April 10, 1881, and organized a Woman's Presbyterian Home Missionary Society. The officers elected were : President, Mrs. Carroll Cutler; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Williamson, and Mrs. D. L. Hickok ; Recording Secretary, Miss Agnes McGiffert, and afterwards Miss L Spencer consented to act as Treasurer.

The first annual meeting of this society was held in the Case Avenue Presbyterian Church. Nine of the twenty-eight churches in the Presbytery were represented, only two of these, Ashtabula and Hudson, being out of the city. The membership was one hundred and eighty-five, and the amount of money raised during the year was \$1,307.

Great help and inspiration were gained during the first year from an address by Mrs. Haines, Secretary of the Executive Committee, and an animated report, by Mrs. Elliott of Seville, of the Woman's meeting held in connection with the General Assembly meeting at Springfield. It has been said by those qualified to know, that the formation of this Presbyterian Society, and its success are due to its first Synodical Committee, Mrs. E. R. Perkins. Mrs. Carroll Cut, Mrs. C. W. Monroe. Mrs. Arthur Mitchell Mrs. C. S. Ponieroy. Mrs. M. A. Sackett. Mrs. S. L. Severance. Mrs. Proctor Thayer. Mrs. C. P. Treat. Mrs. .Joseph Turney. Mrs. W. Wallace. Mrs. D. L., Hickok, and the additional member the next year, Mrs. Dr. Spining.

At the second annual meeting of the Society, held in the Miles Park Church, there was greatly in- creased interest and attendance. Eighteen churches reported, and a full complement of officers was secured. A decided impulse was given the Society during this year, by eloquent appeals from such men as Dr. Roberts, Dr. McMillan and Rev. Sheldon Jackson, and the object of Home Missions took more distinct shape, in the prayers and interest of the women of the Cleveland Presbytery. The work has steadily grown, and as one officer after another was called to lay her armor by, another was found to gird it on, for thus doeth the Lord his work.

During these 5-years we have had serve us, as Presidents, such honored women as Mrs. Carroll Cutler, Miss L- T. Guilford, Mrs. C. P. Treat, Mrs. A. C. Miller, and Mrs. E. C. Higbee; as Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Mrs. D. L Hickok, Mrs. Mary Williamson, Mrs. E. Bushnell, Mrs. J. N. McGiffert, Mrs. J. C. Elliott, Mrs.

James Williamson, Mrs. S. P. Sprecher, Mrs. J. D. Chambers, Mrs. D. O. Mears, Mrs. Wm. Gaston, Mrs. J. B. Meriam, Mis. K. W. Wallace, Mrs. Solon Severance, Mrs. Krauss, and Mrs. Joseph Turney ; as Secretaries, Mrs. E. R. Perkins, Mrs. M. A. Sackett, Miss Agnes McGiffert.<sup>99</sup>

## Reverend John M. Davies-1883-1884

Moved from Kingsville to Ironton, Ohio. 1885

## Reverend Ralph A. Davis-1885

Kingsville Tribune

November 30, 1888

### R.A. Davis Chooses His Path

The Kingsville Tribune of November 30, 1888, and the Andover Citizen trace the path of former Kingsville Presbyterian Church pastor Ralph A. Davis.

Ralph A. Davis who acted as pastor of several societies in this county and vicinity for several years was arrested a few weeks ago on a charge of forgery and embezzlement. He had fled to Ithaca, New York, where his former wife resides and where he was arrested by officers from Huron County, Ohio.

After lying in Norwalk jail for several weeks, he went into court last Monday and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of two years. He was highly educated and a brilliant speaker but could not be saved from self-destruction and ruin. After being employed in this village as pastor for four years, he was called to Kingsville where he went and left his family in this village for a few weeks. This proved to be his downfall and caused him to break up his family relations and marry a young woman in Kingsville. He was dismissed from preaching and went to Norwalk and engaged in selling pianos and organs but was detected by his employers in the crimes for which he is in prison.

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<sup>99</sup> History of Cleveland Presbyterianism with directory of all the churches.

His former wife visited him during his confinement in jail but found his conduct so entirely improper and wicked that she advised him to plead guilty and take his medicine.

## Reverend Charles Edward Hitchcock-1886-1888

Reverend Hitchcock was born on June 29, 1859. Charles E. Hitchcock. Spouse: Helen Sill – 1857-1941.

He died on May 4, 1921, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and he is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Cuyahoga Falls.<sup>100</sup>

## Edwin Dibbell-1888-1890

1860 census

The 1860 Federal Census shows Edwin Dibble, age 40, born about 1820. He was born in Ohio, and in 1860 he lived in Kingsville, Ohio. He listed his occupation as a Baptist minister, but some of the records indicate that he also served as minister of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church for two years.

## Reverend Abraham Break Sherk- 1890-1893

### Written by his children

My father, Abraham Break Sherk, was born Nov. 6th, 1832, near where is now situated the village of Breslau, in Waterloo County, Ontario. His father, Samuel Sherk, was nephew and stepson of Joseph Sherk, who with his brother-in-law, David Betzner, were the first to locate in the township of Waterloo. His mother was Magdalena Break, whose widowed mother came to the settlement with her children in 1806. We need make no further mention of the connection of the family with the beginning of this, one of the most prosperous sections of the province, as this has been fully written up by my father and others, but will endeavor, at Mr. Breithaupt's request, to give a brief memoir of his life.

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<sup>100</sup> Reverend Charles Edward Hitchcock of Cuyahoga Falls. Funeral service at residence of his siter, Miss Elizabeth Sill, in Cuyahoga Falls at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, 1921.

Born of Pennsylvania-German stock, on a "Waterloo Dutch" homestead, he understood all the peculiarities and characteristics of that people, and always spoke lovingly and feelingly of his early home life with "Doddie and Mommie." His parents were for years members of the River Brethren (Dunker) Church, when all their preaching was in private houses and their church societies scattered. He attended school on the "High Banks" near his home till his nineteenth year, when on a summer's day in 1851, he wrapped all his necessities in a red bandana handkerchief and on foot wended his way to Rockwood Academy, eight miles from Guelph, where he was received kindly by Wm. Wetherald, the Quaker teacher, a devoted Christian, and one who took a kindly interest in the moral and intellectual welfare of the boys under him.

After spending the summer session of three months at the academy he went before the Educational Board of Examiners at Guelph \* made up of the township superintendents, and taught school near his home, in the school which he had formerly attended. He also taught school in the village of Plattsville, but which year it was I am not prepared to say. He had learned of Oberlin College, Ohio, which at that time had a summer session instead of a winter, to accommodate students who wished to teach in the wintertime, from the late I. L. Bowman, and several other Waterloo County boys who had been there.

In the spring of 1852, he set out for Oberlin. It might be interesting to know how he first travelled there. By stage from Preston to Hamilton; from Hamilton to Lewiston by boat; from Lewiston to the Falls by stage; from the Falls to Buffalo by train; from Buffalo to Cleveland by boat (as the Lake Shore road between Buffalo and Cleveland was then only in course of construction) ; from Cleveland to Wellington, eight miles from Oberlin, by rail, and the balance of the journey by stage. He also attended this school in 1854 but the Lake Shore road between Buffalo and Cleveland was then completed.

It was here he got his ideas of systematic thinking and studying, and by the reading of Todd's Student's Manual. The religious character of the place, which was at that time being thoroughly grounded and imbued with the principles of evangelical Christianity by Chas. G. Finney, the great preacher and evangelist (who was then and for many years after the president of the college, and whose influence is felt there to-day as if he still walked the streets of the town), so impressed him that he

here decided to be a follower of Christ, and to enter the Christian ministry. It was here he also heard some of the great men of the day lecture on moral and social

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questions; Frederick Douglass, the great abolitionist, on slavery and Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith", on "Ocean Penny Postage."

I might say, many of his high ideals of character early received quite an impetus from Henry Krupp (afterwards Rev. H. Krupp) who was for a time a teacher in the public school he attended; from Wm. Wetherald, the Quaker teacher at Rockwood Academy, and at Oberlin College. My father was so true to his ideals of life and character that he never lost sight of them, never wavered from them. After his second term at Oberlin College he taught school for a time and then gave up his life to the Christian ministry.

He joined the church of the United Brethren in Christ a church which had its beginning among the Germans of Pennsylvania. They were at that time sending evangelistic preachers to establish churches in Canada and were meeting with a good deal of success in the Pennsylvania-German settlements. He was to have preached next Sunday (Dec. 3rd) in three churches he established sixty years ago near Wellandport. He continued to preach for the U. B. Church in Canada till 1884, when he moved to the United States. During his ministry in Canada he travelled largely and was well known in parts of the Niagara district, Waterloo, Bruce, and Grey counties.

It was in the Niagara district he became acquainted with Rebekah Gonder, daughter of the late M. D. Gonder, a U. E. L. descendant who lived on the homestead on the Niagara river, eight miles above the Falls which his grandfather had located in 1796. He was married to my mother in 1859. His ministerial life in Canada took him among all classes of people into the cabin of the pioneer and into the luxurious homes of the well to-do. He was welcome among all, as he was friendly with the lowly and was esteemed by the more prosperous on account of his high character and intellectuality.

After moving to the United States he preached for several years for the U. B. Church and then joined the Congregational Church and was pastor of churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York States until 1897 when he came to Toronto to live near his two sons, A. E. and M. G. Sherk, and on account of the advanced age of his wife who was 4 ½ years his senior and who pre-deceased him 1 year and 7 months.



This did not end his ministerial labors, however, for he continued to supply churches for months at a time in Pennsylvania and New York States, a mission church in the west end of Toronto, and latterly for four or five years the two

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Congregational Churches (Pine Grove and Humber Summit), near Woodbridge, Ontario. For the last two years he has been an attendant at the Don Mills Methodist Church near his home but still he loved to go away occasionally to preach to the churches he had formerly been pastor of. Only last summer he took a trip to New York State to spend a Sabbath and preach for one of the churches at their request, and every month or two he went to see the members of the churches near Woodbridge, who loved and revered him.

It can be said of my father that he was a man of God. The Bible was to him an open book and he was familiar with every part of it and yet he was constantly perusing it, and when not attending to other duties he was to be seen Bible in hand or on the table before him. His studious character did not end with his school career he was a student all through life and I might say particularly a student of the Bible.

He was early in his ministry and always a strong advocate of our educated clergy and the higher education of the laity. It was with this object in view that Freeport Academy (at Freeport, Waterloo Tp.) of which he was one of the promoters, and for a short time a teacher, was started. One of his associates in this enterprise was the late Isaac L. Bowman who was its first principal. Owing to insufficient funds, however, this institution was only in existence a few years.

Among his first ministerial colleagues in the U. B. Church and associated with him for many years were Revs. David B. Sherk (his brother), Jacob B. Bowman and Geo. Plowman, the first two being residents of Berlin (now Kitchener), for a long time previous to their death, the last one having his home at Freeport where he lived before and after retiring from the ministry.

Although feeling indisposed for the last month he was only seriously ill for a few days before his death, Nov. 27th, 1916. He retained his consciousness to the last and although greatly distressed, expressed himself as anxious to go home.

As a last tribute to the memory of my lamented father, I wish to say that I knew him to be a man of exceptional Christian character, high ideals, broad knowledge,

broad in his sympathies, non-sectarian, respected by all, and revered by many.  
Toronto', Dec. 2nd, 1916.<sup>101</sup>

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- Waterloo County was then a part of Wellington County.<sup>3a</sup>

*3aFourth Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society*, 1912, Berlin, Ontario,  
pg 35

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Birth: May 6, 1832 Ontario, Canada Death: Nov. 27, 1916 Ontario, Canada

Father: Samuel Sherk b: 19 APR 1792 in Franklin County, PA Mother: Magdalena  
Brecht b: 3 APR 1796 in Lebanon County, PA

Marriage

Rebekah Gonder b: 7 MAY 1828 in Willoughby Townshp, Ontario Married: 22  
JUN 1859

Children: Asaph Elihn Sherk b: 24 JUL 1859 in Ontario Michael Gonder Sherk b:  
16 DEC 1861 Sarah (Sadie) Sherk b: 1862 in East Ashford, NY? Sherk b: 1866 in  
East Ashford, NY

Family links:

Children: Asaph Elihn Sherk (1859 - 1925) \* Michael Gonder Sherk (1862 - 1927)  
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- Calculated relationship
- Buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, Toronto Municipality, Ontario,  
Canada

Kingsville Tribune

October 24, 1890

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<sup>101</sup> [Minutes of the Congregational Association of Ohio-1885](#)

Reverend A.B. Sherk performed the marriage of Raymond C. Thompson of Kingsville to Miss Etta M. Southwick of Sheffield and Kingsville on October 21, 1890.

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May 15, 1891

Reverend A.B. Sherk officiated at the funeral of Miss Gertie Noyes last Sabbath evening. Gertrude Noyes was born on March 2, 1869 and died on May 10, 1891, at age 22 years, two months, and 17 days. She graduated in 1887 from the high school Kingsville and taught public school for a number of terms.

Quiet and unassuming, she wished for a first-class education and was working toward her dream when she fell ill. As her condition grew grave, she struggled to accept her impending death. Trusting in her Savior, she asked to be baptized a few days before she died as an expression of obedience to her Savior and she bore her illness with cheerfulness and patience.

## John Gaston- 1894

Church historian Altie Phillips noted that between the pastorates of Rev. Sherk and Reverend Caughey, we find in the church register the name of John Gaston – no dates- for his term were given. She said he probably was a seminary student who most likely supplied for the summer.<sup>102</sup>

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## Reverend A. H. Caughey, 1894-1900

A.H. Caughey, Pastor of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church from 1894-1900,

This church was organized in 1844, from the remnants of a previously existing Congregational church. At first the government was a compromise between that of the Congregational and Presbyterian polity, in order to please the old members of the former church. The church has gradually merged into the Presbyterian form, with a few exceptions that still cling to it as inherited rights.

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The first pastor and reorganizer of the church was Rev. C. E. Williams, who served eight years. There have been ten pastors and stated supplies since. Rev. H. W. Palmer, the second pastor, served the church eighteen years. Rev. D. L. Hickok served eight years. The other terms of service were short. There have been added to the church, since its organization, 455 members. The present membership is eighty, and Rev. A. H. Caughey, a member of Erie Presbytery, is the stated supply.<sup>103</sup>

## Matthew H. Bradley-1900-1902

Name: Matthew Henry Bradley

Birth Date: 21 Jun 1852

Birth Place: Mercersburg, Franklin  
County, Pennsylvania, United  
States of America

Death Date: 2 Dec 1929

Death Place: Painesville, Lake  
County, Ohio, United States  
of America

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<sup>103</sup> History of Cleveland Presbyterianism with directory of all the churches 1896  
P. 280

Cemetery: Evergreen Cemetery

Burial or Painesville, Lake  
Cremation Place: County, Ohio, United States  
of America

Has Bio?: Y

Spouse: [Eliza D. Bradley](#)

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Children: [John Wilson Bradley](#)  
[Gail Bradley](#)  
[Matthew Bradley](#)  
[Karl A. Bradley](#)

**J.M. Wiley-1902-1904.** Herald and Presbyter, 1902 noted that Reverend J.M. Wiley moved from a pastorate in Cleveland to Kingsville.

**Reverend E.R. North-1904-1905**

The Ashtabula and Conneaut Directory of 1904 lists him as pastor of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church as well as the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church.

**Reverend Benjamin M. Swan- 1905-?**



Rev . Benjamin M . Swan , class of 1893 , of North Kingsville , Ohio , has received a call from Calvary Church , Lockport , New York. His father was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. <sup>104</sup>

DEATH IN THE MINISTRY . Rev. Benjamin M. Swan died at Lake Alfred , Fla . , Jan. 20 , 1925 , in the sixtieth year of his age . Mr. Swan was graduated from Wooster University and Western Theological Seminary , and was ordained by the Presbytery of Mahoning in 1893 . served , during the thirty - two years of his ministry , New Waterford , O .; New Comerstown , O .; Mr. Sterling , O .; Kingsville , O .; Lockport , N. Y .; Willard , O .; and North Warren , Pa . , from which place he came to Lake Alfred last September . He was very happy in his

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new work , and his people were rejoicing in his efficient leadership , when he was suddenly called home .

Mr. Swan was married to Miss Louisa Wood , of West Bethany , N. Y. , in 1894 , of which union were born Harry L. , now assistant pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church , Albany , N. Y. , and Lillian M. , engaged as a teacher for the National Board among the mountaineers of West Virginia .

Mr. Swan was the son of Rev. J. N. Swan , for fifty - seven years minister in the Church ; a brother of Rev. Wm . L. Swan , D.D. , of Willoughby , O .; of Rev. Charles W. Swan , of Nankin , O .; of John M. Swan , M.D. , for thirty - five years a medical missionary in China , deceased in 1920 ; and of Mrs. J. P. Leyenberger , of Wheeling , W. Va . The father , four brothers and the brother - in - law having given already to the work of the kingdom 234 years , while the son and daughter of the departed are just beginning to " carry on . " The funeral was conducted by Dr. J. F. Shepherd , in the church where he had preached twice on the Sabbath preceding . Honorary pall bearers were Rev. Dr. Joseph H. France and Rev. Rea W. Martin , of Orlando ; Rev. Dr. F. E. Schawb , of Auburndale and Rev. J. A. Callan , of St. Cloud .

## Reverend Duncan O. Mackay. 1910.

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<sup>104</sup> Catalog of Western Theological Seminary, 1907, volume 94 = Presbyterian Banner, Presbyterian meetings. He is identified as being from North Kingsville.

Cleveland Letter. March 2, 1910. Rev. Duncan O. Mackay, who recently resigned the pastorate of the church of Rome, O., has been installed pastor of the Kingsville and North Kingsville Churches. near Ashtabula, in this Presbytery. <sup>105</sup>

## Reverend A.H. O'Brien-1915.

Served both Kingsville Presbyterian Churches.

## Reverend Perry W. Sinks-1915-1922-

Served both Kingsville Presbyterian Churches.

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## Reverend Ernest T. Roney. December 3, 1924.

He was pastor of both Kingsville and North Kingsville Presbyterian Churches.

The North Kingsville Church, Rev. Ernest T. Roney, pastor, has received 32 new members since April 1, and the Kingsville Church, also served by Mr. Roney, has received 24 in the same time. <sup>106</sup>

## Albert E. S. McMahon-About 1930.

Served both Kingsville Presbyterian Churches.

Name: Albert E S McMahon  
[Albert E S Mc Mahon]

Birth Year: abt 1892

Gender: Male

Race: White

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<sup>105</sup> Herald and Presbyter. January 1, 1910. Cleveland Letter. Monfort & Company, December 31, 1910.

<sup>106</sup> Herald and Presbyter, December 1, 1924. Cleveland Letter. Monfort & Company, December 1, 1924.

Birthplace: England

Marital status: Married

Relation to Head  
of House: Head

Home in 1930: North Kingsville, Ashtabula,  
Ohio, USA

Map of Home: [View Map](#)

Street address: Church Street

Dwelling  
Number: 100  
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Family Number: 101

Home Owned or  
Rented: Rented

Home Value: 30

Radio Set: Yes

Lives on Farm: No

Age at first  
Marriage: 30

Attended School: No

Able to Read and  
Write: Yes

Father's  
Birthplace: Ireland

Mother's  
Birthplace: England

Language  
Spoken: English

Immigration  
Year: 1906

Naturalization: Naturalized

Able to Speak  
English: Yes

Occupation: Clergyman

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Industry:

Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker

Employment: Yes

Veteran: Yes

War: Ww

Albert E. S.  
McMahon

Birth Date: 11 May 1891

Death Date: 24 Sep 1982

Cemetery: Chestnut Grove Cemetery

Burial or     Ashtabula, Ashtabula  
Cremation Place: County, Ohio, United States  
                    of America

Has Bio? N

Spouse: [Dorothy K. McMahon](#)

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## Haines E. Reichel, 1931-1932

Mrs. Eli Mason

Altie Phillips wrote the obituary for Mrs. Eli Mason in April 1931. Mrs. Mason, (Carrie Lucinda Sparks Mason), that appeared in the Ashtabula Star Beacon on April 14, 1931. Carrie Sparks Mason died on April 10, 1931. Friends and family filled her home on the Sunday afternoon of her funeral services, and her brother, Reverend Hubert L. Sparks, read selections from the Psalms. Reverend Haines E. Reichel, pastor of the Federated Church, conducted the services. Mrs. Mason was for many years the treasurer of the Presbyterian Sunday school and secretary of the Missionary Society. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Kingsville Resident Stella Bugby Marries Ashtabula Man

On Saturday May 30, 1931, Miss Stella Bugby, daughter of Ray Bugby of Kingsville, married Benjamin Simmons of Ashtabula at the Bugby home, decorated with apple blossoms and spring flowers. Reverend Haines E. Reichel of the Federated Church of Kingsville officiated over the single ring ceremony.



# Reverend Myron Kinney Hume-1932-1933.

## Taken into Ministry

Elyria Chronicle-Telegram, December 17, 1932, p. 2

Myron K. Hume, son of Rev. and Mrs. William P. Hume of West College street, was taken into the gospel ministry at an impressive Monday evening service of ordination in Kingsville, Ohio, by the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Myron is a graduate of Oberlin college with the class of '29, and from the Union Theological Seminary in the class of '32.

## His wedding and suicide

(Elyria Chronicle-Telegram, May 8, 1934. p. 8.) Cuyahoga County Samuel Gerber has issued a ruling of suicide in the death of Reverend Myron Kinney Hume, 49, of Cleveland. The Reverend Mr. Hume was the husband of the former Janice Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Ruth of Fourth Street. He plunged 125 feet from 380

the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Wade Park Manor, East 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Lane just after noon yesterday.

It was reported that he had registered in the hotel under an assumed name, and left a note addressed to his wife citing a nervous disorder. The family home is in East Cleveland. The Reverend Mr. Hume was graduated from Oberlin College and from Union Theological Seminary in New York. He was ordained in 1932 as a Presbyterian minister and has held pastorates in Kingsville and Milan, Ohio and Gowanda, New York.

From 1950 to 1952, he was the pastor of the Boulevard Presbyterian Church when it stood at 1319 East Boulevard. Since the church was purchased by another congregation in 1952, he has been engaged in personnel work at Thompson Products, Inc., and has served as interim pastor at the Newberg Heights Forestdale Presbyterian Church.

His wife, Janice, his son, Elliott, 13, his daughter Diana, 5, and his family and a host of friends mourned his untimely death. He is buried in Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin, Ohio.

# Howard L Bethel-1933-1941- Presbytery records

Born in 1879 and died in 1960. He is buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Ashtabula.



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Reverend and Mrs. Howard Bethel celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Ashtabula Star Beacon, March 26, 1953.

Ashtabula Star Beacon, Thursday, March 26, 1953.

Reverend and Mrs. Howard L. Bethel will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday during an open house at their home on East Prospect Road in Ashtabula. Friends in Ashtabula and vicinity are invited to the event which will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., and a special invitation is extended to couples married by Reverend Bethel during their pastorate in Kingsville.

In addition to Saturday's event, there is to be a recognition Sunday after services at the First Presbyterian Church at 11:45 a.m. Instead of the postlude, the wedding march will be played and, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bethel of St. Clairsville, the couple will go down the aisle to renew vows before Dr. C.E. Goddard.

The Howard Bethels were married March 26, 1903, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr., and Mrs. Hansen Starret in Blue Rock, near Zanesville Mrs. Bethel was formerly Miss Lydia Starret. The couple met at Granville where Mr. Bethel

was a student at Denison University and Mrs. Bethel attended Shepherdson College. Mrs. Bethel is fond of saying that she helped her husband, a 1911 graduate of Rochester Seminary, through college and seminary.

### Walked Eight Miles

It is known that Rev. Bethel walked eight miles from the station to the Starret home the day of the wedding.

Having served as pastor of various churches in New York and Ohio for 40 years, Rev Bethel is now serving as interim pastor at North Kingsville. For 10 years he was history instructor at Rio Grand College and since that tie has been substitute teaching in the city a0000000000nd county schools. In the latter capacity he has taught nearly every subject in the curriculum, including shop, bookkeeping and girls' physical education.

Rev. Bethel's hobby is vegetable gardening while Mrs. Bethel's is raising flowers. He says: "Mrs. Bethel and I fuss over who gets what part of the garden." Members of the family report however, that the issue never becomes serious, as Mr. Bethel readily gives in for his wife's flowers.

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An active helpmate through all the years, Mrs. Bethel found her place as deaconess in their new church home since their retirement in 1948. For one year she was president of that organization.

The couple has given children all college graduates who have also done postgraduate work. Emery is superintendent of schools at Morrow; Walter recently completed two years as professor of music history and theory at Miyazaki, Japan, and Russell is superintendent of schools at New Lyme. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bethel are sailing for th United States on the Flying Roam and left Yokaham on Wednesday. Miss Mae Bethel is a teacher in Park Junior High School Miss Joy Bethel teaches in Shelby.

Invitations have been sent to 16 states and the bethels already have received greetings from people in six.<sup>107</sup>

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<sup>107</sup> From the Clipping Collection of Jan Volk, Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

## Eric S. Tougher-September 21, 1941-October 12, 1948



**Rev. Eric Tougher Family**

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(Bradford (Pennsylvania) Era, October 31, 1945 p. 4.) Eleanor Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Ward Campbell and Arnold Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Carlson of Kingsville, O., were united in marriage Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church in Kingsville. The Reverend Eric S. Tougher, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with baskets chrysanthemums and cathedral candles in tall candelabra.

Name: Eric Samuel Tougher

Gender: Male

Death Age: 91

Birth Date: abt 1915

Birthplace: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Residence Place: WHITINSVILLE, Worcester  
County, Albany, N.Y.,  
United States, Whitinsville

Death Date: 12 Dec 2006

Death Place: Worcester

Burial Date: 16 Dec

Burial Place: Linwood Avenue, Whitins-  
ville

Obituary Date: 14 Dec 2006

Obituary Place: Kingsville, Ashtabula, Ohio,  
USA

Father: [Hugh Tougher](#)

Mother: [Elizabeth Tougher](#)

Spouse: [Erma Tougher](#)

Child: [Kathleen E. Miedema](#)  
[Mary E. Spaulding](#)  
[Connie J. Quadagno](#)  
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[Carolyn E. Doyle](#)  
[David H. Tougher](#)

Siblings: [William Tougher](#)  
[Stanley Tougher](#)  
[Gretta Richardson](#)  
[Elizabeth White](#)  
[Robert Tougher](#)  
[John Tougher](#)

Reverend Eric Samuel  
Tougher

Born December 1, 1915.  
Died December 12, 2006 at  
age 91. He is buried with his



wife, Erma H. Hamilton  
O'Tougher, in Pine Grove  
Cemetery in Northbridge,  
Massachusetts

## Reverend Samuel Harris- 1948-1952



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Reverend Samuel T. Harris, Tim, Margaret,  
Jeff, and Mrs. Margaret Harris.

[Obituary for Ms. Margaret L. "Peggy" Harris](#)  
, and she will be greatly missed by all.

**Rev. Samuel Harris Family**

HARRIS, Margaret L. "Peggy", 61, of Plant City went home to be with the Lord September 27, 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. Samuel T.,



Jr. and Margaret Harris; and a brother, Tim Harris. She is survived by her brother, Jeffrey R. Harris; and nieces, Alynn Joyce and Elizabeth Harris.

Peggy graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk, Virginia in 1968 and in 1972 she graduated from Muskingum College in Ohio. She began her teaching career and retired from Hillsborough County School System after 31 years of service where she taught English and Drama. Peggy was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Plant City for 38 years, where she served as an active Elder er 2 at 3:30 P.M at First Presbyterian Church of Plant City, 404 W. Reynolds St., where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Peggy's memory to First Presbyterian Church of Plant City music ministry.

## Reverend Samuel Harris, Jr. and Kingsville Presbyterian Church, 1950

In her History of the Presbyterian Church dated July 16, 1950, Altie Phillips asked Reverend Samuel Harris to point out some of the current activities of the church. He did so.

New members since June 1948

By profession of faith.....41

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By letter.....25

Total.....66

Total active membership at present is 295, which is a net gain of 36 in two years. The difference between the net gain and the 66 received is accounted for by death, dismission to other churches, and suspension to the reserve roll for non-residence, etc.

Adult baptisms.....23

Infant baptisms....24

Church weddings.....7

Improvements to the buildings and equipment.

Re-shingled roof of church

Sunday School classrooms in basement of the church.

Bulletin board in front of the church.

Toilet in the parish house.

Painted the church.

New oil furnace in the church.

Electric and water heater in the manse.

Papered the rooms in the manse.

Painted the interior of the parish house.

New organ in the church.

Redecoration of the high school class and the mother's classrooms.

Replastered west wall of the interior of the church. Two dozen folding chairs purchased by church and one dozen by the Mothers class.

One dozen by the Mothers Class.

Blower from the old furnace at the church installed in the manse.

Communion table the gift of Ida Munsell

Altie Phillips noted that "of course we know there are many things which have been done that he wouldn't 'list." There has been a Nursery conducted during church

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service for a large part of the time he has been here. That is a much-needed service and much appreciated.

One of our recent projects was to aid in sending a local Boy Scout representative to Valley Forge in the person of Dean Keller.



## Reverend John Eakin-February 3, 1952-July 31, 1966



**Rev. & Mrs. John Eakin**

February 3, 1952-July 31, 1966.

The present minister of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church, Reverend John L. Eakin, was born in Thailand, then known as Siam, of missionary parents in 1912, he was left in the United States with relatives to obtain an education. He attended public school in Pittsburgh, Pa. High school days were spent in Grove City, Pa. He graduated

from Washington and Jefferson College in 1923 and from Western Theological Seminary in 1926.

In 1926, he and his wife went out as missionaries under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, to the land of his birth. After a year of language study, the two were stationed in Petchaburi, a town about 100 miles from the capital. After his

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first term in missionary work, Mr. Eakin returned to the states and spent the year 1930-1931 studying agriculture at Pennsylvania State College. This seemed advantageous, since he was laboring in a large rural field in Thailand. These studies were continued in the summer of 1937, on his next furlough at Cornell University.

Mrs. Eakin was active in the work of the National Christian Council of Thailand from its organization in 1929. In 1937, he headed the delegation of seven who went to the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, India.

Shortly after this, he was elected Executive Secretary of the National Christian Council in Thailand.

The war broke out in December 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Eakin and their four children were interned in Bangkok but after a period of six months, they were repatriated returning to the United States on the Gripsholm. During the war years he served the Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chatham, New Jersey, taking the place of the pastor who was serving as a chaplain.

As soon as the war was over, Mr. Eakin returned to the field for two years alone, and then after a brief furlough, with Mrs. Eakin and the two y younger children.

Through these years, Mr. Eakin served with the Moderator of the Church of Christ in Thailand, on a team that held weeks of evangelism in churches all over the country. Later, he was appointed Director of Youth work for the Mission and the Church.

Due to health concerns in the family, it became necessary to give up the work on the Mission Field. Shortly after his return to the United States, Mr. Eakin accepted the call to the pastorate of the Kingsville Church and has served there since January 1, 1952.

(From the Ashtabula Star Beacon, Series, Know Your Churches, Saturday, January 14, 1956, p. 10.

Kingsville- In a special service at 4 pm. Sunday at Kingsville Presbyterian Church, Reverend John L Eakin will be installed as the church's new minister.

Taking part in the installation will be the following ministers: Rev. Floyd W. Ewalt, pastor of Bay Village Church and vice moderator of Cleveland Presbytery; The Reverend George H. Rutherford, Conneaut Lake Pennsylvania Church; Reverend guy H. Volpitto, assistant pastor of Old Stone Church, Cleveland; Reverend Cranston E. Goddard, First Presbyterian Church of Ashtabula; Reverend

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James S. Costigan, Kingsville Baptist Church; Reverend Howard L. Bethel, former Kingsville Pastor; Reverend Robert D. Allred, Harris Memorial Church, Ashtabula; ad Reverend Fred Vermeulen, East Side Presbyterian Church, Ashtabula.

Reverend Eakin will take over at Kingsville with the experience of more than 25 years' work as a missionary in Thailand behind him. He has also served as a supply pastor at a church in New Jersey.



Born in Thailand, where his parents were missionaries, Reverend Eakin returned to the United States for his education at the age of nine. He attended public schools and Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania. In 1926, he graduated from Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh.

While in college, he met the girl who is now Mrs. Eakin. They were married after his graduation and in the fall of 1926 went back to Thailand under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

From 1931 to 1937, Reverend Eakin was chairman of the Rural Life Committee of the National Christian Council of Thailand, in charge of promoting work in rural churches throughout the country. From 1938 to 1941, he was secretary of the council.

With the start of the war and the invasion of the Japanese in 1941, Reverend Eakin and family were interned in Bangkok, the capital city. They remained there until the last of June 1942, when they were repatriated in an exchange of prisoners. They returned to the United States on the Gripsholm in August 1942.

Treatment while they were interned was not too bad, Reverend Eakin says since they were under the Thai people instead of the Japanese.

During the remainder of the war, Reverend Eakin served as a supply pastor at a church in New Jersey, taking the place of a chaplain in service.

In 1946, Reverend Eakin and family returned to Thailand, and he was in charge of work with young people for the National Christian Council until they came back to the United States in May 1951.

Reverend Eakin reports that the people of Thailand are mostly Buddhists, but there are now about 100 churches and Christian groups in the country. The country is in good condition economically in comparison with other Asiatic nations. There is little inflation and little extreme poverty, according to the minister. Their

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government is a limited monarchy at present, and they are trying hard to use democratic methods, he says.

They are working with the United States now to build up arms and materials in case of invasion. The big airport at Bangkok is becoming the hub of air travel all over the Far East, Reverend Eakin reports. Many tourists now are visiting there.

Reverend Eakin replaces Reverend Samuel Harris at the Kingsville Church. Reverend Harris now has a church near Norfolk Virginia.

The Ekins are living in the Presbyterian Church parsonage at Kingsville. There are four children in the family, Marjorie and Elwood are attending Wooster College and Rosalou and Johnette are at home. <sup>108</sup>

Name: Johnette Schuller

Maiden Name: Eakin

Gender: Female

Death Age: 66

Birth Date: abt 1941

Birthplace: Bangkok, Thailand

Residence Place: Harwich

Death Date: 21 Sep 2007

Obituary Date: 9 Oct 2007

Obituary Place: Richmond, Wise, Virginia,  
USA

Parents: John Eakin; Louisa Eakin  
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Spouse: [Rodney D. Schuller](#)

Siblings: [Elwood Eakin](#)  
[Rosalou Donahue](#)  
[Marjorie Kaufman](#)

--These facts were pulled from a record by a computer and may not be accurate. Obituary records often include facts for family members of the deceased, some of whom may be living. her first name was Sandra.

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<sup>108</sup> From the Clipping Collection of Jan Volk, Kingsville Presbyterian Church

Death of son John Leon Eakin born 1930.

## Reverend Richard Olsson – May 7, 1967-September 16, 1973



**Rev. Richard Olsson Family**



Reverend and Mrs. Richard Olsson Occupy New Manse  
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A story in the Ashtabula Star Beacon of December 7, 1967, noted that Reverend and Mrs. Richard Olsson accepted the keys to the new Kingsville Presbyterian Church manse from Ralph Robishaw, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Robert Dunne conducted a pledging campaign which resulted in the building of the new \$27,000 manse, situated directly behind the old manse. The old manse is scheduled to be razed within the next few months.

Others on hand when the congregation inspected the new manse Sunday were Arnold Carlson, building committee chairman and Ed Fuller, Ashtabula contractor.

January 12, 1969

### The Prayer of Confession

O God of Love, your love has come to us, not when we were strong, and self-sufficient, but when we were weak and helpless; in that love your son came into this world, and died for our sins, that he might make us the friends of God. Forgive us when we forget, and turn to our old selfish ways. Turn us from weakness and failure and help us to live as your children. For we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

### The Sermon. "God Won't Let Go!"

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leonard are greeting the members of the Congregation at the door this morning.

Mrs. Betty Huey is in charge of the flowers for the sanctuary for the month of January.

Tonight. Senior High Youth Fellowship meets at 7:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Tuesday. Sunshine Class meets at the home of Coraline Stevenson. Election of 1969 officers.

Church Telephone 224-1023

Mrs. Jane Fenton, Church Secretary

Gene Moroski, Choir Director

Carolyn Herl, Organist

Mrs. Georgia Keller, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Marguerite Braunbeck, Assistant

Mrs. Eula Jane Allen, Treasurer

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### The Session

Doris Miller, Clerk of Session

Spiritual Life Committee

Ralph Robishaw, 1969

Richard Howe, 1969

## Organizations Committee

Robert Dunne, 1970

Marguerite Walton, 1971

## Stewardship Committee

Kenneth Allen, 1970

James Miller, 1971

## Membership Committee

Doris Miller, 1969

Rachael Loomis, 1970

## Christian Education Committee

Robert Keller, 1970

William Runyan, 1971

## Outreach Committee

Arnold Carlson, 1971

## Trustees

1969

Ralph Robishaw, Chairman

Richard Miller

Edwin Wentz

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Nancy Dunne

John Adams

Raymond Simmons

1971



Henry Herl

Howard Paulino

Eleanor Carlson, secretary

Deaconesses

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Viola Carle

Mildred DeGroot

Carol Brunell

Beverly Tanner

1980

Sara Jane Howe

Evelyn Robishaw, Secretary

Eleanor Carlson

Betty Huey

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Audrey Corley

Helen Miller

Emma Howe

Pauline Nichols

Women's Association

Francis Clayman, President

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Diana Theiss, Secretary

Nadine Moroski, Treasurer

President Ruth Circle: Nancy Sabo

President Martha Circle: Marguerite Walton

Philip S. Gittings, III-June 15, 1975- July 1, 1979.



Reverend Phillip Gittings, III 1979

The Kingsville United Presbyterian Church Bulletin

August 17, 1975

Hymns: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "Love Divine All Loves Excelling."  
"Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Today."

Special Music: Bill Daywalt and Darlene Mack

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Sermon: "The Continuing Revelation"

Pastor: The Rev. Philip S. Gittings, III

Organist: Mrs. Douglas Herl

Music Director: Miss Susan Roerdanz

In Charge of Worship for the Month of August.....Elder William Daywalt

In Charge of Flowers for the Sanctuary in August....Mrs. Fred Roerdanz

Supervisor in the Nursery During Worship Today.....Mrs. Ted Robishaw

July 1, 1979

Today is Phil's last Sunday in our pulpit. A special potluck winner and reception for Phil and Margie and their family is planned for 1 p.m. today. All are invited and urged to attend. This is -also the end of Mary's term as church secretary. We wish her good luck and Godspeed, and we are very grateful for all her constructive work among us.

Next week, our pulpit will be filled by Rev. Dan Duggan, Chaplain at Ashtabula General Hospital.

July 1, 1979

Today marks another milestone in the life of our church, in our own lives, and those of our good friends. It is a bitter-sweet day, as most milestone-making days are; bitter because we lose a fine minister and leaders a beautiful first lady of our church, and two very special little ones...all who have become our friends during their short stay in Kingsville. It is especially hard to accept the leaving of Phil and Marge when we stop to realize that we have watched this family become and grow during these years. Indeed, we have been involved in their lives and they in ours because we have been living, working and growing together.

And that is the sweet part of the leave-taking. We have all grown, each in our own special ways, and we rejoice as we realize that very growth is what makes us special creatures in God's kingdom. We strive to achieve, to make things better, faster, bigger, safer, and unique. We are curious, we seek answers, knowledge, solutions to complex problems. We continually search for a way to grow.

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Phil's leaving is a grand example of such accomplishment and growth...and one that we can take pride in. For thanks to Phil's sojourn among us, we have all grown, learned, stretched, argued, been humbled, found sources of information, and have searched for a new level of understanding of ourselves and our beliefs. Phil's leaving is our loss, but we accept it gladly because we have gained so much through his help and leadership. We thank you, Phil. And we thank you, Marge, for

all your patience with us, for sharing your husband, home, and family, and for giving of your special grace and teaching abilities.

We say goodbye today, sadly, but also very happily, knowing that you and your family have found a special church, one that seems so perfect for the many talents and abilities of both of you. We wish you a long, happy ministry in your new church and community. God bless you all and keep you ever safe in his loving care.

Harry N. Baxter, Jr. March 29, 1981-March 1983.



Harry N. Baxter's pastoral letter appeared in the December 1981 Messenger, newsletter of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

How delighted we are to be with you this Christmas. Indeed, it has been a real privilege to share this Advent with you as your pastoral family. It is with joyful anticipation that we anticipate being with you at our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 8:00 PM.

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Hasn't the news about our local and national economics been dismal? Locally, the unemployment rate is distressingly high, with threats and fears that it may rise still more. However, we hope for some improvement soon!

How terrible to recall the attempts on the lives of certain public figures this past year. The mere remembrance of what happened causes an emotion of fear, anger,

pain, and confusion all together. What has happened to the moral sensitivities of certain members of the human race?

I have the feeling that God has not been given an adequate chance to bring peace and order to mankind. Other things are being put before God so that we are continuing to fall from the kind of life we were meant to have by our Creator.

Can it be that Christ's birth is an inspiring reminder of God's attempted new beginning for man? The world has ways of disappointing us and letting us down, but the gesture of what God has done in Christ raises us up!

Oh, there is the need in us all for this new hope of God in Christ's birth to shine freshly in our hearts every day! Can the desires and talents of the flesh provide for our deepest needs? We need something more – the beyond that called all into being and who promises that new heaven and new earth

Be comforted and yet empowered by the spirit of Christmas to long for and live life at its best in the various situations that we find ourselves in May there be a Merry Christmas of the spirit emerging from a thankfulness for what God has done in the Bethlehem manger. Surely, a Christmas of the spirit is capable of giving us perhaps life's greatest joy! May it be yours this Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,

Harry N. Baxter, Jr.

Jane M. Van Auken. September 4, 1983-February 1984.

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Craig H. ZumBrunnen. February 26, 1984- May 1987.



ZUMBRUNNEN, Craig & Carolea

April 8, 1984

We were saddened by the loss of Genevieve McCausland this past Wednesday. Our sympathy is extended to her family and many friends. She will be sadly missed.

The combined choirs from our church, the Gageville Methodist and Kingsville Baptist Churches will present a cantata entitled, "The Third Day" this evening at 7:00 in the Baptist Church.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. During the service there will be a procession of children with palm fronds, the youth choir will sing, and our overflowing (hopefully) food box will be dedicated.

**Walter A. Case. June 1, 1987- June 1, 1988.**

### **Pastor's Report, 1987**

I have been here now for several months. As we complete another year and begin a new one, there are good vibes in the air around Kingsville Church, such as:

- a lingering sense of welcome of people and of pastor.
- friendly mutual feelings of support among members.

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- good humor, jostling about our short comings.
- respect for and sometimes appreciation of our individual funny ways.



- a willingness to pitch in, sometimes with freshness in doing odd jobs.
- a healthy willingness to try the new, like upgrading of our educational programs.
- savoring old values, mutual prayers, wanting to be rooted in God's Bible, a waking love for God's word and our need for involvement.

Yes, good things are happening around here:

- New things like an annual homecoming, a stewardship celebration, a carol walk, a New Year's Party, and Officer's Retreat.
- How about that new roof on Fellowship Hall!
- We're talking about some new emphasis in '88 like Parent Effectiveness Training, Kerygma (?)new PREM curriculum, special fundraisings/study to upgrade buildings and property, more fellowship dinners, continued community service.

So, you and your kind help just wrote my Pastor's Report. Let us keep it up. Over and out.

Walt Case



Reverend Ina Hart

On January 28, 1990, the Kingsville Presbyterian Church held a reception for Reverend Ina Hart in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, July 15, 1990, there will be a Congregational Meeting after worship service to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the process of calling Ina Hart as our installed pastor.

December 30, 1990. Beginning Sunday, January 6, 1991, Ina will lead the Adult Sunday School Class at 9:30 a.m. We will study the scripture text for the morning's sermon. All are invited to join the class. Scripture texts for Sunday, January 6, 1991: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12; Sermon Title: The Nature of Gifts.

July 10, 1994. 150 Years: 1844-1994

The Bulletin for July 10, 1994, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church lists the hymns the congregation sang as "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace."

The special presentation was titled: "Voices from 150 Years of a People of God"

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A History of Kingsville Presbyterian Church.....Bob Keller

Letter from Alice Westcott Young, Member of Kingsville Methodist Church.....Marilyn Lynch

Letter from the Reverend Eric Samuel Tougher.....Pastor from September 21, 1941 to 1948.... Eula Jean Allen

Words from the Reverend Philip S. Gittings III.....Pastor from June 14, 1975 to July 1, 1979

Words from the Reverend Victoria Curtiss..... General Presbyter at the Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Words from the Reverend Ina Hart....the present pastor

Invitation

April 16, 1995

Ina Hamilton Hart and John Bunn Houck

Joyfully invite you to attend the

Celebration of our marriage

On Saturday May 6, 1995

At four o'clock in the afternoon

University Church

5655 South University Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

Reception following in the church dining room

Please no gifts. You may bring something to share at the reception. Totally optional.

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Helen Dekker. May 1, 1995-August 1, 1996



May 7, 1995.  
Kingsville  
Presbyterian  
Church welcomes  
Reverend Helen  
Dekker as Interim  
Pastor and her  
Husband Henri as  
well.

Reverend Helen  
Dekker and Henri,  
1996

July 1999

I received a note June 4<sup>th</sup> from Helen Dekker thanking me for the newsletter every month. She informed me that she and her husband Henri will be moving in July to Urygyzshaw, a republic in Central Asia. She did not give me her new address. Monica Roco, church secretary.

Mark Brantley-Gearhart. September 8, 1996-August 31, 1997.



Reverend Mark Brantley-  
Gearhart left Kingsville  
Presbyterian Church after a year  
of serving as its pastor. Church  
members were divided when he  
left and at that time, Clerk of

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the Session Elder Bill Daywalt

wrote a letter to the

congregation after Reverend Brantley-Gearhart's departure which appeared in The Messenger, the church newsletter.

September 1997

Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you read this we will be approaching Labor Day Weekend. Although not official, that always appears to me to be the official end of summer. The kids are back in school, choir begins, candy making starts, soup lunches starts, and lots of other activities resume that we have had breaks from for the summer. The garden is almost done, and the fall flowers are thinking about blooming.

For our church, it is going to be somewhat of a change in seasons as well. It will be a new beginning for our church, one faced with lots of challenges and lots of work to be done. Also, one filled with hope for a successful future. For many, this has been a very trying summer. A lot of mixed feelings and emotions have surfaced. Some are filled with fear, mistrust, and anger.

Now it is time to take advantage of the change in seasons and to begin working to overcome all of those feelings and emotions and to work hard to heal the wound that has occurred within our congregation. This can happen, but it takes each and every one of us to work together, to communicate with one another, and to believe that we are here to do God's work.

Let's begin this process by doing one very simple thing. From this Sunday forward, every time we "Pass the Peace" at the end of our church service, shake hands and when saying "Peace be with You" truly think about what that means, not only between two people, but what it means for our entire church and God's greater church throughout the world.

Peace be with you all.

Clerk of Session Elder Bill Daywalt

# Reverend Bonnie D. Habbersett. March 5, 2000-October 1, 2011

Carl Feather

February 2000. Reverend Bonnie Habbersett, 57, is the new pastor at Kingsville Presbyterian Church, after the church saw a more than two year vacancy in the pulpit. She began her duties at the church Feb. 1. Reverend Habbersett said that she sensed God's call to ministry early in their lives, but it took decades of life experiences and divine prodding to guide her steps to the seminary.

## Housewife and Mid-Life Crisis



Bonnie Habbersett began her journey as a housewife in Livonia, Michigan. When a life crisis forced her to re-evaluate her life, she became aware of God's presence in a new way and underwent career and psychological testing to guide her mid-life career choice. She scored high in ministry, but the thought of going to college and seminary seemed ludicrous at her age. "I said 'I'm too old to go to school for that long,'" she said. "So I tried several other things, but this wouldn't leave me alone. It was the 'Great Hound of Heaven.'"

The hound started nipping at her heels after as a deacon in her church, Bonnie became involved in a hospital visitation ministry. The inner-city Detroit hospital offered a 50-hour course in hospital ministry, and at the end of the training, hospital administrators informed her that she could serve as a volunteer chaplain if she successfully completed at least one college-level Bible course.

Seeking the college-level Bible course, Bonnie, then age 45, enrolled in a study of the book of Luke at Marygrove College in inner-city Detroit. At the same time, her youngest daughter Karen started college on the west side of the state.



Although Bonnie was a minority among the 99.9 percent African American student population of Marygrove, she said attending the school was a wonderful experience that opened her eyes to life beyond the suburbs. It also showed her she was on the right track, regardless of how long the journey would take. Despite not having a spouse or full-time job to support herself, Bonnie stepped out on faith and became a fulltime student majoring in religious studies and psychology. “God led me one step at a time and provided what I needed at each step to keep me going,” she said. She entered seminary in 1992 at the age of 50.

### Plea Bargaining with God

According to Bonnie, she plea bargained with God all the way, but challenge by challenge, her needs were met. Calling played a part in her decision to leave Detroit and attend Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. So did associate pastors at her home church, St. Paul’s. The associate pastors were Columbia graduates and they encouraged Habbersett to consider their alma mater.

Further, Bonnie had been involved in intercessory prayer for a woman from their congregation who attended the seminary. The clincher came when some friends drove her to Atlanta so she could see the school. “We left in January and there was all this snow in Detroit, and when we got to Atlanta the pansies were blooming,” she said. “I said, ‘I think God wants me here.’”

### A Gift of Preaching

Columbia Theological Seminary challenged Bonnie Habbersett. She said seminary was a challenge, not because of her age, but because of the many foreign concepts introduced there. While the heated theological discussions broadened her understanding of the faith, she repeatedly found herself coming back to her own faith journey as a reference point, her personal

While in seminary Bonnie discovered that she had a gift for preaching. “I love to preach,” she said. “I am a storyteller. I tell people gospel stories, and Old Testament stories, too. I especially like the passages that are stories, they are my favorite ones.” Her awakening to this gift came as a surprise, for Habbersett considered herself a shy person. She discovered otherwise when a committee of peers and professors selected her to deliver the Martin Luther King Day address to 500 students and faculty in her senior year at Marygrove College. “Only a God with a sense of humor would call a person who was noted for being shy to preach in public,” she said.

Still shy about preaching and still in seminary, Bonnie did a summer internship at Ormewood Park Church in Atlanta. That experience further confirmed her gift of preaching. Nevertheless, she still thought she might get involved in hospital and/or inner-city ministry after graduation. But God's call on her life took her to the country, Columbiana County, Ohio, where she was hired as a designated pastor for two yoked congregations. After four years of service to those congregations, Reverend Habbersett was ready for new challenge. "It was time to move," she said

### Hounded home

Reverend Habbersett dismissed the Kingsville job posting at first because it was for a part-time pastor. With seven years of college loans to pay off, she needed full-time employment. But Kingsville's PNC changed its position and issued a call for a full-time pastor. She met with the committee and before either party had noticed it, three hours had elapsed as they became engaged in their exchange. "It was just one of those things where it all just came together," she said.

On December 15, 2002, Reverend Habbersett came to Kingsville to preach for and meet the congregation. As she was pulling into the church parking lot, her car was sideswiped, causing extensive damage. A committee member joked it would take 20 years to fix her car, so she might as well stay.

Reverend Habbersett and the congregation agreed. More than a decade after responding to that nagging Hound of Heaven, Habbersett is home.



Reverend Bonnie Habbersett and Missy

Ashtabula Star Beacon

February 7, 2005

Carl Feather

### Pastor Started Her Ministry in Kingsville with a Crash

The Rev. Bonnie Habbersett says God has a wonderful sense of humor. He called her to start preparations for her second career as a pastor at the age of 45. She and her youngest daughter started their undergraduate work the same day.

After earning her bachelor's in 1992, the Livonia, Mich., native went on to Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. She says God not only called her to start college relatively late in life, He also placed her in a denomination that required the equivalent of a master's degree before she could start her ministry.

She says she tried using the excuse that she was "too old," but that argument doesn't work with God; after all, consider what he asked Sarah, Abraham's wife, to do. Her first work as pastor was in Columbiana County. "My next door neighbors there were cows," she says.

She applied for the job at Kingsville as her contract in Columbiana County came to an end. From the outset, there was an exceptional rapport with the Kingsville pastoral search committee. God's sense of humor came into play again when she drove to Kingsville for her first meeting with that group. As she was stopped on Route 84 to turn into the church, another motorist pulled alongside her car and collided with it as she made the turn. With her car disabled, the pastoral candidate wasn't going anywhere.

That's O.K. She likes it here. "I feel very blessed to have been called here," she says. "There are some really special people. It's a wonderful place to be and I'm thankful God brought me here."

The pastor says her congregation is a mature one that continues to pay homage to the church's Presbyterian and Methodist foundations. "We're proud of our history, and yet we're joyfully traditional in our worship," she says. "A lot of what we do is traditional, yet there's a joy about it."

Two of the church's community outreach traditions are making Christmas candy and the soup luncheon. Both were in place before she came to Kingsville five years

ago. “Those things automatically happen,” she says. “They are who we are and what we do. Nobody would think about changing them.”

Mary Susan Pisano.  
August 1, 2012-June 2015.



Reverend Mary Susan Pisano,  
Christmas 2013

April 27, 2013

Presbyterians Swap Pastors

Pulpit Exchange Sunday will be marked by the Ashtabula County Cluster of Presbyterian Churches on Sunday. Shane Nanney of East Side will lead worship and preach at Trinity in Ashtabula; Stephen Long of First Presbyterian will be at North Kingsville; Mary Susan Pisano of Kingsville will lead and preach at East Side; Ken Ayers of North Kingsville will be at First Presbyterian; and Quincy Worthington of Trinity will be at Kingsville. National Day of

Bill Daywalt. January 22, 2018

Ministry Agrees with Kingsville Presbyterian Pastor Bill Daywalt

**Gazette Newspapers**

by Martha Sorohan

on 13 Sep 2018



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When, after two years without a pastor, Kingsville Presbyterian Church welcomed him to the pulpit earlier this year, Bill Daywalt took on yet another opportunity to serve others, this time in the very church in which he grew up.

A life-long Presbyterian who had always wanted to go into ministry, Daywalt said it took him awhile to achieve what he fell into “by accident.”

“I never thought I’d be here permanently, but the more I did here, the more I wanted it, so when the pastoral opening came up, I went to the board to apply,” he said.

The vacancy at Kingsville Presbyterian opened when former pastor Mary Susan Pisano left in 2016. Daywalt explained that when pulpit vacancies arise in Presbyterian churches, the Presbytery will lead a study to help the congregation determine what qualities it seeks in a new pastor. Often, an interim pastor is hired, sometimes for up to two years.

“We didn’t have an interim,” Daywalt said. “I began filling in, soon every Sunday, until I started.”

In Daywalt’s favor was Kingsville’s determining that it needed only a part-time pastor “Our previous pastor was more than that, and actually, I’m only ‘one-fourth’ time because it’s a small church,” Daywalt said.

Daywalt’s journey back to Kingsville Presbyterian began after he graduated from Edgewood High School, where he was active in the music program as a chorus member and where he participated in theater. He went on to study music education at the College of Wooster.

He then took a job with AmeriTech in Cleveland and immersed himself in city life. “I loved going to Playhouse Square, the concerts, and all, but then circumstances brought me back here,” he said. “My mom became ill, so I sold my house and stayed with her the last months of her life.”

As much as he loved Cleveland’s West Park neighborhood, Daywalt found the family’s three-quarter-acre homestead in Ashtabula County quiet and peaceful. He liked being surrounded by family. “So, I can still go to Cleveland, and I love it, but then I come back and appreciate the quiet,” he said.

Once back home, Daywalt began teaching at the elementary level in Ashtabula, and taught computers to adults.

But the call to ministry did not go away.

In the late 90s, he started training locally through a three-year part-time Presbyterian program. It limits his service to the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, but that is okay. “I didn’t want to have to move to go to school, and it’s been good. I’m pleased,” he said.

Completing the training in 2001, he served for a year-and-a-half at the former Prospect (now Trinity) Presbyterian Church in Ashtabula, then became full-time pastor at Faith Community Church on the north side of Mentor in 2003. He stayed at Faith for 13 years. “I kind of go in ten-year patterns, I guess, because I stopped teaching in 2004,” he said.

Two years ago, he began as a full-time case manager for Signature Health in Ashtabula, serving primarily the homeless and those dealing with mental illness. In many ways an extension of his favorite aspect of ministry – pastoral care – the full-time job complements Daywalt’s role as lay pastor. He was formally installed in May.

“The ministry is not as glamorous as it may seem,” he explained. “It’s a lot more than Sunday sermons. But I like all of it – the sermon preparation, worship, study, visitations, and counseling.”

Daywalt said that one advantage of being a part-time pastor is that it avoids burn-out common among full-time pastors.

“Being a part-time pastor is a nice mix with my full-time mental health work and fills out my day,” he said.

Daywalt’s schedule leaves Saturday as his only day off each week.

“But I do a lot of my pastoral visits on Saturday,” he said.

Still, with his two adopted sons grown, it works.

Sons Jesse, 27, and Zach, 25, of Ashtabula, are his pride and joy. Two of the 10 or 12 children to whom Daywalt has been a foster parent – at one point he had five foster children at the same time — the biological brothers came to him separately as foster children.



“Jesse and Zach are the two I chose to adopt,” he said. “Zach was about 8 when he came and Jesse 13, and Zach was 12 and Jesse was 15 when I adopted them. They are doing great, and they are the loves of my life. They couldn’t be more special to me if they were my biological sons.”

Daywalt’s church family is special to him, too. Some were members when was growing up in the church. He knows every one of the 30 weekly worshippers, describing them as wonderful people who are committed to their church and to their Lord. Some were members when he grew up in the church, where he was active in Sunday school, the youth group, and served as an elder in high school.

“They want to be nurtured,” he said of his congregation.

Daywalt leads Bible study and send devotionals via e-mail and Facebook, yet he says it is important that the mostly aging congregation worships in a manner to which they can relate.

He would also like to revive the church youth group.

“We have the foundation of a younger congregation, and I want to grow on that,” he said. “If their spiritual needs are met, we’ll attract others of that age, too.”

Kingsville Presbyterian has a strong presence in the community. Its monthly Soup Lunches the second Fridays fill Fellowship Hall, as do its free second-Tuesday monthly dinners, which resume Oct. 9.

“We don’t do it to make money. We offer a warm dinner. We take dinners to those who can’t get here,” Daywalt said.

Daywalt’s primary focus, however, is following what he believes is Jesus’ mandate to take the church beyond its four walls. One of Kingsville Presbyterian’s mission projects is collecting food boxes and clothing for the Ashtabula Dream Center.

“The world is what God called us to,” Daywalt said. “That’s the one thing I feel is important. And because of the work that I do – I’ve dealt with many needs of young people within the foster system – I know there is a lot of need.”



[Matthew 5:13-16](#) ESV “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## Church and Community Candle Lives

- Amos Barrett- 1803-1886. He was a farmer and a nurseryman. Married to Annis Maria Brown Barrett. His obituary says that he was a highly regarded citizen, a devoted family man, and led a modest life. Buried in Lulu Falls.
- Stutson Benson-Born October 13, 1767. Died in 1845, Buried in West Lakeville Cemetery, Amboy, Ohio.
- Charlotte Holden Brown-Born February 1824, Ohio. Died December 3, 1910. Buried in Lake Road Cemetery, Conneaut, Ohio. She was married to Charles Brown, Jr. He was born in 1819 and died December 9, 1875. He is buried in Lake Road Cemetery, Conneaut.
- Charles Brown February 6, 1852. He died in September 1943 at age 91. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

- Roswell Cook. He was born in Massachusetts in 1789. He married Betsy Luce on April 12, 1818. He died in 1867 in Geneva, Ohio.
- The Dibble Family were well known early settlers.

Edwin Dibble- 1820-1910. His parents were Obed and Patience Dibble. He is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

Obed Dibble was his brother.

- Walter Fobes and Amanda Fobes. Buried in Eastlake Cemetery, North Kingsville. Amanda Elderkin Fobes. September 10, 1795 to January 6, 1828 Buried in East Lake Cemetery, North Kingsville.
- Alvin Fox-Buried in Lulu Falls
- L.D. Fox- Buried in Lulu Falls
- George G. Gillett merchant and manufacturer, Kingsville. He donated the land for the Presbyterian Church and adjacent cemetery in Kingsville, Ohio.

SMITH'S NEW BLOCK.

REMOVAL EXTRAORDINARY

NEW YORK STORE

has removed to

First Door North of Fisk House,

Where will be found a full and complete assortment of  
Staple Dry Goods!

which will be had VERY LOW FOR CASH!

THE Subscriber has taken the above-named Store, for a term and honest, fair, and liberal dealing- to favor a share of public patronage. His motto is "CHEAP FOR CASH."

JUST RECEIVED, A fine assortment of

Pacific and Manchester Delaines, for 29 cents, a thing never done in Ashtabula.

Also, A nice lot of Prints.

These Calico are the best offered for the money.

Shilling Prints for 10 cents.

Cotton Cloths,

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Bleached and" Brown Shirtins,

Cloaks, Shawls, Hoods, 4c,  
 Nice, New and Cheap,  
 More New Goods next week.  
 Goods Received Weekly, makes the Stock always  
 fresh. Remember the place.  
 No. 1 Smith's Block  
 G. GILLETT.  
 Ashtabula, Jan. 12, 1860.

George G. Gillett merchant and manufacturer, Kingsville

- George Griswold Gillette. Born June 10, 1804. Died November 1, 1881, at age 77. He is buried in Mount Vernon City Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri. Parents: Almerin Gillett, 1765-1828. Eunice Griswold Gillett, 1759-1844. Spouse: Ann T. Gillette, February 1807. Died January 27, 1880.



- R.L Grover- Lulu Falls, Civil War Veteran.
- Thomas Hamilton came to Kingsville in 1806 and purchased the North Ridge property on the east of the **Fobes** land.
- Andrew Harvey- Buried in Old Kingsville Presbyterian Cemetery. Andrew Harvey was born in 1787 in Mount Washington, Massachusetts, son of Samuel Harvey and Huldah Patterson.
- Isaac Heath and Reuben Heath Isaac Heath was born in Hartford County, Connecticut in 1729, and remained a bachelor all his life. He moved to Kingsville in 1815 at the age of 86, and out of his life savings paid for three wilderness

farms in Kingsville, “for what purpose at age no one ever knew unless he intended to donate it to someone to care for him the little remainder of his life.” The old Andrew Harvey place was one,

and the widow McCreary’s places was part of another, and the third farm’s location is gone out of mind.

In the spring of 1815, Reuben Heath, a nephew, came on with his family and went into a cabin on the place now occupied by Pembroke Sweet and took his uncle in for his family to care for and received his new farm as a consideration on August 19, 1815. The old man died suddenly in a fit with sickle in his hand, and is the oldest man buried in North Kingsville Cemetery. There is but five persons now living who remembers his funeral. Pioneer Reuben Heath. Born April 25, 1788. Died 1855., Buried in East Lake Cemetery, North Kingsville.

- Libeus Hill-possibly buried at Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery
- Judson Adnorium Knapp (1829-1907) and Ellen Colegrove Knapp. Buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Ashtabula.
- Frances Leffingwell. In 1905 at age 64, she swallowed laudanum. Her brother, F.L. Leffingwell, discovered her, but it was too late to save her. Her funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church and many old friends who had held the deceased in highest esteem for years attended. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery. Kingsville Tribune. 1905.
- E.S. Linn. 2D Ohio Battery, G.A.R. Civil War Monument. Died April 17, 1867. He is buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.
- Jeremiah Pike Luce. Born 1799 in Barre, Massachusetts and came to Kingsville with his parents in 1816. He married Tamar Barton. He was one of the first in the county to vote the Giddings Abolition ticket.
- Reuben Luce- Father of Jeremiah Pike Luce.
- Aaron Lyon- Buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery
- Ives Morse- He was born in 1767 and he died on August 28 1846. He and his family appear on the first census taken in the United States in 1790 and by 1830 the census shows him living in Kingsville. He was married to is wife Elizabeth in 1787. Buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.
- Stephen Munger. Born August 28, 1786 at Ludlow City, Hampden County, Massachusetts. Died May 17, 1861 at age 74 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. He is buried East Lake Cemetery in North Kingsville, Ohio.

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- Captain Roger Nettleton. In 1806 Capt. Roger Nettleton, who had been among the first settlers of Austinburg, decided to leave that place and cast his lot with the pioneers of Kingsville. He purchased 300 acres of land

adjoining that of Mr. Fobes on the west and established his family home thereon. Mr. Nettleton had come from the East in 1800. Previously he had been a soldier of the territorial government forces and had been commissioned a captain by the governor of the Northwestern Territory. He was deeply religious and was one of the organizers of the first church in the township.

- Captain Burrell Newton and Captain Samuel Newton. Among the notable yeomanry who came into Kingsville as early as 1816, none were more conspicuous for hard work and general industry than the brothers Captain Samuel and Burrell Newton. they could chop and roll logs to clear up land equal to any, and whoever were lucky to get their assistance in the logging folder (cannot of dog hook) was sure to get something done.

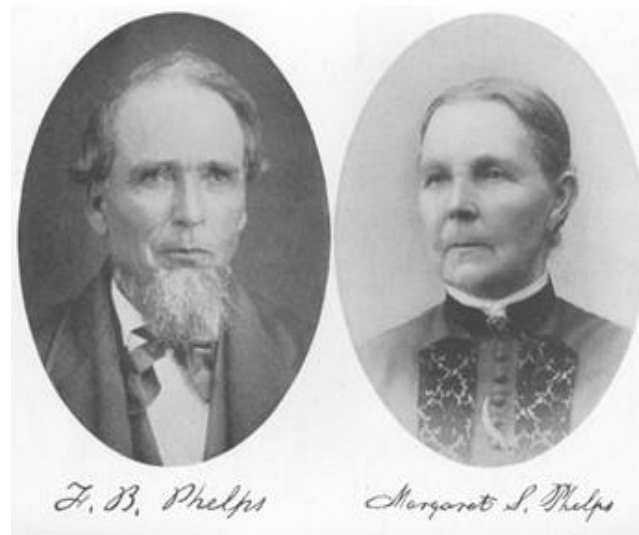
Captain Burrell done a good deal of distilling whiskey for Smith Webster at the foot of Sabin's Hill and here he acquired the habit of the steady use of whiskey, a habit common to a majority in those days, and although he must have his daily allowance he hardly ever drank so much as to disturb his reason or disqualify him for the active pursuits of life. Both were well liked and were put forward as captain to drill the Militia when every man in town over 21 and under 45 years of age were required by law to come to headquarters and do military duty those days in the year with his musket if he had one, or a broom handle or corn stock if he had no gun. The writer done duty as drummer under Captain Burrell and can say from person knowledge that no company was brought to tine and exercised better than by Captain Samuel and Captain Burrell Newton.

But with nearly all others of those early days when it was honorable to be honest, industrious and friendly, they have gone to their rest, leaving as children but one son each, Harvey, son of Samuel, born in town in 1818, still living, and Samuel, son of Burrell, born in town but now living in Plymouth. Both are buried in Old Kingsville Pioneer Presbyterian Cemetery.

Pioneer



- Miss Francis E. Holden and Judge Francis B. Phelps The daughter of Ira Holden and Sarah Jane Phelps, Francis E. Holden was born July 12, 1862, in Kingsville. She taught music in Kingsville for years and recorded some of its history that she learned from her maternal grandfather, Judge Francis Phelps. She died on October 28, 1835, and she is buried in East Lake Cemetery, North Kingsville. Historian Moina Large included some of Miss Holden's historical anecdotes in her History of



Ashtabula County.

Miss Holden recalled the stories that her maternal grandfather, Judge Francis B. Phelps, who was born on the old Phelps homestead on the North Ridge and spent his entire life in Kingsville, told her as a child. He studied law, and although pioneer conditions made it impossible for him to thoroughly qualify himself, he often appeared as counsel in minor courts and conducted his cases with keen perceptions and natural eloquence. For 33 years, he also presided as justice of the peace and people so honored and trusted him that he settled more disputes outside his courtroom than within it. Judge Phelps married Miss Margaret Sanders, the daughter of Reverend Abram Sanders, a Disciple minister from the Western Reserve and Miss Francis E. Holden was their granddaughter.<sup>109</sup>

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<sup>109</sup> [History of the Western Reserve, Volume 3](#). Harriet Taylor Upton, Harry Gardner Cutler. Lewis Publishing Company, January 1, 1910. p. 1385.

According to his granddaughter Francis, Judge Phelps told her stories about North Kingsville and Kingsville until his death in 1902, delighting in her “youthful wonderment as the talks unfolded.” She noted that in the 33 years her grandfather served as Kingsville Justice of the Peace, he presided over many amusing cases. He kept a docket covering the two years of 1830-1832, covering 75 cases and he explained to her that that number was not excessive because it was cheaper to practice law in those days. Pettifogger lawyers could be hired for 50 cents a case and take their pay in labor.

- Pioneer. In the spring of 1834, the Mormons visited Kingsville and according to Francis, persistently and effectively labored with its citizens. The evangelists, Joseph Smith’s brother, Hiram, and Orson Hyde, were friendly, good talkers, good singers and gifted in scripture doctrine. In June 1838, 20 families of Mormon converts from the east on their way to the Temple in Kirtland spent three days camped on the Nettleton place. Judge Phelps was well acquainted with five families from Kingsville who accepted the Mormon faith and joined them on their journey to Kirtland.
- Pioneer. "From the early settlement of the town, the daily consumption of whisky in every family was considered necessary to neutralize the bad effects of unwholesome water, or poisonous air, or as an antidote for every disease or prevailing sickness. If the minister called, he must partake of a drink of whisky with you; if a child was born, a drink must be given to every caller; at weddings whisky was furnished to the guests.  
"About 1830 the first building was raised in Kingsville at which there was whisky. It was finished by Nathan Blood for William Fobes. In 1829 the first meeting for the formation of a society on the pledge of abstinence from ardent spirits was held. Many signed the pledge. Jugs and bottles gradually disappeared, and it was not many years before it was considered an insult by many to be offered a drink of whisky.
- Andrew Stanton. Andrew Stanton originally from Tolland, Connecticut with his wife and children settled in the wilderness of South Kingsville in the year 1813. He located his farm about a mile south of the present county buildings with no road at that time going south from the South Ridge. Our father, with others from North Ridge, went over on September 10 to help him roll up his log house. In the early afternoon, they distinctly heard the cannonading going on between Commodore Perry and the British but did not know for

- several days after that such a circumstance was coming on at the time. The atmosphere must have been in a good condition to convey sound, and the long tomes, well loaded to convey their reports over a hundred miles to be distinctly heard.

Stanton was an honest, industrious citizen and he labored hard to clear up and establish a good farm. He lived to see his living children well started in life, but all are now dead except Avaline, the third child, who married Zebulon Whipple and raised a family of children. She is now living in Sheffield with her son Andrew, at the ripe age of 89 years. She died on June 5, 1897, and she is buried in Gageville Cemetery in Sheffield.

When Avaline was a little girl, she was romping on the crust of a deep snow one day and discovered a deer which had broken through and was floundering to get out. The more he tried to get out the deeper he went down. Avaline, seeing his condition, ran up and grabbed him by the tail and held on until her calls raised help to demolish him. We think it would be difficult for one of our modern damsels brought up at the piano, who would run at the sight of a squeaking mouse, to twist up courage to do such a trick.

- Albion Winegar Tourgee.





This photograph of Tourgee's house in Kingsville, Ohio is thought to have been created sometime between 1840 and 1850, creator unknown. New York Heritage Digital collections.

Albion Winegar Tourgée, 1838-1905

Albion Winegar Tourgee, carpetbagger, judge, writer, and equalitarian crusader, was born in Williamsfield, Ohio, on May 2, 1838. The son of a Methodist farm family that migrated to the Western Reserve from Massachusetts, his father, Valentine, descended from seventeenth-century French Huguenot immigrants, and his mother, Louise Emma Winegar, was of colonial Swiss ancestry. Albion attended high school in Lee, Mass., and alternately taught school and attended Kingsville Academy in Ohio. He was enrolled at Rochester University from the fall of 1859 until his enlistment in the Union army in May 1861.

Paralyzed from a severe back injury he suffered in the Battle of Manassas, Albion received a medical discharge, but in July 1862 he reenlisted as an infantry lieutenant. He participated in the Battle of Perryville, was captured, and spent four months in Confederate prisons. He was exchanged and took part in the Battle of Chickamauga. In December 1863, still troubled by his back injury, he left the service. For the remainder of the war he served as a journalist, studied law, earned his M.A. at Rochester University, and taught school. In 1863 he married Emma Lodoilska Kilbourne; their only child, a daughter, Lodoilska (Aimee), was born in 1870.

When the Civil War ended, the Tourgees moved to North Carolina in 1865, and leased a nursery near Greensboro. Soon, Albion became involved in Reconstruction politics and allied with North Carolina's small group of Unionists. In 1866, he organized Loyal Reconstruction Leagues, championed rights for black people and a radical Reconstruction, published and edited two radical newspapers and attended the Philadelphia Southern Loyalist Convention. In 1867, when black people won the right to vote, Albion was elected to the constitutional convention of 1868 and quickly established himself as one of its most influential delegates, vigorously promoting political, legal, and economic reform. Historians credit him with establishing the judicial reforms of the Reconstruction constitution. He served as one of three code commissioners rewriting North Carolina law from 1868-1870, and in 1868, Albion was elected a state superior court judge.

During his six year term as a judge, Albion experienced intense opposition to his outspoken, equalitarian Republicanism, and he was considered a carpetbagger and for some, "the most thoroughly hated man in North Carolina. Racial conflict and Ku Klux Klan atrocities characterized his judicial circuit, but he became recognized for his ability, candor, and courage as an excellent judge dedicated to reforming the law.

Albion became a leading citizen of Greensboro, North Carolina, active in community affairs. He founded the National Citizens' Rights Association, and Bennett College as a normal school for freedmen, which became women's college in 1926. He promoted industrial and railroad development and established a regional wood-turning industry. He was elected to and played a central role in the constitutional convention of 1875, and in 1876, he moved to Raleigh to work as a federal pension agent. In 1878, he won a Republican nomination for congress, but lost to his Democratic opponent by a wide margin.

Practicing and perfecting his literary talent, Albion wrote anonymous "C" letters in 1878, satirizing Democratic factionalism. In 1879, he moved to Colorado to take an editorial job with the Denver Evening Times. He also started his novel writing career that year. *A Fool's Errand by One of the Fools*, appeared that year, earning recognition, a small fortune, and a new career. In 1874, Albion had published his first novel, *Toinette: A Tale of the South*, dealing with race relations in the pre-Civil War South. In 1880, he finished *Bricks Without Straw*, a second Reconstruction novel. He wrote three more novels about the Civil War, but his two Reconstruction novels were the most successful.

In 1881, Albion bought a new home in Mayville, New York on lake Chautauqua. From 1881 to 1884, he edited and published a weekly literary magazines, *Our Continent*, which bankrupted him. He wrote several more novels, dealing mostly with the Lake Erie region, and he continued to work as a journalist and lectured on the lyceum circuit.

Still an ardent Republican, Albion criticized modern industrial society and in 1890, he wrote a novel he called *Murvale Eastman: Christian Socialist*, and articles on many social issues that appeared in most of the leading journals of his day. From 1888-1898, he wrote an editorial column called “A Bystander’s Notes” every week for the *Chicago Inter Ocean*. His column symbolized his social reform and justice crusade and explored almost every issue of his time, but he was concerned mostly about the race question and he was a leading white advocate of racial equality and justice, constantly exposing and denouncing white racism.

Lobbying for federal aid to education and a federal election law to implement it, Albion presented the only equalitarian position at the Lake Mohonk Conference on the Negro in 1890, and he worked with black leaders to found the Afro American League and pass the Ohio antilynching law of 1896.

Appointed counsel by a group of black leaders, Albion Tourgee traveled to New Orleans to aid a committee to challenge segregation on railways in Louisiana, and he litigated what became known as the landmark *Plessy v. Ferguson* case in 1896. Although the United States Supreme Court ruled that “separate but equal” public facilities were constitutional, a decision that ensured segregation for decades, Albion disputed the Court decision and some historians credit him with introducing the “color blind justice” symbolism into legal language.

In 1896 after he wrote a Republican campaign pamphlet for the election of 1896, *The War of the Standards*, President William McKinley appointed Albion consul to Bordeaux, France, where he served until his death on May 21, 1905. His body was returned to Mayville, N.Y., and a number of America’s black leaders attended his funeral. In November 1905, the black Niagara Movement sponsored nationwide memorial services in behalf of “Three Friends of Freedom”—William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, and Albion W. Tourgée.

Albion W. Tourgee is buried in Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, New York.



In 2015, residents and students and faculty at Kent State University- Ashtabula placed a historical marker outside Albion Tourgée's boyhood home to honor the local hero who risked his life working to write civil rights into law in the post-Civil War South



- Smith Webster. Census and tax records show that Smith Webster lived in Kingsville from the 1820s to at least the 1840s. He possibly was married to Rosamund Fobes. His Aunt was Anna Hart Webster, was married to Lyman Webster.

Anna Webster: Born April 5, 1821, and died January 15, 1895. She is buried in Lulu Falls Cemetery.

In the 1880s, the Kingsville Tribune printed a series of historical reminiscences about early times in Kingsville, signed by a writer named PIONEER. Pioneer wrote that Smith Webster, one of Kingsville's early pioneers, came from Litchfield, Connecticut to Ashtabula in 1807, returned home, and again came to Ashtabula in 1808, purchasing a place on the creek. In 1809, he sold his place in Ashtabula and came to Kingsville and bought a farm.

According to Pioneer, Smith Webster was a clever, generous hearted man, and everyone knew him liked him. Smith stood out as an enterprising man for his times. He built a still at the foot of the hill and what was then known as Sabin's land and carried on a flourishing business for pioneer days.

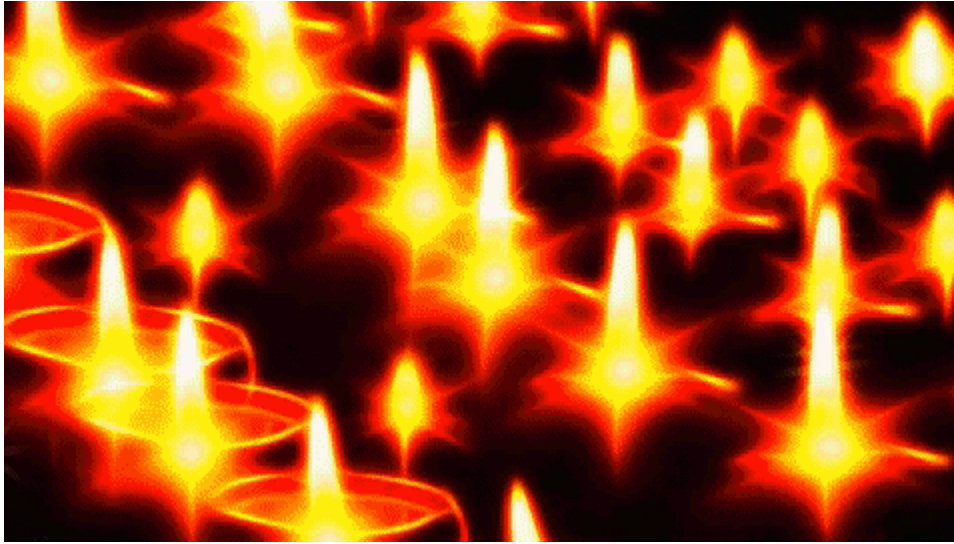
In 1824, when he was still a boy, Pioneer attended his first town election, and in the road opposite the site of the post office he saw Smith Webster

with some of the other young pioneers sporting themselves, knocking off hats and blowing off steam. His wife died and his few children dispersed and gone, his property disappeared, he was left disconsolate and broken-hearted in his old age. He traveled west to visit old friends in Illinois and his visit ended, he returned to Kingsville to die. His niece, Mrs. Lyman Webster, took him in and kindly cared for him until he died some years ago. Pioneer ended his sketch by noting, "Thus ended the life of one of Kingsville's early pioneers."

Pioneer

- Clark Webster- Deacon Clark Webster came to Ashtabula in the year 1807 and worked Gideon Leet and Mathew Hubbard through the season. Then he returned to New York State and moved his family to Kingsville a year later. While in Buffalo, he sold his old horse for three barrels of salt, put his family and salt on board in a boat and came up Lake Erie. He remained in Ashtabula until the spring of 1809, and then he moved to Kingsville and settled down permanently. The first season, he purchased a cow with one barrel of his salt, and he had enough left to last him several years as in those days salt was seldom used in salting meat in barrels. He was an industrious man, but had many challenges because of sickness in his family, his wife being a feeble woman. His son Hiram, born in 1800, studied to be a doctor with Daniel Spencer and afterward became Kingsville's village doctor for many years. He is buried in Old Kingsville Corners Pioneer Cemetery.

## Chapter 14 Candle Lives- Kingsville Presbyterian Church



Psalm 136: 1-26 ESV Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; ...

A real snow storm struck this section a year ago today.  
October 21, 1913.

This date brings back to mind one of the keenest gales and snowstorms that we had had for years. Boats were held up, railroads had difficulty to get trains through, and telephone lines were affected.

Rather a contrast to the weather of today, which resembled late July rather than the anniversary of one of the coldest and fiercest gales seen in the regions of the Great Lakes for many years.

Just a year ago yesterday rain had fallen steadily all day long, changing at evening to a fierce gale that swept the lakes with frenzy. In the morning it had changed to a small blizzard, with snow and vivid flashes of lightning and loud crashes of thunder.

Traffic on the C. & E. line was tied up until late in the forenoon, and the P. & O. got cars through at rather indefinite intervals. But that was a year ago. Today has been one of the nicest days that anyone could wish. Old Sol was at his best.

Conneaut News Herald  
October 21, 1913

## The Phillips Sisters



Phillips sisters preserved  
local history  
for the next generation of  
township residents

By Carl E. Feather,  
Lifestyle Editor

The names “Altie, Sarah and Alice Phillips” appear with regularity in documents relating to the Kingsville Township Sesquicentennial, held July 2-4, 1955.

The “Phillips sisters, as they collectively were known to residents, made their marks on the community in many areas. Alice was librarian for both the school and community libraries; Altie a primary-grades teacher, town historian and newspaper correspondent; and Sarah, trained as a nurse, served as her sisters’ assistant in their research.

Their brother, Thomas, was a professor of chemistry at Ohio State University and

headed the Department of Agricultural Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

Their father, the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, was a pastor in the Free Will Baptist denomination. He and his wife Altie Wright Phillips served churches from New England west to Wisconsin. Locally, they served South Ridge Baptist in Conneaut. The sisters' paternal grandfather was the Rev. Jeremiah Phillips, a pioneer missionary in the India mission field. Their children were born in India.

Altie Wright Phillips had a connection to Kingsville. She was the daughter of Capt. Marshall Wright, who was commemorated in "The Story of the Thousand," written by the 19th century author, judge and U.S. Consul to France, Albion W. Tourgee, who spent a portion of his childhood in Kingsville. Marshall Wright was an Ashtabula County sheriff during pre-Civil War days and is credited by some sources as the first man to reach the scene of the Ashtabula bridge disaster. Altie Phillips wrote the township history sketch for the 1955 Sesquicentennial book with assistance from her sisters, Ruth Tuttle, Ronald Branch, A. Jay Sherman and others.

The sisters lived on Priest Street in a house still stands. A picture of the sisters hangs in the original section of the library and honors their contributions.

## **Altie Phillips History of Kingsville, History of Kingsville Presbyterian Church**

Presbyterian Church History, July 16, 1950

Altie Phillips

Six years ago in November, we celebrated the centennial of this church. In 1955, we hope to celebrate the sesquicentennial of our town, for it was in 1808 and for several successive years that families mostly from New England, settled in various years that families, mostly from New England, settled in various parts of what is now Kingsville Township. One group, located on the bank of Conneaut Creek in the bend of the stream just east of this village. In 1810, their need of religious services was met by the coming of Rev. Joseph Badger, the first missionary to the Western Reserve. He encouraged them to hold prayer meetings in their homes until they could build a church. So in 1810, he organized them into the first church association of Kingsville. It was called a Congregational Church. In the records of

some of their meetings, Joseph Badger's name is signed as clerk. The original group included six members.

For twelve long years, until 1822, the people waited to build. Their church stood on the site of the town hall and it contained a pipe organ! When the building was 22 years old, 22 members were added and in July 11<sup>th</sup> of 1844, under the leadership of Erastus Williams, the church was organized as Presbyterian.

The year 1847 was a disastrous one for the Presbyterian Church, now 25 years old. In it, fire of an incendiary origin burned it to the ground. In the same year, another fire of the same origin burned the 11 year old Academy, a two story building of four rooms. After the Academy fire, classes met in the church.

Both of the buildings were rebuilt; the church on a new site; the land and cemetery adjoining were the gift of George Gillett, the storekeeper. The bell, a prize bell, bought at a Cincinnati fair, was also given by George Gillett. The gallery was built over the entrance. When the audience rose to sing the hymns, they turned to face the choir above. It is of interest that a separate organization called "The Presbyterian Society," was effected on October 21, 1848, to care for the church building, newly erected. The book of the proceedings was faithfully kept until 1911.

As I have gone through the old records I have taken down the names of the pastors in their order beginning with the year 1810. The list is as follows:

Samuel Crocker; Rev. Van Tassel; Urban Palmer; Mr. Kelley; Mr. Latham; Mr. Gregg; Mr. Kenney; Erastus Williams; Horace W. Palmer; Dormer L. Hickock; John M. Davies; Ralph A. Davis; Charles E. Hitchcock; Edwin A. Dibell; A.B. Clark; A.H. Caughey; M.H. Bradley; J.M. Wiley; E.R. North; M.H. Bradley; B.M. Swan; D.O. McKay; P.W. Sinks; E.T. Roney; A.E. S. McMahon; Myron K. Hume; Haines A. Reichel; Howard L. Bethel; Eric S. Tougher; A. H. O'Brien; Samuel T. Harris Jr.; John Eakin; L.F. Bickford;

The Methodist group was organized somewhat later, and I quote from the article that appeared in the Star Beacon at the time the federation, March 26, 1930.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Kingsville was organized in 1831 with 16 members in a school house located on a site of the old Academy. The organization was effected by Mr. Samuel Ayers, the first pastor. The Society worshipped in the schoolhouse until 1834, when a small brick church was built on the site of the present edifice. That served until 1856, when the present building was erected.



Recent investigation in Jefferson reveals the fact that there must have been an organization of the church, for under date of March 28, 1850, the record states that the first Methodist Church of Kingsville was organized with Harvey Sperry; E.A. Butler; James R. Abbott; Norman Thompson; and S.Y. Curtiss as trustees and with Valentine Tourgee as clerk. The following have served the church here as ministers, the order of their pastorates as nearly as can be learned:

Samuel Ayers; Rev. Chandler; Jeremiah Hill; Rev. Bagin; John Graham; E.C. Lattimer; Rev. Hall; Rev. Burgess; Rev. Reno; Mr. Warner; E.M. Stearns; J.E. Hollister; C.W. Staples; H.M. Hollister; J. Luce; S.L. Binkley; E.F. Edmonds; T.S. Hodgson; C.W. Holmes; M. Houston; M.J. Slutz; J.H. Merchant; J.W. King; F.H. Armstrong; L. Starrett; James A. Ullman; J.M. Keck; R.W. Gardner; W.S. Hollett; S. Nichol森; C.B. Henthorn; Rev. Ward; James Gray; D.O. Campbell; Glenn C. Cornell.

Following the Federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the women's groups from the two churches united and functioned as The Ladies' Guild and Missionary Society. The old records of the Guild have not been available. But their past achievements are well known and currently the organization is doing a fine work in seeking to deepen the spiritual life of the members and to increase the understanding of missionary problems.

In looking through the Presbyterian clerks records of church meetings under date of May 7, 1832, we find this statement:

"Trustees shall circulate subscriptions for the purpose of raising stock and grain, sufficient to pay what is now due to Reverend H.T. Kelley the grain to be paid in January, the stock in March." Another entry, "voted that each member furnish ½ cord in wood or pay 50 cents in money."

A case of discipline: "voted that in the case of Mr. B, a committee be appointed to visit him and invite him to come to the church at the next meeting and give the reasons why he has for a long time neglected Communion. "

Still another voted that "slips" pews, in this church be rented and the proceeds appropriated to the support of the gospel, and the exercises of divine worship in this place."

In closing, I thought it would be interesting to review briefly the steps which led to federation and final union of the two churches.

Reverend Glen C. Cornell while pastor of the Methodist Church organized the Inter Church Council in 1927. It held monthly meetings with few exceptions until 1933. It was largely through the leadership of this group consisting in the beginning of the members from each of the three village churches that interest in the union of churches was carried on.

By 1930, sentiment in favor of the merger had grown strong and an agreement on federation was reached. However, by April 1 when the Union was to become effective, the Baptist group had withdrawn and Methodist and Presbyterian Churches became a federated Church.

The Federation was so successful that at the end of five years, in the spring of 1935, many felt there should be organized unity, either as a community church or under some denomination. At a congregational meeting held on October 3, 1935, a vote was taken on four propositions: viz; to become Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, or to continue the federation. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of a Congregational Church if the consent of the Presbytery and the Methodist Conference could be secured. The Cleveland Presbytery appointed a commission to deal with the matter. The Commission called a Congregational meeting here. At that time there was a unanimous vote to agree to the proposition when and if the Methodist Conference did. Bishop Smith of Cincinnati felt it was unwise to destroy two loyalties and start a new one. He, therefore, urged that the Methodists should transfer their property and umbers to the Presbyterians, which action was taken. The solution has proved a happy one.

Altie Phillips concluded:

“As individual members of this church, we have in our lifetime made many mistakes and doubtless some mistakes have been made in the early history of the church. The path has not always been easy; sacrifices have been made many times. However, I think we can emulate the broad-minded writer who said of a dear friend, ‘His heart was as great as the heart of the world, but there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong.’

“In these troublesome times (1944), it seems that a portion of Reverend Maltbie Babcock’s hymn would be fitting to remember:

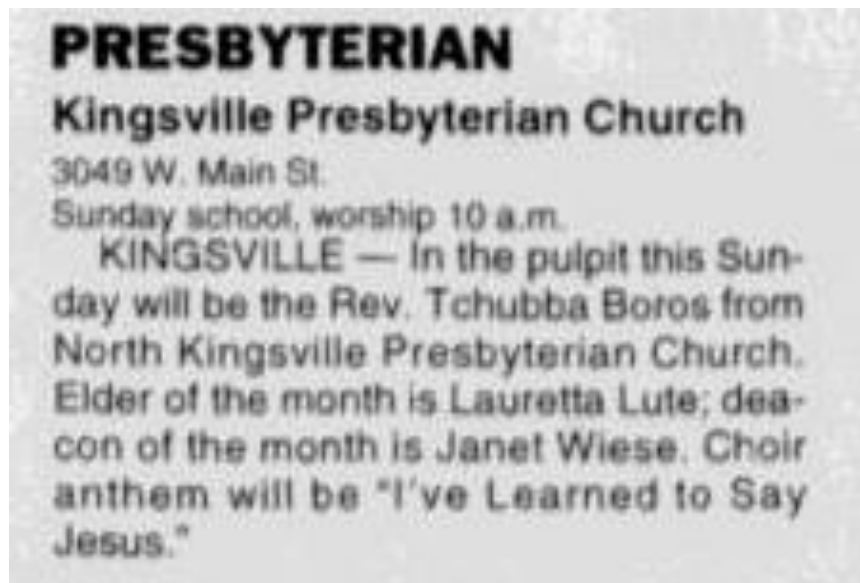
‘Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift,

Shun not the struggle, face it,

‘Tis God’s gift.

Be strong! Be Strong!’”<sup>110</sup> Maltbie D. Babcock

April 17, 1999



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<sup>110</sup> Reverend Maltbie D. Babcock, talented poet, musician, and orator was the pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church and Baltimore, Maryland, and the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. He wrote several beautiful hymns including “This is My Father’s World,” and “Be Strong!”

# KINGSVILLE

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A BICENTENNIAL PORTRAIT

## Community soup

By CARL E. FEATHER  
Lifestyle Editor

The meal is simple: homemade vegetable soup, bread, and slice of pie or cake; the cost, a donation; the fellowship, priceless. The soup luncheon in the fellowship hall of Kingsville Presbyterian has evolved into a community gathering for not just church members and township residents, but others from around the region who hold a monthly homecoming here.

At the January luncheon, Wilson Cole drove from Albion, Pa., to meet his cousins Lee, Everett and Noble Smith of Sheffield Township for lunch and fellowship. It's a standing date they've been keeping for a decade, almost as long as the soup luncheon has existed.

"A lot of different people I know come here," he says. "Like Marco Cinciarelli. I used to work with him."

Marco and his wife Betty are eating at a table with friends from First Baptist Church in Ashtabula. Although they're Baptists by faith, when it comes to soup and desserts, they side with the Presbyterians.

"We've been coming out here the last four or five years," Marco says.

"Never had a bad day out here," says "Lou" Tenney. "As long as they have that dessert table, it's not bad."

"You meet a lot of people you know here," Marco says.

"Sometimes, it's like old home week here with Marco," Lou concludes. Jackie Heath, a kindergarten teacher at Kingsville Elementary School, is among the luncheon's most

They cook it at home, bring it to the church, and blend it together in a big kettle full of hearty fellowship

faithful patrons. A kindergarten teacher at Kingsville Elementary School, she's been coming as long as it's been offered.

"I can come here and have my lunch and go right back (to work)," says Heath.

The soup luncheon is held September through May, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Jan Volk, chairwoman of the outreach, says it started in 1993 and has steadily grown in popularity.

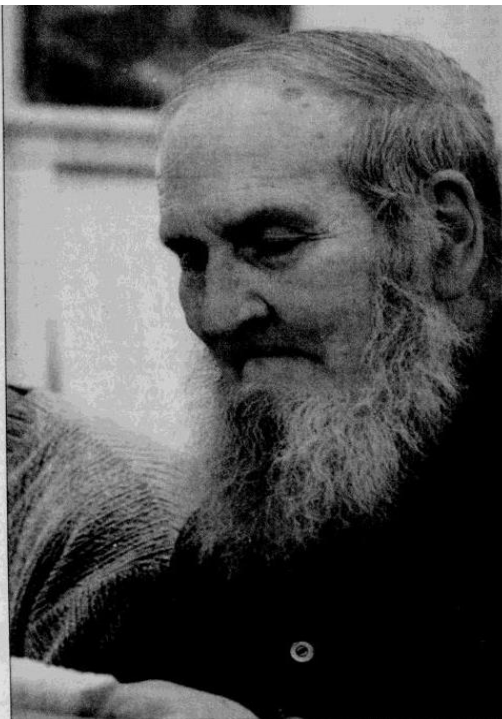
"We used to set up six tables, now we set up 14," she says.

On a busy Friday, the luncheon will serve 125 or more patrons. Many of the guests also take out soup for a shut-in friend or family member, or an easy dinner for themselves. Most linger at the tables and talk long after they've polished off their bowl of soup and slice of pie.

The idea of offering a soup luncheon originated with the church's Board of Sessions. Church members volunteered to make the soup and staff the luncheon; any donations left in the bowl by the diners would be placed in a fund for contingencies and missions.

"Most of it goes toward missions," says the Rev. Bonnie Habberset, pastor of the church. "We feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

The soup comes from the kitchens of church members who donate it by the pot full. Soup of similar kind is mixed together, blending both fla-



CARL E. FEATHER / Star Beacon  
NOBLE SMITH, 79, pauses as he eats his noon meal of soup and bread under a portrait of Christ. The community soup luncheon is hosted by Kingsville Presbyterian Church the second Friday of the month, September through May.

vors and households into community soup.

"The ladies just make the soup and we dump it all together," Jan says.

"A lot of them make it ahead and freeze it. We have seven ladies who make each kind of soup. Some of the ladies make a triple batch."

Jan made 10 quarts of beef vegetable soup for the January luncheon. That variety is offered every time, along with a soup of the month. For January, it was bean and ham; chili is this month's featured soup. It will be split pea in March and chicken noodle in April.

The ladies also bake the cakes and

pies served from a self-serve dessert table. The bread is purchased from an Amish family near Pierpont.

"They bake 38 to 40 loaves for us that morning," Jan says. "They got up at 3 a.m. to get it done. I think most people come just for the bread."

Doug Herl, who grew up in Kingsville and graduated from Kingsville High School in 1947, has the job of dishing up the soup and conversation as the diners come through the line. Wearing an apron that states "I may be an oldie but I'm a goodie," he relates well to the mostly over-60 crowd that comes out on this cold January day.

"I'm gabby," says Doug. "I like to talk to people. 'It's mostly 'How are you doing?' stuff. They tell me it's real good soup, they would miss it if we didn't do it, that kind of thing."

Bonnie Habberset says although the outreach hasn't affected the church membership roll, it does provide an important service.

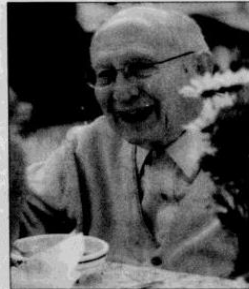
"It's a time for the people of the community to gather," she says.

"We figure this is a ministry," Jan says. "We reach a lot of people who come no matter what the weather."

People like Mary Arnett, a widow who lives alone in an apartment near the church. Enjoyed in a welcoming atmosphere of neighbors, the soup luncheon is something Mary looks forward to every month.

"They have very good food here," says Mary as she polishes off her second half-bowl of soup. "I come in every time they have food. This is my big meal for the day."

The next soup luncheon is this Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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LEFT: Doug Herl is the official server for the soup luncheon at Kingsville Presbyterian. Herl is a township native who lives in Ashtabula. CENTER: Bob Walton, another township native who lives in Ashtabula, chats with residents Joe and Ruth Williams at the soup luncheon. RIGHT: Rebecca Schwotzer, clerk of session for the church, is one of the few younger adults who come to the luncheon, which is popular with senior citizens. She is joined by her daughter Shelby for lunch.

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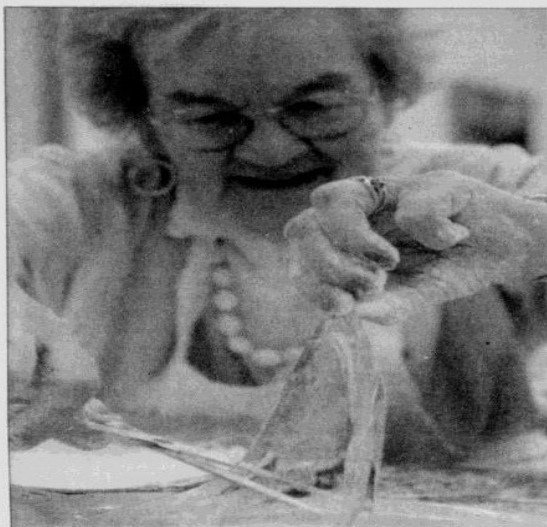
ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP — The Ashtabula County Cluster of Presbyterian Churches will sponsor services 8 a.m. Sundays through Labor Day at Lake Shore Park, Main Pavilion, Lake Road. The theme is "Women of the Bible."

Joyce Shellhammer, commissioned lay pastor at North Kingsville Presbyterian Church, will present the sermon "Blessed Among Women" based on Luke 1:28 Sunday. Worship leader will be the Rev. Bonnie Habbersett of Kingsville Presbyterian Church. Marybeth Miltner will play the keyboard. Those attending should bring a lawn chair for seating.

# Sweet fellowship



CARL E. FEATHER / Star Beacon  
NADINE MOROSKI enjoys one of the perks of being a volunteer candy maker with the Kingsville Presbyterian Church: a neck rub by Chuck Leonard, who coordinates the fund-raising project.



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LOUISE SMITH snips a glob of hot candy from a buttered plate as she works on the cutting line in the Kingsville Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall Sept. 14.



IT TAKES a crew of at least 14 to make the hard tack candy that's sold by the Kingsville Presbyterian Church to assist the general fund. Working on the cutting table are (clockwise) JoAnn Keller, Al Loomis, Bernice Day, Rowyn Rogers, Francie Clayman (hidden), Jan Volk, Louise Smith and Eula Jane Allen.

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to chit-chat.'*

## Candy makers continue decades-old tradition

By CARL E. FEATHER  
Lifestyle Editor

A project that originated more than 40 years ago as a way to provide shut-ins with homemade candy at Christmas has become a fund-raising tradition at Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

The late Ruth Swanson, her husband Bob and their daughters Betty and Sharon used to make the candy in their home. Demand for the candy soared, and the project became too much for one family. The Sunshine Class, an adult Sunday school group, took on the project and expanded it into a fund-raiser for the church.

Chuck Leonard is coordinating this year's candy project. He says the first candy-making session was held Sept. 7 and sessions will continue every Wednesday morning and evening until their supplies of sugar, 500 pounds, and volunteers, about 25 of them, are exhausted.

Many of the volunteers head to Florida after Election Day, so the candy making has to be done before the ranks are thinned by snow.

Chuck says there's no shortage of willing workers.

"People have been very good," he says. "They enjoy it. It's a good time to chit-chat."

In the past, volunteers have made more than 1,000 pounds of candy in a season, but the output this year will probably be around 700. Chuck says 75

pounds of sugar produces 100 pounds of product.

The candy is made in small batches of about 2½ pounds each. The recipe, a secret everyone seems to know, originally came from a newspaper clipping. It's simple: 3½ cups of sugar, 1 cup of white corn syrup and 1 cup of boiling water mixed then boiled together until the temperature reaches 305 degrees. A little flavoring and coloring are stirred into the hot gooey mixture, which is poured onto buttered plates to cool.

While it's still pliable, the glob is divided into small chunks by workers who sit around a long table with trays of powdered sugar in front of them.

The chunks of hot candy are rolled out and dunked in the sugar, then cut apart using scissors. The pieces are sifted out of the sugar, sorted and packaged at two other stations. Chuck says he needs a crew of 14 people, including a person to wash all the dirty dishes and pans generated by the activity, to efficiently turn out the 22 batches they make during a typical session.

Nadine Moroski says most of the candy is already sold before they make it. Members account for a lot of the orders, as do businesses around the community. It's sold at FirstMerit Bank, Styles by Carol and Covered Bridge Pizza in North Kingsville.

The candy comes in nine flavors: cherry, peppermint, cloves, anise, but-

ter rum, orange, cinnamon, lemon and wintergreen. The standard packaging is a mixture of all the above, but they'll also do a special order of all one flavor. Nadine says the popular flavors are cinnamon, butter rum and anise.

A bag costs \$3, a 25-cent increase from last year. Back when the Sunday school class started making the candy, a bag sold for just \$1.

Kingsville Presbyterian isn't the only church in the community to make the candy. North Kingsville Presbyterian started up its candy-making operation Monday. Its bags of mixed-flavors will be sold at FirstMerit Bank, North Kingsville; Hil-Mak Seafoods in Ashtabula Harbor; Gas 'n' Go in Kingsville and the Bushnell Store. Nadine says that judging by the stack of orders she had to fill, there appears to be plenty of business to go around. Proceeds from the candy sale go in the church's general fund.

Nadine says several of their volunteers are in their 80s, but they continue to participate for the fellowship and opportunity to contribute to their church. Some, like Virginia Sherwood, have been volunteering since the Sunday school class took it over back in 1960. They also like the perks of sampling candy, the baked goods the workers bring in for snacks and the noon tradition.

"We all congregate at the Covered Bridge (Pizza) to have lunch," Nadine says. "That's our treat to ourselves."

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Kingsville**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
 The Rev. Bonnie Habbersett  
 3049 W. Main St.  
 Worship and Sunday school 10 a.m.  
 Choral anthem Sunday:  
 "What A Friend We Have In  
 Jesus." Al Clemson and  
 Laurretta Lute will be elders;  
 Sheila Branch and Dorothy  
 Camplese will be deacons.  
 Sermon: Jesus Talk US vs.  
 Them" Scripture: Mark 9:38-

**VALUES**

Saturday, March 13, 2010

**EASTER CHOCOLATES**

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**JAN VOLK** and Nadine Moroski hold chocolate Easter baskets filled with candy that Kingsville Presbyterian Church is making and selling during Lent. They will be available March 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Kingsville Township Fire Hall, East Main Street. They will also be sold at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8 a.m. to noon March 27 at the firehall. Orders can also be placed by calling the church office, Volk or Moroski. All proceeds from the sale go to the church operating fund.

## Kingsville church receives grant to fund family meals

KINGSVILLE — Kingsville Presbyterian Church has invited the neighbors over for supper. The congregation launched their "Break Bread" program last fall as an expansion of their monthly soup lunches.

"We see a need in our community to provide a place for families, especially those with children, to gather for rest and respite from the hectic daily grind," said the Rev. Mary Susan Pisano, pastor of the church.

Pisano said that the soup lunches began several years ago as a church fund-raiser, but have become a social event where people of all ages gather once a month to share soup and fellowship.

"The 'Break Bread' program allows us to shift that spirit to an evening meal," Pisano said.

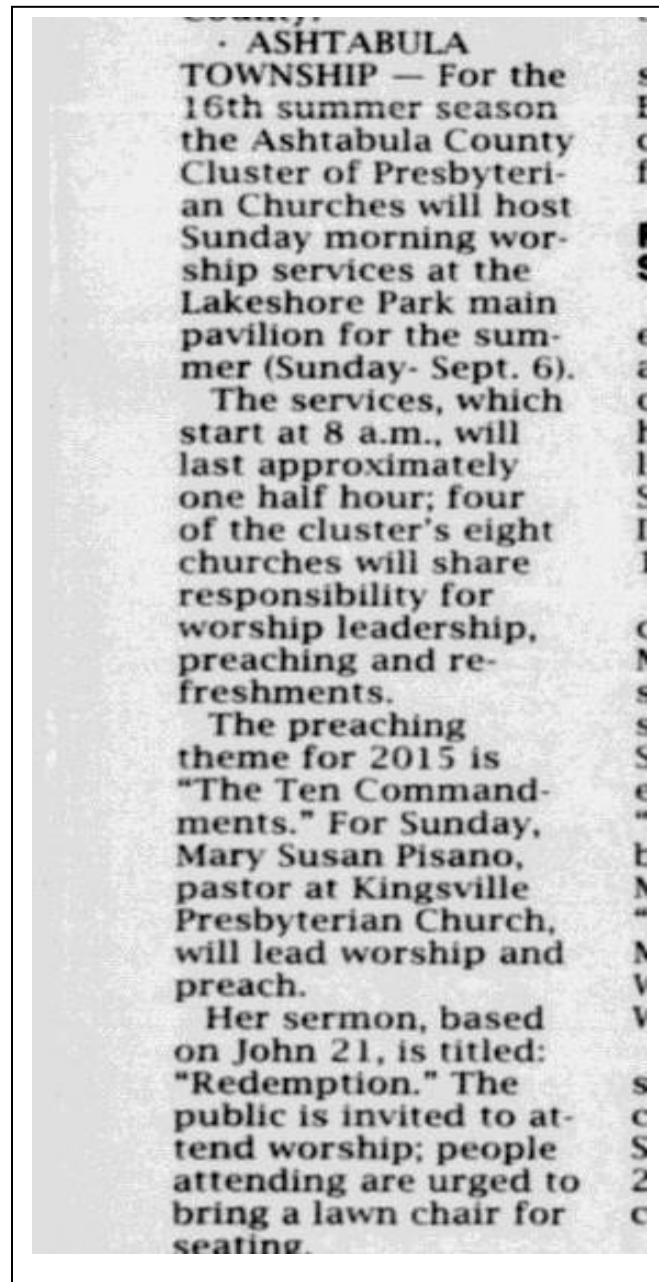
Break bread is, metaphori-

cally, having a meal together or simply in sharing and fellowship, Pisano said.

When the evening meals began in October families were asked to make a donation toward the cost of the food. However, the church has received a grant from the Ashtabula Foundation to cover the cost of the food.

"We are very thankful that the Ashtabula Foundation chose to join us in this program," Pisano said.

'Break Bread' is held the second Tuesday of the month beginning 5 p.m. in the church fellowship hall on Route 84. The March meal will be Tuesday with a chicken and biscuits supper. On April 9 hot dogs and cheesy macaroni will be served and May 14 will be a sloppy joes menu. For more information contact the church, 440-224-1023.



August 29, 2015

## Jan Volk

I was baptized at Harbor Methodist Church in Ashtabula, but since we lived uptown and didn't have a car, we walked to Harris Memorial Presbyterian Church. I sang in choir and played the organ in teen years. When folks got a car, Mom whisked us off to First Methodist Church, Elm St. where I was soloist in choir and active in the S.S and church Women's group. My first marriage in 1954 was a beautiful ceremony in the church with reception of cake and ice-cream only, not an elaborate sit-down dinner like they have today.

Moved to Kingsville in 1957 and did not want to drive boys all way to Ashtabula to Sunday School. Norma and Keith Flack lived just down the road, so they invited us to Kingsville Presbyterian Church, where I joined the choir and met wonderful lifelong friends like Ginny Simmons, Ev Robishaw, Janet Brown and Diana Theiss. I became involved in Woman's Group, was Clerk of Session under Rev. Phil Gittings, and led Church services in between Pastors, I have been Moderator of Deacons for years, and preferred serving on Deacons instead of Session, for Deacons have more one-on-one contact with the people. I was Church Secretary in between permanent ones. I also filled in for short while as Church organist.

I married Ralph in 1971 in a small wedding in our Church with small reception at the Theiss home. After I retired, Marilyn Lynch asked me to take over monthly Soup Lun0ch and that was 20+ years ago and still going strong but slowing down a bit. I will be 87.

I love the people and consider all of them my friends. That is what I like about a small church. I consider my church like my home and when I see something that must be done, I do it. I wallpapered the small bathroom off choir room and Carolyn Herl did the painting. That was 20 years ago. I touched up the white railings on outside, dumped vinegar in cracks in driveway where weeds were coming thru, planted daffodils that Kray Feed gave me. Ev Robishaw and I pulled tons of weeds along walkway to F.H. every year and when she died, I kept it up. I believe in actively serving my church where I can, but it is getting harder the older I get.

In past years, whole families supported the church faithfully, but it seems today, most children move away, mostly job related, or many other interests take them,

sports for instance. I always thought the area churches should band together and somehow make a demand No Sports on Sunday morning. What is wrong with Sunday afternoon? This affects our young people and it is not only our church, but many all over. We have very few young families so we must minister to the devoted ones we enjoy. Do not know what the future holds, but I do know, we must have Faith and just keep plugging along the best we can. The bigger churches have a youth band and it seems to draw the younger people. I do not know where we could draw musicians, but I do think that is the way to go. Do you remember the movie Whoopy Goldberg was in where she was a choir director and her upbeat music drew in many who filled up the church?

## Jan Volk Remembers Church Friends

### Eula Jane Keller Allen



Eula Jane Keller Allen, born June 8, 1925 and passed away 2018. She was Nadine Moroski's sister plus a sister of Bob Keller. Eula Jane was a beautiful, beautiful lady and I do mean lady. She was a lady through and through with a very quiet disposition, quiet voice and I never heard a bad word spoken. She and her hubby had a little girl who passed away when she was almost two years old, from complications. They adopted a little girl, Carol, married named Davis.

She and Nadine seemed inseparable after her hubby, Kenny, passed away. He was the Bank Manager at the local bank in Orlando Plaza, Rte. 193, North Kingsville. He was a funny guy. One Sunday when it was my turn as Deacon to make the coffee and serve refreshments, he got my attention and told me this was the weakest coffee he had ever had. I had forgotten to put the coffee in the filter!!!! I was never so embarrassed in my life, but he was drinking it with a twinkle in his eye and never let me forget it.

Eula Jane worked every day with Nadine at her Laundromat in Ashtabula. She always helped Nadine with her annual garage sales. I recall one day after Eula stayed overnight with Nadine and slept on the couch, she rolled over and fell off, hitting her face on the coffee table. She came to church with her whole face black and blue. Poor kid.

She was also a devoted Red Hat Lady of The King's Queens, always dressing beautifully in purple and red. Her red hats were gorgeous. She never missed the gathering with the Church Candy Makers, nor Louise Smith's weekly bible Study. She was also a faithful member of the church choir. Eula Jane is missed.

### Carolyn Herl



Carolyn Herl, born in 1930, passed away January 5, 2013. We lost a truly special person. She was very devoted to her church being the organist for 35 years, plus a choir director for many years. As an accomplished organist/piano player, she was self-taught, plus she had a deformed little finger, but that didn't stop her from playing. She played for many weddings and funeral services.

She also accompanied the Star Lighters, a women's ensemble directed by Kathy Milford, the Director of Music at lakeside Schools. The group was begun by Genevieve McCausland, who also directed the church choir for many years. I was proud to be a member of that singing group for well over 20 years. I, as most of the members, was a working mother of young children and this was a fun group I could attend every week that did not cost me money, which most of us did not have. We performed at Kingsville Church along with other churches, Eastern Star, masonic Temple, and ay schools. I cannot describe the camaraderie and silly laughter that took place.

We practiced at Genevieve's house and one time we were going over the song "Why Me Lord?" several times. Carolyn finally turned around on her piano bench and said, "because thou pisseth me off!" Naturally, that produced a room full of uncontrollable laughter and that was the end of that practice for the day but will always be remembered.

The church choir was invited to Doug and Carolyn's beautifully decorated home many times for a wonderful Christmas party where we enjoyed great food, exchanged little gifts and infectious laughter.



Carolyn was an avid bowler and golfer, a 50-year member of Eastern Star, achieving their highest honor. Also a zany Red Hat lady, plus a challenging bridge player. She, along with her hubby Doug, raised three children. A great cook and baker. She had a wonderful sense of humor. After Doug retired, they reluctantly moved to North Carolina to be nearer their kids, but she remained a Kingsville gal.

One of many fun bus trips we took, we attended a musical show where an actor picked Carolyn out of the audience to come up for a little skit. Carolyn ended up taking over with her piano playing and really showed up the performers, who were amazed and actually had a hard time getting her off the stage. They did not realize they had picked a professional. What fun.

A truer lady is hard to find. A truer friend is harder to find. Farewell, dear one.

## Donna Kray



Joe and Donna Kray were staunch supporters of Kingsville Presbyterian Church. They owned and operated Kray Feed Company which goes on today, run by their kids. They would do anything for the good of the church. Joe supported the church in many officers. I do not remember Donna serving on any boards, but I bet she did.

I just remember her and Joe always in church and Donna a member of Louis Smith's Bible Study group, which was a run group meeting at Louise's home every week. The church also had a large ongoing yearly candy making group of dedicated people who made the most delicious hard tac candy. They invited me to join the group upon my retirement. I have never had so much run. They were a hilarious group, always going out for supper before candy making. That was a big money-making project for the church, plus a fun time with the ministers at the time joining in.

Donna was also a devoted member of the King's Queens, a local Red Hat group. She never missed a gathering which produced another way to have fun. I

remember her having the most beautiful facial skin I have ever seen on an older person. So smooth and clear. Always smiling.

I remember her telling me when she was growing up in the country, they never had a bathroom or a toilet. I can't imagine, for I grew up in the city and we always had a toilet. Joe and Donna had four children, one who is now operating Kray Feed.

### Katherine Nadine Keller Moroski



Katherine Nadine Keller Moroski. Born 10-12;1926, passed away 9;15;2017. She always wanted to live to be 100 and she almost made it. She was a very unique person. Married Gene Moroski in 1947 and had two boys. Larry born 3/13/47 and Tim born 11-8-49. Tim passed away 6/23/2001 at age 51. Too young. Larry was born with Down Syndrome, but Nadine spent her whole life making his life wonderful. She and Gene started up a very successful school for special children called Happy Hearts, located on South Ridge Road, Kingsville, where children came from all over the country. She dedicated many hours to the school. She was a very faithful church goer all her life, but we noticed she never held an office. Quite unusual, but she was

involved in many areas. She was a Sunday School teacher for the young, a dedicated choir member with a very soft voice. I stood beside her for years.

Nadine held a huge garage sale a couple times of the year for many years. She depended on church members to help out and they always showed. She really enjoyed meeting and greeting people who came to her sale. Her sister, Eula Jane, always helped her out. I believe she donated all her earnings to the church.

She enjoyed going to the Harbor Theatre when she was growing up and worked at Eastmans Drug Store in Kingsville. She also owned and operated a laundromat in Ashtabula. She was a very zany and fun member of King's Queens, a local Red Hat organization. She always dressed in outlandish red outfits, but very acceptable. One day while I was driving her to a destination as I did many times, she would point out areas where she said so and so lived there. I was born and raised in

Ashtabula so I did not know these people, but Nadine remembered them all. She and her sister took several bus trips to many points of interest.

On several evenings while my hubby was at work, I would call Nadine and ask if she wanted to go to North Kingsville for ice-creams and she said “Yes, but I am in my pajamas.” I said that didn’t matter because we would not get out of the car,

One evening I received a call asking me if I could come up and get her out of her chair. She had purchased a new recliner and when she reclined, she could not get out. She did not have the strength to work the controls nor lift herself out. I, of course, went right up and thank goodness she had not locked her door for the night. We laughed and laughed for she headed directly for the bathroom.

We used to go dancing a lot and one time when we were at The Grotto on Rte. 20 in North Kingsville, I noticed Nadine. She danced very dance. If her partner did not want to go out, she would snag anyone else she wanted to dance.

What a fun fun loving lady. God Bless.

### Phyllis Shinault



Phyllis Shinault was born December 13, 1930, and as of February 2021, living at the Villa at the Lake in Conneaut, Ohio. Phyllis was one of many who greeted me warmly when I moved to Kingsville from Ashtabula I 1957. She and her hubby, Jim, adopted two children I remember when her daughter Debbie, arrived she invited me over to show her off. She was a darling baby and Phyllis was so proud. In a couple of years they adopted a son, Scott, who lives in Oregon where he moved after graduation. He and Phyllis’s hubby played baseball on our Church team. Debbie passed away suddenly at the age of 63. Too young and so sad.

Phyllie, she told me I was the only one who was allowed to call her Phyllie, had the most beautiful soprano voice and she sang in our Kingsville Presbyterian Church choir for many, many years doing numerous solo performances. Her sister Beverly, who attended another church, joined Phyllis to sing several duets in our church. So talented. She was also a long time member of the Starlighter’s singing group begun by her neighbor Genevieve McCausland.

She held numerous part-time jobs, one at Orlando's Grocery in Kingsville and at the food court in Ashtabula Mall.

She was always smiling and never had a bad word for anyone. She was a long tie member of the Eastern Star where she held many offices and helped out with church Soup Lunches and anywhere she was needed. She always worked the annual Kingsville Library Lawn sale and was a devoted member of The King's Queens, a local Red Hat group. She was also devoted to her kitty cats.

What a fine lady and friend.

### Virginia Simmons



Virginia Wakefield Simmons, Ginny, was born in 1930. Along with Norma Flack, Ginny was the next one to welcome me to Kingsville Presbyterian Church when we moved to Kingsville in 1957. I have so many wonderful memories of fun times we had for many years until she passed away in 1994. She was taken to the hospital and her girls called me to come down where I found the whole family gathered around her bed to say Goodbye. Ginny was very alert and hugged me and since she was in charge of organizing the dinners after a funeral, she said she was sorry, but would I take over her job? Of course, how could I refuse and I did it for several years. She had a wonderful sense of humor right up till the end. She passed shortly

after I left the hospital. I was so pleased her girls had notified me to come to the hospital. I miss her terribly today.

Ginny knew I had divorced and one day while she and Diana Theiss were up at the local bowling alley, King's Lanes, they ran into this man, Ralph, who Ginny went to school with and she had not seen him for years. During their conversation, she found out he was divorced, and a light went off in her head. She told him about me and my availability and blew my attributes way out of proportion I am sure. He did agree to give me a call. Diana also remembered him, for she dated him once or

twice way back when they were growing up in Conneaut. Well, they could not wait to get home and call me up and tell me all about him. I was interested, especially all the accolades coming from my two dear friends. Well, it was a whole year before he called me??

He explained later that his construction on the Lakes jobs took him to different areas for long periods and he happened to be working in Kentucky and he thought that would be a long haul to court a gal in Kingsville. His parents lived in North Kingsville so that is why he was at the Bowling Alley. Well, we continued dating and we ended up getting married 1 ½ years later, much to the delight of Ginny and Diana. Plus, I was forever indebted to these gals for we have been married close to 50 years now. I had also prayed to our Lord for this meeting and He, once again, answered my prayers.

Virginia got me involved in church. I recall one first meetings where someone asked for volunteers and I raised my hand. Ginny looked at me and told me, "You NEVER volunteer." We laughed and I thought that was a funny thing to say, but learned later, that was Ginny. She held many offices during her church years. She was involved in the financial section for many years. She also was a devoted member of our famous church choir. She always had a wonderful sense of humor and always a smile on her face. One day, during choir practice, when she sat down in the old wooden folding chair, the chair collapsed, and she landed on the floor. She was not hurt. Chip Barker made the statement, "Did you notice how gracefully ginny made that fall?" She was a big girl, not overweight, just tall and big and she did everything gracefully.

My friend, Alice Shiflet, and I drove to Florida and stayed for a month in a beautiful home owned by Lynne and Jan Silva. Ginny flew down to visit us and one day she laid across her bed and the bed collapsed. We, of course, came running into her bedroom to find Ginny sprawled on the floor. Alice and I began to laugh hysterically with Ginny joining in. The neighbor across the road came over and had the bed fixed in no time, but that was a source of laughter for years to come.

Ginny and her hubby, Ray, lived on South Ridge Road, halfway between Ashtabula and Kingsville. They raised three wonderful children, but none of them had the charm and humor of their mother. Ginny and Ray and we and several church couples belong to a group of eight couples who went square dancing once a month. We also had many wonderful fun gatherings at their home. She was one of the five original Red Hat ladies when I first began the organization, and she remained a faithful member till the end. In fact, she was the one who came up with



the name King's Queens. She always dressed beautifully in her red hat, red lace shawl, bright red lipstick, red gloves and large red purse. She always carried a large purse no matter where she went.

I was very lucky, for Ginny and Ray made several trips to Arizona where their son, daughter-in-law and grand children lived, and many times I was invited to go along. We also visited our good friend, Jim and Diana Theiss out there. Ginny and her family also invited me to go along on their cruise ship to the Caribbean. We had a blast! Ginny was having trouble walking, so I pushed her many times in her wheelchair. One time I had to get a chair over a little hump in the walkway so I gave it all the push I had and it stopped at the walkway, nearly catapulting Ginny out of the chair. Needless to say, we dissolved into a hysterical laugh,, the memory which was ongoing for years.

Ginny was a good Christian person and devoted church member. Her mother-in-law was Laura Simmons, cousin to Laretta Simmons. Laura always sat in a pew on the east side of the church, close to the choir. She sat with her sister, Stella Simmons, who was Laretta Lutes mother. One Sunday during the sermon, Ginny was relating a statement to me- I always sat beside her in choir – when I happened to look down at Laura who was frowning, her finger to her lips and shaking her head side to side, indicating to Ginny to be quiet. I was sort of embarrassed, but I guess Ginny was used to it.



## Chapter Fifteen- The Old Kingsville Corners or Kingsville Pioneer Cemetery

*O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,  
And our eternal Home! From the hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past by Isaac Watts*

Kingsville Tribune

Friday, August 13, 1886

The Old Cemetery by Professor W. F. Cooper,



Written for the  
Tribune

After the incorporation of the new cemetery in Kingsville (Lulu Falls?), the heart of the people seemed to leave the old one. It has alternately been cared for and neglected. The burial ground is located on

the south side of Main Street and west of the center of the village. According to the custom of our fathers, the site was fixed up almost in the center of the town. It has long been a burial place for the dead and every inch of ground, set apart at first should be forever holy and consecrated to this use. The surface of the ground slightly and pleasant and the earth for the determined purposed most fit. It not wisely, it was most justly set apart and should never be converted to any other use.

Here from time to time, the people have buried many of the members of the most prominent families. These have not for the greater part been disturbed. The ashes of some have been moved to the new cemetery, but we believe only a few.

On the site of the cemetery east is first the Presbyterian Church, a fine edifice with pleasant grounds, well dressed up and ornamented with trees of a variety of kinds. Between these grounds and cemetery is a beautiful well-trimmed hedge. On the west side is another hedge, untrimmed and rank in growth. On the west is the cottage and grounds of the Luce estate, a very pleasant place. Indeed, the whole of the balance of this street on the south side is occupied by residences, both tasty and fine. In front of the cemetery is a beautiful and well-trimmed hedge. The grounds at present, shorn of a crop of weeds and grass, and the monumental slabs, large numbers of them being in part thrown out of position or displaced, the general appearance of the whole area is one of both carelessness, inattention, and neglect. We hope that both the authorities and the people will make haste to reinstate these grounds, both on their own account and that of their parish.

Because of the near neighborhood of Ashtabula to this place, and the common origin and family intercourse of the people, we presume that something further on the above subject would be accepted as in place.

In the center front is a gate, and the main avenue crosses from the north to south, dividing the grounds in two parts on the east side and the west side. On the right of the entrance from the street repose the ashes of the Lyons family. Next, some of the Grovers. Then in the northwest corner are the graves of three of the Smiths. In this corner were buried some of the Galbraiths. Not far south of the spot rests the ashes of Chancey Atwater; then David Haines; and close by sleeps the wife of Silas Bailey. South, near the center west, are buried some of the Morses.

A little further south, some of the Woods; then we pass the grave of Roswell Cook, then that of Lucy Stanton; still further south on this west side we find the grave of Samuel Newton. Not far away we see the graves of two or three of the Tinkers. Near this spot was buried Daniel Noyes and only a little further southwest sleep Elihu Knapp and wife. We pass here the grave of A. Hubbell and last, we come to a group of graves of the Webster family. Southwest corner here rests the ashes of the old pioneer Michael Webster, whose life numbered 101 years.

The second range of graves on the right of the avenue furnishes the last rest for members of many well-known and prominent families among which are the Rice, Merriman, Curtiss, etc. We should perhaps add Woods, Pecks, Bugbees, Batchelors, Rawsons, Gilletts, Websters, Strattons, Hunts, etc, etc.

On the east side of the Avenue rests Newtons, Mitchells, Websters, Ransoms, Macumbers, Howards, Tafts, Tinkers, Comptons, Southards, Hawkins, Newton, Phelps, Barretts, Rundells, Bugbees, Kezartes, Camps, Clevelands, Cooks, etc.etc.

In the north-east corner, on the high ground cemetery, a beautiful place, are many graves. There is one monument and a large slab overthrown. Here was buried the wife of Mr. Cleveland, Jo's Hawkins, etc.

There are a few shade trees in these grounds, exceptionally fine indeed.

Let the monuments and slabs be carefully dressed and righted up. Clean the grass and weeds, remove the debris of the front hedge; carefully reinstate the surfaces, and all will be once more in order, and creditable to the place and prove to the living honor, and show a just respect for the worthy dead.

Kingsville Library Album #3- West Main Street Cemetery

Kingsville Presbyterian Church, built in 1844

(Picture) Kingsville Cemetery, dating from the time of arrival of the first settler was established by a private will, but was not placed under the church or the township. Thus, there is no caretaker except for attention given by private citizens.

Bugby Grange officers and members cleaned, repaired, and reset the stones in the cemetery next to the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in 1948, winning recognition from the state of Ohio for this project. The land for the cemetery had been donated to the church by George Gillette, needed in an unusual manner as private property and as such, it was not owned by the township. (Information from a Gilbert E. Webster letter).

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## Old Kingsville Corners Pioneer Cemetery

### A



Ellen A., died May 8, 1814

I.C. Abbott. February 1838- January 15, 1850

Chauncey Atwater, June 1857- November 22, 1934. Graveside details, 77 years, five months, eight days. Chauncey W. Atwater, son of John Atwater and Mathilda Atwater was 14 years old in 1850. He would have been born in 1836. He died in February 1886. MIX UP IN CHAUNCEYS

Lydia Austin. unknown, October 18, 1851.

Solomon Austin. February 28, 1779- September 13, 1861. He married Delight who was born in Albany County, New York on October 11,

1784.

## B



Amy Stillman Bailey, 1754-January 21, 1827. Kingsville Directory I in the Kingsville Library says that Amy was born on April 17, 1754 and died on January 21, 1829. She was married to Colonel Silas Bailey who died in 1745 and is buried in Perry Township Cemetery. He is a Revolutionary War Veteran who served as a private in the company of Captain Jonathon Marion, enlisting on April 19, 1775 until his discharge in November 1776.<sup>111</sup>

David Barrett, February 21, 1777-March 10, 1840

Eliza Barrett, 1801- August 12, 1849

Eliza Barrett, 1806-June 30, 1853

Amos and Susanna Batchelor. Amos Batchelor, 1756-July 12, 1833. Susanna Batchelor, 1769-November 4, 1843. Amos Batchelor and Susanna Baker were married on August 11, 1793, and they and they came to Kingsville from Vermont around 1809.

Amos Batchelor and wife, Susannah Baker settled in the Bend of Conneaut Creek, east of Kingsville in 1811. There were four daughters -- Chloe [Mrs. David Wood], Susan [Mrs. Calvin Luce], Sophia [Mrs. Hiram Woodbury], Lucinda [Mrs. Chas. Whelpley].

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<sup>111</sup> Directory I: First Residents from 1800-1856, Kingsville Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. Compiled and edited by Mary L. Spencer Novak, 2010.

In the early part of August, 1812, the appearance of a British vessel, as was supposed, off Conneaut, created great alarm. Word came from Kingsville that a

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thousand soldiers and Indians were on the way thither. The family of Batchelor, hastily taking a few necessary articles, sought shelter beyond the Conneaut.

Before they were out of hearing the dog, accidentally left in the house, began to howl, which seemed to confirm their worst fears, but in the morning all thing were found as they had been left the previous night.<sup>112</sup>

Laure A. Bayner, 1840- December 3, 1862

E.W. Beckwith. Birth and death dates unknown. Civil War Veteran.2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Battery, GAR

Charlotte Benton. May 16, 1803-July 30, 1861

Heman H. Benton, 1793-December 14, 1868

Almira Webster Blakesley-1805-July 16, 1845

Alpheus Miles Blakesley, 1798-May 28, 1835

Celia S. Blakesley, 1833-February 8, 1835

David Boynton, 1780-October 15, 1848. Married Nancy Brainard on June 25, 1851 in Ashtabula.

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<sup>112</sup> (Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve," Part III, Mrs. Gertrude Van Rensselaer Wickham, Editor [published under the auspices of the Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, December, 1896]. p. p. 534-541)



Wealthy M. Boynton, unknown-August 19, 1813. Born about 1808. Died August 10, 1843. 34 years, on month, 19 days. Daughter David Boynton.

Seth Brillard, 1794-March 18, 1850.

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Ira Brown, 1804-February 1, 1861

Sarah Brown, 1790-May 15, 1827

Sarah Ann Brown, 1814-August 14, 1855

Unknown Brown. Birth and death dates unknown.

Philena Bugbee, birth and death dates unknown.

Horace Bugby, 1806-October 16, 1830

Zaccheus Buggbee, 1781-October 16, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Zaccheus Bugbee made themselves a home southeast of the village about 1816. She was a woman of generous hospitality and her husband a man of simple, earnest piety; so that a caller could hardly leave the house without refreshment for the body and a taste of heavenly manna.<sup>113</sup>

Seth Bullard, 1800-March 18, 1856.

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Ozias Camp, 1790-October 21, 1858

Olive A. Cleveland, Unknown-November 15, 1859

Agness G. Compton, 1846-November 10, 1862

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John D. Compton, 1842-July 22, 1864

Betsey Cook, 1795- March 18, 1829

Eunice Mathilda Cook, 1814-May 9, 1824

Olive Cook, 1832-August 18, 1857

Ruby Olivia Cook, 1821-August 27, 1824 Adaline Crowther, 1838-May 21, 1858

Harriet St. John Curtis, 1815-December 4, 1852



## D

Emily Davis, 1846-March 9, 1850

Eusecia Davis, 1845-March 1847

Obed Dibbell, June 1832, October 23, 1833

Antoinette Dibell, 1829, December 9, 1833

Jane Ann Dibell

Unknown Dibell, 1831-December 9, 1835

## E

## F

Mary Ann Fowler, Unknown, July 7, 1862. Age 61. Wife of Reverend Josiah Fowler.

George A. Fox, August 20, 1859-October 12, 1863

Philip D. Fox, March 23, 1853- October 8, 1865

Roswell W. Fox, June 20, 1847- October 13, 1865

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## G

G Galbraith, Unknown- October 29, 1837. Infant son of **Adam** and Mathilda Galbraith. She was Daughter of John and Mary (Foster) Struthers. Wife of Abraham Morrison

Galbraith. Infant son of **Adam** and Mathilda Galbraith. She was Daughter of John and Mary (Foster) Struthers. Wife of Abraham Morrison Galbraith.

Almerin Gillett. Almerin Gillette was born in 1765 in Hartford, Connecticut. He died on September 26, 1828 in Ohio? Age 63. He came to Kingsville prior to 1827. He married Eunice Griswold II on December 29, 1790 in East Lyme, Connecticut. War of 1812. 63 years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Catharine Ann Gillett

Elizabeth Gillett

Eunice Griswold Gillett- 1769-July 31, 1844

William P. Gillett-1840-September 12, 1841

Emeline Cornelia Glezen- Unknown-February 24, 1854

Mary Grover-1770-1801

## H

Ira B. Hall

Thomas J. Hamdon

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Barbary Hanes

David Hanes-Unknown-July 17, 1825

Isaac Hanes-1811- August 17, 1838

Almon L. Harvey-1794-March 26, 1816

Amanda E. Harvey-Unknown-February 6, 1847

Andrew Harvey-1787-January 22, 1851

Josephine Hawkins-1806-February 2, 1828

Julia A. Hawkins-1808-June 8, 1851

Abner B. Hibbell-1800-January 7, 1801

Harriet Hill-May 22, 1811- September 22, 1836

Lerreus Hill. Born in 1741. Died August 1810 at age 68-69.

Mirza Noyes Hills. Died November 11, 1832 in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

Joseph Howard. Born 1808. Died May 19, 1842 at age 34.

Harriett M. Hubbell. Born December 1839. Died August 25, 1841 at age 1.

Anna Hunt. Born 1770. Died October 13, 1844, at age 74.

## J

Celia Jones. Born February 1808. Died August 19, 1860 at age 52. Daughter of F. & B. Jones. 52 years, 5 months, 28 days.

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## K

Flora E. Kezartee. Born August 1861. Died March 28, 1863. (Aged 1) in Ashtabula County. She was the daughter of James and Jane Kezartee.

James Kezartee. Born September 25, 1807. Died March 23, 1860 at age 52 in Ashtabula County, Ohio. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Kezartee.

Jane McKee Kezartee. Died May 23, 1851. She was the wife of James Kezartee.

John W. Kezartee. Born in 1839. Died February 20, 1863, at age 24 of wounds received at Jackson, Mississippi. Age 24 years and 20 days. He was the son of James and Jane Kezartee. (U.S Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865. Civil War.

Mary A. Kezartee was born in 1832 and died in 1855, at age 22-23. She is the daughter of James and Jane Kezartee.

Mary Kezartee. Born 1786. She died November 3, 1867, age 80-81. She is the mother of James Kezartee and the grandmother of Mary A. Kezartee.

The 1850 and 1860 census records show a Jane Dougherty, a seamstress, living with Thomas and his wife Mary. She may have been a family member.

Thomas W. Kezartee. Born January 16, 1775 in Virginia. Died October 13, 1861 at age 86, in Kingsville.



Elihu Knapp was born January 5, 1788 in Windham, New York. Died August 26, 1864 in Ashtabula at age 76. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving in Captain Roswell Austin's Company from August 23-September 6, 1812. (Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812, p. 68).

Nancy Anne Huntley Knapp. She was born on July 4, 1793, in Washington, Massachusetts, and she died on January 15, 1853 in Jefferson at age 59.

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## L

Larman. Birth and death unknown.

Christopher Leffingwell, Jr. Born November 22, 1775, in New London County, Connecticut. Died August 9, 1860, age 84 in Kingsville.

H.S. Lilly. Born 1829. Died 1830, age 0-1.

Eugene.S. Linn. 2D Ohio Battery, G.A.R. Civil War Monument. Died April 17, 1867. 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery. Civil War Veteran.

Jane Eliza Loomis. Born June 1835 and died September 6, 1835 at age 2-3 months in Ashtabula County.

Charity Blodgett Lyman-Griffin. Born July 9, 1790, in Randolph, Vermont. Died May 1, 1841 at age 50.

Aaron Lyon. Born 1769. Died January 29, 1857 at age 87-88 in Ashtabula County.

Chester V. Lyon. Born in July 1854. Died February 1, 1861, age 6.

Clarissa Lyon. Died April 6, 1836. Daughter of Aaron & Malinde Lyon.

Emily G. Lyon. April 18, 1821. Died November 24, 1843, age 22. Wife of Alonzo T. Lyon. Age 22 years, 7 months, and 6 days.

Esther Ann Lyon. Born January 1833. Died June 18, 1848, age 15. Daughter of Aaron & Malinde Lyon.

John F, Lyon. Born May 1858. Died February 6, 1861, age 2 years, 9 months.

Leeman Lyon. Born 1837. Died November 24, 1854, age 16-17.

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## M

Ann Maria Macomber. Age 13 months. She was the daughter of Melzar and Annis Thayer Macomber.

Annis Thayer Macomber. Born October 29, 1803. Died July 5, 1868. Wife of Melzar Macomber. Buried in Old Kingsville Corners Cemetery.

Melzar Macomber. July 1799. Died February 5, 1859, age 59. Revolutionary War Veteran. In the early 1830s, Melzar Macomber sold some of his land for the site of the Methodist Church.

Daniel Maltby. Died September 21.

Died October 17, 1812. Daughter of Ira and Emily Maltby 9 years. Sister of Mary Maltby

Mary A. Maltby. Died October 13, 1836. Daughter of Ira and Emily Maltby. Sister of Lydia Maltby

Esther Jeanette Reynolds Manning. Born 1816. Died March 19, 1842 at age 25-26.  
In memory of  
Esther J. Manning Wife of M.M. Manning who died March 19, 1842

Unknown Marstin. Born 1771. Died September 6, 1838 at age 66-67. Wife of N. Marstin. Age 67y.

Charles Merriman. Died December 1865, in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

Electa Merriman. Born December 31, 1785. Died May 17, 1858.

Lois J. Mitchell. Born 1832. Died February 18, 1860, age 27 years, 6 months. Wife of C.P. Mitchell.

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Mary I. Mitchell. Born 1846. Died April 11, 1850. Age 3-4. Daughter of S. & M. Mitchell. Age 3 years and 8 months.

Amos Morse. Born 1799. Died May 26, 1852, age 52-53.

Elizabeth Morse. Died April 6, 1859. Wife of Ives Morse. 1767-1846. Married 1787.

Ives Morse. Born 1767. Died August 29, 1846. Age 79 years.

Simon Morse. Born 1833. Died November 1, 1864. Age 31.

Anson Munsell. 1796. Died July 4, 1856. Husband of Polly Munsell.

Mathilda C. Munsell. Age 31 years.

Polly Munsell. Born 1801. Died August 1869. Wife of Anson Munsell. Aged 68.

## N

Catherine Neno. Born 1811. Died December 19, 1852. Age 41 years. Wife of F. Neno.

Burrell Newton. Born June 14, 1796 in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Died August 16, 1869 in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, at age 76. Eliza Adams Newton, Spouse.

Caroline Morril Brown Newton. Born May 12, 1824, in Vermont. Died April 20, 1911 in Kingsville at age 86. Her father was Peter Brown of Vermont and her mother Sarah Preston of Vermont. She married Harvey P. Newton in Ashtabula County, Ohio, on October 30, 1845. Harvey Newton, and his wife, Caroline Brown, from Conneaut, are among our older and most esteemed citizens.<sup>114</sup>

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Chloe Todd Newton. Born in 1791 in Connecticut. She died on October 15, 1862 in Kingsville at age 71. Miles Newton was her husband.

Eliza Adams Newton. Born October 8, 1796 in Northbridge, Massachusetts. She died on April 19, 1890, in Plymouth, Ashtabula County, at age 93. She was married to Burwell Newton.

Eliza Adams Newton. Born February 25, 1825. Died January 2, 1848, at age 22. She was the daughter of Burwell and Eliza Adams Newton.

Little Frankie Newton. Born April 15, 1867. Died on October 16, 1868 at one year and six months old. Son of C and Z. M, Newton.

Mathilda Newton. Born 1819. Died May 11, 1842 at age 23. Daughter of Samuel and Betsey Newton. or Miles and Betsey Newton.

Miles Newton. Born 1790 in Litchfield, Connecticut and died on October 17, 1849 at age 59. Chloe Todd Newton was his wife.

Samuel Newton. Born 1788. Died July 9, 1845 at age 57.

Captain Samuel Newton. Born 1794. Died July 20, 1838 at age 44. GAR

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Sarah Newton. Born in 1790. Died May 27, 1815, at age 25. She was the daughter of Samuel and Betsy Newton. check whose daughter she was.

Amos Noyes. Died April 8, 1836. Son of D.M. Noyes.

Daniel Noyes. Born 1756. Died January 24, 1852, at age 86. His wife was Mary Noyes.

H.N. Noyes. Born 1798. Died October 3, 1843 at age 45. Son of D & M Noyes.

Mahala Parker Noyes. Born 1807. Died September 1849 at age 42.

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Mary Noyes. Born in 1777. Died September 6, 1838 at age 67. Wife of Daniel Noyes.

Mary C. Noyes. Born about 1849. Died March 12, 1854 at age 5 years. Daughter of B.S. & Nancy Noyes.

Polly Noyes. Born 1804. Died May 2, 1836 at age 32. She was the daughter of D and M Noyes

## O

## P

Sally Palmer. Born February 1793. Died October 25, 1843, at age 50. Wife of Orlando Palmer.

Mahala Parker. Died September 8, 1849, at age 42. Wife of E. Parker and daughter of D & M. Noyes.

Sarah Ann Peck. Born 1840. Died April 4, 1842, age 2. Daughter of Erachus and Candance Peck.

Mary E. Phelps. Born July 1835. Died December 1857 at age 22 years, 5 months. Wife of Jed S. Phelps.

Stiles Preston. Born July 23, 1859. Died August 4, 1861 at age 2. Only child of K & E Preston.

## Q

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## R

Lucy Radour. Died October 4, 1800. Age two years.

Eleanor Clark Ransom. December 30, 1806. Died January 21, 1888, at age 81. Spouse Thomas J. Ransom. Married 1820.

Thomas J. Ransom. Born February 12, 1802, in Litchfield County, Connecticut. Died June 21, 1867 at age 65. Spouse is Eleanor Clark Ransom.

Ann Rawson. Born 1817. Died September 27, 1863 at age 46. Wife of John Rawson.

Laura A. Rayner. Born 1839. Died December 3, 1861 at age 21.

Corinna Gillett Rice. Born May 22, 1772, in Connecticut. Died October 4, 1851, at age 79. Married Russell Loomis in 1791. He died in 1816. Wife of Samuel Rice.

Samuel Rice. Born 1772. Died October 22, 1853, at age 81. Wife, Corinna Gillett Rice.

Almira Richards. Born in 1805. Died April 28, 1836 at age 31. Wife of Ray P. Richards.

Perry C. Rogers. Born 1847. Died March 17, 1857, age 10. Son of R.H. and H.M. Rogers.



Philena Bugbee Rundel. Born March 2, 1809 in Massachusetts. Died May 24, 1862 at age 53. Wife of Milton E Rundel.

John Lester Runyan. Born September 27, 1864, in Williamsfield, Ohio. Died October 11, 1934, at age 70. Spouse was Luna Estella Bates Runyan. They married in 1892.

## S

Albert M. Sharp. Died February 8, 1815 (or 1875).

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Celestia A. Smith. Born 1817. Died March 16, 1860, at age 43.

Horace D. Smith. 1836. Died November 12, 1836 at 10 months old. Son of James and Clarissa Smith.

J. E. Smith. 1845-1909, Civil War Veteran. Co. G 20<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery. G.A.R.

Nathaniel Smith.

Wilbur J. Smith. Born January 1852. Died June 23, 1861, at age 9. Son of J.C. and C.M. Smith.

Wilbur Jay Smith. 1864. Civil War. GAR Marker

Polly Snow. Born October 9, 1782. Died February 21, 1859, age 76. Formerly the wife of Nathan Russell.

Josiah Southard. Born 1790. Died May 19, 1857 at age 67. Spouse Huldah White Southard. GAR Flag? War of 1812.

Huldah White Southard. Born February 1796 in Strafford, Vermont. Died March 21, 1861 at age 65.

Esther Sperry. Wife of Hervey Sperry. Died September 25, 18.....

Maria K. Sperry. Born 1826. Died February 9, 1852, at age 26. Daughter of Maria and Hervy Sperry.

Betsy K. Stanton. Died October 7, 1825.

Lucy Ufford Stanton. Died March 8, 1848. Wife of Andrew Stanton.

Ruel Stanton. Died in 1862.

Laura E. Stratton. Born November 2, 1839. Died August 4, 1840 at age 9 months.  
Daughter of James and M. Stratton.

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Nancy Stratton. Born January 1, 1805 in Pennsylvania. Died February 9, 1838, age 34. Wife of James Stratton.

## T

Betsey Corey Taft. Born April 17, 1782 in Bennington County Vermont. Died November 10, 1858 at age 76. She was the wife of Ebenezer Taft.

Ebenezer Taft. Born June 1771 in Massachusetts. Died September 29, 1849 at age 78. Spouse of Betsey Corey Taft.

Ira Taft. Born 1804 in New York. Died April 17, 1863 at age 59. Son of Ebenezer and Betsey Corey Taft.

Louise Daniel Taft. Born in 1808. Died March 23, 1858 at age 50. Wife of Ira Taft.

Son of I and L Taft, age 16 days.

Matthew Taft. Born March 13, 1762 in Pelham, Massachusetts.

Celestia Teasdale, Born 1827. Died April 13, 1848 at age 21. Wife of M. Teasdale.

Elizabeth Tinker. October 16, 1871. Wife of Silas Tinker.

Silas Tinker. Died February 28, 1876. 89 years old. Spouse of Elizabeth Tinker.  
Veteran of the War of 1812.

Maria K. Tinker. Born 1826. Died February 9, 1852, aged 26. Wife of C.B. Tinker  
and daughter of Harvey and Esther Sperry.

Mary Ann Tinker. Born 1817. Died in 1838 at age 21. Daughter of Silas and  
Elizabeth Tinker.

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Wilbur Tinker. Died September 10, 1800.

Celestia Tisdale. Born August 1796. Died April 13, 1818 at age 21. Wife of  
Wolcott M. Tisdale.

Margaret A. Tisdale. Born 1832. Died February 3, 1854 at age 21. Wife of W.M.  
Tisdale.

Sally Tisdale. Died December 7, 1860. Age?? Wife of Wolcott M. Tisdale.

## U

Unknowns

Anna

John F. Died February 6, 1851.

Josephine

Perry C. Died March 17, 1857.

Sally..... Palmer

## W

Sarah Adelaide Wakefield. Born in 1846. Died August 18, 1866, at the age of 20. Daughter of Don and W.

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Jemima S. Wood Walker. Born in 1798. Died in 1885 at age 87. Wife of Josiah Walker.

Albert E. Ward. Born in 1845. Died February 9, 1865 at age 20. Son of L & S Ward. POSSIBLY A VETERAN.

Hannah Ward. Died May 22, 1856. Wife of Elijah Ward.

Lysander John Ward. Born 1817. Died December 15, 1883 at age 56. Spouse was Susan Ballard Ward.

Mehitable Whipple Ward. Born September 12, 1798. Died May 9, 1868 age 69. Spouse of Samuel Ward.

Samuel Ward. Born February 4, 1782. Died August 17, 1859 at age 77. Spouse of Mehitable Whipple Ward.

Susan Ballard Ward. Born October 14, 1821 in Bristolville, Trumbull County. Died January 19, 1922, at age 100. She was married to Lysander John Ward.

William L. Warner. Born in 1852. Died August 6, 1855 at age 3. Son of Augustus and Cornelia Warner On same stone as Lucia Welton. He is grandson of Lucia and Ephron Welton.

Edwin Way. Born January 1832. Died September 29, 1833 at age one. Son of Elihu and Ann Way.

Emily D. Way. Born 1841. Died September 21, 1852 at age 11. Her sister is Julia Way.

Joseph L. Way. Died March 21, 1844 at age 80.

Julia H. Way. Born 1837. Died December 19, 1850 at age 13.

Mary Way. Born 1834. Died April 17, 1836 at age two. She was the daughter of Elihu and Ann Way.

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Clark Webster. Born February 2, 1774. Litchfield, Connecticut. Died March 1, 1848 at age 74 in Kingsville. His spouse was Naaman Hall Webster.

Darwin P. Webster. Born June 1873. Died December 28, 1873 at the age of six months. He was the son of E.M. and E.A. Webster.

Eadom P. Webster. Born June 1853. Died December 28, 1853 at the age of six months. He was the son of B.W. and E.A. Webster. CHECK WRONG DATES

Elijah Webster. Born March 29, 1755 in Litchfield, Connecticut. Died July 13, 1843 at age 88. Revolutionary War Veteran.

Spouse was Martha Clark Webster.

Elizabeth Webster. Born 1795. Died July 19, 1828 at age 33. Wife of Ozius Webster.

Elizabeth Clark Webster born in Litchfield, Connecticut in April 1755. Death October 18, 1842 at age 87. Spouse was Michael Webster. They were married in 1774. The parents of Clark Webster, Michael and Elizabeth Clark Webster, early settlers in Jefferson, spent a part of their later life in Kingsville. They died here, he at nearly 104, she at eighty-seven years of age, and now sleep together in our old cemetery -- ancestors of a FAMILY OF PHYSICIANS.

H.O. Webster. Co. I -87<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry.

Lizah Webster. Born 1755. Died July 13, 1843 at age 88.

Luman Webster. Born February 5, 1781 in Litchfield, Connecticut. Died April 3, 1853 at age 72. The son of Michael and Elizabeth Clark Webster. His spouse was Eliza Gillette Webster. They were married in 1824.

Martha Clark Webster. Born 1755 in Litchfield, Connecticut. Died November 5, 1824 at age 69.

Spouse Elijah Webster. They were married in 1760.

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Michael Webster. Born May 8, 1748 in Litchfield, Connecticut. He died February 15, 1850, age 101. His spouse was Elizabeth Clark Webster. His father, Timothy Webster. He was a Revolutionary War veteran.

Naamah Hall Webster. Born 1774. Died September 39, 1843, age 69. Spouse was Clark Webster.

W.G. Webster. Co. I, 87<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Civil War

Ephron Welton. Died January 2, 1862. Spouse was Lucia Welton.

Lucia Welton. Born 1805. Died August 4, 1855 at age 50.

Willard A. Welton. Born 1830. Died February 19, 1862, age 32.

Daniel H. H. Wheaton. 1842-1871. Civil War. Co, G. 106<sup>th</sup> Regular 8th. Volunteers (Listed in Lulu Falls)

Frank Whitman. Born November 1854. Died April 9, 1855 at the age of five months. Son of P and E Whitman.

Isaac W. Wheaton. 1835-1890. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. DOLA. Civil War. 1861-1865 GAR (Listed in Lulu Falls)

Wood. Born 1798. Died 1875 at age 77. Wife of Josiah Walker.



Cloe Wood. Born 1803. Died October 21, 1826 at age 23. Spouse of David Wood Jr.

David Wood, Jr. Born 1788. Died July 4, 1845 at age 57.

David Judson Wood. Born 1838. Died January 5, 1863 at age 25.

Andrew Woodbury. Born 1767. Died May 4, 1854 at age 87.

Frances Dallas "Fannie" Shelton Woodbury. Frances "Fanny" Dallas Shelton was born on Oct. 6, 1842 in Sprigg Twp, Adams County, Ohio to Alexander L. Shelton

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and Sophia Shelton. She married Robert Woodbury on July 6, 1865. She died on March 31, 1922 at age 79.

Henrietta Harry Woodbury. Died October 18, 1857. She was the daughter of Frank and Sarah Harry.

Marietta D. Woodbury. Born 1833. Died October 18, 1857 at age 24. She was the wife of George W. Woodbury.

Mary Woodbury. Born 1780. Died March 24, 1840 at age 60.

Milford Woodbury. Born 1837. Died November 27, 1851 at age 14.

Robert Woodbury was born on Nov. 7, 1841 to Whulen P. Woodbury and Louisa Duey. he married Frances Shelton on July 6, 1865. He was Justice of Peace. He died on March 17, 1915 at age 73.

Wilford Woodbury. Born 1838.

Charlie T. Wright. Born 1846. Died August 27, 1855 at age 9.

Son of Alvin Norton Wright and Jane Elizabeth (Taft) Wright.

Ida Wright. Daughter of Alvin Norton Wright and Jane Elizabeth (Taft) Wright

Ida Jane Wright. Born in 1856. Died October 1, 1858 at two years of age.

Clarissa Flower Wyman. Born 1804. Died May 22, 1829 at age 25. Wife of Guy Wyman. Daughter of Timothy & Clarissa F.

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## Chapter Sixteen

### Kingsville Presbyterian Church, Past, Present, and Future



Altie Phillips in the conclusion of her 1944 History of the Kingsville Presbyterian Church.

“As individual members of this church, we have in our lifetime made many mistakes and doubtless some mistakes have been made in the early history of the church. The path hasn’t always been easy; sacrifices have been made many times. However, I think we can emulate the broad-minded writer who said of a dear friend, ‘His heart was as great as the heart of the world, but there was no room in it for the memory of a wrong.’

“In these troublesome times (1944), it seems that a portion of Reverend Maltbie Babcock’s hymn would be fitting to remember:

‘Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift,  
Shun not the struggle, face it,  
‘Tis God’s gift.  
Be strong! Be Strong!’”<sup>115</sup> Maltbie D. Babcock

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<sup>115</sup> Reverend Maltbie D. Babcock, talented poet, musician, and orator, was the pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church and Baltimore, Maryland, and the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. He wrote several beautiful hymns including “This is My Father’s World,” and “Be Strong!”

