

**UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS  
FROM 1974–PRESENT**

1970

**1974 Merging of the United Methodist congregation and the Presbyterian congregation: UNITED CHURCH OF PHELPS**

- Presbyterian minutes: “The recommendation of the Merger Committee that the United Church form with ties to both denominations be the one proposed was approved on motion.”
- Presbyterian minutes: The swell organ needed extensive repairs.
- Presbyterian pastor, Rev. K. Glen Fleming, retires
- Presbyterian congregation voted on the adoption of the Agreement to Merge. 110 votes cast; 92 in favor, 16 against, 2 voided. Motion carried.

1975 United Church of Phelps

- First annual congregational meeting was held. Membership: Presbyterian Church—340; Methodist Church—372. Budget for 1975: \$56,720
- First meeting of the church council. Decided the church council meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month: “Meetings will begin at 7:30 and will end as near 10:00 p.m. as business permits.”
- Dial-a-Prayer begun by Eddie Gardner
- “Do” family arrived in Phelps from Asia
- Refreshments were served at church council meetings by Margaret Rector
- Worship included occasional use of the Ritual of Friendship, the Sacred Service Dance Group.
- Junior and Angel choir robe material was ordered.
- Organ repair costing \$1600.
- The Echo organ was moved from the Methodist church to the United church.
- There was a search for an associate pastor. Rev. James F. Bender was called as co-minister.
- There was conversation about sponsoring a family from Vietnam.
- NEW ORGANIST hired, Steven Kane
- 50 new Methodist hymnals were purchased.

MINISTERS

1974-1978

Rev. Leonard Hackney  
(Methodist)

1975-1977

Rev. Jim Bender  
(Presbyterian)

LOCAL  
EVENTS

Phelps and Clifton Springs schools merger



- STATISTICAL INFORMATION: 18 baptisms; 16 funerals; 11 weddings; 27 new members; 12 deaths; 1 transfer of membership out; 1 removal from membership by request

## 1976

- Received a bequest from Mrs. Alva Bailey (\$10,000); invested with the interest to go to the Bailey Music Library Fund.
- Fire alarm system installed in the service building.
- No VBS because the community wasn't interested.
- Decided only members of the United Church of Phelps can help serve communion.
- Worship 10-11 a.m.; coffee break 11:00-11:15 a.m.; 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. church school. Later returned to original worship time.
- A church library was established.
- A new piano was purchased and placed in the parlor.
- Christian Education projects included: service project at Clifton Springs Hospital, a scrub-for-grub, swimming, adult fellowship/ swimming, family night picnic, and New Jersey Shore youth trip.
- Mother-Daughter Banquet
- Associate pastor James P. Bender expresses concerns about too few people doing too much, no enlargement of the base of really active and committed people, new ministries are slow to be developed to meet the needs of people around the congregation and among the congregation.
- Pastor Leonard P. Hackney expresses concern around co-pastors serving the church.
- Statistical information: 13 baptisms; 16 weddings; and 31 funerals.

## 1977

- The year started with a projected deficit of \$6,300 and ended with a surplus.
- Associate Pastor James Bender resigns.
- Women's Association fundraisers include Rotary luncheons, the Pie Booth at the Sauerkraut Festival, the annual bazaar.
- Mother-Daughter Dessert
- Storm windows were ordered for the Service Building. Outside of the Christian Education building was painted. The secretary's office was painted. An automatic fire alarm system installed.

New American Legion built on Rt. 96 just outside Village of Phelps



- Rev. Leonard Hackney announced his intended retirement on July 1, 1978.
- A search was begun for a Presbyterian pastor.
- HIRED a part-time Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Edith Johnson.
- Held a Senior Citizens Party for information on senior citizen programs was attended by senior citizens from the surrounding area.
- The congregation voted in December to purchase a pipe organ at a cost of \$60,000.
- Statistical information: 11 baptisms; 9 weddings; 20 funerals; 3 new members; 9 transfers out; 10 deaths.

### 1978

- Sale of the manse
- The trustees upgrade the original plans for a pipe organ to include additional pipes and parts for a cost of \$72,593 and a value of \$90,000 (by using parts from the old organs at both buildings). This was due to the generosity of a member.
- Iron railing and concrete steps at the front entrance to the Service Building repaired.
- 10 young people participate in confirmation class and join the church.
- Ecumenical VBS held at St. Francis Catholic Church one week in June and held at UCP one week in August.
- 12th graders participated in a summer youth program at Clifton Springs Hospital and with extended care patients
- Share-a-Saturday, social organization for adults in the church
- “Imaginary” Bazaar
- Membership on 12/31/78 was 690—adjusted to 345.

### 1979

- Installation of the new organ, redecorating the sanctuary, repair to the sanctuary roof and steeple.
- Pastor’s office repainted, new carpeting, shelving brought down from the West Church and 2 files added to the offices.
- Wooden signs made by Ken Clark to direct people to the church offices.
- A business sized typewriter purchased for the church office.

1979-1986

Rev. David R.  
Wright

(Presbyterian)

- Ontario Telephone Company donated a used address-o-graph machine.
- Policy made: use of the building by non-profit organizations charge of \$15 for half a day and \$30 for a full day.
- Energy policy adopted: groups or committees will meet in private homes when possible, the Sanctuary will not be used on Sundays when the temperature is 10 degrees or below, the rear doors to the sanctuary will not be used except for exit and emergencies during the coldest winter days, and a curtain was placed at the bottom of the balcony stairs to hold heat in the sanctuary-balcony area.
- Cellulose wood fiber insulation added in the sanctuary attic area, the service building attic area and annex buildings sidewalls and attic area.
- HIRED Barbara Schafer as part-time secretary.
- WE CARE II—sponsored a Laotian refugee family of 8 as a community project. The family lived with Bob and Sandy Chapa until a home was ready for them.
- VBS held in June
- Summer youth program
- Strawberry coffee hour in June
- Christmas tea for patients of the extended care unit at the Clifton Springs Hospital
- Health and Service committee paint parts of houses for members and friends of members who needed assistance
- Cassettes of Sunday services distributed to shut-ins
- Mother's Morning Out program
- Statistical information: 3 adult baptisms; 9 children's baptisms; 66 new members; 11 deaths of members; 5 transferred to another church; 4 removed from membership. Total membership: 736

1980 (TO BE CONTINUED—SEARCHING FOR MINUTES BOOKS)



8 year war in Iran

1980

- At the annual meeting on January 24, Rev. David Wright “stated that the past year has been his most fulfilling year. He expressed appreciation for his church staff of efficient secretarial help, a well-cared for building, and music which has won wide acclaim. Christian Education had an especially good program. Major challenges will be for all of us to better stewards and evangelists.”
- At this meeting, a revised constitution was distributed for the congregation’s review.
- A committee was formed to improve the appearance of the church school rooms.
- The February minutes note in the report from Presbytery meeting that “all council members of united churches are considered Elders. Presbytery noted that handicapped persons need better access to buildings.”
- Special congregational meeting on March 2 to deal with a revised constitution notes: “...the prime objective of the committee [working on the revision] was to make crystal clear the duties of the Staff, Council Members and Trustees. Major changes made and recommended for approval are as follows: Term of office for members of committees reduced from three (3) years to two (2) years; Mission and Outreach Committee combined with Evangelism Committee to make up one committee known as Mission and Evangelism Committee; Pastor Parish Committee changed to Personnel Committee being responsible for conducting performance reviews of all staff members of the Church and the recommendations of hiring, continued service or dismissal of staff members through consultation with the committee working in conjunction with the staff member and the Pastor; Vice Chairman to be elected annually for Council; members of the Council to be elected on an odd-even basis.” The committees (Mission and Evangelism) were voted to continue as separate entities. The revised constitution and bylaws were approved.
- The Evangelism Committee brought up the need for the church to be handicapped accessible and the need to reach out to the needs of unmarried adults.
- Senior Citizens Advocacy Group was established, Pat Hemminger, President.
- In February, Stewardship and Finance reported a need to raise additional income. A new fund was created: “Camp and Conference Scholarships”.
- Membership Committee’s name changed to “Committee on Care of Members.”

MINISTERS



8 year war in Iran

- In April, Rev. Wright led a discussion on “Proposal of the Draft,” in particular those who consider himself a conscientious Objector.
- Presbytery begins talking about issues regarding Lesbians and Gays concerns.
- Refugee family was an unskilled, illiterate mountain family from Thailand. Family picked up at the airport on September 4. House owned by Ted and Jane Mullen was not ready for use, so the family of 8 stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman.
- The church played a role in increasing funding for FLACRA by Ontario County.
- Raising money for 35 new choir robes.
- Job descriptions worked on for committees.
- Casino gambling—Council affirmed their opposition to Casino gambling and opposed any legislation that would provide for it.
- Methodists discuss uniting the Central New York Conference and the Northern New York Conference.
- The Council submitted John Britting to serve on the Task Force to the study the future of merged churches.
- Health and Service Committee reported on a federally funded program WIC (Women, Infants & Children).
- In October, the Evangelism Committee “favored making church more accessible to handicapped and directed Reverend Wright to obtain an estimate from a contractor on costs of a ramp to the rear entrance and alterations to washrooms, with the estimate to go to the Trustees.”
- Boiler was installed.
- Laotian family arrived October 16, with 5 in the family. Housed by the Ralph Barbalace family until the Mullen House was ready.
- The position of Lay Member to Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was added to the voting membership of the Council.
- Christian Education committee met with Rev. Gay Hakes of Seneca Falls about a seminar and course on “Christians and the Meaning of Sexuality” for students aged 15 and older; provided by the Methodist Conference.
- Organist, Steven Kane resignation received, effective the first of 1981.
- Stewardship and Finance reported (December meeting of Council) an anticipated deficit for 1981 budget of \$5,518.
- Various community groups requested use of the church buildings

“but with the charge of \$15.00 for “energy” fee and \$10.00 for custodian, find it financially impossible to meet the charge for the use of the building. Should the church as part of its “local mission” make exceptions for certain groups and waive the charge?”

1981

- In January, the Christian Education Committee reported gifts were purchased for the refugee family.
- Seng Sengrath and his wife Phinh moved to an apartment on Park Place. Phinh’s brother and sisters living with the Ralph Barbalace family.
- Membership list near 600 “who can be expected to support the church with their time, talent and gifts.”
- \$15 “energy fee” and \$10 custodian fee for outside groups using the church should stay flexible.
- Purchase of an overhead projector for the Christian Education committee taken out of the memorial money donated in memory of Miriam Howard.
- Missions Committee recommended to Council the adoption of Resolution in Opposition to Casino Gambling in New York State and the Resolution against Capital Punishment—both approved, although not unanimously.
- New lights installed in the kitchen and on the stage.
- Trustees decide, regarding the Methodist church and property, to maintain the grounds, demolish the building but save the stained glass windows.
- In April the Council met with Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, the first church in the Presbytery to study their material and hear the group presentation.
- In May, the Evangelism Committee made the following recommendations to the Trustees regarding accessibility of the building: construction of ramps leading to the rear service entrance and to one of the front entrances; blacktopping an area by the rear entrance to reserve two hard surfaced car spaces for handicapped persons; alteration of the two restrooms on the rear corridor of the service building to provide on restroom with wheelchair turning space, with doors, stalls, and fixtures altered to accommodate people using wheelchairs; widening the door frame holding the swinging door west of the choir loft to permit easy passage of persons in wheelchairs
- Summer hours for secretaries: Monday-Friday, 9-noon..



President Ronald wounded by a gunman in 1981.

- Methodists decide not to merge the Northern New York Conference with the Central New York Conference.
- Both denominations discuss hunger issues and peace issues.
- Pew folders are created.
- Trustees decide to build a ramp at the first side entrance, southwest side of the building.
- Hosted a workshop “NUCLEAR FREEZE”
- Adopted the following resolution: “Be it resolved that the United Church of Phelps welcome into membership all person of professed Christian faith, regardless of lifestyle, racial or ethnic background, level of education, income, or other human condition. We affirm that all human beings are made in God’s image and that all human beings are members of the body of Christ. We futher believe that in meeting each other in Christian love, God’s Spirit frees us all to give and to grow.”
- Adopted the following resolution: “Resolved that we urge continued study of policy statements relating to homosexuality that may be issued by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church and the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.”
- Adopted the following resolution in response to a report from the October 1981 Methodist Reporter regarding US intervention in El Salvador: “Whereas, the Council of the United Church of Phelps believes that the ruling Junta in El Salvador is guilty of gross violations of human rights: these violations include the murders of Archbishop Oscar Romero, four American church women, and thousands of Salvadoran citizens, reportedly committed by the Junta’s armed forces, and  

Whereas, US Military aid to the Salvadoran Junta seems only to encourage further such oppression,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the United Church of Phelps request our congressman, Gary A. Lee, to support and vote for a bill introduced in the House of Representatives that would prohibit arms aid to El Salvador as long as human rights violations continue and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Congressman Lee with a letter form the Council secretary asking for his commitment to the resolution.”
- Received letters from Anne Higgins, Director of Correspondence, the White House, and from Gary A. Lee, member of Congress regarding their receipt of copies of the Council’s Resolution on El Salvador
- Carpeting in hall installed

- Establishment of the United Church of Phelps Hartmann Scholarship Fund by Georgia and Wilbur Hartmann. “Recipient of this scholarship must be a member of the church, a senior at Midlakes High School intending to earn a baccalaureate degree and preferably planning to enter the field of education.”

1982

- Attendance at the Christmas Eve service (12/81): 367 at the 7:30 p.m.; 85 at the 11:00 p.m. “Comments favorable regarding the two services.”
- Rev. Wright begins correspondence with clergy in England and Scotland with the hope of setting up a pulpit exchange in the future.
- Adopted the following resolution: “Whereas the Council of the The United Church of Phelps believes that the establishment of a National Peace Academy would serve as a center to teach, develop, and coordinate research in the science of peacemaking, and that graduates of the Academy would be able to direct the resolution of conflicts, both within the United States and abroad, without resort to force of arms, and Whereas it is estimated that the annual budget of the Academy would be less than one-fifth of one day’s Pentagon budget, Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The United Church of Phelps request our Congressman, Gary A. Lee, to support the passage of House Bill 5088 that calls for the establishment of a National Peace Academy, and that the Council also write to President Reagan to ask his public endorsement of the recommendations of the Commission on Proposals for the National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- Adopted the following resolution: “Whereas the governing bodies of both denominations represented in the United Church of Phelps, United Methodist and United Presbyterian, have called for a halt to the nuclear arms race, specified as “The Nuclear Weapons Freeze—Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race: To Improve national and international security, the United States and the Soviet Union should stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons, of missiles, and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons. This is an essential, verifiable first step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war and reducing the nuclear arsenals;” and Whereas the United States and the Soviet Union possess arsenals of nuclear weapons in number sufficient to destroy the cities of the world several times over, and are continuing to develop new and more destructive nuclear weapons systems; and Whereas the Presbytery of Geneva, meeting in

Elmira, NY on September 22, 1981, sent to President Reagan a letter requesting him “to adopt a mutual, verifiable moratorium between the United States and the Soviet Union on all further testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons, missiles, and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons”; Therefore be it resolved that the Council of The United Church of Phelps, NY meeting on February 16, 1982, endorse the “Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race,” and that copies of this resolution be sent to our representatives in the Congress charging them to support appropriate legislation to implement a nuclear arms freeze.

- Rev. Wright responds about his health concerns.
- Pulpit exchange with St. John, Gourock, Scotland set up for 3 work weeks. Rev. Ian Strachan to use the manse while in Phelps. Rev. Strachan to preach July 4, 11, and August 8.
- Average attendance for Sunday school during the month of February was 80; for March, 91; April, 83; October, 109; November, 98.
- Project sponsored by Proctor & Gamble for 80 church families to test new products was considered as a money raising project; put on hold.
- Presbytery hosts a Native American Land Claims Conference.
- Missions Committee approves a Pictorial Directory; put on hold.
- Christian Education building and parsonage painted.
- Town Dept. of Public Works agrees to clean out hedgerow between the Methodist church and Rest Haven Cemetery in an attempt to reduce vandalism in the cemetery.
- New choir robes
- A member of the refugee family was married in the church.
- \$100 sent to Camp Whitman and Casowasaco to aid in making their facilities handicap accessible.
- Securing bids for removal of West Main Street structure and stain glass windows.
- A refugee family that moved to California returned to Phelps.
- Worked on committee job descriptions.
- Pictorial directory scheduled for April 1983.
- United Presbyterians in conversation about a reunion with Presbyterian Church of America.
- At a congregational meeting, motion was made and approved to raze the Methodist Church on West Main Street.

1983

MINISTERS

- Evangelism Committee reports a need for a program for people 19-26 years of age.
- Compilation of list of names of refugees who are interested in doing odd jobs, with encouragement for people to hire them.
- 1983–The Year of the Aged
- Sent 5 young people and 1 adult to Clown Workshop at Casowasco
- Evangelism Committee discussed the purchase of name tags.
- Response for volunteers for Meals on Wheels was reported to be “too slow.”
- Plans made to have the chimes connected to the new organ console.
- Folders to match the new robes were purchased.
- Rev. Wright suggests writing the legislature about the use of Eisenhower College as a prison and instead to use it as a National Peace Academy.
- Rev. Wright recommends recognition of the birthday of Martin Luther King.
- Revision to the Hartmann Scholarship: committee to select the senior to receive the scholarship appointed annually by the Church Council and consist of 3 people: 1 man, 1 woman, members of the church. 1 of the 3 a school guidance counselor who is a member of the church, when one is available. The pastor of the church. Georgia Hartmann to serve on the committee in an advisory capacity. No member of the committee to be a parent of a senior who is eligible for the scholarship.
- Ralph Barbalace of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church spoke to the Council regarding the Nuclear Arms Issue, with the hope the the United Church of Phelps co-sponsor 2 informational meetings on the issue with them through “support, prayers, participation and promotion of the issue of freeze and disarmament.”
- Trustees request that “all meetings from outside sources be calendared in the church office.”
- “With action of General Assembly, we are to be known as—Presbyterian Church of United States of America.”
- Envelope contributions up. Interest rates higher.
- Request by June R. Pickering to use the church to start a nursery school by September 1, 1983. Trustees approved this the school to run from September to June.

- Vacation Church School had an average attendance of 49.
- Dire need for 2 apartments for 2 refugee families.
- Tim Wright met with the Council to ask for a letter supporting his “sincerity on his position of Conscientious Objector to a military draft and war. He stated his willingness to work in an alternative service.” A committee was formed to draft said letter to bring to the November meeting for approval. Letter sent in December to the Board of Church and Society in Washington, DC, the Office of the Stated Clerk of the PC (USA), and the Central New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- First prize was received for the float in the Sauerkraut Parade.
- Organ recital by Shirley Warren of Seneca Falls planned for November 20.
- Plans made to purchase Bibles for the pews to be given by the generosity of a member.
- A used Thermofax copier purchased.
- December 18, Russ Hicks’ nephew gave a recital at the church.
- Edith Johnson, Church Coordinator of Christian Education, resigns effective December 31, 1983.
- “Plans are in the making to set the bell saved from the Methodist Church on the property...”
- Figures for the cost of the replacement of the church roof to be received.
- 2 folding cots with springs and mattresses provided to one of the refugee families.
- 5 year evaluation of Rev. Wright’s ministry reviewed by the Presbytery. The pastoral and congregational relationship found to be “generally good.”
- Christmas Supper held on December 18, with Santa and candy canes for the children.
- Barbara Schafer unable to continue as secretary; Janet Walters replacing her.
- 1983 ended in the black with \$2,000+.

#### 1984

- Celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United Methodist Church and the 10th anniversary of The United Church of Phelps.
- Salary for the Coordinator of Christian Education reduced to \$4500-5200.

- Secretaries hours reduced from 6 hours per day to 5 hours.
- Stewardship and Finance came up with a revised budget, with a \$3,000 deficit. Council members were requested to “increase their pledges to act as an incentive for others to increase pledges.” Revised budget was approved.
- Trustees plan to have a 3-year capital funds drive to raise \$30,000 for building projects.
- Carter Cortelyou is recommended by Council to the Candidates Commission of the Presbytery of Geneva as a candidate for the professional ministry.
- Young people and lay people to read scriptures at church services.
- Capital Campaign became “Trustees Pledge Campaign” with \$30,000 for maintenance projects and \$15,000 to replenish Trustees Funds.
- Received a letter from The United Methodist Church of Syracuse stating “The congregation of the Phelps United Methodist Church is to be congratulated for having paid 100% of its Conference Apportionments for the fiscal year of 1983.”
- Donna Wilkes hired as Coordinator of Christian Education.
- Dorothea Taylor resigned as part-time church secretary. Barbara Schafer resumes her 3 day a week position. Janet Walters to temporarily fill the vacancy left by Dorothea; Janet becomes the permanent part-time secretary.
- The Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District contracts to use the driveway and West Main Street property for the loading and unloading of school buses. The contract states that the school district will maintain the West Main Street property.
- There is a need for a new amplification system in the sanctuary.
- Rick Yancey required Visual Aid equipment to be used at his home for his school work. Rev. Wright inquired about such equipment with the Vue Com Inc. company in Rochester. Cost of the equipment \$2550.00, shipping \$50.00, and plastic sheet \$9.00. Council approved the purchase, with the understanding that there would be an attempt to raise the money through donations.
- Summer youth trip to Muskingum College, New Concord, OH: 7 youth, Donna Wilkes, Ted Mullen made the trip. Fun activities along with service activities were experienced.
- Replaced the roof over the church offices.
- Family Night Supper on December 9, followed by an organ concert by Cj Sambach.

- Presbytery of Geneva in the process of purchasing a computer.
- The Methodist Conference held a meeting regarding the Pension Fund Drive. The Conference requested a goal of \$24,006 from The United Church of Phelps. "The Council, at the September meeting made a motion to accept the decision of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, that due to other commitments, we would participate in the Fund Drive at a later date."

## 1985

- 577 food items collected during the 1984 year for the Community Cupboard
- "January's receipts down, possibly due to weather conditions keeping attendance low."
- "Motion made by Stan Shannon to ban all smoking within The United Church of Phelps, second by Charles DeWeaver, carried. Council gave unanimous approval to this motion for health and fire reasons. Signs will be posed for "NO SMOKING.""
- The Junior High's have a "Starve-In" raising \$122.40 for missions.
- The church building is now fully accessible to handicapped persons.
- Acid Rain Conference at Lands End, April 29-30.
- Council adopted the Commitment to Peacemaking, with special emphasis on peacemaking in family and community; also the Covenant of Compassion.
- Trustee issues: the sanctuary roof; a new hot water heater for the church kitchen; pointing of bricks; electrical work on the organ; additional outlets installed in the secretary's office; patio door installed in the parsonage. Anonymous gift of \$1000 given for beautification of the church.
- Rev. Wright attends an ecumenical seminar sponsored by Sojourners in Washington, DC. He committed only to legal demonstration there.
- Senior High summer program plans included adoptive grandparents activities and church cleanup projects.
- Junior High's volunteer to usher twice a year.
- Eidelweiss benediction used when there was no choir. Because of copyright restrictions, this was suspended in November.
- Office equipment needed updating. Roland Penta offered computer help to overcome current problems with addressograph machine. Copier needing to be replaced.

- Trustees report that insurance company will reimburse the church for the tree on West Main Street property destroyed by an auto accident.
- A purchase offer for the West Main Street property was received and rejected by the Trustees.
- Presbytery had a speaker who recommended urging US Government to remove support for Contra in Nicaragua and to cooperate with Contador a efforts at peacemaking in Central America.
- Barbara Schafer resigned as part-time secretary. Janet Walters begins as full-time church secretary.
- \$600 was sent to the Battered Women's Shelter in Lyons from area churches through Church Women United.
- Janie McKnight and David Crosby present information concerning Community Intervention and Adolescent Chemical Abuse at the December Council meeting. A community group was formed to address these issues.
- "It was reported the fire alarm system proved its worth on December 8 by preventing a fire in the CE building. A faulty thermostat there has now been repaired."
- Presbytery heard a report on Domestic Violence.
- 943 food items, 1180 items of clothing and \$65 toward food costs were contributed to the Community Cupboard this year

## 1986

- Christopher Wright spoke to Council in January about his position as a Conscientious Objector: he was conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form, citing as reasons his upbringing, religious training and beliefs with scriptural references. Chris was willing to perform community service rather than participate in war. It was voted to support his stance and that a letter be written to support this stand and sent to the proper denominational offices.
- Charles DeWeaver reported that 1984 ended in the black, although only 92% of Presbyterian commitment had been met.
- Betty Mussack was representative to the Council on the Community Substance Abuse Committee.
- Pledges were about \$1,000 below last year.
- A new motor installed on the addressograph plate-making machine. A used 1983 model 3M copier was purchased for the office.
- The kitchen floor replaced. "Humps" removed.
- An appeal from the local Teachers' Association received for help

in resolving the Faculty-School Board conflict.

- Charles DeWeaver “reported that we are starting with a very low surplus from 1985, that frequent reports will be made on financial matters and that we hope pledges will be kept up to date.”
- Slides on Nicaragua shown to the Sunday School; children donated school supplies to be sent to Nicaragua.
- Senior High’s lead worship on February 23.
- Conference reorganization.
- Presbytery searching for a new Executive Presbyter.
- A new appeal was received for resettlement of a Laotian refugee. The need for English language instruction and for funding for refugee expenses was noted.
- At the February 11 meeting, Rev. Wright presented a request for dissolution of his pastoral relationship with this church in order to accept a call to be pastor of Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Washington. A special meeting of the congregation was called on Sunday, February 23 immediately following worship.
- “As an introduction to the Methodist approach to assigning a pastor, Superintendent Spier asked for this church’s priorities in the matter. Worship and Preaching, and Leader among Leaders turned out to be the [Personnel] committee’s major qualifications for a new pastor.”
- A “bat” problem in the church.
- “Trustees proposed sale of the parsonage because of high costs of upkeep and heavy maintenance responsibility for Trustees. Much discussion followed with emphasis on Methodist expectations that parsonage and utilities be furnished. Council sentiment opposed sale of the property at this time.”
- Stewardship and Finance “also had concerns about utility costs at the parsonage. This committee’s recommendation as to pastor’s starting salary is \$17,000 to \$19,000 with appropriate increases available for succeeding years. Copies of Methodist statistics relating to pastor’s salaries in this district were distributed to Council members for study. Margaret Hicks moved, seconded by Nickie Shannon, that a starting salary of \$18,000 be recommended by Council. The motion carried. A further recommendation of a \$2100 car allowance (annual) was moved by Margaret Hicks, seconded by Mildred Parmelee, and carried. Roger Peck moved that Utility Allowance for 1986 be as budgeted (\$2500). The motion was seconded by Betty Mussack and carried.” After receiving communication from Superintendent Spier, the base salary was raised to \$20,000.

MINISTERS

Rev. Leonard  
Hackney supply  
pastor through  
Easter