
Stewarts Station
United Presbyterian Church

1867 - 1948



REV. LAWRENCE W. STITT

Pastor

Eighty-First Anniversary Service

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1948

BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 23
INVOCATION	Rev. Lawrence W. Stitt
BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 156
DEVOTIONS	
BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 95
HISTORICAL RESUME' OF THE CHURCH	
BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 270
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS	
RECOGNITION OF CHURCH DEPARTMENTS:	
Board of Session	
Board of Trustees	
Sabbath School	
Women's Missionary Society	
Helping Hand Society	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 97
BIBLE SONGS HYMNAL	No. 276
BENEDICTION	

SOCIAL HOUR

Lunch served by ladies of the Helping Hand Society.

The Preparatory Sermon will be preached Sabbath morning, and the final Communion in this building, will be served Sabbath evening.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION
OF STEWARTS STATION, PA.

In the year of 1867 a Mission Station was established at Stewarts Station, Pa., and preaching serivces were held in the homes of individuals near the Pennsylvania railroad station.

Then we find a record of a meeting in the minutes recorded as of February 10, 1868, held at the home of Messrs. D. S. and T. S. Stewart, at which Thomas Shaw was elected chairman and T. S. Stewart acted as secretary.

D. S. Stewart opened the meeting with prayer.

Object of the meeting was to take advice as to the wants of the mission station at Stewarts.

On motion by T. S. Stewart it was agreed to build a house for public worship of God.

On motion by D. S. Brush it was agreed to build a house on the South-west corner lot on township road and the road leading into Stewarts Station.

On motion it was agreed to build a frame house.

Christcpher Graham, Alexander Duff and Samuel Irwin, were appointed a committee to solicit funds for building the house.

Henry Moffet, T. S. Stewart, Alexander Duff, Christopher Graham and John Cavett, were appointed a building committee, and D. S. Stewart, treasurer of the Building Fund.

On motion, adjourned.

THOMAS STEWART, Secretary.

The result of the above meeting was the organization of the Stewarts Station United Presbyterian Congregation.

Organization of the congregation began ..1867

Organization completed1868

First pastor called1869

Then we find minutes of the first Congregational Meeting, held on March 6, 1869, which are interesting reading, as are also those of March 20, 1869, special meeting. These will be read at our social meeting Thursday, December 30, 1948.

Our congregation was 75 years old in 1943; it was thought we might celebrate and a committee was appointed for the proper arrangements, but it was found a difficult job, and was finally given up because of the demands of war for time and material.

Following the Civil War, in the reconstruction period after inflation had subsided, people began settling this valley with a view of permanent homes, in promising localities for a good future.

And thus a community settlement began in this locality, which had to be cleared of woods, for farming.

About this time Pennsylvania's coal mining began; there was also considerable amounts of iron ore in this end of the state, which resulted in the construction of numerous iron furnaces throughout the district.

The iron industry grew rapidly and needed coal, and to supply this demand the Pennsylvania Railroad built the Turtle Creek Valley Branch road to serve the coal mines east of here; this branch joined the main line at Stewarts Station; this helped build up the community, and added to its prestige.

About the year 1900, the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company decided to build a foundry at this little town, and a new community and industry was born; and with this increased business, there was considerable confusion in freight shipments to Stewarts Station and Seward Station (several miles east of here), so the name was changed from Stewarts Station to Trafford City; later the word "City" was dropped.

The only surviving pastor at this time is Rev. H. N. Cornes, who has been invited to be with us in the closing services at our present location.

We have an active Women's Auxiliary in "The Helping Hand Society," which has helped in many ways to pay for congregational expenses in the years when the receipts are slow coming in.

The Sabbath School is an active organization and besides contributing to our missionary society has also given substantial support to the Building Fund.

Our congregation seemed to be at a standstill, so far as growth was concerned, and it was thought a new location would be advisable; and in looking about for a better spot, a new community seemed best.

Level Green looked like a good place, and some of our church officials of the American Board of Missions became interested, and with our Pastor, looked the ground over, and made a favorable report.

They even took an option on a location of lots they thought could be used. Then at the Annual Congregational Meeting, the matter of moving to Level Green was brought up, but because few were familiar with the location selected, it was decided to hold a meeting later, with some of the Mission Board present; and also have other sites looked over in case a better location would be available.

It was decided to hold this meeting as of April 24, 1947; at this meeting a vote by ballot was taken on moving the church to Level Green; the ballot favored moving.

The report of the committee on location of more centrally located lots, had selected lots No. 52, 53 and 54 in Level Green Plan No. 1, as a better location.

After looking this location over it was decided to purchase them, at a meeting held on June 2, 1947.

Then came a waiting period for the plans and specifications of the change desired in basement and superstructure, prepared by architect Enos Cook of New Kensington; after their reception, a contract was signed with W. J. Houston of Emsworth, Pa., on November 6, 1948, and at present the foundation is in the last stages of completion.

The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy about July 1, 1949. In the meantime the regular services of the Sabbath School and Church will be conducted in the old frame school building in Level Green.

Under the guidance of God, it is believed that the pioneer spirit which prevailed in 1867, will find new spiritual needs to satisfy in 1949 in this neighboring community and the church's fine history will live for many years.

Pastors who have served Stewarts Station United Presbyterian Church:

1. Rev. D. A. Duff1869-1878
2. Rev. William S. Fulton ..1879-1881
3. Rev. A. D. McCarrel1883-1911
4. Rev. J. C. Marshall1911-1928
5. Rev. H. N. Cornes1928-1942
- Stated Supplies1942-1945
6. Rev. L. W. Stitt1945-

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

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Session

C. V. LLOYD	26 years	G. A. PARKER	16 years
W. W. JOHNSON	24 years	W. A. JOHNSTON	12 years
O. C. JONES	20 years	N. NASER	2 years
F. W. REED	16 years	N. V. LLOYD	1 year

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DANIEL FUNDIS	Treasurer
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MRS. R. LUTZ	MR. FRED REED

Helping Hand—MISS GLADYS McCALL

Women's Missionary Society—MRS. CHARLES KUNKLE
