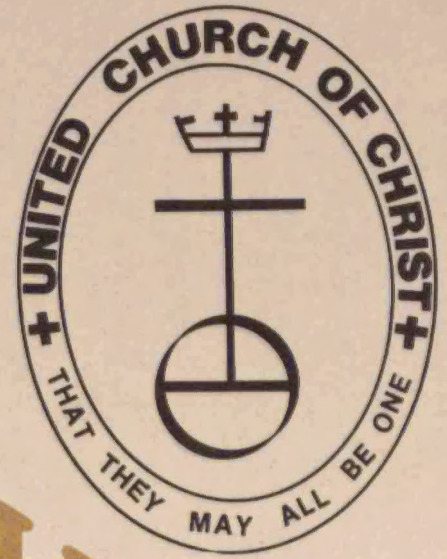


*In an effort to  
bring us together  
he provoked us  
to Renovation  
and Change . .*



# OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR



## **Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ**

**Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson**

**1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky**





**University of Louisville  
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The Office of Minority Affairs organized in 1976 is an expansion of the former Office of Black Affairs which began in 1969. Within the University structure, the department reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Minority Affairs, Dr. Joseph McMillan. Charged with the overriding mission of improving minority relations for all within the University, the department has the following goals:

- To foster and facilitate harmonious relationships among individuals and myriad groups in the University community (students, staff, and faculty)
- To ensure equal educational opportunity for all in the University community
- To ensure nondiscriminatory access to the University and its many programs for all, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or religious preferences
- To coordinate the design and development of specific academic and cultural programs for minorities
- To assess patterns of minority recruiting and retention in university units and initiate action to improve those patterns
- To coordinate the design and development of training programs for minorities
- To coordinate the activities of the boards and councils serving in advisory capacity to the Office of Minority Affairs
- To maintain liaison with civil rights and community service groups outside the university

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- 1) Academic Services Program
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Mitchell H. Payne, Director



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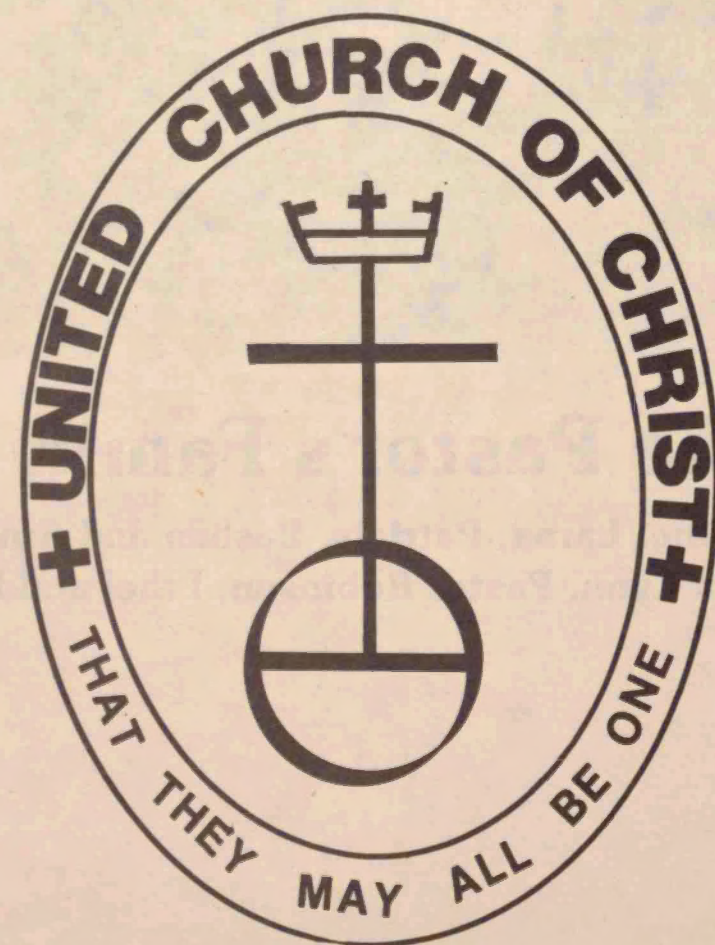
**Below: Lynn, Pastor Robinson, Ethel and Faye.**



## Forward

This Souvenir Booklet represents the devoted and dedicated work of many of the members of Plymouth. The Centennial Committee is especially grateful to Ms. Fern Stighal who started out with us, Mrs. Larna Robinson Appling, and Mr. Melver Tinsley, Co-Chairperson and their entire Committee. We also acknowledge our deep gratitude to our official photographer, Dr. C. Milton Young III who donated his time and equipment in order to make this booklet possible. We salute all of you.

*The Committee*



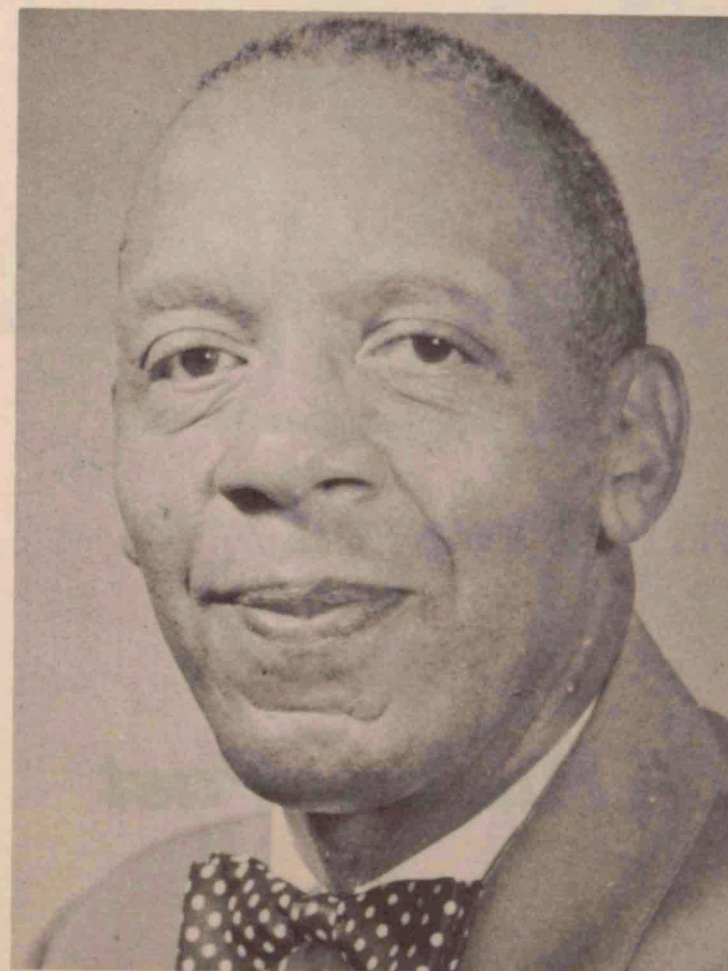
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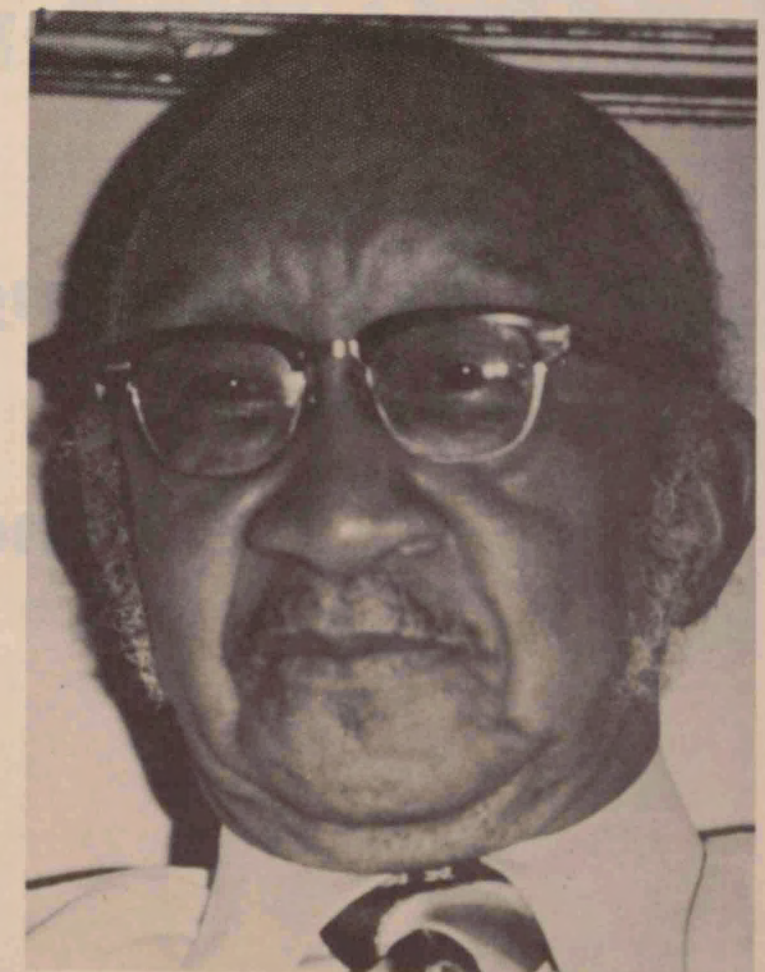
To our faithful members, including members who would not allow the Church to die, our consecrated pastors and the American Missionary Association, this Centennial Booklet is gratefully and lovingly dedicated.

A special recognition is given to two members of our congregation who passed away during the period of compilation of our historical program—

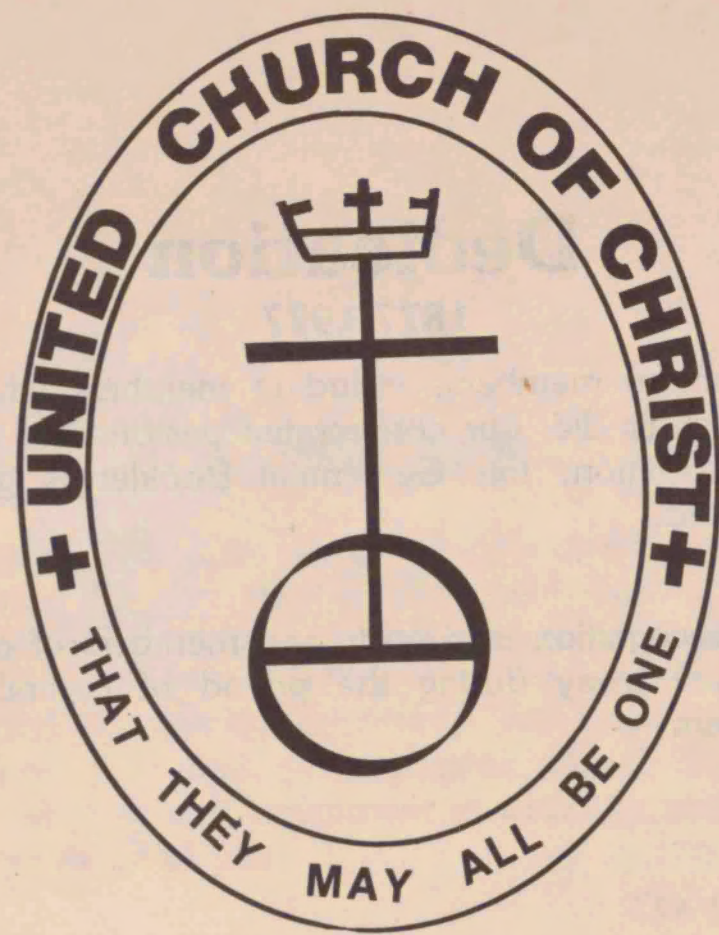
**Mr. Fred Dooley**  
(1910-1977)



**Mr. Alexander Floyd**  
(1908-1977)







**A Community Church for:**

***A challenging Future***

***A Dynamic Present***

***A Historic Past***

## **Chairpersons of Centennial Celebration**



**Mr. Herman H. Bentley**



**Mrs. Ethel M. Robinson**





**Mrs. Sarah Collins**  
**President of Church Council**  
**and**  
**Rev. Jonathon N. Robinson**  
**Pastor**

**Plymouth's Oldest Members**  
**Armah Banks**  
**and**  
**Annie Rowan**





Our Community Bears His Name  
In Memoriam To  
**Harvey Clarence Russell**



One of the greatest tributes to man and especially to an educator such as Harvey Clarence Russell is to dedicate an institution of learning to the name, the memory and the accomplishments of that man.

Harvey Clarence Russell was born in Bloomfield, Kentucky, June 7, 1883. Educated in the public schools of Kentucky in early life, he later received his A.B. Degree from Simmons University, a Master of Education Degree from University of Cincinnati and did further graduate work at the Universities of Miami and Chicago.

Mr. Russell taught in the Louisville Normal School from 1913 until 1924, training many who later became teachers in the Louisville Public Schools. He was Dean of Kentucky State College from 1931 until 1937. He was President of West Kentucky Vocational Training School, President of the Kentucky Negro Education Association from 1917 to 1922, a director of the National Youth Administration and served one year in the Department of Education, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Russell was an organizer of the Domestic Life and Accident Insurance Company and the Standard Building and Loan Association. At the time of his death, September 21, 1949, he was Business Manager of Simmons University.

While President of K.N.E.A., Mr. Russell worked successfully for the accrediting of Negro High Schools and the re-organization of West Kentucky Vocational Training School. Also, the P.T.A. was established as a part of K.N.E.A. in Kentucky, the Inter-High School Athletic Association was established and the Moon-Light School Movement won national recognition.

All six of Mr. Russell's children graduated from the school named in his honor.

**Chairpersons of  
Centennial Booklet**



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*Acting Co-Chairperson*



**Dr. C. Milton Young III**  
*Advisor*



**Mrs. Mary Catherine Brown**  
*Centennial Secretary*



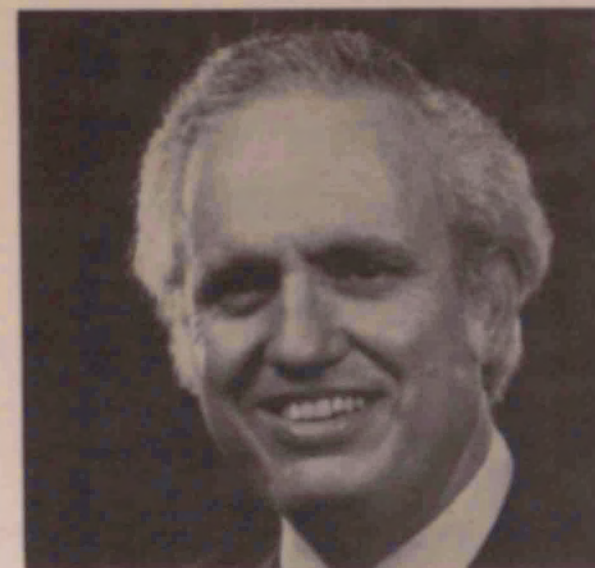


THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1977

To the Congregation of Plymouth  
Congregational United Church of Christ  
Congratulations on the anniversary of  
your congregation. It is a pleasure to  
send my very best wishes to all of you  
and to join in your prayers for continued  
spiritual strength for all Americans.

*Jimmy Carter*



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

October 1, 1977

JULIAN M. CARROLL  
GOVERNOR

The Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson  
Pastor  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Reverend Robinson:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend  
my personal greetings and congratulations to you and the  
congregation during the centennial celebration of the Plymouth  
Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

Certainly, this is a significant moment in your  
church's history as you mark one hundred years of existence,  
and I join you in this salute.

May the special feeling of fellowship and Christian  
commitment you will share on this memorable occasion remain  
with you in the years to come.

With warmest best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

*Julian M. Carroll*  
Julian M. Carroll



L. J. HOLLENBACH, III  
COUNTY JUDGE

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202  
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August 22, 1977

Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Pastor  
Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
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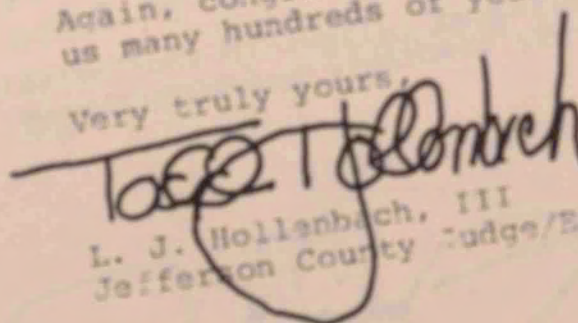
Dear Reverend Robinson and the Congregation:

Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary celebration. The citizens of our community can be truly grateful for the many good works you have accomplished during your first century in Jefferson County.

You have been an inspiration to us by building the character, shaping the morality and molding the positive attitude of many fine people in our community. You have, through your persevering faith, through your dedication to truth, and your commitment to the practice of virtue made our community truly a finer place for all of us to live.

Again, congratulations to you and may your light shine among us many hundreds of years to come.

Very truly yours,



L. J. Hollenbach, III  
Jefferson County Judge/Executive

LJH/ds



**City of Louisville**  
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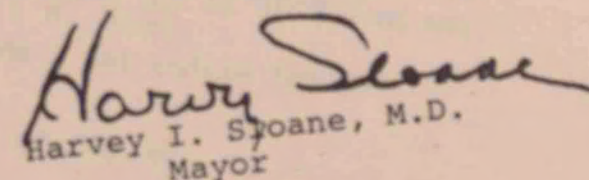
HARVEY I. SLOANE M.D.  
MAYOR

Greetings to the Congregation:

The City of Louisville is proud that its heritage includes the one hundred year history of the Plymouth Congregational Church. The perseverance of the people who founded and maintained this congregation demonstrates the spirit of partnership and cooperation which is the soul of Louisville today.

I congratulate the members of the Plymouth Congregational Church on their Centennial Celebration. On behalf of the City of Louisville, I wish you a prosperous second hundred years.

Sincerely,



Harvey I. Sloane, M.D.  
Mayor

HIS/lh





WALTER D. HUDDLESTON  
KENTUCKY

COMMITTEE:  
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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 10, 1977

The Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Reverend Robinson:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my congratulations to you and the membership of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ as you celebrate your Centennial Anniversary.

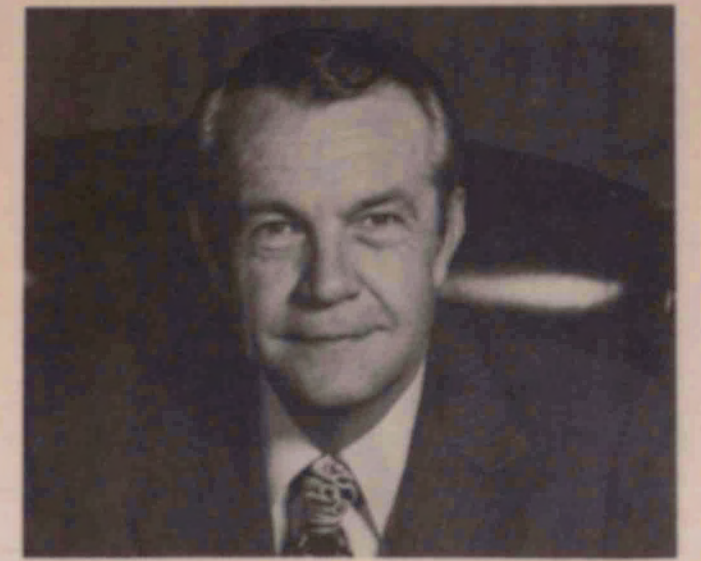
You and the entire membership should be commended for the important role that Plymouth has played throughout the years in community affairs. In addition, the church should also be commended for serving as the spiritual center for many outstanding community leaders including Representative Mae Street Kidd, Mr. Carl Hines, Mr. Lyman T. Johnson and Mr. Jesse Warders.

I am hopeful that in the future the contributions of Plymouth will continue to be as beneficial to the entire community as those you have made in the past.

My best wishes for a most successful centennial celebration.

Sincerely,

*Walter D. Huddleston*  
Walter D. Huddleston



WENDELL H. FORD  
KENTUCKY

COMMITTEE:  
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TRANSPORTATION  
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 3, 1977

Dear Friends:

It is a special pleasure to extend congratulations to all the members of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ on this special occasion. Over the past century, your church has established a proud and distinguished record, one centered around service to your community and fellow man. You have helped to advance the cause of fellowship and brotherhood among all the people of your community and what you have achieved should be a source of lasting pride.

You have my lasting appreciation for the good work you have accomplished. I extend my best wishes for a most successful centennial celebration and may God continue to bless your every effort.

Sincerely,

*Wendell H. Ford*  
Wendell H. Ford

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
c/o The Reverend J. N. Robinson  
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August 18, 1977

Reverend Jonathan Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational United  
Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Reverend Robinson:

I congratulate the members of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ on the occasion of your Church's Centennial celebration.

During the past century, the Plymouth Congregational Church has given noble service to God and to our community.

Your Church has been a focal point of religious and civic life for thousands of citizens.

I am confident the Plymouth Congregational Church will serve in the future -- as it has in the past century -- to make our community stronger, healthier and better.

Best wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Romano L. Mazzoli*  
ROMANO L. MAZZOLI  
Member of Congress

RLM:vg

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August 31, 1977

Reverend Johnathon N. Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Rev. Robinson:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend sincere congratulations to you and the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ on the church's 100th Anniversary. Plymouth Congregational has earned a reputation as a friendly church with a social vision and open arms, calling to the world: "Come thou with us and we will do you good."

I can open the flood gates of memory and travel back to New Haven, Connecticut where your Christian work gave hope and leadership at the Dixwell Avenue Church. It was there that I witnessed your dedication to Christ's work and gained inspiration that remains with me today.

I am sure that the members of Plymouth Congregational recognize that you are an outstanding preacher of the gospel in Louisville and across the country. What a marvelous combination you and the church are. Plymouth Congregational makes you a great preacher; you make Plymouth Congregational a great church.

The church's centennial celebration is no accident or miracle; it is the way God planned it. "Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

May God's wisdom continue to guide you and the church and may He continue to use Plymouth Congregational Church as an instrument of hope in His symphony of peace and love for all mankind.

Yours in Christ

*Walter E. Fauntroy*  
WALTER E. FAUNTROY  
Member of Congress

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.





MRS. MAE STREET KIDD  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FRANKFORT, KY. 40601

CONGRATULATIONS!

HERE WE ARE .....  
After 100 Years Of Spiritual Influence --- "Serving  
God and The Community" --- We Look Ahead To Another  
Horizon.

History is more than a succession of dates  
and events, of crisis and controversy. It is illu-  
minated, at its best, by the acts and words of the  
participants.

PLYMOUTH faces challenges greater than  
any it has faced before. This is no time for com-  
placency. This is no time for timidity and doubt.  
This is no time for bold arrogance. It is a time  
for LOVE. A time for stouthearted men and women to  
band themselves together and meet head-on their ob-  
ligations and responsibilities --- which will lift  
high PLYMOUTH'S BANNER,

AS DID .....

The late Reverend J. E. Harris  
Mrs Rachel Harris  
Atty. J. E. Harris

and hundreds of others whose  
echoes move us still and shall always remain our con-  
cern.

Yours In Christ,

*Mae Street Kidd*  
The Honorable Mae Street Kidd  
State Representative  
41st Legislative District



MRS. GEORGIA M. POWERS  
SENATOR, 33RD DISTRICT  
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August 18, 1977

The Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
1630 W. Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Sir:

It gives me much pleasure to extend to you my warm, personal greeting  
during this 100th anniversary year of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

The observance of this momentous occasion causes us to pause and  
review the collective accomplishments of the church in a century of pro-  
gress.

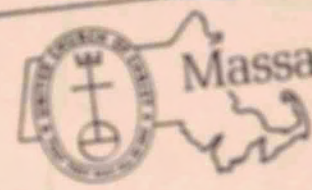
As you enter the threshold of a new era of service, you are sure to  
find new challenges and new problems. But, I know you will find solutions  
in a spirit of christian understanding and cooperation.

I join with others wishing you every success in the years ahead, and  
in rejoicing with you during this year of celebration.

Sincerely,

*Georgia M. Powers*  
Georgia M. Powers





# Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ

July 27, 1977

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The Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you so much for your note received immediately following General Synod.

At this point I have a half dozen invitations for the week-end of October 28th to 30th and have a major logistical problem. The Finance and Budget Committee, as well as the Advisory Commission of Women, are both meeting in New York. With an additional appointment in mid State New York late Saturday, and a Sunday preaching engagement in that same vicinity, it is simply impossible for me to make the connections to Louisville.

So I regret very much that I cannot accept your most gracious invitation and do hope that it will be possible to visit Plymouth Church some other time.

May I congratulate you on your call to St. Mark Church of Roxbury. The members of the committee are very excited about the promise of your leadership in that significant parish. As you know, the church has been vacant for some time and while the interim minister has done an outstanding piece of work, the need for a settled pastor has been urgent. So you will be welcomed with open arms and you will have a very, very good time indeed in the Boston area.

Blessings on you in your ministry. Grace and peace to you and the members of Plymouth Church.

Sincerely  
*Avery D. Post*  
Avery D. Post  
Minister and President

ADP/gm

dictated by A.D. Post  
& signed in his absence

# Indiana-Kentucky Conference



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August 24, 1977

Plymouth United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Friends:

I am happy to congratulate you upon this, your 100th birthday as a congregation witnessing and working in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If we think back on the ministry of this church we can only dream of what it must have meant to free men and free women to be drawn into the causes that prevailed in those early days.

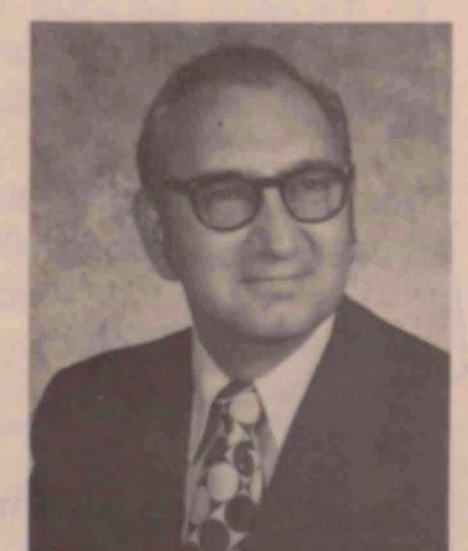
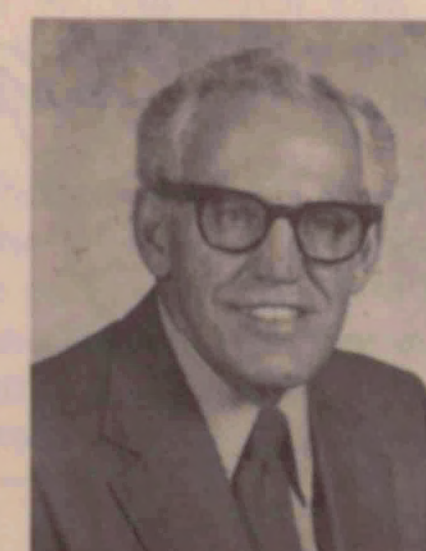
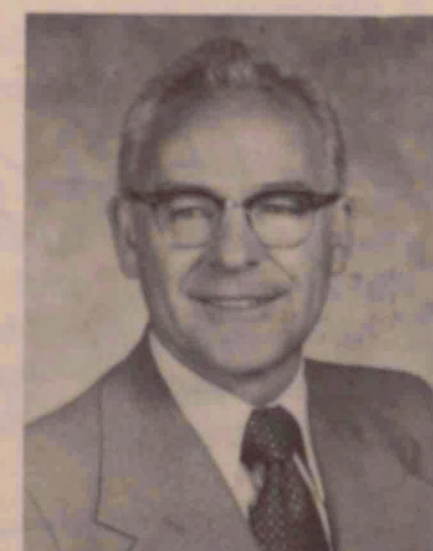
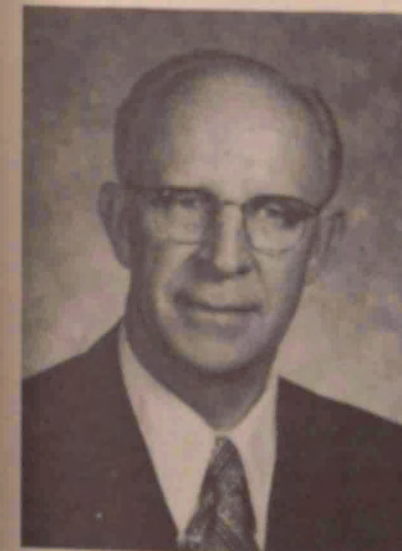
Now we live in a different time when the names of causes may have changed but when we still are about our Master's business of making all persons free through the gospel and its promises to all people.

I challenge the members of Plymouth Congregation to take new resolve as you face the beginning of a second century to work to make this congregation a stronger and more viable instrument in the service of our Lord. May He bless you one and all in this glorious effort.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry W. Bredeweg*

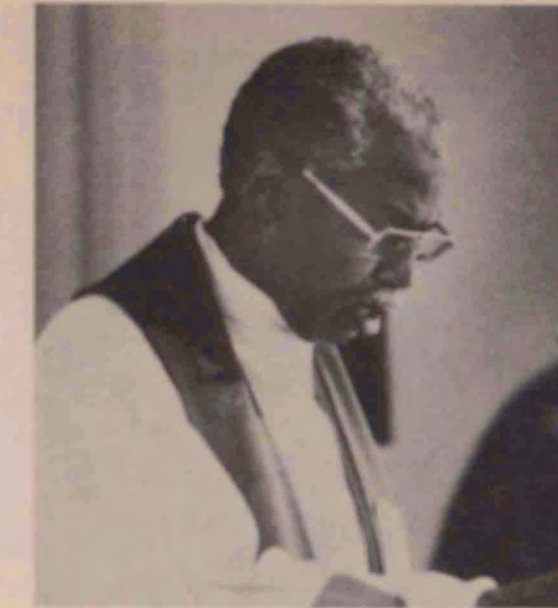
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*Indiana-Kentucky Conference*

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The Reverend Mr. Jonathan Robinson  
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
1630 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

September 5, 1977

Dear Reverend Robinson:

Upon the joyous occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Louisville, Kentucky, it is my distinct privilege and great pleasure as president of the Kentuckiana Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference to express sincere and heartfelt congratulations to you and the good people of Plymouth Church for one hundred years of devoted Christian service to the needs of the local parish, the community, and the world at large. A century of commitment to the cause of the Kingdom is worthy of very special note and I, therefore, am most gratified to extend to everyone at Plymouth, on behalf of their many friends among the churches of the association, deep gratitude for their long history of faithfulness to Almighty God and His Church. May the present be filled with all the fullness of our Creator, and the future bright with the promise of His continued presence and blessing.

Fraternally,

Philip P. Krause, President  
The Kentuckiana Association  
Indiana-Kentucky Conference  
United Church of Christ

Plymouth has reached another milestone in her illustrious history of One Hundred years. Each milestone has carried her to higher ground and presented her with great challenges, forcing her to face bigger responsibilities.

Emil Brunner insists that "the Church exists by mission as fire by burning." To deny her mission is to deny her nature; to neglect her witness is to cease to be the Church.

Historically, a few faithful members would not let Plymouth die, because they affirmed that Christ's commission to be a witnessing Church is "the great end of her organization, and obedience to it" is "the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence." Here is something that must not change—witnessing, reaching out for others, sharing the Gospel, being *in Mission* must still be the same supreme place in Plymouth and in the life of Christians today.

Whatever has been the challenges and responsibilities, Plymouth has met them courageously and victoriously, attesting thereto are beautiful new and old complexes. Plymouth's roots and influence go back One Hundred years. However, time brings changes, making new demands. Through these old and new physical, functional facilities, and the human contributions of service which we here rededicate, we hope to meet the challenges of time head-on and translate them gloriously to God and mankind through the next full One Hundred years. Such a pledge of self-dedication is the least that we can do, considering our heritage, human and divine.

To the 200 members of Plymouth who have given sweat, blood and tears to the life of Plymouth, who supplied the necessary finances, who have a dream for a Church that should be involved in the restoration of things ultimate, which are about to die, we extend our deepest expressions of appreciation.

The Congregation under God, has remained sensitive to both its responsibility and its opportunity in this old neighborhood, and, so, come not with an ironclad program to which the community must bow, indeed, it must prepare now, to merge, mission or move, but with outstretched arms, welcoming to share its responsibility and help to meet its opportunity.

Every Christian needs a Church, and those within her reach without a Church, and if Plymouth becomes your Church choice, she invites you to make Plymouth your Church home. "Come thou with her and she will do you good. Come in World!"

Surely the Lord has been good to Plymouth, and like Samuel of Old, we here raise our Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Please come to Boston . . . Don't say no . . .

Jonathan N. Robinson



## Former Ministers



The Rev. Everett G. Harris



The Rev. T. S. Ledbetter



Rev. Aurelius D. Pinckney



The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Berry



The Rev. Jonathan Robinson

Leviticus 26-45: "I will for their sake remember the covenant with their forefathers . . ."

Legacy from Mary McLeod Bethune:

"I leave you love—I leave you hope—I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another—I leave you a thirst for education—I leave you respect for the use of power—I leave you faith—I leave you racial dignity—I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellowmen—I leave you finally a responsibility to our young people."

Since 1877 this has been the thrust of Plymouth. Plymouth Church was organized in the fall of 1877 from a group of people who earlier in the year left the Old Center Street Church following a pastor, a certain Rev. Mr. Martin, whom they loved. At first the name "Congregational Methodist" was used. Then hearing about "Northern Friends" who would help them financially if they became Congregationalists the Methodist part of the name was soon dropped. Worship services were first held at a location on Jefferson between Ninth and Tenth. Later a beautiful old synagogue on Jefferson above Preston was purchased and the church prospered under the leadership of Rev. Snell and his successors, the Rev. Smith and George M. McClellan. The latter served very effectively for a while, but after several years prospects for growth seemed discouraging and the building was sold with the idea of disbanding. But the church would not die. The faithful members would not give up, and soon, like the early Christian Church, were meeting in a little upper room over a lodge hall on Broadway near Ninth Street. With the help of a white missionary, Mrs. Evans, who came during the time of Rev. Snell, the life of the little group continued. Their pastor was the Rev. William Johnson, who later went to our church at Lexington.

In 1891 the American Missionary Association sent the Rev. E. G. Harris, a recent Howard Divinity School graduate, as pastor. He found the little group at the Ninth and Broadway location without means and with little promise, but full of faith and hope that a real church might be developed. After a few years Mr. Harris persuaded the American Missionary Association to purchase a little plot of ground on the corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut Streets. A small structure was built which later gave way to a conventional frame New England Congregational Church which served as a place of worship until razed for construction of the present edifice in 1929. After his first eight years Mr. Harris was advised to quit as a Congregational Church was a hopeless proposition in Louisville, but with his faithful wife by his side to encourage and a small group of loyal members, including Sister Annie Letcher, Patsy Haney, Charles Jones, William Phelps (first Sunday School superintendent), Elizabeth Simmons, Mrs. Worthington, Mary Smith, James Chipley, John Young, Logan Peterson, and William Bell, he set his face against this advice and stuck to the job. Later a former schoolmate, Dr. E. D. Whedbee, (first chorister), became a faithful worker. The membership increased to 114 in 1904 and 174 in 1908.

His effective work among domestic workers and successful activities among children soon won for the church and Rev. Harris many outstanding friends of both races and the church grew. Plymouth Settlement House was conceived in 1911 and erected in 1917 to house these activities and further extend the services of the church to its community.

A few years after World War I, Mr. Harris wrote: "The most urgent need is a new building in which to worship, the present building being a small frame structure built many years ago, and altogether inadequate for the growing congregation."

Together with a group of friends of both races and church officers Mr. Harris began planning for a new church building.

The first \$500.00 was raised in 1924. By the end of 1926 a total of \$11,141.99 had been raised. This rose to \$14,545.17 in 1927. An intensive campaign was launched in 1928 which brought the total collected and subscribed to \$47,099.24, and the architect was put to work on plans for the new building. The Congregational Church Building Society gave a grant of \$7,000.00 and made a loan of \$7,000.00 and members subscribed the balance of \$3,900.76 to erect a beautiful edifice costing \$65,000.00.

Dedicatory Services in the new edifice were held the last Sunday in November through the first Sunday in December, 1929, with services lasting throughout the week.

There was only a \$7,000 mortgage on the new building. The future looked bright and the interest with small principal payments were made regularly, but the depression deepened and it became increasingly difficult to raise scarcely enough to meet current expenses. Progress toward paying off the mortgage was at a standstill.

After forty-five years of fruitful service the Rev. E. G. Harris passed to his reward on December 10, 1936. One month later came the unforgettable 1937 flood. And the church entered eleven critical months without a pastor. However, a faithful remnant rallied under leadership of Edward A. Rogers, Chairman of the Deacon Board, and his partner, Clarence Young. Regular services were continued with visiting ministers filling the pulpit along with deacon Thomas M. Bond.

Early in September, 1937, the Reverend Theodore S. Ledbetter, Dean of Men and College Minister at Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, accepted a call to the pastorate and commenced services on the first Sunday in November of the same year. Many old members returned and a large number of new members was added. New interest developed and a warm spirit of fellowship and cooperation was manifest.

On September 28, 1938, significantly ten years after the first great campaign, the church met and organized a "Debt Clearance Campaign" headed by the following committee: G. D. Wilson, Chairman; James Bryant, V. L. Cooper, J. Everett Harris, Sallie F. Lively, C. H. Morton, Atwood S. Wilson. These were ably assisted by the following lieutenant canvassers: T. M. Bond, F. A. Cabell, R. M. Crume, W. B. Daniel, Jr., Edith Emerson, F. Louise Matthews, Louise R. Montgomery, F. N. Shelton, Byrdie Snyder, W. A. Tisdale, Maxine Whedbee and Rosa Wise.

Pledges were rapidly solicited and payments began. Practically every member gave in amounts ranging from \$100 down to \$5.00 and within the year \$2,223 was raised and paid the Church Building Society, which in turn gave a grant of \$2,000, leaving an unpaid balance of \$1,130 upon which there would be no interest charge for five years. Subsequently, successful bazaars in 1940 and in 1941 netted enough to pay off the balance.



Following the Mortgage Burning Celebration, December 14, 1943, we designed our program to vouchsafe the Eternal Word and at the same time meet wartime needs. Many members are serving at the war front; others do their bit at home.

A Golden Anniversary was held October 3, 1943, for Mary Smith, Bertha Whedbee, Rachel D. Harris and Clarence Young, who had served for more than fifty years as members.

Our membership has grown to 377. The Boards and auxiliaries are active. Finances are on a sound basis. The charity, missions and service, together with the sacred worship of God and a warm fellowship with all who come truly make this "The Community Church for Community Needs."

### "Friends Through The Years"

Mrs. J. B. Speed  
Col. P. H. Callahan  
Paul Burlingame  
Miss Ellen L. Taylor  
W. F. Axton  
Dinwiddie Lampton  
Wade Sheltman  
C. C. Stoll  
Mrs. Elliott Callahan  
Mrs. W. R. Belknap  
H. J. Angermeier  
Col. Fred Levy  
Y. R. Altsheier  
N. W. Funk

Dr. James Bond  
Samuel H. Moon  
R. W. Bingham  
Rev. Charles Welch  
H. J. Caperton  
E. H. Speckman  
Dean R. L. McCready  
T. J. Long  
Prof. R. P. Halleck  
Mrs. Helm Bruce  
Attila Cox  
Mrs. Alvin T. Hert  
C. R. Menger  
Senator F. M. Sackett

### Louisville Community Chest Congregational Christian Home Board

#### "WE CAN NEVER FORGET THESE"

- Miss Sarah Evans**—A.M.A. Missionary—whose efforts brought us one of the largest Sunday Schools in the city.
- John Williams**—witnessing every Sunday morning, always ending with the story of the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace.
- Charles Jones**—with his Civil War medals—frequently addressing young people on their duty to those valiant heroes, always ending with singing "Who Will Go and Work Today?"
- John Young**—humble and earnest in his great emotional prayers.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, Sister Mary Smith, Mrs. Callie Jamison, and Mrs. Susan Johnson**—cooking for the boat ride and working hard to support the little church and build the new one.
- William Phelps**—first Sunday School Superintendent—always saying "Amen" in the services.
- Dr. E. D. Whedbee**—first Chorister—worker with the Young People.
- James Chipley**—early joiner lasting to the present day.
- Mrs. Susie B. Schaefer**—with her preserves for the Bazaar.
- Rev. George M. McClellan, Sister Annie Letcher, Prof. W. B. Matthews, Miss Carrie Alexander, Prof. Atwood S. Wilson**—aiding our young people in securing higher education.
- Mrs. Lillie B. Graves**—President of the Missionary Society.
- Ernest C. Lively and his father, Clarence Young and his father, Ellis Whedbee and his father**—as father-son combinations of Deacons.
- Mrs. R. D. Harris**—for long years of service as pastor's wife.
- E. C. Malone**—as a stalwart leader.
- E. A. Rogers**—ever faithful at the services and in the work of the church.
- L. Hodges, Florist**—for a continuous supply of flowers in the pulpit.
- Mrs. E. G. Emerson**—always remembering the sick with a card.
- Thomas M. Bond**—willingly and ably filling the pulpit when we had no pastor.
- James Bryant**—more than 20 years' faithful service as Secretary.
- Jesse Doyle**—with his white coat, serving at the Bazaars.
- G. D. Wilson**—reorganizing the business of our church.
- Sallie Lively**—first female trustee of our church.

### 1943 Officers of the Church

**Lyman T. Johnson**, Clerk  
**William Keyes**, Treasurer  
**George S. Wise**, Financial Secretary  
**Dr. C. W. Snyder**, Chorister  
**Nannie Crume**, Organist  
**Mina Hughes**, Junior Choir

**G. S. Wise**, Sunday School Superintendent  
**R. M. Crume**, Assistant Chorister  
**Gertrude Wilson**, Assistant Organist  
**Cora L. Henderson**, P.M. Pianist  
**Edith G. Emerson**, Assistant S.S. Superintendent

**Deacons**—E. A. Rogers, Chairman; Clarence Young, William Payne, L. J. Harper, J. A. Starks, Alonzo W. Gaines, K. D. Williams, T. M. Bond, C. H. Morton, W. H. Carson, L. J. Smith, Buck Rowan, T. H. McNeil, H. A. Ward, L. T. Johnson, Ellis D. Whedbee.

**Deaconesses**—Henrietta Payne, Chairman; Edna Hughes, Bertha Whedbee, Isa B. Harris, Carrie Tate, Hattie Bomar, R. D. Harris, Mary Lindsey, Edith Emerson, Artie Young, Mary Smith, Molly H. Ricks, Mary Stanford, Ruth Harper, Nannie Williams, Mary E. Wilson, Carrie Alexander.

**Trustees**—James Bryant, Chairman; R. M. Crume, F. T. Foley, R. C. Rowan, Sr., L. C. Olive, Sr., William Keyes, G. S. Wise, A. I. Bright, F. N. Shelton, Leslie Hodges, V. L. Cooper, C. S. Elder, G. W. Wigginton, Sallie Lively, G. D. Wilson (Co-op.).

**Ushers**—L. C. Olive, Sr., Chairman, William Jefferson Payne, H. H. Stiefel, F. N. Shelton, Elmo C. Lively, C. A. Orton, Clarence Bomar, Jr., J. Andrew Bishop.

### PASTORS AND THEIR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Rev. Mr. Everett G. Harris was the first pastor in the present edifice. He was responsible for erection of the Plymouth Settlement House (now known as Plymouth Urban Center). One of the main reasons for this building was to provide dormitory living for young women who came to Louisville to work in private families, so that they could have a home away from their place of employment. Mrs. Annie Rowan was the first matron. Rev. Harris was Superintendent of an orphanage located at 18th and Dumesnil. His heart was with the orphans and he would help them plant vegetable gardens. Higher educational goals were encouraged and all graduates were recognized. His personal friends helped financially in the guilding of both the Settlement House and the Church as both were dedicated to the service of God for people.

There were many other highlights during the pastorate of Reverent Harris. He organized the church membership into circles each of which in some way reflected Congregationalism. The seven circles were Beecher, Congregational, Liberty, Mayflower, Pilgrim, Plymouth and Puritan. These groups were competitive in their fund raising activities. The annual bazaars, boat picnics and moonlight rides up the Ohio involved all members as well as many people in the community. These affairs were a source of pleasure as well as a financial gain.

Plymouth purchased property surrounding the church making it possible for people in the neighborhood to have decent places to live.

Rev. Harris's wife, Mrs. Rachael Davis Harris was truly a pastor's wife. She stood beside him and supported him in all his endeavors for Plymouth Congregational Church. "Miss Rachael" as she was so affectionately called was organist for all services including Sunday School and Wednesday night prayer meetings. Along with her duties as organist, Mrs. Harris taught the Women's Adult Bible Class every Sunday morning.

When the new church was erected and a pipe organ installed, her position as organist was taken over by Miss Nannie Board. Mrs. Harris was then the first Black city librarian.

Their son, Everett, was a teacher and an attorney. He also served the church as a choir member and in many other capacities.

The Rev. Mr. Theodore S. Ledbetter came to the church from Tillotson College, Austin, Texas in 1937 as our pastor with his bride, Orelia. At this time the pastors of the church were also the Superintendents of the Settlement House. The surrounding community made extensive use of the Settlement House, and it was described as "bursting at the seams." These were the war years and the young men going into the armed forces kept a high patriotic feeling in the church. Many in the church and the city recall the Junior Church when young people of all ages from the church and community were actively involved. Afternoon Sunday School was held in the Settlement House every Sunday afternoon. Even though his wife, Orelia was raising two of their three sons, she worked with him in the Junior Church, the Settlement House, and the community. A real community leader, he took an active part in any community endeavor. Various groups of the church and members visited the Veterans' Hospital and facilities. He served from 1937-1947.



The Rev. A. D. Pinckney was a Congregational minister before he came to Plymouth in 1947, and served until March 15, 1966. He and his wife, Thelma, saw a community need and established pre-school nursery classes that met in the Settlement House. A camping program for young people flourished. Young people from the church with their adult leaders attended out of state camps sponsored by the Congregational Churches. Touring groups from our northern churches made annual visits to Plymouth on their way to southern schools and churches. Cultural exchange visits across states and locally by members, youths, and adults. The Urban Renewal in the "West End" was of concern, especially its far reaching implications. During his pastorate the Men's Bible Class of the Sunday School flourished, as some of the men were never church members. In 1957 the first church merger of Congregation and Disciples occurred. Another merger with E & R Churches took place and a new name was added—United Church of Christians. Reverend Pinckney was the first moderator of the Kentucky-Indiana Conference. Mrs. Pinckney sang in the choir.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Berry served the church from June 1, 1966 to July 7, 1968. He and his wife, Linda, sang in the choir. While he was a student, he had served as a volunteer social worker during the summer in Boston, Massachusetts. The Settlement House was still an extension of the work of the church; and as his concern was especially with young people, he sponsored activities that kept the Settlement House filled with young people.

The Rev. Mr. Jonathan N. Robinson came to Plymouth February 16, 1969, and his pastorate ends November 30, 1977, when he goes to Boston, Massachusetts. His community outreach has been through River Region, the programs that help the troubled and disturbed. His community contacts have been far reaching. For afternoon cultural programs the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches have been visited by the minister and choir. His services as a counselor were never restricted, available to any in the community who requested his help.

Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, moved through local and national scenes, was appointed commissioner on the Human Relations Commission by Mayor Harvey Sloane; served as Chairperson, Plymouth Urban Center; Alcoholism Council of Louisville, Board of Directors; appointed by the Honorable Governor Julian M. Carroll to The Task Force on Education, Commonwealth of Kentucky; Chairperson, Advisory Board of Emergency School Act Advisory Committee (ESSAA) Special Projects, system-wide Jefferson County Board of Education; Board of Directors for ALPHA (Action League for Physically Handicapped); Member, Citizen Liaison Council, Jefferson County Board of Education, Consultant and Advisor to Superintendent Ernest Grayson; selected by peers to testify before U.S. Senate Judicial Sub-Committee on busing; President, West End Ministerial Alliance; Executive Director, Alcohol Abuse Services, River Region Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board; Program Officer, School of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky (O.M.B.E.); Panelist, Moral Side of the News, WHAS TV and Radio; Called to be Senior Minister, St. Mark's Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Boston, (Roxbury) Massachusetts. Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson was an exciter, renovator, builder and public relations man.

Rev. Robinson's wife, Ethel, has worked very hard and effectively with the young people in the church, stimulating their involvement in all church activities. Organization of the Young Adult and Children's Choirs has included participants that are not members. One of the most successful community involvements was restoration of the Bible School when over 50% of enrolled children came from the neighborhood. Another highlight was the International Tea which netted over \$3,000 to renovate the entire lower auditorium. Mrs. Robinson has worked side by side with the pastor, attended all meetings pertinent to the church with him, was a member of the choir, member of most church organizations, and worked for the success of any endeavor at Plymouth.

### MUSIC

Musical programs, recitals, community choruses had their beginning with Mr. George McClellan. Under his direction a public appearance at Leiderkranz Hall at Sixth and Walnut was given to help with debts for the church. He had attended Fisk University, and he was a believer in good music for cultural benefit. Dr. Charles W. Snyder was a chorister with musical ability. Dr. E. D. Whedbee sang as well directed the choir. Dr. Dan Lawson, a product of Fisk University, served as chorister until he joined an Episcopal Church. Mrs. Nannie Board Crume who was a high school music teacher, was both organist and choir director for many years. Mrs. R. Lillian Carpenter, a music supervisor in Louisville Public Schools, was a director who brought in young soloists to augment the choirs, and the able organist was Mrs. Gertrude Wilson. A relative of Mrs. Crume who served the church in the music department was Mrs. Mary Eliza James Smith a graduate of Xavier University. Mr. Anthony Mayfield, a trained musician, was both organist and choir director, and choirs made public appearances on TV. Mr. Thomas Moxley developed a youth choir. Miss Sherrel Bentley served as director of youth. When the elected organist and director Mrs. Joetta Perkins was absent, Mrs. Alyce Holden and Mr. Wiley Daniel, Jr. also served as organist substitutes.

Mrs. Perkins has trained the choirs to lead the congregation in singing a spiritual, "Lord Make Me More Holy" as a postlude to the service. This a cappella rendition, sung after the benediction, is an effective and impressive part of the worship service.

There have been many beautiful voices in the choirs, but worthy of mention is a mother and her two daughters. They were Mrs. Edna Hughes, deceased, her daughter Mina, deceased, who directed a children's choir, and Miss Abbey Hughes Fife who is presently servicing and training the small children. These children sing once a month on Youth Sunday. Posted in the back of the hymnals is an original poem by Mrs. Ida Mai Whedbee, deceased. "Father in Heaven" is sung by congregation and choirs in response to pastoral prayer.

Grandchildren of several members are in the Young Adult and Children's choirs: Melver Tinsley—grandson of Mrs. C. M. H. Morton and the late Mr. C. M. H. Morton; Clarissa and Portia Griffin—granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams; Mrs. Alberta Bomar Jones and Joyce Malone—daughter and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

A. Bomar, Sr.; Dorothea Harris—granddaughter of Mrs. Isa Harris; Regina Corbett—great great granddaughter of Mrs. Mary E. Wilson; Karin and Tracey Talbot—granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Baird; Garry Cosby—grandson of Mr. Clay Williams; Carmen and Kelli Payne—great great granddaughters of William Payne; Katrina Haun—granddaughter of James and Stella Davis; Lynn and Faye Hobson—granddaughters of J. N. and Ethel Robinson; Tony McAfee—grandchild of Mrs. Ruth Hines; Olivia, John, and Janet Harris—great grandchildren of Clarence and Hattie B. Bomar, Sr.; Evelyn Watkins and Raydonna Watkins Guy—daughter and granddaughter of Richard and Ollie Smith; Kimberly Guess—great great granddaughter of Mary E. Wilson.

Philip Harris has always been a staunch member of the church as his mother brought him to church as a baby and he has been in regular attendance ever since. Nothing has ever kept him from coming to church. He has always willingly offered his services to any group that was having anything at the church. He can be dubbed "young Mr. Plymouth."

### Contributions—Individual and Collective—of Early Member of Church—Organizations, Commemorative Windows, etc.

Through a portion of the pastorate of Mr. Ledbetter the church membership was divided into circles. There came into being the Congregational Service Club (known as CSC), whose purpose was to be of service to the church and the community. There was also the Guild—Mrs. Henrietta Payne was instrumental in encouraging young members of the church as the then "Missionary Society" stalwarts were passing on. This was before the days of the Women's Fellowship, and the current trend (not fully adopted here) is that all groups no longer be restricted as either male or female. As a church member for sixty years and a consecrated deaconess, everything about the church was her concern. She was a frequent letter writer to the editors of the daily newspapers. Mrs. Payne had three daughters and two sons. Each of them were dedicated members of Plymouth. One daughter, Georgia J. Baughman, served as a teacher in the Sunday School. It was her pleasure to bring children in her automobile every Sunday. This continued until her illness and death in 1967.

A Patrician of the church was Mrs. Mary E. Wilson. Fifteen of her living relatives are current members of the church.

The family of Mr. Elias Wilson has three daughters still living who are members of the church. They worked in every capacity in the church. Mrs. Mary W. Crenshaw is still a teacher of the Ladies' Bible School Class and is an efficient and interesting leader. This family for sixty years made the Easter Crosses—sometimes as many as four hundred or more for the Morning Service.

The Mrs. Susie B. Schaeffer (who made communion bread) has relatives who are still members. Her son, Louis B. Schaeffer, (now deceased) when he retired came to the church as custodian. It was a labor of love for the church. Mrs. Mary Stanford (deceased deaconess) gave a silver bowl to be used before the serving of communion.

Dr. Charles W. Snyder gave the baby grand piano.

Mr. Clarence Young willed shares of stock to the church.

Mrs. J. B. Speed at the time of building the church gave the pipe organ. She was not a member, but a benefactor to both church and Settlement House. Also Mr. Samuel Moon gave \$5,000.00 cash.

A church member, Mr. Ellis Whedbee, (deceased) was selling air conditioning, and gave his commission to the church. He was the son of Dr. Whedbee; his mother was Mrs. Bertha Simmons Whedbee; and his grandmother was the Mrs. Simmons who was one of the early members.

Mrs. Rachel Harris and her sister-in-law Mrs. Molly Ricks gave the church property on Oldham Street.

Mrs. Sylvia Harris and friends gave the loud speaker in the lower auditorium. It is installed so that services and music during worship can be heard throughout the church.

A devoted couple, Leonard and Laura Smith gave dishes and the lights on both lecturns. After her death an ongoing scholarship was established in her name.

Mr. R. Marcus Crume, a former member of the choir, made and gave the wooden screens in the choir loft.

Mrs. Lillie Graves, (deceased) long time president of the Missionary Society, helped to meet the unmet needs of the church.

The Guild was responsible for the furniture in the pastor's study, additional carpeting, Christmas decorations, and decorations for other special occasions.

Years ago the C.S.C. equipped the kitchen and paid for cabinets (made by Mr. T. H. McNeil). All of those things were worn out and the kitchen was refurbished by the church. Many individual contributions remain unidentified. Various church groups over the past few years made a three thousand dollar contribution to the Plymouth Urban Center when it had to have a new roof and also installed air conditioning.

As youngsters, Cassie Wilson Bryant (deceased), and her sister, Mary Wilson Crenshaw, daughters of Elias Wilson, sold lemonade on the boat rides to make money for the church. The members of the Western Union Bank (augmented church members) gave their services, and many unheralded women cooked and baked to make every affair a success. The bazaars held in the Settlement House were a city wide event with a stage for performers, and decorated booths like a "fair." Also held were the annual boat rides, picnics, and the Fall Bazaar—when Mr. George Bullock (deceased) was still employed he always had a booth. To honor him in his last days the C.S.C. used a compilation of some of his poems as a Christmas remembrance to church members.

The men of the church who gave years of service to the Scouts were Atwood S. Wilson, deceased, son of Mrs. Mary E. Wilson, Mr. Irvin St. Clair, deceased, Mr. James Bryant, deceased, Mr. Horace Wise, Mr. Thomas Moxley, Carlos Fish and many others. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams, Miss Ann Ruth Williams was a paid director of the girl scouts, and Mrs. Maxine Whedbee was a volunteer leader as were others. (See the many Boy Scout trophies in cases in lower auditorium). Mr. Frederick Hines, N active church member, came into the church because of the scouting programs when he was a youngster.



Members extend the church into the community through the American Red Cross as volunteers and blood donors. Mr. Kirby M. Hall has given over 11 gallons of blood to the Red Cross. Mr. James Bryant was for 25 years a volunteer American Red Cross teacher of First Aid and Safety; Mrs. Vera Dockery was an R.I.F. (Reading Is Fundamental) volunteer. We cannot think of the N.A.A.C.P. without Dr. Maurice Rabb and Mr. Lyman Johnson; YMCA Board Members; YWCA Board Members; Church Women United; League of Women Voters; American Association of Retired Persons—Mr. C. M. H. Morton, deceased, was an officer; The Pastoral Alliance; various unions; Urban League and other civic endeavors. Church members supported 17/76 the achievement funds for Black colleges, who were given financial assistance by the national body of U.C.C. Mr. Carl Hines was a member of the city and county school boards. Mrs. Mae Street Kidd is a member of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Legislature, and has been re-elected several times. Jessie P. Warders has served as Director of City Sanitation Department. John Leake is a member of Toastmasters and Cora Henderson Willis is a member of Toastmistresses.

Dr. P. O. Sweeney (deceased), a church member, filed the suit that "opened" the public parks and golf links.

The suit of Mr. Lyman Johnson opened University of Kentucky and other educational institutions. City building codes made the old wooden "flats" obsolete. The new apartment building now faces Plymouth Court, instead of Reed Alley. The name changed to Plymouth Court by ordinance of the Aldermen of the City of Louisville, and Mrs. Charlotte Coffee knew what it did to school children to give their address as "alley."

A five hundred dollar scholarship is made to the church by Mrs. Lois Morton Williams with the stipulation that a high school graduate of this church is presented each June as a memorial to her father, Mr. C. M. H. Morton.

### The Stained Glass Windows

It is generally agreed that few, if any, of the features of a church sanctuary add more to its beauty than stained glass windows. Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ is no exception. The windows of Plymouth never fail to be admired by first time visitors to the church and are a source of pride to the members.

The church pews face the south while the pulpit and choir seats face the north side with its entrance doors. There is a large painted window in the wall behind the large aisle which separates the seats of the youth choir and senior choir. This window also overlooks the baptismal pool which is concealed except when in use. The painting is of Christ kneeling in prayer. It is a familiar one and makes Christians feel at home in the sanctuary.

The windows were sold to members of the church from the time of the completion of the building. Some owners had names printed at once on the blank space of glass at the lower part of each window for that purpose. Other identifying names were put on by families or friends in whose honor the windows were purchased at the time of death.

No names have thus far been placed below the large window on the south side of the building. Church members, however, know that it was purchased by the Harris family. The Reverend Everett G. Harris, first pastor of the church who raised most of the funds which paid for the new edifice, lived only a few years after its completion. He died in 1936. His wife, Mrs. Rachael D. Harris was organizer and teacher of the Adult Women's Bible Class of the Sunday School. She worked for many years as assistant librarian of the Western Branch Library of the City, and later as head librarian until her retirement. She died in 1969, having lived to be a centenarian. The only offspring of Rev. and Mrs. Harris, Attorney J. Everett Harris, was the possessor of a beautiful baritone voice, and sang in the church choir. He graduated from Fisk University and received an M.A. Degree in English from Harvard. After teaching for a few years at Central High School, he returned to Harvard where he received the L.L.B. Degree. As a student both at Fisk and Harvard he traveled with singing groups. He practiced law in Louisville until his death in 1957.

The eight windows on the east and on the west sides of the church are grouped into four pairs, and are so connected that they resemble four come shaped double windows. Only the first two windows on each side depict Biblical scenes. On the west side of the church, the first shows Jesus knocking at a door. Under the painting are the names of Mary Smith and Annie Letcher. "Sister Mary," as she was affectionately called, was a member of the vestry group which met from house to house before a pastor was called. She also lived to be a centenarian. A large picture of her hangs on the wall of the entrance to the lower auditorium. Mrs. Letcher's membership seems to have begun a bit later than that of "Sister Mary" though she was an early worker in Plymouth. She is remembered not only as a devoted church woman, but also for her culinary skills which she so generously used on fund raising occasions.

The second part of the first pair of windows on the west side is dedicated to the Young and Bland families. Mr. Artie Young and Mrs. Adele Cable were the Bland sisters. The former was the wife of Mr. Clarence Young whose father was also a member of the original group that later became Plymouth Church. The painting of this window shows Jesus the Good Shepherd. He is holding a lamb in his arms and others stand nearby. The names of the Youngs and the Cables recall devoted church workers. Mr. Clarence Young, long a trustee of the church, was a postman. He died in 1950.

The first window of the east side shows Jesus ascending toward Heaven. Below it is the name "Catherine Woodson." This, the first window to be sold, was bought by Mrs. J. B. Speed, who employed Mr. and Mrs. Woodson. She became interested in Plymouth church through the Woodsons and was a great help in fund raising for the new church. The purchase of this window in honor of Mrs. Woodson was a well deserved compliment to a fine woman and one good Christian from another. This faithful member of Plymouth died in 1958.

The second half of the first pair of windows on the east side, which shows an angel ascending Heavenward, was purchased by the Elias Wilson family. Mr. Elias Wilson, father, died in 1921; his wife Mrs. Alice Wilson in 1940. They had six children, three of whom are also deceased. They are Sidney Wilson, who died in 1920, Walter Wilson in 1962, and Mrs. Cassie Wilson Bryant in 1972. Members of the family have contributed much to Plymouth through the years. Mrs. Armah W. Banks, Mrs. Mary Ellen Crenshaw, and Mrs. Cassie Bryant have sung in the church choir. Mrs. Banks, a former elementary and junior high school teacher, has served as Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Mary Ellen Wilson Crenshaw who served a while as matron of female residents of Plymouth Settlement House succeeded

Mrs. Harris as teacher of the Adult Women's Bible Class and is also a deaconess of the church. Mrs. Alferna Wilson Bryant is a regular attendant of the above named Bible Class and of the C.S.C. Club. She is the mother of a fine son.

The remainder of the windows on the first floor are of pale yellow glass mingled with white and are bordered by solid pale green glass. Each is decorated at the center with various objects of biblical significance such as musical instruments, a crown, etc.

Turning to the second pair of windows on the west side, window number three was purchased by Miss Lillian Hauser, now Mrs. Marshall, in memory of her sister, Miss Lottie A. Hauser who died in 1957. Miss Hauser as well as a younger sister who left the city, shared her beautiful alto voice by singing in the Plymouth Church choir. Miss Lottie Hauser taught in the Booker T. Washington School and in Plymouth Sunday School. She contributed her share of work to promote other church activities.

The adjoining window on the west side, number four west, was dedicated to the memory of the first born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tate, young Olive Mae, who died at a tender age. She was truly one of God's little Angels, whom he lent briefly to this world.

Window number three, or the first of the second pair of windows on the east side was of joint ownership. It records the names of Mr. E. A. Rogers, Catherine Johnson, and the Congregational Circle. Mr. Rogers was a devout deacon, a circle leader and one of Plymouth's most loyal members. He was head custodian at Central High School for many years. He died in 1953. The second name on this window is that of Catherine Johnson, a young mother of three children. She is remembered for her regular church attendance and her faithful work in the Congregational Circle. The third name on that window is that of the Congregational Circle, and represents the action of a loyal group willing to help defray this part of the church expense.

The next window which is the second half of group II east was bought by the widow and daughter of William B. Matthews to be dedicated in loving memory of the latter who died in 1940. Upon the death of his wife in 1957, the name Ophelia B. Matthews was added. The Matthews were transferees from the First Congregational Church of Atlanta, Georgia, and moved to Louisville after Mr. Matthews became principal of Central High School. Always very active in Sunday School work, he organized and taught a Men's Bible Class in Plymouth Sunday School. He served as a deacon in the church, and, upon the opening of Plymouth Settlement House, became the first Chairman of its Board of Directors. Mrs. Matthews was active in the Women's Missionary Society and served as its Secretary for several years.

The first half of the third double group of windows (the fifth window) on the west side was dedicated to Mr. E. C. Malone, a faithful trustee and later a deacon of Plymouth who died in 1930. He is remembered as a fine Christian gentleman.

The second window of the third pair (or the sixth window) on the west side was purchased by Miss Carrie E. Alexander in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sidney Alexander. Upon Miss Carrie's death in 1946, her name was placed on the window below that of her mother. Mrs. Sidney Alexander must have been a very fine woman to have had three such good daughters as Misses Belle, Emma and Carrie Alexander. Miss Carrie Alexander who taught English at Central High School was known far and wide for her kindness and generosity. A graduate of Fisk University, she aided countless young people with funds for their education there and elsewhere.

The first of the third pair of the windows on the east side was purchased by the two daughters, now Elizabeth Bright Alexander, and Mrs. Lillian Nixon, and the now deceased son, Mr. Andrew Irwin Bright, in honor of their parents Dr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bright, and their infant sister Wilhelmina E. Bright. The Bright family moved to Louisville in 1919 when their father opened Bright's Pharmacy in the then new Pythian Building. Dr. Bright was among the pioneer Negro pharmacists in Louisville. The family suffered a tragic loss of their third daughter and fourth child in 1929. Dr. Bright followed in 1940, and Mrs. Wilhelmina Bright his sweet and soft spoken wife in 1958. Son Andrew followed in 1973.

The second half of windows group III east was bought by Mr. R. Marcus Crume in honor of his lovely wife, Mrs. Nan Board Crume, who died in 1955, after serving as organist of Plymouth Church for almost twenty years. She was also assistant choir director. A graduate of Howard University, she taught music at Central High School, and was one of the school's most beloved faculty members as well as one of Plymouth's favorite people.

The first half of the last window on the western side of Plymouth had multiple purchasers. It includes the names of Albert Smith, a trustee, William and Mary Foster, and the Puritan Circle. Mr. Smith, who died in 1930, represented one of the oldest Negro business firms in Louisville, The Guy W. Smith Movers and Packers, of which his father was founder. Mr. Smith lived within a half block of the church. He and his wife, Mrs. Linnie Smith watched Plymouth grow and liked what they saw. Hence, they joined the church and became good members. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were a dedicated couple, never too busy to help Plymouth projects. They lived within five blocks of the church and were always available for service. He died in 1930.

The Puritan Circle was composed of a group that just wanted to help. Hence they invested in the last third of this window.

The second half of the west window number four was the last available. The church voted to purchase it in honor of the late Dr. James Bond after his death in 1929. Dr. Bond, a graduate of Berea and a former Congregational Minister had been of invaluable aid to Reverend Harris in contacting several persons who contributed liberally to the Building Fund of Plymouth Church. At the time of his death he was serving as Director of the Interracial Commission and had definitely helped improve local race relations. Last but not least, his late son, Thomas, was a member of Plymouth. The family of the latter, Mrs. Thomas Bond, and children, and out of town members of the Bond family often worshipped at Plymouth when in town, so the last window on the west side bears the name of Dr. James Bond.

The first half of window number four east was given in memory of Mrs. Beulah Haskins Bolan who died in 1960, by her son Edmund H. Bolan, and her daughter Mrs. Lucy Bolan Wise. Mrs. Beulah Bolan was a pioneer worker in



establishing the service of visiting teachers in the Louisville Public Schools. She taught for a while in Smith Grove, Kentucky and later became a librarian serving first in the City of Louisville Free Public Library system, and later as school librarian at Central High School until retirement. She was a loyal and active member of Plymouth Church for many years until illness prevented her attendance.

The last half of window four east was given by Mr. Louis Schaefer in honor of his mother, Mrs. Susie B. Schaefer, who died in 1943 and his sister Mrs. Essel Schaefer Wilson who succumbed in 1933, and both of whom were devoted members. Mrs. Schaefer, a quiet, soft-spoken woman, served on the deaconess board for many years. Her daughter, Mrs. Essel S. Wilson, a Fisk University graduate was married to Mr. Atwood S. Wilson, a former teacher of science at Central High, later principal of Madison, now called Russell Junior High, and later still of Central High. To their union five daughters were born. One later joined the church of her husband, another left the city, but three remain members of Plymouth, and two of these three are married to officers of Plymouth. (One to a trustee, and the other to a deacon). Mrs. Susie Schaefer was the first of five generations, three of whom now attend Plymouth Church.

The north side of the church boasts one window which is back of the seats in the church balcony. When the late Mrs. Edith Emerson nee Garrott, a YWCA executive in Chattanooga, Tennessee came to Louisville as the bride of the late Dr. J. A. Emerson, she joined Plymouth Church. She was so impressed with the one remaining window behind the balcony, she bought it in honor of her deceased parents. She later became a deaconess. The names of her parents, "Curtis and Mary Garrott," remain an inspiration to all who see them. What more beautiful tribute could she have paid to her parents?

A final observation is that many persons who were honored by having their names on the church windows or were donors have served as church officers.

Please note the following listings.

#### LISTINGS OF CHURCH OFFICERS

**DEACONS**—Elias Wilson, John Ward, H. A. Ward, Oscar Steele, George Ralph, E. D. Whedbee, E. A. Rogers, Buck Rowan, William Phelps, E. C. Malone, R. W. Oliver, William C. Taylor, Ernest Lively, Sam Woodson, William Foster, James Lively, K. D. Williams, W. B. Matthews, Leonard Smith, Sr., Alonzo Gaines, Robert Holden, J. A. Bishop, C. M. h. Morton, T. H. McNeil, J. A. Starks, William Payne, St., Louis T. Harper, W. B. Daniels, Sr., William C. Brummell, William Powell, Ludie McCullough, Kirby Hall, Herbert Bentley, F. T. Foley, Fred Hines, Edmund Bolan, Dr. R. W. Dockery, W. R. Lee, Ben V. Williams, Elmer Wilson, Thomas Bond, Fred Dooley, Lacomis Curry.

**TRUSTEES**—E. C. Malone, Dr. R. W. Oliver, William C. Taylor, Ernest Lively, Sam Woodson, Brook Pearson, Dr. J. O. Catlon, James Chipley, E. T. Dennis, Atwood Wilson, Joe Taylor, Joe Ealy, Nelson Willis, George Mills, William Foster, Clarence Young, Dr. Henry Jackson, Jaems Bryant, W. L. G. King, Jay Robinson, Albert M. Smith, Irving St. Clair, Thomas McNeil, William Payne, G. S. Murry, Vernon L. Cooper, J. L. Starks, Percy Newbrandt, P. M. McCrary, Charles Elder, Andrew Bright, Sally Lively, Percy Lively, Sr., R. Everett Ray, R. M. Crume, F. T. Foley, Joe Bowers, P. O. Sweeney, J. A. Babbage, Dr. R. W. Dockery, Leroy Jones, Dr. G. D. Wilson, C. M. Young III, William Hughes, Leonard Smith, Ben Collins, J. P. Warders, Ben Winlock, J. W. Hackett, Edmund Bolan, Dr. J. A. Garrott.

**DEACONESSSES**—Carrie Alexander, Mary Smith, Carrie Tate, Edith Emerson, Susie Schaefer, Hattie Bomar, Margaret Braddix, Emma Carson, Mary Crenshaw, Laura Dooley, Ruth Harper, Edna Henderson, Carrie Holden, Edna Hughes, Mary Lindsay, Henrietta Payne, Mary E. Stanford, Louise Taylor, Virginia Williams, Mary E. Wilson, Bertha Whedbee, Israella Harris, Frances Calbert, Isabell Saunders, Elmira Brock, Agnes Shelton, Mary McNeil, Madge Boalware, Eunice Wilson, Marie Herd, Juana Johnson, Willie McCrary, Dr. Joyce Howell Young.

**TREASURERS**—D. C. Owens, Nelson Willis, Irving St. Clair, Leonard Smith, P. M. McCrary, William Hughes (Mrs. J. B. Speed was Treasurer of New Church Fund, and Mrs. Vernon L. Cooper was Assistnat Treasurer).

**CHURCH CLERKS**—W. L. G. King, James Bryant, Lyman Johnson, Juana Johnson, Louis Harper, Horace Wise, Edmund Bolan, Herbert H. Bentley.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS**—William Phelps, Atwood Wilson, Vernon Cooper, George Wise, David White, E. T. Woolridge, James Bryant, Rosa Wise, Ruth Hines, Abby Fife.



#### Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister

October 2, 1977

11 a.m.

"Celebrating 100 years of spiritual influence — serving God and the community"

Presiding ..... The Honorable Mrs. Mae Street Kidd, State Representative of Kentucky  
Organ Prelude  
Call To Worship ..... The Honorable Mrs. Mae Street Kidd  
Processional ..... "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" no. 345  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer ..... Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson  
Responsive Reading ..... Psalm 148, p. 538  
Gloria Patri  
Pastoral Prayer  
Response ..... "Father In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)  
Announcements ..... Mr. Herbert H. Bentley  
Choral Selection ..... Young Adult Choir  
Scripture Lesson ..... Edmund Bolan  
Anthem ..... Chancel Choir  
Sermon ..... The Honorable Julian M. Carroll, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Invitational Hymn ..... "Praise Him, Praise Him"  
Awards of Recognition  
Offertory  
Offering—Tithes  
Doxology  
Sanctus ..... p. 551  
Communion Prayer ..... The Honorable Julian Carroll  
Communion Hymns  
Recessional ..... "Onward Christian Soldiers" p. 382  
Benediction and Choral Amen  
Choral Postlude

"Celebrating The Call To Be A Covenant People In A New Century"

#### Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister

October 9, 1977

11:00 a.m.

"Celebrating 100 years of spiritual influence — serving God and the community"

Presiding ..... Mrs. Sarah Collins, President, Plymouth Congregational Church Council  
Organ Prelude  
Call To Worship ..... Mrs. Sarah Collins  
Processional ..... "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" no. 345  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Responsive Reading ..... Psalms 121 and 122, p. 356  
Gloria Patri  
Pastoral Prayer  
Response ..... "Rather In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)  
Announcements ..... Mr. Herbert H. Bentley  
Young Adult Choir  
Scripture Lesson ..... Ms. Connie Gray  
Anthem  
Sermon ..... Rev. Theodore Ledbetter, Plymouth Congregational Church, Washington, D.C.  
Invitational Hymn ..... "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Me" no. 327  
Awards of Recognition  
Offertory  
Offering—Tithes  
Doxology  
Recessional ..... "Onward Christian Soldiers" no. 382  
Benediction and Choral Amen  
Choral Postlude

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**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister**

**October 16, 1977**

**11:00 a.m.**

*"Celebrating 100 years of spiritual influence — serving God and the community"*

- Presiding ..... Mr. Robert Calbert
- Prelude
- Call To Worship ..... Mr. Robert Calbert
- Processional ..... "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" no. 345
- Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- Responsive Reading ..... Psalm 8, p. 515
- Gloria Patri
- Pastoral Prayer
- Response ..... "Father In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)
- Announcements
- Young Adult Choir
- Scripture Lesson ..... Mr. Lyman Johnson
- Anthem
- Sermon ..... Rev. Yvonne Delk, Educational Specialist UCC
- Invitational Hymn ..... "Lord I Want To Be A Christian" no. 353
- Awards of Recognition
- Offertory
- Offering—Tithes
- Doxology
- Recessional ..... Onward Christian Soldiers no. 382
- Benediction and Choral Amen
- Choral Postlude

*"Celebrating The Call To Be A Covenant People In A New Century"*

**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister**

**October 23, 1977**

**11:00 a.m.**

*"Celebrating 100 years of spiritual influence — serving God and the community"*

- Presiding ..... Mr. Melver Tinsley
- Prelude
- Call To Worship ..... Mr. Melver Tinsley
- Processional
- Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- Responsive Reading ..... Psalms 66 and 67, p. 525
- Gloria Patri
- Pastoral Prayer
- Response ..... "Father In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)
- Announcements ..... Mrs. Lynette Cosby
- Young Adult Choir
- Scripture Lesson ..... Mrs. Lynette Cosby
- Young Adult Choir
- Sermon ..... Rev. Benjamin Berry, Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio
- Invitational Hymn ..... "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" no. 348
- Memorial Services ..... Mrs. Lucy Larke
- Awards of Recognition
- Offertory
- Offering—Tithes
- Doxology
- Recessional
- Benediction and Choral Amen
- Choral Postlude

*"Celebrating The Call To Be A Covenant People In A New Century"*

**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister**

**October 28, 1977**

**Community Banquet**

**8:00 p.m.**

*"Celebrating 100 years of spiritual influence — serving God and the community"*

- Music
- Presiding ..... Mr. Herbert H. Bentley, Co-Chairperson
- Welcome ..... Mrs. Sarah Collins, President of Congregation, Plymouth UCC
- Invocation ..... Chaplain Leroy James, Lt. Col. U.S. Army, Ft. Knox, Kentucky
- "Dinner Is Served"*
- Music ..... Young Adult Choir
- Greetings ..... W. J. Hodge, Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky  
 Honorable Harvey I. Sloane, Mayor, Louisville, Kentucky  
 Honorable Todd Hollenbach, Jefferson County Judge
- Introduction of Elected Officials and Others ..... Representative Mrs. Mae Street Kidd
- Solo ..... Mrs. Joetta Perkins
- Introduction of Speaker ..... Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson
- Message ..... Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Delegate, U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C.
- Awards ..... Mrs. Gertrude Lively and Lyman Johnson
- Remarks ..... Mrs. Ethel M. Robinson, Co-Chairperson
- "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
- Benediction ..... Rev. Tom Quigley, Chairman, Louisville Interchurch Organization for Service



**Pastor Robinson working for the success of the Centennial Celebration.**



**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**Reverend Jonathan N. Robinson, Minister**

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**October 30, 1977**

**11:00 a.m.**

Presiding ..... *Mr. Robert DeSha*  
 Prelude .....  
 Call To Worship ..... *Mr. Robert DeSha*  
 Processional ..... *"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" no. 345*  
 Invocation and Lord's Prayer .....  
 Responsive Reading ..... *Psalm 118, p. 535*  
 Gloria Patri .....  
 Pastoral Prayer .....  
 Response ..... *"Father In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)*  
 Announcements .....  
 Young Adult Choir .....  
 Scripture Lesson ..... *Mr. Timothy Dreher*  
 Anthem .....  
 Sermon ..... *Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson*  
 Invitational Hymn ..... *"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" no. 385*  
 Awards of Recognition .....  
 Offertory .....  
 Offering—Tithes .....  
 Doxology .....  
 Recessional ..... *"Onward Christian Soldiers" no. 382*  
 Benediction and Choral Amen .....  
 Choral Postlude .....

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**October 30, 1977**

**6:00 p.m.**

Presiding ..... *Rev. Donald Buckthal, Assoc. Conf. Minister UCC Indiana-Kentucky*  
 Prelude .....  
 Call To Worship ..... *Rev. Buckthal*  
 Processional ..... *"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" no. 345*  
 Invocation and Lord's Prayer .....  
 Responsive Reading ..... *Ms. Abby Fife, Psalm 90, p. 529*  
 Gloria Patri .....  
 Pastoral Prayer .....  
 Response ..... *"Father In Heaven" (Inside back cover of Hymnal)*  
 Announcements .....  
 Young Adult Choir .....  
 Scripture Lesson ..... *Mr. Ralph Emerson*  
 Introduction of Speaker ..... *Mr. Phillip Krause, President, Kentucky-Indiana Association*  
 Anthem .....  
 Sermon ..... *Dr. Harry W. Bredeweg, Indiana-Kentucky Conference Minister, UCC*  
 Invitational Hymn ..... *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" no. 399*  
 Awards of Recognition .....  
 Offertory .....  
 Offering—Tithes .....  
 Doxology .....  
 Recessional ..... *"Onward Christian Soldiers" no. 382*  
 Benediction and Choral Amen .....  
 Choral Postlude .....

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**1976-1977 PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

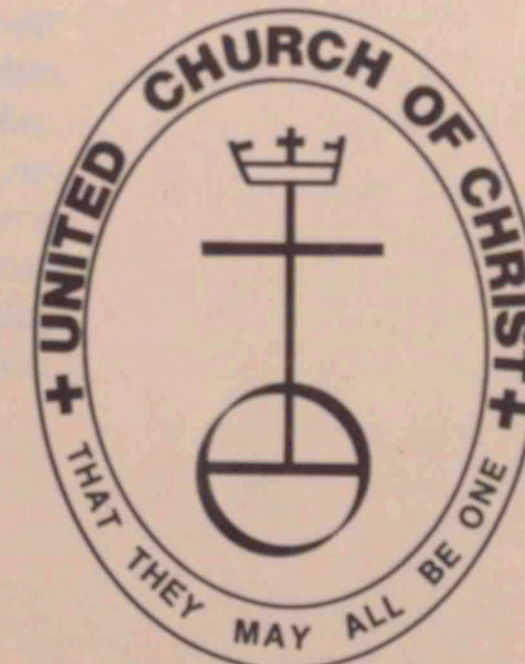
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**"STATEMENT OF FAITH"**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, and to His deeds we testify:  
 He called the world into being, creates man in His own image and sets before Him the ways of life and death.  
 He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.  
 He judges men and nations by His righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.  
 In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, He has come to us and shared our common lot,  
 conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Himself.  
 He bestows upon us His holy spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant  
 Faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.  
 He calls us to His church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of men,  
 to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table,  
 to join Him in His passion and victory.  
 He promises to all who trust Him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
 His presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in His kingdom which has no end.  
 Blessing and honor, glory and peace be unto Him.

Amen





# Committees



## PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sarah Collins, President of the Church Council**  
**Mr. Herman H. Bentley, Clerk**

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#### Honorary Chairpersons

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#### Souvenir Program

**Ethel Robinson, Co-Chairperson**  
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Milton Corbett  
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Rose Banks  
Rosebud Daniel  
Kirby Hall  
Carl Hines  
Denise Clayton  
Ben Williams  
Tevis Winlock  
William Hughes  
Margaret Hughes

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**Virginia Winlock, Co-Chairperson**

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Lillian Farris  
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Ludie McCullough  
Claude Orton  
J. Milton Robinson  
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Alyce Holden  
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Gertrude Wilson

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Charlotte Coffee  
Vernon Cooper  
Laura Dooley  
John Leake  
Susie Minor  
Jeannie Payne  
Elsie Sterling  
Milicent Wilhite

Eunice Wilson  
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Mary Daniel (Shut-In)  
Effie Starks (Shut-In)  
Fannie Wilson (Shut-In)

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Geraldine Fish  
Pearl Herring  
Patricia Hobson  
Georgina Jones  
Dr. Maurice Rabb  
Tevis Winlock

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**Carl Hines, Co-Chairperson**  
**Hancy Jones, Co-Chairperson**

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Rosebud Daniel  
Frederick Hines  
Mae Street Kidd  
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Joyce Malone  
William Gordon  
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**Lynette Cosby, Co-Chairperson**  
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Devon Dreher  
Mariellen Dreher  
Steven DeSha  
Ilah Grant  
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John Harris  
Olivia Harris  
Patricia Harris  
Joyce Malone  
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Donald McAfee  
Toni Lynn McAfee  
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Michael McCrary  
Joetta Perkins  
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Mary Crenshaw  
Fred Hines  
Lillian Marshall  
Louise Matthews  
Jeannie Payne  
Othello Rowan  
E. T. Woolridge  
Armah Banks (Shut-In)  
Emma Carson (Shut-In)  
Clara Rowan (Shut-In)

**Telephone**  
**Ruth Hines, Co-Chairperson**

Rose Adams  
Ernestine Bransford  
Elmira Brock  
Vera Fitzpatrick  
Margaret Hackett  
Ruth Harper  
Sylvia Harris  
William Harris  
Edna Henderson  
Gertrude Jackson  
Mary McNeil  
Jackie Maxey  
Milbrey Mitchell  
Izora Roberts  
Susie Smith  
Luella Starks  
Virginia Williams  
Emma P. Wood  
Lottie Woolridge  
Dorothy Harris  
Leah Stout  
Clara Rowan (Shut-In)

**Ushers**  
**Robert Calbert, Co-Chairperson**  
**Phillip Harris, Co-Chairperson**

Milton Baird  
Carla Curry  
Filicia Dixon  
Douglas Dowery  
Atwood Guess  
Dawn Harris  
Elizabeth Long  
Robert Phillips  
Evans Trigg  
Cora Laine Willis

**Worship**  
**Robert Calbert, Co-Chairperson**  
**Connie Gray, Co-Chairperson**

Dr. Lloyd Alexander  
Edmund Bolan  
Timothy Dreher  
Fred Hines  
Lyman Johnson  
Ronald King  
Troy Metcalf  
Jefferson Payne  
Joetta Perkins  
Jonathan N. Robinson  
Denise Bowers Sanders  
James Williams  
Chester Wright

**Photographers**  
**C. Milton Young III**  
**Phillip Patterson**

# Organizations



## Deacons



*Left to right: Troy Metcalf, Robert Calbert, Lyman T. Johnson, Edmund Bolan, Alexander Floyd, \* Timothy Dreher, Dr. Lloyd Alexander, Rev. Jonathan Robinson, Chester Wright.*

*\* Deceased*

## Trustees



*Standing, left to right: Ben Collins, Robert DeSha, Claud Orton. Seated, left to right: Lyman T. Johnson, Jefferson Payne, Carlos Fish, Evan Guess, James Watkins, Mrs. Mae Street Kidd, Benjamin Larke, Joseph Bowers.*



## Women's Bible Class

*Left to right: Elizabeth Alexander, Alferna Bryant, Lillian Farris, Mary Crenshaw, Abby Fife, F. Louise Matthews, Winifred Gay, Jeanne Payne.*



*Front Row L-R: Madames Sarah Collins, Jeanne Payne, Margaret Bowers, Rev. Jonathan N. Robinson. Back Row L-R: Madames Mary Crenshaw, Ruth Harper, Milbery Mitchell.*



## Members of Congregational Service Club (C.S.C.)



*First row:* Gertrude Lively, Rebecca Trigg, Milbry Mitchell, Virgil Ford and Nell Smith.

*Second row:* Theatric Woolridge, Lottie Woolridge, Alferna Bryant, Mary Catherine Brown, Jeanne Payne, Susie Minor and Louise Mathews.

*Third row:* Bertha Hines, Mary Floyd, Margaret Bowers, Virginia Winlock, and Mary Leake.

*Fourth row:* Helen Long, Pearl Bomar, Francis Calvert, Sarah Collins and Margaret Bowers.

*Not shown are:* The President, Eunice Wilson, Millery Bently.



Mrs. Ruth Hines, *Assistant Superintendent*, seated with Carman Polk and Lynn Hobson to her left and Kelly Payne and Faye Hobson to her right.



Mrs. Abby Fife,  
*Sunday School Superintendent*



*Fellowship Hour*



## Chancel Choir



Top Row, left to right: John Leake, Robert, DeSha, Milton Baird, Abby Fife, Lucy Larke Constance Gray, Evelyn Watkins, Janell Harris, Joetta Perkins-Organist, Alberta Jones, Jane McAfee, Pearl Herring.

## Children's Choir



# Down Memory Lane





Typical of earlier church picnics – Reverend E. G. Harris, Pastor



Vesper hour on Sunday evening on lawn of Edmund Bolan.

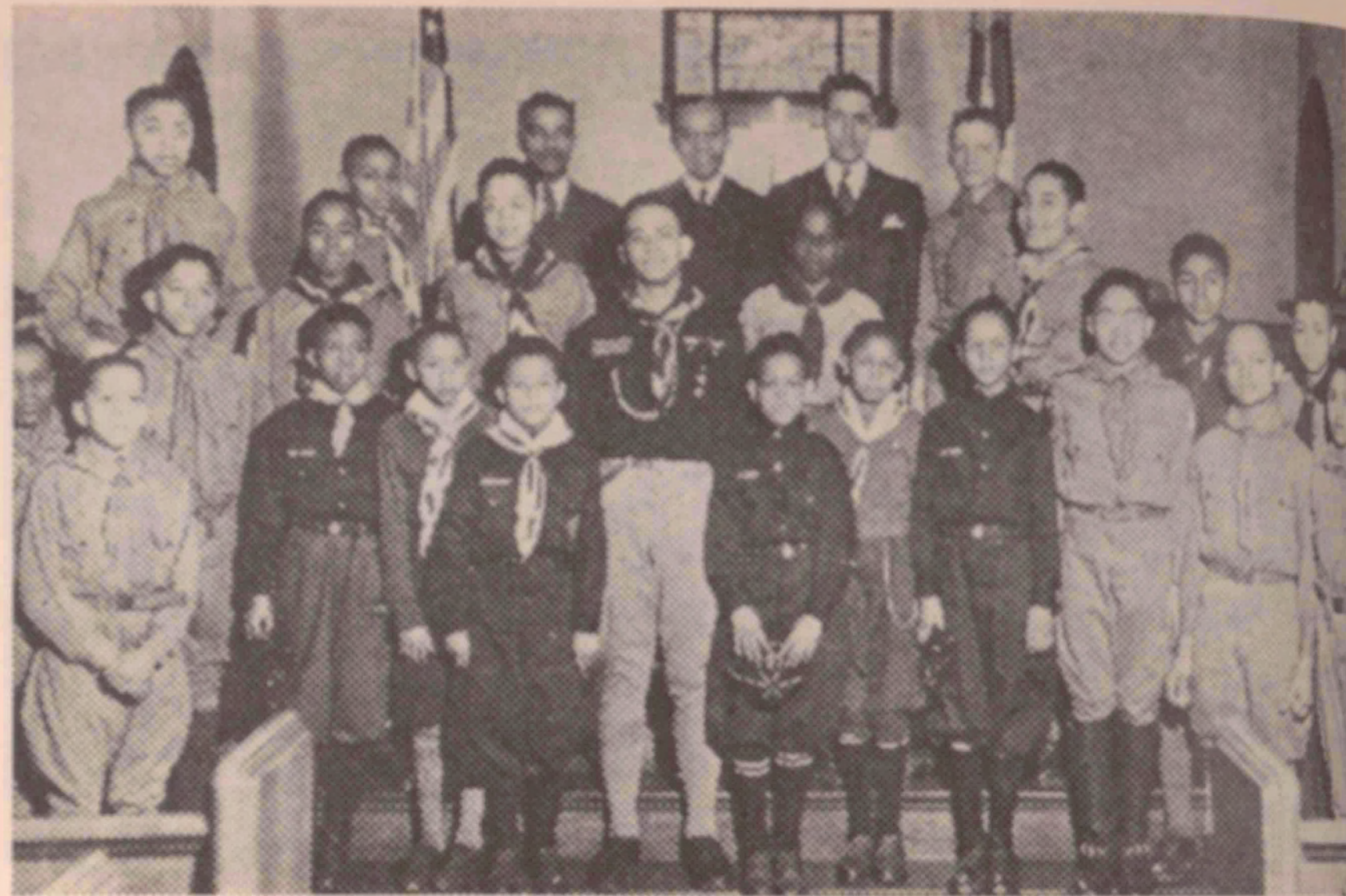


Bible School Classes were held in Plymouth Settlement House with teachers Edith Emerson, Lillian Farris, Edna Hughes. Reverend Harris was pastor.



Rose Day at Plymouth – Reverend A. D. Pinckney, Pastor





Boy Scout Troop — Reverend Ledbetter, Pastor



Church Conference — Reverend A. D. Pinckney, Pastor



### First Choir (Old Church)

Everett Harris, Jr., Carrie Belle Alexander, Leola Rowan, Ada Locke, Armah Wilson Banks, Johnnie Winlock Hopson, Rev. E. G. Harris, Clarence Young, Edna Hughes, Mary Daniel, Rosa Wise, Katie Morris.







Plymouth Basketball Team — Carlos Fish, Coach



Pre-School Program — Mrs. Thelma Pinckney, Teacher and Organizer



Early Congregation of New Church

Old Church Congregation







**Vacation Bible School 1932**



**J. Waymon Hackett**

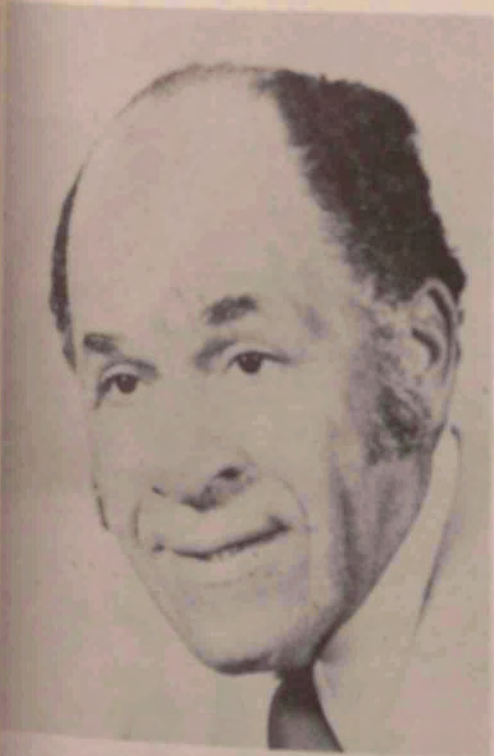


**Fredrick Hines**

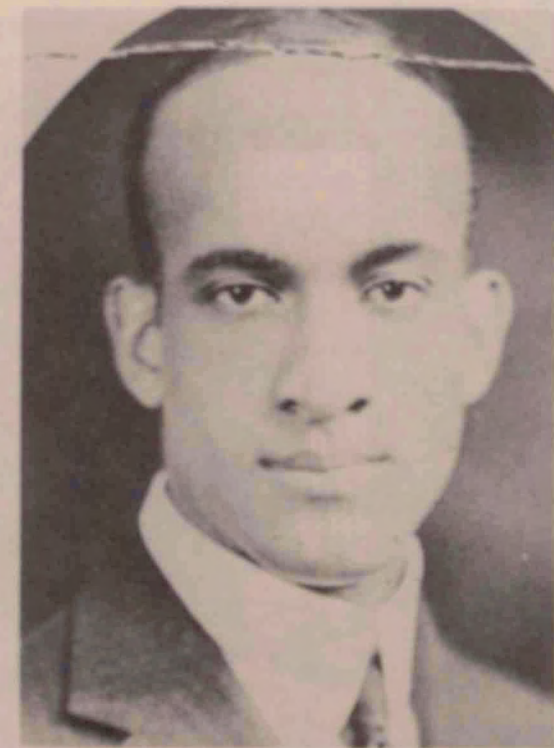


**Lacomis C. Curry**  
*"The Man of the Hour"*

**Former  
Deacons  
and  
Trustees**



**Kirby M. Hall**



**Vernon Cooper**



**Ellis T. Woolridge**



# In The Beginning . . .



**Installation**

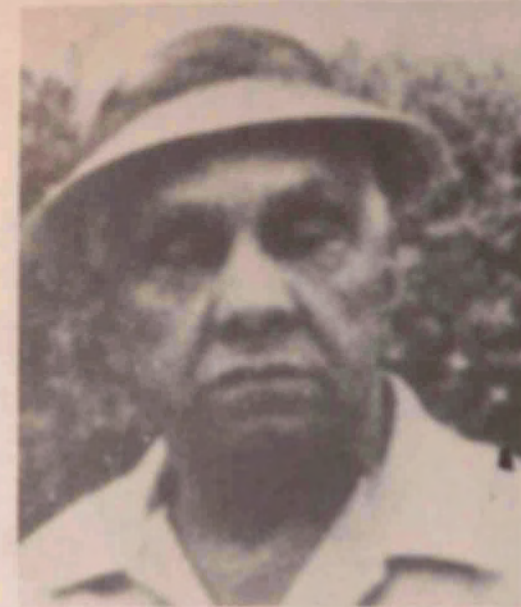


**Fellowship**



**Early Involvement**

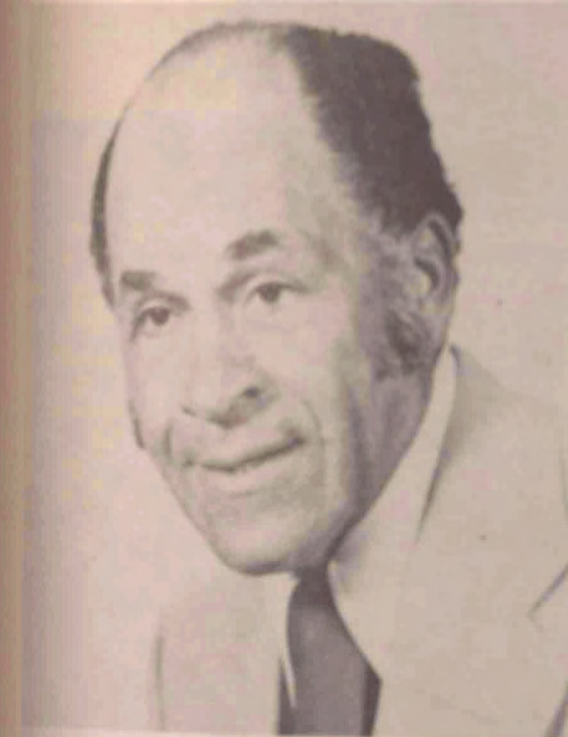
# Faithful!



**Herbert Bomar**  
Dean of the Cathedral



**Friends**



**Ben decided to join us**



**They care . . .**



In The Beginning

### Groundbreaking



### A Salute to the Graduates Yearly in June





A Salute to the Graduates  
**Some of Plymouth Children**



**Watkins**



**Hobson & Guess**



**Robinson**



**Robinson**



**Bentley**



**Brummell**



**Bryant**



**Robinson**

**Women of the Church**



**Amona Robinson**



**Baughman**



**Robinson**



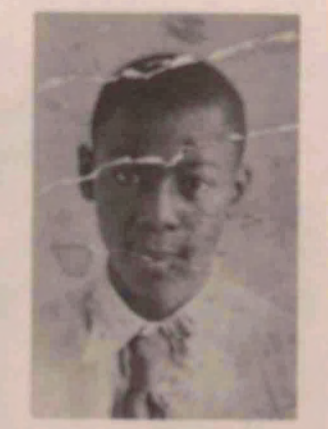
**Virgil Curry**



**Bowers**



**MARY & RUTH**



**Guess Who?**



# Women of the Church



Lois Marton Williams



Ruth Harper



Eunice Wilson



Edna Henderson



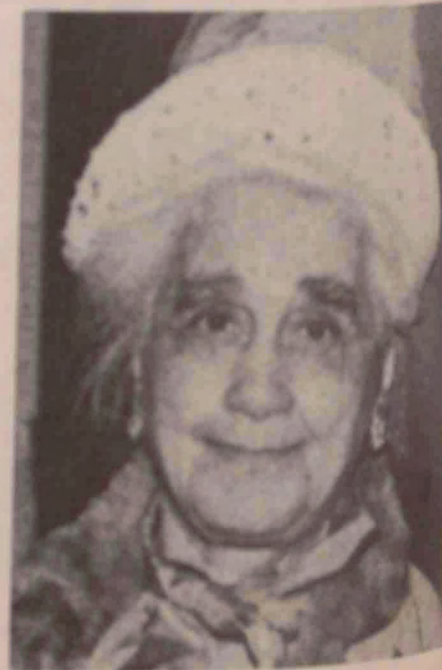
Sallie Lively



Mary Crenshaw



Henrietta E. Payne



Bertha Whedbee



Irarella Harris



R. Lillian Carpenter



Carris Alexander



Nannie B. Crume



Hattie Bomar



Milbrey Mitchell



Elmira Brock



Hortense H. Young



# Women of the Church



Sylvia Harris



Edna G. Hughes



Alferna Bryant



Dr. Mays and some members of the Guild

# Ernest Houston Young



Members of the Congregation honoring their minister on his 50th Birthday



# In Memoriam



## Hortense Houston Young



1924



1943



1955



1967



1976

1904 - 1977

54 YEARS OF SERVICE  
*To God Through Serving Man*  
One of Plymouth's Devote Members . . .

*'Tis sweet, as year by year we lose  
Friends out of sight, In faith to muse  
How grows in Paradise our store*

**John Keble**



IN MEMORY OF



**James Reuben Freeman**

by Lucille Freeman Reed — *Sister*  
Walter Freeman — *Brother*  
Dr. Hillard Freeman — *Brother*  
Diane Freeman Wilder — *Daughter*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Mother Mrs. Carrie H. Jackson**

Dr. and Mrs. George D. Wilson

**IN MEMORIAM**

Robert L. Mimms — In loving memory of my husband and our father, who passed away thirteen years ago, June 16, 1964.

Sadly missed but never will be forgotten.

**Wife, Dorothy**  
**Sons, Stephen and Wayne**

*In Memory Of*  
**Mrs. Lillian Beatrice West Sragge**

*sister of*

**Thelma A. West**

Former member of  
2nd Congregational  
Church, Memphis, Tennessee  
and  
United Church of Christ  
Cleveland, Ohio



In Memory Of A  
Wonderful Step-Mother  
**Lulah E. Perry**  
VIRGIL PERRY FORD

IN MEMORY OF  
**Mr. James Chipley**  
**Mr. Jake Emerson**  
Mrs. Ida Mae Johnson Whedbee  
From a Friend  
**Kirby M. Hall (Mr. Blood)**

In Memory Of  
**Mrs. Mabel Brown**  
*Flowers may wither and decay  
But the love we have for her will never fade away.*  
GOLDIE W. BECKETT & FAMILY

In Memory Of  
**Robert and Annie  
Letcher**  
Great Aunt and Uncle of  
**Beatrice C. O'Bannon**

IN MEMORY OF  
**Mother and Father**  
AND  
All Service Men Of All Wars  
OF  
**Plymouth Congregational  
Church**  
From Kirby Marshall Hall (Mr. Blood)

In Memory Of  
**Mr. Jimmy Bryant**  
**Plymouth Sunday School**  
from  
AVIL J. HARRIS

In Memory Of  
**Mr. James F. Smith**  
By  
Nell B. Smith, Wife & Children  
Jo Lavonne Reginald, Rebecca  
and Alisa

In Loving Memory Of  
**Mary Elizabeth  
Paynter Phillips**  
1916-1963

*"I woke at mornings' dawn afraid  
To face my problems but I prayed  
And one by one each need was met  
For God has never failed me yet  
Henceforth, dear Lord, my prayer shall be  
For strong abiding faith in Thee*  
Oneita Sandra Phillips

In Loving Memory Of  
My Father  
**Edward C. Malone**  
Edythe Malone Ward

In Memory Of  
**Mr. Robert Allen**  
By Mrs. Arlene Allen Dent

In Loving Memory Of  
My Husband  
**Luther Harris**  
He joined this church in 1918 and  
passed away December 20, 1952.  
SYLVIA HARRIS

In Loving Memory Of  
My Husband  
**James Reuben  
Freeman**  
Nanee E. Freeman

In Memory of My Husband  
**John G. Rhea**  
Who Passed Away April 5, 1975.  
Jewell M. Rhea

In Loving Memory Of  
My Wife

In Memory Of  
**Joe L. Lee**  
Greatly Missed By  
Naomi Lee and Family

In Loving Memory  
Of My Husband  
**Rice Mason**  
Christine Mason



In Loving Memory of  
My Wife  
**Nettie Galvin Cooper**

By Vernon L. Cooper

In Memory Of  
**Hazel Grundy Brown**

From: Joyce Brown Coates (Daughter)  
Louis Cecil Brown (Son)  
Louis C. Brown

In Memory of Our Dear Ones



Alyce Winlock Sweeney



Dr. P.O. Sweeney



Florence Sweeney Warders

By

**P.O. Sweeney Jr. & Family**

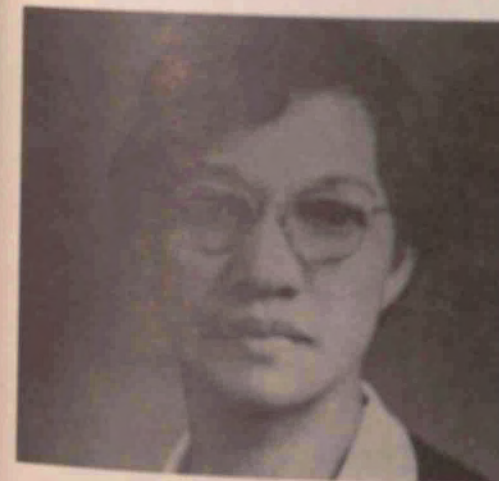
The Winlock Family

Jessie Warders

Mrs. Susa M. Sweeney & Family

In Loving Memory Of

Mother



Mrs. Eva W. Capers

Husband



Mr. James T. Watson

"Memories are a treasure  
That time can never touch  
When they are of dear ones  
Who meant so very much"

By Mrs. Willie M. Watson



In Loving Memory of Our Parents

**Hattie B. Bomar**  
**Clarence A. Bomar, Sr.**

And Our Sister  
**Modjeska Bomar**



By  
Clarence Bomar, Jr.  
Georgia M. Bomar  
Hattie B. Bomar  
Eva Beaviens  
Elizabeth Bomar  
Alberta B. Jones

In Loving Memory of Our Parents



**Clarence A. Bomar, Sr.**

**Hattie P. Bomar**

And Our Sisters

**Modjeska Bomar**

**Cora Bomar Adams**

**Nellie Bomar Davis**

By: Clarence Bomar, Jr., Georgia M. Bomar, Hattie B. Bomar, Hattie B. Bomar, Eva Beaviens, Elizabeth Bomar and Alberta Bomar.

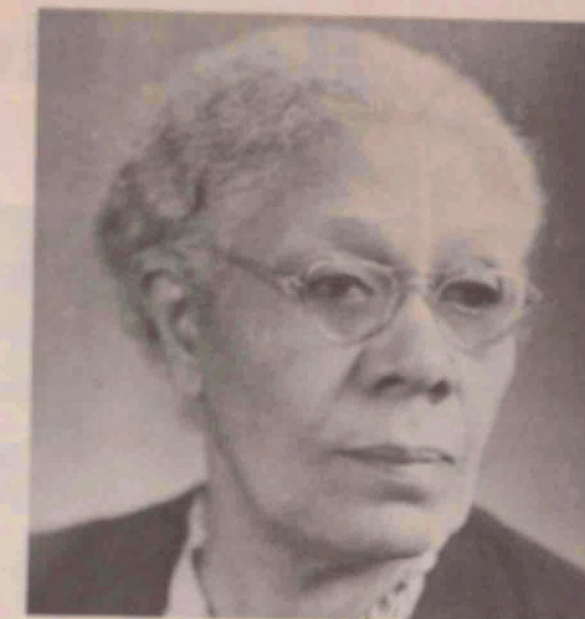
In Memory  
Of Our  
Loved Ones



**Susie B. Schaefer**

Grandmother  
1865-1945

Board of Deaconesses  
Maker of Communion  
Sacraments



**Mary E. Wilson**  
Mother and Grandmother

1874 - 1969

Board of Deaconesses  
Missionary Society

from

Cyrus O. Wilson  
Anita W. Giles  
Susie W. Guess  
Sylvia W. Corbett  
Yvonne W. Jackson  
Lucille W. Dreher



**Essell S. Wilson**

Mother  
1893-1933



**Atwood S. Wilson**

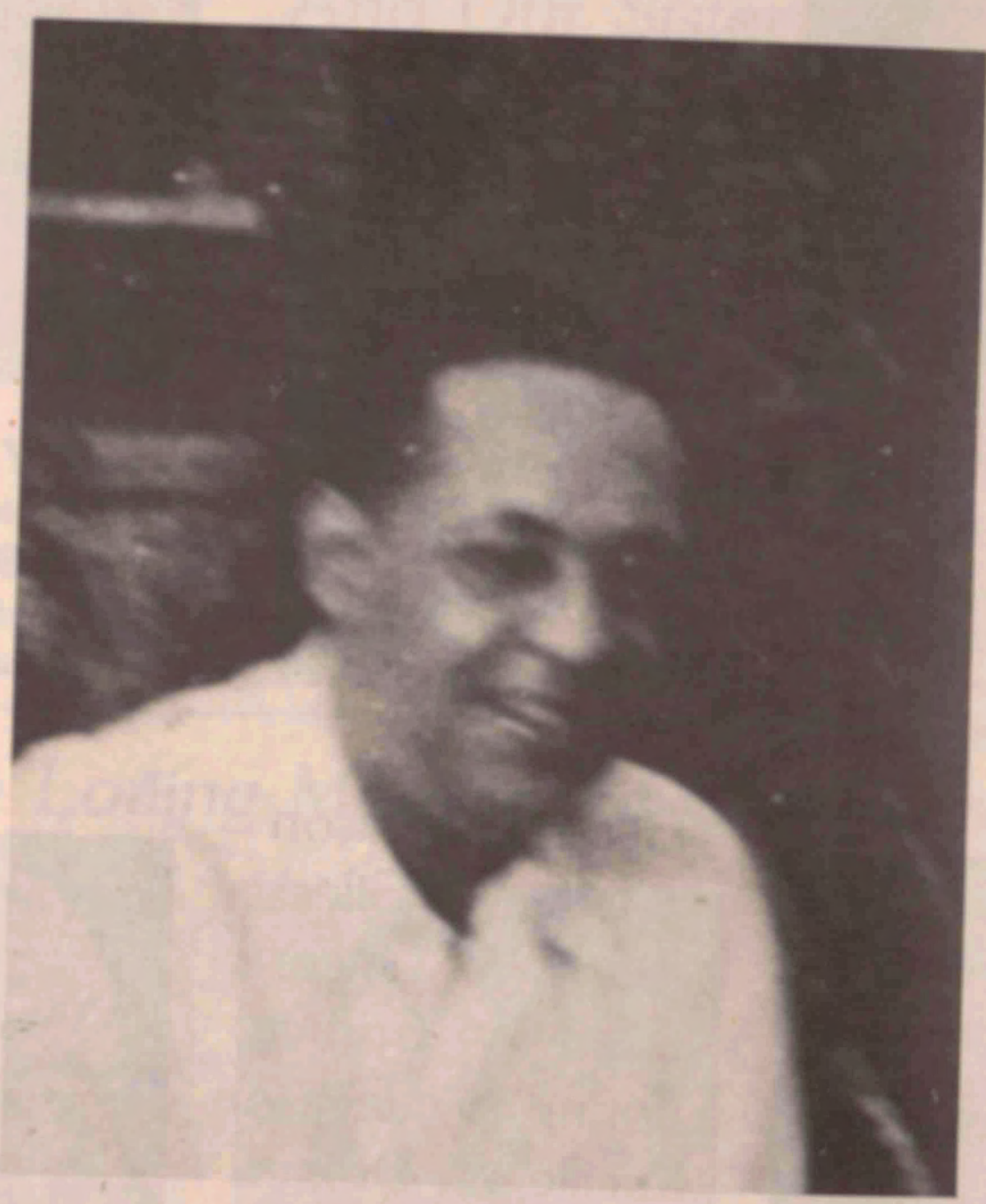
Father and Brother  
1895-1967

Chairman Plymouth Settlement  
House Board  
Supt. of Sunday School  
Boy Scout Leader  
Board of Trustees



In Loving Memory Of

**Roderick H. McGavock, Sr.**



*Thus my soul and your soul are one  
and we are one with God*

**Your Children**

- Roderick H. McGavock, Jr.
- Johann McGavock Burke
- Wesley K. McGavock



**George & Edna Hughes**



**Mina Hughes Glass**



**Fannette Horner Hughes**

**Loving Memory Of  
Parents and Sisters**

*Our Beloved Husband and Father  
Clifford M.H. Morton*

*From*

- Abby H. Fife**
- Edward K. Glass, Jr.**



In Loving Memory  
**Mr. Albert W. Bolan**  
Father

**Beulah H. Bolan**  
Mother

**Hazel Ross Bolan**  
Wife

by  
**Edmund H. Bolan**  
Son & Husband

**What Is A Grandfather?**

Any man can be a grandfather  
But mine represented more,  
Love,, devotion and understanding  
Are qualities I underscore.  
Firm in commitment,  
Articulate and wise  
Made him loved and respected  
To no one's surprise.  
He manifested righteousness  
Was an educator of men,  
A follower of Christ  
A companion of his brethren.  
I'll treasure his memory —  
No words can be expressed  
Of the *honor* he displayed  
And the *meaning* it professed.

Melver H. Tinsley  
Centennial Celebration  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
October, 1977

In Fond Memory Of  
Our Beloved Husband and Father  
**Clifford M.H. Morton**

Myrtle and Children  
Lois, Gloria and Andrew





To The Memory Of  
**Mayme A. Newbrant**  
and  
**Percy Newbrant, Sr.**

Not what we take  
but as we give  
Not as we pray  
but as we live  
These are the things  
that make for peace  
Both now and after  
time shall cease

Oscar and Elizabeth N. Long  
Percy, Jr., and Mary Newbrant  
Ann L. Benboe  
Ronald G. Long

In Loving Memory Of  
**My Wife**

**Mrs. Laura Bassette Smith**

Deceased 26 July 1975

A dedicated social worker for more than  
thirty years in Louisville, Kentucky

Leonard J. Smith, Husband

In Loving Memory Of  
**Father Robert**  
**Mother Carrye**

by Alyce K. Holden

Carole W. Whedbee Watson



**JUANITA MORRELL JOHNSON**  
In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**Elizabeth (Betty) J. Bragg Wright**  
Wife

**Chester J. Wright, Jr.**  
Son

Chester J. Wright, Sr.

In Loving Memory Of Our Parents  
**Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Tate**  
and Our Sister  
**Miss Olive Mae Tate**

by  
Mrs. Andrew W. Ramsey  
Mrs. Charles S. Wood

With love and fond memories of  
**Dr. Ellis D. Whedbee**  
Founding Member and Deacon

**Bertha P. Whedbee**  
Deaconess

**Melville Whedbee**  
**Ellis D. Whedbee, Jr.**  
Trustee

Their dedication to their church and their service  
to others leaves a living memorial with those who  
knew them.

Carole W. Whedbee Watson



## MEMORIAL

For the Deceased Members of  
The Woman's Bible Class of  
Plymouth Congregational Church U.C.C.  
Mesdames Rachel Harris, Mollie Ricks, Carrie Tate,  
Cassie Bryant, Nettie Cooper, Mayme Newbrant,  
Edith Emerson, Margaret Braddick



### MEMBERS

Shown, L to R: Elizabeth Aleander, Alferna Bryant, Lillian Farris, Mary E. Crenshaw, Abbie Fyfe, Louise Matthews, Winifred Gay and Jeanie Payne. Not Shown: Armah Banks, Henrietta Bailey, Elmira Brock, Emma Carson, Bertha Hines, Margaret Hackett, Gertrude Jackson, Milbrey Mitchell, Evelyn Watkins, Virginia William and Gloria M. Stewart.

*In Loving Memory Of The  
Deceased Members Of The*

## Rogers Family

Mr. E.A. Rogers  
Mrs. Helen Rogers Rankin  
Mrs. Lena Rogers  
Mrs. Paradine Rogers Adair

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**My Mother  
and  
Father**

**Elizabeth and  
Brook William Pierce**

Members during the pastorate of the  
late Rev. E.G. Harris  
**Rose Pierce Adams**

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Our Mother  
Nellie Bomar Davis**



**NELLIE BOMAR**

By  
Roberta Miller  
Sheliah Carroll  
Betty Davis  
Debra Davis

*In Loving Memory Of*

**Frances H. Hambleton**

**J. Earl Dearing**

Mrs. J. Earl Dearing

David E. Dearing

Frances P. Dearing

*In Memory Of*  
**OUR FATHER**  
**Louis H. Schaefer, Sr.**

and GRANDMOTHER  
**Susie B. Schaefer**

Isabel S. Hodges  
Lois S. Bright

IN MEMORY OF  
**Elsie Masterson  
Henry Jackson  
Aunt Ollie Hammock Smith**

Lucky Daughter  
**ROBERTA JACKSON SMITH**



In Memory Of My Husband  
**Atwood S. Wilson**



By Eunice S. Wilson

In Loving Memory Of  
Our Grandparents

**Clarence & Hattie B.  
Bomar**

By Herbert Bomar, Jr.  
Earline Harris  
Samuel Jones

**In Loving Memory**  
Of Our Sister  
**Miss Lottie A. Houser**



**1892-1957**

By Mrs. Lillian Houser Marshall  
Mrs. M. Elizabeth Houser Thompson

In Loving Memory Of  
**Mr. Buckner Rowan**  
**Mrs. Leola Rowan Basnite**  
**Mr. Roger C. Rowan**

By  
Mrs. Annie Rowan  
and  
Mr. Othello Rowan

IN MEMORY  
of  
MY MOTHER



**Cora Bomar Adams**

And Friends  
**Leslie Hodges**  
**Pauline Hodges**

by Daughter  
Joyce Malone

**In Loving Memory**  
Of My Brother



**IRVIN WEBSTER ST. CLAIR**

By Susan St. Clair Minor



*In Memory Of*  
**Nannie Board Crume**  
**Eliza Board**  
**Lucy Jones**

R. Marcus Crume

**In Loving Memory Of**



**Col. Eugene F. Tyree, U.S.A.F.**

Our memories have eased the pain of the loss of your love and strength. For we have thoughts of people known, places visited, time enjoyed and love shared that guide us to a better day. Even if we had known the end we still would have been fortunate to have shared a life with you.

Clarese, Gloria and Carla

*In Loving memory of*  
**Husband and Father**



**Fred D. Dooley**

By: **Laura B. Dooley**  
and  
**Richard E. Dooley**

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Alexander Floyd**



**Your Loving Wife, Mary M. Floyd**  
and **The McGavoch Family**



IN MEMORY OF  
**William Herbert Leavelle, Jr.**

Whose love of life and for humanity  
left an indelible impression on  
all who knew him.

**Millicent Wilhite**

*In Memory Of My Mother*  
**Mrs. Nettie Lou Graves**  
She departed this life May 14, 1962.

This poem is fitting and expressed what I know  
she would have me say.

*"She was such a faithful Mother  
She was kind in every way  
And never will I forget the night  
When she taught me how to pray"*

Her loving daughter Catherine W. Pate

In Memory Of Our Beloved Father  
**Thomas H. McNeil**  
and Brother

**Thomas C. McNeil**

The Yuille Family  
The McNeil Family



**Dr. James Bond**  
Father  
**Mrs. Jane Alice Bond**  
Mother

I consider the edifice of Plymouth Congregational  
Church a monument commemorating the services of  
my father, Dr. James Bond, as fund raiser: 1925-1926.

by Lucy Bond Tinsley



*In Memory Of*  
**Thomas M. Bond, Sr.**  
Deacon & Assistant pastor  
Of Our Church

By: Louise J. Bond, wife  
Thomas M. Bond, Jr.  
Horace J. Bond  
Fred F. Bond, Sons

*In Memory Of*  
Our Beloved Brother  
**George Bullock**

Jessie B. and Robert A. Thornton



In Loving Memory Of  
**Ollie Smith**  
**Richard G. Smith**

Our Mother  
 and  
 Grandmother  
**Ollie L. Smith**  
 July 12, 1885  
 March 25, 1973



Our Father  
 and  
 Grandfather  
**Richard G. Smith**  
 Sept. 30, 1876  
 Dec. 25, 1962

"Time cannot steal the  
 treasure that we carry in  
 our Hearts"

The souls of our loved ones  
 have taken flight into  
 "The land where there is  
 no night"

The Guy, Miser, Smith, and Watkins Families

In Memory of the Founders of  
 The Plymouth Guild

Mrs. Ida Mai Whedbee

A Prayer

Mrs. Hazel Powell B

Father in Heaven look down we pray,  
 Give us the courage to face each new day;  
 Strength for each task that must needs be done,  
 Grateful to Thee with each setting sun.

Help us Oh Lord, to accept Thy will,  
 Say to us when in our wrath, "Peace be still,"  
 Help us be like Thee in all that we do,  
 And when hope grows dim, then our faith renew.

This is our prayer as we turn now to Thee,  
 Cleanse our souls, Lord, and fit us to cross the great sea;  
 Help us draw near Thee e'er this life will be o'er,  
 Then take us to dwell with Thee e-ver-more.  
 For e-ver-more.

by Ida Mai Whedbee

Your Memory Lingers With Us  
 The Plymouth Guild

In Memory Of



**Cordelia Hemmons Freeman**

Mary Hemmons Curry (Sister)  
 The Hemmons Family (Sister)  
 Dianne Freeman Wilder (Daughter)

In Loving Memory of  
 Our Parents

**Luther W. Hemmons, Sr.**

**Mamye L. Hemmons**  
 Tuskegee Inst., Alabama

**William Virgil Curry**  
**Alpha Mae Curry**  
 Providence, Kentucky

With Honor and Reverence  
 From Lacomis C. Curry  
 Mary Hemmons Curry



*In Memory Of*

**Alice Wilson**

Mother

**Elias Wilson**

Father

**Sidney Wilson**

Sister

**Cassie W. Bryant**

Sister

**Walter E. Wilson**

Brother

**The Wilson Family**

Armah W. Banks, Alferna W. Bryant

Mary E. Crenshaw

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Husband and Father**

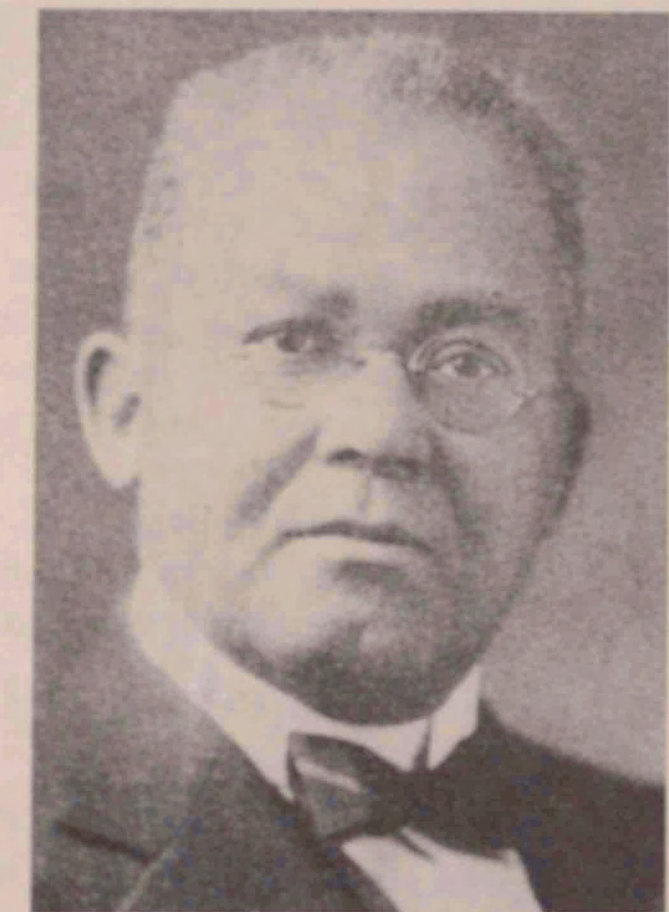


**James B. Bryant**

*From:* Alferna Bryant, Wife

James B. Bryant, Jr., Son

The activities of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Matthews has been a "tale of two cities". Mr. Matthews graduated from Atlanta University, and became Principal of Houston Street School in Atlanta, Ga. He served as trustee of Atlanta University until the merger of that institution with Clark University, Morris Brown, Morehouse, and Spellman Colleges. He served on the Butler Street YMCA Board of Directors of Atlanta and served in Louisville in a similar body of the Chestnut Street YMCA. He was superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Congregational Church of Atlanta for 19 years. In Louisville he organized and taught the Adult Men's Bible Class at Plymouth for a similar length of time. He was a deacon of Plymouth and served as first Chairman of the Board of Directors of Plymouth Settlement House.



**Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Matthews**

Mrs. Matthews, a Normal School Graduate of Fisk University was Assistant Principal of Summer Hill School in Atlanta at the time of her marriage when she resigned from teaching. She had worked with several church and civic groups before leaving there. In Louisville she worked with the Women's Missionary Society and the Mayflower Circle of Plymouth Church. She was active in the YMCA and served for many years as secretary of the Women's Board of Red Cross Hospital on South Shelby Street until an accident prevented further service.



*In Loving Memory of The*  
**Lively Family**



**Ernest Lively**



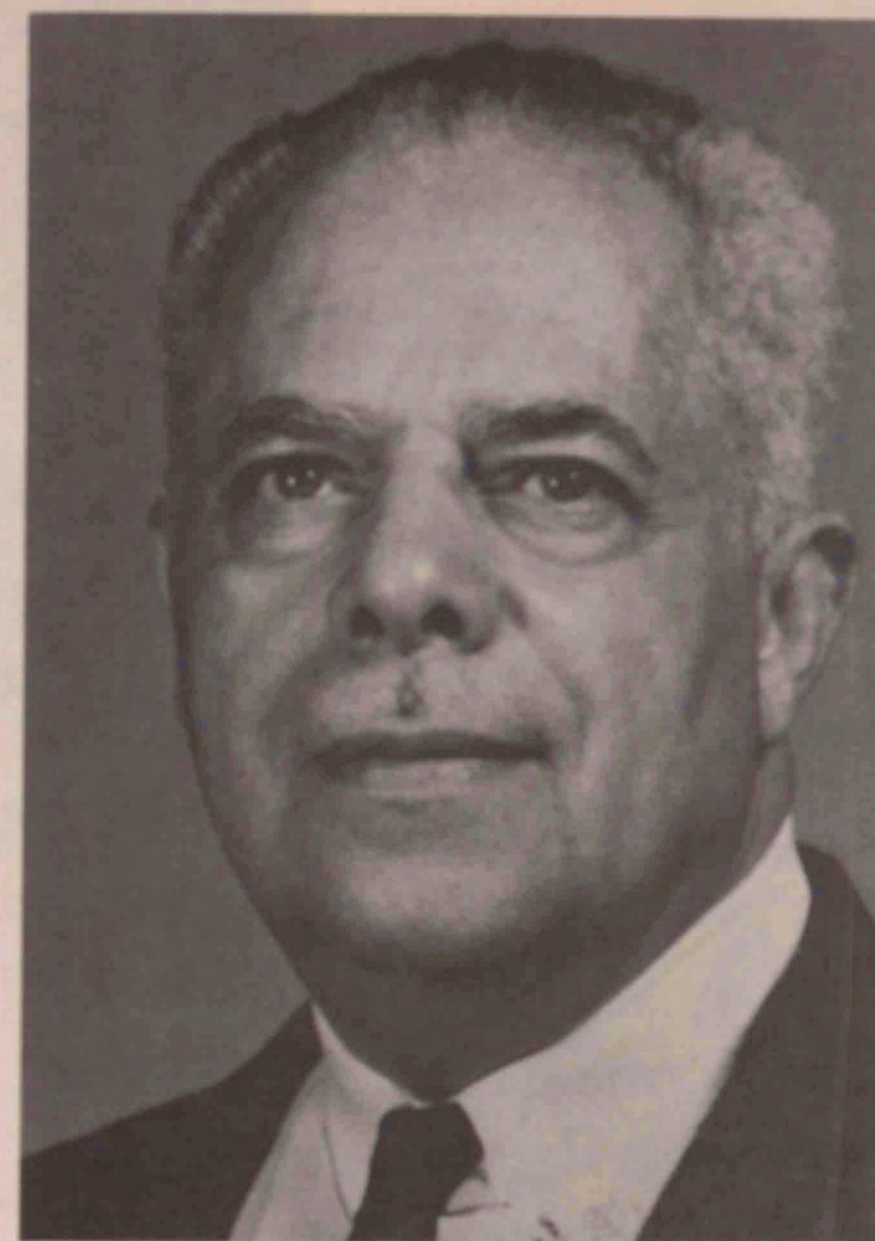
**Mother Sallie Lively**  
**Carlyle Lively - Son**



**Elmo C. Lively - Son**

*Given By*  
**Gertrude Lively (Mrs. Elmo Lively)**  
**Ernestine Lively Bransford**

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**In Memoriam**



**Louis Julian Harper, Jr.**  
August 5, 1899                      January 30, 1977

Church Clerk 1936-1966  
Ordained Deacon 1968  
Member of Plymouth Settlement House  
Board

*"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet  
Lest we forget, lest we forget."*

**Ruth Lee Harper - Wife**



In Loving Memory Of



**Dr. Jacob A. Gay**  
Trustee



**Mrs. Henrietta E. Payne**  
Ordained Deaconess

Mrs. Norma Jetton Wilson  
Mrs. Georgia Jetton Baughman  
Mr. Willis A. Jetton  
Mrs. Barbara Bateman Steele

**27th Psalm:**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Of whom shall I be afraid.*

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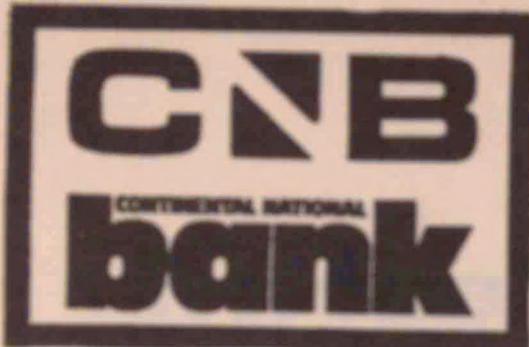
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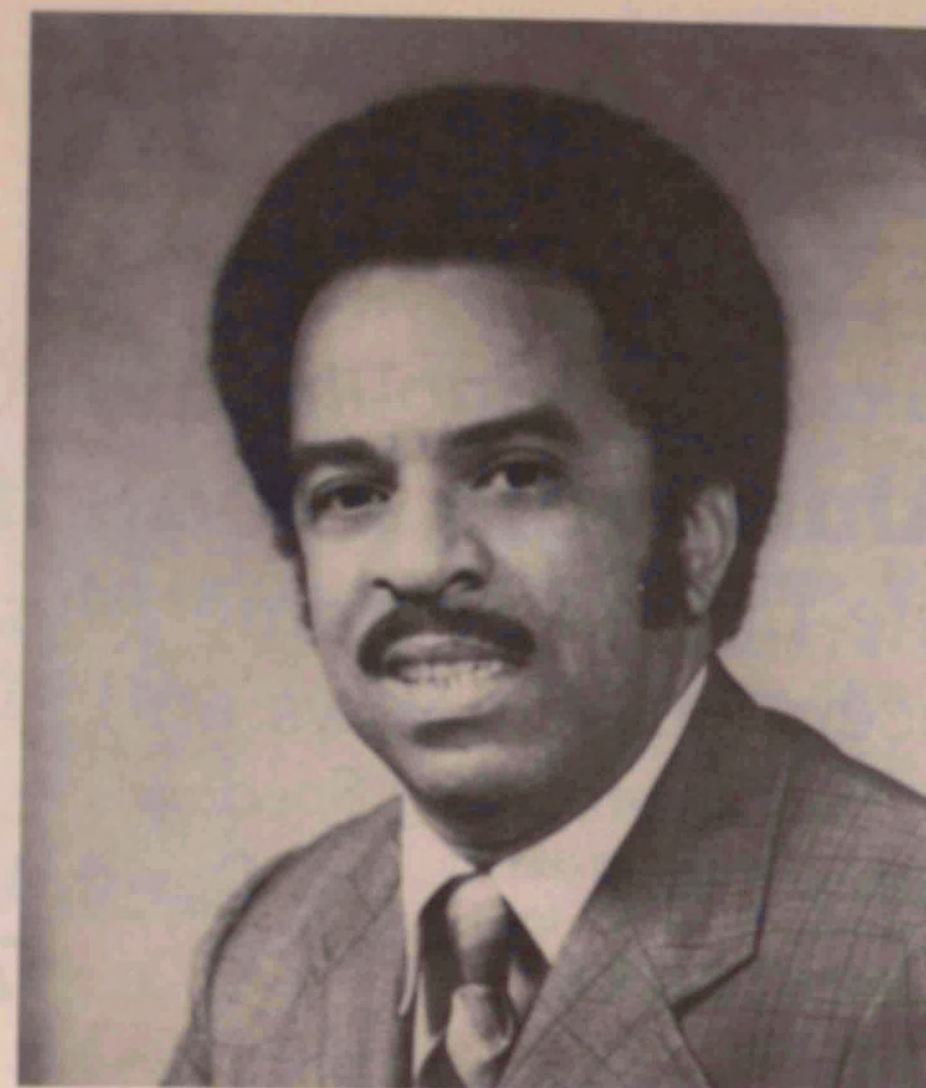
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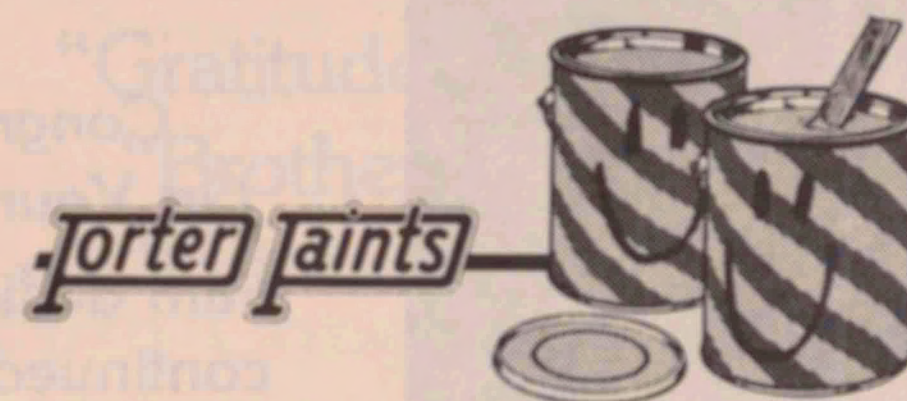
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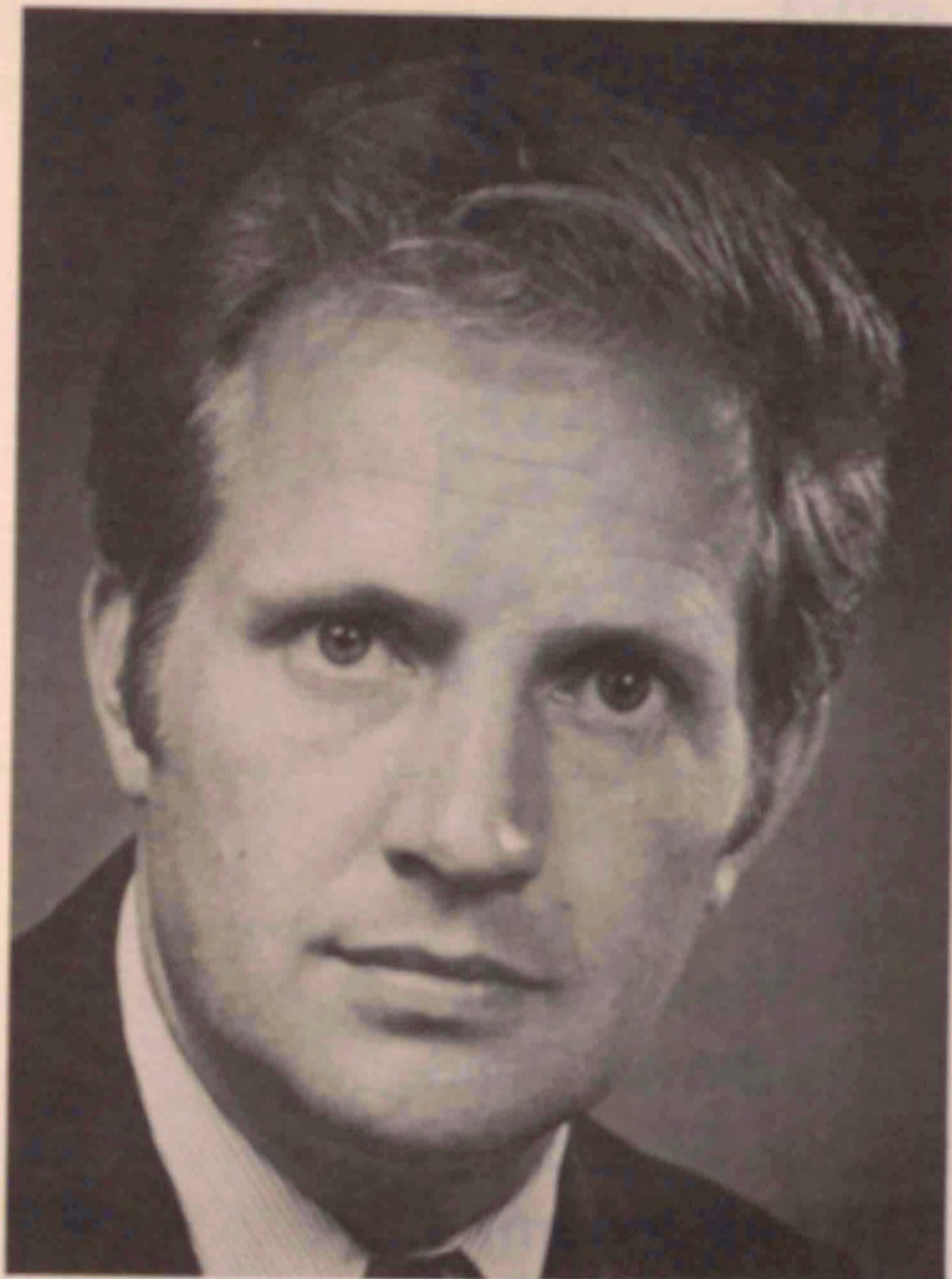
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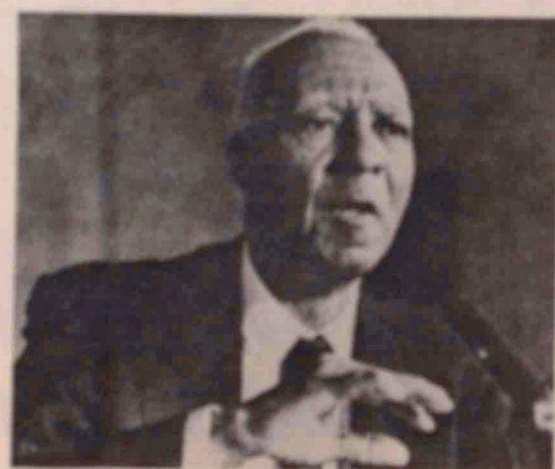
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 Hands to use  
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With zest to do  
 Whatever I can —  
 In kindly thoughts  
 Of my fellowman

Please harken —  
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 Pray, grant me, Lord  
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# CONGRATULATIONS!

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The Plymouth Congregational Church, 630 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, assembled on January 20, 1971, in a regular church meeting and approved by a majority of the members present and voting the following resolution:

We, the members of said congregation, do hereby commit said church to fully support the Plymouth Apartment project. To this end we are willing to make available the church's resources and the congregation's efforts to ensure the successful construction and operation of this apartment project and the successful discharge of the apartment owner's obligations under the mortgage. We are willing, ready, and able to raise and supply the funds for any necessary preliminary costs leading to a successful mortgage loan. Furthermore, we instruct the Board of Trustees of this church to select necessary legal counsel, architect, contractor and management team and to monitor, and if necessary correct, the quality of their work. We instruct the Trustees, not only now but through the life of the apartment mortgage, to use all reasonable means to assure the prompt payment of the mortgage until it is successfully discharged. We further instruct the Trustees to transfer to the Plymouth Redevelopment Corporation, which has been formed to construct and operate the above apartment project, the necessary land owned by the church on which the apartment project is to be located.

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