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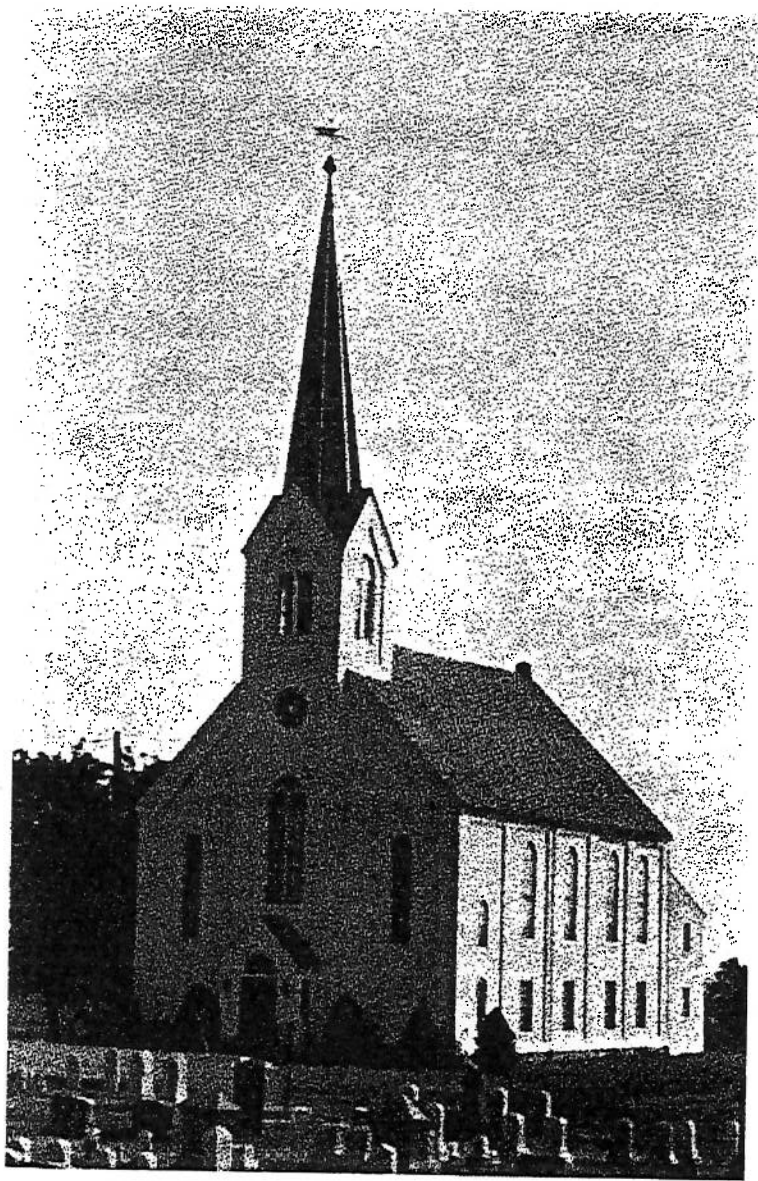
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# Proclamation

## At the Corner Stone Laying in Lower Milford — In the Name of the Triune God, Amen

Since the Lord wishes to dwell where the memory of His name is being established, and, where two or three are gathered together in His name, will be in their midst and bless them; and since no congregation can perform the solemnities of public worship with propriety and dignity and for her own edification, without having a church building to this end; and as now the Second Union Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Chestnut Hill Church in Lower Milford township, Lehigh County, State of Pennsylvania, has become old and dilapidated and that repairs of the same are very necessary, a congregational meeting was held May 2nd, A. D. 1885, and the members have taken counsel together to decide through an election, whether the old church building shall be remodelled or a new building erected.

At an election held May 25th, A. D. 1885, it was decided by a majority vote of both congregations, to have a fitting new house of worship, and that it is absolutely necessary to have one for the maintenance of religion, in particular for an easy hearing of God's Word; for the administration of the holy sacraments and for the furthering of our and our children's salvation, and since the aforesaid congregations of the so called Chestnut Hill church have agreed to erect a new Union church upon a suitable lot adjoining the property upon which the old church buildings have stood; therefore, it is necessary to disclose to the public to what end, for what purpose and for what organization of christians this house shall be built.

For this reason do we by this attest and inform the present, and coming generation, that we today, the 20th of May, Whitsunday, A. D. 1888, under the administration of Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, and of James A. Beaver, Governor of Pennsylvania, are laying the corner stone of an Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed church, and that, if God blesses the work of our hands and the building becomes finished, the same shall be and forever remain dedicated to God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and shall be called the Chestnut Hill Church; that it shall be and remain a Union Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church, wherein the gospel of the crucified Christ shall be preached and the holy sacrament administered, conformable to the teachings of Christ and his Apostles, whose contents we have in our dear catechisms which we now to this end place in the corner stone, so that in the future one may see what our confession of faith is.

Should people follow us, who forget their Saviour, who despise the Word of God and the sacraments and who will not tolerate the salutary teaching, so call we upon heaven and earth as witness that we bear no blame but that we are free from their blood. This house which we are building shall always be a witness for us that we love, honor and want to have Evangelical Christianity perpetuated; that it is our wish that the doctrine of the atonement of Jesus be preached here in all its purity to poor souls; that we expect it of our children and descendants never to abandon their meetings and congregations; that it is our wish that here old and young shall be awakened, encouraged, comforted and prepared for eternity. With such a wish and purposes can we with confidence, trust God and say with Jacob, "This stone which we have set for a pillow shall be God's house," a place where God shall manifest his presence.

Given in Lower Milford, this 20th day of May, A. D. 1888, and in the 112th year of the Independence of the United States, and signed by the

consistories, trustees and building committee of both congregations.

Elders:—Abraham Reinhart, Wm. G. Diehl, Charles H. Johnson, John B. Titlow.

Deacons:—John Dice, Solomon Gable, Milton H. Derr, C. W. Urffer, Frank Siegrist, Eugene S. Backensto, Thomas B. Dietz.

Building Committee and Trustees:—Henry F. Dice, Emanuel J. Wieder.

Since God is a God of order and loves all good arrangements and since he especially wishes that in divine services everything shall be orderly, and since the love of Christian brotherhood and unity between two congregations can easily be broken where there is no outward discipline, we too, to this end, have drawn up the following rules which have been approved of and are acceptable to us and shall always prevail between our two congregations.

I. The Building Committee shall have the right at the dedication of the church to dictate in what order the church members shall sit in the service and this order shall be ratified by the consistories and thereafter shall always continue so. The building committee shall not have the right to change this order except a majority vote of both congregations is in favor of it.

II. When the preacher's office of one of these congregations shall become vacant, it shall be the duty of the consistory to meet with the other consistories of the charge or parish whenever fitting, to choose a pastor; and when a preacher receives two thirds of the votes, the consistory shall accept him. Should such not be the case, then shall the consistory invite the congregation to assemble for the purpose of electing a pastor by ballot, and when a preacher receives a majority vote of the above congregation, he shall be received by the consistory, with this reservation, that, if he at any time decides to leave the congregation he shall give the consistory three months previous notice. However, at such an election the Lutherans shall not have the right to vote at the election of a Reformed pastor, nor the Reformed at the election of a Lutheran pastor. No one shall have the right to vote for a pastor who is not a member of the church—viz: who has not been baptized, confirmed and partaken of the Lord's Supper.

III. If a preacher does not preach the gospel in its purity and clearness, or becomes negligent in his pastoral duties, or leads a wicked life, he shall be admonished by the consistory, and if of no avail, then shall the consistory inform the other consistories of the charge or parish of it, and when a majority of the consistories of the charge are against him, he shall be dismissed from service. He, however, must be given three months previous notice.

IV. The joint consistory shall consist of four elders, eight deacons, and two trustees. Of these one elder and two deacons of both congregations shall be elected in the month of November, and every two years shall two trustees, one of each congregation, at an appointed time and manner be elected who shall serve with the elders and deacons for two years. However, the Reformed shall not have the right at this election to vote for the Lutheran officer nor shall the Lutherans have the right to vote for the Reformed officers.

V. If at any time a church officer knowingly acts against the foregoing and following rules, or leads a notoriously wicked life, he shall be dismissed from office, provided it can be proved by a majority of the congregation, and another shall be elected in his stead.

VI. The joint consistory shall elect a Treasurer whose duty and obligation shall be to keep a record of all the money he receives from the deacons, which record together with the money which he receives must be handed over to the consistory, if at any time requested. The Treas-

urer shall be chosen alternately from the Reformed and Lutheran congregations. After this manner shall it always be done.

VII. The account of both congregations shall be closed yearly on the fourth Saturday in December, and the elders shall examine the accounts of the deacons and shall designate the balance to the Treasurer, which the deacons have in hand, and the elders themselves shall keep a record of the same, and the deacons shall at once pay over the balance to the treasurer.

VIII. The joint consistory shall have the right to take the money out of the treasury for the following purposes, viz: To procure furniture; to keep the church together with other mutual buildings and things in good order and to pay the traveling expenses of delegates to the Synods.

IX. Sixty days before the salary of the pastor and organist is due, the deacons shall have it announced to both congregations to assemble at the church on a specified date to pay the yearly salary of the pastor and organist.

X. Once a year shall the consistory read these rules to the congregation. The following Appendix was drawn up and signed by an appointed Committee and agreed to by a large majority vote at a public meeting of both congregations on the 23d day of March, 1885, and shall be annexed to the above church rules and remain in force.

I. No minister shall have the right to preach in this church except with the consent of the regularly elected consistory, whose part it is at all times to announce a public service.

II. No person, being a member of the church, shall have the right to announce a public service except with the consent of the regularly constituted consistory.

III. Should it happen that a member of this church dies and be buried in the adjoining cemetery, and the relatives have such a minister not acceptable to the consistory, the consistory shall not forbid him the church for the funeral sermon.

IV. Should the consistory fail to agree in making an arrangement or appointment, or in anything else, then at all times shall a decision be reached by a majority vote of the consistory.

V. Should it ever happen that the consistory would act in such a way and manner contrary to the wish of the congregation, an election shall be held of which due announcement shall be made that it may become known to the whole congregation, and shall the majority be against the consistory, a committee of three members of the church shall be appointed, and these shall have the right to dictate to the consistory what and what it is not to do; and those members of the consistory who do not wish to abide by these rules shall be dismissed and others at a public election shall be elected in their stead.

The above rules have been drawn up and signed by

JAMES D. DILLINGER,

DANIEL STAHLER,

CHRISTIAN ORTT, JR.

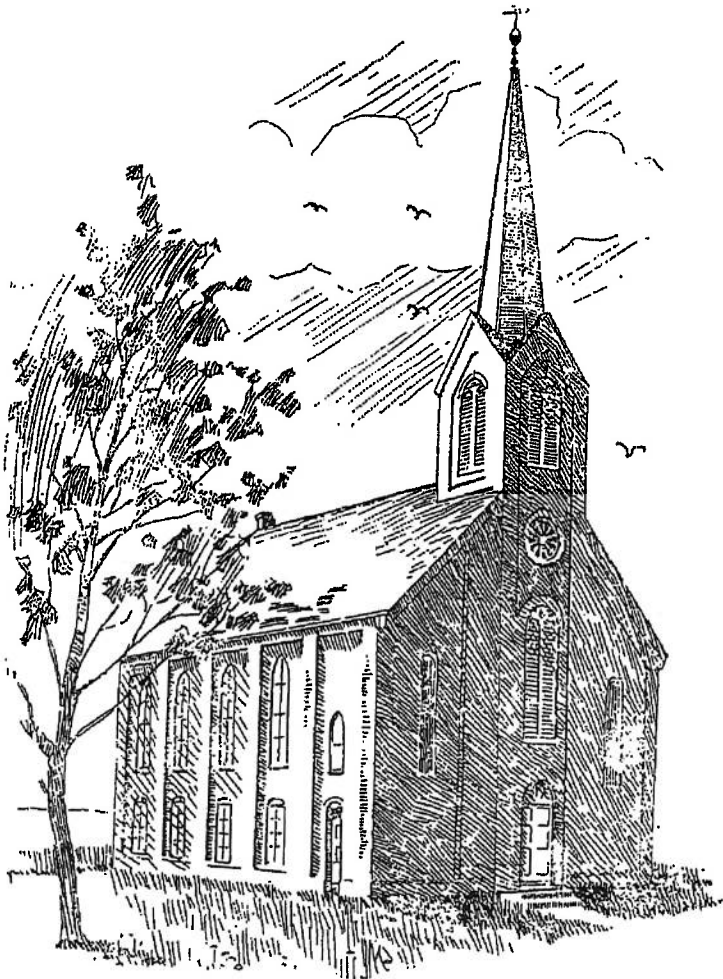
Committee.

(Note:

The above is a re-print of another copy, printed in English in 1907; this copy differs slightly from a German copy of the same date. Whether or not these were accurate copies is uncertain, for the original has been lost. This "proclamation" is strikingly similar to many other "Proklamationen" which the writer has been privileged to see; they usually were framed and read publicly in connection with a corner-stone laying.

Later these were replaced by legal charters or by constitutions more conformable to denominational requirements.

This "proclamation" was uncovered since the history of the church was completed. That it should refer to the edifice of 1850 as the "Second Union Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Chestnut Hill Church" is a puzzling matter, for we have supposed that to have been the first, and not the second, union building. This suggests that the first union church might have been one of 1805; only thus can we now account for that inscription on an old corner-stone. There is, however, no other data to confirm this supposition, while there still does remain much evidence to the contrary. Should this reference be correct, it would prove incorrect and out-of-place the many other references to the church of 1850 as the first union church. The enigma remains unsolved. — W. J. R.)





# A History of the Church of Chestnut Hill

by the Rev. William J. Rupp

The early history of the church on Chestnut Hill is by no means clear; there are few records anywhere to help establish what must have taken place during the early years. In a history prepared in connection with the "Centenary Celebration" in 1873, Pastor Franklin J. Mohr claims that the first church building "was in all probability erected as early as the year 1720—for it is asserted that this was already an old church at the time the first Swamp church was built in the year 1772, and its members on this account by degrees were drawn to the latter church." This is an error for the edifice of 1772 at Great Swamp already was the second building, and not the first; this claim, however, does place the beginning of an organized congregation on Chestnut Hill considerably before the date mentioned, and does serve as evidence that at least one building had been erected on Chestnut Hill by this time.

The only early record now extant is a written agreement dated March 3, 1757, by which Andreas Engelman of Upper Milford Township, Northampton County, sold, for the sum of ten shillings, an acre of land to "George Stahlnecker, Jost Olevine, Jacob Smith, Martin Schwinck, Jacob Bilthouse, Christofel Heller, George Walter, Nicholas Erance, Peter Kurts, Hoover, John Goodwalts, John Shoemaker, Christian Miller, Peter Sluser (Schlosser), Peter Long and Andrew Engelman. . . for the use and benefit of a church and burying ground." The property was "for them Reformed" and was to be held in trust by the above group and their heirs and descendants "for the said congregation's use and benefit forever." The transfer of title, properly executed, was signed by Andreas Engelman and witnessed, among others, by Thomas Owen of Upper Saucon, one of "His Majesty's Justices of the Peace."

We are not certain that the region including the headwaters of the Saucon and Hosensack Creeks was settled before 1730 except, perhaps, by a few of the so-called "squatters"; but settlers did move in after this date and land patents were granted to some of them as early as 1734. In that same year there already was an organized Reformed congregation at Great Swamp and others came into existence soon thereafter; the Lutherans at Upper Saucon in 1740 and at Dillingersville about 1743; the Mennonites at Zionsville about 1740; the Reformed at Zionsville about 1750, the Lutherans about 1757. Among the family names of early settlers we may mention the following: the Meyers who were Mennonites; Mechlin, Dillinger, Flores, Ritter, Koehler, Klein, Riese, Kemmerer, and Schaffer, all Lutherans; and Eberhard, Linn, Dubs, Lang, Engelman, Diefenderfer, Schlosser, Miller, Stahl, Stahler, and others, all Reformed.

Settlers within view of Chestnut Hill, or "Grubbs Berg" as they sometimes called it, were of various denominational strains, affiliated as convenient with the German Reformed Churches at Great Swamp and Upper Milford, the Lutheran Churches at Upper Saucon and Dillingersville, and the Mennonites at Upper Milford. That they should long for a house of worship all their own was only natural. They must have been well grouped and organized by 1757, well enough at any rate to purchase, in the name of the German Reformed group, a piece of land on Chestnut Hill in what is now Lower Milford Township, Lehigh County. Judging by the denominational affiliations of the people concerned in the project, it must have been their early dream to have, on Chestnut Hill, a church and burial ground that would serve the entire community, for the land

was located midway between Great Swamp and Upper Milford and Upper Saucon, and also was the watershed between Upper Saucon and Hossensack Creeks, a natural feature by which the boundaries of the early congregations were determined. That it stood as a lonely point delimiting the boundaries of the early communities, in itself a landmark from early years, serves as an apt illustration of the fortunes of the congregations on that same hill in later years. By location, the church on Chestnut Hill bordered on every one of the distinct regions by which the countryside was then known; and for its life, the first congregation drew upon the membership of all the other congregations whose borders it touched.

No other record of a church on Chestnut Hill appears anywhere until the year 1772 when "Kastenberg" (for "Kastanienberg") is mentioned in the minutes and letters of "The Coetus of the German Reformed Congregations in Pennsylvania." Reported as its pastor is Domine John George Wittner, also serving at Upper Milford (Zionsville) and Salzburg (Schmalzgas or Western Salisbury). In that year Do. Wittner reported that his charge consisted of 95 families, that he baptized 24 persons, and that he confirmed 30 persons, all for the previous year.

Wittner, newly arrived from Europe, began his ministry at Coaclico, Lancaster County, in October, 1766, from which point he served four churches. In 1768 one of his congregations brought several grievances before the Coetus: that Wittner "is always late when he has to preach for them on Sunday afternoons" and that he "does not give sufficient catechetical instruction, doing so only three or four times during the year." These same complaints were continued the following year and, however much disputed by Wittner, were found to be just. While Wittner complained that his salary was not being paid, the Coetus characterized him as a person "who for many years already has been affected with melancholy, which ailment seems to be incurable, and makes him more and more unfit for the office of a minister." The following year, 1770, Wittner was forced to leave these churches, and was pictured as a melancholy, temperamental man, "despised and hated by everybody." Several vacant congregations did not want him, however great the need for pastors, and the Coetus, feeling he was almost unfit for the pastoral office, did not know what to do with him. Becoming rather uneasy about the whole unfortunate matter, the Coetus for at least a year gave Wittner a charitable donation out of funds sent them from Holland, because of his "pitiable circumstances."

It appears that Do. John Phillip Leydich, who lived at Falkner Swamp, was serving Upper Milford, Salzburg, and other churches to the south in 1771. In that year Do. Leydich complained to the Coetus that the two congregations mentioned were at so great a distance from him that he, because of age and health, could serve them only with the greatest difficulty. He suggested that these congregations be provided with another pastor, and proposed a man by the name of Steiner who had already served these congregations occasionally, and with whom they were well pleased. The Coetus, however, thought it advisable to help the unfortunate Wittner who complained considerably because of his temporal circumstances, and accordingly resolved to propose him to these congregations,—"so that the poor man might be helped in this way." It was further resolved that Wittner, in company with Blumer of Northampton (Allentown, Jordan, Egypt, and others), should visit these churches and preach trial sermons. The congregations, in turn, were urged that, should Wittner please them, they should receive him as their minister. That same year, 1771, the Coetus granted Wittner the sum of ten pounds because he was "incapacitated for service through lack of physical and mental strength." And in 1772 Wittner lists "Kastenberg" as one of his churches!

While serving in Lancaster County, Wittner always sent in very careful

reports of his congregations, and did the same when he went to work in his new field. The little congregation on Chestnut Hill must have been established well enough to deserve mention by this time, while such probably was not the case in earlier years. It does seem reasonable to suppose, however, that the congregation on Chestnut Hill had been served by both Leydich and Steiner at times, perhaps also by Blumer, but not regularly enough to deserve mention. Leydich no doubt heard of the little congregation being born on Chestnut Hill when he was serving at Great Swamp and New Goshenhoppen a few miles to the south, about the years 1761-62, and may have considered it as an occasional preaching point later on when serving Upper Milford. If there were any pastors serving Chestnut Hill regularly before the coming of Wittner, then we have no record of it. While it is sometimes claimed that the first building on Chestnut Hill was a school house, one of the first in the county, and erected soon after the land had been purchased from Engelman, and that this school house was later replaced by a log church, it seems more reasonable to suppose that the log church was the first building on the present site, and that this was erected a few years prior to 1771. This being so, Wittner undoubtedly was the first regular pastor of the congregation, called to serve soon after the first log church was erected. In 1773 it is reported by the Coetus that Wittner "conducts himself in his small congregations over which he was placed, as it were, on trial, in such a way that as yet not the least complaint has been brought against him. Heretofore his poverty was the main cause of the miserable condition of his body and mind. Since this has now, to some extent, been remedied, there is hope that his ability to edify his people will increase."

Several sources refer to an old record of baptisms, with names of parents and sponsors, opened on June 21, 1773, and closed in December, 1787. It appears that this record, written in various hands, was opened by Pastor Wittner; at present writing, however, this record has not been located. The late F. W. Flores of Dillingersville, in the opinion of the writer, the only reliable source on the history of what is now Lower Milford township, first refers to this old record. It was still extant about 1880 and Flores lists (Sketch LIV, "Skizzen aus dem Lecha-Thale", Allentown, 1880-86) the names of parents and sponsors entered from 1773 to 1777:

Johannes Stahl  
 Carl Ludwig Kaiber  
 Nicolaus Rothenbürger  
 Anthon Stähler  
 Jacob Miller  
 Adam Albrecht  
 Johannes Schmidt  
 Johann König  
 George Kaufman  
 Jacob Rumpfald  
 Peter Busch  
 Peter Deisz  
 Johann Andreas Engelman  
 Andreas Stahlnecker  
 Nicolas Dietz  
 Peter Braun  
 Reinhardt Brunner  
 George Schäffer

Johannes Linn  
 Jacob Erdman  
 Simon Zeller  
 Jacob Eberhard  
 Hans Vogt  
 Johannes Welder  
 Hans Ord  
 Rudolph Funck  
 George Wurman  
 George Ruch  
 Michael Ott  
 George Steiner  
 Jacob Wittman  
 Michael Bischof  
 Henry Huber  
 George Kern  
 George Harlacher  
 Jacob Kehler

In 1774 Wittner reports 50 baptisms and 41 confirmations for his three churches, but makes no report for 1775 and 1776; in the latter year it is mentioned that four other churches served by Steiner had asked Wittner to come and serve them. In 1777 Wittner, still with his

churches, was elected secretary of the Coetus, proof of the fact that he had once more established himself as a good pastor and as a faithful and efficient servant in the Church. A letter written to the church fathers in Holland on behalf of the Coetus is still extant and gives added testimony to Wittner's ability and character. The letter, dated May 6, 1776, was written from Upper Milford, Northampton County, indicating that Wittner must have made his home there. For the year 1777 he reports 60 families, 30 baptisms, and 33 confirmations. No reports are given for the years 1778 and 1779, and there the record closes. Again "Kestenbergl", or "Kastenbergl" as it sometimes was written, becomes unknown and unreported. Wittner died on December 25, 1779.

In 1781 John Henry Helffrich reported to the Coetus concerning his many churches in what is now Lehigh and Berks County, and included Upper Milford and Saltzburg in the list. No mention is made of Chestnut Hill and, since Helffrich had at least five other churches at the time, it may be assumed that Chestnut Hill was without a regular pastor for a few years, save such as might preach there on occasion by way of supply. Some sources claim that Casper Wack, pastor of Tohickon and Indianfield and supplying Great Swamp in 1781, also was at Chestnut Hill for a brief period; there is no evidence to support this contention. Wack clearly was not the first pastor at Chestnut Hill, several sources to the contrary obviously guessing on this point. That Helffrich might have preached here may be assumed for the reason that he was doing the same thing at New Goshenhoppen during 1780 and 1781, a number of entries in the baptismal record there being in his hand.

Certainly there was some intimate connection between the congregation on Chestnut Hill and the congregations at Great Swamp and New Goshenhoppen about this time and during a number of years. Johan Jost Ollwein (Olevine), and his wife, Anna Eva, are mentioned in the New Goshenhoppen records as the parents of a child, Johannes, baptized on September 5, 1736, by John Henry Goetschius; and the Great Swamp record mentions them as sponsors at a baptism by George Michael Weiss, V. D. M., (Verbi Divini Minister) in 1749. A son of a Jacob Schmidt was baptized by Do. Weiss at Great Swamp in 1749, and about the year 1758 Weiss listed one Christian Müller (Miller) as one of the "heads of families who in Great Swamp belong to the congregation." During the pastorate of John Theobald Faber at Great Swamp, 1766-1779, a baptism at which George Stallenecker and his wife were the sponsors was entered in the Great Swamp record. Until the time that Wittner came to Chestnut Hill, such other names, later common especially to the Chestnut Hill congregation, appear in the Great Swamp record: Stahl, Meyer, Walder, Dittlo, Ott, Dietz, and Linn.

Do. Friedrich Dellicker, a French Huguenot, came to Great Swamp in 1782 and served various congregations in the vicinity. The old Chestnut Hill record contains this entry: "1782 sind von mir, Friedrich Dellicker, folgende Kinder getauft worden." Historian Flores says that Dellicker's is the only name of a pastor mentioned in this record, although entries are in various hands. Flores was certain that entries in Dellicker's hand continued in the old record for but two years, until 1784; and we are certain that Dellicker left Great Swamp in the spring of that same year. This does serve as sufficient evidence that this man served at Chestnut Hill for a time. As we have already seen, and as we shall again see later, the church at Chestnut Hill had intimate connections with all its neighboring congregations throughout its long history; from them it received its life in the beginning, and later, when the need arose, we believe it was served by the pastors of these congregations upon whose borders it touched.

After the departure of Dellicker, the fathers at Chestnut Hill must

have been as "sheep without a shepherd" through many years, the fortunes of the congregation never certain or assured. Dellicker was succeeded at Great Swamp by Frederick William Van Der Sloot, Sr., who came there in April, 1784, and whose pastorate there came to an unfortunate end in May, 1786. Flores believes that Van Der Sloot also preached at Chestnut Hill, and claims that the handwriting in the baptismal records of Great Swamp and Chestnut Hill during these years is identical. This would substantiate the supposition that Van Der Sloot preached at both churches; it would be difficult to account for Chestnut Hill in any other way. Helffrich, who lived in Weisenberg, continued to report for Upper Milford and Saltzburg for 1782-85, but made no mention of Chestnut Hill; someone else must have been serving there. Since the Great Swamp pastors all lived near New Goshenhoppen, it would have been convenient for them to preach at Chestnut Hill on special occasions. From 1785 to 1792, when the minutes of the Coetus close, Helffrich reports for Upper Milford, but makes no mention of either Saltzburg or Kastenienberg; some other disposition must have been made of the Chestnut Hill congregation long before this time.

With Van Der Sloot leaving Great Swamp in 1786, the record becomes wholly indefinite. In 1787 the old church record mentioned above was closed; some other pastor must have baptized in the Chestnut Hill congregation until at least the end of that year. From that time forth no record was kept for a number of years, but during this time there appear some familiar names in the Great Swamp record, among these being Dietz, Derr, Dels, Dillinger, Dittlo, Rotenberger, Rieser, Linn, Schuler, Ott, Hillegass, Eberhard, and Stallnecker. The baptism of a daughter of a Peter Lang, possibly a son of the earlier Peter Long, is mentioned in the Great Swamp record in 1788. In 1769 the elder Faber had recorded the marriage of Johann Nicolaus Dietz, son of Adam Dietz of Upper Saucon, at Great Swamp; and in 1771 the marriage of a daughter of Andreas Engelman of Upper Milford, also at Great Swamp. Dellicker recorded the marriage of another daughter of the elder Engelman at Great Swamp in 1782. In 1808 Pastor Albert Helffenstein of Great Swamp recorded the death and burial of Andreas Engelman, aged 86 years and 4 months. These other records carry many names especially common to the Chestnut Hill congregation. These were the years when Chestnut Hill was without a regular pastor and so the pastors at Great Swamp ministered to them in times of need. Funeral services and other services on special occasions were, no doubt, held in the old church by visiting preachers, but the old log church became dilapidated and the members gradually drifted away to other congregations. Flores says that he found many names of former Chestnut Hill members in the register of the congregation at Upper Milford about this time; and we have seen the same, to some extent anyway, in the Great Swamp record. For a time no more is heard of a church or congregation on Chestnut Hill.

In the minutes of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States there appears in 1794, and for the first time, the name of a congregation at Upper Saucon which had extended a call to a Mr. Hoffmeier from Germany. Hoffmeier was ordained that same year and in 1802 opened a record at Upper Saucon with this inscription: "Church Book of the Evangelical Reformed Congregation in Upper Saucon Township, called Organ Church." This marks the approximate beginning of the present "Blue Church" as a union church, and the Reformed congregation there, together with the congregation at Lower Saucon, was then being served by Hoffmeier. In 1807 there appeared before the Synod a young man by the name of Jacob Wilhelm Dechant who asked to be examined and received under the care of Synod as a student for

the ministry. Surplus funds remaining from the publication of the new "Synodal Ordnung" were voted Mr. Dechant as support for him in the prosecution of his studies under a Dr. Becker, possibly the same Becker that served the second Reformed congregation at Upper Milford during the first year of its existence, 1820. Dechant was ordained in September, 1808. And in 1809 the following article appeared in the minutes of the Synod:

"The Chestnut Hill congregation requested that divine service might again be held in the old church by Mr. Dechant. As the Synod did not deem it expedient to grant this request, it was resolved that the above named congregation be informed of this fact by letter."

It is rather difficult to interpret this article. It may be supposed that no regular services were held in the old church for a time, that the congregation was without the service of a regular pastor, and that they were pleading for a pastor who might conduct regular divine worship. Or it may again be supposed that the young Dechant had already preached in the church while still a student and that Synod had discouraged this as he was not yet an ordained minister. But why the Synod should refuse to grant the request of the congregation, now that Dechant was ordained, is questionable indeed. During these formative years the Synod was quite insistent that all pastors and congregations comply with the "Synodal Ordnung." Pastors were freely censured for not attending the meetings of the Synod and for not sending in their parochial reports. Congregations were frequently admonished to send a delegate elder to synodical meetings and were requested to pay more attention to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the future. Perhaps Chestnut Hill, being without the services of a regular pastor, had been delinquent in some of these matters; it probably was one of the few congregations which had not as yet, through a regular pastor, subscribed to the "Ordnung" as drawn up and presented to the Synod in 1793, and may have been disciplined on this account.

The matter is further complicated by the reference to "their old church." Perhaps the Synod felt that the old church was no longer suitable for divine worship. We have assumed that the reference here is to the original log church; a later reference will confirm this supposition as we shall soon see. But this in no way accounts for the presence of an old "corner-stone" with the clear inscription "1805" now resting in one corner of the wall of the present building on Chestnut Hill. The writer is at present unwilling to explore all the possibilities suggested by this inscription and so allows this puzzling item to speak for itself, content to follow a line of facts more readily available and more conclusive on the whole.

There is no evidence in the minutes of Synod that Dechant had a regular charge at this time; indeed it appears that, in 1811, he was free to visit other congregations in the county, particularly those left vacant through the death of John Henry Helfrich. Apparently he was without charge in 1812 too, for in that year Synod voted to send several men to the western country to visit members of the church residing there, and Dechant, at his own offer, was requested to make the trip that very year. There is no evidence that Dechant made the trip and it is highly probable that he entered upon the active pastorate instead. The following year, 1813, he reported statistics for four congregations, having baptized 108, confirmed 93, buried 38, and having a total of 447 communicants under his care. Which these four congregations were is hard to determine. Flores says that Dechant was called as pastor of Upper Milford, Saucon, and other congregations in 1811, and that

while serving these churches he also served at Chestnut Hill, preaching there every four weeks, during the afternoon of the Sunday that he preached at Upper Milford in the morning. Since Hoffmeier is not listed as a "member" of Synod at this time, can we assume therefore, that Dechant actually replaced him and became the pastor at both Upper and Lower Saucon? Other sources claim that Dechant was pastor at Upper Milford, Trexlertown, Saltzburg, and Friedensburg from 1811 to 1815. Dr. Clement Z. Weiser, in his "Monograph of New Goschenhoppen and Great Swamp Reformed Charge, 1731-1881," claims that Dechant also served at Longswamp, Durham, Tinicum and Nocamixon during this period. It is unlikely that Dechant ever served the last-named three, for their relationship with the Saucon churches was probably broken as early as 1797; we have assumed that Dechant followed Hoffmeier, and there is no evidence that the latter ever served the above-named congregations. That Dechant should also have served at Longswamp may be explained by the fact that Dechant had offered to and probably did visit some of Helffrich's congregations. If it is true, as Flores says, that Dechant lived in Coopersburg for about a year, then we can easily assume that he did preach at Chestnut Hill on occasion, this being a convenient preaching point for him in his travels between Upper Saucon and Upper Milford. Omitting the weak and forlorn congregation on Chestnut Hill, the newly organized congregation at Friedensville, and the comparatively young congregation at Trexlertown, we may suppose that Upper Milford, Saltzburg, Upper and Lower Saucon are the four old congregations to which Dechant refers in his report to Synod.

Dechant undoubtedly was a strong man in the church, a good executive, an exceptional preacher, a faithful and diligent servant of Christ. Born in Kreuznach, in the Palatinate, February 18, 1784, he was the son of John Peter Dechant, also a German Reformed pastor. He received his early training in his native land and then began and completed his training for the holy ministry under the Rev. Dr. Becker, then of Baltimore. In 1815 Dechant requested the Synod to decide whether he should remain with his congregations or remove to the state of Ohio; the Synod resolved that he should stay with his congregations "on the terms mutually agreed upon between him and the congregations." Dechant, however, offered his services to the Synod as a missionary for that year, on the condition that Synod permit a Mr. Sellers (probably Daniel Zeller who was ordained that same year) to supply the congregations; this was to serve as a substitute for the apprenticeship that Zeller as a licentiate would otherwise have been required to serve in the home mission field. The Synod agreed to the proposal and ordered that the arrangement take place.

Dechant moved to Ohio but returned to Pennsylvania in 1819 to serve Old Goschenhoppen, Limerick, and Oley, together with various other congregations, until his death on October 6, 1832. He was the father of ten sons and two daughters, the oldest of which became the wife of the Rev. Henry Schantz Baszler. Three of Dechant's sons became ministers: Frederick William, Augustus L. and George B. He prepared no less than nine young men for the Gospel ministry, one of them being Baszler. Dechant's ashes lie in a well-marked grave in the cemetery of the Reformed Church at Oley.

Tradition has it that the last sermon was preached in the old log church by a Lutheran pastor, Heinrich G. Stecher, who served at Upper Milford and Upper Saucon from 1817 to 1819. The occasion was the funeral of Abraham Hendricks on February 14, 1818. The old log church was filled with people, but many, fearing some impending disaster, preferred to remain outside; and fortunately so, for a part of the gallery

gave way and broken down. Happily, so says Flores who first recounts the story, no one was injured. From this time on the old log church became, as Pastor Mohr put it, "a place of diversion for the children by day, and for bats and owls by night."

Mohr claims that the old log church was demolished about 1820. An old account book opened in 1826 and still extant, gives a detailed account of the sale of some of the material from the old church, such as logs and shingles, and the collection of funds among the families of the community in order to erect and equip a school house. It would be more correct to say that the old church was torn down during the summer of 1826 and that work was immediately begun on the new school house, to continue intermittently until the following fall, 1827. Accounts were not settled until October, 1829, but the school house must have been completed before that time. John Rodenberger was both "Baumeister" and treasurer until 1830, to be succeeded by Jacob Delz, David Hendricks, and Adam Wieder in that order. From 1832 to 1841, if not for a longer period, the school house and its affairs was controlled by two trustees, the treasurer being responsible to them, and all of them presumably elected by the congregation.

The last entry in the old school house account book is the following:

"Almosen geld gefallen den 7ten September 1841 und in hand von Samuel Rotenburger Schatzmeister 1—10½".

Evidently the religious life of the people continued as in former years; services were held in the school house on special occasions, and funerals were frequently held there too. The building was used for a school during the week in winter and possibly also during the summer, and as a place in which to hold divine services and hear visiting preachers on a Sunday. Some of the teachers who taught in this building were Philip Mumbauer, John Oberholtzer, Elias Schaeffer, and the last, Zacharias Wagner. Thus the school house was used until the adoption of the public school system in Upper Milford township in 1844; the last sessions were held in the old school house during the winter of 1844-45, with Wagner as the teacher, under the supervision of the school directors. The following year the school directors found it expedient to erect a new school house (Wieder's) about a half-mile away. One source claims that a school house was erected on Chestnut Hill at a very early date and controlled by the Reformed congregation; after being carried on for a number of years, the school was discontinued until the new building was erected, after which the school was continued "for 30 years." This claim does not agree with what we have said here; perhaps the mysterious "1805" cornerstone fits into the picture at this point. Whether or not a week-day school was opened at Chestnut Hill at an early date, discontinued, and then re-opened, is an uncertain matter from an uncertain source. Perhaps the old log church served a double purpose in early years, although there is no evidence to this effect. Perhaps church and school stood side by side on Chestnut Hill for some years, but this is a mere guess also. It is hardly possible that the first building was a school house, replaced by a log church in 1805, this to be demolished after a life of but two decades; here the matter must rest for the present.

Flores says that a meeting was held in the old school house, or at least on its site, toward the end of the year 1849, in order to speed plans for the erection of a new house of worship. The Lutheran, Menonite, and Reformed confessions shared in this meeting, and an agreement was made whereby there should be built on Chestnut Hill not merely a new church but indeed a "union church"; plans were immediately made in order to bring this to pass. Elected as "Baumeister"



were Anthony Schiffert and Willoughby Gable for the Lutherans, Peter Engleman for the Reformed, Henry Meyer for the Mennonites, and Samuel Rothenburger, Reformed, treasurer. An old account book, opened February 26, 1851, gives the story of the building of this first union church as it took place during the year 1850; contained in it are all the accounts of the treasurer, the names of all the persons who contributed money and materials, the cost of the enterprise itself, with many other details. The account shows that \$1215.25 was collected and that \$1174.19% was paid out. Although this account is itemized, it is not safe to say that the church cost no more than the above amount; one would have to add contributions in time and material to the above amount. Perhaps this is why Pastor Mohr said that the church cost \$1600.

Who the pastors were during these latter years is uncertain, but matters begin to clear with the erection of the new church. Still at hand is a "Parochial Register of the German Reformed Congregation at Chestnut Hill Church, in Upper Milford, Lehigh County, Penna., organized since the 12th of November A. D. 1851." Entries begin with the year 1850 but, judging by their arrangement, the book must have been opened the following year. From June, 1850 to August, 1854, the entries are in the clear hand of the Rev. Johann Bernhard Poerner, who began serving the second congregation at Zionsville in 1849. Two entries in another old account book are as follows:

"Nieder Milford, March 12, 1854. Received in full the sum of \$55.87 as Salary for the year 1852-53, ending November 12. John B. Poerner, Germ. Reformed Minister."

"Received for the Home Missionary Society the Sum of One Dollar and ninety one cts. August 12th, 1851. John P. Poerner."

Poerner kept a neat and accurate pastoral record during these years, but it closes abruptly in 1854. Confirmations are listed for April 18, 1851, and lists of communicants are given, beginning with the date mentioned, and continuing twice a year until May 7, 1854. Burials are listed by Poerner from December 2, 1850 to August 23, 1851. That at least one source should refer to the Chestnut Hill congregation as having been organized by Poerner, and that Poerner likewise should say that it was organized in 1851, seems to indicate that the Reformed congregation had known some lean years. Lacking a suitable house of worship, the life of the congregation must have ebbed away until it was revived again by the movement to build a union church.

We may safely estimate as to who some of the visiting preachers at Chestnut Hill may have been, prior to the coming of Poerner. We know that many members drifted away to other churches, but a nucleus did remain faithful and did at times require the services of a pastor, for a funeral or an occasional sermon. Pastor Daniel Zeller followed Jacob Wilhelm Dechant at Upper Milford, Friedensville, and Upper Saucon, serving until 1825 at the latter named, and until 1857 and the first two. At Upper Saucon the Rev. Samuel Hess succeeded Zeller and served from 1826 to 1867. The Rev. Alfred J. G. Dubbs succeeded Zeller at Upper Milford. The first pastor in the second Reformed congregation at Upper Milford (Zionsville) was Jacob C. Becker, 1819-20, followed by John Theobald Faber, Jr., 1820-33. The younger Faber was followed by Hess who served from 1833 to 1844. Then came Heinrich Schantz Baszler, one who was born and reared in Upper Milford, and who served from 1845 to 1847. Baszler was followed by the Rev. Christian Rudolph Keszler who served but two years and then was forced to resign because of a throat ailment. Next came Poerner who served until 1854 and then moved to Luzerne County, Penna.

The church register closed by Poerner in 1854, continues again in

various confused hands in 1856, followed by other entries in a more careful and deliberate hand, possibly that of Dr. John Simon Keszler. Entries of baptisms continue from 1856 to 1863; confirmations are listed for May, 1856 and November, 1857. In a list of communicants for Sunday, November 18, 1855, there appears the name of Christina Keszler, and the list of the following spring is in Dr. Keszler's hand. This record continues intermittently, evidently in Keszler's hand, until the fall communion of 1864. Dr. Keszler also preached at St. Peter's Reformed Church near Shimerville, and the while served as professor of the German language in the Allentown Seminary, a school founded by his son, the Rev. C. R. Keszler, of whom more will again be said later. Dr. Keszler was the editor of the early German Reformed "Gesangbuch", one of the founders of the Orphans' Home at Bridesburg (now our Bethany Home at Womelsdorf), and certainly one of the most faithful and efficient pastors of our church. He died on December 21, 1864, his age then being 67 years, 4 months. The funeral sermon for this thoroughly trained but humble servant of Christ was preached by the eminent historian of the Church, Dr. Philip Schaff.

Dr. Keszler was succeeded by the Rev. Henry S. Basler who returned to his native community to minister to the congregation at Chestnut Hill from 1865 to 1871, serving also at Quakertown, Huber's and St. Peter's, together with the second Reformed congregation at Zionsville. The last-named congregation sold its rights and interests to the Lutheran congregation in 1871 and returned to the mother church close by. Basler entered his first baptism in the old record mentioned above in February, 1866, and gives irregular lists of communicants from May 27, 1865 to June 11, 1871. He then moved to Hegins, Dauphin County.

Records during the above period are poorly kept, neither neat nor accurate, until they begin in the clear, accurate hand of the Rev. Franklin J. Mohr in February, 1872. Mohr lists confirmations beginning October 27, 1872, and continuing every second year until November 12, 1882; evidently some arrangement as to confirmation had been worked out with the Lutheran pastor, so that the matter alternated from year to year, an arrangement that still prevails. Mohr's pastorate began on November 26, 1871 and continued until the fall of 1883. The Rev. Aman-dus F. Ziegler, pastor at Upper Saucon from 1868 to 1872, had served as supply at Chestnut Hill during a part of the year 1871, prior to the coming of Mohr. The Rev. Charles Samuel Wisand served as supply from 1883 to 1884. The records of Pastor Mohr are continued by the Rev. Robert C. Weaver, beginning with a baptism in September, 1884, and confirmation on November 9, 1884. The record continues until 1888 when the reader is referred to a "new book", a record which at the time of this writing has not been uncovered. Weaver served until 1893.

Upon the division of the New Goshenhoppen-Great Swamp charge in 1893, after the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Clement Z. Weiser, the Chestnut Hill congregation was aligned with the Great Swamp Church to form a new charge in Goshenhoppen Classis, thus to enter upon the most permanent relationship in its long history. The pastors in the charge since that time, all of them living in the Great Swamp Church parsonage in Spinnerstown, Bucks County, have been as follows:

Thomas H. Leinbach, D. D.....	1893-1904
James O. Oswald .....	1904-1910
Thomas H. Bachman .....	1910-1923
William O. Wolford .....	1924-1926
Harry J. Donat .....	1926-1935
William J. Rupp .....	1936-

While the history of the Lutheran congregation as an organization

properly dates from 1850, its history is considerably older; its roots are to be traced back to the earlier Lutheran congregations in the community. The Lutheran congregation at Upper Saucon claims to have been provided with church and school as early as 1745, with records going back to 1740. Another Lutheran congregation was founded at Dillingersville about 1743 (others would date it as early as 1734) and a log church, supposedly the first in the county, was erected on a 30-acre tract of land. From 1745 to 1748 the Lutheran patriarch, Muhlenberg, was in charge of this church and the one at Upper Saucon; prior to his coming the congregation was served by a schoolmaster for about a year, and a "Gemein-Schule" was established on the premises in connection with the church. Some say that this is the oldest place used for educational purposes in the county. From 1749 to 1753 the congregations at Upper Saucon and Dillingersville were served by a Ludolph Henry Schrenke who opened a register at the latter church in 1749; Jost Olewein, Peter Lange, and Johann Martin Schwenk are mentioned in the baptismal records of this Dillingersville congregation. In the same records it is mentioned that a Petter Lang contributed toward the salary of the pastor there in 1765. Other names mentioned in this early record and later peculiar to Chestnut Hill are such as Dillinger, Klein, Koehler, Kemmerer, Reinhardt, Ritter, Rothenberger, Schaffer, Schantz, and Sieffert (Schiffert.)

Schrenke was followed by Johann Andreas Friederici (or Friederich) who served the congregation from 1754 to 1762. A dispute arose in the congregation about 1756, either among the members themselves, or between the members and the pastor; the lists of those who contributed to the support of the pastor during these early years are more than twice as long than those for 1757-59. About this time the Reformed congregation at Zionsville was building its first church, and Flores thinks that for a time there was a movement under way by which some of the Dillingersville Lutherans hoped to join them in erecting a union church. The plan was never carried out and most of the Lutheran members of the old congregation who lived in the Zionsville area withdrew from the mother church to erect a church of their own at Zionsville in 1757. Flores thinks that the disgruntled element in the Dillingersville congregation withdrew to found this new congregation. The birth of the child was at the cost of the mother's life; the remnant tried to be faithful, did its utmost to support a pastor in the old church, and continued to carry on until 1767. From then on until 1789 they were without a pastor, the majority of the members meanwhile drifting over to Zionsville. The faithful few again called a pastor in 1789, one Christian Espich, who served the congregation until 1791, and who lived with Jacob Dillinger in the old homestead close by the old cemetery and the site of the first church. The end of Espich's pastorate marked the end of the congregation; the property was handed over to elected trustees responsible to the community, and has been used for educational purposes ever since.

This is mentioned here because it is evident that the Lutheran congregation on Chestnut Hill, not unlike the congregation at Zionsville, was a child of the old Dillingersville congregation. Chestnut Hill was located midway between the old congregations at Upper Saucon and Dillingersville; hence it was only natural that Lutherans living in the vicinity of Chestnut Hill should be interested in the development of the church there, although members of the mother congregations as mentioned. From 1757 on we find persons of the Lutheran confession actively interested in the Chestnut Hill church, although the property was held by the already organized Reformed congregation.

The following reference in the records of the old Evangelical Luth-

eran Church at Upper Milford for the period between 1773 and 1781 would seem to indicate that there was some activity in behalf of the Lutherans on Chestnut Hill at an early date:

"Verzeichnizder der get auften in der alten kastonionberg kirche."

The writer has not been able to examine this old record of the Dillingsville congregation, but believes the above entry to be evidence to the effect that the Lutherans became increasingly interested in Chestnut Hill as their own congregation gradually went to pieces, being without a pastor, and members gradually drifting away. Here too is another reference to "the old Chestnut Hill church," which confirms our belief that there must have been a building on the hill long before the time mentioned. This is the second reference to the fact that the church was an old church by this time; the Lutherans from Dillingsville, undoubtedly were attracted to what seemed like a stable enterprise. What lay here as a seed, sprang up in later years and bore fruit in terms of an organized Lutheran congregation which was to join with the Reformed congregation in 1850 to erect the first union church.

The congregations at Zionsville and Upper Saucon were, for the most part, served by the same pastors, such as Jacob Van Buskirk, 1769-93 and 1798-1800; George Friedrich Ellisen, 1793-97; John Paul Ferdinand Kramer, 1800-03; Geisenheimer, Roller, and Plitt, supplies from 1803 to 1808; Heinrich Heiny, 1808-17; Heinrich G. Stecher, 1817-19; Benjamin German, 1819-1848; and William German, 1848-51. Some of these pastors also served at Saltzburg and Macungie, and its highly probable that they preached at Chestnut Hill on occasion, perhaps for a special service or for a funeral, in order to please those who found it too difficult to cross Chestnut Hill in order to get to their mother church. It has been suggested that the reason a church was ever built on Chestnut Hill was that persons living in either the Saucon or Hosensack valley would be obliged to climb but not to cross the hill in order to reach a house of worship; any other location would have made it imperative for some families to cross over the hill to reach the church, while other families would have been spared such toil on the Sabbath.

The first regular pastor of the Lutheran congregation was the Rev. William B. Kemmerer, who served from 1850 to 1853. He was followed by the Rev. Samuel K. Brobst, the Allentown publisher, who served from 1853 to 1856. Brobst was to the Lutheran congregation what Dr. Keszler was to the Reformed congregation; he was the founder and editor of a German monthly for young people, "Der Jugendfreund", a paper which at the time it was first issued was the only German paper of this character in the country, and which became the main German Lutheran Sunday School paper in the land; its publication was later taken over by the Publication Board of the Lutheran Church. In 1858 Brobst began publishing "Die Lutherische Zeitschrift", a semi-monthly Lutheran church paper which became a weekly in 1866 and which was merged with "Der Lutherische Herald" in 1879. From 1868 to 1874 Brobst published a German "Theological Monthly"; also for 9 years a German missionary paper, various books and pamphlets; and, during the war, a paper to be distributed to the soldiers by the Christian Commission.

It was Pastor Brobst who induced the Rev. C. R. Keszler to come to Allentown after leaving Zionsville, and to open there a school for young people, soon to be called the Allentown Seminary, later the Allentown Collegiate Institute and Military Academy. Muhlenberg College and the Allentown Preparatory School, as well as the Allentown College for Women, now Cedar Crest College, were developments inspired by the genius of Brobst, the publisher-preacher, and young pastor Keszler who, while forced to leave the active pastorate, nevertheless longed to do something "for the cause of Christ and the good of man". Keszler was a

son of the renowned Dr. John S. Keszler, was born in Germany in 1823, educated there and in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg and was a favorite pupil of Dr. John W. Nevin; young Keszler died in Allentown in 1855. Both congregations on Chestnut Hill can glory in the fact that they can claim as pastors of former years, the elder Keszler and editor Brobst, who, for at least a year, worked together in the union church.

Pastor Brobst was succeeded by the following men serving the Lutheran congregation:

Ferdinand Berkemeyer .....	1857-1861
Edward H. M. Sell .....	1861-1863
Leonard Groh .....	1863-1865
Robert B. Kistler .....	1866-1870
C. F. Welden, supply .....	1871-
Joseph Hillpot .....	1871-1874
A. R. Horne, D. D. ....	1875-1886
P. P. Wissler, supply .....	1887-1888
E. A. Yehl .....	1888-1893
Josiah S. Renninger, supply .....	1893-1894
Irvin B. Ritter .....	1894-1906
David C. Kaufman .....	1907-

Some more now needs to be said about the union church proper. An old account book, opened May 6, 1867, contains the records of how funds were solicited for the refurbishing of the interior of the first union church, in connection with the purchase and installation of a pipe organ. The organ was purchased from George Krauss of Kraussdale at a cost of \$545, and was dedicated with special services held May 18-19, 1867. A fund of \$304 had been gathered for the new organ, and the balance was given over to Thomas Reinhardt, a special trustee elected by the congregation; in 1890 this fund was given to the church treasurer, Milton H. Derr, after the congregation had voted to repair the organ then installed in the present building. The old accounts also mention the fact that a Mr. John S. F. Foust was paid \$4 a trip for 7 trips to the church during the spring of 1867 "in order to prepare music for the dedication." Perhaps this Foust was their first organist and "Vorsinger"; certainly they had their first pipe organ.

The first regular organist was Milton G. Bernd who served as early as July, 1870. A dispute started by a minority in the joint consistory spread through both congregations so that Bernd, despite a vote of confidence from the consistories, was obliged to resign without completing his term, 1878-79. One M. B. Harwick probably was the organist during 1879, followed by Horace Schultz during 1880-81. Bernd was again elected as organist in 1882 and continued to serve until 1885; in that year his son and assistant, Oliver P. Bernd, began to serve regularly until 1902. The last organist was Calvin Davidson who entered upon a long term of service on the first Sunday in May, 1903, continuing until that same Sunday in May, 1938. The old organ was replaced by a fine new Kilgen organ, installed at a cost of \$3000 and dedicated in November, 1923.

Through all these years the work was financed by individual subscription; members of the consistory and a few other willing servants would cover both congregations and solicit funds for every imaginable purpose. During 1867-68 money was gathered "for shades", "for stoves", for the "Chestnut Hiller Bibel Fund"; careful accounts were kept on all these matters and all of them have been preserved. Such an account, opened December 15, 1869, gives the story of the building of the "church sheds", and is followed by another account of monies collected "for repairing the church", something obviously done between

September, 1872 and the summer of 1873. The Centenary of the church was celebrated with special services on August 3, 1873.

As the years moved on the expense of keeping the old church in good condition became an increasingly greater item of expense. Accordingly, on May 2, 1885, a meeting of the two congregations was called by the trustees, to decide whether the old building should be repaired or demolished; and on May 25 of the same year, after hearing special reports as to the relative costs of repairing the old church and building a new one, it was voted, 24 to 4, that a new church should be built. W. D. Dillinger, Charles H. Johnson, Erwin Wieder, and Solomon Gable were elected as special trustees and instructed to solicit funds for the erection of the new edifice. A piece of ground directly across the way from the old church, amounting to 44.85 perches and valued at \$448.50, formerly in the possession of Enos Nace and Solomon Derr, was donated by a son of the latter, Charles Derr. This new ground was dedicated on March 25, 1888, with Weaver and Wisser officiating. The cornerstone, donated by the organist, Oliver P. Bernd, was laid on May 20, 1888, with pastors Yehl and Weaver officiating. The building committee consisted of Emmanuel J. Wieder and Henry F. Dice, master builders; A. H. Wagner, Esq., secretary; and Milton H. Derr, treasurer.

The amount subscribed and otherwise collected for the enterprise, and again paid out by the treasurer, was \$7815.56; in addition, the amount of labor done by members and friends was valued at \$1481.55. The main window in the building was donated by Edwin Krauss, and other windows were finished by some of the young men and women in the congregations. The bell was donated by Milton H. Derr; the pinnacle and ball on the steeple by Thomas Reinhardt; the baptismal font by J. P. Barr; the clock by James Shelly; collection boxes by Y. and M. H. DeLong; and new Bibles and hymnals by Pastors Yehl and Weaver. The new building was formally dedicated on September 21, 1890, with many visiting pastors and choirs taking part. There is no evidence that the Mennonites had any share in the erection of this the second and present union church. They were represented on the building committee when the first union church was built, and some of them contributed both time and money to that purpose. Flores says that a Mennonite pastor, J. H. Oberholzer, took part in the dedication of the first union church, along with Poerner and the elder Strassburger, Reformed, and Kemmerer and Jaeger, Lutheran. There is no record that the Mennonites ever had a definite organization on Chestnut Hill, although they fellowshiped with the other confessions for many years.

The church front was covered with "Steel Brick" at considerable cost during the summer of 1894. The bell, presented by Derr and valued at \$400, cracked and, through the good will of the Krauss brothers in Kraussdale, was exchanged for a new one weighing almost a ton; this was dedicated on November 16, 1896, with pastors Leinbach and Ritter officiating. A steam heating plant was installed during 1909-10. The old bell was exchanged for a new one in 1915. The entire church was slated in 1918, and electric lights were installed in 1925. Minor repairs were made from time to time until more extensive repairs became necessary in 1929; services of re-dedication were held November 24-28. The exterior of the church was again painted and repaired during the summer of 1937. At present writing various projects are again under way. The organ is being rebuilt, a project provided for by an old "organ fund." Chimes are being added to the organ, these a gift of Mrs. Hulda Staufer. An organ blower, the gift of the George B. Hausman family, is also being installed. The entire building is being equipped with "Venetian blinds", a project made possible by the various organizations within the church. Outstanding among other recent gifts to the church

are the following: a small vault by the late Milton H. Derr; some new hymnals for both congregations by the late Calvin Davidson; a set of new altar and pulpit hangings by Mrs. Amanda Stauffer; another set of new altar and pulpit hangings by the Ladies' Aid Society, Wilson Schiffert, and other members; a memorial altar cross by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Jones in their memory and behalf; a hundred steel folding chairs and other equipment by George B. Hausman and family; service hymnal by the Charles Schuler family; a cedar chest by Mr. and Mrs. David Stauffer; and a hymn board by Mr. and Mrs. William Snyder and family.

It is interesting to note that not one step was ever taken on Chestnut Hill without submitting the matter to a vote of the congregations. So it was in the early years. So it was with the building of the present church; at a meeting held in the old church in 1887 it was voted that the new church was to be built across the way; that it was to be of brick instead of stone; that it was to be 46 feet wide and 70 feet long; that, unlike the former church, it was to have an end gallery instead of a side gallery, and so on. For a time all funds were handled by one treasurer, everything being paid by special collections; the deacons would solicit funds for the salaries of the pastors, organist, and janitor together. Similar collections were made to maintain an "alms fund" and for domestic and foreign missions. The Reformed congregation was incorporated on September 8, 1913 and the Lutheran congregation on September 28, 1928. Both congregations now handle their own finances in their own way, while the joint consistory through its officers controls the finances of the union church proper. Both congregations, through their trustees, control the property, buildings, equipment, and endowment belonging to each and both. All boards and organizations are under the control of the joint consistory and have a voice in its proceedings.

Several sources claim that a Sunday School was established at Chestnut Hill in 1865 by John D. Eberhard of Great Swamp Church. A single entry in an old record names A. M. Wieder and Nathan Kemmerer as superintendents of the Sunday School for 1861, and we accept that as the original date. No further records are given for that year, nor for the following year, but a careful record begins with the year 1863. Evidently the movement to establish a Sunday School began about 1861, but these were the days when such schools were thoroughly unpopular. Through the genius of Pastor Weiser, a Sunday School was established at Great Swamp in 1840, and not without opposition, for the people delighted in calling it the "Children's School" or, worse still, "Die Kelter Schule". An old church worker of 93 still recalls how he traveled from Great Swamp to Chestnut Hill, in company with John Eberhard, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School at the latter place. The first attempt had failed; a second attempt seemed on the verge of failing and would have done so, but for the persistence of Eberhard and Wieder. Eberhard knew what opposition meant and how difficult it was to win the people's favor in behalf of a new enterprise, but a wealth of experience, gained by helping to organize other schools in neighboring churches, helped see the enterprise through to a good end. The officers for that first year were J. D. Eberhard and A. M. Wieder as superintendents; John S. Erney, secretary; and William Jones, treasurer. In the report for that year one finds a list of the male and female scholars, together with a list of the "verses" memorized by each. There is no report for 1864, but a full report for 1865 and for every year since is at hand. The enrollment was 45 in 1863, but increased steadily from that time on; at first merely "the children's school", we find that the names of adults were gradually added to the enrollment lists as time marched

on. The present enrollment is 155, the highest it has ever been. It appears that the school opened in the early spring and continued until late fall. Within ten years we find the school conducted weekly from March to November, with irregular sessions, perhaps at such times when there was divine worship, during the winter months.

Reports on membership, officers and teachers, attendance, amount of memory work done, finances, and elections are rather complete and accurate for all of these 75 years. Very little is told us of the work of the school itself except for a constitution that was framed and adopted by the consistory in 1865. There is frequent reference to a "festival" that was held during the late summer of every year; there would be visiting pastors and special services. It seems to indicate that this, like their "Christmas festival", was the occasion on which the children demonstrated their talents before proud and anxious parents and friends; perhaps this festival was the fore-runner of the more contemporary "flower festival" or "Children's Day". Among early officers we need to mention these names: A. M. Wieder who served as superintendent for at least the first 11 years of the Sunday School's existence; and William Geho, A. H. Wagner, A. M. Cressman, William G. Diehl, Charles Derr, Emanuel J. Wieder, D. E. Dietz, Israel H. Urffer, Milton H. Derr, A. M. Johnson, Moses G. Weaver, Allen B. Jones, John S. Erney, William Jones, Henry F. Dice, and Calvin Davidson.

Several attempts were made to begin organized work with the young people, but none were permanently effective, until a Young People's Society was organized in August, 1935; this group has been responsible for its own particular work since that time. Several teacher training classes were also conducted by some of the pastors and superintendents in later years, the most recent being a joint leadership training class with the workers of Great Swamp Church during the winter of 1937-38.

A Union Ladies' Aid Society was organized February 21, 1926, and has done singularly useful work in improving the material and social welfare of the church. Its members have labored unceasingly and unselfishly in behalf of every cause, and in lean times were the mainstay of the church. During these years the Society has contributed a total of \$1722.15 toward various improvements at the church and for various additions to the church's equipment.

First under the care and supervision of the joint consistory, the cemetery connected with the church is now under the care of a cemetery board elected by and responsible to the consistory and the trustees. It is now in good and proper hands and well taken care of, but was neglected in former years, so much so, in fact, that many of the old grave markers have fallen to pieces or been removed. Flores makes mention of the fact that he had found an old marker with the inscription "1765" and makes note of several others which have now disappeared. Two slate markers, gradually breaking up because of the attack of the elements, are all that remains of a much larger number from earlier years; these two are considered the finest examples of early tombstone inscriptions to be found anywhere. All the others have been removed and the area where burials originally were made has been set apart with four special markers on which one reads the following inscription:

"Hier ruhen die Gebeine unserer Väter deszhalb halte diese Stätte heilig".

"This soil has been dedicated to the deceased members of this congregation and shall be held sacred".

Of the many old tombstones, some of them still in place during the last century, only these remain:

Maria Catharina Stahlnecker, born July 25, 1760; died October 19, 1797.



Maria Elizabeth Stahlnecker, born December 30, 1726; died March 30, 1800.

Peter Engelman, born June 7, 1751; died January 1, 1812.

Johannes Rodenburger, born October 15, 1777; died July 1, 1843.

Elizabeth Rothenberger, nee Stahlnecker, born August 6, 1757; died April 7, 1835.

It seems to have been the appointed fate of both congregations on Chestnut Hill to endure an uncertain existence. Pastorates, for the most part, were short, and changes were frequent. During one pastorate one of the congregations might be aligned with certain other churches to form a parish and then, during a succeeding pastorate, might be aligned with still other churches in another parish; or, as was frequently the case, pastors without charge would serve as supplies. The history of both congregations leaves the unhappy impression that they were more or less helpless pawns, moved here and there as others saw fit, generally forced to be content with whatever pastor the larger and stronger neighboring congregations might have chosen for them. And yet both congregations, like the buildings that have been their home on the hill, have stood firm for these many years and are today as stable and healthy as ever. There has been little growth extensively; the number of members in both congregations has, for geographical reasons if for none other, remained virtually the same for several decades. There has, however, been progress all along the way. The church on Chestnut Hill is to be characterized by an unusual and distinctive spirit, free and independent, self-sufficient and self-supporting, courageous and persevering. For almost four decades both congregations have been tied up with other congregations in established parishes. With the recent improvements already mentioned, the church itself is well equipped, capable of serving the community for many years to come. The shift in population that has been under way for about a decade, has been bringing about a gradual change in the religious nature of the community, the shift gradually being from a thorough-going German Protestant form to alien and strange non-Protestant forms. How this may affect the future of the congregations on Chestnut Hill is an uncertain matter, but at present no cause for despair. The old trees that once covered the chain of low hills from which the church took its name, are today no more. All the old buildings are gone too, the last of them having disappeared this very summer. There remains in reality what first began as a mere dream, one plain house of God in which two congregations work and worship together in peace.

Spinnerstown, Pa.  
July 7, 1938.

Rev. William J. Rupp.

## The Continuing Fifty Years

An endeavor shall be made here to continue the history of Chestnut Hill Church from the year 1938 to the present. In the year 1988 we celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church building. It is hoped that the faith of our fathers who chose to worship God and to declare the blessing of Christ through the Holy Spirit from this place shall endure ad infinitum. A special mention is in order as we begin our efforts and a note of memorial extended to the memory of Pastor William J. Rupp who so eloquently and rhetorically gave us the history to the fiftieth anniversary celebration. The committee thought it proper and fitting to reproduce and include his writings in this booklet. The memorial is his, only the additions are ours.

Rev. Rupp wrote that pastorates at Chestnut Hill were short and changes frequent. A note of irony can be made that as he wrote those words the two pastors at that time, Rev. David Kaufman and Rev. Rupp, Lutheran and Reformed respectively would have charge of their congregations with tenure surpassing all those preceding and succeeding them. Pastor Kaufman served the Lutheran congregation at Chestnut Hill for forty-eight years and Pastor Rupp served the Reformed congregation sixteen years. Rev. Kaufman died October 29, 1955, Rev. William J. Rupp died September 24, 1966.

June of 1938, at a meeting of the joint council it was ordered to print booklets for the fiftieth anniversary celebration. The printing costs of the booklet was \$79.50. There is no indication of the number printed. The estimated cost of an enlarged history booklet for the one hundredth celebration is \$995.00 for five hundred. The day was August 7, 1938 and the meal tickets sold were 322 in quantity. A detailed itemization in the subsequent treasurers report showed receipts from the dinner were \$144.70 and expenses were \$64.65. The union council members present at the first meeting after the celebration included Charles Kline, Harvey Jones, Howard Folk, Wesley Barthel, Edwin Beahn, Charles Ritter, George B. Hausman, Forrest Folk, Fred Stauffer and Pastor Rupp and Pastor Kaufman. The union church council met regularly on a monthly basis for many years prior to 1938 and continued this schedule to March 28, 1940. Meetings were held on Friday evenings.

For many years there was much to do about an electric organ blower. One was presented to the church by the Hausman family. This eliminated the manual pumping of the bellows that provided air to the pipe organ. It is thought the last person performing this task at church services was Clarence Hersch. The reports for the rest of 1938 indicate gifts and contributions of several sets of paraments by the Ladies Aid Society, the memorial brass altar cross by the Jones Estate, Hymn Boards by Mr. & Mrs. William Snyder, venetian blinds by the Young Peoples Society and the Sunday School. Mrs. Calvin Davidson presented the collection of music and choir anthems. Business ended for the year with a motion to appoint Miss Ruth Fenstermacher as organist for the church and employ Allen Haas as janitor.

The year 1938 seemed to be uneventful although some items may be of interest. A new insurance policy of \$5,000 was obtained to augment the existing policy, but no indication of the total amount of insurance. Children's furniture for the primary department of the Sunday School was purchased. There seems to have been a thought to have the old cornerstone

encased in glass but nothing more became of that idea and it was dropped.

It was deemed a great matter of interest to know when the picture of Christ was painted on the wall fronting the sanctuary. After careful research it was discovered that it was painted November 19, 1889. The note states, "the beautiful frescoing was done by Charles Wollmuth of Bethlehem for \$300." We have a valuable work of art. A fresco is the art of painting a picture onto a surface while the plaster is still wet or at least still in a "curing" state. The depiction therefore becomes part of the wall and not simply a picture on it. Much to the credit of the planners of the church this is a display of forethought by our ancestors in the venture of building our church.

A deed was presented for lands bought from Harry Haas to the rear of the church in 1940. From June to September of that year a singing school was held in the Sunday School room by Miss Fenstermacher. Separate motions were made during 1940 calling for acceptance of the constitution and by laws for the joint council and also that a new constitution be written for the cemetery association.

A report issued in 1941 told of the stove needing replacement. A detailed proposal was written in the August minutes. There is no precise time given when the new furnace was installed, but the report lists a cost of \$1,150 which included removal of the old system. Those who may remember the heater fans (blowers) will know they were installed about this time at an additional cost of \$35.00 for both. Of course, these have since been removed.

Another report tells of receiving a fund of \$3.00 for use of the church for Lower Milford Commencement. During these several years of the early 1940's graduating exercises and services were held for those students having completed eight years of matriculation at the Lower Milford Township Schools.

Organist Ruth Fenstermacher submitted her resignation from that position in May 1942. Miss Ruth Hausman applied for the opening and was accepted by the joint council. Church services were held on a monthly schedule by both congregations and therefore it was the practice to employ one organist by the union council to serve at both Reformed and Lutheran services.

Note is made of several tracts of land given from the Davidson family designated to become part of the cemetery. Until these acres were needed to enlarge the cemetery they were rented to neighboring farmers for continual cultivation. The gratitude of the council was shown by extending perpetual care to the Davidson family for their cemetery lots. This was no small consideration as it was the responsibility of each family to care for its own lot so far as cleaning and mowing was concerned.

The union council took action to buy a pump for the water in the cistern; obtain a canvass covering for protection from the weather at grave sites; dedication of a newly installed furnace and exterior painting of the church.

It seemed curious to pass a motion to plant five thousand trees. The motion specified the trees to be two thousand scotch pine, two thousand red pine and one thousand spruce trees. The trees were planted during September of 1943 and the cost of the tree plants was \$76.50 partially offset by contributions. In those minutes the purpose mentioned was to plant trees for lumber. The result of this planting can be seen today as the wooded area just off to the east of the cemetery at the top of the hill.

Over the years from 1942 general repairs were made to those areas requiring attention after long years of wear. Painting seemed to be an on going operation either exterior or interior, roof repairs were made in 1946 to some extent, carpentry work was required, electrical work, stonework and the

cemetery walls were items mentioned. The organ was an item of discussion concerning repairs, additions and tuning. But the story surrounding all these economic necessities of the time was the very favorable response by both congregations, groups and individuals in donations of time and money to pay the bills. Everyone pitched in when the demands of the church required attention.

The first mention of a Sunday School picnic is found in the April 1947 minutes when the joint council gave permission to the Sunday School to hold a picnic on church property. The picnics were held in the old grove at the Limeport Highway prior to 1947 and this is why council approval was sought to move this activity to church grounds at the church. The previous site was referred to as the Davidson grove and presumed to have been privately owned.

The same minutes mention permission by the joint council to allow a parking space to be graded. This area was donated by Harry Haas and was deemed sufficient to provide parking necessities. Subsequently, the lot was macadamized that year with funds provided by the Hausman family. It was also decided at that meeting to provide electricity to the utility shed as the Sunday School would provide those funds.

It was determined that church signs be placed at both highways leading to the church. This was in 1948 when also cement walks and steps to the church were constructed with specifications as exist today. Stella Snyder, president of the Ladies Aid Society reported that linoleum had been applied in the meeting room, hall and stairway. The ladies had previously offered to do the work with council approval. By 1949 the joint council meetings were scheduled quarterly as exists presently.

Going into another decade in 1950, church services were still held monthly. In May of 1950 the council accepted the resignation of Mrs. Thomas McGuire as organist. At a council meeting July 1950 members voted to accept the application of Mrs. Margaret Maguire for organist. She served to 1953.

September of 1952 it was decided to convert the heating system to accommodate an oil fired boiler. Also, the water supply for an enlarged facility was found to be inadequate and council ordered a well to be dug. By the following meeting council voted to have an addition built to the church. This action was approved by the congregations in April 1953. The project having been completed was dedicated May 1954. As the last two sentences present the project as simplified events, much credit is due the council who persevered. There were several bids, much discussion and even a trip to the state capitol for approval of the blueprints. Even then, all was submitted to the congregations for approval. Lewis Brothers of Quakertown received the job at \$13,918.00. After satisfying certain conditions of the unincorporated status of the two congregations a loan to finance the project was granted by Quakertown Trust Co. About the same time a retaining wall at the lower end of the parking lot was extended.

As a short note of interjection: the treasurer's report of February 1954 tells of a receipt of \$63.00 for the use of our building by the Coopersburg High School for Baccalaureate services.

On October 4, 1955 it was approved by council to install lights for illuminating the steeple. This lighting project is a gift to the church by friends. Also at this meeting, an application for a charter for incorporation of the Chestnut Hill Union Church was presented for signatures. Further action will result upon its return by Attorney Snyder.

In 1956 storm windows were installed at a cost of \$1,800. For those who

remember this period of time, we experienced several damaging hurricanes over the years. The results was that roof repairs were in order and demanded attention. Much of these expenses were paid by our insurance company. During these years council decided to raise the building insurance to sixty thousand dollars.

In 1958 it was decided that the steeple roof be repaired and the church painted at the most reasonable price. A bid of \$2,485 was received for these projects.

In 1959 government bonds of the G series were redeemed and reinvested in the popular E series savings bonds. The investment of \$262.50 has accrued to a substantial sum and currently in possession of the union council. By the end of the decade several projects had been presented without affirmative action. These would provide much of the church activities to be sanctioned by the union council during the 1960's.

One of the first motions in the new year was to receive altar flowers from our present supplier. But more importantly was the discussion to purchase a new Allen organ in March of 1961 at a cost of \$6,750.00. This move was not without discussion and thought. For as much as eight years prior to this and each year in between the old organ was the subject of many repairs and service costs. Then also, was the endearment and nostalgic concerns of some members to be considered as regard the pipe organ. Nevertheless, by a congregational vote of 108 in favor and 12 negative it was overwhelmingly decided to purchase the organ currently in use in the sanctuary. That was April 1961.

At the request of the Sunday School officers permission was granted by council to install telephone service in the church in 1962. First discussions appear in these same minutes referring to weekly church services. By 1964 plans were made to expand the building to make more area for Sunday School classes and council room and storage. In May 1965 a bid of \$11,882.26 was accepted by council and the new two story addition was built.

A report presented to me tells of every Sunday services started for both congregations. Joan Rothmund was the organist for both services as Pastor Walker served the United Church of Christ congregation and Dr. Staack the Lutheran. This was 1966 when joint council also saw fit to fund a softball team. A filing cabinet was ordered for union business and finally purchased in 1967. It was also the year that Allen Haas resigned as custodian, a tour of duty he served for almost twenty eight years. The clocks in the Sunday School room and the sanctuary were acquired during this time. The bulletin board situated on the grounds in front of the church was received from Blue Church. It was to be installed after the steeple roof was repaired. The value of the building was determined to be \$140,000 and a motion made to provide a policy for that coverage.

The church steeple was found to be in disrepair. The boards beneath the roofing of the steeple were rotted over the many years since 1888 and the advice of the steeplejack was to rebuild it entirely. This was done at a cost of \$10,220 as new plywood boards were applied with a new asphalt shingle covering. This was 1968; and as instructed, the bulletin board donated from Blue Church was installed.

With the beginning of a new decade of the 1970's opening prayer was offered at a joint council meeting by the Reverend Karen Easterday who served the UCC congregation. In 1971 council ordered the church exterior to be painted by Koze Brothers. This was done at a cost of \$2,095. This decade was again a time to update certain features requiring attention because of growth and expansion. Also to be considered were the problems of

periodical repairs. The additions and corrections included a move to update cemetery prices, blacktopping of the parking lot and driveways, fixing the kitchen area and laying a vinyl floor in the Sunday School room. Improvements of the amplifying system was completed, a donation of \$5,369 was recieved to install the red carpeting in the upper and lower narthex. In 1973 the Sunday School room was painted. Sixty eight chairs were donated which are used for special functions. The church bellry was cleaned and minor repairs made to it. In 1975 the south side of the roof was reslated. The sanctuary was painted and carpeted for \$7,600.

First mention if the possibility of acquiring a chair lift appears in the minutes of October 1977 when a motion was accepted by council to grant permission to allow installation. The construction and placement of the sanctuary made this move inevitable at some point in time. Now was the time. The chair lift was installed and noted in the minutes of April 1978. This was presented by a gift of donation from Mr. & Mrs. Herman Wemkin. The chair is in use every Sunday and enables those who could not worship, because of physical conditions, to do so.

By 1978 another era had ended. Because of neglect and a deteriorated condition it was necessary to dismantle the band stand. The traditional Sunday School picnics as we knew from the 1930's fell prey to the changing times. Escalated costs and diminishing returns and less attendance were the factors involved in the decision to discontinue the picnics.

Through the years one recurring problem the union council was faced with was that of heating the building economically. Sincere efforts were made to alleviate the problem with some success. In 1979 inside storm windows were installed as still another step to combat winter's cold. Still, more improvements will be made as we enter the decade of the 1980's. A new type oil burner gun designed to reduce oil consumption by 20% was installed and the church ceiling was insulated with six inch fiberglass insulation in 1981. The ceiling fans were installed in 1983 to further aid in the problem.

In 1981 a new piano was purchased for placement in the sanctuary. After many years of debate it was decided the old piano could no longer be tuned to the organ successfully. The new piano was received by a donation from husband James Stortz, parents Jean & Henry lobst, relatives and friends and presented as a memorial to Janet lobst Stortz.

The church exterior was painted by Kubeck for \$7,655. A new public address system was installed and the two chairs at the altar were reupholstered in 1983. By the next year it was obvious that numerous breakdowns, leaks and inefficiencies of the heating system, replacement should be made. Council decided to have the system removed and a new and more efficient heating system installed. Specifications would include zoned heat, convection circulation, boiler replacement in the complete overhaul. Several bids were received and after both congregations approved the action, it was decided to employ Dorsey Leith as heating contractor at the bid of \$17,500. In this year insurance on the building was found to be \$286,000. In light of all the improvements over the years and increased cost of replacement council decided this figure to be inadequate. Therefore, in 1985 the decision was made to increase the building insurance to \$450,000 at an annual premium of \$1,165.

Also in 1985 we placed a bulletin and directional sign at Limeport Road announcing church services. At a cost of \$812.00 this was funded by a gift from Walter Nosal and friends as a memorial to Michael Nosal.

During the decade several fire extinguishers were given to the church by our insurance company in recognition of good safety practices as ascertained by that company.

In 1987 four chestnut trees were planted on the south side of the building. The maple trees had been cut down because of interference with the building and having had attracted a disease causing rotted conditions. It was determined the maple trees had been there for more than sixty years.

Also in 1987 council decided to employ Cra-Mar Brothers to install a new and improved electrical system to include new wiring throughout the building to conform with currently acceptable electrical codes. The cost to be \$5,000. At the time of this writing that job is now being completed.

The ladies of the church are in the process of preparing a large quilt in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary. It will be on display at the service on May 22nd.

A word needs to be said about the Chestnut Hill Union Choir. The union choir consisted of members of the Reformed Church, Lutheran Church and non-members for many years prior to 1938 and up to 1966. This choir sang at all worship services held at Chestnut Hill for both congregations. As each congregation moved to establish every Sunday services separate choirs for the UCC and the Lutheran congregation were formed. Joan Rothmund was the organist for both choirs for several years. After she had established the Lutheran choir which included three members of the UCC choir she asked to be relieved to serve the UCC choir exclusively. A debt of gratitude is in order for the early choirmasters of the Lutheran Church as this was a fledgling choir. The ensuing years found the choirs of both congregations growing in number and talent. In later years the combined choirs sang at special services.

This is the 125th year of the Sunday School at Chestnut Hill. The church school is attended by members of both congregations and also by children who live in the community though not affiliated with the church. The years from 1938 and during World War II, the attendance did not change significantly although fluctuations were rather sharp. An example cited in the year 1944 revealed the high attendance was 75 and a low of 22 are recorded. Offerings reflected this as a high of \$8.01 and a low of \$1.29 are recorded.

After the war the attendance rose to 104 scholars and teachers each Sunday. By the 1970's attendance had increased to a high of 140 each Sunday, with an average of 120. The 1980's saw a decline in attendance as the year 1984 showed a high of 96 and a low of 46. The offerings however, averaged \$37.00 per Sunday.

During the 1970's decade additional chairs and tables were purchased for the primary department by the Sunday School. Fellowship events such as basket picnics, band concert picnics, Halloween parties, festivals and Easter Egg Hunts were sponsored by the Sunday School. The basket picnics were held in the Spinnerstown Swamp Church grove and on many occasions the worship hour was held in the open air chapel at the grove which was usually in August. Additional notes are made concerning the early years of the Sunday School picnics. Lights were strung from trees to provide illumination. These lights were augmented by kerosene and gasoline lights. There were sheds built for dispensing food and a band stand had been erected. Later, additional electric lighting power was provided from a nearby neighbor. This is in reference to the property at Limeport Pike owned by Calvin Davidson. In later years the picnic site was moved to the church ground where the horse and wagon sheds had been built many years before this time. New spotlights adorned a new bandstand just south of what is now the utility shed. The picnic program included cake walks, food stands, duck ponds, fish ponds and of course a program of band music. The picnics were scheduled for the last Saturday in July.

Through the years the Sunday School has been self supporting with many contributions made to the joint council treasury. To recognize all the families that supported the Sunday School would be impossible at this time but their labor has not been in vain. The Good News is still being taught to the faithful who attend and we pray God has rewarded them for their faithfulness as servants and stewards of His Kingdom.

In 1946 an award system was established for perfect attendance at Sunday School. A maximum of three Sunday absences were allowed for illness. The attendance pins that were the original cross and crown system by Uncas of the U.S.A. The system is still used this day and some members have attained many years as Daisy Folk, 39 years; Forrest Folk, 39 years; Jean Arndt, 37 years of perfect attendance.

The Sunday School officers and teachers for 1988 are listed here:

Osbon Arndt, Superintendent  
Glenn Pearson, Ass't Supt.  
Renea Arndt, Secretary  
Heather Endy, Ass't Sec.  
William Bogert, Treasurer  
Cindy Kincaid, Pianist  
Lori Kahler, Librarian  
Leona Heffner, Primary Dept. Sec.  
Teachers in the Sunday School:  
Paul Folk  
Carl Debus  
Glenn Pearson  
Osbon Arndt  
Margaret Pearson  
Robin Kincaid  
Cindy Kincaid  
Cindy Hartzell  
Elsie Kincaid  
Judith Szloboda

The combined membership of the joint council consists of the Lutheran and United Church of Christ councils who are named elsewhere, with this addition:

Madelyn Schmoyer, President      Glenn Snyder, Vice President  
Debbie Bogert, Secretary      William Debus, Treasurer  
Margaret Pearson is the church sexton

It is the desire of the committee that this booklet of the one hundredth anniversary be dedicated to the glory of God and to the memory of Mrs. Herman (Helen) Wemkem who so faithfully supported the union church throughout these past fifty years.

The committee charged to prepare this booklet has been Henry Rupp, Henry Iobst, Raymond Haas, Osbon Arndt, and Glenn Pearson.

April 15, 1988

—Glenn Pearson



# The United Church of Christ Congregation

## Church Council

	Rev. Earl Marks, Pastor
Harry Rupp, President	Clyde Gehman, Vice President
Deborah Bogert, Secretary	Alex Stirton
E. Henry Iobst	Ray Hausman
Demus Beahn	William Wagstaff
Madelyn Schmoyer	Henry Rupp
Bernice Haas, Treasurer	Wyoma Rupp, Financial Secretary

## Service Schedule

8:30 A.M. Each Sunday Morning During Even Numbered Years - 1988  
 10:45 A.M. Each Sunday Morning During Odd Numbered Years - 1989

## The Membership

Ackerman, Viola	48 W. Cherry Road, Quakertown, PA	18951
Afflerbach, Rhea	P.O. Box 102, Milford Square, PA	18935
Andres, Mr. & Mrs. Francis	R.D.2, Box 461, Coopersburg, PA	18036
Arey, Mr. & Mrs. George	Blue Church Rd., Box 544, Coopersburg, PA	18036
Arndt, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis	R.D.1, Box 332A, Emmaus, PA	18049
Arndt, Mr. & Mrs. Linwood	R.D.2, Box 94, Emmaus, PA	18049
Bachert, Jennifer	P.O. Box 161, Limeport, PA	18060
Beahn, Demus	146 W. Cherry Rd., Quakertown, PA	18951
Beahn, Edwin	804 W. State St., Coopersburg, PA	18036
Beahn, Harvey	R.D.1, Box 186, Macungie, PA	18062
Beahn, Mr. & Mrs. Owen	804 W. State St., Coopersburg, PA	18036
Beahn, William	804 W. State St., Coopersburg, PA	18036
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Beck, Mr. & Mrs. Scott	R.D.3, Box 249, Center Valley, PA	18034
Bogert, Chris	R.D.1, Box 64, Center Valley, PA	18034
Bogert, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey	R.D.1, Box 64, Center Valley, PA	18034
Bogert, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William	R.D.2, Box 8, Quakertown, PA	18951
Bogert, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. William	R.D.2, Box 118, Coopersburg, PA	18036
Bower, Maryann	R.D.1, Box 452B, Coopersburg, PA	18036
Bruch, Tammy	R.D.3, Box 344, Coopersburg, PA	18036
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**Centennial Anniversary**  
**1888 - 1988**  
**Festival Service**  
**9:30 A.M.**

- Orchestral Prelude ..... Selected Music  
directed by Francis Ritter
- \* Processional Hymn ..... "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
- \* Invocation and Call to Worship
- \* Responsive Reading ..... Psalm 48
- \* Collect for an Anniversary
- Greetings and Introductions
- Union Sunday School Celebration
- Lessons:
- \* Apostles' Creed
- Hymn ..... "The Church's One Foundation"
- Remembrances
- Anthem    New Songs of Joy Now Sing ..... Wood
- Sermon
- Offering
- Offertory    Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us ..... Bradbury
- \* Doxology
- \* Prayer of the Church
- \* Lord's Prayer (use "sins")
- \* Benediction
- Recessional Hymn ..... "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
- Postlude
- (\*Congregation stands)
- (Reception following in Sunday School Rooms)
- Organists: Joan Rothmund and Joy Stebbins

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# Constitution and By-Laws for the Chestnut Hill Union Cemetery Association Constitution

## Article I

The name and title of this cemetery shall be Chestnut Hill Union Cemetery Association.

## Article II

This cemetery shall be under the control of the Chestnut Hill Evangelical Lutheran and the Chestnut Hill United Church of Christ congregations, both being corporate bodies under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania.

## Article III

Section 1. This cemetery shall be under the care and supervision of an organized Cemetery Board and in the manner hereinafter provided for by any and all such further rules and regulations as shall have been approved by a majority of the members of each congregation voting.

Section 2. The members of each congregations shall elect two persons and the Joint Council shall elect one member to constitute the Cemetery Board.

Section 3. Any member of the congregations shall be eligible for these offices, provided he is a regular communicant contributor and of good established repute for personal character, wisdom and fidelity.

Section 4. The term of office of a member of the Board shall be two years. Members of the Board may, however, be reelected. Provision shall be made by the Joint Council upon the adoption of this constitution and the By-Laws that the term of office of no more than one half the total membership of the Board shall expire during any one fiscal year.

## Article IV

Section 1. The Cemetery Board shall effect its organization annually during the month of January by electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all general, regular, and special meetings; shall have power to call special meetings when deemed necessary; shall call any such special meetings as a majority of the Board may require; shall enforce the observance of the Constitution and By-Laws; and perform such other duties as are or may be prescribed by the By-Laws. In the absence of President, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings and perform the required duties of said office. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record at all meetings of the Board, collect all assessments and keep an accurate account of the same. He shall issue all certificates for lot-rights and, when properly signed by the President, the Treasurer, and himself, shall deliver same to the several purchasers. He shall present to the Board all bills or accounts payable and, upon approval thereof by the Board, shall deliver the same to the Treasurer who shall make payment thereof. He shall also furnish a complete

report of the activities of the Board at all annual meetings of the Joint Council or at congregational meetings as may be required by said council.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Association, shall pay all bills approved by the Board received by him or the Secretary. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures and shall furnish a detailed report thereof as may be required, present his report annually to the congregation. Upon the expiration of his term of office, he shall deliver to his successor all monies, bank balances, books, records and documents belonging to the Association.

#### Article V

Section 1. This Cemetery Board shall act as the authorized custodian of any such funds that may be provided and of any such bequests that may be made either by individuals or families for the maintenance and perpetuation of the Cemetery in general and/or their own individual or family lots in particular.

This Cemetery Board shall have full control, wherever legally possible, of all funds already given, devised, or bequeathed for the sole purpose of maintaining any parts, or the whole of the Cemetery; shall have full control of any other bequests already made to the same end; and shall be entitled to receive the income of any such funds, either in parts or in whole, as may have been or may yet be designated bequests to the corporate bodies of the several congregations for the benefit of the Cemetery.

This Cemetery Board shall carefully and diligently invest all such funds as are or shall be under its control and shall administer care and maintain control over any and all such other bequests and assignments that now are or at some future time may become the joint property and holdings of the corporate congregations for the specific use and benefit of the Cemetery.

Section 2. Whatever funds the Cemetery Board may legitimately acquire from the sale of family lots or individual graves, as well as from transfers, assessments, donations, and investments, shall be used solely for the maintenance, enlargement, and perpetuation of the Cemetery. All such acquisitions and holdings together shall be considered the Cemetery Fund of the Chestnut Hill Union Church and the joint property of the two aforementioned constituent corporate congregations.

Section 3. For any expenditures involving an amount exceeding the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) the Cemetery Board shall first secure the sanction of the Joint Council, unless the Board receives the necessary funds without direct appropriation from the Cemetery Fund. The Board however, shall not at any time endeavor to raise any funds, other than those provided for, among the several lot holders and/or members of the congregations, without first obtaining the sanction of the Joint Council.

#### Article VI

Section 1. The Cemetery Board shall meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October, or more often as affairs may require, for the transaction of business.

Section 2. The Board shall appoint preferably from its own number or from the general membership of the congregations, a Cemetery Superintendent whose term of office shall be one year and whose remuneration shall be specified by the Board. This superintendent shall be the caretaker of the Cemetery, shall be responsible to the Board, shall contract for no work for any lot holder without the consent of the Board; and shall perform his various duties in accordance with these rules and regulations and in a manner conducive to the welfare of the Cemetery.

Section 3. The Board shall make an annual report of its business and financial condition to the Joint Council as already provided for and shall, upon the Council's approval of such a report, render an account of their stewardship to the members of the congregations and to such other parties as are lawfully entitled thereto.

#### Article VII

Section 1. After the approval of this Constitution and By-Laws by a majority of the members in good standing of both congregations, amendments may be made thereto in the following manner:

Any member in good standing of the congregations may submit in writing a proposed amendment to the Board or the Joint Council, which amendment when approved by the Board and the Joint Council by majority vote, shall be valid and effective provided always, however, that all such amendments shall be submitted to the congregations at the annual meeting for approval or disapproval and said amendments, if any, shall be fully recorded by the Secretary and when approved by the congregations, attached to the printed Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. These articles and subsequent by-laws may be changed, revised or amended at any time when done in due form and in conformance with the procedure in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. The final authority in all matters shall of course, be vested in the general membership of the congregations and in the powers delegated by them to the Joint Council, to which the Cemetery Board must at all times feel itself responsible. All matters not fully provided for by these rules and regulations must be referred to the Board, which will adjust the matters in the way they deem consistent with the established rules and regulations and in a way conducive to the best interest of the Cemetery and the Congregations.

### By-Laws

Section 1. All members of the several congregations, who are in good and regular standing, shall have the use of the Church for funeral services free of charge and shall be entitled to all such rights and privileges as may belong thereto. In no case, however, shall this privilege be extended to non-members without the consent of at least one of the pastors of the congregations.

Section 2. The price of all cemetery lots and the charges for single graves shall be fixed by the Board and all such prices shall be uniform and may be increased at any time. Presently, the prices for lots shall be \$40 and the charges for a single grave shall be \$20.

Section 3. All lots shall be secured by certificate to the purchasers, their families, and heirs, as a burial place forever, and for the burial of such other persons as the owner or owners may choose to admit, provided such admission is free of charge and with compensation.

Section 4. All transfers of lots, either in whole or in part, shall be made only to the Cemetery Association.

Section 5. No lots or portions thereof, nor interest in or privileges connected therewith, shall be conveyed or transferred until all indebtedness pertaining thereto is fully paid and the Board reserves the right after due notice of default to remove the body or bodies involved to the single grace section of the cemetery and to again place any lot or portion thereof involved

on sale. This reservation pertains to any case where interments have been made before any attempt to convey or transfer said lots or interest therein has been made.

Section 6. (a) No permit for a grave will be allowed for any lot where the purchaser has neglected to pay an indebtedness which he may owe the Association.

(b) No permit for any grave will be allowed on any lot unless the consent of the owner or lawful heir or successor has been obtained preferably in writing.

Section 7. Every lot owner, or his heir, successors, or assigns, is to be assessed the sum of four dollars per year, said sum to be paid annually to the Board on or before the first day of July for the maintenance and care of the lot. Should a lot owner or owners fail to pay this assessment for a period of five years, said lot or lots shall revert to the Association which shall then be at liberty to dispose of the balance of the lot to cover arrearages and future assessments or to take such other procedure as they may deem proper, including the cancellation of certificates originally issued.

Section 8. Any member owner of any lot or lots shall obtain from the Board an appropriate receipt or certificate guaranteeing perpetual care of any lot or lots upon payment of the sum of (\$200) Two Hundred Dollars for every lot so owned or \$50 dollars per single grave in the single grave allotment and exempting the said owner or owners from the annual assessment thereafter.

(b) The income of all designated bequests and funds for perpetual care of certain lots together with the receipts from annual assessments on lots not so provided for, shall be used to keep the cemetery in neat and good order, following the directions of the wills of testators where funds are bequeathed, and in all cases as good care may require from year to year. In no case, however, shall the Board be liable for the greater expenditure on any lot or lots in any one year than the income on that lot or lots may provide.

Section 9. No permission of whatsoever character pertaining to the cemetery lots or single graves shall be given to any person who is not a member in good standing of one of the congregations. In the case of a non-member, permission pertaining to any lot or single grave as to ownership and use may be given only when a double amount for perpetual care as fixed by the Board shall be first paid by any such non-member.

Section 10. No vault or tomb shall be built entirely or partly above the ground without the permission of the Board. Portions of the tomb above ground must be faced with cut stone. Plans and specifications must be submitted for approval before work is commenced.

Section 11. The Board will not interfere with individual taste in the erection of monuments but, in order to protect the interests of each lot-holder, the Board reserves to itself explicitly the right to prevent the erection of, or to remove anything which might interfere with the general effect of the Cemetery, obstruct any principal view, or seem to them improper.

Section 12. All lots shall be of uniform size and shape, 18' x 18'. The grades of all avenues, walks and lots shall be established by the Board and shall be accepted by all lot holders. Graves shall not be dug within 18 inches of the line of the lot and must be dug to a depth of at least 4 feet.

Section 13. Curbing of iron, wood, or stone around graves, and boards designating graves of any shape whatever are strictly prohibited in all parts of the Cemetery. No lot or lots shall be enclosed with any fence, hedge, wall or coping. Owners may define the boundaries of their lots with markers furnished at the owner's expense.

Section 14. But one monument will be permitted on a single lot or upon any number of contiguous lots located in the same or one row held by the same owner or owners, without special permission of the Board. This does not, however, apply to small grave markers. The bottom of the lower base of every monument and marker must be squared sufficiently to allow it to rest in its proper position on the foundation, as no wedging will be allowed.

Section 15. All materials for constructing walls, graves, gravemarkers, or foundations, shall be conveyed to the grounds by the caretaker or under his supervision, and no rubbish or remains subsequent thereto shall be removed from the ground under any other conditions.

Section 16. All charges for opening and closing graves, removal of surplus ground and rubbish, and resodding graves shall be fixed by the Board and all such work shall be under the supervision of the Board or the designated caretaker. Receipts shall be issued to all persons making payment of the charges involved.

Section 17. Special work such as sodding a new lot, filling in a sunken grave, or repairing a marker or monument will be done at the owner's expense. The making of foundations for monuments and headstones will be regulated by the Board and done under its direction. In no case will the Board be liable for such special or extra work and care except in the case of perpetual care lots and to the extent warranted by the income of funds assigned to such lots. The Board will be free to use its discretion in such matters and will have special work done when necessary and at owner's expense.

Section 18. As soon as a funeral reaches the grounds it shall be under the supervision of the Board or its superintendent. No vehicles of any description will be allowed on the Cemetery except under the direction of the caretaker.

Section 19. Any person or persons doing damage, either willfully or through negligence, shall be responsible to the Association for the same. Visitors shall observe such a line of deportment as may cause the sacredness of the place to be fully appreciated by all. All visitors are requested to keep on the walks or avenues, and are not to pluck or remove flowers or shrubs, nor shall they write upon, mark, or deface any building, monument, marker, or structure on the Cemetery.

Section 20. No persons with firearms or dogs will be allowed in the Cemetery or about the grounds.

Section 21. No sign or notice offering lots for sale shall be allowed to appear or be put up. All sales and transfers will be made by the Board.

Section 22. Removals from other cemeteries must be accompanied by the proper papers as prescribed by law. No removals will be allowed from any lot or grave in the Cemetery without an order from the owner thereof, nor shall such permission ever be granted except after due consideration by the Board and in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 23. Henceforth no trees, shrubbery or flowering plants shall be planted by any lot owner and the Board shall be privileged to remove any such existing trees, shrubbery or plants should it determine the same to be unsightly or harmful to the general appearance of the Cemetery.

Section 24. In all matters pertaining to the Cemetery not specifically covered by this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board shall have the authority to determine the same. Should any person lawfully interested in such matters feel aggrieved by any action of the Board, they shall be privileged to appeal to the Joint Council, whose determination of any issues shall be final.



Amended and revised this day January 1, year 1968 by both congregations and Cemetery Board and Joint Council.

#### Joint Council Officers

Linwood Arndt, President

Kenneth Arndt, Secretary

#### Cemetery Board Officers

George B. Hausman, President

Arthur Haas, Secretary

The personnel of the Cemetery Board consists of:

Henry Rupp, President

Arthur Haas, Secretary

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## Pastors - Lutheran Church

Pastors serving the Lutheran Congregation since 1938:

Rev. David C. Kaufman	March 4, 1907 - October 29, 1955
Rev. Daniel Latshaw	November 1955 - September 1958
Rev. Dr. Hagen A.K. Staack	September 6, 1959 - December 31, 1975
Rev. Robert Zuch	January 1, 1976 - June 1977
Rev. Dr. Hagen A.K. Staack	July 1, 1977 - May 29, 1983
Rev. Dr. George F. Eichorn	September 11, 1983 to present

## Recollections of Recent Lutheran Pastors at Chestnut Hill Union Church

According to various sources, the first Lutheran pastor of record to serve at Chestnut Hill was Rev. William B. Kemmerer (1850-1853). However, the following will present a brief sketch and recollections of pastors who served the Lutheran congregation in recent years, specifically since 1938.

The Rev. David C. Kaufman was the Lutheran pastor in 1938, having served from March 4, 1907 to October 9, 1955. Rev. Kaufman was a beloved pastor at Chestnut Hill, having served us for 48 years. He preached in both the German and English languages and was known far and wide for his booming voice, which required no amplification.

Our next pastor was the late Rev. Daniel M. Latshaw. Although Rev. Latshaw was pastor of St. Paul's (Blue) Lutheran Church, near Coopersburg, he served as our pulpit supply pastor from November 1955 to September 1958. It was during his pastorate that our congregation began to use bulletins at our worship services. During his pastorate, an Easter Sunday service found the sanctuary filled to capacity. Being short of hymnals for so large a congregation, Pastor Latshaw requested that additional hymnals be brought from Blue Church.

The Rev. Dr. Hagen A.K. Staack began his ministry with us on September 6, 1958 and served until December 31, 1975 when he left to serve a Lutheran church in Reading. He returned as our vice pastor on July 1, 1977 and continued with us until his retirement in September 1983. (The Rev. Robert Zuch served as our vice pastor from June 1976 until Dr. Staack's return in July 1977.)

Dr. Staack, a native of Berlin, Germany, was widely known as an educator, author, lecturer, and professor and head of the religion department at Muhlenberg College. While serving as our vice pastor, he was appointed as an official Lutheran observer at Vatican Council II in Rome in 1965. He also was featured on NBC in a series of television programs entitled "Frontiers of Faith" from 1963 through 1966.

Since September 11, 1983, the Rev. Dr. George F. Eichorn is serving as our pastor. Dr. Eichorn also is Director of Church Relations and Planned Giving at Muhlenberg College. Although this affiliation with Muhlenberg College is a full-time responsibility, we are grateful for his ministry to us at Chestnut Hill. His clear presentation of the Gospel message in his preaching and his beautiful tenor voice in leading the congregational singing has endeared him to all of us at Chestnut Hill.

Paul W. Folk, Church and Council Secretary  
of the Lutheran congregation

## Chestnut Hill Lutheran Senior Choir

### Organists and Choir Directors

Joan Rothmund	1966 - 1968
Earl Hawk	1968 - 1975
Karl Fenstermaker	1975 - 1976
Michi Oberholtzer	1976 - 1977
Joy Stebbins	1977 - Present

### Lutheran Senior Choir Officers

#### Presidents

Osbon Arndt	1966 - 1973
Jean Arndt	1973 - 1987
William Debus	1988 - Present

#### Vice Presidents

Connie Debus	1966 - 1969
	1976 - 1977
Virginia Ritter	1970 - 1972
	1974 - 1975
	1977 - 1987
Jean Arndt	1972 - 1973
Vivian Miller	1975 - 1976
Virginia Ritter	1977 - 1987
Robin Kincaid	1988 - Present

#### Secretaries

Patricia Pearson	1966 - 1968
Connie Debus	1969 - 1971
Jean Arndt	1971 - 1972

Cindy Arndt	1972 - 1973
Beverly Scholl	1973 - 1974
Shirley Smith	1974 - 1975
Debbie Schaffer	1975 - 1978
Evelyn Arndt	1978 - Present
Treasurers	
Harold Debus	1966 - 1972
Elsie Kincaid	1972 - Present
Librarian	
Peg Snyder	1974 - Present
Present Choir Members with above Officers	
Glenn Snyder	Virginia Ritter
Osbon Arndt	Tim Hendricks
Francis Ritter	Jenny Hendricks
Harold Debus	Cindy Kincaid
Eleanor Debus	Jean Debus

The Chestnut Hill Lutheran Choir became a reality in 1966 on October 23rd when, under the direction of Joan Rothmund, they sang their first anthem in a morning worship service. The services were held bi-weekly. Later the services were held every Sunday with alternating starting times of worship yearly for Lutheran and UCC congregations.

The Choir was fitted with new gowns and new anthem jackets in 1968 by generous gifts from congregation members and the Lutheran Church treasury. A Junior Choir was also formed under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hawk in October of 1968 with a nucleus of 10 members. The Junior Choir sponsored Bulletins and Altar flowers yearly in the month of September. The Senior Choir sponsors Bulletin and Altar flowers in May and October which they started doing in 1967; to this present day.

The Senior Choir has many projects and activities in which they were engaged to help the Lutheran congregation and also the joint effort with the UCC congregation. Some of these are: bake sales, monthly paper drive, hoagie sales, bazaars, weekly free will offering by choir members. The monies raised through these efforts were put to good use such as the following by the Lutheran Senior Choir:

- Christmas gifts to sick and shut-ins on their Christmas caroling night which is done yearly.
- Purchased an artificial Christmas Tree and materials for Chrismons which choir members made and are displayed each year during Advent and the Christmas season, which was started in 1970.
- They donate each year to the Lehigh Valley County Meals-On-Wheels, which serves handicapped and elderly people who cannot cook or get their own food.
- In 1971, at the cost of \$487.65, they purchased and donated two seven-candle Candelabras to the Chestnut Hill Lutheran Church, which are to be used at all services by both Lutheran and UCC congregations, if they so desire.
- In 1976, at the cost of \$106.00, a set of Communion Trays and glasses was presented to the Lutheran congregation in memory of deceased choir members.
- In 1977, a contribution of \$100.00 was given to the Joint Treasury for the Building Fund for the new addition to the church.

- In 1971, there was also a presentation of flower stands made to the Lutheran congregation which can also be used by the UCC congregation at a cost of \$223.23.
- In 1980, the choir presented to the Lutheran congregation a Christ Candle Holder and candles and Advent Wreath with the candles at a cost of \$352.43.
- In 1984, new Anthem Jackets were bought for the Lutheran Choirs at a cost of \$149.24.
- In 1986, new Choir gowns were purchased for the Lutheran Senior Choir at a cost of \$903.00.

It is fitting and proper that we recognize the choirs' efforts in the above mentioned projects and endeavors.

The activities down through the 22 years that the choir has been active have been: Halloween Parties, Summer Choir Family Picnics, (which are held at the Frank Kincaid home or at Peg Snyder's home), help Pastors conduct worship services at Valley Manor Convalescent Home at least three times per year. Through the efforts of both congregation organists, a combined choir Contata was presented. The Choir also enjoyed their fall Hayrides with the smell of diesel fuel from tractors instead of the barnyard smell of horses.

Since 1973, when the Senior Choir conducted their first paper drive with the coordinator of Harold Debus and in 1984 of Frank & Elsie Kincaid, coordination of the choir have been substantially reinforced.

In 1986, the Choir started their yearly Hoagie Sale and this was done mainly for the purchase of new choir gowns.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday night for Junior and Senior Choirs and this came about because of Joan Rothmund serving as organist for both choirs. The Lutherans chose Tuesdays because the UCC had Thursday rehearsals, and the other evenings were not to the liking of the original choir members. So it is that we still rehearse on Tuesday nights. During the summer months, rehearsals are cancelled and choir members are asked to provide special music on their chosen Sunday worship services or ask someone to provide it for them. This has enriched and added to the musical part of the worship service.

We pray God's Blessing on the choirs in their effort to make worship more meaningful and inspiring in the coming years and thank them for their participation in making the Chestnut Hill Union Church a place where the Word and Sacraments are preached and administered in God's own Son's Name, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

---Osbon Arndt

Editor's Note: At the Sunday School Christmas service in 1987 a crimson parament to adorn the lectern in the church school was presented by the Lutheran Senior Choir to the memory of Jean Arndt who served so well both the church school and the choirs for over forty years.

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## Pastors - United Church of Christ

Pastors serving the United Church of Christ congregation at Chestnut Hill since 1938

Rev. William J. Rupp	1936 - 1952
Rev. Morgan S. Haney	1952 - 1965
Dr. Charles Rockel	November 1965 - June 1966 (Supply)
Rev. Michael L. Walker	1966 - 1970
Rev. Karen Easterly	1970 - 1974
Dr. Charles Rockel	September 1974 - January 31, 1975
Rev. Edwin C. Nagle	1975 - 1979
Dr. Carl C. Trexler	January 28, 1979 - May 5, 1985
Rev. Earl R. Marks	July 10, 1985 to Present

The Rev. William J. Rupp — served our congregation from may 1936, until February, 1952. This almost sixteen years was the longest pastorate in Chestnut Hill's 231 year history. Pastor Rupp in fact, first preached at Chestnut Hill a year earlier as a seminary student. He served Chestnut Hill as part of the Spinnerstown Reformed Charge. He left to accept a call at Jordan Reformed Church. During his pastorate our flock increased from 73 to 134.

The Rev. Morgan S. Haney — served the parish from June, 1952, until November, 1965. He grew up in nearby Pleasant Valley. A graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, he accepted the call from the Spinnerstown Charge. After thirteen years here at Chestnut Hill, he left for a charge in West Virginia. Currently Pastor Haney serves the U.C.C. parish in Topton.

Dr. Charles Rockel — served as our interim pastor during two separate periods: from November, 1965, until June, 1966; and from September, 1974, until January, 1975. During the midsixties he gave the congregation immeasurable assistance as we separated from Great Swamp as a sister congregation and "went on our own." During the mid-seventies, he again provided guidance as the congregation faced another reconstructing era.

The Rev. Michael L. Walker — began his ministry at Chestnut Hill shortly after his graduation from Lancaster Theological Seminary in June, 1966. This followed his undergraduate studies at Muhlenberg College. He is a native of Philadelphia. He came to Chestnut Hill as he stated in his letter of introduction "a little green behind the ears." Pastor Walker and his wife Kathleen remained here until early 1970 when they entered into missionary service.

The Rev. Karen Easterly — served the congregation beginning in July, 1970, upon graduation from Lancaster Theological Seminary. She remained at Chestnut Hill until August, 1974. She is a native of Park Ridge, New Jersey where she was a teacher before entering the seminary. Today, she serves a parish in the Bloomsburg area.

The Rev. Edwin C. Nagle — was a native of Allentown who served several area churches before his ministry in the U.C.C. parish in Timberville, Virginia, from which he retired. He and his wife Florence returned to the area when in February, 1975, he assumed the task of stated-supply pastor for our church. He remained until January, 1979, when he "again retired" to visitation pastor for St. John's, Emmaus.

The Rev. Carl O. Trexler, D.D. — was a native of northern Lehigh County, a graduate of Frankling and Marshall College and Lancaster

Theological Seminary. He served the Numidia Charge in Columbia County, First Church, Wilkes Barre and Dubbs Memorial in Allentown from which he retired in 1978. He came to Chestnut Hill in January, 1979, as our stated-supply pastor and ministered here until May, 1985. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Phoebe Home for 24 years, serving as its president for 17 years.

The Rev. Earl R. Marks — came to Chestnut Hill in July, 1985, and remains as our current pastor. Pastor Marks is a native of Lebanon County where he graduated from Lebanon Valley College. He is also a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has ministered in the Lykens Valley and the Heidelberg Charges, as well as in the post of Assistant Conference Minister in Penn Northeast Conference for twenty years. Currently, he also serves as Chaplain of the Phoebe Home. He is married to Arlene Wiest, a native of Lancaster County.

-----Carl Debus

## Chestnut Hill United Church of Christ Choir

### Organist

Joan Rothmund

### Choir Members

Bernice Haus

Gloris Martz

Arlene Marks

Wyoma Rupp

Terry Miller

Rev. Earl Marks

Cheryl Rothmund

Diane Gehman

Richard Martz

Henry Rupp

Carl Debus

As of September 1966, the Union Church Choir was dissolved because the Lutheran and United Church of Christ congregations began having separate worship services every Sunday morning. We became the U.C.C. Choir with Joan Rothmund as our organist. We held a meeting and elected officers for the choir. There were no officers elected for the Junior Choir and the remaining funds in the Junior Choir Treasury was used to purchase office equipment. The Senior Choir was responsible at that time for purchasing music and choir robes for both Choirs. In January, 1967, we decided that new robes were needed. To raise money for these expenses, an offering was taken every Sunday morning. Also once a year, we had a bake sale. We also had a donut sale and a hoagie sale. These projects were successful and we purchased Senior Choir robes and Junior Choir robe kits. Several Senior Choir members and some mothers of our Junior Choir members volunteered to sew them.

Some activities that we enjoyed were our annual Choir picnics at the Great Swamp grove and the Halloween parties held at various Choir members homes. During the Christmas season, we went Caroling to Shut-ins and Senior members of our congregation, after which we went to a members home for some refreshment and fellowship. At the Easter season we presented Easter Cantatas, one during Rev. Morgan S. Haney's leadership and one while Rev. Michael Walker was our pastor. We also helped with the Sunday afternoon services held at Valley Manor Nursing Home during Rev. Edwin Nagle's pastorate.

During the years that Joan Rothmund was not our organist, we had Gary Casciano, Daniel Graver and Donna Osborn as organist. After Mrs. Osborn left, Joan Rothmund again accepted the organist position.

In 1982, we purchased new, lighter weight, Maroon colored Choir robes and White Stoles. Since Church Council has chosen to be responsible for any robes, music or supplies needed by the Choirs, we no longer have need for officers of the choir. We have no Junior Choir at the present time except for special services, then a choir is recruited.

We are active participants in the Slac. Thanksgiving Eve Services and in the past several years, under the leadership of Rev. Earl Marks, our choir has presented Christmas programs at Phoebe Home and several members of our Senior Choir have participated in worship services at the Phoebe Apartments.

During the summer months we have no choir rehearsals. Choir members are asked to provide music for these Sundays.

All of these activities have given us lasting memories and we hope that in some small way our presence and participation in these special services and our Sunday morning worship hour has helped to make the worship more meaningful for everyone.

-----Wyoma Rupp

## Catechetical Classes

With the thought to enlance the old with the new it is proper this one hundredth anniversary commemorative booklet should list also the students of their respective catechetical classes for this year, 1988.

### LUTHERAN

Michael Defiore  
Elvis Hockman  
Lori Kahler  
Todd Lagler  
Wendy Lagler  
Peter Snyder

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Chris Bogert  
Jill Bryfogle  
Judy Rabenold  
June Rabenold  
Brian Wheeler  
Scott Wyllie

## Appendage

The plans provide for publication of the historical booklet, a special program for the Sunday service on May 22nd, a dinner-dance at the Lower Milford Fire Company banquet facility, a display of old photographs in the lower narthex of the church, a combined church orchestra under the direction of Mr. Francis Ritter, and an anniversary quilt as previously discussed.

The committee assigned to oversee the celebration planning is comprised of the following personnel with representatives from both congregations, the Sunday School, the Cemetery Board and respective choirs.

Madelyn Schmoyer, Chairperson

Ray Hausman

Jean Debus

William Bogert

Evelyn Arndt

Diane Gehman

Glenn Pearson

Carl Debus

Karen & Allen Brandis

Ken & Alice Debus

Henry Rupp

Ray & Virginia Barz

Osbon Arndt

Raymond Haas

E. Henry Iobst

Lest we forget our heritage. Hence, the purpose of the activities of this milestone at Chestnut Hill. As these may serve well an aura of nostalgia be it known our intent is, rather, to reaffirm the faith of our fathers in which the infrastructure of the Body of Christ has permeated even unto this generation. Present are those who were here fifty years ago; also present are those who will be here at the next fiftieth year period of celebration an interactional span of one hundred years to which we can relate;