

Pleasant Grove
United Methodist Church
Kinmundy, Illinois

Homecomings & History
Scrapbook

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and
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Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
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John and Ruby Shaffer
1954.

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List of ministers who have served the Alma Methodist Church Circuit which included Alma, Zion, Pleasant Grove and Cubbage Chapel churches. 1870 – 1890 pastors of Pleasant Grove; 1965 – 2000 pastors of Alma, Zion and Pleasant Grove.

1870	T.W. House	1919 – 22	John Watson
1871	John Leeper	1923	Charles Yeck
1872 – 73	A. Raresome	1924 – 25	Clower
1874 – 76	W.T. Whitaker	1926 – 27	Charles Mayes
1877 – 78	G.W. Grabe	1928	A.A. Farrell
1879 – 81	N.B. Cooksey	1929 – 30	C.R. Wise
1882 – 83	N. Rascome	1931 – 32	Carl Streubing
1884	R.R. Givin	1932 – 36	E.M. Dycus
1885	John W. Bain	1936 – 37	Norvel Motzer
1886 – 87	James G. Dee	1938 – 41	W.G. Wigham
1888 – 89	W.T. Brannum	1942 – 44	L.E. Hard
1890	Chester Burk	1945 – 48	John Curtis
1891	Charles Bovard	1948 (6 months)	C.T. Heflin
1892 – 93	Charles Gerkin	1949 – 53	Frank Tredway
1894	Albert Harris	1953 – 55	Donald Blessing
1895	W.L. Burkett	1955 – 59	Forest Crouch
1896 – 97	(A. Brannum) G. N. Wilkerson	1959 – 61	Mervin Chadbourne
1898	Charles Little	1961 – 65	Everett Weiss
1899		1965 – 67	Omar Jones
1900 – 01	Claud S. Truitt	1967 – 70	J.H. Laurance
1902 – 03		1970 – 75	Richard Schmidt
1904	Hiser	1975 – 77	Pearl Curry
1905	John Smith	1977 – 81	James Barnett
1906	Halleck Carlin	1981 – 85	Eddie Eugene Miller, Jr.
1907	Fred Johnson	1985 – 87	Esther Carriker
1908	Charles Bovard	1987 – 89	Tom Coatney
1909	Ray Merriot	1989 – 92	Jeff Hurst
1910	Frank Brown	1992 – 95	C.W. Renaker
1911	Ford	1995 – 96 ^{ret.}	Hugh Campbell
1912 – 16	Pierre Delain	1996 – 97	retired pastors/laysperakers
1917	Young	1997 – 00	Lillian Phillips
1918	Justin Wilton		

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 SINCE THE YEAR 1890. (1870 - 1890 Pastors of Pleasant Grove.) and from
 June 1965 to only Alma, Zion, and Pleasant Grove.

1870.....	Rev. T. W. House	1961-65..	Rev. Everett Weiss
1871.....	Rev. John Leeper	1965-67..	Rev. Omar Jones
1872-3.....	Rev. A. Raresome	1967-70..	Rev. J.H. Laurance
1874-5-6.....	Rev. W. T. Whitaker	1970-75	Rev. Richard Schmidt
1877-8.....	Rev. G. W. Grabe	1975-77..	Rev. Pearl Curry
1879-81.....	Rev. N. B. Cooksey	1977-78-79..	Rev. James Barnett
1882-3.....	Rev. N. Bascome	1979-80-81-	" " " (Ethel)
1884.....	Rev. R. R. Givin	1982-83	Rev. Eddie Eugene Miller Jr. (Holly)
1885.....	Rev. John W. Bain	1985-86-87	Rev. Esther Carriker "Phil"
1886-7.....	Rev. James G. Dee	1987-88-89	Rev. Tom Coatney
1888-9.....	Rev. W. T. Brannum	1989-90-91-92	REV JEFF HURST (Brend)
1890.....	Rev. Chester Burk	1992-93-94-95	REV. C.W. RENKER (Sue)
1891.....	Rev. Charles Bovard	1995-	Substitute Ministers (short time)
1892-3.....	Rev. Charles Gerkin	1995-96	Rev. Hugh Campbell (Judy)
1904.....	Rev. Hiser	1996 Oct-	Supply Speakers
1905.....	John Smith		REV WEEKROWE - REV RALPH
1906.....	Rev. Halleck Carlin	1997	Mary Ann Rhoades + Mr. Dickerson
1907.....	Rev. Fred Johnson	1997	TEMPORARY - REV OMAR JONES
1908.....	Rev. Charles Bovard	1997-98-99	Pastor Lillian Phillips + Ted.
1909.....	Rev. Ray Merriot		
1910.....	Rev. Frank Brown		
1911.....	Rev. Ford		
1912-16.....	Rev. Pierre Delain		
1917.....	Rev. Young		
1918.....	Rev. Justin Wilton		
1919-22.....	Rev. John Watson		
1923.....	Rev. Charles Yeck		
1924-5.....	Rev. Clower		
1926-7.....	Rev. Charles Mayes		
1928.....	Rev. A. A. Farrell		
1929-30.....	Rev. C. R. Wise		
1931-32.....	Rev. Carl Streubing		
1932-36.....	Rev. E. M. Dycus		
1936-37.....	Rev. Norvel Motzer		
1938-41.....	Rev. W. G. Wigham		
1942-44.....	Rev. L. E. Hard		
1945-48.....	Rev. John Curtis		
1948-(6 mo.).....	Rev. C. T. Heflin		
1949-53.....	Rev. Frank Tredway		
1953-55.....	Rev. Donald Blessing		
1955-59.....	Rev. Forest Crouch		
1959-61.....	Rev. Mervin Chadbourne		

1873-94 Rev. Albert Harris
 1895 Rev. W. L. Burkett
 1896-97 G.W. WILKERSON
 1898 Charles Little
 1899-
 1900-01 - Rev. Claud S. Truitt



Amy Sipes *March 3/15/84*

A 102-year-old Salem resident, Amy Sipes, died last night in Doctors Nursing Home. Her funeral will be held Sunday and burial will be in the Alma cemetery, although complete arrangements have not yet been completed. The Linton Funeral Home in Kimmunity may be contacted for further information later today.

Mrs. Sipes was born January 29, 1882, in Marion County, the daughter of Miles and Jane See Hults. She was married to Charles Simer, who preceded her in death, and she was later married to Francis M. Sipes on August 15, 1917, who died on May 6, 1965. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James Sipes of Richview and Woodson Simer of Belleville; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Marian) Garrett, and Mrs. Geneva Boyd, both of Salem; a sister, Mrs. Clara Richards of Kansas City, Missouri; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



*Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
Sept, 1949*





Pleasant Grove Sunday School
 taken one Sunday in 1941.

First Row

Barbara Miller
 Phyllis Miller
 Mary Jane Miller
 Elizabeth Griffin
 Rojean Alderson
 Lois Jean Miller
 Rosalie Alderson
 Veda Meyer
 Amy Sipes
 Helen Meyers
 Marion Sipes

Second Row.

Clyde Hiestand
 Claude Hiestand
 Rev. Stiggham
 Mrs Stiggham
 Ruby Hiestand
 Madeline Shaffer
 Ruth Shaffer
 Viola Meyer
 Lois Alderson
 Harriet Miller
 Luille Shaffer

Third Row.

Will Shaffer
 George Meyer
 Frances Sipes
 Roy Miller
 Guy Shaffer
 Chris Meyer
 Bessie Hiestand
 Willadene Shaffer



Church To Celebrate 110th Anniversary

Aug. 1958

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, five miles southeast of Kimmundy, will observe its 110th anniversary Sunday.

Rev. Mervin Chadbourne, pastor, will give the sermon at the morning service. There will be a basket dinner at noon, to which everyone is invited, and in the afternoon a special program will be held, with Dwight Alexander of Kimmundy as the speaker.

First record of religious services being held at Pleasant Grove was in 1841.

In that year, John Wilson moved from Ohio to Illinois with his sons,

Richard, Tilton and John Corwin, and a grandson, Wilson White. They, and other scattered families in the community, had been having school in an old abandoned house, but during the same year a log school house was built near where Pleasant Grove now stands, on ground given by the Wilsons.

Thomas Miller was the first teacher. Once a year, Bishop Roberts preached in this house. Rev. Joseph Helms and Rev. T. L. Middleton were among the first ministers.

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In the early days, Pleasant Grove was on the Salem circuit, from 1870-1873, later on the Kimmundy circuit, from 1873 until 1890. In 1890 Alma was made the head of the circuit, containing the four charges as they now are: Pleasant Grove, Cabbage Chapel, Zion and Alma.

The deed to the church property states that on Nov. 4, 1857, it was deeded by William Hults to John C. Wilson, Thomas A. White, Samuel Phillips, Thomas Phillips and R. L. Wilson, trustees.

Just what year the church was built is uncertain.

Pleasant Grove is an active church, holding Sunday school every Sunday evening, prayer meeting every Tuesday night, preaching services twice a month. The MYF meets each Sunday evening.

The interior has been remodeled, some new pews and pulpit furniture purchased. Plans are now being made for further improvements.

John W. Shaffer is the present superintendent, Frances Hiestand, pianist; Joan Anderson, secretary; Lucille Vandever, treasurer. The church's six Sunday school classes are taught by Mrs. Mabel Smith, Rosalie Alderson, Ray Vandever, Sammie Hiestand, Mrs. Jessie Weyhrich and Mrs. Maxine Barksdale.

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Founded In 1848, Has Homecoming

Aug. 18, 1960

By MRS. W. A. FRANKLIN

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, south of Kimmundy, held its annual homecoming Sunday.

Founded in 1848 this church has served the community for 112 years.

In the past two years the church has had a full basement made, which now serves for Sunday school classes. A kitchen will be added soon. Oil heat and electricity were put in some time ago. There is a fine, wide awake group of young marrieds and youth to take over the work from the older ones.

There was a basket dinner at noon. In the afternoon a musical program was given by the young folk, with a sprinkling of recitations given by the small fry.

John Shaffer was master of ceremonies. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Gladys Lynch Snedecker a returned missionary from Costa Rica. Her subject was "Methodism is Spreading" and that the work lies in the hands of our young people. She and her husband, Rev. Snedecker, and three children will leave Sept. 18 or 20 for Uruguay where they will be stationed as missionaries and teach-

ers in a town of 6,000 people.

Pleasant Grove charge is one of the four churches on the Alma circuit. Rev. Chadbourne is the minister. Services are held second and fourth Sunday.

The Sunday school has 62 members, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service is very active. The Sunday school was organized in 1852.

The church stands in a wooded area surrounded by large maple and oak trees. The grounds are well kept and the roads oiled leading to the church. All around are fields of corn and soybeans.

Many of the old timers are gone, but their good work lingers on. We thank the Lord for the faithful.

About 100 attended the afternoon service.



Bessie
Mrs Bessie Hiestand Ruby Hiestand Amy Sipes Jessie Weyhrich
Claude Hiestand Guy Shaffer Elmer Weyhrich
at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Homecoming
Taken about 1966

Program ^{Dec. 1934}




Opening Song ----- Pleasant Grove School
 Prayer ----- Mrs. Bess Hiestand School
 Song ----- 126 -----
 Rec: - Children's Day Welcome. Veda Meyer
 " : - Welcome ----- Edna Mae Atteberry
 Story: - The First Children's Day - Herbert And.
 Rec: - If I Were Big ----- Betty Lou Wilkins
 " : - Christ's Helper ----- Charlie Atteberry
 Ex: - Gifts For Jesus.
 Rec: - Beams Of Light ----- James Wooden
 " : - A Garden Of Good Wishes ----- Sammie Hiestand
 " : - When Jesus Blessed The Children
 Ruth Edna Shaffer
 Solo: - Let Your Light Shine For Jesus ----- Rachel
 Rec: - Jesus' Sunbeams ----- Betty Williams
 Dia: - Suffer Little Children
 Rec: - Our Guest ----- Betty Wooden
 " : - Children's Day ----- Lois Kolb
 " : - My Wish ----- Agnes White
 " : - A Hopeful Thought ----- Mary Ellen Wooden
 " : - No Good Byes ----- Gerald White
 Ex: - Why We Love Our Flag
 Rec: - The Tender Shepherd ----- Viola Meyer
 Pag: - On Life's Highway
 Read: - Haven't Got Time ----- Pauline Vandever
 Play: - Dreams Do Come True
 Collection
 Ex: - Three Historic Days
 Pag: - The Cup Of Happiness
 Song: - Jesus Will Bless The Little Ones
 Benediction ----- Mrs Sipes

TEAR OFF HERE AT PERFORATION

1934

FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY 2ND MONTH

Program written by Mrs Bess Hiestand

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 8, 1954

Names	Address
Paul Wilkins	Salem
Jimmie Courson	Kinmundy,
Masalie Alderson	Kinmundy, Ill.
Viola M. Meyer	Kinmundy, Ill.
John A. Ballance	Salem, Ill.
J. A. Kagy	Vandalia Ill.
Mr. & Mrs Dale Bingham	Vandalia Ill.
Johnny Larsen	Vandalia Ill.
Larry Larsen	Vandalia Ill.
Lois Depew	Vandalia Ill.
Jean Denton	" " " "
Junior Denton	" " " "
Virginia Lee Bingham	" " " "
Linda Mae Denton	Vandalia -
Mrs Mand Furry	
Ruby Hestand	Salem.
Mr J. Cox	Luka
Mrs. Wm J. Cox	Luka
Bill Ballance	Salem
Mrs Guy Shaffer	Kdy.
Bessie G. Hestand	Salem
Mabel Smith	Alma Ill
Robert Smith	"
Nancy K. Smith	"

Paula Parkdale Alma, Ill.
Judy Parkdale "
Rev. & Mrs. Earl Barton. Eldorado, Ill.
Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Curry & Sister Vernon, Ill.
O. A. Alderson & Family
Oran Alderson and Family
Nancy Brasel
Bereldine Smith -
Jane Lowe
Anna L. Ballance
Lois Alderson
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Lowe & Johnny Chalton Kimmindy Ill.
Wan L. Hiestand
Granelle Hiestand
Supanne Hiestand
Frances Hiestand
Nellie Mae Hiestand
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Anderson, James & Mary Jane ^{Seben}
Mr. & Mrs. H. Isabel Mackey & Leroy Alma
Myrtle Helm
Virdie Lommon
Dwight & Tajian Kline
Martha Albert
Hazel & Gordon Sheffler
Anna Shaffer
Rev. & Mrs. Donald Blessing - Alma, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 8, 1954.

Names	Address
Eula Craig	Alma Ill.
Clyde + Beulah Jones	Xenia Ill.
Gloria Beard.	Salem Ill.
Karen Huddleston	Alton Ill.
Virgie Huddleston	Kimmunity, Ill.
Bess Sutton	Salem Ill.
Dale Beard	Xenia Ill.
Helen Meyer	
Mr. + Mrs. Bob Ford + Diane	Alma, Ill.
Mr + Mrs Ray Vandover, Mary Ann, Jr. and Russell.	Salem Ill.
Mrs + Mrs David Love, Sharon + Joy	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Mr + Mrs Wayne Schooley	
Mr + Mrs George Laughman,	Duka, Ill.
Mr + Mrs C E Barksdale	Duka Ill.
Burl Huddleston	
George Doug	Duka Ill.
Sherman Gregory	Saba Ill.
Mrs. Viril Lee + Shirley + Wayne -	Duka Ill.
Raymond + Sapp	Stretton Ill.
Mr + Mrs John W Shaffer, Sammie + Susan	Kady, Ill.
Mr + Mrs Sammie Hestand Dennis + Joanne	Kady, Ill.
Mrs. Leodredmond, Patsy, Dickie + Sandra	Alma Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming

Names	Addresses
Joan Ray Wilkins	Salem Ill.
Richard Beaumont	Alma Ill RR 2 #
Mary Ann Vandeweer	Salem, Ill
Elizabeth Joann Anderson	Salem Ill. R. 3
Carolyn Kay Shaffer	Salem, Ill
Suzanne Hiestand	Hiram, Ill. R 1
Dorothy W Wilkins	Salem, Ill.
Monty W Wilkins	Salem, Ill.
Mary Jane Anderson	Salem, Illinois
Frances Hiestand	Hiram, Ill.
Marine C. Barksdale	Salem, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 8, 1954

Names	Address
Mrs. Everett Powell	Salem Ill.
Patsy Deadmond	Alma, Ill.
Nellie Mae Hiestand	Kinmundy, Ill.
Dandra Deadmond	Alma, Ill.
Janet Sue Barksdale	Salem Ill.
H. J. Barksdale	PR 3 Salem Ill.
Oscar Smith	
Claude Hiestand	Salem
Herschel Mapey	Alma
G. W. Shaffer	Kinmundy
Sam E. Lowe	Kinmundy Ill.
Jeroy Mapey	Alma Ill.
Will Hiestand	Alma Ill.
Dan L. Hiestand	Kinmundy Ill.
Mrs. Ethel Stephens	Salem Ill.
Mr + Mrs. David Shaffer	Twila Salem, Ill.
Joyce Stephens	Lindsay, Okla.
Mrs. Wilma Vandever	Kinmundy, Ill.
Mrs. Merle Kline	Kinmundy, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 14, 1955.

Name	Address
Mrs Zilpha Jones	Kennedy Ill
Mr & Mrs Clyde Jones	Kennedy Ill
Myrtle Helm	Buddy & Mary Lee
Mamie Eblin & Sharon	
Merle Kline and Jon Kline	
Mr and Mrs David Shaffer and Twila	Salem, Ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cripps and daughters	Salem Ill
Mr. & Mrs Norman Blackburn	Kennedy Ill.
Mr. Mrs. Lee Millican	" "
Karen Ann Millican	" "
Mrs. Margaret Wantland	" "
Mr & Mrs. Frank Belcher	Salem, Ill.
Lula O. Vandewort	Salem P. 3. Ill.
F. L. Alexander	Kennedy
Mr Mrs Dwight Alexander	Kennedy, Ill
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Alderson	Kennedy
Mrs. D. A. Rev. Dwight & Steve & Randy / Phyllis	Saybrook
Mrs Roe M Squitt	Salem Ill
Mrs Myrtle Stormont	

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 14, 1955

Name (Each member of family)	Address
Richard R. Pearson &	Amellinois RR 2 nd
Paul L. Wilkins	Salem Ill RR #3
Ivan B. Wilkins	Salem, Ill. P. O. #3
Mary Jane Anderson	Salem, Ill. RR 3
Dorothy Mae Wilkins	Salem, Ill. RR #3
Joe Wilkins	Salem, Ill. RR #3
Maune C. Banksdale	R3 Salem, Ill.
Roma Banksdale	R3 Salem, Ill.
Elmer J. Weyhrich	R1 Dubuque Ill
Anna L. Ballance	Kinnmundy, Ill.
Jessie J. Weyhrich	Dubuque
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith and daughters	Alma Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Dan L. Hiestand	Kinnmundy, Ill.
Suzanne Hiestand	Kinnmundy, Ill.
Frances Hiestand	Kinnmundy, Ill.
Nellie Hiestand	Kinnmundy, Ill.
Joann Anderson	Salem, Ill.
John W. Schaff	Rd. 1 Ill
Mary Weyhrich	Pekin Ill
Fanny Kadden	Dubuque, Ill
X Bob Dal	Alma Illinois
Carl Love	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
B. M. Spr	Kinnmundy, Ill

Name (each member of family)	Address
Rev. Forrest Crouch	Alma, Ill.
Paula Barksdale	Alma, Ill.
Judy Barksdale	Alma, Ill.
H. J. Barksdale	Salem Ill RR 3
Oscar Smith	Salem
Fay Vandusen	"
Herbert M. Anderson	"
Bill Ballance	Kinmundy
Mrs John H. Shaffer	Kinmundy
Susan Shaffer	"
John Ballance	Kinmundy, Ill.
Anna Shaffer	Salem, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Mabel Macey	Alma
Mr. Forrest Crouch	Alma
Nora Shaffer	Alma
Maud Ferry	Kinmundy
Rosa Smith	Salem
Helen Meyer	Kinmundy Illinois
Viola M. Meyer	Kinmundy, Illinois
Ruby Hirstand	Salem Ill
Eula Craig	Kinmundy, Ill.
Nellie Hirstand	Alma, Ill.
Dennis Hirstand	Alma, Ill.
Joanne Hirstand	Alma, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 14, 1955

Name (Each Member of family)	Address
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Diane Ford	Alma
David Ford	Alma
Janet Barksdale	Salem
Bessie D. Hiestand	Salem
Ally Harris	Jubilee Gospel Singers Flora
Dolores & Vickie Harris	Jubilee Gospel Singers Flora
Deo Deadmond	RR#2 Alma Ill
Mary Ann Vaughn	Flora Illinois
Jimmy Vaughn	" "
Jack J. Barksdale	RR#2 alma Ill.
G. W. Shaffer	Kinnmundy Ill.
Sammy L. Skater	
Mary Ann Vandever	Salem
Landra Deadmond	Alma, Ia. RR#2
ROY VANDEVEER	SALEM, ILL.
Russell Vandever	Salem, Ill.
Lucille Vandever	Salem Ill R. 3
Mr & Mrs C. E. Barksdale	Iuka.
Amy Sipes	Kinnmundy Ill
Emogene Anderson	Salem RR 3
Myrtle H. Powell	Salem Ill.
Etta Barksdale	Iuka
Patsy Deadmond	Alma, Ill.
Nancy Smith	Alma, Ill.

Name (each member of family) Address
 Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn Robb - Salem
 Burl Huddleston - H. Mrs.
 Claecke H. Mrs. H. H. H. Salem
 Ruth Hiestand - Salem
 Amber Hiestand - Salem Ill.
 Lattie Hiestand - Salem Ill.
 Mrs. Mrs. George Laughman - Iuka, Ill.
 H. H. Hiestand - Salem Ill.
 Mrs. + Mrs. Willard Barksdale - Iuka, Ill.
 Larry Kline - Iuka

[Large decorative flourish]

Peggy Kline
 Susan Kline
 Gail Richards - Elm Creek, Nebr.
 Maggie Kline - H. Mrs. H. H. Ill.
 H. H. Southward - Salem Ill.
 Mr. + Mrs. Lyman Molenboer, Salem, Ill.
 Mr. Sherman Gregory
 Mrs. H. E. Gregory - Iuka Ill.
 Marie Ball, Salem
 Mr. + Mrs. W. C. Southward, Salem
 Mrs. Burl Huddleston

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 12, 1956

Name	Address
Mary Jane Anderson	Salem, Illinois R.R. #3
Suzanne Hiestand	Kinmundy, Ill. R. 1
Sharon Pickle	Kinmundy, Illinois
Mr & Mrs Francis Sipes	Kinmundy Ill
Bessie L. Hiestand	Salem
Anna Shaffer	Salem
Lottie M. Schroeder	Salem
Pearl Kline	Salem Ill - R.R. 3
Amber Hiestand	Salem Ill. R.R. 3
Myrtle H. Powell	Salem Ill
Mr & Mrs Clifford Hulfer	Duquoy Ill
Mrs & Mrs Herbert M. Anderson	Salem Ill
Mrs. Anna Ballance + sons	Kinmundy
Mrs Claude Hiestand	Salem Ill
Mrs Chris Meyer	Kinmundy Ill
Viola M. Meyer	Kinmundy, Illinois
Mrs. Leona Crouch	Alma Ill
Rev. Forrest Crouch	" " "
Mr & Mrs Ed Boyd	Caseyville, Ill.
Mr & Mrs Glen Bay	Salem Ill.
Merle Walkington	Duquoy Ill
Robert Shufeldt	Kinmundy Ill.
Warren Shufeldt	" "

Name	Address
Enla Craig	Kimmundy, Ill.
Rev. L. B. Walkington	Robinson, Ill.
Hellie Walkington	Duka
Mrs. L. B. Walkington	Robinson, Ill.
Mrs. Elmer J. Weyhrich	Duka, Ill.
Donna Kay McKinley	Pekin, Ill.
Diane Rae McKinley	Pekin, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Loyd Hammer	Kimmundy, Ill.
Joann Anderson	Salem, Illinois
Francis F. Husted	Kimmundy, Ill.
Esther M. Schaffer	Alma, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vandever + Family	Salem, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. George Roman	Kimmundy, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Alderson Pasaki	" "
Perry & Randy Long	Duka, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Husted	Kimmundy, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Zline	Steve & Randy - Patoka
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Husted	Wenona, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Barksdale	Duka
Helen Millican	Kimmundy
Erma Wantland	"
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Alderson and Andrew Lew	Duka
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith + Family	Alma, Ill.
Mrs. Jack J. Barksdale	Judy + Gary Kimmundy, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Barksdale	Paul, Roma, + Allen Salem, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 12, 1956

Name	Address
Jerry Shaffer	Alma Ill.
Rev + Mrs. A. Vance Comer	Kimmunity
Wilma Vandeneer	Kimmunity
Barney Shaffer	Salmon
G. W. Shaffer	Kimmunity
R. D. & Ethel Davidson	Salmon see R#4
David, Margaret, Twila + Richard Shaffer	Salmon, Ill. R4
Mary Ann + Paul Shaffer	Salmon Ill
Mr + Mrs Eugene Shufeldt + Sons	Kimmunity
Mr + Mrs Fred Shaver	Alma, Ill
John W. Shaffer + family + Susan Kelly	
Mr + Mrs. Bob Ford + Diane + David	Alma

Homecoming
1957 Program

Congregational Song - "Heavenly Sunshine"
Prayer by Viola Meyer

Trio - Singing by Rosalie Meyer, Rozell
Kline and Mother Lois Alderson

Piano Solo Mary Ann Vandever

Vocal Musical Number - Frances Smith.

Duet Singing by Sammy Shaffer and
Janet Barksdale.

Instrumental group - Ruth Currie, Janet Barksdale,
Mary Jane & Joann Anderson accompanied by
Marilyn Barksdale.

Congregational Song - "Each Step I Take"

Vocal Solo Jalen Ballance
Brief History by Mrs. Bess Heestand
Hymn by Rev. Everett Weiss

Presentation of gift to Frances Lipes for
being long time good Church Worker.
Benediction by our Pastor Crouch.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
August 10, 1958

Name	Address
Frances Hiestand	Kimmunity, Illinois
Janet Barbedale	Salem, Ill.
Nellie Mae Hiestand	Kimmunity, Ill.
Mary Jane Anderson	Salem, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones	Kimmunity, Ill.
Frank & Elsie Tredway	Shattuc Ill
Francis & Army Pipes	Kimmunity Ill
Mary Ann Vandeweyer	Salem, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vandeweyer	Family Salem, Illinois
Eula Craig	Kimmunity, Ill.
Rosalie Anderson	Kimmunity, Ill.
Anna Shaffer	Salem R R 3
Bill Gallance	Kimmunity Ill.
Mabel Smith	Alma
Robert Smith	Alma
Mr. & Mrs. Fran. Alderson	Kimmunity
Nancy Kay Smith	Alma Ill
Mr. & Mrs. Gay Savett & David	Kimmunity
Bob & Evelyn Ford, Diane, David & Dale,	
Mr & Mrs. Herbert Anderson	Salem Ill
Mr & Mrs. John McClure	Salem, Ill

Name	Address
Mr. + Mrs. Elmer J. Weybrich	Amber Hiestand Salem Ill
Lottie M. Wunderlich	Salem Ill.
Bessie L. Hiestand	" "
Rev. + Mrs. Forrest Crouch	Alma Ill
Mr and Mrs John W. Shaffer	Susan Jimmy Charles Sammy Shaffer
Mrs Roy Melleg	Salem R 3
Mrs Chas Rufus	Salem R 3
Myrtle Powell	Salem R 3
Maud Furry	Kinmundy
Mr. + Mrs. H. J. Barksdale	Ronia, Allen
Helen Meyer + Viola	Kinmundy
Ray Vandever Jr.	Salem Ill.
Dan Spawelle Hiestand	Nellie + Frances
Lammie + Nellie Hiestand	Wenues Joannet Lavin
Mrs + Mrs Claude Hiestand	Salem Ill.
John Ballance	Carbondale, Ill.
Mr + Mrs C E Barksdale	Juba Ill
Franklin E. Egan	Kinmundy, Ill.
Mr. + Mrs. Virgil Robinson	Centralia, Illinois
G. W. Shaffer	Alma Ill.
Mr. + Mrs. Jack J. Barksdale	Judy, Gayt Don. Kinmundy, Illinois
Mr + Mrs Ray Shanson	Salem, Ill.
Mrs. Esther Shaffer and Family	Alma, Illinois

Homecoming Program August 9, 1959
Pleasant Grove 110th Anniversary

Congregational Song Page 249

Chorus by M. Y. F.

Prayer by Ruby Hiestand

History of Church by Mrs Bess Hiestand

Bailey's Trio

Special choir from Alma Church

Speaker by D. J. Alexander

Special Song by Donna & Delilah
Caldwell.

Benediction by J. W. Vallow

Member of National Lay Committee
on Evangelism.

John W. Shaffer - Supt. of Sunday School
was Master of Ceremonies

Janet Barksdale and Nellie Mae Hiestand in
charge of Registration.

Pastoral Relations Committee ^{secured speaker} composed

of Aron Alderson, Francis Sipe,

Elmer Keybrick, Helen Meyer, Anna

Shaffer, and Ruby Shaffer

Program Committee - Evelyn Ford, Emogene Andersson

Ray Vandever

Basket Dinner held at noon with
about 85 eating dinner.

Claude Hiestand and Oran Alderson
Put up the tables and a few
seats to sit and eat.

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
110th Anniversary celebration
August 19, 1959

James Hiestand

James Anderson

Nellie Mae Hiestand

Janet Barkdale

John S. Ford

Don L. Hiestand

Sammie Hiestand

Charles Hiestand

Larry Harret

Jerry Shaffer

F. M. Siper

Mr. Mrs. Tom Garrett & Son

Janet Ford

Ruth Currie

Mary Jane Anderson

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert M. Anderson

Mary Ann Vandever

Robert Ford

D. H. Vandever

Herbert Vandever

Lawrence Barkdale

Robert Smith

G. W. Shaffer

J. N. Vallow, Kinnindy
Carl Shaffer

Evelyn Ford, Diane, David, + Dale
Maurice C. Barksdale, Roma, and Allen
H. J. Barksdale

Ervin Soldner 7 Kinnindy

Georgia Soldner

Ray McNeill Vandever, Marilyn Rolland, Ray Jr + Russell
Lloyd + Alice Bogott Hammer Kinnindy Ill

Mrs. Sammie Hiestand, Dennis Joann, Jean +

Mr + Mrs David Shaffer, Tricia + Richard Salem, Ill.

Wilma Vandever

John Vandever

Will Hiestand

Mr + Mrs Ole Alderson + Andrew Lew, Lovell's Grove

Myrtle Powell Salem Ill

Maud Furry Kinnindy,

Lulu Coffin Vandewort Salem Ill.

Ed Larrison Kinnindy Ill

Amber Hiestand Salem Ill

Lottie Mandwiles Salem Ill

Bessie Hiestand " "

Rosalie Anderson

Mr + Mrs Claude Hiestand

Eula Craig

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
110th Anniversary Celebration
August 9, 1959

Mr + Mrs W. L. Hesbitt Alma
Mr + Mrs Lessie McWhiter Alma
Mr + Mrs. George Lannon
Mrs Anna Shaffer RR 3 Salem Ill
Helen Meyer R. 1 Kimmunity Ill.

Mr + Mrs Melvin Mapy Salem Ill
Mr + Mrs Dwight Day Alma
Dwight Alexander Kdij Ill

Suzanne + David Garrett Kimmunity Ill.

Quaille Nistand Kdij Ill.

Lelia Ford Alma Ill.

Mrs Logan Phillips Alma Ill.

Mabel Smith

Harriet Miller Zion Salem Ill R 3

Mr + Mrs P. H. Vandervoer Kimmunity Ill R 1

Mr + C. E. Barksdale Juka Ill R 2

Mr + Mrs Roy Stephens Salem Ill. R 3.

Mr + Mrs. Tom Gerritt Salem Ill.

Mr. + Mrs. Elmer J. Weyhrich Juka Ill

Frances Edwards 5 yr old Juka Ill.

John Vandover Kimmunity

Mrs. S. W. Shaffer Alma Ill

Vivian Johnson Alma

Jessie B. Vallow

Mrs. Geneva Boyd Salem Ill

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming
110th Anniversary celebration.

Francis & Amy Sipes Salem, Ill -
Mrs Donald Shaffer and Children - Alma, Ill
Mrs & Mrs Joseph Knight and Judy Thorpe Alma, Ill
Mr & Mrs J. A. Groves Alma, Ill
Danna Caldwell - Alma, Illinois
Mr & Mrs Bud Caldwell, Alma, Ill.
Mr & Mrs John W. Shaffer, Sammy,
Susan, Jimmy and Charles Kimmurdy Ill

Attendance

Pleasant Grove Church Homecomings
August 14, 1960

Frances Hiestand	Kimmunity, Ill.
Mary Ann Vandewer	Salem, Ill.
Susan Brooks	Salem, Ill.
Carol Currie	Salem, Ill.
Janet Barksdale	Salem, Ill.
Nellie M. Hiestand	Kimmunity, Ill.
Mary Lee Helm	Kimmunity, Ill.
Nancy Kaye Smith	Alma, Illinois
Ray Vandewerger	Salem, Illinois
Sammy Shaffer	Kimmunity, Illinois
Franklin S. Helm	Kimmunity, Ill.
William M. Bellance	Kimmunity, Ill.
Bob + Evelyn Ford	Alma, Ill
Diane, David, + Dale Ford	Alma, Ill.
H. J. and Maxine Barksdale	Salem, Ill
Rosna + Allen B. Barksdale	Salem, Ill
Mr + Mrs H. H. Hoffman	Salem, Ill
Mrs Lora West Morton	Salem, Ill
Mrs Carrie L. Lee	Salem, Ill
Mrs. Elmer J. Weybrich	Salem, Ill
Mrs. Sam Hiestand, Jean, June, Joanne	Alma, Ill
Mr + Mrs. Virgil Robinson, Bruce + Anita,	Centraha, Ill.
Mr + Mrs D. H. Vandewer	Kimmunity
L. W. Shaffer	Alma, Ill.

Mr. & Mrs. Dussie Lynch
Mr. & Mrs. James H. Sneider, Jr.

Salem, Ill.
Uruguay, South America

Lottie Mandwites Salem Ill

Armed Hiestand Salem Ill.

Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Love, Joyce & Janet

Mrs. James Brasel, Bob & Brad

Mr. & Mrs. John Shaffer, Sammie, Susan,
Charles & Jimmie Kimmurdy, Illinois

Mr. & Mrs. Jack J. Barbsdale, Judy,
Gary & Don Kimmurdy, Illinois

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vandewer, Mary Ann, Ray Jr.
Russell, Marilyn, and Roland Salem Ill

Myrtle Helm

Claude Hiestand

Elmer J. Waybuck De So

George Lomson

Lloyd & Racialie Mapey

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, Alma Ill

Dan L. Hiestand, Annette Hiestand

Ole, Eva and Andrew Lee Alderson ^{Duba}

Helen & Lois Alderson

Lloyd & Alice (Bogott) Hammer, Kimmurdy

Ruth & Wessie Hiestand

Florence E. Franklin

Kimmurdy

Kirdie Lomson

Eula Craig

Maud Furr

Susan Shaffer

Kimmurdy, Illinois

Mrs. Emma Shaffer
Mrs. Chris Meyer
R.A. Kimmurdy Ill.
R.A. Salem Ill.

August 20, 1961

Name	Address
Herbert Herbert J. Enns	Anderson Salem Ill #3
Wilma Shaffer	Vanderiter Skinsmooles R3
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vandeweer, Ray, Jr., Russell, Marilyn, Rolland-Sales	
Law & Gracille Hiestand, Frances, Nellie, Cindy & Corinne	
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Negey	Salem R#3
Mr. & Mrs. C. Barksdale	Juka R2
Mr. & Mrs. Sammie Hiestand, Dennis, Joanne, Jean & June	
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rod Diane, Dale, David	
Rev. & Mrs. Everett Weiss, Mike, Greg, Gina	
Rev. & Mrs. E. M. Sykes, Robinson, Ill.	
Mrs. Clyde S. Hiestand	Salem, Ill.
Mrs. Lorraine Mundwiler	Salem Ill
Amber Hiestand	Salem Ill
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer J. Wehrich	Juka Ill.
H. H. Hiestand	
Claude Hiestand	
Mrs. Claude Hiestand	Salem
Mrs. H. H. Hiestand	
Mr. & Mrs. Le Roy See	- Salem
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Walsh	Salem.
Erla Craig	Kinnandy
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac T. Smith	
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Alderson	
Francis Sipes	
Mrs. Anna Shaffer	
George & Virgie Lannon	
Amy Sipes	

Name	Address
Helen Meyer	Zimmundy, Ill
Emogene Hicks	
Mr & Mrs Robert Smith	Alton
Mr & Mrs. Bob Ford, Diane, David, & Dale	
Mr & Mrs John Walker - Susan, Sammy, Jimmy, Charles	
Judy L. Barksdale	
Joanne Hiestand	
Diane Ford	
Dennis Hiestand	
Russell Vanderveer	
Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Barksdale, Janet, Roma, and Allen	
Mr & Mrs Clyde Jones	Xenia Ill.
Ither Sutton	Salem Ill.
Mr & Mrs Burt Huddleston	Zimmundy, Ill
Sammy Shaffer	
Janet Barksdale	Salem, Ill.
Frances Hiestand	Alton, Illinois
Joann Anderson	Charleston, Illinois
Mary Jane Pedersen	Salem
Nancy Kay Smith	Alton, Ill
Mr & Mrs. Jack J. Barksdale - Judy, Gary, Don, Terry	Zimmundy, Ill
Mrs Geneva Boyd	316 E. Locust Salem Ill
Tom Garrett	
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barrett	Salem, Ill.

Pleasant Grove Methodist Homecoming
August 20, 1961 [3rd Sunday this yr]
2 PM

Congregational Song
Invocation - Rev. Everett Weiss (Pastor) (Old New)
Songs by Ju Choir. - Susan Shaffer, Russell
Vandeweer, Dennis Hiestand, Judy Barksdale,
Joanne, Jean, June Hiestand, Diane, David,
Dale Ford, Gary & Don Barksdale, Roma
Allen Barksdale, Charles & Jimmy
Shaffer

Reading by Diane Ford
History of Church read by Anne Shaffer
Prayer by Roma and Janet Barksdale

Song by Brown Trio ^(3 parts) Theo Sutton, Burl Huddleston 2nd
Beulah Jones 1st

Sermon by Rev. E. M. Rycus.

Congregational Song & Everyone Hand
Shake.

Benediction by Rev. Everett Weiss.

Supt. - Bob Smith
Pianist - Frances Hiestand
Sec. Ruth Currie
Children Dept Supt - Ruby Shaffer
Pres. Lucille Vandeweer
Song Leader - Nellie Mae Hiestand

September 1962

Mr and Mrs Sammy Lowe Jr. - Janet & Joyce
Sandra Deadmond

Mrs James Brasel and Sons⁽²⁾, & daughter
Sammy Shaffer

Mr and Mrs Dan Hiestand, Cindy, Connie,
Francis and Nellie Mae.

Mr and Mrs George Lonnou

" " " Aron Alderson

Rev. and Mrs Donald Blessing

Rev and Mrs Everett Weiss, Gena, Greg &

Mrs Robert Ford - Lisaue, David, Dale & Delores

Mrs Sammie Hiestand - Joanne, Dennis,
Jean, and June.

Mr and Mrs John W Shaffer - Susan, Jimmy
Mrs Maude Furry and Charles

Mr and Mrs Robert Smith & Kaye

Mr and Mrs Ray Vandever - Russel - Ray Jr. Marilyn^{Roll},
Ruth Currie

Mr & Mrs Claude Hiestand.

Patsy Deadmond.

Mr & Mrs Elmer Heyrich

Mrs Lottie Mendenhiler

Miss Amber Hiestand

Mr & Mrs Roy Stevenson

Mrs Clyde S. Hiestand

Pleasant Grove

Homecoming Program 1962.

Announced by Nancy Smith:

Song by Congregation.

Prayer Mrs Ruby Hiestand

Reading - Susan Shaffer

Reading - Joanne Hiestand.

Songs by Junior Department. led by Ruby Shaffer

^{Sunday School}
Cindy Hiestand, Jean June, Joanne Hiestand

Diane, David and Dale Ford, Marilyn and Lolland

Vanbever, Jimmy + Charles Shaffer ^{Piano} & accompanist Susan Shaffer

Pleasant Grove Church History - Mrs Betty Hiestand

Duet - Mary Jane Lowe and Nancy Grasel accompanied
by Frances Hiestand

Sermon - Rev Donald Blessing

Song by Congregation

Benediction Rev Blessing.

September 8,
1963 Pleasant Grove Methodist
Church Homecoming Program
Master of Ceremonies - Herbert Henderson
Song - ^{of audience} Sept.
Invocation - Mrs Anna Shaffer
Reading by Joanne Hiestand
33rd Psalm by Jean and June Hiestand
Solo - "If I Can Help Somebody" by Susan Shaffer
accompanied by Mrs Frances Smith
Jr Choir of the Church - 8 Songs led
by Susan Shaffer accomp by Frances
Smith.
Trio - Singing by Donna Shaffer, Brenda ^{and} Marilyn
Johnson accompanied by Nora Shaffer
Sermon by Rev. Everett Weiss
Song - "It Keeps Me Singing" (Audience)
Benediction by Rev. Everett Weiss.

PLEASANT GROVE 1963 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Song--(Played by Pianist to quiet audience)

Invocation by Preacher (if present)

Welcome All-----by Gena Ford

Loud Speaker-----by Charles Shaffer

So Glad You Came-----by June Hiestand

If He Should Come Again-----by David Ford

Joy To Earth-----Cindy Hiestand

Merry Christmas-----Connie Hiestand

His Star-----Allen Barksdale

What We Want-----Andrea Wilkins

'Twas Christmas in Judea-----Kim Wilkins

The Star-----Rolland Vandever

Best Holiday -----Roma Barksdale

~~Our~~*S* EXERCISE OUR SONG **-----~~June Hiestand, Charles Shaffer, Allen Barksdale,~~
Cayla Ward, Dale Ford, Jean Hiestand, Charles Shaffer, June Hiestand.

My Christmas Stocking-----Matt Smith

Songs by the Sunday School Children

The Bells-----Myra Wilkins

My Card-----Jean Hiestand

Christmas Candles-----Cathy Ward

God So Loved us-----Marilyn Vandever

It's Christmas-----Dale Ford

The Answer *-----Cayla Ward

DIALOGUE "THE THREE TREES by Carol Ward, Diana Ford, Susan Shaffer, Russel Vandever,
Dennis Hiestand, Steve Smith, Joe Wilkins, Ray Vandever Jr, and
Sammy Shaffer.

Jesus' Birthday Candle-----Nena Basom

My Doorbell-----James Shaffer

The Holy Child-----June Wilkins

Solo *Gods Christmas tree* Roma Barksdale

Hi Known-----Joanne Hiestand

EXERCISE "~~OUR~~" IN MANY WAYS" by Kim Wilkins, Roma Barksdale, David Ford,
Matt Smith, James Shaffer, and Marilyn Vandever.

My Question-----Connie Ward

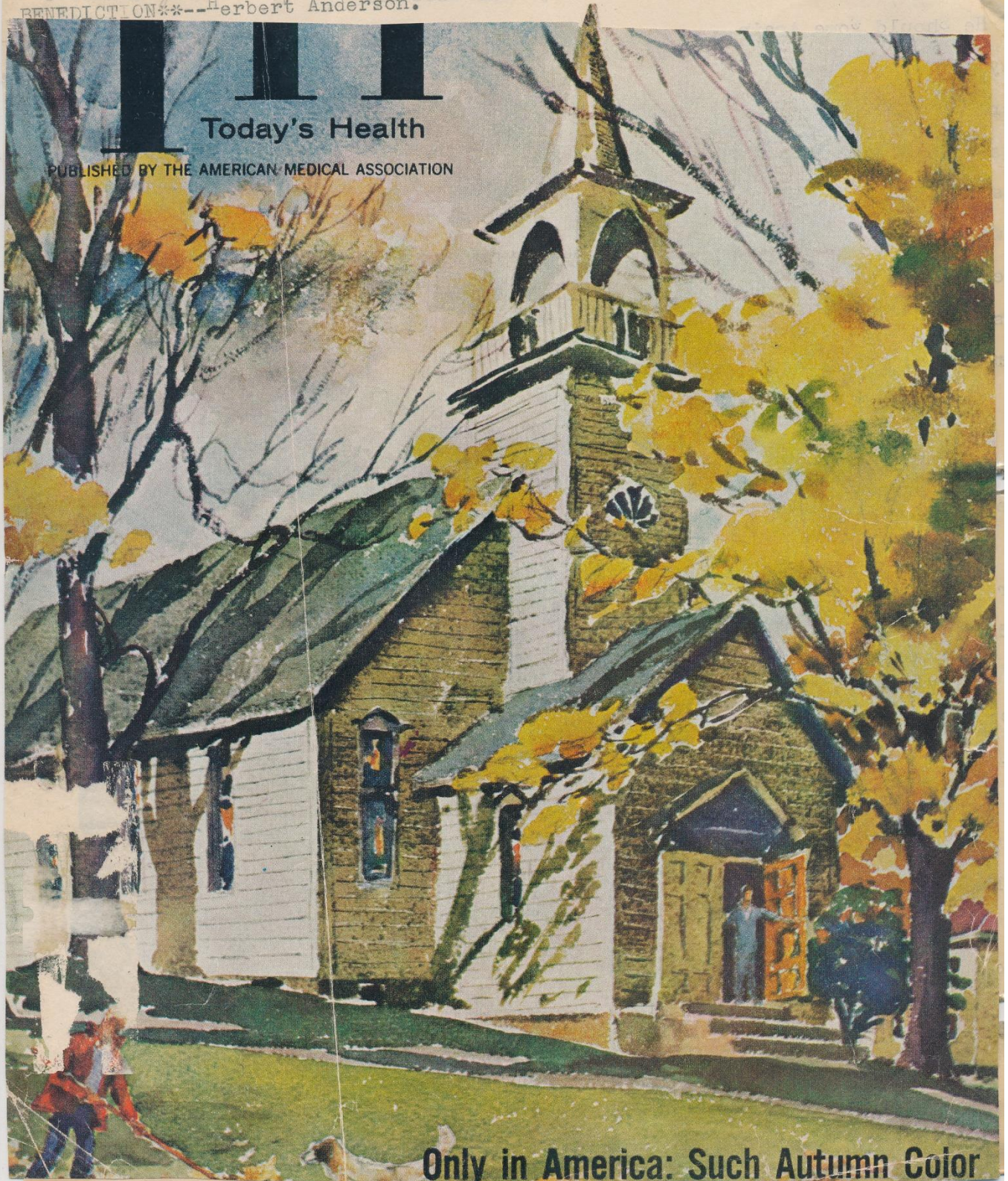
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WORSHIP MESSAGE **-"SILVER CHAINS OF CHRISTMAS" by Janet Barksdale, Carol and Connie Ward, Nena Basom, Joanne and Dennis Hiestand, June and Joe Wilkins, Sammy and Susan Shaffer, Ray Jr and Russell Vandever, Diane Ford and Steve Smith.

Thanks for everyone's cooperation
BENEDICTION**--Herbert Anderson.

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Mr & Mrs Rott Smith	Alma RR 2
Mr & Mrs Hubert Anderson	Salem RR 3
Mr & Mrs Ray Vandever	Salem RR 3.
Eula Craig	Kinmundy Ill.
Lothie Mundwiler	Salem Ill
Amber Hiestand	Salem Ill
Esther Shaffer	Alma Ill
Mr & Mrs E. T. Smith	Alma Ill
Mrs L. J. Hammer	Kinmundy Ill.
Mrs. Maud Furry	Kinmundy Ill.
Mrs Chris Meyer	Kinmundy Ill.
Brenda Johnson	Alma Ill.
Marion Johnson	Alma Ill.
Donna Shaffer	Alma Ill.
Jimmy Shaffer	Kinmundy Ill.
Susan Shaffer	Kinmundy, Ill.
Bessie Hiestand	Salem, "
Gran & Lois Alderson	Kinmundy.
Mr & Mrs Claude Hiestand	
JFA WIFE	Hiestand
Rev. & Mrs. Everett Weiss	Alma -
Margaret Cartrill	Luka
John Shaffer	Kinmundy
Mrs. Sam Hiestand & Children	
Quanelle Hiestand - Cindy & Connie	
G. W. Shaffer	Alma Ill

NAME	ADDRESS
Sammy Shaffer	Kinmundy, Illinois
Russell Vandewer	Salem, Illinois
Roy Vandewer sr.	Salem, Illinois
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith	Salem, Ill.
Ruby Shaffer	Kinmundy, Ill.
Charles Shaffer	"
Greg, Dina ^{ca} & Bob Weiss	Alma, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stephens	Salem, Ill.
Mrs. Lillie Shreffler	Alma, Ill.
Mrs. Etna Knight	Alma, Ill.
Hazel & Gordon Shreffler	Alma, Ill.
Mrs. Naomi Chance	Alma

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NAME	ADDRESS
Margaret Barksdale	R. 3, Salem.
Mr + Mrs Ole Alderson	R. 2, Iuka
Andrew Lee Alderson	Iuka
Ethel F. Knuseley	Centralia
Bessie Hestand	Salem
Mr + Mrs Will Lechroue	Salem
Bessie L. Hestand	"
Mr + Mrs E. J. Weylich	
Mr + Mrs O. T. Smith	
Mr. + Mrs. Larry Smith	
Mr + Mrs Hans Hestand	- Cindy + Connie
Mr and Mrs Martin	Salem
Mrs Nell Brannon	St. Louis Mo
Mr + Mrs W. M. Lechroue	Salem.
Helen Meyer	Kimmsbury, Ill. RR 1
Mr + Mrs Robert Smith	Alma Ill
Miss Eula Craig	Kimmsbury
Nancy Smith	Alma Ill.
Ruth Currie	Alma Ill
Janet Barksdale	
Ermy Shaffer	
Susan Shaffer	
Mr + Mrs Root Erb	- Alham, David, Dale, Deloris, Alma
Mr + Mrs Ray Vandewer	, Ray Jr, Russell
Marilyn	, Rolland
Mr + Mrs Gernyad Rhoades	Kevin, Kelly
Mr + Mrs Sam Hestand	Dennis, Joanne

John G. Hestand
Mable

Sept 17, 1966

Pleasant Grove Homecoming

Name	Address
Mr & Mrs. Robert Ford	Alma, Ill.
Claude Hiestand	Salem, Ill
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Basom	Salem, Ill.
Mable Embser	Salem see
Mr & Mrs Ray Vandeweer	
Ray Jr, Russell, Marilyn and Rolland	Salem
Mr & Mrs Herbert Anderson	Salem, Ill
Mr & Mrs H.J. Barksdale	Salem Ill
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Weyhrich	Inka Ill
Mrs Lottie Munsdewitt	Salem Ill
Amber Hiestand	Salem Ill
Mr & Mrs Robt Smith	Alma Ill
Judy, Gary, Don	Barksdale
Deng, Rita, Sandra	
Miss Mrs H.W. Shaffer	Kinmundy
Joyan Elzie & Jeff	Alma
Blair & Lois Alderson	Patoka, Ill.
Ruby Hiestand	Salem
Anna Shaffer	Salem
Susan Shaffer	Kinmundy
Mafine Barksdale	Salem
H.J., Janet, Roma, and Allen	Barksdale Salem
Tom Harmon	Carmi
Jane, Kim, Myra, and Andrea	Wilkins Salem
Mr & Mrs Omer Jones	Alma
Stanley Jones	Alma
Geo. & Mrs Robert H. Edwards	Kinmundy

Name	Address
Sam Hiestand	Alma, Ill.
Dan L. Hiestand	Kdy Ill.
June Wilkins	Salem, Ill.
Joanne Hiestand	Alma, Ill.
Diane Ford	Alma, Ill.
Nena Basom	Salem, Ill.
Geary Hiestand	Alma, Ill.
David Ford	Alma Ill.
Nellie Hiestand	Alma, Ill.
June Hiestand	Alma, Ill.
Quanelle Hiestand	
Cindy & Connie	Kinmundy Ill.
Larry Smith	Alma Ill.
Frances Smith	Alma, Ill.
Stacey Anne Smith (Mrs. O'S)	Alma, Ill.
Miss Inez Foster	Vernon Ill.
Mildred Walton	Satoka, Ill.
Harold and Anna Jones	Kinmundy

HISTORY OF PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

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Once a year Bishop Roberts preached in this house. Rev. Joseph Helms, and Rev. T. L. Middleton were among the first ministers. In the early days Pleasant Grove was on the Salem Circuit (1870-1873) and then changed to the Kinmundy circuit (1873-1890). In 1890 Alma was made the head of the circuit containing four charges: Pleasant Grove, Cabbage Chapel, Zion, and Alma. The deed to the church property states that on Nov. 4, 1857, it was deeded by William Hults to John C. Wilson, Thomas A. White, Samuel Phillips, Thomas Phillips and R. L. Wilson, trustees. This deed was recorded Nov. 10, 1875. (James Buchanan was then president of the United States and Abraham Lincoln just beginning to be heard of in Illinois.)

Just what year the church was built we are not certain, but we do have evidence that Hoseph Henry Shaffer, father fo the late Will Shaffer, and grandfather of Mrs. Lucille Vandever, helped haul logs to be used in the construction of this church and, at the time of his death was collecting funds to be used for repairs. We do not know the names of many of the early worshippers. Besides those ~~not~~ mentioned, we do know the Browns and Vallows were among them.

We have records of the past ministers serving Pleasant Grove. Rev. J.H. Lorange is the 45th minister to serve our congregation since 1870.

Most of this history was given by the late Mrs. Sadie Purcell several years ago and loaned for the 1969 Homecoming by Mrs. Clyde Hiestand.

May this church always be a liht house for spreading the Gospel and an inspiration to worship and serve God to the coming generations as it has in the pst.

Richard
77 - Ministers since Rev. Lorange are Schmidt, Pearl Curry,
James Barnett

1961

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History of Pleasant Grove Church
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Preaching services are held twice a month. S. S. Supt. is Bob Smith and down stairs is Mrs. Ruby Shaffer. Pianist Francis Heistand, Sec. Ruth Currie, Treas. Mrs Lucille Vandever, song leader Nellie Hiestand.

W. S. C. S. still very active. Mrs. Helen Meyer Pres., Mrs. Mabel Smith treas., Mrs. Lillian Currie Sec.

The church has been newly papered the basement completed and a vestibule built on front plus Alumnum windows on the west.

Our new minister is Rev. Everett Weiss. We hope for him a very successful year with us all.

May this church always be a light house for spreading the Gospel and an inspiration to worship and serve God to the coming generations as it has in the past.

George Lonnon and Francis Sipes are the two oldest members. George says he came here 71 years ago and attended regular until he moved east of Omega then he began going to Omega Pres. Church but still comes home here quite often. Francis is still an active member here when health permits.

Put in
area of 1977

Judge & Mrs Charles M. Wilson & daughter
of Toulon, Ill. 61483 -
Came by the Church on the way to
Farber State Park just to look at
the Church etc because it was his
descendants that gave the land for
the Church. Charles M. attended
School at Happy Hollow near Brubaker.

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^{97 (Jan 24, 1979)}
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THANK THE LORD for ~~the~~ FAITHFUL. *Shall we bow our heads
in a minute of silent prayer for all that have
kept this church active & sturdy. AMEN.*

Homecoming

Sun. Sept. 11th, 1977 Program

Welcome - Supt. Allen Backsdale

Congregational Song - Pianist ^{Marilyn} Jackson ^{and} ^{Don} ^{Walker}

Prayer - Rev. James Barnett

Duet - "He Leadeth Me" by Rev & Mrs
James Barnett

Congregational Song - When I Met Jesus

Pictures ^{slides & movies} of prior years at Pleasant
Grove Church taken by Bob Ford
and shown by ^{daughter} Delores Ford

Benediction by John W. Shaffer

Committee for Movie or Speaker - Evelyn Ford

Music Committee for Program - Andrea Wilkins

Beautiful sunshiny day with a cool breeze.

Very enjoyable noon dinner in the beautiful green yard. (So much rain this fall.)

David Ford, Roland Vander & Russel Vandever carried tables out into lawn

Sept 11th, 1977

Home coming
Pleasant Grove Meth Church

Name	Address
Mr & Mrs Allen Barksdale	Carbondale, Ill
" & " H. J. Barksdale	Salem
" & " Russel Vandever, Michael & Michelle Kimmundy	
" & " Herbert Anderson	Salem
" & Mrs Robert Ford	Alma
Delores "	"
David "	Monticello
Dena "	Alma
Lucille Vandever	Salem
Ralband "	"
Maryln "	Charleston
Mabel Smith	Alma
Ruth Malenhour	Salem
Elizabeth Southward	"
Crystal Barksdale	Kimmundy
Nita Barksdale	"
Sandra "	"
Andrea Wilkins	Salem
Myra "	"
Mr & Mrs Joan Wilkins Kirk & Jud	Salem, Ill
" & " Claude Hiestand	" "
" & " John W Shaffer	"
" & " Oran Alderson	Kimmundy, Ill
Rev & Mrs James Barnett, Mark & (other son)	Alma
Margaret Shaffer	Salem
Ethel Stephens	"

1978----- Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Homecoming
130th year.

#/ Congretional Song-- Heavenly Sunlight Page

Invocation by Rev Barnett

History of Pleasant Grove Church *Read by Delores Fard*

Duet by Rev and Mrs ~~James~~ Barnett

Afternoon ~~Service~~ *Instrumental* by Sam Winfrey *and friend Mr Smith*

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Revised 1978 by Ruby Shaffer

Pleasant Grove United Methodist
 Homecoming Sept. 10, 1978
 130th year at this Church.

Attendances

Name	Address
Myra Wilkins	Salem
Dolores Ford	Alma
Dena Ford	Alma
Joyce Wilkins	R. 3, Salem
Kirk Wilkins	R. 3, Salem
James F. Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Vetel L. Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Mark F. Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Stephen Barnett	Alma Ill.
B. G. Smith	Salem, Ill.
Lam. Thompson	Salem Ill.
Mabel Smith	Alma Ill.
Samantha Barksdale	Kennedy Ill.
Crystal Barksdale	Barksdale.
Tracy A. Barksdale	Kennedy Ill.
Margie C. Barksdale	R. 3 Salem, Ill.
Charles W. Shaffer	RR # 1 Kennedy, Ill.
C. B. Hestand	R # 3 Salem Ill.
Joan Wilkins	R # 3 Salem, Ill.
David L. Shaffer	R # 4 Salem, Illinois
H. J. (Jack) Barksdale	RR 3 Salem Ill.
Echel Stephens	R. R 3 Salem

Name	Address
Margaret Shaffer	R4 Salem
Emogene Anderson	R.3 Salem
Herbert W. Anderson	Rt. 3 Salem
John W. Shaffer	Rdy
Luby Shaffer	R.R. #1 Kinmundy, Ill.
Evelyn Ford	Alma, Ill.
Bob Ford	Prof. in Ill.
Elizabeth Southward	Salem, I. H.
Ruth (Southward) Mabankour	Salem, Ill.
Claude & Ruby Hiestand	Salem, Ill.
Russell Vandever	Rt. 1 Kinmundy
Carolyn Vandever	R.R. 1 Kinmundy
Michelle - Mike Vandever	
Lois Alderson	Kinmundy
Aurelia J. Winfrey	Salem
Lucille Vandever	Salem
Carla Keen	Kinmundy
Jud Wilkins	Salem
Mark Barnett	

October 16, 1983

A TRIBUTE TO
AMY HULTS SIPES
A Living History of
PLEASANT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Amy Hults, one of the great ladies of our church here at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, was born January 29, 1882, to Miles and Jane See Hults in a home that stood near the location of T. J. (Boots) and Nelda Shaffer Wilkins house today. At one time some of Amy's family lived at the same location as Lucille Shaffer Vandever's home.

Amy married Charles Simer, son of Billy Simer, a preacher well known in the Omega community as Uncle Billy Simer--one of those responsible for the early beginnings of Lovell's Grove Church--better known as "1880".

They had one son, Woodson, but Charles died when the baby was only fourteen months old.

About the same time the death of his wife left Francis M. Sipes with a little girl, Geneva, now Boyd, to rear.

In August, 1917, Francis Marion Sipes and Amy Hults Simer were married and shared in the rearing of Woodson and Geneva. They lived in a home known as the Elder Place north of the last corner of the Brubaker road as it leads to Omega. Later they bought a home about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of that on the east side of the road.

Marian (now wife of Thomas L. Garrett) and James were added to their family.

As their family grew, they attended Pleasant Grove. Amy taught a Sunday School Class. She was President of the Ladies Aid for several years. As a little girl Marian remembers her mother would slip back and remove some of the stitches if someone attended that did not quilt too well, and then Amy would replace them so the quilts would look as nice as she thought they should.

For many years Amy retained her membership at Lovell's Grove, but when Marian joined our church on September 27, 1931, her mother transferred her membership onto our rolls.

In later years Amy and Francis moved to a smaller place near Highway 37 on the Brubaker Road. They came back to Pleasant Grove every possible chance. He drove his car until he was 82.

Amy lived alone after Francis' death in 1965. She spent several years in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Marian and Tom Garrett. At present Amy resides in Doctor's Nursing Home.

William and Lucinda Hults deeded this church property to the Trustees recorded on November 4, 1857.

Today we are honored by her presence. She is also honored by the presence of the following members of her family:

Marian Garrett
James Sipes and wife Sonja
Geneva Boyd

Her other descendants include:

Woodson Simer and wife Armethia
Michael Sipes (son of James)
Thomas L. Garrett, Jr. (son of Marian) and wife, Renita Goff Garrett
Their daughter, Erin
Edward Boyd (son of Geneva) and wife, Ida
Their daughters, Jan and husband, Randy Wills; Nancy;
Amy; Anna; and Sarah.

October 16, 1983

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We, as members and friends of Pleasant Grove, are pleased and honored to dedicate this service to over fifty-one years of membership in our church, many more years of membership in another church, and over 101 years of living, service, and dedication of Amy Hults Simer Sipes to her family, her church, and her community.

We wish to present you with this copy of our Church History.
Will all please stand to honor Amy?

Prayer by Rev. Eddie Eugene Miller

October 16, 1983

After the Service was finished, Lois Alderson reminded us that Francis had another daughter, Mildred, when he and Amy was married. She died when she was about seventeen years old. Lois remembered that Aunt Amy had taken such good care of her while she was so ill adding another of the services she had rendered to her family.

Those present on October 16, 1983:

Oran and Lois Alderson
Myrle Helm
Marjorie Walkington
Violet M. Telford
Ruth Molenhouer
Elizabeth Southward
John & Shirley Conrad and Children, Melissa and Richard
Russell and Carolyn Vandevveer and Michelle and Michael
Melvin and Pansy Maxey
Rev. Gene and Holly Miller, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Rebecca
Susan Shaffer Patterson and Shane and Luke
June Woolridge
Andra and Derek Devore
James and Sonja Sipes
Rolland Vandevveer
David and Mary Ford
Dena and Delores Ford
Kathy Barksdale
Lucille Vandevveer
Charles and James Shaffer
Ruby and John Shaffer
H. J. and Maxine Barksdale
Evelyn Ford
Marian Garrett
Geneva Boyd

Lincoln Trail Grass Band
Larry Maxey
Joe Telford
Mr. and Mrs. Boyles

Mrs Amy Sipes died

1984

IN MEMORY OF
CLAUDE B. HIESTAND

Birth: January 18, 1891 Death: January 11, 1982

Claude Hiestand was born in Alma Township near Salem, Illinois, January 18, 1891, to Samuel and Martha Jane Smith Hiestand. He joined a family consisting of his parents and four older siblings - Myrtle Powell, Frank, Laura Stevenson (Salem), and Clyde. Their home was located at the corner of Kinmundy and Brubaker Roads.

October 21, 1911, Mr. Hiestand married Ruby May Leckrone of the Zion Community, Tonti Township, near Salem. Their marriage was blessed by six children - Marjorie Deadmond (Deceased), Ralph (Alma), Dan (Kinmundy), Martha June Robinson (Chandler, Arizona), Walter (Beaumont, Texas), and Sam (Salem). The Hiestand family moved into their homestead near Brubaker Road on rural route three, Salem, in 1919 and maintained a residence there until Mr. Hiestand's death. Mr. Hiestand lived to be the patriarch of a family including twenty-four grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren

October 21, 1981, Claude and Ruby celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary with many of their family. Mr. Hiestand is survived by his life-long, devoted companion, Ruby.

Mr. Hiestand began farming in 1911 when he rented a farm on Brubaker Road from "Aunt" Amanda Foster. He was a charter member of the Marion County Farm Bureau, formed in 1918, and was honored by that organization many times. Mr. Hiestand's other community involvements included the Rural Electrification Association, the Illinois Agriculture Association Insurance Board, and the Allen School District Board.

Mr. Hiestand was born again through Christ in the Pleasant Grove revival of the 1920's. He was an active member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church for fifty-plus years. He served that congregation in various capacities including Church Board member, the Methodist Men's Club and Sunday School teacher. Claude's faith in God was his reward - as well as ours.

Amanda + family

12-29-83.

Jene's family sent us one of the Pleasant Grove history books and have certainly enjoyed it.

The wooden communion service is at Dad & Moms, and we will see that the church receives it, hoping there will be a memory cabinet display for such items, Mom was the Communion Chairperson for years & we all used it for Communion Service for a long time - knew it was made in VBS or something connected with Willadene.

Enc. donation -

May 1984 be full of God's great blessings for all of you.

Torgil & Martha June Robinson ^{husb}
Jene's said some trees are being ^{written} replaced. ^{husband} ^{daughter}
Give our regards to Pastor Miller as

Seamont, Pa. 17107

In Honor of Claude Hiestand

IN MEMORY OF
Ruby Leckrone Hiestand
The All American Proverbial Woman

Birth: March 8, 1891

Death: August 8, 1983

Ruby Leckrone Hiestand, daughter of George and Junetta Boughton Leckrone was born in the Zion community of Marion County, Illinois. She had four brothers - Lyle, Dwight and Orvis and two sisters - Linnie and Marguerite. Their home was located on the Zion road. She attended Zion Elementary School & Salem High School.

October, 21, 1911, Ruby married Claude B. Hiestand (deceased January 11, 1982) of Alma Township, Allen School District, Marion County, Illinois. Their 70 year marriage was a devoted one and blessed by six children - Marjorie Deadmond (deceased), Ralph (Alma), Dan (Kinmundy), Martha June Robinson (Chandler, Ariz.), Walter (Beaumont, Tex.) and Sam (Salem), all delivered at home by Dr. Miller and Grandma Leckrone. The Hiestand family moved into their homestead near Brubaker on rural route 3, Salem, in 1919 and maintained a residence there until death. Ruby lived to be matriarch of a family including 6 children, 24 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Ruby was involved in her community in many activities - she was one of the first woman voters by Woman's Suffrage action of Susan B. Anthony. During Mary Hatcher's thrust of the Women's Temperance Union, Ruby earned the Diamond Award, highest in speaking out for prohibition of alcohol beverages. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church over 50 years, and charter member of the United Methodist Women. She was active in the Vacation Bible Schools and Sale Dinners. She was also a member of the Lincoln Household Science Club and a charter member of the Marion County Homemakers Extension Association.

Mrs. Hiestand's personal money was earned by selling eggs, young geese for September Jewish Days, butter and fresh meat. Before marriage she worked as clerk in the James General Store, Salem. She picked geese to make the family's feather beds and pillows. She sewed boy's shirts and dresses for children.

Ruby's favorite hobbies were gardening, quilting, knitting and crocheting of which she shared with each member of the family.

She could be compared to the Proverbial woman - Proverbs 31:10-31

"If you can find a truly good wife, she is worth more than precious gems! Her husband can trust her, and she will richly satisfy his needs. She will not hinder him, but help him all her life. She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. She buys imported foods, brought by ship from distant ports. She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household, and plans the day's work for her servant girls. She goes out to inspect a field, and buys it; with her own hands she plants a vineyard. She is energetic, a hard worker, and watches for bargains. She works far into the night!

She sews for the poor, and generously gives to the needy. She has no fear of winter for her household, for she has made warm clothes for all of them. She also upholsters with finest tapestry; her own clothing is beautifully made - a purple gown of pure linen. Her husband is well known, for he sits in the council chamber with the other civic leaders. She makes belted linen garments to sell to the other merchants.

She is a woman of strength and dignity, and has no fear of old age. When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. She watches carefully all that goes on throughout her household, and is never lazy. Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband. He praises her with these words: 'There are many fine women in the world, but you are the best of them all!'

Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised. Praise her for the many fine things she does. These good deeds of hers shall bring her honor and recognition from even the leaders of the nations."

Thank you for sharing this celebration of life.

- Ruby's Family

Oct 14, 1979
Program for Pleasant Grove U. M. Church
Homecoming

Conducted by Allen Barksdale - Open Prayer Rev. Barnett
Church History Prepared by Ruby Shaffer,
Maxine Barksdale and typed by Susan Patterson
was read by Kathy Barksdale

Jesus Outreach Singers from Patoka
area provided entertainment

Benediction by John Shaffer

Pleasant Grove United Methodist
Home Coming - Oct. 14, 1979

Name	Address
Marie Basom	R3 Salem
Mabel Smith	RR 1 Alma
Charles Shaffer	RR 1 Kimmunity
Myra + Andrea Wilkins	RR 3 Salem
Lucille Vandever	RR 3 Salem
Joyce Wilkins	RR 3 Salem
Kirk Wilkins	" "
Ethel Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Dolores Ford	Alma, Ill.
Dena Ford	R.R. 1 Alma
Gary + Susan + Shere Patterson	RR 2 Tuscola
Russ + Carolyn Michelle + Mike Vandever	RR 1 Kimmunity
Marilyn Vandever	Salem
David Ford	Centralia
Rolland Vandever	Salem
Mr + Mrs John W Shaffer	Kimmunity
Mr + Mrs Herbert M Anderson	Salem
Allen + Kathy Barksdale	Salem
H. J (Jack) + Marjorie Barksdale	Salem
Kathryn Daniels	Salem
Ivan Wilkins	R 3 Salem
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Robert E. Ford	" "
Jud Wilkins	Salem
Mark Barnett	Alma
Rev James Barnett	Alma

Name

Address

Mary Edith Tacke - Patoka, Ill.
 Beba Riley Patoka, Ill.
 Charles Murfin Vernon, Ill.
 Sandra Murfin Vernon, Ill.
 Teresa Riley Vernon, Ill.
 Heather Christian Vernon, Ill.
 Debra Christian Pat Vernon, Ill.
 Jim Murfin Vernon, Ill.
 Benda Giffin Patoka, Ill.
 Anne Stephens Odin, Ill.
 Crina Brantley Centralia, Ill.
 Cheryl Arnold Alma, Ill.
 Sheila Arnold Alma, Ill.
 Nancy Kaye Smith Arnold Alma, Ill.
 Steley Denise Arnold Alma, Ill.
 Mary Chandler Patoka, Ill.
 Helen Leather Patoka, Ill.
 Mildred Huring Creve Coeur, Ill.
 Hilda Adams Patoka, Ill.
 John W. Shaffer Kimmsworth

October 12, 1980
 Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
 Homecoming.

Name	Address
Mabel Smith	Alma R.R. 1.
Susan + Sharon Patterson	Jussola, Ill.
Glen and Vera Schaub	R # 1 Alma Ill.
Jack. McCormick	SHEPPARTON VICTORIA AUSTRALIA.
Eldon Patterson	Danville, Ill.
Doris Mc. Cormick,	Shepparton, Victoria, Australia.
Ruby Shaffer	Kinmundy Ill
Mary Patterson.	Danville, Ill.
Tom + Marian Gassett	Salem, Ill.
Janet + Tom Harmon	Carmi, Ill.
John + Shirley Conrad	R # 3 Salem, Ill
Melissa ^{and} Richard "	R # 3 Salem, Ill
Herbert + Wilma Vandever	R. # 2 Kinmundy
Lois Alderson.	Kinmundy
Ray, Ellen + Breanna Vandever	R.R. 3 Salem
Lucille Vandever	R 3 Salem
Evelyn Ford	R. R. 1 Alma
Dena Ford	"
Russ Carolyn Michelle - Mike Vandever	Kinmundy
Edith Smith.	615 Illinois Salem.
Hazel Kell	412 So Washington Salem
Herbert + Emergene Anderson	R.R. 3. Salem
Tracy Barksdale	R. R. 1 Kinmundy
Paula + Jody Barksdale	R.R. 1, Kinmundy, Ill. 62854
Nelda Wilkins	R. R. # 3 Salem, Ill. 62881

Homecoming attendance continued.

James Shaffer	Champaign Il
Marilyn Vandever	Centralia, Ill.
Kathy Barksdale	Salem, IL
Rolland Vandever	Salem, IL
Charles Shaffer	Kinmundy, IL
David Ford	Centralia, IL
James Barnett	Alma, Ill
Ethel Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Mark Barnett	Alma, Ill.
Kate Helm	Salem Ill.
Chris Helm	Salem Ill.
Randy Helm	Salem Ill.
Jan Helm	Salem Ill.
Robert Helm	Salem, Ill.
Jessica Harmon	Carmi Ill.
Crystal Barksdale	Kinmundy Ill.
Samantha Barksdale	Kinmundy Ill.
Jacqueline Harmon	Carmi ILL
Kim Harper & Dawn	Salem, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry DeVore	Salem, Ill.
Myra Wilkins	Salem, Ill.
June, Adam, Amy & Alisa Woolridge	"
H. J. and Marjorie Barksdale	Salem, Ill.
Matt	Harmon
Mike	Vandever
RICHARD	Conrad

10-12-1980
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
Attendance
Homecoming

Michelle Vandever ~~#~~

Melissa Conrad

Allen Barksdale

John Staff

Salem Ell.

Kyle

Program for Pleasant Grove United
Methodist Church Homecoming
October 12, 1980

Master of Ceremonies - Allen Barksdale

Opening Songs:

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209 Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Prayer: Invocation - ~~Glenn Schaub~~
~~John W. Shaffer~~

- Program -

Pleasant Grove Young Men Chorus

Pleasant Grove Young Adults - " David Ford
Charles Shaffer
Roland Vandever
Allen Barksdale
accompanied by Maxine "Helle
by Marilyn Vandever

Piano
Duet

Susan Patterson & Marilyn Vandever

Rw. Barnett & Wife - Vocal duet

Glen Schaub - with electric guitar - Vocal Solo

Pleasant Grove Children Chorus led by
June
Woolridge

Helm Family - vocal duet

Harmon Family - Singing - vocal trio
Jessica, Jacqueline, & Matthew
accompanied by Mother Janet
Harmon

Dena Ford - Flute Solo

Andra DeVore - Piano Solo

June Woolridge - vocal Solo accompanied
by Andra Devore

Wilkins Girls - Myra, June W. Woolridge, Kim W. Harper,

Patted Plants to be sent to Mr & Mrs Claude Heestand
Closing Song: and Amy Sipes.

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Rw. Barnett - Closing Message

Followed Prayer of Benediction

Program Sponsor - Kim Wilkins Harper.

Beginning of Sunday School on
Oct. 12, 1980 Maxine Barksdale
gave a History on Celebration
of Sunday School's 200th Birthday
Pleasant Grove Sunday School
started 1849 and is still an
active Sunday School as of today
Oct 12, 1980.

A decorated cake made by
Maxine depicting the Sunday
School date. Tom and Janet Harmon
assisted in the service.

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Homecoming Oct 24, 1982

Gene Miller (Piano)

Opening Song: Pg. 52

Pg. 115 (Stand to Sing)

Prayer - Gene Miller

1. Children's Choir Adam & Amy Woolridge
Michelle & Michael J
Richard & Melissa
John Albert
2. Michael Vandewer (Piano)
3. Michelle Vandewer (Piano)
4. Boys Choir - Jim & Charles Shaffer
Allen Barkdale & Roland Vandewer
5. Adult Choir Piano
Marilyn
Barkdale
6. Rec: Gene Miller (Piano)
7. June ^{W. Woolridge} Kim ^{W. Harper} & Andrea ^{W. Devere}
8. ^{Piano Duet} Chris ^{Albert} June ^{Woolridge} Kim ^{Karper} - ^{Andrea Devere} at Piano ^(Piano)
9. Susan Patterson & Marilyn Vandewer
10. Mary Ann & Kathy Rhodes (Piano ^{at})
11. Susan Patterson vocal (Song) Marilyn
Vandewer at
Piano

Closing Song: Pg. 33

Introduction of Guests - by John Shaffer

Closing Prayer John Shaffer

Pleasant Grove United Methodist

Home Coming

Oct 24, 1982

Name	Address
Marie Basom	R 3 Salem
Madeline Shaffer	Alma
David & Margaret Shaffer	Salem R 4
Gary, Susan, Shore, Luke Patterson	Tuscola
J.G. & Nelda Wilkins	Salem
Andra DeVore	Flora
Carl & Chris Albert & 2 children	Alma
Terrie Kimberly	Luka -
Dean & Lois Alderson	Rd 4
Edith Smith	Salem -
Ruth Molenkoer	Salem
Elizabeth Southward	Salem
Eymogen Anderson	Salem
Herbert Anderson	Salem
David Ford	Centralia
Dolores Ford	Alma
Mabel Smith	Alma
MaryAnn, Norman & Kathy Rhodes Ramsey	
Russ Carolyn, Michelle - Mike	Kimmswamy
Ivan, Joyce, Kirk & Judy Wilkins	R 3 Salem.
Lucille Vandevoss	R 3 Salem
Mary Nemiec	8755 W. Olcott Miles.
Jim Shaffer	Salem
Paula Parksdale	Kimmswamy
Crystal, Lavertha, Jody & Nedra	R. R. 1, Kimmswamy, Ill.

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Pleasant Grove United Methodist
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Please register

Name	Address
Allen Barksdale	Salem Ill
Charles Shaffer	Salem Ill,
Ruby + John Shaffer	Kinnmundy
Roland Vandever	
H. J. + Marjorie Barksdale	R.3 Salem
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Dena Ford	Alma
Rev. Eugene Miller + wife Holly + 3 daughters	Alma
June, Adam + Amy Woolridge	Alma
Kim, Dawn, Stacy, + John Harper	R3 Salem

Pleasant Grove United Methodist
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Name	Address
Alan & Lois Adams	Kdy
Myrtle Helm	Salem, Ill.
Margie Walington	Kinnensidey
Violet M. Telford	Suka Ill
Ruth Malinkauer	Salem, Ill.
Elizabeth Southward	Salem, Ill.
Mr & Mrs. John Conrad	Melissa Richard Salem, Ill
Mr & Mrs Ross Vandever	Michelle & Mike Kinnurdy.
Melvin & Pansy Maxey	R4 Salem
Rev. Gene & Holly Miller	Elizabeth Catherine Peterson Alma, Illinois
Susan, Shane, Duke Patterson	Musola, Ill.
Jane Woolbridge	Alma, Ill.
Andra & Derek D'Wore	Kinnurdy, Ill.
Mr & Mrs James Sipes	Richview, Ill.
Rolland Vandever	Salem, Ill.
David and Mary Ford	Centralia, Illinois
Rena Ford	Alma
Dolores Ford	Alma
KATHY BARKSDALE	SALEM
Charles Shaffer	Salem
Lucille Vandever	Salem
H. J. Barksdale	Salem
Margie Barksdale	Salem
Evelyn Ford, Dolores & Rena	Alma
Jim Shaffer	
Ruby and John Shaffer	Kinnurdy, Ill

Oct 16, 1983

Lincoln
Trail
Grass
Band

Name

Address

Larry Mapey

Salem, Ill

Joe Telford

Salem, Ill

Mr and Mrs

Boyles

Adin, Ill.

Mrs Marion Garrett

Salem, Ill.

Geneva ^{Sipes} Boyd

Salem

Plan Annual Homecoming

Oct. 1983

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Annual Homecoming will be held Sunday, October 16th. A basket dinner will start at 12:15.

Following at 1:30 a program honoring Amy Sipes, the oldest living member of the church at 101 years old. The history of the church will be read and performing gospel music in the afternoon will be "The Lincoln Trail Grass" group.

Everyone is invited to attend the services of the day with morning church services at 10 A.M. followed by Sunday School at 11.

Oct 16, 1983

Program

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Homecoming Honoring our Oldest
Member ^{101 years old} Mrs Amy Sipes (Mrs Frances) ^{Page}
Special invited guests ^{attending by} + her family
Attending were daughters Mrs Marion Garrett
(Mrs Tom) ^{of Salem} Mrs Geneva Boyd and Mr and
Mrs James Sipes of Richview, Il.

Regular Church Services at 10 AM
Sunday School at 11 AM.

Basket dinner at noon.

Afternoon Program -
Master of Ceremonies - ^{S.S.} Supt. - Russell Vandever.
A tribute and flowers were presented
and given ^{to Mrs Amy Sipes.} by Maxine C. Barksdale.
Prayer by Rev. Eddie Gene Miller Jr.
Brief History of Pleasant Grove ^{U.M.} Church
given by Ruby Shaffer

Music by Lincoln Trail Grass Band
consisting of members Larry Masey & R
Salem, Il., Joe Telford, Salem, Il and
Mr & Mrs Boyles Odin, Il.
Each person attending introduced themselves.
Benediction by John W. Shaffer
(over)

Mrs Maxine C. Barksdale Made ^{all} Arrangements
for Mrs Amy Sipes to be brought ^{from Decker Nursing Home} ~~over~~ ^{and Selden}
Juan Wilkins' van and Jim Shaffer and
Ruby Shaffer to the church for the $\$$
Service. It was a beautiful fall
sunshiny day. The fall leaves were
in their height of splendor.

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
Homecoming 1984.
Attendance

Name

Paula Barksdale

Rev Eddie Miller, Holly & Children

J. J. and Maxine Barksdale

Janet Harmon and Matthew

Herbert & Emogene Anderson

Marie Basom

Shirley Conrad and Melissa

Mary and David Ford

Brian and Marilyn Britton

Jim Shaffer

Cathy and Allen Barksdale

Bob & Evelyn Ford and Delores and Sena

Mant and Willadene Ritter

Russel and Carolyn Vandever and Michael

Bobbie Shreffler and Granddaughters

Ivan and Joyce Wilkins, Kirk and Jud

Andra and Derek Devore

Jenna Clifton

— Donoho

Larry Rhoakes

October 19, 1986

Kathy Barksdale, Program Chairman--Introduce Jack J. Barksdale

Jack J.--Invite all of the family of H. J. Barksdale to come forward
for a short tribute to our Dad and Grandpa Jack.

Jessica Harmon: Read Psalms 92

Roma Barksdale Larson: "How Great Thou Art" in his honor

Judy Barksdale Edgington: We want to do this as an acknowledgement
of Grandpa Jack's love and loyalty to his family, his church,
his community, and his world.

Janet Barksdale Harmon: "At Calvary" page 438
Instrumental first time
Our family sing first stanza
Congregation join in last three stanzas

Allen Barksdale: Please be seated.
Ask Robert Ford to come forward.
Read placement of organ

Prayer of dedication: Esther Carriker, Pastor

October 19, 1986

We wish to place this Lowrey Berkshire Deluxe Model TBO Organ in the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in honor of H. J. "Jack" Barksdale, who is a member of this Church.

If at any time it becomes possible or reasonable to replace it or remove it, feel free to let us know and we will come and take it away.

In the meantime enjoy it and use it to its fullest as a token of our love and respect for Dad.

Maxine C. Barksdale

Jack J. and Paula Smith Barksdale and Families

Thomas F. and Janet Barksdale Harmon and Family

Paul C. and Roma Barksdale Larson

Allen and Kathy Helpingstine Barksdale and Rachel

Copies to: President of the Church Board--Presently Robert E. Ford
Church Treasurer " John W. Shaffer
Official Board Secretary " Shirley Conrad
Chairman of Trustees " Ivan Wilkins
Sunday School Superintendent " Kathy Barksdale
Sunday School Treasurer " Evelyn Ford
Secretary of the Alma Charge " Ruby Shaffer
Members of the H. J. Barksdale Family

Pleasant Grove
Church Homecoming

Oct. 18 1987

Name	Address
Cystal Barksdale	Kinmundy
Michelle Vandeweer	Kinmundy
Samantha Barksdale	Kinmundy
Richard Conrad	Salem
Melissa Conrad	Salem
Leon Hilmes	Salem
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Robert Ford	Alma
Dena Ford	Alma
Mike Vandeweer	Kinmundy
Allen, Kathy & Rachel Barksdale	Salem
Ivan, Joyce & Kirk Wilkins	Salem
Maxine Barksdale	Salem
Kim, Kimberly, Stacy Dyer	Alma
Cynthia Vandeweer & Julie	Salem
Roland Vandeweer	Salem
David, Mary & Sarah Ford	Centralia
Hean & Ray Jones	Alma
Herbert & Emogene Anderson	Salem
Mabel Smith	Alma
Russ - Candy Vandeweer	Kinmundy
Rev. Tom and Pam Coatney	Alma
John & Shirley Conrad	Salem
Marie Basom	Salem
Lucille Vandeweer	Salem
Walter & Luis Alderson	Bozy

Myrtle Helm
Paula Barksdale

Jody
Nedra

Dolores Ford
Andra DeVore

June Woolridge
Jim Shaffer

Charles Shaffer
Susan Shaffer Patterson

Dale Ford
Ruby Shaffer

Kimmunity

"

"

Springfield

Kimmunity

Alma

Luka

Luka

Tuscola

Gelesburg

Kimmunity

Oct. 18, 1987 Church Homecoming

Mistress of Ceremonies - Kathy Barksdale

Congregation Song -

Andra Devore at Organ and Joyce Wilkins pianist
Prayer by Rev Tom Coatney
Congregation Song

Solo by Andra Devore

Trio by June Woolbridge, Kim Harper,
and Andra Devore (Wilkins sisters).

Andra pianist as well as singing.

Seven or Eight songs from the "ale"
U my Group sang by the ^(20 original) group.

June Woolbridge
Kim Harper

Andra Devore

Delores Ford

Dale Ford

David Ford

Ralland Vandevener

Allen Barksdale

Jim Shaffer

Charles Shaffer

Susan Shaffer Patterson (played piano & sang)

Audience enjoyed the singing.

Dismissed by Rev Tom Coatney.

Oct 16, 1988

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Homecoming
Attendance

Name	Address
Marine C Barksdale	
Jack J. and Paula Barksdale and Crystal, Samantha, Jodie and Nedra Barksdale	
Allen, Kathy and Rachael Barksdale	
Lois and Oran Alderson	
Myrtle Helm	
John, Shirley, Melissa and Richard Conrad	
Leon Wilmes	
Joyce, Ivan and Jud Wilkins & Kirk.	
Lucille Vandever	
Russell, Carolyn, Michele and Michael Vandever	
Cindy and Galland Vandever	
Ruby Shaffer	
Jim and Charles Shaffer	
Connie Johnson Hithinji and daughters Susan, Rosemary and Nadine	
Mabel Smith	
Robert and Evelyn Fard and Dena	
Herbert and Emogene Anderson	
Mrs Barbara and and Eric, Brandon	
Ruth Ann Cripps and 2 friends	
Marie Basom	

Pleasant Grove United Methodist

Homecoming Oct 16, 1988

Afternoon Program

Church Service at 10 AM → Pastor Tom Coatsney
as usual

Sunday School at 11 AM /

1:30 PM Program

Kathy Barksdale Mistress of Ceremonies

Congregational Song

Prayer led by Lucille Vandever

Special Piano Music by Ruth Ann Cripps

A talk and question & answer time
by Corinne Johnson Githinji on
Nairobi, Kenya, - Africa - where she has
lived for past 8 years.

Benediction

Homecoming Oct 8, 1989

Name

Address

Ruby Shaffer	RR Kimmundy Il
Shane & Luke Patterson	RR2 Tuscola, Il
Michelle Vandever & Shannon Meyer	Kdy & Julie
Marie Basom	R3 Box 455 Salem, Il
Louis Alderson	
June & Amy Woodbridge	
Ryan Kline	Vandever, Il
Jody Barksdale	Kimmundy Il
Guth Molinkoun	Salem, Il
Elizabeth Southward	Salem - Il
Ed & Julie Green, Seth, Laura & Sarah	Kimmundy IL
Naveil, Mary and Sarah Ford	Centralia, Illinois
Susan Patterson	Tuscola, Ill
Shirley Conrad	Salem, Il
Paula Barksdale	Kimmundy, Ill
Nedra Barksdale	" "
Jody Barksdale	" "
Marilyn & Brian Britton	Centralia "
Rosalie Masey	Salem
Allen, Kathy & Rachael Barksdale	"
Lucille Vandever	Salem, Il
Jim Shaffer	Kimmundy "
Bob, Evelyn and Rena Fard	- Alma "
Melissa Conrad	Salem "
Leon Hilmes	Salem "
Richard & John Conrad	" "

1981 Oct 8

Michael Vandever Kimmerly, A
Kussel & Carolyn "

Andra Devore " "

Mabel Smith Alma, S

Rev. Jeff Hurst, Jeremy & Meghan - Alma

Ruth Ann Bee & Husband - Salem, S

Ivan and Joyce Wilkins Salem, S

Jud Wilkins and Girl friend

Holland, Cindy & Julie Vandever Salem, S

Marian Barksdale - Salem, S

Ruby's Copy

FAVORITE SONGS.

Robert Smith How Great Thou Art

Oran Alderson Jerico Road

Elmer + Jessie Wehrich What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Ruby + Claude Hiestand I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Ray Vandever Standing On The Promises

Jack Barksdale At Calvary

Anna Shaffer I Shall Not Be Moved

Myra Wilkins

Sammy Shaffer Blessed Assurance -

Meyers Family

~~Anyone I've missed~~ → Love Lifted Me

In the GARDEN - for anyone I missed

Program 1989 - Oct 8,

Opened by June Woolridge - with Congregation⁸
Special music on piano - organ by Ruth^{Ann} Dees
Duet Rajean Kline & Rosalie A. Macey

Audience - told about a special
Happening^{or} memory about Pleasant Grove Church.
This was enjoyed by all in
attendance.

Solo by Andra Devore

Duet by June and daughter Amy
Woolridge accompanied on piano by Andra
Devore

Piano Duet by Susan Patterson and
Son Luke

Piano Duet - When the Saints Come
Marching in by Susan Patterson
and Son Shane.

Benediction by Rev. Hurst.

Home Coming Nov. 1st, 1992

Name	Address
John Shirley Conrad	5329 Kinimundy Rd
Richard Kelly	Salem, IL 62881
Herbert & Wilma Vandevener	6802 Kinlow Rd Kinimundy ⁶²⁸⁸⁴
Herbert & Emogene Anderson	6224 Brubaker Rd Salem
Marie Basom	6241 Basom Rd. Salem
John & Lucille Dodson	6283 Kinimundy, Ill. ⁶²⁸⁵⁴
Bob & Evelyn Ford	6376 ⁶³⁷⁶ Prairie Rd Alma, Ill.
Luis Alderson	203 Indiana Kinimundy
Lyne Kline	1417 N 16th Vandaker 62471
David - Margaret Shaffer	1890 N. Broadway Salem
Russ - Carolyn Vandevener	6060 Kinimundy Rd Kinimundy
Dean & Kathryn Jones	8333 Jones Rd. Alma,
Norman & Mary Ann Rhoades	Rt. 1 Box 217 Ramsey, Ill 62080
Lucille Vandevener	R3 Salem Ill
David, Mary, Sarah & Harriet Ford	407 Janet Dr. Centralia
Butch, Sue, Aaron & Andrea Reneker	Box 157, Alma, IL 62807
Roma Barksdale Larson	720 W. Vine Springfield, Ill 62704
Mafine Barksdale	5502 Kinimundy Rd, Salem, Ill ⁶²⁸⁸¹
Oran & Joyce Hilliers	5793 Redbird Rd., Salem, Ill. 62881
Susan Shaffer Patterson	406 Southland Acres Tuscola 61953
Mabel Smith	RR Alma
Ruby Shaffer	Kinimundy
Allen, Nancy and Rachel Barksdale	Salem 62881
Jim Shaffer	Kinimundy
Charles Shaffer	Kinimundy
Rolland Vandevener	Salem, Ill.

Homecoming 1992

Name	Address
Kristal Smith	Salem
Jessica Smith	Salem
Phyllis Smith & Family	Salem
Jody Barksdale	6368 Shaffer Rd. Kimmunity, IL
Ed & Julie Green, Seth, Laura, & Sarah	Kimmunity, IL 62854
Dona Ford	12633 B Sauterne St Louis, MO, 63146
Samantha Barksdale	Rt. 1 Kimmunity, IL
Nedra Barksdale	
Cystal Barksdale	Charleston, IL
Mark Adams	Bellvue, WA
Paula Barksdale	Kimmunity, IL
Dolores, Mark, & Kara Mobley	116 Joseph Drive Diverson, Ill. 62530
Marilyn Britton	Centralia, Ill.
Janet & Tom Harmon	Carmi, Ill.
June Woolridge	6068 Brubaker Rd, Salem
Lloyd & Rosalie Mapey	5339 Mapey Road, Salem

1992

November 6, 1992

Salem Times-Commoner

CHURCH NEWS

Pleasant Grove holds annual homecoming

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church held its annual homecoming on November 1. The church, founded in 1848, has served the community for 144 years.

Regular church services and Sunday school were held followed by a noontime basket dinner. In the afternoon a special program was observed honoring Maxine Barksdale for fifty-plus years of service to the church and community.

June Woolridge was mistress of ceremonies. She first recognized several present that were married in Pleasant Grove Church. Among them were Herbert and Emogene Anderson, married 52 years, and Herbert and Wilma Vandever, married 51 years. They told about their wedding day as did others present. Also present were Allen and Nancy Barksdale married the previous day in the church.

Pastor C.W. (Butch) Reneker, wife Sue, and family, Aaron and Andrea, who have been here since March, were introduced. They are a talented family and presented a short musical program.

In honor of Maxine, former church members and piano students, Mary Ann (Vandever) Rhoades from Ramsey, Susan (Shaffer) Patterson from Tuscola, Marilyn (Vandever) Britton of Centralia, and the honoree's daughters, Janet (Barksdale) Harmon of Carmi and Roma (Barksdale) Larson of Springfield; entertained with special numbers and made remarks concerning their years at Pleasant Grove. Mary Ann also read an original poem she had composed in Barksdale's honor.

Many present reminisced about their music lessons, youth choir, Christmas programs and Bible school

directed by Maxine. All agreed she was a deserving recipient. They remembered how she helped encourage them and that they had many memories of happiness that come in handy when things were not always going so well.

June Woolridge then presented Maxine a plaque of appreciation from the Pleasant Grove congregation and also an assortment of cards and letters received in tribute to her. June read one from Dale Ford of Japan as representative of the many letters received.

Maxine responded by expressing her thanks for the honor. She mentioned some of her memories and with anecdotes. She concluded by saying what Pleasant Grove Church and community had meant to her and that it could not have happened without the support she received from the parents.

Along with the regular congregation, attending were some visitors not previously mentioned. They were Rojean Kline of Vandalia; Dena Ford of St. Louis; Dolores and Mark Mobley and Kara of Divernon; Samantha and Crystal Barksdale of Charleston and Mark Adams of Bellevue, Washington; David and Mary Ford, Sarah and Garret of Centralia; Kirk and Kristen Wilkins of Newton; Loyd and Rosalie Maxey of Salem; Tom Harmon of Carmi; Norman Rhoades of Ramsey; Dean and Kathryn Jones and Lois Alderson.

Visitors at the morning services included Jene and Cathy Robinson of Mt. Zion, Mimzie Robinson of Florida and Leslie Telford of Sandoval. They are grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late and Claude and Ruby Hiestand.



November



PLEASANT GROVE'S
146TH HOMECOMING
Sunday, November 5, 1995
1:30 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. George Ross, County Historian

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Paula Barksdale

1. HYMN: "Nothing Is Impossible" P. 513
2. INVOCATION: Rev. Campbell
3. CHILDREN: Songs and Verses
4. SPECIAL MUSIC: Rev. and Judy Campbell
5. HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH: Dr. George Ross
6. BENEDICTION PRAYER: Rev. Campbell

Children:
Danielle Hunter
Will O'Leary
Luke O'Leary
Laura Green
Sarah Green
Rachel Barksdale

1995
Homecoming of
Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

Name	Address
David-Margaret Shaffer	1896 W. Broadway Salem, Ill
Bernice Jeweller	506 Willow Place Salem, Ill
Opal Clark	401 Emeritt St. Odin, Ill.
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Dena Ford	St. Louis, mo
Dolores, KARA, + Tyler Mobley	Divernon, IL
Lucille Vandever	Salem Ill
Bill + Paeg ^{Nathan + sister} Shawler	ALMA, IL
Jim Shaffer	Kimmunity
Nedra Barksdale	Kimmunity
Crystal Barksdale	P.O. Box 25 Illiopolis, IL 62539
Aleah Hoover	St. Peter, IL 62880
Audra Hoover	St. Peter, IL
Jody Barksdale	6368 Shaffer Rd. Kimmunity, Ill.
Mike Vandever	Kimmunity 62854
Melba Wilkins	6074 Burbaker Rd. Salem, Ill.
Seth Green	6234 Kimmunity Rd. Kimmunity, Ill.
Ed + Julie Green, Laura + Sevak	6234 Kimmunity Rd.
Paula Barksdale + Jack	Kimmunity, Illinois 62854
Patrick, Betsey, Luke, Will, Rachel O'Leary	Kimmunity Ill. 62854
Tom + Roberta Shreffler	Salem, Ill 62881
Spencer Peto	601 ILLINOIS ALMA
Marlene Barksdale	5502 Kin. Rd., Salem
Kathy Phyllis	Q2 Box 311-C Altamont

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Pleasant Grove Church

Name	Address
Allen + Rachel Bakke Mabel Smith	Alma, Ill.
Ellis + Ruth Stormont	Zion
Rev. Hugh Campbell	Alma P.O. Box 157
Judy Campbell	"
Ruby Shaffer	Kinmundy, Ill.
Charles Shaffer	Kinmundy Ill
Danielle Hunter	Alma
Ivan, Joyce, Colton, Jud, + Gene Wilkins	
Kirk, Kristin + Kameron Wilkins	Salem, Ill
Susan Patterson	Jussala, Ill
Chris and Michelle Blomberg	Farina, Ill
Russel + Carolyn Vandever	Kinmundy Ill

ALMA & PLEASANT GROVE & ZION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, November 3, 1996

Mary Ann Rhoades
Certified Lay Speaker

ENTRANCE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Welcome and Announcements

Gloria Patri

Invocational Prayer

Hymn - 17 How Great Thou Art

LITURGY OF WORSHIP

Scripture Lesson

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Sermon

Tithes & Offerings

Doxology

Sermon

SENDING FORTH

Hymn - 287 We are Climbing
Jacob's Ladder

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 3 - Homecoming at
Pleasant Grove - Potluck at 12:30
Musical Program at 2:00 given by Tim
& Holly Musgrave, son-in-law and
granddaughter of Herbert & Eugene
Anderson. Everyone is invited!

Wednesday, November 6 - 7:00 p.m.
Reorganization of Youth Group
Everyone please try to come!

Saturday, November 9, Annual Church
Bazaar at the Alma Town Hall

Birthdays

November 5 - Luke O'Leary

November 8 - Robyn Shaffer

PLEASANT GROVE Methodist Church
Homecoming PROGRAM
Nov. 3, 1996

MORNING SERVICE SPEAKER - MARY ANN V. RHOADES
(VANDEVEER)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: ANNOUNCED by MAXINE BARKSDALE
Tim + Holly MUSGRAVE, SANG + CONDED ^{on} the
Piano in following SELECTIONS:

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS.

PRECIOUS WORD.

AT THE CROSS.

VICTORY IN JESUS

LEANING ON ^{THE} THE EVERLASTING ARMS

"REVIVE US AGAIN"

ROLL AWAY THE STONE

AT CALVARY.

PIANO Solo by "WHISPERING HOPE" by MARY ANN VANDEVEER
Rhoades

PIANO Solo by SUSAN PATTERSON - "RESTING IN JESUS"

BENEDICTION by MAXINE BARKSDALE.

Attendance

PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
 Homecoming Nov. 3, 1996

NAME

ADDRESS

Tim + Mary Jane Musgrave	Bismarck, Il
Kally Musgrave	Charleston, Il
Herbert + Emogene Anderson	Salem, Il
Paula + Jody Barksdale	Kimmunity
Lucille Dodson	Kimmunity
David + Margaret Shaffer	Salem
Ed Julie Seth Laura Sarah Green	Kimmunity
Margine C. Barksdale	
Allen + Rachel Barksdale	
Paula Barksdale	
Ruby Shaffer	6014 Shaffer Rd. Kdy.
Kirk, Kristen + Kameron Wilkin	Salem, Il.
Susan Shaffer Patterson	Jussola 14
Roberta Shieffler + Tommy.	Salem Il.
Carolyn Vandever	Kimmunity Il
Cindy Julie + Jordan Vandever	Salem Il
Lucille Vandever	Salem Il
Maub Musgrave	Danville Il
Ivan + Joyce Wilkins	Salem, Il.
Kirk - Jud - Gena Wilkins	

ATTENDANCE

PLEASANT GROVE United Church
 Home Coming Nov. 1, 1998
 PLEASE REGISTER

ATTENDANCE	ADDRESS
Marie Basom	6241 Basom Rd
Parinda Castellari	5956 Basom Rd ^{Salem}
Dena Castellari	5956 Basom Rd ^{Salem}
Paula Barksdale	6368 Shaffer Rd. Kimmunity, Ill.
Ed + Julie Muen Seth Laura Sarah	6234 Kimmunity Rd Kimmunity Ill
Lucille Vandever	6261 Brubaker Tr. Salem
Dena Ford	St. Louis, mo
Clayton, Ginny + Taylor Keen	Kimmunity
Bob + Evelyn Ford	Alma
Allen + Rachel Barksdale	Salem
Maxine C. Barksdale	Salem
Susan Patterson	Juscola
Marian Gesselt	Salem
Russ + Carolyn Vandever	Kdy
Dolores, Mark, Kara, Tyler + Connor Mobley	Pierson, Ill.
Maxine C Barksdale	Salem
Pastor Lillian and Ted Phillips	Kimmunity, Ill
Shirley Miller	"
Gene + Jud Wilkins Seth, Laura, + Sarah	"
Jack Barksdal, + Nedra	
Leroy and Stella Wiehle	Suka, Ill
Charles Shaffer	Kimmunity, Ill

All Saints Day

ALMA CHARGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Alma 9:00 Pleasant Grove 10:00 Zion 11:00
 Lillian Phillips, Pastor Tel. 547-3604
 Nov. 1 October 25, 1998

Alma - Pleasant - Zion
 Grove

Prelude

Chorus "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit!"
 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
 stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
 and for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;
 without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
 when we shall leave this place.

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.
 Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems
 your life from the Pit.
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
 Who satisfies you with good as long as you live.
 So that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

*Hymn "Dwelling in Beulah Land" 151 382 206
 *Affirmation of Faith 740 667 (inside cover)
 *Glory Be To The Father

Informal Moments

Pastoral Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Dedication
 Morning Tithes and Offerings
 *The Doxology

*Hymn "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" 32 497 500

Special Music
 Children's Sermon

Scripture Psalm 92
 Sermon 'Passing The Stress Test'
 Invitation to Discipleship

*Closing Hymn 80 222 399
 "Take My Hand Precious Lord"

*Benediction
 (*indicates standing for those who are able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 1. PLEASANT GROVE HOMECOMING, 2:00,
 Dinner at Noon.
- 4. ALMA CHARGE Youth Meeting at ALMA 7:00.
- 8. ALMA CHARGE Youth Rally PIZZA PARTY
 at ALMA, 5:00. All area youth are invited. The goal is
 to reach out to unchurched youth.
- 10. UMW Monthly Meeting at ALMA, 1:30.
- 17. PASTOR-PARISH Committee Meeting, 6:00.
 Please complete forms before the meeting.
- 21. ALMA'S ANNUAL BAZAAR.
 (Keep tuned for more information)

PLEASANT GROVE A M T GROUP (Accomplish Much Together) has a
 New Project. Please set aside time to work on this project. Accumulate articles
 to be put together for shut-ins, older people, and those less fortunate, to
 give them a Thanksgiving Boost of Good Wishes.

"Add to your faith goodness; and to
 goodness, knowledge; and to
 knowledge, self-control; and to self-
 control, perseverance, godliness; and to
 godliness, brotherly kindness; and to
 brotherly kindness, love."

2 Peter 1:5-7

All the harmony in the world
 comes from someone knowing
 how to play second fiddle.

*Worship service for Homecoming Sunday,
 Nov 1, 1998.*

Pleasant Grove Church

Homecoming Program 2^{PM} Nov. 1, 1998

Nobody wanted to Announce the Program so
Pastor Lillie Phillips was persuaded.

Congregational Hymn "He Lives" Page 285

Invocation - Pastor Lillie

Cong. Hymn - "Sunlight" Page 397

Allen Barksdale introduced

Guest Musicians - Leroy and Stella Whield

Following were Called on extemporaneously:

Piano music - Susan Patterson

" " Rachel Barksdale

" " Sarah Green

Extemporaneous Comments about their ~~their~~
thoughts about Pleasant Grove

Evelyn F. was glad she had raised her
family in Pl. Grove Church.

Ruby S. reminensed about Come here almost
as a bride after WW II - had no electric light and
2 pot bellied heating stoves.

Julia Green - said she just lived up road and

Moved into neighborhood and she thought the church and neighborhood has been a very good place to live and rearing her family.

Marion Garrett said she came here as a little girl with her parents and had lots of good memories.

Lucille V. stated her dad had brought her here when she was a baby & has been here ever since.

Herbert A. remembered coming over as a small boy to start the fire in the 2 stoves

Maime remember in a 4th grade program Dale^F and Charles S in a baker's costume singing & stirring up cake when the bowl tipped spilling Choc. Lax Batter on the carpet. we had no water so the angel costume had already been used so we wiped it off carpet with the angel costume.

Christmas song in a play where Delores^F age 4 climbed real high to the top of Christmas tree to put the angel on it and sang a song.

Benediction by Pastor Lillie Phillips

1841 Scattered neighbors meet for church in abandoned house. Later build log school house, Church services were held there.

1849 Group organizes to become Methodists. They made plans to build Pleasant Grove Church. Original banner dated 1849.

1928 Revival held with 43 conversions 35 join Pleasant Grove Church

1932 Belfry built and bell acquired.

1949 R. E. A. brings electricity to Church

1952 Two front doors were closed. Center double door entrance was made.

1959 Church raised and basement dug.

1999 Pleasant Grove celebrates 150th years of serving the area with Church services.

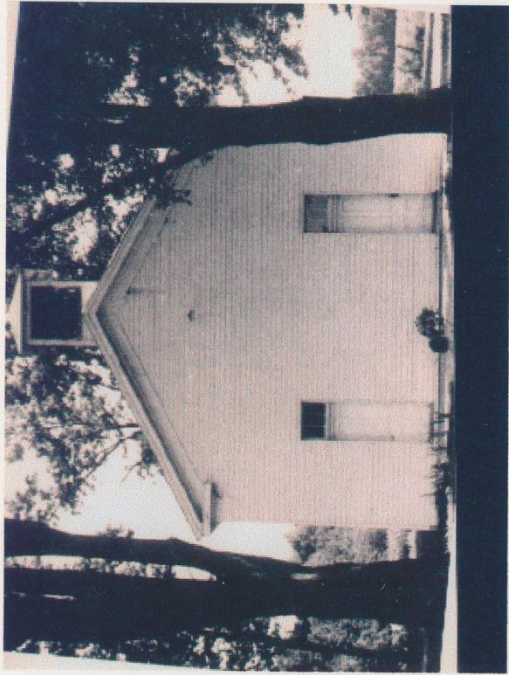
1849 - 1999 150 th Homecoming



Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

INVITATION Sent
to FORMER MINISTERS,
MEMBERS AND GUESTS.

1949



**150th Anniversary
Pleasant Grove
United Methodist Church**

Nov. 7, 1999

Worship Service 10:00 A.M.

Pastor Lillian Phillips

Don Burroughs, Dist. Supt.

Basket Dinner 12:15 PM

Celebration 2:00 PM

**With Former Members and
Friends of Pleasant Grove**

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ALMA CHARGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 ALMA 9:00 PLEASANT GROVE 10:00 ZION 11:00
 Lillian Phillips, Pastor Tel. 547-3604 or 267-1333
 November 7, 1999

*Alma - Pleasant - Zion
Grove*

Prelude

Chorus "This is The Day"

This is the day, this is the day
 That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
 Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
 This is the day the Lord hath made,
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
 From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

**Hymn* 310 377

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

We believe in one God,
 creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
 the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
 We believe in Jesus Christ,
 God manifest in the flesh,
 our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
 We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
 in the life of love and prayer,
 and in the grace equal to every need.
 We believe in the Word of God
 contained in the Old and New Testaments
 as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
 We believe in the church,
 those who are united in the living Lord
 for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God
 as the divine will realized in human society,
 and in the family of God,
 where we are all brothers and sisters.
 We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
 and in the life everlasting. Amen.
 *Glory Be To The Father

Remarks

Rev. Don Burroughs

*Kaskaskia River District Superintendent
 Illinois Great Rivers Conference*

Informal Time

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Dedication

Morning Tithes and Offerings

**The Doxology*

**Hymn* 522 296

Special Music

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Acts 4:8-12

Sermon 'It Does Matter What You Believe'

**Closing Hymn* 380 122

**Benediction*

(*indicates standing for those who are able)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY !!!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS ! PLEASANT GROVE ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY.
 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS !
 POTLUCK DINNER AT NOON.
 PROGRAM BEGINS AT 2:00.**

- Nov. 7. ALMA - Brief Meeting After Church to Discuss Plans for Bazaar.
- 9. UMW Meeting 1:30 PM, at ALMA.
- 14. Pastor/Parish Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM at PLEASANT GROVE.
- 21. ALMA - Monthly Potluck Dinner, Noon.

Pleasant Grove Centennial Celebration held Sunday

The Centennial homecoming of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, located five miles south of Kimmundy, was celebrated Sunday at the Church with regular Sunday School and Church services. A bountiful basket dinner was served at noon and there was an afternoon program. 175 members, former members and friends registered during the day.

Rev. Burdette Walkington, of Alton, was a guest speaker. Group singing was enjoyed along with a duet by Mrs. James Sipes and Mrs. B. F. Linton. A trio, composed of Rojean and Rosalie Alderson and Maxine Barksdale, also sang. There was a solo by Will Leckrone. Invocation was given by Rev. Frank Tredway, Pastor. Rev. George Meyer gave the benediction.

Mrs. Emma Shriver of Wyoming, a member 70 years ago, sent greetings. The church was decorated with floral offerings sent by Mrs. Alma Baker Turner and Mrs. W. W. Bagott.

The history of Pleasant Grove Church was presented by Guy Shaffer. He told of the first religious services held in the community when John Wilson, sons and grandson came from Ohio.

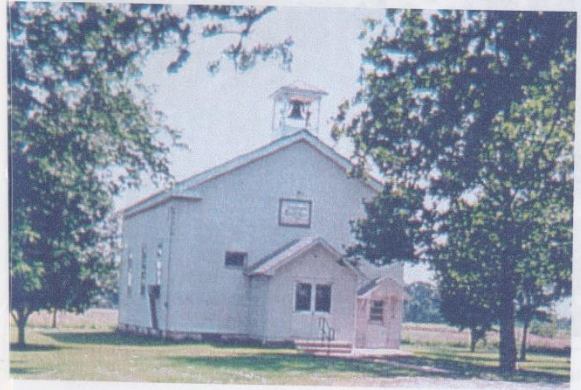
Once a year Bishop Roberts preached in this house. Rev Joseph Helms and Rev T. L. Middleton, were among the first ministers. In the early days Pleasant Grove was on the Salem circuit and later on the Kimmundy circuit. In 1890 Alma was made the head of the circuit. It contained the four charges as it now is - Pleasant Grove, Cabbage Chapel, Zion and Alma.

Three men, Francis Sipes, Will Shaffer and Guy Shaffer, were given special recognition as being responsible for keeping the church going during the recent war years.

The Church is still used for services. Church is held twice a month and Sunday School every Sunday.

1849 - 1999

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church



150th Anniversary

Homecoming

November 7, 1999

Bob and Evelyn Ford
designed and printed the
invitations and programs.
Ruby Shaffer assisted them
with the mailings and program

ote: This is a shortened version of the article in the Kimmundy Express.

The church as it appeared in the

Centennial Year

1949



Pleasant Grove Church was built at a cost of \$1600. It was located in a grove of oak and maple trees, hence they termed it Pleasant Grove .

There was an aisle from each door to the front of the church. The seats were home made. There was a row of seats on the east and west side of the aisles and a row of seats between the aisles. A partition, which ran from the north wall to the podium, divided the center row of seats. To get from one side of the church to the other, one would have to either go up on the podium and around or go out one door and come in the other. During the services it was the custom of the men to be seated on the left side of the church and the ladies on the right. It continued this way until some of the "modern" women got tired of caring for the children by themselves.

Pot bellied stoves were located on each side of the church. Members took turns building the fire.

Pleasant Grove Homecoming

November 7, 1999

Lillian Phillips, Pastor

1:50 p.m. Prelude:

Organ Music Shirley Miller

Congregational Song

"When we all get to Heaven" #487

Shirley Miller, Organ

Susan Patterson, Piano

Prayer - Pastor Lillian Phillips

Special Music by the Larsons, Kaisa, Allegra & Mada

Accompanied by Mother, Roma Barksdale Larson

Piano solo "Joy of Love" - Marilyn Vandever Britton

Introduction of Past Ministers

Piano solo "Selections of Old Hymns"

Janet Barksdale Harmon

Pleasant Grove History Highlights - Dolores Ford Mobley
Early Century Gleanings - "Kinmundy Express Newspapers"

Vocal solo "Amazing Grace" - June Wilkins Woolridge

Piano solo "Praise His Greatness" - Susan Shaffer Patterson

Vocal solo Jody Barksdale

Piano solo Medley of Songs including

"In the Sweet By and By"- Mary Ann Vandever Rhoades

Vocal Duet: Special Songs

Holly and Tim Musgrave

History - (1988)

The Pleasant Grove M Church sign on
 front of church was ~~made~~ ^{frame} ~~by~~ ^{with using} ~~from~~ ^{from}
 specially selected cedar lumber, ~~the~~ ^{the same} ~~same~~ ^{the church}
 painted and sealed ~~with~~ ^{the} plastic front.
 Name was It was paid for with ^{monies} ~~money~~ ^{of}
 donated to P L M Church in ^{memory of} ~~Sammy Lee~~
 Shaffer deceased. John W. Shaffer said "If
 cedar was used for frame it would last
 many years. Oren Alderson made the frame
 and ^{professional} ~~painter~~ ^{was} from Salem, Ill. painted the Name &
 signed, Ruby Shaffer
 Frame still good today 9/28/15

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church's
150th Celebration Nov. 7th, 1999

Pg. 1 Attendance Registration

Name	Address
Francis + Rebecca ^{+ Martha} Leckrone	Salem, Ill
Robert Baltimore	Salem ill.
Ruby Shaffer	Kinmundy, Ill
Brad Pitty ^{Daniel, Mason, Nathan, Cassidy, & James}	Alma, Ill
Luille Dodson	Kinmundy, Ill.
Tim, MG + Nelly Musgrave	Bismarck, Ill
Tom + Roberta Shreffler	Salem, Ill
Lucille Vandeweyer	Salem Ill
Don Burroughs	Mt. Vernon Ill
Wilma Garner ^{Grand}	Salem, Ill
Bob + Evelyn Ford	Alma, Ill
Madame C. Berkstad	Salem, Ill
Shirley Conrad	Salem, Ill
Ed + Julia Green ^{with Laura + Sarah}	Kinmundy, Ill
Dena Ford	St. Louis, MO
Ted Phillips	Kinmundy, Ill.
Lillian Phillips, (Bob)	"
Wilma Vandeweyer	Kinmundy
Russ + Carly Vandeweyer	Kinmundy
Herbert + Gene Anderson	Salem

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church's
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pg 2 Attendance Registration

Name	Address
Pat, Betty O'Leary, Dick, Will, Rachel	
Dixie, Jaylon + Clayton Keen	Kinnurly
Rachel + Allen Barksdale	
Rev. & Mrs C.W. (Burr) Renken	Boseville, IL
Dolores, Mark, Kara, Tyler + Connor (God) Mobley	Diverson, IL
Ivan + Joyce Williams	
Jim Shaffer	
Charles Shaffer	
Paula Barksdale	
Jack & Barksdale	
Mitchell & Chris Blomberg	
Luna, Colt, Grace, Sidney Williams	
Kristen, Kameron + Kaitlyn Williams	Salem
Marcie Basom	
Neua Coste + Daric Naunda	
Mary Ann + Norman Rhoades	Ramsay, IL
Susan Shaffer Patterson	Jussola IL
Maxine Barrett	Salem
Geneva Boyd	Salem
Marilyn + Brian Britton	Centerville, Ill.
Beal Mulvaney	Luka

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church's
150th Celebration Nov. 7th, 1999

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Attendance Registration

Name	Address
Opal Clark	Odin, IL
Bernice Lewellen	Salem, IL
Mont & Willadene Pottler	9452 Neal Rd Hwy 111
Sherley Miller	Kimmsund
Mary H. Stethem	Sandston, Ill.
Helen O'Dell	Kimmsund
David Ford	Centralia, IL
Laura ^{Em} Casalia Macey	Salem, IL
M. Kathryn Lowrey	Salem IL
Gary E. Rogers	Salem
LeRoy Lee	Salem
Suzanne Harrett	Alma
Biddy Hiestand Beard	Salem
Cassie Beard	Salem
Hazel Arnett	Salem
E. Leth Smith	
M/M Richard + Hester Schmidt	Boric Gap, IL
Emily Burkett	Salem
Mary Bass	
Mildred Meyer	Alma
M/M John Powell	Alma
Jane Woolidge	Salem

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church's
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pg 4 Attendance Registration

Name	Address
Ruth Garner	Salem
Elliot + Ruth Stormont	Salem
Alice Magey	
Janet Hanked	Decatur, IL
Elsie Rose	Salem
Kollant, Cindy Jordan Vandever	Salem, IL
Yvonne, Bokkhoust	"
James Kenneth Wirth	PAVUKA, IL
Janet + Tom Harmon	Carmi, IL
Ruth Edna Miller (Hoffy)	Idy, IL
Andy Barksdale	Kdy, IL
Nedra Barksdale	Kdy, IL
Roma, Kaisa, Allegre + Mada Johnson	Springfield, IL
Betty Gregory	Inka, IL
Aleah Hoover	Farina
Fred Garner	Salem, IL

(28th)

Laura Green and Rachel Barksdale assisted
with Registrations.

"The Kinmundy Express"
Kinmundy, Illinois

June 18, 1925:

Elder School: An ice cream social supper will be held at the Pleasant Grove Church, Saturday night, June 20th. Everyone is invited to attend.

Oct. 27, 1927:

Elder School: The Pleasant Grove ladies served lunch at the Kramer Sale on the Powell place Wednesday and over \$22.00 was taken in.

March 29, 1928:

Elder School: On account of the bad roads and weather in the past, the church services at Pleasant Grove Church have been omitted for several Sundays. There will be preaching Sunday, April 1, in the afternoon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

July 5, 1928

Revival at Pleasant Grove: Large crowds and good interest has been shown in the Revival which is in progress at Pleasant Grove conducted by Rev. McKay and daughter, Ruth. Many have been converted and many strengthened by the meetings. Sunday, July 8, an all day service will be held to which everyone is cordially invited. We are expecting a large crowd, and we are sure no one who attends will be disappointed. We expect a great morning service with special music. Come and spend the day with us.

July 12, 1928:

Good Crowd At Pleasant Grove

A good crowd attended the all day meeting at Pleasant Grove Sunday, July 8. Rev. J.L. McKay preached a good sermon in the morning service which was enjoyed. At the noon hour everyone partook freely of the splendid food spread upon the long table. My! What a dinner. Rev. C.C. Mays, the pastor, gave a much enjoyed message in the afternoon on the subject, "Look and Live". A testimony meeting, which rang with sincerity, preceded the sermon. Two joined the church at the close of the afternoon service. The threatening storm spoiled the evening service. The crowd was dismissed before the sermon was finished. Rev. McKay and Ruth will continue the meeting all of this week.

Those from a distance attending the all day service were Co. Supt. J.S. Knisely and Mr. Tully of Salem, Rev. J.P. Watson and family of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Harve Branson of Kinmundy.

Aug. 9, 1928

Alma M.E. Church Notes: Alma charge of the M.E. church is rejoicing over the great revivals held this year. We are glad to report the victory over Satan in the country points, which were in so much need of a Revival. Rev. J.L. McKay and daughter, Ruth, of Huntington, W. Va., held a six weeks Revival. Rev. J.L. McKay and daughter, Ruth, of Huntington, W. Va., held a six weeks Revival at Zion church which reaped a harvest of over thirty souls and twenty-two joined the church.

These two Evangelists then began a campaign for lost souls at Pleasant Grove, south of Kinmundy, and resulted in reviving a dead church into a living organization for God. This old land mark had once been a wonderful beacon light for the community, but had gone down, until many supposed it might close its doors. But God has lifted it up and drawn men unto Him. Praise the Lord! This campaign resulted in forty three conversions and thirty five uniting with the church.

A Sunday School has been organized with J.A. Kagy, Superintendent. We are having large

crowds, thus far averaging one hundred. If you want to enjoy a good, spiritual meeting come Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Prayer Meeting has also been organized and meets on Thursday evening.

A Revival is now in progress at Cabbage Chapel under the direction of Rev. C.C. Mays, pastor of the charge. Bro. L.B. Walkington has been assisting in the entire revival in the preaching and song service. Thus far the Lord has blessed us by giving conviction of sin and uplifting the Christians. Several souls have been saved and seen have joined the church. The meeting will continue all week and a great revival is being prayed for and we hope to see results before it closes.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held Sunday, August 12, at Zion with a basket dinner at the noon hour. Preaching in the morning and Rev. C.B. Whiteside will be with us to hold/business session, communion and give the sermon in the afternoon. Cove.

Sunday, August 19, an all day service will be held at Pleasant Grove with baptizing services at the lake south of Brubaker at 3:30 P.M. Several will be baptized by immersion. All are invited.

Sept. 27, 1928

Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid

The Ladies of Pleasant Grove Church met at Mrs. Will Jacobs and organized a ladies' aid of which the following officers were elected: President - Mrs. Thos. Shaffer; Vice President - Mrs. Francis Sipes; Secretary - Mrs. Pearl Rose; Treasurer - Mrs. Nora Shaffer. We had an aid of about 16 members and will accept others at any meeting.

We are now ready to do quilting or any other kind of work that is brought to us. Our next meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 26 at Mrs. Will Jacobs'. Visitors are welcome. At our last meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jacobs and Mr. Pearl Rose were there. Come again and bring others. God is Love.

Oct. 25, 1928 (From last week)

Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Will Jacobs, Wednesday, Oct. 10, and finished one quilt top and 2/3 of another one. All members were present but four. Three visitors, Mrs. Tillie Maxwell, Mrs. Lottie Mundwiler and Miss Ruth Southward were there and helped with the work.

Our next meeting will be helped with the work. Our next meeting will be Wed. Oct. 24, at Mrs. Jacob's. At this meeting we will quilt on the quilt trying to finish it so we can offer it for sale at Brubaker election day. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings and please accept our thanks for the pieces given us for the two quilt tops. All things work well together.

Nov. 1, 1928

Notice: Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid will serve dinner Nov. 6 (Election Day) at Brubaker. Come and buy your lunch.

Nov. 15, 1928

Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid has had two meetings since we sent in our last report. On Nov. 1 we met with Mrs. Will Jacobs and finished quilting our quilt. At this meeting nearly all members were present and Mrs. H.O. Thompson was a visitor. On Nov. 6, we served dinner and lunch in Brubaker at Mrs. John Basom's vacant house, which cost us nothing. All members helped in this and several donations were made by others which we appreciate very much. Twenty-five pencils were sold on the quilts. Mr. Clyde Hiestand bought the lucky one and received the quilt. We cleared \$32 on the quilt and dinner. Our next meeting is

Wed. Nov. 21 at Mrs. Will Jacobs'. We will begin quilting on a quilt for Mrs. Amanda Foster. Visitors are always welcomed.

Dec. 27, 1928

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree and program at Pleasant Grove Sunday night. A splendid program was given.

June 11, 1931

Wilson School: The Childrens exercises at Pleasant Grove Church Sunday night were attended by a very large crowd. All report a splendid program.

July 23, 1931

Chamber of Commerce Enjoy Ice Cream Supper

The members of the Kinmundy Chamber of Commerce in company with their wives and guests wended their way southward last Friday evening to the Pleasant Grove Church where they were served with an ice cream supper by the ladies of that church. The viands were very delicious. The crowd was so large that the ladies were served first. The men then held their business session, which was short, the men ate to their capacity.

After all were filled with ice cream, cake, and ice tea, Mr. Frank NELMS produced his guitar and entertained the crowd with music and songs. He was aided a little later by Rev. L.V. Lovell and Mrs. J.N. Vallow. Rev. Matthews made a short talk.

This gay event held forth until about 11 p.m. Yes Sir! It was enjoyed by all present and now we are looking forward to someone giving us and invitation to another ice cream supper or a chick fry for our next meeting which will fall on Friday, August 21.

It was suggested by the president that the business houses stay open on the evening of July 24 (tomorrow evening) as there will be a big American Legion meeting in town and it always makes a town look better if the business places are open.

The members then gave a rising vote of thanks to the ladies of the Pleasant Grove Church for furnishing such a delightful evening. That meeting then stood adjourned.

Jan. 7, 1932

Wilson School: An Oyster supper was held at Pleasant Grove Church on New Year's eve.

Dec. 22, 1932

Elder School: The Pleasant Grove Ladies' Aid met at the church Wednesday. The men cut wood for the church. There will be a Christmas program and tree at Pleasant Grove Saturday nite.

Oct 26
2000

Pleasant Grove Church Homecoming

The Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will observe the Annual Homecoming November 5th. The "Carry-In" dinner will be at 12:15 followed with an afternoon program beginning at 1:30.

Featured for the afternoon program will be Tim and Holly Musgrave of Bismarck. They have entertained with the Relay Quartet in the Danville area for the past several years while also performing as a duo the last three years.

Tim has retired as Superintendent of the Bismarck School system and Holly, a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, operates an online E-Bay business specializing in antiques and collectables.

They are the son-in-law and granddaughter of Herbert and Emogene Anderson of the Pleasant Grove Church. Mary Jane Musgrave is their daughter. Lillie Phillips is pastor with regular services at 10:00. Everyone is invited. *The Kimmunity Express*

ALMA CHARGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alma 9:00 Pleasant Grove 10:00 Zion 11:00
 Lillian Phillips, Pastor Tel. 547-3604 or 267-1333
 November 5, 2000

*Alma – Pleasant – Zion
 Grove*

Prelude

Chorus "Gentle Shepherd"
 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
 For we need You to help us find our way.
 Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
 For we need Your strength from day to day.
 There's no other... we can turn to
 Who can help us face another day;
 Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
 For we need You to help us find our way.

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His
 holy name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.
 Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
 who redeems your life from the Pit.
 Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
 Who satisfies you with good as long as you live.
 So that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

*Hymn 723 499 491
 "Shall We Gather at the River?" (verses 1 & 2)

**Affirmation of Faith from 1 Timothy*

Leader:

There is one God
 And there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
 Who came as ransom for all
 To whom we testify.

People:

This saying is sure
 And worthy of full acceptance.
 That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
 and was manifested in the flesh,
 vindicated in the Spirit,
 seen by angels,
 proclaimed among the nations,
 believed in throughout the world,
 taken up in glory.
 Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

**Gloria Patri*

Informal Time

Opening prayer

We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having
 finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace
 to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness,
 to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

A Prayer of Dedication

Morning Tithes and Offerings

**The Doxology*

*Hymn 526 302 517
 "Shall We Gather at the River?" (verses 3 & 4)

Children's Time

Special Music

Scripture John 11: 1-44

Sermon "Take Away The Stone"

*Closing Hymn 310 285 164
 "He Lives"

**Benediction*

(*indicates standing for those who are able)

CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 5. PLEASANT GROVE'S HOMECOMING
 The "Carry-in" dinner will be at 12:15 followed with
 an afternoon program beginning at 1:30. Tim and Holly
 Musgrave of Bismarck will provide entertainment. Tim
 and Holly are the husband and daughter of Jane (Anderson),
 the daughter of Emogene and Herb Anderson.
EVERY ONE IS WELCOME!
- 7. Election Day. *Don't forget to vote!*
- 12. There will be a Pastor-Parish Committee meeting at Zion
 Church at 4:00. The purpose of this meeting is to complete
 the Assessment of the Pastor and the Assessment of
 each church. This is an important meeting! Please come
 help us.
- 19. ALMA'S monthly potluck. Noon.
- 23. Thanksgiving

Thanks Tim and Holly!

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church
 Homecoming
 Nov. 5th, 2000

Name	Address
Lillie	
David-Margaret Shaffer	Salem
Paula + Jack Barksdale	Kimmswamy, IL
Marie Basom	Salem
John O Shirley Conrad	Salem
Spencer Peto	Alma
Norman + Maupha Rhodes	Ramsey
Norman + Maupha Rhodes	Ramsey, IL
Kucille Vandever	Salem IL
Mildred Meyer	Alma, IL
Herbert + Emogene Anderson	Salem
Tim, Mary Jane, Kelly Musgrave	Bismarck, IL
Ruby Shaffer	Kimmswamy, IL
Russ-Candyn Vandever	KD
Wilma Garner	Salem
Holly Musgrave	Bismarck IL
Tom Shreffler	Salem
Roberta Shreffler	Salem
Oran + Joyce Wilkins	Salem
Martine C Barksdale	Salem
Allen Barksdale	Salem
Evelyn Ford	Alma
Glorance + Velma Neal	Kimmswamy
Red Shulys	Kimmswamy
Rachel Barksdale	Salem-Centralia

Ed & Julie Green, Susan & Sarah

Kimberly

Thanksgiving Dinner, Pleasant Grove: Those attending the Thanksgiving dinner at Pleasant Grove [last week] were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hiestand, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hiestand, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hiestand, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiestand, Mrs. Roger Monical and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaffer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hiestand and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Rose and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Rose and son, and Floyd Beard. Those coming in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Shine Wilson of Alma, Mrs. John Shaffer and Sammy, and Mrs. Virgil See and Billy Dean. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed the afternoon, and each one telling what they were most thankful for.

