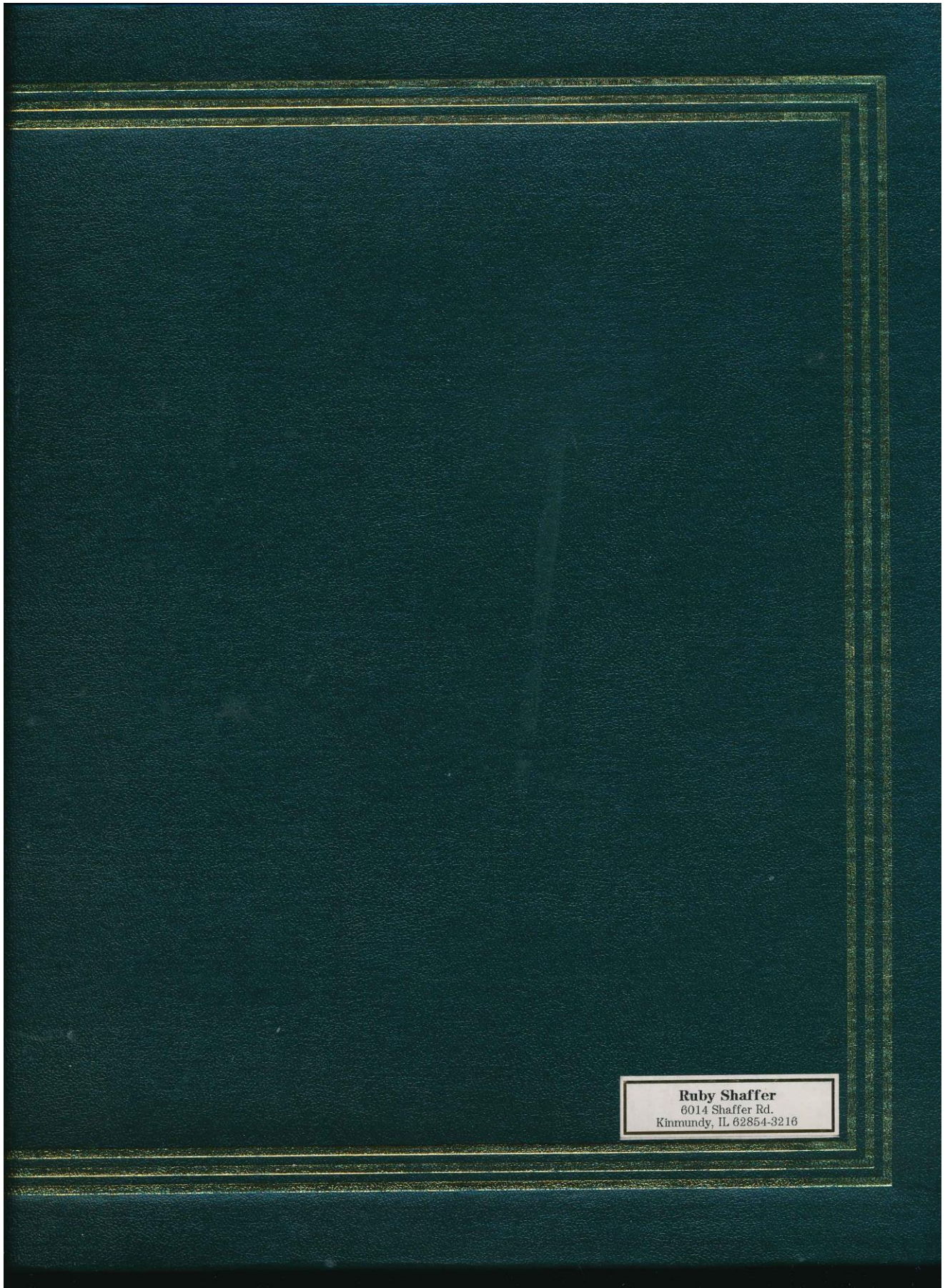


Pleasant Grove
United Methodist Church
Kinmundy, Illinois

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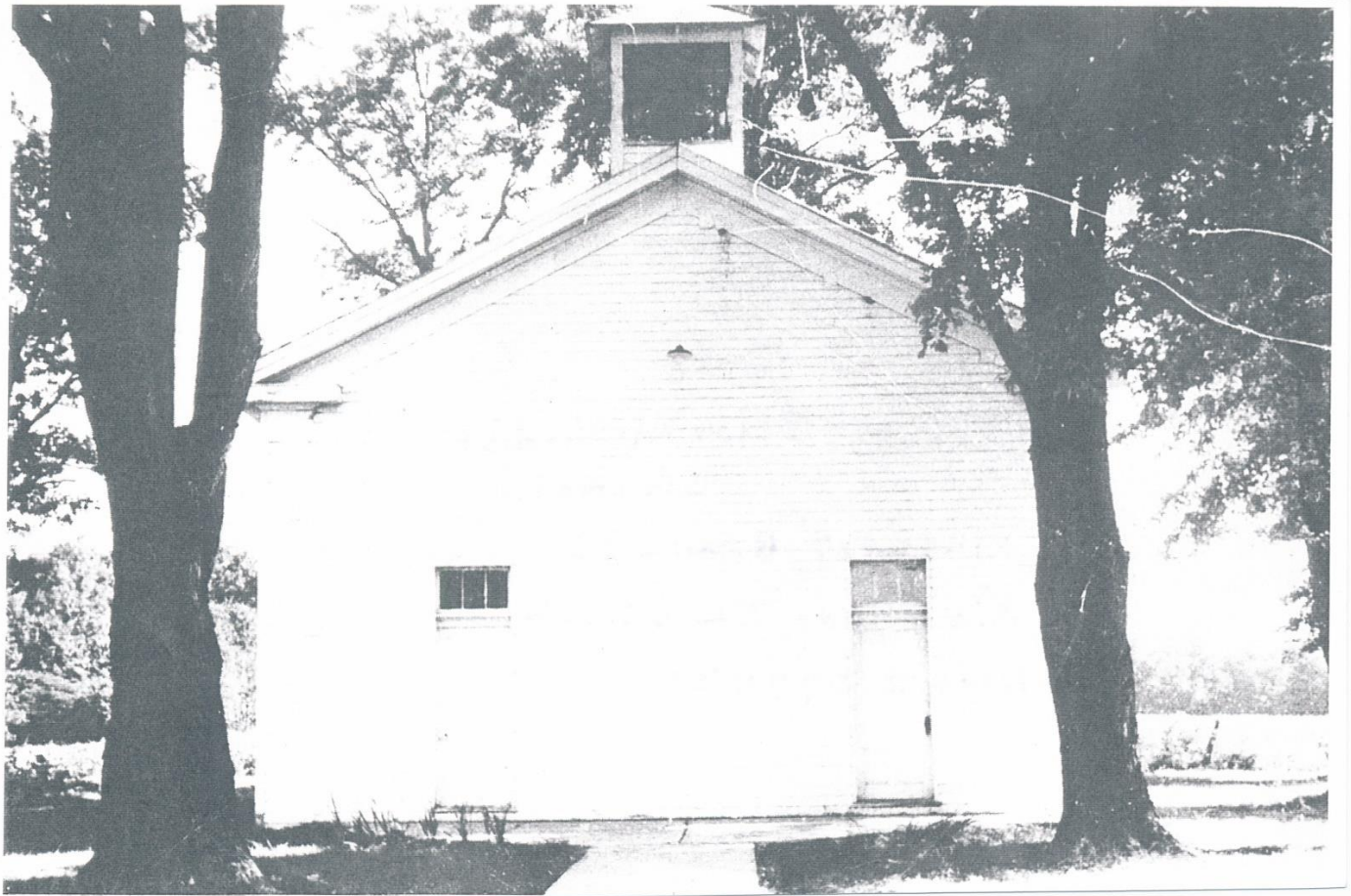
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Pleasant Grove



Ruby Shaffer





Rev Esther Carriker 1985-1987.



Rev. Everett Weiss
Pastor at Pleasant Grove (1961-1965)



*Rev Omar and Alene Jones
and family.
1965-67 and temporary Feb. to June 1997*

Rev. Omar and Alene Jones and family
1965-1967 and temporary Feb. thru June 1997



Rev. Richard Schmidt
Pastor at Pleasant Grove (1970-1975)



Pastor Esther Carriker - Pastor at Pleasant Grove with Pleasant Grove Board:
Paula Barksdale, Shirley Conrad, Lucille Vandevveer, John Conrad, Pastor Esther Carriker, Allen Barksdale,
Kathy Barksdale, Ruby Shaffer, Bob Ford, Evelyn Ford



Rev. C.W. "Butch" Reneker (in green shirt) with wife, Sue (in red shirt)
At picnic with Alma charge (Alma, Pleasant Grove, Zion)
Pastor at Pleasant Grove (1992-1995)



PASTOR Lillian Phillips 1997-2000



PASTOR Lillian Phillips AND TED.

Pastor Lillian Phillips with her husband, Ted Phillips
Pastor at Pleasant Grove (1997-2000)



JOSEPH HENRY (SON GEORGE) and Adaline FOSTER SHAFER
FRANK, THOMAS "TOM", WILLIAM, ANNA AND SARAH

*Dear Joseph Henry and Adaline (Foster) Shaffer
and family,*

*Joseph Henry, you helped haul logs to be used in
the construction of our first building. That building
replaced the Pleasant Grove school house where you
studied. You helped build the new structure and
became a member of the first congregation.*

*Adaline, you put a woman's touch on the
furnishings by making curtains, polishing the woodwork
and pews to a high shine and cleaning floors.*

*All of you (seated — Joseph Henry and Adaline
with George between them; standing — Frank,
Thomas, William, Anna and Sarah) helped raise
funds with ice cream socials, box dinners and more.*

Thank you for sharing in our history.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear Jane (Kennedy) & George Vallow,

Thank you for being one of the founders of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. You helped raised the funds for our building. You also helped haul logs and assisted in the labor of building our 36' x 46' church. Your talents were put to use in the interior — making curtains, polishing the woodwork, etc.

You raised your children to be active in our church. That is a tradition your descendants are continuing.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear Mary & Will Shaffer,

Mary, thank you for making curtains, meeting missionary needs through the Ladies Aid Society, helping with ice cream socials and other fund raisers, and for bringing Lucille (Vandever) and your other children to church at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Will, thank you for cutting wood and hauling coal for the church stoves, working with Francis Sipes to replace the window sills, helping insulate the church and other maintenance work that kept our building in good shape.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



**Willadene Shaffer Ritter
Lucille Shaffer Vandever**



Dear Claude and Ruby (Leckrone) Hiestand

Praise God you joined Pleasant Grove Methodist Church during the great revival of 1928. Claude, you became a sponsor of the Epworth League. You helped build the belfry and install the bell. During the 1930s and 1940s you were a Sunday School teacher. In the 1950s you were on the Board of Trustees, serving as chairperson for several years.

Ruby, you were an active member of the Ladies Aid Society. During the 1930s and 1940s you were a Sunday School teacher. You took your turn playing the piano during those years, too. You and your daughter, Marjorie, crocheted lovely scarves for our communion table, piano and podium. In the 1950s and 1960s you served as communion steward.

Thank you for making our church a part of your family's life.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



*John W. Shaffer and wife
Amanda Vallow Shaffer
taken from tin type photo*



Dear John W. & Amanda (Vallow) Shaffer,

John, you attended school in the building that also served as our first church building. You were part of the celebration when our Sunday School was founded in 1848. In 1871 you helped build our present building and was our church treasurer — the first in a continuous line of Shaffers to serve in that position.

Amanda, you became church treasurer when John died. This included going to members' homes to collect funds for the pastor's salary and for conference claims.

Thank you both for being active in our early congregation.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear Guy W and Madeline (Wells) Shaffer

The Shaffers were among the founders of Pleasant Grove Sunday School in 1849. In the 1920s the congregation dwindled, but you both continued to attend and support the church.

Guy, thank you for serving as Church Treasurer during the 1930s and early 1940s. You helped build the belfry in the 1930s. Buildings need constant attention. Thank you for always helping with repairs done through the years.

Madeline, you served as organist during the 1920s and 1930s. You joined the Ladies Aid Society and helped with cleaning and upkeep of our church's interior.

Thank you for involving your family in Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear Ladies Aid Society (later named Women's Society of Christian Service or W.S.C.S.),

Where would we be without you! You made curtains and a wooden communion set. You raised funds for Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and for missionaries by having ice cream and box socials. Some of you ended up marrying the man who bought your box dinner at one of those socials! You provided funeral dinners for bereaved families and held wedding and baby showers for members. Those traditions continue.

Thank you for the lighted picture of Christ in our sanctuary given during the 1950s in memory of your deceased members. With your leadership we became a strong Christian congregation. One Ladies Aid group included (1st row) Willadene Ritter, Pauline, Lucille Vandever, Maggie Wantland, Ruby Hiestand & Bess Hiestand; (2nd row) Amanda Foster & Amy Sipes; (3rd row) Hazel Millican, Mary Shaffer, Laura Rose & Verda Lannon.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999





Son's

**Sammie Walter Ralph Dan
Claude Ruby Martha June**



**Rojean, Lois, Oran, Rosalee Alderson
Youth sponsors, carpenter work,
Sunday School teachers**



Francis & Amy Sipes — 1949

**Francis & Amy Sipes
Sunday School teachers**



Dear Clyde & Bess (Lynch) Hiestand,

You joined Pleasant Grove Methodist Church during the great revival of 1928. Clyde, you served as Sunday School teacher. In the 1940s you helped replace the window sills and install a new floor.

Bessie, you also served as a Sunday School teacher and as Sunday School Treasurer in the 1940s. For several years you took your turn as church pianist. In 1958 you placed the lighted cross in our sanctuary in Clyde's memory.

Thank you for being a part of our history.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Anna Shaffer



*Dear Mike & Marjorie (Hiestand) Deadmond
and family,*

*Before the basement was dug in 1959, the
Sunday School classes met in the corners of the
sanctuary. Marjorie, thank you for selecting the fabric
and helping make the curtains that visually divided
those classes. It certainly helped the teachers! You
and your mother, Ruby, crocheted beautiful scarves for
our communion table, podium and piano.*

*Mike, thank you for painting the exterior of our
building in 1960 and again in 1965. That was no
small job! You helped dig our well in 1962.*

*Your children (Nancy, Mary Jane, Sandy,
Patsy and Dickie) were members of our youth groups
during their high school years. Thank you for making
the church a part of your lives.*

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Laura Rose And GRANDdaughter



Lois Alderson



*Helen and Chris Meyer
family*

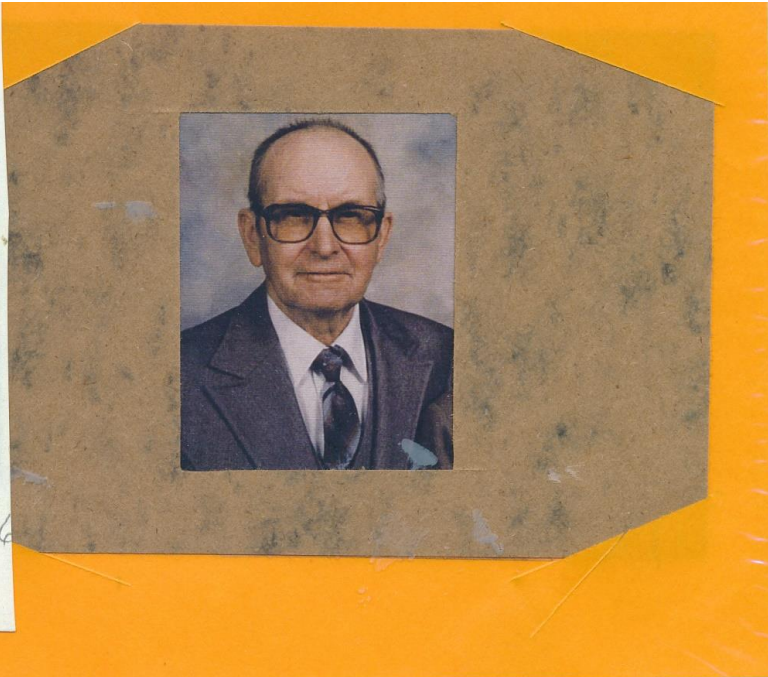
*George Veda Ruth Viola
Lowe Phosnix*

Helen & Chris Meyer family

Standing: George Meyer, Veda (Meyer) Lowe, Ruth (Meyer) Phosnix, Viola Meyer
Seated Helen (Mulvaney) Meyer & Chris Meyer



*Barksdale Family Oct. 19, 1986
at dedication of organ,*



Dear H.J. "Jack" Barksdale,

Thank you for helping refurnish and repair our church building. You gave the sycamore lumber for our window frames. You helped install the fur car siding wood in our ceiling. In 1955 you were on the committee that selected the oak furniture we enjoy today. In the early 1960s you helped add the vestibule and dig the well.

You served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher and Building Fund Treasurer. The youth group enjoyed many horse drawn hayrides you provided.

Thank you for your leadership and work in Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear Ray Vandever,

You were active in Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in the 1930s as a member of the Epworth League. You served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. You helped install the fur car siding wood in our ceiling. When we voted to dig a basement in the 1950s, you worked diligently to get estimates on the job. In the 1960s you led a committee to purchase and install a gas furnace. In 1962 you helped dig our well.

Your name is listed as a Church Trustee in the 1950s. Thank you for making our church an important part of your family's life. That tradition is continued by your wife and children today.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999



Dear John W. Shaffer,

You were a member of the Epworth League in the 1930s. You helped build the belfry and mount the bell that stills rings today. You served as Church Treasurer for over 50 years.

From the 1930s through the 1980s any time repairs or additions were made to our church you had a leadership role. This included putting in new furnaces and timers, laying new floors, mounting a new ceiling, changing the entrance doors, digging the basement, adding the vestibule, installing a sump pump, adding a bathroom and digging our well. You helped with the church grounds — trimming trees, clearing brush, shoveling snow, even removing wasp nests and bee hives!

With your example of leadership in our church it is no surprise that your family continues to be active in the United Methodist Church. Thank you for your part in our history.

Members and Friends of Pleasant Grove UMC, 1999

Joseph Henry Shaffer and family



Standing by Mother Sarah Shaffer Charlton wife
of James "Jim" Charlton holding daughter Mary
are sons: Jess - Henry - Sammie Charlton.
Sitting: Maude Davis Shaffer holding Adaline
husband George " " & their son Raymond.
Anna Holman Shaffer holding Nora
husband Thomas Shaffer and son Arno
beside "Tom" is son Ira.
Standing: Will Shaffer wife Mary
Yost Shaffer and son Lester Yost.
Joseph Henry Shaffer - Father & Grandfather
in front of " " is Noel son of Gertie &
Frank.
Gertie Shaffer in front of her - son Eugene
husband Frank Shaffer & daughter
Mildred in front of Frank is son
Burdette.



Ernest Shaffer

ERNEST SHAFER SON OF JOHN W. SHAFER
BROTHER TO GUY W. SHAFER



Kittie Eagan Shaffer wife of ERNEST SHAFER



Kittie Eagan Shaffer

**Guy W and Madeline (Wells) Shaffer and family
Herbert Anderson, Ruth Miller, John Shaffer,
David Shaffer, Wilma Vandever, Paul Shaffer**



Pleasant Grove Methodist Church - Picture taken by Wilma Shaffer around 1941. The young men were gone into the service during W. W. II. The church had two doors. Men entered and sat on left side of the partitioned pew and the ladies entered right side.

Front row	2nd and 3rd rows	
Barbara Miller	Clyde Hiestand	Bessie Hiestand
Thyllis "	Will Shaffer	Willadene Shaffer
Mary Jane "	Claude Hiestand	? Herbert Anderson
John Griffin	George Meyer	Lois Alderson
Elizabeth Griffin	Rev. W. H. Wigham	Lucille Shaffer
Kojean Alderson	Francis Sipes	Harriet Miller
Lois Jean Miller	Ray Miller	
Rosalie Alderson	Mrs Wigham	
Veda Meyer	Guy Shaffer	
Amey Sipes	Ruby Hiestand	
Helen Meyer	Chris Meyer	
Marion Sipes	Madeline Shaffer	
Geneva "	Viola Meyer	
	Ruth Shaffer	

Picture enlarged by Ruby Shaffer - Aug 1998



Claude Hiestand Guy W Shaffer Elmer Weyrich
 Bessie Hiestand Ruby Hiestand Amy Sipes Jessie Weyrich



VBS - CLASS
 Lois Alderson (TR) Hiestand Russell Richard
 Susan Shaffer - Dennis Vandever-Mann (L)

Lois Alderson, VBS teacher
 Susan Shaffer, Dennis Hiestand,
 Russell Vandever,
 Richard Millican



LOADING OUR CAR TO LEAVE VBS

Dorothy + Joe Wilkins - JANET BARKSDALE FEB SUSAN SHAFER 56 SANDY DEADMOND SAMMY SHAFER

Dorothy Wilkins, Joe Wilkins,
 Janet Barksdale, Susan Shaffer,
 Sandy Deadmond, Sammy Shaffer



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**Brian & Marilyn Britton, Dale Ford
UMYF and choir members**



**June Wilkins, songleader
Maxine Barksdale, organist**



**Lucille Dodson, Lucille Vandever
communion stewards**



Seth Green, usher



**Joyce Wilkins, pianist
Maxine Barksdale, organist**



SEPT 1949 PLEASANT GROVE METH. CHURCH.



↑ Jimmy SHAPPER



WEST SIDE PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH



WEST LAWN AT PLEASANT GROVE 1962

PLEASANT GROVE = Standing DALE FORD - MATT Smith - FORD



DIANE FORD REFRESHMENT TIME look at those Big Cookies!



PLEASANT GROVE
PLEASANT GROVE METH. CHURCH
DINNER - SEPT. 1958



1949 SAMMY AND MOTHER RUBY SHAFER
PLEASANT GROVE METH. CHURCH



1949
WEST Side of PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST Church



VBS at Alma - Recess time
FEB 56



VBS at Alma - REV CROUCH - Sammy in jeans
Shaffer
FEB 56



VBS in front of ALMA church for
PLEASANT GROVE FEB 56 Alma combined VBS



Games at Alma + PLEASANT GROVE VBS
FEB 56



SUSAN SHAFER SANDY DEAN MRS TR. ALMA +
DEANMOND FEB 56 R.G. VBS

getting loaded to Go Home from Party.



+ Joe WILKINS JANET BARKSDALE FEB 56 SUSAN + SAMMY SHAFER



Party at Susan Shaffer (in wagon). Mike Desmond came to take Larry (daughter) home FEB 56



Sammy + Duck FEB 56



SAMMY SHAFER FEB 56



SAMMY SHAFER FEB 56



Sammy with his Mallard Duck FEB 56



Mallard Ducks FEB 56



1959 PLEASANT GROVE HOME COMING



• 65 • 100



Front: Nellie - Nancy, Sammy
Hicostand Smith SHAFER
Janet Duke Joe Wilkins



Sandy
FRANCES HICOSTAND - MARY ANN VANDEVEER
AT PIANO

Worship Service

1980 Homecoming
Cake
Maxine and Emogene

Choosing
the best picture
for
Church Directory



Christmas Program









1st Sunday
Get-togethers



1996
Homecoming
Guess who?



Activities



Marie Bacon
+
Maxine Barbera



Leaving
Church
Services



How Long Do I Have
to Hold This Smile?
Paula + Nedra



Carolyn Vandaveer
Dena and Dale Ford



Young
Bachelors



Ed Blomberg - Lay Speaker



Jud And Song

Juan Wilkins

Carolyn Vandevect





KARA
Mobley

Colton
WILKINS



Mother + Daughter.
Evelyn + Dena. FORD



Dale Ford
Kirk and Ivan Wilkins



Look alike
Bob Ford + Ti Mobley



Life is Good!!

October Hayrides and Weiner Roast
with
Allen and Kate Barksdales





King - Duke - John



Pleasant Grove Church History
Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church is nestled in a wooded area with tall oaks, flowering trees and a beautiful green grassy lawn just as it was 149 years ago. This year the belfry was rebraced. It was a delight for the children to get to ring the 66 year old bell at church time. It is used for weddings, too. Our 1st Sunday activities after worship vary. In the fall a hayride with horse drawn wagons provides fun for the young and reminiscing for older members about that same type of transportation to church in the twenties. A weiner roast always followed the hayride. The visiting and getting to know what others are doing makes for a closer group at worship as well as helping others in time of need.

Aug. 5, 1998,





*all ages enjoy
Allen's Hayrides*



Pleasant Grove Church
150th
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Vacation Bible School







2 E text VBS WRITTEN Aug 5th, 1998 FOR A PAGE IN PICTORAL DIR

A very important mission of our church is having vacation Bible School. Fun in learning, loving God and each other brings the community into our church. We never thought we could have VBS in our small church without classrooms but God's best gift to us is not things but opportunities. In the seventies we found VBS strengthened our church and acquainted more of the community to the church. Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." Even tho' more families have 2 working parents away from home, the hard working parents and grandparents at home managed to have VBS again in 1998 with 25 children in attendance. The children were so interested, they didn't even miss having separate classrooms. God's Love Works Wonders!





Claude Hiestand planted two sycamore trees in front of the Church. (1950) Every generation loves climbing this tree. The other tree didn't survive the sapling pony rides.

Nov. 1997
 In tree - Luke O'Leary
 Kameron Wilkins (Thumb up)
 Will O'Leary
 Kneeling - Bruce Smith



THE
 OLD
 OAK
 TREE WAS
 A SAPLING IN
 1920'S. IT HAS
 MANY MEMORIES FROM
 UNDER ITS SHADE. IT WAS
 TRIMMED AND FERTILIZED
 IN 1998 TO KEEP IT PROTECTED
 AND HEALTHY





Ruby Shaffer had Tree Service
operated by Leon Crippen to
trim the trees - 1998



Our forefathers used the Church yard for hitch-racks to tie their horses during Church. Paula keeps our yard beautiful so our children can run and play after Church.



South of Church View



A laborer
of Love
is
Paula



Pretty
Bradford
Pear tree had
set by Susie & Ruby













