

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CHURCHES – IRON MOUNTAIN, KINGSFORD

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THE CITY.

MR. W.H. REYNOLDS will be in this city, July 15, and he and others will address the people with regard to the Michigan State Sunday School Association and Sunday School work. It is expected that their meeting will be both interesting and profitable to Sunday School workers and all interested therein.

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Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday school meeting Monday evening at the Presbyterian church, according to the announcement last week, was called to explain to the public the object of the Sunday School Association. These associations form a series – inter national [*sic – international*] (which is now in session in London, England[,]) and which prepares the series of lessons used by most Sunday schools,) the national, state, county and township. Our state is not fully organized and the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of Owosso, is now engaged in that work. Last year he organized thirty counties. The state is divided into districts of which Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft and Iron counties form the fifteenth, with J.C. Laycock, of Stephenson, for president. All Sunday school workers are members of these associations, which are composed of all denominations, united to gather statistics, plan and divide work and discuss best

modes of Christian work. Both Mr. Laycock and Mr. Reynolds made stirring addresses, which we regret should not be heard by many more than were present. The Swedish band furnished most inspiring [*sic – inspiring*] music for the occasion. Menominee county was formally organized at the convention called at Menominee for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 16 and 17.

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Many Catholics.

Approximately every third person in Upper Michigan is a Catholic. A census taken by the priests of the various parishes in the diocese of Bishop Eis, whose jurisdiction comprises the entire peninsula, shows that there are affiliated with the church of Rome some 95,000 communicants who are residents in the district. The estimated population of the peninsula is approximately 300,000.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

Aggressive Society Is Formed at the Central Church Meeting.

Practically every Protestant Sunday school in Dickinson county was represented at the convention held last Sunday afternoon and evening at the Central M.E. church. Over thirty teachers were present

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from the Norway and Vulcan district. Addresses relative to Sunday school work were delivered by Rev. Dr. Traver, of Lawrence University, Appleton, Rev. John Anderson, of Ishpeming, district superintendent of Sunday schools, Rev. Mr. Chindberg, of Norway, C.A. Hansen, of Quinnesec, Rev. Otto A. Johnson, Mrs. Ricahrd C. Browning, Mrs. Hassell and others. All were short and snappy and were interspersed with music. Rev. T.H. Williamson presided at both sessions. As a result of the convention, a live county Sunday school society was formed with the following officers:

President – Samuel Perkins, of Norway M.E. church.

Vice-President – Edwin Turnquist, of Norway, and W.M. Lewis, of Iron Mountain.

Secretary – Mrss. [sic – Mrs.] Richard C. Browning, of Iron Mountain.

Treasurer – Albert H. Hooper, of Iron Mountain.

Elementary Superintendent – Mrs. C.A. Hansen, of Quinnesec.

Secondary Superintendent – Mrs. George Snowden, of Iron Mountain.

Adult Superintendent – Capt. William Bond, of Vulcan.

Educational Superintendent – Rev. Oscar Chindberg, of Norway.

Administrative Superintendent – Charles E. Hademan, of Iron Mountain.

Member District Committee – Charles E. Anderson, of Iron Mountain.

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Cross Blazes As Church Goers Pass

While worshippers were on their way to midnight church services Christmas eve a fiery cross, emblem of the Ku Klux Klan, was ignited at the St. Paul depot park. The cross was seen by few persons, however, for shortly after it began blazing a party of persons in a car drove over it and knocked it down.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF IRON MOUNTAIN

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May Organize.

A meeting of the Protestant ministers of Dickinson, Iron and Florence counties has been called to convene at the Swedish Mission church in this city at 10:30 o'clock next Monday morning. It is expected that there will be a large attendance. The meeting has been called for the purpose of organizing an association to include in its membership all the Protestant ministers of the range.

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MINISTERS ORGANIZED

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Protestant Pastors Hold Meeting and Form a Range Association.

The Menominee Range Ministerial association was formed by the Protestant pastors at a meeting held in the Swedish Mission church last Monday. Twelve pastors were in attendance at the meeting, viz:

L.B. Sherwin, of Florence, Carl Strom, of Carney; O.F. Winton and B.M. Johnson, of Norway, and Richard Carlyon, William Roberts, Frank P. Knowles, Isak Skogg, J.P. Sundstrom and Swam Magnuson. The organization has the following officers:

President – Frank P. Knowles.

Vice-President – O.F. Winton.

Secretary – A.K. Scott.

Assistant – J.B. Sherwin.

Treasurer – B.M. Johnson.

Program committee – Richard Carlyon, Isak Skogg, L.B. Sherwin.

The association will hold meetings the first Monday in each month at which papers will be read and discussions held. The next meeting will be held at the study of Pastor Knowles of the Presbyterian church on November 4th at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Richard Carlyon of the Central church, [sic] will read a paper.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 259 [Monday, February 13, 1922], page 1, column 6

MINISTERS OF CITY FORM ASSOCIATION

The Revs. Jacobson, Williamson and Hughes Elected Officers

Ministers of the city met at the Central Methodist parsonage this afternoon and organized the Ministerial Association of Iron Mountain. The Rev. K.K. Jacobson, of the Swedish Mission church, was elected president; the Rev. T.H. Williamson, of the Central Methodist church, vice-president, and the Rev. John A. Hughes, of the First Methodist church, secretary and treasurer. A committee was appointed to draft rules and by-laws.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the new organization.

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ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERGY FORMED TODAY

Ministers Organize And Will Hold Monthly Meetings

Decision to organize a County Ministerial association was reached at a meeting of Protestant clergymen this morning at the English Lutheran church, Kimberly avenue.

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A committee was named to draw up bylaws and report at another meeting to be held early in January.

Clergymen representing practically every protestant denomination in Dickinson county attended the gathering and were heartily in favor of the movement. It is expected that nearly all the pastors in the county will join, as the majority have already signified their intention of becoming members.

The organization will include the ministers of Channing, Norway, Felch, Foster City and also Florence and Niagara in Wisconsin.

Meetings are to be held once a month.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number ____ [Thursday, July 1, 1976], page ____, columns ____ - ____ [two-column photograph with the following caption: **FIRST CHURCH** – *The First Methodist Church was located on the north side, the oldest houses of worship in Iron Mountain. It was built in 1881 and still serves the Methodist congregation. It was at this church that the first persons who arrived here felt most at home and where they could understand one another by sharing their faith and language.*]

Methodist Church was first to be built in Iron Mountain

In the earliest days of Iron Mountain, the need to gather and worship was cared for by a Cornish miner, Richard Cudlip, who preached the gospel in the dining room of the Chapin Boarding House. This volunteer preacher was the first to be killed in the Chapin Mine.

The Methodists were the first to build a church in 1881. It is still standing on Fourth Street where it was moved when the mine began to cave in. It is the oldest house of worship in Iron Mountain and still serves the Methodist congregation. Originally, the church was located one block north of US-2.

The original embossed metal finish in the Methodist Church sanctuary has been retained through the years, providing a unique heritage for members of the present congregation.

The first Catholic services were held here in 1882 with the Rev. John Brown of Quinnesec supplying the spiritual needs for the Catholic population. He was succeeded by the Rev. Fr. Melchoir Faust, who in 1883 had the first Catholic Church built on the present site of SS Mary and Joseph Church. The first Catholic church burned down in 1890. [NOTE: *St. Joseph's Catholic Church was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, December 6, 1891.*]

Destroyed by fire

Iron Mountain's second Catholic Church was the Holy Rosary Church served by the Rev. Fr. Rapheale Caicchi [sic – Rev. Raphael Cavicchi]. It was destroyed by fire two weeks after its dedication. [NOTE: *The Holy Rosary Church was completed in the fall of 1890 and burned on November 2, 1893.*] The new Holy Rosary Church, now the Immaculate Conception Church, was built out of the red sandstone discovered here and cut and set the way it had been done in Italy. [NOTE: *The church rebuilt on the same foundation as the Holy Rosary Church was called the Assumption. The Immaculate Conception Church was built next to the Assumption, and was dedicated on January 1, 1903.*] The church was dedicated on this same site in 1903 with the Rev. Fr. Peter Sinopoli serving.

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St. Mary's non-French Catholic Church was built in 1893 when the Rev. Fr. F.X. Becker was pastor. That church was destroyed by fire on Armistice Day in 1938.

SS Mary and Joseph parishes combined in 1939 and the present downtown Catholic church was built in 1942. *[NOTE: St. Joseph's Catholic Church burned twice and the present structure was built in 1932. The two churches celebrated their merger on Sunday, January 7, 1940. The members of St. Mary's Catholic Church lost their church in the aforementioned fire and now the combined congregations worshipped in the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church, now the St. Mary and St. Joseph Church.]*

The second church built in Iron Mountain was the Swedish Lutheran[,] constructed on the corner of Vulcan and Fourth streets.

In 1882, the corner of Vulcan and Second Street on the north side was a dense forest. It was there that the Swedish Lutherans built their place of worship.

Now synagogue

The Swedish Missions *[Mission Friends]* organized their congregation in 1882 and held first services at the Andrew Lundin residence on the north side. Later they used the Brown Street School, then built a church *[Swedish Free Missionary Church]* on the southeast corner of Brown and Iron Mountain streets *[sic – Streets]*. The church was sold to the Swedish Methodist and the Missions *[Mission Friends]* built a new church *[Swedish Mission Church]* in 1890 on the southeast corner of Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets. It burned down in 1951. *[NOTE: The church was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin on January 18, 1950.]*

The church which stood on Iron Mountain and Brown Streets was sold and moved. *[NOTE: In 1892, the old Swedish Mission Church was purchased by the*

Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church which had been organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson on May 15, 1890.] Today it is used as the Jewish Synagogue at A Street and Kimberly Avenue. *[NOTE: Members of Iron Mountain's Jewish community purchased the church from the Swedish Methodists in 1909, and moved it to the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street, where it still stands today.]*

The first Episcopal service was held here in 1884 in the Brown Street School House. The preacher was the Rev. E.J. Nichbaum, a missionary from Escanaba. The first Episcopal Church was built in 1890 at West B Street and Prospect.

The Presbyterian Church, which still stands on Brown and Carpenter, was built in 1884 when the Rev. Melvin Fraser was pastor. Previously, services were held in Gospel Hall. *[NOTE: The Presbyterian Church was organized on December 2, 1884, but construction on the building began around July, 1885. Rev. Melvin Fraser became pastor on May 1, 1885 and finished his pastorate here on May 16, 1886.]*

Central Methodist

In 1888, the Central Methodist Church was built on the north side of the 100 block of West B Street. That church was also destroyed by fire.

In the summer of 1903, the German Lutheran Church was constructed on West D Street.

The Iron Mountain Baptist Church congregation was first organized in Norway on June 11, 1880. The congregation moved to Iron Mountain in 1884 and the first Baptist Church was built on East Fleshiem Street in the fall of 1886. A new church was built in 1892 at Hughitt and Iron Mountain streets *[sic – Streets]*. In 1919, the Swedish Baptist congregation moved to its present location on East Ludington and

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Iron Mountain. This church was built by the Emmanuel Baptists in 1909. The Swedish Lutherans took over the church on the corner of Hughitt and Iron Mountain streets *[sic – Streets]* shortly after the Baptists moved out.

Assembly of God

MARANATHA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

920 South Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford

Baptist

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

1295 Pyle Drive
Kingsford

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF IRON MOUNTAIN

1301 West Frank Pipp Drive
Iron Mountain

FAMILY BAPTIST CHURCH

536 East Breitung Avenue
Kingsford

BAPTIST HALL

Over Parent's New Store South Stephenson Avenue Iron Mountain

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An election dinner will be given in the Baptist Hall, over Parent's new store, on election day. Dinner will be served from 12 m. *[sic – 12 p.m.]* until 9 p.m. Meal, 25 cents.

BAPTIST SOCIETY

Gospel Hall
Corner of South Stephenson Avenue
and East B Street
Iron Mountain

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 40 [Saturday, January 28, 1895], page 8, column 2

The Baptist society has rented old Gospel Hall, corner of Stephenson avenue and B street, and will hold services there hereafter. Rev. C.A. Hemingway, of Crystal Falls, will meet with them every Thursday eve.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

324 Fulton Street
Kingsford
220 East Ludington Street
Iron Mountain
1301 West Frank Pipp Drive
Breitung Township

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PASTORS

Rev. Albert Reeder

Rev. Jay Kathorn

Rev. James Swaffer

Rev. James Belisle

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First Baptist Church dedication Sunday

**By E.H. RONDEAU
Staff Writer**

IRON MOUNTAIN – Iron Mountain's newest church building is the First Baptist Church at 1301 West Frank Pipp Drive. First Baptist Church is located about three-quarters of a mile west of the Iron Mountain Post of the Michigan State Police. The congregation is directed by Pastor James Swaffer.

Construction of the church, on three acres of land owned by the congregation, started in July of this year. The first service was held in the new building in mid-September.

Hard work by the congregation in the form of help in putting the church up, with assistance from Pastor Merle Amundson and the congregation of the Berean Baptist Church of Wells in Delta County, kept the church building debt to a minimum. Generous gifts to the church also helped considerably.

The new church replaces the former church building used by the congregation at 220 East Ludington St. in Iron Mountain since January of 1976. First Baptist church began its roots in this area in Kingsford in 1974 as the Fundamental Baptist Church.

According to Pastor Swaffer, who has headed First Baptist Church since October of 1978, the church has 30 bona fide members, but attendance at church services ranges from 60 to 70 persons of all ages.

First Baptist Church, one of many independent Baptist churches in the United States, also maintains the Iron Mountain Christian School at the church. The school was opened in the fall of 1979.

The new church has facilities for classrooms and there are presently 12 children enrolled at the school, representing classes from kindergarten through 10th grade. Students in the school can also advance through the 11th and 12th grades.

Pastor Swaffer is the school supervisor and is also an instructor, along with his wife, Margaret. There are also two teacher aides, Mrs. Esther Carlson and Mrs. Sharon Johnson.

First Baptist Church has youth and adult activities on a regular basis and maintains a bus that picks up Sunday School students. Weekly church activities include Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, Sunday morning worship at 10:30 a.m., a Sunday evening service at 7 p.m., and Bible study each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

In addition, during the year, guest pastors and some missionaries address the congregation and conduct services.

Church officers include Ed Carlson, secretary-treasurer; Fred Salczenko, trustee, and Pastor Swaffer, trustee. They serve three-year terms on a staggered basis.

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First Baptist Church will hold its official dedication service at 3 p.m. this Sunday. The guest speaker will be Pastor Duke Wilke of the Bible Baptist Church of Montague, Mich. There will be an open house following dedication services. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

[Two 4-column photographs accompany this article with the following captions:

Students attend classes in the Iron Mountain Christian School which is held in the new First Baptist Church. The new church is to be dedicated Sunday. See story for details and Page 2 for related picture. (Daily News photo by Dick Ferris)

New church dedication Sunday

Pastor James Swaffer, above, has invited the public to attend the dedication service of the new First Baptist Church of Iron Mountain to be held at 3 p.m. Sunday. There will be an open house following dedication services. Refreshments will be served. First Baptist Church is located at 1301 West Frank Pipp Drive, three-quarters of a mile west of the Iron Mountain Post of the Michigan State Police. (Daily News photo)]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number ____, [Saturday, June 9, 1984], page ____, columns ____ - ____ [three-column photograph of church]

First Baptist Church to Celebrate tenth anniversary

IRON MOUNTAIN – Back in 1974, the First Baptist Church of Iron Mountain was incorporated as an independent fundamental church. This year is the tenth

anniversary of the church, and during the middle of May, the mortgage was also paid off for the new church. “We are planning to celebrate these two events together with an anniversary and mortgage burning service Sunday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.,” Rev. James Belisle, pastor[,] said.

Other activities include a pot luck dinner following the service, and festivities during the afternoon until 2:30 p.m. during the service, Rev. James Swaffer of Missouri will preach to the congregation. Rev. Swaffer was pastor of the church three years ago when the decision was made to build a new church.

The new First Baptist Church is located on 1301 Frank Pipp Drive, and has a seating capacity of 150. “Most of the work on the new building was done by members of the congregation. By pulling together to get the work done, we ended up contracting out very little of the actual work,” Rev. Belisle said.

Before the church was incorporated in 1974, members met in their homes for Bible study. After that, the church was located at 324 Fulton Street and 220 East Ludington Street in Iron Mountain. Previous pastors of the First Baptist Church include Albert Reeder, Jay Kathorn, and James Swaffer.

Governed by the parish family, the church is an independent fundamental church that does not have a hierarchy or an affiliation with a main church organization, he said.

The 100 members of the congregation come from Pembine, Wis.[,] to Crystal Falls and are involved with several ministries.

Activities include a rest home ministry, benevolent ministry, Sunday school, and a bus route service for Sunday School.

“The members of the church sincerely want to not only share Christ, but help people in their emotional and physical needs,” Rev. Belisle said.

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The basic beliefs of the church is [sic – are] to try and insure that the word of God is taught to the people, and all ministries are run as closely as possible to the Bible. “Our most important emphasis under our beliefs is soul winning. All members of our family are urged to go out each week and visit people in the community. They also preach the word of God to people and help them understand what it means,” he said.

Another ministry connected to the church is the First Baptist Church School. Today, the first graduate of the school, David Carlson[,] will receive his diploma at 7:30 p.m. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carlson of Kingsford, and has attended all five years of the school. David is planning to attend Hyles-Anderson College in Hammond, Ind.

“The school is a self-pace program, where the students all move at their own speed. I am the only actual teacher for the 12 students, bt we have monitors who help out. It’s like a one-room schoolhouse and the students really get a well-rounded education,” Rev. Belisle said.

Social activities include banquets, monthly birthday parties, a couple of congregation work days a year, and pot luck dinners. Since the new baptistery was put in last year, 398 people have been baptised [sic – baptized] into the congregation, he said.

Rev. Belisle has a bachelor of science degree in theology and a master[s degree in education from Hyles-Anderson College in Hammond, Ind., a ministry of the First Baptist Church. His first pastorate was in Iron Mountain, and he’s married to the former Linda Shogren of this area. Their two children are Jimmy, 2, and Beth Ann, 2 months old.

**Corner of Roseland Street and Breitung Avenue
Breitung**

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BUY BUILDING TO USE AS CHURCH

Baptists to Establish Con- gregation in Breitung gregation In Breit- ung. [sic]

Purchase of a building at the corner of Roseland and Breitung avenues, in Breitung, has been completed by the Michigan Baptist convention through Rev. Charles R. Jones, district superintendent, it was announced today.

The building, which is 40 feet square, will be renovated and remodeled for use as a church and as soon as the work is completed the church will be conducted under the direction of Joshua O. Berge, who is soon to be ordained.

Seeing the need of a Baptist church in Breitung, the convention purchased the building and lot, which will meet the needs for the present at least [sic – least]. The Rev. Jones was in the city today to supervise the work which is to be done and it is expected that Mr. Berge will arrive here sometime next week to take active charge.

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KINGSFORD BAPTIST CHAPEL

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BAPTIST CHAPEL OPENED SUNDAY

Village Building Remod- elled for Use as House of Worship

The Kingsford Baptist chapel for community services and Sunday school work was informally opened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock for organization of the Sunday school. The chapel, formerly a ford bunkhouse, was purchased by the Michigan Baptist convention, moved to the corner of Breitung avenue and Roseland street and re-arranged for its new work.

A part of the lot, 75x50 feet, is reserved for a more permanent building when the need for expansion arises.

The auditorium is 40x30 feet and there are four class rooms [*sic – classrooms*] in the rear. Alterations were carried out by Leaf and Abrahamson, contractors. The Rev. Charles R. Jones, of Houghton, Mich., upper peninsula director of Baptist work, has been in charge of the operations and will lead the work for a few weeks. It is hoped that a permanent leader can be secured in the fall.

While the chapel has been established under denominational auspices, the work will be distinctly for the religious interests of the community with a broad general policy. A survey shows about 14 nationalities and 15 religious affiliations in the immediate vicinity of the chapel.

Next Sunday it is expected that regular morning Sunday school work will be under way and that a preaching service will be

conducted in the evening by the Rev. C.R. Jones. Information on the work can be obtained from Mrs. B.F. Daniel, 320 Balsam street, or R.D. Pecore, 2915 Beech street, Kingsford.

**SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH
SWEDISH IMMANUEL BAPTIST
CHURCH
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Fleshiem Street
Northeast Corner of East Hughitt and
Iron Mountain Streets
Iron Mountain
332 South Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford**

The first Baptists that came to Iron Mountain were P.W. Nordin and O. Helgemo. They came from Norway, where they had worked for some time. But when the work became scarce in our sister city, they proceeded further up the railroad line.

In 1883, the congregation decided that all church work should be located in Iron Mountain. In 1884, J.M. Erickson, from the seminary, spent his vacation in the service of the church. The name of the church was then changed to the Iron Mountain Swedish Baptist Church from the original name, Norway Swedish Baptist Church.

In the fall of 1886, Ludvig Djupstrom became pastor of the church. A lot was bought on Flesheim [*sic – Fleshiem*] Street and the first church was built.

On March 11, 1892, the question of a new church was taken up. A new lot was bought at the corner of East Hughitt and Iron Mountain Streets. A large church was built of brick and wood. The church was ready in the fall of the same year. The church was often called the Roquist Church and became the home of the congregation

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for the next 27 years. The Rev. Roquist was the pastor of this church.

The Immanuel Baptist Church was built during the ministry of the Rev. A.K. Scott and the foundation of this edifice was laid in 1908.

In 1919, there was an exchange of churches. The English Baptist Church had disbanded and the church building was vacant. The building was comparatively new and was well-arranged. The debt would have to be paid on the church and an exchange of churches took place. At a church meeting held February 22, 1920, it was decided to adopt the name "Immanuel" which was carved on the cornerstone of the church. Since then the congregation was known as the Immanuel Baptist Church.

[*Born From Iron*, pp. 30-31; photograph on p. 33]

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CALLED A PASTOR.

**Rev. D.W. Stoddard, of New York, the
New Pastor of the Baptist Church**

The Emanuel Baptist society of this city has extended a call to the Rev. D.S. Stoddard, of Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, New York, and the same has been accepted. The reverend gentleman is expected here in a few weeks to enter upon his pastorate. Mr. Stoddard comes highly recommended as an able orator and earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard [*sic* –

vineyard]. He will be accompanied by his family.

Rev. J.L. DeLand, who has so acceptably supplied the pulpit during the past three months, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday and will leave for his home in Saginaw this evening. During his brief pastorate new life has been infused into the society and the congregation parts with him with genuine regret. He is an able expounder of the gospel and has won a host of friends here.

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Called a Pastor.

The Baptist society of this city has extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Mills, of Armada, Mich. It is thought he will accept. He is a middle-aged man and is highly spoken of as an orator and organizer. A favorable reply is expected from the gentleman in a few days.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 1, column 4

Baptist Church.

Pastor Scott is already planning to dedicate the above-named handsome house of worship early in December. The auditorium is now being finished and the other work will be completed as rapidly as possible. It is expected that a number of the leading pastors of the state will assist in the dedicatory exercises. The church is

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one of the finest in the peninsula and the total cost is over \$9,000. Pastor Scott tells The Press that the church will be dedicated free from debt.

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Dedication Delayed.

The dedication of the new Baptist church has been delayed by the non-arrival of the stained glass windows, which the manufacturers agreed to deliver several weeks ago. Pastor Scott is now hoping to have everything in shape for the dedicatory services early in the new year.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH **Northwest Corner of East Ludington** **Street and Iron Mountain Avenue**

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New Baptist Church.

The excavating for the new church for [the] Immanuel Baptist congregation is progressing rapidly. Andrew Palmquist has the contract for removing the bank of earth. The contract for building the church has been let to Henry Keopke. The material employed will be red brick and stone. The main auditorium will seat four hundred people, and the cost of the edifice is estimated at \$7,000. There will be a basement under the entire building. The plans were drawn by Edward Demar, of the Soo. All will welcome the building, which is

to adorn one of the most prominent corners in the city – East Ludington street and Iron Mountain avenue.

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Jollification for Children To Be Held in the Basement.

The Christmas tree and entertainment for Immanuel Baptist church will be held on Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock. This will be the first Christmas for the new Baptist church. A splendid program is being prepared and word has already been received that jolly old Santa Claus will be in attendance. The program consists of songs, recitations, and exercises by the smaller children and a dialogue by the older ones. On next Sunday, the 22nd, the first services will be held in the basement of the new Baptist church, corner west of the Carnegie Library. These are not dedicatory services – they will follow later, when the main auditorium is completed. The pastor, Rev. A.K. Scott, will hold preaching service at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday school at 11:40 a.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

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Baptist Church.

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Pastor Scott is already planning to dedicate the above-named handsome house of worship early in December. The auditorium is now being finished and the other work will be completed as rapidly as possible. It is expected that a number of the leading pastors of the state will assist in the dedicatory exercises. The church is one of the finest in the peninsula and the total cost is over \$9,000. Pastor Scott tells The Press that the church will be dedicated free from debt.

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Immanuel Baptist Church.

The windows for the new Immanuel Baptist church, which the manufacturers faithful [*sic – faithfully*] promised to deliver here more than six months ago, came to hand this week. Notification has also been received by Pastor Scott that the pews are enroute [*sic – en route*]. It is hoped to have the church in shape for dedication in a short time now. The date, however, has not been decided upon. Pastor Scott may decide to delay the dedication until some day in May as he plans to follow the dedicatory exercises with a series of special meetings in which he wilol be assisted by visiting pastors.

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Dedication Date.

The new Immanuel Baptist church, one of the finest church buildings in the northern

country, will be dedicated with appropriated [*sic – appropriate*] services on the 26th of this month. Rev. Joshua Robert, state superintendent of foreign missions, will deliver the dedicatory address, but nearly every Baptist minister in the upper peninsula will be present, together with many other visitors. The program is now in preparation.

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DEDICATION OF NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

First Services Will Be Held Next Sunday Morning and Continue During the Week – Program As Arranged for the Week.

Dedicatory services will be held at the new Immanuel Baptist church next Sunday, the first service being held at 10:00 a.m. with a dedicatory sermon by Dr. Roberts and an overflow service, if necessary, at the Swedish Baptist church. An evening service will also be held with special services throughout the week, including a meeting of the Menominee Range Ministerial association and the County School convention. Following is the complete program:

Already four American Baptist ministers have sent word that they will be here to take part in the dedicatory services of the new church next Sunday. These are: Rev. Ira Smith, Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. W.J. Meade, Ishpeming; Rev. George Harger, Calumet and Rev. Joshua Roberts, Detroit.

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Rev. Roberts is superintendent of the board of state missions, the others are pastors.

The morning service, instead of being at 10:30 will be held at 10:00. Arrangements are completed for overflow meetings to be held in the Swedish Baptist church. If you go to the new church and find you cannot get in, go one block to the south and you will hear the same speakers in the Swedish church. Speakers will be transferred from the one church to the other.

[Photograph of the Church]

The following is the schedule in the new Immanuel Baptist Church:

10:00 a.m. – Rev. Ira Smith.

11:45 a.m. Sunday School – Rev. Frank Blair and Rev. W.J. Meade.

3:00 p.m. – Rev. George Harger.

7:00 p.m. – Rev. Joshua Roberts.

For the Swedish Baptist Church –

10:00 a.m. – Rev. W.J. Meade.

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7:00 p.m. – Rev. Ira Smith.

Monday, March Twenty-Seventh.

Meeting of the Menominee Range ministerial Association: –

3:00 p.m. – Regular monthly meeting, paper to be ready by Rev. Louis Johnson, of Norway.

7:30 p.m. – An address of congratulations by the Rev. O.F. Winton, president of the association.

Principal address of the evening by Rev. J.M. Lyon, of Florence: subject, “The Church and the Social Redemption.”

Tuesday, March Twenty-Eighth.

3:00 p.m. – Quarterly Meeting of the Woman’s [sic] Mission Circle.

Address – Rev. W.J. Meade.

Address – Rev. George Harger.

7:30 p.m. – Lecture with views, by Rev. Joshua Roberts, of Detroit; subject, “Through Palestine on an Arabian horse.”

Wednesday, March Twenty-Ninth.

7:30 p.m. – Scandinavian meeting. Speaker for the evening, Rev. Dr. Frank Peterson, of Minneapolis. The Swedish Baptist choir, of Norway[,] will lead in the service of song. The speaking will be in English.

Thursday, March Thirtieth.

7:30 p.m. – Rev. Frank Blair, ex-pastor at Boyne City, will be the speaker.

Friday[,] March Thirty-First.

3:00 p.m. - Sunday School Day. A union meeting of all the Sunday School workers in the county. Chief speaker, Prof. Goodrich, of Albion.

7:30 p.m. – Prof. Goodrich again.

Splendid singing will be furnished at all these services.

Immanuel Baptist church is the creature of the indomitable [sic – indomitable] efforts of Pastor Scott. When Mr. Scott came to the city from Flat Rock, Mich., some eight years ago, the society was holding services in a small, one-story frame building occupying the site of the present splendid structure.

Five years ago the society, urged on by Mr. Scott, determined to have a new home worthy of Baptism, and solicitation commenced. The total number of subscriptions received was nearly a thousand making a list twenty odd feet in length. The total amount received in subscriptions and from entertainments is about \$10,000.

The church is of gothic design with a seating capacity of about 225 – 150 in the main auditorium, 100 in the gallery and 75 under the gallery. The demensions [sic – dimensions] of the church are 58 ½ x 37 feet with a basement under the entire building. The tower is about twelve feet square and has a height of 180 feet. The materials used in the building are stone and

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brick, and the approximate cost is about \$10,000.

The windows fronting on Ludington street are all high art memorial windows sacred to the memory of the following persons: Mrs. Mary Pelham, Mrs. Kate Harvey, Mrs. Melvina Beardsley, W.J. Beardsley, Walter E. Dickson, Willis Dorr, Baptist Boys' Brigade, Girls' Club, and J.C. Crawford.

The work of gathering together the \$10,000 necessary to erect the handsome edifice has been a world of labor. But Pastor Scott, when failure seemed absolutely certain, would make another appeal and invariably secured the funds necessary to continue the work.

Pastor Scott and his little congregation are to be congratulated in acquiring such a handsome place of worship, which they will joyfully dedicate to God practically free from debt next Sunday.

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Special Services.

Special meetings are now in progress at the new Immanuel Baptist church. They will continue every night this week and next except Saturday nights. The chief speaker is the Rev. Kamm is [sic] a pleasing and convincing speaker and is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Services are to be held at 7:30 and all are invited to attend.

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SWEDISH BAPTIST

CHURCH IS SOLD

Swedish Church Buys Edifice on E. Hughitt Street

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SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of East Hughitt and Iron Mountain Streets

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Immanuel Baptist Church makes plans for centennial celebration

KINGSFORD – Immanuel Baptist Church, Kingsford, traces its beginning to 1880, just two years after the discovery of ore on the north side of the bluff known as “Section 30,” now called Iron Mountain. In 1878 the forest was unbroken beyond Quinnesec and was inhabited by only a few families of Chippewa Indians, but when the North Western Railroad was extended to Norway and Quinnesec many immigrants, including a large number of Swedes, came to Upper Michigan.

On June 11, 1880[,] a Swedish Baptist lay preacher, J.E. Gronlund, led a group of his fellow countrymen in organizing a Baptist church in Norway. There were eleven charter members. A church building was needed but the members were far too poor for such an undertaking. A man’s wages in those days were one dollar a day. However, they decided to buy a small house in “Swede Town” for \$80. The partition between the two rooms downstairs was torn out to form an assembly hall and the pastor’s living quarters were upstairs. Rev. N.F. Pearson became the first pastor.

By 1882 mine operations, as well as the building of the city of Iron Mountain, were well under way so many of the Baptist families moved from Norway to Iron Mountain and worship services were also moved to a little school house on the North Side called “School House in the Swamp.” In 1885 the 18 members raised \$300 to buy and remodel a house on the same side of town and the name of the church was changed from the Norway Swedish Baptist Church to the Swedish Baptist Church of

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Iron Mountain. The following year a church was built on East Fleshier Street; a simple, rectangular structure 55 feet long and 30 feet wide, but as more Swedish Baptists came to the area and the congregation grew to over 100 it was decided to build a new church, located at the corner of East Hughitt and Iron Mountain streets. It was the home of the congregation for 27 years.

E.O. Erickson describes the structure in his "Fiftieth Anniversary" booklet: "A large, impressive church was built of brick and wood with a high spire, large quartz windows in Gothic style, a full basement hall for Sunday School and other meetings. The great auditorium with gallery had a seating capacity of 350 persons."

Everything went fine except the finances. About this time depression hit all over the country. In Iron Mountain almost all work stopped; it became especially difficult to take care of a church debt of \$7,000. The year 1893 was no doubt the most difficult year in the history of the church but it was also the most spiritually prosperous year. Sixty-one new members were added, but four years after the church was built many bills remained unpaid. It was a resolute and energetic woman, Mrs. S.J. Larson, who stepped to the front and by house to house solicitation secured \$1,000 which was matched by a loan from the Baptist Home Mission Society.

In 1914 the church faced another grave situation. Many leading members had moved away and the members could not support a pastor. The Michigan State Baptist Convention agreed to extend financial aid if the Swedish Baptist Church and the English Baptist Church would merge. Such an agreement could not be reached and the English Baptist Church was forced to close. It seemed that the Swedish church might meet with the same fate but the members voted that "the work

should not under any circumstances be laid down." From that day on the work of the church has continually gone forward.

Since the old church needed extensive repairs and the comparatively new English Baptist church was vacant, the Michigan Baptist Convention was contacted and it was agreed to exchange church buildings with the provision that the Swedish church assume the responsibility of the debt of \$1,000 which remained on the property. The congregation moved to the corner of Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets and decided to adopt the name "Immanuel Baptist Church" which was carved on the cornerstone of the building. Since then the membership has been known as the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Until 1920 the Swedish language was used exclusively in the church work except in the Sunday School where English had begun to be used. Pastor Paul Hallin suggested that the evening service should be in English to accommodate many who did not understand Swedish. Though this change met with opposition by some of the older members it was tried and continued until 1934 when the Swedish language was dropped altogether and all services were conducted in English. It was at this time that the church called its first non-Swedish pastor, a Scottish man, Rev. Frank Blair.

The church continued to grow. Increased Sunday School attendance made it necessary to hold classes in the Carnegie Library next door, the second floor of the Wisconsin-Michigan Power Co. building across the street and a small residence behind the church.

When Radio Station WMIQ was established in the community the church took advantage of the opportunity to broadcast the Sunday evening service. Later this was changed to the morning

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service and is still a part of the church ministry.

Property was acquired on South Carpenter Avenue in Kingsford and a new church building was erected in 1960. With Ron Bergstrom, a member of the church, as contractor, much of the work was done by the congregation. A needed addition was constructed in 1969.

During the one hundred years Immanuel Baptist Church has been led by many Godly ministers, some serving for only a year or two. The Lord has also provided leadership through dedicated lay men and women. In addition to the worship services each Sunday morning and evening and the mid-week prayer sessions, a year-round Bible teaching curriculum is available for all ages.

The Women's Missionary Organization has been active since the beginning of the church. Youth training is conducted weekly as a part of a "family night" program. A bus ministry has been in operation since 1973. Summer activities include camp promotion, "Five Day Clubs" and Vacation Bible School. Adult fellowship groups meet regularly throughout the year.

A centennial celebration will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, 332 South Carpenter Ave., Kingsford, on July 11, 12 and 13th. On the evening of July 11 the observance will start with registration, music, meeting former pastors, a message and fellowship. On Saturday afternoon, July 12, there will be a visit to the "Quonset" recreational area, open house at the church and a panel discussion. A catered supper will be followed by an evening program emphasizing the history of the church. On Sunday, July 13, messages will be given in Sunday School and church followed by dinner on the grounds. The final afternoon service will consist of music, greetings from

organizations, a message and observance of the Lord's supper.

In addition to present pastor[,] Jim Danielson, and associate pastor, Ron King, former ministers who will take part are Morse Archer, Arden Finke, Garl Brand, Grant Richison and Tom Hawkins.

CAPTION: ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF CHURCH – Immanuel Baptist Church is 100 years old this year. A centennial celebration is planned for July. Top photo shows the present Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford. The church at left, located at Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets in Iron Mountain, was one of the buildings to serve the congregation over the years. See accompanying story. (Daily News photos)

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Immanuel Baptist Church runs a church democracy

KINGSFORD – "At the Immanuel Baptist Church, we have a church democracy. Each member of the congregation has a voice in what's going to be done. We are set apart from other churches, *[sic]* because we do not have an official hierarchy," Rev. Jim Danielson said.

"Although the church has a board of elders, they do not make the decisions for the church. They are responsible for responding to the congregation's wishes," he said.

The heritage of the Immanuel Baptist Church began on June 11, 1880[,] when a Swedish Baptist lay preacher, J.E.

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Grondlund, led a group of eleven people in organizing a Baptist Church in Norway.

Since the church was established by Swedish immigrants 104 years ago, it has gone through a multitude of changes and has been moved from four different locations. In 1960, a new church was built at 332 S. Carpenter St. *[sic – Ave.]* in Kingsford and is the present location of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

“For the first 40 years, only Swedish was spoken in the church and they had only Swedish pastors. Since that time, we have gradually become americanized *[sic – Americanized]*. The make-up of the congregation today is very representative of the community we live in, and they come from Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway, Florence and Niagara,” Rev. Danielson said.

In 1947, the church began broadcasting it's *[sic – its]* Sqnday *[sic – Sunday]* service on WMIQ in Iron Mountain. “At first it was an evening service, but now our morning service from 11 a.m. to noon is broadcast over the radio. It's one of our ministries and I think it's rather unique,” he said.

For the 400 members of the church, other activities include a choir of 40 members, Christian education for all ages, formal and informal bible studies, adult groups, and AWANA and SUMMIT youth groups.

Another unique ministry of the Immanuel Baptist Church is the bus service it offers to regular members. It covers a route from Breitung Township to East Kingsford and Quinnesec.

The church is a part of the Baptist General Conference, with headquarters in Arlington Heights, Ill., and a denominational school, Bethel College^[,] in St. Paul, Minn., Rev. Danielson said.

The Baptist General Conference consists of more than 700 churches in the

United States and Canada, and more than 125,000 members in sixteen districts. Immanuel Baptist Church is one of four churches belonging to the conference in the area, he said.

Originally from Norway, Danielson and his wife, Shelley^[,] came to the Immanuel Baptist Church in the fall of 1977. He attended Trinity Seminary in Chicago and taught school before being called to become pastor of this church. Associate Pator *[sic – Pastor]* Ron King recently left Immanuel Baptist Church after six years of service.

“At this point in the history of the church, the people are really united. I've seen characteristics of dedication, compassion and friendliness in their communication with each other and the community. I'm truly *[sic – truly]* proud of the way they live as Christians,” Rev. Danielson said.

Bible Church

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHAPEL
W6507 U.S. 2
Breitung Township

Christian and Missionary Alliance

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
617 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain

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Church of Christ

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
OF IRON MOUNTAIN**
Conference Room, Holiday Motel
U.S. 2
Iron Mountain

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New church plans being set by Church of Christ

IRON MOUNTAIN – For the past five months, about 10-15 people in the area have been joining together to form the Church of Christ of Iron Mountain, Keith Cartwright, preacher[,] said.

The church meets for a service on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the conference room of the Holiday Motel on U.S. 2 in Iron Mountain, he noted.

“The church got started after a family in the area watched a television program, ‘Let the Bible Speak[,]’ on WLUC-TV Channel 6 in Marquette. This family saw the program and they were interested in starting a church in the Iron Mountain area,” Cartwright noted.

The television show is on Channel 6 from 12-12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

The Church of Christ is planning on starting a Sunday School class in a couple of weeks that will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Cartwright said that as more children join the church, the classes will expand and grow. On Thursday nights, a mid-week

Bible study class is held at the home of Jim and Jodi Olive of Spread Eagle, he added.

“We are still in a starting phase with the church here and we really don’t have too much planned yet. A lot will depend on what the congregation wants to do,” Cartwright said.

The Church of Christ is in the process of purchasing land on Hughitt Street in Iron Mountain to build a church. Plans are expected to be finalized and they hope to break ground in the spring.

“This is not one ruling body in the church and each congregation is responsible for running their own church. In Iron Mountain we are trying to establish a new testament christianity [*sic – New Testament Christianity*] that goes back to the way things were done in the Bible,” Cartwright said.

Cartwright moved to Escanaba six months ago and has been the outreach minister for the Church of Christ in Escanaba. He is also the preacher for the Iron Mountain church.

Cartwright is originally from Ohio and attended White’s Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies in Louisiana. He also worked in Texas for seven years with two different congregations.

He and his wife, Jeanne[,] have three children.

“The congregation is dedicated and have [*sic – has*] a desire to study God’s work and grow. Everyone is welcome to come to the service on Sunday and if they have any questions, they can call me at 786-8427,” Cartwright said.

**BALSAM STREET CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**
324 North Balsam Street
Iron Mountain

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
405 North Balsam Street
Kingsford

Church of Christ, Scientist

Church of God

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD
612 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain

**Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints
[Mormon]**

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF
LATTER DAY SAINTS**
220 East Ludington Street
Iron Mountain
2001 Woodward Avenue
Kingsford

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1985], page ___, columns ___ - ___

**Christian life is focus
of local church branch**

IRON MOUNTAIN – The local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is located at 220 E. Ludington St. and is considered a small branch of over 80 members, James Dayton, branch president[,] said.

Other branches of the church can be found in Marquette, Houghton, Newberry, Menominee and Escanaba[,] and are all a part of the Wisconsin-Milwaukee [*sic* – *Milwaukee*] Mission District.

The headquarters for the church is in Salt Lake City, Utah[,] and there is a total membership of five million.

The local branch has met in various places during the past ten years and two years ago moved to the present location in Iron Mountain.

According to Dayton, several of the members of the Iron Mountain branch will be going down to Chicago for the open house of a new temple there.

“This opening will be a great opportunity for the people of our area to advance spiritually and through their genealogy [*sic* – *genealogy*] work. We hope to be able to get a branch library here in the near future that will directly link us to the headquarters in Salt Lake City,” Dayton added.

One of the three duties of the church is to do genealogy [*sic* – *genealogy*] work and help to trace the ancestors of a [*sic*] families.

He noted that much of the geneological [*sic* – *geneological*] information from the book, “Roots” was obtained through the main headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

As branch president, Dayton said, he does the duties of the church which includes [*sic* – *include*] working with the youth of the church and preaching the gospel so members of the church sustain eachother [*sic* – *each other*].

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“We believe that if the family works to strengthen each other, it benefits the whole community. The members of our branch have a lot of love and concern for one another. The people try to live a christian *[sic – Christian]* life as best as they can, keeping to the principles of not smoking or drinking,” he noted.

A person is called to the position of branch president through inspiration, he said. And any worthy male member of the branch can receive this particular calling or another type of calling in the church.

Dayton began as branch president in January, 1985.

“One of the greatest advantages of the church is that it gives young people an opportunity to learn to really grow and speak in front of others. The boys become deacons at the age of 12 and learn to organize and develop their talents at an early age,” he added.

Episcopal

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**221 West B Street
Iron Mountain**

RECTORS

**Rev. George Gibson
1893–1894**

**Rev. Henry Purdue
1896–1899**

**Rev. Fred J. Bate
1899–1901**

**Rev. George J. Childs
1901–1904**

Rev. William Payseour

1905–1907

Rev. Fred T. Datson

1907–1909

Rev. Rudolph W. Nickle

1901–1911

Rev. Fred Deighton

1911–1913

Rev. Harold L.S. Johns

1913–1916

Rev. A.A. Attridge

1916–1917

Rev. Robert F. McDowell

1918–1923

Rev. James E. Crosbie

1921–1929

Rev. Robert Ashton

1929–1931

Rev. James G. Ward

1931–1937

Rev. George C. Weiser

1937–1945

Rev. Cannon J. William Robertson

December 15, 1945 – October 1, 1978

Rev. Charles E. Piper

February 11, 1979 – December 31, 2010



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 221 West B Street, ca. 1890-1900

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, postcard view, ca. 1940-1950

Although the first church building was not erected until 1890, Episcopal services were held in Iron Mountain as early as 1884, the services being held in the Brown Street School. The Rev. E.J. Eichbaum of Saint Stephen's Church, Escanaba, was the missionary in charge. The following quotation from a news item published in 1891 tells about the first Episcopal Church in Iron Mountain: The Protestant Episcopal Church, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, was built with funds raised through the efforts of Mr. John James, of James and Croll, and Mr. C.W. Kennedy. It was erected on "B" Street at a cost of \$4,000 and was opened Easter Sunday, April 6, 1890.

From the time of its organization in 1890 until 1947, the Holy Trinity Church was classified as either a mission or an aided parish, receiving some financial aid from the Diocese, usually in the form of a portion of the clergyman's salary. By 1948, the congregation had grown to the point where it was able to pay the minimum salary scale set by the Diocese, and in that year, full parish status was achieved. On December 21, 1950, the church building was badly damaged by a fire. A new church was planned and the first service was held on April 2, 1953. The first resident priest to

serve the church was the Rev. William P.N.J. Wharton.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 36; photographs on p. 31 and p. 34]

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 5 [Saturday, March 7, 1885], page 1, column 5

Iron Mountain Melange.

Over \$60 were subscribed last Sunday night at the Episcopal church toward buying an organ.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 10 [Saturday, April 9, 1887], page 1, column 3

—The drama "Joseph and his Brethern," [*sic*] will be presented to-night [*sic – tonight*] at Opera Hall, by the ladies and gentlemen of the Iron Mountain Episcopal church. The costuming is said to be elegant and the acting far above the generality of amateur [*sic – amateur*] performances. Go and see them.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 11 [Saturday, April 16, 1887], page 1, column 3

—The Iron Mountain cornet band were [*sic – was*] in our streets on last Saturday night last [*sic*] and played some very fine music. They came down by special car, [*sic*] with the dramatic company.

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—On Saturday evening last the drama "Joseph and his Brethern," [*sic*] was rendered by a number of Iron Mountain

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citizens, at Opera Hall. They did not have as full a house as they deserved because of the short notice given.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 42 [Saturday, November 19, 1887], page 1, column 5

–Rev. W. Macauly *sic* – *Macauley*] Tooke of Iron Mountain will hold Episcopal services in the Norway Opera House next Sunday morning (20th) at 10:30. All persons who will take an interest are cordially invited to attend.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 43 [Saturday, November 26, 1887], page 1, column 2

–Rev. W. Macauley Tooke, of Iron Mountain, held Episcopal services at Opera Hall on Sunday morning, and a large congregation attended. He will hold services again tomorrow (Sunday) A.M. at 10:30, and all are invited. Much interest is being taken in the matter, and it is probable that a society will be formed here.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 3

A SHADOW social will be given by the ladies of the Episcopal church, on Tuesday evening, in the Baptist hall. An entertaining programme, consisting of music, recitations, charades, etc[.], has been arranged for the evening. Supper will be served in the hall for 25 cents. Admission ten cents. All are invited. Don't forget the date; Tuesday, April 30.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 4, columns 4-5

Easter Services.

Easter, the day that Christians commemorate [*sic* – *commemorate*] the resurrection of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was appropriately observed by the Episcopalians [*sic* – *Episcopalians*] of this city last Sunday. Fifteen devout Episcopalians were in attendance at early communion. Mr. John James preached the morning sermon, assisted by Mr. Edward Hawtrey. The church was beautifully decorated with floral offerings, and the singing, both morning and evening, excelled any that is often heard in Iron Mountain churches. The bass solos sung by John Jenkins were particularly fine. Mr. Jenkins possesses a rich bass voice, [*sic*] that it is a real pleasure to listen to. The evening services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Stanley, at which time an infant and an adult were baptised [*sic* – *baptized*]. A beautiful communion service has been provided for the church through the instrumentality of John James, W. Kennedy and others, who are also active in their endeavors to have a suitable church building erected this summer. An Episcopal Sunday school was organized last Sunday by the election of John James, superintendent; Miss Mamie Parent, assistant superintendent; John Jenkins, secretary, and George Yelland, treasurer.

The impressive services at St. Joseph's church were conducted by Father Keul and Father Chebul, of Ontonagon. There was [*sic* – *were*] full choral services, the interior of the edifice and the altar were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the attendance of worshippers and Easter

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rejoicers was remarkably large at every service. Father Chebul left this city Monday for France.

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The Episcopal society will commence the erection of a church on their lots near Seibert's and McClintock's residences next week.

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SHADOW SOCIAL.

The Episcopal's' Centennial Celebration.

The large number of people who attended the shadow social given by the Episcopal's in Baptist Hall last Tuesday evening were highly entertained by the pleasing program presented. W.C. Kennedy, the president of the evening, first introduced Dr. J.M. Mead, who gave one of his popular addresses. This was followed by the novel feature of the evening – the shadow sale. The young ladies retired behind a screen, and after disguising themselves as much as possible their shadows were thrown upon the screen and the young ladies were knocked down to the highest bidden [*sic – bidder*], by the auctioneer, Mr. Kennedy. We use this term in the technical sense. We would not have our readers understand for the world that

Mr. Kennedy could possibly do such a cruel thing as to literally knock a young lady down. The purchaser had the privilege of taking his prize to supper, a delicate feast had been prepared by the shadows, but was a feast of the most delicious substance. After supper Misses Hawley and Wicks sang a duet, Miss Beckey Flaherty a solo, and Miss McLelland gave one of her well rendered recitations. A gentleman whose name we failed to learn also entertained the audience with a reading. A prize ring cake was also one of the features of the evening and Miss Etta Minnis is now the fortunate possessor of the ring. The affair was not only a very pleasing one to those who attended but netted the church a handsome return.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 28 [Thursday, October 3, 1889], page 1, column 6

Will Build at Once.

Work will be begun at once on the new Episcopal church, corner of B street and Prospect avenue, which is to be 30 by 66 feet, and will be one of the handsomest church edifices in the city. This leaves only the Baptist society unprovided with a church building, and we understand they will build next summer.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 38 [Thursday, December 12, 1889], page 9, column 4

Contract Let.

The contract to build the Episcopal church has been let to Andrew Berg, who is to have it ready for service during the

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Easter season. The building is to be 30 by 60 with 14 foot studding, and is to be built in Gothic style and finished inside with Norway pine with oil finish. There is to be no plaster on the interior of the building. From the floor to the apex of the roof the space will be 21 ½ feet, and with beams, rafters and pannels [*sic – panels*] highly finished, the interior, seen in the softened light from stained glass windows, will be most beautiful. The building of this church has been the pet project of Supt. Kennedy ever since he came to this city, and his efforts, enthusiastically seconded by John James and other earnest church members, not excepting the ladies who have worked faithfully toward this object, has made this final step toward its consummation possible. When Episcopal services were first held in this city, in the Brown street school house, there were[,] we believe, six persons present. With such a small beginning the building of a beautiful and costly church edifice within the space of three years must have seemed like a stupendous undertaking. Probably it was not dreamed of at that time, but that only serves to show more strikingly what patient and persistent endeavor will accomplish.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 17 [Thursday, September 15, 1910], page 1, column 3

Colonial Vaudeville.

Martha Washington's Daughters' Colonial Vaudeville at the Rundle Opera house next Thursday, Sept. 22nd, under the auspices of the Women's Guild of Holy Trinity church. One hundred and twenty-five talented dames of Iron Mountain in attractive colonial costumes. A chorus of one hundred dames, assisted by the best

soloists to sing the old plantation melodies and catchy tunes from the popular operas. The whole will make one of the most attractive and entertaining entertainments ever given in Iron Mountain. You must not miss it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 30 [Thursday, December 9, 1920], page 1, column 3

SERVICES WERE VERY SOLEMN

Rev. Robert F. McDowell Was Ordained This morning.

The Rev. Robert F. McDowell, who was ordained to the priesthood yesterday morning at the Holy Trinity church, came to Iron Mountain two years ago last October. Since taking charge of the local church, the membership has doubled and the contributions have materially increased. The two missions under his supervision, at Vulcan and Norway, are also progressing.

Rev. McDowell received his college education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, his home town; and at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. After finishing his college course he entered Bexley hall Theological Seminary, also in Ohio, where he studied for the Episcopal ministry.

At the end of his course Rev[.] McDowell decided to go into business for a short time to get a wider experience before taking up the active work of the ministry. He entered the employ of the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Co., of Akron, Ohio, was sent to Cleveland as an adjuster of claims, then he

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was put on the road as salesman, and after a year's time became branch manager for the company at Dayton and Lima, Ohio.

At the end of a little over two years, he gave up this lucrative position at the call of Bishop Harris, whom he had known for a number of years, to come into the Diocese of Marquette and re-open the church at Iron Mountain, which had been closed for over two years.

Coming to Iron Mountain as a lay-reader, he was ordained deacon last year, and finally a priest this morning, and now becomes rector of the local parish, and is empowered to celebrate the holy communion and pronounce absolution and give the blessing.

Among other gifts, Rev. McDowell received a beautiful white silk stole from the Woman's [sic] Guild, also a white surplice. The church was presented with a very handsome altar service in his honor by John James.

The ceremony of the laying on of hands, by which Apostolic authority is given to perform the duties and functions of a priest, was very impressive and [the] well-trained choir in black gowns and white cottas, under the direction of Mrs. L.E. Coffin furnished excellent music. The white altar was richly decorated with flowers and burning candles and a large cross. The whole service was something out of the ordinary and gave many people an altogether new idea of religion.

Bishop Harris gave one of his masterly addresses, very fitting for the occasion, which will be published in part in tomorrow's [sic – tomorrow's] paper. It was the fourteenth address the Bishop has given in the last four days.

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Year, Number _____ [Thursday, January 5, 1922], page 1, column 6

REV. M'DOWELL TO REMAIN IN CITY

Rector of Holy Trinity Church Will Not Go To Ironton

The Rev. R.F. McDowell, rector of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church[,] will remain in Iron Mountain as the result of conferences of a committee of the church and a recommendation by Henry Ford that he abandon his idea of going to Ironton, a terminal on Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, Ford's railroad.

Because of the Rev. McDowell's decision, new activities are planned at the Holy Trinity church and will probably include a building program of substantial size.

The Rev. McDowell announced several days ago that he had received an attractive offer to go to Ironton and was seriously considering leaving Iron Mountain. On receipt of the news, a church committee met to make an offer that would induce the popular rector to remain here.

In this they were aided by Bishop Harris, who strongly urged him to stay in Iron Mountain. Sunday afternoon, while making a call on the bishop, Henry Ford advised the Rev. McDowell to disregard the offer from Ironton as no special growth was expected there while the future here was very promising.

The church committee also offered the rector an increase in salary and promised to either remodel or build a new rectory.

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 30th Year, Number 215 [Thursday, December 21, 1950], page 2, columns 1-4 [including photograph]; page 1, columns 2-4 [photograph]

Heavy Damage By Fire At Trinity Episcopal Church

Fire, discovered at 11:15 this morning by the rector, the Rev. J. William Robertson, caused approximately \$50,000 damage to Holy Trinity Episcopal church, B and Prospect streets, before it was brought under control shortly before 1 o'clock. The interior of the building was destroyed and the walls charred beyond repair.

"We consider the church a complete loss," the rector said.

The damage was estimated by the pastor, who said the congregation carried \$40,000 worth of insurance on the building and about \$10,000 on the furnishings.

Out of Control

Shortly before noon, when it appeared that the fire was out of control, scores of spectators – including women – volunteered to enter the basement to carry out tables, chairs, drapes and other furnishings. The piano was taken out shortly before 12:10, when it was reported by Chief M.J. Scolatti, who directed his men in fighting the fire, that everything movable had been saved.

A short time later the chief entered the building, wearing a gas mask, and directed by H.K. Wilson, lay reader of the church, removed and carried to safety the sacraments, Bible and other altar furnishings.

The baptismal font, the chest containing altar linens and other smaller items of equipment were likewise saved. There was

no information at 1 this afternoon as to how much damage was done the pipe organ, which was too large to be removed, or to the altars. The organ and altar were afire shortly before noon.

In Building

According to the report given Chief Sculatti, Sam Tretheway, janitor, was in the building at 11:10 this morning to check the furnace. The stoker, he said, was not running at the time and the fire was banked to keep a low heat in the church.

"I saw nothing wrong," Tretheway told the Rev. Mr. Robertson.

The latter, who resides in the rectory just east of the church, looked out the window of his home at 11:15 and saw wisps of smoke seeping from beneath the basement door. He ran to the church, opened the door and was met by a rush of smoke which drove him back. The alarm was turned in to the Iron Mountain fire department at 11:17.

First Truck Out

The first truck, in charge of Lieut. Jack Raho, was on the scene at 11:19 and quickly had the first three hose lines attached. After entering the church, Chief Scolatti, who said the fire was burning between the walls, called for reinforcements.

The second crew, in charge of Lieut. John Valenti, reported with a second truck at 11:25 and the third crew, in charge of Lieut. Alphonse Fuse, arrived at 11:30 a.m.

All streets leading to the scene were criss-crossed by fire hose at 11:30, when all available fire equipment in the department was in use.

Showered with water which poured into the building from all angles and by burning bits of wood, which were torn loose by the force of the water, Chief Scolatti directed most of the work from inside the building. When the smoke was dense in the early

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minutes of the fire, he and his lieutenants, who worked with him inside and outside the church, wore gas masks.

Fanned In Vent

The fire, Scolatti said, broke out either in the south end of the basement, or just above it. It quickly cut into a cold air vent, which served as a gigantic fan, sending the flames upward.

At noon, Lieut. Fuse, with two other men – Fred Zambon and John Mitchell – went up ladders to the roof of the church, which was then afire. They cut a hole through the shingles and forced a hose line in.

City police, following quickly behind the fire department, regulated traffic at Carpenter avenue and B street, which was heavily crossed with hose, and at B and Prospect, where hundreds of school children – en route home for noon recess – crowded in on the church grounds. Patrolmen Bert Pozza and Vance Sparpana were both on duty at the fire, while Chief Reno Romagnoli answered calls at the fire station.

Except for smouldering in the southwest corner, the fire was out at 1 p.m.

Furniture Stored

Furniture removed from the ruined church, including the pews, were *[sic – was]* being taken by truck to Kesler's garage, nearby, for storage.

The church, which observed its golden jubilee on April 14 and 15, 1940, was founded in 1890. It was built by fund raised through the efforts of the late John James, of James and Croll; the Chapin Mining company, and C.W. Kennedy, of the Millie Mining company. It was erected on B street at a cost, including everything, of \$4,800. It had since undergone extensive repairs.

The church was opened for the first time on Easter Sunday in 1890.

The first baptisms in the church were celebrated on Oct. 5, 1890, when Robert

Edward Nankivell, Frederick Charles Southcombe and James Merritt were accepted into membership.

The first confirmation recorded in early church history were *[sic – was]* conducted by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Davies, then bishop of Michigan, in July, 1890.

The first marriage to occur in the new congregation was that of Peter Strongman and Annie Thomas, solemnized on Sept. 20, 1890. The first marriage in the church was celebrated on Feb. 25, 1892, when Jennie Hussen was wedded to Henry Sampson.

[Photograph caption, page 1, columns 2-4: **\$50,000 CHURCH FIRE** – Smoke billows from the windows and roof of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church, at West B and Prospect, where fire which broke out shortly before noon today resulted in an estimated damage of \$50,000. City firemen brought the blaze under control at 1 p.m. See story on page two. (Iron Mountain News photo)]

[Photograph caption, page 2, columns 3-4: **SMOKE-EATERS** – Smoke was an obstacle to city firemen who battled the Holy Trinity Episcopal church fire at noon here today. The picture above shows only the legs of the fireman who, on the ladder, is almost enveloped by smoke. (Iron Mountain news photo)]

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Services To Be Conducted In Kingsford

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Arrangements for the conduct of Christmas services Sunday morning and night were announced today by the Rev. J. William Robertson, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, which yesterday was heavily damaged by fire.

Services will be conducted at 10:45 Sunday morning and at 11:30 Sunday night in the Kingsford city auditorium. An altar and appointments with other equipment salvaged from the fire, [sic] will be moved to the Kingsford hall tomorrow, and installed for the services. Both the Sunday school and church altars were salvaged, although the latter was damaged by heat and water.

There will be no 8 o'clock service Sunday morning, nor any worship service on Monday morning, Christmas Day.

To Inspect Ruins

Meanwhile, M.J. Scolatti, Iron Mountain fire chief, had planned this afternoon to inspect the ruins of the church in an effort to determine the cause. Chief Scolatti has already said that the blaze appeared to have started in the ceiling above the heating plant, but he hopes to obtain more definite information.

Yesterday, several members of the church board met here with the Rt. Rev. Herman R. Page, bishop of the Diocese of Northern Michigan, to discuss tentative plans for the future.

"Actually," the Rev. Mr. Robertson said this morning, "nothing can be done about the settlement of the loss, or future plans until the insurance adjuster has visited the scene and made his report. We expect, however, to make an announcement within a week or two.

Appreciation

"Meanwhile," the rector continued, "all of the church officers and members join me in expressing sincere appreciation to the Iron Mountain city firemen and to Chief Scolatti for their prompt and efficient effort; to the

pastors of other churches, who called during and after the fire, to offer the facilities of their churches; to the many persons who, in the early stages of the fire, helped carry out equipment and supplies, and to Russell Kesler, of Kesler's garage, for the use of his showroom for the storage of the material which was salvaged.

"There were many offers of help and we are deeply grateful. It was especially heartening to see the many persons who joined in salvaging what equipment could be taken out. Without this help, we would have lost everything."

Further inspection of the ruins today revealed that the costly organ in the church was wrecked – much of it a molten mass – by heat and water. Much of the flames were confined to the walls, and damage to the interior consisted largely of heat and water. This damage, however, the rector said, was of such extent that he considers the building a total loss.

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Holy Trinity Parish Votes New Building

Meeting last night in the Guild hall, parishioners of the Holy Trinity Episcopal church voted by a decisive majority to build a new church on the site of the present one, which was severely damaged by fire last December 21. Since the costly blaze, some services and meetings have been conducted in the Guild Hall, and others – including the Sunday morning worship

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service at 11 – in the Mt. Olive Lutheran church.

Of the 84 parishioners who balloted on the proposal for the new church, only 11 voted against. These, it was presumed, favored remodeling the present structure.

It is proposed, now, to offer the present church building, on bids, to salvage dealers in this area, who would raze and remove the structure to make room for the new building. Some accessories – particularly the memorial windows and other appointments which were not too critically damaged by the fire – will be retained for use in the new church.

To Seat 200

The new Holy Trinity Episcopal church will be constructed to seat about 200 persons, including 170 in the nave and from 25 to 30 in the choir. The main entrance would be on B street, instead of Prospect, as at present, and the church would extend north and south, also as at present.

Harry Gjelsteen, Menominee architect, recently prepared tentative plans for the new church, which have since been under consideration. An alternate proposal was to remodel the present church. Members of the building committee, in a report last night, unanimously recommended construction of a new church.

Within the near future, the building committee – comprising all members of the vestry; George C. Newton, parish treasurer, and representatives of the various parish organizations – will meet with the architect to discuss final plans and specifications. It is hoped to advertise for bids early in January, 1952, and to start construction as weather permits in the spring.

Cost About \$80,000

The Rev. J.W. Robertson, rector, conducted last night's meeting. "Although many details remain to be worked out," he said today, "tentative plans call for a

building which would cost approximately \$80,000. Adjusted insurance coverage on the present building was allowed in the amount of \$18,500. Some additional money is on hand in the building fund, and we plan a campaign for cash and pledges to make up the required amount.

"For the present, however, we will be concerned with bids for salvage on the present building and its removal from the premises. Thereafter we will take up the matter of final plans and specifications."

The fire, according to M.J. Scolatti, fire chief, broke out either in the south end of the basement, or just above it, and traveled quickly through a cold-air vent, shooting the flames upward into the church. The blaze gained rapid headway through the frame structure, which was more than 60 years old, having been completed in 1890 and occupied for the first time on Easter Sunday of that year.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, 32nd Year, Number 45 [Tuesday, June 3, 1952], page 2, column 3 and page 2, columns 3-4 [architect's drawing of the proposed church]

Bids For New Church To Be Opened Soon

Bids for the construction of a new Holy Trinity Episcopal church in Iron Mountain, to replace the structure which on Dec. 21, 1950, was partially destroyed by fire, will be opened June 25 by members of the building committee, it was announced today by the Rev. J.W. Robertson, rector.

Estimated cost of the new church is from \$85,000 to \$90,000, of which

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approximately \$50,000 in cash and pledges is on hand.

Shortly after the fire, the basement quarters of the church, comprising the Guild room, kitchen and accessory facilities, were renovated and used for the Sunday School and other church functions apart from regular services, which were conducted in Our Saviour's Lutheran church. Later, however, the main floor of the church was partially restored and made suitable for temporary use.

Changed Plans

It was at first the plan to completely renovate the old structure and then to begin building a new church around it, completing a unit at a time as money became available. It was finally decided, however, that the old frame structure, now 60 years old, would still offer a considerable fire hazard, no matter how much work was done on it, and that renovation and rebuilding would require increasingly large amounts of money over the years.

Subsequently, the congregation voted to build a new church, and Harry W. Gjelsteen, architect of Menominee, Mich., was retained to draft plans and specifications. The architect's sketch of the proposed new church accompanies this article.

The new building will be constructed of cement blocks with Lannon stone facing. It will include a properly-portioned chancel; a nave, seating about 160; sacristy, choir room and parish-office, on the ground floor. In the basement will be a large parish hall, church school chapel – arranged so that it may be used for meetings of small groups – kitchen, boiler room, storage space and two rest-rooms. The large parish hall, which will seat nearly 200, will be ample for all parish functions. Though *[sic – Through]* the use of folding partitions, the hall can be divided into several class rooms.

Fund Campaign

A campaign to raise \$25,000 or more to meet the cost of the building, in addition to an estimated \$50,000 in cash and pledges on hand, is now underway, and it is planned that construction will begin as soon as feasible after a contract is awarded.

"We will have a fine church home, adequate for our various activities, when the new building is completed," the Rev. Robertson said today. "We hope, also, that members of the congregation, and others who may wish to assist us in this enterprise, will be generous in their support."

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Low Bidders Listed For New Church

Novara Brothers, Iron Mountain, who asked \$77,166 for the general construction work; Miller Plumbing, \$9,590 for plumbing and heating, and V. and M. Electrical company, of Menominee, \$4,362 for wiring and fixtures, submitted the low bids on the construction of a new Holy Trinity Episcopal church in Iron Mountain.

Bids were opened Wednesday night by the building committee, which called a parish meeting for 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, at the church, when, it is expected, contracts will be let.

In addition to Novara Brothers, bids on the general construction work were submitted by L.A. Postl, \$81,607.50; G.A. Gustafson, \$84,500, and George Rabenbderg, \$84,575.95.

Bidding on the heating and plumbing, in addition to Miller, were J.C. Branz, \$10,900;

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Mario Branz, \$13,970, and Walter D. Firme, \$14,892.

Both bids on the electrical work were submitted by Menominee concerns. In addition to the V. and M. bid, Gene's Electric asked \$4,483 for the work.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, 32nd Year, Number 174 [Monday, November 3, 1952], page 3, columns 1-3; photograph, page 3, columns 3-5

Bishop Page Officiates At Laying of Cornerstone

"Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone; a tried stone; a precious cornerstone; a sure foundation."

With this text as the theme of the ceremony, the Rt. Rev. Herman R. Page, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, at about 4:45 p.m. yesterday laid the cornerstone for the new Holy Trinity Episcopal church now under construction on the site of the former church, at West B and Prospect.

The ceremony was preceded by a service in the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Carpenter avenue, in which Bishop Page gave the sermon. Assisting in the service, and at the cornerstone-laying ceremony later, were the Rev. Joseph Dickson, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church at Escanaba; the Rev. John Alford, of St. Paul's church at Marquette, and the Rev. J. William Robertson, of Holy Trinity, Iron Mountain.

Sealed Box

A sealed box containing religious documents, duplicate church records and other material, was placed in the cornerstone during the ceremony. S.E. Bracegirdle, senior warden of Holy Trinity, placed a wooden cross in the sealed box;

Ernest Horngren, lay reader, the Book of Common Prayer, Miss Gladys James, the record of the founders, in which her father, the late John James, had a prominent part.

Also placed in the box were a copy of the *Iron Mountain News*, for Saturday, Nov. 1; list of Holy Trinity vestrymen and members of the building committee; copy of "The Living Church," weekly publication of the Episcopal church, and other documents and mementoes. The cornerstone was inscribed, simply: "Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, A.D., 1952."

Emphasizing the cornerstone theme, as quoted heretofore, Bishop Page continued, in part:

Bishop's Talk

These are troubled times in which to build, times in which the challenge sometimes seems almost too much to meet. On a national and international level, greed, self-interest and materialism run rampant and would all but choke out the efforts of the spirit. The local economic scene certainly has not been heartening. The building plan has called for the very highest in the way of courage, faith and imagination from you people.

Knowing you people and the things you have done in the past, I believe that this day and this happy occasion marks the beginning of a new and larger life for this parish. I would remind you that I believe sincerely that in this endeavor you are fulfilling the will of God for this parish that you are working out the destiny for Holy Trinity church in the days to come.

And I would remind you, too, that man's extremity is always God's opportunity. It is always when the days are darkest that the light shines through. And so I rejoice with you that in this venture you have faith, that you are accepting the challenge and I know that God will make it possible to see your church a magnificent and completed reality.

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And I would urge you, as you build to make this effort a part of yourself, build yourselves into this church. Make it a common, united effort to the glory of God, remembering that the keystone of the building is righteousness and justice.

Righteousness And Justice

I have chosen a text from the book of Isaiah where we find described a political and economic situation closely paralleling our own. There was corruption within the nation, wars and invasions threatening from without. And there, in the midst of adversity Isaiah spoke of building, not of destroying, but of building and building upon the strong, the sure foundations of righteousness and justice. Build in this same fashion and you will be hastening the Kingdom of God upon earth. Build in this fashion, remembering to put yourselves into the effort and you will be fitting yourselves for citizenship in that Kingdom...

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, 33rd Year, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1953], page 5, columns 1-2

New Articles Of Furniture Dedicated At Holy Trinity

New articles of furniture were blessed yesterday during an impressive ceremony conducted by Rt. Rev. Herman R. Page, D.D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Marquette, who was in Iron Mountain for the 11 a.m. Service of Thanksgiving and the 4 p.m. service during which the new Holy Trinity Episcopal church was formally dedicated.

Both services were attended by many parishioners and other friends of the church from the twin cities and neighboring communities.

Displayed on the altar were arrangements of flowers sent by Mrs. Marvin Warner in memory of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Houry. Another attractive basket-arrangement of flowers, a gift from the architect, Harry Gjelsteen, of Menominee, was displayed in the chancel.

Participating Clergymen

Participating in the dedication of the new church with Bishop Page were the Rev. James G. Ward, of Escanaba, former pastor of Holy Trinity; the Very Rev. William Burrett, of Calumet, and the rector, the Rev. J. William Robertson.

The ceremony was opened with the congregation facing the door, on which the officiant knocked three times while saying "Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord." The clergy entered while Psalm 122 was said responsively.

While the congregation knelt the officiant and other ministers proceeded along the aisle to the chancel, saying the Litany for the Church, with the congregation joining in the responses.

Remainder of Ceremony

The remainder of the ceremony consisted of the lesson; Te Deum Laudamus; The Apostles' Creed; The Dedication; Prayers of Dedication; a hymn; the sermon; Bishop Page; offertory anthem, "Send Out Thy Light," by Gounod; presentation of collection and doxology; closing prayers and benediction; recessional hymn and the organ postlude.

Special gifts, acknowledged during the ceremony, were the nave lights and aisle carpet, given by St. Elizabeth Guild; the kitchen furnishings, Holy Trinity guild [*sic*]; \$1,000 in contributed labor by members of the Men's club, and the chancel arch, Mr. and Mrs. William Kell.

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Memorials recognized yesterday were the altar and dossal and the dossal cornice, in memory of Margaret and William A. Robertson; hanging cross, Marie Milliman; altar rail[,] Jane Goldsworthy; credence table, Victor Engblom; hymn board, the Henderson family; hymn board, Keith Andrews, and the church tower, Frank J. Russell.

Memorials Transferred

Memorials transferred to the new church were the processional cross, in memory of Selina Seal; the Lectern Bible, Amelia James; chancel prayer book, Luis Yuhasey; silver cruets, Robert Johnson; the altar candelabra, Raymond and George Juth; the alms basons [*sic – basins*], Frank Stickney Goodrich, Victor and Elizabeth Anderson and Ella Bradford Parent; the pew prayer books, Elizabeth Flatt; the pew hymnals, Alice and Henry Plow; the tower windows, Amelia James, John James and Welcome Hyde, and the church school cross and candlesticks and the red pulpit and Lectern hangings, Robert Johnson and Cecelia Horngren. Following the service, supper was served in the parish hall.

The four-day program will be continued tonight with a Memorial service, to be held at 7:30 and dedicated to members of the parish taken by death.

A community service, open to the general public, will be held at 7:30 tomorrow night and Holy Confirmation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Holy Trinity to observe '90 Years of Memories'

IRON MOUNTAIN – “Ninety years of Memories” will be celebrated by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Iron Mountain during a birthday party to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, according to Rev. Charles E. Piper, Rector.

The evening will honor the senior member of the church family and the graduating high school seniors.

Activities planned for the evening include special games for young people and other activities, displays of old clothing, Bibles and prayer books, family photographs, old photos of the church and church activities, newspaper clippings, blue prints [*sic – blueprints*] of the present church, old church appointments and furnishings, lists of former clergy and bishops of the diocese, a sing-along of old songs, a time for sharing memories of Holy Trinity's past and a style show from the past featuring outfits contributed from the congregation representing styles from every decade since the church's founding.

Participating in the style show will be Cassie Clawson, Nikki Clawson, Virginia Gabby, Pat Hoff, Ron Hoff, Heather James, Stephanie James, Shelly Lantagne, Lois Larson, Jeanette Morelli, Kathy Morelli, Dorothy Person, commentator; Ross Person, Charles Piper, Howard Raiche, Melanie Selden and RuthAnn Seldon [*sic – Selden*].

The celebration came about for the purpose of:

To observe Age In Action Week being observed throughout the Episcopal Church sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging. (ESMA)

To celebrate its 90th birthday as the first church building opened its doors here on Easter Sunday, April 6. Easter Sunday was also on April 6 this year.

To recognize the contributions of senior members of the church family and to

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congratulate the graduating high school seniors.

The first resident priest to serve the church was Rev. William P.N.J. Wharton, who was licensed by the Venerable G. Mott Williams, then archdeacon of Marquette.

Other pastors included Rev. George Gibson, Rev. Henry Purdue, Rev. Fred J. Bate, Rev. George J. Childs, Rev. William Poyseor, Rev. Fred T. Datson, Rev. Rudolph W. Nickel, Rev. Fred Deighton, Rev. Harold L.S. Johns, Rev. A.A. Attridge, Rev. R.F. McDowell, Rev. James E. Crosbie, Rev. Robert Ashton, Rev. James G. Ward, Rev. George C. Weiser, Rev. Cannon J. William Robertson, who served from Dec. 15, 1945 until Oct. 1, 1978 when he retired. Rev. Piper has been the Rector of the church since Feb. 11, 1979.

The congregation presently has some 170 households, 391 baptized persons, 169 communicants in good standing, a number of families that tract [*sic – trace*] their roots to the first generation of church members, several families with four generations currently active in the church.

Persons in charge of preparations were Mrs. Sally James, displays and decorations; Mrs. Joanne Black, piano and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, song leader; Mrs. Nikki Clawson, Mrs. Dahly Famiani and Mrs. Barbara Freeman, children's activities; Mrs. Bernice Erickson, refreshments; Mrs. Jeanette Morelli, style show; Mrs. Mildred Raiche, reservations; Mrs. Arthenia Oradei, special invitations; Mrs. Lois Larson, Mrs. Lynn Ann Sand, publicity; Jerold Scott, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Jean Scott, photographer.

All members of the church family are invited to attend. The committee would appreciate members calling either Mike Raiche, 774-2998, or Bernice Erickson, 774-1615, as to how many persons will be attending.

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Windows depict history of Holy Trinity Episcopal

IRON MOUNTAIN – The first thing that catches a visitor's eye upon entering the knave [*sic – nave*] of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is the beautiful stained-glass windows that encircle the worship area. But more than just a beautiful piece of art, the windows depict the history of the church.

Holy Trinity is one of approximately 10,000 Episcopalian churches in the United States and is part of the Diocese of Northern Michigan, headquartered in Marquette.

Holy Trinity was founded on its present site at the corner of Prospect Street [*sic – Avenue*] and B Street in 1890. A fire destroyed the original wooden structure in 1950. The church was rebuilt in 1953 with services held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church while construction was underway.

Father Charles Piper is the rector of the church, which is self-supporting. He originally hails from Long Island, N.Y. Piper has been at Holy Trinity for five years, succeeding Rev. Canon J. William Robertson[,], who was at the local church for 33 years. A governing board called the vestry, consisting of elected members of the congregation, runs the church.

"The Episcopalian Church in general, and here as well, is a worship orientated church," said Piper. "Here we have a fair number of older, retired people. Many of

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the church's founding families still have members in the congregation."

Piper stated there are 150 households in the parish.

The worship area is divided into three areas on the main level of the building. Besides the knave [*sic – nave*], which boast [*sic – boasts*] a brick interior and steep, antique wooden ceiling, there is a choir area and sanctuary. The main level also features a choir room and pastor's office. In the basement there is a large fellowship [*sic – fellowship*] hall, kitchen, nursery and chapel. There is a storage area upstairs.

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New vitality is felt at Holy Trinity Episcopal

IRON MOUNTAIN – The ministry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Iron Mountain is growing. And each member of the congregation is becoming aware that they have a job to do, Fr. Charles Piper, rector[,] said.

According to Piper, there is a new vitality in the church now and people have begun to realize that they are all a part of the church.

A total of 150 families belong to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Prospect [*Avenue*] and B Street in Iron Mountain.

During the month of February, the local church adopts the Caring House, a shelter home for abused women and children in Iron Mountain.

During the month, the members take up special collections for specific items needed at the house. And on Valentine's Day, they

do something special for the residents at the house.

The effort during the month is coordinated by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), an active group within the local church.

"The adoption for the last couple of years has been a neat experience. And the response has been very strong and overwhelming. It is a tangible sign of the concern of the people in the church," Fr. Piper said.

Other groups within the church include a youth group for grades 7-12, a church school that meets every Sunday, a governing vestry of nine elected members, and an active altar guild.

"Our church is also involved in another type of outreach that lets groups in the community use the facilities for meetings and events. This is an important part of our stewardship of faith," he added.

Piper noted that some of the groups have included the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, GFWC Women's Club nursery, and the recent vigil for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The church was founded on it's [*sic – its*] present site in 1890, but a fire destroyed the original building in 1950. The church was rebuilt in 1953.

"The role of the children in the church has grown in the sense that they are now considered a part of the whole family. We are trying to make them more visible on Sundays, because they belong with the rest of us," Piper added.

Fr. Piper has been the rector of the church for seven years and is originally from Long Island, N.Y.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 31 [Saturday, November 23, 1895], page 1, column 2

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NEW U.P. BISHOPRIC.

Summary of Episcopalian Possessions and Prospects.

The new Episcopal diocese comprises the entire upper peninsula of Michigan, having an area of 16,016 square miles and a population of 206,000 souls, of whom upwards of 2,500 profess the Episcopalian faith. The parishes of Marquette and Houghton are wealthy and influential. At Marquette there are two church buildings. Ishpeming, Sault Ste. Marie, Menominee and Escanaba rank next in importance. There are also church buildings at Calumet, Clifton, Ontonagon, Ewen, Ironwood, Iron Mountain, Negaunee, Grand Marais, Wilson, Bay Mills, St. Ignace and Rockland. There are several strong missions at points where there are no church buildings. These and many others have been nourished and restored by the archdeacon, who has been enabled by means of his chapel car, which is a veritable church on wheels, to bring the service of the church within reach of many communicants who would otherwise be denied the privilege. The experiment has been an unqualified success. The bishop-elect cannot be consecrated until his election has been confirmed by the majority of all the bishops and standing committees. As this cannot be accomplished before the end of January, 1896, the diocese meanwhile will be administered by the standing committee through its chairman.

Evangelical Covenant Church

SWEDISH FREE MISSIONARY CHURCH

Originally at the Corner of Brown and Iron Mountain Streets
Southeast Corner of East Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets
Iron Mountain

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

Cedar Avenue and H Street
Iron Mountain



Swedish Free Missionary Church, corner of East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street, ca. 1885-1890



Swedish Mission Church, SE Corner of East Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street,

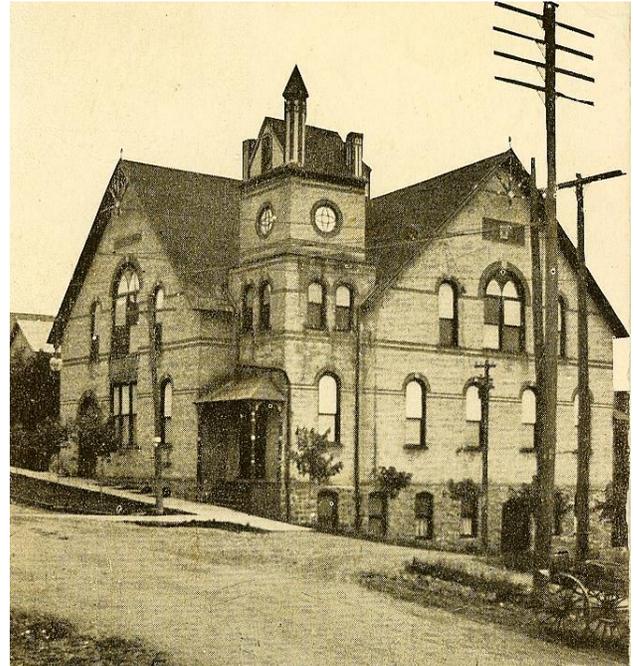
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ca. 1895



Swedish Mission Parsonage, 305 Iron Mountain Street, ca. 1894-1895 [left to right: Bill Pearson, Rev. J.A. Berg, Joe Franson (little boy), Bob Lindberg, Mr. Runequist]



Swedish Mission Church, SE Corner of East Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street, postcard view, ca. 1910-1915



Interior view of Swedish Mission Church located on the southeast corner of East Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets, 1903



Interior view of Swedish Mission Church located on the southeast corner of East Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets, 1911

PASTORS

**Rev. Otto Hogfeldt
August, 1884 – May, 1889**

**Rev. Axel Melander
June, 1889 – Spring, 1892**

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Rev. K.J. Bloom
1893 – Spring, 1896

Rev. J.E. Bjorklund
September, 1896 – September, 1902

Prof. Carl Hanson
October, 1902 – Fall, 1905

Rev. Isaac Skoog
December, 1905 – August, 1914

Rev. J.J. Johnson
December, 1914 – April, 1919

Rev. K.K. Jacobson
May, 1919 – August, 1927

Rev. J.H. Lundgren
September, 1928 – April, 1940

Rev. K.K. Jacobson
(served as interim pastor)

Rev. Paul E. Johnson
December, 1941 – November, 1947

Rev. Albert Lundberg
(served as interim pastor)

Rev. Philip G. Fryholm
August 8, 1948 – 1954

Rev. Robert L. Erickson
1954 – 1960

Rev. Edward G. Johnson
1961 – 1969

Rev. Lloyd Tornell
1970 – xxxx

During the month of August in the year 1882, a small group of God-fearing men banded together to form a Christian church

in Iron Mountain. The organizationers [*sic – organizational*] meeting was held in the home of Mr. Andrew Lundin on the North Side. Six charter members gathered and officially named their church the Swedish Free Missionary Church of Iron Mountain. Among the six mentioned charter members, N. Velin was the first preacher, a layman. He ministered to the little flock for about two years.

The meetings, to begin with, were held in the homes of various members. They also began meeting at different schoolhouses. The need for a permanent place of their own was felt and the church was built. The capacity of this church, after a number of years, was outgrown even after remodeling. In 1890 a new edifice was erected on the southeast corner of Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets. It was a wooden structure with a brick facing. In 1950 this church was destroyed by fire.

During the history of the church, the name had been changed several times, and it was in the beginning of the year 1942 that the name was changed to the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain. The cornerstone of the new church was laid with impressive ceremonies on November 5, 1950. The dedication services were held on May 13-19, 1951. This church is located on Cedar Avenue and "H" Street.

[Born From Iron, p. 30; photograph on p. 32 and p. 34]

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 20 [Thursday, August 8, 1889], page 1, column 2

For Sale.

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The Swedish Mission church is for sale. For further information inquire at the New York Store.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 1, column 2

Silver Jubilee Meeting.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the district association of the Swedish Mission churches of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin will convene in this city tomorrow [*sic – tomorrow*] with more than one hundred delegates in attendance. The silver jubilee sessions will be notable in many respects. Bishop E.J. Hjerpe, of Chicago, will be in attendance and preside. A splendid program has been arranged by Rev. Isaac Skoog, of the local church. Sessions will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, the visitors will be entertained at the summer home of Rev. Mr. Skoog at Spread Eagle, and on Tuesday a meeting of the Minister's [*sic – Ministers'*] association will be held. The program embraces addresses and papers by Rev. John Hendrickson, of Stephenson; Rev. Axel Rapp, of Ironwood; Rev. Isaac Skoog, of Iron Mountain; Rev. F.A. Lindolm [*sic – Lindholm*], of Wallace; Rev. Thure A. Jacobson, of Ishpeming; Rev. John Hedlund, of Bark River; Bishop Hjerpe, of Chicago; Rev. Andrew Anderson, of Norway; Rev. L.G. Lance, traveling missionary; Rev. P.L. Taansberg, of Stephenson; Rev. A.E. Rundquist, of Menominee; Rev. O.J. Willner, of Stambaugh; Rev. H. Hultman, of Negaunee; Rev. J. Sallstrom, of Winnipeg, Canada; Rev. John Skoglund, of Ishpeming.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 6, column 3

JACOBSON HEAD OF CONFERENCE

Iron Mountain Man Chairman of District Organization

The Rev. K.K. Jacobson, pastor of the Swedish Mission church, returned this morning from Escanaba where at the district meeting he was elected to the chairmanship of the Northwest Michigan District Conference of Swedish Mission churches.

The Rev. J.H. Hanson, of Escanaba, was elected vice chairman; the Rev. J.A. Strom, of Marquette, secretary; the Rev. J.O. Gustafson, of Norway, vice secretary, and Arvid Asp, of Norway, treasurer. Mr. Asp was also made a member of the board of conference trustees for three years.

Reports of activities showed the conference had an excellent year. The finances are also in good condition, the treasury recently received a gift of \$2,000 in the will of a Marinette, Wis., woman.

Many delegates were in attendance at the conference, which came to a close yesterday.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 29th Year, Number 237 [Thursday, January 19, 1950], page 1, columns 1-4; page 2, columns 1-3; page 3, columns 2-4 [photograph]

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\$200,000 Fire Destroys First Covenant Church

Sub-Zero Wind Fans Flames; Nothing Saved

Fanned by a cold west wind which sent the mercury to 17 below zero, fire, breaking out at 6:30 last night in the basement of the First Covenant church, Iron Mountain, razed the 60-year-old structure at a loss estimated by the pastor, the Rev. Phillip Frykholm, as close to \$200,000.

Nothing was saved. Valuable furnishings – including a Hammond electric organ, a new grand piano, two prized original paintings, a completely-equipped library, and choir robes, purchased recently at a cost of \$750, were lost.

The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

The alarm was turned in at 6:30 last night at the Iron Mountain fire station by Albert Michela, residing at 307 East Ludington street, directly east of the church. Fireman Zambon took the report at the station.

He Saw Smoke

“I’m sure,” Michela told the fireman, “that First Covenant church is on fire. I saw smoke around the edges of the windows and when I went closer there was a sudden puff of smoke.”

Lieut. Valenti, in charge of the department at the time, summoned Chief Scolatti from his home and dispatched a truck and crew to the church.

Chief Scolatti, who responded immediately, entered the church with Valenti in an effort to locate the source of the fire so hose lines could be used more effectively.

Although both men wore gas masks, they were almost blinded as they forced their way through dense smoke and flames.

“The smoke billowing from the basement was so dense it was almost ‘solid,’” Scolatti said. “It was apparent that the fire had started in the basement and had made considerable headway. We could feel the heat immediately blowing up through the floor,” the chief added.

Calls Second Crew

Determining that the fire was in the lower portion of the church, Chief Scolatti ordered water poured into the basement and then summoned a second crew, putting all the men of the department into the fight.

The Kingsford fire department, called by a spectator, responded quickly and Chief Jossens and his men worked with Chief Scolatti and the Iron Mountain department.

Despite the heavy streams of water poured onto the fire by eight hose lines, the flames continued to spread and soon the church was ablaze. When the fire was at its height, radio station WMIQ cancelled the program then in progress to permit Merv Baldrice and Frank Thibert to tell the dramatic story over the air.

Radio lines were extended from the studio of WMIQ on East Ludington to a point near Iron Mountain street, about 50 yards from the flaming church. Baldrice and Thibert remained at the scene during the height of the blaze, describing its fiery progress through the structure, until the ceiling and walls finally tumbled into the flaming mass, sending showers of sparks into the air.

Hundreds of spectators braved the cold to watch the blaze.

Roof Falls In

The roof of the church fell in at 7:30 – only an hour after the fire was first reported – and one section of the upper north wall crumbled in a fiery shower at 8 o’clock.

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The fire, which was still smouldering at noon today, had faded by 10 a.m., when only the shell of the building remained standing.

The hundreds of persons, on foot and in cars, who rushed to the scene presented a traffic problem. Chief Reno Romagnoli, Sgt. Frank Pipp and Officers Bert Pozza and Vance Sparapana, assisted by Sheriff Amedio Pesavento and his deputies, kept the crowd back from the burn-

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ing building, where there was danger from falling bricks and timbers.

Spectators were also moved away from the intersection as a safeguard against possible falling wires.

The Wisconsin-Michigan Power company dispatched a lineman who shut off the east side street lights – extending through the intersection – as a precaution. Three line experts were also ordered to stand by for immediate action in the event any “hot” lines might come down.

Cut Off Lights

The streets to the west, north and east of the burning church were jammed with spectators, who slipped and slid about as the surface of the road became covered with ice and water. Spray from the hose lines – which by morning had encased the gutted church in an armor of ice – fell and froze on the helmets and rubber coats of the firemen, who fought the blaze with mitts frozen to their hands.

Learning the plight of the firemen, the Rev. Arthur E. Ellison, pastor of Immanuel Baptist, nearby, ordered the basement of

his church opened. Women of the Ladies’ Aid society also were summoned and soon produced pots of steaming coffee which they served to fire fighters [*sic* – *firefighters*], the police, volunteers and spectators. Boxes of rolls were sent by Romeo Rocheleau, of the Home Bakery, and by Happy’s Lunch.

Served Coffee

Firemen, summoned to the church for brief periods of rest, were helped out of their frozen coats and served hot coffee while their mitts were being dried out in the oven of an electric stove. By 10:30, when only a few scattered groups of spectators remained, women of the church estimated that they had served coffee to 500 persons.

“We were warmly thanked by the fireman and volunteers for serving the coffee. We, in turn, desire to thank the neighbors and friends who helped us during the evening,” said a member of the Aid.

Firemen remained at the scene all night, and this morning Chief Scolatti said he expected that the ruins would smolder until tonight. Hose lines still crossed the Ludington and Iron Mountain street intersection this morning.

Church Opened at 5

In a report today, the Rev. Mr. Frykholm said the custodian, Ted Carlson, was in the church at 5 last night and found everything in order at that time.

“He went to the church to check the thermostat on the heating equipment,” the pastor said. “In an effort to conserve on fuel, we were heating only the lower auditorium and keeping the upper hall just warm enough to prevent freezing.”

Chief Scolatti today commended the men of his department, the Kingsford fire department and volunteers for their part in fighting the blaze and keeping it from spreading to the Michela residence, to the east, and the recreation rooms of the

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church in the former John Carlson residence immediately adjacent to the church on the south. The latter was only recently converted into a recreation center, attached to the church by a covered areaway.

Appreciation

“I want to commend all who assisted in any way in fighting last night’s fire,” Chief Scolatti said. “I am grateful to Chief Jossens and the men of the Kingsford fire department who fought side by side with the Iron Mountain men. The cooperation which we received is greatly appreciated.”

Michela, whose family was unable to remain in the house last night owing to smoke and water damage, likewise expressed appreciation to the many persons who called to offer over-night lodging. “It was a fine gesture and we are very grateful,” he said.

Some of the furniture in the Michela residence was removed by volunteers when the fire was at its height.

The church was the fourth destroyed by fire in Iron Mountain since 1930. Central Methodist was levelled [*sic – leveled*] on Jan. 5, 1944, and prior to that two Catholic churches – St. Joseph’s and St. Mary’s – were lost.

[Caption on page 2, columns 2-3: **SUB-ZERO BATTLERS** – Firemen from the Iron Mountain and Kingsford departments battled the flames which destroyed the First Covenant church last night in temperatures 17 degrees below zero. Above, Alden St. Arnauld, Jack Mitchell and Lieutenant Jack Rahoi, of the Iron Mountain unit, are handling one of the eight streams used to combat the blaze. (News Photo)]

[Caption on page 3, columns 2-4: **CHURCH RUINS** – Only brick walls were standing this morning after last night’s

\$200,000 fire which destroyed the First Covenant church on East Ludington street. Pictured above is the south wall. The entire east wall toppled over and only portions of the north and west walls remained standing. Workmen were scheduled to raze all walls this afternoon.]

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 29th Year, Number 238 [Friday, January 20, 1950], page 3, columns 5-7

Congregation To Build New Church

Meeting last night at Immanuel Baptist, the congregation of First Covenant church – which was destroyed by fire Wednesday night – made plans to build a new church.

“We don’t know when or how we will start building, but a new church for the congregation is a ‘must’ and will be started just as soon as we are financially able,” the pastor, the Rev. Phillip Frykholm, said this morning.

“Under no conditions,” he added, “will we build at the site where our church was destroyed. In the first place,” he said, “we expect that cleaning up the lot and rebuilding would be too expensive and we would again have the parking problem which has long plagued our growing congregation.

Will Seek Lot

“We will first seek a new location and, having purchased a lot, will start work immediately to raise the money for a new building,” the pastor added.

The congregation, assured use of the Iron Mountain high school auditorium for its services Sunday, will send a committee to the next meeting of the school board, to be

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held Monday, Jan. 23, in an effort to work out an agreement whereby the auditorium can be used every Sunday until a new church home is provided.

“Our chief problem now,” the Rev. Mr. Frykholm explained, “is to obtain an auditorium large enough for our Sunday services. We have been offered the facilities of other churches for our weekday meetings, but none are available on Sundays.”

Orders Walls Razed

The fire at the church, which broke out at 6:30 Wednesday night, was out at noon yesterday, when Chief Mike Scolatti, of the fire department, ordered the hose lines removed and the broken walls – which stood on three sides of the building – razed as a safety measure.

Firemen, assisted by street department employes [*sic – employees*], at 1 yesterday afternoon attached heavy steel cables to the walls, which were then pulled down by city trucks and a heavy grader. When the last section of wall fell at about 3 yesterday, a small blaze started up in the debris, and was immediately extinguished.

“The responsibility of the fire department ended with the razing of the walls,” Chief Scolatti said today. “The placing of a safety fence and the removal of the debris will,” he added, “be the responsibility of the congregation.”

Woman Falls

Many spectators were on hand yesterday when the walls of the church were razed.

One of the spectators, Mrs. William Merrifield, 53, 705 West Brown, slipped and fell as she was crossing the pavement. She was carried into the Carnegie library and then taken by ambulance, to General hospital, where X-rays were taken. They revealed no fractures. Mrs. Merrifield was kept in the hospital for observation and

treatment of a bruised back and slight concussion.

Memoirs of Dedication, First Covenant Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan, May 13, 1951, pages 3-12 (photographs of “Our First Church” and “Our Second Church” on page 2; photographs of new church under construction on pages 4, 6, 8, 10)

A Brief History of the First Covenant Church

The first Mission Friends in the Upper Peninsula, as far as we can determine, settled in Wallace, Michigan[,] in 1876. Later some came to Iron Mountain. During the month of August in the year 1882, a small group of God-fearing men banded together to form a Christian church. The organization meeting was held at the home of Mr. Andrew Lundin on the North Side. Their number was not large, only six; just half the number of disciples that Jesus gathered about Him.

These men were, undoubtedly, rugged pioneers; men of vision and staunch faith. As we read their names we recognize them as stalwart Scandinavians: N. Velin, O. Frykholm, Lars Pilgren, Emmanuel Jansson, Th. Falk and Ellias Rapp, but peculiarly enough they chose to inscribe the name of the church in the official records in good American handwriting, as: “The Swedish Free Missionary Church of Iron Mountain.” Among the six mentioned charter members, N. Velin was the first preacher, a layman. He ministered to the little flock for about two years.

The meetings, to begin with, were held in the homes of various members. They began to prove too small and inconvenient to accommodate the crowds, and so they moved into a school on the North Side. A

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while later on, the group moved to a school on East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street. The need for a permanent place of their own was felt and a church was built just across the street from the school. The capacity of this church, after a number of years, was outgrown even after remodeling. This church building is still in good condition, and is being used by the Jewish people as their Synagogue. It is now located on the northeast corner of West A Street, and Kimberly Avenue. At the time this church was built a parsonage was also built on this property consisting of eight rooms.

In 1890 a new edifice was erected on the southeast corner of Ludington and Iron Mountain Streets. It was a wooden structure with a brick facing. The seating capacity of this church was about six hundred and fifty, including the balcony and the choir loft. Services had been held in this church to the blessing and salvation of countless precious souls until the night of January 18, 1950[,] when a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the building. To explain the heart-rending emotion which gripped the hearts of members, and non-members as well, as we stood by helpless and witnessed the mysterious holocaust lay our beloved church in ruins is impossible – this historic citadel of evangelism [*sic – evangelism*] for the past six decades in the heart of Iron Mountain. The winter-night sky was crimsoned as the entire structure turned into a roaring inferno. Everything was lost; not even a hymn book could be saved. The source of the fire will forever remain a mystery.

The fact that during the past year and a half, prior to the fire, an extensive remodeling project had been carried on in the church proper, and in the adjacent Youth Center to the extent of about \$20,000

made the loss more poignant. This remodeling included a new choir loft, a lowered vaulted ceiling, new wall board, an entire new indirect lighting system, and other major improvements. The pastor's study had been renovated and equipped with new steel office furniture and the choir had used their new robes for but a short time.

Then followed days of real testing for us as a congregation; for we were tried by fire which was in no sense purely figurative, but real devastating fire. What eventful months these have been. In spite of heavy hearts the congregation met the following night, January 19, 1950[,] in the Immanuel Baptist Church and tentative plans were made to proceed with plans for a new church home.

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As we look back upon the numerous meetings held: prayer, Church Board, Building Committee, Finance Committee, and our temporary meeting places, unmistakably have we felt God's guidance and sustaining grace every step of the way. Without His divine guidance this great project would have been an utter impossibility. The indomitable spirit and stout-heartedness of the congregation has indeed been praiseworthy.

...

Through the trying months since the tragic destruction of our church home, we have been displaced persons, as far as our place of worship is concerned. Even though we have had to operate under certain restrictions and inconveniences with our church program during the past 16 months, all of our regular services have been conducted uninterruptedly. For making this possible our profound gratitude goes to: the Iron Mountain Board of Education for the use of the High School auditorium each Sunday morning, First Presbyterian Church for their most gracious

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hospitality in the unrestricted use of their splendid auditorium and facilities for our Sunday evening services and numerous other gatherings, Immanuel Baptist Church, Trinity Methodist Church, Our Saviours Lutheran Church whose facilities have been used extensively including the Breitung Chapel, and the Parlors of the First Lutheran Church. This kindness and thoughtful consideration on the part of all who so graciously opened their doors to us will always be cherished in memory's album.

After careful consideration the congregation purchased a new site of land from Mr. W.D. Cochran consisting of 120 foot frontage on "H" street [*sic – Street*] and 750 feet along Cedar Avenue which will afford ample parking and recreation facilities for the future besides giving us advantageous landscaping opportunities for our new Church.

It was indeed a memorable and thrilling occasion when on Sunday, August 6, 1950[,] the congregation together with a large host of friends gathered for the ground-breaking ceremonies. Then, to the Glory of God, our Eternal Heavenly Father, to the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and His Church, and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, the Corner Stone of the new First Covenant Church was laid with impressive ceremonies on November 5, 1950.

During the sacred history of the church, the name has been changed several times, and it was in the beginning of the year 1942 when the name was changed to the present one: "The First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain."

Aside from the first lay-preacher, eleven pastors have ministered to the needs of the church. Some have stayed longer or shorter periods of time. Rev. Otto Hogfeldt began his ministry in August, 1884, and

concluded in May, 1889. He had spent a few months in Iron Mountain previous to his year at school in Knoxville. Rev. Axel Melander succeeded Rev. Hogfeldt and began to serve in June, 1889[,] and brought his ministry to a close in the spring of 1892. Rev. K.J. Bloom took up the work in 1893 and stayed on until the spring of 1896. The Rev. J.E. Bjorklund came in September, 1896[,] and left in September, 1902. After Rev. Bjorklund left, Prof. Carl Hanson was called, and began his ministry in October, 1902, and stayed on until the fall of 1905. The Rev. Isaac Skoog was then called and began his ministry in December, 1905, and concluded it in August, 1914. Rev. J.J. Johnson then accepted the call and entered the field in December, 1914[,] and left in April, 1919. The Rev. K.K. Jacobson succeeded Rev. J.J. Johnson in May, 1919[,] and left the charge in August, 1927. The Rev. J.H. Lundgren entered the work in September, 1928[,] and concluded his ministry in April, 1940. The following interim period was filled by the Rev. K.K. Jacobson. The Rev. Paul E. Johnson began his ministry December, 1941[,] and concluded it November, 1947. The following interim period until August, 1948[,] was filled by the Rev. Albert Lundberg. The present pastor, the Rev. Philip G. Frykholm[,] began his ministry August 8, 1948.

Our present Board of Directors are as follows: Chairman, Walter Freeman; Vice Chairman, Lloyd Bastian; Secretary, Norman Peterson; Vice Secretary, Verna Peterson; Financial Secretary, Jamie Galbraith.

DEACONS: Chairman, Peter Dirksen, Clarence Carlson, Walden Anderson, Axel Hultquist, Theodore Carlson, and Elmer Kahle.

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DEACONESSES: Mrs. Manfred Lindquist, Mrs. Carl Larson, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Mrs. Gust Erickson.

TRUSTEES: Chairman, Albert Ericson, Rudolph Lundholm, Sr., Theodore Anderson, Hugo Johnson and Evert Carlson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Bert Carlson

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Mrs. Arthur Corey

Other officers not on the official board are: Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, Edward Swanson; Sunday School Secretary, Miss Alice Johnson; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Theodore Carlson; Asst. Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Ellen Cootware. Organist, Mrs. Arthur Corey; Assistant Organist, Mrs. Carl Carlson; Pianists, Mrs. Walden Anderson and Mrs. Owen Eslinger; Ladies' Aid President, Mrs. Walter Freeman; Brotherhood President, Melker Axelson; Young People's President, James Myrick; covenant Hi-President, Ruth Peterson; C.W.A. President, Mrs. Ted Carlson; C.D.A. President, Mrs. Elmer Duvall.

[NOTE: Dedication was May 13, 1951; photograph of new church on page 14.]



First Covenant Church, SW Corner of West H Street and Cedar Avenue, postmarked July 25, 1951

Memoirs of Dedication, First Covenant Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan, May 13, 1951, pages 17-18

Construction of the Church

The church is of a modified Gothic design. In order to economize on the cost, the single roof type construction was decided upon rather than an L-shaped or T-shaped type structure. The building is 37 feet wide at the front, then widens to 56 feet at the east and west transepts and has an overall length of 100 feet. It is modernly constructed of reinforced concrete, cement blocks and face brick, making it practically fireproof throughout. The interior walls are unpainted Waylite cement blocks and the exterior of buff and tan face brick. The main floor is a solid reinforced concrete slab 7" thick with supporting concrete beams and steel columns. The church is well oriented on a lot facing 120 feet on West H Street and extending 750 [feet] south on Cedar Avenue. There is sufficient room for further expansion.

One enters from sidewalk level into a front corridor then up double stairs into the front hall or narthex. The corridor floor and stairs are of green terrazzo, whereas the narthex floor is of green asphalt tile to match. The narthex is separated from the main auditorium by a partition of oak paneling and plate glass. The main auditorium has a center aisle and two side aisles. The floor is covered with asphalt tile of a red marble pattern.

The choir loft with a seating capacity of 50 and the speaker's platform are located at the front of the auditorium. To the right are the pastor's study and an outside

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exitway. To the left is another outside entrance and the choir assembly, robe and music rooms. There is a corridor back of the choir loft so that choir members may enter the loft from both sides simultaneously.

The ceiling of the auditorium is of exposed, stained wooden Oregon Fir trusses and acoustic panels. Large cathedral lanterns hang from the trusses, whereas the choir loft, speaker's platform and balcony are flood-lighted. The wall above the choir loft is also flood-lighted to accommodate an artist's painting already contracted for. The windows are tall and of rectangular sections of varied colored antique art glass. Each window has a ventilator. The speaker's platform is covered with red carpeting and will contain the organ and piano.

There is a spacious balcony which can be entered from stairways at each end of the narthex. Adjacent to the stairways are a cloak room and an office or nursery. The church has a full basement, access to which may be had from either the front corridor or the rear outside entrance. There is a spacious auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, modern kitchen, boiler room, two large assembly rooms, storage room, supply room, janitor's closet and three rest rooms. The floors are covered with asphalt tile of harmonizing colors of brown and tan marble. The lighting in the auditorium is concealed in troughs. The kitchen is well equipped with cabinets, double sink and electric range and refrigerator. There is a large double serving window for luncheons and banquets. All the rooms are decorated in harmonizing colors.

All doors and millwork, including pews[,] are made of native red oak with a natural varnish finish. Wood paneling is of the modern striated design.

The main auditorium and choir loft will seat 388 people and the balcony 103, making a total seating capacity of 491.

The Church is heated by a modern oil-burning Kewanee boiler with convection radiation. This system will insure the building with an even and healthy heat at all times.

From the very beginning the Building Committee's plan was to strive for a strictly functional building of dignified simplicity. We feel that this goal has been achieved with outstanding success.

The Building Committee
By Lloyd Bastian, Chairman

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First Covenant Church to Celebrate 100 years

IRON MOUNTAIN – A celebration marking the 100th anniversary of worship in the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain will take place during the week of Aug. 22-29.

The celebration will include an open house, heritage night, an informal family banquet and many speakers, including Dr. Milton Engebretson, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

Worship at the church began in 1882 when six men met in the home of Andrew Lundin, located on the Northside (see photo). The church was then called the Swedish Free Missionary Church of Iron Mountain. As more and more immigrants came to the community, the congregation moved to a school on the Northside, and later to a school house on East Brown Street.

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When the structure proved to be inadequate the congregation decided to build a permanent place of worship and the church was constructed across from the school on Brown St. in 1887. The church seated approximately 250 people and has since been moved to the corner of West A and Kimberly Streets where it is being used as a Jewish Synagogue. (see photo)

The Rev. Otto Hogfeldt became the first permanent pastor in August of 1889. He was succeeded by Rev. Axel Melander who taught the English language to many immigrants in addition to his regular church duties. It was during his ministry that a new church was built, on the southeast corner of Ludington and Iron Mountain streets [*sic – Streets*]. This new church seated approximately 650 members and was completed in 1890. It would remain the church home for six decades.

The church was built mainly through the efforts of the members, who contributed both their time and money. Several members who worked the night shift at the mine worked on the church during the day. The seats, which were of the opera type, were auctioned to the members, and many of them bought several. The name of the church was changed several times during this period and finally became known as the First Covenant Church.

On Jan. 18, 1950, a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed [*sic – completely destroyed*] the church building. Members were gripped with emotion as they stood by, unable to save their beloved church.

The congregation elected to build a new church, and a modified Gothic structure was erected at H street [*sic – Street*] and Cedar Avenue. This church was dedicated on May 13, 1951. Ten years later, an educational unit and a Fellowship Hall were added. In 1972 a unit with a gymnasium,

youth lounge and several Sunday School rooms was added.

Seventeen senior ministers and three youth directors have served the church throughout the years. Present pastor at the church is Rev. Lloyd Tornell and associate pastor is John Taylor. Mrs. Paul Larson serves as director of music.

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Early church founded in 1882

The Swedish Free Missionary church [*sic – Church*] of Iron Mountain, better known as the Swedish Mission Church, was founded in August, 1882, when the six charter members met at the home of Andrew Lundin in the young settlement's North Side. N. Velvin, a layman, served as the first preacher to the small congregation for about two years. Sunday services were held in the homes of various members and in local school houses.

They built their first church, the frame structure pictured here (*early photograph*), at the southeast corner of East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street. However, a rapidly-increasing congregation soon outgrew this building, even after remodeling.

The Swedish Mission congregation erected a new church on the southeast corner of Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street in 1890. In 1942, the congregation changed its name to the First Covenant Church, and, eight years later, the brick-faced church across from the Carnegie Public Library was destroyed by fire.

In 1892, the old Swedish Mission Church, pictured, was purchased by the

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Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church which had been organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson on May 15, 1890. The church's first pastor was the Rev. F. Soderman.

Members of Iron Mountain's Jewish community purchased the church from the Swedish Methodists in 1909, and moved it to the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street, where it still stands today.

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Mission Services.

Pastor Skoog has arranged for a series of mission meetings to be held at the Swedish Mission church on October 14th, 15th and 16th. It is expected that Rev. C.G. Ellstrom, of the Swedish Tabernacle at Minneapolis, Rev. Axel Rapp, of Ironwood, and Rev. Werklund, of Ishpeming, will be present and assist the pastor in conducting the services.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 1, column 6

Mission Services.

A series of mission meetings will commence to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] at the Swedish Mission church and continue until Sunday evening. Pastor Skoog will be assisted in the services by Rev. C.G. Ellison, of the Swedish Tabernacle at Minneapolis, Pastor Rapp, of Ironwood, and Pastor Werklund, of Ishpeming. Mr. Ellison is said to be a pulpit orator of unusual eloquence and force.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1910], page 1, column 2

Bible Concordance.

The first copies of the new Swedish Concordance of the Bible have been received here. The work was compiled by Rev. Isaac Skoog, pastor of the Swedish Mission church of this city, and it has received a highly complimentary reception at the hands of the Swedish churchmen and press. The work contains 11,450 quotations from the bible [*sic – Bible*] arranged alphabetically. Rev. Mr. Skoog was over seven years in editing the concordance. It is the only concordance in the Swedish language. The first edition is 5,000 copies and it sells for \$1.50 and \$1.00 according to binding. The author is assured that it will have a large sale.

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Construction of new wing to begin at First Covenant

By MARLENE DAHLGREN
Staff Writer

IRON MOUNTAIN – The construction of a new east wing is set to begin during the spring at the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain, said Rev. Lloyd Tornell, pastor.

"The members of the church have sensed a need for a new wing that would make both levels of the church building

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more accessible to the handicapped,” he added.

The new addition will have ramps to the upper and lower levels, toilet facilities for the handicapped, a balcony, choir room and office complex.

“A special feature in the sanctuary of the church is a large wall mural painted by a Chicago artist, Warner Sallman. The mural depicts the Ascension and is a source of pride for our congregation and the community,” Tornell noted.

Activities within the First Covenant Church include an active Sunday school program that averages about 279 children and adults a week. The youth groups include a senior high league meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m., junior high league on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Jet Cadets for children in grades 4-6 that meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

For the adults, there is also a men’s prayer breakfast and a ladies’ prayer time held at the church each week.

According to Tornell, the church is currently looking for an assistant pastor to help out with the congregation, which currently totals 360, and serve as a youth director.

Other groups within the church include a musical group, Singing Strings. The group performs on a regular basis at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

The Sunday morning service is also rebroadcast on WMIQ Radio at 7 p.m. each Sunday, Tornell noted.

In the area of outreach, the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain has contributed \$40,000 to world relief, world missions and other mission projects, he said. The congregation also helps to support the Covenant Point Bible Camp.

“We are an evangelical church, and believe in a new birth for individuals. We

also believe in a committed Christian life and have the desire to reach those people who have not had the joy of a personal experience with Christ,” Tornell noted.

Tornell has been pastor of the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain for the past 16 years. He has also served as a pastor in California, Washington, Minnesota, and Illinois.

He and his wife, Esther[,] have two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Full Gospel

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Lutheran – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Stockbridge and H Street Iron Mountain

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Mount Olive Evangelical to dedicate new church building

IRON MOUNTAIN – The new building of the Mount Olive Evangelical Church, on the corner of Stockbridge and H Street in Iron Mountain, will be dedicated Sunday, with services throughout the day, Pastor J.S. Hering said.

The service of dedication will begin at 9 a.m., conducted by native sons of the congregation, Gary and Dale Baumler. Pulpit speakers for the service of thanksgiving at 3:00 p.m. will be James and David Aderman, also native sons of the congregation.

Charter members of the congregation, Mrs. Herman Erdmann and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Maedke[,] of Iron Mountain[,] will be honored during the dedication.

“During August[,] 1983, the ground was broke [sic – broken] for the new building and the contract was let to Champion, Inc.[,] of Iron Mountain. To keep costs down, the congregation has pitched in and done whatever has needed to be done. They have painted walls, laid floors, done

landscaping, and have been helpful in every way,” Hering said.

Early in 1923, a small group of Wisconsin Lutheran Synod people gathered together in Iron Mountain and a pastor from Florence traveled by train to hold services. The congregation first met in a rented building and then in the Klienschmidt home in Iron Mountain.

Later in 1923, land was purchased on the corner of Stockbridge and H Street in Iron Mountain and renovation of a store building that was moved there was completed in April[,] 1924. With 100 people in attendance, services began in this building on Easter Sunday.

As a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, there are 130 baptised [sic – baptized] members in the church. The congregation is spread out, with people coming from Spread Eagle, Pembine, and Niagara, Wis., and Lorreto [sic – Loretto], Norway, Merimann [sic – Merriman], Quinnesec and Iron Mountain, Mich.

In 1972, Hering took over as pastor and celebrated the 50 year golden anniversary of the church. He came to the United States from Germany in 1949, and attended Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, and Maywood Seminary in Ill. [sic – Illinois]. Hering has also served as pastor of churches in southern Illinois [sic – Illinois], Indiana, Arizona, and Wisconsin. Hering is also pastor of St. John’s Evangelical Church in Florence, Wis.

Programs presently at Mount Olive Evangelical Church include youth ministry, Sunday school, Bible study, and a woman’s [sic – women’s] group are planned, Hering said.

“I’m excited about the opportunity the new building offers the congregation. We are determined to stay here and put the

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building to the best possible use throughout the week, not just on Sunday,” he said.

Lutheran – Missouri Synod

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Carpenter and Breitung Avenues Kingsford

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Our Redeemer Dedication Set For Feb. 25

The Our Redeemer Lutheran congregation of Kingsford has set Sunday, February 25[,] as the day of dedication of its new church and educational unit, located at Carpenter and Breitung avenues in the city of Kingsford.

The Rev. Donald R. Gerlach, pastor, has met with the dedication committee several times during the past month to formalize the plans for this event. The members of the dedication committee are Roy Bratt, Francis Monette, Orland Johnson, Mrs. Frank Kangas, Mrs. Tom Erickson, and Mrs. Don Burby.

The committee announces the following events:

10 a.m. the service of entrance and the service of dedication with Holy Communion. Dr. L. Goetz, president of the North

Wisconsin district of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, will be the guest speaker.

12-12:30 p.m. open house for the community to tour the new building. Refreshments will be served to our guests.

At 3 p.m. the service of praise and dedication. The Rev. W. Steil, Epiphany Lutheran of Eau Claire, Wis.[,] former pastor of Our Redeemer, will be the guest speaker. At 5 p.m. – Congregational fellowship supper, and at 7 p.m. Vesper Service. Rev. E. Beversdorf, Redeemer Lutheran church, Rockford, Ill., former pastor of Our Redeemer, will speak.

Our Redeemer congregation has served the communities of Iron Mountain and Kingsford since 1925, the date of organization of the congregation. The congregation is affiliated with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

At the present, Sunday School and Bible classes are conducted each Sunday morning at 8:45 and Worship with Holy Communion at 10.

Rev. Gerlach invites all to ***[need to finish copying this article]***

Lutheran – Wisconsin Synod

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHAPEL Corner of Carpenter Avenue and Breen Street Kingsford

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NEW CHAPEL IS EVENT TONIGHT

Delegations of Pastors Here For Service In Village

Delegations of out-of-town pastors arrived here this morning to attend the dedication services tonight of the new Augustana Lutheran chapel, corner Carpenter avenue and Breen street. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The chapel, recently completed, has not been permanently named as yet, according to the Rev. Amos T. Lundquist, pastor. The present designation is temporary.

The dedication sermon will be delivered by the Rev. C.A. Lund, of Escanaba. Others who will address the congregation tonight are: The Rev. P.A. Zedren, Skanee; the Rev. C.W. Erickson, Iron River; the Rev. C.A. Rosander, Crystal Falls; the Rev. Fred G. Olson and the Rev. Hilding Myreen, of Iron Mountain.

A special program of music has been arranged for the service. One number will be a vocal duet by the Rev. A.T. Lundquist and W.R. Bastian, of Iron Mountain.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock there will be a meeting of resident and visiting pastors in the parsonage, 402 Vulcan street.

At 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, a special religious meeting will be held in the First Lutheran church, on the North side. The subject will be: "Looking Unto Jesus," and the Rev. Myreen will lead the discussion.

Installation Service.

Installation services for the Rev. A.T. Lundquist will be held tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock in the First English Lutheran

church. The installation address will be given by the Rev. C.A. Lund, of Escanaba. The Rev. C.W. Erickson will also address the congregation.

The choir has arranged a program of music, and a vocal duet will be sung by Miss Marie Bjorkman, of Norway, and Mr. Bastian. The services tomorrow night are open to the public.

BETHEL SWEDISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Hughitt and Iron Mountain Streets Iron Mountain



*Bethel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church
ca. 1920*

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Bethel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Bethel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church
ca. 1940*

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Corps Will Attend Memorial Service

The Woman's [*sic* – *Women's*] Relief Corps will attend services in a body Sunday morning at the Bethel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church, located at the corner of Hughitt and Iron Mountain streets. Memorial services will be conducted and a silk flag will be presented to the church by the corps. Invitations to attend the services have been issued to Civil, Spanish-American and World war veterans, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Woman's [*sic* – *Women's*] Auxiliary to the American Legion.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Corner of Fourth and Vulcan Streets
Iron Mountain
South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain

PASTORS

Rev. Carl Granath
1883 – 1884

Rev. P.J. Kallstrom
1884 – 1886

Rev. J.E. Linner
1887 – 1889

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Rev. Carl Almen
1890 – 1895
1907 – 1909

[NOTE: Photographs of all but one of the early pastors listed above appear in this booklet.]

Rev. Emanuel Edman
1895 – 1898

THE FIRST QUARTER-CENTURY 1881 – 1906

Rev. A.T. Fant
1898 – 1907
1910 – 1915

Rev. D. Verner Swanson
1916 – 1919

The congregation was organized August 7, 1881, under the name of Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Iron Mountain Congregation in Menominee County, Michigan. J.G.V. Carlson was elected Chairman pro tem and C. Mars, Secretary. The constitution recommended by the Augustana Synod was adopted. (Wm. Swanson signed the constitution as secretary.)

Rev. Hilding Myreen
1921 – 1926

Rev. Martin Olson
1927 – 1930

The first deacons elected were Olof Lundquist, John Olson, and Andrew Lingren. Trustees were William Swanson, John Mars and Otto Johnson.

Rev. John A. Johns
1931 – 1934

The monthly dues were to be 50c per man and 25c per woman.

Rev. Vernon E. Ryding
1935 – 1941

It was decided to apply to the Mission Board for a pastor to serve this and other nearby congregations.

Rev. Herman E. Soderberg
1942 – 1943

On December 7th of the same year, a special meeting was held to incorporate the congregation. Pastor C.O. Olander was chairman pro tem and Mr. John Mars Secretary. In the articles of incorporation the name Saron was inserted in the former name, and thus became the legal designation. At this meeting the Trustees were increased to six, with the addition of: Olof Lundquist, John Olson and Frederick Kjellgren. (The minutes do not explain why Olof Lundquist was changed from deacon to trustee.) It was further resolved to erect a church building 50 feet by 30 feet.

Rev. Oscar Purn
1945 – 1952

Rev. Frank J. Carlson
1953 – xxxx

Rev. R. Howard Fehr
1978 – xxxx

On January 14, 1882, further action was taken on building plans, and a resolution passed to join with Norway and Florence to call a pastor at a salary of \$800. The first service was held in the new church on July

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4, conducted by "Engineer" Per Larson, one of the founders of the congregation.

At the next annual meeting, January 1, 1883, Student Carl Granath served as chairman and Axel Ryberg as secretary. A call was issued to Student Granath to become pastor upon his ordination. The salary was to be \$500 and free house. (Apparently this was Saron's share of the \$800 total.)

The monthly dues were increased to \$1.00 for a man and 50c for a woman.

Pastor Carl Granath accepted the call and began his work July 1, 1883 as the first resident pastor. On July 15, 1884, it was decided to build a parsonage at a cost not to exceed \$350. Apparently the people were suffering many hardships for the following month a "Sick and Needy Fund" was established for aid to members and each member was to pay 10c per month to this fund. Pastor Granath resigned and left that fall, and after calling several other pastors, Pastor P.J. Kallstrom came at the end of 1884.

Among other matters, he reported at the meeting January 1, 1885, that the parsonage was ready, the membership had grown to 119 adults and 41 children, and that a young people's society had been organized.

Pastor Kallstrom left in April 1886 and the congregation was served by students until Student John Linner accepted the call upon ordination in 1887, and began his pastoral services during the summer.

Summer school was started in 1888. A Deaconess, Kjersten Eckstrand, worked as assistant to the pastor during 1888 and 1889. Pastor Linner resigned in 1889 and Student Pastor Carl Almen was appointed, and a petition made to Synod that he be ordained at the next Synod meeting. He began work in 1890 and at the annual meeting in January, 1891, Pastor Almen

reported a membership of 129 communicants, and a baptized membership of 235, and that a summer school of 3 ½ months, with over 40 children were instructed by Student Adolf Hult.

Pastor Almen resigned and left in September, 1895, and Pastor E. Edman succeeded him before the end of the year. At the beginning of 1897 the membership was 154 communicants and 164 children.

Pastor Edman left early in 1898.

Pastor A.T. Fant was called from Warren, Pa., in April and began work that same summer. At the turn of the century there were 167 confirmed members and 150 children in Sunday School, and a total baptized membership of 355. Electric lights were installed in the parsonage in 1900 and the congregation was debt-free.

In July, 1901, the German Lutherans were given permission to hold meetings in our church twice a month, free of charge. The parsonage was enlarged with an addition to serve as a kitchen. Mr. J.M. Johnson began his 40-year-term of service as organist, succeeding Mr. Alfred Johnson, who had served for many years prior to 1900. The 20th Anniversary was observed August 7, 1901, with Pastors J.P. Kallstrom, J.E. Linner, Carl Almen and J.E. Nystrom of Norway participating.

By this time the congregation had outgrown its first church and it became necessary to enlarge its quarters. The decision to do this was reached on February 22, 1903, at a special meeting and work began on April 13th. The building committee members were Pastor Fant, C.A. Lindahl, G.A. Johnson, Alfred Johanson, John Goranson, Alfred Road, and Adolph Anderson. Members of the subscription committee to raise funds for the new church were: Pastor Fant, C.A. Lindahl, G.A. Johnson, Alfred Johanson, and John Goranson. This work went very well,

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\$4,312.39 was subscribed and of this amount \$4,120.89 was paid. Pastor Fant gathered and turned over to the treasurer \$3,192.43. The Young Girls' Society (Flickornas Syforening) gave \$74.56, the Luther League gave \$396.50, the Confirmands' Society gave \$407.91, and the Ladies' Aid gave \$110.40. The church building cost \$5000. In 1906 the Luther League asked permission to work for and install in the church a pipe organ. This permission was gladly given and the organ was installed that same year at a cost of \$1,800.

THE SECOND QUARTER-CENTURY 1906 – 1931

The congregation observed its 25th anniversary in 1906. At this anniversary the congregation numbered 324 confirmed members and 266 children, a total of 590 souls. In the Sunday school at that same time there were 220 pupils with 35 teachers. The following year the congregation had the largest confirmation class so far in its history, namely 40 children. In 1906 there was a deep spiritual revival and Pastor Fant reported at the 1907 annual meeting that services had continued nightly for many weeks. Early in 1907 Pastor Fant terminated his ministry here and left for Swedesburg, Iowa. He was succeeded by Rev. Carl Almen, who began his second term as pastor in [sic – on] April 14, 1907.

The Ladies' Aid installed a furnace in the church in 1908 at a cost of \$220. Another important building project was the building of a new parsonage in 1909. This work was completed at a cost of \$4,500.00. Members of the building committee were Adolf Wallin, Adolph Anderson, Alfred Road, P.A. Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Axel Kline, Israel Anderson, J.M. Johnson, and

Pastor Almen. The subscription committee consisted of Pastor Almen, Alfred Johnson, Axel Kline, and L.M. Nelson. The old parsonage was moved to a new location and sold for \$555.00. Pastor Almen resigned in October, 1909.

Pastor Fant accepted a call from the congregation and began his second pastorate here in August, 1910. In the spring of 1910 the congregation took favorable action on the proposal of the Illinois Conference that a new Conference be formed in Upper Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin and sent Mr. August Johnson as its delegate to the organization meeting of the Superior Conference at Escanaba in April, 1910. Pastor Fant was president of the Superior Conference from 1912 to 1916.

One of the problems that the congregation faced in this period was the continuance of the summer Swedish school, which had been held practically every summer since the founding of the congregation. For some time it was held two months every year and one year as long as ten weeks, with all-day sessions. But it was changed to half-day sessions and the time was gradually shortened to a month. The school was usually taught by a student called from Rock Island and also by local teachers when a student could not be secured. The school was supported by charging "tuition" of the children who attended and by assessing the members of the congregation a certain amount per person or family. In 1916 the use of the English language began on a small scale.

In 1914 while he was Conference President, Pastor Fant was given a six months leave of absence to visit the Synod's mission fields in Florida and Cuba. Student F.G. Granquist was called to serve the congregation during his absence. Late in 1915 Pastor Fant resigned. At the

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annual meeting in 1916, which was shortly before he left Iron Mountain, he mentions the fact that he is making his 15th annual report to the congregation. To him therefore belongs the distinction of having served the congregation longer than any other of its pastors. He was succeeded [*sic* – *succeeded*] by Rev. D. Verner Swanson, who came here as pastor after his ordination in 1916.

The Concordia Society, an organization for the younger women of the church, was organized in 1915 with 25 members. It flourished for several years and did its part in the support of the congregation. The Men's Club, organized late in the previous decade[,] also did well. The Junior Mission Society was organized in 1918. A Young People's Bible Class was organized and taught by Pastor Swanson, also a Sunday School Teachers' Training Course. In 1918 it was decided to introduce the use of the Duplex Offering Envelope System and at the following annual meeting it was reported that the system had met with success and improved the financial condition of the church. Nine members of the congregation were in the armed forces of the nation in 1917. In 1918 the church was closed down for ten weeks because of the influenza epidemic. In 1916, when the congregation was 35 years old, it numbered 393 confirmed members and 170 children, or a total of 563 persons. Pastor Swanson resigned in 1919 and left that same year for Lincoln, Nebraska. The New Constitution recommended by the Synod, the so-called "New Britain" constitution, was adopted by the congregation on January 1, 1920.

Rev. Hilding Myreen began his ministry in the congregation on September 1, 1921, coming here from Luther Home in Marinette, Wisconsin, to take charge of the work. Dr. Adolf Hult of the Theological seminary at Rock Island served as supply

pastor in July and August of the same year. On January 7, 1923, the name of the congregation was changed to The First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Ford boom began to change the complexion of Iron Mountain at this time and the congregation decided to start Sunday school work on the south side of the city. Pastor Myreen took the leadership in this work of starting a new mission and his efforts culminated in the organization in October of 1923 of our sister congregation, the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The Sunday school work was started in the old German Lutheran Church on January 21, 1923.

In the summer of 1923 the congregation had the pleasure of having Pastor A.T. Fant serve as supply pastor in July and August while Pastor Myreen was absent, seeking medical care.

In the summer of 1924 the services of the two congregations were held together until the new chapel for Our Saviour's Church could be completed. The parsonage of First Church was occupied for a year by Rev. Amos Lundquist, pastor of Our Saviour's[,] and also for a time by Rev. Fred G. Olson, conference Field Secretary.

The Woman's [*sic* – *Women's*] Missionary Society was organized on September 19, 1924.

Pastor Myreen resigned in February, 1925, because of poor health, but the congregation prevailed on him to remain as pastor and gave him a leave of absence to seek his health. However in 1926 his resignation became final.

After calling several others, Rev. Martin O. Olson was called, and came August 1, 1927, and remained here until the summer of 1930, when he moved to Grassflat, Pa. The pastor also served for a time Central Lutheran Church of Breitung and the Conference recommended in 1930 that

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First Church form a pastorate with Quinnesec.

THE THIRD QUARTER-CENTURY 1931 – 1956

Rev. John A. Johns came here as pastor on March 1, 1931. In that same year it was decided to introduce still more English into the services and the Sunday services were made alternating Swedish and English. The Martha Society was organized in September, 1931, and is still very active.

In May of 1932 the merger with Bethel Lutheran Church was completed, bringing the membership of the congregation from 155 confirmed members up to 250. Sunday school work continued to be carried on in both churches the remainder of the year, but beginning in 1933 the two were merged into one. Both churches were used for services until it was decided on January 4, 1934, to use the downtown church only. Since that time the church home of the congregation has been located in the present church at Iron Mountain and East Hughitt Streets. The congregation continued to use the parsonage on Vulcan Street as the home for its pastor until it and the Northside church were sold in 1939 to Rev. Fr. Peter Jani. The property was sold for \$3,200 and the residence at 520 East C Street, (present parsonage) belonging to Mrs. Mary Unger, was purchased for \$2,500 for a parsonage. Another \$1,000 was spent in renovating the interior of the house. The new parsonage was dedicated at an "Open House," held on Sunday afternoon, October 29, 1939. Pastor and Mrs. Ryding were hosts to the congregation at this festive event and Pastor Carl I. Fant was in charge of the dedication service.

1932 was also an outstanding year in that two pastors took brides within the

congregation that year and were married in the church. Rev. G. Anton Danielson and Ruth O. Anderson were married on June 24th and Rev. Johns, pastor of the congregation, was married to Tillie A. Anderson on July 13th.

The congregation experienced a great sorrow in 1934 in the passing away of Rev. Johns. On June 17th he conducted Confirmation and Communion Services. The following Friday he and Mrs. Johns left for Altona, Ill., where he was to take part in their anniversary festivities as one of their former pastors. He became ill on the way and was taken to Augustana Hospital in Chicago, where he passed away on June 27th. Funeral services were held in the Bethel Church of Chicago. He was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery in that city. Rev. Danielson of Our Saviour's Church represented our congregation at the funeral services. Memorial services were held in Iron Mountain on July 5th.

Rev. Vernon E. Ryding[,] of Negaunee[,] was called as successor to Rev. Johns and began his services as pastor on May 20, 1935.

The congregation had weathered the depression years very well and responded readily to the pastor's aggressive leadership. An annual Confirmand Reunion was established in 1936, which served to stimulate interest. The Superior Conference met here in convention April 29 – May 2, 1937, with the Conference Women's Missionary Society meeting simultaneously at Immanuel Baptist Church.

In 1940 the congregation had a confirmed membership of 310 and 75 children[,] making a total of almost 400 souls.

The Sunday school had a total enrollment of teachers and scholars of 115. Several organizations were busy carrying

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on the work of the church[,], namely, The Ladies' Aid, The Men's Club, Luther League, Martha Society, Woman's *[sic – Women's]* Missionary Society, Junior Mission Band, The Choir, and Augustana Daughters (organized in 1941).

In the late summer of 1940 the congregation was reminded of the 1918 shutdown in the flu epidemic when the church was closed for three weeks because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

In 1940 a new and improved choir loft was installed in the church by the choir.

In preparation for the Sixtieth Anniversary Festivities of the congregation in 1941 the church interior was redecorated by the Gaffer Studios of Fort Wayne, Indiana, at a cost of almost \$800 and a large number of memorial gifts were presented by members and friends.

Pastor Ryding resigned May 29, 1941[,], and left for Chicago in September.

The Sixtieth Anniversary was observed August 7 – 10, 1941, with Pastors D. Verner Swanson, Carl and Alfred Fant, G.A. Herbert, G.P. Williams, and Dr. W. Johnson participating. Mr. J.M. Johnson was guest organist.

Dr. J.W. Johnson served as supply pastor until Pastor Herman Soderberg came in April[,], 1942. The parsonage was renovated and partly remodeled the same year. This was the first year of World War II, which added great burdens to all people, but especially challenging to the church. The pastor reported that 45 men were in service the first year, then the pastor felt constrained *[sic]* to enter the Navy Chaplaincy, and left in September of 1943. Pastor William Siegel, of Our Saviour's Church, served as Vice Pastor.

Pastor Oscar Purn[,], of Paxton, Illinois, accepted the call and began his ministry January 3, 1945. The new constitution was adopted in January[,], 1946. The 1946

reports radiate with joy and optimism over the cessation of war and the opportunities that lay ahead in peaceful years. The Board was authorized to negotiate for purchase of the Baptist parsonage next to the church, to reroof the church, renovate the interior and install a new furnace in the parsonage. During the year of 1947 the morning worship service was broadcast over Radio Station WMIQ. Swedish services were definitely terminated at the 1947 annual meeting. At the 1948 meeting, the question of merging the two local Augustana churches was thoroughly considered, but failed to reach the two-thirds majority required.

During the 70th anniversary year of 1951, the membership reached an all-time high of 522 communicants and 230 children. The festivities were held June 30 – July 1, with former pastors D. Verner Swanson, Vernon Ryding and Herman Soderberg participating. In 1952, the Baptist parsonage next to the church was purchased for use as a Parish House, which greatly relieved the crowded Sunday School conditions. Another attempt was made to merge the two congregations, but again without success. Having reached retirement age, Pastor Purn resigned and left for Rock Island the last of September, 1952. Pastor Frank J. Carlson[,], of Nyman, Red Oak, Iowa, was called and began his ministry April 15, 1953. Following the closing of the Ford Plant in 1951, many of our people left town to work elsewhere. For this, and other reasons, many members were transferred to other churches and some, who showed no response, were dropped. By January, 1955, the membership, therefore, dropped to 356 adults and 148 children. However, there is evident a great potential among our people and a great mission in our community, which is only 30% churched. Two clear

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indications were the response to Advance for Christ in Missions, with gifts totaling over \$4,300, and great stirrings of the Spirit in the Area Evangelism Mission. Stewardship and evangelism, growing out of sincere worship experiences, are the “works that prove the faith.”

In order to better serve the needs of our people, two new organizations were effected in 1955: The Nursery Mothers' Class and the Christian Marri-Mates. The former offers instructions and guidance to mothers for the Christian training of their children. The Marri-Mates are the younger couples who feel the need of fellowshiping together as couples and learning ways of strengthening their families in Christian living. Another significant change took place in 1955 when the Ladies' Aid and the Women's Missionary Societies decided to merge and form the Lutheran Women's Christian Service, with its chief emphasis upon missionary education. The Cub Scout – Boy Scout programs are being sponsored jointly by the two local Augustana Brotherhoods.

In preparation for entertaining the Superior Conference convention at our church April 10-13, 1956, and for our anniversary, an ambitious renovation program in church, Parish House and parsonage was completed. The Conference elected its first full-time president, who shall also serve as Acting Superintendent of Luther Home, and named Pastor J. Milton Nelson[,] of Iron River[,] to the office.

The mid-year membership was 376 communicants and 155 children, with 218 enrolled in Sunday School.

The anniversary program (August 4-7) will be conducted as follows:

SATURDAY EVENING – Smogasbord and Informal Reception.

SUNDAY MORNING – Sunday School and Holy Communion, with Dr. D. Verner Swanson preaching the Preparatory Address.

Pastors Carl and Alfred Fant will speak at the afternoon confirmand reunion. A special service Sunday Evening is planned for the Aurora Free Church because of its historic connection with First Lutheran.

Monday evening, Pastors Soderberg and Purn bring messages for the Historical Night, and on Tuesday, Pastor Ryding will give the address at the Anniversary Banquet.

This is “A Time For Rejoicing – A Time For Appraising – A Time For Cross-bearing”; therefore, we pray –

“Jesus, still lead on,

‘Till our rest be won;

Heavenly Leader, still direct us,

Still support, console, protect us,

‘Till we safely stand

In our Fatherland!”

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 3

An Expression of Thanks to the Artistic Painters, Messrs. Rainey & Goit.

The Ev. Lutheran Church wish [*sic* – *wishes*] to express its sincere thanks to Messrs. Rainey & Goit, [*sic*] for the satisfactory work they have done in painting the church. Messrs. Rainey & Goit are very skillful fresco painters, and honest and pleasant gentlemen to deal with. When they undertake to do a job, they will do satisfactory work. They are worthy to be patronized by the people of this city.

J.E. LINNEN,
Pastor.

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Iron Mountain, Mich., May 8, 1889.

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Strong lay leadership is shown at First Lutheran

IRON MOUNTAIN – “A strong lay leadership is a characteristic of the congregation of the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, and they are also very friendly and open,” Reverend [*sic* – Reverend] R. Howard Fehr, pastor[,] said.

Members of the church are involved in every aspect of the church organization, which includes the church council, nursing home service, maintenance work that has to be done on the church, and the many organizations within the church.

“Our church council is made up of 18 members, who are voted on by the congregation to serve three year terms. To be re-elected, they have to take one year off when their term is up. This helps to give more people a chance to be involved in the council and not just the same people,” Fehr said.

The beginning of the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain can be traced back to 1881 and the start of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

“Although the roots of many of the first members of the church were Swedish, we have gone a long way past that now. Our congregation today is made up of many different backgrounds and nationalities,” Fehr added.

The first church was built on the corner of Fourth and Vulcan St. [*sic* – Streets] on the north side of Iron Mountain and there were 25 members in the congregation.

Due to the Ford “boom” in 1923, a Sunday school class of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church was held on the south side of the city. They soon found a need for an English church in this area, which became Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

The most recent church building of the First Lutheran Church was dedicated in 1966 and it is located on S. Stephenson Ave. in Iron Mountain.

“This church is all on one level, which makes it accessible to the handicapped and elderly. The only changes since it was built were the addition of some stain [*sic* – stained] glass windows and a new pipe organ,” Fehr added.

The 700 baptised [*sic* – baptized] members of the congregation come from Florence, Niagara, and Aurora, Wis.[,] and Merriman, Norway, Iron Mountain, and Kingsford, he noted.

Yearly service projects within the church include having a pantry and Holy Comforters, which made 500 blankets this year to send overseas.

The church building is also used for community efforts and organizations, like the Boy Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, and community prayer services.

The congregations of the First Lutheran Church and Our Savior’s Lutheran Church have a joint youth ministry group and also provide a communion service to the residents of the Americana Health Care Center in Kingsford, Fehr said.

During the month of May, the congregation also adopts the Caring House in Iron Mountain and the members bring in needed items each Sunday during the month.

“We get together with the director of the Caring House and see if there are some particular items needed. During this past year, we designated one week as paper

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Sunday and everyone brought in paper products,” he added.

Fehr has been pastor of the First Lutheran Church since 1978 and lives in Iron Mountain with his wife Doris and four of his six children. The Fehr's [sic – Fehrs] also have seven grandchildren.

Fehr has a Master of Divinity degree and serves as dean of the Menominee Valley District of the Lutheran Church in America. He also serves as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Florence.

He is a native to [sic – of] Salt Lake City, Utah[,] and has served churches in Eau Claire and Waukesha, Wis.[,] and Cedarville.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 317 West D Street Iron Mountain



German Lutheran Church, ca. 1915-1920

In A.H. Storms' *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich., with a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis. 1902-1903* the German Lutheran Church was not yet

built – “No church building but will erect or purchase one soon.” Rev. Uetzman was the pastor, and he resided in Florence, Wisconsin. Services were the first Sunday of each month with Sunday school at 2 p.m.

In *J.W. Shannon & Co.'s Iron Mountain Directory 1905-1906*, the German Lutheran Church was listed at the corner of Stockbridge Avenue and West D Street. The pastor was the Rev. Partka, who resided in Florence, Wisconsin. Services were held on the first and last Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday school was held at 2 p.m.

In *The Inter-State Directory Company's Directory of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County Gazetteer For the Years 1907-1908*, the Swedish Lutheran Church was listed on West D Street. There is no information regarding the German Lutheran Church, and no listing in the street directory for 311 West D Street.

In Douglas Anderson's *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County with a List of Residents of Homestead, Wisconsin 1913*, the German Lutheran Church is listed at 317 West D Street, and the Swedish Lutheran Church is listed at the corner of Fourth and Vulcan Streets, with Rev. A.T. Fant, pastor.

In *Polk's Iron Mountain and Dickinson County Directory 1925*, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of West D Street and Stockbridge Avenue, is listed with the Rev. F.W. Schneider, pastor. Sunday school was at 9 a.m. and services were at 9:45 a.m.

In *Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935*, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church was listed on the southeast corner of West D Street and Stockbridge Avenue.

An article in the September 22, 1984 edition of the *Iron Mountain News* noted “the present church was purchased in 1936

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through the help of Miss Sadie George of Iron Mountain. The building itself has remained the same, except for improvements on the interior of the church. An addition was also added onto the basement to create a church hall.” Rev. Paul Blankenstein was the source of information.

The church history on the St. Mary’s Orthodox Church website was prepared by Peter Massrouha and Helen Corombos.

Back in 1934, 1935 and 1936, immigrants in the Iron Mountain area had no Eastern Orthodox House of God within traveling distance.

“Abe Khoury’s wife, Mary, and Sadie George, sister of Fadel George, embarked on a mission to produce their own Eastern Orthodox Church along with the combined forces of a small group of families: Mike and Sadie Abraham, Jake and Nora Jacobs, Abe and Tazeh Jacobs, Abe and Nazira Jacobs, Fadel and Mary George, Steve and Bessie Papas, John and Helen Corombos, George and Marika Corombos, Chris and Mary Anegon, Art and Penelope Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Rapaich, and numerous others.

“By 1936, the amount raised from social gatherings and donations grew to \$387.00. Somehow this money was entrusted to a priest from Spring Valley, Illinois, who was passing through. Perhaps communications were lacking because the priest took the money with him when he returned to Illinois. As some will remember, Fadel George worked for the railroad and obtained a free pass for his sister, Sadie, to journey to Spring Valley, Illinois, where she successfully collected the money and returned home determined more than ever to expedite the founding of an Orthodox Church.

Our little church was purchased for \$600.00 from a Lutheran Bishop in

Escanaba, Michigan in 1937. Today, 50 years later we are celebrating our Golden Anniversary. Most certainly Our Lord gathered his flock and paved the way so those of Orthodox Faith could worship as our Forefathers had, Proudly, Sincerely, and Faithfully. Therefore, it is with Pride and Love we dedicate this book – firstly, to our Forefathers who have made this history possible, secondly, to those who now follow in their footsteps, and finally to those who will follow in our footsteps and keep the Faith that has been established in our “Miracle Church”.

St. Mary’s first rectory, situated immediately adjacent to the church, was purchased in the early 1940’s for slightly over \$3,000.00. Father Paul Schneirla, our Priest during this time, stimulated the fervor that made the purchase possible by donating \$1,000.00 for the down payment. The balance was raised by the enthusiasm generated by our forefathers in Orthodox. Father Schneirla, our first resident priest, lived in Iron Mountain at the new parish rectory which he helped purchase with his most generous donation. Prior to our new rectory, he and his wife rented a small home across the street from the Mike Abraham residence on Wells Street.

Father Paul was a shared priest with Ironwood. Sunday Church Service in those early days were held every other Sunday at Iron Mountain and Ironwood. Times were tough in those days, but those of Orthodox Faith were tougher.

In 1986, St. Mary’s House and Grounds Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dale Frei – also president of the Church Council at that time – purchased a newer home for the Rectory. The new parish home was located at 1313 Stockbridge, Iron Mountain.

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In 2002, The Parish sold the rectory and purchased a new rectory on Pine Mountain road.”

[Very Reverend Fr. Mark Hagen, Archpriest]

OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Originally at Kimberly Avenue and West F Street
1210 South Kimberly
Iron Mountain

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, located at Kimberly [Avenue] and West “H” Street, was the first English Lutheran Church in the history of Dickinson County. It was founded by a churchless Sunday school of 24 children of 13 nationalities.

The need for an English church on the south side of the city was felt during the “Ford Boom.” A group of adults rented the old Frieden’s German Church for afternoon and evening church services. Today this church is the St. Mary’s Orthodox Church.

Our Savior’s Church was established on October 8, 1923. The first church was located at Kimberly [Avenue] and West “F” Street and was built in 1925. The present church was built in 1955. Three churches have merged with Our Savior’s. They were Frieden’s German Church, Central Lutheran Church in Breitung, and St. Michael’s Finnish Lutheran in Kingsford. The Rev. Harold V. Faust serves as the eleventh pastor of the congregation.

[Born From Iron, p. 36]

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OPEN BIDS TODAY FOR NEW CHURCH

Construction Program Of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Started

The building program of Our Saviour’s Lutheran church is now under way. A chapel and Sunday school building is being built on Fulton street, Kingsford, and plans are completed for the church to be built on Kimberly avenue in Iron Mountain.

The contract for the church, and parish hall, was to be awarded today following the opening of bids received from contractors. The site was purchased some time ago.

The chapel in Kingsford is being built by Adolf Wallin, who was awarded the contract.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, September 27, 1924], page 1, column 4

LUTHERAN CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED

Rev. Lund to Officiate At Services Tomorrow Evening

Dedication exercises will be held tomorrow [*sic – tomorrow*] evening at the new chapel in Kingsford of Our Saviour’s Lutheran church. The Rev. C.A. Lund, conference president, will officiate, being

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assisted by the Rev. Hilding Myreen and the Rev. Olson, the pastors.

The chapel is located on Fulton street. It is 36x34 feet in size and was erected by Adolph Wallin, contractor.

Sunday school services will be held at the chapel every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Arvid Hansen has been appointed superintendent of the Sunday school. The hours of the other services will be announced from week to week.

A parish house at the corner of Kimberly avenue and F streets is now being built.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, February 13, 1925], page ____, column ____

NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Service Will Be Held Sunday at Our Saviour's Lutheran

A three-day program, including a concert this evening, will culminate Sunday in the dedication of Our Saviour's English Lutheran church, located at the corner of Kimberly avenue and F street.

Construction of the church building is now entirely finished and equipment has been installed. The property as it now stands represents an investment of approximately \$14,000.

The building, of stucco, tile and brick, is 60x30 feet in size and was erected by the Ulseth Lumber company. It was designed so that it can be used as a parish community house when a larger church is built later.

The first floor, which is several feet above the street level, contains the auditorium. Accommodations are provided for 250 persons, the walnut chairs having been purchased by the Ladies' Aid society, which also paid for the lighting fixtures. Altar fixtures, which are in white with a gold trimming, were made here by Adolph Wallin and form an attractive setting.

In the basement of the church there is a large meeting room and a fully equipped kitchen. Three exits [*sic* – *exits*] are provided.

In addition to the church, the parish also has a chapel in Kingsford. Services are entirely in English. The Sunday school division now has an enrollment of 125. The congregation numbers 65 and 60 more will be accepted on Sunday.

The dedication service Sunday will be featured by the presence of the Rev. G.A. Brandelle, of Rock Island, Ill., president of the Augustana synod, several other pastors will also attend.

Because of its central location it is expected that the parish will enjoy a rapid growth. In addition to the property upon which the church stands, the parish also owns an adjacent frontage of 90 feet upon which it is planned to erect the pastor's residence and later a new church. The Rev. Fred G. Olson is now pastor of the church.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Tuesday, August 4, 1925], page 2, column 1

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR TONIGHT

Preached First Sermon at

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Church Here Sunday

A reception for the new pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran church, the Rev. Amos Lundquist, will be given by the congregation this evening.

The reception will be held in the parlors of the church on Kimberly avenue, near Crystal Lake, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Lundquist preached his first sermon here Sunday morning. He is a graduate of Augustana college in Illinois and was ordained in Minneapolis last spring.

The former home of the new pastor was in East Moline, Ill. Mrs. Lundquist is a former resident of Ironwood.

The couple have just returned from an extended trip to the west in the vicinity of Yellowstone park. They will make their temporary residence at 402 Vulcan street.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 180 [Tuesday, November 10, 1925], page 3, column 1

DEDICATION OF NEW CHAPEL IS EVENT TONIGHT

Delegations of Pastors Here For Service In Village

Delegations of out-of-town pastors arrived here this morning to attend the dedication services tonight of the new Augustana Lutheran chapel, corner

Carpenter avenue and Breen street. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The chapel, recently completed, has not been permanently named as yet, according to the Rev. Amos T. Lundquist, pastor. The present designation is temporary.

The dedication sermon will be delivered by the Rev. C.A. Lund, of Escanaba. Others who will address the congregation tonight are: The Rev. P.A. Zedren, Skanee; the Rev. C.W. Erickson, Iron River; the Rev. C.A. Rosander, Crystal Falls; the Rev. Fred G. Olson and the Rev. Hilding Myreen, of Iron Mountain.

A special program of music has been arranged for the service. One number will be a vocal duet by the Rev. A.T. Lundquist and W.R. Bastian, of Iron Mountain.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock there will be a meeting of resident and visiting pastors in the parsonage, 402 Vulcan street.

At 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, a special religious meeting will be held in the First Lutheran church, on the North side. The subject will be: "Looking Unto Jesus," and the Rev. Myreen will lead the discussion.

Installation Service.

Installation services for the Rev. A.T. Lundquist will be held tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock in the First English Lutheran church. The installation address will be given by the Rev. C.A. Lund, of Escanaba. The Rev. C.W. Erickson will also address the congregation.

The choir has arranged a program of music, and a vocal duet will be sung by Miss Marie Bjorkman, of Norway, and Mr. Bastian. The services tomorrow night are open to the public.

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FOLLOW BIBLE IN BUILDING OF CHURCH; LUND

Many Hear Talks At Dedication Exercises Last Evening

The Rev. C.A. Lund, in his dedication address last night at the new Augustana chapel, corner Carpenter avenue and Breen street, declared that the preaching of the gospel and the building of churches was in keeping with the teachings of the Bible and the principles of religion, generally. A capacity congregation attended the services.

Other talks, dealing with religious topics for the most part, were given by the Rev. P.A. Zedren, of Skanee; the Rev. C.W. Erickson, Iron River; the Rev. C.A. Rosander, Crystal Falls; the Rev. Fred G. Olson and the Rev. Hilding Myreen, of Iron Mountain.

Owing to mechanical trouble in the church organ, most of the musical program was dispensed with.

Discuss Field

This morning the visiting pastors with the Rev. Amos T. Lundquist, pastor of the First English Lutheran church, of Iron Mountain, discussed the field covered by the newly constructed chapel, and plans for the pastorate. The Rev. Hilding Myreen will have temporary supervision over that field, as superintendent of the district.

This afternoon, at 2:30, the visiting pastors attended a special religious

meeting in the First Lutheran church. The subject was "Looking Unto Jesus." The Rev. Myreen led the discussion.

Tonight, at 7:45 o'clock, the installation services for the Rev. Lundquist will be held in the First English Lutheran church. The installation address will be given by the Rev. C.A. Lund, of Escanaba, and an address will also be given by the Rev. C.W. Erickson.

A special musical program has been arranged.

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ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERGY FORMED TODAY

Ministers Organize And Will Hold Monthly Meetings

Decision to organize a County Ministerial association was reached at a meeting of Protestant clergymen this morning at the English Lutheran church, Kimberly avenue.

A committee was named to draw up bylaws and report at another meeting to be held early in January.

Clergymen representing practically every protestant denomination in Dickinson county attended the gathering and were heartily in favor of the movement. It is expected that nearly all the pastors in the county will join, as the majority have

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already signified their intention of becoming members.

The organization will include the ministers of Channing, Norway, Felch, Foster City and also Florence and Niagara in Wisconsin.

Meetings are to be held once a month.

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CONGREGATION IS DECIDED UPON BY FORTY FAMILIES

Attendants at Breitung Chapel to Enter Au- gustana Synod

At a meeting held last night in the chapel at the corner of Parkway street and Breen avenue, those who for the past two years have held services there effected the definite organization of an Evangelical Lutheran congregation. The constitution of the congregation of the Augustana Synod of North America was read and adopted, and the new unit will apply for admission into the Superior Conference of the synod at the next annual meeting.

Forty-two families signed as members.

The Sunday school, which has been conducted in the mission during the last two years by the pastor of the First Lutheran church and others active in church work now numbers about 60. These, with the older members of the church, bring the aggregate of the congregation to about 125.

The following officers were elected.

Deacons, John Bloomquist, Frank Skoog and Christ Halvorson; trustees, Hugo Olson, George Larsen and Bernard Hagberg; organist, Mrs. John Nygaard; financial secretary, Mrs. Carl Olson; general secretary, Ed. Bloomquist.

The Rev. Hilding Myreen, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Iron Mountain, was elected vice-pastor.

The name Central Lutheran church, by which the mission has been designated in the past, was made permanent.

The Rev. Fred G. Olson, field secretary of the Superior Conference, was in charge of the meeting.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran to observe 50th anniversary

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, located at Kimberly Ave. and West H St., the first English Lutheran Church in the history of the Dickinson County area, will observe its 50th anniversary with a four-day program starting Friday night.

Pastor Russell H. Mueller and associate pastor Dale Keikinen, with the historical committee headed by Mrs. Helen Johnson, have completed plans. There will be programs Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Programs will be announced Thursday.

Our Saviour's actually was founded by a churchless Sunday school of 24 children of 13 nationalities. With the Ford "boom" in progress there was a need for an English church on the south side of the city. A group of adults rented the old Frieden's

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German Church for afternoon Sunday school and evening adult services.

Frieden's Church was located at Stockbridge and D St. Today it is the St. Mary Orthodox Church.

Two months after the Sunday school started, Our Saviour's was established on Oct. 8, 1923.

The first of ten pastors was Rev. C.M. Olander. The original board of administrators included Olaf Rian, Robert Jenks, Arthur Lundahl, Russell Johnson and W.R. Bastian. Head usher was Paul Schettler and organist was Mrs. Bastian.

Our Saviour's first church was built in 1925 at Kimberly and F St. The present church was built in 1955.

Today, Our Saviour's has a membership of 1,042. Three churches merged with Our Saviour's. They were Frieden's German Church, the Central Lutheran in Breitung and St. Michael Finnish Lutheran Church in Kingsford.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran has strong history of mergers

IRON MOUNTAIN – Like individual pieces of straw that band together to form a broom, so is the history of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The church is the result of several strings of little churches merging during the last 60 years.

The church celebrates its birth in 1923, the first English speaking Lutheran church in Iron Mountain. Three times since its inception smaller Lutheran congregations have joined with Our Saviour's bringing the present baptized membership to 1,150.

The church was first constructed on the corner of D Street and Stockbridge Avenue. A new church was built at Kimberly Avenue and F Street and in 1955 the present structure was built at Kimberly and H Street.

Rev. Harold Faust has served as pastor at Our Saviour's for the past 7 ½ years. He is a native of Moline, Ill., and spent 25 years as a missionary in east Africa.

"We have very active involvement from our people," says Faust of his congregation. "We have exceptionally strong lay participation."

Faust indicated that 1,000 man-hours of volunteer work is logged each week by the members of the church. He stated the church has a strong adult education program.

Our Saviour's is one of the few churches in the area with a bell choir. A large pipe organ and Baby Grand piano further enhances the music at the services.

The main level of the church features a sanctuary decorated in knotty pine that seats 300; a lounge that looks into the sanctuary that is used for small services and meetings; a library; and offices.

The basement includes a large fellowship hall with a kitchen; Sunday school rooms and a nursery.

The upper level houses the youth ministry office; youth room and choir loft with the pipe organ.

Our Saviour's Lutheran is part of the Lutheran Church in America and is one of approximately 275 churches in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod.

**ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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NEW CHURCH IS ORGANIZED HERE

Lutherans Form Congregation; Meet at Klein-Schmidt Home

Organization of St. Luke's congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran church has been announced and until other quarters are obtained services will be held at the home of Herman Kleinschmidt, 516 West C street.

The congregation is composed of English and Germans and formerly met at the German church, but a split occurred and the meeting place was changed.

The vestry elected by the congregation includes Mr. Kleinschmidt, president; George Quade, treasurer and Fred Tesky, secretary. Mrs. Bertha Trogan, being the oldest member of the congregation, was given the privilege of selecting its name. Services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, with Sunday school following. Rev. H.A. Mueller is pastor.

SWEDISH CHURCH OF IRON MOUNTAIN

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 20 [Tuesday, May 3, 1921], page 1, column 7

NEW SWEDISH CHURCH IS ORGANIZED HERE

Voted Unanimously to Call Rev. Erik Lindmark As Pastor

At a largely attended meeting of Scandinavians, former members of the Swedish Lutheran Saron church, held last Sunday afternoon at Holy Trinity church, the organization of a new Swedish church was perfected.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Philip Broburg, of St. Paul, Minn.

The new parish will be known [as] "The Swedish Church of Iron Mountain." It was voted that the order, doctrine and liturgy of the state church of Sweden should serve as the standard of the congregation. Two wardens and nine vestrymen were elected; also a secretary, Sunday school superintendent, organist and sexton.

It was voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Erik Lindmark to become the rector of the new church. It is certain that the reverend gentlemen will respond in the affirmative. For the past several months the Rev. Lindmark acted as supply pastor for the Swedish Lutheran Saron church, on Vulcan street, and a call had been extended to him to become permanent pastor by a majority of the congregation. The Augustana Synod, the governing body of the church, refused to accept his credentials, however, and this action was the direct result of the division of the congregation.

At high mass, held Sunday in the German Lutheran church, Rev. Philip Broburg preached on the subject of

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“Prayer”. In the evening, at 8:00 o’clock, the first service of the new parish was held at Holy Trinity church. The Reverend Broburg preached on the subject: “They Continued Steadfast in the Apostles’ Doctrine and Fellowship in the Breaking of Bread and the Prayers.”

The new congregation will, for the present, use the German Lutheran church for Sunday school and high mass and Holy Trinity church for evensong. While the exact number of the members of the new congregation is not known at this writing, the attendance at the organization meeting was large, filling the church.

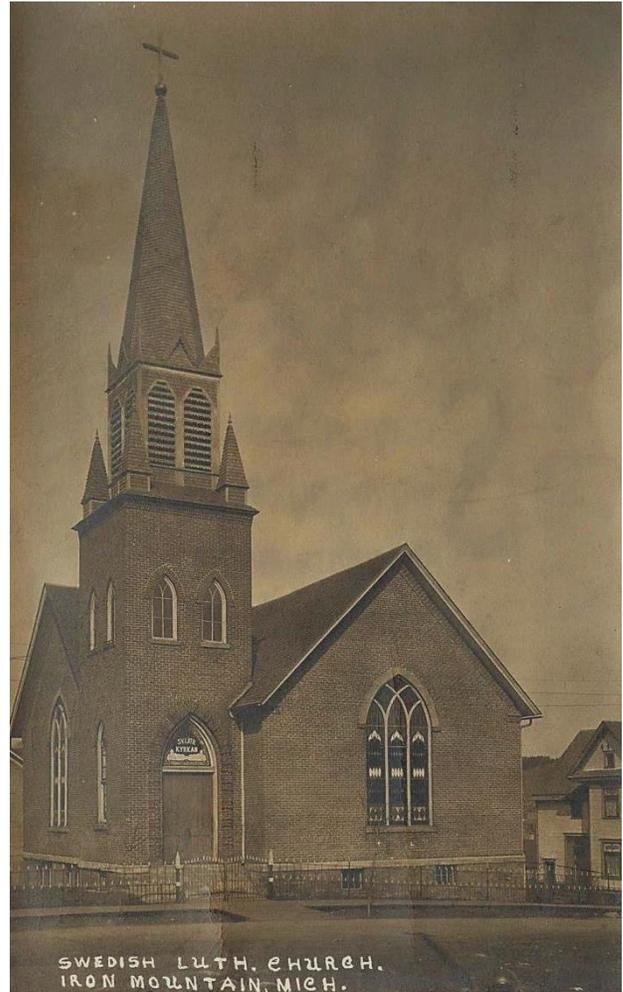
The organization of the new congregation gives Iron Mountain five Swedish churches – Baptist, Lutheran Saron, Methodist and Mission.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Corner of Fourth and Vulcan Streets
Iron Mountain**

**Merged With The
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Northeast Corner of Iron Mountain and
East Hughitt Streets
Iron Mountain**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1210 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain**



The Swedish Lutheran congregation was organized August 7, 1881. During the first year of its existence it had no church building of its own, and the services were evidently held in the homes of the members. The first church was built in 1882, and was located on the corner of Fourth and Vulcan Streets. There were no pews, only planks to sit on, but the members rejoiced that they could worship in their own church. Mr. “Engineer” Per Larson conducted that first service. He was one of the founders of the congregation, and as far as can be determined, he was the first lay preacher. The Rev. Carl Granath was the first resident pastor of the congregation, serving from 1883 to 1884.

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In the early 1900's, a new church was erected on the same location.

In 1923, the name of the congregation was changed to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1932, the Swedish Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran Churches merged. Both churches were used for services until 1934, when it was decided to use the downtown church only. This church was located on Iron Mountain and East Hughitt Streets. The First Lutheran Church is now located on South Stephenson Avenue.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 31 and p. 36; photograph on p. 32]

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 10 [Thursday, August 1, 1901], page 5, column 2

On Wednesday next the Swedish Lutherans will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of their church in this city. It is expected that all the former pastors of the church now living will attend the exercises. The list is as follows: Rev. C. Almen, of Marinette, Rev. J.E. Linner, of West Superior, Rev. J.P. Kallstrom, of Mayville, N.Y., and Rev. J.W. Johnson, of Rhinelander. The exercises will consist of speeches, music and recitations. A supper will be served from five to eight o'clock.

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New Parsonage.

The congregation of the Swedish Lutheran church has let the contract for a new parsonage. It will be a modern frame

residence with all the conveniences. L. Walin [*sic* – *Wallin*] has the contract and the price is \$2,900. The old parsonage has been sold to Antone Palmquist for \$500 and it will be moved to another part of the city.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 38 [Thursday, February 10, 1910], page 1, column 1

Extends a Call.

The Swedish Lutheran church has extended a call to Rev. Oscar Arthur, of Gibbon, Iowa, to succeed Rev. Carl Almen, who resigned several months ago and returned to Sweden. Rev. Mr. Arthur occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning and evening and favorably impressed a large congregation. The reverend gentleman has not formally accepted the call as yet, but it is expected that he will do so.

**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL
Corner of Roseland Street and Emmet
Avenue
Skidmore Addition
Breitung**

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NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Services Will Be Held To-

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morrow at United Lutheran

Dedication services will be held Sunday in the just completed United Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd chapel in Breitung.

Visiting preachers will participate in the three special services to be held during the day and evening.

The congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Frieden, sister church in Iron Mountain, will attend in a body.

The new church is in the Skidmore addition, at the corner of Roseland and Emmet avenues.

Services have been held in the basement of the incomplete structure for the past month. The finishing touches have just been completed, and the church proper will be occupied for the first time Sunday.

The Rev. R. Neumann[,] D.D., will preach the formal sermon of dedication at the morning service beginning at 10 o'clock.

Afternoon services beginning at 2 o'clock will be conducted by the local pastor, the Rev. R.R. Belter.

In the evening, beginning at 7:30, the Rev. W. Geberding of Marinette will be the speaker.

A dinner will be served at noon in the basement of the church by ladies of the congregation, for the congregations and visitors attending the dedication.

Methodist

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Originally Second Street

Moved to Corner of Fourth and Chapin Streets Iron Mountain



First Methodist Church, Northwest Corner of Fourth Street and Chapin Street, ca. 1890-1900

For a time, the only known Gospel in this community was preached by a Cornish miner holding worship services in the dining room of the Chapin boarding house. This volunteer evangelist was shortly afterwards killed in the first fatal accident to occur at the Chapin Mine. Erected in 1881, the First Methodist Church was the first religious structure to be built in Iron Mountain.

Mr. Samuel Cudlip was an early preacher and came from Cornwall, England. The First Methodist Church was built on Second Street directly south of the present site. When the surface began to cave in, the building was moved to the corner of Fourth and Chapin Streets, where it was founded upon the rock.

According to the best information available, the church was built by the Chapin Mining Company on land owned by them, but largely paid for by the miners, money being held back from their pay envelopes to pay for the buildings, and also for the pastor's salary and current expenses. The title deed to the property

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was held by the mining company for over half a century. No one seems to know what the building originally cost. The wing on the west side was added after it was moved to its present location.

The first mention of Iron Mountain in the Detroit Conference minutes is in the fall of 1881 when R.C. Lansing was appointed to Quinnesec and Iron Mountain. It is significant of the conditions in the pioneer mining town that the charter members of the first church were all men, and all were received by letter from other churches. Most of them are listed as married men, but evidently did not bring their families with them when they first came to Iron Mountain. In several cases, we find the wife's name entered a year or two later. In 1882 D.A. Perrin was appointed as pastor and in 1883 J.S. Mitchell became pastor.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 30; photograph on p. 33]

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TEN YEARS AGO.

ITEMS FROM THE RANGE FILES BRIEFLY CHRONICLED.

September 22, 1881.

Armstrong, Gould and Wicks have secured an option for a lease on the se ¼ of the ne ¼ of section 27, 40-30, and will explore.

John Morris began work for Andrews, Hitchcock and Bennett the first of the week on south ½ section 26, 40-31.

The force employed at the Cornell has been largely reduced, owing to the somewhat discouraging prospects for the future of this mine.

Iron Mountain mines had shipped up to Sept. 14: Chapin, 91,628 tons; Cornell, 11,806; Keel Ridge, 11,247; Ludington, 731.

Two attorneys, F.C. Chamberlain and Chas. E. Mason, have pitched their tents at Iron Mountain.

The new M.E. church building (First M.E. church) begins to look like a meeting house.

Money order department at the post-office is needed.

Ben Marchand says he has struck it fat with a vein, which, though narrow[,] is some miles in length.

Johnny Cole, the strawberry blonde [*sic – blond*] who smiles at people when they visit the company's store, and gives free instructions in dancing when the weather is warm enough to admit of such lessons taking place out of doors, has returned and smiles as of yore.

A.F. Wright has sold thirty building lots since spring on the addition south of the railroad track in Quinnesec. Capt. Fitzsimmons, Capt. Travers and E.M. Corning each have a house in course of erection.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1909], page 1, column 4

Re-Open Church.

The First M.E. church, which has been closed for a month for extensive improvements, will be re-opened next Sunday. The improvements cost about \$1,200 and include the following: Stone

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wall under entire building; metal ceiling and side walls of a gothic design; hardwood floor, new windows of frosted glass; new porch and side door for entrance; new folding doors between main auditorium and annex. At the re-opening services Rev. W.B. Coombs, of Negaunee, will occupy the pulpit and a special program of music will be rendered. The Sons of St. George will attend the morning service. Special Sunday school services in the afternoon.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 123 [Thursday, September 3, 1925], page 3, column 4

SMITH TO HOLD OPEN AIR MEET

Evangelist Will Address Audience at City Park Sunday

Gipsy Simon Smith will address an open air audience in the city park Sunday afternoon to accommodate the crowds who have been turned away from the doors of the First Methodist church during the nightly meetings of the evangelist the past two weeks.

In response to popular request and under the auspices of business men [*sic – businessmen*] of the city, permission to hold the meeting in the park has been granted by the municipal authorities.

Seating arrangements will be made to accommodate a percentage of the crowd which is expected to be very large in view of the fact that hundreds have been unable to attend some of the church meetings.

For his Sunday lecture the evangelist will choose as his subject, "From the Gipsy Camp to the Pulpit". Some of his gipsy and religious compositions will also be rendered during the program with organ accompaniment.

Tonight's talk at the First M.E. church will be "Tales of a Far Country."

Methodist Episcopal

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 112 West B Street



*Central Methodist Episcopal Church,
ca. 1890-1900*

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View looking east on 100 Block of West B Street showing the Central Methodist Episcopal Church at the left, next to the Iron Mountain Co-Operative Sociey building, ca. 1890-1900

In the fall of 1887, the Rev. G.C. Squires was sent to Iron Mountain to serve the First Methodist Episcopal Church on the North Side and to organize the new downtown congregation which met at Scandling's Hall. The foundation of the new church was laid on West "B" Street on land owned by J.T. Spencer. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. A.R. Johns, and presiding elder, the Rev. Thompson, on May 26, 1889. In September, 1890, the Rev. Shanks became the first pastor with 108 full members and 20 probationers.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 30; photograph on p. 33]

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 13 [Thursday, June 24, 1886], page 5, column 1

M.E. CHURCH – Rev. J.S. Mitchell, Pastor. Sabbath services: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school: 2:30 p.m.; O.H. Chamberlain, Superintendent; James Martin, Ass't. Sup't.; T.J. Jewell, Sec'y. Class conducted by T.J. Bennetts meets in

the church at 9 a[.].m[.], ladies' class, conducted by [] C. Oliver, meets in Miners' Hall, 3 o'clock p.m. William Bice's class meets in Miner's [*sic* – *Miners'*] Hall at 9 a[.].m[.]; James Harris' class at W. Bennett's [*sic* – *Bennetts'*] Thursday evening in the church at 7:30. Bible class in church Saturday evening, at 7:30, conducted by O.H. Chamberlain. All mining time.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE supper given for the benefit of Central M.E. church on Friday night, and which was excellently superintended by fifteen benevolent ladies, realized about \$50, which will be devoted to the purposes of the church.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 23 [Thursday, August 29, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE Methodist Sunday school held a picnic at Twin Falls yesterday; two cars [*railroad cars*] were needed to convey the party to their destination.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 23 [Thursday, August 29, 1889], page 1, column 2

Farewell Social.

A farewell social will be given to Rev. Mr. Pasmore, at the Central M.E. Church, tomorrow evening. All are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Pasmore after leaving here will return to his studies.

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TEN YEARS AGO.

Items from the Range Files Briefly Chronicled

September 22, 1881

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The new M.E. church building (First M.E. church) begins to look like a meeting house.

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Assumed a Burden.

The Central M.E. church society has an indebtedness of several hundred dollars on its parsonage property. This burden has been assumed by the Ladies' Aid Society, and unless we are very much mistaken the members will wipe it out in a short time. Circulars have been prepared and scattered broadcast inviting donations of silver quarters, and already the returns are encouraging. If you receive one of the circulars, do not fail to respond.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 8 [Thursday, July 12, 1900], page 1, column 5

For Improvements.

Recently, The Press contained an item to the effect that the Ladies' Aid Society of the Central M.E. church, [sic] had shouldered an indebtedness on the parsonage of several hundred dollars and had formulated plans for the payment of the same. This, we are informed, is a mistake. The property of the Central church is entirely free from debt, and the money which the ladies are raising will be utilized in making needed improvements. At any rate, the cause is a good one, and we venture to repeat our former advise [sic – advice] – that all receiving one of the circular letters issued by the ladies will respond [sic – respond] quickly with the quarter donation so pleasantly invited.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 5, column 4

Central M.E. Church.

Men's class at 9:00 o'clock, W.H. Mitchell, leader. Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at close of service. Ladies' class at 3:00 o'clock p.m., T. Cundy, leader. Epworth League at 6:00. Evening service at 7:00 o'clock. Thursday evening prayer meeting. All citizens and strangers are cordially invited to be present at the services of the church.

JAMES M. KERRIDGE, Minister.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 33 [Thursday, January 6, 1910], page 1, column 5

Presbyterian Church.

Until a permanent pastor can be secured, the Presbyterian congregation has

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arranged with Rev. William Roberts, of the First M.E. church, to occupy the pulpit every Sunday morning. The services will be held at 10:45 o'clock. In order that the service may be held, the First Church congregation has kindly consented to hold their morning services half an hour earlier than usual.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 15 [Thursday, September 1, 1910], page 1, column 4

New Pastorate.

Rev. William Roberts preached his farewell sermon at the First M.E. church last Sunday evening. Next Sunday morning he becomes the permanent pastor of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Roberts has been a resident of Iron Mountain for three years, as pastor of the First church, and he is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. His pastorate at the First church was a most successful one. The congregation has been greatly enlarged under his administration and the church property has been improved at a cost of several thousand dollars. Mr. Roberts enters upon his new pastorate with the best wishes of the entire community.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 22 [Thursday, October 14, 1920], page 1, column 2

Like New Pastor.

Rev. T.H. Williamson, the new pastor of the Central M.E. church, arrived in the city from Manistique last Thursday afternoon and was accompanied by Mrs. Williamson. He was in charge of the services last Sunday and was greeted by [a] large

congregation. The Press has heard considerable favorable comment relative to the high quality of the sermons and our Methodist friends are confident that they have a pastor who will prove equal in every way to the anticipated rapid growth of the city.

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Plans Are Being Drawn For New \$50,000 Church

Modern Structure to Replace Present Central M.E. Building is Contemplated.

Plans and specifications for a new Central Methodist Episcopal church to be erected upon the site of the present place of worship, on West B street, are now being drafted by F.E. Parmelee & Son, architects and building superintendents.

The proposed new church will be one of the handsomest structures of this character in the upper peninsula and will contain many features unusual in places of worship.

The style of architecture employed is gothic of a beautiful and unusual design and the building will present a pleasing and attractive appearance. The plans do not include the usual steeple.

Stone and brick will be employed in the construction and the estimated cost of the building will be over \$50,000.

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The plans provide for many novel features in church erection, including a fine gymnasium and moving picture balcony.

The size of the building on the foundation will be 51 feet wide by 120 feet in length. In the basement will be located the gymnasium[,] dining-room, kitchen, seven large class rooms [*sic – classrooms*], and the boiler and fuel rooms.

On the main floor is the foyer, 12 by 29 feet in size with waiting rooms for women and men on each side. These waiting rooms are 9 by 12 feet in size. From the foyer two stairways, one on each side[,] lead to the moving picture balcony, directly overhead.

The dimensions of the main auditorium are 52 by 51 feet and it will have a seating capacity of 450 people. The chair-room [*sic – choir room*] is 26 by 12 feet in size and directly in the rear will be located a large and modern pipe [*organ*]. There are also four large class-rooms [*sic – classrooms*] in the rear as well as two lavatories. A stairway in the rear will lead to the basement.

In point of attractiveness the new Central church will be unequalled in the peninsula and the gymnasium and moving picture balcony are evidences of an attempt to make the house of worship more popular with the young people, a tendency to place the church in the lead in community work.

It is expected that work on the building will commence early in the coming building season.

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\$30,000 Loss In Blaze At

M.E. Church

Only blackened, crumbling walls remained shortly after noon today of the 61-year-old Central Methodist Episcopal church, West B street, which was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at an estimated loss of \$30,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

Smoke pouring from the building at about 11 this morning was noticed by employes [*sic – employees*] of Frick's Bakery, adjoining to the west, who notified the fire department and the Rev. Percy Lomas, pastor, at his home. The latter said he was in the church at 10 this morning, and saw nothing wrong.

There was no fire in the church furnace last night or early this morning, although it was said a heating stove was lighted last night, in an ante-room of the basement, for a Boy Scout meeting.

Hurrying to the church when told of the fire, the Rev. Lomas tried to enter, but was driven back by smoke and flames.

Fire Spread Quickly

Firemen played three streams of water into the structure, one from the roof of the adjoining bakery, but the blaze, fanned by a stiff cross-wind, gained rapid headway. Flames burst quickly through the roof and upper walls, and clouds of black smoke rolled out over the area.

Many spectators, including high school students, watched the blaze.

Built in 1882, the church was one of the oldest structures in the city. The old walls, dried and porous through long-standing, were ready fuel for the fire.

Organ Lost

Lying in the charred embers today was the organ installed only five years ago and presented to the church by the children of the late Richard Hosking, who died Nov. 11,

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1937. Lost also was the new pulpit Bible given by Mrs. Eldred Roberts and John Thomas, both of this city, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Bessie Thomas, who died Jan. 1, 1937.

The church was redecorated last summer by members who contributed their labor.

Insurance of \$14,000 is carried on the building and \$500 on the contents, according to the McGregor agency, which has the coverage.

The old parsonage, adjoining the church to the east, and which has been closed since the Rev. Lomas became pastor, was not damaged. This building was sold by the church some time ago, and has already been ordered razed.

The Rev. Lomas, residing at 407 West B, said he would call the trustees together in the next few days, to discuss future plans.

was dedicated on June 14, 1908. The first pastor to serve the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church was the Rev. F. Soderman.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 30; photograph on p. 33]



Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, later the Wesley Methodist Church, Northeast Corner of West Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue, ca. 1908-1920

**SWEDISH METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
**Originally at the Corner of Brown and
Iron Mountain Streets**
**Corner of Brown Street and Carpenter
Avenue**
Iron Mountain

On May 15, 1890, the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson. In the summer of 1890, services were held at "The Little White School" located at 108 Fifth Street. In 1892 the old Mission Church was purchased, being located at Brown and Iron Mountain Streets, the parsonage being adjacent to the church. On June 3, 1907, the cornerstone of a new church, at the corner of Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue, was laid. The new church edifice

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DEDICATE CHURCH

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HANDSOME SWEDISH METHODIST CHURCH TO BE OPENED.

Sermons by Bishop Nelson, of Evanston [sic], and Rev. P. Munson, the First Pastor of Church.

The handsome new Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, erected during the past year on a commanding site at the corner of West Brown street and Carpenter avenue, will be dedicated with appropriate services next Sunday.

Three services will be held – one in the morning at ten o'clock, the afternoon service at three o'clock and evening service commencing at seven o'clock. A feature of the morning service will be a sermon by Rev. P. Munson, now of Omaha, Neb., the first pastor and organizer of the church. In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Evanston, Ill., will occupy the pulpit, and there will be remarks by C.J. Andreen, of Marinette, the presiding elder, Rev. P. Munson, of Omaha, and the pastors of the several city protestant churches. The services in the morning will be in Swedish. In the afternoon the program is in English, as follows:

Hymn – 180.

Prayer – Rev. Richard Carlyon, of the Central M.E. church.

Scripture Lesson – Rev. Frank P. Knowles, of the Presbyterian church.

Solo – Miss Florence Friedler, of Superior, Wis.

Sermon – Rev. C.J. Nelson, D.D., of Evanston, Ill.

Hymn – 659.

Remarks - By Revs. A.K. Scott, Frank P. Knowles, Richard Carlyon, and J.P. Sundstrom, of Iron Mountain, P. Munson, of

Omaha, Presiding Elder Andreen, of Marinette, and Dr. Nelson, of Evanston.

Duett [sic – Duet] - Misses Ella and Clara Sundstrom.

Prayer – Rev. C.J. Andreen, P.F. Doxology.

The evening services will be in Swedish.

The church was organized with a dozen or more members by Rev. Mr. Munson in May, 1890 – eighteen years ago – and has enjoyed a steady growth. It now has a membership of over sixty, twenty or more having been received in the church during the pastorate of Rev. Swan Magnuson.

Until a few months ago the members worshiped in a humble building on East Flesheim [sic – Fleshiem] street. Soon after Mr. Mgnuson was assigned to this church a determination was reached to erect a more pretentious edifice, and in July, 1907, work was commenced on the present structure.

The new place of worship is a great credit to the society. In design and structure it compares most favorably with the best church home in the city. It was erected at a cost of over \$8,000 and will be dedicated to the service of God with a comparatively small indebtedness – less than \$1,400. The cost of the building site was \$1,525. The building is fifty-four by fifty feet in size with a full basement. The main auditorium is well furnished and the seating capacity is over four hundred. The basement contains the Sunday school assembly room, a large kitchen, furnace room and storage with an entrance from the street. The Sunday school quarters has accommodations for 175 pupils.

The building committee was as follows: John Forell, president; Eric Mattson, secretary; Charles E. Anderson, treasurer; William Sundstrom, John Nord and Frank Larson.

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Rev. Swan Magnuson, the pastor, has been laboring in this field for four years, coming here from Superior, Wis. He is an earnest and enthusiastic laborer in the Lord's vineyard and it is largely due to his efforts that the society now enjoys so handsome a home. It can be said, too, that he has had the most sympathetic and helpful congregation in his work. The people have made many sacrifices in the work and have labored persistently to aid the pastor. Other citizens have contributed to the building fund, and it is the desire of Mr. Magnuson that The Press publicly thank each and every contributor. The pastor also desires to extend a general invitation to the people of Iron Mountain to attend the dedicatory services next Sunday.

Non-Denominational

GOOD SHEPHERD ALLIANCE CHURCH

**Northeast Corner of Brown Street and
Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain**

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Good Shepherd Alliance supports mission work

IRON MOUNTAIN – The main purpose of the Good Shepherd Alliance Church in Iron Mountain is to support foreign missions, and the church has been in the

community for about 15 months, Rev. Dan Bowen, pastor[,] said.

The local church is a part of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, which will celebrate its 100 years in existence in 1987. It consists of 1,858 churches in the North American continent and 11,279 churches overseas, Bowen noted.

Besides the Good Shepherd Alliance Church in Iron Mountain, the only other Christian Missionary Alliance Church in the Upper Peninsula is in Marquette.

The local church first started out meeting in the Masonic Temple in Kingsford and then rented the present church building. This building is located on the corner of Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue in Iron Mountain.

"Locally, our church proclaims the gospel and tries to build a body of believers spiritually. We believe that as a church, we should demonstrate the characteristics of love, acceptance, and forgiveness," Bowen said.

So far, the church has established a Sunday school, Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship (WMPF), an elder board of four elected members and a governing board of nine, and a morning and evening service on Sunday.

The congregation of the church has been fluctuating between 40-60 members. The members come from Aurora, Quinnesec, Niagara, Kingsford, Randville, and Iron Mountain.

Bowen and his wife, Debbie[,] have a son, Trevor[,] and a daughter, Jami[,] and they live in Randville.

He is a recent graduate of St. Paul Bible College, located outside of Minneapolis, Minn.[,] and is originally from Utah.

"The people here are all very warm and have made us feel welcome. They have given me a lot of support and made my

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family feel a part of the group,” Bowen added.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF IRON MOUNTAIN 724 River Avenue Iron Mountain

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New Testament Church Strives for forgiveness

IRON MOUNTAIN – The New Testament Church of Iron Mountain has been growing in numbers since its members first organized 2 ½ years ago, Kent Angelhoff, pastor[,] said.

The church is currently located at 724 River St. [*sic – Avenue*] in Iron Mountain and is a full gospel charismatic church.

“When we talk about a charismatic church we think of one that has life in it. Our message is one of forgiveness,” Angelhoff added.

“The congregation started out meeting as a prayer group in people’s homes. They started a church, [*sic*] because they wanted to be able to freely lead God’s spirit more than a denominational church can,” he noted.

According to Angelhoff, the theme of the church is to try and stop all the hurting that people are going through and teach them that God is loving and forgiving of what they’ve done.

The church was previously located at the White Birch Plaza and they moved in

January, [*sic*] because they needed more space.

“We had about 40 people in attendance for Sunday service at that time and now we have at least 65. When the church first organized, there were only 15 people involved, so it is growing,” Angelhoff said.

The members of the church come from Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Randville, Norway, Florence and Spread Eagle.

Some of the groups within the church include a Men’s Prayer Breakfast that meets once a month, a women’s group, and Sunday school for all ages.

The New Testament Church is governed by a board of three deacons, who are elected by the membership of the church. The church is also a non profit [*sic – non-profit*] corporation.

“The people of the congregation can be bet described as a group that is unified and shows love and compassion to those who are hurting and in need,” he added.

Angelhoff is originally from Iron River and first filled in at the church after their pastor left. After searching for another pastor, the congregation unanimously voted on having Angelhoff take over.

Angelhoff and his wife, Linda[,] have three daughters and now live in Iron Mountain.

“The church will continue to grow as people continue to be helped. It’s hard to say what will happen in the future, but we want to continue to see people set free form the bondages that hold them in their lives,” he said.

Orthodox

ST. MARY’S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**1313 Stockbridge Avenue
Iron Mountain**

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Growth Of Orthodox Church Here Is Tribute To Faithful: Small Parish Works Hard For Progress

By Emille Russert

St. Mary's Orthodox church in Iron Mountain serves one of the smallest parishes in the city – It is in fact one of the smallest Orthodox churches in the United States – but it represents one of the largest Christian religious bodies in the world.

According to the last issue of the World Almanac, the Orthodox church numbers almost 200,000,000 members. In Russia, Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania and Serbia, Orthodoxy claims between 90 and 100 per cent of the total population and every eastern European land has large Orthodox minorities.

It is an old church – in fact, it claims to be the oldest.

Orthodox Catholics, according to the Rev. P.W.S. Schneiria, resident pastor of St. Mary's, alone of all the Christians can read in the New Testament the names of Christian communities founded by the Apostles themselves and which still are active centers of Orthodox religious life. There is Antioch, in Syria, which the Bible claims as the place "where the disciples were first called Christians," and Thessalonika, whose modern Orthodox

bishop presides over the church to which St. Paul wrote two of his Epistles.

In New Testament

"Some of the Greeks in the Iron Mountain parish," the Rev. Fr. Schneiria points out, "can read about their home town, Corinth, in the New Testament. It was in Corinth that they worshipped in Orthodox churches almost as old as Christianity itself. Damascus, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Patmos and Crete are other names the modern Orthodox Christian recognizes, not only as important locations in Bible history, but as parts of his native land, or important centers of Orthodox activity."

Today the Orthodox Church throughout the world is experiencing a great spiritual revival. Almost totally dominated by the Mohammedan Turkish Empire from 1453 to 1917, and bitterly persecuted by the Communist government of Russia since then, the modern church has outlived the one and is rapidly conquering the other. World-wide Orthodoxy is justly proud of her thousands of martyrs in Russia, who have given of their lives during the last 20 years to prove that the ancient Eastern Church still has the vital faith with which she met the persecutions of the pagan Roman Empire in the first age of Christianity.

As far as the parish records show, Orthodoxy first came to Iron Mountain in 1891 when George Khoury, a native of Flah, Alkourz, Syria, came to this country. He soon was followed by fellow-countrymen who sought for themselves a place in which to worship. Shortly after[,] a few small families were banded together. Msgr. Ephraim Dibbs came to Iron Mountain as the first priest to conduct services for St. Mary's parish. He later returned to Syria to become Archbishop of Akkar in the Patriarchats of Antioch.

The First Priest

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Orthodox missionaries landed in Alaska in 1763 and began work among the Indians, but the church in the United States was without a bishop until 1840. The first priest of Syrian nationality was not ordained until 1904, when the Rev. Nicholas Yanney, who is well-known here, was raised to the priesthood. After his ordination, he visited Iron Mountain; celebrated mass; blessed the graves of Orthodox pioneers in Cemetery Park, and organized a semblance of parish life.

In the years that followed, the parish was served by the Revs. Seraphim Nazzar, John Sabbah and Msgr. Agaplos Golam. In 1927 the Rev. N. Saldy visited the parish and organized St. Mary's Ladies' Guild, still the most active element in parish life.

In 1936, just 10 years ago, the present parish church building at Stockbridge and D streets was acquired, largely through the efforts of Miss Salyed George.

Various priests visited the parish until March 12, 1944, when the Rev. Fr. Schneiria was appointed. Notable among those who preceded him were the Rev. Chrysostem Thahtheas, of the Green parish in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Msgr. Michael Yanney, Sioux City, Ia.

Under the capable leadership of the Rev. Fr. Schneiria, who soon is to leave on assignment elsewhere, St. Mary's Orthodox has been greatly enlarged and developed.

The Rev. Fr. Schneiria, who was graduated from the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario, in 1917, and from St. Dunstan's Seminary in New York in 1939, served the Syrian Archdiocese in Brooklyn, N.Y. before his assignment to Iron Mountain. He served as secretary to the chancellor of the diocese; assistant priest at St. Nicholas' cathedral; representative of the Archdiocese at the national headquarters of the Federal Council of Churches, and a mission

preacher throughout the Eastern division of the Archdiocese.

Spent \$10,000

During the Rev. Fr. Schneiria's pastorate in Iron Mountain, the parish spent almost \$10,000 on construction and improvements. Most of the money was subscribed by the 20 families which support St. Mary's. There are, the Rev. Fr. Schneiria points out, approximately 200 families in the area served by St. Mary's and his second charge, St. Simon's, in Ironwood, who are members of the Orthodox church. Only a fraction of them, however, are regular contributing members of the parish here.

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Among the many improvements undertaken by St. Mary's during the pastorate of Rev. Father Schneiria was the purchase of the building next to the *[church]* which was made into a rectory. A basement was constructed *[under]* the church; an oil-burning *[heating]* plant and adequate plumbing *[and utilities]* installed, and the church *[was]* equipped with new *[--]* and carpeted throughout.

The sanctuary was supplied *[with]* a new altar covering, censer, candlestick and crucifix, pulpit *[--]* book, ikons *[sic – icons]*, lamps, a pair *[--]* and silver rapidla *[sic]*, and the *[--]* Byzantine liturgical *[--]*. A side entrance was made from the sanctuary and cases installed for the storing of vestments, *[--]* and other supplies.

In addition to these practical requirements, the parish is providing for the aesthetic aspect of worship and pledges have been made for stained glass windows, a bell and additional altar furnishings. The parish has purchased, from a church architect, design for a new *[--]* or altar

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screen, which will be installed in the near future with the proper paintings.

Spiritual Progress

The spiritual progress of the parish has kept pace with its material development. The choir now sings the entire mass in English, using the ancient liturgical [illegible] and the compositions of the great Orthodox composers – Tchaikowski [*sic* – *Tchaikovsky*], Rimski-Korsakoff [*sic* – *Rimsky-Korsakov*], Glinka and such moderns as Rachmaninoff and Stravinski.

A chapter of the Orthodox Catholic Frontier Association has been founded for the younger members of the parish, and has made several important contributions in the building fund. Two religious instruction classes have been instituted in addition to the Sunday school for the smaller children.

During the many years when the parish was without a regular priest, some of the members lost contact with the church; all but a very few of these have been restored to full communicant status, and a number of converts have been received. Attendance is good on the average Sunday, although many members live too far away to attend regularly. On Easter, and the greater feast days, the seating capacity is inadequate, some parishioners coming from as far as 100 miles to make their Easter communions. The parish serves members of more than six nationalities, Greeks, Syrians, Serbians, and Americans of northern European backgrounds, sharing its ministrations and contributing to its support.

Although Rev. Fr. Schneiria has been unable to spend as much time at St. Simon's in Ironwood, the parish there has a good attendance at the Sunday masses, twice a month, and, for the first time in its parish history, shows a comfortable balance in the bank. The interior of the church has been covered with fiber board, and the parish will redecorate completely, and

install a new heating plant, as soon as materials are available.

The Rev. Fr. Schneiria will soon move to New York, where he will revive and edit the Archdiocesan monthly magazine, "The Word." He will serve as pastor of a small parish in the metropolitan area, as well.

St. Mary's then will be pastored by the Rev. J.F. Marthiesen, who has already assumed some of the parochial duties.

To some of his parishioners who try to tell him that he has performed a "miracle" in reorganizing St. Mary's, the Rev. Fr. Schneiria replies that administering a parish is much like directing traffic. "If there isn't traffic, you can't direct it." "The real miracle at St. Mary's," he says, "is the fact that after more than half a century without a regular priest, regular services or organized parish life, the Orthodox people of Iron Mountain are still faithful, devout and more than cooperative."

PHOTO CAPTION: Parishioners of St. Mary's Orthodox church, shown above, have, in recent years, spent some \$10,000 to renovate and modernize their place of worship. The present pastor, the Rev. P.W.S. Schneiria, who came here March 12, 1944, was instrumental in the remarkable growth and development of the small parish. He expects to leave shortly for an important assignment in the east and will turn the pastorate over to the Rev. J.F. Matthierna.

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The German Lutheran Church, ca. 1915-1920, was purchased by the St. Mary's Orthodox Church Parish in 1936.

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St. Mary's Orthodox Church Considered a 'miracle church'

IRON MOUNTAIN – It's one of the smallest parishes in Iron Mountain and one of the smallest Orthodox churches in the United States.

"Parishioners have thought of St. Mary's Orthodox Church as a 'miracle parish,' because it has stayed in existence for over 50 years. People have remained faithful even without the benefit of a regular priest, regular services, or an organized parish life," Rev. Paul Blankenstein said.

St. Mary's is located on the corner of Stockbridge and D St., and the church records date back to when the congregation met in people's homes in 1891.

In 1891, George Khoury, a native of Syria[,] came to Iron Mountain and brought Orthodoxy. Some of his fellow countrymen

soon followed and they bonded together to form a church.

The present church was purchased in 1936 through the help of Miss Sadie George of Iron Mountain. The building itself has remained the same, except for improvements on the interior of the church. An addition was also added onto the basement to create a church hall, he said.

The 32 families that belong to the church today have ethnic backgrounds that can be traced back to Greece, Lebanon [sic – Lebanon], Syria, Serbia, and Russia. "Our church has always been open to everyone, and never limited to one ethnic group," Blankenstein added.

Recently the members of St. Mary's have been seeking spiritual renewal and organized a spritual [sic – spiritual] committee to establish priorities.

"Out of this committee has come two Bible study programs a week for the adults of the parish. Recently, the committee also decided that an educational program should be established to meet the needs of adults, children, and young people in the parish," he said.

Other organizations in the church are the parish council, which is elected by all active members, and the Ladies['] Guild. Since it was organized in 1927, the Ladies['] Guild is still the most active group in the church and meets once a month.

The Ladies['] Guild is also responsible for administering to the sick, decorating the church, and organizing the choir.

Rev. Blankenstein was appointed by the Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip[,] Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese in 1977. He is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas[,] and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y.

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Rev. Blankenstein and his wife, Kathleen[,] have two children, Robert and Kathryn.

“The real ‘miracle’ about St. Mary’s is that it continues to grow. The people in the congregation can be characterized as being faithful, devout, and more than cooperative,” Rev. Blankenstein said.

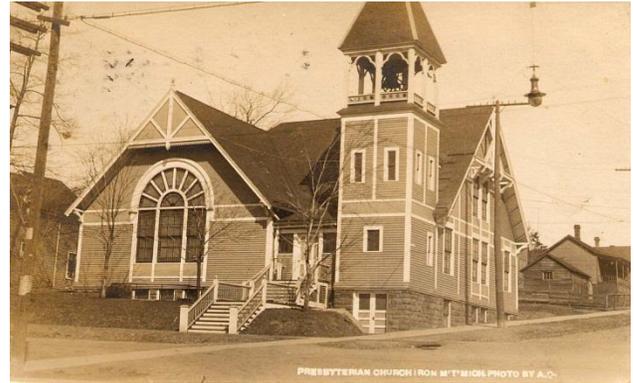
Pentecostal Apostolic

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Originally at the Northwest Corner of
Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford



First Presbyterian Church on the northwest corner of Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue, postcard view, ca. 1910-1915



First Presbyterian Church photographed by Albert Quade, postmarked July 14, 1911

PASTORS

Rev. Melvin Fraser
May 1, 1885 – May 16, 1886

Rev. Henry M. Tyndall
September 28, 1886 – July 12, 1891

Rev. Donald Morrison
November 27, 1891 – October 30, 1898

T.D. Marsh, D.D.
[supplied pulpit for several months
in 1898 and 1899]

Rev. Daniel C. Jones
March 19, 1899 – March 17, 1901

Rev. W.J. Turner
1901 [never installed]

Rev. Frank P. Knowles
June 16, 1901 – September 30, 1909

Rev. William Roberts
November 4, 1910 – September 1, 1915

Rev. Hugh J. May
June, 1916 – June, 1919

Dr. J. Frank Young

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October, 1920 – October, 1921
[never installed]

Dr. R. Clifford Cully
April, 1922 – October, 1923
[never installed]

Rev. Alexander C. McMullen
June 5, 1924 – March 11, 1927

Rev. Nathaniel U. McConaughy
September 20, 1927 – September 30, 1953
[ordained – May, 1923]

Rev. Paul Sobel
December 1, 1953 – August 31, 1962
[ordained October 19, 1943]
[died April 13, 1992, in Alma, Michigan]

Rev. Clyde R. Brown
February 17, 1963 – November, 1971
[ordained – June, 1946]

Rev. Timothy F. Jones
November 21, 1972 – September 1, 1988
[ordained – June 13, 1965]

Rev. Wynn Ward
October 1, 1988 – September 30, 1989
[never installed; interim pastor]

Rev. Otis R. Cross
February 11, 1990 – March 31, 1991
[ordained – June, 1985]

Rev. David M. Anderson
April 1, 1991 – October 27, 1991
[never installed; interim pastor]

Rev. Michael J. March
February 2, 1992 – present
[ordained – October 12, 1986]

As the city of Iron Mountain spread, the need for a Protestant Church to the south of the First Methodist Church became apparent. Following several informal meetings, evangelistic services were held in the Gospel Hall, southeast corner of Stephenson [Avenue] and "B" Streets [sic – Street]. These culminated in a request to the Presbytery of Lake Superior for the organization of a Presbyterian Church, which was consummated December 2, 1884, by the Rev. A.F. Ashley, The Rev. A.W. Bill and the Rev. H.F. Corry.

[*Born From Iron*, p. 30; photograph on p. 33]

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 3 [Saturday, December 6, 1884], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–The Presbytery of Lake Superior was in session at Iron Mountain last week; a Presbyterian church is to be organized. Rev. Isaac Baird is to hold services at Gospel hall meanwhile. –Menominee Range.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 4 [Saturday, December 13, 1884], page 8, column 1

Range Items.

–A Presbyterian church has been organized and a pastor is wanted. –Menominee Range.

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[Saturday, June 27, 1885], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–The Presbyterian society will build a church. About \$3,000 is their figure. – Range.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 14 [Saturday, February 6, 1886], page 5, column 5

IRON MOUNTAIN.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a “blue tea” on Thursday evening. A sure cure for the “blues,” to those afflicted with that complaint.

The new Presbyterian church is completed, and services will be held therein to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*].

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 13 [Thursday, June 24, 1886], page 1, column 1

You will be sure of a welcome and good treatment at the Presbyterian lunch room on the 5th of July.

...

Don't trouble to get dinner at home the 5th. Go to Presbyterian lunch hall and get a cup of coffee and sandwich with ice cream and cake for desert [*sic – dessert*]. The Presbyterian ladies will welcome you and treat you handsomely while there.

...

Don't forget the Presbyterian festival in Knights of Labor hall, the 1st of July. Strawberries and ice cream. They will at the same time offer for sale a variety of children's clothes, ladies' aprons, and

tidies, as well as the latest novelties in fancy work and nicknacks [*sic – knickknacks*].

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A new fence and other improvements are being made at the Presbyterian church.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. REV. M. FRAZER.

Services in Gospel Hall. Sabbath services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 2:15p.m. C.L. Anderson, superintendent. Tuesday evening prayer meeting. Wednesday evening Young Men's Improvement Society. Thursday [*hour is blank*]:30 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Friday 7 p.m. Bible Society, conducted by R. Banks. The ladies' prayer meeting is held on Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock, at the houses of members. All railroad time.

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Iron Mountain.

An interesting temperance address was delivered by Miss Frances E. Willard in the Presbyterian church this (Friday) evening.

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–Miss Frances E. Willard, of Evanston, lectured upon the prohibitory amendment at Iron Mountain last evening. Quite a number of our people attended.

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Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday school meeting Monday evening at the Presbyterian church, according to the announcement last week, was called to explain to the public the object of the Sunday School Association. These associations form a series – international [*sic – international*] (which is now in session in London, England[,]) and which prepares the series of lessons used by most Sunday schools,) the national, state, county and township. Our state is not fully organized and the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of Owosso, is now engaged in that work. Last year he organized thirty counties. The state is divided into districts of which Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft and Iron counties form the fifteenth, with J.C. Laycock, of Stephenson, for president. All Sunday school workers are members of these associations, which are composed of all denominations, united to gather statistics, plan and divide work and discuss best modes of Christian work. Both Mr. Laycock and Mr. Reynolds made stirring addresses, which we regret should not be heard by many more than were present. The Swedish band furnished most inspiring [*sic – inspiring*] music for the occasion. Menominee county was formally organized

at the convention called at Menominee for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 16 and 17.

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The Old Year Out and the New Year In.

The two Methodist churches united with the Presbyterian church last evening in a watch service lasting from 8 till past 12 o'clock, thus praying the old year out and the new year in. At Rundle's opera house a more youthful and joyous assemblage were engaged in "Chasing the glowing hours with flying feet" in the merry dance. Probably the police court record will show that others passed from the old year to the new in a state of howling inebriety and thus we have illustrated the different tastes of different persons. But the "dusky hour friendliest to sleep and silence" found the writer hereof, and probably the large majority of the denizens of this city

"As fast lock'd up in sleep, as guiltless labor,

When it lies starkly in the traveler's bones."

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The Union Missionary Society met at the Presbyterian church according to appointment, Mrs. J.T. Wicks presiding. The meeting opened with singing, scripture reading, Romans 10th chapter and prayer. The subject, Mexico and Central America, brought out the fact that there are eleven evangelical societies at work in Mexico, all American, and two English missions. The

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foreign workers number 150, the native workers, including a number of ordained ministers, bring up the total to 6510, 400 congregations, 4000 pupils in day schools and more than 6000 pupils in Sabbath schools, \$650,000 worth of property give some idea of the work being done.

The Baptist Mission is the oldest mission dating from 1863. The southern Methodist Mission is the most widely located. The Methodist church north and the Presbyterian have the strongest missions, the first having the largest number of foreign workers while the latter has the largest membership. All these societies work together in the greatest harmony. All these missions publish papers and a varied Christian literature. They are also active in conducting Normal and Theological schools as it is felt a native ministry must be educated to more quickly accomplish the work.

Mrs. John Scott read on [sic – an] article on Presbyterian Missions among the Mexicans within the United States which is very interesting.

The word "Missionary" was defined in an article read by Mrs. Tyndall on Our Missionaries. "The word in this age of the world, [sic] means a representative man in a grand position or an ideal woman in the highest place of dignity and honor." Several other short articles were read and many interesting facts of the life of the people were given. Two of the auxiliary societies will this year choose special objects of support. The heralds of China, Papal Europe and Japan reported interesting facts from their fields. After prayer from the leader the meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

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Rev. H.M. Tyndall delivered his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church to a large audience on Sunday. On Tuesday the family left for New York where Mr. Tyndall will be stationed hereafter.

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The Presbyterian Sunday School picniced [sic – picnicked] at Twin Falls the 12th inst. [of this month]. The committees had made careful preparation, the day was delightful, and the conditions were favorable for a pleasant day which we think all present enjoyed. An interesting feature was the presence of log-drivers and watching the efforts of the drivers in starting stranded and jammed logs, [sic] was very fascinating pastime; swings and hammocks abounded, and Mr. Smith, the committee on sports, at considerable expense of time and money, provided for a good time for all, as witness the following list of prizes won:

BOYS' RACE 8 YEARS

Prize, a knife, won by Alfred Waterwitz

GIRLS' RACES

Prize, hymn books, won by Bertha Callon and Amelia Bray

RECITATION FORM THE SCRIPTURE

Twelve verses, Prize, a Bible, won by Jennie Duinville

GIRLS' RACES

Prizes, hymn books, won by Phillipa Bray, Flora Langdon, Ida Hageman

BOYS' RACES

Prizes, Proverbs and Hymn Books, won by George Callon, Frank Prapean, Frank Wright, Thos. Berryman.

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There will be a Sunday school convention at the Presbyterian church in this city on Wednesday, September 9, 1891, lasting the entire day. The following is the program:

FORENOON

10:00 Devotional Service led by Mrs. E.A. Hough, Jackson, Mich.

10:30 Our Purpose in Coming M.H. Reynolds, Owosso, State Organizer

11:00 "The Conditions and Needs of This Field" S.R. Williams, Pastor M.E. Ch., Iron Mt.

Discussion led by J.S. Collins, Miss'y.

Appointment of Committees

Adjournment

AFTERNOON

1:30 Song and Praise Service Mrs. E.A. Hough, Jackson

2:00 "Neglected Districts and Waste Places, Why and How to reach them" E.A. Hough, Chairman State Com.

Discussion led by Rev. Rosequist

2:30 "The Model Teacher and his Preparation for work." A.E. Cook, Gen'l Miss'y for U.P.

Discussion led by E. Everett, Iron Mt.

3:00 "Music in the Sunday School." Mrs. E.A. Hough, Jackson, Mich.

General Discussion

3:30 "House Visitation, Why and How." E.A. Hough, of Jackson

Discussion of Topic

4:00 "The Supt's Qualifications and best Methods in Sunday School Work." M.H. Reynolds

Discussion by Mr. Hicks

4:30 Questionbox, Reports of Committees
Adjournment

EVENING SESSION

7:30 Consecration Service, Mrs. E.A. Hough

8:00 "Aim, Scope and Possibilities of the International State and Co., S.S. Work." M.H. Reynolds

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Thanksgiving.

Rev. Morrison, of the Presbyterian church, will preach the Thanksgiving sermon in the M.E. church on B street, Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26, at 10 o'clock, Rev. John M. Shank having preached the sermon at the Presbyterian church last year. The time is placed at 10 o'clock so that people can get to their homes at an early dinner hour. Other pastors and people are cordially invited to unite with us.

In the evening a Thanksgiving social will be given at the Central M.E. church. The supper is free and it is hoped that all the church and its friends will be able to enjoy the evening together. Let strangers come and thus become acquainted. The church will be suitable [*sic – suitably*] arranged and properly decorated for a happy and helpful Thanksgiving occasion. Let us come together after the scourge of sickness visiting our city and take heart for another year.

The pastor of the church would like to suggest that in pursuance of the blessed custom of giving to the needy on Thanksgiving day, that any who have flour, vegetables, fuel, clothing, money or any gift for needy people, can if they wish, bring them to the church and place them in charge of a committee who will distribute them as required. J.M.S.

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On Tuesday evening 24th inst. [of this month] at 7:30 standard time, Mr. Morrison will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church by the following committee of the Presbytery of Lake Superior: Rev. C.D. Jacobs, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Ishpeming, Mich.; Rev. Chas. M. Brown, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Negaunee, Mich., [sic – ;] Rev. Owen Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Escanaba, Mich., one of the committee will preach the sermon, another will deliver the charge to the pastor, another will deliver the charge to the congregation. Rev. C.D. Jacobs, as chairman of the committee, in addition to taking one of the above parts, will preside and propose the constitutional questions. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Rev. D. Morrison, pastor of the Presbyterian church, appears to have already gained a good deal of popularity as a preacher. There are no vacant chairs there now, and some gentlemen are getting in the habit of attending church occasionally who have seldom been seen within it [sic – its] walls heretofore. Mr. Morrison has the faculty of holding the attention of his audience and presenting his ideas in a concise, earnest and attractive manner that is likely to give his utterances some influence upon his hearers. Last Sunday evening his subject, as had been announced, was Why and How to Observe the Sabbath. He was led to speak upon this subject at this time by being asked to

sign a petition to the council to enforce the Sunday laws, which petition contained a protest against such actions as was taken last spring in response to a similar petition. It will be remembered that at that time the petition was responded to by wholesale arrests, including men engaged in necessary work about the mines. The evident intention was to make the Sunday laws obnoxious, and this Mr. Morrison holds to be wrong. He argues that one day of rest in seven is needed from physical, mental and moral standpoints, and that the observance of Sunday laws should be encouraged by those in authority and their enforcement not made a farce.

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Presbyterian Church Items.

The topic at the Presbyterian church next Sunday will be "Divorce."

- (a) When should it be granted.
- (b) When should ministers solemnize the marriage of divorced persons.
- (c) When should such be received into membership of the church.
- (d) How should society deal with the question.

The Presbyterian church of this city was organized about seven years ago. (Dec. 2, 1884) It has more than quadrupled its original membership. Eight of the fifteen charter members are still members. It has church property worth about \$6,000, and this nearly paid for. The church is very harmonious and its future hopeful.

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Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church Mr. J.H. Hibbard and Mr. W. Scandling will be ordained and installed as ruling elders of the church. All cordially invited.

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A fine literary and musical program has been arranged for the social to be given next Wednesday evening in the First National Bank block by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. Refreshments will be served.

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“Sickness, extravagance, dissipation and robbery” are the four reasons advanced by Rev. D. Morrison for much of the distress prevalent in our city at the present time. He should have included “and the Democratic party.”

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Rev. D. Morrison touched on the Painter execution in his sermon last Sunday evening, and expressed the belief that a great wrong had been done in permitting him to hang. “I have always been a believer in capital punishment,” said the reverend gentleman, “but that execution has greatly changed my views. I would rather have cut off my right hand than to have signed that man’s death warrant.”

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In his sermon last Sunday evening Rev. D. Morrison advised the laboring men to cheerfully comply with the demand of the relief committee for a few hours’ labor each day in return for the rations issued them. And it is good advice. Mr. Morrison also

expressed himself in rather tart language on the inconsistency of the young people in spending their money on dances and other frivolous amusements while more than two thousand persons were being supported by public charity.

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Children’s Day.

The Presbyterian church was very handsomely decorated last Sunday morning – children’s day – with flowers, and molodious [*sic – melodious*] with the singing of birds. The several canaries that had been brought into the church seemed to be delighted with their surroundings and joined heartily in the singing. The parts of the service performed by the little folks was [*sic – were*] very pleasingly done, and the little boys and girls were thoroughly interested throughout, while the “grown people” found it by no means dull. The attendance was unusually large.

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De-Cennial Celebration.

To-morrow [*sic – Tomorrow*] is the tenth anniversary of the organization of the First Presbyterian church, and the occasion is to be made memorable by suitable services. In the morning the sacrament of the Lord’s supper will be administered, Revs. D. Howell, of Lansing, and F.L. Forbes, of Negaunee, assisting Rev. Mr. Morrison. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a rally of the

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congregation and Sunday school, and addresses will be delivered by Revs. Forbes and Howell. Quite an extended program has been arranged for to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, Rev. Morrison presiding, composed of music and short papers and addresses by the charter members of the church upon the various departments of church work and incidents in its history. On Tuesday evening next there will be a social reunion of the congregation, R.P. Tuten presiding. On this occasion short addresses on the various influences of Presbyterianism will be delivered by neighboring clergymen, interspersed with music and concluding with a banquet. It is expected that this will be one of the notable events in church history of this city.

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January 17th, at 8 p.m., in the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E., "An Evening with Chalk," by Geo. H. Patch, of Stevens Point, Wis. A matinee at 3:20 p.m. on the afternoon of the 17th. The Pilot Review, of Wausau, Wisconsin, of Nov. 20th, says: Geo. H. Hatch, Stevens Point, gave an entertainment of very high order, at the Presbyterian church last evening. For one hour and a half he held the very close attention of his audience on the subject of Art, giving many beautiful and some amusing illustrations, which he sketched rapidly with colored crayons. The manner in which he developed his pictures, and changed them from representing one object to another with a few strokes of crayon, or by turning the chart upside down, proved not only interesting, but a continual surprise

to all. At the close of the lecture many of the audience bought the pictures as souvenirs.

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A Chalk Talk.

January 17th, at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E., "An Evening with Chalk," by Geo. H. Patch, of Stevens Point, Wis. A matinee 3:30 on the afternoon of the 17th. Rev. L.C. Smith, of Oshkosh, Wis., says: "I most heartily commend Geo. H. Patch, of Stevens Point, to any church or committee desiring a helpful and interesting entertainment. His "Chalk Talk on Art" is instructive as well as entertaining. He is an artist of high order." Rev. Wm. Dickson, of Canfield, Ohio, says: "Geo. H. Patch is a practical artist of a very high degree of skill. His recent lecture in the Presbyterian church in Canfield was excellent and was very highly appreciated. Mr. Patch cannot fail to please and instruct all people of intelligence and cultivated taste." Dr. Campbell, of the same place[,] says: "The lecture is full of instruction, of the highest order of morality, and interspersed with enough wit to give it a good flavor. It shows that a piece of chalk in a masterly hand can tell more in a few minutes than can be told in words in hours." Admission to matinee, 10 cents; admission in the evening, 25 cents.

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Sunday Evening Club.

The organization of the Sunday Evening club in connection with the Presbyterian [church] is now an accomplished fact, and the following officers were elected last Sunday evening:

President – L.S. MacEnaney.

Vice-President – W.B. Kurz.

Sec. and Treas. – A.D. Eldridge.

The club, we believe, is to have full control of the Sunday evening services, and will endeavor to make them as attractive as possible, the object being to induce an increased attendance of young people.

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Happy Presbyterians.

Rev. Dr. Willis G. Craig, D.D., L.L.D., professor of McCormick theological seminary, Chicago, preached in the Presbyterian church in this city last Sunday morning and evening. At the close of the morning service he made an appeal to the congregation for funds to pay off the debt of the church and make some needed repairs, saying that about \$1,200 was needed. In a very short time \$1050 was subscribed, over half the amount being pledged by Dr. Cameron, Ed. L. Parmenter, Wm. Scandling, Rev. D. Morrison, the Ladies Aid society and the Christian Endeavor society, who subscribed \$100 each. The balance was made up in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$50. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather a large audience assembled to hear Dr. Craig in the evening. The church officials feel much gratitude by the liberal donations made and think very little if any of it will not be promptly paid when due.

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Will Be Absent Two Weeks.

Rev. D. Morrison left last Tuesday for Toronto, Ont., and expects to be absent about two weeks. The purpose of his visit is to be present when a well-known Canadian oculist performs an operation on his little daughter's eyes. It is the hope of many friends that the operation may prove successful. During his absence there will be no evening services at the Presbyterian church, but it is expected that the elders will arrange for morning services.

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A Christmas Market.

The Ladies Aid society, of the Presbyterian church will open a Christmas market, Dec. 10th, when they will display a large variety of useful articles appropriate for holiday presents, which will be sold at reasonable prices. Ladies desiring to contribute any article of plain sewing, knitting, crocheting or embroidery will please hand the same to Mrs. A.F. Wright on or before the above date not forgetting to attach a slip giving the value of material and time spent in making the article.

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Christian Endeavor Day.

The pastor will conduct the morning service at the Presbyterian church. In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, Christian Endeavor Day service will be held under the auspices of the Y.P.S.C.E. of the church. The singing will be led by the choir. Misses Elva E. Stebbens, Jeanette V. Briggs and LaVerne Smith will each read a paper on some phase of Christian Endeavor work. Ed L. Parmenter and the pastor of the church will each speak. F.C. Cole, of Norway, has been invited to speak, and it is hoped that he will be able to be present. All cordially invited to the above services; strangers in the city also welcomed.

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Rev. Cowling Will Preach.

Rev. J.F. Cowling, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Florence, will conduct both services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, exchanging with Mr. Morrison. This is Mr. Cowling's first coming to preach in our city, and all are cordially invited to hear him. Y.P.S.C.E. prayer meeting at 6:45 p.m. to which all are invited.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 1 [Thursday, May 28, 1896], page 8, column 3

Rev. D. Stalker, of Calumet, was the guest of Rev. D. Morrison and family last

Saturday and Sunday. Sunday morning he occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church and in the afternoon conducted the memorial services at the opera house, delivering a very fine address.

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Demorest silver medal contest will be held at the Presbyterian church on the evening of June 8th, with the following contestants: Misses Clara Tiddy, Stella Hicks, Lillian Davis, Mabel Ingalls, Will Crago, Matt Cook and Rex Plowman. The contest will prove interesting and instructive.

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Despite the extremely disagreeable weather last evening, the social at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Will LeVeque was largely attended and netted the Presbyterian society the goodly sum of nineteen dollars. It is needless to say that those present enjoyed themselves, and the host and hostess added very materially to their reputation as successful entertainers.

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June Topics at the Presbyterian Church.

Evening services at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. Morrison, at 7:30 standard time:

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June 7th – “A Talk about Lawyers.” The City Band will play familiar hymns.

June 14th – “The Lord’s Supper.” A quartette of ladies, lead by Miss Parks, will sing.

June 21st – “Marriage and Divorce.” Special singing under the leadership of Dr. Larson.

June 28th – “The Attitude of the Church to United Labor.” Special singing under the leadership of Dr. Menestrina. The choir will lead the congregational singing.

You will be welcomed to ALL the above services. Please bring your friends with you. If a [sic] you are a stranger in the city the pastor will be pleased to have you speak with him and introduce your friends to him.

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Prof. E. Bode rendered three violin solos at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, contributing very materially to the pleasure of the service. Prof. Bode is one of the best violinists in the peninsula.

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The Medal Contest.

The Demorest silver medal contest attracted a large audience to the Presbyterian church last Monday evening, the large auditorium being crowded to the doors. Supt. Frost, of Norway, Rev. Mr. Perdue and A.K. Godshall acted as judges and there were six contestants – Clara Tiddy, Lillian Davis, Stella Hicks, Mabel

Ingalls, Matt Cook and Rex Plowman. The several orations and exclamations were exceedingly well delivered and the judges had some difficulty in arriving at a decision, but finally awarded the medal to Mabel Ingalls. Judging from the rounds of applause with which the decision was received the verdict was a popular one. Some idea of the general excellency [sic – excellence] of the several efforts may be gained from the fact that there was only ten points difference between the highest and the lowest. An interesting feature of the entertainment was the singing of Richard White’s two little daughters and the instrumental music furnished by Messrs. Flatt, Bode and Mortensen.

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Children’s Day exercises will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. The exercise, “The Good Shepherd,” prepared by the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work[,] will be used. An opportunity will be given for the baptism of children. In the evening a quartette of ladies will sing, and the Lord’s Supper will be partaken of. All cordially invited to both services. Strangers in the city welcomed.

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There will be special singing, under the leadership of Dr. Larson, at the Presbyterian church. Sunday evening, Mr. Malme, an excellent soloist, is expected to sing also. The topic for [the] sermon will

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be: "Marriage and Divorce[.]" All cordially invited. Strangers to the city welcomed.

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Iron Mountain people have contributed \$18.70 to the relief of the sufferers in Armenia through the efforts of Rev. D. Morrison. The amount was forwarded to Rev. V.K. Beshgetoor, of Newberry, last Tuesday.

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During the Sunday evening service at the Presbyterian church, in addition to the singing led by the choir, Mr. Peterson accompanying on the cornet and Mrs. Voss with the violin, there will be special singing in which the following will take part: Dr. Menestrina and Prof. Alken, also Mr. Bates, of Chicago. The pastor will preach on the topic: "The Attitude of the Church to United Labor." Special invitation to laboring men to be present. All cordially invited.

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Rev. D. Morrison, of the Presbyterian church, will leave this week on an extended tour through England, Ireland and Scotland. He expects to be absent from his charge about two months.

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Rev. D. Morrison left last evening on his vacation trip. Mrs. Morrison and daughter

accompanied him as far as Acton, Ont., where they will be the guests of relatives during his absence.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 11 [Thursday, August 6, 1896], page 8, column 1

Rev. D. McDonald, of Iron River, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

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Rev. D. Morrison is at present the guest of Scotland relatives, having returned from viewing the wonders of Paris.

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Rev. Donald Morrison, of the Presbyterian church, is expected home about the 10th of September from his vacation trip to England, Scotland and France.

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Yesterday the Presbyterian Sunday school picniced [*sic – picnicked*] at Shady Island. To-day [*sic – Today*] the Episcopal Sunday school enjoyed an outing at Moon Lake and the Baptist at Spread Eagle.

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Rev. Donald Morrison arrived home last Thursday from an extended tour of England, Scotland and Ireland, and he tells *The Press* that he had a most delightful trip. Mrs. Morrison and daughter, who have been visiting relatives in Acton, Wis., returned with him.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 19 [Thursday, October 1, 1896], page 8, column 3

At the Presbyterian church last Sunday, Mrs. Swift, of Alleghany City, Pa., talked entertainingly for an hour or more on the subject of educational work among the southern negroes. At the conclusion of her remarks a collection was taken up and a neat sum harvested for the cause.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 24 [Thursday, November 5, 1896], page 8, column 2

Rev. Mr. McGilvary, who has been appointed general agent of the Lake Superior Presbytery, occupied Rev. D. Morrison's pulpit last Sunday, preaching morning and evening. Mr. McGilvary announced that he intended residing in Sidnaw.

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The pastor will conduct the services both morning and evening at the Presbyterian church Sunday. The topic at the evening service will be: "Is deception ever profitable? If so, when?" Text: I Sam. 21:13. "And he (David) changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard." All cordially invited. Strangers welcomed.

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Rev. D. Morrison was out of the city last Sunday and there were no preaching services at the Presbyterian church in consequence.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 26 [Thursday, November 19, 1896], page 8, column 1

The pastor will conduct services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 26 [Thursday, November 19, 1896], page 8, column 2

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Presbyterian church at 10:30 a.m., Thanksgiving day – Thursday, the 26th. Rev. Mr. Polkinghorne, of the Central M.E. church, will preach the sermon. The people of the city are cordially invited to attend. The business men [*sic – businessmen*] are urgently invited to close their places of business in the forenoon, at least, so that all can attend the service.

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At the Presbyterian parsonage on the afternoon of the 24th, by Rev. D. Morrison, Albert E. Cook, agent for the Chicago & North-Western railroad at Quinnesec, and Miss Mary Putz, of Stager, Mich., were united in marriage. M.M. Cook, brother of the groom, and Hon. William *[sic – William]* J. Obendorfer, of Stephenson, brother of the bride, accompanied the young groom and lively bride.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 28 [Thursday, December 3, 1896], page 8, column 4

Rev. Daniel Stalker, the popular and eloquent pastor of the Calumet Presbyterian church, lectured in the local church of that denomination last evening. He is a pleasing speaker.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 31 [Thursday, December 24, 1896], page 8, column 3

There will be a Christmas tree with music and recitations and lots of good things to eat, *[sic]* at the Presbyterian church this evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 32 [Thursday, December 31, 1896], page 8, column 4

Mrs. S.J. Jenkins, of Milwaukee, remembered the Presbyterian church with the usual donation of Christmas flowers.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 32 [Thursday, December 31, 1896], page 8, column 5

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. All cordially invited to attend this service upon the first Sunday of the New Year. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 38 [Thursday, February 11, 1897], page 8, column 1

Rev. Mr. McGillivray, who supplied the Presbyterian pulpit during Mr. Morrison's absence last summer, has decided to make Manistique his home.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 47 [Thursday, April 15, 1897], page 8, column 3

Rev. D. Morrison and Dr. J.D. Cameron are expected home tonight from Ishpeming, where they have been attending the annual meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery. Mr. Morrison was chosen delegate to the general assembly at Winona, Minn.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 48 [Thursday, April 22, 1897], page 4, column 2

Sam Doney has gone to Centra *[sic – Central]* City, Colo., to accept a position. He has been a member of the city band and

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Presbyterian choir, and will be missed greatly.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 49 [Thursday, April 29, 1897], page 8, column 5

Pastor Morrison, of the Presbyterian church, expects to be absent from home the greater portion of next month, in attendance at the meeting of the general assembly at Winona, Minn.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 50 [Thursday, May 6, 1897], page 8, column 4

James C. Dewees, a stone mason well-known to nearly every man, woman and child in Iron Mountain, died suddenly in his room at the Tremont house, last Sunday, aged 57 years. The deceased was well liked by all who knew him and it is certain he had not an enemy in the world. He has been a resident of Iron Mountain for seventeen years. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church on Tuesday last, and was attended by many of his friends.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 51 [Thursday, May 13, 1897], page 8, column 3

Rev. D. Morrison expects to leave next Monday for Winona, Minn., to attend the annual meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly.

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Rev. James Lyall, the noted Scotch evangelist, is conducting a series of

meetings at the Presbyterian church. He is an eloquent orator.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1897], page 8, column 1

Rev. Donald Morrison departed last Monday for Winona, Minn., to attend the annual meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. He expects to be absent several weeks. Mrs. Morrison and daughter accompanied him.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 5

SACRED POLITICAL PARTIES.

Rev. Donald Morrison Called Down in the Presbyterian Assembly.

The following dispatch from Eagle Lake, Ind., published in the daily papers of Saturday last is of local interest:

"The Presbyterian general assembly adjourned at 11:30 last night, recording the shortest session in eight years. The report of the temperance committee caused considerable debate. The committee suggested that the general assembly memorialize the president and congress for the appointment of a committee for the thorough investigation of the liquor traffic.

Rev. Donald Morrison, of Iron Mountain, Mich., called down censure on himself by saying that there are in his town of 10,000 inhabitants, 36 saloons which exist "by the grace of the republican and democratic

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parties.” One commissioner protested against “the denunciation of the republican or any other political party.” After a lively debate the resolutions were adopted.

Then came a sharp debate on the report as to the uses of wine at the alumni banquet at the sesqui-centennial [*sic – sesquicentennial*] anniversary of Princeton university. The committee recommended that as the institution was not under the control of the general assembly no action be taken on four overtures received from certain presbyteries. The entire matter was finally tabled.["]

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Rev. and Mrs. Morrison and daughter returned yesterday morning from Eagle Lake, Ind., where they have been attending the annual meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 4 [Thursday, June 17, 1897], page 8, column 3

Next Sunday is Children’s Day at the Presbyterian church. A fine program of exercises has been arranged.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 11 [Thursday, August 5, 1897], page 8, column 3

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have a picnic at the Shady Side [*sic – Island*] resort next Wednesday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 12 [Thursday, August 12, 1897], page 8, column 1

Rev. Frank Dyer will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 12 [Thursday, August 12, 1897], page 8, column 2

The children of the Central M.E. Sunday School were given a picnic at Shady Island with an excursion on the lake last Tuesday. Yesterday the Presbyterian Sunday School had an outing at the same place.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 12 [Thursday, August 12, 1897], page 8, column 3

Rev. D. Morrison, of the Presbyterian church, announced last Sunday that he intending [*sic – intends*] taking a brief vacation. He will spend the time with his family at Spread Eagle.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 27 [Thursday, November 25, 1897], page 1, column 3

Experience Social.

The experience social for the benefit of the Young People’s society of the Presbyterian church will be held in the church parlors on Friday evening. The trials and tribulations experiences by some of the members in pursuit of the delusive [*sic – elusive*] dollar will be well worth

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hearing. Refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation [is] extended to the public.

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Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Swedish Baptist church on East Hughitt street, and all the Protestant churches will participate. Rev. D. Morrison, of the Presbyterian church[,] will deliver the sermon.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 27 [Thursday, November 25, 1897], page 8, column 4

The "picture gallery" conducted by the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church netted about \$20.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 29 [Thursday, December 9, 1897], page 1, column 5

That Experience Social.

Given by the young ladies of the Presbyterian society will be held in the church parlors to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening. Go and hear the methods pursued by the young ladies in their hunt for the delusive [sic – elusive] dollar. Refreshments will be served for a small sum. A cordial invitation to the public.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 29 [Thursday, December 9, 1897], page 8, column 4

Rev. D. Morrison and daughter Etta are in Milwaukee, where the latter is receiving relief from an oculist.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 30 [Thursday, December 16, 1897], page 4, column 4

The Presbyterians have already arranged for a Christmas treat for the Sunday School children.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 30 [Thursday, December 16, 1897], page 8, column 1

Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Grand Rapids, will conduct services at the Presbyterian church again next Sunday, and will remain until Pastor Morrison is able to return from Milwaukee.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 30 [Thursday, December 16, 1897], page 8, columns 1-2

Rev. and Mrs. Morrison and Miss Etta expect to be absent in Milwaukee for several weeks yet. An operation has been performed on Miss Etta's eyes, but it will not be known for several weeks yet whether it was successful or not, although the physicians give them every encouragement. Iron Mountain friends hope the results may be all that is anticipated.

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Christian Endeavor Society.

At a meeting of the Young's [sic – Young] People's society of Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church held last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President – Jessie L. Parks.
Vice-President – Rena Conklin.
Rec. Secretary – LaVerne Smith.
Cor. Secretary – Emma L. Keene.
Treasurer – Edith Mead.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 37 [Thursday, February 3, 1898], page 1, column 3

Lecture and Social.

At the parlors of the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, February 11th, Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Grand Rapids, who is supplying the pulpit during the absence of Pastor Morrison, will deliver a lecture, taking for his subject "Jonathan Edwards and His Times." Dr. Marsh is an entertaining speaker and the lecture will be well worth hearing. After the lecture the Christian Endeavor society will furnish refreshments. The bill for lecture and social is 25 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1898], page 1, column 4

Experience Social.

The Ladies['] Aid society of the Presbyterian church are [sic – is] arranging for an Experience social to be held in the church parlors next week, probably on

Friday evening. A number of the "experiences" will be worth hearing.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1898], page 1, column 5

His Last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Marsh, financial agent of Alma college, who has been supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church during the enforced absence of Pastor Morrison, will preach his last sermon next Sunday evening. Mr. Morrison and family will not be able to return to Iron Mountain for several months yet. During his stay here Mr. Marsh has won many warm friends. He is an able expounder of the gospel and we hope he will come and see us frequently.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 43 [Thursday, March 17, 1898], page 8, column 4

Rev. D.M. Raukin, of Chicago, has been engaged to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church until Pastor Morrison is able to return.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 45 [Thursday, March 31, 1898], page 1, column 5

An Experience Social.

To-morrow [sic – Tomorrow] evening, at the home of Mrs. E.A. Woodward, the ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an Experience social. Amusements of the usual order will be provided and a pleasant

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evening is assured. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 46 [Thursday, April 7, 1898], page 8, column 1

The experience social at the home of Mrs. E.A. Woodward last Friday evening netted the ladies of the Presbyterian church thirty dollars. A pleasant time was had.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 48 [Thursday, April 21, 1898], page 1, column 4

Rev. Donald Morrison and family will return from Milwaukee next week. Dr. Raskin will preach his last sermons next Sunday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 49 [Thursday, April 28, 1898], page 8, column 1

It is expected that Rev. D. Morrison will return from Milwaukee in time to occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

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Rev. Dr. Rankin, who has been supplying the Presbyterian pulpit for several months, preached his last sermons Sunday and has returned to his home in the east.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 632 [Monday, July 25, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

The Presbyterian church and Sunday School will give a pic-nic to Shady Island Wednesday, to which all are invited. The charge for the round trip will be five cents for children over seven, and ten cents for adults, children under seven transported free, if with parents. Ice cream, etc., will be sold on the grounds. Lemonade will be free. Come and bring your lunch and have a merry time with the children. Carriages will leave the church at eight and again at nine o'clock, a.m.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1898], page 1, column 3

A Christmas Bazaar.

The Christian Endeavor Society, [sic] of the Presbyterian church, [sic] is arranging for a Christmas bazaar the second week in December. There will be on sale a great array of fancy articles suitable for holiday gifts, – something neat and tasty for every member of the family. Await the bazaar before making your purchases.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 709 [Monday, October 24, 1898], page 5, column 4

A BREEZY TIME.

In the Presbyterian Church Yesterday Morning.

Rev. D. Morrison, of the Presbyterian Church, surprised his hearers yesterday morning by “roasting” the church

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membership, but the board of trustees in particular. Mr. Morrison lays the blame for his differences with the church to the board of trustees. He said yesterday that the board had intimated that no married man need apply for the pastorship of the church, and that his family had been annoyed by people calling at the parsonage to rent the house, and added that "it seemed as if his last days were not to be made peaceful." The board of trustees say that they have no objection to a married man for pastor but would prefer a single man as it can then rent the parsonage and thus pay off the mortgage of \$300 placed upon it to pay Mr. Morrison his salary in full.

The board further says that it did not send anyone to look at the parsonage but people knowing Mr. Morrison was going to leave came of their own accord. Next Sunday Mr. Morrison will preach his last sermon here and will then go to Calumet, where he will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church during the absence of Rev. Dr. Stalker.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1898], page 10, column 1

On Sunday next the members of the Presbyterian church will vote upon the question of accepting the resignation of Pastor Morrison.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1898], page 4, column 4

Rev. and Mrs. Morrison and daughter left here last Tuesday morning for Calumet, where they will make their home during the next six months, at least. It is needless to

say that they take with them the best wishes of very many warm friends who unite with the Press in wishing them prosperity and happiness. Calumet Presbyterians will find Rev. Morrison an able expounder of the gospel and a hard and consistent worker in the Lord's cause.

...

There will be services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Either Rev. MacDonald, of Iron River, or Rev. Greene, of Escanaba, will occupy the pulpit.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1898], page 8, column 1

Rev. Mr. Weatherwax, who occupied the Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday morning and evening, created a very favorable impression.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1898], page 1, column 5

The Christmas Bazaar of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will be held in the building vacated by M. Levy & Co. on Saturday, December 3rd. A fine collection of fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts, [sic] will be on sale and a bountiful supper will be served.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1898], page 1, column 5

Christmas Bazaar.

Please bear in mind the Christmas bazaar to be held in the vacant store

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opposite the post-office [*sic – post office*] on Saturday afternoon and evening next under the auspices of the young ladies of the Presbyterian church. An endless variety of fancy work suitable for gifts for old and young will be on sale. A warm supper will be served from five to eight o'clock for a small sum. A cordial invitation is herewith extended to the public.

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Rev. J.C. Faucett will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit again next Sunday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1898], page 6, column 4

The Christmas bazaar held on Saturday last, under the auspices of the young ladies of the Presbyterian church, was a fine success. The net proceeds were over sixty dollars.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 35 [Thursday, January 19, 1899], page 5, column 4

It is probable that the Presbyterian society will extend a call to Rev. D.C. Jones, of Rice Lake, Wis. He will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 35 [Thursday, January 19, 1899], page 6, column 3

At the annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Helen Martyn; vice-president, Miss Anna W. Jensen; treasurer, Miss Edith Mead; secretary, Miss Rena Conkling; secretary, Ed. L. Parmenter.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 36 [Thursday, January 26, 1899], page 8, column 3

Rev. D.C. Jones, who has been considering a call extended him by the Presbyterian church, of this city, will be here Sunday morning and evening. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1899], postscript, column 2

Rev. D.C. Jones, of Rice Lake, Wis., has accepted the call extended to him by the Presbyterian church of this city, and it is expected that he will enter upon his duties at once. Mr. Jones is a graduate of Princeton college and is a young man of fine ability. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome at the hands of [*the*] people.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 43 [Thursday, March 16, 1899], page 8, column 1

Rev. D.C. Jones, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, arrived here last Tuesday evening to enter upon his duties. He will occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning and evening.

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The Endeavors.

At a regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held last Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ed L. Parmenter; vice-president, Miss Anna Jensen; secretary, Miss Rena Conklin; treasurer, Miss Edith Mead.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 14 [Thursday, August 24, 1899], page 8, column 2

Miss Anna White has been engaged as organist of the Presbyterian church. The young lady is an accomplished musician.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 20 [Thursday, October 5, 1899], page 4, column 2

The Presbyterian church is being repainted. We hear that it is also to be provided with a furnace.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 21 [Thursday, October 12, 1899], page 1, column 3

A furnace has been placed in the Presbyterian church.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4,

Number 25 [Thursday, November 9, 1899], page 1, column 4

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold the annual Christmas bazaar the first week in December. Many articles appropriate for gifts will be offered for sale, and refreshments will be served each afternoon and evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 27 [Thursday, November 23, 1899], page 6, column 1

At a regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held last Friday evening the following officers were elected: President, Miss Retta Conklin; vice-president, Edw. L. Parmenter; secretary, Miss Minnie Geiger; treasurer, Miss Francis [sic – Frances] Parmelee.

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Christmas Bazaar at Hotel Wood next Wednesday under auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 30 [Thursday, December 14, 1899], page 7, column 1

The annual Christmas bazaar of the Presbyterian society held yesterday afternoon and evening was a most gratifying success, netting the ladies nearly one hundred dollars.

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A collection will be taken up next Sunday at the Presbyterian church for the various church boards.

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A collection will be taken up at the Presbyterian church next Sunday for the famine sufferers in India.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 52 [Thursday, May 17, 1900], page 6, column 3

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will serve a hot supper at the Hotel Wood to-morrow [*sic* – *tomorrow*] evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 1 [Thursday, May 24, 1900], page 8, column 3

The collection taken up by the Rev. D.C. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, for the benefit of the famine sufferers in India netted the handsome sum of \$112.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 3 [Thursday, June 7, 1900], page 8, column 3

A Memorial Service

will be held at the Presbyterian church Friday evening of this week by Pastors Frank Dyer and John Best, in memory of D.L. Moody. A special collection will be taken for the schools founded by Mr. Moody. Mr. Best will sing some of Mr. Moody's favorite songs. Admission free[.] Everybody invited. Time 7:47 Standard. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Best have both attended Mr. Moody's school in Chicago, and are well fitted to give instructive and interesting addresses. The subject will be "The Life and Works of Mr. Moody." They will no doubt have a large audience.

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Children's day services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 6 [Thursday, June 28, 1900], page 8, column 2

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a lawn fete at the Commercial Hotel to-morrow [*sic* – *tomorrow*]. Arrangements have been made to illuminate the grounds. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Thursday, July 26, 1900], page 4, column 4

The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held to-day [*sic* – *today*] at Shady Island, Lake Antoine.

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The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 11 [Thursday, August 2, 1900], page 8, column 3

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday-school [*sic* – *Sunday school*] will hold their annual picnic at Shady Island, Lake Antoine, to-day [*sic* – *today*]. The carettes [*sic*] will convey the little ones and their parents to and from the resort.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 13 [Thursday, August 16, 1900], page 8, column 3

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream sociable on the parsonage lawn this afternoon and evening. All invited.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Thursday, October 11, 1900], page 8, column 1

Rev. Frank Dyer is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Presbyterian church this week.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Thursday, October 18, 1900], page 1, column 4

Missionary Meeting.

Miss Redway, a talented young lady who has been engaged for a number of years in missionary work among the poor white people in the mountains of Tennessee, will address a meeting to be held on the evening of October 25th, under

the auspices of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended to attend the meeting.

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Be sure to attend the C.E. social and enjoy a good New England supper at the Presbyterian church parlors tomorrow evening, from 5 to 9 o'clock.

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The Ladies' Aid society, [*sic*] of the Presbyterian church, [*sic*] are to be congratulated upon their success in raising money. It has been their practice to hold a bazaar at this season of the year for the purpose of raising money pledged by their organization towards the payment of the expenses of the church. This year the ladies decided not to hold a bazaar, but instead each lady pledged herself to raise a certain amount of money, contributing such an amount herself as the bazaar would have cost her, judging from past experience, and soliciting enough more from friends and the regular attendants upon the church services to make up the amount of her pledge. At the regular meeting of the society last week, about one hundred and twenty-five dollars had been raised, and it is thought considerable more will be contributed.

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The friends of Rev. D.C. Jones, *[sic]* of the Presbyterian church, *[sic]* remembered him in a handsome manner on Christmas, presenting him with a handsome pocketbook containing the snug sum of \$100.

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The following officers were elected at the Presbyterian Sabbath school, last Sunday: Superintendent, E.L. Parmenter; assistant supt.[,] Mrs. F. Cole; secretary, W.H. Scandling, *[sic – ;]* assist. Secretary, Erna Wright; treasurer, D.A. Stewart, *[sic – ;]* librarian, Cassie Wilbur; organist, Estella Robbins.

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The Christian Endeavor society, *[sic]* of the Presbyterian church, *[sic]* was re-organized last Sunday evening, and new officers for the present year were elected as follows: President, Edw. L. Parmenter; treasurer, Ida Haggman; secretary, Cassie Wilbur.

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The Rev. D.C. Jones has decided to accept the call recently extended to him by the Manitowoc Presbyterian church, and will leave Iron Mountain to take up his duties in his new field, in the near future.

His departure will be a source of deep regret, not only to his own church people but to the citizens at large, and his influence for good will be greatly missed, but Manitowoc is to be congratulated upon securing the services of a minister who knows no such word as fail, and of a man who will be a power for good wherever he may cast his lot.

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Don't forget the "Missionary Tea," which isn't a "tea" at all, but a bountiful *[sic – bountiful]* supper, and will be given by the Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, in the church parlors, from 5:30 to 7:30 to-morrow *[sic – tomorrow]* evening, for the small sum of 15 cents.

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The ladies of the Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met with their usual success, last Friday, when they served one of their delicious suppers in the church parlors. The affair was not only a success, but a financial one as well, the neat sum of thirty dollars being netted for the cause of missions.

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Rev. D.C. Jones will leave Saturday for Manitowoc, Wis., where he will enter upon his new pastorate. The reverend gentleman conducted his farewell service last Sunday, and he takes with him the best wishes of the entire community.

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Extended a Call to Mr. Turner.

At a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church held last Tuesday evening it was voted to extend a call to Rev. W.J. Turner, of Prairie du Sac, Wis. The reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit of the church a few Sundays ago and created a most excellent impression. It is the general opinion that Mr. Turner will prove a most worthy successor of Mr. Jones.

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Will Accept.

Last Sunday evening a telegram was received from Rev. W.J. Turner, of Prairie du Sac, Wis., to the effect that he had decided to except [*sic – accept*] the call extended him by the Presbyterian society and would be here about the first of May to enter upon his duties. This will be good news for those attending that church for the reverend gentleman is not only an excellent expounder of the gospel, but is of a sunny disposition that is certain to make him popular with Iron Mountain people.

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Rev. W.J. Turner, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, writes that he expects

to enter upon his duties about the first of May.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 49 [Thursday, April 25, 1901], page 8, column 3

Disappointed Congregation.

The members of the Presbyterian church, whose call to the Rev. W.J. Turner, of Prairie du Sac, Wis., had been accepted by that gentleman, received a subsequent letter from Mr. Turner in which he withdrew his acceptance, owing to the fact that his congregation were exceedingly loth [*sic – loath*] to see him go. During his recent visit to the city, Mr. Turner made a very pleasant impression upon all who were fortunate enough to hear his sermons or meet him socially, and while the fact that he has decided not to cast his lot with us is a keen disappointment, his Prairie du Sac congregation are [*sic – is*] to be congratulated upon the loyalty of their pastor.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 53 [*sic*] [Thursday, May 23, 1901], page 1, column 3

CALLED A PASTOR.

**The Presbyterian Congregation
Invites Rev. J.F. Knowles, of
Saginaw, to Come Here**

Rev. J.F. Knowles, of Saginaw, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, last Sunday, morning and evening,

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and preached two powerful sermons. The trustees of the church had been in correspondence with Mr. Knowles for some weeks prior to his coming here to preach, and it was understood that if, after hearing him, the members of the church were favorably impressed, a call should be extended to him, and that he would accept the same. That the congregation were [sic – was] well pleased was evidenced by the fact that at a congregational meeting held Tuesday evening, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to him. Mr. Knowles comes well recommended, the trustees having in their possession several letters from different clergymen and laymen all of whom are enthusiastic in their expressions of praise of his excellent work, both in the pulpit and as a pastor, one writer saying: "His work has been greatly blessed in that new members have been received into the church at every communion service." It may not be out of place to say that the change he contemplates making is purely voluntary upon his part, and that he leaves a church which would be glad to have him remain indefinitely. Mr. Knowles is a married man and has an infant son.

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The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will give a social in the church parlors to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 1 [Thursday, June 6, 1901], page 1, column 4

Accepted the Call.

Rev. Mr. Knowles, of Saginaw, who occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church several Sundays ago, and to whom a [sic – an] unanimous call was extended at a subsequent congregational meeting, writes that he has decided to accept the same. It is expected that he will be here to enter upon his duties one week from next Sunday. He is a young man of splendid qualifications and our Presbyterian friends were fortunate indeed to secure so excellent a pastor.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 3 [Thursday, June 13, 1901], page 8, column 1

Rev. Mr. Knowles, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, has arrived in the city and will enter upon his pastoral duties next Sunday.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 7 [Thursday, July 11, 1901], page 3, column 2

A very pleasant reception was tendered to the Rev. and Mrs. F.P. Knowles, at the church parlors, last night, by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. The parlors were beautifully decorated with roses and presented a very handsome appearance. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, assisted by Mesdames A.F. Wright and L.T. Sterling[,] received the guests, and the refreshment room was presided over by a number of the ladies who served ice cream and cake.

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The Ladies' Aid Society, *[sic]* of the Presbyterian church, *[sic]* will serve ice cream and cake at the church parlors this evening, from 7:30 until 10 o'clock. Come and get cooled off.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 18 [Thursday, September 26, 1901], page 5, column 4

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church tendered a reception to the public school teachers at the home of Pastor Knowles last Friday evening. The attendance was large, nearly all the teachers being present, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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Rev. Frank Knowles is in Menominee this week assisting Rev. Skinner in conducting a series of gospel meetings.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 30 [Thursday, December 19, 1901], page 2, column 4

The Presbyterian Sunday school is to have a Christmas tree with music and recitations next Tuesday evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 34 [Thursday, January 16, 1902], page 8, column 3

The pastors of the several Iron Mountain churches have organized a ministerial association with the following officers: President, Rev. J.E. Bjorklund; secretary and treasurer, Rev. John Bettes. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at two o'clock in the study of the Presbyterian church.

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The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will give a supper in the church parlors to-morrow *[sic – tomorrow]* evening. It will be a good, substantial meal, and the patronage of business men *[sic – businessmen]* is solicited.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 37 [Thursday, February 6, 1902], page 8, column 4

The supper given by the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church last Friday evening netted the handsome sum of \$45.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 39 [Thursday, February 20, 1902], page 8, column 1

Rev. Frank Knowles was called to Florence last Saturday to conduct the funeral services for the late Charles LaSalle. The News says that the deceased was the first settler in Florence county.

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A PRAISE SERVICE.

**Next Sunday Evening at the
Presbyterian Church – The Program.**

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary society a Praise Service will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. A program consisting of music, reading and recitations, [sic] has been carefully prepared. One of the interesting features will be an exercise by thirteen girls, entitled, "The Light of the World." A cordial invitation is extended to all and a full attendance is hoped for. A free-will offering to aid in carrying on the work of the society will be gratefully received.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 46 [Thursday, April 10, 1902], page 1, column 5

Annual Church Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church was held last evening. The report of the treasurer showed that a total of \$1,731.01 had been received during the year for congregational expenses. For benevolent purposes the Sunday school had contributed \$31.47, the Woman's [sic – Women's] Missionary society \$58.85, and from church offerings \$120.56. The church has a membership of 103 – a gain of 27 during the year, and the Sunday school an enrollment of 355. The

elders elected are Dr. J.D. Cameron, W.H. Scandling and J.H. Lathrop, and the trustees Messrs. Cameron, Parmenter, Russell and Huse [sic – Hoose].

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A Good Supper.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will give a substantial supper at the church parlors on Friday evening next, from 5:30 to 8:00 o'clock. The menu will include baked beans, creamed chicken, ham, salad potatoes, cabbage salad, doughnuts and coffee.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 50 [Thursday, May 8, 1902], page 1, column 5

Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church held its annual meeting yesterday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President – Mrs. F.C. Cole.

Vice-Presidents – Mesdames Lloyd and Brawt.

Secretary – Mrs. L.E. Amidon.

Treasurer – Mrs. L.T. Sterling.

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Series of Lectures.

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The pastor of the Presbyterian church will give a series of Sabbath evening talks to young men. Subjects, May 25th, "The Young Man in Business"; June 1st, "The Young Man in Society"; June 15th, "The Young Man in Politics"; June 22nd, "The Young Man in Religion."

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To-morrow [*sic* – *Tomorrow*] is Memorial day. There will be no public observances of the sacred day. Last Sunday, Rev. Frank Knowles preached a memorial sermon at the Central church and the services were attended by the G.A.R. and Women's Relief corps.

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Next Sunday is "Children's Day" at the Presbyterian church and appropriate services will be held. In the evening the children will have complete charge of the exercises and a fine program has been arranged.

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Lawn Social.

The Presbyterian church members are arranging to have a lawn social this evening, if the weather permits. The pretty

grounds surrounding the church and parsonage will be made very attractive with Japanese lanterns, and ice cream and ices will be served by the ladies of the congregation. If the weather is not suitable for being out of doors the tables will be set in the parlors of the church.

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The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation will serve strawberries and ice cream in the church parlors this evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 8 [Thursday, July 17, 1902], page 8, column 3

The Presbyterian ladies will give a social at Dr. Jones' on C. [*sic*] street to-morrow [*sic* – *tomorrow*] (Friday) evening. Ice cream and cake will be served, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 9 [Thursday, July 24, 1902], page 1, column 4

Church Services.

Pastor Knowles, of the Presbyterian Society, telephones The Press this morning that evening services will be discontinued until the first Sunday in September.

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The Presbyterians will hold services and Sunday school until further notice in Russell's Hall. A number of improvements are being made to the interior of the church.

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The Oliver Iron Mining company, through General Superintendent Davidson, has donated \$250 to the improvement fund of the Presbyterian church. The Pewabic company has also been generous to a degree, General Manager Brown pledging the handsome sum of \$150. Dr. Cameron has also contributed \$150.

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The Scottish Entertainers who are to appear here next Monday night under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, will give their entertainment at the opera house as the church could not accommodate all those desiring to attend. Gavin Spence and Miss Flora MacDonald, on their last appearance here, pleased a large and critical audience and it is safe to say that they will have a larger one on Monday night.

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Presbyterian Church.

It was announced last Sunday by Pastor Knowles that the services of the above

named congregation would be held in the renovated church next Sunday, but owing to the non-arrival of some of the furnishings the re-opening will be postponed. Services will be held in Russell's Hall at the usual hour.

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A Reception.

The Young People's association of the Presbyterian church will tender a reception to the teachers of the Iron Mountain schools at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Knowles tomorrow [sic – tomorrow] evening. A pleasant evening is assured.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 23 [Thursday, October 30, 1902], page 8, column 3

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church is arranging for a bazaar for the sale of Christmas goods. It will open on Nov. 12th.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 25 [Thursday, November 13, 1902], page 8, column 3

The Presbyterian social at the home of Mrs. Grosse last Thursday netted the society the comfortable sum of \$20.

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Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian church will hold services next Sunday in their renovated church at the usual hours. The improvements have been many and the church is now one of the most comfortable in the city. In the morning communion services will be held and new members received. A meeting of the session will be held at 10:10 a.m.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 27 [Thursday, November 27, 1902], page 5, column 3

Union Thanksgiving services at the Presbyterian church this morning at the usual hour.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 28 [Thursday, December 4, 1902], page 8, column 3

The Presbyterian bazaar will be held in the basement of the church.

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Arrange to take your supper to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening at the Presbyterian bazaar – a nice warm supper for a small sum.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 31 [Thursday, December 25, 1902], page 3, column 4

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school invite all who care to do so to be present at their Christmas exercises (Wednesday evening) and bring with them useful presents, including articles of food, clothing, toys or money for distribution to the poor of the city on Christmas day.

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The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will give presents this year, instead of receiving. Each member of the school will donate one or more gifts and the collection will be distributed among the poor children in the city. The idea is worthy of wide imitation.

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The Press was honored this week with a letter from Rev. Donald Morrison, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, that contains such a perfect spirit of contentment with the “wig-wags” of this “good old world of ours,” as to rejoice his old friends. The reverend gentleman is now serving his third term as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tekonsha, Mich. He has the high esteem of his congregation and the church has flourished. Since leaving Iron Mountain he has employed his spare moments in religious study and is now a member of the bar. In addition to this he has continued his legal studies and was recently honored with a Doctor of Divinity by an Illinois college. It is a pleasure for The Press to note the prosperity of former residents of our city, and we believe that every single one of his former parishioners will unite with the writer in extending congratulation.

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Presbyterian tea this afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. A.F. Wright. You are invited and you are assured of plenty to eat.

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The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will entertain friends with a 15-cent tea at the home of Mrs. A.F. Wright this evening. You are cordially invited.

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The Presbyterian tea at the home of Mrs. A.F. Wright last Thursday evening netted the society the handsome [sum] of \$35.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 38 [Thursday, February 12, 1903], page 8, column 1

Rev. John Person, D.D., of Cincinnati, delivered an address relative to the work of the American Bible society at the Presbyterian church last Monday evening.

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MISSIONARY SERVICES.

Presbyterians Arrange Interesting

Program for Next Sunday.

Following is the program arranged for the missionary praise service to be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock:

1. Hymn by Congregation.
2. Responsive Reading.
3. Prayer.
4. Music by Choir.
5. Recitation – Jennie Dykes.
6. Recitation – Harold Cole.
7. Exercise (For Christ and Church), by 14 young people from Missionary Societies.
8. Indian Song.
9. Reading – Mrs. Cole.
10. Musical (Little Missionaries) by class of little girls.
11. Recitation "Just a Penny" – Adelaide Russell.
12. Offering.
13. Hymn by Congregation.
14. Benediction.

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Lake Superior Presbytery.

The annual meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery, [sic] will be held at Iron Mountain on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Ladies' Missionary society will meet in connection with the Presbytery at the same time and place.

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Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian society was held last evening at which time Edw. L. Parmenter was elected trustee and Mr. Lathrop elder. The church now has a membership of 101, eleven of which were added during the year. The Sunday school has a total membership of 370. Total expense and repairs during the year \$3,646.75, \$524.47 of which is credited to the Ladies['] Aid society. Total sum paid for benovelences [sic – benevolences] \$646.75. The show is an excellent one.

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L.S. Presbytery.

The spring meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery, which was held here last week, was a successful gathering in every particular. The papers were interesting and the attendance large. Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. L.W. Westphal, of Iron River; stated clerk, Rev. M.M.Allen, of Ishpeming; temporary clerks, Rev. J.V.N. Hartness, of Marquette, and Rev. F.G. Westphal, of Ontonagon; trustee for three years, Dr. J.D. Cameron, of Iron Mountain, succeeding himself; delegates to the general conference at San Francisco, Rev. A.C.V. Skinner, of Menominee, and W.H. Scandling, of Iron Mountain. The fall conference will be held in October.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 1 [Thursday, May 28, 1903], page 8, column 4

Strawberry and ice cream festival at the Presbyterian church to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 4 [Thursday, June 18, 1903], page 6, column 4

The Odd Fellows held memorial services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Pastor Knowles delivered an interesting and appropriate address.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 5 [Thursday, June 25, 1903], page 8, column 1

Mrs. Rev. Knowles and children left last Tuesday for Saginaw and Detroit to spend a month or six weeks with relatives and friends.

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Rev. Frank P. Knowles was in Negaunee last Tuesday assisting in the installation of Rev. Dr. Allen as pastor of the Presbyterian church.

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Presbyterians, Attention!

All who are to assist at the Presbyterian dinner at Victoria park on Saturday are requested to prepare themselves for the same, especially all young ladies who are to help serve. All who desire to have their provisions called for will please notify Mrs. Lloyd or Mrs. O'Hara on Bell 'phone; or Mrs. Cole on Range 'phone before Friday noon. All who do not so notify the

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committee will be expected to send donations to the basement of the church not later than 5 o'clock on Friday where a committee will be present to receive. Parties are also requested to put their names upon all dishes which will insure their being returned.

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Rev. Frank Knowles will leave next Wednesday on a vacation trip of one month. During his absence he will visit relatives in Detroit, Hasting [sic – Hastings] and in Ohio.

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The aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet immediately after the morning services to hear the report of the dinner committee. The dinner last Saturday netted the society \$100.

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Rev. and Mrs. F.P. Knowles and children arrived home this morning from their visit with Southern Michigan relatives.

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Rev. D.C. Jones, of Manitowoc, will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

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Twenty-five-cent supper at the Presbyterian church next Thursday evening, Oct. 1st. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will serve a supper next Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, in the Sunday school rooms.

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The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a warm supper this evening in the Sunday school rooms. Cost, 25 cents. You are invited.

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L.S. Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery held at Escanaba last Thursday and Friday, Rev. Frank P. Knowles, of this city, was honored by the election to the office of moderator. W.H. Scandling was also in attendance and reported upon the general assembly at Los Angeles, which he attended with Rev. Skinner, of Menominee. Mr. Scandling was elected one of the clerks

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of the presbytery. It was voted to hold the spring meeting at Pickford, Chippewa county.

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Presbyterian Concert.

The ladies having in hand the direction of the concert for the benefit of the Presbyterian church have decided upon Tuesday evening, Nov. 3rd, as the date, at the church. This concert will be one of more than ordinary merit. All the old favorites will appear and also the talent that recently came to the city. Few cities the size of Iron Mountain have better talent, and The Press feels certain that the program will be one of rare merit. You cannot afford to miss this musical feast. The admission is only twenty-five cents.

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Will Preside.

Rev. Frank P. Knowles, moderator of the Lake Superior Presbytery, will leave tomorrow [*sic – tomorrow*] morning for Houghton, where he will preside at the installation of Rev. Mr. Hastings as pastor of the local church. In addition to presiding, Mr. Knowles will preach the sermon of installation.

Presbyterian Services.

Rev. John Gray, D.D., president of the Michigan Seminary at Kalamazoo, an orator

of extended reputation, will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. In the evening Dr. Gray will preach a sermon for young people and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

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Change of Charge.

Rev. Donald Morrison, for so many years pastor of the Presbyterian church, going from Iron Mountain to Tekonsha, Mich., some four years ago, has accepted a call from the church At Romney, Tippecanoe county, Indiana. The charge is in the nature of an advancement in the way of salary. Iron Mountain friends hope that the reverend gentleman and family will find their new home all that they anticipate.

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Union Services.

Union services will be held at the Central M.E. church Thanksgiving morning commencing at 10:30 o'clock, standard time, the Presbyterian, First Methodist and the Central Methodist churches participating. The annual Thanksgiving custom of meeting being followed by these churches this year as usual. Rev. F.P. Knowles, of the Presbyterian church, will deliver the discourse. During the course of the services a collection will be taken up for the poor, which will be equally divided among the churches participating in the services.

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The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will have a sale on the evening of the 25th at the church parlors. All the old-fashioned goods will be on sale, including real pumpkin pie – pie “like mother use [*sic* – *used*] to make.”

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To Presbyterians.

There will be no evening services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. At three p.m., however, a general meeting of the members of the church, male and female, together with those attending the services and [*who*] are interested in the society, will be held. It is urged that every member be present.

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A Christmas Box.

The Ladies['] Missionary society of the Presbyterian church is arranging to send a Christmas box to one of the Indian schools of Oklahoma Territory. Should anyone outside of the society desire to contribute to the box. Their [*sic* – *box*. *Their*] gifts would be very acceptable and may be left with Mrs. Knowles at the Presbyterian parsonage at any time before Dec. 2nd.

The box is especially intended for boys from 12 to 14 years and for girls from 6 to 8. Anything in the line of wearing apparel, handkerchiefs, hair ribbons or little Christmas gifts will be a welcome addition to the pledges already made.

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CAN YOU RESIST THIS?

Old-Fashioned Goodies For Sale by Presbyterian Mission Band.

The Mission Band of the Presbyterian church will hold a Colonial Sale in the basement of the church, Thanksgiving eve, at 7 o'clock. There will be for sale on different tables, fruit cakes, loaf cakes, old-fashioned cookies, raised doughnuts, “good big ones,” mince and pumpkin pies, “such as mother used to make,” popcorn, old-fashioned candy “that won't stick to your teeth,” cracked nuts, jellies and cranberry sauce. Also picture books with scenes of American history. The tables will be in charge of the young ladies who have helped us in our work through the year. These young ladies will have the help of the members of the Mission Band. The money taken in at this time will be used, part of it for the support of a boy in the Rakha Orphanage, Fategarh, India, and prt of it will be sent to the Indian School at Anadarko, Oklahoma Territory. The members of the Mission Band, who will be at the tables, will be dressed in Colonial costumes, with cap and kerchief. There will be recitations through the evening such as

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“The Wonderful One-Horse Shay,” “Abraham Davenport,” and “When Grandma Danced the Minuet.” The members of the Mission Band will sing the choruses, “Yankee Doodle” and “Old Grimes Is Dead.” Tea, bread and butter and preserved ginger will be served to all who wish them at the price of ten cents.

R.S., Secretary

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The young people of the Presbyterian congregation will hold a social in the church parlors next Tuesday evening.

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“Winning the Best Victories” will be the topic for the evening sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

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A missionary praise service will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The program is of a musical and literary nature and is an interesting one.

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Concert This Evening.

The concert this evening at the Presbyterian church will be one of the great musical merit. In addition to Miss Ouellet, the charming harpist and pianist, Miss Mabel Gross, the well-known Marinette vocalist, is on the program for two solos. The young ladies will be assisted by local talent. You cannot afford to miss this musical treat. The admission is only twenty-five cents.

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Preaching services will be held at the Presbyterian church next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The public in general is invited to attend these services. Good music.

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The concert at the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening was well attended and most enjoyable. Miss Myrtle Ouellet, the harpist and pianist, proved herself a most finished artist, and the singing of Miss Gross, of Marinette, was all that was anticipated.

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No Morning Services.

There will be no morning services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Pastor

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Knowles is at Pickford attending the annual meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. In the evening the Young People's society will have charge of the services and an interesting program has been arranged.

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Miss Chase, the missionary from Corea [sic – Korea] who is supported, in part, by the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church, will lecture in this city the evening of May 11th. The young lady recently returned from Corea [sic – Korea], now the war center, and her lecture will undoubtedly be very interesting.

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Miss Chase, returned missionary from Korea, will speak at the Presbyterian church, [sic] Wednesday evening, May 11. Everybody invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the L.A.H. society at the Presbyterian church Friday evening.

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Richard John Luke and Miss Delora Scott were married last evening, by Rev. F.P. Knowles.

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The Young Ladies' Society of the Presbyterian church will give a lawn social at [sic – on] the church lawn next Monday evening. Ice cream will be served.

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There will be [a] special service and special singing at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. The Sunday school children are requested to attend.

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CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES.

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Program Arranged for Next Sunday at Presbyterian Church.

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Following is the program for Children's Day at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning commencing at 10:30:

- 1 – Processional.
- 2 – Doxology and Invocation.
- 3 – Scripture Reading.
- 4 – Song by the school.
- 5 – Baptism.
- 6 – Primary Song – (For Children's Day)
- 7 – Recitation – (Little Sunbeams)
- 8 – Recitation – (Miss Hogan's class)
- 9 – song – (Miss Bartlett's class)
- 10 – Recitation – (Fishers of Men)
(Mrs. Knowles class)
- 11 – Recitation – (The Perfect Light)
(Mrs. Russell's class)
- 12 – Anthem by Choir.
- 13 – Recitation – Mildred Anderson.
- 14 – Recitation – (Serve where you stand) Myrtle Raatz.
- 15 – Song by the school.
- 16 – Address by the Pastor.

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- 17 – Announcement and Collection.
- 18 – Song by the school.
- 19 – Benediction.

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Children's day exercises were held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and the Central M.E. church in the evening. The decorations were beautiful, the exercises interesting and the attendance large.

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Rev. Frank P. Knowles now holds services in Homestead every Sunday afternoon.

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The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held at Lake Antoine to-day [*sic – today*].

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Rev. and Mrs. Frank P. Knowles and children left last Monday for Hastings, Mich. A few days will be spent with relatives there, after which the good pastor and wife will spend ten days sight-seeing at the St. Louis exposition. Mrs. K. will then return to

Hastings and Mr. K. will attend a bible [*sic – Bible*] conference meeting at Winona, Ill.

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A reception for the new teachers was held at the Presbyterian parsonage last evening.

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Mormon Question.

Miss Edith Hughes, who has been doing home missionary work at Brigham City, Utah, will deliver two addresses at the Presbyterian church next Tuesday afternoon and evening. Miss Hughes is said to be a splendid speaker on the Mormon question. The afternoon meeting is for ladies only. The evening meeting is for the general public, and all are invited.

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A "Poke Social."

A "Poke social" will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church tomorrow [*sic – tomorrow*] evening to which the public is cordially invited. The leading feature will be the supper, which will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Following is the menu: Creamed potatoes, cold sliced ham, cabbage salad, white and brown

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bread, pie, coffee. All for the small sum of twenty-five cents.

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A Busy Pastor.

Rev. Frank P. Knowles, [sic] of the Presbyterian church, [sic] will leave on Saturday for Escanaba, where he will conduct services on Sunday. The object of his visit is to declare the pulpit vacant, Dr. Urquhart having resigned and removed to Caro, Mich. From Escanaba Mr. Knowles will go to Gladstone to investigate church matters and endeavor to arouse interest that will result in re-opening the church with a permanent pastor. Later he will go to St. Ignace to attend the meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery, which convenes in that town the coming week. If arrangements can be made with Dr. Smith, of Negaunee, to hold service on Sunday, Oct. 9th, Mr. Knowles will continue his trip to Saginaw, where he will attend the sessions of the Michigan Presbytery.

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The Poke social given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church last Friday evening netted about \$38.

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Mr. Jones Resigns.

The Press learns that Rev. D.C. Jones, who left Iron Mountain several years ago to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Manitowoc, Wis., has resigned to accept a call to a larger field of usefulness.

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Presbyterian Supper.

On Tuesday evening next, the ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve supper, from 5:30 until 7:30, after which they will be prepared to furnish oyster stews and light refreshments. A cordial invitation is extended to the public, and the usual good service is assured. They have secured the store in the Spencer block, formerly occupied by Louis Stoekly, for the occasion.

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At a meeting held in the Presbyterian church last evening a chorus choir of thirty voices was organized under the leadership of Miss M. Genieve Taylor. This choir will furnish the music at the Presbyterian church each Sunday evening.

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Praise Services.

On Tuesday evening, the annual praise meeting was held in the Presbyterian

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church. An especially interesting program had been prepared, the leading feature of which was the living pictures, representing types of people of the various countries in which Presbyterian missionaries are doing creditable work. Owing to the unpleasant weather, the audience was small. The collection, however, was good, and will, undoubtedly, be materially increased when all the "Thanks Offering" envelopes have been sent in.

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Presbyterian Sunday School.

On Sunday last, the Presbyterian Sabbath school voted to support one pupil for one year at the Dorland Institute, (Mountain White) North Carolina. It was also voted to observe the form of giving instead of receiving gifts at Christmas time, as it has for the two previous years. The children were heartily unanimous upon the subject. Last year they made substantial provision for at least twenty-five families [*sic* – *families*], all of whom were fatherless. The families are selected only from the standpoint of need, regardless of church affiliation. As heretofore, the general public will, undoubtedly, be invited to contribute.

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The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a chaffing dish social at the church parlors to-morrow [*sic* – *tomorrow*] evening. They will make several kinds of home-made [*sic* – *homemade*] candy and

sell it. Good chance to secure Christmas goodies.

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A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS.

Presbyterian Sunday School Plan a Merry Christmas for the Poor

The public is invited to attend the Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, and to bring, or send, their contributions for the poor of the city. About thirty families, consisting of widows with from two to nine children, are dependent for support upon charity, supplemented by their own efforts. To provide a Merry Christmas for these, contributions of provisions, blankets, clothing and underwear, new or second-hand, especially for women and children, are desired; also, toys, picture-books, illustrated papers and magazines, especially children's periodicals, would be acceptable. Checks may be made payable to the pastor or to the superintendent of the Sunday school. Distribution will be made according to need, regardless of nationality or creed. The church will be open also Thursday p.m. and Friday morning for the reception of any articles that may be sent in.

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Presbyterian Church.

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Is christianity [*sic – Christianity*] true? Is it reasonable? Is it scientific? Is it practical? If true, what of it? The questions will be discussed by Pastor Knowles in a sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10:30. The seats are free. The Press has been requested to invite everyone [*sic – every one*] of its readers to attend the services.

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Sermon Topic.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning Pastor Knowles will take for his topic "Faith in the Realm of Science and in the Realm of Religion." A cordial invitation is extended to every reader of this paragraph to attend the services.

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The Young People's society of the Presbyterian church will give a social in the church parlors one week from this evening. Refreshments will be served a la carte. The invitation to the public is general.

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Sermon Topic.

"The Foundation of Religion as Defined by a Scientist" will be the topic of Pastor

Knowles sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. The seats are free, the church is warm, and the singing excellent. You are invited to attend the services. Strangers in the city welcomed. Come.

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Rev. D.C. Jones.

One of the most interesting social affairs of the city was the farewell reception given to Rev. Daniel C. Jones, the retiring pastor of the First Church. Sincere regrets were expressed for the resignation of this beloved pastor, made necessary by overwork and the condition of his health, and a purse of \$100 was presented with the love of the congregation he has so faithfully served for nearly four years. Mr. Jones left for Ohio, and after a few weeks there expects to go farther south or [*sic – for*] the remainder of the winter. He is a choice young man and has been greatly blessed in his labors in Wisconsin. Many of his former parishioners in Horicon, Eau Claire and Rice Lake, and his brethren in the ministry, follow him with their good wishes and prayers for his restoration to health and return to the work. – Manitowoc correspondent of Interior.

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At a regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Society [*sic – Ladies' Aid Society*] of the Presbyterian church the following officers were elected: President[,] Mrs. Tom A.

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Hanna; vice-president, Mrs. J.D. Cameron; treasurer, Mrs. F.C. Cole; secretary, Mrs. E.L. Parmenter.

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PURE FOOD TEST.

Men of Presbyterian Church Will Serve Supper To-Morrow.

The gentlemen of the Presbyterian church of this city will serve a supper in the basement of the church at six to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, March 10th. Some of the best chefs in the city have been employed and we invite you to a strictly pure food test at the moderate price of thirty-five cents. The menu will be as follows:

Scalloped Oysters, a la Cole
Roast Veal, a la Jones
Baked Potatoes, a la Hanna
Cabbage Salad, a la Barron
White Bread, a la Cameron
Brown Bread, a la Anderson
Doughnuts, a la Reed
Currant Jelly, a la Plowman
Cheese, a la Sterling
Coffee, a la Russel [sic – Russell]

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Attend the supper given by the men of the Presbyterian church to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening if you want a square

meal – one that will “stay” by you like a poor relative. Arrangements have been made for the attendance of several physicians and the ambulance will make regular trips to and from the hospitals.

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Was a Success.

The social given by the men of the Presbyterian church last Friday evening was very much a success – from the standpoint of dollars and cents at least – and the men were out for the coin. Guess the feed was all right, too. Haven't heard of any one [sic – anyone] dying up to the hour of going to press. Sterling's soggy potatoes were something awful, however, and Russell should be churched for the coffee. Otherwise everything was pleasant.

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DEATH OF MRS. MORRISON.

Former Highly Esteemed Resident Dies Suddenly in Indiana.

Mrs. Morrison, the beloved wife of Rev. Donald Morrison, for many years the highly respected pastor of the Presbyterian church of Iron Mountain, died suddenly at her home in Romney, Indiana, on the 2nd day of the month.

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In a letter to the writer, Mr. Morrison states that Mrs. Morrison's demise was startlingly sudden, death being caused by apoplexy. Mrs. Morrison had been immensely cheerful and happy during the morning and was busily engaged at the sewing when Mr. Morrison left the room. Upon his return, perhaps half an hour later, Mr. Morrison found his beloved helpmate lying on the floor dead. The shock to Mr. Morrison was almost overpowering.

Miss Etta, their only child, who was at Depauw university, had her last conversation with her mother over the telephone the Monday previous. The dreadful shock to the father and daughter may be more readily imagined than stated in cold types [sic – type].

In expressing our heartfelt sympathy for the sorely afflicted ones, we feel that we are but expressing the sentiment of the entire community. All who were favored with the friendship of the departed dear loved her truly. She was a true woman – a model wife and mother. She was a woman of very many noble qualities. Peace to her ashes and peace be with the afflicted ones.

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Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Smith, of Negaunee, is conducting special services at the Presbyterian church each evening this week except Saturday and the general public is invited to attend. Dr. Smith will also occupy the pulpit on Sunday morning and there will be a special song service. No services in the evening.

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At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Tom A. Hanna; vice-president, Mrs. Dr. J.D. Cameron; treasurer, Mrs. Festus C. Cole; secretary, Mrs. Edward L. Parmenter.

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Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held on Tuesday evening next. In honor of the occasion, the ladies will serve a warm luncheon. It is hoped that not only every member of the congregation, but every person attending the church will arrange their engagements so as to attend. A charge will be made for the luncheon of 25 cents.

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THIS WILL BE GREAT.

Convention of Old Maids Will Soon Convene at the Opera House.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church, an "Old Maid's [sic – Maids'] Convention" will be held at the opera house the evening of May

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5th. This will be one of the most unique and at the same time amusing entertainments ever given in Iron Mountain. It has been recently produced in a number of the leading cities and everywhere has met with the approbation of the public. Mrs. George F. Plowman is in general charge of the "convention" and there are thirty characters in the caste [*sic – cast*]. And, it may be remarked, that, notwithstanding the suggestive name, the characters are not "old maids," strictly speaking. Rehearsals are now being held and the enthusiasm shown by all is indictive [*sic – indicative*] of success. You will miss one of the treats of the season if you do not arrange your engagements to permit attending.

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OLD MAID'S [*sic*] CONVENTION.

Program of the Gathering to Be Held To-Morrow Evening.

Arrangements have been completed for the Old Maid's [*sic – Maids'*] Convention at the opera house to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] evening. The convention is held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church with Mrs. George F. Plowman as conductor. It promises to be one of the most successful entertainments ever given in the city by amateur talent. The cast of characters is as follows:

Josephine Jane Green, President of the young Ladies' Single Blessedness Debating Society.....Miss Cutler.

Priscilla Abigail Hodge, secretary...
.....Mrs. Pelham.
Calamity Jane Higgins, treasurer.....
.....Miss Coburn.
Hulda Peterson, Swedish.Mrs. O.C. Arnold.
Tina Short.....Miss Mary Murphy.
Mary Ann Fraddler.....Miss Crocker.
Jerusha Macilca Spriggins.....Miss Nash.
Patience Desire Mann.....Miss Carbis.
Sophia Stuckup.....Miss McReynolds.
Juliet Long.....Miss Koehler.
Betsey Bohbett, musician.....Miss Beer.
Charity Longface.....Miss Robbins.
Cleopatra aBeda Brown.....Miss Henning.
Polly Jane Pratt.....Mrs. O'Hara.
Violet Ann Ruggles.....Miss Edwards.
Belinda Bluegrass, dress reform advocate...
.....Mrs. J.D. Jones.

CANDIDATES.

Francis Tochmenot.....Miss Seibert.
Hanna Biggerstaff.....Miss Goldsworthy.
Professor Makeover.....Geo. F. Plowman.
The Professor's Assistant.....Frank Fisk.

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"Old Maid's [*sic – Maids'*] Convention," with fun galore, at the opera house to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] evening.

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Reserved seat tickets for the Old Maid's [*sic – Maids'*] convention may be secured at Seibert's drug store.

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Following seats for the Old Maid's [*sic – Maids'*] Convention will be sold at 25 cents each. The general admission tickets are 35 cents and the reserved seats are 50 cents.

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Church at Pentoga.

Rev. Frank P. Knowles, of this city, and Rev. L.W. Westphal, of Iron River, have been successful in arranging for the organization of a Presbyterian church at Pentoga. As soon as an organization is perfected, it is understood that the money will be forthcoming for the erection of a neat place of worship. It will be the first church in the village.

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The Old Maid's [sic – Maids'] Convention held at the opera house last Friday evening was decidedly entertaining and netted the Presbyterian society the handsome sum of over \$100.

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MAY LEAVE THE CITY.

Rev. Frank P. Knowles Receives a Call from Houghton Presbyterians.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Houghton Presbyterian church held last Monday evening it was voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. Frank P. Knowles, of this city. Rev. Mr. Knowles occupied the pulpit of the Houghton church last Sunday

morning and evening and created such a favorable impression that the action of the trustees quickly followed. The Houghton church will hold a congregational meeting next Sunday evening for the purpose of endorsing the action of the board of trustees. Rev. Dr. Stalker, of Calumet, will preside at the congregational meeting.

Rev. Mr. Knowles is absent from the city, in attendance at the meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery at Calumet, and no information is obtainable as to his probable acceptance. The Houghton charge is a desirable one, however, and the salary somewhat larger than that paid by the Iron Mountain church. Mr. Knowles has been pastor of the church here during the past eight years and his administration has been very successful.

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WILL ACCEPT THE CALL.

Rev. Frank P. Knowles Will Affiliate With the Houghton Presbyterians.

The action of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church of Houghton in extending a call to Rev. Frank P. Knowles, of this city, was endorsed at a congregational meeting held last Sunday evening.

Mr. Knowles informed The Press yesterday that he had decided definitely to accept the Houghton call and had so informed the board of trustees of the Iron Mountain church. He expects to sever his

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connection with the local congregation the first of October.

The call from Houghton is in the nature of a promotion for Mr. Knowles. The copper country church has a large membership, is more prosperous and the field is a wider one.

Mr. Knowles has labored earnestly and persistently in the Iron Mountain field and he takes with him to his new charge a record of not having labored without results. During his pastorate of eight years the membership of the church has been largely increased and the church property has been improved at an expense of several thousand dollars.

The Press commends him to the Houghton Presbyterians and citizens in general as an enthusiastic worker in the religious field and a citizen who will shirk no duty.

Mr. Knowles will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday morning and will assume his new duties at Houghton the following Sunday.

It is expected that a farewell reception will be extended to Mr. Knowles and his family at the church parlors next Wednesday evening by the congregation.

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Farewell Reception.

A farewell reception will be given to Rev. and Mrs. F.P. Knowles at the Presbyterian church this evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Members of the church and congregation and all other friends of the pastor and his family are invited.

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Social and Supper.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve supper in the church parlors between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1910. The supper will be followed by a social evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. Prices: Adults, 25c.[,] children, 15c.

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Presbyterian Church.

Until a permanent pastor can be secured, the Presbyterian congregation has arranged with Rev. William Roberts, of the First M.E. church, to occupy the pulpit every Sunday morning. The services will be held at 10:45 o'clock. In order that the service may be held, the First Church congregation has kindly consented to hold their morning services half an hour earlier than usual.

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New Pastorate.

Rev. William Roberts preached his farewell sermon at the First M.E. church last Sunday evening. Next Sunday morning he becomes the permanent pastor of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Roberts has been a resident of Iron Mountain for three years,

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as pastor of the First church, and he is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. His pastorate at the First church was a most successful one. The congregation has been greatly enlarged under his administration and the church property has been improved at a cost of several thousand dollars. Mr. Roberts enters upon his new pastorate with the best wishes of the entire community.

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Presbyterian Services.

Next Sunday morning, Sunday school rally day exercises will be held at the Presbyterian church. Class exercises and music by members of the Sunday school under the direction of Miss Allison. The pastor will give an address on "The Three Great Questions." After the service, steps will be taken to organize a bible [*sic – Bible*] class in connection with the Sunday school. All who are interested are asked to remain. Service will be held at 10:30.

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Semi-Annual Meeting.

The Lake Superior Presbytery met at Palatka on Sept. 13th and 14th. Opened with [*a*] sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of Manistique, on "The Man Jesus Christ." Rev. M.M. Allen, of Ishpeming, was elected moderator and Rev. F.P. Knowles, of Houghton, temporary clerk. Rev. Wm. Roberts was examined

and received into the Presbytery on his credentials from the M.E. church and a commission was appointed to instal [*sic – install*] him as pastor of the Iron Mountain church at a date to be announced later. The members of the Presbytery were entertained at the club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] by the ladies of the church and congregation, and were given an automobile trip to Stambaugh and Iron River by Messrs. Jobe, Selden and others in the community. The next Presbytery will be held at Manistique in the spring.

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The Presbyterians contemplate making a number of improvements to the church, [*sic*] building and parsonage. It is proposed to re-arrange [*sic – rearrange*] the interior of the church placing the pulpit and choir on the west side of the auditorium. This will permit the placing of the pews in a semi-circle, a desirable arrangement.

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Presbyterian Church.

There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning, as the pastor will be at Florence, where he will preach the re-dedicatory sermon at the re-opening of the church. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour and the evening service will be at 7 o'clock, when the Y.P.S.C.E. will have charge, and special music will be give under the direction of Miss Allison.

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INSTALL A PASTOR.

Meeting of L.S. Presbytery at Iron Mountain Church

Installation of Rev. William Roberts To-morrow Evening – Convention of E.P. Societies

A convention of the Young People's Society of the Christian Endeavor will be held in the Presbyterian church [of] this city on Saturday next, Nov. 5th. Delegates and ministers are expected from Iron River, Palatka and Florence, who will be the guests of the local society. Following is the program of the meetings:

10:30 a.m. – Devotionals.

10:45 – Statement of objects of this group meeting and organization of the group.

12:00 – Adjournment for dinner.

1:30 p.m. – Devotional exercises.

1:45 – "The Best Method of Conducting the Devotional Meetings." To be followed by a general discussion of the subject.

2:45 – "Is The Social Side Being Neglected?" Discussion.

3:30 – "What of the Finances?"

4:15 – "The Importance of the Young People's Work."

Adjournment.

7:30 – Song service.

8:00 – Address by Mrs. H.F. Shier, secretary of Y.P.S.C.E. work of the

Woman's [sic – Women's] Home Missionary society.

Special music under direction of Miss Allison.

This will be followed by a social session in the church parlors.

All the Young People's societies and pastors of the city are invited to be present at the meetings and take part in the discussion.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Superior will be held in the Presbyterian church of this city to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] afternoon at one o'clock.

In the evening, at eight o'clock, the new pastor, Rev. William Roberts, will be installed.

The installment sermon will be preached by the Rev. M.M. Allen, of Ishpeming. Rev. L.W. Westphal, of Iron River, will deliver the charge to the pastor and Rev. H.F. Shier, of Palatka, will deliver the charge to the people.

Following the installation services a reception for the pastor and family will be held in the church parlors.

Special music will be rendered under the direction of Miss Kathryn Allison.

It is expected that the resignation of Rev. J.M. Rogers, of the Marquette Presbyterian church, will be acted upon at this session of the Presbytery.

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Installation and Reception.

The installation of Rev. W. Roberts as pastor of the Presbyterian church took place on last Friday evening. Rev. M.M.

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Allen, of Ishpeming, preached a splendid and helpful sermon from the words, "How Much is a Man Better Than a Sheep," in which he endeavored to show that man is the greatest asset of a nation. Rev. L.W. Westphal, of Iron River, delivered the charge to the pastor, which was practical. Rev. Henry F. Shier, of Palatka, delivered the charge to the people in which he emphasised [*sic – emphasized*] the need of loyalty so as to succeed. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. O.F. Turnquist, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church of their [*sic – this*] city, and prayer was offered by Rev. J.J. Strike, of the First M.E. church. After the service an informal reception was held in the church parlors, and was largely attended by members of all the city churches and by several from out of the city.

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Holiday Bazaar.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have about completed arrangements for their holiday sale, which will be held on the 8th. The sale will include a large array of fancy and useful articles suitable for holiday gifts and also many eatables. The place of sale will be announced in our next issue.

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BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church will give an illustrated lecture at the church on Sunday evening next, the subject being, "Among the Diamond Fields of Dixie," or Touring in the Sunny South. It is a splendid portrayal of church work among the negroes. A collection will be taken.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 12 [Thursday, August 5, 1915], page 1, column 6

TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Rev. William Roberts Accepts a Call from Church at Tawas City.

Rev. William Roberts, for the past four or five years pastor of the Presbyterian church, has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees and the same will be considered at a congregational meeting next Sunday. If the decision is favorable, the church and pastoral relations will be severed at a special session of the Lake Superior Presbytery at which time the retirement of Rev. M.M. Allen, of Negaunee, will also be considered. It is understood that Mr. Roberts is desirous of retiring about the first of September and he has accepted a call from the congregation at Tawas City, a village in Iosco county, on the shore of Saginaw Bay, with that understanding. Mr. Roberts gives as reason for resigning the poor health of Mrs. Roberts in this climate and the high cost of living. The Tawas City church has been inactive for several years, and Mr. Roberts considers the field a very promising one. Prior to becoming pastor of the local Presbyterian church, Mr. Roberts was

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affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal denomination and at the time of his change of faith he occupied the pulpit of the First M.E. church of this city. Prior to coming to Iron Mountain he had served the Methodists as missionary in the Alger county field and as pastor of the churches at Vulcan and Hermansville, coming here from the latter charge.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 15 [Thursday, August 26, 1915], page 1, column 4

A Presbytery Meeting.

Rev. Hugh McCarroll, moderator, and Rev. M.M. Allen, secretary, of the Lake Superior Presbytery, have announced that a meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian church at Ishpeming to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] at 2:15 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the resignations of Rev. William Roberts and Rev. M.M. Allen, their letters of Presbyterian dismissal, the filling of any or all offices held by them, if held advisable, and the question of the fall meeting of the Presbytery, whether to be held in Houghton, as appointed, or deferred to the "floor of the synod."

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 16 [Thursday, September 2, 1915], page 1, column 4

Leaves for New Field.

Rev. William Roberts left yesterday afternoon for East Tawas, Mich., where he will become pastor of the Presbyterian church, holding his initial services next Sunday. He preached his farewell sermon

at the local Presbyterian church last Sunday morning, having been granted his letter of dismissal at the meeting of the Lake Superior Presbytery held at Ishpeming last Friday. Mr. Roberts will take with him to his new pastorate the kindly wishes of his late congregation and the community as a whole. He is an earnest laborer in the cause of the Master and his several pastorates in this city and vicinity have been successful. He is an earnest and convincing expounder of the gospel.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22, Number 43 [Thursday, March 14, 1918], page 1, column 4

Boy Sunday at Presbyterian.

Next Sunday will be Boy's [*sic – Boys'*] Day at the Presbyterian church. The regular classes in the Sabbath school will be up to full strength. In the afternoon they are to be the guests of the men of the church at a meeting at three p.m. with the slogan "a boy with every man." A special program will be rendered. A vocal solo by William Brown, a reading by Alf Alving, an address by a young man upon the subject "What the Boys Owe the Community," and a response by one of the men on "What the Community Owes Its Boys." You are welcome, Mr. Man, if you can find a boy to bring with you.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22, Number 48 [Thursday, April 18, 1918], page 1, column 5

Presbyterian Annual.

The annual congregational meeting and supper of the First Presbyterian church was

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held last Friday evening with a large attendance. E.F. Brown acted as chairman of the meeting. John Russell and G.F. Gensch were elected trustees to succeed themselves. The reports received from the several auxilliary [sic – auxiliary] organizations were of a decidedly encouraging nature, all showing substantial progress. The most encouraging was that of the Sunday school. During the year the membership of the church has been increased by twenty-six. The concluding comments by Pastor May were very timely. The church is making notable headway under his administration. He is active and progressive and strong with the younger element. The congregation has every reason to hope that the church will make a still more marked advancement this year under his leadership.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 148 [Monday, October 3, 1921], page 2, column 3

DR. J. FRANK YOUNG CALLED TO INDIANA

Will Take Pastorate of Bloomington Church This Month

The Rev. Dr. J. Frank Young, who has been supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church since the middle of August, 1920, has been called to the First Presbyterian church of Bloomington, Ind., and will take up his work there the middle of this month.

The church at Bloomington is one of the largest and most important in the Synod of Indiana, as Bloomington, besides being the location of the state university, with its thousands of students, is rapidly becoming a manufacturing center. One of the largest [sic – largest] furniture factories in the world is situated there.

Dr. Young's son, Herrick Young, entered the state university there this fall as a freshman.

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Pierce-Arrows Lead Sunday School Race

The Pierce-Arrow team, led by Mrs. Emil Kornitz, holds first place in the transcontinental automobile race being held by Sunday school classes of the Presbyterian church, according to the weekly report.

The Packard, piloted by Miss Muhlbach, is in second place with 95 points, while the Franklin, with Mrs. A.C. McMullen at the wheel, is third with 64.

The statistics of other teams follows:

Ford 60; Chalmers 57; Hudson 54; Cadillac 37; Stutz 35; Buick 34; Dodge 31; Studebaker 23; Hupmobile 20.

It has been decided to hold a joint party for teams winning first place in the adult and primary divisions.

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CHURCH ELDERS ARE SELECTED

Reports Also Heard At First Presbyterian Meet

Elders and trustees of the First Presbyterian church were elected at the annual meeting of the congregation last night.

Reports of the officers of the church and the various organizations connected with it showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. During the last year the membership showed a gain of 86 and 50 new scholars were enrolled in the Sunday school.

Total expenditures of the congregation for the year amounted to \$6,855.23. Of this amount \$1,093.74 was used for benevolent purposes.

The following officers were named:

Elders W.E. Hallenbeck, Ned Fox, F.C. Cole, John W. Simpson, W.W. Sheppard, W.N. Lewis. Trustees: William Kelly, Bruce Arnold, E.F. Brown, F.C. Cole, Joseph Pascoe, Rex Mallory, M.E. Richards, John Nyquist and John Russell.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 282 [Saturday, March 12, 1927], page 1, column 6 (continued on page 2, columns 2-3)

REV. McMULLEN DIES IN AUTO CRASH

Son Also Hurt at Rail Crossing

CAR STRUCK BY LOG TRAIN SWITCHING TO FORD PLANT

VISION NOT CLEAR

Fog Held Responsible; Condition of Boy Improving

Rev. Alexander C. McMullen, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, corner Carpenter avenue and West Brown street, is dead, and his son, John, aged 6, is in the Ford hospital with a fractured skull and his left arm broken above the elbow, as the result of an accident occurring in the dense fog on South Carpenter avenue at about 10:10 o'clock last night when a logging train, switching into the Ford plant, struck the sedan in which the two were riding, carrying it 125 feet along the track and dumping it, almost a complete wreck, between the two parallel sets of rails near the plant.

According to spectators, the Rev. McMullen, although rushed immediately to the Ford hospital, lived only a few moments after the accident. The son, whose condition last night was considered critical, is improving today, his physicians say.

The Rev. McMullen, with his son, had attended a Sunday school entertainment at the Garden Village school. It had rained steadily during the day and evening, and a heavy mist had settled over the district.

Two parallel sets of tracks lead into the plant from the yards east of Carpenter avenue. Signs and signals have been placed near the tracks, at both the north and south approaches and were in operation last night according to officials.

Engine At Rear of Cars

It seemed apparent that the Rev. McMullen became confused, both on account of the fog and the fact that the light of the engine, which was at the rear of the

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train pushing the cars westward towards the plant, was not clearly visible. The added fact that the sedan was jammed in second gear when found, was accepted evidence that the victim had either stopped entirely before approaching the tracks or had slowed up considerably to avoid a possible accident.

The head car, loaded with logs, caught the front of the sedan squarely, lifting it clear of the road and dragging it a distance of about 125 feet toward the plant. There it dropped between the two sets of rails while the engineer was bringing the train to a stop.

Crew of Train

Five men comprised the crew of the train. Among them were John Peterson, engineer, Fred Morrow, conductor, Albert Rock, brakeman, and the fireman and yardmaster.

According to the story of the brakeman, who was on the end of the train which struck the sedan, saw *[sic – he saw]* two cars approaching the tracks as the log train neared the highway. The train, he said, was traveling about 10 miles an hour. The first of the automobiles^[,] according to his story, sped up a trifle and safely *[sic – safely]* crossed. The other, the Rev. McMullen's car, seemed to slow up somewhat, and then shot ahead again. The car, the brakeman said, was going between 15 and 20 miles an hour.

According to the fireman the engine bell was ringing, and the brakeman also testified that the electric signals at the crossing were working. They heard no cry from the car, they said, and could do nothing until the engine came to a stop.

Taken to Hospital

The crew rushed to the aid of the two occupants of the car while a call was hurried to the service department. A first aid car and ambulance were at the scene a

few moments later and the Rev. McMullen with his son were taken directly to the hospital. An examination showed that the Rev. McMullen had suffered severe fractures and other injuries about the head and the upper part of the body. Bruises were also found about the legs. He did not regain consciousness and died within a few minutes.

Meanwhile the Ford physicians were caring for the boy and it was feared at first he had suffered other injuries than a fractured skull and broken arm. He was fitful throughout the night but early this morning he rested and was reported today to be out of danger.

The Rev. James W. Crosbie, of Holy Trinity church, with A.M. Buchanan, Dr. W.R. Alexander, of the Ford hospital, and Mrs. William Lewis, South Stephenson avenue, went to the McMullen home shortly after the accident and related the details to Mrs. McMullen. She received the news bravely and waited patiently for further information regarding the condition of her son. Mrs. McMullen was at her son's bedside at the Ford hospital this morning.

Jury Visits Scene

At 10:30 o'clock this morning the coroner's jury^[,] composed of Z.P. Rouselle, Noe Bertrand, G.P. Fugere, James D. Palmer, Victor A. Lundin and I.G. Pearce^[,] visited the scene, examined the wreck and discussed the accident with spectators. The hearing was postponed until 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, March 14.

The Rev. McMullen was born October 10, 1886, on a farm near Appleton, Wis., where his mother still resides. He received his early education in the public schools at Appleton, being graduated from the Appleton high school with the class of 1907.

After leaving high school he accepted a position as secretary to William Kelly, of

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Iron Mountain, then superintendent of the Penn Mining company at Vulcan.

Leaving that position two years later, Mr. McMullen entered Carrol college, at Waukesha, Wis., from which he was graduated in 1913, receiving a B.A. degree. He entered Princeton university and, in addition to the regular university course, enrolled in the Princeton Theological seminary, attending both institutions simultaneously, and being graduated in 1916, receiving his M.A. degree.

Wed In 1916

The Rev. McMullen was married October 10, 1916, to Miss Maude Curtis, of New Richmond, Wis., the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents in New Richmond. Two children were born, John, aged 6, and Ruth, now one year old.

The Rev. McMullen's first pastorate was at Bayfield, Wis. Later he served pastorates at West Allis, near Milwaukee, and at Rockford, Ind., coming to the First Presbyterian church here May 1, 1924.

Besides the widow and two children, his mother, Mrs. Eliza McMullen, residing at Appleton, and one sister and two brothers survive. The latter are Mrs. Jennie Daniels, Seymore [*sic* – *Seymour*], Wis., and Angus McMullen, of Milwaukee, and Phineas, of Billings, Mont.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body was taken to the Buchanan funeral home, 1117 Carpenter avenue.

It was announced today that no services would be held at the Presbyterian church to-morrow [*sic* – *tomorrow*], with the exception of the Sunday school sessions.

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FINAL RITES FOR REV. McMULLEN TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Body Will Be Taken to Appleton, Wis., For Burial

Funeral services for the Rev. A.C. McMullen, who died from injuries received in a crossing accident Friday night, will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Ernest Wright, of Menominee[,] officiating.

Following the services, in which the Masonic lodge will take part, the body will be returned to the Buchanan-Villemur funeral home, South Carpenter avenue, where it will lie in state until 6:40 o'clock, when it will be taken to the Chicago & North Western depot. The body will be accompanied to Appleton, Wis., where burial services will be held Wednesday afternoon, with interment in the family lot.

The body may be viewed at the Buchanan-Villemur funeral home.

The condition of John, six-year-old son of Rev. McMullen, who was with his father when their car was struck by a Ford logging train, was considerably improved today. The boy received a fractured skull and broken right arm, but it was stated that he would recover.

THE CROSS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE (ST. JOHN'S CROSS)

This is an authentic reproduction of an ancient cross, erected over a thousand years ago on the Island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. The original stone crosses still stand before Iona Abbey, rising majestically to a height of almost thirty feet. And here, in sight of these magnificent

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crosses, Scottish craftsmen create their beautiful replicas, handsomely fashioning them in antique bronze.

This reproduction is firmly mounted on a base of solid Iona marble. Imported exclusively by the Presbyterian Book Stores, crosses like this one offer a symbol of rare dignity and beauty, serving as a reminder of our timeless and ever-expanding Christian heritage.

The Celtic Cross, which adorns our communion table, has a special appeal for Protestants, perhaps because it heightens the spiritual significance of the “empty cross” of Protestant tradition. Evoking the unique spirit of ancient Celtic art, it says in pure symbolism that God dwells with and in men, and that his love is eternal.

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Presbyterians To Observe 65th Anniversary

On Dec. 2, 1894 [*sic* – 1884], Presbyterian people in the city of Iron Mountain, with the co-operation of the Presbytery, organized First Presbyterian congregation, which at 7:30 tomorrow night, will hear Mrs. Lillian Smith present an historical sketch of the church from that date through today. Early residents of Iron Mountain are invited to attend the program, arranged in observance of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the church.

During the social hour, which will follow the program, pictures of early life in the church and the city will be on exhibit. Persons who have such pictures are urged to submit them.

Lunch will be served by the Westminster Circle.

Veteran members of the church will be honored during an “I Remember” discussion.

Greetings will be presented by the Rev. Ernest Brown, pastor of First Methodist and former pastor of old Central Methodist church.

Special music will be provided by the choir, singing Fred Waring’s arrangement of “Onward Christian Solders [*sic* – *Soldiers*],” and by a local quartet – Mrs. W.H. Millere, Mrs. R.H. Underhill, Mrs. L.J. Fraker and Mrs. Joseph LaHaie.

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Presbyterian Church Observes 65th Anniversary With Program

Old records and pictures recalled early days to members of First Presbyterian, who last night attended the sixty-fifth anniversary observance here in the church.

Mrs. Lillian Smith, principal speaker, gave a detailed account of the church’s history, following the opening worship period and a choir anthem, “Onward Christian Soldiers.”

In the early days of Iron Mountain, when the population of the town was fast spreading south of the mines, located in the vicinity of Chapin pit, a group of Protestant Christians met in May, 1884, to arrange for an evangelist to come here to preach to them, Mrs. Smith recalled.

The evangelist was secured for the period from July until September, when the group asked the Presbytery of Lake Superior to organize a Presbyterian church

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here. This request was filled on Dec. 2, 1884, in Gospel Hall, located on the Southeast [*sic – southeast*] corner of B street and Stephenson avenue. The building of the church began in May, 1885, and was completed and occupied in January, 1886.

First Pastor

The Rev. Melvin Fraser was named pastor in May, 1885, and served until May, 1886, when he left for Africa as a missionary. The Rev. Henry M. Tyndall succeeded him and preached his first sermon here in May, 1886. He served as pastor until July, 1891, when he was called to a mission in New York City.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Donald Morrison, from 1891 until 1898, pews were purchased and a carpet laid.

The Rev. D.C. Jones came to the city in 1899 and remained until 1901. During his stay, a furnace was installed and the church became self-supporting. During the pastorate of the Rev. Frank P. Knowles, the manse, which had been purchased during the time of Dr. Tyndall, was remodelled [*sic – remodeled*].

Named Resident Pastor

The Rev. William Roberts, who had been pastor of First Methodist while serving only part-time in the Presbyterian church was then named resident pastor of the latter church, which he served from 1910 until 1915. A new church roof was added during this period, shingles for which were contributed by F.C. Cole, Mrs. Smith said. The "Every Member" canvass relieved the Ladies' Aid of salary obligations and enabled the congregation to pay an \$800 debt, accumulated over a period of two years.

Coming to Iron Mountain in 1916, the Rev. Hugh J. May remained until June, 1919, when the membership grew to 125. Dr. J. Frank Young was pastor from 1920

until 1921. Dr. Clifford Cully was named pastor-elect in 1922, but was never formally installed. The new manse was built under the latter's leadership.

The Rev. A.C. McMullen served during the rapid expansion of city and church from 1924 until he was killed in an accident on the Ford Railroad crossing on March 11, 1927. His able leadership helped increase membership from 140 to 296. Mrs. McMullen, who actively assisted him, is now living in California.

McConaughy Arrives

The Rev. N.U. McConaughy moved here from Stambaugh in July and was installed in September of 1927.

During his pastorate, the church was redecorated, and improvements were made in 1930. In 1937, growth began and the 267 members were increased to 480. The new entrance was built in 1939 and the chancel, furnace room and north entrance added in 1940. A new heating system was installed in '42, when a new basement floor was laid and the dining room enlarged. The amplifying system and tower chimes were installed in 1947, as a war memorial, Mrs. Smith said in closing.

The second speaker, Mrs. Harry Convis, described the organization of the East Kingsford Community Presbyterian Sunday school in January of 1925, and the branch church, which later were added to the downtown church. "A number of the present members helped in the East Kingsford work," she said.

Former Pastor Present

The Rev. Ernest Brown told of his association with the church while pastor of Central Methodist. Greeting were extended by Mrs. A.E. Robbins, a member since May, 1885, and Dr. J. Frank Young, former pastor.

A quartet, Mrs. W.H. Miller, Mrs. R.H. Underhill, Mrs. Leon Fraker and Mrs.

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Joseph LaHaie, sang “Abide With Me,” preceding the benediction by the Rev. Mr. McConaughy.

During the social hour after the service, lunch was served by the Westminster Circle. Tape recordings of messages from Mrs. W.E. Hallenbeck, Mrs. William Kelly and Mrs. Emma Hansen, veteran members of the church who were unable to attend because of illness, were heard.

Pictures of early days in Iron Mountain were exhibited by Geoge Eisele and Mrs. James Burgess.

Announcement was made of the anniversary sermon to be preached by the pastor on Sunday morning, Dec. 4.

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God’s Blessing on Our Past

As the city of Iron Mountain spread, the need for a Protestant Church to the south of the First Methodist Church became apparent. Following several informal meetings, evangelistic services were held in the summer and fall of 1884 in the Gospel Hall, southeast corner of Stephenson and “B” Streets [*sic* – Stephenson Avenue and “B” Street]. These culminated in a request to the Presbytery of Lake Superior for the organization of a Presbyterian Church, which was consummated December 2, 1884[,], by the Rev. A.F. Ashley, the Rev. A.W. Bill and the Rev. H.P. Corry.

From the original charter members of 15, the church has grown to the present 525.

“Ups and downs” were part of the struggle to maintain a Christian Witness in this community. The “Ford Depression” in the early 30’s, [*sic*] drew many members

elsewhere, and the closing of the mines and the national depression made the years of the 30’s discouraging. However, the Kingsford Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and Ladies['] Aid helped strengthen the church and prepare for later growth.

The following changes were made: A renovating of the Church in 1930, an Everett Orgatron in 1937, a new entrance in 1939, new chancel and north entrance as well as a furnace room in 1940, new furnace and steam system with a stoker in 1941, a new basement floor and partitions, lavatories and kitchen cupboards in 1942 and a new Hammond Organ in 1943.

Though initial efforts for a new church were made in 1929, it was not until the purchase of a 3-acre site in 1953, under the ministry of the Rev. N.U. McConaughy, that any tangible progress was made toward a new building to house the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church.

In May, 1955[,], the congregation voted by a substantial majority to build a new church. Much time and study were devoted before the Joint Boards of Elders and Trustees voted to utilize the facilities of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. to conduct the financial campaign for us.

Appropriate committees were appointed and the day of the campaign, May 26, 1957, brought an overwhelming response on the part of the congregation.

With the \$115,000.00 pledged during the campaign, tremendous enthusiasm resulted and the “go-ahead signal” was given for the hiring of an architect in the person of Mr. Alfred Siewert of Milwaukee in April of 1957. Ground-breaking for a new church was on October 6th of the same year.

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FRANCIE'S TRADITIONAL DESIGN, located at 200 West Brown Street in Iron Mountain, was destroyed in a fire early this morning. Firefighters said that the structure, a former church, is a total loss. [Nikki Younk/Daily News Photo]

Iron Mountain business Destroyed in morning blaze

By **NIKKI YOUNK**
Staff Writer

IRON MOUNTAIN – An Iron Mountain business is a total loss following a structure fire early this morning.

The fire broke out at about 4:25 a.m. at Francie's Traditional Design, located at 200 West Brown Street.

Iron Mountain Fire Chief Dan Johnson said that the blaze started in the northwest corner of the building, but the cause remains undetermined at this time.

He explained that firefighters were delayed in entering the structure, due to the possibility of floors collapsing.

Firefighters believed that the building was more than 100 years old.

As there is a potential for the rest of the structure to collapse, Iron Mountain Police Chief Peter Flaminio has ordered that the two-block section of Carpenter Avenue between West Fleshiem Street and West Ludington Street be closed to traffic until further notice.

Flaminio anticipates that the closure will last for several days.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire, but the structure has been declared a total loss.

According to the Francie's Traditional Designs website, the business offers residential and commercial interior design with a large selection of furniture, accessories, and home décor.

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This postcard view of the First Presbyterian Church was taken by photographer Albert Quade in 1911. The 128-year-old church building was most recently home to an interior design business, was destroyed by a fire Tuesday morning. [William J. Cummings Photo]

Cause of IM fire probed

By **NIKKI YOUNK**
Staff Writer

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IRON MOUNTAIN – Officials are still trying to determine the cause of a fire that destroyed a *[sic – an]* historic, 128-year-old building in Iron Mountain.

The blaze occurred early Tuesday morning at Francie’s Traditional Designs, an interior design business located at the intersection of Carpenter Avenue and West Brown Street.

Firefighters from the Iron Mountain Fire Department said they will continue investigating the incident today.

In the meantime, the two-block section of Carpenter Avenue between West Fleshiem Street and West Ludington Street will remain closed to traffic. There is still a concern that the remaining structure could collapse.



FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO the fire at Francie’s Traditional Designs in Iron Mountain on Tuesday morning. The building is a total loss. [Nikki Younk/Daily News Photo]

Francie’s Traditional Designs had occupied the space since about 2000, but the building’s history goes back much further in time.

Menominee Range Historical Foundation Historian William Cummings said that the First Presbyterian Church

congregation started construction on the building in 1885 at a cost of about \$3,000.

Construction was completed in early 1886, and the first services were held in the church on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1886.

Cummings said that the church building saw various improvements in 1930, 1940, 1941, and 1942. Upgrades included a new chancel, north entrance, furnace room, furnace system, basement floor, partitions, lavatories, and kitchen cupboards.

In May 1955, the congregation voted to build a new church in Kingsford. Their new church building, located on Hamilton Avenue, was dedicated on Oct. 12, 1958, said Cummings.

According to information provided by Iron Mountain Main Street Manager Jonathan Ringel, Trico Opportunities Inc. used the old church building as part of a welfare workshop for a time in the 1970s.

In 1983, the Pine Mountain Baptist Church moved into the building. The congregation remained there until the 1990’s.

Roman Catholic

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 34 [Thursday, January 9, 1908], page 1, column 2

Many Catholics.

Approximately every third person in Upper Michigan is a Catholic. A census taken by the priests of the various parishes in the diocese of Bishop Eis, whose jurisdiction comprises the entire peninsula, shows that there are affiliated with the

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church of Rome some 95,000 communicants who are residents in the district. The estimated population of the peninsula is approximately 300,000.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 2 [Thursday, May 25, 1916], page 1, columns 1-2

LATE FATHER FAUST

WAS THE BUILDER OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN THIS CITY.

Venerable Priest Died Last Monday Morning in a Chair in Study At the Assinins Mission.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Melchoir Faust, director of the Catholic Indian mission at Assinins, and parish priest of Baraga, died last Sunday morning. He was found sleeping peacefully in his chair in his study at the mission, evidently having sat down to rest shortly after arising. His death was a shock to the Catholic clergy of the upper peninsula as well as to hundreds of laymen who had known and loved him, to say nothing of the sorrow it brought to the orphans under his care and the Indians of the mission, to whom he had been in every truth a father.

Father Faust, as he always was called, though entitled to be addressed as monsignor Faust, performed his pastoral duties at Assinins and Baraga on Sunday as usual, duties that constituted a severe physical strain for a man of his years. He arose at five a.m. and was constantly engaged until late afternoon. On his return

to his home at Assinins he said he was tired and voiced a mild complaint of the amount of work on his shoulders. He died in harness if any soldier of the cross ever did.

Father Faust was born in Cologne, Germany, November 4,th *[sic – 4th,]* 1848. His was a prominent and wealthy family of the ancient city, although he spoke of his family connections only in a vague way to his most intimate friends. He was engaged in his classical studies when the Franco-Prussian war broke out, and was then a mere youth. He enlisted and served throughout the war. He was wounded at the capitulation of Metz.

Among the soldier-priest's treasured possessions was the Iron Cross of Germany, presented to him by the first Emperor William, of Germany, for bravery on one of the fields of the Franco-Prussian war. To even his most intimate friends Father Faust never told the story of the deed that brought him this distinction. It is true that to-day *[sic – today]* thousands of Germany *[sic – German]* soldiers wear the Iron cross *[sic – Cross]* and it may not now carry the distinction and honor that it did half a century ago. Many attempts were made in recent years by reporters and biographers to get from Father Faust the story of the cross, but he was inordinately modest and no one knows that story.

Mustered out of the army at the close of the war that made the German empire, young Faust resumed his studies and on August 4th, 1882, he was ordained to the priesthood at Simpelveld, Holland. He decided to take up his labors in England and for a time was stationed at London. He did not like the work of the city and he emigrated to the United States. For a time he was stationed in New York city, but his objection to cities *[sic – cities]* persisted and he finally attached himself to the diocese of

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Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette under the late Bishop Vertin.

Father Faust may have been proud of that Iron cross *[sic – Cross]* that he preserved for so many years but it is not unlikely that had anyone asked him what of things mundane gave him the greatest joy he would have answered that his ability as a gardener was that thing. Wherever he went he took delight in growing things, but he was not permitted to enjoy this passion to the full until he had served many years as a pastor in the upper peninsula.

He first was stationed as parish priest of Quinnesec, in 1883. Shortly thereafter he was sent to Iron Mountain, where he built the first church on the townsite, St. Joseph's. Then for a time he was pastor of Sacred Heart church at Calumet, later for a time at Manistique and then to Menominee, where he performed his greatest work as a pastor. During his residence in that city he erected the magnificent Epiphany *[sic – Epiphany]* church of the German congregation.

At Menominee, too, he first was permitted to give free rein to his passion for gardening. Adjoining the parochial school in that city were two lots of sand – bleak spaces that were considered useless as far as the soil was concerned. Father Faust transformed these lots into the most productive garden of the city, and made of them a show place.

Father Terhorst, of respected memory, had been for years in charge of the work at Assinins. He was called to his reward fourteen years ago and Father Faust was appointed to succeed him. He accepted gladly and found at Assinins plenty of work for the hands of a pastor and of a gardener. The Indian mission at Assinins had been for many years the scene of the Catholic orphanage of the upper peninsula diocese. It had many inmates and but few resources

would supplement in large measure the contributions of charity.

He transformed the farm surrounding the orphanage into the finest truck farm in the upper peninsula and this farm almost made the orphanage self-supporting. He was pastor of the Indians as well as of the village of Baraga and was the best loved man of Baraga county.

The time came when the diocese could afford a better institution than the work out orphanage at Assinins and eventually there was erected at Marquette a magnificent building to house the fatherless and motherless Catholic children of the upper peninsula. The building was dedicated within the past years. Father Faust could have moved into it with his children had he cared to. Instead he petitioned Bishop Eis to permit him to remain at Assinins and to keep with him the Indian orphans, among scenes natural to them and agreeable to him.

Father Faust was made a domestic prelate with the title of monsignor by Pope Pius five years ago. This is the highest distinction that may be won by a priest, short of a bishopric. He might have been Monsignor Faust from then on but he was satisfied to be called "father."

In appearance Father Faust was striking. He was a man of large mould. He wore an immense snowy beard and commanded attention wherever he appeared, though of late years his appearance outside of the scenes of his labors were few. As the oldest of the priests of the diocese he was the guide, counsellor *[sic – counselor]* and friend to most of the other pastors of his faith.

Father Faust's last visit to Iron Mountain was about a year ago, when he came here to attend the silver jubilee services at St. Joseph's church. He had been invited, and had expected to attend, the dedication of

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the new Catholic church at Quinnesec, his first charge, in June.

AMERICAN MARTYRS CHURCH 910 West Sagola Avenue Kingsford

Souvenir Book: The Church of the American Martyrs, Dedication – Nov. 28, 1940, Kingsford, Mich. Price 25c

History of the Parish

Shortly after the Ford plant was started here in Kingsford[,] The Most Rev. Paul Joseph Nausbaum sent to this community Rev. Erasmus Dooley to care for the spiritual needs of the Catholic people who came here to work in this new factory. Fr. Dooley because of other pressing needs of the diocese was able to remain only a year and in 1926 was transferred to Norway.

A new era of the parish was opened again in 1937 when Father Frank Seifert, then pastor of the old St. Mary's Church in Iron Mountain, called a meeting of the Catholic people living in the area of Breitung and East Kingsford for the purpose of organizing this group into a separate parish. 400 [sic – Four hundred] Catholic families were represented at this meeting, and after receiving the necessary permission from His Excellency, The Most Rev. Joseph C. Plagens[,] it was decided to place the new parish under the patronage of the recently canonized Saints of North America – namely, The American Martyrs. Arrangements were made to rent the old Capitol Theatre as a temporary Church [sic – church], and the first services were held there on December 25, 1937. Father Seifert was a celebrant of the Mass, Father Cordy and Father Monroe, then students, acted as Deacon and Sub-Deacon of the

Mass. Because the parish as yet had no Mass servers of their own – Mr. Joseph Brisson, Mr. Peter Meyers, Mr. John Perdsock and Mr. Adolph Seymour (all over 50!) served in this capacity.

The new parish was attached as a mission to the old church of St. Mary's. Masses were offered regularly each Sunday by the priests of that parish, together with the help of Father Ruess of St. [sic – Reuss, of St.] Norberts [sic – Norbert's] College.

So vast were the needs of this new Catholic group that in July[,] 1939, Father LaForest was assigned as pastor [sic – as pastor]. So zealous was he in his new field that his health was endangered and in September of that same year he was transferred to St. Francis Hospital as Chaplain.

On August 26, 1939[,] Father Hughes was named resident pastor of the parish. Realizing the immediate need of a more permanent building, Father Huges received permission from His Excellency, Bishop Plagens, to erect a building more suitable to the needs of the parish. A building committee was named – composed of Arthur Oas, Gus Scherr and John Wenk. Through the efforts of Anton Abbe and John Wenk a cite [sic – site] of 13 lots were obtained on the corner of Sagola and Newton Streets. A plan was approved and on July 18th, excavating started. Men of the parish donated their time and labor to such an extent that some 293 men worked on this project a tone time or another saving the parish over \$6,000 in labor bills. In less than four months time the basement was ready to be occupied. The first services were held in the new basement on Friday evening, November 15, in honor of our Sorrowful Mother. The formal opening of the upper structure will be celebrated on November 28 with a pontifical Mass offered

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by His Excellency Joseph C. Plagens,
bishop of the diocese of Marquette.

ST. MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH 432 Edsel Street Kingsford



*St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church,
432 Edsel Street, Kingsford,
postcard view, ca. 1940-1950*

The Norway Current, Norway, Dickinson
County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number
____ [Thursday, October 26, 1944], page
1, column 6

23 Injured At
Church Meet
Platform Collapses
At Dedication

Twenty-three persons were injured, six seriously, when a temporary platform over the basement of the new St. Mary Queen of Peace church at Kingsford collapsed at the conclusion of the dedication exercises held Sunday afternoon.

The accident occurred as the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Magner, Bishop of Marquette, was pronouncing the benediction. A crowd estimated at three hundred pushed forward from where they had been standing on solid ground and surged forward onto the platform which had been erected over the basement excavation. The weight caused the temporary structure to give way throwing the occupants into the excavation.

The ceremonies were being held in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new edifice. After the crash a hurry up call for doctors and nurses brought several to the scene where many were treated for minor injuries and released. The others were taken to the General Hospital.

Sgt. Joseph Alexander, Norway, home on furlough from San Francisco, Cal., was at the gathering and did an outstanding piece of work in giving first aid to the injured before medical assistance could arrive. Sgt. Alexander is attached to the medical corp [*sic – corps*] of the armed forces.

None of the victims are in critical condition, altho [*sic – although*] several suffered broken limbs.

ST. MARY AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Corner of West A Street and Prospect Avenue Iron Mountain

Priests Serving St. Mary and St.
Joseph Catholic Church

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Father Albert C. Pelissier

1939-1966

Father Thomas Lester Bourgeois

1966-1970

Father James Donnelly

1970-1989

Father George Gustafson

1989-1996

Father Daniel S. Zaloga

1996-Present



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
[St. Mary and St. Joseph's Catholic Church],
postcard view, ca. 1940-1950



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
[St. Mary and St. Joseph's Catholic Church],
postcard view, ca. 1940-1950

In 1884, arrangements were made for the construction of a Catholic church in honor of St. Joseph in the thriving locality of the Chapin Mine. By the summer, it was completed with living quarters annexed for the priest. In 1886, Father Faust was transferred, and for the next three years, a rapid succession of priests followed. In 1889, the Italian members of the parish had organized the church of the Immaculate Conception in the suburban area.

Confronted by a great mixture of nationalities, yet within the mother-parish, the new pastor felt that other groups should also separate to form new parishes. While the idea of a group of national parishes in Iron Mountain seemed plausible to many, the burning of St. Joseph's Church on Christmas Day, 1890, made it an actuality.

[NOTE: St. Joseph's Catholic Church burned on Sunday morning, December 6, 1891. See newspaper account below.]

Father Honoratus, therefore, in addition to making arrangements for his own dehoused *[sic]* congregation, occupied himself with setting up another parish group within the city. This new congregation was to be made up of the non-French elements. His efforts were so successful that the Rev. Francis Xavier Becker was sent as the first

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pastor of the Church of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as it was formally designed. St. Mary's, however, was its popular title. On Armistice Day, November 11, 1938, St. Mary's Church was destroyed by fire.

In the meantime, St. Joseph's, designated the French church, had rebuilt after its fire in 1890. By the turn of the present century, the second church was decorated and refinished.

On April 16, 1930, in the pastorate of Father Beauchene, fiery tragedy again leveled St. Joseph's Church. Undaunted by the calamity, the loyal families of the parish, under the leadership of Father Beauchene and Rev. Joseph H. Dufort, erected the present impressive church in downtown Iron Mountain.

With the destruction of St. Mary's Church in 1938, the two parishes were faced with deep difficulty. The younger congregation lacked a house of worship, and the older one was struggling to retire the huge debt on its new church.

In late September of 1939, Father Pelissier arrived in Iron Mountain. Using St. Joseph's Church and housed in St. Mary's rectory, the new administrator began his assignment. For almost three years, each parish group operated as a separate unit. Dual sets of choirs, altar boys, organizations and financial accounts were kept. By the second year of Father Pelissier's administration, it became apparent that a merger of the two parishes was definitely necessary. The formal procedure and discussion between the two groups was enacted and on May 5, 1942, the bishop issued his decree. The office of the bishop first suppressed the two parishes in question, and then erected the new territorial parish of St. Mary and St. Joseph with fixed boundaries. Father Pellisier [*sic* – *Pelissier*] was named its first

pastor. At the same time, another decree abolished the national character of the Immaculate Conception parish and gave it territorial limits. Father Pelissier had prayed for the day when he would have one parish. This now was a reality. He also prayed for a Catholic school. The doors of the Catholic school in the downtown area were opened in 1954.

[*Born From Iron*, pp. 36-37; photograph on p. 35]

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Corner of West A Street and Prospect Avenue
411 West B Street
Iron Mountain**

Priests Serving St. Joseph's Church

Father Melchior Faust
1884-1886

Father A. Th. Schuettelhoefer
October 1, 1886 - October 16, 1887

Father John H. Reynaert
October 21, 1887 - October 1, 1888.

Father John A. Keuhl
October 8, 1888 - August 8, 1890

Father Honoratus Bourion
August 8, 1890 - June 14, 1893

Father Thomas V. Dassylva
June 18, 1893 - May 1895

Father Michael Letellier
June 9, 1895 - January 10, 1897

Father Louis Archille Poulin
February 1, 1897 - December 27, 1900

Father L.Z. Huet, *ad interim*
December 30, 1900 - February 3, 1901

Father Thomas V. Dassylva
March 2, 1901 - July 9, 1903

Father M. Jodocy

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August 5, 1903 - September 9, 1905.

Father Raymond Jacques

September 14, 1905 - 1911

Father George LaForest

1912-1915

Father Joseph Beauchene

1915-1931

Father Joseph H. Dufort

1931-1938

Father Albert C. Pelissier

1939-1942

The following account of the development of St. Joseph's Catholic Church (bold type added to indicate various priests) is taken from Volume II, pages 339-341 of Rev. Antoine Ivan Rezek's *History of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette Containing a Full and Accurate Account of the Development of the Catholic Church in Upper Michigan with Portraits of Bishops, Priests and Illustrations of Churches Old and New*, Houghton, Michigan: 1907.

IRON MOUNTAIN.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH – FRENCH.

When the building of a church at Iron Mountain came up for consideration Mr. **William Foster**, agent for the Hamilton Lumber Co., offered the forming congregation two lots which were gratefully accepted by **Father Faust**. Finding two lots inadequate he purchased from the same company three more for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars. On this site he commenced building a church 105x50 feet including three rooms in the rear. The building was not completed until June 1884 although, for want of other accommodation, services were held in it as soon as it was enclosed. In 1886 **Father Faust** added three more rooms to his living apartments and at the end of September

when he was changed to Calumet, there was no indebtedness on the property which, by the purchase of five additional lots consisted, besides the buildings, of the entire block, number 15, Kimberly's addition to Iron Mountain.

The list of pastors and their assistants since 1886 is as follows:

Rev. A. Th. Schuettelhoefer, from October 1, 1886 to October 16, 1887, **Rev. Don Vento**, for the Italians, during May 1887.

Rev. J.H. Reynaert, from October 21, 1887 to October 1, 1888.

Rev. J.A. Keul from October 8, to August 8, 1890. **Rev. J.A. Sauriol**, assistant from August 23rd to November 5, 1889, and **Rev. A.O. Pelisson**, assistant from December 20, 1889 to August 7, 1890. **Rev. R. Cavicchi**, assistant for the Italians in the fall of 1889 and in the spring of 1890, when the Italian Holy Rosary congregation was formed.

Rev. Honoratus Bourion, from August 8, 1890 to June 14, 1893. **Rev. Joseph Wallace**, assistant during January and February 1893.

Rev. T.V. Dassylva, from June 18, 1893 to May 1895.

Rev. M. Letellier, from June 9, 1895 to January 10, 1897.

Rev. A. Poulin, from February 1, 1897 to December 27, 1900.

Rev. L.Z. Huet, *ad interim*, from December 30, 1900 to February 3, 1901.

Rev. T.V. Dassylva, second term, from March 2, 1901 to July 9, 1903.

Rev. M. Jodocy, from August 5, 1903 to September 9, 1905.

Rev. R. Jacques, the present pastor from September 14, 1905.

The upbuilding of the St. Joseph's church and congregation, started by **Father Faust**, has a checkered history. **Father Keul** built the new house and **Father**

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Bourion added the southwest wing to it. On December 25, 1890 the church burned to the ground. *[sic – St. Joseph’s Catholic Church burned December 6, 1891.]* To house his congregation **Father Bourion** built on the west end of the block a spacious shed where temporary comfort was obtained. The summer previous to the fire the Italians had withdrawn and built their own church in the neighborhood of Lake Antoine. Then old whispers of separation of the French and all other nationalities became loud. Terms of division were effected. The French retained the south half of the block with the house, and the outgoing nationalities received as their share four thousand dollars in cash and the north portion of the block. Both congregations started to build. **Father Bourion** laid out his church on the site of the one devastated by fire, only larger and more modern in style. Limited means permitted him to finish the basement and enclose the wooden frame of the church. **Father Poulin**, *[sic]* brick-veneered it, furnished the art-glass windows, three bells, blessed November 25, 1900, incurring an indebtedness of three thousand dollars, gave it a metal ceiling, and had it dedicated by **Bishop Eis** on June 18, 1899, although the inside was neither lathed nor plastered. This work fell to the lot of **Father Jodocy** who finished and furnished the inside. The Altar Society gave him the main altar; and the stations were purchased at the cost of seven hundred dollars. The outstanding debt of three thousand dollars was not reduced.

The St. Joseph’s congregation consists of one hundred and fifty Canadian families.



The Central School building, visible at the left, faced Prospect Avenue on the east end of the block where Iron Mountain High School was constructed in 1911-1912. The foundation on the north side of West A Street was what remained of St. Joseph Catholic Church after a fire on Sunday, December 6, 1891, destroyed the structure.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 6 [Saturday, March 14, 1885], page 1, column 4

Entertainment.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Catholic church at Iron Mountain will be given in the church at that place on next Tuesday evening, 17th inst. *[of this month]*. The following programme has been arranged for the occasion:

1. Gales are Blowing.....Glee Misses Congdon, Hawley and Wicks; Messrs. Spencer, Rundle, Jones, Keyes, Wicks and James
2. Recitation.....Miss Corbet
3. Solo.....Miss McKenna
4. Twilight Falls.....Solo and Chorus
5. Recitation.....Miss McLelland
6. Hear my Prayer.....Anthem
7. Address.....Father Kehoe
8. Piano Solo.....Mrs. Barry
9. Star of Descending Night.....Chorus
10. Solo.....Mrs. Wright
11. Recitation.....Miss McKenna

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12. Good-night, Gentle Folks.....Quartette

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 27 [Saturday, August 8, 1885], page 1, column 3

The fair for the benefit of the Catholic church, Iron Mountain, will be held in the new opera house at that place on the 19th, 20th, and 21st insts. [of this month]. The object of the fair is to raise money with which to cancel a portion of the debt hanging over the church.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 13 [Saturday, April 30, 1887], page 1, column 2

—The Catholic Fair at Iron Mountain last week realized about \$700.00, clear of expenses.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 4, columns 4-5

Easter Services.

Easter, the day that Christians commemorate [sic – commemorate] the resurrection of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was appropriately observed by the Episcopalians [sic – Episcopalians] of this city last Sunday. Fifteen devout Episcopalians were in attendance at early communion. Mr. John James preached the morning sermon, assisted by Mr. Edward Hawtrey. The church was beautifully decorated with floral offerings, and the singing, both morning and evening, excelled any that is often heard in Iron Mountain churches. The bass solos sung by John Jenkins were

particularly fine. Mr. Jenkins possesses a rich bass voice, [sic] that it is a real pleasure to listen to. The evening services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Stanley, at which time an infant and an adult were baptised [sic – baptized]. A beautiful communion service has been provided for the church through the instrumentality of John James, W. Kennedy and others, who are also active in their endeavors to have a suitable church building erected this summer. An Episcopal Sunday school was organized last Sunday by the election of John James, superintendent; Miss Mamie Parent, assistant superintendent; John Jenkins, secretary, and George Yelland, treasurer.

The impressive services at St. Joseph's church were conducted by Father Keul and Father Chebul, of Ontonagon. There was [sic – were] full choral services, the interior of the edifice and the altar were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the attendance of worshippers and Easter rejoicers was remarkably large at every service. Father Chebul left this city Monday for France.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 5, column 2

CATHOLIC CHURCH FAIR.

**The Most Successful Church Fair Ever
Given in the Upper Peninsula.
Nearly \$3,000 Realized.**

During the past week, commencing Tuesday, April 23, and ending Monday, April 29, the ladies' Catholic fair has been in

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progress in the Polka Dot club room, and while it was in session it was the all absorbing attraction in the city. This large hall has been crowded to its utmost capacity, and the earnest work done by the ladies and their gentlemen friends has been rewarded by a rich harvest that will enable the Catholics to make their church building one of the handsomest and most imposing on the upper peninsula. Much credit is due to Father Keul and the leading ladies and gentlemen among his parishioners for the great success, financial and social, of this most successful fair ever given by the ladies of St. Joseph's church. The contests between Ella Langis and Minnie O'Hara for a large doll; Misses Cassie Sheerin, Josephine McDermott and Perigny for a diamond ring; Miss Aggie Anderson and Miss Gertie McCormick for a pony; Masters Lambert, Clarke, Sweet and St. Arnauld for a bicycle, enlisted the interest of their friends, who left no stone unturned to win the several prizes. The receipts the first evening amounted to \$79.34; second, \$57.59; third, \$869.07; fourth, \$246.46; fifth, \$1,614.37; and sixth, \$367.60; making a total of \$3,234.43. The total expenses will amount to about \$300, leaving a net profit of nearly \$2,900, which sum will pay off the indebtedness of the church and leave about \$1,500 in the treasury. The rivalry engendered by the several contestants and their friends, naturally resulted in the articles disposed of netting handsome returns. The sharpest contests were over the pony and ring, Gertie McCormick winning the former and Cassie Sheerin the latter. The total receipts on the pony were \$532 for Aggie Anderson, and \$974 for Gertie McCormick, making a total of \$1,506. On the ring Cassie Sheerin's friends voted \$353 worth, Josephine McDermott's \$215 worth and Miss Perigny's friends \$44. Bert Sweet won the bicycle,

his friends contributing \$86 out of \$128 that was realized on it. Minnie O'Hara plays with a \$158 doll, which her friends secured for her at a cost of about \$86. About \$144 was realized on the splendid picture of Father Keul, and F.E. Kramer, who is now in Washington territory, is the fortunate possessor of ticket No. 24, which won the picture. A beautiful chair goes to J.E. Crowley. The members of the St. Joseph's church have reason to feel highly gratified over the notable success of their fair, which places them on a solid financial basis.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 11 [Thursday, June 6, 1889], page 1, column 3

Too Much Love.

Pete Torzinsky, a tailor employed by John Saving, showed such unmistakable evidence of insanity last Thursday, [*sic*] that City Marshal Catlin thought it advisable to take him to Menominee for examination, and the unfortunate man has since been sent to an insane asylum for treatment. It is reported that Torzinsky was deeply infatuated with a young lady of this city, but had never had the courage to tell her so or in fact to even speak to her, but had contented himself with casting loving glances at his inamorata while she was attending divine worship in St. Joseph's church. It is hoped that a few weeks or months at Ionia will either cure him of his infatuation or give him courage to speak out like a man. He has yet to learn evidently that a faint heart never won a fair lady.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889], page 1, column 2

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JAMES REYNOLDS has the contract to build the new Catholic parsonage and will commence work on it at once. The house is to be a model structure of its kind, and will be a handsome addition to the church property to this city.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 36 [Thursday, November 26, 1891], page 1, column 2

Father Roasseau, at one time in charge of the Catholic parish in this city, died in Menominee last Thursday, aged 57 years.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 38 [Thursday, December 10, 1891], page 1, column 3

CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED.

St. Joseph's Catholic church was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. The fire was evidently caused by a defective flue and when discovered about 1 o'clock had made such headway that it was impossible to save the structure. In fact the entire roof was ablaze and fell in shortly after the firemen arrived. The fire department was promptly on the ground and did excellent service. This is an unfortunate affair to the Catholics at this time. It is now too late to rebuild this winter, and in the meantime until another church can be built, they will have to put up with temporary quarters in some hall, which will be inconvenient. It is the intention to clear away the debris this winter, and next spring they will commence the erection of a brick or stone church, costing from \$15,000 to \$20,000, that will be large enough to

accommodate their growing congregation and that will be an ornament to the city. The need of a larger church has been felt for some time, but as long as the old church could be made to answer, it is not likely it would have been abandoned. Now they will[,] of course, erect an edifice that will meet all present and probable future requirements, and after the temporary inconvenience is passed the Catholics will have a more pleasant and commodious church home. The loss is about \$9,000 with a total insurance of \$4,000. They had just put new pews in the church at an expense of about \$850. The new edifice will probably front on A street, and will be ready for occupancy the later part of the summer.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 51 [Thursday, March 10, 1892], page 1, column 3

As soon as spring opens Father Bourion will commence the erection of the new Catholic church to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire. The new edifice will cost \$20,000 and will be 50x132 feet inside and capable of seating about 1000 people. The new church will face south instead of the east. Probably the church will not be completed this summer. Father Bourion anticipates that there will be some difficulty in raising \$20,000 this year, but the building will be sufficiently advanced so that it can be occupied and the remaining work can be done later. Father Bourion has had considerable experience in church building, and will make the most of the money entrusted to him.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume

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XV, Number 16 [Thursday, July 27, 1893], page 8, column 3

Contractor Meyer is making splendid headway on the new St. Joseph church.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 20 [Thursday, August 19, 1893], page 8, column 1

Delay in receiving the structural iron is the cause of the slow progress in the construction of the French Catholic church.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 21 [Thursday, August 26, 1893], page 1, column 1

Work on the new Catholic church has been resumed.

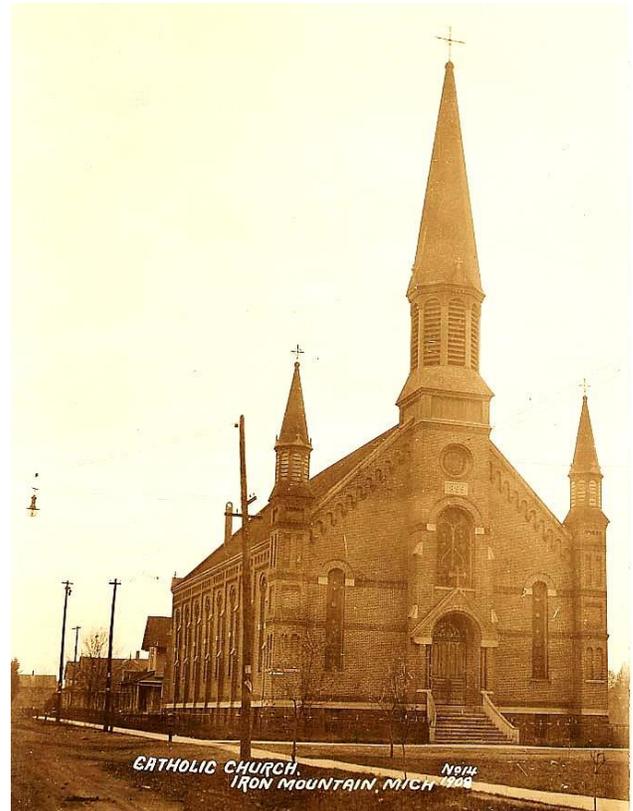
Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 3 [Thursday, June 10, 1897], page 8, column 4

HELP NEEDED.

A Movement on Foot to Complete the St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Rev. Father Paulin, of the French church, announced to his people last Sunday that he intended to make an appeal to all the French societies in the union in favor of his church. The congregation will celebrate the national feast of the 24th of June by a solemn high mass and then by a grand picnic and an entertainment in the evening for the benefit of the church.

Father Paulin hopes by these means to raise the money to finish the outside of the church. The reverend gentleman has proved to be a financial manager and a true worker since his arrival here in February, having paid over \$250 of the church's debt in that time.



Second St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1908

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 26 [Thursday, November 18, 1897], page 1, column 4

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Rev. Father Paulin's Efforts to Free It From Debt Meets With Material Success.

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The pastor of the French church who, a few months ago, made an appeal to all the French societies in the country in favor of his church, is pleased to say he is well encouraged in his undertaking, and hopes to soon see his church free from debt. The debt on the church as \$2,250 last spring, and has already been reduced to \$1,500.

The following are the name [*sic – names*] of the societies in Upper Michigan who have sent an offering to help the church in the financial difficulty in which it was standing:

St. Jean Baptiste society, Marquette,
L'Institut Jacques Cartier, Escanaba,
Chevaliers Lafayette, Negaunee, Mich.
Catholic Foresters, Iron Mountain.
Catholic Foresters, Nadeau, Mich.
St. Jean Baptiste society, Republic,
St. Jean Baptiste Society, Menominee,
Cercle Chevaliers Lafayette, Sault Ste.
Marie.
St. Jean Baptiste society, Sault Ste.
Marie.

The parish of Nadeau, Mich., where Rev. Father Paulin was pastor a few years ago, has sent him \$25.00 as a token of their gratitude for the good Reverend gentleman has accomplished there. The amount already received reaches \$300. Some other offerings are expected. Amongst the societies in other states, who sent an offering, the society St. Jean Baptiste, of Putnam, Conn., deserves the first place. Its offering was \$25.00, and other offerings from \$15.00 to \$5.00.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 17 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The French school conducted by Miss H. Coron has now an enrollment of forty-five pupils. Miss Caron also gives lessons in the evenings to adults.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Thursday, November 29, 1900], page 4, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The children of the French school will repeat their entertainment of last week tonight [*sic – tonight*] in the basement of St. Joseph's church, at eight o'clock. Hypnotic tests after the dramatic part of the program. Before the entertainment the ladies will serve supper, commencing at six o'clock. The admission is only 25 cents a couple, including supper and entertainment. The receipts go to the church fund.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 4

Monsignor Faust.

Rev. Raymond G. Jacques arrived home last Thursday evening from Assinins, Baraga county, where he attended the investiture of Rev. Melchoir Faust to the rank of domestic prelate and the title of monsignor. Monsignor Faust is now next in rank to bishop. The honor is a reward of [*sic – for*] many years of service to the church and humanity. There is no man more loved in the diocese than Mgr. Faust and his work at Assinins among the poor children of the diocese has been work with

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no hope of reward other than that which the hereafter holds for him. He was stationed in Iron Mountain as pastor of St. Joseph's church in the pioneer days of the range.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 16 [Thursday, September 2, 1915], page 1, column 2

WILL PAY MORTGAGE.

The recent contest conducted by the younger members of St. Joseph's congregation, under the direction of Rev. Father Laforest, for the purpose of extinguishing the church debt, was very successful. In the children's popularity contest, Valeria Goulet won the first prize, \$10.00, having collected the fine sum of \$58.38. Antonette Prenevost won the second prize, \$5.00, collecting \$39.52, and Donat Trudell the third prize, \$2.50, his contribution being \$25.60. The total amount of the collection was \$228.45, more than enough to liquidate the mortgage indebtedness of the church. The supper held in connection with the contest was a big success and highly praised, and enriched the treasury in the sum of \$129.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, December 15, 1921], page 6, column 1

CHURCH BASEMENT BEING REMODELED

**Alterations to St. Joseph's
Expected to Be Completed Feb. 1**

Alterations in the basement of St. Joseph's church on West A street are steadily progressing, and are expected to be completed by February 1. Work was started early in the fall with a fairly large force, which will be kept on the job until it is completed. The building is 120 feet long by 48 feet wide, and the basement has been entirely remodeled.

A new and modern heating system has been installed by Johnson & Hammel, plumbers, who also installed the plumbing. The basement has been partitioned off into **[need to copy the remainder of article]**

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Monday, January 26, 1925], page ____, column ____

CHURCH MENACED BY FIRE ON ROOF

Firemen Are Also Summoned to North Side School

A roof fire believed to have been caused by a spark from the chimney yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock destroyed property estimated at more than \$100 at St. Joseph's church.

No. 1 fire department was summoned. Only chemicals were used to extinguish the flames which threatened to spread. The small blaze was discovered by the boy scouts [*sic* – *Boy Scouts*] of the church troop who were playing in the yard.

A similar fire occurred Saturday afternoon at the Chapin school house on

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the North side. The damage was small. It is believed that a spark was also responsible for the blaze. No. 2 fire department was called.

The North Side engine company also responded to a call this morning to a house at 609 East Main street to extinguish a chimney blaze.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 5 [Wednesday, April 16, 1930], page 1, columns 7-8; page 2, columns 1-3

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH BURNS

**Put Loss At \$75,000;
Three Departments on
Scene; Wind Fans Fire**

**Edifice Collapses In Less Than
Hour; More Than 3,000 Spectators
Attracted; Several Small Blazes
Spring Up In District**

Fire, breaking out on the roof of St. Joseph's Catholic church, west A street and Stockbridge avenue, at 10:45 o'clock this morning, and believed to have been started by sparks from an earlier blaze in a garage at the rear of the Milliman hotel, three blocks away, destroyed the church with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The loss is two-thirds covered by insurance.

Fanned by a strong southeast wind, the brick-walled structure crumbled to a blackened heap in less than an hour. The fire-fighters of three departments fought the blaze strenuously, but without effect. A crowd of 3,000 or more spectators watched their efforts. Sweeping over the roof, seemingly everywhere at once, the flames turned the church into a livid furnace. It was by far the most spectacular fire that has occurred here in years.

The cause of the fire in conjecture, but the theory of flying sparks from the Milliman fire was accepted by firemen and spectators alike as the most reasonable explanation. Cinders from that blaze were known to have been carried blocks in the westerly path of the brisk wind that blew over the city this morning, and there were some who told of having seen the live embers land on the church roof.

Many Gave Alarm

Neither has it been definitely established who first turned in the alarm, for seemingly dozens of persons, particularly school officials and others in the immediate neighborhood, said this morning they had tried to reach the department. John Jelsch, principal of the high school, which is located across the street, was one, and he said the telephone line was continuously busy.

Rudolph Miresse, high school student, is believed to have been the first in the school to see the flames, and it was he who notified Principal Jelsch. Other persons residing near the church, [sic] saw them also and tried to reach fire department No. 1.

At that time, however, the pumper truck and crew from No. 1 were at the Milliman hotel, where fire of unknown origin destroyed a small, wooden garage, and with it a new Dodge sedan. That blaze, too, threatened the hotel itself and caused damage estimated at from \$2,000 to

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\$2,500, all of which was covered by insurance.

Getting the second alarm just when the garage fire had been extinguished, the crew from No. 1 raced with the pumper truck to the church and was followed shortly thereafter by the crew from station No. 2

Blaze Under Roof.

At that time only a small blaze on the shingled roof was visible, and the firemen prepared to put it out with chemicals. Running up their ladders, they mounted the roof, but with the first chop of their fire-axes the situation was evident. Already the blaze was racing along beneath the roof, and breaking out anew in every direction.

By that time a considerable crowd had gathered, and their numbers increased rapidly until the high school lawn, and all of the streets and walks adjacent were filled with onlookers. As the flames mounted and the heat grew more intense, they moved backward.

Hooking the pumper truck to a hydrant at the northwest corner of the church, the firemen ran out all the available hose and directed four streams at the building, chiefly to the rear, where the residence of the Rev. Fr. J.H. Beauchene, pastor, is located.

Their efforts were augmented shortly after 11 o'clock by the arrival of the Ford plant and Norway city departments. Their arrival was timely, for it was just as the Norway pumper truck made its noisy way through the crowded streets, siren wide-open, that the city pumper truck broke down. Rendered useless, it was not put into operation again until about 12:30 o'clock.

Meanwhile, the flames mounted higher, eating through the roof as though it were paper, and swirling into the steeple and belfry over the church entrance. The speed of their advance seemed almost incredible, for in less than half an hour the entire roof

was opened up, the windows melted out and the interior a raging, crackling mass of red.

An occasional puff of wind shot the heat of the blaze towards the crowds of spectators, sending them scurrying rearwards, only to move back to their place of vantage as the breeze shifted to its normal course.

Fire Is Uncontrollable

Attempts of the firemen, who risked falling brick, tin and timber, to reach the heart of the fire, proved of no avail. Added streams of water seemed to have no effect. In fact, windows broken by the force of the water only opened new air channels, fanning the flames to greater fury.

At 11:30 students at the high school, released from classes, poured out upon the lawn and streets to add their numbers to the crowds of spectators, which by that time completely surrounded the building. Up

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High Wind Fans Flames; Three Departments Fight Fire

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to that time, school officials said, the students, while displaying some excitement, had showed no alarm and sat calmly in their class rooms *[sic – classrooms]* or in the assembly awaiting the dismissal bell.

As the flames roared through the interior of the building, home-owners and tenants in the neighborhood were having their own

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troubles. At least half a dozen small grass fires sprang up, and in other instances the flying embers caught on the roofs of homes, sheds, garages and other wooden structures. These the tenants fought with garden hoses and buckets, and no serious consequences were reported, although there were more than a score of such fires.

Valuables Saved.

Within a few moments after Fr. Beauchene discovered the blaze, he, with a few parishioners, school students and others who were among the first at the scene, raced into the rear of the church and carried out the Blessed Sacrament, the holy vessels and some of the more costly vestments and other valuables kept in the sacristy, adjoining the altar.

Smoke and flames finally drove them out, but not until most of the articles regarded as precious had been saved.

No crash marked the destruction of the roof, for so rapidly was that eaten away that it fell in burning bits into the molten pit below. Spectators were rewarded with their first thrill shortly after 11 o'clock when a section of the rear wall fell away, sending but a deep rumble. Five minutes later the metal eave along the south side of the building broke loose and tumbled noisily to the ground.

Steeple Falls.

All interest then was centered on the tower and belfry which, supported only by a few charred and blazing uprights, swayed on its flaming perch. With each puff of wind it bent over and back, until, weakened beyond resistance, it careened slowly and tumbled into the wreckage below, sending up a puff of black smoke and dust.

Fortunately for the firemen, the strong wind sent the tower crashing to the interior of the structure. Probably the firemen had figured on that, for four of them clung to a hole at the entrance of the church, directly

beneath the tower. They could not possibly have jumped in time to save themselves, had the steeple tumbled outward.

Between 11:30 and 12 o'clock sections of both the north and south walls fell in. At 1 o'clock this afternoon smoke still curled skyward from the blackened embers in the bed of ashes which was once St. Joseph's hall, located in the basement, while streams of water played on the levelled [*sic* – *leveled*] mass.

St. Joseph's church was completed in 1893 and was of brick and wood construction. Two years ago the structure [*sic* – *structure*], with all the fixtures, was appraised conservatively at \$70,000, and its value had increased since then. Recently improvements were being made, including the enlargement of the auditorium seating capacity to accommodate 1,100 persons.

The Rev. Fr. Beauchene said this noon that F.E. Parmelee and Sons had offered him the use of the Northern ballroom for church services until such time as more suitable arrangements can be made, and the priest added that he may hold services there Sunday, April 20.

The church, it is believed, cannot be rebuilt, and it is likely that plans will be made at once for a new structure.

The parish house at the rear was not damaged.

Water Pressure

Early arrivals at the scene of the blaze commented on the inability to reach the roof of the church with the hose streams, even after the pumper truck was attached.

H.L. Senseman, superintendent of the water department, explained that "several things might have affected that, although we know that the pressure at the hydrant was up to normal – 80 pounds. It is difficult to estimate the pressure at the nozzle, for

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that varies with the number of streams drawn from the hydrant.

“At one time, early in the fire, six streams of water were coming out of one hydrant. Later two more hydrants were brought into use, and the pressure burden divided.

“Anyone who saw the fire knows the force of the wind at that time, and that had considerable to do with the force of the streams. When the firemen shot a stream at the rear of the church, directly against the wind, it would hardly reach 20 feet up the wall, although the pressure was normal. Similarly, streams from any direction were flattened down by the force of the wind at the top of the building.”

“Certainly lack of water pressure had nothing to do with it, for there were one million gallons in reserve at the plant reservoir when the Ford and Norway departments arrived.

Truck Trouble

The difficulty which developed with the city pumper truck was explained this afternoon by those who assisted in the effort to repair it at the scene. Immediately after the motor first began to sputter it was found that the distributor points were faulty. These were adjusted, and the motor started again. Shortly thereafter the motor stopped again, and it was discovered that one set of distributor gears were *[sic – was]* stripped. The truck was towed back to station No. 1 at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, where mechanics immediately started work on it.

At least 3,000 feet of hose were run out by the two Iron Mountain departments at the fire, and the Ford and Norway departments are estimated to have added another 2,500 to 3,000 feet. It is difficult to estimate how many gallons of water were pumped into the blaze, officials said.

The Iron Mountain men were not alone in their mechanical difficulties. About 15

minutes after the Norway pumper went into action, a pin sheared from the fan gear, and the pumper was stopped while temporary repairs were made at the scene. Later the truck was taken to Kingsford's garage for permanent adjustment preparatory to the return trip to Norway.

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RUINS NOT YET COLD, BUT PLAN NEW STRUCTURE

Several Offers Of Temporary Quarters To St. Joseph's

With the ashes of St. Joseph's Catholic church barely cold following the fire that destroyed the structure yesterday, the Rev. Fr. J.H. Beauchene, pastor, and members of the congregation today were already making preliminary plans for a new building and trying to decide where services will be held during the interim.

Offers of auditoriums in which services may be held temporarily have been received from five sources, the Rev. Beauchene said. These include the First Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. N.U. McConaughy is pastor, St. Mary's Catholic church, where the Rev. Fr. P.N. Fillion is pastor, the Braumart Theater company, which has offered either the Colonial or Braumart theaters, and F.E. Parmelee and sons *[sic – Sons]*, who have offered the Northern ballroom.

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The Rev. Beauchene expressed appreciation for the good will evidenced in the offers, and said that one of the invitations will be accepted tomorrow. The question of adequate accommodations and not too greatly inconveniencing the present occupants of these structures must be considered, he said, in selecting a place where the congregation of St. Joseph's parish, numbering 700 families, may worship until it has again provided its own place.

Will Speed Project.

While the plans for building are still in a vary tentative stage, no time will be lost, the pastor stated, I going forward with the project. A structure costing at least \$100,000 is being considered. It would be erected on the same site at the corner of West A street and Stockbridge avenue, but would be much larger than the edifice that was levelled [*sic – leveled*] yesterday by one of the most spectacular fires in the history of the city.

The old church was 120 feet long and 52 feet wide, with accommodations in the auditorium for 1,000 persons. The new church will be large enough to seat 1,200 or more. Suggestion has been made that the construction include a new home for the priest, replacing the old wooden home now at the rear of the church ruins, but which escaped damage in the fire.

Insurance carried on the old church will provide a very comfortable nucleus for financing the new St. Joseph's, although a large sum of money will have to be raised by other means. These details have naturally received but little study as yet, the trustees of the church awaiting the arrival of an insurance adjustor.

More Than \$70,000

Two years ago the value of the church was set at \$70,000 in a conservative appraisal made then. Since then more

money had been spent in the building. About two-thirds of the loss is covered by insurance.

A plan that the Rev. Beauchene has in mind for providing temporary quarters calls for putting a roof over the foundation of the old church and using the basement for services while the new structure is rising overhead.

Still Blames Spark.

Firemen today were still of the belief that a spark from the garage fire in the rear of the Milliman hotel, three blocks away, was carried to the church roof by the strong southeast wind and caused the conflagration that followed. Within an hour from the time that the fire, then a small patch on the roof, was first discovered the church was a total loss. When the flames were finally brought under control about 2 o'clock only the front and a section of the rear wall remained standing and last evening these had been pulled down to remove the hazard of their collapsing. Other fragments of the walls were also razed, and today the church was only a heap of bricks, mortar and blackened wood.

The Iron Mountain fire department was given considerable assistance by the Norway city and Ford plant departments. The Ford plant sent a crew of 11 men, including Chief Frnak O'hearon, with its truck and, in addition to assisting at the church fire, they drove through the neighborhood and extinguished several house and barn fires caused by flaming embers carried by the wind from the church.

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Blessing Of Bell To Mark

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Merger Of Congregations

Solemn blessing of the recast bell tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock will mark the formal amalgamation of the congregations of the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic churches, of which the Rev. Fr. Albert C. Pelissier is pastor.

Consolidation of the congregations was decided upon as the result of the fire which destroyed St. Mary's in 1938. St. Joseph's church, regarded as one of the finest edifices of its kind north of Milwaukee, was erected several years ago following a fire which levelled [*sic – leveled*] the structure previously on the site.

The Most Rev. J.C. Plagens, bishop of the diocese of Marquette, will be here to officiate at the ceremonies tomorrow.

The bell, recast in the foundries of the Menelly Bell company at Troy, N.Y., was received yesterday.

History of Parishes

There is history associated with the casting, blessing and setting in place of the bell. The material now in the bell was originally cast for the first Catholic church in the then village of Iron Mountain. After the fire of 1890 which destroyed that structure, the bell was given to the new parish of St. Mary's and was used there until the fire of 1938. In November of last year the bell was salvaged from the ruins of St. Mary's and recast. It is to be hung in the north tower of St. Joseph's.

The transfer of the bell from the truck to its carriage yesterday attracted many interested spectators and drew from old timers reminiscences of the two parishes.

Started in Quinnesec

The Catholic church history of Iron Mountain had its beginning with reference to Quinnesec. In 1883 when Quinnesec was made an independent [*sic – independent*] parish as an outgrowth of St.

Mary's in Norway all settlements due west were included as missions, so that the priest had to make periodic visits to Iron Mountain, Crystal Falls, Iron River, and to the homes of persons who resided in the trackless territory of the present Gogebic county.

Prospecting was being carried on in these districts and the finds were more productive and valuable than in Quinnesec, where there was a peculiar formation of the ore body. Settlements increased in size as developments were carried forward.

The Chapin mine, discovered in Iron Mountain in 1879, was shipping ore in less than a year after the first test pit was sunk. The seemingly inexhaustible deposits of ore attracted not only the attention of the mining world, but brought many persons to the location who, within a comparatively short time, built up a town of no small proportions. So rapid was the influx that within two months two-thirds of Fr. Faust's first parishioners had left Quinnesec and taken up residence in Iron Mountain. Fr. Faust visited his people regularly, and, as a natural outcome, he turned his attention to the building of a church in Iron Mountain following a fire that destroyed his church in Quinnesec.

William Foster, agent for the Hamilton Lumber company, offered the new congregation two lots and three more lots were obtained from the same company for \$375. On this site a church 105 by 50 feet in size was erected, with three rooms in the rear for the pastoral residence. The building, begun in 1883, was not completed until the following year. Fr. Faust remained as pastor until 1886, when he was transferred to Calumet. During his pastorate, however, five additional lots were parished [*sic – purchased*] so that the entire block, No. 15 in the Kimberly addition, was owned by the church.

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In the same years from 1886 to 1890 the parish was served by the Rev. Frs. A.T. Schuettlehoefer, Don Vento. Reynaert, J.A. Keuhl, Sauriol, Pelisson and R. Cavisshi. From 1890 to 1893 the Rev. Frs. Bourion and Josph *[sic – Joseph]* Wallace were resident priests. To this date there was no national designation attached to the parish church, but with the larger number of families of French extraction attending it and because of the priests who had come to work in the diocese with their own people it gradually assumed the title of St. Joseph's, although such a title was never officially given by the diocesan authority as vested in the bishop of the diocese.

The pastors who in successive turn were assigned to St. Joseph's included the Rev. Frs. Dassylva, Letellier, Poulin, Huet, Jodocy, Jacques, Msgr. Laforest, Beauchene and Dufort and now Fr. Pelissier.

Interesting Background

The upbuilding of St. Joseph's has an interesting background. Fr. Keuhl built the original frame residence on A street and Fr. Bourion added the southwest wing. On December 25, 1890, the church was burned to the ground. *[NOTE: St. Joseph's Catholic Church was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, December 6, 1891.]* To take care of the emergency Fr. Bourion built a specious shed on the west end of the block, where temporary accommodations were offered.

The summer previous to the fire the Italians had withdrawn from the congregation and built their own church on the north side. Then there was talk of another division of the congregation and the arrangements were made.

The French retained the south half of the block with the residence and a consideration of \$4,000 was given to the outgoing nationalities, along with the

remaining half of *[line apparently missing]* proved an asset in the acquiring of property for the new parish at a later date. Fr. Bourion laid out his church on the site of the building destroyed by fire. The larger and more modern building – of brick veneer – was completed during the tenure of Fr. Poulin, while the art glass windows, bell chimes and interior decorating took place during the pastorates of Frs. Jodocy and Jacques. The hand carved altar and stations were put in place by Fr. Laforest *[sic – La Forest]*. It was this church that was burned to the ground during the pastorate of Fr. Beauchene.

Friendly Division

It is doubtful if St. Mary's church, or the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, would have been built had not fire destroyed the mother church of St. Joseph. The terms of division of the property would have been more difficult and negotiations impeded. However, the ashes were not yet cold when it was decided the other nationalities would form their own congregations, this with the entire consent of the mother church. The Austrian and German peoples and others registered in the newly formed parish of St. Mary's. Parochial relations were most cordial, each group realizing their native tongue was essential to the permanency of their religion. So friendly were the congregations that it was Fr. Bourion of St. Joseph's who, on March 14, 1893, bought from William H. Clark lots six and seven in block 17 of Kimberly's first addition for \$775. Under his supervision plans were adopted and construction of the new St. Mary's church was well under way when the Rev. F.X. Becker arrived to become its first pastor.

The Rev. Frs. John Cebul and Joseph Kunes were named until the year 1897. Dr. Hodnik, a native of Austria, was then appointed to St. Mary's. Just as a national

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designation became attached to all other national churches in the diocese so in like manner was St. Mary's known as the Austrian and German church and Frs. Doser and Nosolen were well qualified to take care of the different nationalities.

Obtain More Property

Until 1900 the parish priest lived in a rented home in the rear of the church on West A street and later at 308 West A. When a house and lots nine and 10 were for sale Fr. Nosbich purchased them for \$200. The church and rectory were then both on West B street. During the tenure of Fr. Nosbich the basement of St. Mary's was converted into a spacious hall. Fr. Kraker succeeded him and in 1901 purchased the house and lot No. 8, which remained between the church and rectory. This property was bought from Sidnew [sic] Mitchelson on May 29, 1903. The first property had been gotten from Martin J. Hilleman.

In the lingual ability of the pastors the Slovenians, German Polish, Slovak, Irish and Hungarian families were amply taken care of during these formative years of the parish.

Frs. Cochran, Mockler and Fillion were named pastors. Following the death of Fr. Fillion the Rev. Frank A. Seifert became pastor and remained with St. Mary's until August, 1939.

With the fire of 1938 a new era for the Catholics of Iron Mountain had its beginning. The purpose of a duplication of Catholic activities was no longer found wanting and again there was mention of the formation of a single parish. The national designation is not needed and on September 25 the new assignment was made effective whereby Fr. Pelissier became administrator of both parochial groups.

Voted on Merger

At a meeting of trustees of both parishes held in October the merger of the two parishes was approved. Since that time Bishop Plagens has also approved the title of the church of St. Mary and St. Joseph.

There is then, again as in 1883, but one territorial church for the Catholics of Iron Mountain who do not belong to the Immaculate Conception church, or the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, on the north side.

At the services Sunday afternoon the bishop will be assisted by Msgr. J.J. Zryd and Fr. Martin Melican, of Marquette, the Rev. John Hughes, of the American Martyrs church in Breitung, the Revs. Bergeron and Schluss, of Crystal Falls, Fr. George LaForest, of Vulcan, Fr. Erasmus Dooley, of Norway, Father Gherna, of Loretto, and Fr. Peter Jani, of Iron Mountain. Also present will be the Very Rev. J. Moriarity, dean of Dickinson and Gogebic counties and pastor of St. Ambrose parish in Ironwood.

The bell will be hoisted into the north tower of the church Monday morning.

"The merger of the congregations is the most practical move for the Catholics of both parishes," Fr. Pelissier said. "Architecturally the church is beautiful and would be a credit to any city of far larger size than Iron Mountain."

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 228 [Monday, January 8, 1940], page 3, column 1

Blessing Of Bell Marks Parish Merger

Presiding yesterday afternoon at the ceremony marking the formal merging of the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic

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churches, and before a capacity congregation, the Most Rev. J.C. Plagens, bishop of the diocese of Marquette, pronounced the ceremony “an emphatic and impressive symbol of good will among Catholics, as exemplified in their every activity – business and religious.

Following the ceremony the bishop authorized the start of work immediately after Easter on the completion of the interior of St. Joseph’s, to make the structure one of the finest in the diocese.

Future work, scheduled for completion by about May 1, will include the laying of a floor over the cement base; installation of new pews to take the place of the opera seats in use since the church was built several years ago and completion of the vestibule, with all necessary appointments.

Bishop Plagens, as well as all visiting priests and church dignitaries, was enthusiastic over what he termed the significance of the amalgamation, and pronounced it a healthy, helpful and progressive step for the welfare of all Catholics in the community.

Merging of the congregations was decided upon some time after the fire in November, 1938, which destroyed St. Mary’s church.

Recast Bell Blessed

Solemn blessing of the recast bell of St. Mary’s church by Bishop Plagens, and its first ringing by the bishop, were features of yesterday’s ceremony, attended by many out-of-town priests. Among the attending clergy were Msgr. J.J. Zyrd and Fr. Martin Melican, of Marquette; the Rev. John Hughes, pastor of the American Martyrs church in Breitung; the Revs. Bergeron and Schluss, of Crystal Falls; Fr. George LaForest, of Vulcan; Fr. Erasmus Dooley, of Norway; Fr. Gherna, of Loretto; Fr. Peter Jani, of the Immaculate Conception church

in this city, and Fr. Anthony C. Pelissier, pastor of St. Joseph’s.

The bell was to be hung in the north tower of St. Joseph’s today.

Much of yesterday’s service, Fr. Pelissier said, was based upon the theme of good will among all Catholics of the community, and especially as exemplified in the merging of the congregations. Parishioners began to arrive long before the hour scheduled for the service, and every seat was occupied as the ceremony opened.

At its close, and as Bishop Plagens left the church, members of the Catholic Young People’s orchestra and choral club, of St. Joseph’s, played and sang several selections. Later the bishop and other visiting clergy commented on the excellence of the musical groups in the church.

The blessing of the Bell had served its purpose and as the laity thought – the merger had taken its place in the history of the Diocese.

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St. Mary and St. Joseph a blend of many nationalities

IRON MOUNTAIN – On November 1, 1942, the blending of Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Church on 414 Prospect Ave. in Iron Mountain was completed and two congregations were joined under one church. Rev. Albert C. Pelessier [*sic* – *Pelissier*] was appointed to serve as pastor of the church and to establish a parochial

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school in Iron Mountain, Rev. James Donnelly said.

“We have had a unique joining of nationalities in our congregation. People of Austrian and German descent went to St. Mary’s Church and the French immigrants went to St. Joseph’s Church before 1942,” he said.

St. Joseph’s Church on 414 Prospect Ave. was constructed in 1893, burned down twice, and was rebuilt again in 1932. In 1888, St. Mary’s Church was built on Kimberly and B Street in Iron Mountain, but was also destroyed by fire in 1938.

The present church of St. Mary and St. Joseph is on Prospect Ave. in Iron Mountain, the original location of St. Joseph Church. The Dickinson Area Catholic School was opened in 1954 on the original location of St. Mary Church,” he said.

The Dominican Sisters of Adrian were originally with the church and school, and still serve the parish today. “The school takes in classes from kindergarden [*sic – kindergarten*] through eighth grade and enrollment is projected for next year at around 300. We use the kitchen in the basement of the church to provide a hot lunch program for the students,” he said.

St. Mary and St. Joseph Church is 42 years old, and Rev. Donnelly has been pastor since March 3, 1970. Daily masses are held at the church at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and weekend masses are at 5:15 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 wnd [*sic – and*] 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

“A total of 1,050 people are in our parish family, and we have an average attendance during weekend masses of 3,000 people. We can seat 750 people in St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, but we can get a lot more in on special holy days,” he said.

Since Rev. Donnelly has been at the church, a new roof, doors and boiler have been installed. “For the future, we could

use a new rectory. The one we have now is getting close to 90 years old,” he said.

Some of the committees serving the needs of the congregation at St. Mary and St. Joseph include: administrative, formation commission for the educational needs, parish services, liturgical, and community service.

“We are concerned with member growth through an expression of faith, and we use the parish council to help us. Due to the changes made after Vatican II, the council has become the ears for the priest. It’s the best way to find out what the people want,” he said.

Before coming to St. Mary and St. Joseph parish, Rev. Donnelly served at St. Agnes Church in Iron River, St. John Baptist Church in Garden, St. Thomas in Escanaba, St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, and St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden. He has served as spiritual director at Holy Name Central School in Escanaba, and also at the Marygrove Retreat in Garden.

“I’m serving a diverse congregation, from age 6 to 90, and from so many different backgrounds. I think it’s fantastic the way they all come together and help each other. It’s a spirit of caring and cooperation, and I know I’ll never get bored here,” Donnelly said.

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Northeast Corner of West B Street and
Kimberly Avenue

Priests Serving St. Mary’s Church

Father Francis Xavier Becker

February 1893 - August 1893

Father John Chebul

September 1893

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Father Joseph P. Kunes

October 10, 1893 - October 7, 1897

Father Anthony Hodnik

October 11, 1897 - December 10, 1897

Father Adam J. Doser

1897-1898

Father Nikolas H. Nosbisch

December 18, 1898 - 1901

Father John Kraker

August 4, 1901 - 1904

Father Nikolas H. Nosbisch

November 4, 1904 - 1904

Father James Corcoran

(-)

Father John Mockler

(-)

Father Paul N. Fillion

(-)

Father Francis A. Seifert

1937 - August 1939

Father Albert C. Pelissier

1939-1942

The following account of the development of St. Joseph's Catholic Church (bold type added to indicate various priests) is taken from Volume II, pages 341-343 of Rev. Antoine Ivan Rezek's *History of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette Containing a Full and Accurate Account of the Development of the Catholic Church in Upper Michigan with Portraits of Bishops, Priests and Illustrations of Churches Old and New*, Houghton, Michigan: 1907.

IRON MOUNTAIN. CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

It is doubtful if St. Mary's church would be built had not fire destroyed the old

mother church of St. Joseph. The terms of division of property would have been more difficult which problem would have deferred the outgoing of either party. However, the ashes of the church were not cold yet when it was a settled fact that the Irish, German, Austrian and other nationalities would have to build, [sic] the St. Mary's church. **Father Bourion** bought on March 14, 1893, from **William H. Clark** lots 6 and 7 in Block 17, Kimberly's First Addition, for the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars. Plans were adopted and the church well under way when **Rev. F.X. Becker** came to the congregation as first pastor but remained only six months – till the end of August 1893. **Father John Cebul** served the congregation during September of 1893 and **Rev. Joseph P. Kunes** from October 10, 1893 to October 7, 1897. Then came, on October 11th, **Rev. Anthony Hodnik**. His term was brief. Yielding to popular demand, **Bishop Vertin** permitted him to return, December 10, 1897, to his former parish of Bessemer and his successor at that place, **Rev. A.J. Doser**, became his successor at Iron Mountain. He administered the parish one year, and was succeeded on December 18, 1898 by **Rev. N.H. Nosbisch**. Until 1900 the priest lived in a rented home in the rear of the church on W. A. street [West A Street]. Then, a house and lots 9 and 10 of the same block in which the church is situated were for sale and **Father Nosbisch** bought them on the 17th of April for twelve hundred dollars from **Martin J. Hillerman** and his wife. Besides a new foundation and a new roof, speedily given to the new rectory, few changes were necessary. For the societies of the parish the basement under the church was converted into St. Mary's Hall.

Ever since the birth of Iron Mountain the township cemetery at Quinnesec was held in common by the inhabitants of both

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towns. This seemed natural enough because most of the early settlers of Iron Mountain had first lived in Quinnesec. In twenty years the population has for the greater part changed, the small mining location of one hundred and fifty people has grown into a city (Incorporated as a city April 2, 1887) of over nine thousand inhabitants and the question was more than once raised, "Why couldn't we have our own cemetery?" Nobody seemed to know really why, except that a common opinion prevailed that an available location was wanting in the neighborhood of the city. **Father Nosbisch**, induced by the disagreeableness of long drives in winter to the cemetery, looked into the matter. He found suitable grounds adjoining the city limits and at once brought the subject to the notice of the mayor, the **Hon. Alfred Cruse**. The matter looked into, no one was more agreeable than the common council and the mayor. Purchase of the site was made on the 9th of June 1901. One-half was deeded to the Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Marquette, for the burial of Catholics and **Bishop Eis** deeded it back to the city of Iron Mountain with the proviso that no one shall be buried there without the permission of the pastor of Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, or the Bishop himself.

The appointment of **Father Nosbisch** to Ironwood terminated his activity. He was succeeded, August 4, 1901, by **Rev. John Kraker**, who, by the way of temporal improvement in the parish did much for its welfare, but in particular may be mentioned the frescoing of the church, the purchase of the house and lot number 8, which stood between the church [for] the priest's residence. This property was bought on May 29, 1903 from **Sidney Mitchell** and wife for one thousand three hundred dollars.

The work of the Ironwood parish proved too much for the none-too-robust health of **Fr. Nosbisch**. At the Bishop's instant request he returned, November 4, 1904, to the pastorate of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's parish is a fair sample of different nationalities. There are one hundred and sixty-three families in all; fifty-seven Irish, fifty-two Slovenian, forty German, seven Polish, four Arabian and three Hungarian.

Besides Quinnesec where Mass is said regularly once a month on Sunday's there is the new mission of Pentoga, Iron Co., with nineteen families. Mass is being said once a month on a week day.



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St. Mary's Catholic Church, northeast corner of West B Street and Kimberly Avenue, ca. 1892-1894

[detail of photograph by Jorgen J. Eskil below]



St. Mary's Catholic Church, photo taken by Jorgen J. Eskil, ca.1892-1894



Cast of King Dodo, St. Mary's Catholic Church, ca. 1922, Although Reverse of Photograph Gives Date of 1915, Directed by Don MacDonald

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 22 [Thursday, October 21, 1897], page 1, column 4

A CHANGE OF PASTORS.

Rev. Kunes to St. Ignace and Is Succeeded by Rev. Dozer, of Marquette.

Last Saturday, Rev. Father Kunes, who has been in charge of St. Mary's Catholic church for the past four years, received notification from Bishop Vertin to the effect that he had been assigned to the church at St. Ignace. The reverend gentleman preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation last Sunday morning, and left this morning accompanied by Miss Adams, for his new charge. Rev. Kunes is succeeded here by Rev. Dozer who has been pastor of the cathedral parish at Marquette for a number of years. The new pastor is a splendid orator, and will no doubt receive a warm welcome from St. Mary's congregation. In leaving Iron Mountain Rev. Kunes takes with him the best wishes of a wide circle of friends. St. Ignace people will find him a worthy successor to Rev. Keul – a hard-worker, a splendid organizer and a fine speaker.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Thursday, October 18, 1900], page 1, column 3

ST. MARY'S FAIR.

Rev. N.H. Nosbisch, of St. Mary's church, and a highly efficient corps of lady assistants, are busily engaged in arranging for a grand fair, which will open on the evening of October 29th and continue until November 3rd. A specially interesting feature will be a contest for a beautiful silk United States flag between the recently organized Court of Foresters and the Austrian society.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1910], page 1, column 5

Planning for Parsonage.

Under the leadership of Rev. N.H. Nosbisch, St. Mary's congregation has inaugurated a movement for the erection of a handsome parsonage and it is hoped to commence the work within the next few months. It is planned to erect a brick building to cost not less than \$5,000. Rev. Nosbisch is confident that the movement will be successful.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 40 [Thursday, February 23, 1911], page 1, column 4

Lecture and Concert.

The ladies of St. Mary's church are now arranging for a St. Patrick's day entertainment to be held at the opera house. The entertainment will include a lecture by Rev. James Corcoran and musical numbers by the best talent in the county. The program is now being arranged. The entertainment promises to be one of the very best ever given in the city.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 178 [Saturday, November 12, 1938], page 1, columns 6-8; page 2, column 1

St. Mary's Catholic

Church Destroyed By Fire; Loss \$60,000

Blaze Starts In Basement; Spreads With Lightning Rapidity

IN NIGHT TIME

Damage Partially Covered By Locally Issued Insurance

Fire of undetermined origin last night destroyed St. Mary's Catholic church, West B street, at a loss of between \$60,000 and \$75,000, the second similar major church catastrophe in Iron Mountain in the last eight years. In the spring of 1930 St. Joseph's Catholic church, just a block away on West A street, was also levelled [*sic* – *leveled*] by flames and has since been replaced by a stone structure.

The damage at St. Mary's is partly covered by \$25,000 in locally issued insurance policies on the building itself, but not the fixtures, although there may be some outside policies upon which no check was available today.

The church was unoccupied at the time that the fire, starting in the southeast corner of the basement, quickly spread. An eight-inch space between the plaster and outer wall of the brick veneer structure provided a flue up which the flames shot with lightning like rapidity and roared through the attic.

Sends In Alarm

Smoke billowing from the church was noticed by William Disher, residing across the street, who turned in the alarm to the

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fire department at 9:18 p.m. shortly thereafter the Ford fire department also arrived on the scene and eight lines of hose were played upon the flames.

The pastor, the Rev. Fr. Frank A. Seifert, is now recuperating in Albuquerque, N.M., from a siege of pneumonia and the church was in charge of the Rev. Fr. Robert Cordy, assistant and an Iron Mountain young man who was ordained into the priesthood at Marquette in June. Fr. Cordy said his first mass in St. Mary's.

The church rectory is located about 125 feet distant in the same block, but Fr. Cordy was not at home when the fire was discovered. However, he arrived within a few minutes and donning a gas mask obtained from the fire department he entered the church and removed the Blessed Sacrament. Others aided him in saving vestments, candelabra, sacred vessels and other appurtenances of the altar.

Overhead flames were eating at the ceiling and altar as Fr. Cordy entered and melting wax from the altar candles dripped over his clothing. However, he succeeded in bringing out all of the altar essentials.

Sparks Drift Far

For a period of three hours the fire department pumped 750 gallons of water a minute into the flaming building. Sparks were carried high into the air and drifted considerable distances, but no other fires resulted. Hundreds of spectators gathered at the scene, but were restrained from venturing too close.

The fire was brought under control about 2:45 a.m., at which time it was "smudging". The entire interior of the church had been eaten out, and only the four bare walls remained.

One of the spectacular incidents was the toppling of the steeple, which occurred about 10 o'clock. With a spiral of flames

licking about the cone, it fell inward with a resounding crash, taking with it the bell.

Because of the nature of the fire and the construction of the building itself it was immediately realized there was little hope of saving the church, although in 1930 a fire in the rear was extinguished without substantial damage. Much repair work had been done on the building this summer, including installation of a new roof, but once the flames reached the aperture in the brick veneer there was no checking them.

Flames Race Swiftly

Progressing swiftly from the front, the fire raced to the rear and soon the church was a roaring furnace from which there were occasional loud thuds as some fixture fell through to the basement. It was the most serious blaze in Iron Mountain since the St. Joseph church fire, but the later occurred in the daytime.

No one could ascribe a definite cause for the fire. Mike Scolatti, fire chief who was on duty throughout the night, said he was certain electrical wiring was not responsible as when the department arrived lights were still burning in the church. In addition, the heating plant was in the rear, whereas the fire started at the front.

Within recent weeks attempts have been made to rob the offering boxes in the church and one theory was that a prowler in an effort to find a key for the boxes may have dropped a match, or even a cigaret [*sic – cigarette*].

In a long distance telephone conversation this morning Fr. Seifert

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IS DESTROYED BY NIGHT TIME FIRE

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Loss In St. Mary's Blaze \$60,000 Or More; Partially Covered

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Expressed keen regret over the destruction of the church, but said that apparently it was something that could not be avoided and the situation would have to be met without flinching.

Just what is to be done now remains with the Most Rev. Joseph Plagens, bishop of the diocese of Marquette, who as yet has given no indication of what his plans may be.

Erected in 1892

St. Mary's church was erected in 1892. In succession it has had as pastors the Rev. Frs. F.X. Becker, F. Chebul, J.P. Kunes, A.J. Doser, N.H. Nosbisch, John Kraker, James Corcoran, J. Mockler, the late P.N. Fillion and Fr. Seifert, the latter being assigned little more than a year ago.

The congregation comprises about 400 families and the church itself was rich laden with mementoes and sacred treasures that cannot be replaced.

It was the fifth serious Catholic church fire in this district within the last eight years. In addition to St. Joseph's, churches were destroyed in Hancock and Flat Rock and the Cathedral in Marquette was so badly damaged that it had to be entirely rebuilt.

Parishioners Get Invitation

Commenting on the loss of the church, Fr. Fr. Joseph Dufort, pastor of St. Joseph's, stated:

"The members of the congregation of St. Joseph's and their pastor extend to the members of St. Mary's, their pastor and assistant pastor, their deepest sympathy for the loss suffered by the destruction of their church, by fire of unknown origin.

"We are extending to them all a cordial invitation to use our church for divine services at all times."

Fr. Dufort then announced services at St. Joseph's as follows: Masses for the congregation at 8, 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., to which all are welcome.

For the time being, the pastor said, there will be a special mass at St. Joseph's for members of St. Mary's congregation at 7 a.m., and four masses at the Church of the American Martyrs in Breitung, at 7, 8, 9 and 10 a.m..

The priests of St. Mary's congregation will hear confessions at St. Joseph's at 3 and 7:15 p.m., on Saturdays.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 179 [Monday, November 14, 1938], page 3, column 7

CHURCH PLANS AWAIT RETURN OF FR. SEIFERT

Pastor of St. Mary's Is Expected Here Next Week

Pending the return next week of the Rev. Frank Seifert, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church which was destroyed by fire Friday night, no plans will be made for the possible reconstruction of the church or provision of other permanent accommodations for the congregation of 400 families, it was stated today.

Fr. Seifert is now in Albuquerque, N.M., where he is convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia. It is not known what he may have in mind regarding the future of the church, to which he was assigned about

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a year and a half ago, following the death of the pastor, the Rev. Paul Fillion.

Whatever plans are made must have the approval of the Most Rev. Joseph Plagens, bishop of *[the]* diocese of Marquette, who will await the return of Fr. Seifert.

During Fr. Seifert's absence the church has been in charge of the assistant, the Rev. Fr. Joseph Cordy, newly ordained this summer and who, putting on a gas mask, dashed into the blazing, smoke-filled building and saved the Blessed Sacrament even as melting wax from the altar candles dripped over his clothing. Vestments, candelabra and similar appurtenances were also saved.

Walls Are Razed

The fire, starting from an unknown cause, was under control at 2:45 a.m. and in mid-morning there were only a few wisps of smoke wafting upward from the ruins. Work of razing the bare, scorched walls was then started and by evening had been completed.

No effort will be made to clean up the debris until insurance adjusters have visited the property, Fr. Cordy said. Insurance to the amount of \$25,000 was carried locally, but there may be some outside policies. Loss of the church was estimated at between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

The congregation yesterday attended services either at St. Joseph's, a block away, or at the Church of the American Martyrs, a mission in Breitung.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

**Corner of Blaine Street and Millie Street
Iron Mountain**

PRIESTS SERVING HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Father Raphael Cavicchi
February, 1890 – November, 1894

Father Joseph G. Pinten
December, 1894 – August, 1898

Father Benjamino Berto
September, 1898 – March, 1902

Father G. Pietro Sinopoli
April, 1902 – March, 1903

Father Aloysius (Luigi) Lango
April, 1903 – December, 1911

Father Victor E. Cangiano, ISCB
December, 1911 – April, 1912

Father Giovanni Ferrara
April, 1912 – December, 1913

Father Cherubim Messardri, OFM
January, 1914 – March, 1917

Father Ugolino Bifarini, OFM
April, 1917 – April, 1919

Father Pietro Jani
July, 1920 – April, 1943

Father Stephen Wloszczynski, OFM
May, 1943 – December, 1945

Father Glen E. Sanford
December, 1945 – September, 1948

Father Joseph H. Seifert
October, 1948 – November, 1951

Father James M. McCarthy
December, 1951 – October, 1966

Father Gino S. Ferraro
November, 1966 – July, 1970

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Father James M. McCarthy
August, 1970 – June, 1980

Father Donald L. Shiroda
July, 1980 – July, 1985

Father Gary A. Jacobs
July, 1985 – November, 1988

Father Darryl J. Pepin
January, 1989 – June, 1998

Monsignor James A. Kaczmarek
July, 1998 – Present

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Father Edward A. Malloy
June, 1942 – December, 1943

Father Gervase J. Brewer
January, 1944 – January, 1945

Father Elmer J. Bares
January, 1945 – February, 1945

Father Wilber M. Gibbs
March, 1945 – June, 1946

Father Samuel T. Bottoni
July, 1946 – June, 1947

Father Louis P. Brackett
July, 1947 – May, 1949

Father Joseph W. Paulantonio
August, 1949 – June, 1950

Father Arthur J. Parrotta
July, 1950 – June, 1959

Father Matthew J. Strumski
July, 1959 – August, 1960

Father Dominic A. Zadra
April, 1960 – May, 1962

Father Kenneth G. Bretl
June, 1962 – September, 1963

Father Leslie J. Perino
October, 1963 – June, 1965

Father Daniel Sparapani
July, 1965 – September, 1966

Father John J. Chrobak
October, 1966 – October, 1967

Father Donald E. Henkes
October, 1967 – May, 1969

Father James A. Kaszmarek
August, 1969 – July, 1970

Father John A. Landreville
August, 1970 – May, 1972

[These dates are taken from the Sacramental registers and other archives of the Parish.]

OTHER PRIESTS WHO HAVE ASSISTED

Father Felice, OFM
October, 1914

Father Jubilatello, OFM
April, 1919

Father Francis Xavier Bushley, OFM
April, 1919

Father Philip de Neri Jutras*
April, 1919 – September, 1919

Father John Columbi*
September, 1919 – May, 1920

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Father Philip de Neri Jutras*
May, 1920 – June, 1920

Father N. Gambini*
June, 1920

Father Joseph N. Beauchene*
July, 1920

Father Antonius Fontaine
May, 1937

Father Paul Schuster
June, 1937 – July, 1939

Father Mathais Jodocy
April, 1938

Father William Neon, SDS
August, 1938

Father Raphael M. Gherna (from Loretto)
August, 1938

Father Carles Pradautti
August, 1939 – September, 1939

Father A.J. Righino
October, 1939

Father C.H. Miron, O. Praem.
December, 1939 – March, 1942
September, 1940; August, 1941; April,
1942

Father Robert J. Klein
March, 1940 – August, 1941

Father Fabian Jollicoeur, O. Praem.
December, 1940; December, 1942

Father VandeCastle
April, 1942

Father J.J. Donnelly

April, 1943

Father Boniface Spellman, O. Praem.
May, 1943; December, 1943

Father William S. Russell, O. Praem.
June, 1943

Father Arnold Schinkter, O. Praem.
July, 1943

Father Roland J. Hoffman, O. Praem.
August, 1943

Father Michael Shanley (in residence)
January, 1977 – April, 1978

Father Patrick Creedan, CICM
(in residence)
September, 1978 – June, 1979

Father Dino F. Silvestrini
(Temporary Administrator)
September, 1988 – December, 1988

*[*These five priests took care of the parish while Fr. Bifarini was hospitalized due to illness.]*

About Our Church... Series of double-sided sheets with information regarding the Immaculate Conception Church, as well as information on the earlier churches on that site.

The above picture (*photograph showing the Immaculate Conception Church*) is a view of our church during the early 1900's. This was the only structure on the church property. The wooden church had been removed.

The cost of the construction of this church amounted to only a little over \$13,000, due to the donated labor and

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materials. At that time it was appraised at \$40,000.

Before the rectory was built in 1923, the priest lived over the sacristy and the church was heated by wood stoves with long stove pipes extending from them and then going through the walls.

About 250 families were members of the parish at this time – primarily Italians. The church was referred to as “The Northside Italian Church.”

A railing fence surrounded the property which included four lots donated by Carmine Gaudio, a local business man [*sic – businessman*]. The cross now on the bell tower was given to the church by Scarvada Brothers, who had a hardware and lumber business on the northside.

The stained glass windows were donated by various Italian societies and by Father Aloysius Lango[,] who replaced Father Sinopoli.

Father Raphael Cavicchi Our parish’s first pastor 1890 – 1894

(portrait photograph above this caption)

The above photo taken in 1903 shows the present Immaculate Conception Church that had been build [*sic – built*] a year previously in 1902, and the wooden frame structure used as a church prior to this. This wooden church was called The Assumption.

This church replaced a similar church that had been built in 1890 and which had burned down in 1893. The first church was in the same location and was called The Holy Rosary.

Notice that the old wooden church is facing west and that unpaved Millie street [*sic – Street*] is running by it. It appears to be near the front of the Immaculate

Conception Church and near the corner of Millie and Blaine Streets.

Members of this early parish were Italians who came from downtown’s St. Joseph Church and who wanted to establish their own church on Iron Mountain’s Northside.

Father Raphael Cavicchi (pictured) was their first pastor. He was living upstairs of the first church and was badly burned when the church was destroyed by fire in 1893.

Eventually Father Cavicchi was transferred to St. Barbara in Vulcan, Michigan. He drowned while fishing on Browns Lake in 1906 and was buried in Norway Township Cemetery. His large tombstone can be seen in that cemetery.

Father G. Peter Sinopoli 1902-1903

(portrait photograph above this title)

Father G. Peter Sinopoli, the first pastor of the present Immaculate Conception Church built in 1902, was a truly remarkable individual.

This 22-year-old member of the Scalabrini Fathers was sent from Italy to work with the Italian catholics [*sic – Catholics*] in the United States.

He arrived in Iron Mountain in April of 1902 and preceded to reform the abuses and to reawaken the faith and devotion among the feuding members of the parish made up of different Italian societies.

Father Sinopoli was successful in this respect and the need for a larger church developed. On June 24, 1902, Father Sinopoli personally began to dig the foundation for a new church. He became the architect, director, and worker while still serving as priest.

Italian parishioners, inspired by this man’s example, donated their labor along with some workers from the near-by mines.

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The red stone was obtained from nearby Millie Hill on Iron Mountain's Northside.

This energetic priest also personally decorated the interior of the church in 22 days. The church was completed on December 8, 1902, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This remarkable feat was accomplished in little over five months.

On January 1, 1903, the church was dedicated under the title of the Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in an elaborate ceremony. The name, in Italian, is on the marble slab over the front center entrance. Our church eventually became known as simply Immaculate Conception.

Father Sinopoli left in April[,] 1903, approximately a year after his arrival. It is not known where he went. However, his memory and his accomplishments will be with us forever.

Fr. Peter Jani 1920 – 1943

(portrait photograph above this title on right of page, and another photograph on the left of the page captioned: Rev. Fr. Jani, pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, poses with his 1925 Packard car.)

Father Peter Jani is generally well known to our older parishioners. He served our parish for 23 years from 1920 to 1943 – the longest continuous tenure of all our 20 pastors. (Father James McCarthy was with us for 25 years[,] but on two different assignments.)

Much was done while Father Jani was with our parish. In 1923 he had the rectory built (picture in back). Prior to this the priests had lived in the rear of the church.

In 1927, the mortgage on the church was paid off. He had the church replastered in 1929. The wood stoves used to heat the church were replaced by a hot

air gravity furnace placed in a dug basement.

Two confessionals were built in back of the church (where the two restrooms are now located). The church ceiling and altar were redone and redecorated in 1932. The eight-sided rosettes you now see on the ceiling were place *[sic – placed]* there then. It is interesting to know that these rosettes are made of wood. Eighty-one were originally installed, donated by parishioners at ten dollars a rosette.

In 1935, a pipe organ was purchased, and in 1938 new pews were installed.

These are some of the many projects Father Jani accomplished while our pastor. Older parishioners have many stories to tell about this long-serving priest.

Father Jani resigned in 1943 due to ill health. He died in Milwaukee in 1946. Fathers Stephen Wolzinski, Glen Sanford, and Joseph H. Seifert followed-up to Father James McCarthy in 1951.

The new rectory built in 1923. Notice the balcony extending from the upstairs rooms, along with the open porch entry. *(photograph above this caption showing the Immaculate Conception Church at left and the rectory at right)*

A celebration for the opening of the new rectory. Father Jani can be seen over the last stripe on the center flag. Others in the balcony are supposedly business men *[sic – businessmen]* and officials of Italian societies who contributed to the cost of the rectory. *(photograph below this caption showing the front of the rectory with many people on the balcony and in the foreground)*

FATHER JAMES McCARTHY 1951 – 1966 1970 – 1980

(portrait photograph above caption)

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Father James McCarthy is known to most of our parishioners. Father “Mac” served our parish from 1951 to 1966 and from 1970 to 1980 – a total of 25 years.

One of Father McCarthy’s dreams and goals for our parish was to construct a school. The cornerstone for the school was laid in 1954 (picture on back), and in September of 1955, it opened its doors to our children in grades 1-6. Later the 7th and 8th grades were added.

The school became the center of our parish life in addition to educating our children, when the gym was added.

At the end of the school year in 1961, the sisters [*sic – Sisters*] of the Holy Ghost left our school system and the Sisters of St. Joseph came to teach and live in the renovated convent (the present Caring House).

In 1963, major work was done in the interior of the church, maintaining the beauty within its walls.

In 1966, Father McCarthy was transferred to St. Ignatius Loyola in Houghton and Father Geno Ferraro was assigned as pastor – the first Italian priest since Father Jani.

Father McCarthy returned in 1970, and for another ten years devoted himself to meeting the spiritual needs of this parish. Of great concern was keeping the school operating. Also at this time the first Parish Council was elected.

In 1971, the Immaculate Conception and St. Mary and St. Joseph schools were combined into the Area Catholic Schools.

While Father McCarthy was with our parish we celebrated both the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of the Immaculate Conception Church.

In 1980, he was assigned to St. Anne’s in Chassell, Michigan, where he served until 1983.

Presently Father McCarthy is retired and living in the Iron Mountain area. He celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest in 1988.

When asked what he felt he had accomplished as a priest in his 25 years at Immaculate Conception, Father “Mac” modestly replied, “I simply administered the Sacraments.” We know that he did much more than that!

The above photo shows the ceremony of laying the corner of our school in 1954. In the foreground of the picture from left to right are Monsignor Pelissier of St. Mary and St. Joseph; Father John Hughes of American Martyrs; Bishop Noa, Father McCarthy, and assistant pastor Father Arthur Parotta.

The articles placed in the cornerstone were a copy of the Iron Mountain News, some coins, and a picture of Father McCarthy.

Historical Summary And Highlights Of The Immaculate Conception Parish

1889 – Italian Catholics of St. Joseph’s were given permission to build their own church on Iron Mountain’s Northside.

Fall 1890 – Frame church completed. It was called the Holy rosary. Father Raphael Cavicchi was the first pastor.

November 2, 1893 – Holy Rosary Church burned. New church was built at same site and called The Assumption.

April, 1902 – Father G. Pietro Sinopoli assigned to parish. He directed the building of the present church building which was completed in December, 1902.

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January 1, 1903 – Church dedicated with the title Mary Immaculate of Lourde [*sic – Lourdes*]. Eventually called Immaculate Conception.

1923 – Present rectory built during Father Pietro Jani's assignment to parish.

1942 – National parishes were eliminated leaving the Immaculate Parish open to consolidation with other nationalities.

1942 – Sisters of the Holy Ghost came to teach catechism classes. Lived in convent at the corner of Vulcan and Fourth Streets (Rectory of inactive Swedish church).

1952 – Golden Jubilee (50 years) of Immaculate Conception celebrated.

June 20, 1954 – Ground broken for new Parochial School.

September[,] 1955 – School opened with grades 1-3. A grade was added each year. The first 8th grade class graduated in 1961.

1955 – The Parish Hall (corner of Vulcan and Fourth Street) burned. This was used as a recreational center for our parish. It was the former Swedish Church.

1961 – Sisters of Holy Spirit leave. Replace [*sic – Replaced*] by Sisters of St. Joseph.

1970 – First Parish Council elected.

1971 – Immaculate Conception and St. Mary-St. Joseph school systems combine. School board elected.

1977 – CCD program started.

JUNE 18, 1979 – Church listed in State Register of Historic Sites.

1980 – Rest rooms constructed in church.

1981 – Sharing Room in basement of rectory built.

1982 – Stained glassed [*sic – glass*] windows repaired and protected with a Lexon material.

1983 – Church building sandblasted and waterproofed. New front doors installed.

1984 – Church bell computerized. Rear parking lot blacktopped.

1985 – Shrine to our [*sic – Our*] Lady erected in rear of church.

1987 – Side entry constructed along with ramp and planter. Ramp in front of church was built earlier.

Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception Church, 1977

The beginnings of the parish really find their roots in the French parish, which was found downtown. It was to this parish, Saint Joseph's by name[,] that Bishop Vertin assigned a second assistant, in 1889, to Father Pelisson, to take care of the Italian population in the environs of Iron Mountain. The summer previous to the fire that had burned Saint Joseph's church, the 25th of December in 1890 [*sic – St. Joseph's Catholic Church burned December 6, 1891.*], the Italians had withdrawn from that church with their pastor, Father Cacicchi [*sic – Cavicchi*], to a new church that they had built in the neighborhood of Lake Antoine. In the spring of 1890 the Italians had purchased

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lot 3 in block 4 in Gay's sub-division [*sic – subdivision*] of Iron Mountain and began to erect a frame church with rooms over the sacristy for the accomodation [*sic – accommodation*] of the pastor. In the fall it was blessed with the title of the Holy Rosary. On the 2nd of November, 1893, on the Feast of All Souls, the frame structure had burned, and Father Cavicchi was sent to Spalding whence he directed the rebuilding of it. At the dedication of the second church, which was built upon the foundations of the older church, the title was changed to that of the Assumption. Father Cavicchi remained as the spiritual shepherd of souls until the year 1894. He was pastor at Saint Barbara's parish in Vulcan when he met with his untimely death, by accidental drowning in Brown's Lake on the 11th of July 1906. He was fishing on the lake. The founder of the Immaculate Conception Parish was buried in the Norway Township cemetery, where his remains can be found to this day.

It was the iron mines that drew the Italians to this section of the country. From the very beginnings, the Italians were the favorite employes [*sic – employees*] of the Chapin Mine.

The second church was practically the same as the frist [*sic – first*], as it was built upon that which was saved from the fire. Father Joseph G. Pinten, [*sic*] was appointed pastor of the parish, and remained with the Italians for four years, 1894-1898. He was later consecrated a bishop of the Church. Father Benjamins Berto followed Bishop Pinten, and remained also for four years, 1898-1902.

Father Peter Sinopoli was appointed to succeed Father Berto. He arrived in the city on the First [*sic – first*] day of April, the Feast of the Resurrection. From our reading of the brochure, published on the occasion of the dedication of the present

church, we learned of the beautiful welcome that was given to the new priest. We quote the words in Italian, because they would loose [*sic – lose*] their beauty if translated. 'Era un argitarsi, un rallegrarsi a vicenda, una accorere entusiasticamente alla chiesetta coloniale per vedere, conoscere, sentire il novella parroco quell giono arrivato.' There was a hurried and enthusiastic movement to the little Italian church to see, to know, and to hear the new pastor that arrived on that day. How those people must have loved their new spiritual shepherd. Father Sinopoli was born of very noble parents, in the province of Catania in Sicily. As a student he ex- [*only one sheet of this document was found in the files at the Dickinson County Library. There are also two photographs – Fr. G. Peter Sinopoli 1903 – 1904 Pastor and Fr. Aloysius Lango 1903 – 1911 Pastor. It may be a page from the History of the Diocese pf Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette (containing a Full and Accurate Account of the Development of the Catholic Church in Upper Michigan with Portraits of Bishops, Priests and Illustrations of Churches Old and New), Volumes I and II, by Rev. Antoine Ivan Rezek, published in 1906.*]

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 19 [Thursday, July 30, 1891], page 1, column 5

BISHOP JOHN VERTIN will dedicate the Italian Catholic church next Sunday. The bishop will be escorted from St. Joseph church to the church to be dedicated by the Iron Mountain city band, the Christoforo Columbo, St. Jean Baptiste and Muto Soccorso societies, at 9 o'clock, and immediately on his arrival the church will be blessed, followed by solemn high mass. After the ceremonies at the Italian church

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are over, the bishop will return to St. Joseph church and at 3 o'clock will have confirmation.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 30 [Saturday, November 4, 1893], page 1, column 3

BURNED TO THE GROUND.

The Italian Catholic Church Destroyed Last Thursday

**Rev. Father Cavicchi Is Badly
Burned While Endeavoring
to Extinguish the Flames –
Loss, About \$4,000.00**

The Italian Catholic church, located at the corner of Blaine and Millie streets, in the first ward, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon, together with the contents.

It is not known to a certainty how the fire was started, but when discovered the rear portion of the building was a mass of flames. The fire companies were unusually prompt in reaching the scene of action, and that they did good work is evidenced by the fact that the front and side walls remain standing. This, too, in the face of an inefficient water supply, Chief Harvey stating that at no time were they able to throw water onto the roof of the building.

Rev. Father Cavicchi, who occupied a portion of the second story of the building as a study and sleeping apartment, was badly burned about the face and arms while endeavoring to save some money and papers from his rooms. He succeeded in

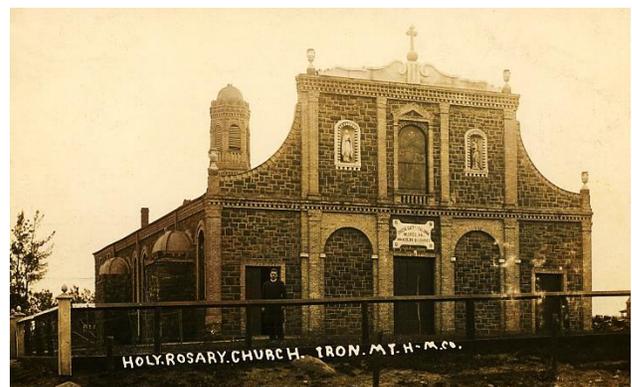
getting the money, but the papers were lost *[sic – lost]*. His valuable library was also burned.

The estimated loss on the building and contents is \$4,000, with an insurance of \$2,000. It is the intention of the society to commence work at once on a new church.

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Holy Rosary Church [Immaculate Conception Church], postcard view, postmarked 1907



Holy Rosary Church [Immaculate Conception Church], postcard view, postmarked May 2, 1914 with Father Aloysius "Luigi" Lango

In 1889, the Rev. Raphael Cavicchi was sent by Bishop John Vertin to assist Father

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A.O. Pellison in caring for the Italian Catholics of Iron Mountain. Because their homes were located quite a distance from the center of Iron Mountain, Bishop Vertin gave the Italian families permission to build a church of their own in the neighborhood of Lake Antoine.

Father Cavicchi was made their pastor and put in charge of the building project. Started in the spring of 1890, the new church was finished that fall. It was dedicated under the title of the Holy Rosary. The frame structure also contained the living quarters of the pastor.

Tragedy struck the parish, however, when several weeks later, on November 2, 1890, the new church burned. Deeply disappointed, Father Cavicchi was sent to Spalding temporarily. From there he supervised the rebuilding of another church on the ruins of the first. The next house of worship was dedicated under the title of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the next eight years, the pastorate of the parish was held by the Rev. Joseph G. Pinten and the Rev. Benjamino Berto, successively. Father Pinten, later Bishop of Superior and then Grand Rapids, had been educated in Rome and spoke Italian fluently.

In April, 1902, the fourth pastor of the Immaculate Conception parish arrived in the person of Father Peter Sinopoli. A week after his arrival, Father Sinopoli preached a mission that lasted until April 26 with singular success. The next month he set up a building committee for a third church. Each province of Italy was represented on the committee, and within a very short time of \$4,000 was subscribed.

Not a man to wait, the eager priest began to dig the foundation of the new church himself. By this time, four additional and adjoining lots had been donated to the parish by Mr. Carmine Gaudio, a local

businessman. The parish was also aided in building its new church by the generosity of Mr. E.F. Brown, then superintendent of the Pewabic Mine.

In 1903, the new church was dedicated under the new title of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. In 1920, Father Peter Jani became the pastor of the Immaculate Conception. Father Jani saw the need for a rectory to be built, and in three years, his efforts met with success.

In 1951, Father James McCarthy became pastor. On June 20, 1954, the ground was broken for the new school. In September of 1955, the Immaculate Conception Grade School opened its doors to the Catholic children.

[Born From Iron, p. 37; photographs on pp. 34 and 37]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 8 [Thursday, July 12, 1906], page 1, column 3

FATHER CAVICCHI

WAS DROWNED YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON AT LYON'S LAKE.

Was pastor of the Catholic Church at Vulcan – Former Pastor of the Local Italian Church.

Rev. R. Cavicchi, pastor of Saint Barbara's church at Vulcan, was drowned yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, while fishing at Lyon's Lake, on the Felch Mountain road, about twelve miles north of Norway.

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Father Cavicchi went out to the lake with three boys from Vulcan and he and one of the boys were in a canvass boat. They had a stone in the boat for an anchor. In shifting the anchor from one end of the boat to the center the boat was capsized.

The boy clung to the boat until the other two boys, who were on shore, came out with a raft and got him, but Father Cavicchi drowned before the raft reached the place where the boat capsized.

As soon as the boys reached the shore they started for Norway with the horse to give the alarm and get help to find the body.

They did not reach town until about eight o'clock in the evening, when a party was organized and started out to search for the body. Another party left Norway about three o'clock this morning to relieve them.

Father Cavicchi was about forty-three years of age, and was a one time pastor of Holy Rosary church in this city, going from here to Lake Linden, and later to Vulcan. He was an eloquent speaker and was well liked by his congregation, who will long mourn his untimely death.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 9 [Thursday, July 19, 1906], page 8, column 4

LLTE [sic] FATHER CAVICCHI

Impressive Funeral Services Held at Vulcan Last Tuesday.

The funeral of Rev. Raphael Cavicchi, who was drowned at Lyons Lake, recently, was held at St. Barbara's church at Vulcan last Tuesday morning.

The ceremonies were very impressive and began with a recitation of the office for

the dead followed by Pontical [*sic* – *Pontifical*] High Mass by Right Reverend Bishop Eis, supported by Rev. F. Pawlar, assistant priest, Rev. H. Zimmermann, deacon, Rev. F. Barth, sub-deacon, Rev. J.P. Kunes, first assistant deacon, Rev. A. Poulin, second assistant deacon, and Rev. J. Pinten, master of ceremonies.

Nearly every priest in the diocese was in attendance. Among them were Rev. J.G. Pinten and Rev. M. Jodocy, of Marquette, Rev. Wm. Stahl, of Bark River, Rev. J.P. Kunes, of Crystal Falls, Rev. James Miller, of Dollar Bay, Rev. H. Zimmermann, of Hubbell, Rev. N.H. Nosbisch, Rev. R.G. Jacques and Rev. A. Lango, of Iron Mountain, Rev. James Lehnart, of Iron River, Rev. F. Pawlar and Rev. H.A. Buckhaltz, of Ironwood, Rev. James Corcoran, of Manistique, Rev. A. Poulin and Rev. E. Neuman, of Menominee, Rev. John Kraker, of Munising, Rev. W.H. Joisten, of Norway, Rev. A. Deschamps, of Rapid River, Rev. Peter Manderfield, of Rockland, Rev. F. Glaser, of Spalding, Rev. F.X. Barth[,] of Stephenson, Rev. J. Stenglein, of Wakefield, Rev. J.A. Therien, of Niagara, and Rev. J. Piette, of Florence.

After the funeral obsequies the remains were taken to Norway cemetery and laid at rest. The cortege was the largest and most impressive ever seen on the range, all of the five Catholic societies and a large concourse of citizens of both Norway and Vulcan, besides many from other towns on the range, joined in the procession. This demonstration on the part of the people only tended to show with what high esteem the reverend father was held in the community.

It will be remembered that Father Cavicchi was drowned about two o'clock last week Wednesday afternoon, but the body was not recovered until about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, and owing to

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the great distance from town, was not brought to Norway until nearly noon Friday. The remains were then prepared for burial and taken to the parsonage at Vulcan, where they lay in state until the time set for the funeral.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 12 [Thursday, August 5, 1920], page 1, column 6

Pastors Changed.

Rev. Father Judras, who has been in charge of Holy Rosary church since Rev. Father Colombo left here for Italy, has been transferred to Sault Ste. Marie by Bishop Eis. Father Judras is succeeded at Holy Rosary by Father Indi, who arrived here from Italy last Monday. Father Indi was an active participant in the world war. He enlisted as soon as Italy entered the war and was only recently discharged.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 185 [Monday, November 21, 1938], page 2, column 6

DEDICATION OF NEW PEWS HELD SUNDAY EVENING

Bishop Attends Ceremony At Immaculate Con- ception Church

The Immaculate Conception church on the north side was crowded to capacity for the special services last night attended by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Plagens,

D.D., bishop of Marquette, and which marked the dedication of the new pews.

Seventeen visiting priests attended. The Rev. Fr. Peter Jani, pastor, gave a brief talk during which he described the design of the pews.

Manufactured in Wisconsin, the pews were built and designed to conform with other appointments of the church.

Bishop Plagens presided at the ceremonies, which continued until about 9:30 p.m.

Members of the Baraga council, Knights of Columbus, attended in a body, and many persons, outside of the congregation[,] were also present.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ____, Number ____ [Wednesday, September 19, 1979], page ____, columns ____ - ____ [A four-column photograph accompanies this article.]

Immaculate Conception Church named to State Register of Historic Sites

IRON MOUNTAIN – The Michigan Historical Commission has named the Immaculate Conception Church (Mary Immaculate of Lourdes), located on the north side of Iron Mountain, to the State Register of Historic Sites.

Because the iron mines drew many Italians to this area and many of their homes were established quite a distance from the center of Iron Mountain, the Italian families were given permission to build their own church in their neighborhood of Lake Antoine. Rev. Fr. G. Peter Sinapoli, born of very noble parents in the province of Catania in Sicily, arrived as spiritual leader for the Italian parish in April of 1902. The

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young priest was a member of the religious order founded by Bishop Scalebrini in Italy to care for Italians that had immigrated to other lands.

Shortly after his arrival, Fr. Sinapoli organized a meeting for the purpose of building a new church. In June of 1902, Fr. Sinapoli started to dig the foundations for the new church himself. Under his leadership, most of the work was donated. The church was dedicated on the first day of 1903. By 1942, parishes of nationality in Iron Mountain were dissolved; and the Immaculate Conception Church was opened to anyone living in this area.

The church exterior reflects a Florentine type of architecture and is constructed of red sandstone which was quarried locally. The cornerstone is of red granite and contains parchments written in both Italian and Latin by Fr. Sinapoli. The cross and bell tower were gifts. The original main and side altars were built of stones that the miners brought in themselves from the mines. Those altars have since been replaced.

The State Register of Historic Sites, established by Act 10 of the Public Acts of 1955 to recognize historic sites in Michigan, includes more than 900 sites. Other historic areas named to the register include the Cornish Pump, the Norway Spring, the Carnegie Public Library, the Quinnesec United Methodist Church, the Dickinson County Courthouse and Jail, the Norway Milk Bottle, the Joseph Addison Crowell Home and named to the National Register of Historic Places is the Ardis Furnace. The Cornish Pump has also been nominated to the National Register.

State registration indicates that the Historical Commission has judged the site to be of significant historic interest and is an honorary listing. Such registration enables the purchase and display of an official State

of Michigan marker, which must be approved by the Commission.

Research leading up to this designation was done by Mrs. Kathleen Fayas, secretary to the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum, along with the cooperation of Rev. Fr. James McCarthy, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

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Immaculate Conception Church to be toured

The Dickinson County Festival of the Arts has named the Immaculate Conception Church, located on the north side of Iron Mountain, as the 1980 church on tour. Open house at the church is set for Sunday, July 20. The church was recently selected by the Michigan Historical Commission to be included in the State Register of Historic Sites.

The building was constructed in 1902 under the leadership of the Rev. Fr. G. Peter Sinapoli and formally dedicated in 1903.

The church exterior is a Florentine style architecture and is built of red sandstone which was quarried locally. The cornerstone of red granite contains parchments written in Italian and Latin by Fr. Sinapoli. The original main and side altars were built of stones brought from the mines. These have since been replaced.

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Renovations under way at IC

IRON MOUNTAIN – Immaculate Conception Church, the oldest church in the Menominee Range, is currently undergoing a facelift and renovation as the Catholic church readies itself for its 100th birthday in 1990.

The church is also an historical monument.

Rev. Don Shiroda has been busy gathering Vulcan block, which originated in nearby Vulcan, for the renovation. Immaculate Conception, says Shiroda, is one of just five churches left in the United States with Florentine architecture. Shiroda believes it has been 40 years since any major repairs have been undertaken.

Shiroda has been at Immaculate Conception for 3 ½ years, coming to Iron Mountain from Calumet. He estimates the congregation to be about 3,000 strong, with 750 families. The majority of the members come from the northside of town but also include worshippers from the Pine Creek area, and along M-95 up to Sagola.

The pastor states the church has a rich Italian heritage with a large number of Italians still attending mass.

“Our church was built by Italian stone masons near the end of the 19th century,” he said. “The people of our church come predominantly from the working class. They are descendants of miners and stone masons. They are the solid hard-working middle class. These people’s ancestors worked in the Chapin Pit and Millie Hill quarry.”

Immaculate Conception owns a square block of Iron Mountain’s northside with the

church situated on Blaine Street. There is also a rectory, home for battered and abused women and a school which is part of the Dickinson Area Catholic School system. It houses students from grades K-3. The parish hall doubles as the school’s gymnasium and is connected to the school.

The sanctuary holds 550 people.

Above the sacristy is the old apartments where the former priests lived until the 1920s. That space is now used for storage. The church also has an old bell tower with a 1908 vintage bell.

Shiroda says the bell is in the process of being modernized and could be finished in time for Christmas. Also, two statues are being flush [*sic – flesh*] toned and will be placed on niches in the middle of the front of the building.

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RENEW taking priority at Immaculate Conception

IRON MOUNTAIN – The RENEW program is the main activity going on throughout the next 2 ½ years in the Catholic churches in the Marquette Diocese. And it is visible at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain, Fr. Gary Jacobs, pastor[,] said.

The 95-year-old church is located at 506 Blaine St. and has a congregation of about 700 families.

“I see RENEW as the main issue for the parish and the diocese. I hope it can help touch those people who have been away

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form the church for whatever reason and are alone and lonely,” Jacobs added.

Along with the RENEW program, he noted the importance of the lay ministries in the church. Lay ministers are currently involved in visiting shut-ins, giving out communion, reading the scriptures during Mass, greeting people as they enter the church, and many other areas.

“Catholics have not generally been a faith sharing community in a personal way. But with our RENEW small groups, we are refreshing ourselves as Catholics and learning the importance of scripture. The groups read scripture, pray over it, and try to apply it to their lives,” Jacobs said.

He noted that the major priority of the small groups is spiritual enrichment. And during the first six weeks of RENEW this fall, activities were also planned to get families together to enjoy recreation and fellowship.

“It is so necessary for the community to be fed not only in church, but also in a community atmosphere of fun and playfulness,” he added.

Jacobs has been pastor of Immaculate Conception Church for the past few months and he noted that no major changes are planned during his first year here. And he said he will be listening to the needs of the people of the church.

“As a priest, I can see myself becoming more and more dispensable. We must use the talents and abilities of our people to minister to each other, because they are the church,” he said.

He noted that this is not a cop-out from his work as pastor, but it is to encourage people [*sic – people’s*] involvement in their church.

“I also want to reach those people in need and welcome them back home to the church. We have to let them know that we

are not here to judge or scold them,” he said.

He noted that Deacon Ben Garcia of Iron Mountain assists him at Immaculate Conception Church. And Garcia is one of two deacons in the Marquette Diocese.

“The RENEW program can grow even more by advertising itself through the people already involved. This will attract others and help create spiritual growth in the parish,” Jacobs said.

CARMEL OF THE HOLY CROSS

**317 East B Street
Iron Mountain**

**4028N U.S. 2
(Three Miles North of Iron Mountain)
Breitung Township**

Carmel of the Holy Cross is part of the world-wide Order of Discalced Carmelite Nuns which traces its beginnings to saint Teresa of Avila[,] who founded the first Monastery in 1562.

The group of nuns invited to Iron Mountain by the Bishop of Marquette came from the Carmelite Monastery in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in November, 1950. Much remodeling was required to make the old home at 317 East “B” Street into a really suitable little monastery for their beginnings. Finally, a new site three miles north of Iron Mountain was acquired and by 1966 a new monastery large enough to let the nuns live their communal-eremital life had been erected.

The nuns support themselves by their manual labor (an important point of their Rule) chiefly by making altar breads for many parishes. Their large garden is not only a place of healthful work but also a very helpful source of vegetables and fruit

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for the community's needs. Their earnings, however, are supplemented by the gifts of friends whose generosity makes it possible for them to continue their austere mode of life.

The nuns' real apostolate – their hidden work – is that of prayer. Many hours each day are spent in the Nuns' Chapel for prayer in common as well as for private prayer. During these times the nuns pray to God for all the intentions recommended to them and above all for the salvation of souls. Silence, solitude, and withdrawal from the world are key-stones of their life which is geared to an attaining of intimate union with God. It is this union with God that overflows in that genuine love and concern which the nuns have for the needs of all men.

[*Born From Iron*, pp. 38]

Seventh Day Adventist

IRON MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Corner of West C Street and Carpenter
Avenue
N 3770 Pine Mountain Road
Breitung Township

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Seventh Day Adventists keep holy the Sabbath

IRON MOUNTAIN – The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Iron Mountain is unique from other Christian churches, [*sic*] because the members worship on Saturday. They also follow the Biblical command to keep holy the seventh day of the week. Rev. Kenneth Williams, pastor[,] said.

“The worldwide church of four million members sets aside the Sabbath from work and other activities. It is a very special time spent with the Lord,” Rev. Williams noted.

He added that Seventh Day Adventists view their day of rest as a time for worship, witness, and religious-centered family activities. “They do not view it as a time to mow the lawn, shop for groceries or paint the house,” he said.

The church is located on the corner of C Street and Carpenter Avenue in Iron Mountain and was dedicated in 1949. The first Seventh Day Adventist group of believers organized in the area on Aug. 21, 1889 and met in rented buildings.

In 1936, the group purchased the property of the present church building and brought up Magnus Hanson, an expert stone mason from lower Michigan. Hanson, along with members of the church, laid the huge quantity of field stone, Williams noted.

The 35 baptised [*sic – baptized*] members of the present church come from around the local area and as far as Crystal Falls and Hermansville, he added.

Other theologies of the church include baptism by immersion, believing in the moral code of the Ten Commandments, and looking for the second advent of the Lord, Williams said.

The Seventh Day Adventist [*sic – Adventists*] are involved in evangelist and missionary outreaches, have a Sabbath School for all ages and the Pathfinders group for 8 to 16 year olds.

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The local church belongs [to the] Lake Union of the North American Division of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The Lake Union is made up of the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, he noted.

Williams is a native of lower Michigan and attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs for four years. He previously was the pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Marquette for six years. He and his wife, Delores[,] have three children.

Besides being pastor of the Iron Mountain church, Williams is also serving the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Iron River.

“By keeping the seventh day of the Sabbath of the Lord holy, the members of the church show they are all creationists and do not believe in the theory of evolution,” he said. “The words ‘Seventh Day’ in the name of the church tells this and ‘Adventist’ shows they are looking for the second advent of the Lord.”

complete schedule of events has been planned. See accompanying store. (Daily News Photo)]

Plans announced for centennial of First United Methodist Church

IRON MOUNTAIN – First United Methodist Church of Iron Mountain will observe its 100th anniversary on July 11-12 of this year.

The special observance will start with registration and refreshments on Saturday, July 11, starting at 2 p.m. A singspiration and letter reading will follow at 4 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations are necessary and are due by July 1 by calling the church office.

Following the dinner there will be a program on the history of the church from 7:30 to 9:30.

Activities on Sunday, July 12, will begin with a fellowship hour (continental breakfast) from 9 to 10:15 a.m., followed by worship service at 10:30 a.m. District Superintendent Rev. Theodore Doane will be the speaker. Potluck lunch will be served at noon.

With the theme “Built Upon The Solid Rock,” First United Methodist Church’s centennial month will begin June 14, and members of the congregation are urged to wear appropriate costumes if they so desire. The public is invited to all centennial events of the church.

Erected in 1881, the First Methodist Episcopal Church was the first religious structure to be built in Iron Mountain. In the earliest days the need to gather and worship was cared for by a Cornish miner, Samuel Cudlip, who preached the gospel in the dining room of the Chapin boarding house. This volunteer preacher was the first to be killed in the Chapin Mine. At that time the church was located near the north

United Methodist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Fourth and Chapin Streets
Iron Mountain

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side of what is now the Chapin Pit and has since been moved one block north to its present site. This was done when the surface began to cave in and the church was then moved to the corner of Fourth and Chapin Streets.

According to the best information available, the church was built by the Chapin Mining Company on land owned by them but largely paid for by the miners' money held back from their pay envelopes to pay for the buildings and also for the pastor's salary and current expenses. This used to be a common custom in such company towns. The title deed to the property was held by the mining company for over half a century. No one seems to know what was the original cost.

In 1909, the church had an extensive repair job and from that time to the present the congregation has kept up with the modernization of the church inside and out. The wing on the west side was added after it was moved to its present site.

At the present time there are 178 members, including retirees and students.

During the past 100 years the church has had forty ministers. The present pastor is Rev. James Hall. One of the ministers once wrote: "Let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task and putting our trust in God, let us work and pray that old First Church through the years to come may go on to greater victories than even in the years that are past."

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 19 [Thursday, September 26, 1912], page 1, column 2

First Church Pastor.

Rev. R.H. Prouse, the newly appointed minister to the First Methodist Episcopal

church, is a native of Cornwall. Upon coming to this country he worked for some time in the mines at Ishpeming. From Ishpeming he went to Albion to study for the ministry. His first charge was at Palmer, a small village in Marquette county, and not far from Negaunee. His next charge was at Jesseville, where he has been for the last six years. During his pastorate [sic – *pastorate*] there, a fine parsonage has been built and paid for and he has succeeded in making it a strong church, both in membership and funds. He is about thirty years old, is married and has one child. He comes to Iron Mountain with a record for being a good energetic[,] worker and a preacher of no mediocre ability.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

808 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain



*Trinity Methodist Church,
postcard view, ca. 1954-1960*

The Opening of the New Trinity Methodist Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan, February 7-14, 1954

High Lights in the History of

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The Trinity Methodist Church

SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 15, 1890 – Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson.

Summer of 1890 – Schoolhouse, located at 108 Fifth Street, where services were held, was purchased.

December 12, 1892 – The first class in religious instruction was confirmed.

1892 – The old Mission Church was purchased, being located at Brown and Iron Mountain Streets, and the parsonage adjacent to the Church.

June 3, 1907 – The cornerstone of a new Church, at the corner of Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue, was laid.

June 14, 1908 – The new Church edifice was dedicated. The old Church was sold to the Jewish Congregation and was moved to its present location at the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street.

November 1939 – The name of the church was changed from Swedish Methodist to Wesley Methodist.

May 12-19, 1940 – Golden Jubilee Anniversary Week. Rev. Charles J. Swanson, Pastor.

March 3, 1944 – Wesley and Central Church Boards met to discuss merging both congregations. No action was taken.

Pastors who have served this Church

Rev. F. Soderman.....1890
Rev. Peter Munson.....1890-1893
Rev. A.G. Hultgren.....1893-1894
Rev. Solomon Lundberg.....1894-1896
Rev. Andrew Anderson.....1896-1898
Rev. Anthony E. Lind.....1898-1901

Rev. A.F. Peterson.....1901-1902
Rev. O.N. Hildeton.....1902-1904
Rev. Swan Magnuson.....1904-1912
Rev. Otto A. Johnson.....1912-1921
Rev. C.E. Schildt.....1921-1925
Rev. G.A. Schugren.....1925-1934
Rev. Emil Malmstrom.....1934-1939
Rev. Charles J. Swanson.....1939-1943
Rev. Otto H. Steen.....1943-1944

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 5, 1887 - Quarterly Conference held by David Casler, Presiding Elder. At this meeting Kinsley S. Buck, Henry David, Jos. Herwin, Nathaniel B. Parmelee, Oscar H. Chamberlain, Richard White, William Blight, Richard Oliver and William Light were duly nominated and elected Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church. The first class leader was Thos. Weeks. The first Sunday School Supt. And choir leader was K.S. Buck.

Fall of 1887 – Rev. G.C. Squires was sent to Iron Mountain to serve First Methodist Episcopal Church on the North Side and to organize the new down town [*sic* – *downtown*] congregation which met in Scandling's Hall, the site of the present City Drug Store.

September 12, 1887 – Nineteen members transferred to the down town [*sic* – *downtown*] Church from First Church. Many more transferred at later times.

Fall of 1888 – Foundation laid on West B Street on land owned by J.T. Spencer.

May 26, 1889 – Dedication service conducted by Rev. A.R. Johns, student pastor at Albion, Michigan, and presiding elder, Rev. Thompson, Mr. J.P. Varner and Mr. James Hosking. The cost of the completed building was \$1,850.00.

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September 1890 – Rev. Shanks first pastor, 108 full members and 20 probationers.

1893 – Church was enlarged, a wing was added at a cost of \$2,828.00.

1899-1901 – Parsonage was enlarged.

1913-1914 – During this time a basement was made under the church and new furnace installed. Memorial windows were given by Mr. E.F. Brown in Memory [*sic – memory*] of his mother.

February 1, 1920 – Miss Leona Ruppel[,] of Webster City, Iowa[,] began her work as a missionary in Bombay, India. She served from 1920-1931. It was while teaching in Iron Mountain High School, 1916-1918, that she decided to go into foreign missionary work. At present she resides in Iowa City, Iowa.

December 1921 – Miss Myrtle Smith joined Central Methodist in 1907. In December she went to China as a missionary under the Woman's [*sic – Women's*] Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She served in Tukien Province from 1922 until 1947. After her furlough she went to Hong Kong to work in the business office of the Board of Missions until the fall of 1952. She then came to Iron Mountain to spend her furlough. In November 1953 she returned to Hong Kong and at the present time is again in charge of the business office as well as hostess to many missionary travelers passing through that city.

September 30, 1925 – Property purchased at the corner of Stockbridge and 407 West B Street.

Spring of 1937 – A pulpit Bible was given in memory of Mrs. Bessie Thomas by her son and daughter.

December 1938 – The Richard Hosking family presented a pipe organ in memory of Mr. Hosking.

January 1939 – An electric clock in memory of Mrs. Amos Fulwiler was given by her family.

1939 – Four offering plates were given by Mrs. George Allyn.

May 26, 1939 – Golden Anniversary of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. H.A. Manahan, pastor.

September 25, 1940 – The Woman's [*sic – Women's*] Society of Christian Service was organized.

Summer of 1942 – The house at 407 "B" Street was repaired and used as a parsonage.

November 22, 1942 – Bernard Lomas, son of Rev. and Mrs. Percy Lomas, was granted a Local Preacher's License.

1943 – During the year the \$3,000.00 church debt was partially reduced.

January 5, 1944 – Central Methodist Church burned – the cause was undetermined. Wesley Church invited Central to worship in their Church.

March 3, 1944 – Wesley and Central Church Boards met to discuss merging both congregations. No action was taken.

Pastors who have served this Church

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| Rev. G.C. Squire..... | 1887-1888 |
| Rev. G.H. Whitney..... | 1888-1890 |
| Rev. Sauereman (assistant)..... | 1888 |
| Rev. W.J. Passmore (assistant)..... | 1889 |
| Rev. John M. Shank..... | 1890-1893 |
| Rev. Will C. Hicks..... | 1893-1895 |
| Rev. Steven Polkinghorne..... | 1895-1898 |
| Rev. William C. Clemo..... | 1898-1899 |
| Rev. A.R. Johns..... | 1899-1901 |
| Rev. Isaac Wilcox..... | 1901-1904 |
| Rev. J. Mileson Kerridge..... | 1904-1907 |
| Rev. Richard Carlyon..... | 1907-1910 |
| Rev. R.S. Hewson..... | 1910-1914 |
| Rev. William Edmunds..... | 1914-1916 |
| Rev. J.H. Oatey..... | 1916-1920 |

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Rev. T.H. Williamson.....1920-1922
Rev. Ernest Brown.....1922-1933
Rev. Matthew Mullen.....1933-1937
Rev. H.A. Manahan.....1937-1942
Rev. Percy Lomas.....1942-1944

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

June 1944 – Rev. S.D. Kinde and Rev. Robert Vander Hart, associate, were assigned to serve Central, Wesley and First Methodist Churches.

August 11, 1944 – Members of Wesley and Central Churches voted to merge their memberships, properties and finances to form a new congregation. It was voted to name the new church Trinity Methodist.

September 17, 1944 – Bishop Raymond J. Wade confirmed the merger and dated in back to June 1, 1944. Also at this service Rev. Vander Hart was granted a Local Preacher's License.

1944-1947 – Crusade for Christ. We paid \$1,646.00 to the crusade for War Relief.

March 11, 1945 – Rev. Kinde was authorized to appoint a committee to undertake the raising of \$65,000.00 to build a new church.

April 14, 1945 – Central Church property sold to Mr. Abe Jacobs.

Summer of 1945 – Parsonage kitchen remodeled.

Wesley parsonage sold for \$2,100.00.

\$277.00 was paid toward a new Chapel at Michigamme.

September 20, 1945 – Mr. and Mrs. Club organized.

January 16, 1946 – Bethany Circle organized.

March 26, 1946 – Mary-Martha circle [sic – Circle] organized.

October 13, 1946 – Communion set for shut-ins presented to the church by Mrs.

C.A. Heckert and Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Erickson in memory of Mr. C.A. Heckert.

December 24, 1947 – Church Sanctuary decorated.

March 1948 – Hammond organ purchased for \$2,200.00

April 1948 – 43 new Maroon Choir robes purchased for \$520.00.

December 24, 1949 – Baptismal Font presented in memory of the late Dr. E.B. Anderson by his family.

April 2, 1950 – Church board voted to purchase two lots at corner of Carpenter Avenue and West E Street for the sum of \$3,500.00. New church to be erected on this site.

April 4, 1950 – Alfred H. Siewert, architect, met with the Building Committee to discuss plans for the new church.

May 7, 1950 – Mr. Siewert presented preliminary plans to key member of all organizations.

November 5, 1950 – A Recognition Party was given for Mrs. Burnett Pender[,] who served 20 years as church organist.

January 18, 1951 – Mr. Siewert presented revised plans.

November 3, 1951 – Methodist Men's Club organized.

January 27, 1952 – Two flags and standards purchased for the Sanctuary.

March 21, 1952 – General bids on new church opened.

May 1952 – A modified plan for re-circling was adopted by four circles of the General W.S.C.S.

June 19, 1952 – Lots on Carpenter and West E were cleaned by members of the Men's Club.

September 1952 – Junior Choir organized. Ages 8-12. 33 children were enrolled.

September 1952 – congregation voted to start construction of a new church. The vote was 47 in favor and 7 opposed.

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October 12, 1952 – Ground breaking ceremony with Primary Department of the Sunday School taking part.

February 2, 1953 – Trustees authorized to sell old Trinity Church and lot at such a time as they deem it advisable.

April 12, 1953 – Bishop Marshall R. Reed laid the cornerstone of the new Trinity Methodist Church.

July 18, 1953 – Trinity Church property on corner of Brown and Carpenter sold to Assembly of God Church.

December 21, 1953 – \$4,000.00 was received from the Division of Home Missions and Extension of the Methodist Church to be used toward the new church.

January 31, 1954 – Last service conducted in old Trinity Church.

February 7, 1954 – Opening service in new Trinity Methodist Church.

Pastors who have served this church

Rev. S.D. Kinde.....1944-1952
Rev. Robert Vander Hart (assistant)
.....1944-1945
Rev. Eskil Fredrickson.....1952

Compiled and edited by Mrs. Reuben E. Erickson from histories written by:
Mrs. Arthur J. Carlson
Miss Beatrice Oliver
And the late Miss Ellen Sundstrom and Mrs. Emma Browning

[Two photographs on last page – Wesley Methodist Church 1907 – 1944 and Trinity Methodist Church 1944 – 1954]

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\$30,000 Loss In Blaze At M.E. Church

Only blackened, crumbling walls remained shortly after noon today of the 61-year-old Central Methodist Episcopal church, West B street, which was destroyed by fire of unknown origin at an estimated loss of \$30,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

Smoke pouring from the building at about 11 this morning was noticed by employes [*sic* – employees] of Frick's Bakery, adjoining to the west, who notified the fire department and the Rev. Percy Lomas, pastor, at his home. The latter said he was in the church at 10 this morning, and saw nothing wrong.

There was no fire in the church furnace last night or early this morning, although it was said a heating stove was lighted last night, in an ante-room of the basement, for a Boy Scout meeting.

Hurrying to the church when told of the fire, the Rev. Lomas tried to enter, but was driven back by smoke and flames.

Fire Spread Quickly

Firemen played three streams of water into the structure, one from the roof of the adjoining bakery, but the blaze, fanned by a stiff cross-wind, gained rapid headway. Flames burst quickly through the roof and upper walls, and clouds of black smoke rolled out over the area.

Many spectators, including high school students, watched the blaze.

Built in 1882, the church was one of the oldest structures in the city. The old walls, dried and porous through long-standing, were ready fuel for the fire.

Organ Lost

Lying in the charred embers today was the organ installed only five years ago and

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presented to the church by children of the late Richard Hosking, who died Nov. 11, 1937. Lost also was the new pulpit Bible given by Mrs. Eldred Roberts and John Thomas, both of this city, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Bessie Thomas, who died Jan. 1, 1937.

The church was redecorated last summer by members who contributed their labor.

Insurance of \$14,000 is carried on the building and \$500 on the contents, according to the McGregor agency, which has the coverage.

The old parsonage, adjoining the church to the east, and which has been closed since the Rev. Lomas became pastor, was not damaged. This building was sold by the church some time ago, and has already been ordered razed.

The Rev. Lomas, residing at 407 West B, said he would call the trustees together in the next few days, [sic] to discuss future plans.

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Central Parish To Meet At Wesley Church

Parishioners of the Central M.E. church, which yesterday was destroyed by fire, will meet for regular service at 10:45 Sunday morning at the Wesley Methodist church, West Brown street, and trustees of both parishes will meet tomorrow night to discuss future plans, it was announced today by the Rev. Percy Lomas, Central M.E. pastor.

Ice-covered walls and part of the roof, from which water dripped steadily into the ruins, was a bleak reminder today that as recently as last Sunday plans were made for the final payment of \$460 on the church mortgage, and for a formal ceremony, next May, in which the mortgage was to be burned.

"The ceremony, it appears, came a little early, and was much more elaborate than we had planned," the Rev. Lomas said whimsically, today.

Appointed In 1942

The Rev. Mr. Lomas was appointed to the Central Methodist in June, 1942. The mortgage on that date was 43,000 and thereafter, Mr. Lomas introduced a plan whereby the mortgage would be liquidated in about 18 months, and was in sight of the goal when the fire of unknown origin all but levelled [sic – leveled] the structure.

From February, 1942, to the present date \$1,850 has been paid on the mortgage. Another payment of \$640 was in sight for May 1, leaving a debt of \$460 which was assured of payment at the official board meeting of the church last Sunday afternoon. At that meeting Mr. Lomas was instructed to submit to the area bishop a plan for the ceremony in which the mortgage was to be burned.

During the 18 months that Mr. Lomas has been at Central, 60 new members have been received; the budget has been considerably increased and the property greatly improved.

Begun In 1888

The Central M.E. had its beginning in the fall of 1888 when K.S. Buck, a jeweler, went to the annual conference to see what could be done about a second Methodist church in Iron Mountain, according to a history written in 1939 by Mrs. Emma Browning and Miss Beatrice Oliver.

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The First Methodist church, on the north side, had been active for some time when the move was begun for a church which would serve residents of the so-called “downtown” area. “The automobile was only a dream in those days,” the history comments, “and it seemed expedient, owing to the distance to the First church, to provide another.”

Later in 1888 the Rev. G.S. squire was sent to Iron Mountain to serve the two congregations, and services of the Central were first held in Scandling’s hall. In the fall of 1888 the foundation was laid for the second church on land owned by J.W. Spencer. G.H. Whitney was appointed pastor; *[sic]* assisted by the Rev. Sauerman, who remained here only a short time.

In the spring of 1889 the church was completed and the Rev. A. Johns, then a student of Albion college, arrived to take charge. On May 26, 1889, the Rev. T. Thompson was named assistant pastor, and others who assisted were J.P. varner and James Hosking.

Independent Church

In September, 1889, the Rev. Whitney was named to the parish, assisted by W.J. Passmore. In 1890 the Central church became independent of the First church, with Rev. Shank as pastor, and with a charter membership of 108. The next pastor was Will C. Hicks, who came in 1893. In that year a wing was added to the church at a cost of \$2,828.

The cost of the original church was \$1,850, a figure made possible by the fact that much of the labor was done by the parishioners.

In 1895 the Rev. Polkinghorne was named pastor, remaining until 1898, when the Rev. Johns returned. In that year the church was again enlarged, to the size which it remained thereafter.

Pastors in the succeeding years were the Revs. J.W. Kerridge, R. Carlyon, R.S. Hewson, Edmonds, J.H. Oatey, Williamson, Ernest E. Brown, Matt Mullen, T.A. Manahan and finally, the Rev. Mr. Lomas.

The basement and a new furnace were installed during the Rev. Hewson’s pastorate, 1913 and 1914. Memorial windows of the church were a gift from E.F. Brown in memory of his mother.

The Rev. Mr. Brown, now at Negaunee, served the longest pastorate, 11 years. During his tenure plans for a new church were discussed, and a site purchased on B street, which is still held by the parish. Although no definite move has been made, plans for the new structure may grow out of the fire which destroyed the old one.

Jewish Synagogue

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 37 [Thursday, February 4, 1909], page 8, column 5

Have a Synagogue.

A committee of the congregation “Anshe Knesith Israel” of this city has purchased the old Swedish M.E. church building, on E. Brown street. The structure was procured for the purpose of transforming it into a synagogue. It will be removed from its present location to some other site. The congregation “Anshe Knesith Israel” is at present made up of from forty to fifty members.

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Number 39 [Thursday, February 18, 1909], page 1, column 4

Bought Two Lots.

Congregation Anshe Knesith Israel has purchased from Joseph Tirschell two lots at the corner of West A street and Kimberly avenue. The consideration was \$500. The old Swedish Methodist church, recently purchased, will be removed to the property about the first of April. Extensive improvements will be made to the building.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 14 [Thursday, August 29, 1909], page 8, column 1

Brief City News.

The house of worship of the Jewish congregation was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate services. The services were attended by a number of visitors from neighboring towns.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 19 [Thursday, September 25, 1913], page 1, column 2

Jewish New Year.

Preparations are already under way in the Jewish temples the world over for the celebration of "Rosh Hoshahan" or the Jewish New Year. As is customary, the divine services start at sundown the preceding day, and continues [*sic – continue*] until sundown on New Year's day. Services will be held next Wednesday and Thursday in the synagogue in this city.

Memoirs of Dedication, First Covenant Church, Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1951, pages 3 and 5 (photograph of "Our First Church" on page 2)

A Brief History of the First Covenant Church

The meetings, to begin with, were held in the homes of various members. They began to prove too small and inconvenient to accommodate the crowds, and so they moved into a school on the North Side. A while later on, the group moved to a school on East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street. The need for a permanent place of their own was felt and a church was built just across the street from the school. The capacity of this church, after a number of years, was outgrown even after remodeling. This church building is still in good condition, and is being used by the Jewish people as their **Synagogue**. It is now located on the northeast corner of West A Street, and Kimberly Avenue. At the time this church was built a parsonage was also built on this property consisting of eight rooms.

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Early church founded in 1882

The Swedish Free Missionary church [*sic – Church*] of Iron Mountain, better known as the Swedish Mission Church, was founded in August, 1882, when the six charter members met at the home of Andrew Lundin in the young settlement's North Side. N. Velvin, a layman, served as the first preacher to the small congregation for about two years. Sunday services were

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held in the homes of various members and in local school houses.

They built their first church, the frame structure pictured here (*early photograph*), at the southeast corner of East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street. However, a rapidly-increasing congregation soon outgrew this building, even after remodeling.

The Swedish Mission congregation erected a new church on the southeast corner of Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street in 1890. In 1942, the congregation changed its name to the First Covenant Church, and, eight years later, the brick-faced church across from the Carnegie Public Library was destroyed by fire.

In 1892, the old Swedish Mission Church, pictured, was purchased by the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church which had been organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson on May 15, 1890. The church's first pastor was the Rev. F. Soderman.

Members of **Iron Mountain's Jewish community** purchased the church from the Swedish Methodists in 1909, and moved it to the corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street, where it still stands today.

The History of the Jewish Community of Iron Mountain, Michigan 1882 - 1975

by Wendy Russman, 1975

The following article was written by Wendy Russman, a member of Anshe Knesseth

Israel Congregation located in Iron Mountain, on the western edge of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The article appears as she wrote it in 1975, with added

information and an updated conclusion. A special thanks to Donna Minsky, resident of Iron Mountain for her assistance.

The story of Iron Mountain's Jewish community is similar to histories of Jewish communities in small towns all over the Midwest. Iron Mountain lies in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on the Wisconsin border, 300 miles directly north of Chicago. Green Bay, Wisconsin, 100 miles away, is the closest city with an active Jewish community.

In 1975, the Iron Mountain area had a population of about 15,000; of these, 17 families (approximately 50 people) were Jewish. Today, those numbers have dwindled dramatically: less than 9,000 call the area home, and there are just 10 Jewish residents left in the area, according to Donna Minsky, a 17-year member of Anshe Knesseth Israel.

A Mining Town from the Start

Iron ore was discovered in the area in 1878 and by late 1880 several mines were in operation. Swedish, Italian, Finnish and Cornish immigrants, to name a few of the groups, poured into the area to work in the mines. At the same time, severe pogroms and economic restrictions were forcing hundreds of thousands of Jews to flee Eastern Europe. Like other ethnic groups, the Jews arrived in the United States anxious to begin a new life.

One of the few livelihoods allowed Jews in Eastern Europe had been that of peddler and many continued this occupation in the new country. Those in New York peddled from small pushcarts on the Lower East Side, but in the Midwest there were mainly small farming communities which needed goods. Jewish peddlers were a common sight travelling from town to town, selling whatever items they could fit into the two large suitcases they carried.

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Immediately recognizing the tremendous potential market in the mining boom towns, peddlers from Chicago and Milwaukee began travelling to the Upper Peninsula, spending several weeks peddling clothing and dry goods in the various communities, then returning to their base city in order to gather more goods and spend time with their families.

By 1884, there were nearly 8,000 people in what would become Iron Mountain (the town was incorporated in 1887), and a few of these peddlers decided it was economically feasible to open permanent stores in town. Sam Rusky, who had been one of these travelling peddlers, was sent by his wholesaler to establish a dry goods store and thus became one of the first Jewish merchants in Iron Mountain.

In 1890, at least 30 Jewish families lived in Iron Mountain. Most of these Eastern European immigrants (Poland, Russia and Lithuania) had originally settled in Chicago or Milwaukee and left peddling to settle in the U.P. All were Orthodox, keeping strict *Kashrut* and holding weekly minions in their *shul*, a room above a downtown store for which a monthly rent of \$10 was paid.

One of the more observant men served as *shochet* in order to provide kosher meat for the community. There was no need for rabbi at this time as most of the men were knowledgeable enough to lead services.

Remembering anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, the Jewish merchants – for the most part – were careful to be fair and honest businessmen. Not only did they police themselves, but also kept an eye on the travelling peddlers to ensure the reputation of the Jews in town wasn't tarnished. One time, a Jewish peddler passing through town was arrested and jailed for illegal business dealings. The Jews in town immediately posted bail and

shipped him out of town on the next train with strict warnings never to return.

Because of this integrity, the Jews were well liked by the Gentiles, and their religious practices were respected. In fact, when Jewish peddlers went around the countryside, the Swedish farmers would have boiled eggs ready for them, the only food observant Jews would eat in a non-kosher home. Not wishing to break the rules of *kashrut*, these peddlers often existed for days on a diet of hard boiled eggs until they arrived in a community where they could be invited to someone's home for a "good kosher meal." In Iron Mountain, the home was often that of the Rusky family, one of the largest in town.

On Shabbat, peddlers were well taken care of, as all of the Jewish families vied for the privilege of having a guest at their Shabbas table. Small town Jews developed much differently than their big-city counterparts. Being few in number, they lived among non-Jews, not in their little ghettos, and were quickly accepted into the community. Despite all indications that total assimilation should have occurred, a strong Jewish identity was maintained.

Nevertheless, adaptations had to be made in their lifestyles. One unique example concerns the observance of Shabbat in the early 20th century. Friday night and Saturday were the busiest shopping days of the week. Miners received their paychecks and farmers came into town to do their weekly shopping. It was economically infeasible to close shop for the Sabbath, yet being observant, the Jews of Iron Mountain found a compromise that allowed them to conduct business yet honor their faith: services were held Friday night after the stores had closed and Saturday morning before they opened. They walked to *shul* (refusing to ride on

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Shabbas) and had “Shabbas Goys” light their stoves.

Anshe Kneseth Israel Congregation

While the Jews were accepted and well liked, the adults rarely or never mixed socially with the Gentiles. Their children, on the other hand, intermingled freely. In fact, Jewish children rarely hung around together, preferring to play with their other friends instead. The problems of dating varied from family to family and some teenagers dated non-Jews although incidents of intermarriage were very low. In the early 1900s, it was quite a problem to meet other young Jewish people. One solution was a series of parties and picnics held in different U.P. communities to which Jewish teens and young adults from across the U.P. and northern Wisconsin came. Many marriages were thus made.

As the saying goes, “if you have three Jews, two will start their own synagogues and the third will refuse to join either.” Iron Mountain was no exception. Around the turn of the century, a group of men decided they wanted a less Orthodox service and began a second *minyons*. Unfortunately, the Jewish community possessed only one Torah which was kept in the home of the most observant man in town. The breakaway group, led by M. Taylor, trooped into this man’s home and demanded that their *minyons* be given the Torah. Naturally this demand was refused because the original *minyons* wanted the Torah for their own services. Supporters for both groups were summoned and a verbal battle ensued. M. Taylor, who happened to be the deputy sheriff, threatened to arrest those who stood in his way of access to the Torah.

With the injustice of their Eastern European experience still fresh in their minds, the Orthodox men, not sure whether Taylor would make good on his threat or

not, relinquished possession of the scroll. A second Torah was ordered from Chicago but within several years the two *minyons* were reunited.

Minor holidays were observed by only a few of the old religious men but most worshipped at *shul* on the Sabbath. Everyone attended Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. Strictly in Hebrew and with women seated separately, children were typically less than enthused. “The services were long, the benches were hard. If you made one sound or started squirming you were rewarded by a klop on the head.”

A common practice in Eastern European *shuls* was the bidding of money for High Holy Day *aliyahs* and like many other customs, this was brought over to the United States. As this was one of the major sources of income for the Iron Mountain congregation, everyone was generous and the bidding was vigorous. It was understood, however, that *maftir Aliyah* always went to Mr. Sackim, the wealthiest merchant in town, and he always bid a very generous sum for this honor.

One year, a wealthy traveling peddler happened to be in town for the High Holy Days and, being unversed in local traditions, he decided to bid for the *maftir aliyah*. As the local people watched in horror, the peddler proceeded to bid against Mr. Sackim. The price rose higher and higher, along with Mr. Sackim’s blood pressure, and everyone sat holding their breath, waiting to see what would happen. The price was up to \$200 (no small sum of money in those days), and Mr. Sackim was ready to strangle the stranger when the peddler finally conceded defeat and Mr. Sackim got his traditional *aliyah*.

In 1908 it was decided that the Jewish community needed a *shul* of their own. At first, the newly formed congregation met in the First National Bank building. When a

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group of Swedish Methodists who had outgrown their little white church on Iron Mountain Street put the building up for sale, the congregation bought it and then moved it to its present site on Kimberly Avenue and West A Street. Renaming it Congregation Anshe Knesseth Israel, they added a balcony for the women and constructed a big, red *mikva* (ritual bath) in the basement. It is said that the Gentile workmen who were remodeling the building marveled about the “new Jewish church with the swimming pool in the basement.” Prior to this, women desiring to use a *mikvah* had to travel 70 miles to Marinette, Wisconsin. The *bimah* was placed in the center of the sanctuary, as was traditional in Eastern European shuls, and the hard wooden benches were moved to the new building.

About this time, a major change was taking place in the composition of the Jewish community. Although Jewish merchants had been doing well in their businesses, many began to feel that a small town did not possess the proper atmosphere in which to raise a Jewish family. Over a period of about 10 to 15 years most of the original Jewish settlers sold their businesses and moved to larger cities. Very few of the Jewish families who resided in Iron Mountain by the late 20th century had roots dating back to these original settlers.

The Jewish community did not disappear though. A new wave of Jewish settlers arrived from Russia and Poland. Many of these new families were members of the Cohodas clan and had come to Marinette soon after arriving in the United States where relatives assisted the new immigrants in establishing businesses in towns throughout the U.P. and northern Wisconsin. A large percentage of the

Jewish families who live in these areas today are descendants of the Cohodases.

At the same time, the Jewish atmosphere was changing. As the older, more religious generation died, their children began to slacken in their observances. Some of the younger couples did not keep Kosher and many young people began to eat *trayf* (non-Kosher foods) outside their homes. A rabbi was now employed by the community who conducted weekly services, taught religious classes and served as *shochet*.

Iron Mountain was not the most desirable location for a rabbi and many came and went. Most stayed for only a few years, were not very learned and some were very undesirable characters. As a result, religious and Hebrew education was erratic.

One notable exception in the 1920s was Rabbi Brandhandler, of Trondheim, Norway. Well-loved by the community, he remained for many years, spending afternoons studying Hebrew and Torah with school-aged boys getting them ready for their Bar Mitzvahs. Girls received their Jewish education at home, typically from their mothers and learned to deal with the maintenance of a good Jewish home. The congregation built and furnished a home for Rabbi Brandhandler in 1922.

Boom Time

In the 1930s, some of the younger women began to sit downstairs during services (in a separate section) although older women continued to use the balcony. The basement was remodeled in 1938 to include a much-needed meeting place. Slowly but surely, the Jews were becoming less orthodox and adopting more assimilated lifestyles. Most of the adults still continued to socialize only with fellow Jews, but younger couples had begun to break this taboo.

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The population of Jewish children and teens was quite large and dating between Jews and non-Jews had increased significantly. Fearing eventual intermarriage, Jewish parents made special efforts to organize Jewish (mostly Zionist) activities and clubs for their children. Picnics and parties were held throughout the area.

Most memorable were the fiery Zionist orators who traveled throughout the country giving impassioned pleas for donations of money to support Palestine settlers. Large sums were always raised by Iron Mountain residents. It's not clear whether the small town Jews were as strongly pro-Zionist as the sums of money collected might indicate, but it was a nice excuse for community get-togethers and opportunities for young people to meet one another.

The main youth organization formed under these auspices was the Masada Club. Rabbi K. Fischer arrived in the early 1930s and remained in Iron Mountain for seven years. Under his guidance, and together with his wife, community organizations such as chapters of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah were organized.

Although loved by his congregants and the community, Jews were beginning to leave Iron Mountain and this time, there were no new immigrants to replace them. By 1938, when Rabbi Fischer left, there were not enough Jews to warrant a full-time rabbi. The last full-time rabbi to preside over the congregation was Rabbi Laurence Daien, of Winnipeg, Canada who stayed only a year.

By the 1940s, that large group of young children had grown up. They would be the last large generation of Jews to reside in the area.

By 1948, the congregation had shrunk to approximately 20 loyal and devoted families who decided a synagogue remodel

was in order. The balcony, unused for years, was converted to a storage room, the *bimah* was removed from the center of the room and replaced by a newer one in front of the sanctuary. New carpet was installed and soft seating replaced the infamous wooden benches. The *mikvah* had long ceased to function and had been removed some 20 years earlier. The Masada Club worked together to panel the basement/social hall. Services were held only on high holidays when a *chazzan* would come into town to lead.

The generation of adults who had been subjected to Iron Mountain's version of religious training were not as well learned as their fathers and services became more observatory and less participatory. After the remodeling, women began to sit with their husbands, and except for the use of the Orthodox *Siddur* (prayer book), services were Conservative for all practical purposes.

A Small Community Holding on to its Roots

In the years since, the community has continued to reduce in size. By 1975, the families who remained had the benefit of full religious services only on the High Holy Days and for the occasional Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Children traveled 100 miles to Green Bay, Wisconsin, twice a month for their bar and bat mitzvah education. A rabbi or *chazzan* would then come to Iron Mountain for the big day. The congregation gathered for community dinners on Chanukah, Simchat Torah and Purim and 16 women were still very active with the local Hadassah chapter.

Today, the handful of Jewish residents gather once a month for Shabbat services and an *oneg* and, during the high holidays, members read from *siddurs* (prayer books) and pray under the leadership of Dr. Zevitz, one of the 10 local Jewish residents.

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Donna Minsky, who moved from Chicago to Iron Mountain 17 years ago with her husband, doesn't know what the future holds for the congregation. "It's really difficult. As beautiful as it is (in Iron Mountain), we can't get people to come up here. Money to pay the electric and gas bills is hard to come by. But, we keep it going."

Concluding her article, Russman had many of the same hopes and fears as Minsky.

"Judging by life style, it would appear that Iron Mountain's Jews have totally assimilated, yet this is far from the truth. In a small town it is extremely difficult to lose your Jewish identity nor is there any reason to do so," wrote Russman. Unlike large cities where Jews had to assimilate in order to 'fit in' and be accepted by society, "people in a small town are accepted for what they are. Everyone knows everyone else and people are judged for their personal qualities not their cultural or religious practices.

Jews in Iron Mountain are presently active in many community organizations and have served as leaders of service organizations such as Rotary, Lions and Masons. They have held positions on the school board, hospital board, American Red Cross and many others.

At the same time, the Jews do not attempt to hide or deny their Judaism. "We are part of the community, yet are also proudly and actively Jewish. In a small town, the two do not have to be mutually exclusive."

Russman predicted that the Jewish community of Iron Mountain would not exist in 40 years. Nearly 35 years after she wrote this community history, Minsky hopes that Russman will be proved wrong. Time will tell, but the story of the Jewish pioneers of Iron Mountain shall not go forgotten.

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