

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

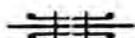
**Spencerport
Methodist Episcopal Church**



**Sunday and Monday
September 11th and 12th
1938**

**PROGRAM
OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS**

GREETINGS



For some time past the membership of the Spencerport Methodist Episcopal Church has been looking forward to some worth while celebration of the completion of a century of activity in the community.

By action of the Official Board it was decided to have such a celebration beginning with Sunday, September 11th, and including the following Monday and Tuesday.

On behalf of the Official Board and the Board of Trustees, we extend to all members and friends a cordial invitation to participate in this event.

Our hope is that this may not only be a time of rejoicing and good fellowship, but also a time of spiritual blessing.

Yours with all sincerity,

ROBERT T. DOHERTY,

Pastor.

Centenary Celebration Spencerport Methodist Episcopal Church September 11, 12, and 13, 1938

Spencerport, the only incorporated village within the township of Ogden, dates its history from the completion of the canal, although it was not until some ten years afterward that it began to take the form of a hamlet.

Pioneer Daniel Spencer little thought when he purchased a few lots, that later they would be covered by a flourishing village, yet after the canal started operation it became a flourishing village, and began to develop a trading center. The principal North and South highway, the old Canawagus road, led from the Lake to the southern towns of the county, and along this the village lots were sold off, and in later years the whole tract was sub-divided, streets and lots laid out, and in a brief space of time there came into existence an incorporated village with 1000 inhabitants.

The first merchants of the village were West and Richards, whose store was North of the canal. Daniel Spencer opened the first hotel on the east side of the street, and over on the creek he built the first mill operated in the community.

Dr. William Slayton was the first president of the village after its first charter election, held May 13th, 1867.

In 1876 a disastrous fire burned almost the entire business section of several blocks. There having been a number of earlier minor fires, the village authorities set about some means of protection and the first fire department was organized with a hand engine, hose, hooks and ladders and other necessary apparatus. This was in charge of Chief Engineer G. W. Barker.

Soon there followed in succession a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and a Post of the G. A. R. Ogden Grange was also organized June 1st, 1874.

Having given this historical background we come to the history

of the organization of our church, the Centenary of which we are now celebrating.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Ogden at Spencerport, was organized in 1838, and was the outgrowth of still older societies in the town, some of them dating back to the early years of the century. The first class leader was David Dowling, and the first organizer was Loring Grant, who formed a society at Webster's Basin, one mile west of Spencerport. Another class was organized in the Whittier neighborhood, but in 1828 both organizations lost their identity in the absorbing Methodist Protestant movement of the year, and it was not until 1838 that the scattering societies united and formed a church under the leadership of the Rev. Salmon Judd. A small meeting place was built which was replaced with the present brick edifice in 1870 and '71 and dedicated January 12th, 1871. The first trustees were John Newton Whittier, John Killip and Joseph Rogers.

A long list of preachers followed Peter Vanest from 1807 down until we come to names that are familiar to those of the older generation who are with us today. We note among these who ministered during the latter part of the last century and the beginning of the present, the names of men who became outstanding in the history of the Methodist Church the following: Loren Stiles, C. C. Wilbur, J. W. Sanborn, L. D. Watson, A. F. Colburn, I. B. Hudnutt and R. L. Robinson.

Following these at a more recent date, we have the names of outstanding leaders such as Peter Thompson, under whose ministry the church was modernized and the present pews and fine organ installed. There are those of our present membership who number among their friends the noted world traveller, lecturer and writer Dorothy Thompson, daughter of their former pastor and wife of Sinclair Lewis, the novelist whose books have been among the best sellers of the present decade.

Of the group of former pastors five are now alive, some of whom we are privileged to have with us on this occasion.

It is the hope and prayer of all who are interested that this centenary celebration will be the beginning of a new and definite work of divine grace in the hearts of the membership and such a devotion to service in the community as shall make our church not only a hallowed memory, but justify its entering on a new century of hallowed experience.

PROGRAM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1938

3 P. M. Worship and Communion
Organ Prelude and Call to Worship
Hymn No. 1
Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer
Vocal Solo
Responsive Reading Page 642
Gloria Patri
Scripture Selection
Offertory
Vocal Solo
Sermon Rev. Joseph M. Henderson, D. D.
Benediction
Postlude

We are happy to have with us today, our District Superintendent, Dr. Henderson, who is completing his term of office this Conference year, and will return to enrich the ranks of the pastors in charge.

PROGRAM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1938
Former Pastors and Members Home Coming
Chairman, Mr. Nelson C. Wood

Dinner at 6:30 P. M. The Ladies Aid in Charge

Vocal and instrumental music between courses

Adjournment to the church auditorium

Brief addresses by former pastors

Music by the church choir

Congregational Singing Hymn No. 416

Address Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr
Executive Secretary of the Federation of Churches of
Rochester and Vicinity

Instrumental Duet

Mr. Nelson C. Wood and Mr. Oscar Shafer

Hymn No. 256 "Faith of our Fathers living still"

Benediction

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