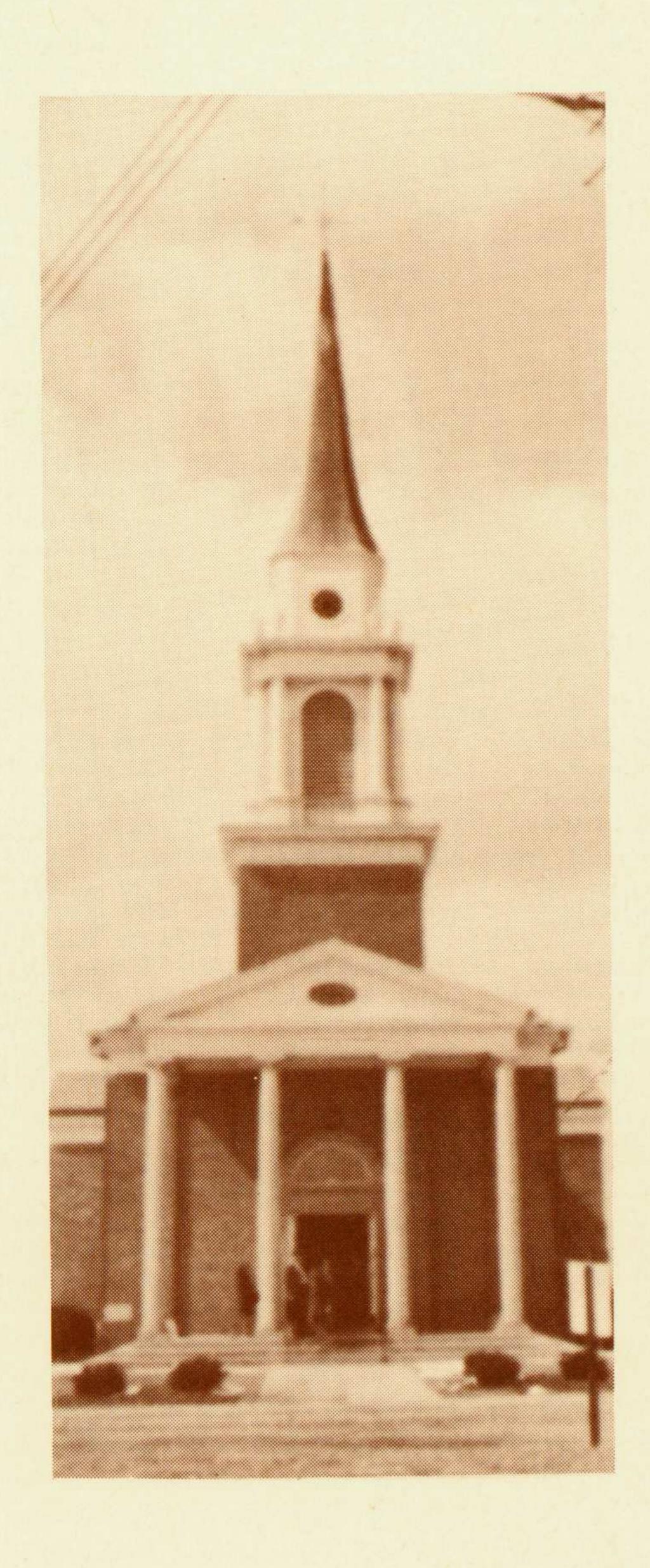
# — Dedicated to the New Decade —



# The Worthington United Presbyterian Church

Founded 1805

HE WORTHINGTON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH was formed by eleven men and women in 1805, and is the oldest church in Franklin County. Early services were held in members' homes. Later, services were moved to a brick school house on Oxford Street.

By April of 1819 membership had reached 43 members. In 1826 The Rev. Highland Hubbard was appointed as the first pastor. During his term, one and one-half lots were purchased from James Kilbourn for \$40.00, which is the land on which our present church stands.

In 1849, Dr. Thomas Woodrow, Grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson, was appointed pastor. By 1853 church membership had reached 68 members. During the Civil War, plans were drawn for a new church building. Subscriptions totaled \$4,320 but, due to the war, no construction was begun.

During the early 1920's the Worthington United Presbyterian Church was practically dead. No services were being held until The Reverend Dr. Edward Page, a retired Presbyterian minister, revitalized the Church. Although he passed away in 1924, it was largely through Dr. Page's efforts that a new sanctuary was dedicated in 1927.

Under the guidance of Dr. George Parkinson, the Youth Program of the church took on added importance. Under his leadership the church survived financial crises and, by 1943, there were 214 hardworking, dedicated members.

In 1950, Dr. Paul Johnston became our pastor. The church had 603 members and 430 persons were enrolled in Sunday School. During Dr. Johnston's term the old church was enlarged and an educational unit with two additions have been built. A new sanctuary was dedicated in September of 1959. A new manse was purchased in 1963 and two lots adjoining the church on the north were purchased and used for parking purposes. During the past few years the church has purchased the Robinson and Lewis and Haering properties. These were purchased in an effort to allow for future expansion of our facilities.

During Dr. Johnston's 20 years as pastor, our membership has increased to over 2,000. Two associate pastors and a director of Christian Education have been added to handle the increased needs of the congregation. The Worthington United Presbyterian Church has become a vital force in a growing community.

## THE CHURCH ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE

# Elders

1970

Mrs. John Coons Robert Cooper Jack Hindes Clarence Jackson Warren Latimer Paul McCormick William Shafer Porter Stark

1971

W. Eugene Anderson, Clerk Richard Donkin Robert Griffith Fred McLaughlin Dr. William Munsey Dr. Richard Schmuck Mrs. Harold Templeton

Donald R. Young

1972

Clifton Berry Wade Epps Chester Hutchison John Kincheloe Leonard McReynolds Edwin L. Overmyer L. D. Schwab David Thomas

# Trustees

1970

Robert Cupp Thomas George Elmer Longnecker Thomas Reed, President C. Edward Venard 1971

Paul Landis Dr. James Matson George Morrison Charles L. Wiles

1972

William Best Walter Hedden C. Howard Johnson Mark Keith Charles Tise

# Deacons

1970

Silas Alexander Mrs. Wilson Baker Alden Cummins Mrs. Robert Hein, Cores. Sec. George Hockaden Mrs. Margo lannarino Martin Larson Donald Lynne David McElfresh Edward Miller Richard Owens J. Mack Parkhill Robert Parrett Jerry Pietch Ernest Rauber Robert Sharpe Mrs. William E. Smith Robert Waldron L. D. Wilkins

1971

Frank Barnum George Bates Jack Conner, Vice Mod. Charles Copenhaver, Treas. Mrs. Richard Goldthwait John Hagan Kenneth Hanby Edwin Howe Gordon Karrick Mrs. Robert Markey William McEwan Mrs. Harold Meyer, Recording Sec. Mrs. F. W. Paulus Robert Tippett Joseph Williams

1972

William Bobin Mrs. Robert Colton Mrs. Harold Crow Michael Foley Mrs. Edwin Hall Frank Hedge Mrs. Scott Henderson John Kundrat William E. Lewis Stanley Morrison Howard Moye Dan Owens Mrs. Merton Race Mrs. Richard E. Surface Mrs. Hans von Bredow Jack Wellmerling Fred Williams Mrs. Paul Yarrington

# Finance Commission

CHAIRMAN—Porter Stark; VICE CHAIRMAN—Thomas Reed CLASS OF 1970—Edward G. Marquis; CLASS OF 1971—Robert Mauck;

CLASS OF 1972—Harold Templeton;

CLASS OF 1973—Francis E. Traver;

CLASS OF 1974—Malcolm Baxter

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Dr. William F. Munsey, Deputy Chairman, Jack Hindes, David Thomas, Edward Overmeyer, Robert L. Cowan, Don Hannum, Dr. Glenn F. Oliver, Jr., Richard Owens, William Kight, William C. Smith, Jr., Richard Warner, Mrs. John Hamilton.

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES—Charles Wiles, Paul Landis

> Alice L. Stephens, Financial Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Trustees



#### MEN'S COUNCIL

Function is to help the men of the church become more closely associated with the programs and efforts of the church toward extending The Kingdom of God. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, from October through March, at 6:30 p.m. Call John Kincheloe 885-3667 or Del Schwab 885-5416.

### PRESBYMATES

Purpose is to bring couples in their 20's and 30's together for Christian Fellowship and service. Meetings are held third Saturday of each month. Call Mr. or Mrs. William E. Smith 885-1921.

#### COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club helps newcomers into the fellowship of the church programs, activities, and organizations. Meetings are held the second Sunday evening of each month. For information, call the church office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 17, 1970 — Pentecost — Reception of Communicant Members.

June 7, 1970 Children's Day.

June 28, 1970 Communion. October 4, 1970 World November 29, 1970 First Sunday of Advent.

January 3, 1971 Communion. February 24, 1971 — Ash Wednesday — Beginning of Lent.

October 4, 1970 World

Wide Communion Sunday.

April 8, 1971 Communion

— Maundy Thursday.

April 11, 1971 — Easter.

## SOLOS

This is a fellowship group for widows and widowers. Meetings are held the first and third Sunday evenings of each month at 4 p.m. Call Mrs. Gordon Kibler 885-3535.

#### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

For Junior High youths. The purpose is to establish an honest, open, informal and friendly atmosphere where young people may explore the Word of God in relation to them in their individual lives. Call Mr. or Mrs. Don Young 885-3227.

#### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

GENEVA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—For High School Seniors. Purpose is to establish an informal, honest and open atmosphere where high school seniors may explore the meaning of their faith.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - For 9th, 10th, and

11th grade high schoolers. The purpose is the same as the Geneva Youth Fellowship. Call Rev. Wm. I Johnson 885-5355.

#### WOMEN'S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

For the women of the Church. They meet each Tuesday at 9:15 a. m. in the Church Library. Call Mrs. O. P. Anderson 885-8178.

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This group seeks to implement its witness to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by study, prayer, and services, supporting with our giving to the work of The Board of National Missions, Board of Christian Education, and Commission on Ecumenical Missions and Relations. For information, call Mrs. Evelyn Hall 885-8501.

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#### WOODROW GUILD

Their aim is to promote fellowship, good works and service to the church. For information, call Mrs. Jack Van Gilder 885-8576 or Mrs. Dale Lutz 888-1765.

#### GENEVA FELLOWSHIP

Couples Groups meet at members' homes for study and discussion of varied subjects related to their Christian Faith. Call Mrs. Robert Paton 885-7542 or Virgil Blanke 888-0460.

#### CUB PACK 333

The Cub Pack holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Church Dining Room at 7:30 p.m. Call Cubmaster Richard Evans 888-3650.

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 333**

The Troop meets each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. The Troop Committee consists of a Chairman, Institutional Representative, Scoutmaster, Secretary-Treasurer, Outdoor Chairman, and Publicity Chairman. Call Scoutmaster Robert L. Hein 888-1713.

#### CHANCEL CHOIR

Dr. Donald Simmons, Director (888-0153 or 293-2870). Rehearses Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Woodrow Room.

#### SENIOR HIGH CHOIR

Dr. Donald Simmons, Director (888-0153 or 293-2870). Rehearses Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Woodrow Room.

#### CHAPEL CHOIR (Grades 4 to 6)

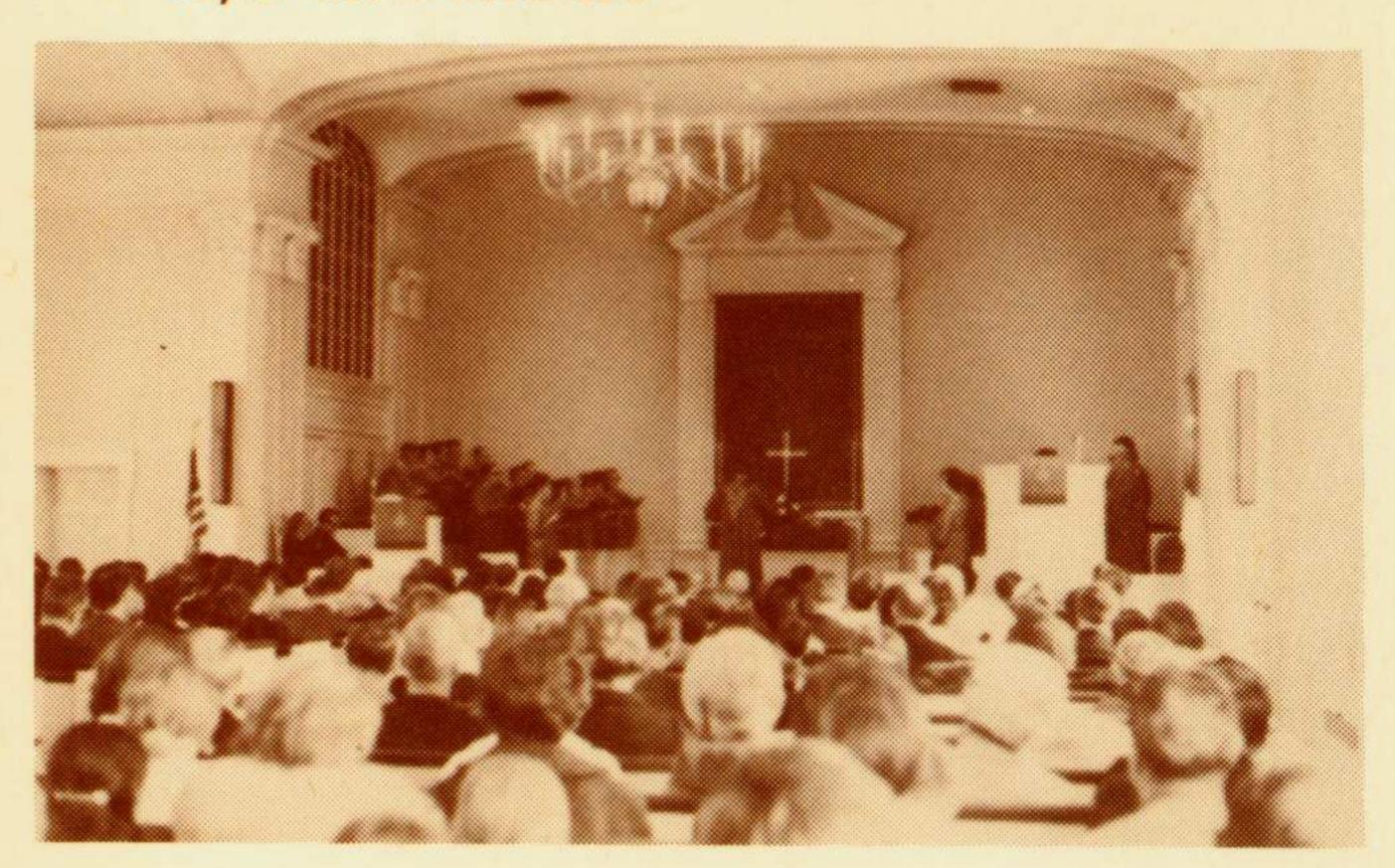
Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director (888-1239). Rehearses Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Woodrow Room.

## CAROL CHOIR (Grades I to 3)

Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director (888-1239). Rehearses Saturday morning at 9:30 in the Woodrow Room.

#### BELL CHOIR

Mrs. Rodney Harrison, Director (888-1239). Rehearses Thursday at 6:30 in Room 304.

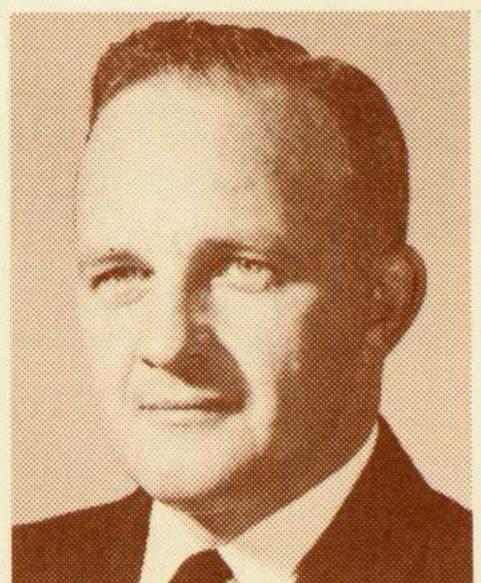




Born in a Presbyterian manse in western Pennsylvania, Dr. Paul W. Johnston has been pastor here since September 1950. A graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and Princeton Theological Seminary, his hobbies are golfing, hiking, reading, and preparing patriotic sermons.

The Johnstons have a daughter, Ann, who teaches third grade at Canal Winchester, and a son, William, who is a member of the June 1970 class of Ohio State University Law School. Mrs. Johnston, Eleanor, is a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and

a graduate of Hood College.



Charles B. Robinson, born in Ardmore, Pa., came into our midst in September 1967 after having spent over 20 years on active duty in the Navy as a chaplain. He graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. attended the Philadelphia Bible School for one year, and received his B Th degree from Princeton Seminary in 1940. He was pastor of the Chambers Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rutledge, Pa. for 10 years. During this time he earned a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Temple University.

His wife, Virginia, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania having received a BS and MS in Education. Their daughter Marilyn, a native Californian, is a freshman at Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and their son, Robbie, a Key West Conch, is in the

7th grade at Worthingway School.



William Ideson Johnson comes to Worthington on April I, 1970, to serve as Minister to Youth and Adults after eight years experience as Associate Pastor in that area of church programming at the First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Indiana. He has had 19 years of experience in all areas of local church program from churches of 125 to 2,000 members.

Born near Dayton, Ohio, he is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Mc-Cormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, with a masters degree in Education from

the University of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Shirley, a graduate of Wooster College, are the parents of four children ranging from age 12 to 17. The family plans to move to Worthington in June. Among his hobbies are reading, camping, and piloting planes around the country.



Mrs. Richard E. Plummer, Director of Christian Education, Children's Division; graduate of Earlham College, M.A., Mc-Cormick Theological Seminary; she was Educational Consultant of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Director of Christian Education in a large Detroit metropolitan church and a suburban Philadelphia church prior to assuming her duties in the Worthington United Presbyterian Church on January 1, 1964.

Mrs. Plummer is a member of TAUPCE, the National Association of United Presbyterian

Christian Educators; she has written a textbook on Marriage and Family Life and was a member of the committee which prepared program designs for the National Women's Organization during the 1950's; she has taught in numerous national laboratory and Synod schools and organized and taught in many leadership training courses throughout the country; she is married to Dr. Richard E. Plummer, the Executive for the Ohio Synod and she is the mother of two married sons.