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BURIAL BOOK OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH,
LANCASTER, 1744-76

COURTESY OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

[The late George M. Steinman, a devoted Moravian and widely known antiquarian of Lancaster, had the following translations made from the original German.

The Moravian church is one of the oldest religious organizations in Lancaster. Since 1746 the congregation has worshipped at the site of West Orange and North Market streets. The graveyard, consisting of two lots of ground located at the northeast corner of North Prince and West Marion streets, was "used as a cemetery in trust for the use and benefit of the Moravian Church of the city of Lancaster since June, 1794." The graveyard is no longer in existence. In 1917 it was acquired as a site for a post-office, and the remains of those interred in it, which included some of the best families of old Lancaster, were removed to Greenwood cemetery.—WILLIAM F. WORNER.]

- 1744, 11th March, Conrad Heft's child, age 3 years.
1st April, Johan Klinger, 66 years.
14th June, Schoolmaster Waidelin, 63 years.
30th August, Adam Loeffler's child, 5 days.
10th September, Christopher Bader, 67 years.
10th November, Simon Gross's wife Dorothea, 23 years.
7th December, Hans Adam Schreiner, 58 years.
- 1745, 5th February, Casper Lochman, 53 years.
28th February, Carpenter Mayer, 40 years.
22nd July, Michael Fink, 50 years.
23rd July, Jacob Hoffman, 50 years.
5th August, Windnegles' child, 3 years.

After the Lutherans had separated, or retired, we took up a different burying place upon which 9 persons were buried, but it pleased the contrary minded to deprive us also of this, under the pretext that the place belonged to them as Lutherans, hence we took up the 9th before Mr. Hamilton, at the new St. Andrew Church (German; nahmen wir den 9ten auf vor Mr. Hamilton bey der neuen St. Andrea Kirche), upon which the following persons were buried, namely:

MARRIED MEN.

- 1748, 3rd June, Peter Baltzbach, aged 46 years, 7 months and 19 days.
1749, 19th July, Matthes Jung.
1750, 23rd March, Wilhelm Ziegler died.
1751, 26th October, Edward Smout, Esq. died.
6th November, ———, 63 years.

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- 1752, 25th December,† John Dehoff, 47 years.
 5th January, _____
 10th October, Johannes Borner, 63 years, 9 months.
 1755, 25th November, Johannes Thomas, Sr., 49 yrs., 3 mos. and 6 days.
 1758, 10th September, Johannes Graff, 40 years, 3 months and 2 days.

MARRIED WOMEN.

- 1747, 11th October,† Margareta Eva Kamph.
 Magdalena Frantz.
 1748, Martin Weybrecht's wife Barbara.
 1753, 26th September, Johannes Eberman's wife Anna Juliana.
 1754, 25th November, Mattheus Roeser's wife Christina, 37 years.
 1755, 28th September, Magdalena Vetter, in 46th year.
 1756, 4th April, Catharine Kraemer.
 1757, 3rd October, Anna Elisabeth Schmidt, born Wright from the Quakers, aged 44 years, 5 months and 9 days.
 1st December, at the same time with her still-born daughter, Anna Gertraud Waidel, aged 42 years, 4 months and 18 days.

IN THE WIDOWS' BOW.

- 1747, 21st December,* Anne Marie Metz.
 1750, 1st January, Anna Barbara Waidel.
 1756, 6th February, Maria Barbara Zeigler, 61 years and 10 days.
 1758, 17th April, Anna Maria Born, 52 years and 7 months.
 1759, 4th February, Maria Schmidt, aged about 80 years.

LITTLE BOYS.

- Conrad Schwartz's.
 John Ulrich's.
 Matth. Jung's Matthes.
 Johann Thomas.
 Jacob Galatin's.
 George Mayer's.
 Bastien Graff's negro boy.
 1749, 6th May, Johannis Koch's son Paulus, 1 day.
 1750, 26th February, Johannis Storr's son George, 1 year and a few days.
 2nd April, John DeHoff's son Joseph, 1 year and a few days.
 1751, 9th January, Mich. Kraemer's son Philip, 1 year and ½ a month.
 29th January, George Graff's son Michael, 7 months and 21 days.
 2nd March, Marcus Jung's son Johannes, 7 days.
 30th March, Johannis Storr's son Johannes, 6 days.
 16th April, Melchoir Schneider's son Joh. Jacob, 2 yr., 3 mo., 11 d.
 19th May, Sebast. Graff's son Geo. Fred., 4 months and 10 days.
 15th November, Conrad Schwarz's son Peter, 7 days.
 1752, 4th March, Anton Schreider's son Peter, 7 months and 4 days.
 16th April, George Graff's son Sebastian, 4 years, 3 months, 4 days.
 10th September, George Schwarz's son Conrad, 8 days.

* When dates of death and burial are both entered in the Burial Book, the date of death has been selected for this transcript to conform with the frequently definitized age. Burials alone will be asterisked. The usual custom was to bury the day after death.

- 1753, 19th December,† Marcus Jung's son, still born.
 1754, 26th September, John George and Catharine Graff's son Andreas, born 20th September, 1754, and baptized 22nd September.
 1754, 20th December, Friederich Abraham and Maria Galatin's son Fred-eric, born 11 December, 1754, and baptized 15th.
 1755, 15th November, Abrah. and Maria Galentien's son John Jacob, born 30th September, 1750, baptized the same day.
 1756, 20th June, Johannes Spor's son, 1 year, 5 months and 10 days.
 6th September, Conrad Schwarz (George Schwarz's son), 3 years.
 1757, 25th February, Conrad and Ann Marg. Jung's son, 5 weeks, 3 days.
 15th March, Tob. and Martha Riems son John George, 1 year, 4 months and 6 days.
 14th July, Joh. George and Susannah Schwarz's son John George, 8 days.
 1758, 19th July, the widow Elizabeth Williams' son Peter, 9 years, 6 weeks and 2 days.

LITTLE GIRLS.

- John DeHoff's.
 Adam Kamph's.
 Matth. Jung's Christina.
 Kraft Roeser's.
 Simon Crons'.
 Wilhelm Ziegler's.
- 1749, 7th April, Anna Maria Ohneberg, 11 months.
 8th July, Daniel Jesrong's daughter Mar. Marg., 1½ months.
 13th August, Jacob Eichholz's daughter Susanna, 1 day.
 12th September, Conrad Schwartz's daughter Eva Cath.
- 1751, 30th March, Johannis Thomas' daughter died immediately after birth.
 3rd September, Melchoir Schneider's daughter Cath., 9 mo., 12 da.
 25th September, Friedrich Seger's daughter Elizab., 1 month.
 5th November, Joh. Christian Buetgar's daughter Maria, 2 years and 2½ months.
- 1752, 2nd May, Joh. Mich. Zahm's daughter A. Maria, 11 mos., 2 days.
 6th May, Friedrich Seger's daughter Catharine, 1 year, 5 months.
 15th May, Jacob Galatin's daughter A. Susanna, 10 mos., 20 days.
 24th May, Matth. Roeser's daughter Elizabeth, 6 months, 25 days.
- 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of Werner and Anna Maria Brubbacher, born April 20th, 1753, and baptized by a Reformed minister.
 31st July, Geo. David and Anna Maria Dressler's daughter Maria Cathrine, 1 year and 5 months.
 18th September, Jacob Hennig's daughter Magdalena, 5 days.
 29th October, G. Michael Laubinger's daughter Margaretha, 11 m. Marg. Cath. Trissler.
 Elis. Brubbacher.
- 1755, 8th September, Phil. Daehne and Barbara's daughter Eva Catha., 1 year and 9 months.
 19th October, Sigmund and Elizab. Basserman's daughter Chris-tina, 22 hours.

- 1756, 2nd January, † Joh. and Ann Maria Eberman's still-born daughter.
 5th March, † Hartaffel's still-born daughter.
 3rd December, Fredr. and Gertraud Waidlin's dau. Johana, 4 days.
 1757, 26th February, Joh. Geo. and Marg. Schenk's daughter Catharine,
 1 year, 9 months and 9 days.
 18th April, Abraham DeHoff's daughter Cath.
 19th April, Werner and A. Mar. Brodbeck's, A. Christina, 1 y., 3 d.
 2nd December, † Friedr. and Anna Gertrude Waidel's still-born
 daughter (buried at the same time with the mother).
 1758, 10th March, Michael and Cath. Kraemer's daughter Anna Maria,
 7 weeks and 2 days.

LARGER GIRLS.

Elizabeth Waidelin.

SINGLE WOMEN.

NOTE.—According to the foregoing pages there have been buried on our graveyard—

Men	8
Women	9
Widows	5
Little boys	30
Little girls	31
Larger girls	1

Total..... 84

To which must be added those buried there and not recorded in this Church Book:

- Anno 1740, Hein. Schweizer's two children in one grave .. 1
 Anno 1748, John Balschbach, one little boy 1

Sum total..... 86

As the previous division according to the Choirs was not found to be suitable, some of the leaves of the particular classes being already full, it was deemed more suitable and convenient, in accordance with other church books, hereafter to register, in this Church Book of the Brethren, the burials according to the years and dates as they successively follow. Commenced July, 1758.

- 1758, 26th July, † Joh. and Salome Thomas's son *Gottfried*, † 1 year, 6 months and 14 days.
 30th July, Joh. and An. Mar. Eberman's son *Matthaus*, 1 year, months and 3 days.
 14th August, Fridr. Waideler's § son *George*, 5 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days.
 22nd August, Henr. and Sus. Maria Schweizer's daughter *Anna Maria*, 3 years less 10 weeks.

† Between 26 July, 1758 and 25 March, 1763, inclusive, only burials are recorded.

‡ From this point the deceased is underlined, or italicized, in the manuscript.

§ Name indifferently spelled Waidelen, Waidlin, Waidel, Waideler.

- 1758, 28th August, Christian and Elizab. Hueter's son *Christian*, 7 years, 1 month and 6 days.
 25th October, Phil. Heinr. and Barbara Dohnes' son *Johannes*, 2 years, 11 months and 9 days.
 23rd December, Melchoir and Marg. Frederica Schneider's son *Michael*, 7 days.
 12th December, Marcus and An. Christina Shee's daughter *Ana Magd.*, 7 days.
- 1759, 5th March, Christoph and Susanna Richard's daughter *Anna Maria*. 6 days.
 21st March, *Johannes*, Philip and Barbara Thomas' son, 8 days.
 23rd May, *Anna Maria*, Christ. and Elizab. Huetter's daughter, 1 year and 5 days.
 19th July, Mart. and Christina Jung's son *Joh.*, 2 y. less 3 m.
 19th August, *Michael Kraemer*, 50 years.
 17th October, *Johannes Ganter*, aged 10 days, Peter and Sus. Ganter's son.
 30th October, *An. Maria*, Geo. and Sus. Schwarz's daughter, 1 year, 2 months and 7 days.
 30th July, *Hannah*, Geo. Graff's negro girl, unbaptized, 11 years.
- 1760, 19th April, *An. Elizab.*, Bernhard and Mar. Brodbeck's daughter, 9 months and 17 days.
 3rd June, *Peter*, Jacob and An. Maria Frank's son, 6 y. less 14 d.
 15th June, Jacob and Eva Barb. Steigelman's still-born daughter.
 8th August, *Johannes*, Christoph and Sus. Reichart's son, 6 hours.
 19th August, *Eleonora*, Abraham and Maria Galentius' daughter, 2 years, 11 months and 6 days.
 16th August, Simon and Cath. Schneider's still-born daughter.
 12th August, *Johannes*, Marcus and An. Christina Schee's son, 4 months and 11 days.
 14th September, *Jacob*, Eleon and Mar. Sus. Bender's son, 8 days.
 22nd November, Jacob and Eleonora Galentin's daughter, still-born.
 22nd November, *Catharina*, Dav. and An. Mar. Dressler's daughter, 2 years less 5 days.
 23rd November, *An. Catharina*, Joh. and An. Barb. Dehoff's daughter, 6 weeks and 2 days.
 26th November, *Christ. Henrich*, Carl and An. Marg. Myers' son, 8 months and 4 days.
 9th December, *Johannes*, Friedr. and Catharina Weiser's son, 8 yrs. less 2 days.
- 1761, 6th Jan., *An. Elizab.*, Johan and An. Maria Spor's daughter, 1 year, 27 weeks and 5 days.
 5th April, *Mattheus*, Mattheus Roeser's son, 21 y. less 11 w., 6 days.
 30th June, *Sally*, Rudy and Christina Steiner's daughter (unbap.), 3 years, 10 months and 14 days.
 20th September, *Friederich*, Martin and Elizab. Weibrecht's son, 1 year, 6 weeks and 3 days.
 7th October, Jacob and Eleonora Galetin's still-born daughter.
 24th October, *Elizab. Simpson*, John Simpson's daughter, 13 years.

- 1762, 11th March, *Geo. Michael*, Joh. Jacob and Eva Barb. Steigelman's son, 10 months.
 7th April, *Margaretha Schenk*, married woman, about 49 years.
 24th July, *An. Margr. Jung*, Const. Jung's wife, struck by lightning, 32 years.
 29th December, *Mary Scheer* (Christ. and Magd.), born the 22nd December.
- 1763, 4th January, Joh. Jacob and Eva Barbara Steigelman's still-born daughter.
 25th March, † *Susanna Koch*, 6 months and 7 days.
 10th April, *Joh. Vetter*, 1 year and 8 months.
 9th May, *Anna Reb. Rusmeyern*, 1 year and 2 months.
 30th May, *Anna Christine Brodbeckin*, 10 months and 3 days.
 5th July, *Johannes Deehn*, 4 years, 4 months and 1 day.
 25th August, *Philip Drissler*, 28 hours.
 6th October, *Sebast. Graf*, 52 years, 5 months and 16 days.
 27th August, *Docine*, Anton Schneider's, 10 yrs., 3 mos., 14 days.
- 1764, 7th January, † *Mar. Margr. Hayn*, 37 years, 2 months and 3 weeks.
 15th February, † *Joh. Dehof* (Joh.), 6 days.
 9th March, † *Johan Reichardt* (Adams), 5 weeks.
 23rd April, *Susanna Reichardt* (Ch'n), 13 days.
 16th August, *Anna Ang. Hoffman*, 11 days.
 31st October, *Andreas Graff* (Andr.), 10 weeks.
 16th November, *Andreas Schenk*, 6 days.
 10th December, *Molly* (Geo. Graff's negress), about 11 or 12 years.
- 1765, 27th May, *Joh. Tickert*, about 12 weeks.
 21st July, *Leonh. Müller* (Nic.), 6 days.
 26th August, *Elizabeth Petri*, born 28 September, 1763.
 2nd September, *Conrad Ganter*, born 15th October, 1742.
 12th October, *Joh. Ludwig Eberman*, 4 years, 1 month and 6 days.
 6th November, *Conrad Schwarz*, 58 years.
- 1766, 9th January, *Johannes Harttafel*, 7 days.
 13th March, *Ulrich Reichard* of our Society, about 71 years.
 9th May, *Elizabeth Lutz*, born 12th January, 1763.
 20th May, † *Susanna Thomas*, 6 years.
 4th June, *Elizabeth* (Jac. Vetter's daughter), born August 4, 1765.
 26th June, *Rebecca Reicherd*, born 16th June, 1765.
 27th July, *Christian Veber* (Dan.), born 20th October, 1763.
 20th July, *Anna Maria Steigel*, born 5th October, 1765.
 8th August, *Matthaus* (Joh. DeHof's son), born 29th July.
 9th August, *George Michael* (Sam'l Kautz's son), born 20th July.
 16th August, *Susanna Vetter* (Dan.), born 21st August, 1765.
 August 19th, *Elizabeth DeHoff*, born 14th September, 1742.
 25th September, *Abraham Henry*, born 10th November, 1762.
 24th August, *Heinrich Schee*, born 31st March, 1760.
 22nd October, *Johannes Hart*, born 16th October.
 13th November, *Rebecca Beim*, 3 weeks and 3 days.
Sebastian Graff's infant son.

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- 1767, 18th March, the infant *Steigelman*, unbaptized and unnamed.
 1st April, *Angelica Hoffman*, born July 15, 1695.
 6th September, *Maria Magdalena Doehn*, born June 16, 1766.
 7th September, *Dorethea Koch*, born May, 1715.
 8th September, *Johannes Brodbeck*, born April 14, 1766.
 15th September, *Bernhard Brodbeck*, 37 years and 5 months.
 21st September, infant *Langaar*, unbaptized and unnamed.
 3rd October, *Salome Schneider*, 2 years and 5 months.
 13th December, *Peter Reichard* (Christoph), 8 days.
- 1768, 4th April, *Anna Maria Steigel*, 6 days.
 19th April, *Peter Gander*, 57 years less 1 day.
 16th June, *Sebastian Graf* (Andr.), 6 months and 3 weeks.
 14th March, *Michael Graf*, born December 13, 1738.
 14th April, *Eva Dorethea* (negress).
 2nd June, *Margaretha Friederica Schneider*, 39 years.
 24th July, † *Simon Schee*, 12 years, 4 months. Struck by lightning.
 13th August, infant son of *Simon Snyder*, unbaptized and unnamed.
 22nd August, *Maria Henry*, 1 year, 7 months and 14 days.
 1st September, *Catharine Schneider*, 43 years, 5 months, 14 days.
 5th September, *Eva Graf*, 59 years less 1 day.
 9th September, *Mattheas Dehof* (Abr.), 1 year less 5 days.
 16th October, *Simon Tuckney*, 9 months.
 30th October, *Anna Maria Reichard*, 67 years and 7 months.
 19th December, *Sara Steiner*, 1 year and 3 months.
- 1769, 7th March, *Steigelman's* still-born child.
 5th April, *Rudolf Steiner*, 40 years, 9 months and 10 days.
 22nd April, *Johannes* (Dan. Fetter's), 1 year and 9 months.
 20th May, *Elizabeth Schee*, 5 weeks and 5 days.
 6th June, *Maria Magd. Graf*, 1 year and 5 weeks.
 10th June, *Philip Milchsak*, 2 years and 11 weeks.
 14th July, *Johannes Spor*, born March 8, 1763.
 5th July, *Christian Petri*, born December 2, 1766.
 17th July, *Elizabeth Heil*, 3 months and 6 days.
 28th August, *Johannes Kohl*, 3 years and 11 months.
 5th November, *Magdalena Schenk*, 1 year and 4 months.
- 1770, 25th April, *Cath. Elizab. Dehof* (Abr.), 13 days.
 26th April, *Johannes Niemand*, 91 years; buried on our graveyard
 at the place allotted to strangers.
 11th June, † *Amalia* (negress), 18 years and 8 months.
 31st October, † *Susanna Scherzer*, 4 weeks.
- 1771, 15th January, *Margaretha Bender*, 58 years and 10 months.
 29th January, *Maria Susanna Bender*, 9 years less 4 days.
 26th January, *Mattheus Röser*, born 25 December, 1708.
 27th February, *Maria Margaretha Bender*, 8 years and 12 weeks.
 16th July, *Anna Schenck*, 10 weeks.
 19th July, *Anna Maria Langgaard*,* 5 weeks and 2 days.
 28th October, *Catharine Sutton*, 7 days.
- 1772, 9th March, *Andrew Henry*, born December 8, 1769.

* The spelling of all proper names has followed the translation.

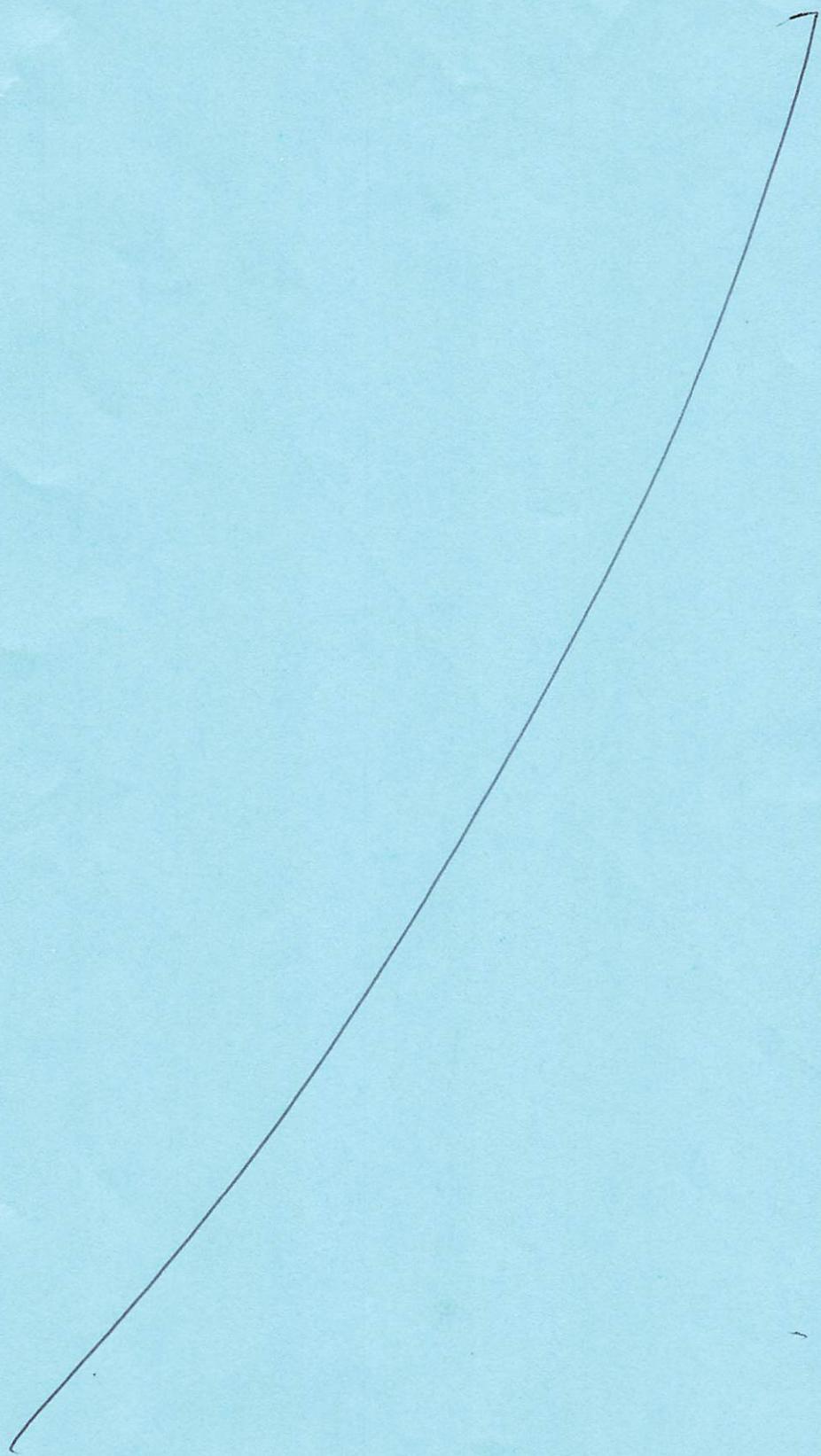
- 1772, 13th March, *George Kohl*, born November 24, 1751.
 29th May, *Christian Demuth*, born 10 April, 1770.
 22nd June,† *Marcus Fetter*, born 29th October, 1769.
 18th July, *Christian Fetter*, born 21st September, 1771.
 30th July, *Matthacus Müller*, born 6 July, 1766.
 23rd August, *Elizabeth Reichard*, born 20th February, 1771.
 23rd August, *Elizabeth Spanheiler*, born 23rd October, 1771.
 11th September, *Anna Maria Theil*, born 22nd October, 1742.
 26th November, *Johannes Sutton*, born 2nd August, 1770.
- 1773, 12th March, *Elizabeth Frank*, born 13 July, 1770.
 15th May, *Catharine Riem*, born 30th October, 1748. . . .
 8th July, *Nathanael*, son of Leonh. and Sus. Bender, born July 3.
 5th July, *Anna Margaretha*, Gottlieb Fetter's wife, born January 4, 1739.
 5th August, *Johan Friedr. Weidel*, born 11 October, 1724, at Oderspack.*
 13th September, *Nathanael Fetter*, born in Bethlehem on the 25th of May, 1747, and was baptized by Br. Joseph (Spangenberg).*
 2nd December, *Johannes Hart*, born 24 February, 1770.
 27th December, *Ludwig Schneider*, Melchoir Schneider's son, born November 22, 1773.
- 1774, 7th February, *Martin Weibrecht*, born December 24, 1715, in Anspachishen. He entered a second time into holy matrimony with the widow Elizab. Geyer, born Miller, with whom he had seven children.*
 12th April, the child *David Fetter*, Danl. and Anna Fetter's son, born the 21st of August, 1773.
 4th March, *Samuel Runker's* first wife, died March 11 and was buried on their place in *Earl Township*.
 23rd April, *Anton Schneider*, born in 1725, in November, at Pfläsig, by Canutznach in Pfaltz, and reared in the Lutheran religion. In 1750 he entered the estate of matrimony with the widow Kreamer, with whom he had five children. Lived 48 years and 5 months.*
 6th May, *Thomas Müller*, Nicolaus Miller's child, born 13 November, 1770.
 27th May, *Thomas Reichard*, Adam Reichard's son, born on the 10th of May, was baptized and lived 17 days.
 2nd July, *Margaretha Müller*, Joh. Müller's daughter, born April 8 and baptized.
 * 10th July, *Johannes DeHoff*, born July 10, 1733. He married the now widow, born Zimmerman, June 11, 1754. They had four children, of whom one daughter is still living. He died on his birthday, July 10, 1774, when he was 41 years old.*
 2nd September, *Philip Schneider*, was buried on 2nd September on his land. He was born 1721 in Pfaltz.
 26th September, *Christina Koch*, Michael Koch's daughter, born on the 2nd December, 1773.

* Brief religious mention follows record of death. Cf. Burial Book in possession of the Lancaster County Historical Society.

- 1774, 24th October, *Susanna Bender*, born Farni, Leonard Bander's wife, was born October 31, 1743. She married Leonard Bender, jun., June 27, 1758. They had seven children, of which four are still living. She died October 24, 1774. She was baptized May 13, 1759, by Br. Joseph (Spangenberg).*
- 8th November, *Johann Jacob Koch*, Johannis Koch, jun.'s son, born November 4, 1774.
- 25th November, *Johannes Schneider*, Melch. Schneider's son.
- 27th December, *Susanna Brodbeck*, born July 23, 1757.*
- 31st December, *Catharine Schneider*, born Brodbeck, Melch. Schneider's wife, born July 11, 1754.*
- 1775, 7th January, *Tobias Eiem*, born September 27, 1718, at Deisbergstegen, in Kührpfälzigen, and reared in the Reformed religion. In 1745 he was married to the now widowed Martha Beiselin. He was awakened in Br. Neuberg's time. Received into the Brethren Congregation in 1749.*
- 29th May, *Johannes Schwarz*, George Schwarz's son; was born February 9, 1765.
- 11th July, *Susanna Trisler*, David Trisler's daughter; was born 6th July, 1775.
- 20th July, *Sarah DeHoff*, Abraham DeHoff's daughter, born March 5, 1774.
- 11th August, *Elizabeth Müller*, John Müller's child, born December 15, 1769.
- 2nd November, *Susanna Schneider*, Melch. Schneider, sen.'s daughter, born September 20, 1775, and baptized.
- 21st November, *Philip Vetter*, Jacob Vetter, sen.'s son, born July 9, 1759, died November 21, 1775.*
- No date, *Jacob Höfer's* daughter.
- 1776, 2nd January, *Nathanel Henry*, Wm. Henry's son, born April 23, 1775.
- 5th February, *Christina*, Bastian Graff's daughter, born December 26, 1772.
- 4th April, *Anna Maria Eberman*, Johannes and Elizab. Eberman's daughter, born March 2, 1775.
- 26th April, *William Fransue*, Danl. Fransue's son, born February 4, 1774.
- 20th June, *Christina Graf*, Johannes and A. Maria Graf's daughter, born June 17, 1775.
- 30th July, *Johannes Ruppert*, Adam and Hanna Ruppert's son, born June 23, 1776.
- 29th September, *Anna Elizabeth Feyin*, born July 12, 1690, at Brecknborn in Hennburgschen.
- 3rd November, *Johannes Kremer's* still-born child, November 3, 1776.
- 25th December, *Peter Vetter*, Gottlieb Vetter's son, born May 16, 1771.
- 1777, 4th January, *Johan George Nixdorf*, Johannes, jun. and Elizabeth Nixdorf's son, born February 9, 1775.

* Brief religious mention follows record of death.

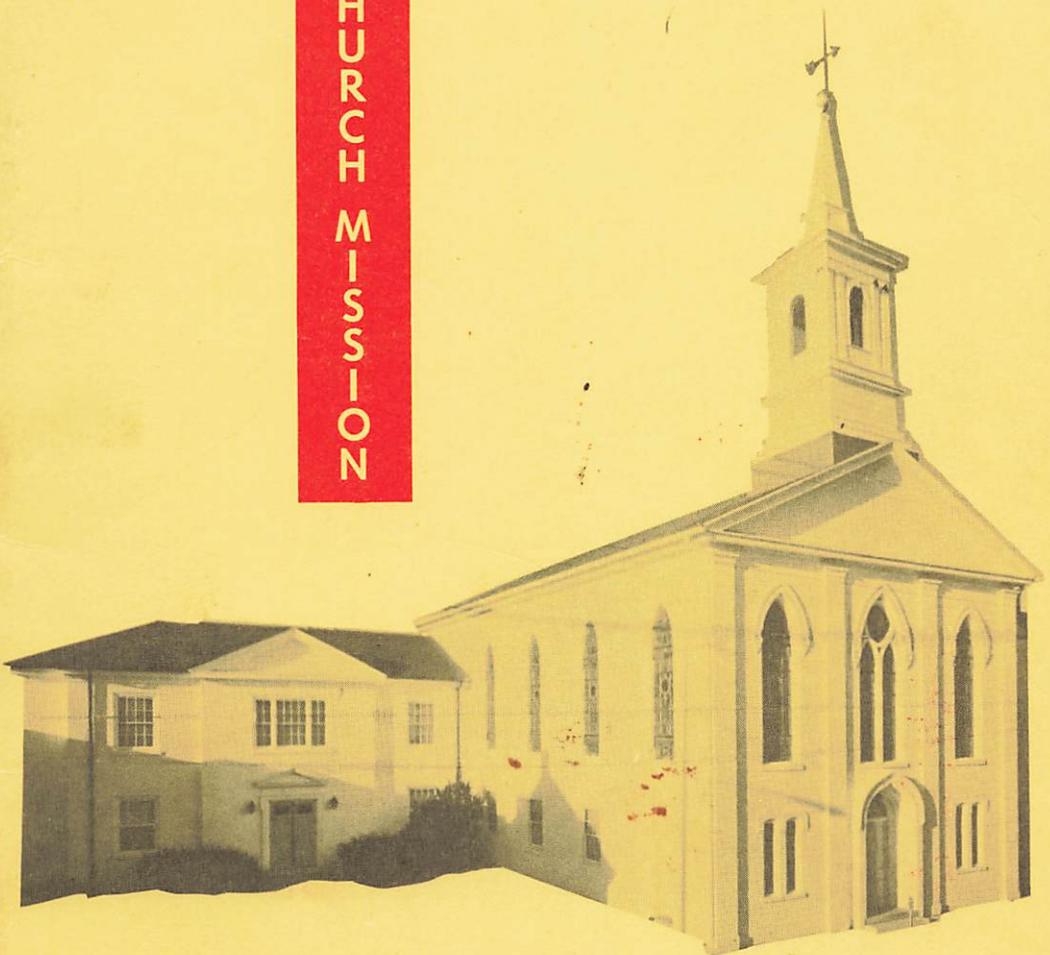
- 1764—Jan. 19. John Holme, Esqr. Appointed Colonel of the Military Regiment of the County of Salem. p. 388.
- 1764—Jan. 19. Robert Johnson, Esqr. Commission to be Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment whereof John Holme, Esqr. is Colonel. p. 388.
- 1764—Jan. 19. John Budd, Esqr. Commission to be Major of the Regiment whereof John Holme, Esqr. is Colonel. p. 388.
- 1764—Jan. 19. Mr. Jacob Dubois. Commission to be Adjutant of the Regiment Whereof John Holme, Esqr is Colonel. p. 388.
- 1764—Jan. 21. A Pardon was granted unto Dennis Killfoye, Who was Indited and Convicted by a Verdict of Twelve Men of Felony, at the Recommendation of Robert Hunter Morris, Chief Justice of the Province. p. 388.
- 1763—March 4. Daniel Ellis of the City of Burlington, Esqr. Commission to be Sheriff of the County of Burlington. p. 389.
- 1764—Feb. 20. Charles Read, Esqr. Commission to be Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey. p. 389.
- 1764—March 20. Whereas Joseph Billings, by a Multimus bearing, was on the Second of October, 1763, by the Hon. Charles Read, Esqr., one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, committed to the charge of Daniel Ellis, Esqr. on Suspicion of having counterfeited the Current Coin of the Province. His commitment was irregular and thus release was granted, but not withstanding, he is ordered to depart this Province and never more Return. p. 390.
- 1764—March 12. Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the Colony of New Jersey passed at Amboy, 1764, entitled an Act for Passing a Number of Men not Exceeding Six hundred. The undersigned order and direct that the Number of Two hundred and Ninety Eight Men, Officers Included, be Forthwith Levied and Raised for the purpose in the said Act Mentioned.
 Wm. Franklin. Robert Ogden.
 Jno. Stevens. John Lawrence.
 Peter Kemble. John Hart. p. 391.
- 1764—Feb. 29. Fort George. I hereby Certify That Eight hundred and Eight Men are in the pay of this Government, viz. Six Companys of Sixty Men each, with their Officers, Consisting of Three hundred and eighteen Men. Five Companys of Sixty Men Each with their Officers, Consisting of Three hundred and Seventeen Men: and one Company of One hundred and seventy three Men, Officers included.
 Signed, Cadwalader Colden.
 To his Excellency William Franklin, Esqr. p. 391.
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200th Anniversary
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St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Manheim, Pennsylvania



Saint Paul United Church of Christ

Manheim, Pennsylvania

1769 1969

Pastors and People

By George L. Heiges

Maria Bunkhead



As a German Reformed Church this congregation had its beginning in 1769, and as Saint Paul's Reformed Church it was known from 1852 until comparatively recent years. For that reason it will be called by its original name in this history until those particular years when it became first a congregation of the "Evangelical and Reformed Church" and when secondly it became a constituent congregation of the "United Church of Christ".

It seems necessary that before we begin this narrative which will take us through two hundred years that we place before the reader a few facts about Lancaster County, which was erected out of part of Chester County in the year seventeen hundred and twenty-nine. In that same year the new county was divided into twenty separate townships. Rapho Township, which was named after a parish in northern Ireland, was not one of the original townships but was organized from a division of Donegal Township in seventeen hundred and forty-one. On 729 acres of land in Rapho Township, the town of Manheim was plotted in 1762 by the celebrated iron-master and glassmaker, Henry William Stiegel, and his associates. Manheim remained a village in Rapho Township until 1838 when it was incorporated as a borough.

Having set down this very brief historical and geographical background of the community, we may properly begin to delve into the history of Saint Paul's and two other early Reformed congregations in the region. From the minutes of Synod, called Coetus at the time, we have definite evidence that the Reformed denomination had a congregation in Rapho Township as early as Seventeen hundred and fifty-three. Even earlier, in 1747, there was an established Reformed congregation six miles northeast in Warwick Township, at a crossroads known as White Oaks, more familiarly called in that era by the German name of Weisseichenland. Reverend Michael Schlatter, pioneer missionary of the Reformed Church in America, preached at White Oaks on June 18, 1747, and "secured from the congregation an obligation of 23 pounds for the support of a minister". In September, 1748, he visited this congregation a second time. The White Oaks or White Oak congregation, now no longer in Warwick Township, is today known as the Jerusalem congregation of Penryn in Penn Township and is an active parish, while the Rapho congregation was dissolved in eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

There was no organized religious group in Manheim for seven years after its founding, even though there was a crude log building in the village which was set apart for the purpose of divine worship. It stood on the west side of North Charlotte Street (about No. 20) and was only razed in nineteen hundred and nine. Four Christian groups—Reformed, Lutheran, Dunkard, Mennonite—were given the use of this house, each group being privileged to hold services one Sunday in each month. Moreover, each denomination was represented by a trustee to provide for the proper functioning of the building. There is no information available as to the extent that this log house was used for its intended purpose, and there is no deed on record to show from whom it was purchased or who built it. It is known that it was used as a schoolhouse quite early in Manheim's history and doubtless was the first schoolhouse in the town. In later years it was used as a public school and known as the Central School, and as such it continued in use until eighteen hundred and sixty-eight. Papers

in the archives of the local school board are the only source of information concerning this building.

Definitely the first data which we have concerning a Reformed congregation in Manheim is derived from a deed of record which recites the fact that on August 2, 1769, Christian and Elizabeth Killhafer sold to Henry Dehoff, Sebastian Witmer, Peter Butz and Jacob Mayer "trustees for the High Dutch Reformed Church in the town of Manheim", lot 330, fronting 57 feet on North Prussian (Main) street and extending westward 270 feet, Alexander Alley being the northern boundary of the lot. The only monetary stipulation was the annual ground rent of "ten shillings, sterling money of Great Britain, to be paid yearly and every year". As the ground rent went in to the pockets of the town's founders, it should be especially noted that the lot on which Saint Paul's stands today was an outright gift, thereby marking Christian and Elizabeth Killhafer as the first benefactors of the congregation.

Following the financial failure of Mr. Stiegel, his entire Manheim estate was sold on March 30, 1773, by Sheriff John Ferree, at which time the rights to the Manheim ground rents were conveyed to Michael Diffenderfer of Lancaster. In order that the Reformed congregation in Manheim would have a clear deed to their property and without the encumbrance of an annual ground rent, "said Michael Diffenderfer of Lancaster, inn-keeper, and Christine, his wife . . . favoring the application and request of Bastian Witmer, John Duer (Dyer) and George Katz (Hatz) . . . did grant, bargain and sell lot 330 to the German Reformed Church in the town of Manheim for five shillings. (about \$1.20) Michael Diffenderfer and his wife were members of the Reformed Church in Lancaster which may account for their kindly gesture as exemplified in this second deed to the Reformed Church in Manheim. Of passing interest is the fact that the ground rents on all properties in Manheim continued to be paid annually until 1881 when they were finally eradicated by amiable legal procedure.

In 1769 the first church of the Manheim congregation was built and from several sources we are enabled to visualize its appearance, inside as well as outside. It was of logs and it was weather boarded. The interior boasted a gallery on three sides and here the able bodied men and boys were expected to sit during services, while the first floor was occupied by women and elderly men. The goblet shaped pulpit was fastened to the north wall, supported by a pedestal and reached by a stairs. Singing was led by the "foresinger" whose accustomed place was in the first row on the south gallery, facing the preacher. Of course there was no musical instrument to accompany the hymn singing, the vocalizing being entirely a cappella.

In two hundred years there have been twenty-nine pastors of record, which includes a number of supply ministers who, as time permitted, gave limited pastoral service to the parishioners of Saint Paul's. It seems to this compiler that there can be no better way to tell the story of pastors and people than to consider in chronological fashion the pastorates and the happenings of two centuries.

John Conrad Bucher

1771 1779

John Conrad Bucher, first pastor of the congregation, was born at Schaffhausen, Switzerland, on June 13, 1730, and as a young man received some theological training in the universities of Marburg and Basel. However he discontinued his ministerial education to enter the military service of Holland. An advancement in military rank being tendered to him by England, he transferred his allegiance to that nation and on April 11, 1758, was commissioned an ensign in the 13th Company, First Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment. He apparently came to America in the same year as it is known that he marched in the 1758 expedition under General Forbes against Fort Dusquesne, which action marked the end of French control in Western Pennsylvania. Following this campaign he was advanced to the rank of captain and stationed at Fort Louthier, Carlisle. While he was on duty here, he realized the deplorable condition of the struggling churches and the dearth of ministers in Pennsylvania. Resigning from the British Army, he began to preach in the Carlisle area in 1763 and was ordained by the Reformed Coetus in seventeen hundred and sixty-eight. He continued his residence at Carlisle, at the same time giving pastoral care over a wide circuit which included the churches at Falling Springs, Maytown, Middletown, Hummelstown, Donegal and Carlisle. In the same year that he was ordained, the congregations of Lebanon, Quitopohilla, Heidelberg, White Oak and Rapho presented a call to him, but he was loath to leave Carlisle. Two years later—1771—he did heed the call to the five congregations named and at that time changed his residence to Lebanon. In addition to the five congregations, he also took on the care of the Manheim Reformed congregation; and in the 1771 minutes of Coetus, the name Manheim appears for the first time.

In 1772 Rev. Bucher reported that in Lebanon and the affiliated congregations there were 161 families. Each of the succeeding four years, the annual report did not appreciably vary. In 1776, because of ill health he did not attend the annual meeting at Lancaster, so there is no report of his for that year. It is little wonder that his health broke when the records show that apart from serving the congregations which called him, he was also ministering to Reformed churches at Hummelstown, Jonestown, Middletown, Maytown and Blassers, preaching not only on Sundays but on weekdays as well.

Nevertheless, when the Revolutionary War began, he accepted a chaplaincy in the German Regiment, so called because it was composed of men from the predominately German counties of Pennsylvania. Again, he was forced to resign in 1777 because of ill health, only to serve once more in 1780 as chaplain of the Second Battalion of Lancaster County Militia.

Rev. John Conrad Bucher died suddenly at Annville on August 16, 1780, while officiating at a wedding. His body was borne all the way to Lebanon on the shoulders of devout men of the church and at Lebanon interred in the graveyard of the German Reformed Church (Tabor). His age was fifty years, two months and five days.

While the pastorate of Rev. John Conrad Bucher at Manheim only began in 1771, it is quite probable that he preached in Manheim at intervals during the two previous years, since the congregation had its beginning in 1769 and because Bucher ranged over a wide area in his ministrations while living at Carlisle.

The oldest extant records relating to Saint Paul's are two lists, the first one being entirely in the hand of Rev. Bucher and the second one, begun by him and continued by successive pastors. List Number One gives us the names of the first catechumens and communicants. Dated July 28, 1771, it contains 53 names, even a few family names still familiar in present day Manheim. The second list ending in 1818 gives us the names of children with the dates of their birth and baptism.

In the fall of 1777, following the September Battle of the Brandywine, the building was utilized as a colonial military hospital and continued to be used as such until early spring of the following year.

Here follows the list of the first catechumens and the first communicants in the Manheim Reformed Church as recorded by Rev. Bucher.

Communicants (Men)

Daniel Blattenberger
 Johannes Hafner
 George Hauenstein
 George Kuster
 Above were confirmands

Johannes Deyer
 Jacob Meyer
 Johannes Doll
 Jacob Springer
 Henrich Gerhard
 Rudy Gladfelter
 Henrich Hauenstein
 Peter Brulinger
 Johannes Meyer
 Christian Friedrich
 Albertus Kieffner
 Conrad Hauenstein
 George Huber ✓
 Peter Bretz ✓
 Peter Schulmacher
 Sebastian Wittmer

Communicants (Women)

Feronica Tanner (Danner) ✓
 Christina Loos
 Susanna Kling
 Maria Diefendorfer
 Katrina Hauenstein
 Above were confirmands

Christina Deyer
 Anna Maria Meyer
 Elizabeth Boll
 Margaretha Wittmer ✓
 Margaretha Hatz
 Elizabeth Herman
 Anna Becker ✓
 Elisabeth Halter
 Elisabeth Kuster
 Christina Hauenstein
 Anna Maria Hummer
 Maria Catherina Hufner
 Margaretha Bram
 Catharine Cammerer
 Anna Maria Bretz ✓
 Anna Margaretha Halter
 Feronica Huber ✓
 Catharina Brang
 Julyana Gantzer
 Elisabeth Lutz
 Eva Cathrina Schumacher
 Margaretta Hirsch
 Feronica Gladfelter
 Sarah Tanner (Danner)
 Maria Christina Bachman ✓
 Elizabeth Tanner (Danner)
 Susannah Lay
 Margaretha Hauenstein

John William Runkle

1779 1782

John William Runkle was born in Oberengelheim, German Palatinate on April 28, 1749. The name of Runkle, a schoolmaster at Tulpehocken appears for the first time in the minutes of the 1777 meeting of Coetus in Reading. At that meeting the congregations at Shippensburg, Carlisle and Hummelstown asked for the examination and ordination of "a man by the name of Runkle whom they liked very much". He was duly examined and his name sent for approval to the Church Fathers in Holland, whereupon he was ordained in 1778 at Lancaster, although Coetus had no meeting that year because of the Revolutionary War. His first preaching station was at Carlisle. In 1779, the Manheim and Rapho congregations extended a call to Rev. Runkle but he was permitted to accept the call only on condition that he would continue to preach in Carlisle every fourth week.

In 1782 the congregation in Lebanon asked to be supplied by Runkle "and because Mr. Runkle was not only willing to do this but also showed that he could service it from time to time without neglecting his other congregations, the Coetus confirmed the call". According to the statistical report for 1783, in that year he was serving not only Manheim, Rapho and Lebanon but also Kamerling, Joneses, Hill Church, Maytown and White Oak.

Rev. Runkle established his residence at Lebanon in 1782 but it proved to be home for only two years as in 1784 he removed to Frederick, Maryland, where he remained until eighteen hundred and two. It was during this period that a preaching tour—on April 23, 1793—took him back to Manheim and Rapho. After a pastorate at Frederick, he went to Germantown near Philadelphia for three years and then to New York City where he preached until the year eighteen hundred and twelve. The approach of war in 1812 impelled him to move back to Germantown, from which place he was called to serve the congregations at Gettysburg as well as Emmitsburg and Taneytown in Maryland. He died in Gettysburg November 5, 1832, in his 84th year and was buried at Emmitsburg.

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Of Pastor Runkle's pastorate in Manheim, there is no extant data except the fact that he baptized twenty-three infants. By checking the 1783 report of Coetus, we find that there were 169 families accredited to the nine congregations which Runkle served.

John Waldschmidt and William Hendel

Supplies 1783 - 1785

These two great men of the church supplied the Manheim congregation as well as Rapho during two years that these churches were without an elected pastor.

Rev. Waldschmidt was a native of the province of Nassau in West Germany and was ordained at Amsterdam, Holland and commissioned especially for missionary work "in the forsaken vineyard of Pennsylvania". As pastor of the Swamp Reformed Church, his entire ministerial career from 1752 to 1786 was spent in Lancaster County. While serving the Swamp Church or Cocalico as it was properly called, he supplied the means of grace at times also to Tulpehocken, Manheim, Heidelberg, White

Oak, Muddy Creek and Seltenreich. Rev. Waldschmidt is buried in the Swamp Church Cemetery.

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Rev. Hendel, also a native of Germany, arrived in America in 1764 and at once assumed the pastoral care of the Lancaster congregation where he served until seventeen hundred and sixty-nine. However, he came back to Lancaster for a second period (1782-1794) and it was during this second term that he frequently visited the Manheim congregation. Sometime between his two pastorates at Lancaster he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the College of New Jersey. Writing of Dr. Hendel's return to Lancaster in 1782, one church historian commented that "he returned with his former learning, eloquence, zeal, piety, only all these had become more venerable and lovely by age." Although enfeebled by ill health, in 1794 he accepted the pastorate of the Philadelphia church; and in Philadelphia he died in 1798, victim of yellow fever. He was buried in Franklin Square.

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Twenty-five children were baptized during the two years that Saint Paul's was served by Revs. John Waldschmidt and William Hendel. Apart from this there is no written record of the interim that the congregation was without a pastor.

Ludwig Lupp

1785 1798

Ludwig Lupp was born at Marienberg, Germany, on January 7, 1733, where in the course of time he was selected as the village schoolmaster. On September 29, 1753, a passenger on the ship "Rowand", he arrived at the port of Philadelphia and shortly thereafter settled in Berks County where he is first noticed as schoolmaster in the village of Strausstown. Because of marked ability and a devout spirit it became his custom to read sermons at religious assemblies, and this likely was the beginning of his career as a minister. In 1786 he moved to Lebanon, having been elected pastor of the Reformed congregation there. He continued in the pastoral office here for the remainder of his life and it was in connection with his Lebanon pastorate that he preached at Manheim, as well as Blassers (extinct), Rapho and Maytown and occasionally at Swatara and Hill Church. His last sermon was preached at Manheim while he was ill, his head being tied up with a handkerchief during the service. On June 28, 1798, he was buried from the Reformed Church in Lebanon and his body was interred in the parish burying ground. His age was sixty-five.

Rev. H. Wagner, Reformed church historian wrote the following concerning Rev. Lupp.

"He was not a man of classical education and had not been regularly prepared for the ministry. He was, however, a well read man and had made himself well acquainted with the Bible. He was also a truly pious servant of Christ and much devoted in his pastoral attention to the people of his charge. It was his regular custom, in his pastoral visits, wherever he remained over night, to have the neighbors in, in order to spend the evening with them in prayer and religious conversation."

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During the pastorate of Rev. Lupp, the first bell to call worshippers to services was purchased. Rev. Lupp baptized 53 children while here.

From 1747 until 1793, the organization of the German Reformed Church in America was officially known as The Coetus. In 1793 that name was dropped and the Synod was organized and divided into eight classes, one of which was the Lebanon Classis which included all the Reformed congregations in Lancaster County.

William Hiester

1799 1808

William Hiester was born in Bern Township, Berks County, on November 11, 1770. Having had some theological training with Rev. Daniel Wagner of York, he was ordained in 1799 and given as his first charge the congregations of Manheim, Rapho and Donegal. Soon he was called to the Lebanon church although he continued to serve the three Lancaster County churches to the extent that he was able, besides preaching at other points in Lebanon County. Rev Hiester died at Lebanon on February 28, 1828, age fifty-seven and was buried in the Reformed Cemetery.

Dr. Henry Harbaugh knew William Hiester and wrote this about him. "Rev. Hiester was a remarkably punctual man. He was much concerned to meet all appointments and to be there promptly at the hour. Neither rain nor muddy roads would dismay him. In order to meet appointments which were far apart, he frequently carried his dinner in his pocket and ate it on his horse while riding. Being himself instant in season and out of season regarding the weather, he took no excuse from his members for being absent from church in bad weather. The amount of labor which he performed is truly astonishing as appears from his numerous appointments marked in his pocket almanac."

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Thirty-two children were baptized by Rev. Hiester during his term as pastor at Manheim.

Henry Z. Schaffner

1808 1839

No information is available concerning the early life of Rev. Schaffner except that he received his theological training under a Dr. Baker in Baltimore. He entered the ministry in 1808 and in the same year assumed the pastorate of the churches at Columbia, Marietta, Maytown, Manheim, Rapho and Elizabethtown. His ministry in all of these congregations continued through thirty-one years. He died at Marietta and was buried in the Union Cemetery. At a later time his body was disinterred and reburied in the Marietta Cemetery.

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While very little is known of Pastor Schaffner as a person, there is more known of the life of the Manheim congregation during his pastorate, than is known during the preceding seventy years. Under the ministry of Rev. Schaffner, there is a record of 72 children baptized, 21 marriages solemnized and in 1809 a record of 31 communicants. During his pastorate the original log church was plastered on the inside, this marking the first physical improvement to the building. To meet the cost of the work a subscription list was circulated on which list 57 person placed their names, the total amounting to \$49.50, of which amount \$46.50 was collected. These facts were learned from a paper which was at one time in the church archives. The text of the subscription list follows:

"We, the vestry of the Reformed Church at Manheim, ask aid of the members of the congregation and every well disposed person, to assist and aid us in getting our church plastered, as it is utterly impossible to be comfortable during Divine worship in cold weather. We hope every person friendly to Christianity will please to aid the congregation in this undertaking, as the congregation is but weak. We therefore solicit every well disposed person to assist us; we shall at all times be ready to return the compliment again. Whoever is willing to help will please put his name and the amount down."

In the year 1839 the Sunday School movement reached Manheim. Viewed with disfavor by the established churches, most of the early Sunday Schools were begun without denominational sanction. Thus, the Manheim Union School was organized on June 28, 1839 with officers who were members of the Lutherans and Reformed congregations. The first elected officers were President, David Miller; Superintendent, George D'Miller; Secretary, Abraham Kline; Librarian, Henry D'Miller; Treasurer, George Mengle; Female Superintendent, Catherine D'Miller. This early Christian Sunday School had an average attendance of ninety persons. Where the first sessions were held is not known.

Christian Weiler

1840 1846

Christian Weiler was a native of Niefern, in Baden, born there in eighteen hundred and nine. He migrated to Pennsylvania and found employment as parish teacher and organist in Salem Reformed congregation in Philadelphia. He was ordained by Synod in 1836 and in the following year accepted the pastorate of the Reamstown congregation in Lancaster County. The charge comprised seven congregations and embraced a circuit of forty miles. During six of the years that Rev. Weiler resided at Reamstown, Manheim was one of the congregations he served.

With his family, Rev. Weiler, in 1849, by horses and wagon travelled to Bucyrus, Ohio, a journey which at that time required four weeks. Here he served in the Christian ministry for the remainder of his life, dying there on January 3, eighteen hundred and seventy-five. We have the following testimonial relative to his ability as a preacher, from the pen of the Reformed historian, Daniel Heisler. "Father Weiler was a good German scholar and spoke his vernacular tongue with ease and elegance. His appearance in the pulpit was rather striking and imposing and calculated to make a favorable impression on an audience."

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In 1845 representatives of the American Sunday School Union came to Manheim and reorganized the Union Sunday School which had its beginning six years before. The school was now meeting in the Methodist chapel on Ferdinand street, but because it was restricted as to the hours on a Sunday that the building could be used, a plan was envisioned that would ensure the continuity of the school. The Manheim Sunday School Association presented a proposal to Borough Council that they join with them in the building of a house for the joint use of the Sunday School and the Town Council. A committee appointed to consider the matter reported that they "deemed the proposed building inexpedient". A few months later—in September 1846—a petition from the Association asked Council to grant them a borough owned piece of land on which to build

a Sunday School building. The land asked for was part of the tract on East High and N. Hazel streets, one section of it being the Borough graveyard. This request was granted, but the Sunday School building never materialized. Many years later the parsonage of Zion Lutheran Church was built on this ground.

In 1846 the Lebanon Classis of the Reformed church by official action constituted the congregations of Manheim, Rapho and East Petersburg, the latter a newly organized parish, as a pastoral charge.

Henry N. B. Habliston

1846 1848

Rev. Habliston, born in Baltimore, 1794, was graduated from Saint Mary's College in that city and licensed to preach in 1815. After short pastorates in York County, in Westmoreland County, and in Cumberland County, he was separated from the official bodies of the church for some years. In 1846 he was reinstated and then came to the Manheim charge as pastor. "For the few years he labored at Manheim, he had some acceptance and success." During 1850-51 he labored as a missionary in Illinois and again was separated from the Reformed Church. He retired to Baltimore where he died April 2, 1870, aged seventy-six years.

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While Rev. Habliston's time in Manheim was brief, to his credit be it said that he was the first pastor who kept records approaching completeness. The details in some of his records are at times amusing, the following being fair examples: "One couple was married after a courtship of three hours and the fee was in accordance: fifty cents." In closing a record of a funeral, Habliston wrote "No pay. Not so much as Thank You. So the poor man is often paid for his labors in Manheim."

During his pastorate, seven people were baptized, sixteen couples were married and twenty-six persons were buried. At this time there were thirty-two communicants on the church roll.

In 1847 the Lebanon Classis constituted a new charge consisting of the congregations at Kissel Hill, Manheim and White Oak. While Rapho and East Petersburg are not mentioned, it is assumed that they too continued to have parochial connections with Manheim.

Isaac Gerhart

1849 1855

Rev. Isaac Gerhart, born in Bucks County, began his theological studies at the age of twenty-one under Rev. Samuel Helffenstein of Philadelphia. Ordained in 1813, he began his ministerial career by going on a missionary tour through western Pennsylvania. His first charge was at Selinsgrove, a parish with eleven preaching stations. It was during his pastoral work here that he prepared and published a hymnal with the title "Church Harmonie". Leaving Selinsgrove he went to a charge of four congregations in the Lykens Valley where he remained for twenty-five years. Enfeebled in health after many years in rural church work, he took charge of the church in Frederick, Maryland, where he remained for six and one-half years.

While at Frederick, the health of Reverend Gerhart improved and he began to look abroad for a wider field of service. He was now called

to the Manheim charge where he labored for six years and was instrumental in building two new church buildings, one at Rapho, the other at Manheim. For the erection of the Manheim church, he collected two thousand dollars, offered his horse for hauling lumber and himself brought five loads of lumber from Mount Joy to Manheim. With great diligence and on a very small salary, he labored steadily for the upbuilding of the Manheim and Rapho congregations.

Because of increasing feebleness and also because of his inability to handle the English language fluently—Manheim was beginning to lose its character as a distinctive German community—Rev. Gerhart resigned the Manheim charge on July 21, 1855, and removed to Lancaster. For the rest of his life, rather than remain idle, he visited vacant congregations and supplied their spiritual needs. He died in Lancaster on February 11, 1865, and was buried in the Lancaster Cemetery.

In the course of his ministerial career, Rev. Gerhart preached 5804 sermons, baptized 3702 persons, married 554 couples, delivered 946 funeral sermons and 1115 catechetical lectures.

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All of the facts relating to the early history of the Reformed Church in Manheim were collected by Rev. Gerhart and to him we are indebted for the information contained in this present historical presentation. Apart from this data, there are no early remaining written records except lists of baptisms and burials. Rev. Gerhart was the first pastor of the Manheim church to reside in the town, which in itself had a tendency to bring pastor and people into a closer relationship than during the terms of former pastors. Certainly, every pastor before the time of Rev. Gerhart deserves credit for a part in keeping the congregation intact but it was during the Gerhart pastorate that the congregation began its development as a responsible group of believing Christians.

A joint consistory of the congregations which constituted the Manheim charge was organized on April 12, 1850 at which time Burgess David May was elected Primarius and Philip Arndt was elected Secundus which gave these men the authority to attend the meetings of Classis. Two years later—1852—all of the ministers and congregations within the bounds of Lancaster County were dismissed from the Lebanon Classis in order that they could affiliate with the newly formed Lancaster Classis. At that time the Manheim charge consisted of five congregations with a total membership of two hundred and twenty.

Two societies came into being during the pastorate of Rev. Gerhart. One was the Tract Society begun in 1852 with these officers: President, Ann K. Uhler; Secretary, Louisa Arndt; Treasurer, Eliza Uhler. About the same time an Educational Society was formed which continued to hold annual meetings during the next fifty years.

However, the outstanding achievement during Rev. Gerhart's tenure was the building of the new church edifice. Begun in 1850, the cornerstone was laid on August 8, 1852, with services held in an orchard on the opposite side of Alexandey Alley, which thoroughfare has always been the northern boundary of the church property. A morning sermon was preached by Rev. John Caspar Bucher, a grand nephew of the first pastor of the congregation. In the afternoon Dr. Henry Harbaugh, pastor of the Lancaster

church, preached on the text Matthew 8:20. The "Reformed Messenger" reported that 1500 people attended the ceremonies.

By December the new church was ready to be dedicated and accordingly on the 28th of the month, appropriate dedicatory exercises were held. Rev. Thomas Leinbach preached the morning sermon in German, while the afternoon sermon was delivered in English by James S. Schultz. Following the morning discourse "the church was solemnly consecrated to the service of the Holy Trinity and received the name of Saint Paul's Reformed Church of Manheim". Until this time it was known only as the German Reformed Church of Manheim.

The new church was described in The Reformed Messenger as being "a two story brick building, 40 x 55 feet with a convenient basement (first floor) divided into two apartments suitable for Sabbath School and lectures". In the steeple was placed "a fine sounding bell procured by the young men" and in the sanctuary on the second floor "there was a beautiful chandelier procured by the energy and liberality of the ladies of the congregation". Lighting was by oil lamps. As previously noted, Rev. Gerhart gathered \$2000 for the project but the exact cost of the church is not known. In 1853 the consistory found it necessary to borrow \$1000 to complete the expenses of construction. The building committee included the pastor and laymen Philip Arndt, Cyrus Diffenderfer, Henry Arndt and George Mengel. The carpenters were John Elliott and Edward Fortus and the masonry work was done by Henry Bub and William Adkins.

A gallery in the rear of the sanctuary provided place for a choir and on the day of dedication choir music was a feature of the program. The Reformed Messenger had this to say concerning the choir, "When the short time in which they have been under the instruction and direction of their worthy leader is considered, they do remarkably well". Unfortunately, the leader's name is unknown.

John W. Hoffmeier

1856 1858

A son of Father John Henry Hoffmeier, long time pastor in Lancaster, John W. Hoffmeier was born in 1808 in Lancaster. He received his theological training at the York Seminary which in the course of years developed into the Lancaster Seminary. He enjoyed a ministerial career which covered a period of forty years, part of which was spent as pastor of the Millersville congregation. It was during his term at Millersville that he also ministered to the members of the Manheim congregation and affiliated congregations. Rev. Hoffmeier died at Manchester, Maryland, on August 31, 1873, with interment at Lancaster.

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During the pastorate of Rev. Gerhart, the need for more services in English was increasingly realized with the result that Rev. Hoffmeier, his successor, was required to preach in English as well as in German. The use of the German language was not entirely abandoned at once, and for a number of years the Sabbath services were alternately in English and German. Finally in 1885, German services were entirely discontinued.

Concerning the short pastorate of Rev. Hoffmeier, a church historian in 1903 summed up his work in this brief sentence: "The Manheim church prospered under his care and communion was observed once each year".

Isaac E. Graeff

1858 1867

Isaac E. Graeff, D.D. was born in Richmond Township, Berks County, on August 20, 1824. Although of Quaker parents, early in life he became a member of the Reformed Church. Licensed by the Lebanon Classis in 1847, he was ordained in the following year. After serving short pastorates at Reamstown, Tremont, Pottsville, Selinsgrove, Titusville, Hazelton, Brickerville and Tamaqua, he moved in April, 1858, to Lancaster. From that year until 1867 he was the pastor of the Manheim congregation. In 1876 he returned to Tamaqua for his third term there as pastor and remained until 1889. The last church he served was Zwingli Reformed in Harrisburg where he ministered from 1889 to 1899. He then retired and took up his residence in Reading where he died on April 7, 1908, at age eighty-four.

Dr. Graeff was a man of letters and was highly respected by fellow churchmen. Reformed Church historian, Bready, wrote the following tribute:

"From the tone of his published articles, Dr. Graeff was thoroughly independent in life as he was in thought. He was highly regarded in the Church and commanded the greatest respect from his fellow ministers. He was a constant contributor to the Reformed Messenger from 1853 until 1883 and in that period of time actually contributed 123 major articles, together with smaller articles which made a total of 147 published pieces."

Rev. Graeff was pastor at Manheim during the period of the Civil War and for a ten months' cycle (April 14, 1865 to January 31, 1866) he served as Chaplain of the 195th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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Relating to the time that Rev. Graeff was pastor at Manheim, the following paragraph from Rev. George Welsh's history of the congregation presents a concise report of the period.

"During Dr. Graeff's pastorate a small remaining debt on the church was paid amounting to \$300. Communion was observed twice a year and in July 1865, the first organ—it was a melodeon—was purchased. The money was provided by individual subscriptions and the instrument cost \$190. It continued in use in the Sunday School until early in the present century and is still extant in a Manheim home. In 1861 the congregation pledged \$164 towards the pastor's salary, the remainder coming from the affiliated congregations of Millersville, Rohrerstown and East Petersburg." To the above should be added the recorded fact that in 1859 the affiliates desired to withdraw from the charge but Saint Paul's protested that they were "too limited in means to support a pastor alone".

Beginning in 1861 and continuing periodically until 1869 Episcopal services were read in Saint Paul's Church. This marked the beginning of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and indicates that there was a decided spirit of ecumenicity in Manheim one hundred years ago.

Tilghman Oliver Stem

1867 1870

Tilghman Oliver Stem was born near the village of Cherryville in Northampton County on December 4, 1841. Following his education at

Mercersburg and Franklin and Marshall College, he was installed as pastor of Saint Paul's Church on October 6, 1867. He served here for several years and preached his last sermon in Manheim on February 27, 1870. His next field of labor was in the Lower Saucon charge in Berks County, and after that in several Lehigh County charges. He died at the home of a daughter in Easton on January 9, 1919, at age seventy-seven.

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In 1866 the General Synod of the Reformed Church prepared a Revised Liturgy for use in public worship. It immediately became known as "The New Liturgy", and did not meet with general acceptance. One of the congregations which did not accept the innovation was Manheim, and included in the pastoral call to Rev. Stem was a request that he would not use the "New Liturgy."

On November 24, 1867, the last meeting of the Manheim Union Sunday School was held, and addresses "suitable to the occasion" were delivered by B. D. Danner, Dr. J. M. Dunlap and Nathan Worley. Since 1838 this community school had functioned with success but due to the fact that each church in Manheim was organizing its own school, and there was no place for the Union school to continue its sessions, it was forced to disband. The last meeting place of the Union Sunday School was in the lecture room of Saint Paul's Church and the superintendent at the time was Dr. J. M. Dunlap, a member of Saint Paul's congregation.

At this period the Manheim charge consisted only of Manheim and Rapho and the pastor's salary was \$500 which was raised to \$637 in 1868. However, the Lancaster Classis was called upon to pay \$200 of this annual salary which classified the charge as a Mission congregation. At this same period salaries of \$20 each were paid to the organist and chorister. In 1869 the congregational apportionment for benevolence was only thirty-one dollars.

H. T. Spangler - J. H. Dubbs - J. S. Stahr J. V. Eckert

Supplies 1870 1877

For a period of seven years, Saint Paul's was without an accredited pastor and depended for the means of grace on the kindly ministrations of the four men whose names appear above. Some information about them is, in order.

Dr. Henry T. Spangler was born at Myerstown, studied at Palatinate College in his native town, then entered Ursinus College, from which institution he was graduated in the first class from that institution. He also graduated from the seminary at Collegeville and was licensed by the Lebanon Classis in 1875. From 1876 until 1884 he held various charges in the states of Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1885 he began his teaching career at Ursinus College and at the same time served as pastor of the nearby Trappe Reformed congregation. He succeeded Dr. John Bombarger as president of Ursinus in 1893 and continued in the office until his death in September, 1934, at age eighty.

Dr. John S. Stahr, native of Bucks County, was born in the village of Applebachville on December 2, 1841. His experience as a teacher began in rural schools when but sixteen years of age. After seven years of teaching in one room country schools he prepared to enter Franklin and Marshall

College where in 1867 he was graduated. From that year until 1909 he was a vital figure in the life of the college, at different times teaching German, History and Natural Science and from 1889 until 1909 serving as president of the institution. As President Emeritus, he continued to teach Ethics until his death in 1915. While he was not a graduate of a seminary, he studied theology privately under Dr. John W. Nevin and was rated "a talented and thoughtful preacher".

Dr. Joseph Henry Dubbs, son of a pastor, was born at North Whitehall on October 5, 1838. Entering Franklin and Marshall College, he was graduated in 1856 and proceeded at once to Mercersburg Theological Seminary. Upon completion of his ministerial training, he began his active ministry as assistant to his father who was then the pastor of Zion Reformed Church in Allentown. From 1863 until 1871 he served first as pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in Allentown and then as pastor of Christ Church in Philadelphia. In 1875 he was elected Audenreid Professor of History and Archeology in Franklin and Marshall College, a position which he held until in 1910 at the age of eighty he breathed his last.

Concerning John Varns Eckert, there is a paucity of information. It is known that he served as pastor of the Reformed congregations at New Providence, Heller's and Conestoga Center, at the latter location for a twelve year period. It was likely during his pastorate at the latter place that he served at Manheim occasionally. He then left the ministry of the Reformed Church and became affiliated with the Lutheran Church. As a Lutheran pastor, he ministered to the congregations at Maytown, Neffsville, Millersville, Bainbridge and Mount Eden. He made his home in Lancaster. Nothing is known of his career after 1882.

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Although Manheim was the center of the charge which again in 1875 consisted of four congregations, it appears from the records of Classis that Manheim was satisfied to continue without an elected pastor and depend wholly on supplies from the college at Lancaster. In 1873 Classis faced the problem and declared that "it is the binding duty of Classis to provide the Manheim charge with a stated and efficient pastor who can officiate in both languages". In 1875 to a committee composed of Revs. W. T. Gerhard, J. S. Stahr and E. V. Gerhart "was committed the care and oversight of the three churches of the Manheim charge". One year later (1876) the committee reported that Manheim was not persuaded to call a pastor but wanted Dr. J. H. Dubbs to continue as a supply. Because of the outstanding ability of Dr. Dubbs and Dr. Stahr and Dr. Spangler who preached at Manheim during the period, we are assured that the attendants upon divine worship heard edifying sermons. However, there was little opportunity for pastoral work because the supplying ministers were sufficiently busy in the field of education.

The one visible sign of activity noted at Manheim during this seven year period was the beginning in February 1876 of Wednesday night prayer meetings.

Louis F. Zinkhan

1877 1882

Born in Baltimore on December 11, 1854, Rev. Zinkhan was licensed by the Lancaster Classis in 1877 and was installed as pastor at Manheim

in the same year. In 1882 he resigned the Manheim charge and from that year until 1897 he was associated with correctional work in penal and mental institutions, lastly serving as Superintendent of the Washington (D. C.) Asylum. Re-entering the ministry he then pastored the Reformed congregation at Boonsboro, Maryland, for a number of years. Upon retirement from active life, he moved to Ravenna, Ohio, to live with a son. Here he died on March 23, 1929, in his seventy-fifth year. Interment was in Charlestown Cemetery, Portage County, Ohio.

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Under the ministrations of an active and resident pastor, Saint Paul's Church exhibited evidences of new life. Following a program of renovation during which the church and Sunday School rooms were "thoroughly repaired and beautified", the tenth anniversary of the Sunday School was observed on December 6, 1877. For the work of renovation, members of the congregation had contributed liberally but when the task was completed, there remained a considerable debt "which was however kindly provided for through the liberality of Mr. Philip Arndt, an old and faithful member".

The East Petersburg Church in 1877 again became part of the Manheim charge and agreed to pay \$125 toward the salary of a pastor. For the next 37 years East Petersburg continued as an affiliate of the Manheim congregation.

In 1878 action was taken to provide a parsonage for the pastor and his family. A building committee consisting of H. C. Boyd, E. F. Hostetter and Dr. James M. Dunlap was appointed to purchase a lot and proceed with the building of a suitable residence. A lot on North Prussian (51 N. Main) street was purchased for \$400 and on November 14, a contract to build a house for \$1,007.50 was given to Samuel R. Ruhl. Thus the total cost of the house for the minister was about \$1,400 which was about \$700 less than the estimated cost, the reason being that a brick house was originally planned instead of the frame dwelling which was actually built.

It was during Rev. Zinkhan's pastorate that the Rapho congregation, which had a history that antedated that of Saint Paul's by eighteen years, was dissolved. From 1780 until 1865 Reformed services had regularly been held there and after that at intervals up to 1879. In the latter year a committee from Classis found that only one male member, Jacob Swade by name, was then alive. Lancaster Classis thereupon appointed a Board of Trustees for the Church in Rapho, consisting of Jacob Swade and Dr. C. J. Snively and George Mengel from Saint Paul's congregation. The Mennonites showing an interest in the church building, the property was sold to Frederick Gantz, George Grady, John Blocher and John B. Brubaker, trustees of the Rapho congregation of Mennonites on May 29, 1880, for seven hundred dollars. Classis approved the disposition of the Rapho Church property and after the expenses attendant on the transfer of the property, there remained the sum of \$558 which was distributed in equal amounts to the congregations in Manheim and in Elizabethtown. Today the former Rapho Reformed church is known as Gantz's Mennonite Church.

Rev. Zinkhan was a bachelor, and although there was now a parsonage available, he preferred to live and board with members of the congregation. A versatile man, he was equally at home in the pulpit or in the homes of his parishioners. When necessary he served as organist and on occasion would leave the pulpit to seat himself at the organ and accompany himself

ELISABETH WILL — Maiden name **WEITH**.

Born November 13, 1744. Died August 10, 1821.

Age 46 years, 8 months, 28 days. Inscription in German.

ESTER WILL — Born July 22, 1813. Died June 6, 1819.

Age 5 years, 10 months, ? days. Inscription in German.

GEORGE WITTMAN — Born January 8, 1780. Died January 12, 1804.

Age 24 years, 4 days.

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The above gravestone inscriptions were copied in 1941 by William Frederick Worner, assisted by Rev. John F. Knittle, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, who translated from the German. At that time the cemetery was in prime condition and well maintained. There were 46 stones standing upright and seven were piled on the ground. There was one fieldstone minus an inscription and one sandstone on which the inscription was effaced. There was another headstone which had been broken in two and was not decipherable, and one stone was embedded in the ground, with only the name **MARGARET LINTON** decipherable.

In 1948 the stones were taken up in the cemetery and stored in the basement of the church, and the cemetery site was macadamized to provide a parking space for sixty cars. On the parking area close by the church was erected a memorial monument on which appear the names of families whose members were buried in the cemetery.

A study of the gravestone inscription indicates that the first burial in the Reformed Cemetery was in 1804 which is unexplainable since the first church was built on the lot in 1769. Apparently members of the congregation who passed away previously to 1804 were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery or in the Borough Graveyard on East High Street (site now occupied by the Lutheran parsonage).

ELIZABETH — Wife of JOHN HORST. Born August 16, 1841. Died May 11, 1912. Age 70 years, 8 months, 25 days.

WALTER SHERMAN — Son of DANIEL AND SARAH MAY. Died April 30, 1865. Age 1 year, 2 months, 15 days.

ELISABETH MEFFERT — Maiden name DEYER. Born April 27, 1797. Died November 17, 1820. Age 23 years, 6 months, 22 days.

ELISABETH MELLINGER — Born July 24, 1817. Died January 13, 1818. Age 5 months, 22 days. Inscription in German.

CATHARINE KLETER — Born April 24, 1820. Died July 4, 1821. Age 1 year, 2 months, 10 days. Inscription in German.

JOHANNES KLETER — Born May 16, 1793. Died October 27, 1821. Age 28 years, 4 months, 11 days. Inscription in German.

CHRISTINA LANG — Born November 27, 1755. Died November 17, 1819. Age 63 years, 9 months, 3 days. Inscription in German.

MATHEIAS LANG — Born February 16, 1752. Died February 18, 1824. Age 72 years, 2 days. Inscription in German.

ANNA MARY LINTON — Born April 27, 1803. Died July 14, 1872. Age 69 years, 2 months, 17 days.

CATHARINE — Wife of DAVID LINTON. Born February 16, 1766. Died September 18, 1847. Age 81 years, 6 months, 2 days.

DAVID LINTON — Born November 12, 1762. Died March 21, 1811. Age 48 years, 4 months, 9 days.

HARRIET E. — Daughter of EMANUEL and CATHARINE LONG. Born October 19, 1848. Died June 1, 1861. Age 12 years, 7 months, 12 days.

JOHN LONG — Born June 5, 1787. Died August 14, 1856. Age 69 years, 2 months, 9 days.

DAVID LEWIS — Son of DANIEL W. and SUSAN MAY. Born April 9, 1847. Died February 9, 1849. Age 1 year, 10 months.

SUSAN — Wife of DANIEL W. MAY. Born July 11, 1825. Died February 21, 1859. Age 33 years, 8 months, 10 days.

SARAH — Wife of FREDERICK SHOLLOW. Born July 27, 1787. Died May 12, 1859.

ANN MAGDALENA — Daughter of JACOB and MATHILDA SHUP. Born August 11, 1840. Died March 13, 1849. Age 8 years, 7 months, 2 days.

JACOB SHUP — Born December 22, 1801. Died February 27, 1849. Age 47 years, 2 months, 5 days.

JACOB SNYDER — Born September 22, 1794. Died October 24, 1856. Age 62 years, 1 month, 2 days.

ELIZA STOEHR — Born September 8, 1797. Died June 26, 1820. Age 22 years, 9 months, 18 days.

ELISABETH TSCHUTI — Born February 23, 1760. Died February 23, 1806. Inscription in German.

CATHERINE TSHUTY — Maiden name EHRHART. Died November 14, 1819. Age 77 years. Inscription in German.

DANIEL WILL — Born September 6, 1774. Died October 28, 1846. Age 72 years, 1 month, 22 days. Inscription in German.

Burials in the Reformed Cemetery at Manheim

- JOHN BRANDT — Born March 23, 1830. Died April 25, 1883.
Age 53 years, 1 month 2 days.
- ADAM DANNER — Born January 18, 1777. Died January 25, 1850.
Age 73 years, 7 days. Inscription in German.
- CATHARINA — daughter of George Land and wife of ADAM DANNER.
Born February 8, 1779. Died December 19, 1831. Age 52 years, 10 months, 11 days. Inscription in German.
- GEORGE DANNER — Born September 16, 1813. Died January 15, 1863.
Age 49 years, 3 months, 29 days. Inscription in German.
- JACOB DEIER — Born January 9, 1802. Died August 7, 1804.
Age 2 years, 6 months, 28 days. Inscription in German.
- EMANUEL DYER — Born August 25, 1760. Died July 7, 1836
Age 75 years, 10 months, 18 days. Inscription in German.
Revolutionary War Record in Pennsylvania Archives.
- SOPHIA DYER — Born May 8, 1762. Died August 25, 1831.
Age 69 years, 3 months, 17 days. Inscription in German.
- ELIZABETH — Wife of GEORGE DIFFENDERFER. Born January 9,
1789. Died December 5, 1846. Age 57 years, 10 months, 26 days.
Inscription in German.
- JOHANNES DOCK — Born September 14, 1800. Died April 2, 1808.
Age 8 years, 6 months, 17 days. (Age on stone wrong)
Inscription in German.
- EMANUEL DOCK — Born July 25, 1803. Died November 13, 1806.
Age 3 years, 3 months, 2 days. Inscription in German.
- CATHERINE HENRIETTA — Daughter of GEORGE and MARY
EBRECHT. Died May 21, 1855. Age 2 years, 5 months, 13 days.
- ELIZABETH — Daughter of GEORGE and MARY EBRECHT. Born
September 28, 1828. Died May 28, 1856. Age 27 years, 8 months.
Inscription in German.
- CATHERINE ENCK — Born June 14, 1740. Died April 30, 1806.
Age 65 years, 10 months, 26 days. Inscription in German.
- MARY — Wife of GEORGE J. EBRECHT—Maiden name Stauffer.
Born September 28, 1828. Died May 28, 1856. Age 27 years, 8 months.
Inscription in German.
- ISAAC FAUST — Born February 5, 1799. Died February 7, 1847.
Age 48 years, 2 days. Inscription in German.
- GEORGE FRANTZ — Born January 27, 1817. Died March 30, 1817.
Age 9 weeks. Inscription in German.
- JOHANNES FRANTZ — Born October 31, 1807. Died February 17, 1809.
Age 1 year, 3 months, 19 days. Inscription in German.
- CATHARINA HOFFER — Wife of ISAAC HOFFER. Born April 30,
1811. Died July 27, 1835. Age 23 years, 2 months, 27 days.
Inscription in German.
- JACOB FRANTZ — Born December 17, 1811. Died July 21, 1813.
Age 1 year, 7 months, 4 days. Inscription in German.

Many special events are in the program which looks forward to a concentrated period of services during the month of October.

The first event of this historic year was a rededication service on January 5, 1969 which focused attention to the renovations of the previous year and appropriately ushered in the anniversary year.

Not planned originally as one of the features of the year, an event dated January 27, 1969, will nevertheless ever be remembered as a salient feature of this particular year. On this date, ground was broken at the southeast corner of Fulton and Gramby streets for a new parsonage, the same built by the beneficence of the Paul H. Stern family. Dedication was held on Sunday, August 10, 1969.

By no means should the preceding brief chronicle be considered as a complete history of 200 years of congregational life. What has been set before the reader emphasizes only some of the highlights of two centuries and yet it is enough to provide a picture of the definite, progressive life of Saint Paul's Church. A detailed history would of necessity include many hundreds of special events and happenings, some of them a matter of record but many more of them fragments of forgotten history. To tell completely the glorious story of this congregation would be to mention the names of thousands of devoted men and women who worshipped here through the years and served their Lord and Master and consecrated to Him their talents to the best of their ability.

Surely this congregation has been blessed, and now in this year nineteen hundred and sixty-nine as we contemplate again the backward look that is inherent in a bicentennial observance, it behooves every member to look forward, to the years yet to be. With a beautiful sanctuary, fully conducive to meditation, worship and praise and with a Christian Education building complete in every detail necessary for effective work in the field of instruction, Saint Paul's stands ready for greater tasks ahead and for a more effective witness in the community of Manheim.

Norman Bauman Bucher, Jr.

1960

Pastor Norman B. Bucher was born at Annville on September 26, 1927. His graduation from Annville High School in 1945 was followed by a two year enlistment in the United States Navy. In 1950 he finished Lebanon Valley College and in 1953 he completed his theological course at the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Following ordination he was elected as pastor of the Quentin-Rexmont charge in Lebanon County. He served there from 1953-1959 and on January 1, 1960 came to Manheim as pastor. Since completion of his course in seminary, Rev. Bucher received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology from Temple University and has completed graduate work, also at Temple, leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the course of his ministerial career he has been delegate several times to the E & R Synod and since coming to Manheim, he has served as President of the local ministerial association and as President of the Lancaster Association of the United Church of Christ. He has been a part-time instructor in the Department of Religion at Lebanon Valley College and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ. When a busy church schedule permits, Pastor Bucher indulges in his hobbies of golf, photography, softball and ping-pong.

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In 1960, the same year that Pastor Bucher began his work in Manheim, he started issuing a parish newsletter which he called "Our Father's Business".

On June 23, 1963, a new two-manual pipe organ built by Sebastian Gundling and Son of Lancaster and costing \$25,000 was dedicated by a recital, the recitalists being Dr. Frank McConnell and Mrs. Sidney Garverich Tome.

Also, in 1963, copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible were placed in the sanctuary pew racks.

In 1966 the Constitution and By-Laws of the church corporation were brought up-to-date by various amendments.

For \$15,000, in 1967 the Myers Kreider property at 34 North Main street was purchased. Part of the property was made into an apartment and another part made available for an office, which is currently the headquarters of the Manheim Chamber of Commerce.

To meet a definite need, in 1967 a community weekday nursery school was begun.

As an indication of the continuing missionary zeal in the congregation, in 1968 the missionary thrust was increased to include support of another missionary family, namely The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Henderson in Angola, West Africa. In Hong Kong, Miss Lucile C. Hartman is also supported by funds from our congregation.

1968 — Renovations were made to the exterior and interior of the sanctuary at a cost of twelve thousand dollars.

1969 — In this year marking the 200th year that Saint Paul's United Church of Christ of Manheim has been serving successive generations, an anniversary celebration to continue throughout the year has been planned.

son he co-authored in 1962 "Book of Prayers for Church and Home". He is presently a member of the Commission on Worship of the United Church of Christ, having served as a member since nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

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Following in 1951 a remodeling program which involved the chancel and nave of the sanctuary, a service marking the completion of these latest improvements was held. The Reverend Allan S. Meck, D.D. President of the Seminary, preached. The total cost of the improvements was \$12,000.

Marking in 1952 the 100th anniversary of the erection of the present church as well as the 183rd year of the existence of the congregation, a brochure was prepared and distributed titled "A Souvenir of Progress". While the progressive past history of the congregation was briefly reviewed, the purpose of the brochure was not meant to emphasize or to glory in past achievements. Rather, the text provided a thorough examination of the present status of Saint Paul's Church and a look into the future needs of a growing congregation in an expanding community. Through sketches and by "Questions and Answers", the members were impelled to realize the urgency of a modern Christian Education Building.

Three years later, on October 16, 1955, during a torrential rain, ground breaking ceremonies for a Christian Education building were carried out. Each of the following persons turned a spadeful of earth: Harry C. Smith, Chairman of the Building Committee; Richard E. Hoffman, Vice-president of the Consistory; Paul H. Stern and Roy H. Miller, both Vice-presidents of the Consistory at some time during the planning of the building; Mrs. C. B. Mackley, President of the Woman's Guild; Emerson R. Rothenberger, Superintendent of the Church School; L. C. Walter, oldest attending member of the congregation; Donald Hoffman, Church School member with the longest record of perfect attendance; Sidney Miller, President of the Junior Youth Fellowship; Vickie Edgar, Junior Department; Darlene Watson, Primary Department; Aldine Summers, Kindergarten.

Built on the site which was purchased in 1949 and south of the original church edifice, the education building was, on June 16, 1957, properly dedicated. Participating in the program of the day were: The Reverend Harvey H. Leidy, Pastor Emeritus; The Reverend Truman A. Crist, President of the Lancaster Synod and Dr. Allan S. Meck, President of the Seminary who presented the sermon of the day on the text "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock". Provided in the new building which cost \$120,000 were well lighted classrooms, a pastor's study, church office, a choir room and a modern kitchen.

Again in 1957, Saint Paul's Church became a constituent congregation of a new church body, this time because of the formation at Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25 of the United Church of Christ. The two denominations which merged and made possible the new church group were "The Evangelical and Reformed Church" and "The Congregational Church".

1931 — January 11, marked a special service dedicating the new organ and the addition to the church. On this festive occasion former pastor A. O. Bartholomew preached the sermon.

1931 — In this year Saint Paul's Reformed Church of Manheim was legally chartered as a corporation according to the laws of Pennsylvania. The text of the appeal for a charter recited the fact that "SAID CORPORATION is formed for the purpose of worship of Almighty God according to the faith, doctrine and creed of the Reformed Church in the United States and to maintain preaching of the Gospel, observance of the Sacraments and Christian discipline, according to the confession of faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism and the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States".

Members of the consistory whose names appeared on the appeal were Rev. Harvey M. Leidy, Robison F. Walter, Robert K. Hershey, Morgan T. Williams, D. W. Martin, J. H. Nissley, Warren P. Keech, C. Bucher Mackley, Roy Miller. The charter was duly granted to the congregation on June 6, 1931, by Judges John M. Groff and Benjamin C. Atlee.

At Cleveland, Ohio, on June 26, 1934, the Evangelical and Reformed Church came into being as a result of a merger of the Reformed Church in America and the Evangelical Synod of North America. Saint Paul's in Manheim automatically became a congregation of the new church body.

Signalizing many years of interest in the missionary activities of the church at large, the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the first missionary society in Saint Paul's was celebrated appropriately on April 21, 1938. Through the years three missionaries, who served their Lord and Master with distinction, received their early religious instruction in Saint Paul's: Dr. Carl K. Becker in the Belgian Congo and Miss Kathryn Kuhn (Mrs. David Harrison) and Mr. John Kuhn in China. In part the continuing missionary zeal in the congregation has been due to the influence of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hershey, Miss Mary Hershey, Mr. J. H. Nissley and Mrs. Annie Kready, each of whom was personally active in various missionary projects.

By the purchase in 1949 of the property immediately south of the original church, the land area of Saint Paul's was increased, thereby providing space for future extension.

R. Howard Paine

1951 1959

Born in Lebanon on March 13, 1922, R. Howard Paine received his education in the Lebanon Public Schools, Lebanon Valley College, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Harvard University and the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary. He was ordained in October, 1945, at Lebanon by the Lancaster Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Before coming to Manheim in 1951 he served as pastor of the Christ E. and R. Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and as assistant pastor of Christ E. and R. Church at Bethlehem in this state. Since 1959 he has served as pastor of Saint Thomas United Church of Christ in Reading. With Bard Thomp-

Harvey M. Leidy

1927 1951

Rev. Harvey M. Leidy, who was born on November 16, 1880, in the village of Fricks, Bucks County, received his preliminary education at West Chester Normal School and at Perkiomen Seminary. After he had taught in the public schools of Blooming Glen, Bucks County for six years, he entered Ursinus College and was graduated from the same in 1908. Three years at Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, followed and on July 26, 1911, he was ordained by the Allegheny Classis. Rev. Leidy's first charge was Grace Church in Harmony, Pennsylvania, where he remained for sixteen years. Saint Paul's, Manheim, called him in 1927 and from February 4 of that year until February 4, 1951, he faithfully served the congregation. Apart from the pastorate of Rev. Schaffner (1808-1839) Rev. Leidy's service of twenty-four years was the longest of any of the ministers of this congregation. At the close of his ministry in Manheim he moved to Lancaster, there to live in the home of his son, Alexander, and family. Although Pastor Leidy never accepted another full time pastorate he was too devoted to the work of his Master and the Church to retire to an inactive life. From 1951 to 1955 he was in constant demand as a supply preacher and since 1955 he has been an assistant pastor of Saint Paul's United Church of Christ in Lancaster. Now as he approaches ninety years of age, Rev. Leidy, still a man of energy and activity is the "minister of visitation" in Saint Paul's, Lancaster, and in this capacity makes 1000 calls annually to members in their homes and in hospitals. He administers all of the home communions and until 1968 continued to teach a Bible class.

During Rev. Leidy's pastorate, the church membership more than doubled in size and Church School enrollment rose from 140 to 400 members. During the same period he preached 2,314 sermons, received 552 persons into church membership, baptized 218 persons, performed 107 marriages, preached 240 funeral sermons, taught a Bible class 967 times and made 21,446 pastoral calls.

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A new home for the pastor and his family at 72 N. Grant street was purchased in 1927 for \$8,500 and the residence on S. Grant street was sold. At the time of this transaction, the trustees of the congregation were Bayard Oldknow, Claude Shelly, Robert K. Hershey, Warren P. Keech, Ephraim K. Strickler, Landis Winger, James B. Lewis and Monroe Pfautz.

During the next four years, a number of significant happenings and improvements, indicative of progress were projected and carried to completion.

1928 — The memorial windows which had been placed in the sanctuary forty years earlier were removed and replaced with art glass windows.

1930 — Through the efforts of George Pinkerton, organist, a three manual Bates and Culley Pipe organ with 36 stops and 2,500 pipes replaced the instrument which had been in use since nineteen hundred and six.

1930 — A two story addition to the church building provided much needed space for the Junior and Primary Departments of the Sunday School.

Home Missions	\$ 182.00
Foreign Missions	182.00
Students for the Ministry	12.00
Theological Seminary	12.00
Foreign Relief	23.00
Sustentation	23.00
General Synod	9.00
Classical Contingent	25.00
Eastern Synod	30.00
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	\$ 498.00

The total receipts for the year 1919 through church offerings were \$2,633.63 and \$657.83 from Sunday School offerings.

In 1920 a dual service marked first, the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the first log church and secondly it purported to recognize those men from Saint Paul's who had served in the armed forces of our nation during the late war (World War I).

It was on a certain Sunday around this time that a German sermon—the last one of record—was preached in St. Paul's Church by Rev. L. C. Edmunds, father of Sunday School Superintendent Edmunds.

A. Theodore Wright

1921 1926

Bushkill Center in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was the native home of Rev. Wright. He was graduated from Ursinus Seminary in 1898 and ordained on December nineteenth of that year by the Philadelphia Classis. Shortly thereafter he began his ministerial career by organizing a new Reformed congregation, named Bethany, in the city of York. Following this work he served as pastor of churches at Rockingham and Mount Crawford in Virginia and at Fairfield and Columbiana in Ohio. In 1921 he took over the spiritual care of Saint Paul's, Manheim, and remained here until nineteen hundred and twenty-six. His departure from Manheim marked virtual retirement from the active ministry. He established a home at Red Lion in York County and spent his remaining years in travelling and lecturing. Death came on May 27, 1935, and after obsequies in Saint John's Church, Red Lion, the body was taken to Rev. Wright's native community and interred in Arndt's Union Cemetery near Easton. On his deathbed he was heard reciting the words of the hymn, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds".

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In the year 1922, the original parsonage on North Main street which had not been used by the pastor's family since 1914 was sold and a new home at 111 South Grant street was purchased for \$3,300. At this time the trustees of the congregation were M. M. Pfautz, H. L. Edmunds, E. K. Strickler, J. H. Nissley and John W. Boyd.

Elam Shelly, and Frederick Fricker. The Sunday School class taught by Mr. H. H. Shenck and also Mrs. John W. Boyd presented other items to complete the appointments of the chancel. The cost of the improvements was \$4,000.

At the morning service on the day of rededication, the sermon was delivered by Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Lancaster Seminary. An evening service completed the program of the day and at this time Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, uncle of the pastor, delivered a discourse. The music of the day was ably provided by the choir under the leadership of H. C. Stauffer, assisted by soloists Miss Bessie Boyd, Miss Jennie O. Ensminger and Mr. Morgan T. Williams.

In order to form a new charge with the Eden congregation, the East Petersburg congregation withdrew from the Manheim charge in 1914, and in so doing severed a close relationship of thirty-seven years.

Rev. Bartholomew and family did not reside in the parsonage to the close of his pastorate but moved to a brick dwelling at 6 North Charlotte street which had recently been renovated and modernized by Mr. Clayton Gible, who was a member of the congregation.

During Pastor Bartholomew's pastorate, 215 members were added to the congregational roll. Nine hundred dollars was the salary of the pastor at this time.

Edward H. Zechman

1914 1921

Edward H. Zechman, the eldest in a family of many children, three of whom became ministers, was born at Obold, Berks County, on June 1, 1882. He entered the Sinking Springs High School when twenty-one years of age and after graduation taught a rural school. His theological training was received at Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, in Ohio and at the Lancaster Seminary. Licensed by the Miami Classis of Ohio in 1912, his first pastorate was Nittany Valley in Centre County from which place he came to Manheim, where he served for seven years. His term of service here covered the years of World War I when there was a shortage of man power. Rev. Zechman at that time took on the duties of a local mail carrier until the close of the war.

From Manheim Rev. Zechman went to Beaver Springs where he served the Reformed congregation for the remainder of his earthly sojourn. On June 8, 1937, he was released from this life at age fifty-five.

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In 1915, during Rev. Zechman's pastorate, a new parish paper was begun and named "St. Paul's Clarion". It was edited by the pastor and Sunday School Superintendent Howard L. Edmunds who succeeded H. C. Boyd in that office. Mr. Boyd had presided as head of the Sunday School for almost fifty years and had been faithful in every phase of parish work.

With a church membership of 227 in 1919 it should prove enlightening to look at the apportionment for agencies of the church in that year.

Deacons: H. C. Stauffer, served since 1885
 J. F. Becker, served since 1896
 J. B. Eby, served since 1901
 M. G. Hess, served since 1902
 Sunday School Superintendent: H. C. Boyd
 Assistant Superintendent: M. G. Hess
 Superintendent of the Infant Dept.: Mrs. M. G. Hess, Miss Annie Danner
 President of the Senior C. E. Society: J. B. Eby
 President of the Intermediate C. E. Society: Rev. Welsh
 President of the Junior C. E. Society: Miss Bessie M. Boyd
 President of the Woman's Missionary Society: Mrs. B. H. Hershey

Albert O. Bartholomew

1903 1914

Rev. Albert O. Bartholomew was born at Lehighton on April 12, 1873. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and the Lancaster Seminary, he was licensed to preach by the Lehigh Classis at its annual meeting on May 13, 1898, in Allentown and two days later was ordained. Previous to his term of service in Manheim he pastored a congregation in Lehigh County and after leaving Manheim he served the Reformed charge in Littlestown, York County. Death came suddenly to him at the age of 63 on Sunday, July 4, 1937, as he was preparing for the morning service in his church. Burial took place at Lehighton in Lehigh County. At the time of his demise, he was a member of the board of Franklin and Marshall College, which institution had also conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. While living in Manheim, he, with the help of the local Lutheran pastor, Rev. A. E. Cooper, organized the Teacher's Protective Mutual Life Insurance Company which is still a functioning organization with headquarters in Lancaster.

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Once again, improvements and renovations were made in Saint Paul's Church; and on Sunday, January 7, 1906, a great reopening service was held. The outstanding new feature in the sanctuary on this day was a pipe organ made by J. W. Steere and Son of Springfield, Massachusetts. This pipe organ, the first for Saint Paul's, was made possible by money gifts from three individuals. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, noted for benefactions in many fields, paid \$500 toward the cost while the remainder was provided by two members whose names were not divulged. Until this time the choir occupied a platform at the rear of the sanctuary, but with the installation of the pipe organ a choir loft was built to the right of the chancel in the front of the sanctuary. The former choir platform at the rear was altered so as to provide more seating for the congregation. To the left of the chancel on the wall facing the congregation appeared an oil painting "Christ Knocking at the Door" which was both artistic and thought compelling.

New green carpeting was paid for by the Ladies Aid Society and certain new furnishings were memorials to Mrs. Lillian Froelich, Mrs.

Rev. Welsh was the first pastor to prepare a history of the congregation. It was printed as a twenty-eight page booklet especially for the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the present church. In writing the history he utilized the translation by Rev. Wehler of a handwritten history in German by Father Isaac Gerhart, to which he added interesting additional facts gleaned from then existing records. The present compiler is indebted to Rev. Welsh for his foresight in preserving the Gerhart-Wehler history.

For three days beginning on August 8, 1902, the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the church was fittingly celebrated. Amazingly, ten former pastors were still in the flesh and a report in the "Messenger" stated that eight of them journeyed to Manheim for the services. The anniversary sermon was preached by Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart, then in his eighty fifth year, son of Pastor Isaac Gerhart (1849-1855). Dr. J. H. Dubbs and Dr. J. S. Stahr, both having supplied the pulpit a quarter of a century earlier appeared on the program. Dr. Dubbs' text for his address was 2 Timothy 2:19 while Dr. Stahr used Proverbs 22:28 as a basis for his address which had this ponderous title "The Legitimate Development of the Modern Church within the Limits of Ancient Rites and Customs". Rev. Louis Zinkhan (Pastor 1877-82) spoke on "The Fruits of Fifty Years" but owing to an indisposition, his remarks were brief. Other speakers during the three day celebration were Rev. T. O. Stem (1867-70), Rev. Chas. E. Wehler (1893-99), and Rev. W. J. Johnson (1885-90).

One of the special features of the anniversary exercises was the excellent music of the choir under the leadership of H. C. Stauffer, a deacon of the congregation. These well known singers ably assisted: H. H. Gingrich and daughter Miss Bessie of Lititz, former active members at Manheim and Miss Lillian Wilbar, a former public school teacher in the town. Mrs. H. C. Stauffer was the organist.

Also, a display of "church relics" added interest to the fiftieth anniversary events. Exhibited were the first communion set, the pedestal from the original wineglass pulpit and the tin candle sconces used in the first church. The communion set and the sconces may be seen today in the Hershey Museum.

Improvements in the parsonage in 1900 included installation of a bathroom and electric wiring. Pastor Welsh with his family occupied the parsonage during his pastorate.

Shortly after Rev. Welsh took up his work in Manheim, the consistory voted to substitute individual cups for the common cup at Holy Communion; whereupon Mrs. S. H. Welsh, mother of the pastor, presented the first set of 200 cups to the congregation.

At this time the salary of the pastor was \$800 of which amount \$225 was paid by East Petersburg. The Manheim congregation was freed of debt which was made possible by a contribution of \$200 from the Christian Endeavor Society.

In the history published in 1902 was a list of the officers in the church and its auxiliaries, as of that year.

Elders: H. C. Boyd, served since 1858
A. Kline, served since 1872
C. Binkley, Jr., served since 1891

Divinity. In 1927 he was dismissed from the Baltimore-Washington Classis in order to accept the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Frederick, Maryland.

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From reports that have come down through the years by word of mouth, it is apparent that Rev. Wehler was the type of man who would be described today as "a live wire". By reason of his activities in the town as well as in the church, he was popular throughout the town. A zealous advocate of the Christian Endeavor movement, soon after his arrival he organized a Senior C. E. Society, as well as a Junior and Intermediate societies. Mrs. Wehler assumed the work of superintending the Junior Society with Mrs. Howard Gingrich as her assistant. Rev. Wehler's initials being C. E. he soon became familiarly known as Christian Endeavor Wehler. With the forming of the C. E. societies, which met each Saturday afternoon and aimed at encouraging youth in the work of the church, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip with its appeal to another generation, gradually declined and finally ceased as an organization.

In the parsonage and in the church, several improvements of importance during this period are worthy of note. The church was wired for electricity in 1896, the same year in which the Manheim Electric Company set up a power plant in Bomberger's Mill and introduced electricity to Manheim. In the parsonage a steam heating plant was placed in the basement at a cost of \$160 of which amount fifty dollars was contributed by the pastor. During Rev. Wehler's pastorate the parsonage across from the church was once more the residence of the pastor and his family.

In a cultural way Rev. Wehler contributed to community life by bringing to the town Lyceum entertainers and lecturers of high calibre. Interested in dramatics, he arranged and coached several musical dramas, which were presented in the Manheim Opera House.

Edited by Pastor Wehler and assisted by Charles A. Kline as business manager, the first parish paper made its appearance. "Pulpit and Pew" was the name of this congregational news sheet.

George W. Welsh

1899 1903

Rev. Welsh was a native of Bellefonte but with his parents moved to York when five years of age. A graduate of Ursinus College and of the Lancaster Seminary, he served congregations at Dillsburg and East Berlin in York County and at James' Creek in Huntingdon County before 1899 when he came to Manheim. When he departed from here in 1903, it was to return to York County, there to live the rest of his active life. From 1908 until 1940 he was the pastor of Zion Reformed Church in Spring Grove. Also for twenty of those years he taught in the Spring Grove High School. Rev. Welsh died on January 7, 1950, at Williamsport where he and Mrs. Welsh lived their declining years in the home of a daughter and son-in-law. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery at York. Rev. Welsh was a man of extreme cordiality and great enthusiasm for any project which he undertook. Also he was an humble man, well exemplified in a questionnaire he once filled out for an agency of the church. To the query as to what special service he rendered for the Reformed Church, he wrote "None, except that of a pastor."

At all of the services of the day the choir under the leadership of H. H. Gingrich with Miss Nettie E. Hostetter and Mrs. H. H. Gingrich as organists rendered excellent music. The total cost of the renovations was forty-two hundred dollars.

The Sunday School officers at this period of Saint Paul's history were Superintendent, H. C. Boyd; Primary Superintendent, Miss Harriet Bentz; Assistant, Miss Josephine Martin.

In the spring of 1889 the first missionary society of the congregation was organized with Mrs. B. H. Hershey as president and Miss Matilda Stehman as secretary. Men as well as women were included in the membership.

In closing his pastorate, Rev. Johnson stated that during his term of service, the members of Saint Paul's had contributed \$3,981 for benevolence and \$10,398 for congregational purposes. Seventy-one persons had been baptized, seventy-seven confirmed and thirty-one received into membership by reprofession of faith. Twenty couples were joined in holy wedlock and funeral services were held for fifty-two persons.

Daniel Weitzel Albright

1890 1893

Daniel W. Albright was born at Reading on November 30, 1861. His education was received in the Reading High School, Palatinate College at Myerstown, Franklin and Marshall College and the Lancaster Seminary. Licensed by the Schuylkill Classis in 1890, he was installed in that year as pastor of Saint Paul's. His length of service here was shortened due to ill health. He never married and while he was pastor he made his home at the Seller's Boarding House at 108 South Main street. After leaving Manheim he lived for the remainder of his life with his mother in Reading, and as his health permitted, supplied the pulpits in nearby congregations. On March 20, 1897, at age 35 he departed this life following "an attack of grippe which developed into congestion of the lungs".

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Under the ministry of Rev. Albright, the first men's organization in Saint Paul's was formed. Called the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the group held meetings in the Sunday School room from six to seven on Sunday evening preceding the worship service in the sanctuary. Reports from church members of the period indicate that the Sunday School room was filled to capacity each Sunday evening.

Charles E. Wehler

1893 1899

Charles Emanuel Wehler, a native of New Oxford and a graduate of Ursinus Seminary came to Manheim after a pastorate at historic Boehm's Church located at Blue Bell, Montgomery County. He remained at Manheim from 1893 until 1899 and while here wrote a brochure intended for prospective members entitled "Why I am a Church Member". Following his Manheim pastorate he entered the field of education and served successively as an instructor, as Dean and as Vice-president of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He resigned the latter office in 1923 to occupy the pulpit of Faith Reformed Church in Baltimore. Ursinus College in the following year conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of

The year 1885 witnessed a great improvement in the appointments at the parsonage. Running water was piped into the house, the Manheim Water Company having laid mains and begun service to Manheim homes in the previous year. Before this improvement, it was necessary for the parsonage family to draw water from their neighbor's pump. Certainly the convenience of running water was appreciated and yet Pastor Johnson and his family moved out of the parsonage because of a "noise" problem. Immediately to the north of the parsonage was the Witmyer Tinsmith Shop, and the din from this little industry annoyed the pastor to such a degree that he asked permission to remove elsewhere. Accordingly Rev. Johnson with his family moved to the Musselman Home at 149 S. Charlotte Street, the house which in recent years was the home and office of Dr. R. O. Diehl.

Under Pastor Johnson's active direction, extensive improvements were made to the church property during 1886. When the congregation voted to go ahead with the proposed alterations, announcement was made that "the pastor will spend his five weeks' vacation superintending the repairs, which when completed will give the Reformed congregation in Manheim, one of the most beautiful churches in Lancaster County".

By building a two story addition to the west, the building was lengthened which made possible the inclusion of a chancel in the front of the sanctuary. The choir gallery in the rear which had been part of the internal arrangement since the church had been built, was removed and a low platform built for the choir. For the first time the walls were frescoed and the entire church was carpeted. Lighting was by gas which was manufactured on the premises and heat was provided by two huge hot air furnaces placed on the first floor.

One other great change was the removal of the square windows which were replaced with Gothic style frames and stained glass windows. The new windows were all placed as memorials, as follows:

1. Rev. Isaac Gerhart — former pastor
2. Levi H. Johnson — by his son the pastor
3. Henry N. Kline — by his brother A. Kline
4. Catherine Keener — by her sister Susan K. Keener
5. Fannie May — by her friends
6. Blank
7. Elizabeth Arndt — by her three daughters
8. H. C. Boyd and family
9. Jacob H. Kline — by his daughters Lizzie, Ella and Susie
10. Ann K. Uhler — by the congregation
11. Blank
12. Blank
13. John and Mary Fulmer

On the day of rededication which was Sunday, January 23, 1887, a morning sermon was preached by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D. of Lancaster, who used as his text the ninth verse of the second chapter of Haggai. Dr. Gerhart's father was Rev. Isaac Gerhart who while pastor at Manheim had directed the building of the church. In the afternoon Dr. J. S. Stahr who had supplied the Manheim pulpit in past years delivered a sermon based on the third verse of the eighty-fourth Psalm, and at the evening service Psalm 68:28 served as a text for a sermon preached by former pastor Zinkhan.

as he sang a familiar gospel song. Perplexed by the custom of attendants at the mid-week prayer services occupying the rear benches, he attempted on a certain Wednesday night to correct this by turning the benches around and placing the reading desk right inside the entrance to the lecture room, explaining to his surprised parishioners that he wanted to be "with my congregation".

During the six years that Rev. Zinkhan served in Manheim, he baptized fifty-one members, added fifty-one persons to the congregational roll, officiated at twenty-nine weddings and conducted thirty-eight funeral services.

Soloman Balliet Schafer

1882 1884

Rev. Schafer was a native of Klechnerville, Northampton County, born there on March 14, 1845. His education was pursued at Mercersburg College and the Lancaster Seminary where he finished in eighteen hundred and seventy-four. For three years following his graduation from seminary he had charges at Shippensburg and at Carlisle; and then in 1877 suffered a stroke of apoplexy from which he never fully recovered. From 1878-1882 he was pastor at Milton where he suffered a misfortune when his home and his church were destroyed by fire. In 1882 he moved to Manheim and although he was in ill health when he arrived, he remained for two years. Without a charge for the next two years, he then accepted a call in 1886 to the Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, congregation. His labors here ended after six months when his weak physical condition forced a resignation. A semi-invalid for the remainder of his life, he nevertheless preached occasionally. His last years were lived at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, where he died on February 5, 1916, at age seventy.

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In December, 1882, a new reed organ was purchased for one hundred and twenty-five dollars. This was the second instrument used in Saint Paul's and continued in service until a pipe organ was installed thirty years later.

Warren Jacob Johnson

1885 1890

Born in Philadelphia on November 18, 1861, Warren Johnson finished Franklin and Marshall College in 1882 and the Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1885. In June of the latter year he was licensed by the Lancaster Classis and in the same month assumed the care of the church at Manheim. Remaining here until 1890, he subsequently served as pastor of Saint Paul's, Baltimore; Saint John's, Lebanon; Ascension, Norristown; Saint John's, Philadelphia; Saint Paul's, Lock Haven; and Christ Church in Altoona. Leaving the Reformed Church he was received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. He pastored a number of parishes of that denomination, the last one being Saint John's at Devon, Pennsylvania. In 1913 Ursinus conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His death occurred in the Bryn Mawr Hospital on January 19, 1927, at the age of sixty-six and burial was at Lancaster.

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In 1885 regular German preaching services were discontinued after which no longer was it required that the pastor be able to conduct services in German as well as in English.

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