



Ashland Place

United Methodist Church 1942-2017

75th Anniversary Notes

Continuing our remembrance journey in the Sanctuary, consider some of the things we see as we worship.

The altar paraments, in colors that are varied for the seasons of the church year, contribute to the worship experience. The purple set was given by Margaret Ann Hull Schooley in memory of her husband. The red set was given by Katharine Hope in memory of her parents. Red was also given by Derrille Hill in memory of Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, her mother. The white set was given in memory of Mrs. E. Wittmam by Virginia Wyatt Sexton and Don Wyatt.



The altar paraments connect us to the deep roots of our Christian heritage, as well as the deep roots of our Ashland Place family.

The two brass collection plates were given by Mrs. S.H. (Pauline) Hendrix, a charter member, in memory of Mary Weaver Brown and Sarah Weaver Norris. As mentioned in a previous installment, she also gave the cross and candlesticks in memory of Shelton Hendrix, also a charter member. The Bible and stand were given by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Maitre in memory of her mother, Mary Lee Blankenship. By the way, the Maitres were grandparents of Mary Rachel Maitre, mentioned in the last installment about the garden in her memory. Another pulpit Bible was given by the family of Jesse Reginald Yonker.

On occasion, we use the chalice, paten, and processional cross presented in memory of Wilfred and Rosalee Leatherwood, parents of Karen Kelsoe. Also, Mae Beth Bruckmann gave an antique English sterling silver chalice in memory of her father. Communion ware was also given by the Russ family in 1975. A communion altar cover and veil are in memory of Harold Martin Newman.

Doris Cargile Moody gave a large brass altar urn in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Cargile and Guy Cargile. However, the urn pictured above was provided by the Women's Society of Christian Service (now known as United Methodist Women). Look for notes about UMW's role in our history in a later installment. Hazel Trammell, with her sons, gave the Advent wreath, Paschal candlestick, and stand in memory of her husband, James Walter Trammell. Many members may remember Mr. Trammell for the valuable service he routinely provided the church after his retirement. He handled purchasing and was very effective in saving the church money on supplies. Incidentally, memories of Easter egg hunts at their house on The Cedars for us church children triggers a smile.



James and Hazel Trammell

When one of our members transfers membership to the Church Eternal, as Rev. Jim Connor used to say, we may see the lovely funeral pall dressing the casket during the service. It was given by family and friends in memory of Leverett William Brown.

The origin and disposition of our first organ was mentioned in this space previously. Its replacement in 1975 is testimony to our church's growth and vitality – an important milestone in our history.

Our organ was built and installed through the generosity of many members and friends. There were 83 pledges to our organ fund, plus 127 other donors. Forty-two of the donations were memorial gifts. The organ cost nearly \$30,000 to build and install.

In 1973, Gordon Bailey, as Administrative Board chairman, appointed a committee to study the acquisition and funding of a new organ: Derille Hill, Virginia Gramling, Dorothy Kimbrough (our former organist), Susan White, Walter Underwood, George Ward, and Jim Crawford as chairman. Leo Brannon was pastor at the time.

The Zimmer Company of North Carolina built and installed our 12 rank instrument with 731 pipes, put into use in 1975. It is played on two manual keyboards and a pedal board, and also has chimes. It was a complicated purchase, involving many hours of committee study, correspondence, and the use of a consultant.



Our Traditional Music Director, Jenny Slay at the organ



A piano has been an important supplement to music from the organ. The Sanctuary has housed a variety of pianos over the years. In 1949, the Robinson family gave a piano in memory of Mrs. J.A. Robinson. Another piano was given by the family of R.A. Hill. The Chancel Choir and Staff provided the newest Sanctuary piano in memory of Dennis Overton. For decades, Dennis worked as the church custodian. Always friendly and helpful, Dennis had a personal relationship with many members in addition to staff. He was greatly loved.



The Sanctuary piano was given in loving memory of Dennis Overton by the Staff and Chancel Choir of Ashland Place United Methodist Church, September 2009.



This photograph was taken as Dennis helped with the 50th anniversary celebration. Richard Crowther preserved this and other important memories with his talent for photography.



**Dennis Overton
Custodian**

Invitation...

Become a “friend” of the 75th anniversary on our Facebook page. In Facebook, search for the group “75th Anniversary of Ashland Place United Methodist Church.” Join the group and invite others into the group to help spread the word. You will not want to miss the discussion to begin soon in the group!

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