

1880-First Presbyterian Church organized, with 20 members and 46 students. Rev. O.Elmer.

Services held in the schoolhouse on the north side of the railroad tracks-the old Post office.

The first Church building was built in 1883. Rev C. Johnson. Ralph Gibson installed electric lights in the Church December 6, 1917, in 1918 the light bill was \$6.00 a month!

The UPWO-women's organization's first records are from 1913. Over the years they have helped pay the ministers salary, coal bills, serve food for anniversaries, funerals, and in 1950 they stained benches and tables made by Clarence Grindberg and Nick Christianson.

The Missionary League was organized December 27, 1933 by Rev. and Mrs. Meyers. Their efforts have helped out in hard times, and with the purchase of collection plates, decorate the manse, purchase gifts for the children's home in Jamestown, making bandages...whatever was needed to 'Further the work of the Kingdom of God.

1947 this building was rebuilt to its present structure - dedicated in 1949. The manse located one block south of the church was sold in 1947.

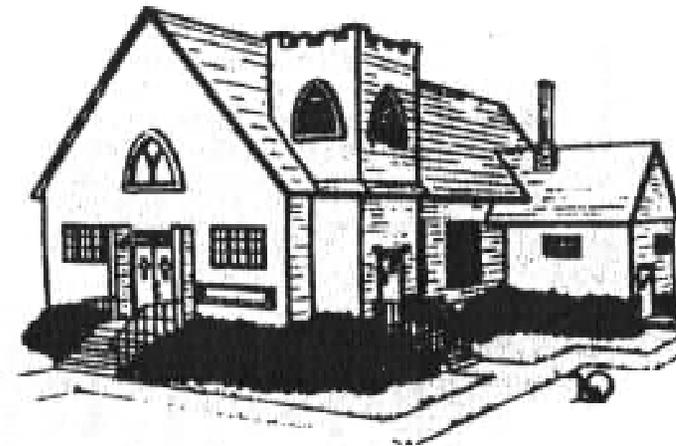
The first meeting of the Youth Fellowship was held December 16,1950 -Rev. Shanks/ in 1974 the nondenominational membership included 38 of the youth in our community.

In 1968 the school kindergarten class was held in the Church basement. A dividing curtain was installed and classes were held until 1977 when the high school students were tuitioned out to West Fargo and Casselton. Once again the school could accommodate all the elementary children.

June 1976 the session voted to give \$50.00 to the Cub Scout Program in Mapleton to help then get started.

Over the years many hard workers of this proud Church have done their best - willingly, joyfully, and steadfastly. Thank you. we all pray his work can continue in this building.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Mapleton, N.D. February 25, 2001. Celebration of this Ministry



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