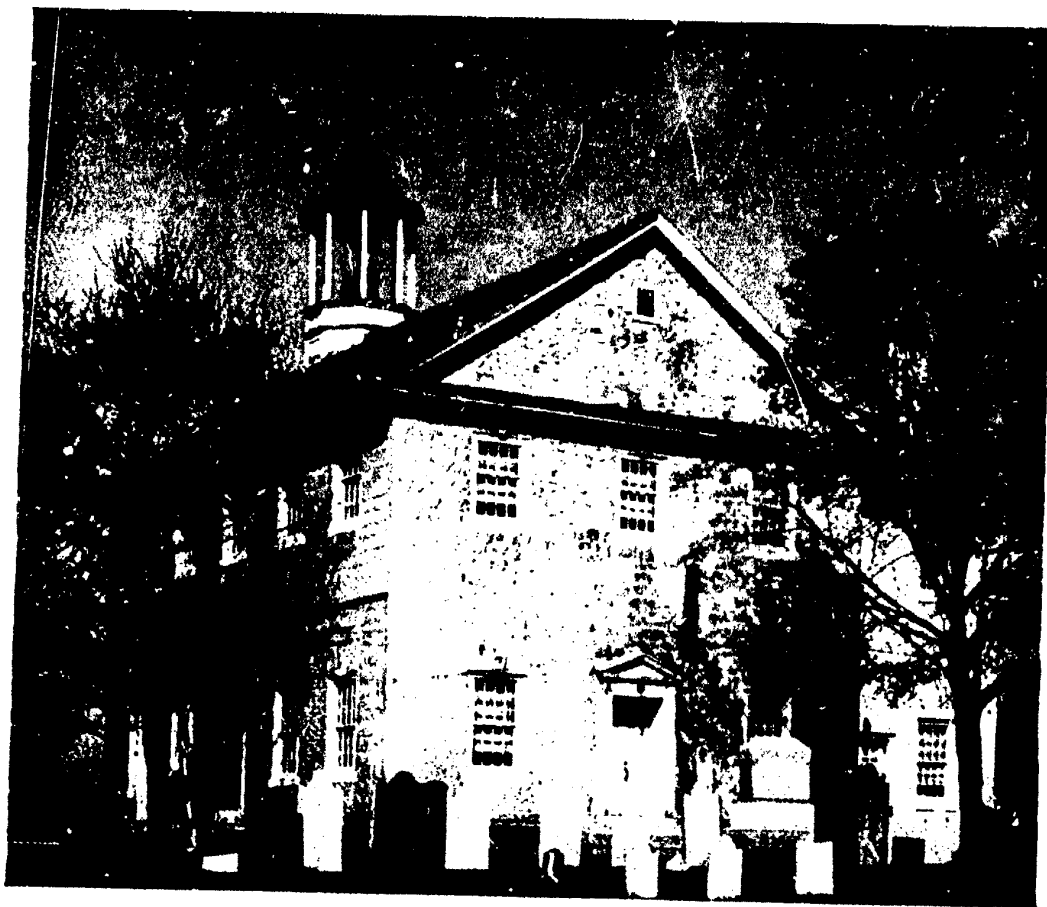


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## *The 200th Anniversary*



### **The Swamp Reformed Church**

(Evangelical and Reformed)

BLAINSPORT, Lancaster County, PENNSYLVANIA



*Sunday, June 5th, 1949*

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## The Swamp Reformed Church and its Organizations

BLAINSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

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### DEDICATION

Dedicated to the memory of and in Gratitude for the  
Consecrated men and women of this parish who  
labored so faithfully in this vineyard of the Lord,  
and for the inspiration of the present membership  
who have entered into their labors.

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## The 200th Anniversary Committee



FIRST ROW—Simon Bates, Mrs. Beulah Binkley, Mrs. Hattie Brunner, Miss Gladys Ochs, Mrs. Esther Stuber, Edgar Sweigart, Harry Druckenbrod.  
SECOND ROW—Christian Gress, Paul K. Gelsinger.  
THIRD ROW—Raymond S. Brunner, Harold Drybread, Michael W. Klapp, Rev. John F. Smeltzer.

### Anniversary Committees

#### HISTORY — PUBLICITY — PROGRAM

Paul K. Gelsinger

Michael W. Klapp

Harry Druckenbrod

#### DECORATING — HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

Mrs. Esther Stuber  
Edgar Sweigart

Raymond S. Brunner  
Christian Gress

#### MUSIC

William M. Getz  
Mrs. Hattie Brunner

Isaac Harting  
Miss Gladys Ochs

#### SOCIAL

Mrs. Beulah Binkley

Harold Drybread

#### RECEPTION — AMPLIFICATION

Luke B. Ochs

Charles W. Steffy

Simon Bates

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## The 1949 Consistory

President ..... John F. Smeltzer  
Vice-President ..... John Binner  
Treasurer ..... Raymond S. Brunner

General Secretary .... Harry Druckenbrod  
Financial Secretary ..... Simon Bates  
Assistant Secretary ..... Harold Stuber

### ELDERS

John Binner  
Luke Gottshall

Michael W. Klapp  
Raymond Sweigart

### DEACONS

Simon Bates  
Luke B. Ochs  
Charles Ochs  
Earl E. Pierce, Sr.

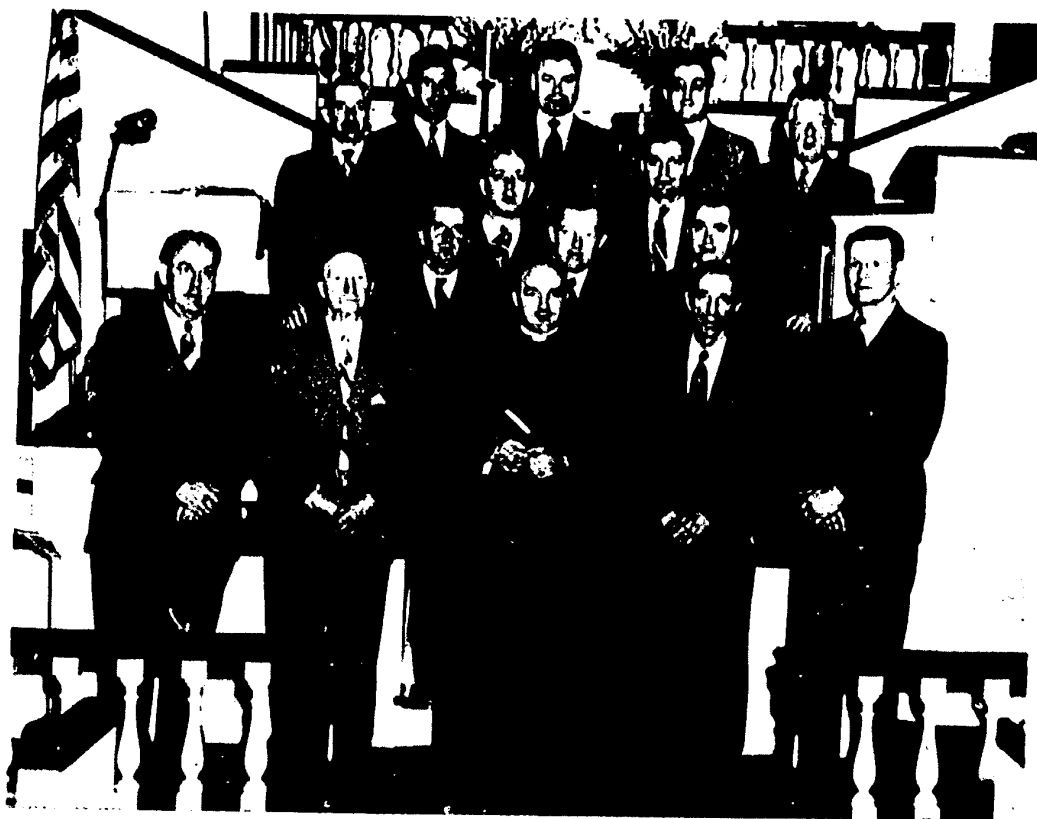
Charles W. Steffy  
Harry W. Steffy  
Edgar Sweigart  
N. Elwood Weitzel

### TRUSTEES

Harry Druckenbrod

William Gress

Irvin Gerhart



FIRST ROW—Luke Gottshall, John Binner, Rev. John F. Smeltzer, Michael W. Klapp, Raymond Sweigart.

SECOND ROW—Irvin Gerhart, Edgar Sweigart, Luke B. Ochs.

THIRD ROW—Earl E. Pierce, Sr., Harry W. Steffy.

FOURTH ROW—Charles Ochs, Harry Druckenbrod, Charles W. Steffy, Elwood Weitzel, Raymond S. Brunner.

## Historical Sketch of Swamp Reformed Church

The Swamp Reformed Church is one of the oldest congregations in northern Lancaster County. Settlers of the Reformed faith located in the vicinity of the church as early as 1727.

While John Philip Boehm was organizing the Reformed people in the Perkiomen valley in 1725, another Reformed leader was doing the same thing in the Conestoga valley, in Lancaster County. It was John Conrad Templeman, a pious tailor from Heidelberg, Germany. Templeman is considered the founder of the congregation at Michael Amweg's, later to be known as Swamp Church. A preaching point was established at the home of Michael Amweg, in West Cocalico Township in 1749. Rev. John Waldschmidt has entered into his baptismal record an "Extract of the Baptismal Book at Amweg's from the year 1749." The first baptism under this head is dated July 20, 1749.

Soon after the arrival in Pennsylvania of Rev. Waldschmidt from Germany, Rev. Michael Schlatter (the first minister of the Reformed Church sent from Holland) accompanied him to Lancaster County, and installed him as pastor over the congregations of Little Cocalico (since called Swamp), Weiseichenland, Modecreek (Muddy Creek), and Zeltenreich. From a notice in the Record-Book of the Cocalico Church, we learn that he was installed in his Charge October 22, 1752.

The first Church was built in 1754 to compensate him for the loss of Muddy Creek Church, due to the successful opposition of an independent preacher, Rev. Frederic Mueller.

On May 22, 1755, William Penn deeded a tract of land called "Swamp Church Ground" to the Calvinists (Reformed Congregation). A log building was erected as a place of worship in the present old cemetery near where the remains of Waldschmidt are buried.

The ministry of John Waldschmidt was of great importance for these congregations, for he was not only the first well-trained minister whom the congregations secured, but also the first resident Pastor who could minister to the spiritual needs of his people.

In 1806 the members of the congregation engaged in the erection of the present church building, which is the second structure to occupy the site. In 1809, the Reformed congregation invited the sister Lutheran congregation to worship in the said building. In order to memorialize the 100th Anniversary of the building in 1906, renovations to the exterior and interior were made.

In the early part of the year 1927, the Blainsport Union Sunday School petitioned the officers of the Swamp Church for permission to hold services in the Church. The officers agreed, and in the latter part of that year the School equipment was moved into the Church. Through the efforts of the Sunday School, a social building was erected on the Swamp Church Grounds in 1936. Today, this building serves as the primary department room, as well as a room for social activities. The Sunday School was also instrumental in the erection of a Band Shell—dedicated to the honor and memory of the Service Men of World War II in May 1948.

## Pastors of Swamp Reformed Church



REV. STEPHEN SCHWEITZER  
1868 — 1914



REV. MARTIN W. SCHWEITZER  
1914 — 1937

Many former and older residents of Lancaster County will remember the long and productive pastorate of the Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, 1868 to 1914; followed by his son Rev. Martin W. Schweitzer, 1914 to 1937. Rev. Stephen Schweitzer organized congregations at Adamstown, First Reformed, Ephrata, and Bowmansville. He (Stephen) also was instrumental in the construction of Sunday School Chapels at Muddy Creek, Reinholds, Shimps, and Stone Hill. During the 45 years of his ministry he received into the several churches about 2250 members, baptized 2320 individuals, married over 1700 couples and spoke words of comfort as he officiated at more than 2100 funerals.

### Sons of the Congregation That Have Entered the Ministry

Rev. Stephen L. Flickinger, D.D., Centenary Reformed Church, Winchester, Virginia.  
Rev. Elam G. Wiest, Trinity Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Richard Druckenbrod, Pre-Theological Student, Franklin & Marshall College.

They labor with undiminished zeal for a larger and more abundant life. God grant they will extend righteousness even further.

## Pastors of Swamp Reformed Church

The following is a list of the Pastors that served Swamp Reformed Church:

Rev. John C. Templeman	1749 — 1752	Rev. William T. Gerhard	1837 — 1838
Rev. John Waldschmidt	1752 — 1755	Rev. Christian Weller	1839 — 1848
Rev. John H. Decker	1756 — 1764	Rev. Isaac E. Graeff	1849 — 1851
Rev. John Waldschmidt	1765 — 1786	Rev. Jacob D. Zehring	1852 — 1854
Rev. Anthony Hautz	1787 — 1790	Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach	1855 — 1860
Rev. John C. Amman	1790 — 1791	Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach	1861 — 1867
Rev. John C. Wilms	1792 — 1802	Rev. Stephen Schweitzer	1868 — 1914
Rev. Charles Helffenstein	1803 — 1807	Rev. Martin W. Schweitzer	1914 — 1937
Rev. John R. Faber	1807 — 1818	Rev. Herman C. Snyder	1939 — 1945
Rev. Frederick A. Herman	1820 — 1823	Rev. Elmer Link	1945 — 1947
Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach	1824 — 1836	Rev. John F. Smeltzer	1947 —



REV. HERMAN C. SNYDER  
1939 — 1945



## Present Pastor of Swamp Reformed Church



REVEREND JOHN FROST SMELTZER

John Frost Smeltzer was born in Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., January 23, 1909. He was graduated from Shamokin High School in 1927, Franklin and Marshall College in 1931, and the Reformed Theological Seminary in 1934. He also attended Harvard Divinity School and the University of Pittsburgh for graduate work in religious education.

Prior to his pastorate at Swamp, he served the Swatara Reformed Charge at Jonestown, Pa. From 1942 to 1946 he served as a Chaplain in the United States Army; spending almost three years in the European Theatre with the rank of Lt. Col.

Rev. Smeltzer was installed as the pastor of Muddy Creek — Swamp Reformed Charge, December 28, 1947. He married Thelma K. Lyle, Shamokin, Pa., and is the father of three children, Paul Nicholas, John Philip, and James Frost.

## A Facsimile of Swamp Reformed Church Before 1891



The interior of Swamp Reformed Church has been changed several times since its erection in 1806. According to the best information available, the high-pulpit as appears on the above photo was removed in 1891. In 1906, in order to memorialize the 100th anniversary of the erection of the present building, renovations to the exterior and interior were made, and rededication services were conducted by the Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, Reformed, and Rev. D. L. Fogleman, Lutheran. In the early part of 1933, constructive sentiment on the part of both the Reformed and Lutheran congregations resulted in the construction of the present chancel and annex to the building.

The church of 1806 replaced a log building erected in the early part of the 18th century near the present location for which purpose the land was granted by Wm. Penn. The work was supervised by George Walter, Peter Borgholter, Jo. Brunner, Ja. Kegerrise, Bau-Meisters; Ab. Marquart, Schreiner; and George Fessler, Maurer.

## Longtime Members of Swamp Reformed Church



SEATED—Mrs. Lizzie Bensing.

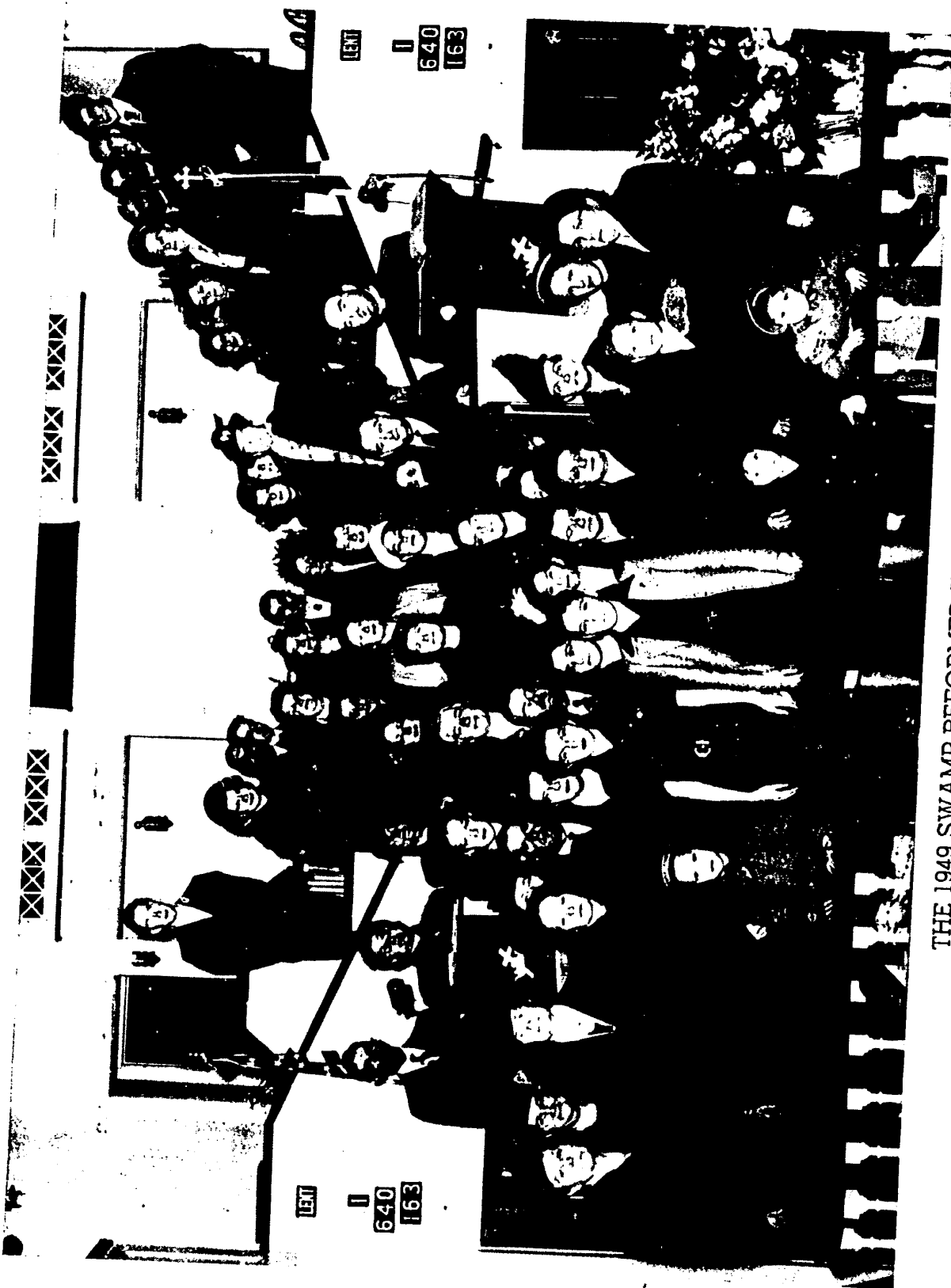
FIRST ROW—Mrs. Tillie Showalter, Mrs. Daisy Moyer, Mrs. Ada Stewart, Mrs. Charles Ochs, Mrs. Stella Getz, Mrs. Irvin Steffy, Mrs. Sallie Hirneisen, Mrs. Amanda Garner, Mrs. Mary Leisy, Mrs. Maggie Schaeffer.

SECOND ROW—Elias Showalter, Mrs. Lillie Pierce, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Mrs. Valentine Demming, Mrs. Ella Riegel, Mrs. Alvin Reinhold.

THIRD ROW—Mrs. Hattie Brunner, Mrs. Katie Klapp, Alvin Reinhold.

FOURTH ROW—William Gress, Michael W. Klapp, Raymond S. Brunner, Mrs. Eliza Ebling, Mrs. Levi Moyer, Mrs. Ida Fleisher, Mrs. Chas. Weitzel, Charles Weitzel, Rev. John F. Smeltzer.

FIFTH ROW—John Binner, Harry Moyer, Levi Moyer, Benjamin Gerhart.



THE 1949 SWAMP REFORMED WILLING WORKERS

## The Swamp Reformed Willing Workers

The largest and the most active organization of Swamp Reformed Church is the Willing Workers. This group grew out of a fellowship meeting that was held on February 17, 1942 in the Social Hall. Forty-six members responded to the call to create an organization to assist in the work of the church. With the Rev. Herman C. Snyder in charge of the meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Harold Drybread; Vice-president, Paul K. Gelsinger; Secretary, George Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs. Elias Showalter.

The Willing Workers have faithfully and generously contributed to the many special projects of the church, such as, the retaining walls and spouting of the church, supplying a first aid kit, purchasing a portable public address system, and a church belfry speaker. This group has also contributed to date: \$4000.00 to the Parsonage Fund. Recently, the organization sponsored the erection of a gown closet in the annex of the church.

### OFFICERS — 1949

President ..... Harold Drybread      Secretary ..... Mrs. Beulah Binkley  
 Vice-president .... Paul K. Gelsinger      Asst. Secretary .... Mrs. Maude Gelsinger  
 Treasurer ..... Mrs. Tillie Showalter

### MEMBERS — 1949

Mrs. Beulah Binkley	Mrs. Katie Klapp	Mrs. Esther Stricker
Lillian Brunner	Mrs. Josephine Keith	Mrs. Lillian Wiest
Jane Druckenbrod	Mrs. Bertha Moyer	Arlene Wiest
Mrs. Ella Drybread	Mrs. Daisy Moyer	Sara Wiest
Mrs. Lillian Emes	Mrs. Eva Moyer	Harold Drybread
Mrs. Stella Getz	Mrs. Mary Moyer	Richard Emes
Mrs. Maude Gelsinger	Arlene Moyer	Irvin Gerhart
Mrs. Fannie Gottshall	Betty Moyer	Paul Gerhart
Mrs. Stella Gerhart	Mrs. Ida Ochs	Paul K. Gelsinger
Delores Gelsinger	Betty Ochs	Luke Gottshall
Callie Gerhart	Gladys Ochs	Christian Gress
Helen Gress	Mrs. Lillie Pierce	Elam Gress
Mrs. Florence Gelsinger	Betty Pierce	James Gress
Mrs. Mary Gerhart	Mrs. Maggie Schaeffer	David Hassler
Mrs. Lizzie Gress	Mrs. Tillie Showalter	Michael Klapp
Mrs. Sallie Hirneisen	Mrs. Kathryn Steffy	Leon Keith
Anna Hirneisen	Mrs. Esther Stuber	Reuben Moyer
Dora Hirneisen	Florence Stuber	Elias Showalter
Mrs. Annie Keith	Marcella Schweitzer	Harold Stuber
Irene Keith	Mrs. Laura Schannauer	Rev. and Mrs. John F. Smeltzer and Family

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## The Swamp Reformed Women's Guild



FIRST ROW—Mrs. Mary Leisy, Mrs. Tillie Showalter, Mrs. Katie Klapp, Mrs. Annie Keith, Mrs. Sallie Hirneisen.  
SECOND ROW—Mrs. Stella Getz, Mrs. Beulah Binkley, Mrs. Thelma Smeltzer, Mrs. Maggie Schaeffer.  
THIRD ROW—Mrs. Bertha Moyer, Mrs. Florence Gelsing, Mrs. Mary Gerhart.

Following the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, in 1934, the Women's Missionary Society was reorganized March 24, 1935 by Mrs. J. U. Zehring and Miss Ellie Mae Sheetz and became known as the Women's Guild of Swamp Reformed Church whose membership includes every woman member of the congregation.

The Swamp Women's Guild has three of the original charter members: Mrs. Fannie Gottshall, Mrs. Mary G. Leisy and Mrs. Tillie Showalter.

During the many years of its existence the Society and Guild has faithfully supported Missionary Work of the Church at large, generously contributed to special objects of benevolence as well as aided in local missions.

### OFFICERS OF SWAMP WOMEN'S GUILD — 1949

President ..... Mrs. Mary G. Leisy  
Vice-president .... Miss Lillian Brunner  
Secretary ..... Mrs. Thelma K. Smeltzer  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Florence Romig

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## The Swamp Reformed Church Choir

Over the years, the Church Choir has been made up of volunteer members of the congregation. Many Swamp members have served in the Choir, so much credit and thanks must go to all who gave of their time and talents during the worship services for the glory of God. The members give unstintingly of their time and talents for all services and special occasions. The Choir rehearses every other Tuesday evening under the very capable direction of Mr. William M. Getz, who has been serving as director for the past nine years. Mrs. Catharine Weitzel has been serving as Church Organist for the past eight years.



THE CHOIR

William M. Getz, Director; Mrs. Catharine Weitzel, Organist; Miss Arlene Moyer, Mrs. Esther Garrison, Mrs. Dorothy Muthart, Mrs. Hattie Brunner, Miss Gladys Ochs, Miss Arlene Wiest, Mrs. Thelma K. Smeltzer, Miss Delores Gelsinger, Mrs. Sadie Binner, Mrs. Nora Gring, Mrs. Mary Wolfskill, Carl Binner, Isaac Harting, Nicholas Smeltzer, and Richard Druckenbrod.

### Anniversary Altar Memorials

Swamp Church has many fine memorials. Ever since the beginning of the church, members have been remembered by their loved ones for the loyal devotion and for the time and energy that they have given in the work of the church.

Candlesticks were presented by the Young Men's Sunday School Class.

Altar Flower Vases were presented by Mrs. Hattie Brunner and Mr. Paul K. Gelsinger.

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## The Youth Fellowship



FIRST ROW—Dora Hirneisen, Mabel Hirneisen, Arlene Wiest, Betty Pierce, Anna Hirneisen, Bernice Stewart, Jane Druckenbrod.

SECOND ROW—James Gress, Gladys Ochs, Delores Gelsinger, Helen Gress, Florence Stuber, P. Nicholas Smeltzer.

THIRD ROW—Christian Gress, Richard Druckenbrod, Elam Gress, Alvin Miller.

The Youth Fellowship for the Muddy Creek - Swamp Charge was organized in October, 1948. The group meets alternately at the churches. This organization is a growing one, and all young people are invited to attend these gatherings. The officers are Arlene Wiest, President; Jane Lausch, Vice-president; Jane Druckenbrod, Secretary-Treasurer; Program committee, Richard Druckenbrod, Carl Harting, Bernice Stewart, C. Richard Beam and Richard Weaver.



## 1948-1949 Confirmation Group



FIRST ROW—Mabel Hirneisen, Irene Bensing, Betty Pierce, Florence Stuber, Carroll Moyer, Dora Hirneisen, Shirley Ruth, Hazel Sweigart.  
SECOND ROW—Rev. Smeltzer, Harry T. Miller, Charles Moyer, Kenneth Saylor, Donald Kemper, Gerald Keith, Kenneth Moyer.

### Anniversary Year New Members

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1949

By Confirmation:

Irene B. Bensing  
Mabel A. Hirneisen

Harry T. Miller, Jr.  
Carroll R. Moyer  
Mrs. Isabel Stewart

Shirley R. Ruth  
Florence M. Stuber

By Transfer of Letter

Mrs. Ada M. Wenrich

Mr. Ellis Martzall

Mrs. Robert Sweigart

The Confirmation Class of 1849 consisted of the following: Maria and Elizabeth Pannebacker, Eva Reinhold, Maria Bechtel, Catharine McClaud, Caroline Meyer, Elizabeth Steffe, Susanna Gelsinger, Adam Frey, Elias Frey and Richard Steffy.

# The Swamp Union Sunday School



SWAMP CHURCH GROUNDS

In the early part of the year 1927, the Blainsport Union Sunday School petitioned the officers of the Swamp Church for permission to hold services in the Church. The officers agreed, and in the latter part of that year the School equipment was moved into the Church. Mr. Harry McQuate was the first Superintendent. Through the efforts of the Sunday School, a social building was erected on the Swamp Church Grounds in 1936. Today, this building serves as the primary department room, as well as a room for social activities. A list of Superintendents includes the following: Mrs. Elam Steffy, Mr. Norman Kramer, Mr. Monroe Gerhart, Mr. Harry Gring and Mr. Edgar Sweigart.

The Swamp Sunday School erected a Band Shell — dedicated to the honor and memory of the Service Men of World War I and II in May, 1948.

## SWAMP UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS — 1949

President .....	Robert E. Sweigart	Superintendent .....	Charles W. Steffy
Secretary .....	Adam Hoover	Librarians .....	Miss Arlene Wiest
Treasurer .....	Oliver S. Showalter		Miss Helen Kauffman
	Primary Supt. ....	Mrs. Leroy Fisher	



## Swamp Service Honor Roll

"That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom,  
and that government of the people, by the people, for the people,  
shall not perish from the earth."

— Abraham Lincoln.

### WORLD WAR I

Michael W. Klapp  
Harry Kramer

Robert Ochs  
Lee Snyder

### WORLD WAR II

Carl V. Binner  
Harold W. Binner  
Luke A. Binner  
Ray E. Binner  
John B. Brendel  
Heber W. Bixler  
Grant L. Boyer  
Victor L. Fritz  
Lloyd M. Gress  
Mark B. Gress  
Miles B. Gress  
Stanley B. Gress  
Christian Gress  
Kenneth H. Gettel  
Frank H. Gelsinger  
Leroy W. Gelsinger  
Paul A. Gensemer  
William K. Heinsey  
Clair M. Hirneisen

Clarence M. Hirneisen  
Leroy M. Keith  
Harold Kissinger  
Russell E. Leed  
Eugene Leed  
Madison R. Leed  
William L. Loose  
Harry B. Moyer  
Robert W. Moyer  
Eugene H. Moyer  
Gilbert C. Nagle  
Lester P. Nagle  
Luther E. Nagle  
Clair B. Ochs  
Elias W. Ochs  
Gilbert R. Ochs  
Melvin B. Ochs  
Earl S. Pierce, Jr.

Harry B. Reinhold  
Elmer B. Reinhold  
Russell R. Ruth  
Harvey W. Snyder  
Charles W. Steffy  
John S. Steffy  
Harry W. Steffy  
Cloyd Sensenig  
Roy C. Sensenig  
John S. Swartz  
Samuel O. Swartz  
Earl S. Sweigart  
\* Raymond Texter  
Arthur D. Weitzel  
N. Elwood Weitzel  
Clair G. Wenrich  
Paul B. Wiest  
Willard Winters  
Clarence E. Wolfskill

\* One who paid the supreme sacrifice with his life for our country.

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## The New Parsonage DENVER, PA.



Built by The Muddy Creek - Swamp Reformed Charge  
1946 — 1947

The Muddy Creek - Swamp Reformed Parsonage, located at 304 South Fourth Street, Denver, Pennsylvania, was built by Alexander L. Gerhart, a member of the Swamp Reformed Church.

The lot was purchased in 1945 from Mr. E. T. Line of Denver. The entire project was completed at the cost of approximately \$20,000.

In addition to the two consistories, the following served as the building committee:

**Swamp**  
Ramond S. Brunner  
Amos W. Eberly  
David Hassler  
Elias Showalter

**Muddy Creek**  
Frank S. Fry  
Phares G. Harting  
Howard Kern  
George H. Miller

Rev. John F. Smeltzer and family became the first occupants on December 1, 1947.

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## Interesting Facts

When the first regular meeting of the Coetus (Synod), after the arrival of Rev. Waldschmidt, was held at Lancaster, October, 1752, Waldschmidt stated that each of his four congregations was paying him ten pounds or \$25, so that he received the munificent salary of \$100 a year.

At this meeting the president, Rev. Michael Schlatter, handed to each of the 12 ministers present two folio books, bound in parchment, intended for baptisms and church records, for which he had paid in Holland 44 guilders or \$17. The two record books, received by Waldschmidt, were faithfully used by him during his whole ministry and are still preserved by the church. In 1929 these records were procured from the Gress family by Mr. R. S. Brunner, who presented them to the Swamp Church on the 200th Anniversary of the landing of John Michael Amweg, at Philadelphia.

Rev. Schlatter made another gift to the ministers of Coetus in 1752. He had bought a number of Bibles in Germany and Switzerland which he distributed. Waldschmidt received several of these bibles, one of which is still a precious relic in the Swamp Church.

The inscription in the Bible reads: Printed by John Ludwig Brandmiller, in 1747, at Basle. "To the praise and honor of God and the spread of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ the Rev. Coetus of the Reformed Congregations has given this new beautiful Bible to the Reformed Congregation in Cocalico, up in the forks, for their newly-built church. Given by and received from Michael Schlatter, Cocalico, Aug. 15, 1755."

In 1753 Waldschmidt acquired a farm of more than 100 acres, several miles east of the Swamp Church.

The old records of the Swamp Reformed Church contain some irregular entries:

The old people remember that the locusts were here in 1766.

The locusts were here in the year 1783.

The locusts came in May, 1800, and stayed till the 1st of July.

The locusts came in the year 1817.

1774, May 4th, it snowed four inches.

1803, May 8th, it snowed two inches.

1805, December 14th, we had a heavy thunder storm.

1806, January 30th, a snake was killed.

1813, March 1st, and 5th, a heavy thunder storm.

1828, April 15th, a snowfall of six inches.

1834, February 15th, a heavy thunder storm.

"The Little Minister" a church paper published in the interests of the Muddy Creek - Swamp Charge by Rev. Martin Schweitzer, made its appearance in 1918. Swamp Church listed 365 members on that date.

The memorial tablet in memory of John Michael Amweg, one of the founders of the Swamp Reformed Church was unveiled September 29, 1929. Re-dedication Services of Swamp Church were conducted on Sunday, October 22, 1933.

A Combined Reunion of Swamp Catechetical Classes was held on Sunday, September 27, 1931.

On Sunday, October 21, 1934, the 185th Anniversary Service of Swamp Reformed Church was conducted.

On Sunday, October 9, 1938, a service for the unveiling of a tablet in memory of Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, A.M., and his son, the Rev. Martin W. Schweitzer, Ph.D., was conducted.

## Swamp Reformed Church Members

Bachman, Mrs. Melvin .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Coldren, Mrs. Jacob .....	Wernersville, R. 2
Bachman, Miss Irene .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Demming, Mrs. Valentine .....	Reinholds
Bates, Mr. Simon S. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Dietrich, Mrs. Norman .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bates, Mrs. Simon S. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Diller, Mr. Walter .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bearinger, Mrs. Harvey .....	Lititz	Diller, Mrs. Walter .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bechtel, Mrs. Ralph .....	Reinholds	Diller, Miss Marion .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Becker, Mrs. Hester .....	Denver, R. 2	Druckenbrod, Mr. Harry .....	Reinholds
Becker, Mrs. Warren .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Druckenbrod, Mrs. Harry .....	Reinholds
Bensing, Mrs. Lizzie .....	Denver, R. 2	Druckenbrod, Mr. Richard .....	Reinholds
Bensing, Mr. Levi .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Druckenbrod, Miss Jane K. ....	Reinholds
Bensing, Mrs. Levi .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Drybread, Mr. Harold .....	Denver
Bensing, Mr. Paul .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Drybread, Mrs. Harold .....	Denver
Bensing, Mrs. Paul .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ebeling, Mrs. Eliza .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bensing, Miss Irene .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ebeling, Mrs. Henry .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bensing, Miss Grace .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Eberly, Mr. Amos W. ....	Denver
Bensing, Miss Stella .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Eitnier, Mrs. Harold, .....	Denver, R. 1
Bensing, Mr. Oscar T. ....	Sinking Spring	Emes, Mrs. James .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bensing, Mr. Henry F. ....	Wyomissing	Emes, Mr. Richard .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bensing, Mr. Charles .....	Shillington	Fisher, Mrs. Leroy H. ....	Reinholds
Bergman, Mrs. John .....	Wernersville	Fisher, Mr. Arthur .....	Reinholds
Bergman, Mr. Claude A. ....	Denver	Fisher, Mrs. Arthur .....	Reinholds
Binkley, Mrs. Alvin .....	Wernersville, R. 3	Fisher, Miss Shirley .....	Reinholds
Binner, Mr. John G. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fisher, Mr. Charles .....	Wernersville, R. 3
Binner, Mrs. John G. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fisher, Mrs. Charles .....	Wernersville, R. 3
Binner, Mr. Ray .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fisher, Miss Elizabeth, Wernersville, R. 3	
Binner, Mr. Harold .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fleisher, Mrs. Ida .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Binner, Mr. Carl .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Frey, Mrs. John .....	Manheim, R. 1
Binner, Mr. Luke .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fritz, Mr. Victor Lee .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Binner, Mrs. Luke .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Fritz, Mrs. Victor Lee .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bixler, Mr. Harry .....	Ephrata, R. 3	Garner, Mrs. Amanda .....	Reading
Bixler, Mrs. Harry .....	Ephrata, R. 3	Garrison, Mrs. Esther .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Bixler, Mr. Heber W. ....	Ephrata, R. 3	Garrison, Mr. Dwight .....	Wernersville
Bixler, Mrs. Heber W. ....	Ephrata R. 3	Gehman, Mrs. Lizzie .....	Denver, R. 2
Bollinger, Mrs. Harry .....	Akron	Gelsinger, Mr. John .....	Temple
Boyer, Mr. Raymond, Sinking Spring R. 2		Gelsinger, Mrs. Laura .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Boyer, Mrs. Raymond, Sinking Spring, R. 2		Gelsinger, Mr. Paul .....	Ephrata
Boyer, Mr. Grant L., Sinking Spring, R. 2		Gelsinger, Mrs. Paul .....	Ephrata
Boyer, Mr. Daniel .....	Denver, R. 2	Gelsinger, Miss Delores .....	Ephrata
Boyer, Mrs. Daniel .....	Denver, R. 2	Gelsinger, Mr. George .....	Reinholds
Boyer, Miss Bertha .....	Denver, R. 2	Gelsinger, Mrs. George .....	Reinholds
Boyer, Mr. Harry .....	Denver, R. 2	Gelsinger, Miss Elsie .....	Reinholds
Boyer, Mr. Calvin .....	Denver, R. 1	Gelsinger, Mr. Harry .....	Reinholds
Boyer, Mr. Leroy .....	Glenside, Reading	Gelsinger, Mrs. Harry .....	Reinholds
Boyer, Mrs. Leroy .....	Glenside, Reading	Gelsinger, Mr. Alvin .....	Reinholds
Brendel, Mr. John .....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Mrs. Alvin .....	Reinholds
Brendel, Mrs. John .....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Mr. Harry .....	Vinemont
Brubaker, Mrs. Frank .....	Reamstown	Gelsinger, Mrs. Harry .....	Vinemont
Brubaker, Mr. Richard .....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Miss Arlene .....	Vinemont
Brunner, Mr. Raymond S. ....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Miss Cathryn .....	Vinemont
Brunner, Mrs. Hattie .....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Mr. Herbert .....	Vinemont
Brunner, Miss Lillian .....	Reinholds	Gelsinger, Mr. Frank .....	Denver, R. 2
Brunner, Mr. Adolphus J. ....	Lancaster	Gelsinger, Mr. Leroy .....	Reading
Buchter, Mr. Milton .....	Denver, R. 2	Gelsinger, Mr. Hiram .....	Shillington Home
Buchter, Mrs. Milton .....	Denver, R. 2	Gensemer, Mr. Claude .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Claudy, Mr. Charles .....	Reinholds	Gensemer, Mrs. Claude .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Claudy, Mrs. Charles .....	Reinholds	Gensemer, Mr. Paul .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Coldren, Mr. Jacob .....	Wernersville, R. 2	Gensemer, Miss Helen .....	Reinholds, R. 1

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Gensemer, Mr. Clarence	Denver, R. 1	Hassler, Miss Lizzie	Wernersville, R. 3
Gensemer, Mrs. Clarence	Denver, R. 1	Hassler, Mr. Harry J.	Wernersville, R. 3
Gensemer, Mr. Levi	Denver	Hassler, Mrs. Harry J.	Wernersville, R. 3
Gensemer, Mr. William	Denver	Heckman, Mrs. Harold	Denver, R. 2
Gensemer, Mrs. William	Denver	Heffner, Mrs. Harry	Manheim, R. 1
Gerhart, Mr. Thomas	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mr. William	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mrs. Thomas	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mrs. William	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Benjamin J.	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mr. John	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Irvin	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mrs. John	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mrs. Irvin	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mr. Daniel	Stevens, R. 1
Gerhart, Mr. Paul L.	Reinholds, R. 1	Heinsey, Mrs. Daniel	Stevens, R. 1
Gerhart, Miss Callie	Ephrata	Hershey, Mrs. Lizzie	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Elam L.	Ephrata	Higes, Mrs. Betty	Ephrata
Gerhart, Mr. Adam L.	Ephrata	Hirneisen, Mrs. Sallie	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Alexander L.	Ephrata	Hirneisen, Miss Mabel	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Warren W.	Ephrata	Hirneisen, Miss Anna Mae	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mr. Melvin	Lititz, R. 4	Hirneisen, Miss Dora F.	Reinholds
Gerhart, Mrs. Melvin	Lititz, R. 4	Hirneisen, Mrs. Elsie	Reading
Gerhart, Mrs. William	Reinholds, R. 1	Hirneisen, Mr. Clair	Reading
Gerhart, Mrs. Benjamin	Reinholds, R. 1	Hirneisen, Mr. Clarence	Reading
Gerhart, Mr. John	Reinholds, R. 1	Hoffman, Miss Helene L.	Denver, R. 1
Gerhart, Mr. Benjamin	Denver	Hoffman, Mr. Frank	Ephrata
Gerhart, Mrs. Ernestine	Reinholds	Hoffman, Mrs. Frank	Ephrata
Gettel, Mr. Kenneth H.	Denver, R. 2	Hoffman, Mr. Frank, Jr.	Ephrata
Getz, Mr. William	Denver, R. 2	Hornberger, Miss Edna	Lancaster
Getz, Mrs. William	Denver, R. 2	Hornberger, Mrs. Gertrude	Mohnton
Getz, Mrs. Walter	Stevens, R. 1	Hower, Mr. James	Reinholds, R. 1
Glass, Mrs. Lester	Ephrata	Keith, Mr. Paul	Reinholds, R. 1
Gottshall, Mr. Luke	Reinholds	Keith, Mrs. Paul	Reinholds, R. 1
Gottshall, Mrs. Luke	Reinholds	Keith, Mr. Mahlon	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mr. Jacob	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Mrs. Mahlon	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mrs. Jacob	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Mr. Gerald R.	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Miss Helen	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Mr. William	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mr. Christian C.	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Mrs. William	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mr. James E.	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Mr. Leon L.	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mr. Elam L.	Reinholds, R. 1	Keith, Miss Irene	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mr. Miles B.	Denver, R. 2	Keith, Mr. John	Denver, R. 2
Gress, Mr. William	Denver, R. 2	Keith, Mrs. John	Denver, R. 2
Gress, Mrs. William	Denver, R. 2	Keith, Mr. Elmer	Denver, R. 2
Gress, Mr. Roy B.	Denver, R. 2	Keith, Mrs. Elmer	Denver, R. 2
Gress, Mr. Stanley B.	Denver, R. 2	Keith, Mr. Leroy	Reinholds
Gress, Mr. Mark B.	Denver, R. 2	Kelier, Mrs. Cyrus	Sheridan, R. 1
Gress, Mr. Harvey	Denver, R. 2	Kemper, Mrs. Melvin	Reinholds
Gress, Mr. Lloyd M.	Denver, R. 2	Kemper, Mr. Dale C.	Reinholds
Gress, Mr. Leon	Denver, R. 2	Kissinger, Mr. Howard	Marlan, Tenn.
Gress, Mrs. Mary B.	Denver, R. 2	Klapp, Mr. Michael	Denver
Gress, Mr. Philip	Denver, R. 2	Klapp, Mrs. Michael	Denver
Gress, Mr. Harry	Reinholds, R. 1	Klapp, Miss Fannie	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Mrs. Harry	Reinholds, R. 1	Klapp, Miss Louise	Reinholds, R. 1
Gress, Miss Katie	Zion Home, Lititz	Klapp, Mr. Paul	Reinholds, R. 1
Gring, Mrs. Nora	Reinholds, R. 1	Klapp, Mr. Daniel, Sr.	Reinholds, R. 1
Harting, Mr. Isaac	Reinholds, R. 1	Kulp, Mr. Howard	Ephrata
Harting, Mrs. Alvin	Sinking Spring	Lebo, Mr. Richard	Reinholds, R. 1
Hartman, Mr. Stephen	Reinholds	Lebo, Mrs. Richard	Reinholds, R. 1
Hassler, Mr. David	Reinholds, R. 1	Leed, Mrs. Rose	Denver
Hassler, Mrs. David	Reinholds, R. 1	Leed, Mr. Russel	Lititz
Hassler, Mr. Irvin	Reinholds, R. 1	Leed, Mrs. Russel	Lititz
Hassler, Mr. Walter	Reinholds, R. 1	Leed, Mrs. Susan	Lititz
Hassler, Mrs. Walter	Reinholds, R. 1	Leed, Mr. Irvin	Lititz
Hassler, Mrs. Sarah	Wernersville, R. 3	Leed, Mr. Eugene	Lititz

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Leed, Mr. John .....	Denver, R. 1	Moyer, Mr. Kenneth R. ....	Reinholds, R. 1
Leed, Mrs. John .....	Denver, R. 1	Nagle, Mrs. Annie .....	Lititz
Leed, Mr. Madison .....	Denver, R. 1	Nagle, Miss Rhoda .....	Lititz
Leed, Miss Anna .....	Denver, R. 1	Nagle, Miss Anna .....	Lititz
Leed, Miss Grace .....	Denver, R. 1	Nagle, Miss Betty .....	Lititz
Leed, Miss Ida R. ....	Denver, R. 1	Nagle, Mr. Lester .....	Lititz
Leisy, Mrs. Norman .....	Schoeneck	Nagle, Mr. Gilbert .....	Lititz
Leisey, Mr. Robert .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Nagle, Miss Helen .....	Lititz
Lesher, Mrs. Mae .....	Denver, R. 2	Nagle, Mr. Albert .....	Lititz
Loose, Mr. John .....	Reading	Nagle, Mrs. Albert .....	Lititz
Loose, Mrs. John .....	Reading	Nagle, Mrs. David .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Loose, Mr. William .....	Reading	Noll, Mr. David .....	Lancaster
Markel, Mr. William .....	Reinholds	Noll, Mrs. Alvin D. ....	Denver, R. 2
Markel, Mrs. William .....	Reinholds	Ochs, Mrs. Amanda .....	Reading
Martin, Mrs. Paul .....	Sinking Spring, R. 2	Ochs, Mr. Elias .....	Robesonia, R. 1
Martzall, Mr. Ellis .....	Reinholds	Ochs, Mr. Phares .....	Reinholds
Martzall, Mrs. Ellis .....	Reinholds	Ochs, Mrs. Phares .....	Reinholds
Meyers, Mrs. Allen .....	Lebanon, R. 3	Ochs, Mr. Clair .....	Reinholds
Miller, Mrs. Cora .....	Denver	Ochs, Mr. Luke .....	Denver
Miller, Mr. Levi .....	Denver, R. 2	Ochs, Mrs. Luke .....	Denver
Miller, Mrs. Levi .....	Denver, R. 2	Ochs, Mr. Clarence .....	Reinholds
Miller, Mr. Harry T., Jr. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. James .....	Reinholds
Meckley, Mrs. Warren, Sinking Spring, R. 2		Ochs, Mrs. James .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mrs. Franklin .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. Lemon .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Harry K. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. Robert .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mrs. Harry K. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mrs. Robert .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Harry B. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. Gilbert .....	Denver
Moyer, Mr. Levi B. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Miss Edith .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Jacob K. ....	Wernersville, R. 3	Ochs, Mr. Charles .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Walter .....	Wernersville, R. 3	Ochs, Mrs. Charles .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Harvey W. ....	Wernersville	Ochs, Miss Gladys .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Robert W. ....	Wernersville	Ochs, Mr. William .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. Levi K. ....	Wernersville, R. 3	Ochs, Mr. Ralph .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Mr. Reuben .....	Wernersville, R. 3	Ochs, Mrs. Ralph .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Mrs. Reuben .....	Wernersville, R. 3	Ochs, Miss Betty .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Mr. Reuben, Jr., Wernersville, R. 3		Ochs, Mr. Milton .....	Sinking Spring, R. 2
Moyer, Mr. Adam J. ....	Reinholds	Ochs, Mrs. Milton .....	Sinking Spring, R. 2
Moyer, Mrs. Allen .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. Leon .....	Sinking Spring, R. 2
Moyer, Mr. Raymond .....	Reinholds	Ochs, Mr. Harvey .....	Reading
Moyer, Miss Carroll R. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mrs. Harvey .....	Reading
Moyer, Mr. Harold .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ochs, Mr. Paul .....	Reading
Moyer, Mrs. Harold .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Paul, Mrs. Marian .....	Denver, R. 1
Moyer, Mr. Eugene H. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Pennypacker, Mrs. S. Frank, Denver, R. 1	
Moyer, Mr. Warren H. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Pierce, Mr. Earl .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mr. William .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Pierce, Mrs. Earl .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mrs. William .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Pierce, Mr. Earl, Jr. ....	New Holland
Moyer, Mr. Nathaniel .....	Denver	Pierce, Miss Betty Ann .....	Reinholds
Moyer, Mrs. Nathaniel .....	Denver	Pierce, Mr. John .....	Denver
Moyer, Mr. Albert F. ....	Wernersville, R. 3	Pierce, Mr. Lewis .....	Denver
Moyer, Mrs. Albert F. ....	Wernersville, R. 3	Pierce, Mrs. Lewis .....	Denver
Moyer, Mr. Joseph .....	Reading	Phillips, Mrs. Ruth .....	Reading
Moyer, Mrs. Edward, Sinking Spring, R. 2		Ramsey, Mrs. William .....	Schoeneck
Moyer, Mr. Charles S. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Ramsey, Miss Mildred .....	Schoeneck
Moyer, Miss Melrose .....	West Lawn	Ramsey, Mr. Lester E. ....	Schoeneck
Moyer, Mr. Charles N. ....	Reinholds, R. 1	Reichard, Mrs. Luke .....	Denver
Moyer, Miss Arlene .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Reinhold, Mr. Samuel .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Miss Betty .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Reinhold, Mrs. Samuel .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Mr. Richard .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Reinhold, Mr. Richard .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Miss Mildred .....	Reinholds, R. 1	Reinhold, Mr. Alvin .....	Reinholds, R. 1
Moyer, Mr. Charles N., Jr., Reinholds, R. 1		Reinhold, Mrs. Alvin .....	Reinholds, R. 1



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Reinhold, Mr. Harry B. .... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Reinhold, Mr. Elmer B. .... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Reinhold, Mr. Stephen B., Reinholds, R. 1  
 Reinhold, Mrs. Stephen B., Reinholds, R. 1  
 Reinhold, Miss Arlene .... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Rentschler, Mrs. Russel ..... Reinholds  
 Royer, Mrs. Clarence ..... Denver, R. 2  
 Rutt, Mrs. Ralph ..... Reinholds  
 Rutt, Miss Shirley J. .... Reinholds  
 Ruth, Mr. Grover M. .... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ruth, Mrs. Grover M. .... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ruth, Mr. Russell ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ruth, Mr. Robert ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ruth, Miss Shirley ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Saylor, Mr. Kenneth R. .... Reinholds  
 Schaeffer, Mrs. Maggie ..... Ephrata  
 Schannauer, Mrs. Alvin, Reinholds, R. 1  
 Schweitzer, Marcella, M.D. .... Ephrata  
 Sebastian, Mrs. William ..... Reinholds  
 Sebastian, Mr. William, Jr. .... Reinholds  
 Sebastian, Miss Ada ..... Reinholds  
 Sensenig, Mr. Warren ..... Denver  
 Sensenig, Mrs. Warren ..... Denver  
 Sensenig, Mr. Roy ..... Denver  
 Sensenig, Mr. Lloyd ..... Reading  
 Sensenig, Miss Hazel ..... Denver, R. 2  
 Showalter, Mr. Elias ..... Denver  
 Showalter, Mrs. Elias ..... Denver  
 Smeltzer, Mrs. John F. .... Denver  
 Snyder, Mr. Leroy ..... Reinholds  
 Snyder, Mrs. Leroy ..... Reinholds  
 Snyder, Mr. Harvey ..... Reinholds  
 Snyder, Mrs. Harvey ..... Reinholds  
 Snyder, Mr. James, Jr. .... Reinholds  
 Snyder, Mrs. James ..... Ephrata  
 Spadey, Mr. John ..... Ephrata  
 Spear, Mrs. James ..... Robesonia  
 Steffy, Mr. Irvin ..... Sinking Spring, R. 2  
 Steffy, Mrs. Irvin ..... Sinking Spring, R. 2  
 Steffy, Mr. Harry ..... Reinholds  
 Steffy, Miss Gladys ..... Reinholds  
 Steffy, Mr. Elam ..... Ephrata  
 Steffy, Mrs. Elam ..... Ephrata  
 Steffy, Mr. George W. .... Ephrata  
 Steffy, Mr. Charles W. .... Ephrata  
 Steffy, Mr. Harry W. .... Adamstown  
 Steffy, Mrs. Harry W. .... Adamstown  
 Steffy, Mr. John S. .... Stevens  
 Steffy, Mrs. John S. .... Stevens  
 Stephan, Mrs. Gilbert ..... Reinholds  
 Stewart, Mr. Kenneth ..... Denver  
 Stewart, Mrs. Kenneth ..... Denver  
 Stewart, Mrs. Ada ..... Reinholds  
 Stewart, Dr. Lawrence ..... Reinholds  
 Stewart, Mr. George ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Stewart, Mrs. George ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Stewart, Miss Bernice ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Stewart, Mr. Adam H. .... Denver, R. 1  
 Stuber, Mr. Harold ..... Lincoln  
 Stuber, Mrs. Harold ..... Lincoln

Stuber, Miss Florence ..... Lincoln  
 Swartz, Mr. Benjamin ..... Fleetwood  
 Swartz, Mrs. Louise ..... Reinholds  
 Swartz, Mr. Samuel ..... Reinholds  
 Swartz, Mrs. Samuel ..... Reinholds  
 Swartz, Mr. Samuel, Jr. .... Reinholds  
 Swartz, Mrs. Ella ..... Reinholds  
 Swartz, Mr. Warren ..... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mr. Ray ..... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Ray ..... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mr. Edgar ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Mr. William F. .... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mrs. William F. .... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Louise ..... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mr. Horace ..... Reinholds  
 Sweigart, Mr. Chester ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Chester ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Miss Hazel ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Amos ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Miss Arlene ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Mr. Victor K. .... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Miss Dorothy ..... Denver, R. 1  
 Sweigart, Mr. Paul ..... Adamstown  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Paul ..... Adamstown  
 Sweigart, Mrs. Robert ..... Reinholds  
 Texter, Mrs. Suscn ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Mr. Frank ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Mrs. Frank ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Mrs. Leroy ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Mr. Paul ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Mr. Charles ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Texter, Miss Betty ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ulrich, Mr. Ernest ..... Reinholds  
 Ulrich, Mrs. Ernest ..... Reinholds  
 Ulrich, Mr. Elwood ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ulrich, Mrs. Elwood ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ulrich, Miss Shirley ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Ulrich, Mr. Herbert ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wagner, Mrs. Melrose ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Walters, Mrs. Minnie ..... Reinholds  
 Wann, Mrs. Emma ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wann, Mrs. Peter ..... Reading  
 Weitzel, Mr. Charles ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Weitzel, Mrs. Charles ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Weitzel, Mr. Arthur ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Weitzel, Mr. Elwood ..... Springmont  
 Wenrich, Mrs. Elsie ..... Reinholds  
 Wenrich, Miss Marcella ..... Reinholds  
 Wenrich, Mrs. Albert ..... Denver, R. 2  
 Wenrich, Mr. Lorane ..... Denver, R. 2  
 Wenrich, Mr. Clinton ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wenrich, Mrs. Clinton ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wenrich, Miss Betty Jane, Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wenrich, Miss Hilda ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wenrich, Mr. Clair ..... Robesonia, R. 2  
 Wenrich, Mrs. Clair ..... Robesonia, R. 2  
 Wenrich, Mr. Galen, Sinking Spring, R. 2  
 White, Mr. William, Stony Creek Mills, R. 1  
 Wiest, Mrs. Harry ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wiest, Miss Arlene ..... Reinholds, R. 1

Wiest, Miss Sarah ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wiest, Mr. Paul ..... West Reading  
 Wike, Mr. Paul ..... Robesonia  
 Wike, Mrs. Hattie ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Winters, Mr. Harvey ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Winters, Mr. Charles ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Winters, Mrs. Charles ..... Reinholds, R. 1

Winters, Mr. Joseph ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Winters, Mrs. Joseph ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Winters, Mr. Willard ..... Reading  
 Wolfskill, Mrs. Mary ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wolfskill, Mr. Clarence ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wolfskill, Mrs. Clarence ..... Reinholds, R. 1  
 Wolf, Mrs. Evelyn ..... Ephrata

### Membership

Members of the Church shall live sober, righteous and godly lives and labor faithfully to bring others to Christ. They shall take an active part in the life and work of the Church. This shall include regular attendance at divine worship; devout use of the Holy Sacraments; diligent observance of private devotions; liberal financial and moral support toward her maintenance and her benevolent undertakings; obedience to her established law and authorities; untiring zeal in bringing the un-churched under her influence; and sincere endeavor to apply the teachings of Jesus to all human relationships. Parents shall provide adequate Christian training for their entire household.

—Constitution of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, Article 9, p. 7.

### The 1949 Confirmation Class



FIRST ROW—Mabel A. [unclear], Irene B. Bensing, Shirley R. Ruth, Carroll R. Moyer.

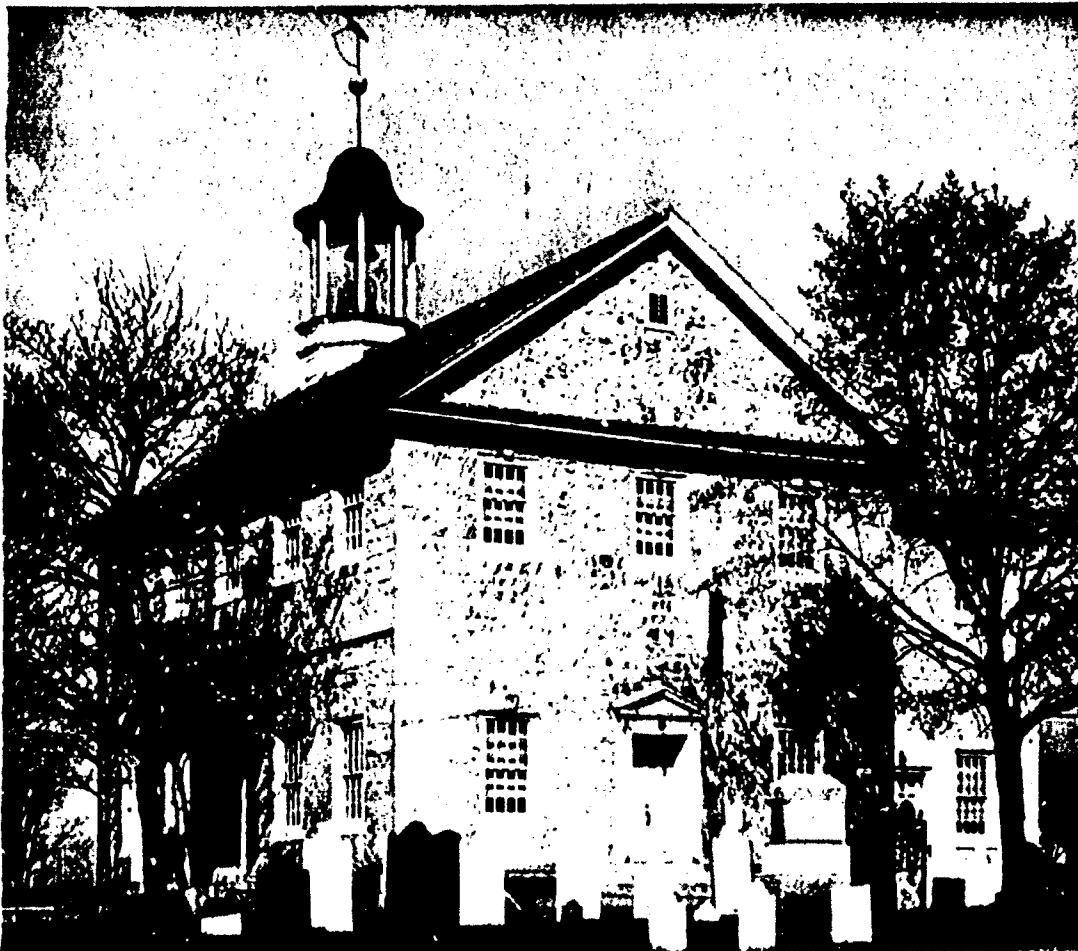
SECOND ROW—Harry T. [unclear], Florence M. Stuber, Mrs. Isabel S. Stewart, Rev. John F. [unclear]

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Enter Into His Gates with Thanksgiving  
and Into His Courts with Praises



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:30 A. M.

Home Coming

Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

REV. JOHN F. SMELTZER, Pastor  
WILLIAM M. GETZ, Choir Director  
MRS. CATHARINE WEITZEL, Organist

- THE ORGAN PRELUDE "In A Monastery Garden" ..... Ketelbey
- THE CHOIR PROCESSIONAL
- INVOCATION — CONFESSION — KYRIE — DECLARATION OF PARDON
- HYMN NO. 419 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
- THE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145 ..... Choir Response
- THE ANTHEM "Let All Things Now Living" ..... Cowley
- THE PRAYERS ..... Choir Response
- GREETINGS BY THE PASTOR ..... Rev. John F. Smeltzer
- THE OLD GERMAN HYMN
- "Komm, o komm du Geist des Lebens,  
Wahrer Gott von Ewigkeit!  
Deine Kraft sei nicht vergebens,  
Sie er full uns jederzeit:  
So wird Geist, und Licht, und Schein,  
Im Gemuth  
In der Seel, Auch im dunkeln Herzen  
sein.
- Gib in unser Herz und Sinnen  
Weisheit, Rath, Verstand und Zucht,  
Dasz wir anders nichts beginnen  
Denn was nur bein Wille sucht:  
Dein Erkenntnisz werde grosz,  
immermehr, Immermehr,  
Und mach uns vom Irrthum los!
- O du Geist der Kraft und Starke,  
Der in uns das gute schafft,  
Ford're in uns deine Werke,  
Und zum Kampfen gib uns Kraft!  
Schenk uns Waffen in den Krieg,  
Und verleih, Uns alsdann  
Auch den ehrenvollen Sieg.
- THE SERMON ..... Rev. Ralph S. Weiler, D.D., Board of National Missions,  
Philadelphia, Penna.
- PRAYER ..... The Lord's Prayer (Choir Chant)
- THE ANTHEM "The Psalm of David" ..... Lang
- THE OFFERTORY "Meditation" ..... Morrison
- THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS ..... The Doxology
- THE HYMN NO. 91 "O God Our Help in Ages Past"
- THE BENEDICTION ..... Triple Amen
- THE CHOIR RECESSIONAL
- THE POSTLUDE "March in E Flat" ..... Mallard

The flowers in the altar vases today are placed in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Gress, by Mrs. Sallie Hirneisen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
2:00 P. M.



CATECHETICAL REUNIONS

Sons of the Church

Ministers

THE PRELUDE	"Glory Be To God"	Bach
THE INVOCATION — PRAYER — APOSTLES' CREED	Minister: Praise Ye the Lord. Congregation: The Lord's Name Be Praised.	
THE GLORIA PATRI		
THE HYMN NO. 416	"The Church's One Foundation"	
THE SCRIPTURE READING	Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15	"In Praise of Our Fathers"
THE ANTHEM	"Open Our Eyes"	MacFarlane
THE SERMON	Rev. Elan G. Wiest, Trinity Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio	
GREETINGS	Rev. Harold F. Minnich, Swamp Lutheran Church	
GREETINGS	Rev. Herman C. Snyder, Quarryville Reformed Church	
GREETINGS	Rev. Peter Gress, United Zion's Children's Church, descendent of Rev. John Waldschmidt	
GREETINGS	Rev. K. O. Spessard, Ph.D., Annville, Penna.	
PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer (Choir Chant)	
THE ANTHEM	"Gloria in Excelsis"	Mozart
THE OFFERTORY	"Largo"	Handel
THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS		The Response
THE HYMN NO. 219	"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"	
THE BENEDICTION		Triple Amen
THE POSTLUDE	"March"	Smart

The Choir this afternoon represents the combined Choirs of Bethany Reformed, Swamp Lutheran and Swamp Reformed Choirs.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:00 P. M.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT

## ORGANIZATIONS

- THE SWAMP SUNDAY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT (6:00 P. M.)  
Warren Harting, Director
- THE PRELUDE "Prayer" ..... Asper
- THE INVOCATION — PRAYER
- THE HYMN NO. 420 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" ..... Trehorne  
Written by Balbulbus (840-912)  
Translated from Latin by Neale
- THE SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 48: 1-3; 9-14; Psalm 50: 1-15
- THE ANTHEM "Joy And Praise" ..... Trehorne
- THE GERMAN HYMN
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| Nun danket Alle Gott<br>Mit Herzen, Mund und Handen,<br>Der grosze Dinge thut<br>An uns und allen Enden,<br>Der uns von Mutterleib<br>Und Kindes beinen an<br>Unzahlig viel zu gut<br>Bis hierher hat gethan. | Lob, Ehr' und Preis sei Gott,<br>Dem Vater und dem Sohne<br>Und dem der beiden gleich<br>In hochsten Himmelsthronen,<br>Dem einig hochsten Gott;<br>Als es anfanglich war<br>Und ist und bleiben wird<br>Ierund und immerdar! |
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- BARITONE SOLO ..... Richard Druckenbrod
- THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Elmer S. Noll, D.D.,  
Schuylkill Haven, Penna.
- THE ANTHEM "Send Forth Thy Spirit" ..... Schuetky
- GREETINGS ..... Rev. C. B. Marsteller, Lebanon, Pa.,  
President of Lancaster Synod
- THE MALE CHORUS
- THE ANTHEM "God Is Great" ..... Clokey  
Written by Conrad Beissel - 1747 - from the Ephrata Cloisters  
first composer of music on American soil
- THE OFFERTORY "Hymn Of Devotion" ..... Schuler
- THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS ..... The Doxology
- THE HYMN NO. 607 "Faith of Our Fathers" ..... Triple Amen
- THE BENEDICTION
- THE POSTLUDE "Festival March" ..... Handel
- CHOIRS — Muddy Creek, Bethany (Ephrata) and Swamp Reformed

## BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Reformed Congregation is one of the oldest congregations in northern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Settlers of the Reformed faith located in the vicinity of the church as early as 1727. Muddy Creek Reformed Church is the mother church (1730). A preaching point was established at Michael Amweg's (now Swamp) as early as 1749. In the extract of a Baptismal Book at Michael Amweg's the first baptism is dated July 20, 1749.

On May 22, 1755, William Penn deeded a tract of land called "Swamp Church Ground" to the Calvinists (Reformed Congregation). A log building was erected as a place of worship in the present old cemetery where the remains of Waldschmidt are buried.

In 1806 our faithful forefathers engaged in the erection of the present house of worship. By invitation of the Reformed people the Lutherans joined in building this structure, and worshiped ever since alternately in the same building.

On October 22, 1933, re-dedication services for the annex were conducted by the Reformed and Lutheran congregations. A former event of importance to the Reformed people was the unveiling of a memorial tablet in memory of John Michael Amweg, one of the founders of the Swamp Reformed Church, September 29, 1929.

The Swamp Union Sunday School was instrumental in erecting the social hall in 1936. The School also erected the Band Shell—dedicated to the honor and memory of the Service Men of World War I and II on Sunday, May 9, 1948.