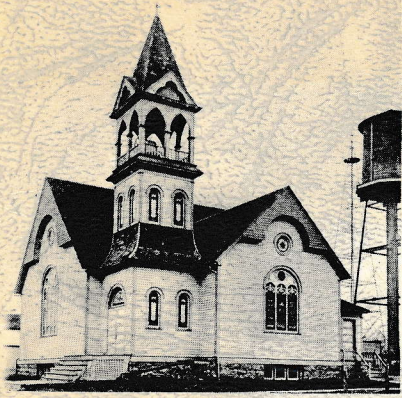


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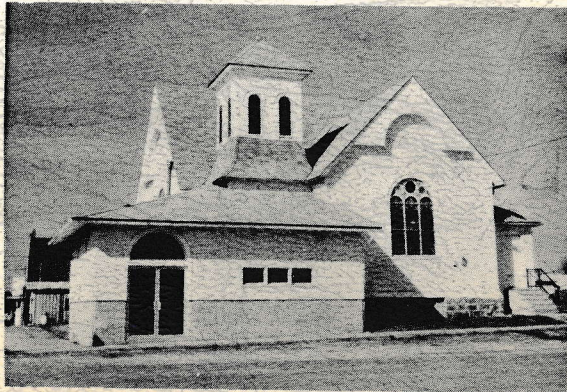
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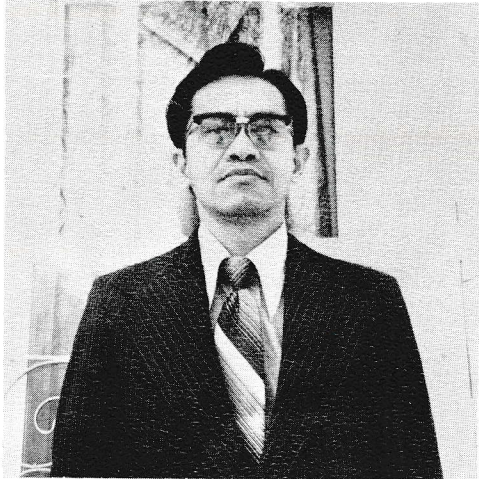
Livermore, Iowa

**Sunday,
April 23, 1978**



ONE – HUNDRED YEAR

ANNIVERSARY



Mark V. Berbano, Jr. Pastor

The Livermore Methodist Church

100th ANNIVERSARY
April 23, 1978

Dr. Lance Webb, Bishop
Dr. Harvey Nelson, D.S.

Mark V. Berbano, Jr., Pastor
Edwin Ver Steeg, Lay Leader

Winnie Falb Organists Ardis Hamm

WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: "Open The Gates Of The Temple" Winnie Falb
Ardis Hamm

CHANCEL CANDLES LIGHTED: Stephani Langerman
Sheila Winterton

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation". . . No. 297

*INVOCATION: (Unison)

Almighty God, we rejoice in Your Providence that called us into being as a church fellowship. Thank you for Your grace that kept alive our faith to this day.

We want to go on writing a part of the history of the people called by Your name. Help us to be faithful in all things; passing on the Faith once delivered to us. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING: "Praise The Lord". No. 590

*GLORIA PATRI:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERING OUR GIFTS:

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 51:1-4a
I Corinthians 3:9-23

RESPONSE:

PASTORAL PRAYER: RESPONSE:

INSPIRATION OF MUSIC: SOLO: Rev. Otis McQuary

The MESSAGE: "Encouragement From The Past" . . . Rev. Worthie Usher
St. John's UMC
Davenport, Ia.

*HYMN OF HOPE: "O God, Our Help In Ages Past". No. 28

*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

12:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITING FRIENDS TODAY. Thank you for joining us in this celebration and thanksgiving.

USHERS: Clarence Carlson and Ivan Dale.

AFTERNOON CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

2:00 p.m.

ORGAN AND PIANO MUSIC: PRELUDE Winnie Falb
Ardis Hamm

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: "Are Ye Able" No. 413

INVOCATION:

WORDS OF WELCOME: Edwin VerSteeg
Lay Leader

S O L O : Julie Larson

RECOLLECTIONS: Winnie Falb
Harold Hunt
Percy Loomer
and others

PIANO-ORGAN DUET: "Fragment From An Etude" Chopin . . Winnie Falb
Ardis Hamm

READING OF CORRESPONDENCES: Arlene Schultz

DUET ON STRING INSTRUMENTS: Medley Of Philippine Music . Neil &
Orville Berbanc

ADDRESS BY THE SPEAKER: Rev. Robert Phillips
UM Minister, Retired

CENTENNIAL PRAYER:

PRESENTATION OF CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE: . . Mrs. Julius Black,
Chprn.
Conf. Comm. on Archives & History

RECEPTION AND RESPONSE: Margaret Howard, Chprn.
Records & History

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: "Bless This House"

A GLANCE AT YESTERDAY: Slide Presentation by Rev. Worthie Usher

*BENEDICTION:

M.C. - Rev. Robert Phillips

S O C I A L H O U R

Thank you everyone for joining us in Celebration and Thanksgiving to God
on our Centennial.

Pastors Who Have Served The Livermore Methodist Church

S. C. Bascom	1878-1881
J. G. Cheney	1881-1883
C. W. Clifton	1883-1884
E. C. Bradshaw	1884-1885
Joseph Jeffery	1885-1887
P. C. Hanna	1887-1889
J. W. Carver	1889-March 1890
G. W. Pratt	Apr.-Sept. 1890
A. W. Luce	1890-1890
S. Callen	1891-1893
I. A. Bartholomew	1893-1894
J. R. Faus	1894-1895
N. L. Hotchkiss	1895-1897
Irving Green	1897-1900
Joseph Jeffery	1900-1902
F. C. Farr	1902-1905
A. R. Cuthbert	1905-1907
E. H. Sands	1907-1908
W. O. Romick	1908-1909
H. L. Blair	1909-1910
C. R. Dix	1910-1911
L. H. Mayne	1911-1913
John Westwood	1913-1915
R. J. Symons	1915-1918
Supplied	1918-1919
J. F. Draper	1919-1920
William Figge	1920-1923
J. E. Clifton	1923-1924
J. V. Roberts	1924-1927
Garner Osborn	1927-1928
H. A. Reyman	1928-1931
William Baddeley	1931-1934
V. V. Schuldt	1934-1937
H. A. Nelson	1937-1941
K. E. Whitney	1941-1942
C. A. Richards	Oct.-Dec. 1942
R. P. Phillips	Jan. 1943-1952
R. R. Kessinger	1952-1956
Worthie Usher	1956-1965
R. A. Biesemeyer	1965-1968
O. M. McQuary	1968-1973
R. A. Williams	1973-1975
Fred C. Rowley	1975-1977
Mark V. Berbano, Jr.	1977-



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March 6, 1978

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Livermore United Methodist Church and

The Reverend Mark V. Berbano, Jr.
P. O. Box 39
LuVerne, Iowa 50560

Dear Friends of the Livermore United Methodist Church:

It is a joy to enter into your celebration of your centennial which is soon to come in April. I would be happy to be present personally, but since I cannot, perhaps this message will at least carry the warmth of my congratulations and my prayers that the next years - in your second hundred - will be even more fruitful and effective than the first hundred. I am sure that you have had some tremendous experiences during these years and that you are thankful for persons who have gone out from your church to all different walks of life, including, I am sure, several into the pastoral ministry. This is, indeed, the evidence of our being a real part of the body of Christ when we are fruitful in reaching persons and helping them to grow into maturity as persons who are meant to be fulfilled in the image of Christ.

With my prayers and blessings for you that this may be a happy and glorious occasion.

Sincerely,

Lance Webb

HISTORY OF THE LIVERMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 23, 1978

Today we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Livermore United Methodist Church. There is a beginning for everything, and the beginning of our own local church dates back several years before the first settlers of this vicinity were able to afford a church building.

The first Protestant religious services in the vicinity of what is now Livermore were held in the home of a Quaker family who lived northwest of the present town. Those services were conducted by Elwood Collins in about the year 1857, in the little community known as Sumner.

In 1881 the First Methodist Church was built in the west part of Livermore. It was a small white wood structure which was later sold to the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Livermore. Even though this church still stands in the west part of Livermore, it is not being used by a church.

Our first Minister came to us from Dakota City, Rev. S. C. Bascon and was followed by Rev. J. G. Cheney, Rev. C. W. Clifton and Rev. E. C. Bradshaw. In 1885 Rev. Joseph Jefferys came to be with us for two years and then came Rev. P. C. Hanna. Following was Rev. J. W. Carver who was the first resident Minister to the Livermore Methodist Church.

G. W. Pratt, presiding Elder supplied as pastor from April to September in 1890. He was followed by Rev. A. W. Luce who was instrumental in the purchasing of a house for a parsonage to meet the problem of a place for the minister to live. It was during his ministry that the church was incorporated and the Articles of Incorporation recorded on October 15, 1890.

We have been unable to find information as to when the Women's Organization was started. But we do know it was sometime before the incorporation of the church, possibly about 1878, and that over the years this organization has done much for the church.

From 1890-1897 the pastors were, Rev. S. Callen, Rev. I. A. Bartholomew, Rev. C. R. Faus, and Rev. N. L. Hotchkiss. Rev. Irvin Green served from 1897-1900 and while here his daughter Ethel was married to a local boy, Charles Howard and they resided in Livermore. Rev. Joseph Jeffery returned for his second pastorate here in the year 1900-1902 and according to the Humboldt County History, the Church had 112 members and was active in all departments.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. F. C. Farr, 1902-1905, the present site for a new Church was chosen and construction started. This building was completed in the fall of 1903 and dedicated December 13, debt free. This is the present United Methodist Church now being used and in which we are celebrating our 100th Anniversary. The pulpit chairs, which had been purchased by the Epworth League several years before at the cost of \$35 each, and the pulpit was brought from the other Church.

Rev. A. T. Cuthbert was pastor from 1905-1907 and some remember his stay as a happy one. The next four pastors each spent one year as leaders of this church. They were Rev. E. H. Sands, Rev. W. O. Romick, Rev. H. L. Blair, and Rev. C. R. Dix. Rev. L. H. Mayne served from 1911-1913 and was followed by Rev. John Westwood, 1913-1915. The Womens Home Missionary Society was organized during his pastorate.

Rev. R. J. Symons was pastor for the next three years, and it was during his years that the church was redecorated. There was no minister to the Church for the Conference year of 1918-1919. Rev. J. F. Draper served for one year and was followed by Rev. William Figge, Rev. J. E. Clifton (son of Rev. C. W. Clifton (1883-1884)). In 1924 Rev. J. V. Roberts came for three years. He was succeeded by Rev. Garner Osborn, who was here for one year 1927-1928.

In 1928 the Livermore Church was made a part of the Luverne-Livermore Charge, and this arrangement still exists. Rev. H. A. Reyman was the first Minister to the two Churches. He was followed by Rev. William Baddeley in 1931-1934 and both Rev. and Mrs. Baddeley lived out their lives in Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Rev. V. V. Schuldt and Ruth were with us from 1934-1937, and David and Gay were born while they were here. During his pastorate the Church was again redecorated. He has served several pastorates and last year retired after serving two years in a Methodist Church in Hawaii and has now moved to Colorado.

Rev. H. A. Nelson and Clara served as our pastor from 1937-1941, and we have him to thank for a very fine piece of work in organizing the Women's Society of Christian Service following the Unification of 1939. He has been our District Superintendent for the past six years in the Ft. Dodge District and this year he expects to retire.

Rev. K. E. Whitney came in 1941 and served us well for one year. The Rev. C. A. Richards supplied the pulpit from October 1942 until January 1, 1943.

Rev. Robert Phillips, Anna, Joan and Dean came to the Livermore United Church in 1943 and was with us for nine and one half years. It was during his pastorate that the Church observed its 70th Anniversary, at which time the Church was rededicated following an extensive improvement program. In addition to the extensive improvements and beautification of the church building, the spiritual life of the congregation experienced a tremendous growth as well as an increase in the number of active members during his ministry. He is at present serving the small Church in Montgomery and they live at the United Methodist Camp Ground in Spirit Lake.

Rev. R. R. Kessinger succeeded Rev. Phillips in July 1952, and was with us until 1956. In his first sermon Bob never promised us a Bob Phillips, he promised only himself. He had great shoes to fill, but, fill them he did and we received great joy and comfort from his sermons. During his stay with us a project of great interest to the Congregation was the purchase and installation of our Hammond Organ and amplifier at the cost of \$1700. The Organ was dedicated debt free on May 2, 1954. Bob transferred to the Indiana Conference, and it was their gain. He brought great leadership to our Adult and Youth Fellowship groups.

Rev. Worthie Usher and Helen came to us in the fall of 1956, having been without a permanent Minister several months. He came to us with great vim, vigor and vitality that lasted all nine and half years. They had two children, Kenneth and Cynthia. Amy was born while they were at this charge. During the time he was here, remodeling was done. A complete new entrance was added, and the entire basement was also remodeled. We enjoyed the Ushers beautiful voices and their many talents added to our services.

In 1965 Rev. Roy and Lena Biesmeyer came to be with us for three years. During his stay here he not only served our church well, but was called upon when tragedy struck in the Community. Rev. Biesmeyer has now retired and they live in Springfield, Missouri.

In 1968 Rev. Otis McQuary and Grace joined us for five years and is at the present time still active in the First United Methodist Church in Ft. Dodge. Each and everyone enjoyed his messages and the worship through music with his inspirational solos. He also started an Ecumenical Bible Study in our Church.

Rev. Robert Williams and Martha joined us in 1973 and spent two years with The United Methodist Women still reminisce over the meeting held at the Williams summer home on Lost Island. Rev. Williams took a sabbatical leave and they now are both teaching at the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas.

Rev. Fred Rowley and Alice came to spend two years with us, 1975-1977. During his stay here we all enjoyed knowing his Mother who made her home with the Rowleys and who celebrated her 98th birthday while here. We appreciated the pictures and stories of their many adventures and travel in foreign lands and their many treasures they brought for us to see.

The Rev. Mark Berbano, Lydia, Neil and Orville joined us in June 1977. They made such a wonderful impression as they so enthusiastically met us and could recall each of our names after introduction. They were so anxious to please us. The boys have been so gracious in sharing their musical talent with us. We are enjoying the whole family so much. Their native land was the Phillipines, and they have many interesting things to tell about their homeland.

Our congregation continues to show a marked growth in both spirit and in size. As we stand at this important point in the history of our church, we give thanks for those early settlers who saw the vision, the circuit riders who gave so willingly of themselves, and the many pastors and their wives who have labored so diligently in this parish. Also, we are mindful of the devoted lay people who have given, and are still giving of their time, talents and possessions for this church. The future looks very hopeful with the interest and concern we have manifested in our congregation. It is doubly hopeful when we know that our congregation has a vision that extends out beyond its own local interests - to God's Kingdom.

*We Wish To Express Our
Appreciation To:*

*Our many friends who have helped to make this
Anniversary a delightful event. We are indeed
happy you could come.*

*Our own members who have contributed in so many
ways to make this 100th Anniversary one long
to be remembered.*