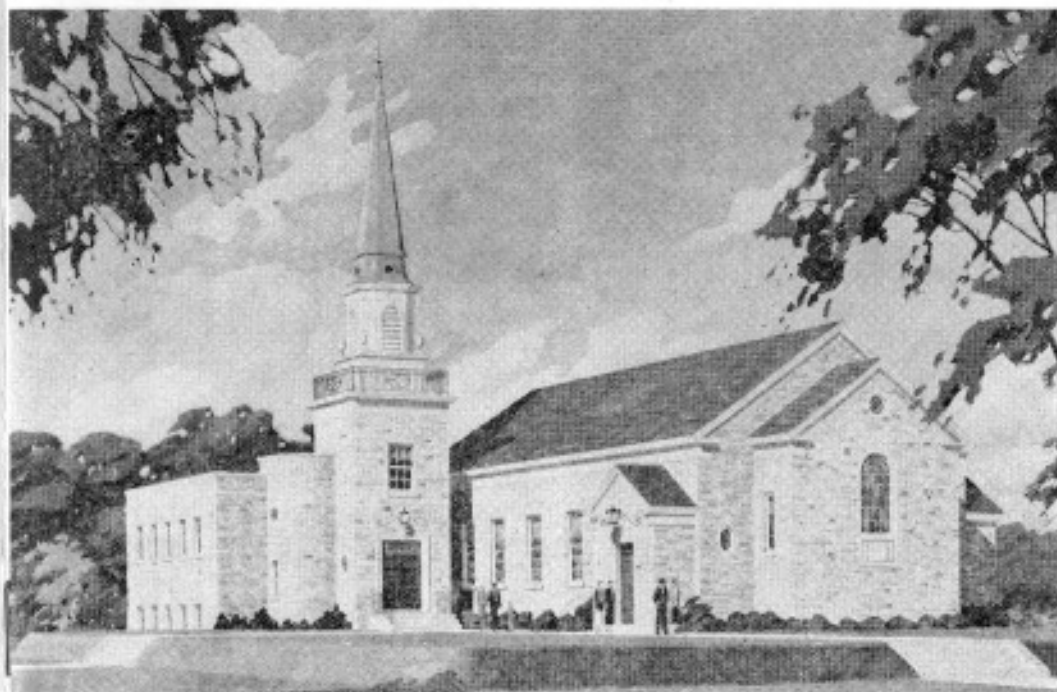


*Tomorrow Is
Our Job Now!*



AU SABLE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YORKVILLE, RFD, ILLINOIS

. . . yesterday . . .

- 1848—After two years of informal services a Congregational Church was formed under the leadership of Rev. David Chapman. With the influx of Presbyterian families the Church changed its affiliation in 1854.
- 1857—The Church became a corporate body, and built its first "parsonage house."
- 1866—Our little white Church was erected, and the Congregation held its annual meeting in the Church for the first time.
- 1900—The Church was remodeled, and new seats and pulpit furniture were added.
- 1916—The present manse was built, and the old "parsonage house" was moved adjacent to the Church to furnish the needed room.
- 1931—In this year the steeple was declared no longer safe and was removed.
- 1948—This year was marked by the Centennial Celebration of the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church. For more than one hundred years it has been at the very heart of our community.

. . . today . . .

For eighty-five years we have used the original church building, though it no longer meets the needs of our community. The Sanctuary is far from being the attractive place of worship which the House of God should be. It is made even less usable by the necessity of using it in many ways other than worship.

The Church School classes have to make use of every nook and cranny. Our teachers must labor under the most adverse conditions. Competition, distraction, limited space make learning most difficult for children and adults alike.

On Sunday we must forget the plays, family nights, and meetings, and think of the Church only as the place of worship. All winter long we are subjected to cold floors and drafty rooms. We have no place suitable for the common Christian meal.

If our Church is to be a vital influence at the heart of our community, we must build facilities which are adequate to the needs of the community. Either the Church will be the center of our community or it will eventually disappear. We must build anew for ourselves and for those to come.

. . . tomorrow . . .

In building today we lay the foundation for tomorrow. Though we and our children shall be gone, other of God's people shall be here. And for them we must provide, even as our predecessors did for us. The future is in our hands — tomorrow is our job NOW.

In preparation of the plans for our new church every consideration has been given, not only to our present needs, but also to those anticipated in the future, and the building has been designed for adaptability.

The building is to be a compact, well-arranged unit consisting of the Sanctuary and facilities for Christian Education and Christian Fellowship. The design is one of simple dignity and beauty which will be very attractive amid its natural surroundings.

The Sanctuary is to be moderate in size, without excessive ornamentation, reverent in atmosphere, and is to be used exclusively for worship. It is easily reached by those of all ages, and is conveniently arranged for weddings and funerals.

The Church School rooms are adequate in size and number for our present enrollment and a small increase. There are four rooms on the first floor for the children's and youth departments. The Fellowship Hall will serve as the classrooms for the adult department. A parlor-narthex will serve as a classroom, meeting place for small groups, and as overflow for the Sanctuary. A well-planned kitchen is also to be part of the building, which is arranged in a pleasing and convenient manner.

The Plan of Finance and Construction

A new Fund, known as the Construction Fund, has been established, and all contributions and pledges will be made to this Fund, and will be given with the understanding that if for some reason, now unforeseeable, the church is not under construction within three years, **you**, the Congregation, will dispose of the Fund by returning the money to the donors, continuing the Fund for a definite period of time, or taking other appropriate action.

Inasmuch as it is desirable that we begin construction as soon as possible, and inasmuch as the most pressing need is for more space for the Church School (it would be unwise to attempt to maintain two buildings), the plan of construction is to begin with the Educational unit, and to continue as rapidly as possible until the church is completed. (The Fellowship Hall will be used temporarily for worship, thus reserving the Sanctuary, when built, exclusively for worship).

Construction will begin when two-thirds of the cost of the Educational unit is on hand in cash and the remainder in unpaid pledges. This means that we must raise approximately \$50,000 in cash (in addition to the \$20,000 already in hand) and have the balance pledged before construction begins.

Consequently it is necessary for us to raise as much cash as quickly as possible to get the building under way. The sooner we build the better!

. . . and forever . . .

That which we do in time has significance for eternity. In building a new Church we are doing more than constructing a building which in some distant tomorrow will perish. We are making an investment in spiritual life for ourselves and for those who are to come. Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow is yet to be, but today, NOW, we can begin that which will come to its full fruition only in eternity—we can begin to build a new Church, His Church,—building, Spirit, and persons—and may the Lord establish the vision of our hearts, the conviction of our minds, and yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it!

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