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Highlights in the life of HARVEY BROWNE CHURCH

The history of Harvey Browne is rich with evidence of faith, Christian service, and growth. It always seemed to be in a constant and often disappointing search for space to meet the needs of its congregation. This account traces the saga from 1891 to 1987, the last year of a major expansion.

1891 The church grew out of a mission Sunday school started in 1891 by a group of young people in Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church who were concerned about the unchurched families living in the farming community of St. Matthews. The mission group met Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings in the old Greathouse School located in the triangle on Lexington Road.

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1916 Barret urged that a permanent church be organized and in July, 1916, the original 27 members petitioned Presbytery for a charter. And thus 25 years after the original Sunday school was started, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church was born. The first year budget was \$84. In October, 1916, William T. McElroy, a deacon in the Woodland Presbyterian Church, entered the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and also supplied the Harvey Browne pulpit as a layman until July, 1918, when he was ordained and installed as its pastor. He served in a part time capacity until 1937 when he resigned to devote full time as Editor of the Christian Observer.

1922 The first property acquisition was a manse, built at the corner of Willis and Meridian Avenues in St. Matthews. The lot, valued at \$800, was given to the Church by A.J. "Tony" Eline, an elder and church leader.

Eline was one of the young people who attended the Mission Sunday school formed in 1891. He and three members of his family were charter members of the church. Soon after, his sons, A. J. "Bud" Eline Jr. and Sidney Eline, joined and became officers; Bud an elder, Sidney a deacon.

Tony Eline was an early real estate developer in the St. Matthews area, an automobile dealer and savvy businessman. He was an excellent example of the good steward. Over the years he gave several building lots to the church and funds to purchase property the church wanted but he didn't own. It is obvious that without the financial support and leadership of the Eline family the church wouldn't have survived the first 25 years.

1928 The church made an offer of \$6000 for four lots in Oxford Place bordering Lexington road.

The Session, after determining the cost, voted to install water pipes in the church and the manse.

1930 The 1920's and early 30's were described as 'a time of close knit family ice cream socials and watermelon feasts.' The men took turns chopping kindling and carrying coal and the women did all the church housekeeping. They also made and sold soup and performed in a Kitchen band with "instruments" from cupboards and drawers and toy horns used to play the melody. Their uniforms were red and white, trimmed with ice cream spoons -all to raise money to supplement the church budget.

The congregation voted to grant an option on the lot and building of the St. Matthews Baptist Church for \$6000, the details to be worked out by the official boards." (*Session Minutes*)

1937 In May, the congregation called the Reverend Charles W. Owens as Harvey Brownes first full time minister. His arrival coincided with St. Matthews' first real growth spurt, when many Louisvillians sought to relocate on higher ground after their homes had been damaged by the 1937 flood.

1938 In March, the treasurer reported on the financial standing showing a balance of \$154.14 in the general fund and a building fund balance of \$146.79. The budget for the fiscal year 1938-1939 was \$2190.50.

1939 A Sunday School addition was built on the back of the church and alterations on the front (the church had been remodeled in 1937) at a cost of \$5000, toward which Mr. Eline donated \$1000.

Boy Scout troop #315 was organized. In following years members collected tons of waste paper and tin cans and sold war bonds to help the war effort. In one drive they sold more than a quarter millions dollars worth of bonds.

1941 In June, Harvey Browne celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church and 50th year of the Mission's founding.

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Carl Lauderback, Ernest Weber, John Mann and James Robertson were appointed Junior Deacons and were to act as ushers during the morning worship.

During the war, Harvey Browne operated a recreation center in the rear of a building next door for soldiers stationed at Bowman Field and for a Red Cross first aid program.

1942 In January, Tony Eline and son, Bud Eline, donated \$8500 for the church to purchase six 50 foot lots and an apartment building at the corner of Nanz Avenue and Breckenridge Lane. The property was to be used for a new church which was to be built after the duration of the war.

Reverend Owens resigned in May as pastor and was succeeded by Reverend Paul M. Watson, Harvey Brown's third minister who served through 1938.

Mr. Eline and his two sons, Bud and Sidney, gave \$3600 which with \$700 rent collections from the Nanz Avenue apartment property paid off the existing building fund debt.

1947 The congregation considered purchasing the church property of Beargrass Christian Church. The offering price of \$80,000 was considered a rare bargain. After applying all of Harvey Browne's assets, the Eline family guaranteed to pay the balance making the new property free from any Debt. Three months later Beargrass Christian Church decided not to sell. Harvey Browne's architect was told to continue work on the plans for the new church at Nanz and Breckenridge.

1948 Zoning Commission requirements and lack of adequate parking space forced a decision to cancel the building plans at Nanz and Breckenridge and search for another location.

Reverend Watson resigned and the congregation called Dr. Olof Anderson, Jr., a Louisville native who was installed in February, 1949.

A. J. Eline Sr. and Jr. proposed that the church properties at Nanz and Breckenridge and 118 Meridian Avenue (manse) be exchanged for lots no. 6 and 7 in Parkside Subdivision, section 3, with free and clear title and that a manse of four bedroom brick be erected on lot no. 7 at no cost to the church. The new manse was completed on Church Way in October and was occupied by pastors until 1969 and is now rented to dentists.

1950 Construction began on the new building at 311 Browns Lane. The sanctuary could seat 334; the basement included four classrooms, a large room for the men's class, kitchen and nursery. The large center space was for recreation/dining and Sunday school space for youth and Juniors. "The total cost, including architect's fees, equipment and grading of parking lot not exceed \$168,000." (771e Plans Committee).

The congregation of nearly 500 had completely outgrown the space on Bauer Avenue and was worshipping on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theater on Lexington Road.

1952 The first worship service in the new church was held on January 20. The congregation continued to grow and membership exceeded 900 by the end of 1953.

Reverend Anderson's energy and dynamic personality made him a good choice to lead the congregation at that time of transition. He was very effective with youth, was a pacifist and an advocate of civil rights causes. In 1955 he invited an African American family, living near Prospect, to attend Harvey Browne because their church was in Louisville's west end. He carefully prepared the congregation beforehand and the visitors were greeted courteously.

1954 In April, construction began on a two-story addition to provide more space for Sunday school classes and the daily kindergarten (now Preschool). The large upstairs room was named in memory of Sidney W. Eline, one of the four church members killed in World War II.

The next year membership grew to 1100, requiring two services on Sunday morning. In three years Harvey Browne became the largest church in Kentucky with a membership of over 1600.

1957 The Middletown Mission was started by several of our church families who lived in the area. Harvey Browne sponsored the group and pledged \$50,000 to erect an all-purpose building which became Trinity Presbyterian Church on Shelbyville Road.

1959 Reverend Anderson resigned to become Executive Secretary of Louisville Presbytery. During his eleven years at Harvey Browne the membership had nearly quadrupled.

Dr. Joseph B. Mullin was called as the new pastor. His charisma brought in scores of new members who kept the pews filled to capacity on Sunday mornings and late arrivals had to sit in the hall or the Barret Room at the back of the Sanctuary. Dual Sunday school classes were scheduled with four or five groups meeting at the same time in Eline Hall.

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After finally locating in their new church the members began to give attention to outreach fellowship and community concerns.. In the early '50s members, with Emory Willeys leadership, helped build Presbytery's Cedar Ridge Camp near Jeffersonville.. Harvey Browners use it for retreats, picnics and the annual Labor Day weekend Do-In for all church youth.

In 1957 the church "adopted missionaries to Brazil, Bob and Martha Camenisch and financially supported them and their six children for a number of years. There were youth mission trips, Ice Cream Festivals, and the Harvey Bees Square Dancers gathered to Do-Si-Do in Eline hail.

1961 A new educational wing was dedicated in April, named Anderson Hall in honor of the former pastor. The same month Mrs. Harold (Helen) Wich was employed as Harvey Browne's first full- time music director and organist.

1962 Three services were scheduled on Palm Sunday and Easter. In November a special Sunday service was held in the Waggener High School gym with more than 1200 members attending. Plans were presented to build a new sanctuary and additional classrooms. A building fund drive began in 1963 and ground was broken for the new sanctuary two years later.

1966 The first service was held November 13, exactly 50 years and three months after Harvey Browne church was started. Almost immediately after the new sanctuary was completed renovation began on the old church building. The rear wall was moved forward almost half way to the chancel forming a new chapel, narthex and two classrooms. The balcony became part of a youth center.

1970 During the turbulent '60s Reverend Mullin became an outspoken advocate of civil rights and his challenge to the congregation to follow his lead was met with mixed response and some sharp criticism. He resigned in 1969. The Reverend Thomas L. Jones arrived in 1970. During his tenure Jones initiated many programs for community outreach and fellowship: Senior Citizens East was given the Chapel basement for offices, dinner-dramas were presented in the Foyer and an alphabet of programs: Sunday Night At Church, Saturday Night Out, Couples Under Eighty, spouses combined age.

1977 Tom Jones resigned and the Reverend Richard Kauffman was called. Space was again an issue and he guided the study and planning for an all-purpose facility. Misunderstandings over style and expectations arose between the pastor and the members and Kauffmann resigned in 1980.

1981 The Reverend Neil Weatherhogg arrived in November and began a series of "living room" meetings with members to hear their opinions, complaints and hopes. He delivered forceful sermons had strong administrative abilities. The search for space arose again and Neil guided the committees through several years of planning for new and remodeled space.

1987 Harvey Browne completed its latest expansion with a \$1.1 million construction and remodeling project that included a new multipurpose building (Emory Hall) remodeled Eline Hall, new and remodeled classrooms, new offices and a new living room.

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August 13, 1916. The nation's attention was divided between war news from Europe and the election campaigns of President Woodrow Wilson and his Republican challenger Charles Evans Hughes. Louisvillians prayed for relief from a week of near record temperatures that had gripped the eastern half of the United States; and on that sultry Sunday afternoon, a new church was organized by the Presbytery of Louisville, South, to serve the sparsely settled area east of the city known as St. Matthews.

The church, with 27 charter members, grew out of a Mission Sunday school started in 1891 by a group of young people from the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. The mission group met on Sunday afternoons and Friday evenings in the old Great-house School in the Triangle on Lexington Road (the present site of Super-X-Drugs). Hugh L. Barret, an Elder at Highland Presbyterian Church, took an early interest in the Mission and kept it alive when sparse attendance appeared to forecast its demise. Years later the *St. Matthews Sun* attributed the mission's ultimate success to Barret's "sincere efforts and sterling Christian character."

Barret brought coal to heat the building in winter and the Eline family brought kindling for the fire. "Assisted by students from the Presbyterian Seminary , Barret recruited additional families, concentrating on those with children for his wife's Sunday school class.

Ministers from Louisville churches filled the pulpit for Friday night prayer meetings until 1914, when the Reverend J.C. Longnecker took over the job for two years while awaiting a missionary assignment in Africa. That same year, Edmonia

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Browne Roberts of Bardstown gave the Presbytery \$2,000 as a memorial to her brother, a physician, Harvey Browne. She wanted the money to go for "mountain missions," but Barret prevailed upon Presbytery to let it be used to purchase land and build a permanent home for the St. Matthews Mission. The result was a one-room frame building, later modified, that still stands at 118 Bauer Avenue.

Upon its completion, Barret deemed it wise for a permanent church to be organized in July 1916, the 27 original members petitioned Presbytery, declaring that the new church would produce a "thriving congregation" in a short time. All pledged to make it "self-supporting" in as short a time as possible. Thus 25 years after the original Sunday school mission was started, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church was born.

In October, the Presbytery appointed William T. McElroy, a Deacon in the Woodland Presbyterian Church, to address the congregation and to ascertain its viability. "I came out on a Thursday and stayed for 20 years," McElroy later observed. The same month he entered the Louisville Seminary to begin studying for the ministry. He continued to supply the Harvey Browne pulpit as a layman until July 1918, when he was ordained and installed as its Pastor. A week later he performed the first baptism at the church (the first wedding didn't occur until nearly 20 years later).

McElroy served, though only in a part time capacity, until January 1, 1937, when he left to devote full time to his concurrent duties as editor of the *Christian Observer*. A meticulous man, he started his ministry on a salary of \$50 a month, \$10 more than he had earned as a student. For several years he and his wife traveled each week from Louisville's West End to St. Matthews by streetcar and the interurban. Occasionally they would miss the interurban and have to walk the last three miles. All of that ended in 1922, when they moved into the first manse located at the corner of Meridian and Willis Avenues (the present site of the House of Frames).

An observer recalling this period in the church's history described it as "a time of close-knit family ice cream socials and watermelon feasts." The men took turns chopping kindling and carrying coal and the women did all the church housekeeping. They also sold home-made soup and performed in a "kitchen band" (with pots, pans, toy horns and red and white uniforms trimmed with ice cream spoons) to raise money to supplement the church's budget.

In May, 1937, the congregation called the Reverend Charles W. Owens of Ft. Thomas as Harvey Browne's first full time minister. His arrival coincided with St. Matthews' first real growth spurt, when many Louisvillians whose homes had been damaged in the 1937 flood sought to relocate on higher ground. The building on Bauer Avenue was remodeled and Sunday school rooms added in 1939, but the congregation was rapidly outgrowing its existing home. In January, 1942, the Eline family donated money to buy the property at the corner of Nanz Avenue and Breckinridge Lane. Plans were drawn but the onset of World War II delayed construction. Zoning problems eventually forced the congregation to abandon the location.

During the war, Harvey Browne operated a Soldier Center in the building next door for recreation for soldiers stationed at Bowman Field. Use of the recreation hall was granted to the Red Cross for a first aid program. Members of Boy Scout - Troop #315 (organized in 1939) collected tons of waste paper and tin cans to help the war effort. The troop also received three awards from the U. S. Treasury Department for selling war bonds. In one drive they sold more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of bonds. On August 14, 1945, the church held a V-J Day service for four of its members who had been killed and 35 others (34 men and one woman) who had served during the war.

Returning soldiers and sailors led a nationwide exodus to the suburbs, and by 1947, St. Matthews had grown to more than 18,000 people. Harvey Browne was likewise bursting at the seams. In 10 years, membership had grown from fewer than 90 to more than 300. Every available classroom was packed on, Sunday mornings with two classes meeting in the sanctuary, another in the vestibule and another in the furnace room.

Pressed for immediate space, the congregation voted in November 1947 to purchase the Beargrass Christian Church property at Browns Lane and Shelbyville Road. The offer to sell was withdrawn, however, three months later. Three more years would pass before construction finally began on a new building at 311 Browns Lane. By then, the congregation of nearly 500 had completely outgrown the space on Bauer Avenue and was worshipping on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theatre on Lexington Road.

Owens resigned in May, 1942, and in September the congregation called the Reverend Paul M. Watson of the Buechel Presbyterian Church.

Watson resigned in August 1948, and the congregation called the Reverend Olof Anderson, a Louisville native, from the First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Kentucky. Anderson had grown up in the Woodland Presbyterian Church and met his wife, Martha Ward, while serving his first pastorate in Frankfort. The couple married on Derby Day 1934, and had three daughters by the time he was installed at Harvey Browne in February 1949.

Anderson's stern appearance prompted the church youth to nick-name him "Holy Oly, the sinister minister." His energy and dynamic personality, however, made him the perfect choice to lead a bustling congregation. From the outset he worked

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effectively with young people (his stern countenance notwithstanding). He directed several youth conferences and for years led the high school age group at the church while his wife led a college age group that met in the couple's living room. (Four men from the class later entered the ministry.)

Anderson also instituted the candlelight carol services, complete with children's procession, that filled the church at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning during the '50s.

A new manse was completed on Church Way in October 1949, ground was broken for a new church building. Excavation was nearly finished when the Presbytery decided the new building would be too small to handle anticipated growth over the next several years. It subsequently approved an interest-free loan that allowed the structure to be enlarged. The cornerstone was laid Jun 17, 1951, and the first service held January 20, 1952, in what is now the chapel.

It didn't take long to fill the new space as the congregation continued to grow. Membership exceeded 900 by the end of 1953. By April 1954, construction had begun on a two-story addition to provide more Sunday school space and room for the daily kindergarten that opened in September. The large upstairs room in the new building was named in memory of Sidney W. Eline, one of the four church members killed in World War II.

Harvey Browne installed its first Associate Minister, George Clementson, in October 1953. Two years later, membership had grown to 1,100, requiring two services on Sunday mornings. In three more years, it surpassed 1,600, making Harvey Browne the largest Presbyterian church in Kentucky.

The congregation began to look for ways of serving the community beyond St. Matthews. In October 1957, an outpost church under Harvey Browne's sponsorship began meeting at the Middletown Women's Club. The following spring, it was formally organized as Trinity Presbyterian Church. Harvey Browne agreed to guarantee a \$60,000 loan for Trinity to erect an all-purpose building as phase one of a three-phase building program.

Membership was still on the rise at the end of 1959, when Anderson resigned to become Executive Secretary of the Louisville Presbytery. During his 11 years at Harvey Browne, the congregation had nearly quadrupled.

The church called the Reverend Joseph B. Mullin, a Missouri native, from the First Presbyterian Church in Paducah. He arrived with his wife, Betty, and their two children in April 1960.

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The need for additional space was dramatized the following year when three morning services had to be scheduled on Palm Sunday and Easter. Membership exceeded 1,800, more than 1,200 of whom attended a special Sunday morning service in November 1962 in the Waggener High School gymnasium. There plans were presented to build a new sanctuary and additional classrooms. A building fund drive was announced in October 1963, and by February, more than \$700,000 had been pledged. Ground was broken in August 1965, and the first service held in the new (the present) sanctuary November 13, 1966, exactly 50 years and three months after Harvey Browne church was started.

The '60s were turbulent times. An air of unbounded optimism at the start of the decade gave way to cynicism, hatred and violence in the wake of assassinations, racial strife and protests over fighting in Vietnam. St. Matthews was also changing as its population grew older and suburban migration moved farther east.

Stirred by the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Mullin became an outspoken advocate of civil rights. He challenged the congregation to follow his lead in an emotional sermon delivered on Palm Sunday 1968. The following year, he resigned to go back to school at Princeton Theological Seminary. In nine years he had helped the congregation grow to more than 2,300 members.

Mullin's outspokenness in behalf of equal rights generated mixed response from the congregation. Some rebelled and left Harvey Browne. Others began looking for ways the church could reach even farther into the community.

Such were the conditions that greeted the Reverend Thomas L. Jones, who arrived February 1, 1970, with his wife, Marilyn, and their five children. Jones, a Florida native, had been minister at Meadowview Presbyterian Church in the 1950s, and worked for the General Assembly of the denomination's southern branch prior to returning to Louisville.

Clearly it was a time for reassessing Harvey Browne's direction. In April 1970, the Session created a 'Task Force on Resources to determine the church's mission for the next five years. Care was taken to ensure the entire congregation was represented and had input into its deliberations.

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The task force took its job seriously and, in June 1971, delivered a 64-page report to the Session and the Board of Deacons. Its conclusion: Harvey Browne needed to change its "predominantly inward orientation" and strike a better balance between the community and the congregation. "As we have become larger, the demands of just running the church have caused us, perhaps imperceptibly, to devote more energies to ourselves," the report said. It noted that among various church organizations, only the Women of the Church directed a major part of their activities toward others.

The task force faced several immediate concerns. Church membership had peaked at around 2,300. Approximately \$200,000 was still needed to pay for the latest expansion, with only a fourth of it pledged. Programs and expenditures had been curtailed because of limited finances. And there was criticism that, with inflation, operating costs were consuming more of the church's disposable income, leaving less for benevolent giving.

The task force recommended earmarking a certain percentage of the budget each year for benevolences, the percentage to increase over the next five years, and apportioning whatever was left for operating expenses. Such an approach is still used today.

Interviews with community leaders had identified three groups with needs the church might address: youth, older persons and the poor. Within a year, the St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM) was incorporated for that purpose, with Harvey Browne as a charter member. Senior Citizens East, an outgrowth of St. MAM, followed in 1974, again with Harvey Browne playing a major role in its operation.

The church found other ways of reaching out to the community. One that was evident to anyone who tried to find a parking space in the church lot during the week was to make the building available to service and support groups of every description. Another, beginning in 1975, was the regular collection of food and money for Louisville United Against Hunger (LUAH). In 1976, the Harvey Browne Family Counseling Center opened to offer individual and group counseling in a Christian context for church members and non-members alike.

The task force also recommended an internal reorganization to help the church carry out its new mission. Church Elders, responsible for Harvey Browne's spiritual life, and Deacons, who oversaw its finances, were combined into a single governing body. Other functions, in the future, would be carried out through five major operating councils responsible for worship, preparation, congregational care, outreach and support services. A sixth council was created to keep the long-range plan updated.

Though its mission clearly had expanded, the church continued also to meet the congregation's needs. Choirs of all ages, often accompanied by instrumentalists ranging from ensembles to full orchestras, established Harvey Browne's reputation for its music ministry. The first "Do-In" at Camp Cedar Ridge, the annual Labor Day weekend retreat for all church youth, occurred in 1972. Fellowship activities ranging from pot lucks to square dancing rounded out the picture. The list included an alphabet soup of programs such as SNAC (for Sunday Night At Church), SNO (Saturday Night Out) and CUE (for Couples Under Eighty, referring to the spouses' combined age).

Jones resigned in March 1977 to accept an executive position with the Louisville Seminary. The congregation called the Reverend Richard Kauffman, who arrived that fall from near Philadelphia with his wife, Judy, and their two sons.

Many in the congregation had expressed a desire for more biblically-based worship on Sunday mornings, and Kauffman, a formal but affable man, provided it. He also supported efforts to highlight the talents of members and non-members alike through several series of fine arts programs. Kauffman reduced the Session from an unwieldy 60 members to 36. (The Board of Deacons and the Session had been combined a few years earlier). He guided the study and planning for the facilities evaluation that resulted in the recent construction and remodeling.

The first Caroling Christmas Tree service by the Chancel Choir occurred in 1979, the first dinner theatre in 1980, and an important new ministry was started for single persons: S.O.L.O. (Single Ones Loving Others).

Kauffman resigned in 1980, and the congregation called the Reverend Neil Weatherhogg, who arrived from Kerrville, Texas in November 1981, with his wife, Janet, and their two sons.

Besides continuing a Harvey Browne tradition of strong sermons on Sunday mornings, Weatherhogg demonstrated a strong administrative ability that was needed to keep a busy and growing staff focused in the same direction. He arrived at a time when the church was feeling its most recent growing pains.

Though membership had declined slightly from its peak in the late '60s, the church found it needed both new and remodeled space to carry out its mission in the '80s. Progress on this front coincided with significant events on the national scene. In 1983, the two main branches of the Presbyterian Church were reunited for the first time since the Civil War. In 1987, the General Assembly voted to move its formerly separate national headquarters from New York and Atlanta to Louisville. The same year, Harvey Browne completed the first phase of its latest expansion, which ultimately included new offices, new and remodeled class-rooms, a living room and a multi-purpose building named for Emory Willey, an active and longtime member.

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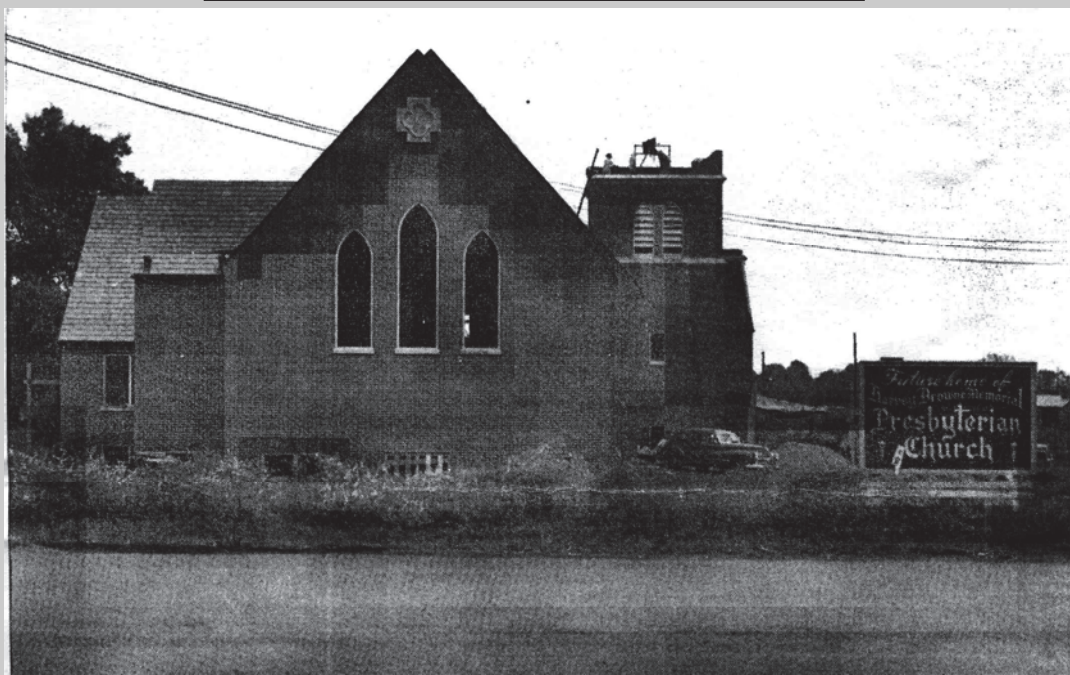
All of which is a far cry from the one-room building with the pot-bellied stove where the church began 75 years ago. The people who wrote its history, and the lives that have been touched in some way by what has gone on both inside and outside its walls would comprise a virtually endless list.

For many years Harvey Browne has described itself as "a church of many styles striving to serve." But in 1988, a new long-range planning committee determined an even broader statement was needed for the church to expand its horizons. From a nearly year-long study, presented at a Session retreat in May, 1988, the following vision statement emerged:

"For Harvey Browne to become a stronger community of Christian believers who celebrate and share a common faith; who care for one another, respect and are strengthened by one another's differences; who warmly welcome strangers; and who actively take God's love into the world."

It is a statement, coupled with a rich heritage, that will carry Harvey Browne Church into the 21st century.

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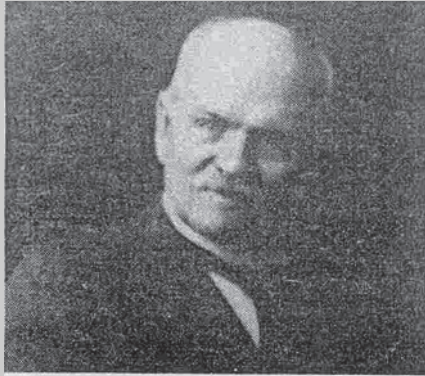
The new church at 311 Browns Lane, completed in January, 1952.

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Hugh L. Barret

*The Reverend
Wm. T. McElroy
Pastor
1916-1937*



Adult Division in front of church on Bauer Avenue, 1947. Reverend Paul Watson is on first row, left.



Original church building at 118 Bauer Avenue. The one-room church was built in 1914; Sunday School addition in back was built in 1939. Photo made in 1940.

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It Took 75 Years To Get Here

"Here" is in rather sharp contrast with the one room frame building, heated with a pot-bellied stove, in which Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church began operation on Bauer Avenue in St. Matthews one Sunday in August 1916. "Here" -now -is a centrally heated and air conditioned multi-structured complex, consisting of a small chapel, a large sanctuary, a spacious gym/auditorium/dining facility, and more than 50 classrooms, meetings rooms, and a library.

Since that day in 1916, we have experienced two World Wars, several "police actions," A Great Depression and a number of recessions, a tornado and a few floods. In the meanwhile, we have made several moves, acquired and disposed of several pieces of real estate, and developed and discarded several complete building plans, and elaborate financing campaigns.

The first property acquisition was of a manse, built in St. Matthews, at the corner of Willis and Meridian Avenues in 1922.

An addition to provide more classroom space was made on the back of the Bauer Avenue building, some years later in 1939.

In 1946, after a delay caused by World War II, plans were actually drawn and a building campaign organized for the construction of a church at the corner of Breckinridge Lane and Nanz Avenue in St. Matthews, on property donated by the Eline family in 1942. Unfortunately, Zoning Commission requirements and lack of adequate parking space forced a decision to cancel the plans for that location and to search for another site.

Two years later, in 1949, the manse at 4213 Church Way, was built on property that bordered our present location. Last used as a manse in 1969, it is now rented to dentists for their offices.

By early 1950 the congregation had grown to where it was without adequate facilities for worship services and it was meeting for that purpose on Sunday mornings in the Vogue Theater on Lexington Road in St. Matthews.

In 1950 ground was broken for construction of a new sanctuary at 311 Browns Lane on a parcel of land large enough for future expansion, as well as with space that was then considered large enough to provide for parking.

It was very soon apparent, however, that we needed still more space, and in 1954 an addition was made to accommodate more Sunday School rooms, the Harvey Browne Kindergarten, and on the second floor, a single large room for social affairs which was named Eline Hall to honor Sidney Eline who had been killed in World War II.

Three years later, in 1956, a large house and lot adjacent to the church on Browns Lane was purchased to provide for future expansion and to take care of the seemingly unending need for more Sunday School rooms this time for both adults and preschoolers. Named McElroy Hall to honor our first pastor, the former residence was immediately put to good use; however, more space was still required.

And, in 1961 another addition was made to the wing in which Eline Hall was located. The new structure, named Anderson Hall to honor Olof Anderson, Jr., our pastor for eleven fruitful years, provided room for nurseries, still more Sunday School rooms, and much needed space for church staff offices.

In addition to marking our 50th Anniversary, 1966 saw the completion and dedication of our present sanctuary. With a floor plan resembling a Celtic cross, the building includes: a choir rehearsal room, music department offices, still more Sunday School classrooms, and a utility room on the lower level; on the ground level a handsome foyer features an impressive faceted colored glass window opposite a broad, short flight of steps leading to the narthex of the sanctuary; with its balcony the sanctuary seats 930 worshippers, and in the chancel area there is room for a 100 member choir, plus the console for an organ with chimes and almost 2500 pipes. (The installation of the Choir Manual for the organ in 1978, brought the ranks to 45, completing the instrument and making it one of the finest in the state.)

Almost immediately after we began to use the new sanctuary and the rooms on the level below it, renovation was started (and quickly finished) on the old church building. From the narthex approximately half way to the chancel in the old sanctuary, a partition was installed forming a lovely little chapel, a new narthex and two new classrooms. On the upper level, in what had been the balcony of the old sanctuary, and including the "new space" made by the partitioning, a large, yet cozy room was formed that quickly became an important part of the Youth Center.

As recently as 1987, with the completion and dedication of Emory Hall, another series of renovation and construction plans was in work. Named for member Dr. Emory Willey, a dentist who has earned the respect and love of all of us through his hours and hours of service to our church, the multipurpose activities building joined the eastern transept of the new sanctuary to what had been the pastor's office in the old church building. The beautiful little courtyard thus formed is far from wasted space, however, since it provides a play area for the kindergarten as well as a "look outside" for the users of the offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms which border it. Meanwhile, below the old sanctuary, the facilities for Senior Citizens East have been considerably improved, and an elevator and ramps have been installed to provide easier access for everyone. Another phase of our plans was completed in 1989 when the ten memorial windows in the new sanctuary, and one in the Prayer Room were dedicated. Like the foyer window, they are made of faceted colored glass; they illustrate passages from the Old and the New Testaments.

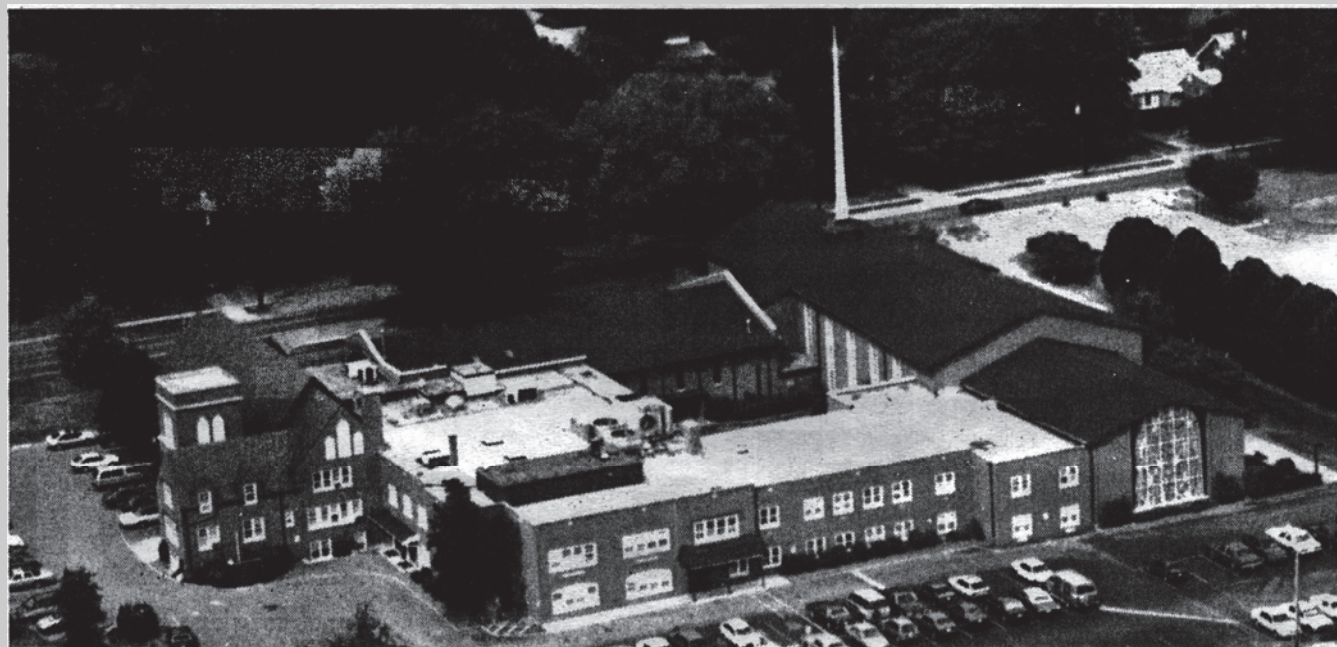
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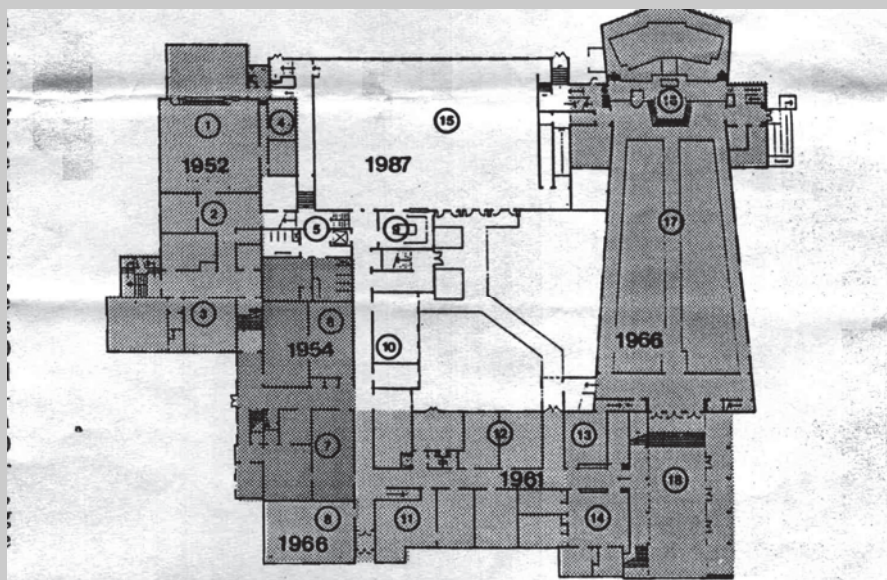
Courtesy David Evans, Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church:

It Took 75 Years To Get Here

In 75 years we may have "just grew" like Topsy—although the various new structures and additions are architecturally compatible—it seems however, that planning for the future is a characteristic of Harvey Browne rather than a phenomenon. It's quite obvious that we will always have a plan or plans "in the works" to improve our abilities to serve our members and our community.



"Heavenly" view of the church complex, August, 1991.



1952 original Browns Lane church building dedicated. Chapel (1) and classrooms (2) now, where original sanctuary was. Part of today's Youth Center is above (2). Classrooms (3) where Lydia and Barret rooms were; rest of Youth Center above them. (4) originally pastor's study -new section (5) includes elevator serving five levels. 1954 Eline Hall dedicated -areas (6) and (7) were classrooms -large rooms above them used for stage productions, social affairs. 1961 Anderson Hall added to Eline, provided classrooms in areas (11) and (12) subsequent renovations converted (11) to new Church Offices. 1966 space (8) was added between Eline and Anderson, it and (7) have been remodeled to make a nursery. 1966 the new sanctuary and foyer (16) -(17) -(18) dedicated. Rooms in (13) and (14) built at same time. (13) recently renovated to make ladies' lounge; church library on level above. Originally Church Office (14) now Church Living Room; Session Room on level above. Chancel area (16) was remodeled to accommodate special worship services. 1987 Emory Hall (15) dedicated -new kitchen (9) and new classroom (10) built at same time.

St. Matthews Area Churches:

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Courtesy Ray Purdom, some time in the 1950's.

Harvey Browne Church Choir, December 24, 1953



Back row - 2nd from the left - Phyllis Mills - '61, 3rd from the left - Ellen Sommer - '61 (Ray's future wife, *of whom Ray says* "...I didn't know from Adam at the time")

Front Row - 4th from the left - John Bush (John had the guts to sing a solo one Christmas), 8th from the left (Susie Cooke), 10th from the left Ray Purdom (What an angelic look!), 12th from the left - Diane Lamar

Courtesy Harvey Brown web site: <http://www.harveybrowne.org/Content.asp?page=location> Today



Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

New \$200,000 Church Dedicated By Harvey Browne Presbyterian

Ceremonies Climax 2 Years' Work

Two years of hard work came to a climax Sunday for members of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church with the dedication of their new, \$200,000 church at Brown's Lane and Church Way.

Ceremonies began at 11 a.m. with an organ prelude by Mendelssohn. Rev. Charles Owens, minister of the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, and minister of Harvey Browne from 1937 to 1942, delivered the invocation for Rev. William T. McElroy, who was ill.

Rev. McElroy was at Harvey Browne from 1916 to 1937. Other former Harvey Browne ministers who attended the Sunday program were Dr. Henry Sweets and Rev. Paul M. Watson. Also present were Dr. Andrew K. Rule, professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and Rev. Edwin R. Rock, executive secretary of the Louisville Presbytery.

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church began as a mission Sunday School in 1891 under the sponsorship of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, in the old Greathouse School which stood on the spot now occupied by the Kroger Grocery in St. Matthews.

Mr. Hugh Barrett, an elder in the Highland Church became interested in the mission. He and Mrs. Barrett did much to keep the work alive.

In 1914 a Mrs. Roberts of Bardstown, Ky., gave \$2,000 to Louisville Presbytery to be used for some good cause and as a memorial to her brother, Dr. Harvey Browne. Mr. Barrett was

instrumental in securing this money to help erect a building for a Presbyterian Church in St. Matthews. The Bauer Avenue site was selected and the building erected.

In February, 1949, the Rev. Olof Anderson, Jr., came to serve as pastor. Plans for a new church home, begun about ten years before, were completed. The ground breaking for the present building took place November 5, 1950. The corner stone was laid June 17, 1951, and the building used for worship and study January 20, 1952.

February 21, 1952

Hope To Cut Church Debt With Bazaar

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church is planning its first annual bazaar for Saturday, October 4, from one to nine p.m.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Ervin A. McClain, 316 N. Hubbard's Lane, Mrs. Jack Cleveland, 3710 Grandview Avenue, and Mrs. G. H. Schmid, 210 Sage Road, the whole congregation is participating in hopes of realizing a substantial payment on the mortgage.

With friendliness and community good will in mind, the ladies are pricing all articles quite reasonably. Home-made pastries and candles, hand-made gift articles and Christmas items will be some of the 13 kinds of booth attractions, but one of the most popular will probably be the parcel post corner where packages from everywhere will sell for a mere quarter.

The committee is hoping most people will come as families (there are several attractions for small fry) and stay to enjoy the turkey dinner to be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

October 2, 1952

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Combined Choirs To Give Cantata At Harvey Browne

The combined choirs of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Brown's Lane and Churchway, and the Speed Memorial Church, Speed, Indiana, will present "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, at the Harvey Browne Church on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 4 p.m.

The choral group, numbering fifty voices, will be under the direction of Robert W. Holmes, former Director of Music at Harvey Browne Church, who is now assistant pastor at the Speed Church.

Rudy A. vonAlmen, present choir director at the Louisville Church, will accompany on the organ, and soloists will include Fred Brehob, baritone, and Dennis Richardson, tenor, who is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The program will be repeated on Good Friday at the Speed Memorial Church.

March 26, 1953



Rev. George Clementson will be installed as associate pastor at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Sunday. The sermon for the formal ceremony will be delivered by Dr. Andrew K. Rule, a professor at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Olof Anderson, pastor at Harvey Browne, will propound the questions. Dr. W. R. Clarke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, will give the charge to the pastor. Dr. W. T. McElroy, editor of the "Christian Observer," will give the charge to the congregation. Cooper Willey, an elder at the Third Presbyterian Church, will complete the commission. Rev. Clementson worked as assistant to Dr. Anderson in 1949, when he was a student at the Louisville Seminary. He is married to the former Irma Henlein Dennis of Charleston, Ill. They have two children. Larry Henlein is a freshman at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Linda Henlein is a freshman at Eastern High School in Middletown. The family lives at Lyndon.

October 15, 1953

Harvey Browne Church To Vote On New Building

The congregation of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will meet December 27 to decide on whether to build a new church school, according to the church's newspaper, "Harvey Browne Family News."

The church's educational project committee on December 10 recommended such a project.

Wayne May, committee chairman, announced A. J. Eline, Sr., would match all cash turned in to the committee by December 31. Mr. Eline owns a real estate firm and Chevrolet agency in St. Matthews. 200 pledges totaling nearly \$9,000 have been received, said Mr. May, but only \$4,400 in cash.

The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m.

Rev. Olof Anderson, church pastor, will hold open house for college students from 4 to 6 p.m. that day. On December 28, the Junior Department will have a Christmas Party.

At the New Year's Communion Service January 3 at 8:30, the church's new officers will be installed.



O, Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant!

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold its traditional candlelight carol service Christmas morning at six o'clock, and these youngsters, the Junior Choir, will sing from the church loft, while the Chancel Choir of 40 voices will sing from the rear balcony, directed by Rudy Von Almen. The service will consist of scripture readings and carols from many lands. Members of the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. James Dorsey, are (front row) Barbara Mann, Sabra Yerkes, Jan Pierce, John Bush, Eugene Stewart, Roberta Bryson, Bobbie Murrie, Susie Cooke, JoAnn Tenn, Ray Fur- dem, Lynn Murray Spalding, Di- ape La Mar, and Larry Young. In back are Linda Schweickert, Phyllis Mills, Ellen Sommer, Lucille Lapsely, Charlotte Carter, Judy Schuba, Carolyn Coggeshall, Marjorie Davis, and Ann Evans.

Billy Davis photo

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

Harvey Browne Has New Music Director, Organist

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church has a new director of music and a new organist. Dr. Olof Anderson, pastor, announced last week.

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The new organist, Samuel F. Hodges, will also direct the junior choir. The music director, Monas Harlan, 122 North Hubbards Lane, is a member of the faculty of the University of Louisville School of Music. He is also the leading tenor for the Kentucky Opera Association.

A veteran of 2½ years in the Pacific with the combat engineers, Mr. Harlan is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York, which he attended three years on a fellowship. He was previously soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, the largest Presbyterian Church in the United States, with a membership of around 7,000.

Mr. Hodges is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Music. He has two bachelor degrees — in music and in music education. He teaches music at duPont Manual and Parkland Junior High in Louisville.

He was a fellow to the Berkshire Music Festival in Tanglewood, Mass., last summer for six weeks. He studied at the choir school at Maryville College in Tennessee.

April 1, 1954

St. M. Firm Awarded Harvey Browne Contract

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church has let the contract for its new educational building to Holt and Holt, Inc., a St. Matthews firm, Rev. Olof Anderson, pastor, announced Tuesday.

Holt and Holt agreed to do the work for \$54,407, the lowest of four bids received by the church. Construction will start immediately, according to Rev. Anderson.

The two-story educational building will be located at the northeast corner of the present church structure at 311 Browns Lane. It will be of brick veneer and of modified Gothic architecture, the same type architecture as the church, which was completed in January, 1952.

The entire children's division of the church will be moved into the 50 by 80-foot structure.

It will include three nursery rooms, two kindergarten rooms, and primary and junior department rooms. The second floor will be arranged so it may be

converted into a large recreation room. It will contain a kitchenette and a church school secretary's office.

It should be finished around September 1. Carl Russell is the architect.

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The church has been conducting a fund-raising campaign for six months. \$24,000 in cash has been collected, with an additional \$25,000 in pledges, payable over three years.

April 8, 1954

Harvey Browne Teen Ageds Work In The Slums Of Indianapolis

35 Harvey Browne Youngsters Going To Indianapolis

About 35 boys and girls from Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will go to Indianapolis this month to do manual labor for others.

Church pastor Dr. Olof Anderson said the Senior High Youth Fellowship will participate in a weekend work camp February 24-26.

They will stay in the Flanner House in Indianapolis, and will work on the community project sponsored by the Quakers. They will work all day Saturday in the tenement section of Indianapolis, doing manual labor in homes, such as repair and clean-up work.

They will work side by side with a Jewish group. Purpose of the project is to promote brotherhood and service, said Dr. Anderson.

The boys and girls are 10th, 11th and 12th graders. A bus will be rented to take them to Indianapolis, and they will leave Friday, Feb. 24, after school.

Adult leaders of the Fellowship are John and Harriet Mohr, and Charles and Lela McHatton.

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The Men's Fellowship of Harvey Browne will hold its third annual brotherhood dinner with Brith Sholom on February 16 at 6:30 p.m., said Dr. Anderson. The dinner and program on brotherhood will be held at the Brith Sholom temple on Cowling Avenue.

February 2, 1956



—Photo by Charles Stone
Preparing to take off for the week-end work camp trip to Indianapolis, Ind., members of the Harvey Browne Presbyterian Youth Fellowship are herded onto the bus by, left to right, Carson Helm, who drove the bus, John Mohr, adult advisor, and Dr. Olof Anderson, Minister of the Church.

By LINDA HEINLEIN

Eighteen teenagers from the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship traveled to Indianapolis by school bus to participate in a weekend work camp.

The group lived and worked at Flanner House in the slum section of the city.

Bright and early Saturday morning they divided themselves into several groups. One section went to the shops to build with their own hands, the frame of a house.

The motto of Flanner House is "Help them help themselves."

By being furnished the tools, instruction and initiative, the men are moving out of condemned homes into new modern ones which they built themselves. Another group went to the Herman G. Morgan Health Center to wash walls, scrub floors and in general, give it a thorough cleaning.

The health program at Flanner House is designed for the whole family. Here was a real application of a service designed to keep people healthy.

Flanner House also runs a self-help cannery for the proper preservation of food.

Flanner House has a staff of social service agencies, which offer everything from teaching school children to cook breakfast to a veterans training program in vegetable growing and landscaping.

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This, a Red Feather Agency, is a result of the cooperative effort of many individuals all working together to help people help themselves.

The trip was a fine experience for those who went and had the opportunity to serve.

They left Friday afternoon by

County School bus and returned Sunday night. The trip was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

Dr. Olof Anderson, Minister of the Church, Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, adult advisors to the Fellowship, and Carson Helm, serving as bus driver, accompanied the group.

Those attending the work camp were:

Pat Hill, Kenneth Harbison, Ann Thorn, Mary Anderson, Linda Heinlein, Betty Cleveland, Mary Joy Harrison, Beverly Miller, Pat Schick, Peggy Dean, Barbara Caswell, Gail Parsons, Ann Hayward, Dick Kelly, and Nancy Merhoff.

March 1, 1956

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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Photo by Billy Burt

The girls' section of the Chapel Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church will sing with the rest of the Chapel Choir and the Carol and Chancel Choirs at the Christmas morning Carol Service at 8 a.m. Pictured is Richard Dales, director of music. In the first row are Sabra Yerkes, left, Betty Cleveland, Suzanne McKinstry, Betty Baldwin, Jo Ann Renn, Roberta Bryson, Patricia Hill and Ann Thorn. Second row: Barbara Caswell, Mary Anderson and Beverly Miller. Third row: Linda Heinlein, Sharon McGloshen, Charlotte McKinstry, Christine Derhefer, Peggy Dean, Jacqueline Hill, Phyllis Mills and Nancy Scheiler. A program of Christmas music was held at Harvey Browne last Sunday evening.

Christmas Carols

December 20, 1956

Two churches slate construction plans

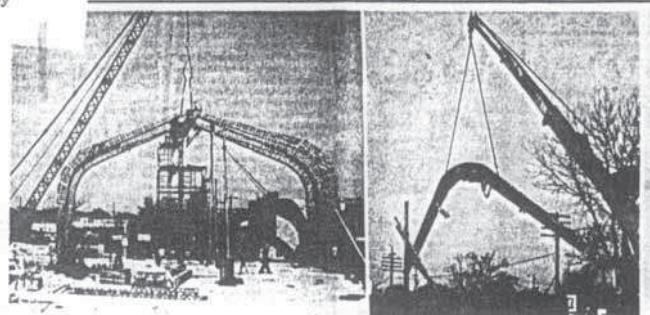
Plans to expand one church and construction of another are underway for this Eastend area.

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Ln., this week announced that a \$700,000 building-fund goal has been reached, with pledges totaling \$704,425, for a new sanctuary.

Church aides, however, said that at least one-third of the pledges is to be collected before construction on the new building begins.

The new sanctuary will seat about 1,000 persons and will be located just north of the church's present sanctuary. An expanded church school will join the present sanctuary and the new building at the rear and a courtyard will be in the center of the complex.

The church, with 2,020 members, is the largest Presbyterian church in Kentucky.



RAISE HIGH THE CHURCH BEAMS: A crane at right unloads from a freight car on Westport Road a beam for the new sanctuary of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. At left, workers put another beam into place. The program, which also will include educational facilities, will cost about \$675,000. Completion date: September.

March 24, 1966, *The Voice-Jeffersonian*

February 27, 1964, Rest of Article not on this church

St. Matthews Area Churches:

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Courtesy of Al Ring:

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1958



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Louisville, Kentucky Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958 Order of Worship at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

PRELUDE - Prelude in C Minor -Bach

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP INVOCATION

* HYMN No. 204 -"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"-Lyra Davidica

THE APOSTLES CREED GLORIA

* ORGAN INTERLUDE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (1st Service) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANTHEM: (1st Serv.) "O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing"
(Carol Choir)
(2nd and 3rd Serv.) "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
(Chancel Choir)

SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 20:1-2, 11-18

MORNING PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE

* ORGAN INTERLUDE

* HYMN No. 208 - "The Day of Resurrection" -Smart

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH HIS GIFTS TO US

OFFERTORY -"Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness" DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM: (1st Serv.) "Easter Passacaglia" -Riegger
(Chapel Choir)
(2nd and 3rd Serv.) "Alleluia To The Easter King"
(Chancel Choir)

SERMON - "God and the Resurrection" -Dr. Anderson

SILENT PRAYER FOR PEACE - BENEDICTION - CHORAL AMENS

POSTLUDE - Fugue in C Minor -Bach

*Ushers will seat worshipers

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCH last Sunday are:

Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Baker, 8611 Holston Rd., Lyndon
Mr. & Mrs. M. V. Borland, 111 Stivers Rd.
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart G. Brown, 1221 Old Cannon's Lane
Dr. & Mrs. C. E. Denton, 807 Starlite Rd.
Mr. William W. Gladden, 4007 Elmwood Ave.
Mr. & Mrs. Edw. L. Kaiser, 307 Ridgedale Rd.
Mr. & Mrs. John Knight, 1908 Alfresco Place
Mr. & Mrs. F. V. Lacock & Diane, 225 Blankenbaker Le
Mr. & Mrs. William Owen, 3517 Hycliffe Ave.
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. L. Floegsma, 400 Westwood Dr.
Mrs. Norman Radloff, 426 Sprite Rd.
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Ray & Ronald, 307 Norbourne Blvd.
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Shaw & Rosalie, 3903 Norbourne Blvd
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde O. Walker & Sandy, 4400 Kinloch Rd.
Mrs. Adrian White, 412 Oread Rd.

and on Thursday, April 3:

*Anna Lee Adams
Beverly Lynn Alfred
Stephen Andrew Balogh
*Pamela Crawford Boston
Robert Frederic Brandt
Mary Elizabeth Brown
*Billie Kay Burnett
Henry McIntyre Burt
Timothy Micheal Cable
Shelia Dianne Cheek
Joseph Eugene Cross, Jr.
*Mary Elizabeth Davis
Douglas Allen Deatz
Fredrick Charles DeHoag
*Stephen Whyne Durbin
Gordon Lee Edwards
George Alan Ellsworth
Patricia Ann Froehlich
Diane Lee Giannini
Dona Lynne Giannini
James Allin Gray
Lee Edwin Griffith
*Sally Jeanne Haberstroh
Billy Fredrick Harrer
Charles Lewis Harring
James Henry Hawley
James Martin Helm
*Rickey Lynn Hendricks
Susan Cole Hunter
*Vivian Judith Johnson
Sarah Kay Kalber
Darrence Durrett Kelly

(*Baptized)
Sue Bartlett Kunz
Pamela Ellen Lebo
Allyn Gayle McCreary
Henry Douglas Mann
Richard Brinton Marple
Leslie Margaret Mills
Jean Diane Milroy
Charles Ross Morrison
James Allen Nimocks
Leslie Ann Peege
Muriel Stanley Penna
Wendy Ann Peterson
Jane Dorothy Radloff
Rebecca Linda Raymond
Alan Douglas Ring
Oscar Lynwood Schweickert
Gail Langdon Springer
Brian Charles Stephen
Kenneth Levi Stephens
Betty Ann Steward
Frank Clinton Thomas
Harriet Ann Thompson
Jane Gregory Thorn
Martha Virginia Thorn
Johnny George Treitz
*Kay Twaryonas
James Boyd Wadlington
Gregory Kent Walker
Gerald Douglas Wilder
*Shirley Ann Wilson
*Steven Craig Worful
Donna Lee Young

Calendar for the Week

Tuesday at -

10:00 - Circle #1, Chm. Mrs. Smith, meets with
Mrs. Richard Baldwin, 409 Kaelin Drive
- Circle #3, Chm. Mrs. Maltby, meets with
Mrs. Ken Boylan, 100 Gibson Rd.
- Circle #4, Chm. Mrs. Carty, meets with
Mrs. Joseph Carty, 7613 Norbourne Rd., Lyndon
- Circle #5, Chm. Mrs. Ellsworth, meets with
Mrs. David Halley, #3 Pin Oak Lane
- Circle #6, Chm. Mrs. Bishop, meets with
Mrs. Frank Wilder, 3933 Elmwood Ave.
6:30 - Circle #14, Chm. Mrs. Deatz, meets with Mrs.
Dorothy Ray, Lyndon Le. (International Dinner)
7:30 - Monthly meeting of the Session
8:00 - Circle #12, Chm. Mrs. Morse, meets with
Mrs. C. K. Elliott, 514 Macon Ave.
- Trinity Circle, Chm. Mrs. Cochran, meets with
Mrs. Ben Gabbard, Dorsey Way

Thursday

7:30 - Monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons

THE EASTER LILIES today are in memory of -

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel W. Prentz Sr. Mrs. George Younger
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Westerman Mrs. Julia C. Fuller
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McBride Mr. David H. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Diecks Miss Pearl Williams
Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Waddill Elizabeth Grunwald
Mr. Thos. D. Sympton, Sr. Gary Dean Lewis
Mr. E. Malcolm Murray Mr. James J. Moore
Mr. Rudolph F. Merhoff Mrs. C. L. Niman
Mr. Everett F. Shawler Mr. Jess DeGraw
Mr. Olof Anderson, Sr. Mrs. Emil Anderson
Mr. Robert Krick Evans Mr. Fred Krauss
Mr. Joseph F. Lutz

and one the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford J. Munz.

THE REV. DAVID P. JORDAN has accepted the call of the Session to become our Minister of Education. Mr. Jordan, a 1955 graduate of Louisville Seminary, is now Minister of Education in Pasadena, Texas. He will begin his work with us this week.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY

St. Matthews Area Churches:

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Choirs are singing Christmas music all over St. Matthews. This is the Youth Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church,

December 26, 1957

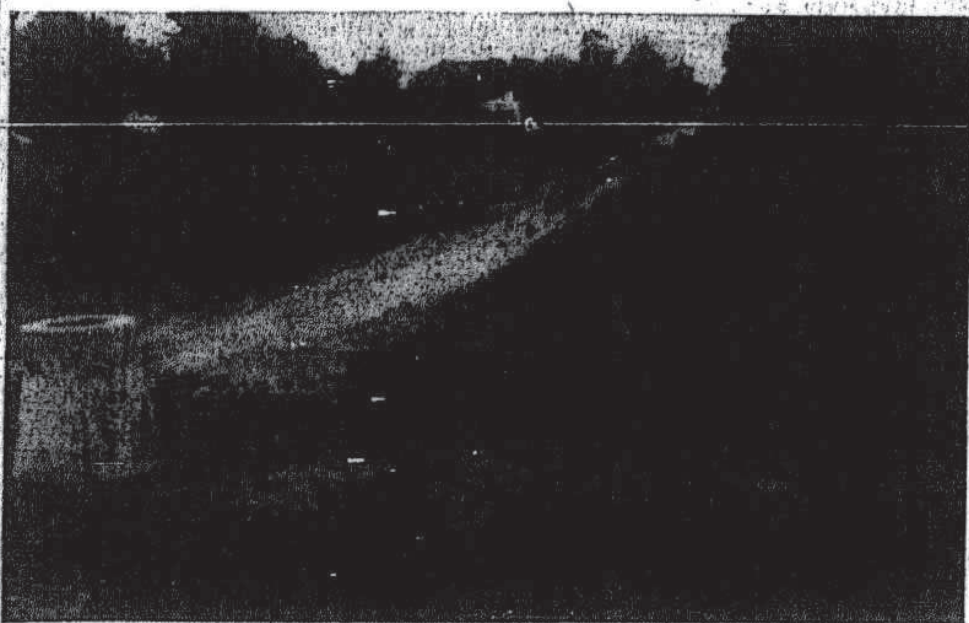
Members of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church Chapel Choir pictured at the top of the page are, first row, left to right, Leslie Mills, Charlotte McKinstry, Barbara Henry, Gail Reichmuth, Lynne Broeker; second row, Diane Leacock, Carolyn Carapezza, Billie Kay Gillette, Phyllis Munz, Sharon McGloshen, Susie Cook, Sandy Walker, Carla Singler, Martha Thorne, Jane Thorne; third row, Jo Ann Renn, Ellen Sommer, Barbara McFatt, Nancy Schelrer, Roberta Bryson, Harriet Micou, Nancy Mason, Sue Abbott; fourth row, Marcella Blakesley, Jean Milroy, Carol Cook, Suzanne McKinstry, Joan Harring, Karen Bryson, Shirley Wilson, Sandy Carter, Sheila Trouman; fifth row, David Hammar, John Bush, John Burekle, Jack Sommer, Scott Tichenor, Tom Bedwell, Jim Hawley, Chuck Harring, and Ronnie Young. The picture is by Larry Spitzer.



Choirs and Christmas music welcome the holiday season to St. Matthews.

December 25, 1958

Harvey Browne Church launches \$140,000 improvement program



Trenches, pipes and equipment make some streets in Beechwood Village impassable as work on the new sewer system enters its second month.

October 29, 1959

Educational facilities to be expanded

A \$140,000 physical expansion and improvement program has been launched by Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Browns Lane and Church Way.

The program, as approved by the Session of the Church, includes a 9,000 square-foot educational wing, re-arrangement and refurbishment of existing Church School facilities, and air conditioning of the Church sanctuary.

The financing aspect of the program is to get underway immediately; actual construction and other work will not begin until early next year.

Carl D. Russell, 317 Biltmore, has been named architect for the program, with E. R. Ronald and Associates, 354 S. 3rd., as engineering consultants.

The new educational wing, the second to be added to the original Church building will contain a number of large classrooms for pre-school and grade-school age children, an assembly hall, and a kitchen with facilities capable of preparing food for some 350 people.

Complete funding of the program will be sought on Nov. 22 when each Harvey Browne member will be personally contacted for the building fund pledges. Prior to that time, a thorough information program will acquaint each member with all aspects of the program.

With 1,800 members, Harvey Browne is the largest Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. The present Church building was completed in 1952. An educational wing was added in 1954. Since that time enrollment in the Church School has doubled, bringing it to more than 1,300 and making necessary the new facility.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Teenagers at Harvey Browne schedule work week to boost church building fund

Need a baby sitter? Or some windows washed? Or yard work done? Well, more than 200 teenagers from Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church stand ready to help you . . . and in turn, help the \$140,000 Building Program of their church.

It works this way:

The teenagers have scheduled a work week beginning Friday, Nov. 6 and lasting through Saturday, Nov. 14. During this time, the youngsters will do all sorts of light yard and house work, car washing and baby sitting. And the money they earn will go into the Harvey Browne Building Fund!

At the going rate of 50 cents an hour for baby sitting and 75 cents an hour for most other types of work, the teenagers should make a substantial contribution!

Already their work schedule is filling up. Anyone can hire the youngsters. If interested simply call Mrs. George M. Bales, 110 Holliswood Road, TW 5-1416 any day between 2 and 5:30 p.m.

The teenager work week is just one of several similar projects underway at Harvey Browne to involve all age groups and organizations of the Church in the recently-announced Building Program. The Church, located at Browns Lane and Church Way, is planning to add a 9,000 square foot educational wing and to air condition the sanctuary.

November 5, 1959



REV. MULLIN

It's one world now, says new pastor at Harvey Browne church

The inability of people to communicate with each other is the most serious problem facing the world today, in the opinion of Rev. Joseph B. Mullin, new pastor at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church.

"As Wendell Willkie said many years ago, it is one world," Rev. Mullin observed. "A riot in Leopoldville or in Little Rock—well, it might as well be happening right in our own backyards."

The warring sides never seem able to communicate with each other, or to find a common ground, so that tolerance, understanding and love can hold sway, he said.

The trouble starts with the family, he said. He observed that married couples who come to the minister for help fall into three categories. They are having difficulty with their physical relationship, their in-laws, or money.

"But back of all these troubles there is just one thing—the inability to communicate, to talk with each other about what's bothering them."

He noted that Russia and the United States, as nations, hate

each other. Yet Russians and Americans were able to compete peacefully recently in the Olympics at Squaw Valley. And Russians listen to and enjoy American music, just as Americans do Russian music.

But in the area of philosophies and of ways of life, the two are poles apart. The Russians have developed an atheistic Communism, and America is a nation whose ideals are based on Christian Democracy.

Rev. Mullin believes the American people are in favor of sharing their wealth with less fortunate nations, but he warned that gifts of food and money alone would not solve their problems, nor make them like or respect us.

We've got to share our knowledge, he said; we've got to teach them the methods for growing their food and setting up their own production systems, so that they can help themselves.

Dr. Mullin took over his new duties Saturday and conducted his first service at Harvey Browne Sunday.

The 36-year-old Paducah minister is a 1952 graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological

Seminary, and received a master-of-theology degree from the seminary in 1957.

A native of Excelsior Springs, Mo., he received a bachelor-of-arts degree from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., before entering the seminary here.

He has done graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and he toured Europe and the Middle East in 1958.

His first pastorate was at Glenciff Presbyterian Church, Nashville, from 1952 to 1954, when he went to the Paducah church. The latter has about 475 members.

Mr. Mullin is moderator of the Muhlenberg presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern)—the same branch of the church to which Harvey Browne belongs.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Duncan of Hopkinsville, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Her father Dr. W. G. Duncan, Lexington, is now on the College faculty at the University of Kentucky.

The Mullins have two children, Mary Hamilton "Molly" Mullin, 5, and Elizabeth Duncan "Beth" Mullin, 3.

Church contracts awarded

Contracts have been awarded for the new addition and improvements on the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Henry A. Steilberg, Inc. is the general contractor and the Stewart Distributing Co., is the contractor for the mechanical work. Construction is to begin right away.

The new addition, which will consist of ten classrooms, will be a 53-by-83 two-story structure adjoining the present building. It will be faced with brick to match the present building. It will also include a new complete kitchen on the second floor joining the present Eline Hall and will be served from the first floor with dumb-waiters.

The new building and the present sanctuary will be completely air-conditioned. Wood paneling will also be added to the sanctuary. Work is expected to be completed in about six months.

Carl D. Russell is the architect and A. W. Mills is church building chairman. Rev. Joseph B. Mullin is pastor.

June 7, 1960

St. Matthews Area Churches:

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Courtesy of Ray Purdom:

I'm guessing that it's the college-level Sunday School class at Harvey Browne. That's brown's Lane in the background. About 1960, the only person I recognize is Margaret Sommer, Ellen's mother, holding the Bible.



Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Harvey Browne to dedicate new educational wing

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, 311 Browns Lane, will dedicate a new educational wing Sunday, April 23, 3 p.m. The new building will be called Anderson Hall in honor of Dr. Olof Anderson, Jr., who served as the church's pastor from 1949 until January, 1960, when he became Executive Secretary of Louisville Presbytery. During his ministry, the church grew to a membership of more than 1700.

The new two-story structure covers 9200 square feet and includes new facilities for the Weekday Kindergarten on the first floor. A new kitchen to serve the present fellowship hall plus six classrooms complete the second floor.

The Planning Committee for the project is A. W. Mills, 503 Cornell Place, Chairman, A. J. Eline, Jr., 702 Circle Hill Rd. and Bar-

nett Grimes, 117 Spruce Lane. Carl D. Russell, Architect, designed the building. Henry A. Steilberg, Inc., was the general contractor.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson will be honored at a reception following the dedication service.

April 20, 1961

Services scheduled for new sanctuary

The first services in the new sanctuary of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Matthews will be held Sunday, Nov. 13.

There will be services at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The new \$40,000 Reuter organ will be played for the first time during services this Sunday.

The new sanctuary and the adjoining education building were completed several weeks ago. The total cost of the units was approximately \$700,000, raised in a three-year building fund drive.

Members of the building committee were John McKinstry, chairman, Mrs. Leo Broecker, Barnett Grimes, James Holt and Virgil Owen.

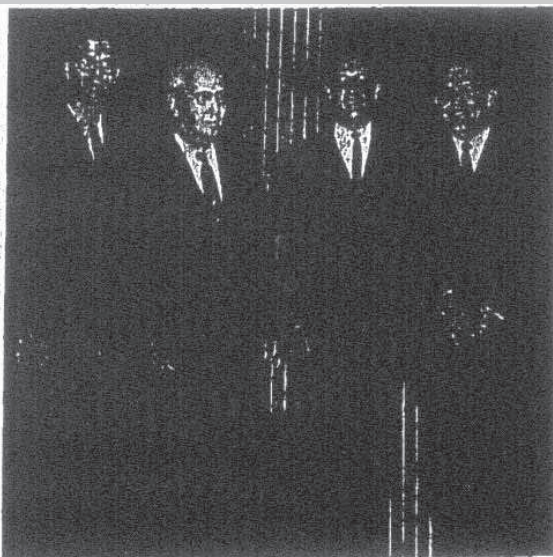
The church is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was founded in Greathouse

School in 1916.

The dedication services for the new sanctuary and education building will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m.

The speaker will be Dr. Olof Anderson Jr., who was minister of Harvey Browne from 1949 to 1960.

November 10, 1966



INSIDE VIEW: From left, The Rev. Frederick R. Horner, the Rev. R. Murray Pegram, Dr. Joseph B. Mullin and the Rev. C.H. Rechard of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church pose beside the main pulpit in the new sanctuary.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*



Ready for Halloween

Halloween, despite its background of eeriness, appeared to be a season of joy for pupils of the kindergarten of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pupils of Mrs. Thomas H. Thompson, Jr., prepared masks, ghosts, make-believe pumpkins and other items that pertain to the eerie observance. Pupils included Rodes Cleavinger, 2505 Glenview Ave., left, and Lynn Goodin, 4428 Benheim Rd.

October 31, 1968

Rev. Joseph Mullin resigns post here

The Rev. Joseph B. Mullin has resigned as senior minister of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, the largest Presbyterian Church in Kentucky. The Rev. Mullin, who has been pastor of the St. Matthews church since 1960, plans to obtain a master's degree in Christianity and society at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He will begin studies at Princeton August 1 and hopes to complete work for the degree by June of next year.

He already has a master's degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and holds a doctor of divinity degree (honorary) from Centre College. Before coming to this area he was minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Paducah.

The Rev. Mullin said he is going to Princeton "to sit back and really look at what is going on in the church."

He said he is looking for new challenges in his career. He said he may ask to be assigned as minister of another church after completing his work at Princeton.

The Rev. Mullin said he wished churches had a sabbatical-leave system (one year free every seven years) so that ministers could take time to pursue graduate studies and examine the needs of church and community.

Under his guidance the membership of Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church grew from about 1700 in 1960 to 2353 this year.

A building program costing \$450,000 was completed while he was pastor. The program included a new sanctuary, office complex, youth center, organ and remodeling of the old sanctuary into a chapel. The church celebrated its 50th anniversary in November of 1966.

The Rev. Mullin will resign as chairman of the Louisville Presbytery Executive Council, the governing body of 50 congregations in Central Kentucky in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

But he plans to continue as chairman of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. The council coordinates the executive activities of the 980,000 member congregation. He is

chairman of the council's grievances committee.

The Rev. Mullin is a member of the city-county Community Action Commission and a member of the Head Start committee.

He also is a member of the Salvation Army advisory board and a former member of the advisory board of the Family and Children's Agency.

A native of Excelsior Springs, Mo., the Rev. Mullin is 45 years old.

He and his wife, Betty, and their three children, Molly, 14, Beth, 12, and Bart, 8, will live at 5 Darrah Lane East, Trenton, N. J., while he studies at Princeton.

The church, he said, plans to appoint a nominating committee June 29 to begin looking for a new senior minister at Harvey Browne.

June 26, 1969

St. Matthews Area Churches:

Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church

Courtesy Lynne Rae Milroy Wiles (60):

1991



Courtesy of Lee Bailey (61):

Joe and Betty Mullin, Easter 1993 in Greensboro, NC. Pastor of Harvey Browne for many years.



: **Waggener High Alumni comments:**

June 2001— Joe Mullin, the former minister at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church on Browns Lane, is now living in Greensboro. I just got off the phone with him after a terrific half-hour conversation. He is now 77 and still preaches occasionally in the area (He had been the minister at 1st Presbyterian in Greensboro for about 20 years before retirement.) He remembered so many members of the Waggener class of '61 and said to send his greetings.

Courtesy The Courier-Journal:

December 23, 2008

Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian gets new look in time for Christmas

St. Matthews church celebrates new sanctuary

At a recent Sunday evening concert, the Chancel Choir at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church sang of "brighter visions" beaming afar -- as it also presented a brighter vision to the congregation.

The church on Browns Lane in St. Matthews is celebrating its first Christmas in a new sanctuary after a \$3 million renovation.

The lighting and acoustics were enhanced, giving what had been a somewhat dark and dreary space a new atmosphere, worshippers say.

"You can see!" Wilma Bennett said.

It's become "a beautiful, light-filled place of worship," said Juergen Tossmann, another member.

The church will hold two Christmas Eve services today, and a dedication is planned for next month.

Five years ago, the church had considered building a new two-level sanctuary with space for other uses in the basement. A 1951 chapel would have been demolished, and the sanctuary, built in the 1960s, would have been used for education.

But the idea proved too costly, and two years later the church decided to renovate instead, expanding only a gathering space outside the sanctuary.

"I had no idea you could take that existing space and make it look so incredible and work so well," said the Rev. John Roper, the church's pastor. JRA Architects did the design, and the building contractor was Wehr Construction.

The changes include angling new pews to give a better view and installing new pipes for a refurbished organ. A 15-foot blue glass cross hanging in front is surrounded by 1,000 individual crosses, at least half of which were made by church members.

"I love it all," said member Edith Light. "It was plain vanilla. Now it's tutti-frutti."

Other details are a new set of liturgical furnishings -- including a pulpit and communion table with copper accents -- created by artist Guy Tedesco of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Larry Brandenburg, the minister of music, conducted the choir and an instrumental ensemble at the recent "Festival of Readings and Carols for Advent and Christmas."

The chancel area around the altar was reconfigured to make it more open and spacious and to improve the sound.

"It's a stunning difference," Brandenburg said.



The Chancel Choir performed during the Christmas concert at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. The church has undergone a \$3 million renovation.