

The Methodist Church in Pine City





The Priority

A home in what was *priorly* a Methodist Church

This building is now a private home.

Learn more about this building at: www.the-priority.wordpress.com

History of the site



The first Methodist Episcopal Church built in this location.

On July 17, 1888, on land donated by Royal C. Gray of Taylors Falls, the foundation for a new church was begun in this location. The church was dedicated October 21, 1888. The total cost of the building was \$1,550.



Another view of the first church. In the background on the left is the first parsonage, built in about 1914. It still stands on the northeast corner of this block.



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By 1922 the congregation was outgrowing the space and in 1925 a building fund was established and committees formed.

Building Committee

Charles Beechel
G. R. Christopher
Elmer Carrier
A. P. Norton

Finance Committee

P. L. Hamlin
J. H. Woehrle
R. Gray
A. W. Piper



The old church, right before demolition.

An architect, W. L. Alban of St. Paul, was hired. Frank Bukachek was hired as the contractor and the building of the new church began in the spring of 1927. The old church was torn down and the materials were used in the new church.

Construction Began



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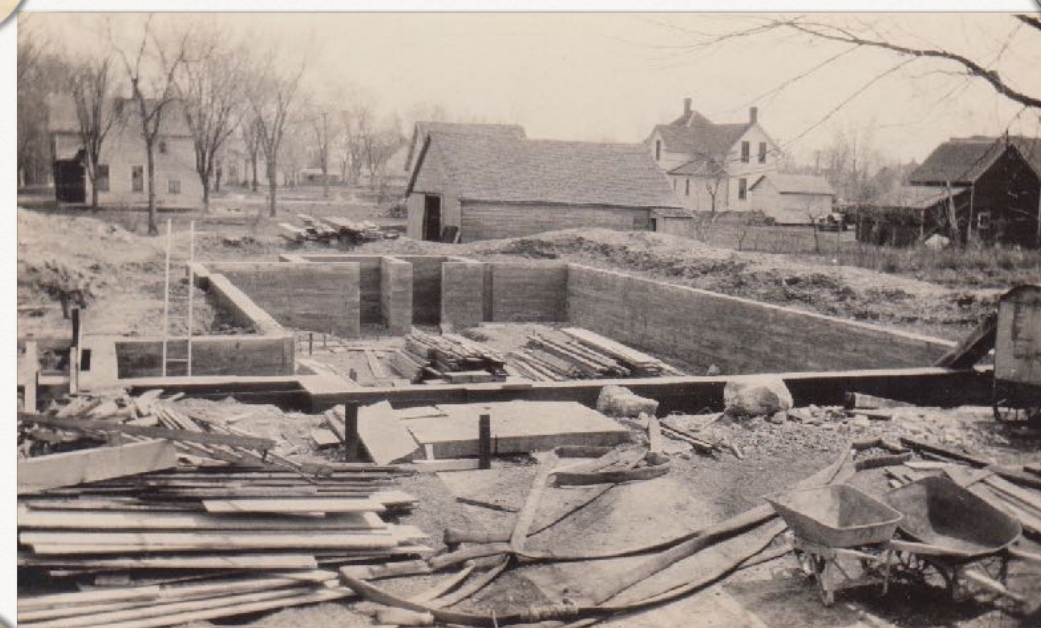


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CONTRACT LET FOR NEW M. E. CHURCH

On Wednesday afternoon bids for the new Methodist Episcopal church in this city were opened by the building committee, and the contract was let to Frank Bukacek of this city, for \$12,334.34. The Askov Construction Co., was next low, there being a difference of about \$85.

The contract for the heating was awarded to W. A. Sauser at \$671, and the plumbing roughed in was let to Mr. Sauser on a bid of \$179.

The Kolar Electric Company was awarded the contract for the wiring at \$315.

Ten bidders were on hand to try for the job and the session was a five hour affair in which all phases of the work were gone into.

An allowance was made for the old church building and the contractor will tear the building down at his own expense. Other items incidental to the work were agreed upon by the contractor and the building committee and work will start on the building with a very few days. The building will be somewhat longer than at first decided on and some minor matters will be left for completion in the future.

One thing or another has delayed the letting of this contract, but now that things are under way, they will be pushed to completion as fast as conditions permit.

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Pine County Pioneer
March 18, 1927

Frank Bukacek, the contractor, often bought supplies at Sauser's Hardware. Each purchase was carefully recorded in Ledger #16.

Mrs. Anna G...
1 box blasting caps 1.50
Frank Bukacek
12 - 3 1/2 x 3/8" Bolts 36
on M. E. Church job
Tom Gardner
1 box nails 25

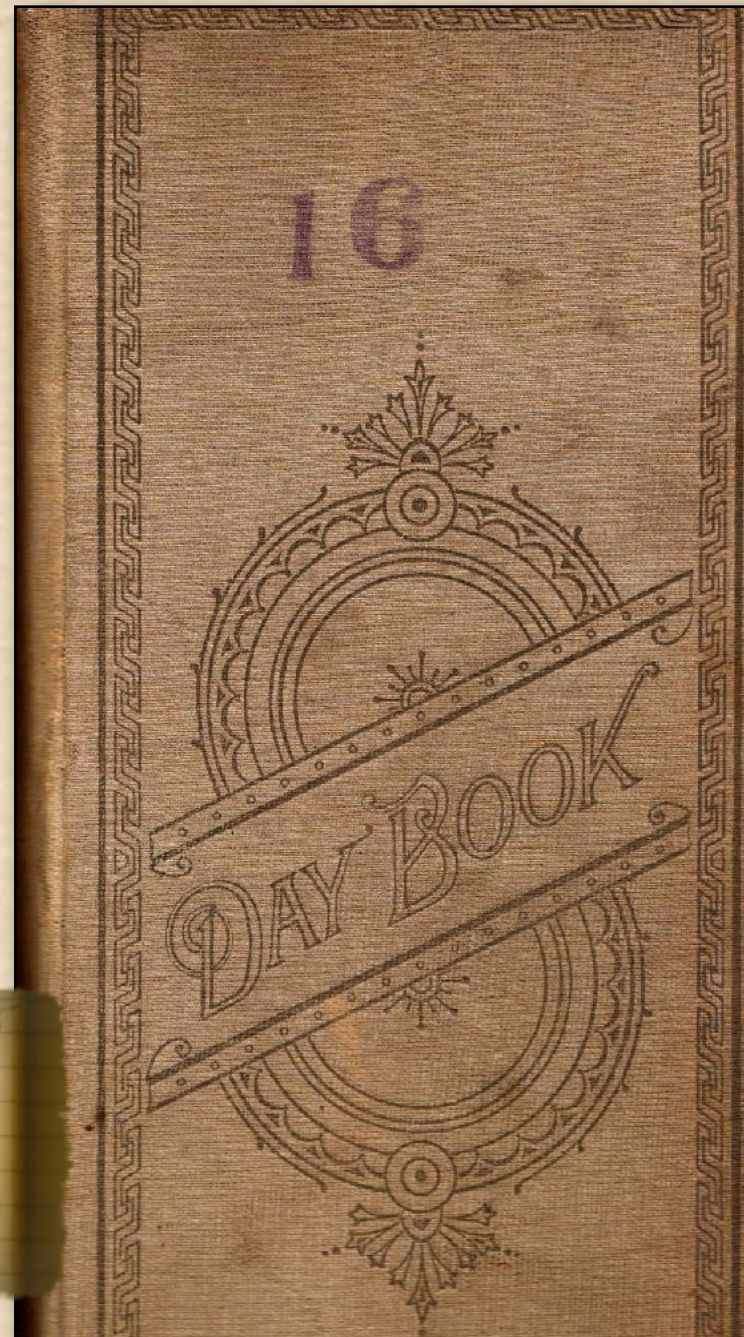
May 9, 1927

May 24 - 27
Frank Bukacek
1 box nails 15
M. E. Church
W. Milgram
1 box nails 65

May 24, 1927

Frank Bukacek
25 # 3d. fine nails 50
25 # 1 1/4 Roofing " 200
M. E. Church Job 350
Anna Galled

June 23, 1927



Conants Varnish 1.00
Frank Bukacek
on M. E. Church Job
5 # 3d nails .30
C. R. Anderson
1 deering sickle 3.00
17 # 9d nails 6.80

June 27, 1927

July 29, 1927

Carriage Lamps
20 d. nails 10
Frank Bukacek
3 gal. 123 Fluorine 13.50
C. R. Anderson
Albert Anderson
10 exc. picks 70
4 plates 40
1 box nails 10

As the project neared completion the Methodist Ladies Aid made a few purchases to stock their new kitchen.

Ang. Kliekel
1 gal. lin. oil 1.25
Meth. Ladies Aid
ice cream dishes 2.25
Joe Kliekel
2 # 724 50
1 # 2 # 15 25

August 6, 1927

Boeing Saver
Put in
M. E. Ladies Aid
1 Purple Mist 35
3 # 8 d. Box nails 18
53
Harry Puppert
1 used gas lantern 5.00

August 11, 1927

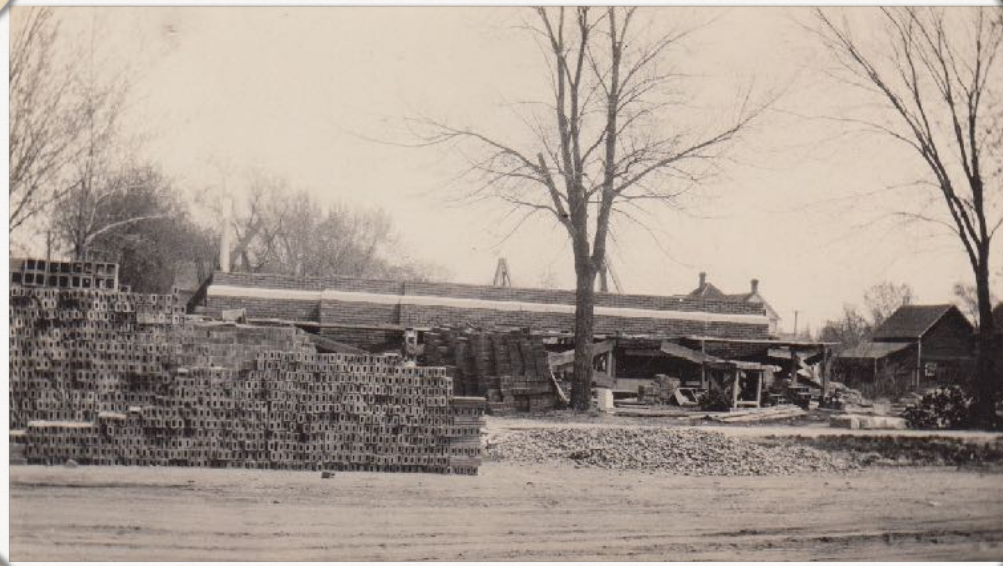


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On May 8, 1927 a special service was held to lay the cornerstone.



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Cornerstone

— 0-0-0 — CORNERSTONE TO BE LAID SUNDAY

Sunday May 8th at 1 o'clock p.m. has been set as the time for laying the cornerstone of the New Methodist church, on the site of the old structure which was torn down to make room for the new brick building.

The committee named a short time ago has prepared a tentative program which is given herewith:

Song Doxology
 Invocation.....
 History of the church .. Mrs. Gottry
 Remarks A. W. Piper
 Church in the Future... Rev. Clark
 Song Children
 Remarks Rev. Harran
 Presentative of Momentoes J.D. Boyle
 Hymn Congregation
 Placing of Stone Rev. Parish
 Benediction Rev. Lowe
 Selection Male Quartet

Work on the church is progressing nicely, and the cement pouring will be completed before the cornerstone laying day.

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May 6, 1927



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Construction - Construction continued through the summer.



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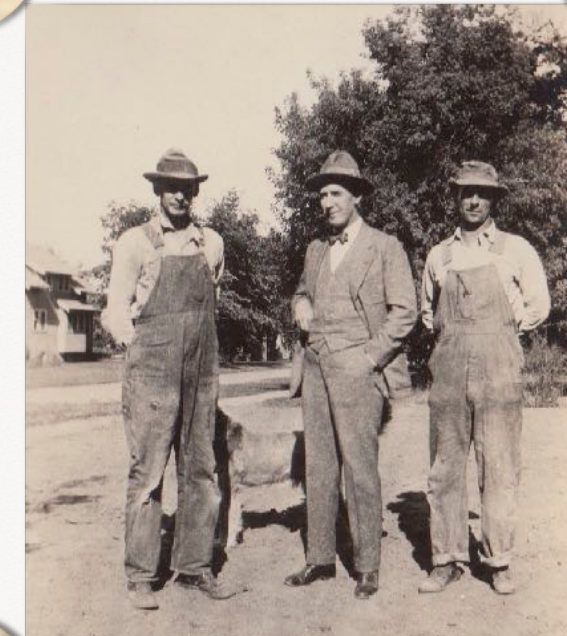


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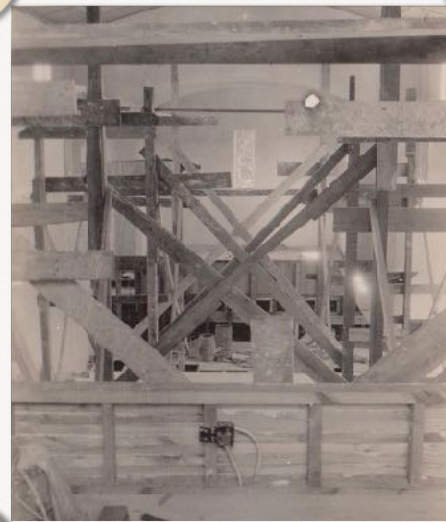


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Completion

By August the building was finished at a total cost of about \$16,000.00, including furniture and equipment. A dedication service was planned.

M. E. CHURCH DEDICATION AUG. 14

Final work on the new building for the Methodist Episcopal church is being hastened so that it will be in condition for use Sunday August 14th. The Pastor and Building Committee are busily engaged in the final arrangements, and a tentative program has been made out.

The new structure will be used first Saturday evening August 13th when there will be a banquet and Home coming program held in the basement of the church. All members and friends of the church are invited.

The Dedication services will begin Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be special music and the sermon by Charles Edward Locke, D.D. LL.D. of St. Paul, Minn. who is Resident Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At 3 P.M. there will be another service with special music and a sermon by Roy L. Smith, D. D. pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Following this the formal Dedication of the Church by Bishop Locke, assisted by Rev. Roy L. Smith will take place.

In the evening at 8 o'clock there will be the final service with sermon by Frank W. Harron, D. D. District Superintendent.

The new church will take the place of a building whose foundation was laid July 17th, 1888. On October 21st of that year the church was dedicated by Dr. Robert Forbes assisted by the Pastor, S. W. Simonds. The total expense of the building was \$15,000, and with some repairs and alterations was used as a place of worship for thirty-nine years, until in April of this year the old wooden structure was torn down to make room for the beautiful brick and tile structure which now is about ready for use.

The people are justly proud of this edifice and have worked hard to make it possible. It is a splendid addition to the buildings of the town and when the lawns have been leveled and the builders' materials removed the Methodist Church Corner, as it has come to be called, will be a show place of our little city.

**NEW M. E. CHURCH
DEDICATION SUNDAY AUG. 14**

**MANY WERE PRESENT AT
DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH**

With the cement poured in the basement of the New Methodist Church, floors varnished, and steps being finished, the building is about ready for occupancy for the first time. Saturday evening at 6 o'clock there will be a banquet in the basement of the new church to which all members and friends are invited. Reservations may be made with Mrs. A. W. Piper, Mrs. A. A. Pennington and Mrs. T. B. Clark. A program of music and of speeches with H. H. Parish, acting as toastmaster has been planned.

At 10 a. m. Sunday the first service in the Auditorium of the church will be held. The tentative program for the day is given below.

DEDICATION SABBATH MORNING
Ten o'clock

1. Prelude Instrumental
2. Hymn
3. The Apostle's Creed
4. Prayer
5. Anthem Choir
6. Responsive Reading
7. The Gloria
8. Lesson from New Testament
9. Announcements
10. Hymn
11. Sermon by Charles Edward Locke, D.D.L.L.D.
12. Hymn
13. Benediction
14. Postlude

AFTERNOON SERVICE

- Three o'clock
1. Piano Voluntary
 2. Trio
 3. Hymn
 4. Prayer
 5. Anthem
 6. Responsive Scripture Reading
 7. Solo
 8. Announcements
 9. Sermon Roy L. Smith, D.D.
 10. Dedication of Church by Bishop Locke, assisted by Roy L. Smith
 11. Offering
 12. Hymn
 13. Benediction

EVENING SERVICE

- Eight o'clock
1. Congregation Singing
 2. Prayer
 3. Anthem
 4. Scripture Reading
 5. Hymn
 6. Announcements
 7. Offering
 8. Sermon Frank W. Harron, D.D.
 9. Benediction.

Among the ministers who will be present, will be Resident Bishop Locke, Dr. Harron, District Superintendent, Roy L. Smith, Pastor of Simpson M. E. Church in Minneapolis and several others from neighboring cities. Special music has been arranged for all services.

Everyone is invited to the services and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

Pine County Pioneer
August 19, 1927

Dedication - A dedication service was held on August 14, 1927. Bishop Locke of St. Paul was in attendance.



Pine County Pioneer
August 12, 1927



Program of Dedication
Sunday, August Fourteenth
nineteen twenty-seven

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Pine City, Minnesota

Charles Edward Locke, D. D. L. L. D. Resident Bishop
 Rev. F. W. Harron, D. D. District Superintendent
 Rev. T. B. Clark Pastor
 Mrs. F. P. Gottry Pianist
 Miss Carrie Boyle Acting Pianist

For nearly 80 years this building served its congregation well.



A 1929 photo of the church congregation



Transition - In 2006 the Pine City Methodist Church closed their doors. The building stood empty for a while. Then it became home to the Evergreen Community Church for a few years.



Evergreen Community Church

In May 2016 after being vacant again for two years Judy and Brian Scholin bought the building. They spent the next two years converting it into a place they could call home.



May 2016

Their goal was to maintain the feel and integrity of the original building. You can read more about the conversion at: www.thepriorly.wordpress.com