

Dedicated Lay People

SOMEWHERE in America where two great rivers come together there is a little town that had one inadequate church building a few years ago. It was in such disrepair that abandonment seemed inevitable. But a certain layman with vision, courage, and devotion came to that place. He offered himself and his talents as lay pastor to a dying congregation.

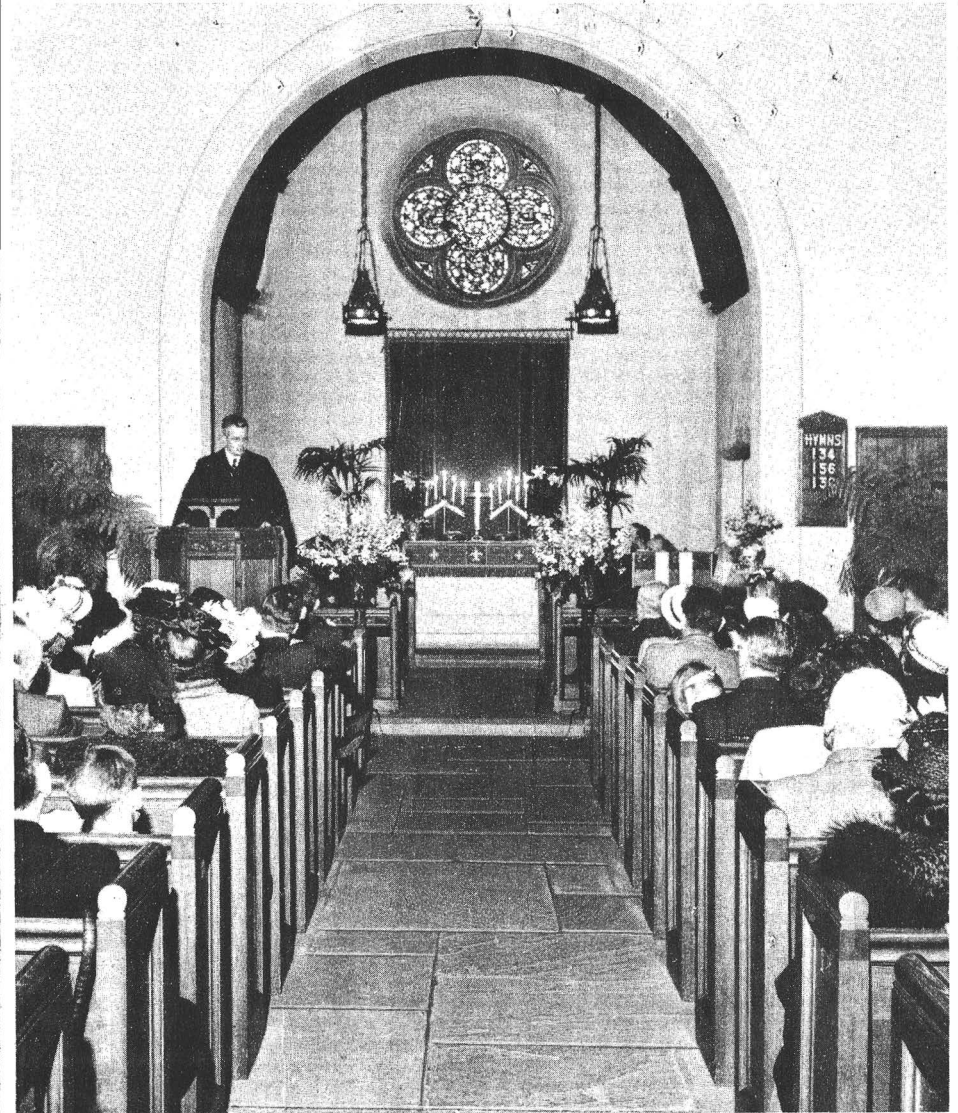
The result is that new life throbs among a revived, rededicated people, and the old building has been replaced by a new sanctuary. The bishop who dedicated that church reports that it is thriving and the people share fully in Methodism's benevolence programs. And all because a dedicated layman believed in that church and was given some help by the Advance for Christ and His Church, as are thousands of similar needy communities around the world.

During the Week of Dedication last year across America laymen stood with their pastors in six thousand pulpits and called Methodist people to complete consecration of self and substance. Again in 1951 the consecrated layman is a copartner with the pastor in promoting this annual observance of rededication to Christ and his Church.

Today is the Day of Dedication for 40,472 Methodist churches. On this day pastors and people give themselves to Christ and bring their love-gifts to his altar in behalf of desperate missionary needs at home and overseas. This Day of Dedication will be significant in the life of the church because Methodist lay men and women have become dedicated lay people.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

—Psalm 34:3



Praise Ye the Lord

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EAGLE METHODIST CHURCH

1951

February 15, 1951

9:30 A.M.

- THE PRELUDE
- * THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN9
- * THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord is in his holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence
before him.

People: The hour cometh, and now is,
when the true worshipers shall
worship the Father in spirit
and in truth: for the Father
seeketh such to worship him.

* THE UNISON PRAYER

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the
spirit to think and do always such things as
are right; that we, who cannot do anything
that is good without thee, may by thee be
enabled to live according to thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- * THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: II512
- THE ANTHEM
- * THE RESPONSIVE READING: "Universal Praise" 597
- * THE DOXOLOGY
- THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: . . . Genesis 28:10-22
- THE SILENT MEDITATION, THE PASTORAL PRAYER
- THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RESPONSE
- THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE OFFERING
- * THE HYMN66
- THE SERMON: "Where Can We Find God" Pastor
- * THE HYMN386
- * THE BENEDICTION
- * THE GLORIA PATRI

* The congregation will stand

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 25

- 9:30 A.M. Worship
- 10:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 4-5:30 P.M. Service of Sharing
- 5:30-7:00 P.M. Buffet Supper
- 7-8:00 P.M. Fellowship Hour
- 8-9:00 P.M. Variety Program

Thursday, March 1

- 7:30 P.M. Youth Choir practice, Mrs. Erla
Badinger, director.
- 8:15 P.M. Adult Choir practice, Mr. Wil-
liam Boyden, director.

Friday, March 2

- 8:00 P.M. Mothers' Club. Place of meeting
to be announced.

On March 27, 28, 29 and April 3, 4, 5,;
8-10 P.M. Eagle Methodist Church is sponsor-
ing, and being host to a Teacher Training
Institute for Church School Teachers. There
are seven churches participating: East Troy
Methodist, Troy Center Methodist, Palmyra
Methodist, Little Prairie Methodist, Milton
Junction Methodist, Milton Methodist. Mr.
and Mrs. Gary Fritz, students at Garrett who
are preparing for educational work in our
mission areas, will be the teachers.

We are very pleased to be sponsoring this
school which is designed primarily for the
teachers in small church schools and we be-
lieve that it will be a great help to our
teachers.