

Eureka Congregational Church

Register and Record Book

Transcription

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Foreword

This document is a transcription of the records of the *Eureka Congregational Church*, later known as the *Hurdsfield Congregational Church*, Hurdsfield, ND. It is recorded in a *Pilgrim Church Register Record* book, published by the Pilgrim Press of Boston and Chicago, "...as a practical way of keeping a parish register." The book apparently was obtained and used throughout the life of the church until it was closed and sold. Eventual disposition of this book is to be determined as this transcription is being prepared, although it is intended that it will be preserved in an appropriate museum or library.

Early in the church history there were four distinct communities served by this church:

Eureka: no records found. Land description matches Eureka school, 2 miles west and 5 miles south of Hurdsfield, Eureka Township, Wells Co. ND, NE corner Sect 21-145-73.

Hurdsfield: town in ND, site of the church building.

Lamoine: no records found.

Bostonia: This was a farm post office established February 8, 1908 with Theodore A. Stramblad as Postmaster at his home in the southeast quarter of section 30-144-73, Stewart Township eight miles north of Tuttle.

A major reason for undertaking this transcription was to capture the text of the document in digital form to facilitate wider distribution. Another reason was to permit computer searches and analyses of the text. An attempt was made to preserve the form of the document. The text was copied as originally spelled, punctuated and formatted, although the reader will doubtless be able to find inconsistencies in how rigorously that was achieved.

Annotations

All added text is marked by enclosing insertions in square brackets [...] to note page numbers in the register and to provide descriptive notes not explicitly included in the original.

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North Dakota Interchurch Council
13 Roxy Building
Fargo, North Dakota

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Pastors.

No.	Name in Full	Date of Ordination	Dates of Service		Remarks
			Began	Ended	
	Mr. George Bascom		June, 1904	April 3rd 1908	Resigned
	Mr. Chas. N. Van Arsdale		Oct. 1903	May 1904	
	Mr. Claude Steele		Oct. 1 - 1911	Mar. 31, 1912	
	Morgan Hand		July 1, 1912	---	

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Deacons.

No.	Name in Full	Dates of Service		Remarks
		Began	Ended	
1	Mr. David E. Hurd	Oct., 1903	Oct., 1905	
2	" Charles Benshoof	Oct. 1903	Oct., 1904	
3	" " "	Oct., 1905	April, 1907	
4	Mr. David E. Hurd	" "	" 1906	
5	" " " "	April 3rd	" 1908	
6	Mr. Chas. Benshoof	" 3rd 1909	" 1909	
7	" " "	"		
1	Mr. Chas. Benshoof	3 - 3rd 1909	" 1911	
2	" Edward Weckerly	" " 1909	" 1910	
3	Frank B[??]lin	1909	" 1912	
4	Mr. Edward Weckerly	1910	1911	Died Jan. 1011
	C. C. Whipple	1911	1912	
	Chas. Benshoof	1911	1912	

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Other Officers.

No.	Name in Full	Dates of Service		Office Held
		Began	Ended	
1	Mrs. Anna J. Hurd	Oct. 1903	Oct. 1904	Clerk
2	Chairman of Prud. Com.	" "	" "	Treasurer
3	Mrs. Hattie Lukins	" "	" "	{
4	Mrs. Lillie Bowers	" "	" "	{Prudential Com.
5	Arthur White	" "	" "	{
6	Mrs. Anna J. Hurd	Oct. 1904	April 1907	Clerk
7	Chairman of Prud. Com.	" "	" "	Treasurer
8	Mrs. Hattie Lukins	" "	" "	{
9	Mrs. Lillie Bowers	" "	" "	{Prudential Com.
10	Arthur Mayne	" "	" "	{
	Mrs. Anna J. Hurd	Apr. 3, 1907	April 1908	Clerk
	Chairman of Prud. Com.	" " "	" "	Treasurer
	Mrs. Hattie Lukins	" " 1907	" "	{
	Mrs. Lillie Bowers	" " "	" "	{Prudential Com.
	Arthur Mayne	" " "	" "	{

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Other Officers.

No.	Name in Full	Dates of Service		Office Held
		Began	Ended	
1	{E. L. Bishop	April	3 – 1910	Trustees
2	{H. F. Miller	" "	3 – 1911	" "
3	{C. C. Whipple	" "	3 – 1912	" "
1	{Ottis Shirk	" "	3 – 1910	Successor chosen.
2	{Charlie Benshoof	" "	3 – 1911	" "
3	{F. M. Lukins	" "	3 – 1912	Deceased "
1	{Mrs. O. L. Swell	" "	3 – 1910	Successor chosen
2	{Mr. R. W. Senior	" "	3 – 1911	Resigned
3	{Ed. C. King	" "	3 – 1912	Resigned
	Mrs. Anna J. Hurd	" 1909	3 – 1910	Clerk
	E. L. Bishop	" " "	" " "	Treasurer
	" " "	1910		"
	G. S. Bascom	1910		Clerk
	Geo. A. Best	" "	" "	S. S. Supt.
	Ottis Shirk	" "	" "	Ass. " " "
		Trustees		
	E. L Bishop for Hurds	1910	till 1913	Trustee for Hurdsfield
	Ottis Shirk Mrs. Alice Canning	1910	" "	" " Eureka
	Frank Brolin	1910	" 1912	
	E. E. Russ	1910	" 1913	for Lamoine.
	Carl Liesman	1910	" 1911	

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Other Officers.

No.	Name in Full	Dates of Service		Office Held
		Began	Ended	
	Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers.	1910		for Hurdsfield S. S. Superintendent
	S. S. Bascom	1910		" " for Eureka
	A. W. Carlson	1910		" " for Bostonia
	Mrs. Owen Goldsmith	1910		" " for Lamoine
	Mrs. Alice Canning	1910		Ass't Treas. for Eureka
	Frank Brolin	1910		" " " Bostonia
	E. E. Russ.	1910		" " " Lamoine
	E. H. Hurd	1911	till 1912	Trustee for Eureka.
	H. F. Miller	1911	" 1914	" " Hurdsfield
	Chas. Benshoof	1911	" 1914	" " Eureka
	Carlo Liesman	1911	" 1914	" " Bostonia
	G. S. Bascom	1911	" 1912	Clerk
	H. F. Miller	1911	" 1912	Treas. for Hurdsfield
	Otis Shirk	1911	" 1912	" " Eureka
	Frank Brolin	1911	" 1912	" " Bostonia
	E. E. Russ	1911	" 1912	" " Lamoine
	E. L. Bishop	1911	" 1912	S. S. Sup. " Hurdsfield
	J. Shirk	1911	" 1912	" " " " Eureka
	A. C. Carlson	1911	" 1912	" " " " Bostonia
	E. E. Russ	1911	" 1912	" " " " Lamoine

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Delegates

DATE.	NAME IN FULL	To What Council, Conference, or Other Meeting
June 22 nd 05	Rev. Bascom	Jamestown conference, Mellville, N. D.
" 22 nd "	Mrs. Lillie Bowers	" " " " "
Sept 25 th – 27	Mrs. Rose Bascom	" " Jamestown " "
June 1907	Mr. Geo. " "	" " " "
Sept. 1909	Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Whipple	State Con. Carrington N. D.
" "	Mrs. Lillie Bowers	" " " " "
" "	Mr. C. M. Steele	" " " " "
Sep. 27-29, 1910	Mrs. Elgin Hurd	State " Valley City " "

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Baptisms.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF		FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names</small>
		BIRTH	BAPTISM	
	Elmer Melvin Lewis	3-2-1908	9-13-1908	Leon P. and Trina

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Baptisms.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF		FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names</small>
		BIRTH	BAPTISM	
	Mrs. Florence Pearl		Jan. 7 - 1917	
	Evelyn Pearl		Jan. 7 - 1917	Florence
	Dorian Weckerly			
	Ralph Weckerly			
	Bert Inman		May 4. - 1924	Fred and Fern
	Margaret Inman		" 4. - 1924	Fred and Fern
	Cecil Miller		" 4. - 1924	Will and Madge
	Franklin Miller		" 4. - 1924	Will and Madge
	Ward Harris	Mch 3 1909	Feb 28, 1926	Glenn
	Hazel Anne Giltner	June 10 - 1928	Nov. 18 - 1928	Arthur and Signi.
	Caryl Marie Giltner	Dec 23, 1929	Aug. 24, 1930	Arthur and Signi.
	Henry Elmer Harris	Sept 15, 1906	June 9, 1929	
	Eldon Lewis Harris	May 3, 1911	June 9, 1929	
	Julia Elizabeth Harris	Sept 28, 1914	June 9, 1929	
	Ralph Waldo Harris	Oct 5, 1917	June 9, 1929	

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Members Received.

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED <small>If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. I baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.</small>	Date of Removal
1	Lilli [Beard] Bowers	Sept 28 th 1903	Friends Church	
2	Charley L. Benshoof	" "		
3	Emma [Persival] Benshoof	" "		
4	David E. Hurd	" "		
5	Anna [Shaffer] Hurd	" "		
6	Myrtle F. Hurd	" "		
7	Leora M. Hurd	" "	Conf.	Removed
8	Sarrah [Rankin] Carns	" "		
9	Della Harris	" "		
10	Charles N VanArsdale	" "		
11	Benjimen Donovan	May 1904		
12	Arthur P. Mayne	June 1904		
13	Arthur A. White	" "		
14	Rueben B. Senior	" "	First Congregational	Letter to Calif.
15	Hattie [Moon] Lukins	" "		" "
16	Fanny Lukins	" "		Letter to Calif.
17	George Bascom	Aug 1904	First Congregational	Fargo Letter
18	Rose [Upton] Bascom	" "	" " " "	" "
19	Doroty Badscom	" "	" " " "	" "
20	Kellog Bascom			
21	Mrs. Frank V. [Upton	" "	" Presbyterian	
22	M Elizabeth [] Beard		Congregationsl	

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23	Mr. Elgin H. Hurd	July 7 1907	Conf.	
24	Mrs. Christine Jorgenson	" 7 "	"	
25	Mr. Otis Shirk	" 7 "	B. and Conf.	
26	" Earl Russ	" 7 "	"	
27	Leona May " "	" 7 "	M. E. Church	
28	Marion " "	" 7 "	" " "	
29	Mable A. Hurd	" 7 "	Conf.	
30	Mrs. Alice Canning	" 21	(?). Luthern " "	
31	Mr. C. C. Whipple	Aug 16	M. E. Church Alden Ia	
32	"s " " " "	" "	" " " " " "	
33	Mr. Geo. Best	" "	Pres. " "	
34	.s Estella [Woodhouse] Best	" "	M. E. " "	
35	Mr. E. L. Bishop.	" "		
36	"s Bishop	" "		
37	Mr. H. T. Miller	" "		
38	"s Miller			
39	" E. Weckerly			
40	"s " "			
41	James " " "		Conf of Faith	
42	Ralph " " "		" " "	
43	Stella Whipple		M. E. Vincent Ia	
44	Mr. L. W. Whipple		M. E. " " "	

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Associate Members Received.

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED <small>If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.</small>	Date of Removal
1	Mrs. Cairns			
2	" Lillie Bowers			
3	" Gardner			
4	" Tuinie Wyatt			
5	" Sweet			
6	Mr. E. King			
7	"s King			

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Members Received Eureka.

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.	Date of Removal
1	Lillie [Beard] Bowers	May 1909	M. E. Church	Dismissed Oct. 29, 1910
2	Charles Benshoof	Sept 28, 1903	" " ✓	
3	Emma [Percival] " "	" " " "	" " ✓	
4	Anna [Shaffer] Hurd	" " "	Baptist ✓	
5	(a)Arthur P. Mayne	June 1904		
6	(a)Reub?n Senior	" " "	Cong. Church	Dismissed March 1913
7	Hattie [Moon] Lukins	" " "	Baptist	
8	(a)Mrs. Fanny [Lukins] Senior	" " "	" "	Dismissed March 1913
9	Frank M. Lukins	Apr 3 rd 1908	" "	Died June 16, 1910
10	George Bascom	Aug. 1904	Cong. Church	
11	Rose [Upton] " "	" "	" " " "	
12	Kellogg " "	" "	" " " "	
13	Dorothy " "	" "	" " " "	
14	Mrs. Elizabeth Beard	Nov. 1904	" " " "	Dismissed Oct 29, 1910
15	(a)David E. Hurd	Sept 28 - 1903	Baptist	
16	(a)Myrtle F. " "	" " "	" "	Dismissed June 1911
17	Elgin H. " "	7 - 7 - 1907	Conf ✓	
18	Christine Jorgenson	" " "	"	
19	Ottis Shirk	" " "	B. " ✓	
20	Alice Canning	" 21 "	Letter (?) Luthern	
21	Mabel A Benshoof	7 - 7 - 1907	Conf. ✓	
22	Geo. A Best	8 - 16 - 1908	✓	
23	Estella [Woodhouse] Best	" " " "	✓	
24	Laurel M. Canning	3 1909	Cong.	
25	(a)			
26	(a)			
27	(a)			

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Members Received Hurdsfield.

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED <small>If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.</small>	Date of Removal
1	Howard F. Miller	8 - 16 - 1908	✓	
2	Mrs. " " " "	" " " "	✓	
3	Mr. E. L. Bishop	3 - 18 - 1909	✓ Congregation	
4	Mrs. L. H. " "	" " " "	✓ Christian	
5	Edgar G(?) Weckerly	" " "	Letter Free Baptist	Died Jan 1911
6	Retta H. " " "	" " "	✓ " " "	
7	James D. " "	" " "	✓ B. Conf.	
8	Ralph M " "	" " "	✓ B. " "	
9	(a) Mr. C. C. Whipple	8 - 16 - 1908	✓ Letter M. E. Church	
10	(a) Mrs. " " " " "	" " " "	✓ " " " " " "	
11	(a) Stella " " "	" " "	✓ " " " " " "	
12	(a)L. W. " " " "	" " "	✓	
13	OH. Parse	3 - 1909	✓ Presbyterian	
14	Mrs. " "	" " "	✓ " " "	
15	Frank J. Higley	" " "	Baptist }	
16	Ida M. " "	" " "	" " " }	[note below]
17	Letta " "	" " "	Bapt. Conf. }	
18	Clarence Peak	" " "	" "	
19	Bessie " "	" " "	" "	
20	Claude M. Steele	8 - 1909	Letter, Jefferson Ohio	
21	(a)Henry M. Baney	1910		
22	(a)Henrietta M. " "	"		
23	(a)Lydia " "	"		
24	Mrs. J. M. Abstow	"		
25	Mrs. Alta M. Lukenbach	Feb. 5, 1911	Letter, Church of Christ, Iowa Falls, Ia.	
26	Morgan Hand		Letter	

[Higley note:] Dismissed to any church of Christian faith by letter July 13th, 1917 addressed Correctionville, Iowa E.L.B. clerk

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. I baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.	Date of Removal
	C. C. Whipple	Apr. 4, '15	By letter from Cong. Ch. Harvey	
	Mrs. C. C. "	"	" " " " " "	
	Stella "	"	" " " " " "	
	Walter L. Tupper	"	" "	
	Mrs. " " "	"	" "	

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Members Received Bostonia.

In case of married women, put the maiden name in brackets [-----]; If married after enrollment, add the new name [Mrs. -----]

No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. I baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.	Date of Removal
1	Mr. Edward King	4 - 1908		
2	Mrs. " " " "	" "		
3	Mr. A. W. Carlson	" "	✓ Lutheran - Swedish	
4	Mrs. " " " "	" "	✓ Baptist	
5	Andrew Ness (?)	" "		
6	Mr. L. P. Lewis	" "	United N. (?) Lutheran	
7	Mrs. " " "	" "	" " " "	
8	" C. L> Leissman		✓	
9	? C. C. Strambabe		Presbyterian	
10	(a) " Tinnie Wyatt		" "	United with 1910 M. E. Ch. Brwnsville, Orgn.
11	" Frank Borlin		✓ Lutheran	
12	" Lena " "		✓ " " "	
13	Hulda " "		✓ Conf.	
14	Carl " "		✓ Bapt.	
15	Gust " "		✓	

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Members Received Lamoine.

In case of married women, put the maiden name in brackets [-----]; If married after enrollment, add the new name [Mrs. -----]

No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception	HOW RECEIVED If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. I baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.	Date of Removal
1	Mr. Russ	1910	Cong.	
2	" Earl " "	7 - 7 - 1907	Conf.	
3	Marion " "	" " " "	Letter M. E. Church	
4	Lena May " "	" " " "	" " " " " "	
5	Mrs. Swett	Aug 1908		died 1924
6	Mrs. Fosgate	Aug. 21, 1910	Confession	" 1924
7	Laura Fosgate	" " "	"	
8	Howard West.	" " "	Letter Cong. Ch. Farnhamville, Ia.	
9	Mrs. West	" " "	" " " "	
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	Charles L Benshoof			Oct. 8 - '17
	Emma C Benshoof			Oct. 8 - '17
	Edmond L Bishop ✓			Removed
	Lucy H. Bishop ✓			"
	Elgin H. Hurd			
	Anna I. Hurd			
	George A. Best			Removed
	Estella W. Best			"
	Howard F Miller			"
	Rieta Miller			"
	Otto Shirk			"
	Retta H. Weckerly			
	Ralph Weckerly			
	Dorian Weckerly			
	Charles C. Whipple	Jan 28 - 1917	From Federated Church of Harvey	
	Ella Whipple	" " "	" " " "	
	Stella Whipple ✓	" " "	" " " "	Died.
	Walter L Lupper ✓	Apr 4, 1915	Removed by letter.	
	Nita Lupper ✓	" 4, 1915	" " "	
	Howard West	Removed		
	Lila L. West	"		
	Alta M. Lukenbach	Jan. 29, 1911	Church of Christ, Iowa Falls, Ia.	Removed
	Mrs. L. W. Whipple			
	Mrs. Florence Pearl	Jan. 7, 1917	Conf. and Bapt.	
	Evelyn Pearl	Jan. 7, 1917	Conf. and Bapt.	
	Nelle M. Osman	Jan. 28, 1917	From Union Cong. Church of Bainville, Mont.	Removed

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No	NAME IN FULL.	Date of Reception 1917	HOW RECEIVED If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptized at this time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of church granting the letter.	Date of Removal
	Emil Dietrich	Apr 8	C.	
	(Mrs.) Edna J. Dietrich	" "	C.	
	Clara Boegler	" "	C.	
	Pearl Boegler	" "	C.	
	Mr. J. T. Anderson	Oct 1921		
	Mrs. J. T. Anderson	"		
	Marie Anderson	"		
	Ruth Anderson	"		
	Jesse Lacock	"		
	Mrs. Jesse Lacock	"		

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28	C. C. Whipple	1-28-17	Federated Church Harvey, N. D.	
27	Mrs. C. C. Whipple	1-28-17	Federated Church Harvey, N. D.	
26	Elgin Hurd			
25	Mrs. " (Anna I) Hurd			
	Mrs. Florence Pearl	1-7-1917	C & B	
	Evelyn Pearl	1-17-1917	C & B	
	Clara [Boegler] Benshoof	4-8-17	C	
	Pearl Boegler	4-8-17	C	
24	E. P. Boegler	4-8-17		
	Mrs. E. P. [Nettie] "	4-8-17		
(a)	Emil Dietrich	4-8-17		
(a)	Mrs. " [Edna J.] "	4-8-17		
	Retta H. Weckerrly.	3-18-'09	Letter F. B. So. Wayne Wisc.	Died Apr. 26 1927
23	Dorian Weckerly		C & B. -	Dismissed by letter Mar 30-'39
	Ralph "		C & B. -	Dismissed by letter Mar 30-'39
	Mr. B. T. Larson	5-4-24	Letter M. E.	
	Mrs. B. T. Larson	" "	" M. E.	
	Levi Larson	" "	" Pres.	Letter granted Nov. 1-'25
	Adrian	" "	C.	
22	Mrs. Fred [Fern] Inman	" "	Letter Bapt.	
21	Bert Inman	" "	C & B.	
	Margaret Inman	" "	C & B.	
		" "		
	Cecil Miller	" "	C & B.	
	Franklin Miller	" "	C & B.	

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	Martha E Hildebrant	5-4-24	Letter Evan.	Died Sept. 1, 1929
	Alice T. Canning			
	Mae Washburn	9-28-24	Letter First Bap. Fargo	
	Geo. A. Lawrence	11-30-24	" M. E. Henry, S. D.	
	Mrs. Geo. A. Lawrence	11-30-24	" " " " "	
	Mrs. Ed Thompkins	Feb. 28-1926		
	Mr. Thompkins	Feb. 28-1926		
1	Mr. Ward Harris	Feb. 28-1926	By C. and B.	
	Miss Marie Lawrence	Feb. 28-1926	Dismissed by letter Mar 30 '39	Hinsdale Mont. 1929
2	Mrs. Glenn Harris	June 9-1929	By	
3	Henry Elmer Harris		By C. and B.	
4	Eldon Lewis Harris		By C. and B.	
5	Julia Elizabeth Harris		By C. and B.	
6	Ralph Waldo Harris		By C. and B.	
	Mrs. Ida M. Lester		By C. and B.	
7	Mr. Roy Grimm	Oct. 1929		
8	Mrs Pearl Grimm	" 1929		
	Mr. Will Martin	" 1929		
	Mrs. Maud Martin	" 1929		
9	Mr. John Martin	" 1929		
10	Mrs. Velma Martin	" 1929		

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Members Removed.

No	NAME IN FULL.	DATE	HOW REMOVED If by death, write D, or died. If by dismission, give name of the church to which the letter was given.
1.	Benjamin Donovan		
2.	Mrs. Frank Upton (?)arett	June 25 th -1905	Congregational Church, Sykeston
3	" Lillie Bowers		M. E. " Hurdsfield, N. D.
4	" Leora [Hurd] Laigure		M. E. Fargo, " "
	Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers	Oct. 29 '10	1 st Congl Ch. Fargo, N. D.
	Mrs. Elizabeth Beard	" " "	" " " " " "
	Frank M. Lukins	June 16, '10	Died.
	Edgar G. Weckerly	Jan 1911	"
	Mrs. Jimmie Wyatt		United with M. E. Chh. Brownsville Oe.
	David E Hurd	June 1911	Dismissed and recommended
	Mrs. Myrtle F. Brody	" "	" " "
	Rev. Chas. N. Van Arsdale.	July 1911	" " "
	Frank J. Higley	July 30, 1917	" " " Correctionville, Iowa
	Ida M. Higley	"	" " "
	Letta Heigley	"	" " "
	Laura Fosgate	9-28-24	
	Howard Ivest	9-28-24	
	Mrs. " "	9-28-24	
	Len Larson	11-1-'25	
	Cecil Miller	9-22-25	

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No	NAME IN FULL.	DATE	HOW REMOVED <small>If by death, write D, or died. If by dismission, give name of the church to which the letter was given.</small>
11	Mr. A. J. Giltner	June9, 1929	Dismissed by letter May 7-1939
12	Mrs. A. J. Giltner	June 9, 1929	" " " May 7, 1939
13	Henry Giltner	Easter 1934	
14	Mrs. " "	"	
15	Kermit Grimm	"	
16	Edith Giltner	"	
17	Mrs. R. Long	"	Dismissed by letter May 20, 1939
18	LeRoy Long	"	
19	Lewis Long	"	
20	Naomi Long	"	Dismissed by letter May 20, 1939
21	Florence Hazel Daniels	Oct 30 '38	Baptized
22	Charlotte Mae Cook	"	"
23	John Albert Cook	"	"
24	Luella Gertrude Weisz	"	"
25	Kenneth Long	May 7-'39	Rec'd by letter ([obscured])
26	Beulah Long	" 7-'39	(Baptized June 10 -39) (Confession of Faith)
27	Jno. Tulp.	Nov 10-1940	" " "
28	Mrs. Jno Tulp	" " "	" " "
29	Virgil Tulp	" " "	" " "
30	Robt. Tulp	" " "	" " "
31	Richard Tulp	" " "	Baptized & taken into church
32	Luella Weisz	" " "	Confession of faith
33	Adeline weisz	" " "	" " "
34	Jno Cook	" " "	" " "
35	Mrs Jno Cook	" " "	" " "
36	Arvilla Cook	" " "	" " "
37	Mrs. Ina Applegate	" " "	Baptized & taken into church
38	Mrs. Dorian Weckerly	" " "	Confession of faith

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No	NAME IN FULL.	DATE	HOW REMOVED If by death, write D, or died. If by dismission, give name of the church to which the letter was given.
1	C. C. Whipple	Dec 23.38	Died
2	Mrs. C. C. Whipple	May 7, 1941	Died
3	Elgin Hurd		Died
4	Mrs. Elgin Hurd	Nov. 3-1939	Died
5	E. P. Boegler		
6	Mrs. Fred Inman	✓	died
7	Ward Harris	Oct 13-1940	Dismissed by letter
8	Mrs. Glenn Harris	Jan 19, 1942	Died
9	Henry E. Harris		
10	Eldon Lewis Harris		
11	Julia E. Harris		
12	Ralph W. Harris	Jan 9, 1970	died
13	Roy Grimm	Dec. 11, 1959	died
14	Mrs. Roy Grimm		
15	Mr. John Martin		
16	Mrs. John Martin		
17	Kermit Grimm		
18	Mrs. Roy Long	May 20-39	Nazarene Church Carrington
19	LeRoy Long		
20	Lewis Long		
21	Naomi Long	May 20-39	Nazarene Church Carrington
22	Dorian Weckerly		

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1	Mrs. Mary Rhodes Branagel	Apr 1953	By letter to Nazarene Church Hurdsfield N. D.
2	Mrs Ina Applegate	July 1953	By letter to Nazarene Church Hurdsfield N. D.

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[EARLY ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH]

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Eureka Township, Wells Co. N. Dak. Aug. 1903

The settlement up to the year 192 had been very meager but during the spring and summer the people settled here rapidly. The settlers represented an energetic and Christian spirit. A desire now became manifest that we meet in Christian fellowship. Accordingly the people met at the D. E. Hurd home, and plans were talked over. It was decided to meet each Sabbath afternoon at the several homes for prayer and song services. In due time we saw the need of purchasing lesson helps and appointing a leader to superintend the work. In this we were generously helped both spiritually and financially.

As winter approached a problem confronted us, must we discontinue our meetings?

Every Home circle has his or her place, a light that lighteth and so our little Sunday School found shelter during the winter of 1902 and 1903 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers. The memories of that winter will ever be cherished with peculiar interest. In the spring of 1903 a school house was built, so accordingly on the 5th of April the Eureka Union Sunday School was organized and officers were elected. At the same meeting Rev. Stickney of Fargo met and encouraged the people to unite as a church.

Recognizing the needs and desires of this people Rev. Van Arsdale was sent to propound the word of truth and love to our people and through his wise and untiring efforts the First Congregational Church of Eureka was organized

The people here, wish to record their appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered and do express our hopes that God may richly bless every work in his name & rejoice "That the whole round earth is everywhere, bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

The following statement was submitted by the people of Eureka

We, whose names are hereby subscribed, believing in the Bible as the Divine revelation, in Jesus Christ as our Savior, and desiring to be united as a Church of Christ and further believing that a church organized on Congregational principles is practicable those living in the vicinity of the Eureka School house, agree to become members of such a church as soon as it can be organized.

Names

Mattie E. Lukins	R. V. Senior
Fanny Lukins	Chas. S. Dellimore
Lillie B Bowers	A. C. Mayne
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Benshoff	Geo. A. Best
Arthur A. White	Mrs. Sara Carns
D. E. Hurd	Lenora N. Hurd
Myrtle F. Hurd	Miss Della Harris
Mrs. W. P. Jones	Mrs. Guy Barmetto(?)
Mrs. E. H. Hurd	Chas. N. Van Arsdale

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Sept. 28th 1903

At 9:45 P.M.(A.M.??) a council met to complete the organization of the Eureka Congregational Church

Place.-

Eureka Township, Wells Co. N. D. N.E. corner Sect 21 - 145-73

Rev. C. N. Van Arnsdale read the records of the proceedings up to the completion of this organization.

Supt. Gregory and Powell took the chair and read the letter missive. On motion Rev C. A. Mack was made temporary scribe. The roll of the council was made out as follows,

Fessenden	Rev. C. A. Mack	Pastor
Carrington	R. A. Bill	Delegate
Sykeston	Rev. Geo. S. Bascom	Pastor
Fargo	Supt. Gregory and Powell	

The permanent organization was affected by the election of Supt. G. J. Powell for moderator and Rev. C. A. Mack for scribe.

On motion of Rev. Bascom the committee voted approve of steps taken toward the organizing of the church and prodeed to the completion.

The following persons present entered into covenant with each other and with the Lord as members of this church by assenting to the covenant as read by the moderator, from the Council Manual already adopted.

Namely.-

Lillie B. Bowers	D. E. Hurd
C. L. Benshoff	Myrtle F. Hurd
Mrs. C. L Benshoff	Mrs. E. H. Hurd
Mrs. Sara Carns	Leona M. Hurd
Dells Harris	C. N. Van Arsdale

The moderator declared the church duly organized and the officers already chosen to be the officers of the church.

On motion the pastor and moderator were made a Committee to prepare the program for the remainder of the exercises.

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Program was reported and carried out as follows.

Hymn sung. "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. C. A. Mack preached from the text John 1:12.

Rev. G. S. Bascom gave the church the right hand of fellowship, Rev. R. A. Bill of Carrington made a brief address to the church.

After prayer by the Moderator and the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," the council adjourned.

Gregory and Powell, mod.

Chas. A Mack, clerk

Sept. 28th 1903

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A meeting called to elect officers for the cong. church.

Rev. Van Arsdale - chairman pro tem, called the meeting to order. First in order was the election of two Decons.

D. E. Hurd elected for long term

C. L. Benschhoff elected for short term

Other officers as follows.

Clerk Mrs. E. H. Hurd

Treasurer A. P. Mayne

Prudential Committee	}	Tillie Bowers Hattie Lukins Arthur White
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A motion was made, That an application be made to the Jamestown Conference for admission.

Rev. Van Arsdale, The delegate sent.

The follow persons were named to draft, The Bylaws for The First Congregational Church of Eureka.

v.i.z.

D. E. Hurd Stella Woodhouse

Rev. Chas Van Arsdale Tillie Bowers

Mrs. Mattie Lukins Arthur Mayne

Rev. Chas. N. Van Arsdale pastor from July 1903 to May 1904 at which time his resignation was accepted as Pastor of the Congregational Church at Eureka.

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By-Laws.

Art I

Name.

This Church shall be called the First Congregational Church of Eureka

Art II

Covenant

The covenant by which this church exists as a district body, and which every member accepts is as follows.-

Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord, and accepting the Holy Scripture as our rule of faith and practice, and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, the public worship of God, and the advancement of his kingdom in the world, we do now, in the sight of God and invoking his blessing solemnly covenant and agree with each other to associate ourselves to be a church of the Lord Jesus Christ as warranted by the Word of God.

We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the Church, and to walk together in brotherly love.

And this we do depending upon the aid of our Heavenly Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son for our salvation, and Jesus Christ who hath redeemed us with his blood and of the Holy Spirit our Comforter and Guide.

Art III

Charter

Sect I. Policy. Its government is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Congregational churches, and it is in fellowship with all churches which acknowledge Jesus Christ to be their divine Redeemer and Lord.

Sect II Doctrine. It receives the Scriptures as its authority in matters of Faith and practice. Its understanding of Christian Truth as contained therein is in accord with the belief of the congregational churches of the U. S. and substantially as set forth by unanimous vote of the National council of 1865 (?) or by the National Council's commission in 1883 in the form authorized to be printed in this manual.

Art IV

Membership

Sect I. Qualifications

Its membership consists of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, and who, (1) after due examination, either by the Church committee or by the church itself, as to their Christian experience, and, if coming from other churches, as to their letters of admission and recommendation or satisfactory substitutes therefor, and (2) after proposal from the pulpit on some Lord's Day prior to that of their reception, (3) having been ~~baptized~~ accepted by vote and " " " " (having been baptized ??), (4) enter into Covenant and subscribed to its By-laws, and are formally received into its fellowship.

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Sect II Reception

The reception of members shall ordinarily be upon some Lord's Day when the Lord's Supper is administered, and shall be in the form appended to these By-laws.

Sect III Duties

Members are expected, first of all, to be faithful in all the spiritual duties essential to the Christian Life; and also to attend habitually to the services of this Church, to give regularly for its support and its charities, and to share in its organized work.

Sect IV Rights

Such members as are in full and regular standing, and do not hold letters of dismission, and recommendation may act and vote in the transactions of the church.

Sect V Termination

The continuance of membership shall be subject to the principles, and usages of the Congregational churches, and especially as follows:-

- (1) Any member in good and regular standing who desires a letter of dismission and recommendation to any other evangelical church is entitled to receive it upon his written request. In case of removal to another community he should promptly make such request. This letter shall be valid as a recommendation for only one year from its date, unless renewed, and this restriction shall be stated in the letter.
- (2) If a member desires to join a religious body with which this Church is not in Fellowship, or which would not receive its letter, the Church may, at his request, give him a certificate of his good standing and terminate his membership.
- (3) If a member in good standing request to be released from his covenant obligations to this Church for reasons which the Church may finally deem satisfactory, after it shall have patiently and kindly endeavored to secure his continuance in its fellowship, such request may be granted and his membership terminated.
- (4) The Church may also, after due notice and hearing and kindly effort to make such action unnecessary, terminate the membership of persons for the space of two years non-resident, or for the same space of time not habitually worshipping with the Church.
- (5) Should a member become an offence to the Church and to its good name By reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of his covenant vows, the Church may terminate his membership, but only after de notice and hearing, and after Faithful efforts having been made to bring such members to repentance and amendment.
- (6) The membership of no person shall be terminated except by letter, at the meeting when the recommendation for such action is made.

Sect VI Restoration

Any person whose membership has been terminated may be restored by vote of the Church, if for any offence, upon evidence of his repentance and reformation, or if on account of continued absence, upon satisfactory explanation.

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Art. V

Officers and Committee.

Sect. I. The Officers and Committee shall be as follows:-

- (1) A pastor to be chosen and called by the Church whenever a vacancy occurs, and to be installed by Council when the Church and Pastor shall so agree.
- (2) a clerk to be chosen at each annual meeting to serve for one year and until his successor shall be chosen, and qualified.
- (3) Two Deacons, one of whom shall be chosen each annual meeting to serve for a number of years equal to the number of deacons.
- (4) A Treasurer to be chosen at each annual meeting to serve for one year and until another shall be chosen in his stead.
- (5) A Church Committee to act with regard to the spiritual concerns of the Church, which shall consist of the above-named officers, Or.
A Prudential Committee, which shall consist of three or more as may be determined at the time, to have charge, under the direction of the Church, of its financial and business affairs, to be chosen at each annual meeting, and to serve for one year.
- (6) All the officers and committee named in the above sections shall be elected by ballot, and all elections shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast by the members present who are qualified to vote.
- (7) The Church may also choose a Music Committee and such other Committees as it may deem advisable.

Sect. II. The Pastor shall have in charge the spiritual welfare of the congregation; he shall preach the Word and have in his care the stated services of public worship, and shall administer the sacraments. He shall preside at all meetings of the Church, except as limited in Art VIII.

Sect. III. The Church shall keep a complete record of the transactions at all business meetings of the Church, which shall be read for approval at the next-following special business meetings and also of the Church Committee and the Prudential Committee, or of the Board of Trustees if either of these bodies shall be chosen.

He shall secure the signatures of members to the By-laws, and keep a register of their names with dates of admission and dismissal or death, together with a record of baptisms. He shall also notify all officers, members of committees and delegates of their election or appointment. He shall issue letters of dismissal and recommendation voted by the Church, preserve on file all communications and written official reports, and give legal notice of all meetings where such notice is necessary, as indicated in the By-laws. The Clerk shall be sworn if required by the State.

Sect. IV. The Deacons shall provide for the Lord's Supper and aid in its administration and shall care for the poor, call upon the Treasurer by vote as a board, at their discretion for any Funds in his possession held for these purposes.

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Sect. V. The Church Committee shall examine and propound candidates for admission to the Church, shall provide for the supply of the pulpit in any vacation of the Pastor, shall decide on objects for regular or special collections when the church has not acted thereon, shall have regard to discipline and provide in the articles relating to that subject, and shall be watchful for the spiritual interests of the church. It shall make a written report at each annual meeting of the matters under its charge.

Sect. VI. The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts as follows.

(a.) Of all moneys contributed at the Lord's Supper which shall be primarily devoted to the relief of the poor, and which contributions, together with all other moneys given for that purpose, he shall hold subject to the order of the Board of Deacons.

(b.) Of all moneys raised for the object of Christian benevolence, to be paid by him to the several persons or societies entitled thereto.

(c.) Of all moneys received by him for the support of public worship or of any department of Church work, to be paid out on order of the Church or of any persons or committees authorized by the Church therefor.

All the treasurer's accounts shall be kept distinct from all other accounts and all deposits made, and all checks drawn by him shall be in the name of the Church.

He shall make an annual written report in detail of his receipts and expenditures, properly audited by some person previously appointed by the church.

Art. VI

Property and Finances

The Trustees or Prudential Committee shall have the actual care of the place of worship, but shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a special vote of the Church authorizing such action. They shall provide under the direction of the church, for the raising of money for the support of its public services, shall have general charge of its Finances other than moneys contributed at the Lord's Supper or for any charitable or benevolent objects, shall authorize and direct Treasurer as to the payment of moneys under their control, shall provide for the proper auditing of his accounts unless the church shall appoint an auditor, and may, at their discretion, call meetings of the church for matters with which they are concerned. They shall make at the annual meeting a detailed report in writing of all their transactions during the year.

Art. VII

Organizations

The Church regards as integral parts of itself all organizations formed for the purposes of ministrations and which use the facilities of the Church property. Of all such organizations the Pastor shall have general oversight; and the church will expect a report from each at its annual meeting.

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Art. VIII Meetings

Sect. I For worship (1) Public services shall be held stately on the Lord's Day and on some regular evening of each week, whenever it is deemed expedient.

(2) The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated at such regular dates as the Church may, from time to time determine: and unless otherwise ordered, upon the First Lord's Day of each alternate month beginning with January.

(3) Occasional religious meetings may be appointed by the Pastor at his discretion or by vote of the Church.

Sect II For business (1) At any of the regular meetings for worship the Church may, without special notice act upon the reception of members previously propounded or upon the dismissal of members to other churches, and upon the appointment of delegates to councils and conferences of churches, but not upon other business.

(2.) The Pastor may, and shall when requested by the Church Committee, call from the pulpit special business meetings, the particular object of the meeting being clearly stated in the notice. Special meetings of the Church shall also be called by the Clerk upon the written applications of any five adult members specifying the object thereof, which notice shall be read at the public service on the Lord's Day next preceding the day fixed for such meeting. No special meeting shall be held on the same day on which the notice is given.

(3.) The annual meeting of the Church shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, at which time the annual reports shall be presented and officers elected, and such other business transacted as may be specified in the call or authorized in the By-Laws. This meeting shall be called by the Clerk in the manner specified in the paragraph preceding.

(4) At all meetings for business called by the clerk a chairman shall be chosen by vote of the Church; but at all other meetings the Pastor shall preside, except that in his absence or when the business relates to himself, the Church shall elect a chairman.

(5) At the annual and all special meetings one third of residence members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. IX Discipline

Sect I Should any unhappy differences arise between members, the aggrieved member shall follow in a tender spirit, the rules given by our Lord in the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

Sect II Should any case of gross breach of covenant or of public scandal, occur, the Church Committee shall endeavor to remove the offence, and if such effort fail shall report the case to the church.

Sect III If the Church vote to entertain a complaint which must be made in writing, it shall appoint a reasonable time and place of hearing and notify the person in question thereof, furnishing him with a copy of the charges.

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Sect. IV At such hearing the accused member may call to his aid any member of the Church as counsel. If he shall not present himself at the time appointed or give satisfactory reasons for his neglect so to do, the Church may proceed in his absence.

Sect V. All such proceedings should be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance, but should an adverse decision be reached, the Church may proceed to admonish or to declare the offender to be no longer in the membership of the Church.

Sect VI. In case of grave difficulty the Church will be ready, if required, to ask advice of a mutual council.

Sect VII If desired letters of members coming from other churches may be keep on file and will be affectionately delivered and recommended when required.

Art. X Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourth vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting of the Church or at a meeting specially called for that purpose, the proposed amendment being inserted in the call, but no charge shall be made in Articles II and III, entitled, "Covenant" Character, except at an annual meeting and by a three-fourth vote of all the members of the church entitled to vote, said proposed change having been laid before the Church in writing at a business meeting not less than one month before the time of the proposed action and read from the pulpit on the Lord's Day next succeeding such proposal

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Article 1

Name and Preliminary Statement.

This church shall be called the Eureka Cong. Church of Hurdsfield and vicinity.

Its field of membership shall include all the regions about Hurdsfield, to maintain Sunday schools and preaching services.

It is understood also that whenever in the judgement of a majority of the members in any neighborhood a separate church should be organized this may be done with the good will and cooperation of this church.

Article IV

(3) Any member of an evangelical church, who for any reason does not wish to leave his own church, may be voted into associate membership in this church and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership, excepting to vote on questions pertaining to the disposition of church property.

This relationship may be terminated on request, or upon removal from the community, or for cause, by vote of the church, and a letter may be given stating the relationship (sustained??)

Article IV

Sec (4) This section shall be amended by adding the following

"Provided that associate members shall be accorded the right to vote on all matters excepting the questions pertaining to the disposition of church property(".)

Article V

Sec. 7A board of trustees of nine (9) one third 1/3 of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting

These trustees shall as far as possible be so distributed that at least one (1) shall be chosen in each neighborhood, where a preaching service shall be held.

There may also be a finance or executive committee chosen to look after the work in each place where a Sunday school or preaching service is sustained. These shall work in cooperation with the trustees of the church.

The " (?) or trustees in any neighborhood shall ex officio be on this committee.

Amendment to this form for the reception of members to be used just before the "Benediction. "

We recognize you as a member of a sister Evangelical church and as an associate member of this church, because we believe you are a follower of Jesus Christ as you divine Lord and Master. We expect you will live in substantial accord with the covenant of this church.

We welcome you heartily to our Christian fellowship and service. (")

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Meeting Minutes and Notes

July 3rd 1904 Business Meeting

Rev Bascom acting as Chairman

Motion made and carried that our church ask \$200 aid from the Home Missionary Society for this year beginning with June 1st, 1904

Motion carried that we send our pledge to the Home Missionary Society for \$250 toward our pastor salary for this year, but that we do not send an individual subscription list as requested.

Mr Mayne was elected to fill vacancy in Prudential Committee caused by the absence of Arthur white.

May 1905 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Bowers acting a chairman of the Prudential Committee. Members present, eight.

Motion made and carried that we again ask aid of the Home Mission Society in the sum of \$200 to aid toward Pastor's salary, but that we do not send an individual subscription list as requested. Our pledge being \$250 for one year from June '05 to June '06.

Aid received from Home Mission Society \$190.

A motion made that Mrs. Lukins, Mr. Bowers and Arthur Mayne be reelected as the Prudential Committee.

Mrs. E. H. Hurd

clerk.

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A motion carried that a call be extended yearly to the pastors, but this means, it was considered more satisfactory to pastors and church.

April 14. Rev Bascom called for the following year.

Sept 18, 1910. Mrs. Elgin Hurd was elected delegate from the church for the State Conference. Mrs. Hurd attended this conference at Valley City Sep 27-29.

Jan 29, 1911. Mrs. Alta M. Lukenbach was accepted as a member by vote of the church, bringing a letter from the Church of Christ at Iowa Falls, Ia.

Feb 5th. Mrs. Lukenbach was received into the church.

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Aug.

During this mo. Rev. Powell of Fargo Supt. Cong. Home Missionary Society of N. D. invited the people of the following vicinities, Hurdsfield, La Moin Bostonia, to meet with the Eureka Congregation at services held @ Lukin's Grove, to see if in some way a plan might be reached where by the work of these communities might be provided for and promoted.

Provisions for this was made by the ammendments of the following articles of the constitution

(copied on pages 88 and 89)

After due notice, the above ammendments were adopted and added to the constitution.

The work of securing members were at once solicited and the additional names of members will be found in the enrollment of the church membership.

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Annual Church Meeting 1905

Jan. 8. The meeting called to order by the pastor G. S. Bascom

Reports

Pastors Report given and approved. Pastor salary kept up. Financial condition good.

Sunday School Supt. reports, school out of debt and money on hand, good interest.

Chairman of Prud.¹ Com. not present, but report gives as follows. Pastors Salary paid up to date. A bal. on hand. The following years salary nearly all pledged. Plans made for raising the remainder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom told of a plan for the beginning of a fund for church building or other purposes by cultivating a piece of ground, and kindly offered the use of some of their land if the church choses to make use of it. Mrs. Chas. Benshoof and D. E. Hurd a committee appointed to look the matter up and act.

Election of officers. Rev. Bascom pastor, called for following year.

Mrs. E. H. Hurd reelected as clerk.

Mrs. Chas. Benshoof reelected as deacon

Election of Prudential committee posponed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lillie Bowers

clerk pro tem.

¹ Prudential

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Second Annual Meeting 1906

The second annual meeting of the Eureka Cong church was held at School House. Tuesday April 3rd, 1906. A large attendance and an interesting, instructive session was held. A number of subjects, helpful for the immediate needs of S. S. and church were were read by appointed members, and discussion followed.

Next in order was the matter of buisness of church and S. School.

1st Report of Pastor

2nd Report of S. S. Sec. and Treasurer

3rd Prudential committee

4th Reading and approving of the by-laws and etc. of church.

Reports being excepted the roll call of membership was responded to by helpful verses of scripture or remarks.

A response by letter much appreciated was that of Chas. Van Arsdale.

Following Officers Elected	Pastor	Rev. Geo. Basom
	Clerk	Mrs. E. H. Hurd
	Deacon	D. E. Hurd
	Prud. Com.	{Hattie Lukins {Lillie Bowers {Arthur Mayne

Sunday School Officers

Supt	Louis Harris
Asst. Supt	Charles Benshoof
Sec and Treas	Claude Benshoof
Organist	Myrtle Hurd

The management of seeding and etc. of the land reserved for church fund was given to Mr. Lukins, D. E. Hurd, and Chas. Benshoof.

A motion was made and carried the we ask same apportionment of \$200 from Home Missionary Society.

Closing song - Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Adjournment
Mrs. E. H. Hurd
clerk

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The 3rd Annual Meeting 1907

The 3rd annual meeting of the Eureka Cong Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hurd in the afternoon of April 3rd 1907.

The meeting called to order by the Pastor, after singing a few selections, reports as follows were read and excepted.

Pastors, Clerks, and Chairman of Prud. Com.

Election of officers was next in order.

Pastor	-Rev. Bascom unanimously re-elected.
Clerk	-Mrs. E. H. Hurd
Prud Com.	-Mrs. Hattie Lukins
	-Mrs. Tillie Bowers
	-Mr. Arthur Mayne
Deacon	-Mr. Chas. Benshoof

The following motions were made and approved

Mrs. Bascom appointed to buy 2 doz. Hymnals for the use of the Eureka Cong. Church.

Rev. Bascom to be relieved occasionally from duty to begin and encourage work in the LaMoin neighborhood.

The following appointed, Mrs. Lukin, Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. E. H. Hurd, as a Com. to look into matters conserning the building of a church.

Mrs. Culp to be consulted as to leader of singing playing & etc.

That the usual amt. by Home Missionary be asked.

Roll Call finishing church business

Sunday School reports & etc.

S. S. Sec. report not given, to be reported the following Sunday.

Election of Officers.

Mrs. Bascom	-Supt
E. H. Hurd	-Ass. Supt.
Ottis [Shirk]	-Sec. & Treas.

[Leora] Hurd assisted by Marion Russ. Organist

A number of minor committee being appointed and many helpful suggestions given. A motion made to adjourn after singing.

Mrs. E. H. Hurd
clerk

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The 4th Annual Meeting 1908

The 4th A. meeting of the Eureka Cong. Church held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Benshoof

The order of business attended to as follows

Reports of Officers

Clerks report read and accepted

Treas " " " "

Pastor's " " " " also reported work done by the Evangelist the preceding year.

S. S. Supt. -reported good int. work looked encourageing.

S. S. Treas. -" " excepted

C. E. S. -not reported

C. B. S. -reported

L. I. C -" "

Election of Officers

1. Pastor no election
2. Clerk Anna I. Hurd
3. Deacon D. E. Hurd

Prudential Committee

Mrs. Hattie Lukins

Arthur Mayne

Allice Canning

Appointment

Church B. C.

Mr. Lukins Mrs. Bascom In Aug. Mr. Senior

" Chas Benshoof. {Arthur Mayne and E. H. Hurd. added.

Other business

Rev. Bascoms resignation accepted.

The application of Frank Lukins as a member of the Eureka Cong. accepted.

adjournment.

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The 5th Annual Meeting 1909

The fifth annual meeting of the Eureka Cong. Church of Hurdsfield and Vicinity was held @ the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Whipple April 4th, 1909

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Shaw of Minot, after scripture reading and prayer, officer's reports read

1st Pastor not supplied
Clerk read & accepted
Chairman of Prud. Com. read accepted
S. S. Supt. read & "
Church B. C. and Ladies Ind. Club reported.

2nd The following officers duly elected by ballot for the ensueing year.

Clerk	Mrs. E. H. Hurd	Treasurer	E. L. Bishop
S. S. Supt.	George Best	Assistant	Otto Shirk
Sec & Treas.	to be supplied		

A list of (9) nine Trustees, were selected by a com. consisting of Mr. Bascom, Mr Whipple, and Lukins. The entire number being elected by aclamation

Deacons.

Chas. Benshoof – 2 yr. & E. G. Weckerly – 1 yr.

3rd Roll call of members.

Other buisness

4th A Deacon to be appointed at the Bostonia Point later.

It was resolved to call a pastor to cover the entire field here in mentioned and \$800 eight hundred dollars be granted.

The name of Laurel Canning was presented as wishing to reunite with the Cong. Church. accepted

Adjourned

Mrs. E. H. Hurd

Clerk.

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Adjourned

Annual Church Meeting Apr. 30, 1910

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. C. M. Steele, who also presided. A roll call of members showed that a quorum, one third of the resident members, was present. Minutes of the last annual meeting read Reports were given as follows: from the Hurdsfield C. G. Society by Mrs. Bowers, from the Hurdsfield Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. Whipple (C. C.), from the Hurdsfield S. S. by Mrs. Bowers and from the Eureka S. S. by Mrs. Bascom. The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. C. M. Steele, who also gave the Pastor's report. The reports were accepted as a whole.

Election The election of officers followed. It was voted that the Pastor should be chosen by ballot, all other officers by acclamation. Rev. G. S. Bascom was chosen Clerk and Mr. E. L. Benshoof Treas. The following Trustees were chosen: E. L. Bishop for Hurdsfield, ~~Mrs. Alice Canning~~ Mr. Otis Shirk for Eureka, Mr. Frank Brolin and Mr. Carlo Liesman for Bostonia, (Mr. King having resigned) and Mr. Senior and E. E. Russ for Lamoine.

Mr. E. Weckerly was chosen Deacon for two years. The following S. S. superintendents were elected: ~~Mrs. Bowers~~ E L Bishop for Hurdsfield, Mr. Bascom for Eureka, Mr. A. W Carlson for Bostonia, and Mrs. Owen Goldsmith for Lamoine. Rev. C. M. Steele was reelected Pastor for another year, the salary to be the same, \$1000.

Salary It was understood that the \$1000 be apportioned as follows: Eureka \$250, Bostonia \$100, Lamoine \$50, Hurdsfield \$400. It was voted that \$200 aid be asked from the Congregational Home Missionary Society, in completing the Pastor's salary. A motion was carried that the Trustees in each part of the field circulate a subscription paper during the month of June, to secure the amounts as apportioned on each Pastor's salary, in their respective neighborhoods. A motion was carried that Mr. Steele be granted a vacation of at least two weeks, the church to supply the field during that time. It was voted the Pastor during the year preach a sermon on each of the seven Congregational Societies and ask an offering for each.

addendum² Voted that an assistant Treasurer be chosen for each outlying district of the field. Mrs. Canning was chosen for Eureka, Mrs. Brolin for Bostonia and Mrs. Russ for Lamoine.

Adjourned

Chairman.

G. S. Bascom, Clerk.

² Added at top of page 116.

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Adjourned

Annual Church Meeting Hurdsfield Apr. 8, 1911, Saturday P. M.

Called to order by the Pastor, Rev. C. M. Steele. Joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by the Pastor. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and corrected. The Roll Call of Members showed twenty-five present. Two afterwords came. The Pastor read his Report. The Clerk read his Report, with list of offices vacant, and absentee list. The clerk was instructed to write all the absentees. The Report of the Hurdsfield Treasurer was read by E. L. Bishop. Mrs. Canning gave the Eureka Financial Report. The Financial Reports for Bostonia and Lamoine were given by the Pastor. Reports of Sunday School Superintendents E. L. Bishop reported for Hurdsfield, G. S. Bascom for Eureka, A. C. Carlson and the Pastor for Bostonia. A Report for the Ladies Aid Society (Hurdsfield), was given by Mrs. C. E. Whipple and Mrs. Bishop. A Report for the Eureka Industrial Club was made by Mrs. Chas. Benshoof and Mrs. Bascom, for the Bostonia Ladies Aid Society by Mrs. Carlson, for the Sunday School in the Peak neighborhood by Mrs. Canning. The election of officers followed. G. S. Bascom was chosen Clerk, H. F. Miller Treasurer for Hurdsfield, Otis Shirk Treas. for Eureka, Mr. Frank Brolin Treas. for Bostonia, and E. E. Russ Treas. for Lamoine. Trustees were chosen, H. F. Miller for Hurdsfield, Chas. Benshoof for Eureka, Carlo Liesman for Bostonia, and E. H. Hurd for one year (Eureka). Sunday School Superintendents were elected, for Hurdsfield E. L. Bishop, for Eureka J. Shirk, for Bostonia A. C. Carlson, and for Lamoine E. E. Russ. Mr. Charles Benshoof was reelected Deacon for Eureka, and C. C. Whipple was chosen Deacon for one year to fill out the term of E. G. Weckerly deceased. G. S. Bascom was called to the chair. The Pastor, in answer to a question, stated that he would not ask any more salary than ~~was received~~ during the current year; but if the crop should be good the Church could do as it liked. Voted that the vacation taken in the winter be considered the Annual vacation. Moved and seconded that Rev. C. M. Steele by Pastor for a third year at the same salary as in the second year, -\$500. from the field. Decided by ballot in the Affirmative. The Pastor was called and informed of the result. He responded briefly and, after a vote to adjourn, gave the Benediction.

G. S. Bascom, Clerk

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Adjourned

Annual Church Meeting Hurdsfield July 6 – 1912.

On account of being unable to get a quorum on the date for the regular meeting in April, or again on June 29, a few members eight (8) in number, were called to order by Senior Deacon C. C Whipple in the chair.

On account of the removal from locality of Rev. G S Bascom a Clerk had to be chosen, and E. L. Bishop was elected to this position

As we had no pastor at this time, Mr. Hand was given a call for two months at salary of \$50.00 per month. Fourteen members, some by proxy, signified their desire to this action.

There being no further business, the motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

E L. Bishop

Clerk

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Pastor's Calls.

A verbal call was extended to our present pastor Rev Geo. Bascom by Mrs. Lukins Chairman of Prudential Committee, while attending services at Eureka S. House as a visiting pastor from Sykeston N. D.

Rev. C. M. Steele was chosen for us by Dr. Stickney and formal call was given Mr. Steele by church later. Mr. Steele was ordained while serving this church. Served two years.

Rev. W. M Hiner succeeded Mr. Steele in the pastorate and served six months. Report of M. W. Hiner for work during pastorate see page 151.

Rev. Morgan Hand followed Rev. Hiner and served us two years. Closing his pastorate April 1, 1914.

Rev. Emil Dietrich succeeded Rev. Hand, commencing his pastorate July 1st. 1914, closing his pastorate Aug. 31st, 1916.

Miss Nelle M. Osmun succeeded Rev. Dietrich, commencing her pastorate Sept 15, 1916.

Miss Osmun was recalled for another year at special meeting held in church building on evening of Sept 3rd, 1917.

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Hurdsfield, No Dak. Aug. 25, 1912

Special meeting called for purpose of choosing pastor for coming year.

Meeting called to order at close of church service Sunday evening by Senior Deacon C. C. Whipple.

As Eureka Dist. has given call to Mr. Hand for one year, commencing Oct. 1, 1912, it was moved and carried that Mr. Whipple circulate a subscription list to see if enough could be pledged to warrant our extending the call from Hurdsfield District. Unanimous vote of the nine members present.

Meeting adjourned.

E. L. Bishop Clerk

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Hurdsfield, No Dak. May 4, 1913

Meeting opened by Mr. Hand, Pastor, who offered prayer and stated purpose of the meeting – the election of officers.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Bishop for Church Clerk for coming year. Motion carried.

Moved & seconded that Mr. Paise for Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion made & carried that Mr. Whipple for Trustee for term expiring n 1915, and Mr. Bishop for Trustee, term expiring in 1916.

Discussion as to qualification of Mr. Bishop as Deacon.

Mr. Bishop elected as Deacon.

Statement made by Rev. Hand as to dividing time with some other church. He mad an offer to serve us for \$325⁰⁰ for one-half time – providing the Missionary Society will do as well with us as formally.

Moved we wait until we hear from Missionary Committee relative to what help they will give until Jan. 1st. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

E. L. Bishop Clerk.

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[Annual Meeting Wednesday Evening June 2, 1915.]

Report of E. L. Bishop, Clerk, Read at annual meeting of church called by Pastor and held on Wednesday evening June 2, 1915.

³No regular meeting of Church called in 1914. Mr. Hand's pastorate ceased April 1st, 1914, and we were without preaching a few Sundays. Dr Stickney called on us and it was arranged between a number of the church members and Rev. Emil Dietrich that he be called for the following year, commencing with July 1st, 1914, with a salary of \$600⁰⁰, \$200 of which is furnished by the Congregational Home Missionary Society and \$400⁰⁰ by the church membership.

Peace and Harmony seem to have been the uniting spirit that has dominated the church the past year, and we feel that this is largely due to the good work done by our Pastor.

The only disturbing feature of our church work as a whole, we think, is the debt of the church – still on the building. While the whole amount was pledged on or before the dedication, many of those pledges have not been paid.

Our subscriptions for Pastor's salary, we think will not be met, but the building pledges will need more active work on the membership to clear our building debt.

During the year a number of special services have been held, and on Easter day, five new members were taken into the church – Mr. & Mrs C. C. Whipple & Stella Whipple and Mr. & Mrs W. L. Lukken all by letter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Bishop Clerk

Report of Annual Meeting of Eureka Congregational Church held in Church Building June 2nd, 1915: --

Meeting opened by E. L. Bishop Clerk, followed by prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Report of past year's work read by Clerk (see previous page) and approved. Verbal report by Pastor – Rev. Dietrich, giving a summary of the work from Pastor's viewpoint. One suggestion that should be adopted was to draw up a budget of what will be needed for money for coming year & plan to see that same will be met when due.

Following was financial statement read by clerk who has also acted as Treasurer. (See page 123)

Next we listened to report by Lucy Bishop Treas. of Ladies Aid.

A committee of three consisting of Rev. Dietrich, E L Bishop and Mr Miller were chosen to collect all old accounts on Church Building Fund.

Following the choosing of the above committee, the election of Trustees was in order, with the results as follows:

C. C. Bishop	term to expire Apr, 1916
H. F. Miller	term " " Apr. 1917
C. C. Whipple	" " " Apr. 1918

Following the election of Trustees, E. L. Bishop was reelected Clerk for one year, and C. L. Benshoff was elected Treasurer for the same period, terms expiring June 1st 1916.

Motion made & carried that election of Pastor for coming year be deferred until Oct 1st 1915.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

E. L. Bishop
Clerk

³ Text in the original record book was not indented to set off the quoted report.

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Financial Statement – June 1st 1915

The undersigned did not take charge of the church finances until in September 1914 and not until sometime in November did I get a statement of what had been collected and applied on our Pastor's salary. On Nov 10th a check was written for \$14⁶³ which paid in full to Oct 31st, 1914. and on the 29th of Nov. another check was tendered him in full for Nov. Not until Jan 23, was I able to pay him for Dec. and from then until the present time, we have been going behind, being a little over three month's in arrears on June 1st. with only \$13⁴⁹ to apply on same.

Only subscriptions have been applied on the Pastor's salary, the loose collections being used for currant expenses, such as fuel, gasoline, kerosine, and janitor hire, a part of the latter being also borne by the Sunday School. Out of this fund has also been paid our tax per member \$7⁵⁶ – this paying up back tax from two years which we were behind. Some long standing coal bills were also cleaned up this year out of this fund.

Our total loose collections since Sept 15, 1914, amount to ~~\$37.97~~ \$54.50 and disbursements \$37.91, leaving \$16.89 cash balance on hand in this fund.

Respectfully submitted, E. L. Bishop, Clerk.

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Sept – 1915

Special meeting of church was called on last Sunday of Sept 1915, when present pastor, Rev Dietrich was given a call for another year, salary at same rate, which call was accepted, e. L. Bishop clerk.

Aug – 1916

On the last Sunday in Aug. 1916, Rev. Dietrich tendered his resignation as pastor of the Cong Church, Hurdsfield same to take effect at once. Same was accepted. Reasons giving by pastor was too much to do at home and lived too far from town to continue.

Sept. '16

The first two Sundays in September, the evening service was conducted by Kellogg Bascom, son of G. S. Bascom, former Pastor & clerk of church. Services were well attended.

On notification by the clerk of the resignation of Rev. Dietrich Dr. Stickney, of Fargo, District Supt. visited the church, when a meeting was called, and it was decided to extend a call to Miss Nelle Osmun, who was working west of Williston. The call was accepted & miss Osmun took up her work on Sept 25th, 1916 for one year.

Sept. 1917

At the near closing of a good year's work by Miss Osmun, a special meeting of the church was called for Monday eve. Sept 3rd, at which time Dr Stickney of Fargo was again with us & conducted the meeting. After listening to financial report, it was decided to again call Miss Osmun for another year if her salary could be subscribed. Mesdames Miller, Pearl, Whipple & Weckerly agreed to circulate the subscription list for Pastor's salary for 1917-18 Com. Sept 15, 1917. Vote of thanks was tendered E. L. Bishop for services during past years.

Electing new officers, as follows:

E L Bishop	Clerk
C. C. Whipple	Treas.
Mr. Bishop	Deacon for one year
Mr. Whipple	Deacon for two years
Trustees:	H. F. Miller 3 yrs
	Emil Dietrich 2 yrs.
	C. C. Whipple 1 yr.

Question as to advisability of leasing to School Board S. S. Annex (west room) for High School purposes decided in favor of same, also as to installing new furnace.

E. L. Bishop clerk.

Dec. 15 '17

A special business meeting was held Sunday A. M. Dec-15-1917-immmediately after morning worship to elect a clerk.

Mr N. L. Tupper was elected to succeed Mr E. Bishop.

A bill for assoc. dues of 1916-17 for \$2.50 was presented. Motion to pay same was carried. Plans of work for 1918 were discussed.

No other business the meeting adjourned.

Nelle M. Osmun – Pastor.

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Dec. 9 '23

A short business meeting was held after church service conducted by Re. E. H. Stickney, and the following officers chosen.

Clerk	Mrs. R. H. Weckerly	
Treas.	Dorian Weckerly.	
Trustees:	Elgin Hurd	1yr.
	B. L. Larson	2 yrs.
	Dorian Weckerly	3 yrs.

May 1924

Miss Nelle M. Osmun after serving the Hurdsfield Cong. church for two years handed in her resignation to take effect Oct. 1.

A motion was made & carried that her resignation be accepted.

At the same meeting an invitation was given Rev. Emil Dietrich to accept the pastorate of the church for a year beginning Nov. 1 – 1919.

The call was accepted by Rev. Dietrich and his work continued with the church at Hurdsfield from Nov. 1 – 1919 til about Sept. 1 – 1922 at which time his resignation was accepted.

So many members had moved away from our town and economic conditions were so bad that it was not deemed advisable at this time to extend a call to another minister.

However in May 1923, Rev. A. H. Crombie then serving the church at Harvey N. Dak. signified his willingness to hold one week night service each week at Hurdsfield.

Thurs. evening was chosen and from about May 15 to Nov. 15, Rev Crombie preached to very good-sized audiences each Thurs. evening with one or two exceptions when weather hindered.

As he came over by auto, necessitating auto hire, he received but very little for his work & his faithfulness in attendance.

In Sept. 1923, Rev. E. H. Stickney D. D. came up from Fargo and has been with us on an average of once a month the remainder of '23 & to the present date May 1924.

He has succeeded in reviving the work to such an extent that on May 4, eleven new members were added to the church. He plans to continue his visits here for some time longer and we are hoping this is the beginning of a New Day for the Cong. church of Hurdsfield.

Rev. Kirk is on the field at present as a supply, and we hope int the near future to be able to call a regular, resident minister to this pastorate.

Mr. Heimer of the Evang. Church of Chaseley was hired April 1925 to preach 1 year for us and we voted to give him \$25.⁰⁰ per mo. The Ladies aid at the end of the year gave him \$50.

Our beloved sister Mrs. Retta H. Weckerly was called to her heavenly home April 26, 1926, after but a few days of sickness

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Sykeston, N. D.

May 23rd 1904

To the members of the Eureka Cong. Church.

Dear Friends

I appreciate the call which you have given me, to become your Pastor, Have just resigned my pastorate here and the resignation has been accepted. The way now being opened, I accept your call and hope to begin work on the field the first of June. May the blessing of the Lord make sacred this new relation, that binds us to each other. Let us pledge our love, our prayers, our efforts for the building up of our Master's kingdom for each others good, for the good of all whom, we can reach and help. Let us rely on the promise of Jesus "Lo: I am with you always."

Your Pastor affectionately

G. S. Bascom

June 1909

A special meeting @ the (4) four different points – via – Hurdsfield, Eureka, Bostonia, La Moin, a letter from Supt. Powell recommending Claude M. Steele a graduate of Oberlin Ohio be called, as pastor and fellow worker.

Mr. Steele accepting this call, begins his labors July 4th 1909.

[June 1926]

In June 1926.— a business meeting was held by Rev. Strutz – of Jamestown whom we hired for 1 year at \$25.⁰⁰ per mo.

Mrs Madge Miller was elected clerk
Mrs. Glenne Harris " " sec. & tres,
Mr. Whipple trustee for

[June 1927]

In June 1927 — a business meeting was held and Rev. J. Schaffer of Chaseley was called to preach for us at \$25.00 per month.

Mrs. Madge Miller clerk

Rev. Sheldon Slater began preaching in June 1928

then in July as Rev. Don Laurence spent the a few months in Hurdsfield he preached for us until the last of Sept. 1928 when Rev. Slater again took the field.

Hazel

Anne Giltner was born June 10, 1928 at Harvey N. Dak. --
Hurdsfield, N. Dak. by Rev Sheldon Slater.

She was baptized Nov. 18, 1928 at

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August 4, 1929

The annual church meeting was held on August 4 with Pastor Slater actin chairman.

There were no minutes to be read and no reports to be given so the election of officers was in order.

Mr. Slater discussed and enumerated the duties of the trustees, the deacons and clerk.

The nominations of the trustees in order. Mr. Whipple was held over. Mr. A. L. Giltner was nominated as trustee for 3 yrs. Mr. C. B. Nielsen for 2 yrs. Motion was made to close nominations. Motion carried. Motion was made to accept two nominees as trustees. Motion carried.

Nominations were next in order for deacons John A. Buchwitz was nominated for 2 yrs. Motion made to close nominations. Motion seconded and carried. John Buchwitz duly elected as Deacon for 2 yrs. Ward Harris and Henry Harris nominated for Deacon for 1 yr. Henry withdrawing his nomination in favor of Ward. Motion made to elect Ward as Deacon for 1 year. Seconded and carried.

The motion was made to continue with Mrs. Madge Miller as clerk. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Nominations were then in order for the treasurer. Mrs Ray Lester, Henry Harris, and Mrs Ruth Buchwitz were nominated. Mrs Lester refusing to consider the nomination the vote was Henry Harris -6 Ruth Buchwitz -2. Henry duly elected as Treasurer.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Mrs Hutchinson as church pianist for year – carried.

Ballots were passed to members and votes were cast 'yes' and 'no' as to keeping the pastor for the coming year. Yes – 7 No – 1. Mr Whipple took charge of the meeting at this time the pastor absenting himself and a general discussion followed. A motion was mad to postpone the election of a minister until two weeks from date. Seconded and carried. Pastor was called in and as this finished the church busines, attention was turned to Sunday School matters.

Mrs. A. L. Giltner was nominated as Superintendent for coming year. This nomination being refused, Mrs Madge Miller and Ward Harris were nominees. Votes cast were Mrs Miller 4 – Ward Harris 3 Mrs Giltner -1—Mrs Miller being Supt. A motion was made to elect Ward as assistant. Seconded and carried.

Henry Harris was nominated Sect'y – Treas. Motion made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. Henry Harris duly elected Sect'y.-Treas.

Motion made to close meeting. Seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs Ruth Buchwitz

Clerk pro tem.

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Church Meeting Held at Hurdsfield June 22, 1930

Meeting called to order by Rev. Slater, followed by prayer by Rev. Slater.

Minutes read from last meeting and it seemed about hiring the preacher for another year was left out on this part of it. If Mr. Slater wished to resigned he was to notify us two months before, and if we wanted to change pastors we were to notify him two months before.

The nomination for one trustie was in order. Roy Grimm and Mrs. Glenn Harris were nominated Roy Grimm receiving 11 votes and Mrs Harris 8 - so Roy Grimm was nominated trustee for 3 yrs. - Mr. A. L. Giltner held over for 2 yrs. and Mr. C. B. Neilsen for 1 yr.

Will Martin was nomined and elected for Deacon in place of Ward Harris.

Madge E. Miller was elected as clerk again and also Henry Harris for Treasurer.

Madge E. Miller for Supt. of Sunday school.

Ward Harris Asst. " " " "

Henry Harris, Sec. and Treas.

Pianist Merina Houghton and Marjorie Shirts.

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Church Meeting Held at Hurdsfield 4 P.M. May 24, 1931

Meeting called to order by Rev. S. Slater followed by him leading in prayer. Minutes read by clerk and approved.

Motion made to change church to 12 noon and S. School to 11 A. M. beginning June 7. motion carried.

The treasurer Henry Harris gave a report that the pastor was paid up until middle of June with around \$4.00 on hand for the church, and around \$25.00 for the S. School.

Motion was made and carried to have John Martin for a trustee serving for 3 Yrs.

Motion made and carried to hire two deacons so Mrs. Harris was elected for 2 years and Mrs. Laurence for 1 year. Henry Harris was elected for Treas. again.

Motion was made to have Mrs. Fern Inman as clerk.

Mrs. A. L. Giltner was elected Supt. of S. School and Ward Harris as Assis – Supt.

Henry Harris was relected as Sec. & Treas.

Madge E. Miller Clerk.

At a church meeting held two weeks later it was voted to grant letter of dismissal to the following members

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Neilson

Mr. and Mrs. John Buchwitz Jr.

Mrs. Madge Miller

Fern Inman clerk

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(Mrs. Etta Moe Thompson was baptized by me in Hurdsfield Feb. 19, 1932 according to the)
(ordinances of God and his church)
(Sheldon Slater)
(Cong'l Pastor)

List of Members of Hurdsfield Cong'l Church Jan., 1932

C. C. Whipple & wife
Elgin Hurd & wife
E. P. Boegler
Dorian Weckerly
Ralph Weckerly and wife
Fern Inman
Bert Inman
Margaret Inman France
Mae Washburn
Geo Lawrence & wife
Mrs. Glen Harris
Henry Harris
Eldon Harris
Julia Harris
Ralph Harris
Roy Grimm and wife
Will Martin & wife
Arthur Giltner & wife

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Jan 23 1933

Meeting called to order by Rev. Slater at close of church services on Jan. 23 – 1933.

Prayer by pastor - minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Motion made and carried that date for regular yearly meeting be placed sometime the first half of Jan.

Mr. Grimm unanimously elected for trustee for 3 years.

A. L. Giltner unanimously elected for trustee for 2 years.

Voted unanimously that Mrs Harris term of deaconess be extended two years.

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Mrs. Art (Hancaan) elected to serve 1 year term as deacones.

Kermit Grimm elected treasurer for 1 yr.

Mrs. Inman elected treasurer for 1 yr.

Henry Harris elected S. S. Supt. For 1 year

Mrs Henry Giltner elected Ass't Supt.

Shirley Wilson elected for Sec'y. & Treas. Of S. S.

Mrs. A. L. Giltner
Sec'y. Pro Tem

Henry Harris reports \$17.91 on hand in church treasury & in SS. Treasury.

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Jan 20 1934

Meeting called to order by Rev v.Slater

Minutes read & approved

Mr Hurd elected for trustee for 3 years

Mrs Grimm elected for deaconess for 2 years.

Kermit Grimm elected treas. For 1 year.

Mrs Inman elected clerk for 1 year

Gaile Edwards elected Sec'ty & treas oif S. S.

Henry Harris elected S. S. Supt.

Dorian Weckerly assistant S. S. Supt.

Mr Slater reports that he as the Sec'ty-Treas of our church to balance the books even Jan 1st & beginning that date the pastors salary to be \$15 per month

Mr. A. L. Giltner

Sect'y pro tem.

Twin boys were born to Mr & Mrs Al Peak on Mar. 26th. The same day in the evening Rev Slater baptized the babes. Named Gayle and Garold

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Apr 1st 1934

The following named persons joined the Hurdsfield Cong' Church April 1 1934

Mr. Henry Giltner

Mrs. Henry Giltner (Baptized)

Edith Giltner (Baptized)

Kermit Grimm (Baptized)

Naomi Long (Baptized)

The above joined on confession of faith

The following joined by letter

Mrs. R. Long

Leroy Long

Lewis Long

On Apr. 15 – 1934 Rev. Slater baptized Rose Marie and Kenneth A. children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Peak.

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Feb. 23 - 1935

At the close of the church service the annual business meeting of the church was held
Meeting was called to order by Rev. Slater
Minutes read and approved
Henry Harris elected trustee for 3 years
Mrs. Harris re-elected deaconess for 3 years
Mrs. Inman re-elected clerk for 1 year.
Kermit Grimm re-elected Treas for 1 year
Henry Harris for S. S. Supt. & Dorian Weckerly assistant Supt.
Gaile Edwards re-elected Sec'ty Treas. For S. S.
Ladies Aid was re-organized for coming year
Fern Inman clerk

Jan 9 - 1938

At the close of the church service a church meeting was called. Seven members were present including Rev. Slater who acted as chairman.

Minutes were read and approved & the following officers were elected

Roy Grimm trustee for 3 yrs.
Elgin Hurd " " 2 yrs.
Dorian Weckerly " " 1 yr.
Mrs Inman clerk for 1 yr.
Mrs. Harris Deaconess 1 yr.
Mrs. Grimm " 1 yr.
Kermit Grimm Treas. 1 yr.

[transcriber's note: minutes continue on page 146 of the book, page 57 of this transcript. DKG]

[Following material is out of date sequence. DKG]

The following named people were baptized by Rev. Sheldon Slater in the Cong. Church Oct 30 -1938

Florence Hazel Daniels
Charlotte Mae Cook
John Albert Cook
Luella Gertrude Weisz

The following named children were also baptized in the Cong Church Oct 30 - 1938.

Dorothy Ann Daniels
Arvilla Mae Cook
Leonard Duane Weisz
Adeline Mae Weisz

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List of Members, 1940

1. Mrs. C. C. Whipple
2. Elgin Hurd
3. E. P. Boegler
4. Mrs Fred Inman
5. Mrs Glenn Harris
6. Henry E. Harris
7. Eldon Lewis Harris
8. Julia E. Harris
9. Ralph W. Harris
10. Roy Grimm
11. Mrs. Roy Grimm
12. Kermit Grimm
13. Dorian Weckerly
14. Mr. John Martin
15. Mrs. John Martin
16. Mr. John⁴ Tulp
17. Mrs. John⁴ Tulp
18. Virgil Tulp
19. Robt Tulp (notes added in different hand)
20. Richard Tulp Baptized Nov. 10 - 40
21. Mr John⁴ Cook " Oct 30 - 38
22. Mrs John⁴ Cook " " " "
23. Arvilla Cook " " " "
24. Luella Weisz " " " "
25. Adeline Weisz Baptized Oct 30 - 38 Joined Federated Church at Carrington
26. Mrs Ina Applegate Baptized Nov. 10 - 40
27. Mrs Dorian Weckerly
28. Kenneth Long
29. Beulah Long Baptized June 10 - '39

⁴ Handwriting appears as "Jno".

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Nov. 10 - 1940

On Nov 10 – 1940 the following people were voted on & rec.dd into the membership of the Hurdsfield Cong Church under Rev. Slater

Mr & Mrs John Tulp – Confession of faith

Virgil & Robt. Tulp " " "

Richard Tulp Baptized & taken into church

Mr & Mrs John⁵ Cook & daughter Arvilla Confession of faith.

Mrs Luella Weisz & daughter Adeline Confession of faith.

Mrs Ina Applegate baptized & taken into church

Mrs. Dorian Weckerly Confession of faith.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peak, Veryl James Peak was given infant baptism by Rev. Sheldon Slater May 5, 1929.

Richard Alvin Peak was given infant baptism by Rev. Sheldon Slater May 5, 1929.

Twin boys were born to Mr. & Mrs Al Peak Mar. 26th 1934. The same day in the evening they were baptized by Rev. Sheldon Slater. Names of the babes:

Gayle Peak

Garold Peak

On Oct 30 1938 the following children were baptized by Rev Sheldon Slater

Dorothy Ann Daniels daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Daniels

Arvilla Mae Cook daughter of Mr. & Mrs John⁵ Cook

Leonard Duane & Adeline Mae Weisz children of Mrs. Ella Weisz.

all of Hurdsfield, N. D.

On Sept-9-1939 at the home of Mr & Mrs G. F Inman the three children of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Inman of Clarks Fork Idaho were baptized by Rev Sheldon Slater. Their names as follows:

Verle Gary Inman. – t Yrs.

Barbara Jean Inman 4 Yrs.

Sharrill Joy Inman 2 Yrs.

Nov 10 – 1940 – Richard Tulp son of Mr & Mrs. J. Tulp was baptized by Rev. Sheldon Slater in the Hurdsfield Cong. Church.

⁵ Handwritten script appears as "Jno".

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Dec 1 - 1940

Church meeting held at close of service on dec 1 – 1940.

Minutes of the last meeting (1938) read and approved. Following officers elected

Mr Roy Grimm as trustee 1 year.
Mr Dorian Weckerly " 3 years.
Mr John Tulp " 2 years.
Mr. Kermit Grimm Treas. For 1 year
Mrs. Roy Grimm Deaconess 2 years.
Mrs. John Cook " 1 year.
Mrs. Fern Inman Clerk 1 year.

Kermit Grimm reports about \$25 in Treasury.

For Sunday School

Mr. Kenneth Long as supt.
John Tulp as Asst Supt.
Lorrayne Grimm Secy * Treas of S. S.

It was voted to hold next church meeting in Nov. before weather becomes bad and roads blocked.

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[Mimeographed page with the following text is attached to the book: DKG]

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Minutes of Council Called for Examination & Ordination of Claude M. Steele

Hurdsfield, N. D. Aug. 31/'09

At 7:20 P. M. the council is called to order by Rev. Robt. Paton who read the letter-missive. Rev. Mr. Paten is elected temporary chairman, and S. B. Welles temporary scribe.

The roll-call is read showing only one member absent, -- that one being Supt. Powell. Roll-call is responded to as follows: ----

Carrington by	R. Paton	Pastor	:	Dogden	J. K. Kirker	Pastor
Heaton	E. E. Saunders	"	:	Melville	S. B. Welles	"
New Rockford	J. R. Beebe	"	:	Sanborn	H. C. Juell	"
Sykeston	C. W. Smith	"	:		A. G. Covell, lay-delegate	

Individual members: E. H. Stickney, E. S. Shaw, G. S. Bascom.

Temporary organization is voted permanent.

In absence of the church clerk, Mr. E. L. Bishop, a member, declares that he was present at church meeting called to consider the calling of an ordination council for the ordination of Claude M. Steele.

Licenses issued and twice reissued were presented and declared by the scribe as properly executed. Also Mr. Steele's letter of dismissal from the Cong'l church of Ashtabula, O. with recommendation to the Hurdsfield was publicly read before the council. The presented diplomas of graduation from Oberlin College with the class of /05 and the Oberlin Theol. Sem. With the class of 1909 were inspected and approved by the scribe.

Mr. Steele was called on for statement of belief and call to the ministry, and presented the same well-prepared and delivered in a very commendable spirit: a statement not over-long yet comprehensive. Supt. Stickney moved the acceptance of statement and that the council be by itself to decide upon fitness of candidate for ordination. Motion was carried after brief further examination.

Council retires at 8 o'clock, and votes unanimously to proceed with the ordination. The candidate with chairman and scribe are named a program committee and presented the program below, which is followed in the immediately succeeding ordination service.

Hymn: All hail power --- after reading of minutes. Introductory prayer -- E. S. Shaw____. Scripture (Eph. 3) J. R. Beebe. Hymn: Sermon, H. C. Juell from tex Col 1:27; Ordaining prayer, G. S. Bascom; Right hand of fellowship, C. W. Smith; Charge to pastor, R. Paten; Charge to people, J. K. Kirker; Anthem; Prayer, E. E. Saunders; Benediction, C. M. Steele. Council by vote stands adjourned.

Signed Robert Paton
Moderator of Council
S. B. Welles
Scribe

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Dedication of the Church Building, Hurdsfield

Sunday, July 23rd, 1911

Stereopticon Lecture by Rev. E. S. Shaw Saturday evening and Sunday evening. Sunday afternoon address by M. Shaw. Special music. \$555 were raised. Sunday evening Sup. Stickney addressed the congregation and led in the Act of Dedication. There was special music. Audiences were large. There was great interest.

July 30th 1911 Eureka

It was voted that "We authorize the Trustees of the Eureka Church at Hurdsfield to execute the necessary papers to receive the grant of \$500. From the Congregational Church building Society, and also to execute any other papers necessary to straighten up the financial matters of the Church.

[attached newspaper clipping follows: DKG]

At the dedicatory service Sunday evening 125 persons were present. Every one enjoyed the evening immensely. At the afternoon service all of the church debt, \$565 was subscribed for in a short time.

[Undated report by Pastor M. W. Hiner circa 1912. Ref to this report on Register p 119. DKG]

Report of M. W. Hiner Pastor & Supt of Sunday School.

To the Eureka Congregational Church, Hurdsfield N. D.

Dear Brethren: as I am no longer the Pastor of the Congregation, I send my report as Pastor and superintendent at Hurdsfield and Pastor at Eureka. I was elected Supt. Of S. School at Hurdsfield on Jan 1, 1912. I introduced several new features, one which as I was absent one Sunday was put aside – the card which had on one side "I am early" and on the other side "I am late". The next feature was to give an evening entertainment to all who were not tardy for one month. There were 14 who were not tardy during the month of February. The next feature was a Treasurer and Secretary for each class which was successful. The next was to call for Bibles. The record shows we commenced with three, and the last call last Sunday, 15 were presented. This I think the most important of the new things introduced while I was Superintendent.

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The largest attendance was 54. The largest collection \$1.01.

The Sunday School is now nearly up to date. Our Congregation has been large at Hurdsfield.

--(Copy)-- Your, M. W. Hiner

Rev Hiner closed his pastorate in the spring of 1912 and was succeeded by Rev. Morgan Hand.

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1941

In the spring of 1941 Mrs. R. A. Grimm was appointed to fill Mrs. Inmans unexpired term.

Owing to Reg. Slater's poor health Paul Swardstrom agreed with Rev Slater to fill his appointment for a time. Rev Slater passed away some time in June and Paul Swardstrom kindly consented to continue to preach for us. At this time the time of church services being changed from Sunday School 2 P. M. and preaching services 3 P. M. to Sunday School 10 min. to 10 A. M. and preaching services 10 min. to 11 O'clock A. M.

Jan 18 -- 1942

Meeting was called to order by assistant Supt. Mr. John Tulp at close of church services.

Dorian Weckerly and Kermit Grimm were nominated for Supt. Nom. Were closed and voted by ballot. Dorian Weckerly receiving 9 votes Kermit Grimm 2 votes. Dorian Weckerly was elected Supt.

Mr John Tulp was nominated for assistant Supt. and elected unamiously.

At this time minutes of Dec 1st – 1940 meeting were read and approved as read.

Roy Grimm was nominated as trustee for 3 years. Nom. Were closed and motion carried unamiously. Mr Dorian Weckerly holding over 2 years and Mr John Tulp 1 year as Trustees.

Kermit Grimm and John Cook were nom. For Treasurer. Kermit Grimm withdrawing his name. John Cook was nominated unamiously.

Mrs John Cook and Mrs Applegate were nominated as deaconess for 2 yearss and voted by ballot. Mrs. Cook receiving the majority votes wass elected for 2 years.

Mrs. John Tulp was nominated for clerk and carried unamiously.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

On March 15, 1942 the following people were voted on and received into the membership of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church, services conducted by Rev M. R. Brandt of Fargo.

Mrs Lydia Alexander	Confession of faith
Mrs Milicina Patzer	" " "
Mr Charles Best	" " "
Mrs Paul Swardstrom	" " "
Mr Paul Swardstrom	Baptized and Confession of faith

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Nov. 22, 1942

At the close of the church service the Annual Business meeting of the church was held.

Meeting was called to order by Dorian Weckerly

Minutes read and approved and the following officers elected.

Mrs. Julia Grimm	Treas.	1 yr.
Mrs Ina Applegate	Deaconess	2 yrs
Mrs Helen Tulp	Clerk	1 yr,
John Tulp	Trustee	3 yrs.
Dorian Weckerly	S. S. Supt	1 yr.
John Tulp	Assistant Supt	1 yr.
Herbert Patzer elected	Sec and Treas.	1 yr.

Motion made to close meeting, seconded & carried. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs Helen Tulp, Clerk.

Nov. 14, 1943

A short business meeting was held after church services, conducted by Dorian Weckerly and the following officers chosen.

Treas	Mrs Mary Swardstrom	2 yrs.
Deaconess	Mrs Esther Weckerly	3 yrs.
Clerk	Mrs Helen Tulp	1 yr.
Trustee	Dorian Weckerly	3 yrs.

Also voted to give Mr Swardstrom \$25.00 per month beginning Nov. 1, 1943.

Motion made and carried to adjourn

Nov. 23, 1943

A S. S. business meeting was held, conducted by Dorian Weckerly. Herbert Patzer elected Sec & Treas 1 yr. Dorian Weckerly S. S. Supt 1 yr. & Kermit Grimm Assistant Supt 1 yr.

Mrs Helen Tulp, Clerk.

Dec 3, 1944

Roy Grimm and Paul Swardstrom nominated as Trustee for three years with Paul Swardstrom elected by written ballot. Mrs Helen Tulp nominated as clerk for one year and elected unanimously. Mrs Ella Eckman nominated as deaconess for three years and elected unanimously.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. Motion was made to send Congregational Conference the sum of \$25.00, seconded and motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, seconded

Meeting presided over by Dorian Weckerly

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Dec. 2, 1945

At the close of church services the Annual business meeting of the church was held.

Meeting called to order by Dorian Weckerly.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following officers were elected.

Roy Grimm elected/nominated for Treasurer, for 2 yrs. John Tulp Trustee for 3 yrs.

Helen Tulp clerk for 1 yr.

Also decided to have Rev. Juell of Fargo for another yr.

Motion to adjourn, seconded.

Mrs Helen Tulp, Clerk.

Dec. 2, 1945

A Sunday School business meeting was held conducted by Dorian Weckerly. Election of officers took place.

Herbert Patzer elected Superintendent for one yr. Dorian Weckerly assistant Supt

Robert Tulp Sect Treas.

Motion made to close meeting, seconded & carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs Helen Tulp, Clerk.

Virgil Tulp has joined Cong Church at Minot So is no member of Hurdsfield Church.

Nov. 10, 1946

A Sunday School business meeting was held. Conducted by Herbert Patzer.

Election of officers took place.

Herbert Patzer elected Supt for one yr.

Mrs Doris Meyer Assistant Supt for one yr.

Anna Patzer Sect, Trea. For one yr.

Motion made to close meeting Seconded and carried, meeting adjourned.

Mrs Helen Tulp, Clerk.

79²¹ Treas. Report.

Dec 1 - 1946

At the close of church services the annual business meeting of the church was held. Meeting called to order by Dorian Weckerly.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following officers were elected:

Dorian Weckerly – Trustee for 3 years.

Julia Grimm – Deaconess for 3 years.

Charles Best – Clerk 1 yr.

Mrs John Tulp, Clerk.

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World Relief – Pledges and Remittance

	Name	Cash		Grain
Nov 1	Charles F. Best	5 00		
" 1	Mrs. H. Kissel	1 00		
" 1	Albert Thompson	1 00		
" 1	Mrs Richard Knodel	2 00		
" 1	Edna Maydole	5 00		
" 1	Edwin Dietrich	5 00		
" 1	John Tulp	10 00		
" 1	Kermit Grimm	100 00		
" 1	Paul Swardstrom		wheat	50 Bu.
" 24	Roy Grimm		wheat	52 Bu.
" 28	J. D. Weckerly	150 00		
1948				
Nov. 12	Charles F. Best	5 00		

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Church Meeting

Dec. 28, 1947 at 4 P. M. a Business Meeting was held in the church building for the purpose of electing a trustee, a deaconess, a treasurer and a clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr Roy Grimm acting as chairman. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following were elected by acclamation:

Paul Swardstrom	trustee	3 yr. term
Mrs Ella Eckman	deaconess	3 yr. term
Roy Grimm	treasurer	2 yr. term
Charles F. Best	clerk	1 yr. term

The following members were present: Mr¹ and Mrs² Kermit Grimm; Mr³ Roy Grimm; Mr⁴ and Mrs⁵ Paul Swardstrom; Mrs⁶ Milicina Patzer; Mr⁷ and Mrs⁸ John Tulp; Mr⁹ Charles F. Best.

Mrs Frances Bartter of Jamestown N. D. also met with the group and gave a few words of inspiration, encouraging church stewardship and church membership.

Charles F. Best
Clerk.

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Re-Dedication of Church Aug 24 1947

2:30 PM

Song	Audience
Prayer	Rev. Bartter
Song	Heaton Quire
The Church History	Charles F. Best
Song	Hurdsfield Quire
Greeting	By personals
Offering	\$126 ⁰⁰
Dedication Speech	Rev. Bartter
Song	Duet
Song	Kenneth Long
Benediction	

7:30 PM

Song	Audience
Prayer	Rev. Bartter
Song	Sykeston Quire
Song	Hdsfd. Junior Quire
Duet	Gross and Fikes
Song	Shirley and Linda Kleinsasser
Talk	Mrs. Bartton
Solo	Vocal, DeLoris Weckerly
Solo	Piano, Phylis Dallmon
Duet	Rhoads and Patzer
Song	Hurdsfield Quire
Volunteers	
Song	Audience
Prayer	Rev. Bartter

The morning sunday school was held at 10:00 A.M. and worship services at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Bartter of Jamestown N. Dak presiding pastor. At 12:30; the congregational Ladies Aid served meals to all people attending the services free of charge. The Aid also served meals at 6:00 P. M. The meals were served in the Hurdsfield School dining room and kitchen. The day was ideal. Many people were present coming from Heaton, Sykeston and Fessenden. Old members of the church which had moved away to other communities where here to renew acquaintances. During the summer months the church building had been going through a remodeling process. The interior walls and ceiling were redecorated and the balcony built on the north side. The ceiling was lowered also throughout the building. The Ladies Aid spent a large sum of money for material for the building. Several women living in the community not church members spent much time serving and contributing toward the benefit of the Congregational Ladies Aid.

The day was spent for a worthy cause, in prayer and song, praising God for giving us the golden harvest about us, and provided for us. He has given us a monument to respect.

The history of the church was prepared by Charles F. Best, clerk of the "First Congregational Church of Eureka." Note- (The church's history was traced back from the beginning up until now Ug 24, 1947; As I could find it thru much effort and time. I feel this time and effort well spent for the church.

Charles F. Best
clerk

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[Typed program attached to P 163]

REDEDICATION SERVICE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Hurdsfield, N. D.

Sunday, August 24, 1947

REDEDICATION OF A REFURNISHED SANCTUARY

To the glory of God, our Father, by Whose favor we have cleansed and beautified this sanctuary of worship;

To the honor of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and savior;

To the praise of the Holy Spirit, the source of light and life;

WE DEDICATE ANEW THIS SANCTUARY.

For worship in prayer and song;

For the ministry of the word;

For the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

WE DEDICATE THIS SANCTUARY

For the fellowship that strengthens life;

For the shedding abroad of a wider sympathy;

WE DEDICATE THIS SANCTUARY

For the comfort of those who mourn;

For help to those who are discouraged;

For strength to those who are tempted;

WE DEDICATE THIS SANCTUARY

For the building of character and the moulding of lives after the pattern of Christ

WE DEDICATE THIS SANCTUARY

In loving memory of those who have worshipped in this church in days gone by;

With gratitude for loyal comrades who are making the spiritual adventure with us;

And with high hopes for those who shall worship and serve here in time to come

WE JOYFULLY AND REERENTLY DEDICATE THIS REFURNISHED SANTUARY.

(In Unison)

We now, the pastor and people of this church and congregation, rejoicing in what by Thy grace has been done for us and through us, not only here and now but in all our lives past, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of God in this place and to the establishing of His kingdom among men.

Amen.

Gloria Patri.

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New Members admitted to Church

Sept. 12 – 1948 – By Baptism

Student Pastor: Louis Wiechbrodt officiating:

Harold R. Rhoads
Sybil Rhoads
Carman Rhoads
Mary Rhoads
Mary Lou Best
Grace Best
Charles W^m Best
Ernest Rauser
Elvira (Vera) Rauser
Joy Rauser
Sharlene Maydole

Sept. 12 – 1948

Herbert Patzer, admitted as member by confession of faith. [Charles F. Best monogram]

Lords Supper Sept. 12, 1948 [Charles F. Best monogram]

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Church Business Meeting

June 16th 1949. 9:30 P. M.

Rev. Alfred Bartter of Jamestown called meeting to order and gave a prayer. He also acted as moderator. The treasurer's report was read up to June 1st 1949.

Paul Swardstrom's resignation as trustee was accepted by acclamation. The following officers were elected by acclamation;

Ernest Rauser	Trustee	for 3 yrs.
John Tulp	"	2 yr. term
Kermit Grimm	Deacon	2 yr. term
Charles F. Best	Deacon	1 yr. term
Mrs. Elvira Rauser	clerk	1 yr. term

The following members were present: Mr¹ and Mrs² Ernest Rauser, Joy³ Rauser, Mr⁴ and Mrs⁵ John Tulp, ⁶Richard Tulp, Mrs⁷ Milicina Patzer, Mr⁸ and Mrs⁹ Kermit Grimm, ¹⁰Mary Lou Best, ¹¹Grace Best, ¹²Charles W^m Best, ¹³Charles F. Best.

Visitors were: Charles Blakney acting Pastor for the summer months and leader of the Church Choir, Lorraine Grimm, pianoist, Mrs Charles F. Best member of Ladies Aid, W^m Douglas, Peter Rauser, James Rauser, Gene Grimm, Duane Grimm, and Irene Patzer.

Rev. Bartter encouraged the youth to take part in Bible school and Pilgrim Fellowship. Meeting closed with a prayer by Charles Blakney.

Charles F. Best, clerk

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Special Business Meeting

July 31st 1949. 12:00 P. M.

Student Pastor Charles Blakney called the meeting to order. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the joining of the Hurdsfield church with those of Heaton and Fessenden in the hiring of a full time minister. All members present were in favor of going ahead with this plan. Charles F. Best made a motion that we elect a body of 3 people to represent the Hurdsfield church at the meeting which is to be held at Heaton on Aug. 14 – 1949 Kermit Grimm seconded the motion. All were in favor. Charles F. Best, Kermit Grimm and Mrs. Elvira Rauser were elected to represent the Hurdsfield church. Some discussion was held on the budget of the church. It was suggested that the Sunday School help with the paying of benevolence. A motion was made by R. Grimm and seconded by Mrs. E. Rauser that the trustees, treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, & president of Ladies Organization as a group will meet to draw up a budget for the church for the coming year. This meeting to be held following the meeting to be held at Heaton on Aug. 14.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn.

Mrs Elvira Rauser, clerk

Aug 28, 1949 H. J. Brakel and Mrs. H. J. Brakel were received into membership by right hand of fellowship.

Aug. 31, 1949 the following were baptized by Charles Blakney: Carrol Brakel, John Brakel, Ruth Brakel and Henrietta Brakel.

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Nov. 5, 1950

Church Business Meeting

Herbert Patzer

Rev Pruitt Presided. Sect report was read and approved. R. A. Grimm gave treasurer's report

Julia Grimm motioned and Charles Best seconded it we accept Mr Grimm's report.

Rev. Pruitt gave a report on the church as a whole stressing our need for a stronger group spiritually and financially. There was no old business. Those present for this meeting Mr & Mrs Roy Grimm Mr & Mrs Kermit Grimm Charles Best, Charles Best Jr. Mrs Hoots Mrs Tulp and Herbert Patzer

S. S. Election. Nov 5. 50.

John Tulp was elected Sup Herbert Patzer assistant Sup. Mrs John Tulp Secy Treas

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Nov. 4, 1951

At close of church service the Annual Business Meeting was held.

Meeting called to order by Mr Weckerly, minutes were read and approved. Treasurer report was read. The following officers were elected.

Trustee for 3 yrs	Mr Roy Grimm.
" " 2 yrs	Mr Charles Best.
Trustee for 1 yr	Mr Earnest Rauser.
Treasurer for 2 yrs	Mr R Grimm.
Deconess for 2 yrs	Mrs Kermit Grimm.
" " 2 yrs	Mrs Ella Eckman.
Decon 2 yrs	Mr John Tulp.
1 yr	Mr Paul Swardstrom.
Clerk 1 yr	Mrs Esther R Weckerly.

Paul Swardstrom made a motion Mr best seconded we retain the services of Mr Pruitt until we can determine the desires of Heaton & Fessenden churches if they want to keep him. Motion made and carried to adjourn. A SS business meting was held. Coonducted by Lloyd Weckerly. Supt for 1 Yr Lloyd Weckerly Assistant Supt K Grimm. Sec & Treas Mrs Helen L Tulp 1 yr.

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Annual Church Meeting

May 28, 1950

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Pruitt and opened with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were not there; the treasurer reported that we had taken in \$900.13 to date & had paid Rev Pruitt \$250⁰⁰

The Co. board asked that we vote on the Parish of Promise. Herbert Patzer made a motion that we go on record as accepting the Parish of Promise. Harold Rhoads seconded the motion. It was carried and all voted unanimously to accept motion.

A motion was made by Roy Grimm to postpone our annual election to the last Sunday in Oct. Seconded by Harold Rhoads. A sub-motion was made by Dorian Weckerly to have the election the 3rd Sunday in Oct. (15th). It was seconded by Roy Grimm & motion allowed. Harold Rhoads made a motion that the present officers act until Oct. Seconded by Kermit Grimm. Motion carried.

A discussion followed concerning the minister's salary. Mrs. Kermit Grimm reports that the Aid will help all they can & will have a food & rummage sale Sat. night June 3rd. Kermit Grimm made a motion to have an every member canvas during the week of June 11th. Herbert seconded the motion & he & Kermit volunteered to canvas. Roy Grimm offered to help too.

A discussion was held concerning vacation bible school. A motion was made by Harold Rhoads & seconded by Herbert Patzer to adjourn.

Nov 4 1951 Reading of the last meeting May 1950 were read by Mrs. Tulp. also the special metting held in June 17, 1951.

John Tulp read the Church report of the Treasure book. Talked over the money they had to pay Mr. Pruitt 200, we got, and how much is in bank and Kermit has on hand. Mr Grim moved we except the business report Mr Best Seconded

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[Baptism Records]

Sun Sept 28, 1952, the son of Mr & Mrs Arthur Ehman was Baptized Rodney Arthur by Rev Robt Pruitt
Rodney Arthur Ehman Born Apr. 19, 1952 Esther Weckerly clerk.

April 19, 1953 following were Baptized By Rev Robt. Pruitt.

Birth Dates April 19- 1952, Twila Mae Schmidt
June 12- 1932, Geraldine Best
Gilbert Schmidt

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[Annual Meeting Nov. 9, 1952]

Annual church meeting was held Nov 9, 1952 Called to order by Roy Grimm acting as moderator, minutes of last meeting was read by clerk and were approved. One Trustee was to be voted on for a 3 yr term, Kermit Grimm nominated J. D. Weckerly, Julia Grimm moved the nominations cease, Mr Best seconded the motion and it carried

Next in order was the Deacon, J. D. Weckerly nominated Kermit Grimm, Mr R Grimm called for the vote and he was elected for a term of 2 yrs. Next in order was clerk for 1 yr, Kermit Grimm nominated Esther Weckerly, Julia Grimm moved the nominations cease she was duly elected clerk for 1 yr.

A discussion was held about the 3 people who act on the council for the Parish J. D. Weckerly suggested Emanuel Klein act on the comm Mr R Grimm suggested J. D. Weckerly and Mrs Ella Ekman serve for 1 more year.

A discussion was held about keeping Mr Pruitt for another yr motion was made by J. D. Weckerly seconded by Charles Best we keep Mr Pruitt as our minister if Heaton and Fessenden so desire.

Officers for the coming year are as follows Trustee for 3 yrs J. D. Weckerly Trustee for 2 yrs Roy Grimm hold over Trustee for 1 yr Charles Best hold over.

Deacon Kermit Grimm 2 yrs

" John Tulp 1 yr hold over.

Treasurer Mr Roy Grimm 1 yr hold over.

Deaconess Mrs Kermit Grimm 1 yr hold over

" Mrs. Ella Eckmann 1 yr hold over.

S School officers are as follows Norman Weckerly Supt Kermit Grimm Assistant Supt Lloyd Weckerly sec Treasurer. Motion mad & seconded to adjourn.

Esther Weckerly clerk

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Hurdsfield Church Board met at the R. A. Grimm home Apr 17, 1953, all present but C Best, Ella Eckman, Esther Weckerly, things discussed were Soil Conservation on trees for church yard, Mothers Day Non Resident membership & Church nite. Sunday School discussed
Was voted to send \$15.⁰⁰ from SS funds for Intercouncil church work at Fargo, Rev Pruitt was at this meeting.
Esther Weckerly clerk.

July 17, 1953, Church Board met at the church, Mr R. Grimm, Mr Tulp, Mr Weckerly and clerk Esther Weckerly present. Mr Pruitt conducted the meeting, things discussed was the Fellowship dinner, church membership, the Sunday School picnic, the speakers we are to have, Mr Pruitt Father is to be with us Aug 2, 1953. Meeting adjourned Ester Weckerly clerk.

Oct 16, 1953 Church Board met at church Mr Tulp K Grimms J D Weckerly Norman Weckerly clerk Esther Weckerly present, Mr. Pruitt conducted the meeting, discussed church nite, Weds nite chosen for our group as other churches seemed to agree on it. Lay speakers discussed having church service at an earlier time for Hurdsfield talked about membership and what it means.

Meeting adjourned Esther Weckerly clerk.

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New members addmitted to church on Sunday Dec. 27, 1953, Rev R. T Pruitt officiating.

By confession of faith Donald Grimm

By letter from E. U. B. Church of Missoula, Mont. – Norman Weckerly and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weckerly

By John Tulp clerk

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[Annual Church Meeting Nov. 8, 1953]

Annual church meeting was held Nov 8, 1953, minutes of the meeting held Nov 9, 1952 were read and approved. Norman Weckerly acting as moderator called the meeting to order. One Trustee was to be voted on Charles best time was up. Herbert Patzer nominated Charles Best Roy Grimm moved the nominations be closed he was duly elected for a term of 3 yrs. Next in order was one Deacon, John Tulp nominated H Patzer, J D Weckerly moved the nominations be closed he was duly elected deacon for 2 yrs. R. Grimm was elected treasurer for 1 yr, Mrs Ella Ekman was nominated and duly elected for Deaconess for 2 yrs Mrs Charles Best was duly elected for Deaconess for 1 yr John Tulp was duly elected for clerk for 1 yr.

The three council members were voted on as follow john Tulp Herbert Patzer and Esther Weckerly for 1 yr term.

Some discussion was held concerning satisfaction with the present minister, also hour of service, present hour of service seemed best.

Officers for the coming year are as follows.

Trustee for	3 yrs	Charles Best	
"	"	2 yrs	J. D Weckerly
"	"	1 yr	R. A. Grimm
Deacon		H Patzer	2 yr
"		K. Grimm	1 yr
Treasurer	R. A. Grimm		1 yr
Deaconess	2 yr	Mrs. Ella Eckmann	
"	1 yr	Mrs. Charles Best	
Clerk	1 yr	John Tulp	

Council members John Tulp, Herb Patzer, Esther Weckerly 1 yr

Sunday School Supt Norman Weckerly

Assistant Supt Herb Patzer

Lloyd Weckerly Treasurer.

[Quarterly Council Meeting Mar. 19, 1954]

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Quarterly meeting of the Church council held Mar. 19, 1954 attended by Rev. Robert Pruitt, J. D. Weckerly, Esther Weckerly, R. M. Grimm and John Tulp.

Rev. Pruitt discussed the possibility of redistricting the state and having five instead of four state associations, in order to cut down the distance of travel to association meetings.

Rev Pruitt gave information about naming a delegate for the General council meeting at New Haven, Conn.

Rev. Pruitt discussed the formation of plans for a county wide church census to be undertaken possibly in May by a number of denominations working together, and asked cooperation. Meeting adjourned John Tulp, Clerk

Sunday, Apr. 11, 1954

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Rev Robert T. Pruitt baptized Kevin Scott Ehman, who was born March 1, 1954 at Harvey, N. Dak. Son of Mr. & Mrs.. Arthur Ehman.

Rev. Pruitt delivered his farewell sermon this day as he is leaving this week for a new pastorate at the combined churches of Beach, Sentinel Butte and Medora, N. Dak.

Mr Dan Sillers then took over the holding of services in the three churches of the Wells County parish during the summer months up till the first part of October when he left to take up his studies at the University of N. Dak at Grand Forks

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[Note Regarding Church Basement Reconstruction]

May 30, 1954

A number of members of the church started the repairing of and enlarging the basement of the church, building up the walls of the new basement with cement blocks, putting in a cement floor and installing a new oil burning furnace. It was completed during the summer except for part of the floor. Total expense for the project was \$2694.51 of which \$1453.17 was paid from the Ladies Aid Basement Fund, \$200.00 from the Sunday School Treasury and the balance \$1041.34 from the Church funds.

Mr. Harry Schmidt of Jamestown College held services in our church upon Mr. Dan Sillers leaving us up till July 31, 1955 when Rev. William B. Downey came in answer to a call by the Wells County parish.

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[Annual Meeting Nov. 7, 1954]

The annual meeting of the Church was held Nov. 7, 1954. The meeting was called to order with Charles Best Sr. acting as moderator. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and voted upon to be approved as read. The treasurer's report was also read and approved.

Election of officers was the first in order and the following officers were duly voted upon and elected

Roy M. Grimm trustee for 3 years
Roy M. Grimm treasurer for 1 year
John Tulp clerk for 1 year
Kermit Grimm deacon for 2 years
Mrs. Charles Best deaconess for 2 years

Election of Parish council members was then carried out with Mrs. Helen Tulp, Dorian Weckerly and Herbert Patzer being elected for 1 year.

Sunday School officers were then voted in and the following being duly elected

Herbert Patzer Supt.
Donald Grimm Asst.. Supt
Charles Best Jr. Sec. and Treas
Lloyd Weckerly Asst.. Sec. and Treas.

The Sunday School Treasurer's report was then read and approved.

A revision of the church membership list was discussed and a motion was made, seconded, and carried upon a vote, to remove from our list of member for the reason of absence from the community for a lengthy period of years the following names,

Sharlene Maydole	John Cook	Charlotte cook
Arvilla Cook	Adeline Weisz,	Henry Harris
Eldon Harris	Ralph Harris	John Martin
Velma Martin		

Meeting was closed by a prayer given by Charles Best

By John Tulp – clerk

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The Rev. William B. Downey was called to serve the three church parish and gave his first service on Sunday Aug. 7, 1955.

[Annual Meeting Nov. 13, 1955]

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 13, 1955. The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by J. D. Weckerly who acted as moderator. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and voted upon to be approved as read.

The business next in order was election of officers and J. D. Weckerly was nominated for trustee for 3 years. R. M. Grimm moving for a closing of nominations. Mr. Weckerly being elected. Loyd Weckerly and R. M. Grimm were nominated for the office of treasurer for 1 year. Mr. Grimm being elected by a majority vote. John Tulp was nominated for clerk for 1 year. Motion was made to close the nominations and Mr. Tulp was duly elected. Herbert Patzer received a nomination as deacon for 2 years. Motion was made to close nominations, Mr. Patzer being elected. Mrs. Ella Eckman was nominated for deaconess for 2 years, Motion made for closing of nominations. Mrs Eckman being elected. Mrs. Julia Grimm made a motion giving Mrs. Ella Eckman a vote of thanks for her work as deaconess in the past.

Sunday School officers were then voted on and Herbert Patzer unanimously voted in as S. S. Supt. Loyd Weckerly unanimously voted in as Asst.. S. S. Supt. Gene Grimm and Chas Best Jr. nominated for the position of Sec. & Treas. with Gene Grimm being elected on a vote.

Motion made and approved on a vote to revise the election of council membrs with J. D. Weckerly being elected for a term of three years, R. M. Grimm for a term of 2 years and Julia Grimm for a term of 1 year.

The redistricting plan for the state as voted on before [continued below]

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May 20, 1953 a letter was given Mary Rhodes Braunagel to join the church of Nazarene of Hurdsfield.	
	Esther Weckerly Clerk.
June 1, 1953 a letter was given Ina Applegate of New Rockford to unite with the New Rockford	
Congregational Church.	
	Esther Weckerly Clerk.

Cont.- was under discussion and given another vote of approval which carried unanimously.

The matter of a pledge for a State Hospital chaplain which is being carried on by the State Inter-Church Council was under discussion and it was decided on vote to send \$10.00 to the inter-church council committee.

Treasurers report was now read and approved as read.

Roy M. Grimm put forth a motion to remove from the membership rolls for reason of removal from the community for a length of time or affiliation with other churchs or of non attendance the following – Mary Lou Best, Grace Best, Ernest Rauser, Vera Rauser, Joy Rauser, Lydia Alexander, Paul Swardstrom, Mary Swardstrom, Kenneth Long, Buelah Long and Robert Tulp.

Motion to adjourn approved on vote

By John Tulp – Clerk

Sunday July 29, 1956

Rev. william B. Downey baptized Vikki Ann Tulp, who was born April 18, 1956 at Harvey N. Dak. daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tulp

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[Annual meeting Nov. 18, 1956]

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 18, 1956 with Mr. Herbert Patzer acting as moderator. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and voted on to be approved as read. The church Treasurer's report was read and approved as read upon a vote. The Sunday School Sec. & Treasurer's report was read and approved. Election of officers was then in order and Lloyd Weckerly was elected as Treasurer for a term of 1 year. Herbert Patzer was elected as trustee for a term of 3 years. John Tulp elected as clerk for a term of 1 year. Kermit Grimm elected as Deacon for a term of 2 years. Mrs. Milicina Patzer elected as deaconess for a term of 2 years and Mrs. Julia Grimm elected a parish council member for a term of 3 years. Sunday School officers were then voted on with Herbert Patzer elected as Sunday school Supt, Lloyd Weckerly elected as Assistant Sunday school supt. and Gene Grimm elected as Secretary & Treasurer. An every member canvass was under discussion and it was decided upon to get further information on it, and give it further consideration later. Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

By John Tulp clerk.

On May 26, 1957 one of the members of the church, Esther A. Weckerly passed on to her reward, having been a member for quite a few years.

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[Annual meeting Dec. 29, 1957]

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Dec. 29, 1957 with Mr. Herbert Patzer acting as moderator. The minutes of the last meeting were read and upon a vote approved as read. Election of Sunday School officers was first in order. Kermit Grimm and Lloyd Weckerly wer nominated for S. S. Supt, with Lloyd Weckerly elected on a vote. Kermit Grimm was then elected as Assistant Supt. Gene Grimm was then nominated and elected to the office of Sec. & Treas. The election of church officers was then taken up. John Tulp was nominated and elected to the position of clerk for 1 year. Lloyd Weckerly elected Treasurer for 1 year. Roy Grimm elected Trustee with a term of 3 years. Norman Weckerly and Kermit Grimm were nominated for parish Council member for a term of three years with Norman Weckerly being elected upon a vote. A motion was then made for holding a special meeting on Jan. 4, 1958 for the purpose of setting up a budget and discussing other matters. Treasurer's report was then read and approved. Herbert Patzer and Richard Tulp were nominated to the post of deacon for a term of 2 years with Herbert Patzer elected. Ella Eckman was elected unanimously as deaconess for 2 years. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded.

by John Tulp clerk.

[Special meeting Jan. 4, 1958]

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A special meeting of the Congregational Church which had been called for at the annual meeting was held with Mr. Herbert Patzer acting as moderator. First business on hand was a discussion on a budget for 1958 which was set up for a sum of \$1200⁰⁰. After discussion the budget was voted on and approved. Plans to celebrate the church's 50th anniversary in 1958 were talked over with the outcome being that R. M. Grimm, J. D. Weckerly and John Tulp were appointed to a committee to to draft the history of the church. Mrs. Julia Grimm, Mrs. Ella Eckman and Mrs. Helen Tulp appointed to a committee to contact old members. Norman Weckerly, Herbert Patzer and Richard Tulp appointed to form a program committee. On a vote it was decided to hold the celebration on Sunday Sept. 21, 1958. A motion was made by John Tulp to reinstate Robert Tulp as a member of the church. Robert Tulp having been removed from the roll of membership with a group of others for non attendance on Nov. 13, 1955. Robert Tulp's absence being caused by his having been in the armed service seven of the preceding years. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

by John Tulp clerk

At a meeting held May 11, 1958 the church members voted unanimously to grant a dismissal from the church membership to Charles F. Best and Charles W^m Best upon their written request.

by John Tulp clerk

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Mrs. M. Lou Weckerly became a member of our church on May 30, 1958 by letter from Columbus Ave. Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and by confession of faith Jan. 4, 1959.

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During the months of September and October members of the church and other interested people gathered in the church basement at different times and worked at finishing up the basement putting plaster board on the ceiling, painting the walls, installing necessary units in the kitchen, in all a great improvement there. This was done in time to hold the Fall Supper Conference of the Council of Churches there.

Celebrating the anniversary of the church on Sept 21, 1958 was postponed during a discussion of the project, following services one Sunday in September, first for the reason the basement project would not be finished in time, and second that time for holding a 50th anniversary was past, the church having been established in 1903.

[Annual Meeting November 30, 1958]

The annual meeting of Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 30, 1958 with Norman Weckerly acting as moderator. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. B. Downey. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved as read. The minutes of a special meeting held on Jan. 4, 1958 were read and approved. The treasurer's report was then read and given approval. An extensive discussion followed pertaining to budget, raising funds for missions etc but there were no motions raised regarding any of this. A motion was then made that the treasurer have the books audited before Jan. 1, voted upon and approved.

The following officers were then voted in J. D. Weckerly, trustee for a term of three years, John Tulp clerk for a term of 1 year, Lloyd Weckerly, treasurer for a term of 1 year. Richard Tulp, deacon for a term of two years, Milicana Patzer deaconess for a term of two years, Richard Tulp parish Council member for a term of three years.

The following were voted in as Sunday School officers, Norman Weckerly as S. S. Supt. Kermit Grimm Asst. S. S. Supt and Julia Grimm S. S. Sec. and Treas. Motion made to adjourn

John Tulp Clerk.

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On Dec 11, 1959 our Church was saddened by the death of one of our fellow members, Roy A. Grimm who had been a member of the church since coming to N. Dak.

Jan. 4, 1959 Rev. Wm. B. Downey baptized Keven John Tulp, who was born Dec. 19, 1957 at Harvey, N. Dak. son of Richard E. Tulp

New members admitted to the church on Sunday Jan. 4, 1959, Rev. W. B. Downey officiating. By confession of faith, Mattie Lou Weckerly and Evangeline Sue Tulp

[Annual Meeting December 1959]

Dec. 1959 The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held with Norman Weckerly acting as moderator. Lou Weckerly lead off the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were called for read and approved as read. The first order of business was electing Sunday School officers with the electing being as follows for SS. Supt Norman Weckerly for Asst. S. S. Supt Kermit Grimm for sec. & Treas. J. D. Weckerly.

Norman Weckerly gave a report on a meeting at Heaton pertaining to the Fessenden Parsonage. He reported a plan had been drawn up to pay Fessenden rent for the parsonage, the monthly rent to be \$50⁰⁰ prorated Fessenden \$20⁰⁰ Heaton \$17⁵⁰ Hurdsfield \$12⁵⁰. He asked for a motion for approval of this plan motion made by J. D. Weckerly, seconded by Richard Tulp, and approved on a voice vote. Treasurer's report was then called for, read and accepted, with a motion made to have the books audited by Jan. 1, 1960.

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The election of church officers was then proceeded with with the election as follows.

Herbert Patzer selected as trustee for 3 years

Kermit Grimm and Norman Weckerly nominated for 2 yrs. K. Grimm elected

John Tulp elected clerk for 1 year

Lloyd Weckerly elected treasurer for 1 year

Ella Eckman elected as parish council member for 3 years

A plan was discussed whereby the deacons of the three churches would meet several times a year, with the minister, a motion made to favor such a plan voted on and approved. Motion made and approved for the Sunday School to pay the 50¢ asked as yearly dues by the N. Dak Council of Churches

Motion to adjourn

by John Tulp clerk

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[Annual Meeting November 10, 1960]

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 10, 1960 with Mr. Norman Weckerly acting as moderator. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Lou Weckerly. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. A report was called for from Dorian Weckerly as Sunday School Sec. & Treas. which was approved as given. A motion was made and voted upon and carried to send 25¢ per membership to Council of Churches. Nominations for Sunday School officers was then in order with Richard Tulp elected S. S. Supt. Kermit Grimm Asst. S. S. Supt. and Dorian Weckerly as S. S. Sec. & Treas.

Moderator called for a Church Treasurer's report, report showing the funds in the treasury at a very low ebb. A motion made and carried to make a pledge to try to meet our share of the Higher Education Fund and World Missions.

Election of Church officers was then carried out with John Tulp and Julia Grimm being nominated for clerk with John Tulp being elected 1 yr. Lloyd Weckerly, Lou Weckerly and Julia Grimm nominated for Church treasurer 1 yr with Lou Weckerly being elected; Norman Weckerly elected parish council member for three years; Lloyd Weckerly elected deacon for two years; Evangeline Tulp elected as deaconess for two years; and Kermit Grimm elected as trustee for three years. The meeting was closed on a motion to adjourn

John Tulp, Clerk

[notes]

Donald K. Grimm was given a letter of dismissal from our church to St. Marks Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa on Mar. 22, 1961.

John Tulp passed away May 5, 1961 He had been an active member of our church since Nov. 10, 1940.

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The Cong. Church of Hurdsfield voted on May 14 th to accept the constitution of the United Church of Christ.

On June 13th, 1961 the church was painted by volunteers – used 12 gal. Volunteers:

Rev. & Mrs. Morgan

Mr and Mrs. Norman Weckerly

Dorian Weckerly

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tulp

Herbert Patzer

Emerald Knodel

Mrs. Kermit Grimm

Duane Grimm

Mrs. Art Eckman

The church lawn was mowed by Otto Patzer – also a donation.

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Rev. Downey left the parish in October 1960. Howard Abbott or Dean Zimmerman filled the pulpit till June 1, 1961 when Rev. Donald Morgan became our full time pastor.

October 8, 1961 Rev. Morgan baptized Debra Laurie Tulp, who was born July 17, 1961 at Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tulp.

Mrs. Tulp had new church doors installed in July, 196 as a memorial to John Tulp.

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Shari Deanne Weckerly was born at Harvey to Mr. & Mrs. Norman Weckerly Oct. 30, 1961

A folding table was purchased in October, 1961 as a memorial to Keith Knodel from a fund donated by friends & relatives.

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[Annual Meeting November 10, 1961]

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 10, 1961 with Richard Tulp as moderator. The meeting followed bible study and was opened by prayer by Rev. Morgan. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Due to the absence of the treas. the treas. report was given by Norman Weckerly.

S. S. Sec. & treas, Dorian Weckerly gave the annual report and it was approved as read, Norman Weckerly & Kermit Grimm were appointed to audit the church and S. S. treas. books.

Election for S. S. officers followed & all present officers were re-elected for one year.

Election for church officers followed & these listed were duly voted upon and approved:

Trustee for 3 years:	J. D. Weckerly
Deacon for 2 years:	Richard Tulp
Parish Council for 3 years:	Kermit Grimm
Clerk for 1 year.	Mrs. Kermit Grimm
Treas for 1 year-	Mrs. Norman Weckerly

A letter was read from the Valley City Church asking that we send delegates to their church on Nov. 24 for the examining and ordination of Mr. O'Dell G. Amundson to the Christian ministry.

A letter concerning the mortgage on our church building was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to table the problem till a later date. The meeting adjourned followed by choir practice.

Mrs. Kermit Grimm
clerk.

[notes]

In September a second hand piano was purchased with money given by Mrs. Kissel – the piano to be a memorial to her.

Rev. & Mrs. Morgan spent the month of October on a holliday in England.

Oct. 7 --	Dean Zimmerman of Carrington
Oct. 14	Mrs. Harold Belcher – Fessenden
Oct. 21	Mr. Ch. Jonk [in pencil]
Oct. 28	Ref. Solberg – [in pencil]

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[Annual Meeting] Nov. 7, 1962

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Congregational Church was held Nov. 7, 1962 with Norman Weckerly as moderator. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Morgan. There were 12 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The treas. stated that the minister's salary would be paid out of the parish funds for three months.

A discussion was held on repairing the windows on the north side of the church, but it was decided that it is too late in the fall to be able to use glass blocks. Richard Tulp made a motion to put plastic over the windows for the winter. Jenks Brakel seconded the motion and the vote carried. Norman Weckerly offered to secure the plastic.

The church mortgage was discussed. Dorian Weckerly made a motion and Helen Tulp seconded it, to table the mortgage indefinitely.

A letter was read from the church at Cray telling us of their wish to sell their church pews. The large 9 ft. pews to sell at \$35⁰⁰ each and the 6 ft. pews at \$25⁰⁰ each. It was decided to buy 10 9 ft. pews and 2 six ft. pews if they were in good condition. Rev. and Mrs. Morgan, Julia Grimm and Helen Tulp were appointed to look at them and purchase them if they were satisfied with them. Lloyd Weckerly, Jenks Brakel, Kermit Grimm, Dorian Weckerly, Richard Tulp, Norman Weckerly pledged money to purchase the pews.

The group decided to begin our Bible Study on Nov. 12 and to meet each Monday except the first Monday of the month at 8P.M.

Election of church officers followed.

Clerk 1 yr. --	Julia H. Grimm
Treasurer 1 yr. --	Helen Tulp
Auditing Comm.	Kermit Grimm, Dorian Weckerly
Deaconess 2 Yrs.	Ella Eckman.
Deaconess 1 yr – (this year only)	Helen Tulp <small>should be 2 year term</small>
Deacon 2 yrs.	Lloyd Weckerly
Trustee 3 yrs --	Jenks Brakel
Parish Council 3 yrs. --	Richard Tulp

The Sunday School treasurer's report was read and approved.

Election of officers as follows.

S. S. Supt --- 1 yr --	Lloyd Weckerly
Asst. S. S. Supt. 1 yr	Kermit Grimm
Sec. & Treas --	Duane Grimm

Motion was made and carried to adjourn

J.H.Grimm, clerk.

[Note]

Rev. Morgan died on Mar. 27, 1963 very unexpectedly.

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Ministers we've had since Rev. Morgan died

March 31, 1963	Rev Thomas	Fessenden
April 7, 1963	Rev Sharkey	Minot
April 14, 1963	Dean Zimmerman	
April 21, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
April 28, 1963	Rev/Mrs. Lockwood	Bordulac
May 5, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
May 12, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
May 19, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
May 26, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
June 2, 1963	Howard Abbott	
June 9, 1963	Howard Abbott	
June 16, 1963	Howard Abbott	
June 23, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
June 30, 1963	Howard Abbott	
July 7, 1963	Howard Abbott	
July 14, 1963	Rev. Cacal	Hawaii
July 21, 1963	Howard Abbott	
July 28, 1963	Howard Abbott	Parish picnic -- Emrick
August 4, 1963	Rev. Edward Treat	Fargo
August 11, 1963	Fred Curshman	Yankton College
August 18, 1963	Dan Sielers	
August 25, 1963	Dan Sielers	
September 1, 1963	Dan Sielers	
September 8, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
September 15, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
September 22, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
September 29, 1963	Dan Sielers	
October 6, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
October 13, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
October 20, 1963	Dan Sielers	
October 27, 1963	Dan Sielers	Parish meeting here

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November 3, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
November 10, 1963	Dean Zimmerman	
November 17, 1963	Dan Sielers	
November 24, 1963	Dan Sielers	
December 1, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
December 8, 1963		
December 15, 1963	Dean Zimmerman	
December 22, 1963	Rev Sharkey	
December 29, 1963	Dan Sielers	
January 5, 1964	Dean Zimmerman	
January 12, 1964	Dean Zimmerman	
January 19, 1964	Dan Sielers	
January 26, 1964	Jamestown College Students	Joint services -- Heaton
February 2, 1964	Dan Sielers	
February 9, 1964	Jamestown College Students	
February 16, 1964	Dan Sielers	
February 23, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
March 1, 1964	Dan Sielers	
March 8, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
March 15, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
March 22, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
March 29, 1964	Easter -- no church	Rev. Starkey ill (stormy)
April 5, 1964	Gideon Speaker	
April 12, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
April 19, 1964	Dan Sielers	
April 26, 1964	Rev Sharkey	Joint services at Fessenden
May 3, 1964	Dan Sielers	
May 10, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
May 17, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
May 24, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
May 31, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
June 7, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
June 14, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
June 21, 1964	Rev Sharkey	
June 28, 1964	Dan Sielers	
July 5, 1964	Rev. Cacal -- Regular Minister	Parish church held at Heaton
July 12, 1964		Parish church -- Hurdsfield
July 19, 1964		Parish church -- Fessenden
July 26, 1964		Parish picnic -- Emrick

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[Annual Meeting] Nov. 14, 1963

The annual meeting of the Hurdsfield Cong. Church was held on Nov. 14, 1963 with Norman Weckerly as moderator. The meeting was opened by prayer by Norman. There were 9 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treas. hadn't received the bank statement so didn't give the total amount on hand. The treas. sent \$150⁰⁰ to the All Christian World Mission.

A discussion was held on fixing the windows on the north end of the church building. Dorian & Emerald were appointed to cover them with a good sturdy plastic for this winter.

A report was given on prospects for a new minister. The committee has sent a letter to Rev. Cacal of Hawaii.

Election of church officers followed.

3 yrs.	Trustee --	Kermit Grimm
3 yrs.	Parish Council --	Norman Weckerly
2 yrs.	Deacon --	Richard Tulp
1 yr.	Clerk -	Mrs. Kermit Grimm
1 yr.	Treas.	Mrs. Norman Weckerly
2 yrs.	Deaconess --	Mrs. Helen Tulp
1 yr.	Auditing Comm --	Kermit Grimm
		Dorian Weckerly

The Sunday School officers are as follows:

S. S. Supt --	Lloyd Weckerly
Assist Supt.	Kermit Grimm
Sec. & Treas --	Emerald Knodel

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Mrs. Kermit Grimm, Clerk.

[note]

May 17 – The members voted to let Mrs. W. Felchle use the basement again next year for piano lessons.

Sept. 17 – The church board met with Rev. Cacal at 8 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There was a discussion on replacing the plastic on the north windows for the winter – on time of S. S. & on piano lessons in the church basement.

Rev. Cacal announced that Rev. John Young who is a missionary to Japan, will be in Fessenden on Wed. Oct. 14 – meetings at 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. The offering above expenses will go to the conference.

Rev. Cacal asked for opinions on continuing his new letter. Members here want him to continue. Rev. Cacal will moderate meetings till election. Motion made to adjourn & Rev. Cacal closed meeting with a prayer.

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[Annual Meeting] Nov. 19, 1964

The annual church meeting was held on Nov. 19th with Norman Weckerly acting as moderator. The meeting was opened by a prayer by Rev. Cacal. There were 6 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treas. report was given by Norman Weckerly & approved.

Dorian Weckerly was appointed to arrange to cover the north church window with plastic for the winter as he did last year.

A motion was made by Mrs. K Grimm & seconded by Mrs. H. Tulp to set aside Dec. 6th as Commitment Sunday. Motion carried.

Rev. Cacal discussed the need for setting up house rules for church members. The idea was set aside for study & future action.

A motion was made by Norman Weckerly & seconded by Kermit Grimm to retire the present parish council members to enable us to set up a new structure whereby the trustees shall act as parish council members. Motion carried.

Election of church officers followed:

[margin note] Nov 19, 1964

Trustees

3 years --	Kermit Grimm
2 years --	Norman Weckerly
1 year --	Mrs. Helen Tulp

Treasurer

1-year --	Mrs. Norman Weckerly
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Clerk

1-year --	Mrs. Kermit Grimm
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Deacon

2 years --	Lloyd Weckerly
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Deaconess

2 years --	Mrs. Ella Eckmann
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Auditing Committee

Kermit Grimm & Dorian Weckerly

Sunday School Officers

Supt. --	Lloyd Weckerly
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Asst. Supt. --	Kermit Grimm
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Sec. & Treas. --	Emerald Knodel
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Rev. Cacal asked for a report of our years work from the trustees, treas, clerk, Womens Fellowship to be given him as soon as convenient.

Mrs. Kermit Grimm
Clerk.

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[Annual Meeting] Dec. 12, 1965

The annual church meeting was held on Dec. 12 with Rev. Cacal acting as moderator with 6 members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported that the church sent \$7⁰⁰ to the racial justice collection and \$215⁰⁰ for C. W. M. (Christian World Mission). Also that the minister's salary is \$80.04 per mo. from our church.

The deacons reported that some of their number filled the pulpit during the minister's vacation & they help with communion each time.

The Women's Fellowship reported that they collected and packed used clothing to be sent to the thrift shop at New Town. That during the year they had paid the light bill for the church, part of the fuel bill, bought and made new curtains for the class rooms and sent \$9⁰⁰ for the family thank offering. During 1965 they took in \$169.80 and paid out \$175.53.

Dorian Weckerly covered the large north church windows with plastic, for which we thank him.

Election of church officers followed:

Trustee for 3 years --	Hellen Tulp
Deacon for 2 years --	Dorian Weckerly
Deaconess for 2 years --	Julia H. Grimm
Treasurer for 1 year --	Lou Weckerly
Clerk for 1 year --	Julia H. Grimm
Moderator --	Rev. Cacal
	-- in case he is absent a member of the trustees shall act as moderator.
Sunday School Supt.	Lloyd Weckerly
Sec & treas --	Emerald Knodel

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and the meeting was closed by a prayer from Rev. Cacal.

Mrs. Kermit Grimm, Clerk.

[notes]

Cong. Women's fellowship paid out \$117.30 and took in \$~~101.55~~ \$62.25 during 1966.

Rev. Cacal resigned effective Jan , 1967

Rev. Lemke of Calgary, Alberta will candidate on Jan. 8, 1967

Rev. Cacal preached his final sermon at a joint service in Fessenden on Jan. 15th.

Rev. Lemke was called for a trial period and began his work in out parish on Jan. 22.

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[Annual Meeting] Feb. 12, 1967

The annual church meeting was held on Feb. 12, 1967 with Norman Weckerly acting as moderator with 10 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report was read and approved. She reported that outstanding bills amount to \$438.18 There was some discussion on how to raise the required amount of money and whether or not we should take a three month vacation at the end of March.

It was decided by vote (secret ballot) to take a three month vacation beginning the first of April. Rev. Lemke will serve our church till that time. During this vacation all members are urged to visit other churches and try to find a church home. At the end of June another meeting shall be called at which time we will decide on whether or not to close the doors and sell the church or make other arrangements and continue in our own church.

A motion was made & seconded that all present officers will continue in their present status till a final decision is made. The trustees are to explore possibilities for selling the church or merging with another. An auditing comm. Will meet Feb. 13th to audit the church books.

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[Final Meeting] May 21, 1967

The following members met at the church on the afternoon of May 21, 1967:

Lloyd Weckerly
Kitty Weckerly
Norman Weckerly
Lou Weckerly
Dorian Weckerly
Herbert Patzer
Milicina Patzer
Helen Tulp
Luella Eckman
Kermit Grimm
Julia H. Grimm
Pearl Grimm
H. J. Brakel
Nellie Brakel

The moderator Norman Weckerly opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report was read and approved – she reported a balance of \$301.49 – outstanding bills of \$340.20.

The first order of business was a vote on whether to close the church or reopen it. There were 3 votes to reopen & 9 votes to close it.

The following prices were set:

basement --	\$1500.00	
furnace	500.00	
Ch. Building	500.00	
Pews (18 long & 3 short)	\$700.00	
(\$35.00 (25.00)		
basement piano	15.00	
upstairs piano	\$85.00	(to the pianist <u>only</u> \$50.00)
tables --	\$20.00	
Counter --	75.00	
new stove	25.00	
old stove	10,.00	
silverware	15.00	
refrigerator	25.00	
chairs	.50¢	

[note]

I wrote to Father Geo. Brodeur on June 5 to give him this information.

[notes]

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Pulpit set taken to Jamestown historical church at the Buffalo Park on May 28, 1968.

4 9' pews sold for \$100.00 to United Methodist Church, Kensal, N. Dak. on June 4, 1968
remaining pews couldn't be sold, so were given to United Methodist Church in Chaseley in Oct. 1968.

Herbert Patzer asked on Dec. 14, 1974 to have his name transferred to the United Methodist Church of Washburn. Letter sent 12-14-74

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