JUBILEE YEAR
125th Anniversary
of the
Westbrook Congregational Church
January 17-18-20, 1957

One hundred and twenty-five years of service
1832 - 1957

Westbrook Congregational Church, Westbrook, Maine
Dedication

To the loyal twenty-three who by their courageous efforts a century and a quarter ago founded this church for the glory of God and the brotherhood of man, we humbly dedicate this program.

Sallie Adams   Nancy Hayes
Sallie Akers   Elizabeth Johnson
William Akers  Hannah Johnson
Betsy Babb     Sarah Mabury
Elizabeth Babb Ruth Merrill
Joanna Babb    Nancy Murch
Dorcas Brown   Lydia Pease
Betsey Clements Charlotte Quinby
Brice M. Edwards Sallie Quinby
Rebecca Forster Ann Senate
Mary Freeman    Ann V. Wise
Mehitable Freeman

Happily, the Westbrook Congregational Church can claim at least ten members who are descendants of the original pioneers. They are Mrs. Ralph M. Whitney, Percy Conant, Miss Eleanor Conant, Miss Carrie McCann, Robert R. Babb, Dana W. Babb, Oscar Fick, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Sutermeister, Mrs. Irene Elwell and Miss Alice Weymouth.
"Standing in the midst of Time pointing to Eternity"

The Parsonage
To God, the Great Creator,
    We come with songs of praise
That this, our church, down through the years
    Has served Thee all her days.
To honor Thee 'twas builded
    Thy glory to proclaim
Its doors are opened wide to all
    Who worship in Thy name.

That band of dauntless Christians
    Who saw a vision clear,
Who dared to raise their voices
    When God was needed here.
That vision, all enduring,
    Its worth now all may see—
They built a church beside their homes
    An Altar unto Thee.

And now, O Heavenly Father,
    May we who worship here
Be faithful to that trust in us
    To all we hold most dear.
Before Thy cross we promise
    This church shall take her stand
To preach Thy Word, to teach Thy Law;
    A beacon-light to man.

—Fred Lincoln Hill

Written especially for the Jubilee Celebration

Fred Lincoln Hill, Organist and Choir Director
Westbrook Congregational Church, 1950-
Chronological Outline of
Westbrook Congregational Church History

1852—January 17th. Church organized with twenty-three members—two men and twenty-one women. Services held in Small’s Hall for two years. David Hayes, first clerk, held office for thirty-eight years.

1853—Rev. Joseph Searle installed as first pastor.

1854—Meeting house built at a cost of $2,300.31.


Paul Revere bell.


1845—Rev. Calvin Chapman became pastor at a salary of $500.00.

1848—Mr. Chapman resigned.

1831—Rev. John L. Ashby became pastor.

1838—Rev. Mr. Ashby resigned. He returned early in the sixties and finished his labors in 1863.

1865—Rev. Joseph Danielson of Killingly, Conn., was ordained pastor. The church then numbered 54 members.

1869—Mr. Danielson resigned, owing to ill health. The church then numbered 115.

1869—The services of Rev. E. P. Thwing were secured for one year.

1869—In September of this year 19 members were dismissed to form a new church at Cumberland Mills, to be known as the Warren Congregational Church.

1869—Harlan P. Murch made deacon, an office which he filled for over 50 years.

1870—Deacon David Hayes died.

1871—Rev. E. P. Thwing resigned.


1871—Deacon Brice M. Edwards died.

1874—Church remodeled and chapel built on land given several years previously by Nathaniel Haskell.

1874—Mr. Bowler resigned.

1875—Rev. Henry B. Mead became pastor.

1880—Rev. Mr. Mead resigned.


1893—Mr. Bacon resigned, after a pastorate of 12 years. During these years great advances had been made, both in a material and spiritual sense.


1897—Mr. Edwin J. Haskell was made deacon, an office which he held for 35 years.

1901—Mr. George T. Springer resigned as deacon and Ashley F. Small was chosen to fill the vacancy.

1902—Mr. Adams resigned.

1903—Rev. Eugene Webster became pastor, resigning at the end of six months.

1904—Rev. Lee Maltbie Dean became pastor. Union Thanksgiving service held for the first time.

1905—John R. Lovell died of pneumonia, having served 33 consecutive years as recording secretary of the Sunday School.

1905—First Rally Day.

1910—Rev. Dorr A. Hudson began his long pastorate.
1910—Woodbury K. Dana chosen deacon.
1914—Sunday coldest day for 40 years. 35 at morning service.
1915—Temple H. Snow died. He sang for over 30 years in the church choir, freely giving his services. Large number admitted to church membership. Very prosperous condition.
1920—Deacon Harlan P. Murch had served 50 years and was given a purse of $50 in gold. Pastor's salary raised to $2,000.00.
1920—Walter F. Haskell chosen deacon.
1922—Parish invited to yearly dinner of the church.
1923—Morning service changed to 11.00 o'clock.
1923—Deacon Murch died. Mr. Leon Waterhouse chosen deacon to fill vacancy.
1923—Sunday School name changed to Bible School.
1923—Deacon Small died April 24th. Deacon Dana died in May. Harry F. G. Hay chosen to succeed Deacon Small.
1925—Mr. Hudson resigned after a pastorate of 15 years, the longest in the history of the church.
1925—Rev. J. Albert Hammon of Closter, N. J., called as pastor.
1926—January 26th the parish house suffered a bad fire.
1926—Thirty-eight united with the church.
1927—February 26th Mr. Hammon resigned. Membership largest in history.
Parsonage on Monroe Avenue built.
1930—At the annual meeting in April the name of the church was changed to Westbrook Congregational Church, there being no longer need of the Second Congregational Church as the first had gone out of existence.
1951—In April the uniting of the church and parish in one body was accomplished and the property of the parish turned over to the church. The following deacons and deaconesses were chosen: Mrs. Frank H. Cloudman, Mrs. Roger Haskell, Mrs. Louis L. Hills, Miss Louise Dana, Mr. Harry W. Saunders, Mr. Harry F. G. Hay, Mr. Walter F. Haskell, and Mr. Leon E. Waterhouse.
1951—Present membership, 236.
1952—Formation of the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Alice Raymond first President.
1956—First church kindergarten during church service hours, established by Miss Marie Robie.
1940—Prudential Committee acquires antique closet, the doors of which were taken from the original church pews before the church was rebuilt in 1874.
The Rev. Edwin R. Carter inducted into the Army as Chaplain. The Rev. William Beard serves as interim pastor.
Church organ given by Hiram Rich, Harry G. Hay, Harry W. Saunders, and Rufus Jordan as memorials to their wives.
The church redecorated and chancel furniture given by Mrs. Susanna Parlin in memory of William and Mary Reid Hay.
Church Hymnals given by Ralph and Leon Waterhouse in memory of their mother, Mrs. George H. Waterhouse.
1943—The Rev. Edwin H. Shuman, interim pastor.
New pulpit Bible given in memory of Walter Haskell by Miss Edith Haskell and Mrs. Mary Files.
Children's Chapel in Parish House established through the untiring efforts of Miss Cora Hay.

Prayer bench given by Miss Marion Dana in memory of her father, Frank Dana.

Service of a living memorial for the fifty men and women in the Armed Forces.

Presentation of motion picture equipment.

Adelbert R. Harmon bequeaths a substantial sum to the church.

1946—The Rev. Herbert A. Stevens installed as pastor.

1949—Belfry chimes given in memory of Harry W. Saunders by Mrs. Harry Saunders.

Amplifier for chimes given in memory of Harry D. Brooks by Mrs. Harry Brooks and family.

Altar cross given by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wyer in memory of their son, Robert.

1951—Hymnals given to the Church School by Mrs. Arthur Fuller in memory of son, Carroll Fuller.

Memorial plaques given in memory of members who died during World War I and World War II, by the men of the parish.

1952—Gifts of money given by the Bertha Hadlock Estate and by Mrs. Arthur Saunders in memory of her husband.

1954—Deacon A. Erion Mosher presents a hand-fashioned mahogany Communion case to church.

1955—Laymen's Fellowship formed.

1956—Memorial Fund Committee formed. Church approves 125th Anniversary for 1957.

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Westbrook Congregational Church

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Primary, Mrs. Kenneth Meadows
Beginners, Mrs. Paul Pelletier
Cradle Roll, Mrs. Frank P. Pride

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Herbert A. Stevens

A minister of deep sympathy, serving always above self. The true Christian and humble servant of God and man.
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