

# EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY

1866

1946

## *PROGRAM*

*Wednesday, November 6, 1946*

*7:30 P. M.*



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

Canon City, Colorado

## INFORMATION

Our speaker of the evening, Dr. Martin Rist, is Prof. of New Testament in the Iliff School of Theology, Denver. He is also an ordained minister. Dr. Rist is well informed regarding the history of the Methodist Church, and Colorado Methodism. He has taken a day out of his busy schedule at the Iliff School to bring us this message. We greatly appreciate his coming.



The Birthday Offering you make tonight will be used to beautify our Church on the outside, both with paint and additional light. We trust it will be adequate for that purpose. The committee in charge suggests a penny for each year of your age, or that of the Church.



Our resident Bishop, Wilbur E. Hammaker, will be with us next Sunday morning, November 10th. Many of the people of Canon City have never met Bishop Hammaker, or heard him preach. His time is very much taken up with the work of the Denver Area, which consists of four states—Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. We are very happy that he has found it possible to come to us, and especially so because he will bring Mrs. Hammaker with him.

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Presiding..... Mr. L. L. Beahm

At the Organ..... Mrs. E. R. Sharman

Hymn—256, Faith of our fathers -----  
----- Frederick W. Faber  
Led by Mr. Earl R. Gilbert

Invocation..... Dr. Eitelgeorge

History of the Local Church.....  
----- Mrs. Archie Sonneland

Original Poem..... Miss Helen Howerton

Solo—Selected  
Mr. Merle Wilson

Greetings from former Pastors

Trio— My Jesus I Love Thee -----  
----- Charles T. Edwards  
Mrs. Elton Woodford, Mrs. Ira Sanger,  
Mrs. Earl Gilbert

Address—Our Methodist Heritage.....  
----- Dr. Martin Rist

Solo—Open the Gates of the Temple. Knapp  
Mr. John W. Mains

Birthday Offering—All will march by the  
table at the rostrum and deposit Birth-  
day Offering.

Social Hour in the Ladies Parlor, with  
Birthday Cake

## A BIT OF HISTORY

According to the best information obtainable the Reverend George Murray was transferred from the Ohio Conference to the Colorado Conference by Bishop Kingsley in 1865. His first appointment was a circuit consisting of Colorado City, Canon City and Pueblo. He does not tell us how he got to those widely separated places of worship, nor how often. There were but two possible means of travel—on horseback, or by horse and buggy. In all probability he could not make the rounds more often than twice a month. This left two Sundays without a minister. However we have it on good authority that a local preacher, William Shepherd, a blacksmith by occupation, supplied many of those Sundays, and did it very acceptably. Mr. Shepherd was the grandfather of Mrs. Ruby Durfee, and the great grandfather of Mrs. Nina Newton.

The Canon City Methodist (Episcopal) Church was formally organized January 17, 1866, with the Reverend George Murray in charge. During the following 80 years this Church has had 33 pastorates, but only 30 pastors; George Murray served two different times, and J. F. Harris three. Ten of the thirty pastors became District Superintendents after their appointment to this charge, or were such before. When unification took place (May 10, 1939) the word "Episcopal" was dropped.

**MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED  
CANON CITY METHODIST CHURCH**

George Murray .....	1866-1868
W. M. Smith .....	1868-1870
George Murray .....	1870-1871
C. E. Brooks .....	1871-1873
John H. Merritt .....	1873-1876
H. C. King .....	1876-1877
J. E. Rickards .....	1877-1879
E. C. Dodge .....	1879-1882
N. A. Chamberlain .....	1882-1883
L. J. Hall .....	1883-1886
C. W. Brewer .....	1886-1887
A. A. Kidder .....	1887-1888
C. H. Koyle .....	1888-1891
J. F. Harris .....	1891-1893
M. D. Hornbeck .....	1893-1894
J. F. Harris .....	1894-1896
R. A. Chase .....	1896-1900
H. B. Cook .....	1900-1904
J. B. Cook .....	1904-1905
A. F. Chaffee .....	1905-1907
F. R. Hollenback .....	1907-1909
W. D. Phifer .....	1909-1910
J. F. Harris .....	1910-1914
Louis J. Hole .....	1913-1915
A. L. Chase .....	1915-1916
Guy E. Konkell .....	1916-1921
C. O. Beckman .....	1921-1927
I. W. Kingsley .....	1927-1929
Rollin H. Ayers .....	1929-1931
John L. Spargo .....	1931-1937
H. C. Kephart .....	1937-1942
John R. Edwards .....	1942-1944
Benjamin Eitelgeorge .....	1944—

OR

number of which are an integral part of the Church. In some instances the names have been changed, but the function remains much the same. The Sunday School has given place to the Children's Church, with an enrollment of 100. The Epworth League, and Junior League, are known as Youth Fellowship. The combined groups number up to 180. The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society have been displaced by the Women's Society of Christian Service, which meets the first Thursday of the month. The former meeting, instead of separate groups, and on different days.

This Church has sponsored a new organization for many years, formerly known as a Brotherhood, but now known as the Men's Goodwill Club. The monthly meetings are held on the first Monday, with an average attendance of 75. The program begins with a supper, followed by a singing program. The Business Meeting of the Young Women are held on the first Monday of the second month, and meet the second Monday of the month following. And now, for the first six months of the year, the younger people have organized an organization of "wayfarers."

They met for the first time a month ago, and have since that time been meeting weekly.

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**EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Which Was Postponed One Week

Will Be Held

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1946**

7:30 P. M.

**36-INCH BIRTHDAY CAKE**

Please Bring a Birthday Offering