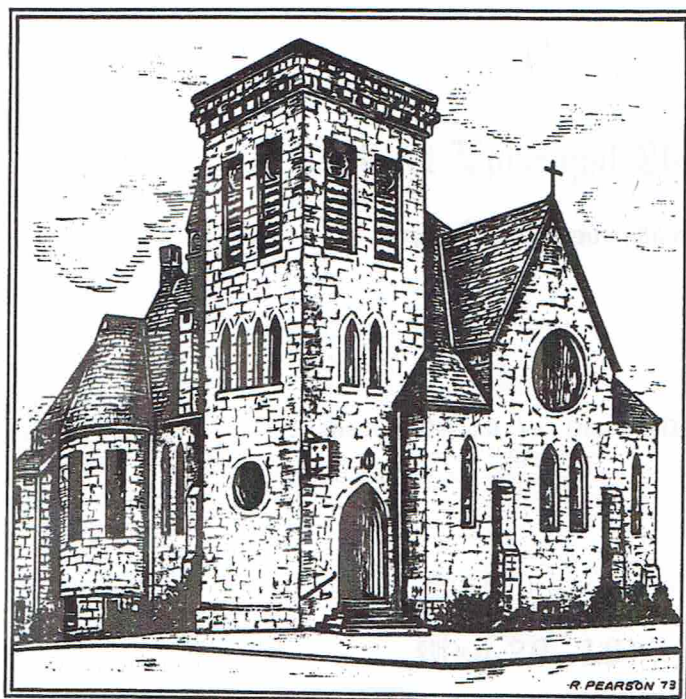


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Commemoration

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The Rev. David B. Van Dusen B.D., S.T.M.
Rector

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1822 - 1973

Rev. Moses P. Bennett	1st Rector	1822-1824
Rev. David C. Page	2nd Rector	1826-1829
Rev. F. H. L. Laird	3rd Rector	1829
Rev. Sanson K. Brunot	4th Rector	1830-1832
Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan	5th Rector	1832-1833
Rev. S. Freeman	6th Rector	1833-1834
Rev. John Kerr	7th Rector	1835-1838
Rev. J. L. Harrison	8th Rector	1838-1841
Rev. Joseph Adderly	9th Rector	1842-1845
Rev. Breed Bacheller	10th Rector	1848-1849
Rev. William H. Paddock	11th Rector	1850-1856
Rev. Henry C. Potter	12th Rector	1857-1859
Rev. J. Cromlish	13th Rector	1860
Rev. A. Floridus Steele	14th Rector	1862-1864
Rev. J. B. Linskea	15th Rector	1867-1868
Rev. T. L. Bellam	16th Rector	1868-1869
Rev. George Slattery	17th Rector	1871-1872
Rev. C. C. Parker	18th Rector	1873-1874
Rev. Timothy C. O'Connell	19th Rector	1875-1876
Rev. J. T. Prothero	20th Rector	1878-1880
Rev. Joseph Bernard Jennings	21st Rector	1882
Rev. S. H. S. Gallaudet	22nd Rector	1882-1883
Rev. James B. Williams	23rd Rector	1884-1886
Rev. George B. Van Waters	24th Rector	1886-1891
Rev. Arthur J. Fidler	25th Rector	1892-1900
Rev. H. Hobart Barber	26th Rector	1901-1907
Rev. Arthur S. Lewis	27th Rector	1907-1916
Rev. William Francis Shero, Ph.D.	28th Rector	1916-1941
Rev. Thomas H. Carson	29th Rector	1941-1943
Rev. P. C. Loane	30th Rector	1944-1949
Rev. Chester L. Weems	31st Rector	1949-1957
Rev. Allen M. Miller	32nd Rector	1958-1972
Rev. David B. Van Dusen	33rd Rector	1972-

The History

The first known Episcopal services in Greensburg were in 1813 and it is believed that the nucleus of this congregation was the outcome of the missionary efforts of the Rt. Rev. William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Christ Church, Greensburg was organized in 1822 by the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania" who sent a Deacon, The Rev. Moses Bennett to this western country. An announcement in The Greensburg Gazette of March 29, 1822 informed the people of Greensburg and vicinity that an election of church wardens and vestrymen would be held at the Court House at 12:00 noon on Easter Monday for the purpose of organizing a congregation. It was one of the first parishes west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Parish Charter was signed on November 27, 1822 and granted by a special act of the State Legislature on January 31, 1823.

The first church building was erected on a piece of property given by Judge William Jack on the east side of Maple Avenue (then Front St.) about midway between East Pittsburgh and Otterman Streets. The plans were drawn by The Rev. Dr. John H. Hopkins, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. It was a brick structure of about fifty feet by thirty-five feet with four Gothic windows on each side, two in the east end and a circular one over the west end door. There was no tower or spire. In keeping with the architectural conventions of eighteenth century churches, there was no chancel or altar, as such, but the usual high pulpit stood at the east end, at the foot of which was a communion table, surrounded by a semi-circular communion rail. The organ and the choir were in a gallery located at the rear and beneath this was a sacristy and entrance. The cornerstone was laid on May 5, 1823 and the church, completed in the Spring of 1824 at a cost of \$1,683.00. On June 18, 1825 Bishop White consecrated it and confirmed sixty candidates prepared by The Rev. Dr. Hopkins, who had also baptized eighteen children during that year. In April 1831 a new organ was installed at a cost of \$140.00.

By the eighteen forties this church was in a dilapidated condition and by 1850 almost in ruins. It was therefore decided to tear it down and build a new one on a ninety foot by sixty foot plot of ground on the east side of Main Street, adjoining on the north side a street running parallel with the Pennsylvania Railroad, an alley on the east side and a lot belonging to a Mrs. Blair on the south side. The deed for the land upon which the second church was to be built, and upon which the present church stands, was conveyed by William and Harriet Jack to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, Greensburg, Pennsylvania on October 7, 1851. On September 1, 1851 the cornerstone was laid by The Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by The Rev. W. H. Paddock, Rector but due to the lack of funds building was not commenced until August 1853. It was finished in the Spring of 1854 at a cost of \$5000.00 and consecrated on May 3,

1854 by the Bishop. While the new church was building, services were held in the Masonic Temple.

The first movement for the present church began on April 11, 1887 at the Regular Parish Meeting presided over by the Rev. George Van Waters, Rector. The most important question to come before this meeting was whether the old building should be repaired or a new one built, and there was only one vote in favor of repairing the old building. By 1889 the ground had been surveyed by W. W. Jamison, an engineer, the architect chosen, a Mr. Archer of Freedonia, New York, and a final decision reached. This third building, on the same site as the second one, is cruciform in shape, ninety-six feet long and almost sixty feet across the transept. It has a seating capacity of four hundred. The architecture is English Gothic and the original plan called for a steeple on the tower but, on December 19, 1889, the Vestry decided to eliminate it and the tower was built as it stands today. The bell that was used for thirty-seven years in the second church hangs in the belfry. The walls are of local (Fayette County) sandstone and the ceiling is of red oak supported by beams which spring from a series of stone corbels beautifully carved as female heads — a gift of the Honorable George F. Huff. The chancel is recessed and its floor paved with Georgia marble. The memorial windows used in the chancel of the second building, a gift of Caleb Cope, Esq. of Philadelphia, were placed in the baptistry and a handsome rose window was installed in the front wall. The building contract was let to Jacob Shick. The cornerstone was laid September 27, 1889 by The Rt. Rev. Cortland Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of Pittsburgh, assisted by The Rev. Pedro S. Mesny, Diocesan Missionary. On December 2, 1891 the building was completed at a cost of \$30,000.00 and was consecrated by Bishop Whitehead.

The Christ Church Guild was founded in 1885 by The Rev. James B. Williams, Rector.

On the first Sunday in Advent, 1895 The Rev. Arthur Fidler introduced the first vested choir, a mixed group of twenty-four voices.

A happy note was struck on April 1, 1901, by a motion of the Vestry that the Secretary request special dispensation from the Bishop to allow women members of the church the right to vote on the election of vestrymen. The motion was carried and approved. The charter of Christ Church was amended on March 31, 1902 and the amendment was approved on April 13 of the same year.

In 1903, under the rectorship of The Rev. H. Hobart Barber, a new rectory was bought on North Main Street, the property of Mr. A. B. McGrew.

In May 1911, during the incumbency of The Rev. Arthur S. Lewis, Christ Church bought a new pipe organ from M. P. Moller of Hagerstown, Maryland for \$4100.00.

On January 30, 1923 the Centennial Anniversary of the Parish was celebrated under Dr. Shero's organization. On this occasion Bishop Mann made his first visitation



to Greensburg and Mr. Barber, the former Rector, was present and made an historical address.

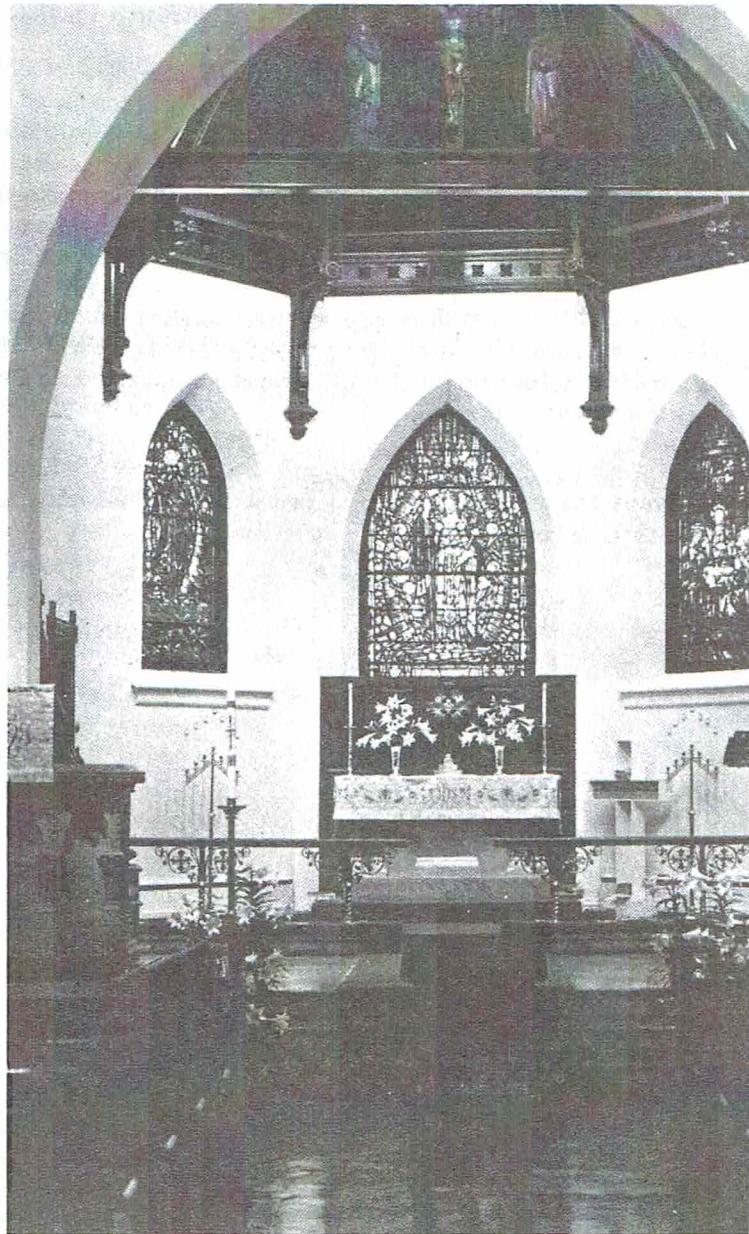
During the rectorship (1941-1943) of The Rev. Thomas H. Carson a small altar was set up in the south transept as a war shrine. It was dedicated on May 19, 1943 as the Chapel of Our Savior. Thirty-seven Christ Church communicants were listed on its World War II roll of honor.

In February, 1972 The Rev. Allen M. Miller was appointed by Bishop Appleyard to the office of Canon at Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh. He had served as Rector of Christ Church for fourteen years. He was succeeded by The Rev. David B. Van Dusen who accepted the call to the Christ Church Rectorship on September 3, 1972. His Institution was solemnized in Christ Church on Sunday, October 29, 1972 by The Venerable William G. Lewis, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Rev. David A. St. Clair served as Supply Minister during the intervening period.

A combination of heavy rains and a leaking roof so severely damaged the 1911 Moller pipe organ that it became practically useless. Consequently, the Vestry set up an Organ Committee under the chairmanship of Junior Warden Robert Wicker to determine the feasibility of repairing the old organ or the necessity of buying a new one. If a new one was required, they were also charged with the responsibility of selecting the type (pipe or electronic) best suited to the church requirements. The decision was that a new one was necessary and a pipe organ made by M. P. Moller was selected — the manufacturer of the organ it replaced. The cost was \$14,850.00 and it was put into service on Sunday, October 29, 1972. The reinstallation of the chimes and the chime keyboard were donated by Mr. Victor Zuck of the M. P. Moller Co.

After having faithfully served for fifteen years as Choir Directors, Mr. and Mrs. James Nash retired December 31, 1972. They were succeeded by Mr. James Thompson, the organist.

Under the leadership of The Rev. Van Dusen, a Chancel Renewal Committee was formed on October 22, 1972 for the purpose of considering the desirability and practicability of a free-standing altar and other alterations in the Chancel. Mr. John A. Grove, Jr. was retained as the church architect. On Sunday, January 7, 1972 the congregation was informed of the several considerations involved and on Sunday, January 14, 1973 an opinion card was distributed to them reading: "Are you in favor of a free-standing altar? Yes ___ No ___ Comments ___" This was done for the guidance of the Vestry in their considerations of the recommendations of the Chancel Renewal Committee. After studying several plans prepared by the architect the committee made its selection on February 11, 1973 and reported to the Vestry that "The Chancel Committee recommends to the Vestry the installation of the present altar to a free-standing position and to include other necessary changes." At a Spe-



cial Parish Meeting on March 6, 1973 the congregation voted sixty-nine "yes" and twenty-five "no". The recommendation of the Chancel Renewal Committee was approved by the Vestry at the regular meeting on March 13, 1973.

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary (1823-1973) of Christ Church was celebrated on Sunday, May 20, 1973. The service was conducted by The Rev. Van Dusen, Rector and the sermon preached by The Rt. Rev. Robert B. Appleyard, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He also confirmed twenty candidates presented by The Rev. Van Dusen. Following the service a buffet luncheon was served in the Undercroft. Memorabilia such as an old bible (1824), an old prayer book (1827), old photographs, etc. were displayed in the Sacristy, Undercroft and Parish House.

Christ Church also participated in the Westmoreland County Bicentennial (1773-1973) celebrations by contributing a float for their Frontier Parade, from Greensburg to Hannas'Town on July,10, 1973, which memorialized our One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary theme.

Christ Church has been a helpful part of community life for one hundred and fifty years and we hope, and expect, that it will continue to fill this vital role for many years to come.

Much of the historical material in this commemorative booklet has been extracted from the "History of Christ Church" by Hugh Brady Welty of Greensburg and we are grateful to him for his permission to use it. Other material was taken from the booklet on The Rev. Dr. Shero's 25th Anniversary celebration.

The Parishioners

Allison, Ella	Cromwell, William and Dorothy
Altree, Eric D.	Cromwell, William Jr.
Anton, Thomas, June and family	Crowell, Muriel
Anton, Megan	
Arduino, Robert, Darlene and family	Davidson, Margaret
Armstrong, Alvin, Elsie and family	DiPrimio, Eugene and Nancy
Armstrong, Thomas E.	DiVincenzo, Philip and Caroline
Armstrong, Stanley	Donaldson, Margaret
Armstrong, Philip, Mary Jane and family	Douglas, Karen
Armstrong, William R. and Carol	Drylie, Mary Ann
	Dudley, Diane E. and family
Bachman, Joseph A., Barbara and family	Dunbar, John and Sarah
Bachman, Ann	Durston, Colin, Stephanie and family
Balko, Edward, Betty Jo and family	
Barnhart, Mildred	Einloth, Ruth
Beavers, John W. and Emilie	Eisaman, Earl, Genevieve and family
Beavers, John W., Jr.	Eisaman, Mary
Bell, Margaret	Emery, Fred
Bengel, Ricki	Etherington, Alice
Bengel, Terri	Euwer, Paul and Hetty
Bertram, James A. and Elizabeth	
Biester, John E., Kathleen and family	Fair, Doris
Bing, Elizabeth	Fair, Doris M.
Bird, Catherine	Fair, Robert III
Boeckeler, B. Clark	Feniello, Virgil and Edna
Boothman, Isabelle	Fereday, Sidney and Clementine
Brainard, James H.	Ferree, Herbert, Katherine and family
Brunot, John B., Jr. and Anna	Ferree, Nancy
Bureau, Beatrice	Ferree, James
Buxton, Frances	Fields, Bruce and Mildred
	Fisher, John, Betty and family
Caddy, E. Reid and Margaret	Fisher, Nancy
Carlson, Sandra W. and family	Fisher, Sandra
Carr, Doris E. and family	Fisher, Richard
Carr, David N.	Fitzpatrick, Sherry and family
Cary, Robert and Marian	Flickinger, Judy and family
Clark, Thomas, Nancy and family	Fogg, Joseph and Sara
Coleman, Matthew and Albertha	Fogg, Sarah
Common, William	Fornof, Jay, Judy and family
Coy, Lorraine and family	Frenchek, Chester and Olga
Coyner, David and Ida	Frenchek, Michael
Craven, Vincent and Gail	Frenchek, Thomas
Cromwell, Leila	

Gadd, Robert and Cornelia
 Galloway, Robert, Mary and family
 George, Donna
 Gerber, Joan and family
 Gettemy, Russell, Sara and family
 Gettemy, Gwen
 Gettemy, Matthew
 Glover, Harry and Charlotte
 Gold, Joseph
 Goulding, Charles and Margaret
 Goulding, Ewing and Mary Jane
 Goulding, George Jr., and Helen
 Goulding, Ronald
 Goulding, Donald
 Goulding, Wanda
 Goulding, Willard and Helen
 Graham, Genevieve
 Grisetti, Cecilia
 Gunter, James and Nelle
 Gunter, Mary L.
 Gunter, Janet R.
 Guyker, William Jr., Alice and family

Haeflein, Frederick, Barbara and family
 Haile, Walter and Harriet
 Haile, Katherine
 Haile, David
 Hargnett, Ralph, Mary Lou and family
 Hargnett, Susan
 Hartwig, Carl and Elizabeth
 Hartwig, Claire
 Hedges, Frederick and Dora
 Henry, Curtis Jr., Kathryn and family
 Herda, Stephen and Eleanore
 Herda, Karen
 Herda, Stephen
 Herring, Victor and Ruth
 Hockensmith, Mary Lou
 Hockensmith, Franklin III
 Holbrook, Arthur, Mary and family
 Holbrook, Douglas
 Horn, Katherine
 Hosmer, Cyrus, Joann and family

Humphrey, Arthur F. Jr., Rebecca and
 Humphrey, Margaret
 Humphrey, Arthur III
 Humphrey, Arthur, Sr.
 Humphrey, Frederick D.
 Hunter, Esperence

Isherwood, Rhoda

Jamison, David and Suzanne
 Jamison, David, Jr.
 Jamison, Douglas
 Jamison, Michael
 Jamison, Bruce
 Jamison, Henry, Nancy and family
 Jamison, Donald
 Jamison, John, Suzon and family
 Jamison, Joseph and Kathryn
 Jamison, Kathryn
 Jamison, Joseph, Jr.
 Jamison, Amanda
 Jamison, Robert and Eliza
 Jamison, Virginia
 Jamison, Constance
 Johnson, Thomas, Susan and family
 Johnson, Kitty
 Johnston, Katherine
 Jones, Dennis and Delores
 Jones, Deborah
 Jones, William

Kalkbrenner, Ralph, Mary Ann and f
 Kauffman, Grace
 Kay, Jack, Sara and family
 Kay, Kendall
 Keck, Frank Jr., Ann and family
 Kent, Elenore and family
 Kilgore, Robert and Louise
 King, Raymond, Julia and family
 King, Rhesa
 Kirk, Barbara and family
 Klingenberg, Lee, Jane and family

Knepper, Albert W. and Jewel	Miller, Elizabeth
Knepper, Janet	Miller, Kathleen
Knepper, Albert W., Jr.	Mills, Charles, Shirley and family
Krautbauer, Thomas and Caren	Mills, Gregory
Kuhns, Morris, Jr. and Evelyn	Murphy, Beryl
Kuhns, Karen	Murtland, Patrick
Kuhns, Kathy	Mycoff, Robert and Edna May
Kuhns, Edward	Mycoff, Janet
Kuhns, Mark	Mycoff, Jo Ann
Kuhns, Lyda	McCartney, Bruce and Mary Jane
	McCartney, Ann
Lamproplos, George and Verna	McCullough, David and Margaret
Lamproplos, Niki	McCullough, Gerard and Nathalie
Landsbach, Gary	McLean, Wanda
Lapina, Ronald, Rachel and family	
Latta, Marguerite	Nodge, Ronald, Carol and family
Leahy, Edward, Virginia and family	
Leggett, Charles, Anne and family	Onuffer, William
Leggett, Lawrence	Onuffer, Susan
Leggett, David	Ovitsky, William, Shirley and family
Lewis, Elizabeth and family	
Lewis, Peter	Parkhurst, Donald and Joanne
Long, Clare and Irene	Payne, Robert and Judy
Loveday, Donald	Peabody, Carroll, Betty and family
Lutz, Peggy and family	Pearson, Richard, Eleanore and family
Lynch, Carolyn	Pendell, Paul and Patricia
	Pendell, Paul, Jr.
Mack, Caroline	Perry, Philip, Nancy and family
Madigan, Gerald, Beverly and family	Perry, Barbara
Maroney, James and Dorothy	Perry, Kevin
Martin, Flora Mae	Perry, Mark
Mawhinney, Bette	Perry, Eleanor
Mawhinney, Matthew	Pierce, James
Maxson, Floyd, Elaine and family	Polivka, Emil
Maxwell, George and Anne	Pope, Dale and Jean
Maxwell, Carolyn	Powell, Elaine
Maxwell, J. Kevin	Power, Margaret
Michalak, Edward, Ann and family	Power, Margaret
Miller, Charles, Vera and family	Power, Melinda
Miller, Nikki	Powers, Philip and Margaret
Miller, Timothy	Probst, Roland
Miller, Terrence	Puddicombe, Rebecca F.
Miller, Thomas	
Miller, Dee and Sara	Quarles, Katherine

Ream, Harold and Ivy	Stanier, William, Samantha and family
Riddell, Mary	Starr, Relton, Nancy and family
Rittenour, James, Margaret and family	Starr, Jane
Rittenour, Juanita	Steel, Sara
Robinson, Imogene	Stern, Roger
Roeder, J. Karl and Ellen	Stilley, Donald, Grace and family
Rowcliffe, Arthur, Nona and family	Stirling, Donald and Mabel
Rubino, Beverly and family	Stohl, Donald, Kaye and family
	Stump, Isabelle
St. Clair, The Rev. David, Gail and family	Sutton, Ann
Sampson, Charles, Betty and family	Swanson, Ebert, Patricia and family
Saxman, Ann R.	
Saxman, John Jr.	Tallant, Marsha and family
Saxman, Sarah	Thompson, Marie
Schelling, James, Marilyn and family	Thompson, James and Carla
Schnupp, Robert, Nancy and family	Tkach, Harold, Jean and family
Schuller, Grover and Dorothy	Topper, Ruby
Seighman, John H. and Helen	Tuscano, William, Virginia and family
Seighman, John, Sarah and family	Tuscano, Alfred
Selepachak, George and Mary	Tuscano, Barrett
Selis, Thomas, Susan and family	Tuscano, Joady
Sharp, George, Jr., Elizabeth and family	
Sharp, George, Sr. and Rachel	Unger, Max and Alma
Shriver, Alan and Sara	
Shriver, Polly	Van Dusen, The Rev. David, Althea and f
Shriver, Margaret	Vlahos, Zachery, Mary and family
Shriver, Peter	
Sifford, Herbert and Elizabeth	Wagner, Bryan and Michelle
Slezak, Nancy	Walker, Alec H. B. and Margaret
Smail, Jane and family	Walker, Valerie
Smail, Linda	Walthour, Marshall, Louise and family
Smail, Bradley	Walthour, Regis and Margaret
Smail, Diane	Walton, Claire and family
Smail, Donald	Watt, Charles and Elizabeth
Smith, Harry, Donna and family	Weems, Frances
Smith, James, Julia and family	Weems, Jane
Smith, Lynwood and Constance	Welty, Hugh B.
Smith, Lynne	Wicker, Robert, Delores and family
Smith, Penny	Wilbur, Reed
Smith, Mary	Wilden, Richard, Janet and family
Smith, Mary S.	Wilson, Walter and Joan
Smouse, Joseph, Pauline and family	Wilson, Beth Ann
Smouse, Terri	Wilson, Richard
Spoerer, Charles, Margaret and family	Wilson, Donna

Yant, Howard, Esther and family
Yeager, Robert and Mildred
Yennerell, Joyce and family

Zaphyr, Peter, Sophya and family
Zeller, Alma
Zeller, Genevieve
Zelno, Nicholas, Sandra and family

*In compiling this list of persons "belonging" to Christ Church, it bas
active confirmed persons. "Family" is mentioned to denote those n*

