



Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church



July 2018

"Table Talks" with Potato Bar

**Sunday, July 8
5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**



The Worship Team would like to continue having conversations about issues that affect our world and community. There will be two "Table Talks" during the summer: Sunday, July 8 and August 5.

July's "Table Talks" will feature a Baked Potato Bar. Church will provide potatoes. Sign-up to attend and to bring the goodies that go in the potatoes.

We'll enjoy a meal together, and questions will be provided to get the ball rolling for your table conversations.

The first conversation will be about immigration.

We are providing a safe space to have those difficult conversations.

All are welcome, so invite your family and friends to join us.

Drama Camp



Written by Karen Dean / Arranged by Greg Nelson
Directed by Greg Moore

**July 30-August 3
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Lunch Served 11:30 a.m.)**

Kindergarten-Grade 12

Cost – FREE

Pre-Register – Call 360-423-7480

Transportation Available Upon Request

Auditions First Day of Camp

Campers Present Play to Family and Friends
Friday, August 3 – 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for Drama Camp
Sign-up on Sundays or contact Church Office.

Volunteers Needed to Participate in Go 4th Parade
Wednesday, July 4

Walk beside float and hand out flyers advertising Drama Camp.
For information on time and where to meet, contact Shelly Buller.

Notes from the Pastor's Pen . . .



Trudi Gross and I have just returned from Puyallup. I have waited to write my article so that I might report on the happenings at Annual Conference. It was an enjoyable weekend being among colleagues, meeting new friends, saying goodbye to those who retired and to our District Superintendent. We also welcomed our new District Superintendent, Rev. Kathleen Webber.

We spent some time teaching sessions about "The Anatomy of Peace" with Rev. Dr. Brian Brown. After each session, we spent time in Table Talks talking about conflict and how we can work together even in disagreement.

Our Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has declared this a Crossover Year in which we practice missional engagement. While we know there is even more change on the horizon with the special called conference in February 2019, we need to be out in our neighborhood and seeking to discover what it means to be a neighbor.

At the Ordination and Commissioning Service to conclude our time in Puyallup, Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber told the familiar story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. He told us how the Samaritan disrupted his routine to help the man lying in the ditch. He explained the story as a call to compassion by Jesus the Disrupter. Barber said: "We must be willing to disrupt our routine for hurting people on the road." As he concluded his sermon, he encouraged the new Ordinands to "Go Forth and Disrupt."

Barber speaks to my heart. While driving yesterday, I saw a bumper sticker that said, "Be Bold, Be Catholic." While I will likely never be Catholic, not that there's anything wrong with Catholics, I was reminded of one of my favorite television programs. You'll remember it too, I imagine. The captain always says, "to boldly go where no one has gone before." Where is it that our church needs to boldly go? Who and where are our neighbors? I would suggest that everyone is our neighbor and our neighbors are everyone we meet.

Pastor's Notes (Cont.)

Some of you are aware that we are hoping to partner with Family Promise and provide a space for a Day Center in our Presbyterian Campus. This Center would be used from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day by homeless families. There will be staff with them all the time. Each evening they will travel to a church that will provide meals and a place to sleep. This is a nationwide organization. Perhaps you have been hearing about it on the radio or at events you have attended. This is an exciting time for our community and we are truly "boldly going" and seeking to walk with our neighbors.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an article from 1978 about the Presbyterian Church. While we are no longer worshipping there, this building has a long history that will continue on into the future making a difference in this community. Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland."

I am so excited for the possibilities in this coming year of appointment. Oh, did I forget to mention, I was appointed here another year? It is a joy to serve with you!

I hope this year you will disrupt your lives and walk alongside our neighbors as we continually seek to be the people of God.

I'll look for you in church.

Pastor Vonda

I dwell in possibility.
--Emily Dickinson

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Limitations live only in our minds.
But if we use our imaginations,
our possibilities become limitless.
--Jamie Palinetti

No More Meals on Wheels Containers

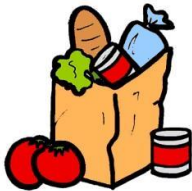
Due to health restrictions, the Meals on Wheels program administered through CAP is no longer accepting donations of plastic containers (i.e., butter, cottage cheese, etc.). Please do not bring any more containers to the church.

FISH Food Ministry

The next scheduled days to prepare and distribute food to people will be on:

Monday, July 2
Tuesday, July 3
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Laurie Hall

If you are interested in helping, please contact Bette Aanderud at 360-577-0095 or Pat Faires at 360-423-7874.



FISH Food Needed:

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Canned Tomatoes
- Hunts Pasta Sauce (traditional)
- Canned Fruit
(Applesauce, Peaches, Pears)
- Canned Vegetables
(Corn, Peas, Green Beans)
- Top Ramen

Put items in containers in
Narthex (Church Foyer).

Backpack Buddies (formerly Kid's Backpack Ministry)

Jacq Christensen has been the coordinator of our Backpack Buddies program at Barnes Elementary School since its inception in October 2017. This program provides food for children who are at risk for hunger over the weekend. Jacq purchases the food, volunteers pack the backpacks, and then Jacq delivers them to Barnes every Friday during the school year.

Jacq is now stepping down from the coordinator position. We want to thank her for overseeing this program and getting it off to a successful start.

If you would be interested in being the coordinator for this program that will be resuming in September, please let Pastor Vonda know.

Worship Service and Picnic At the Park

Sunday, August 12

**Kelso's
Tam O'Shanter Park**

**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Picnic Follows Service**



Church Providing:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns
Condiments
Table Service
Beverages

Please Bring:

Side Dish, Chips, or Dessert

Emergency Support Shelter News

"Items of the Month"
~ Hairbrushes & Combs ~



**Donation Baskets in
Narthex (Church Foyer)**

I-5 Coffee Rest Stop Mission in August

August 25 and August 26

Serving Times:
2:00 a.m. on August 25
to
2:00 a.m. on August 27

I-5 Southbound Toutle Rest Stop



The next time our church will be serving refreshments at the southbound Toutle Rest Stop and providing weary I-5 travelers with a break from driving is August.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays during Fellowship Time. Serving shifts will be in four-hour blocks. There must be a minimum of two people per shift.

There will also be sign-up sheets for donations of cookies, coffee, tea, juice, cocoa, creamer, and sugar. These can be dropped off at the Church Office.

For any questions, please call Gary and Sue Jackson at 636-4411.

Remember In Prayer

John Anderson, Jerrilyn French (Virginia French's daughter-in-law), Virginia French, Tom Gates, Lolita Hare, Linda Harris, Jean Larsen, Jodi Stoddard, Almeda Whitmire (Sue McCool's friend), and our children we sponsor at Jamaa Letu Orphanage in the Congo: Betty, Joseph, Leon, Ruth Kashala, Ruth Mukuna, Souzanne, Willy, and Yanick



Welcome New Members



Torivio "Ted" Castaneda



Mary Foote

Mary's husband, Mike, also joined, but Pastor Vonda hasn't caught up with him yet to get a picture.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Glenn and Pat Faires who welcomed great-granddaughter, Sydney Lynne Marie Liles on June 12. Sydney's parents are Nolan and Sara Liles of Parker, Colorado. Her grandmother is Glenn and Pat's daughter, Gina. She joins big brother, Landon, at home.



Adam John Carmen was born on June 18 to José and Annie Carmen of Kelso. He joins big brothers, Ben and Alex, at home. His grandparents are John and Shirley Simpson. Congratulations to all!



Thank You

Thank you for the scholarship. I am very appreciative for your support in my furthering of my education.
--Sincerely, Logan Hill
(Logan is attending Embry Riddle University in Prescott, Arizona studying aerospace engineering.)

Dear Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for the Jazz Fellowship Scholarship. This will undoubtedly help me while I pursue higher education at Whitworth University. I look forward to participating in the Concert Band in fall. Again, thank you very much.
--Sincerely, Robert Buller
(Robert is attending Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington studying pre-law.)

Revamping Church Library

After many years of service, our Church Library has become outdated. At the Church Council meeting on June 25, it was decided to revamp the library. Sue Coulombe will be spearheading this endeavor.

Our goal is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, read, and perhaps share a cup of coffee. We are also planning to turn the space into a give and take library. This means you can leave a book and take a book. We are hoping this will provide books that people will actually read.

We will continue to keep our church history, both Methodist and Presbyterian, and we are also planning a space to display some of the important items from our history.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please let Sue or Pastor Vonda know.

Ice Cream Social Benefits Campership Ministry

On Sunday, June 24, an Ice Cream Social followed our one worship and kicked off our summer worship schedule. Youth campers provided service and clean-up. Donations of \$594.14 went to the church's Campership Ministry.

July Birthdays

- 1 Karen Brockway
- Joyce Schrepel
- 10 Steve Hanson
- 12 Lolita Hare
- 14 Anne DeFrancisco
- 15 Harvey Redmond
- 16 Sue McCool
- 18 Janet Heaton
- Sofia Viscuso
- Kathy Williamson
- 20 Ruth Clark
- Carol McRae
- 23 Virgie Ireland
- 25 Linda Redmond
- 26 John Tolleshaug
- 27 Jean Holter
- 28 John Anderson
- 29 Tom Gates
- John Simpson



Financial Report



May 2018

Beginning Balance 2018	\$1,437
General Fund	\$86,847
Transfer from Designated	\$885
Miscellaneous	\$393
Interest	\$70
	<u>\$88,195</u>
Expenses	<u>(\$94,949)</u>
Balance	(\$5,317)
Building Fund Balance	\$12,431
Apportionments (Shared Ministry)	
Paid May – 100%	
Year-to-Date – 42%	

Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>
6/03/18	7	78	60
6/10/18	8	73	58
6/17/18	4	60	53
Summer Worship – One Service			
6/24/18	5	115	
	Jazz Service	48	

Wednesday

No Activities – Summer Break

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206 Cowlitz Way
Kelso, WA 98626-3411
Phone: 360-423-7480 / Fax 360-425-1121
Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (M-F)
Daycare Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (M-F)
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Facebook: Kelso United
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Rev. Vonda McFadden, Pastor
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Rev. Greg and Rev. Laurel Moore, Music Directors
503-556-8131

Summer Sunday Schedule
10:00 am Worship Service
10:20 am Kid's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship Time

Sunday Schedule: (Sept-May)
9:00 am Contemporary Service
9:20 am Kid's Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
10:00 am & 12:00 pm Fellowship Time

Wednesday Schedule: (Sept-May)
5:30 pm Children/Teen Ministry
6:15 pm Praise Team Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday Night Tea Party

May 30, 2018

Wednesday teachers, Patty McDaniel and Peggy Porter, had a Tea Party for the elementary age girls who attend on Wednesday night. Girls dressed in their finery and learned proper etiquette skills.



Carlee McDaniel



Charly Brunelle



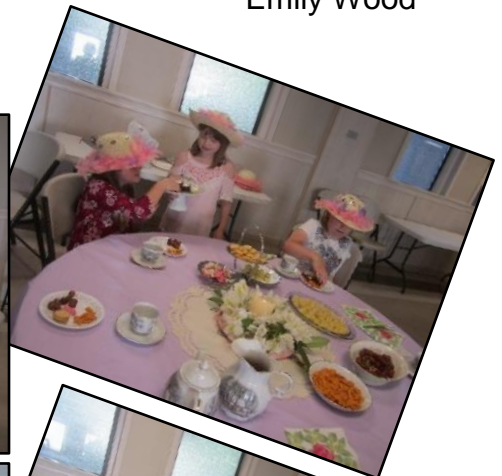
Piper Donnelly



Sofia Lane



Emily Wood



Kid's Backpack Ministry at Barnes Elementary

Thank
You

Our Kid's Backpack Ministry (now Backpack Buddies) at Barnes Elementary provides food for kids who are at risk for hunger over the weekend. Statistics since October 20, 2017 are:

889 Bags of Food
5,334 Meals Plus Snacks
Approximate Cost:
\$5.10 Per Bag / \$.85 Per Meal

Thank you to Jacq Christensen, Kid's Backpack Ministry Coordinator, and all her helpers for their faithfulness to this program.

Here is thank you card kids sent to show their appreciation.

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Minni i like
Jelly.

Aubrey I like ^{Thank} ^{up} ^{Animals}
Peanut Butter.
Darius
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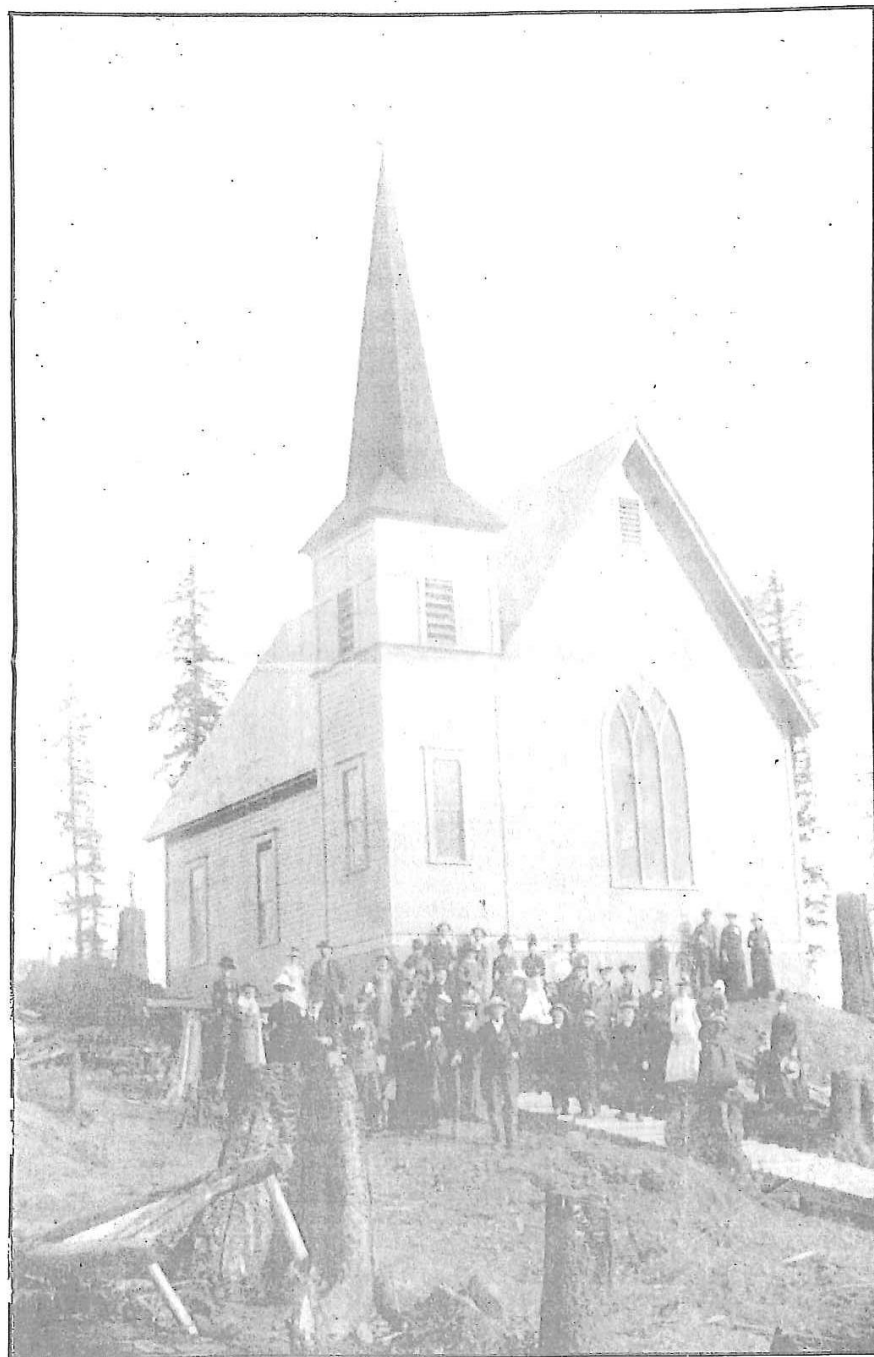
Anna
T ✓ i & Tia

We appreciate
all that you do
for us. We LOVE
Backpack Buddies.

Thank you,
Kelso FUMP Church

♥ Barnes Elementary
Students & Staff

Elijah B. J. Lio



This photo of Kelso's First United Prebyterian Church was taken in 1889

Prebyterian church sees 90 years in Kelso

By Richard Spiro
Daily News Senior Staff Writer

A visitor to Kelso early in 1888 commented favorably on the many stores, livery stables and blacksmith shops in that burgeoning town — and the one church that had just been completed.

It was the First Presbyterian Church, and since it was the one and only in those long-ago days when Kelso itself had barely counted its fourth birthday, it remains the oldest in the city. Sunday, known now as the First United Presbyterian Church, it will celebrate its 90th anniversary. It stands today on 3rd Avenue and Academy Street.

The church is closely linked with the history of Kelso. Peter Crawford himself, the Scotsman who in 1884 laid out the town on his donation land claim, sold two lots at what is now Church Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues, for the church site. He was also one of the early members.

There had been some confusion as to whether Crawford sold or donated the land. But a deed recorded in the Cowlitz County Courthouse, dated March 13, 1888, is plain enough: "For \$100 in hand paid by James D. McGowan, Rose Brooks and Martin Larson as trustees for the First Presbyterian Church of Cowlitz County on lots 2 and 3 in Block 26 in the Town of Kelso."

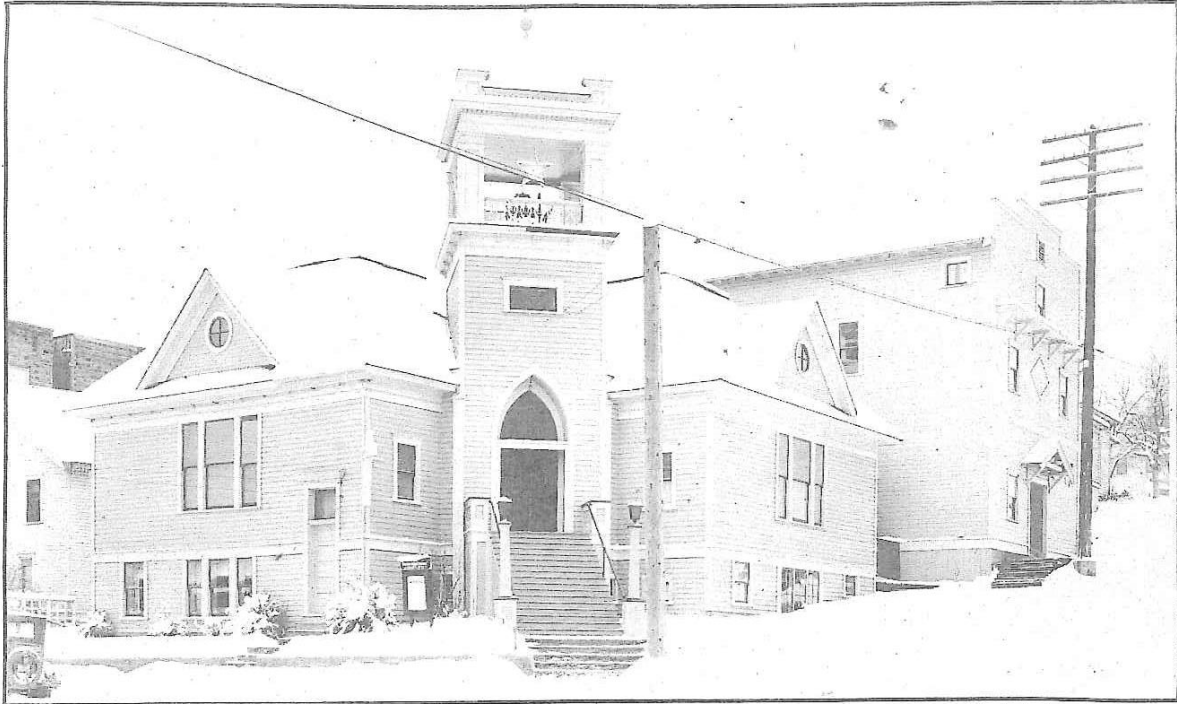
What the staunch old Scottish Presbyterian did donate, apparently, were two lots for "an academy of higher learning under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church."

Such an academy was built, said the present Pastor John Steppert. From it came the name Academy Street, just as the first church prompted the designation Church Street.

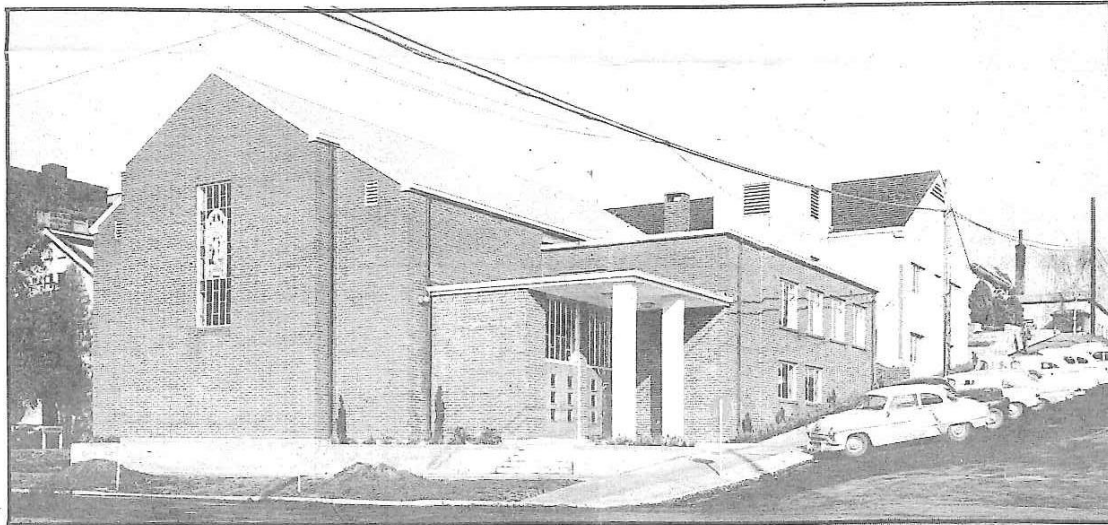
Nothing came easily in those early days, but eventually, late in 1887, enough money was raised, along with donations of material and labor, to begin construction. A considerable portion of the money was raised by the women of the church through oyster suppers that attracted many Kelso residents.

Growth came with the swiftly flowing years to Kelso and to the church. The congregation outgrew that first structure, and 20 years later a larger building took shape on the site of today's handsome sanctuary.

Before it was dedicated in 1908, the church was incorporated. Six people, in January of 1907, signed the ar-



The second church built by the Presbyterians was incorporated in 1907 and dedicated in 1908 on the site of today's church



Today's handsome church was dedicated and completed in 1959

ticles of incorporation, two of them being O. H. Elwell and W. E. McDonough. Today, Elwell's son, Fred, is a dentist in Kelso, and another son, Harlan, has a jewelry store. Vida McDonough, a present-day member of the congregation, is the daughter of that signer.

More time passed. In 1948 a manse was built on Church Street, with an educational building added in 1952. On Dec. 6, 1959 the new church was completed and dedicated. It was dedicated "to the glory of God," as stated in a pamphlet that was prepared for the dedication service.

In 90 years, 18 ministers have come and gone. Pastor Steppert is the 19th, if one does not include the Rev. George Shuman, an interim pastor between 1961 and 1963, and not considered a full-time minister of the First United Presbyterian Church. The very first was the Reverend R. H. Parker, who served from September 1888 to January 1889.

"We minister now to about 250 families," the Reverend Steppert explained, "from Cowlitz County, and Rainier and Clatskanie in Oregon."

He talked of a changing world that had necessarily and inevitably brought changes to the church. "We used to think of the typical members as couples with children. We've had to change that notion — the church has become a family for single people, many of them without any other close family ties."

Sunday's anniversary program will touch upon the history of the church, past, present and future. In 1979, the immediate future, the First United Presbyterian Church plans to reach out toward inactive members.

"But," Pastor Steppert noted, "we have other goals for next year. We want to keep in touch with all our members, and start working intensively with young people. I think there will be some work with the juvenile division of the

Kelso Police Department. We hope some of these youths can be matched up with our church families who can offer companionship and set good examples for youngsters who come, many of them, from broken homes."

That program will also involve the Tottle Boys Ranch — "We need people to invite these boys to spend weekends and holidays with them."

The older folks won't be overlooked, Pastor Steppert declared. There are groups for them, whatever their ages, wherein those who are alone and lonely "Can find fellowship and warmth and support."

The Reverend Steppert pointed out that the church building is used extensively, over 40 hours a week, by both church and community groups.

"Our church board has a generous policy that allows it to be so used," He smiled and said, "It is open all the time, except at night, yet it is surprising how little has been broken or stolen."