

PAM'S
FATHER

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Beginning Comments

METHODISTS

HISTORY - STEWARDSHIP - HUMOR

- The core our theology, structure and enthusiasm to our founder - JOHN WESLEY - a priest in the Church of England.
- Throughout his boyhood, his student years and on into his priesthood he focused his life rigorously on trying to satisfy the demands of religion as he understood them. This led to an ultimate sense of despair, failure and anxiety about his relationship with God.
- 1736-1737 - the Wesleys were in Georgia - in the colonies pastoring in the wilderness. It was a dismal failure. Charles left and went back to civilized England after only 5 months with the Georgian settlers. He did not understand the "Colonials" and their spiritual needs. He ended up as secretary Georgia's governor James Oglethorpe. After spending

a full day writing letters for (2)
the governor instead of spreading
the gospel, Charles Wesley
wrote "I would not spend six
days more in the same manner
for all of Georgia." - and home
he went.

- John Wesley stayed in Georgia
ministering to the Indians
until December, 1737 - and
then literally fled home to
England. His mission to the
Indians was a dismal failure.
They were too busy fighting to
stop long enough to listen to
his sermons. He thought they
would be "humble as little
children - eager to learn -
willing to do the will of God. But
before he left he wrote...
"they are - except for perhaps
the Choctaws - gluttons - thieves,
disbelievers and liars."

The Wesleyan religious format
of constant meetings, innumerable
rules of conduct, prayers,
confessionals, penances and
other strict practices were not
understood by the Colonists who

"escaped" from England to (3)
find religious freedom - among
other things. For a time they
thought he was a Catholic. His
sermons were dry and long -
and very Anglican. His ~~congregations~~
congregations grew smaller each
week. ~~He~~ Finally even his friends
shrugged their shoulders and
left his meetings.

BUT

Then came that evening prayer
meeting in Aldersgate Street in
London on May 24, 1738. He
discovered what Saul of Tarsus -
later to become apostle Paul
and Martin Luther learned
before him that a new
relationship with God comes
through ~~our own efforts~~ ^{Faith in Jesus Christ} ~~our own~~ ^{NOT BY} ~~efforts~~
He was born again when he ^{efforts}
experienced the absolute
assurance - when his heart
was strangely warmed when
he realized that God had taken
away his sins and saved him
from the law of sin and death.
- and the rest is history.

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- Methodist / Presbyterian Beliefs - 2 factors

• Our beginnings -

What does the church mean to me?

In my case it is the Methodist church - I don't know any other denomination or church other than Trinity in Mounts View Youngstown.

Parents took me as a little child.

Trinity's reputation as a wealthy church.

Beeghly's, Crowndall's, Blisses, Callins, etc.

Oshers - pastor
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As a child - Toronto (E)
make a mild impression
Childrens Church headed
by Mrs. Hamner. Only
remember hitting my head
on a shelf while being
chased by one of the
Brightly boys. ^{Dad Agnoster a}
^{pulpit thumper}
Dad sleeping.

I was one of the children
in the Christmas pageant,
where Mr. Bliss played King
Herod.

As a teen age ~~age~~, I well
remember Epworth League
the girls - the youth
choir - the girls - picnics
in Mill Creek park - the
girls

Then World War II

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Before I went to the service I worked for the contractor whom was building the new Trinity but left before it was finished.

I came home to a totally different Trinity. It was new. It was different. It still had a lot of members the Chancel Choir, the Youth Choir, The Children's Choir. Big Sunday school class - 1 boy & 3 girls classes. Worshiping Class - ~~still~~ moved the girls, new people, etc. Sang in Chorus at 1947 Gen. Conf in Boston.

Trinity has always been ~~the~~
the "mother church" of churches
around the Yo area -

• Richard Brown Memorial
we has helped out young
churches grow.

Poland OMC.

Boardman OMC

Canfield OMC

BUT today we have people
coming from Pennsylvania
Columbiana, Trumbull
County - Metropolitan
Church drawing people
from all over?

But - what has this ~~5~~ church - This pile of stone in Lantam Youngston mean to me. - nothing.

but the people do. And that's the way it should be. It's the body of saints in the church that makes the church.

today the ~~fact~~ people who led hints 50-60-70 years ago want not recognize her today. We are a much smaller congregation - just under 700 souls. But we are a caring community

Trinity today is a warm caring church. We ^{all} hurt when one of our number hurts -

We cry in sorrow
We rejoice in happiness
with one another.

We are growing - trying
to go on to perfection
as John Wesley our founder
would have us do - BUT

More importantly whatever
Lord God and our Savior
Jesus Christ would have
us do.

We have become a loving
congregation.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Morning Stewards
\$1⁰⁰ each SUN.

However we read Jesus
words concerning stewardship
in the 6th Chapter of Matthew
20th - 21st ~~verses~~ verses...

~~WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES~~
~~TO THE~~

~~20 and 21~~ - "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven"

and 21st for where your treasure is there is where your heart be also"

Take the 21st verse and turn it around - "for where your heart is - there is where your treasure be also."

When Church members at WRUMC - or Trinity or at any church become involved in the church and its ministry stewardship of time, talent and money is usually not a problem.

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Every member canvass
here to collect your pledge
for next year.

Tell them about the
Church and its ministry
Ask them to come to
Church - get involved.
Get to know the
people - and when they
do that they begin to
understand the need for
member's time, talent
and money, and how they
can further the ministry
of WZUMC and God's
Kingdom.

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