

CHANGING FACES . . . CHANGING TIMES . . . CHANGING CHURCH

Many who came to have their pictures taken for this directory exclaimed in surprise/dismay at their picture in the 1983 directory . . . “I can’t believe that was me!” Indeed, the children are young adults, and the years spare none of us their toll.

Happily, we have hundreds of new faces in our church family. Our facilities, program and staff have greatly increased. We are making maximum use of all, highlighted by two full worship services and 200 children in our two Sunday School sessions.

The new people who keep coming say they are attracted by our warmth, friendliness, Church School, worship, and family feeling. It must be said at every occasion, that those of you who selected this site to build this new church in 1970 had courage, faith, wisdom, and creative foresight. We welcome our newest members and remember all who laid the foundations.

We have continued to grow because we have accepted change as inevitable and have made faith decisions to accept the call to be God’s people in changing times. We have been faithful in missions, responding to need locally and globally. We have seen ministry as an opportunity and demand on laity, as well as clergy. Our surface appearance is one of busyness, but our heart is one of caring, service, and response to need in God’s name.

The next years are crucial. Our “success” threatens our character. Our size makes it harder for everyone to feel a part of the church family. We are confident we can continue to change and still enable everyone to have the opportunity to be included. We are the Body of Christ. It takes all of us individually, and yet together in our faith, to act out this calling. Our purpose is to know and serve God as we live our lives and to help one another in this journey. God is with us in all that happens. Alleluia! Amen.

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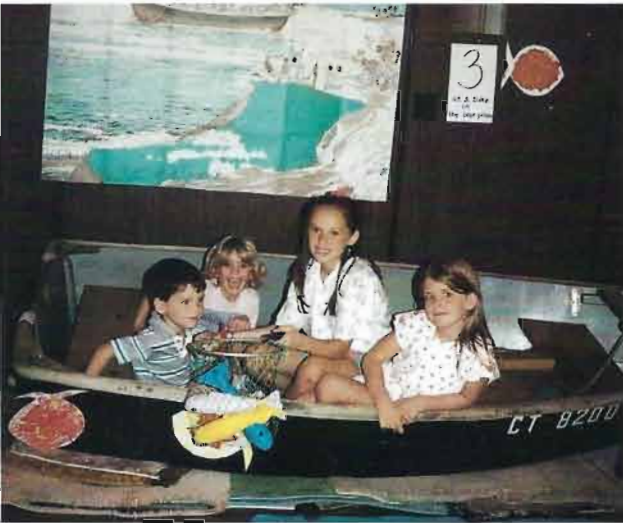


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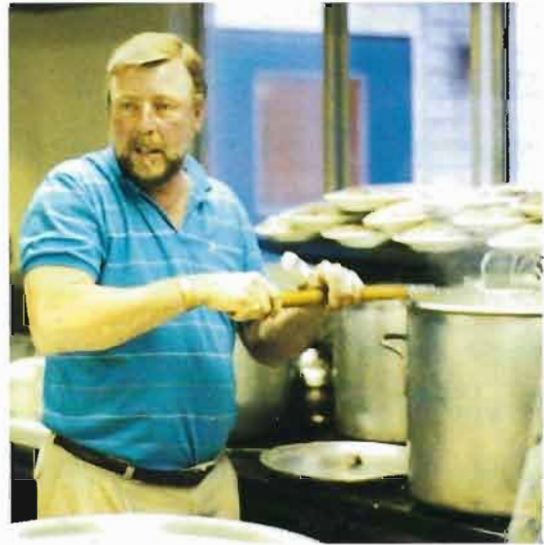
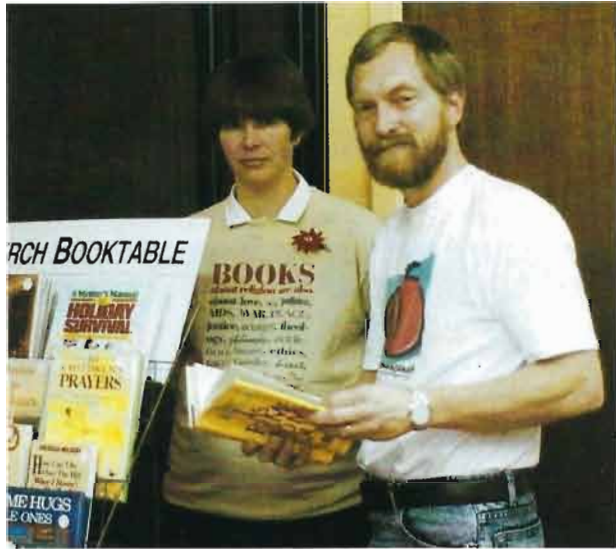
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