

**Republic United Methodist Church**



**Coming Home Since 1872**

Dedicated to the Glory of God and Jesus Christ our Savior,  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords

#### Preface

The following pages are intended to both inform the reader, and to entertain you! The "historical booklet" project about Republic United Methodist Church was spearheaded by the Nurture Committee as part of an effort to raise badly needed funds. With Republic celebrating it's 125th anniversary and the special "Homecoming" activities planned at church, it seemed timely to attempt to compile what's left of our history and heritage. Please be kind; even forgiving as you read on; although our sources were many, history has a way of mellowing in our memories. We've made a sincere effort to verify facts when possible. Much of this is "your story" also, told with your words. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way, including the purchase of this booklet. It is the committee's sincere hope that you find what follows both enlightening and uplifting. Read on.

Serving Him,  
The Nurture Committee

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*SECTION I.*

*Circuit Riders, Preachers & Pastors*

Though Jesus was the greatest of all,  
He became a servant.

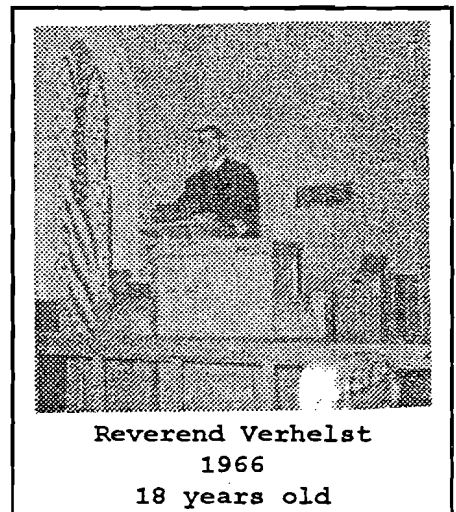
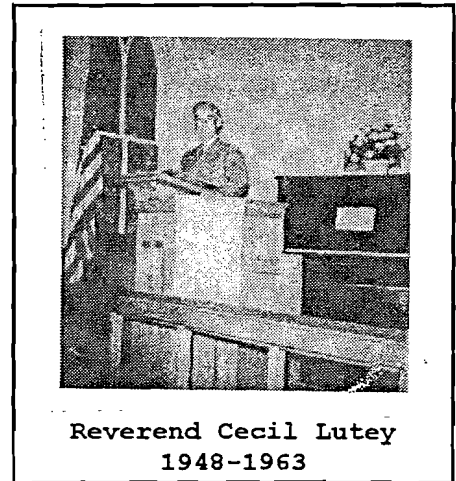
"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed; Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve, not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Sheperd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

1 Peter 5:1-4

PASTORS

REPUBLIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1872.....John H. McClure  
1873-1874.....Rev. E. Steer  
1875-1878.....Rev. J.J. Hodge  
1878-1880.....John S. Paull  
1880-1881.....Rev. Thomas Nichols  
1881-1882.....Rev. Thomas Wilkinson  
and T.G. Omans  
1883-1885.....Pastor William Cook  
1885-1888.....John Evans  
1888-1890.....S.R. Williams  
1890-1892.....Robert Hewson  
1892-1893.....John L. Walker  
1893-1896.....Joseph S. Mitchell  
1896-1899.....William Cridland  
1899-1901.....William Harper  
1901-1906.....Hamilton Magahay  
1906-1908.....Robert E. Miller  
1908-1910.....J.R. Bennett  
1910-1914.....William Edmuns  
1914-1915.....Thomas E. Collister  
1915-1916.....Thomas Goldsworthy  
1916-1918.....Samuel Bottrell  
1918-1919.....Peter Talikka  
1919-1921.....J. H. Glideen



1923-1925.....V.J. Hutton

1925-1927.....William M. Hughes

1927.....C.E. McKelvey

1929-1938.....Elmer Pearce

1938-1939.....Meldon Crawford

1939-1941.....Samuel G. Thero

1941-1943.....E.W. Tink

1943-1944.....Paul Sullivan

1944-1945.....Abraham Davis

1945-1947.....John Wesley Smith

1947-1948.....Alexsie Poobus

1948-1963.....Cecil Lutey

1963-1966.....William Verhelst

1966-1968.....Terrance. Reichardt  
(Knut Savareid shared pulpit 1968)

1968-1969.....Wayne Rhodes

1969-1970.....Michael Peterlin

1970-1972.....Ronald Linder

1972-1974.....Alden R. Thomas

1974-1978.....Alan Larsen

1978-1980.....James Matthews

1984-1988.....Charles W. Keyworth

1988-1990.....Robert Duggan

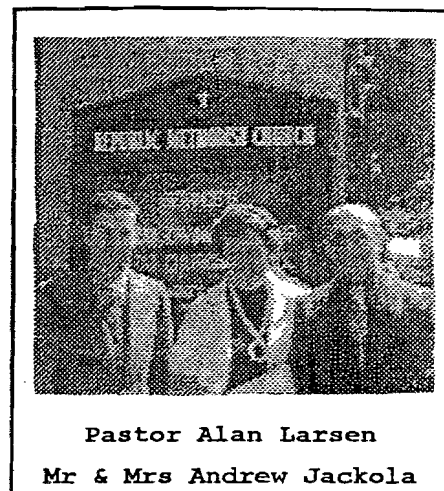
1990-1993.....Nicolas W. Scroggins

1993 - 1995.....Frederick LaMere

1995 - 2000.....Terry Kordish

2000 - 2004.....Gary Stevens

2004 - Present..... James Fegan



Pastor Alan Larsen  
Mr & Mrs Andrew Jackola



Acolytes, April 1993  
Left to right; Darren  
Bartle, Lauren Hintsala,  
Amber Holsworth, Heather  
Gransinger, Shawn  
Granlund Back; Elaine  
Niemi, Pastor Nick  
Scroggins