

1837



*South Perinton
United Methodist Church*

1987





A BRIEF HISTORY OF SOUTH PERINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Feeling a deep need for fellowship and worship with their neighbors, a group of residents in the vicinity of Wilkinson Road met in the mid-1830's and held religious services. Here began the nucleus of the congregation now known as the South Perinton United Methodist Church.

Previous to the organization of the society in 1837, services were held in the schoolhouse on Wilkinson Rd. People walked, rode on horseback, or came in buggies and sleighs. A Sunday School was also started at the schoolhouse by John and William Wells and John Rose, who would often read a sermon at the service. This early class held in the schoolhouse was probably the small beginning of the Perinton Society. The organization took place February 22, 1837. The secretary's book, dating from 1837 to 1880 has been lost, but we do know that the church was built sometime prior to October 19, 1837, the day of dedication of the building. There was no vestibule at first, just what is now the square sanctuary, and it was heated by a box stove. Among the original members were the names of Wells, Snedeker, Rose, Wing, Mosher, Cline, and Wilkinson appearing on records available.

The deed to the property was given in 1839 by Nicholas Mosher to George Wing, Isaac Snedeker, John J. Cline, Nathan Comstock, trustees. Just prior to this time, there was a mortgage on the property, and great fear of failure existed. Jacob Wells circulated a report, after which a meeting was held to ascertain the financial situation. A remaining balance of \$1000.00 was paid by Joseph Wilkinson. The church has remained free of debt ever since.

After the society was organized, it was at once connected with Victor Methodist Church, with which it remained associated until 1859, except during 1839-40, when it was associated elsewhere, probably with Egypt. A resolution was passed at a quarterly meeting held at Victor Chapel on July 30, 1859 allowing South Perinton to unite with Macedon Center with the understanding that it would revert to Victor if Macedon Center ever wanted to go it alone. In 1859, it was joined with Macedon Center, with which it still remains.

In the early 1800's, horse and carriage sheds were built on the west side of the churchyard. In 1896, increasing membership brought the need for more sheds. Pliny Sexton and wife of Palmyra donated land on the east side for another row of sheds. With the coming of the automobile, these sheds were no longer needed and were dismantled.



James & Joseph Wilkinson 1909

In 1867 the vestibule and upper room were added. In 1915 the dining annex and kitchen were added. These have served as Sunday School, dining and recreation rooms. Prior to this addition, our church suppers were held in the tiny upstairs room with a small kerosene stove for cooking. In 1956, the kitchen was enlarged and indoor plumbing was added. Over the years the physical aspect of the building has been cared for and improved. Wood stoves were replaced by a coal furnace and then automatic oil heat. Electric lights, first battery-run and then powered by Fairport electricity, replaced oil lamps. New carpeting replaced old. A new organ replaced the old reed manual. The wooden steps, sidewalk, and horse mounting blocks were replaced by concrete. One of the mounting blocks remains at the west end of the sidewalk. In the 1960's came the complete renovation of the sanctuary as well as dining and Sunday School rooms and vestibule. Many friends' and members' contributions made this a reality. Original bracket oil lamps were brought from the attic, wired for electricity, and placed throughout the sanctuary. Walls, wainscoting, and doors were newly finished, new carpet laid throughout, a new organ installed, pew cushions recovered, and new hymnals purchased. This involved much love and labor by the committee and members.

Many original furnishings and structures remain, such as entrance doors, glass and casings of vestibule windows and upstairs windows, pulpit, walnut altar rail, pews with walnut trim, three original benches, bracket lamps, pulpit furniture, choir chairs, silver baptismal bowl, and walnut collection plates. Some were acquired in the later 1800's, as they could be afforded.

In 1936, stained glass windows replaced the clear glass windows in the sanctuary. A three-dimensional cross with the inscription "Follow Me", painted by an artist on the wall in back of the pulpit was replaced by the present stained glass window. In 1961, a Carillon was installed with speakers in both the sanctuary and the belfry, financed by interested members and the community. As it plays "How Great Thou Art", it creates a deep feeling for Christian Principles and service in all who have ever worshipped here. From the belfry it carries a message of reverence like an evening prayer to all who pause to listen.

Though the tangible evidence of our heritage is our building, it truly is a witness to Christ that has its roots deep in the people who yearned for and needed its existence and reaches out to all of us who are concerned with her ministry

Through the years many classes and groups have been organized and have become very beneficial assets to the church both spiritually and financially. Among these were: The Epworth League, the Co-Workers, and the Ladies Aid Society, which was changed to the Womens Society of Christian Service, now known as the United Methodist Women, the indispensable UMW. From the day the church building became occupied until the early 1900's, there was a mid-week prayer meeting. This was both a spiritual and social activity enjoyed by the entire community.

In 1866-67, during the pastorate of Rev. William Benham, a revival resulted in 45 new members. The baptism, by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling took place at the creek, White Brook, west of the church.

There has been a desire within the church to have the historic building placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its high spire, stark windows, and bold lines have been praised by historians as outstanding examples of 19th century architecture. The proposal awaits action by church officials.

In the year of the church's centennial, 1937, many letters were received from former parishioners and pastors. Rev. Emmett Kelley, who served in 1896, wrote, "A glorious record of past accomplishment and faithful service is a direct challenge and lifting inspiration to present accomplishment and faithful service. May your future be in every sense worthy of your past."

Rev. Frank Thompson, 1897-98, wrote, "I had a fine two-wheeled covered gig and rode through mud and storm to reach your church in winter. I was pretty cold when I arrived; but the church was heated by two great stoves and by the time I had finished preaching the perspiration was running down my cheeks. May God bless you all and inspire you to keep the spiritual fires burning in your hearts and may you never give up the old church which is a "Lighthouse" to the community."

W.R.Conover, a former member, wrote: "South Perinton centennial is of interest to me. When I was a boy, I was a regular attendant at Sunday School. The class was taught by Robert Wilkinson and most of us memorized the Ten Commandments, and I have sometimes wished there were twenty, even fifty, and everybody was taught to memorize them."

Mrs. Benham, a former pastor's wife, wrote: "I came to Macedon Center and South Perinton as a bride and I recall that one of the officials at Perinton, in a very kindly way, suggested that the rose on my bonnet was a little gay for a preacher's wife."

Over the years South Perinton has been served by many dedicated pastors. A complete list is included in this history. Space prevents giving biographies of each one, but two were especially noteworthy.

Reverend John Cline was a Sunday School Superintendent and lay pastor in Perinton for over 50 years. He also drove to Fairport for two years donating his services to help start the Methodist Church there and gave \$500.00 to start a fund for that purpose. His profound faith and untiring service left a living influence in the community.

Rev. John MacGuidwin joined us in 1917 to serve as pastor for 14 years, the longest record as pastor in the history of the church. An exceptionally large class of young people and children were received into the church, which proved his great love and attention to the younger generation.

In an old Sunday School record book of the 1887 era, when there were many Sunday School classes, the following names of teachers are recorded: M.N. Wilson, Giles Thayer, Mrs. Mary Cline, Lois Pannell, Mrs. Eliza Wilkinson, Mrs. Phoebe Cline, Susan Wilkinson, Robert Wilkinson, Joseph Wilkinson, Maggie Cline, Minnie Wilkinson, Julia Craft, Jennie Wilson, Mrs. Edwin Bowerman, Hannah Jewett.

SOME CHOIR MEMBERS FROM THE PAST

Henry Cline	Jennie Cline
Bertha Bowerman	Cora Pannell
Lillian Pannell	Wallis Pannell
Mitchell Wilson	Grace Cline
Carrie Padgham	James Padgham
Gilbert Padgham	Lewis Smith
Margaret Smith	Minnie Wilkinson

MEMBERS WHO ENTERED THE MINISTRY

Clark Gillette	John Wilson
Chauncey Hart	Ronald Bowerman

FOUNDING FAMILIES AND CHARTER MEMBERS*

Cline	Comstock
Crosby	Mosher
Rose	Wells
Wilkinson	Wing
Woolsey	Snedeker

*a complete list is not available

MEMBERSHIP ROLL-OF-HONOR FROM 1937 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Gilbert Wilkinson	70 years
William Wilkinson	70 years
John Woolsey	70 years
Para Woolsey	62 years
Mrs. John Lauder	56 years
Ella Blazey	50 years
Irving Blazey	50 years
Albert Briggs	50 years

MEMBERSHIP ROLL-OF ,HONOR 1987

All have been members more than 50 years.

Ruth Briggs Baker*
Dorothy Cotton Baker
Ralph Baker
Byron Blazey*
Mary Wilkinson Blazey@
Edna Daum Blazey
Mildred Lauder Bluhm*
Brice Bowerman
Robert Briggs*
Agnes Lauder Briggs*
Adaline Lovejoy Brown
Charlotte Briggs Donner*
Ruth Wilkinson Lent*@
Floris A. Lent
Phyllis Bluhm Long
Robert McLouth
Ruth Wilson Papenfuse
Rose Kratzenburg Northrup
Marie Ziph

*Denotes lifetime attendance at South Perinton (85-94 years)
@The ancestors of Mary Wilkinson Blazey and Ruth Wilkinson Lent were among the original members 150 years ago; it is of interest to note that Mary Blazey's great-grandchildren, Charles and Diane Roberts, who joined in December, 1986 are the 8th generation in succession of Joseph Wilkinson to belong to South Perinton.

NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO JOINED THE CHURCH BETWEEN 1865 AND 1869
(earlier records are lost)

Deyo, Daniel
Bradt, Abby
Adams, Hubbard
Armington, Paulina
Bowers, Sofia
Bortle, Spencer
Bowerman, Lucy
Bennett, Odell
Bortle, Mattie
Cline, Richard
Claflin, Susan B.
Donley, Ellen A.
Deyo, Richard
DeLong, Margaret
Forties, John
Francisco, Helen
Giblin, Kittie
Gillett, James B.
Graves, Lydia
Hart, Jeremise
Hart, George W.
Hart, Chauncey B.
Havens, Eltha J.
Havens, Phebe J.
Hart, Alexander
Hart, Anne E.
Katkamier, Henry
Katkamier, Rebecca
Larwood, Sarah
Lane, Mary E.
Moore, Margaret
Marquis, Elizabeth
McLouth, Celia T.
Pannell, Lois M.
Plumb, Ellen
Potter, Coleman
Rulifson, John F.
Ryan, Maggie
Ryan, Esther
Tiltson, Lottie
Thayer, Hannah
Wilkinson, Robert
Wilson, Warren
Wheeler, Charles
Wheeler, Orvil
Wheeler, Lorinda
Wilkinson, William
Woolsey, John
Thomas, Gertrude

Bradt, James
Pound, Mary
Armington, G. U.
Blazey, John
Bortle, Thurlow
Bortle, Lorenda C.
Bowerman, Edwin
Bennett, Louisa
Bortle, Georgia
Cline, Jane Ann
DeLong, Eleanor
Day, Hester Ann
Deyo, Samuel
Elliot, Elizabeth
Francisco, Minerva
Giblin, John
Gillett, William H.
Gillett, Charles N.
Graves, William L.
Hart, Emma L.
Hoag, Mary A.
Hart, Sarah J.
Hart, Mary C.
Hart, Samuel
Hart, Rhoda E.
Katkamier, Ann Marie
Katkamier, Darwin
Lane, Charles W.
Larwood, Mary
Lane, John
Marquis, Karl
McMahon, James
Plumb, William
Plumb Peter
Potter, John T.
Root, Morgan L.
Reeve, Robert
Ryan, Lydia
Smith, Ophelia
Thayer, Giles
Thayer, Reuben
Wilkinson, Eliza
Wilkinson, Joseph
Wilkinson, Elizabeth
Wheeler, Frank
Wilkinson, Gilbert
Williams, John
Wilson, Jonathan
Moore, Joseph

NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO JOINED THE CHURCH BETWEEN 1870 AND 1879.

Elliott, Elizabeth	Adams, Matilda
Keeler, Jennie	Cline, Maggie
Woolsey, Para	Thayer, Mary
Plumb, Mary A.	Wilson, Sarah
Gillis, Maggie	Bortle, Caffie
Wheeler, Georgia	Clark, William H.
Sweet, Emily	Craggs, Patience

NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO JOINED THE CHURCH BETWEEN 1881 AND 1887

Wells, Clara E.	Plumb, Marie
Pannell, Cora M.	Wells, Isaac
Wells, Minnie	Marquis, Cora C.
Moore, Libbie	Craft, Libbie
Benedict, Minnie	Brown, Agnes
Brown, James	Bowerman, Edwin
Bortle, Phillip	Loud, Gertrude
Wilkinson, Nettie	Craft, Julia
Plumb, Genevieve	Nichols, Lillie
Gillette, Eltha	Blazey, Ella
Blazey, Irving	Blazey, Charles
Briggs, Albert T.	Marquis, Franc
Newton, Viola	Plumb, Lawson
Plumb, Ettie E.	Wilkinson, John
Wilkinson, Jennie	Cline, Henry
Frederick, Peter	Marquis, Albert
Gillis, John D.	Cline, Jennie

These lists may not be complete. We have tried to make them as accurate as possible. We welcome corrections or additions.

Ruth Wilkinson Lent
Chairperson, Historical Committee

LIFE'S FULFILLMENT

Of all the prizes
That earth can give
This is the best;
To find Thee, Lord,
A living Presence near,
And in Thee rest!

Friends, fortune, fame,
Of what might come to me-
I count all loss
If I find not
Companionship with Thee!

SOUTH PERINTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DEDICATED FEBRUARY 22, 1837

PAST & PRESENT PASTORS

1837.....JONATHAN BENSON
 1838.....ISAIAH V. MAPLES
 1839.....M. FERGUSON
 1840.....H. SANFORD
 1841.....OCTAVIUS MASON
 1842-3.....ZINA J. BUCK
 1844-5.....ASAHEL N. FILLMORE
 1846.....GUSTAVUS HINES
 1847.....JOHN RAINES,
 ASA S. BAKER
 1848.....JOHN RAINES,
 R. HOGOBOOM
 1849.....ELIJAH WOOD,
 R. HOGOBOOM
 1850.....ORRIN TROWBRIDGE,
 ELISHA HUDSON
 1851.....ORRIN TROWBRIDGE,
 T. J. O. WOODEN
 1852.....RANSLEY HARRINGTON
 1853.....ALBERT PLUMLEY
 1854.....CHANDLER WHEELER
 1855-6.....WILLIAM M. HASKELL
 1857-8.....MANLY TOOKER
 1859-60.....HENRY F. GILES
 1861.....WILLIAM BRADLEY
 1862-4.....LUTHER NORWAY
 1865-6.....WILLIAM R. BENHAM
 1867.....EZRA TINKER
 1868-9.....R. O. WILSON
 1870-2.....I. H. KELLOGG
 1873-5.....E. H. LATIMER
 1876-7.....R. N. LEAK
 1878-80.....T. W. CHANDLER

1881.....O. L. GIBSON
 1881.....J. L. LOWELL
 1884.....I. H. KELLOGG
 1886.....F. D. MATHERS
 1889.....FRANK THOMPSON
 1892.....A. B. NORTON
 1894.....WALTER DYNES
 1896.....E. M. KELLEY
 1898.....JAMES NEALE
 1903.....H. H. WITHAM
 1907.....JAMES W. ALLATT
 1909.....ERNEST MATHEWS
 1911.....F. H. DICKERSON
 1913.....W. H. WHITE
 1916.....RAY M. BUSLER
 1917.....JOHN MAC GUIDWIN
 1932.....RAYMOND RISDEN
 1938.....LEE VAUGHN
 1939.....CARL HAYES
 1942.....WARREN SHIRK
 1943.....HOMER COLE
 1948.....FRANK BEEBE
 1954.....FRED SAVAGE
 1957.....BURNHAM WALDO
 1960.....GEORGE HALL
 1963.....VICTOR SMITH
 1968.....JESSE YOUNG
 1971.....PAUL CAUVEL
 1977.....PHILIP SCHAAL
 1986.....DAVID HORNER

ENTERTAINMENT!

REVOLUTIONARY

AND

MUSICAL,

AT THE

SOUTH PERINTON

M. E. CHURCH,

TUESDAY EVE'G, DEC. 28, '86.

Mr. C. H. PARKER,

Whose ability as a Reader, is too well known here, to need any recommend, will render some of his most pleasing subjects.

Songs in Variety

(Serious and Comic), will be sung during the evening, by the Choir.

Admission, 20 cents. Children under 12 y's, 10 cts.

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*Rev. F. D. Mathers
& family*

1886-1889



*Standing
Cline
Sitting
Wilson
Bowerman
Wilkinson
Pannell*

Choir - 1887



Chimney Bluffs Lake Ontario
Co-workers



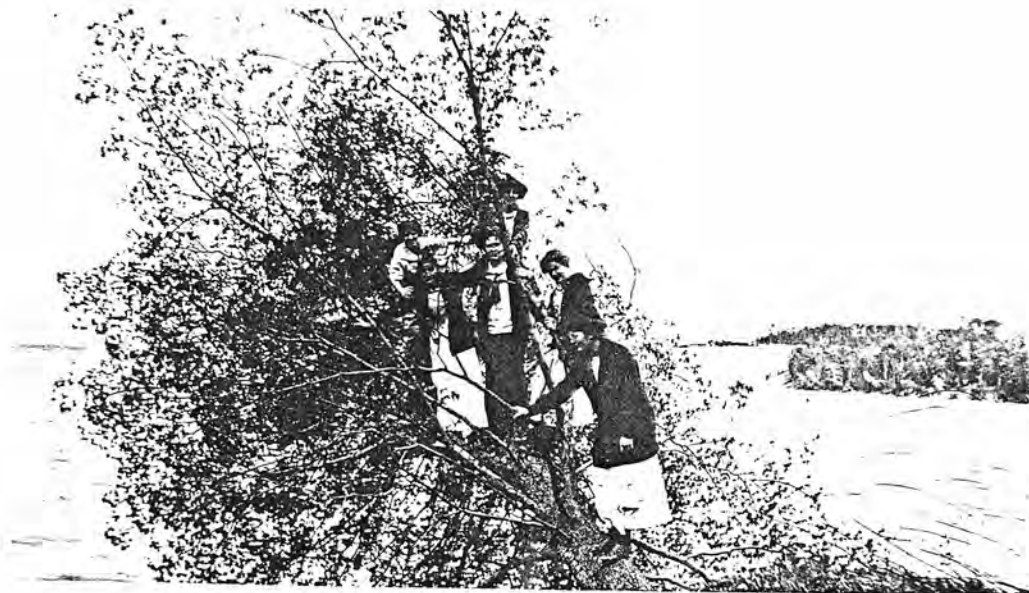
Trolley Stop 20 - Sunday
Parnell Road



Primary Class



Ladies Aid



Chimney Bluffs - Co-workers



"All honor to our nation's defenders."

"We enjoy what they fought and died for."

**NAMES OF SOLDIERS BURIED IN
THE SOUTH PERINTON CEME-
TERY, SOUTH PERINTON,
MONROE CO. N. Y.**

*Preserve this list along with your family record for your
children and grandchildren.*

JOHN HARRISON, Private, Enlisted Aug. 28, 1862 at Rochester in 33d N. Y. Infantry. Discharged Jan. 15, 1863 at White Oak Church, Va. Died of consumption at Egypt, N. Y., Mar. 1, 1863.

REUBEN H. CROSBY, Enlisted in a Michigan regiment in 1862, was a prisoner at Andersonville eight months, exchanged, and died at Anapolis, Md., Jan. 4, 1865.

ADOLPHUS ALDRICH, Drummer under Capt. Jackson, New York State Militia, served at Lewiston in 1814.

Sergt. STEPHEN H. AUSTIN, 1st New York Dragoons. Killed at Winchester, Va. Sept. 19, 1864.

LEWIS SMITH, Enlisted in 1862, served two years, wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. Died May 1st, 1868.

EGBERT HART, Private, Enlisted Aug. 30, 186-, in 33d New York Infantry, Discharged Jan. 3, 1863, at White Oak Church, Va. Died in Victor, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1863, of Camp Disease.

THOMAS RICHARDSON, Served the last three years of the Revolutionary war.

JEREMIAH RICHARDSON, Served under Capt. Rowley, New York State Militia, 1813.

These statistics were obtained at the cost of considerable time and labor by Mrs. Kittie J. Wilkinson, and, as far as is known is a correct list of all the soldiers now buried in this cemetery.

May 25, 1891,
West Macedon Gam Print.



Elliott Woolsey, son of Martha and Lorenzo Woolsey, aged 18 years, entered the army in the 13th Regiment. He was slightly wounded in the Battle of Bull Run and returned home. He re-entered in the 33rd Regiment. Soon ill, he was taken to the hospital. When he became able, he acted as assistant in caring for the sick and wounded which resulted in his profession of doctor of medicine. He entered practice in California and founded a clinic in Oakland.

Members who served in WWII

Gerald Baker
John Briggs
John Lauder
John Wilson

Clinton Baker
Richard Briggs
Donald Lauder
Charles Blazey
Thomas Briggs

W W I

Olive C. Blazey
2nd Lt. Army Nurse Corps

Well done,
good and faithful
servant; you have
been faithful over
a little, I will set
you over much;
enter into the joy
of your master.



Sesquicentennial Celebration
South Perinton United Methodist Church
October 18, 1987
2:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship: Rev. Allen Keiper, Pastor of the Victor United Methodist Church, formerly yoked with our South Perinton Church from 1837 to 1859.

*Hymn: "God of Love and God of Power" 153

Invocation: Rev. Dale Dorrell, Pastor of the Farmington Friends Church

Greetings: Mr. James Smith, Supervisor, The Town of Perinton.

Former Pastors: Rev. Victor & Ruth Smith of the Walworth United Methodist Church.

Rev. Philip & Evaline Schaal of the North Chili United Methodist Church.

Special Music: "More Love to Thee"

The Farmington Friends Choir

Vignettes from our History: Mrs. Ruth W. Lent, Church Historian

Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

The Farmington Friends Choir

Prayer: Rev. Raimund Tumbelston, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Macedon; (President of the Pal-Mac-Farm Clergy Association.) Summer preacher here each year.

*Hymn: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" 148

Scripture Reading: Job 19:13-15, Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: "Pontifex"

Rev. Dr. William Pegg, District Superintendent of the Rochester District.

Greetings and Remarks: Bishop Forrest C. Stith, Presiding Area Bishop, who with his wife, Josephine, has just returned from a tour of churches in South America.

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" (Vs.1,2) 17

*Benediction

*Congregational Choral Benediction

Pastor: Rev. David J. Horner

Organist: Eunice Lilly

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3 PM, Coffee Hour, prepared by Mrs. Mary Ruth
Smith and Mrs. Esther Blazey

The flowers on the altar today are a memorial in
gratitude to the founders of the church.

Our thanks to Mr. Gerald Rowe for providing the
horse and carriage.

We also express our gratitude to our Historical
Committee, who arranged for this celebration:
Mrs. Ruth W. Lent, Chairperson; Mrs. Mary Blazey,
Mrs. Elizabeth Lauder; and to those who were
involved in the planning: Mr. Ralph Darrow, Miss
Mary Kay DeSeyn, Mrs. Carole DeSeyn, Mrs. Carol
Hambleton, Mrs. Betty Clark, Mrs. Beverly Allen,
Mrs. Nancy Quigley, and all others who have help-
ed with the dinner and celebration.

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face,
Know his grace forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.

Cover Text: Matthew 25:23

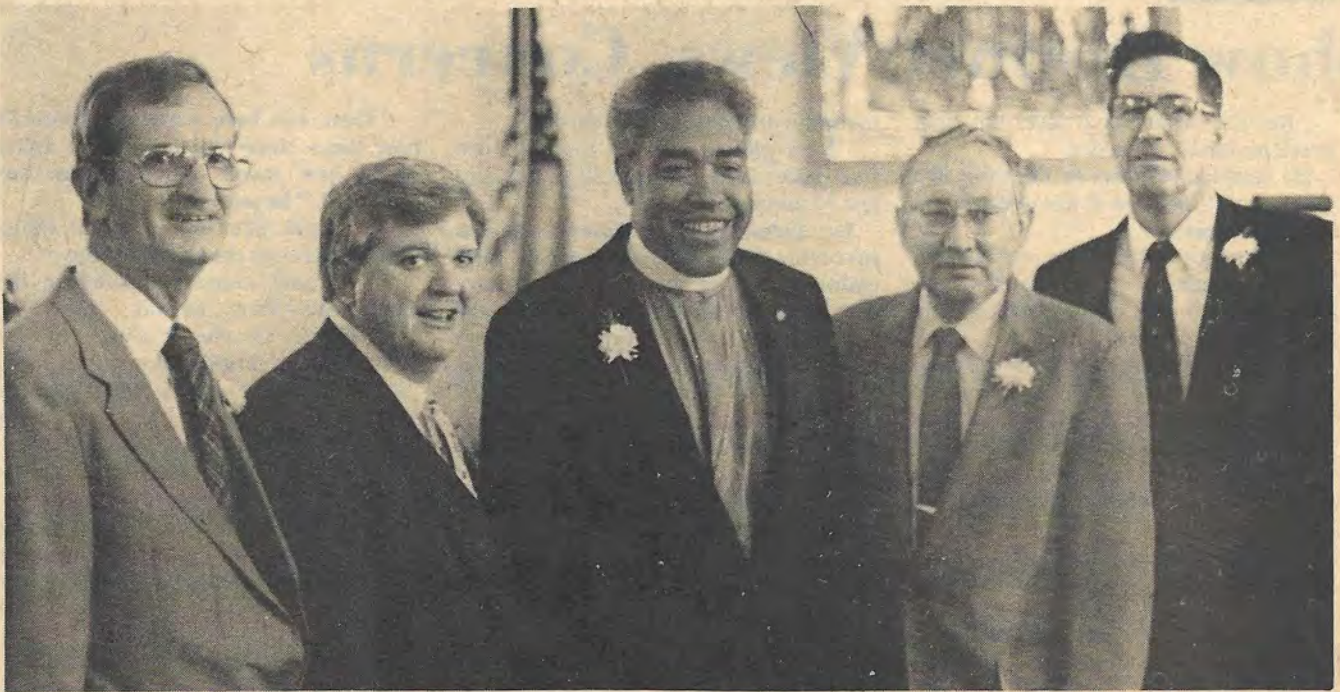
Readings for Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost: Zephaniah 1:7,
12-18; Psalm 76; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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S. Perinton Church Marks 150 Years



THE SOUTH PERINTON CHURCH, on Wilkinson Road, celebrated its 150th anniversary Sunday with a dinner and service that included former pastors. The church, which is Perinton's oldest, was formed in 1837 on the same site. Several dignitaries were brought to the church by horse and buggy. The afternoon also included a history of the church, put together by Ruth Wilkinson Lent, a descendant of one of the church founders. Pictured are, from left, the Rev. Raimond Tumbelston, the Rev. Dr. William Pegg, Bishop Forrest C. Stith, the Rev. Philip Schaal, and the Rev. David Horner. Also participating was the Farmington Friends Choir.

