

150th Anniversary Update

By Merlyn Petersen

As a member of the 150th anniversary celebration committee, we have decided to delay our celebration until 2022. We hope things have settled down so we can make plans for the big event and be able to carry them out.

I would like to make note of an important date in the history of our church that took place 60 years ago. April 23, 1961 marks the date of the dedication and first service in our new church.

One who has been fortunate enough to be part of that event, I can remember, as a 16-year-old teenager in the choir that we marched from the old church to the new church across the road singing hymn #10 (Now Thank We All Our God - was sung leaving the old church and hymn #198 (Holy, Holy, Hold Lord God Almighty - was sung walking into the new church).

I am sure some of you have seen the program from that dedication service. We not only had a new church but a new pastor elect, Harold Sorensen who spoke as he was replacing retiring Rev. C.A. Stub.

I can remember a couple other important events that took place in the building of the new church - the groundbreaking and corner stone laying. The cornerstone in the northeast corner of the building contained a tube with important items in it. We are looking to remove and open it to see what is inside and possibly add some new items for posterity.

Both my wife, Catherine and I remember these events and her father, Harlan Nielsen was president of the church council. For those of you who remember some of these events, we encourage you to keep sharing your stories with each other. Throughout the anniversary year, we plan on sharing many wonderful remembrances from Fredsville's past.



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Ground Breaking



Corner Stone Laying

