

REV. STANLEY H. FORKNER



January 24, 1997

The task of assembling this memorabilia about the Ministry of my late husband, Stanley H. Forkner has been delayed far too long. He died December 21, 1993. The remainder of that winter I remained in a process of healing and it also was impossible to tackle anything of this sort because much of the papers, etc. remained in Michigan. The following winter I was involved in an automobile accident and spent the remainder of the season recovering. The next winter I failed to bring everything needed to Florida. In September of 1996 I vacated my Michigan home. Now I am certain that everything I possess is here in Florida so the job begins!

This is in no way an attempt to put down an account of Stanley's life. Rather, it seemed fitting to make an album reflecting his vocation in the Ministry of the Church. Of course there's far more mementos and keepsakes than can be put in this Album. So it is necessary to choose some of the more important from each phase of his career.

Of course it is sensible to begin this account by starting with his coming into the world, the birth certificate tells it all.

Because his first name was the same as his father's, he was familiarly called "Herbert." I cannot comment much on his childhood as he grew up in East Dayton. However he frequently remarked that he was not 100% happy with himself. He experienced feelings of inferiority, was very shy and did not feel that he could excel in anything. But he also reported some happy experiences and valuable relationships.

As he entered Junior High School, the family built a new home on Dayton's west side. Upon this move he assumed the first name of "Stanley" and feels this marked a great change in his life and attitudes.

Here he met a new friend who got him started attending the High Street United Brethren Church. This started him on his spiritual journey. He also became part of an inter-denominational Bible Club, and this contributed much to his knowledge of the Scriptures.

After High School graduation his decision to enter the Ministry was prompt and he entered Bonebrake Theological Seminary the following Fall.

Now we begin the story of his Career in the Christian Ministry.

Naomi Forkner

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
 DIVISION OF HEALTH
 DAYTON, OHIO

A 66941

H. Williams
 Local Registrar of Vital Statistics do hereby certify the following to be a true and correct copy of the RECORD OF BIRTH of

Stanley Herbert Forkner
 on file in the office of the Division of Health, City of Dayton, Ohio.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

Reg. Dist. No. 904 Registrar's No. 497
 Primary Reg. Dist. No. 8390 Birth No. 134

1. PLACE OF BIRTH a. County <u>Montgomery</u> b. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u> c. Name of (If not in hospital or institution, give street address) <u>120 Hedger St.</u> d. Is Place of Birth inside City Limits? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER (Where does mother live?) a. State <u>Ohio</u> b. County <u>Monty</u> c. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u> d. Street Address <u>120 Hedger St.</u> e. Is residence inside City Limits? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> f. Is residence on a Farm? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) First <u>Stanley</u> Middle <u>Herbert</u> Last <u>Forkner</u>		6. DATE OF BIRTH Month <u>Mar</u> Day <u>1</u> Year <u>1914</u>	
4. SEX <u>M</u> 5a. This Birth Single <input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Triplet <input type="checkbox"/> 5b. If Twin or Triplet, was child born 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/>		7. NAME First <u>Stanley</u> Middle <u>Forkner</u> Last <u>Forkner</u>	
8. Color or Race <u>White</u>		9. Age (At time of this birth) <u>24</u> Years	
10. Birthplace (State or foreign country) <u>Morrow, Ohio</u>		11a. Usual Occupation <u>Machinist</u>	
11b. Kind of Business or Industry		12. MAIDEN NAME First <u>Callie</u> Middle <u>Combs</u> Last <u>Combs</u>	
13. Color or Race <u>White</u>		14. Age (At time of this birth) <u>32</u> Years	
15. Birthplace (State or foreign country) <u>Buttsville Ky.</u>		16. Previous Deliveries to Mother (Do NOT include this birth) a. How many OTHER Children are now living? <u>0</u> b. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead? <u>0</u> c. How many fetal deaths (fetuses born dead at ANY time after conception?) <u>0</u>	
17. INFORMANT'S NAME OR SIGNATURE <u>Callie Forkner</u>		18. Mother's Mailing Address	
19a. SIGNATURE <u>N.D. Goodhue</u>		19b. Attendant at Birth M. D. <input type="checkbox"/> D. O. <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
19c. ADDRESS <u>Dayton Ohio</u>		19d. Date Signed <u>3/13/1914</u>	
20. Date Rec'd by Local Reg. <u>3/13/1914</u>		21. Registrar's Signature <u>H. Williams</u>	
22. Date on which Given Name added		By (Registrar)	

Fee: One Dollar

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my official seal to be affixed at Dayton, Ohio, this

twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty

H. Williams

Local Registrar.



Cooperative High School Commencement

N C R Schoolhouse

Monday, June 6, 1932, 8:00 p. m.

--Program--

Organ Prelude.....	Robert Kline
Processional March.....	Robert Kline
Invocation.....	Reverend Irving N. DePuy Pastor Linden Avenue Baptist Church
Tableau—"Achievement of Progress".....	Don Temple Senior Speaker
Class Song.....	Graduates Words and music by Verelle Schaeffer, accompanist Albert J. Holzhauer, Director of Music
Talk—"Education Plus".....	May Belle Varner Speaker introduced by Robert Werner, President of Section Two
Talk—"Self Measurements".....	Edison Gibson Speaker introduced by Richard Chatterton, President of Section One
Song—"The Summer Winds Blow".....	Graduates Arranged from "The Blue Danube" Waltzes by Johann Strauss with words by Edith Sanford Tillotson
Presentation of Class to Superintendent.....	Clare Sharkey Principal Dayton Cooperative High School
Delivery of Class to Board of Education.....	C. V. Courter Superintendent of Schools
Acceptance of Class.....	Charles C. Snyder President Board of Education
Awarding of Diplomas.....	Edith McClure-Patterson Member Board of Education
Farewell Song.....	Graduates Words and music by Mary Elizabeth Cox, accompanist
Benediction.....	Reverend Irving N. DePuy

AN APPRECIATION

The faculty and students of the Cooperative High School wish to express their appreciation to the cooperating agencies, industries, stores, offices, and other business firms who join with the school in providing that two-phase education received in this cooperative school. You are the agency by which the education given in school is bound up with the work of the world, and with life situations, in a way that makes our objective of his life's work.

Stanley H. Forkner



High School Graduation



The Scout Oath

*O*n my honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



Dayton Cooperative High School

Dayton, Ohio

INSTITUTED 1927

First Grade High School as Certified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Stanley H. Forkner

Has completed the Course of Study prescribed in this Institution, and has attained a degree of proficiency which entitles him to be graduated. As evidence of his attainments, The Board of Education of the City of Dayton, awards this Diploma this Sixth day of June, 1932.



E. C. Lawler
Superintendent of Schools

Alvin Shanker
Principal

Charles W. ...
President

Alvin ...
Clerk-Treasurer



Stanley's Maternal
Grandmother
Malvery Ward



HOME ON HEDGES STREET - DAYTON



Center Right:
Stanley's Paternal
Grandparents.

Others -
Baby, Toddler,
Small Boy





Upon Entering Kindergarten Above: Junior High



The Hoover Ave. Home

Below:
First Girl Friend?



1937

The Bonebrake Theological Seminary

OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BROTHERS IN CHRIST, DAYTON, OHIO

To All to Whom These Presents Come: Greeting.

— This Diploma Certifies That —

Stanley H. Forkner

Has completed the requirements of Bonebrake Theological Seminary for
THE DIPLOMA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

and that, by authority of the State of Ohio and upon recommendation of the Faculty, this Diploma, with all the dignities and privileges pertaining thereto, has been conferred upon him by the Board of Trustees of Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

In Testimony Whereof, we hereunto affix the seal of Bonebrake Theological Seminary and subscribe our names this Seventeenth day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-five.

A. I. Howard
President

C. E. Oelsma
Dean





Bonebrake 1935



In 1935 Stanley was awarded this Diploma Degree after a three year course of study. This entitled him to be ordained. (He had received his License to preach on 1934.)

Following this event he spent one year in other pursuits, including a course at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago which proved unsatisfactory.

After College he returned to Bonebrake receiving his degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1942.



Bonebrake Theological Seminary 1942



Stanley H. Forkner

The Bonebrake Theological Seminary

*On the recommendation of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees
of The Bonebrake Theological Seminary, chartered by the
State of Ohio, has conferred upon*

Stanley H. Forkner

**THE DEGREE OF
Bachelor of Divinity**

with all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.

*Done in Dayton, Ohio, this Twenty-
sixth day of May, the year of our Lord
One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-two.*

Walter D. Roberts President
C. E. Ashcraft Dean



1942

Members of the President's Club are those individuals who give at the Patron, Partner
or Sustainer levels for annual operating or special purposes during the fiscal year.

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\$5,000 to \$9,999 per year	• Sustainers \$1,000 to \$2,499 per year

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The Bonebrake Theological Seminary

On the recommendation of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees
of The Bonebrake Theological Seminary, chartered by the
State of Ohio, has conferred upon

Stanley H. Forkner

This Diploma

with all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.



1942

Done in Dayton, Ohio, this Twenty-
sixth day of May, the year of our Lord
One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-two.

Walter N. Roberts President
C. E. Ashcraft Dean

United Theological Seminary

On the recommendation of the Faculty, the Board of Trustees of United
Theological Seminary, chartered by the State of Ohio, has conferred upon

STANLEY H. FORKNER

1942

THE DEGREE OF Master of Divinity

*in exchange for the previously awarded Bachelor of Divinity Degree,
according to the recommendations of The American Association
of Theological Schools.*

Done in Dayton, Ohio, this Twentieth day of March, the year
of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two.



1972

John R. Knecht President
J. Bruce Pelney Vice President
Jewell Hvert Dean

Annual Conference Minister's License

This is to Certify, that Stanley N. Forkner
is an approved minister in the Church of the United Brethren in
Christ, so long as his conduct and doctrine are conformable to the
gospel of Christ and the government of this Church.

Given at the Miami Annual Conference, held at
Middletown, this 23rd day of August
in the year of our Lord 1934.

Signed and sealed in behalf of said conference.

A. R. Clippinger Bishop (Seal)

Certificate of Ordination

This is to Certify, That Rev. Stanley Forkner
is an approved minister in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, so long as his conduct
and doctrine are conformable to the gospel of Christ and the government of this church, and
has been ordained to the office of an elder by the laying on of hands.

Given at the Miami annual conference, held at
First Church, Dayton this 23rd day of August
in the year of our Lord 1935.

Signed and sealed in behalf of said conference.

A. R. Clippinger Bishop. (Seal.)

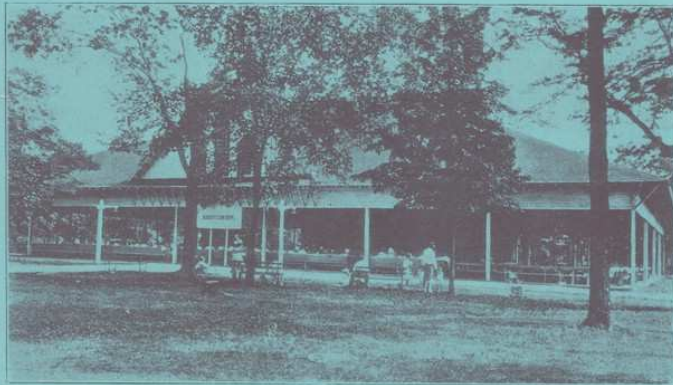
Young People's Conference

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Sponsored by the Lebonah League

Seven Days of Fellowship, Recreation and
Exceptional Bible Instruction!

June 30-July 7, 1934



THE AUDITORIUM

Miami Valley Chautauqua Grounds

FRANKLIN, OHIO

PERSONNEL

Dr. Will H. Houghton, New York City.
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Rev. and Mrs. L. James Kindig, Mattoon, Ill.
Dr. Max I. Reich, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Ralph E. Stewart, Columbus, Ohio.
Mrs. H. Earl Eavey, Xenia, Ohio.

LEBONAH LEAGUE

Any account of Stanley's ministrations would be incomplete without relating the impact of this Youth Organization's teachings and other activities upon his life.

During his late teens he became a part of this group. They met regularly each week and sat under the dedicated and skillful teaching of a fine Christian Woman.

He always declared that here he learned how to study the Bible; more than this, he was challenged to put the Bible's teachings into practical use.

He met friends from many other and varied denominations. Many of these friendships continued throughout his life.

Each summer this group sponsored week-long assembly at the Camp Grounds of Chatauqua, south of Dayton. These proved to be "Mountain Top" experiences for the members and friends of the League.

Because I did not live in Dayton until after our marriage in 1941 I never had much contact with the organization, but was always aware of its importance and influence upon his spiritual life.

While I cannot be sure, I feel that this little pledge card must have been signed as he became a part of Lebonah League.

It indicates how important this step was for a seventeen-year old youth who wanted to make his life count for God and the Kingdom's work.

Active Member's Pledge

TRUSTING in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible, to support the work and worship of my church, and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society. These things I will do unless hindered by conscientious reasons; and in them all I will seek the Saviour's guidance.

Signed Stanley H. Forbner

Date Apr. 29-31 Residence 3574 Homer Ave

This diploma makes known that

Drew Levin College

On the Domination of the Faculty
has admitted

Stanley H. Horner

to the degree of
Bachelor of Arts

and that he is entitled to all the Immunities, Rights
and Privileges pertaining to that degree.

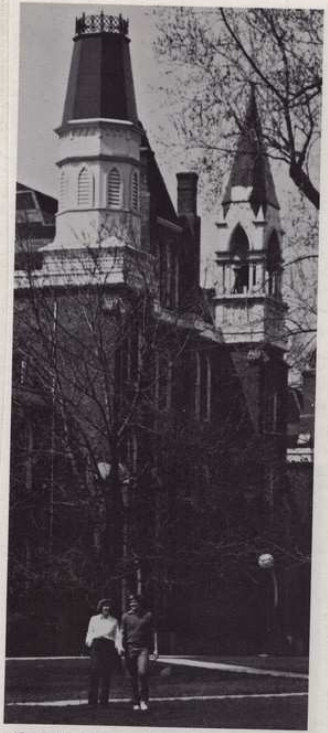
Given in Asheville in the State of North Carolina
twelfth day of June in the year of our Lord, one
thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

In Witness whereof the Seal of the College and the Signatures
of the President of the College and of the Board of Trustees are
hereunto affixed.

Albenter
President of the Board of Trustees

John H. ...
President of the College

The Original Diploma was huge...far too big to put in this album. I had
it copied and "shrunk."



"Otterbein provides the warm, historic atmosphere of an established private college in a small community."



When Stanley entered Otterbein College in 1936, he (quote)"came to get an education." Consequently he did not enter into the social life on the campus to any extent. Also, he had graduated from high school four years earlier so was a bit older than most other students. But more than any of this, he had asked for a student appointment to a small church. He got it and this is how he arrived at Ostrander, my home town. The assignment called for Sunday duties only, but it became so important to him that he was on the job much more than one day a week.

He always claimed he enjoyed college and his three previous years at the seminary added to his college credits so that he graduated in 1939.

Lloyd Houser (top photo) was one of his closest friends. The color photo shows him and Lloyd, together with Bob Ward and Jim Crosby in 1972. Now, as I write this only Lloyd is still living.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Westerville, Ohio

Founded - April 26, 1847

1963

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION

Friday, April 26, 1963 - 9:40 A.M.

President Lynn W. Turner, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D.

PRESIDING

ORGAN PRELUDE-

"Prelude Choral in E Major" *Franch*
Professor Lawrence S. Frank, Mus.M., F.A.O.G., Organist

PROCESSIONAL-

March from "Die Meistersinger" *Wagner*
(Audience will remain seated)

INVOCATION-

The Reverend James B. Recob, B.A., B.D., Chaplain

MUSIC-

Third Movement (Rondo) from "Horn Concerto #2,
K.V. 417" *Mozart*
Nicholas J. Perrini, B.Sc. in Ed.
Assisted by Paul L. Frank, M.A., Ph.D., piano

FOUNDERS' DAY ADDRESS-"What's Wrong With Morality?"

Murray D. Lincoln, B.S., LL.D., D. Agr., L.H.D.
President and General Manager, Nationwide Insurance Companies

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES-

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

The Reverend Stanley H. Forkner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Conference Program and Christian Education
Michigan Conference, Evangelical United Brethren Church

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Colonel William C. Lindley, B.A.
Commandant, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps

BENEDICTION-

Chaplain Recob

ORGAN POSTLUDE-

"In Thee is Gladness" *Bach*





THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Otterbein is a small school, as colleges go. At the time Stanley attended (1936 - 1939) if I remember correctly, there were not more than 1,200 students. However, at this time, 1999, it is 50% more than that.

It is located in the town of Westerville, Ohio, a bit northeast of the capital city of Columbus. It's beginning dates back to 1847. The campus is uncrowded, with well kept lawns and plenty of shade trees.

Early in 1999 a restoration and renewal project brought about the selling of bricks to finance new walks and patio areas about the administration building. I responded and on the following page is a photo of the brick bearing Stanley's name.





Left to right: Murray D. Lincoln; Dr. Lynn W. Turner; Colonel William C. Lindley; and Rev. Stanley H. Forkner, '39.

On Founders' Day, April 26, Murray D. Lincoln, president and general manager of Nationwide Insurance Company, was guest speaker and two honorary degrees were conferred. The Rev. Stanley H. Forkner, '39, director of conference program and Christian Education for the Michigan Confer-

ence, Evangelical United Brethren Church, received the Doctor of Divinity degree. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Colonel William C. Lindley, commandant, United States Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps. 1963

Stanley H. Forkner, progressive churchman, inspirational leader of youth, and staunch defender of the faith, because you have carried the ideals of your Alma Mater into the wider fields of service in your church, with zeal, with fidelity, and with good humour, the Trustees of Otterbein College, upon the recommendation of the Faculty, have authorized me to confer, and I do hereby confer upon you the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, with all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Lest anyone feel there are too many "Diplomas" in this album, let me hasten to say that there are more I did not include! (There's even one he received for graduation from Kindergarten, also from Junior High, etc.) The degree of Doctor of Divinity, received from Otterbein College in 1963 was especially meaningful to him. Let me tell you why the certificate is not here.

After his death in 1993 I was at a loss as to how to dispose of the "Hood" which he received as part of the ceremony. I finally contacted the college for advice. They insisted I send the Hood to them along with the certificate for their archives. This I did in September, 1996. I have a good feeling about this and only wish I could tell Stanley about it.

Before parting with the diploma I copied the words from it and they appear just above this paragraph.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE
 COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
 OTTERBEIN ROOM HISTORICAL COLLECTION

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Westerville, Ohio 43081 614/898-1215 or 614/898-1761

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The Otterbein Room Historical Collection has received from:

Naomi Forkner
 (Name)

330 Brassy Rd. Box 25
 (Address)

Isleland OH 33809
 (City, State, Zip) (Telephone number)

the following materials:

- 1) Honorary DD 1963 hood
 - 2) Honorary DD 1963 certificate
- with items belonged to
 Stanley Forkner

Property Rights: Upon transfer to the Otterbein Room Historical Collection the above described property is granted irrevocably and absolutely to Otterbein College.

Copyrights: Any copyrights the donor may possess in this property or any other property in the custody of the Otterbein Room Historical Collection are hereby granted to Otterbein College.

These items are accepted with appreciation and with the understanding that the Archives may use full discretionary powers, both immediately and in the future, in deciding the retention and use of these items. Items which are not usable will be returned to the donor, if so desired.

Any restrictions are described as follows:

Del. by Rev. M. Christin
 Donor

Kerri O'Connell / Archivist
 O.C. Representative/Title

11/5/96
 Date

11/5/96
 Date

ALL SEATS FREE!

OSTRANDER U. B. CHURCH

March 26, 27, 28
7:45

HEAR

Miss Lucille Fannon, Speaker; Miss Joan Hoover, Pianist
Youngest Evangelistic Team in America

"The Old Story in a New Glory"

Good Singing

Gospel Preaching

Grand Music

Combines Academic Studies With Pastoral Preaching

By Rev. Dec 14 1940

Like many another theological student in the years since higher education of ministers came to be regarded as a necessity for effective church leaders, Rev. Stanley H. Forkner, pastor of Drexel-Park United Brethren church has combined academic studies and pastoral duties since his ordination in 1935.

Mr. Forkner began his preaching career as co-pastor of the High Street United Brethren in Dayton, where he served from March to September of 1935 while enrolled

as a student in Bonebrake Theological seminary.

When he went to Otterbein college in the fall of 1936 he also be-



REV. STANLEY H. FORKNER

came pastor of the Ostrander United Brethren church, continuing in this pastorate for three months after he received his bachelor of arts degree at Otterbein in the spring of 1939.

Returning to Bonebrake seminary in the fall of 1939 as a candidate for the bachelor of divinity degree, which he expects to receive in May, 1941, Mr. Forkner was assigned by Bishop A. R. Clippinger to the Drexel-Park congregation in the Dayton suburb lying west of the city limits along the Eaton pike.

When he is ready, in terms of academic preparation, for a full-time church job next spring, Mr. Forkner will be 27 years old and will have six years of practical experience to his credit—not to mention the fact that by carrying a double-headed responsibility as student and preacher he has been able to finance his education.

In this respect, his story parallels the record of perhaps a majority of the present leadership of the United Brethren denomination and other denominations as well.

A native of Dayton, Mr. Forkner received his elementary and secondary education in this city, graduating from Co-operative high school in 1932.

Besides participation in dramatic productions of the high school in his junior and senior years, he also served as president of the West-

Mid-Summer

MEETING

July 31, to Aug. 6



Gospel
in
song
and
story

Preaching
Christ
and
Him
'Crucified

REV. S. H. FORKNER, Preaching

Stanley Herbert Forbner
and
Naomi Witt

The undersigned respectfully make application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath states:

that said Stanley Herbert Forbner is 27 years of age on the 1st day of March 1941

his residence is Dayton, Ohio

his place of birth is Dayton, Ohio

his occupation is Miner

his father's name is Stanley Forbner

his mother's maiden name was Edlie Combe

that he was not previously married and that he has no wife living.

That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile, or insane, and is not under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage.

It is expected that Rev. Clyde Jones

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

this 2nd day of June 1941

Consent

For good cause shown, the time ENTRY limit is hereby waived.

Marriage License was this day granted to Stanley Herbert Forbner and Naomi Witt

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify, That on the 31st day of June 1941

of Mr. Stanley Herbert Forbner with Miss Naomi Witt

Filed and Recorded June 13 1941

Attest: E. C. Boyd, Probate Judge in the matter of Stanley Herbert Forbner and Naomi Witt

No. 31474 MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County

that said Naomi Witt is 24 years of age on the 29th day of September 1940

her residence is Lancaster, Delaware, County, O.

her place of birth is Magnolia Springs, Ohio

her occupation is Bookkeeper

her father's name is Stanley Witt

her mother's maiden name was Eda Mary Brewer

that she was not previously married and is not a widow or divorced woman, her married name being

that she has no husband living.

is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.

Stanley Herbert Forbner

Naomi Witt

H. D. Howe

Lucile Welch

Probate Judge Deputy Clerk

Probate Court, Delaware County, Ohio, June 2 1941

and

H. D. Howe

Lucile Welch, Deputy Clerk

Probate Judge

The State of Ohio, Delaware County, ss. A. D. 1941 I solemnized the Marriage

of Rev. Clyde Jones

Attest: E. C. Boyd, Probate Judge in the matter of Stanley Herbert Forbner and Naomi Witt

Probate Court, Delaware County, Ohio



Top: Our wedding, 1941

Above: The Ostrander Church

Left: Our Silver Anniversary, 1966

Our Golden Anniversary, 1991



Drexel Park United Brethren Church - 1939-1945



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1945

News Of The Services

Former Drexel U. B. Pastor On Duty In Army At Manila

Capt. Stanley H. Forkner, former pastor of the Drexel United Brethren church, Dayton, is presently assigned to the Pastoral section, headquarters, United States army forces, Western Pacific, Manila. He entered army service in February, 1945, and was assigned to the Pacific in April.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Forkner of 3523 Hoover av., he is a graduate of Otterbein college, Westerville, and Bonebrake Theological seminary, Dayton. His wife, Naomi, and their two children, Robert, and Mary Ruth, are residing at 817 N. Upland av. while the chaplain is overseas.

Bonebrake Graduate Assigned To Pacific

Capt. Stanley H. Forkner has recently been assigned to headquarters army forces, Western Pacific, in Manila, as chaplain in charge of the pastoral section.



He was graduated from Bonebrake seminary in Dayton and was pastor of the Drexel United Brethren church prior to his commission as chaplain in February, 1945. In April of this year Chaplain Forkner was sent to the Philippines where he has been serving for the past eight months. His wife and two children reside at 817 N. Upland av., Dayton.

ANNOUNCING!

Sunday Night Services

DREXEL U. B. CHURCH

«Each Sunday Evening at 7:30 P. M.»

NOV. 5th

SINGSPIRATION--Congregational singing of old time Gospel Songs, Solos, Duets. Special Music on Marimba-Phone.

NOV. 12th

“THE WORDLESS BOOK”--an illustrated sermon full of challenge and inspiration.

NOV. 19th

PROFESSOR QUIZ--Two select teams will attempt to answer Bible questions. This service will be unusually interesting.

NOV. 26th

OLD FASHIONED MEETING--This service will revive memories of the meetings you attended years ago.

Spend an Hour in Church Each Sunday Evening

REV. STANLEY H. FORKNER, pastor of Drexel United Brethren church for five years, will report Feb. 8 to Ft. Devens, Mass., for training school as an Army chaplain. He has resigned his pastorate and his positions as chairman of the ministry to public institutions committee of the Church Federation and secretary-treasurer of the West Dayton Ministers' association. A native of Dayton, he was graduated from Parker high school, Otterbein college and Bonebrake Theological seminary.

THE DAYTON HERALD
Tuesday, January 23, 1945

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DREXEL U. B. CHURCH

DAYTON, OHIO

January 20, 1940

Dear Fellow-workers for Christ,

God has richly blessed our church in recent months and we have seen renewed interest and increased attendance. We can truly be thankful unto our Heavenly Father for this encouraging transformation and the outlook before us.

We have made commendable progress financially as well as spiritually. The Ladies Aid Society recently paid up the interest on our church debt until September 1, 1940. The Home Mission and Church Errection Society from whom we secured the loan for our building, has cancelled \$450.00 of accrued interest. The Miami Conference has given us \$100.00 to be applied to our debt providing we raise \$200.00 on the principal.

It is our desire, as members of your finance committee, to raise at least this amount in the Easter offering. One of the plans for the accomplishing of that end, is the "penny-a-meal" bank that has been handed you. As you pause before each meal to thank God for His goodness and mercy, deposit some coin in the bank, "in remembrance of Him." If there are children in the home let them deposit the coins. They will enjoy doing it and thus will receive training in Christian Stewardship.

With each of us doing our part we will more than reach our goal on Easter Sunday.

For a Greater Church
Your finance committee,

Mrs. Bonner
Mrs. Crosby
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Woodyard
Mr. Lehman




LET
THE WORDS
OF MY MOUTH
AND THE
MEDITATION
OF MY HEART
BE ACCEPT-
ABLE IN THY
SIGHT, O LORD
MY STRENGTH
AND MY RE-
DEEMER.
PSALM 138:14



Meditation
Time

DREXEL
UNITED
BRETHREN
CHURCH
DAYTON,
OHIO

THE
PRESIDENT
OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:
Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity
and abilities of Stanley Herbert Forkner,
I do appoint him, temporarily, Captain,
Chaplain in

The Army of the United States

such appointment to date from the twenty-second day of September,
nineteen hundred and forty-five. He is therefore carefully and diligently to
discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all
manner of things thereunto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command
when he shall be employed on active duty, to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his
grade and position. And he is to obey and follow such orders and directions from time
to time, as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of
America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules
and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United
States, for the time being and for the duration of the present emergency and for six
months thereafter, unless sooner terminated.

Done at the City of Washington, this fourteenth day of June,
in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

By the President:



Edward D. Wisner
Major General,
The Adjutant General.



Leonard Wood, Mo.
First Lt. Stanley H. Forkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Forkner, 3523 Hoover avenue, is the Protestant chaplain in the Fifth replacement depot in Manila. His wife, Naomi, lives with their two children at 817 Upland avenue.
Former pastor of the Drexel United Brethren church, he attended Otterbein college and Bonebrake Theological seminary. He was chairman of the committee on ministry to public institutions with the Dayton Federation of Churches and also secretary-treasurer of the West Dayton Ministers association.
Daytonian in Navy



As an Army Chaplain he spent the time in the Philippines.



The day after his return in 1946 - June 13. Baby Mary Ruth was napping.

MILITARY RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

141254

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL FORENER, STANLEY H.	2. LAST SERIAL NUMBER 0-930 025	3. GRADE Capt.	4. LINE OF SERVICE CHO	5. COMPONENT AMS
6. ORGANIZATION Hq, Det, Sec, I, 1463 ASU, Sta. Comp Fort McJannet, Alabama	7. DATE OF SEPARATION 7 Nov, 1946	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Sgt. Pt, Ft, McJannet, Ala.	9. DATE OF BIRTH 1 Mar, 1914	10. PLACE OF BIRTH Dayton, Ohio
11. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE REPORT See #9	12. COLOR HAIR Brown	13. COLOR EYES Black	14. HEIGHT 5' 11 1/4"	15. WEIGHT 165 lbs
16. AGE 32	17. NO. OF DEPENDENTS 3	18. MARITAL STATUS Single	19. DO A.S. CIVILIAN Yes	20. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Clerk (United Brethren) 0-08.10

21. REGISTERED SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA X	22. LOCAL S. N. NUMBER # 6	23. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Montgomery Co, Ohio	24. POINT ADDRESS AT TIME OF SEPARATION 817 W. 7th Dayton 7, Ohio
25. DATE OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY 8 Feb, 1945	26. SERVICE AND CAMPAIGNS Latoon - GO # 136 AFPAAC - 45	27. MILITARY RECORD NUMBER Cahaplain - 6130	28. DATE OF SEPARATION APR - 5 1946
29. DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENSHIP Aetetic-Pedotic Campaign Medal W/1 Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal.	30. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION None	31. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED CH.C - Chaplain School Ft. Devens, Mass.	32. SERVICE OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND NO. AS-PAC U.S.A.
33. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION (D) and Par 23 SO 257, Hq, Ft. McJannet, Alabama, 9 Oct, 1946.	34. SERVICE OFFICE ORGANIZATION AND NO. AS-PAC U.S.A.	35. DATE OF SEPARATION 17 May 1945	36. DATE OF BIRTH 2 June 1946

37. CONTINGENTIAL SERVICE TITLES 0	38. PAY GRADE 7	39. PAY DATE 25	40. PAY TABLE 1	41. PAY MONTHS 1	42. PAY DATE 4	43. PAY GRADE 8	44. PAY TABLE 4	45. PAY MONTHS 4	46. PAY DATE 7
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INSURANCE NOTICE
MEMORANDUM WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE POLICYHOLDERS.
DATE OF SEPARATION: 17 May 1945
DATE OF BIRTH: 2 June 1946

47. REASONS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Disposition)
Lapel Button Issued
ARR Score (2 Sep. 1945) 42
On Terminal Leave from 20 Oct. 1946 to 7 Nov. 1946 (Incl.)

48. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER ISSUING SEPARATION
Stanley H. Forener

49. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION - (Signature)
Shepherd B. Jones

50. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION - (Signature)
Shepherd B. Jones, Capt. CWP.

From Form 1000-10-46
1000-10-46
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Army of the United States
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that
STANLEY HERBERT FORENER O 930 025 Capt.
Headquarters Detachment Section I 1463 A.S.U.

honorably served in active Federal Service
in the Army of the United States from
8 February 1945 to 7 November 1946

Given at SEPARATION POINT, FORT MCGANNETT, ALABAMA
on the 7th day of November, 1946

Frank D. Stone
FRANK D. STONE
Lt. Col., Infantry

27108 W 7 miles Rd
Oct 19.



Hope Chapel Pastor Begins Seventh Year

Last Sunday evening nearly a 150 persons gathered at Hope Chapel to receive Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Forkner and family to the church as they begin their seventh year of work.

Mrs. Gail Brunson the local representative to the Annual Conference presented a challenge to the people to make the year 1953 and 1954 the best church year so far. Response to the challenge was made by the heads of the various departments; Mrs. Louise Rickert, Class Leader; Ray W. Tuer, Sunday School Superintendent; George Schott, Sr., Chairman Board of Trustees; George Schott, Jr., Chairman Board of Stewards; Mrs. Gertrude Dye, president of the Women's Society of World Service; R. G. Jennings, president of the Brotherhood; Mrs. Geraldine Iwaniszek representing the Choir; Mrs. Ila Campbell, Children's Director; Miss Carrie Honderich, Young People's Director; Miss Marion Dubbelt, president of the Youth Fellowship.

The parsonage family was then seated on the platform and presented with personal gifts as well as a purse of cash. Members of two of the adult Sunday School classes prepared a splendid luncheon in the church social room.

Under Rev. Forkner's leadership Hope Chapel has grown from a struggling two room church to its present large and attractive building with its active and growing membership. Mrs. Nelly Fielding, secretary of the Council of Administration, reports that

plans are underway for the coming year's program that are more ambitious than any previously carried out. In the morning service last Sunday 19 adults were received into church membership; Six adults were baptized and one infant.

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HOPE CHAPEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Six Mile Rd. West of Middlebelt

Rev. Forkner is the new pastor at Hope Chapel, a small mission church. This is his first work after two years as an Army Chaplain. We wish him God's blessing upon this new field. In the past, he has led music for special meetings for the CBMC in Xenia, Ohio. Pray for this new work.



Rev. S. Forkner and Family

Most Pastors can look back upon a certain parish as representing the high point of their ministry. For us it was Hope Chapel, where he was appointed following his two years as an Army Chaplain. It was in a Detroit Suburb called Livonia Twp. (Later incorporated.) The photo at the top left shows it as it was when we arrived on the scene in 1947. Some in the area said it resembled a dance hall! It was totally remodeled while we served there, as shown in the adjacent photo. We lived in the house in the photo on the opposite page. The various clippings, etc. are mostly self-explanatory.

These were good, rewarding, fruitful years. Even an increase in our family; Paul was born here in 1948.

Minister Concerned With Problems of Community

Concerned with breaches of friendship, hate that develops, and the harsh words that are spoken in this youthful community is Rev. Stanley Forkner, pastor at Hope Chapel.

Well aware that any growing community has its problems and difficulties, Rev. Forkner told Rotarians Monday that he was little impressed when he was shown his church and surrounding community some seven years ago when first brought to Livonia Township by a member of the parish.

"However," he asserted, "I have never regretted through these seven years sharing my life with those in the area."

This minister has much feeling about the city and his brief address let his hearers know some of these feelings.

First of all he told them that "There should be some way whereby we can get at the constant turmoil at which build up."

He offered four objectives for his listeners to observe the strains and stresses of life.

1-Find satisfaction in service to fellow man. 2-Discovering right relationships with God.

In supplementing these four objectives he urged the creation and maintaining of good mental health. "Hates, jealousies and bitter negative thinking," he stated, "only injure the mind and physical well being of the individual. This has become more and more recognized of late," he added.

Another point which the speaker stressed was "cooperation." Many persons get lost in the methods to obtain a goal, said the Reverend. To elaborate this point he recalled several humorous incidents.

Lastly, he urged the development of spirit of tolerance and understanding.

Rotary 9/20/54



HOPE CHAPEL

Six Mile Road west of Middlebelt

Serving Christ and the Community

S. H. Forkner, minister
27108 W. Seven Mile
Detroit 19, Michigan

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
EVENING WORSHIP 7:30 PM

Phone KE 1-2833

SENIOR YOUTH CAMP

about 1950



Rev. Stanley Forkner

Rev. Forkner is pastor of the Hope Chapel, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Livonia, Michigan. He is a graduate of Otterbein College. He is a very popular youth preacher and in much demand as a speaker for Youth groups. Rev. Forkner will be the Bible teacher for the Youth at the second week of the Senior Youth Camp, July 18-22. Here, as in the case of Dr. DeWire, if you cannot come for the second week of Senior Youth Camp, make a special trip to Camp to hear this man.

DUPLICATE SERVICES Every Sunday Morning

Hope Chapel provides two morning worship services every Sunday. The congregations assemble at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Six-Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt. Rev. S. H. Forkner reports his sermon topic for next Sunday is: "Down You Go." This is a discussion of the elements of life that cause men to fall short of their best possibilities.

Sunday School, with classes for all ages, meets at 9:45. Vacation Church School under the direction of Mrs. Ila Campbell will continue for another week.

In 1946 the Evangelical and United Brethren Denominations merged and thus was born the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Another merger in 1968 would unite us with the Methodist Church.

A Welcome Awaits You at

HOPE CHAPEL

Six Mile Road west of Middlebelt

Good Friday Communion Service

8:00 p.m.

Duplicate EASTER WORSHIP Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Anthem—"As it Began to Dawn"
Sermon—"I Know He Lives"

S. H. Forkner, Pastor

1955

Garfield 1-7404



HOPE CHAPEL DOLLAR - A - MONTH

BUILDING CLUB

Because I believe in the cause of Christ and the Church, God helping me, I promise to give one dollar [\$1.00] per month to the HOPE CHAPEL BUILDING FUND for one year beginning November 20, 1949.

Name _____

The Evangelical United Brethren Church



In grateful recognition of the 25 years of distinguished service rendered by _____

Stanley H. Forbner

as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, the Michigan Conference takes great pleasure in presenting to him this

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

as a token of appreciation, esteem and affection

Given at Lansing, Michigan

on the 18th day of May 1957

Presiding Bishop _____

Conference Secretary _____

R. H. Mueller

W. Prentice Peck





Stanley's Office in the Conference Center



STANLEY H. FORKNER
CONFERENCE STAFF

After the Michigan Conference was reorganized in 1955, a lovely new Colonial-style house was built in Lansing which became the Forkner residence. A conference office occupied an extra two rooms. Later, about 1960, a separate building was purchased which became the conference office as well as providing office space for a treasurer, meeting rooms, etc.

Norman Klump moved to New York and held a position with the Global Church for several years. Newell Liesemer was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Conference Staff. They are pictured above. None of them survive now.

MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STANLEY H. FORKNER

has met the standards of the Board of Education for Minister of Christian Education, as provided in the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and is privileged to assume the title of a certified Minister of Christian Education in The United Methodist Church, subject to annual review of this certification.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Education of the WEST MICHIGAN
of The United Methodist Church on the date of JUNE 15, 1972

Annual Conference

E. M. Egan
A BISHOP OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Howard S. Allen
GENERAL SECRETARY
DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
BOARD OF EDUCATION

David S. Jones
A BISHOP OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESIDENT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

R. Howard Fisher
SECTION OF SERVICE TO DESIGNATED LEADERS
DIVISION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



NORTH CENTRAL
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1972

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CONFERENCE

After the merger in 1978 of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Churches, Bishop Loder appointed Stanley to the position of Director of Christian Education and Camping for the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. Headquarters were in Grand Rapids, which necessitated a move there in July of 1969.

We moved into a comfortable manse. All of our children fled the nest about the same time. He served there four years. They were stressful years. When he was relieved of this position he was bitterly disappointed.

In April of 1963 Stanley was appointed Pastor of the Wyoming Park UMC.

Having been away from the Pastorate for 18 years, he felt almost a stranger to the task. Society had changed, methods of ministry were different. His best efforts showed forth in the pulpit. During these years his health deteriorated.

It was very willingly that he welcomed the time for retirement in 1979.

In addition to the great accumulation of diplomas, certificates and other memorabilia, I found a box full of ribbons, badges, name tags, etc...each item brought back fond memories of times when he was part of a great Church..... and, I suspect, would remind him of times when he was useful and helpful to the kingdom work. Sometimes, in his final years he would feel not needed....indeed I think he sometimes felt forgotten. Unnecessarily of course. How can such an influential person, one who helped so many individuals gain insights into the faith, be forgotten?

15th
GENERAL
CONFERENCE
EVANGELICAL
UNITED BRETHREN
CHURCH
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
NOV. 10-18, 1954

NORTH CENTRAL
JURISDICTIONAL
CONFERENCE

THE
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

SIOUX FALLS
1976



WYOMING PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CIRCA 1973

The Church is People



The Church is people...not the building, not the organization, but men, women, youth and children who make up the fellowship. It is true that the people operate from a building, which is the center of their worship, confession, training and growth, but the people, in relationship to each other and to God, form a Church that functions in the society as "Ambassadors for Christ."

We regret that not all of our families are pictured in this directory. Careful use of this directory can help you identify families you do not know, whose pictures are printed. Why not select the picture of some family you do not know each week and look for them in the Worship Service? When you do identify such a family, greet them and let them know who you are. Knowledge and concern for each other are basic to a program of ministry to each other and to others.

A special word of appreciation is due to Mr. Ed Bean, chairman of the committee that brought this directory to completion. Our sincere thanks to all the folks who helped make it possible.

Stanley H. Forkner, Pastor




MICHIGAN DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER		EXPIRES YOUR BIRTH	
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NAME STANLEY HERBERT FORKNER			
COR. LEN. SEE BACK STREET			
PROBATION-1 YR.			
2420 WYOMING AVE SW			
CITY		TUENBOR	MICH. 49509
WYOMING		SEX	DATE OF BIRTH
IF YOU MOVE YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AT A DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE		M	03 01 14
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MEDICAL DATA OR ANATOMICAL GIFT		RICHARD H. AUSTIN Secretary of State	



Date <u>4/4/74</u> (PLEASE PRINT)	WYOMING POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE REGISTRATION	License No. <u>0432</u>
Owner <u>Forkner</u> (LAST NAME)	<u>Stanley H.</u> (FIRST NAME)	
Address <u>2024 Wyoming St</u>		
Phone <u>534-2296</u>		
Make <u>Schwinn</u>	Colors <u>Red Lemon</u>	
Serial No <u>MJ 606662</u>	Boy's <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Girl's <input type="checkbox"/>
Fee collected by <u>[Signature]</u>		

Stanley H. Forkner
Signature



**KENT COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
**Rev. Stanley
H. Forkner**
Whose photograph and signature appear hereon has been granted permission to assist with spiritual services at the Kent County Jail.
**Wyoming Park
United Meth.**

Ronald H. ...
Not Valid After 8/31/76



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Certificate of Appreciation

In grateful recognition

of the 17 1/2 years of faithful service rendered by

Stanley A. Fobner
as a minister of Jesus Christ

the West Michigan Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church presents this

Certificate of Appreciation

upon retirement as a token of love and respect
and with the gratitude of the Church.

Given at West Michigan
on the 15th day of June, 1979

Thomas M. Dwyer
President of the Conference

Eileen K. Eldred
Secretary of the Conference

4-2-76

DEAR REV FONKER,

I THOUGHT I TAKE A MOMENT
AND DROP you A LINE TO THANK
you FOR ALL you HAVE DONE FOR
ME TODAY.

I WAS REALLY GREATFUL TO
SEE you. BELIEVE ME I CANT
THANK you ENOUGH FOR you
TAKING THE TIME OUT OF your
BUSY SCHEDULE TO SEE ME.
AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING UNDER BETTER
CONDITION.

IN THE CONDITION I AM
IN I FEEL LIKE JONAH. NOW
I AM WAITING TO SEE IF I
EVER FIND THE BEACH. AND
I FEEL THE BEACH IS JUST
AHEAD. BECAUSE WE BOTH KNOW
THE PENDULUM CAN ONLY SWING
SO FAR ONE WAY BEFORE RETURNING.
THUS MAKING THIS ALL HISTORY AS
TODAY IS.

LATER MIKE WAS SLAIN ~
INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFIC
STANLEY OFFICIATED AT HIS
FUNERAL

THANKS AGAIN
AND GOD BLESS you
your TRUE FRIEND
MIKE FINNEGAN





Testimonial Stanley Forkner

Stanley was one of the first people I met at Otterbein, and along with Nate Shope and Lloyd Houser, he had a great influence on my life. I have always valued and treasured our friendship. In the years when he served on the Conference Staff I found his ideas, suggestions and policies fresh and vital. As he leaves the full-time ministry, and joins the "Honey-do" club, I hope that he and Naomi will have a good life.

Through the years I have valued her friendship, and appreciated her wit and "gift of the gab". Again, God's richest blessings upon them.

James G. Crosby

Biography Stanley Forkner

Stanley Forkner was born in Dayton, Ohio on March 1, 1914. He went to school there and graduated from a cooperative high school in 1932. His pastor encouraged his interest in the ministry and Stanley entered United Seminary in Dayton directly out of high school. He graduated three years later with a diploma, but no degree. He was then ordained in 1935 and in a few months, enrolled in Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio. In 1939, Stanley received his B.A. and went back to United Seminary where he received the B.D. degree in 1941. Later in 1964, he was honored by Otterbein College when they presented him with an honorary D.D. degree.

Stanley has served churches in the former Evangelical United Brethren Church in Ohio and Michigan. In addition, he has served as an Army Chaplain in Manila in the Philippines, a staff member of both the former Evangelical United Brethren Conference in Michigan and the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. After leaving his staff position in education at Conference Headquarters in 1969, Stanley served as pastor of the Wyoming Park United Methodist Church, near Grand Rapids, until his retirement. One of the most satisfying things for Stanley is that four men have entered the ministry from churches he served.

Stanley and his wife, Naomi, were married while he was at Otterbein College. They are the parents of three children, Robert, Mary Ruth and Paul. The Forkners are proud of their family and especially proud of being grandparents.

They look forward to continuing to live in Wyoming, Michigan during retirement but at a different address!

In June, 1991 we celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was a beautiful summer day and more than 150 friends, relatives and other loved ones gathered to add joy to the occasion. Several came from other states. All children and grandchildren were present.

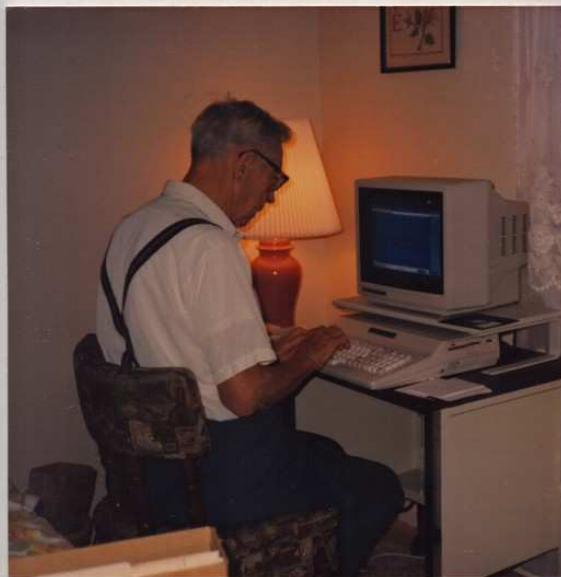
A special treat was the presence of his two best friends while in college, Lloyd Houser and Jim Crosby. (A year later Stanley would be called upon to deliver the funeral sermon for Jim.) Now, only Lloyd Houser remains.





Due to Stanley's skills in budgeting, we were able to purchase a retirement home. I still own it. It a duplex.

In 1986 we purchased a Motor Home. We traveled all about the United States in it for four years; truly these were memorable experiences.



Besides the Motor Home a Computer became Stanley's "Toy" during retirement.

In 1989 we purchased this Mobile Home in Lakeland, Fl. Stanley loved it here and could scarcely wait to reach this little place in the Sunshine State each Autumn



On October 5, 1980, Dr. Stanley H. Forkner came forth from retirement into the pastorate at the Vergennes United Methodist Church, at the corner of Bailey Dr., and Parnell Ave., in Lowell, Michigan.

During his five and three-quarters years with us, Dr. Forkner saw us through a very important stage in the life of the church. The building program, for the addition of the Celebration Center, took many hours of meetings and work-bees, which he was in attendance, helping whenever needed. During the completion he was instrumental in re-activating the Sunday School.

His compassion for community awareness for keeping Vergennes Church available for everyone in and around the area, was seen through the organization of the senior citizens group, which he so cleverly named the "Vergennes Keen-Agers", still in existence, some six years later.

His diligence in implementing the "Bulk Mailing", for community outreach through "Echoes", the church newsletter, and the many personally written seasonal letters.

On June 15, 1986, his guidance and direction was felt at the Dedication Services of the "Historical Marker", creating a day of remembrance for both church and community families alike.

The congregation and community were very aware of his warm and caring nature and personal commitment to each one of us, glorified by the many visitations to our homes and the Hospitals.

ABOVE ALL, His loyalty and deep devotion to God and the Church sanctified by his dedicated sermons and prayers so exquisitely delivered each Sunday.

Therefore, be it resolved that

Dr. Stanley H. Forkner

be awarded the distinguished honor of "PASTOR EMERITUS" of the Vergennes United Methodist Church, Lowell, Michigan.

Inscribed and certified this

20th day of Sept, 1987

Rev. Daniel M. Duncan

Daniel M. Duncan, Pastor

Clyde Fairchild

Clyde Fairchild, Historian

Fay Sterling

Fay Sterling, Chairman-
Administrative Council

Mary Jo Kerr

Mary Jo Kerr, Lay Leader

Jeff Anderson

Jeff Anderson, Age Level
Coordinator

Philip A. Carpenter

Rev. Philip A. Carpenter, Pastor Emeritus

Henry Tichelaar

Henry Tichelaar, President- "Keen-Agers"

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

This is to certify that

Stanley H. Forkner

by virtue of having reached

THE *Fiftieth* ANNIVERSARY

of the class of 1939 from Otterbein College

is hereby granted

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND HONOR

Given this 9th day of June 1989


President, Alumni Association




President, Otterbein College

My Mother passed away in 1986. He had been pastor at Vergennes for six years. In spite of Stanley's failing health, we purchased a Motor Home and enjoyed several years of carefree living by traveling during the summer months and spending the winter months in Florida.

He never lost his zest for Travel. This is why his death occurred in Oregon as we were visiting our two children there for Christmas in 1993.

The monumental task of sifting through the quantity of things which he had amassed and saved became a bittersweet experience. I sorted everything paper by paper and, as I did so, relived many experiences we had shared years before.

It was not difficult to decide what I wished to put IN this album. But it was oh so hard to have to decide what to leave out! It is hard to avoid feelings of guilt when I was forced to discard certain items which I knew he had treasured.

Last Fall (September, 1996) I vacated the Michigan House and moved here to Lake Lakeland permanently. In spite of all my efforts, I find I still have too many cartons of "things." I cannot understand why we humans place so much confidence in things...they are so transitory.

There are still empty pages...perhaps I can add more to this album later!

YOUR CLERGY SPEAKS

"Majesty"

By

Stanley F. Forkner

Director of Christian Education
Michigan Conference, Evangelical United Brethren
Church

WHEN we behold the majesty of the mountains, we understand why the psalmist cried out, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him." Man is very important. God made him in His own image. The creation is designed for him. God so loved man that He gave His only son. The solitude and strength of the mountains are reminders of God's concern for man and the power available.

An Unalterable Law

GOD'S law concerning planting and harvesting is fixed. Such a law stabilizes our world. Without it, life would be impossible. Paul referred to this law when he said

"Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

What is planted is harvested. The choice of seed determines the fruit.

"He that sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption;

BUT

He who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Man can be sure that he will

Reap the same kind of seed he sows

Reap more than he sows.

Ignorance of the kind of seed makes no difference.

"O, scatter seeds of loving deeds,
Along the fertile field,
For grain will grow from what you sow,
And fruitful harvest yield."

—Jessie Brown Pounds

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Approaches to Teaching

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Concerns of the Lesson

SUGGESTION: After acquaintance with the subjects for the quarter, read all of the approaches to teaching. Recommended filmstrips and some materials will need to be prepared several weeks in advance.

Each teacher will want to make the most of this significant series of lessons. The general theme, "The Christian Faces His World," calls for two areas of emphasis:

1. The historical and cultural background of the Scripture. Since these portions are not too familiar, they call for careful presentation of the historical settings.
2. The application of these portions of the Bible to the problems of modern living will be of special

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HELP FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

The story of how the Michigan Conference helps the local church in its program of Christian education and teacher training



The Director of Conference Program and Christian Education meets with a group of workers in local church to analyze the condition of the church and to guide in planning their program

Bishops, Conferences, Boards —Wow!

By Stanley R. Forkner*

FIRST CHURCH YFers had gathered for their usual food, fun, and fellowship at June Wilson's home. In the midst of munching potato chips, Ted Collins asks, "Who was that guest preacher at church this morning? He was really steamed up about a growing church."

"He sure was," says Karen Harley, the pastor's daughter. "He is Dr. Jones, the Conference Superintendent."

"What's that! Never heard of such a thing. What's he got to do with our church?" asks Ted.

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and round of cokes were being served such as "I didn't know about this . . ." "What is the purpose of it all? . . ." "I thought only Catholics had bishops . . ." "Tell us some more about this." "We often talk about these various agencies of the church in our home. It is like one big family. Let me see if I can explain it," says Karen.

"There are three basic divisions in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. They are: (1) the Local Church, (2) the Conference, and (3) the General Church.

"Let's look at the local church first. Its head is not the pastor as many people think but is really supervised by the Local Conference which is made up of the heads of all of the church organizations such as E. U. B. Men, W.S.W.S., Church School Superintendent, Trustees, Stewards, etc. The Conference Superintendent meets with the people who make up this Local Conference. They conduct the business of the church. Between visits by the Superintendent, the pastor serves as chairman, and the meeting is called the Council of Administration."

"What about this Conference business?" asks Bill.

Go to Camp?

By STANLEY H. FORKNER*

"Put me down for the SINGING," exclaimed Jim. With a liking for music, Jim frequently sang solos. The kids of the "Y" Group called him the church's "Elvis." He went on to explain, "Those kids at camp really know how to sing. There was something special about the way the gang would sing around the campfire. We had loads of fun with fellowship songs, but the most meaning came at the evening devotions. One night Reverend Wilson talked to us about what we were going to do with the fifty or more years of life ahead. Many ideas came to my mind. By the flickering light of the campfire, we sang 'Living for Jesus, a life that is true. Striving to please Him in all that I do. . . . I knew then, that above all else, I wanted to live for God.'"

"Thank you, Jim," said Sue. "I remember that the next day you had all of us singing that song and we loved it, too." "Russ, you were at camp last year for the first time. What impressed you most?"

RUSS was the student of the group. He pulled all "A's" on every subject. "I thought that most of camp was playing around, but we had some real lively discussions. Everyone had a chance to express his own feelings. I learned more about what is involved in being a Christian than I had ever known before. I know this, that there is no reason for Christianity to take a back seat. The Christian Church has led out in every area of social and educational development. With most every protestant mission, there has been established schools and hospitals."

"What do I write out of that for your experience, Russ?" asked Bill. "Why not write—PERSONAL GROWTH THROUGH LEARNING TOGETHER," replied Russ. "That can include the inspirational talks given by our leaders."

Bill carefully wrote out the suggestion that Russ made. As he did so, he commented, "You kids make it sound as though you had a good time at camp and not one of you have said anything about going to church. Did they have church at all?"

Sally Martin spoke up, "Of course, Bill, we had church but it was different. Most of the time we met out-of-doors and took part in conducting worship ourselves. We picked the hymns and scriptures. The young people led in prayer. The kids from Glenn Road Church really did some terrific services. They do it quite a bit back home and know how to make you feel the presence of God. The worship periods by the lake were always good. Sue, do you remember the night when we had the service after the campfire. We had had so much fun laughing and singing that I didn't think the group could ever settle down to be serious again. We were instructed with-

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Primer of ...
... 1913-22
... 28.11.20

Reed City - July 6, 1958
Grace Baptist Church - Sept 7, 1958
Christ Calls Us to Teach
Colombia, Penn - 10/12/55 - Good +
Monroe, Calvary - 11/12/58
East Rensselaire - 11/16/58

Trinity Detroit 2/24/57
 Ground Breaking Day for Ed. Unit Good +
 Olivet Grand Rapids - 11/3/57
 9-199 57 - Teacher
"The Best hour of the Week"
Lab School Lansing - 1958

Reff. to Life Magazine Article
 "The Most Wasted Hour in the Week."
 Within a few days after this article was being read, over 2000 workers in Christian Education were meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio under the theme. CHRIST CALLS US TO TEACH
 The Church must not lose sight of its teaching ministry
 "The Church is always must one generation away from Extinction"
 John Lobinger in his book "The Better Church School" tells of a visitor to his office who raised the question, "DO YOU THINK CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS ON THE WAY OUT?" He heads the section in which this story is told. "WITHOUT TEACHING THE CHURCH HAS NO FUTURE."
 For the sake of the next generation and the specific commission of Christ we can't ignore the teaching opportunity.

I THE CHALLENGE

- A Rapid population growth *93,600 - 1 1/2 Sec. a baby is born*
 Since last Sunday 82,500 babies were born
 Since last Sunday 32,400 new homes were established
- B Large numbers of unreachd persons
 - 1 No religious training
 - 2 No concepts of God and Righteousness
 - 3 Sunday School only reaching
 - 3 7% of those 0-12
 - 24% of those 13-24
 - 14% of those 24- and up
- C If we do not reach them for Christ other forces will influence their lives.
 - 1 Evils of all kinds and materialism
 - 2 Communism
 - 3 Sects and cults and isms
- D The fields are white unto harvest.
 No generation in all history has faced such a challenge

II TODAY'S CALL

- A For Buildings and Equipment
 - 1 Adequate structures
 - 2 Adapted to today's teaching methods
 - 3 a S.S. procedures must be of equal quality with day school
 - b You are attempting to do this in the new building for which you are breaking ground today.
- (Unless the American people put money into Christian training they will put it into more jails, penial institutions and mental hospitals)
- B Quality Literature - Designed For Growth
 - 1 Editors and Writers are constantly trying to improve literature
 - 2 New designs and formats come out every year.
 - 3 Books and guidance materials are almost more than can be read
- C Trained Leadership - *The importance of the Teacher*
 - 1 It takes adequate training - *Christian Service Training Schools*
 - 2 At present population growth we should have
 - 12,000 new S.S. Teachers each week
 - 400,000 new S.S. Class organized each year
 - 3 Men are needed to teach in Children's divisions
 More Christian people must be involved in Teaching
 We must stop saying "I'm too busy" "I'm not qualified"
 These needs are only supplied by consecrated, committed men and women

III THE COMMITMENT

- A Laymen must hear the call of Christ

Edgar Hoover
Children brought up
in church as seldom
brought up in church

Teach More
Man

A.V. Sinder

Curriculum

Lab. School

These come thru exposure

"Oh Taste + See That The Lord is Good"

Lab School

Riverston Zion June 13, 59
Analysis Not used.

Turb Lake Aug 2, 1959
Piper - Feb 8, 1960

Definite Jan 8, 1962
Mar 2, 1962

Pre-1960s
Harrison
Baker

Cham
Marshall
Gladwin

Feb 1962
July 2, 1962
July 2, 1962

Six
Sept 20, 62

Carlota
Part each
Mar 3, 1963

Wata
Villan
2/11/63

Dean
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There are three expressions
- It's not a baby in born

Left track + 2 in front the kids park

Lab School

*S.D. needs
to check on equipment
to help in growth

Teacher
6/11/64

Government

Further - The back list for Christ

III THE COMMITMENT

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The Church must be a "Laymen" Church IN THE WORLD

- 1 Not just ministers and missionaries
- 2 If Christ has said "Come Follow Me" he has said "Come serve me."
- 3 The needed teacher supply will be met when we stop long enough to "Hear His Voice"

B The Joy of Teaching

- 1 Manifest in the rewarding response of Children and youth, and in evidences of growth.
 - a Most of us remember one or more SS teachers whose commitment and love for Christ rubbed off on us.
 - b Mrs. Cooks experience of being visited by her former pupils
 - c Paul--Owen and Bill in the ministry the reward of teaching
- 2 Results in transformed lives.
 - a Conversions in the Sunday School
 - b Teaching that leads to commitment and growth
 - c Teaching for life, not just Biblical facts
 - d Interest in Pupils not just lessons

C A commitment of Live, Life

- 1 Boy who went to Bill Dwight L. Moodys S.S. "because they love a fellow over there"
- 2 Love that cares for the unlovely
Ralph Holdeman story about John Dillinger

D The Glory of the teaching work of the Church.

- 1 I hope you will turn more than sod this afternoon
- 2 I hope you will see more than the start of a new building
- 3 I hope you will see Boys and Girls and Youth going in and the doors to be constructed and see them kneeling at the feet of the Christ and then going forth to serve and live, radiant in their Christian Faith
- 4 Today we break more than ground, we break bread

*close
at
9
purpose
of
conclusion*

CONCLUSION

Christ calls us to Teach

- 1 There is a challenge all about us
- 2 There is a call to every follower of Christ
- 3 There is a commitment to be made.

You here at Trinity have done some bold and wonderful things. You have put reality into your Faith. You've honored Him whom you serve

You've found the "GLORY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH"

You join with Paul, "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of Christ my Saviour."

Ill. A negro engineer was given the task of making over an old rusty tug-boat. He did so well that the owner said, "Sam, how is it possible for you to make such a thing of beauty out of that old engine and boat". He replied, We'll you see its this way,---I got a glory".

Berton Braley, a writer for the Saturday evening Pst heard of the incident and wrote:

11:55

Handwritten notes and scribbles at the bottom right corner.

Subwing 2/1/58 Matt: 4:18-22
Trinity Dist 3/20/58 - Oregon 12/6/59 - good
Maple Hill 3/24/59 - Hastings 12/4/60 - good

Lakeside Assembly
July 24, 1953

Mary
14:22-40

Maple School - 1959
Ann Arbor 10/18/59

CHRIST CALLS
The Call of Christ

Change of a youth approach.
Well received
S. E. Dist York 11/10/53
North Lawn - 10/19/55 Fair
Calvary Dist. 11/15/56 - good

INTRODUCTION Sides 11/11/59
Woodland 11/5/59 - good
High St. Dayton 11/10/59
Jackson Greenwood 11/17/60

Years ago a plain ordinary appearing man walked through a small country at the East end of the Mediterranean Sea and in a very simple and plain fashion called men to follow him. Across the centuries men have followed as the call has continued to go out.

Our Denomination has chosen for this quadrennium the general theme "CHRIST CALLS." Already much has been written and spoken in this theme. It seemed fitting that this assembly meeting should open on that theme but I trust with some new emphasis that shall, under the leadership of the Spirit of God, bring to you an inspiration and challenge that will cause this period to be one of uplift and Christian Growth.

There are so many calls and so many demands upon the life of men today that I wonder how God is able at all to call men in this 20th century. Amidst the din and racket of radio, television, recreation, arguments, wars, politics, confusion, disturbances it is a wonder that anyone hears Christ call.

Many are like the woman who because of a hearing defect found it necessary to wear a hearing aid. Frequently she would get into a disagreement with her husband. She would make her forceful speech and before he had a chance to reply turn off her hearing aid so that he could see her do it, and then go about her work not hearing his reply.

I wonder how many there are today who have turned off the voice of God for their own confidence.

We usually think of the call of Christ as being directed to the non-Christian, the man who has not followed Him, but I have a feeling that He calls as often and as urgently to the church and to Christians.

He calls us as a Christian group, as a church
He calls me as an individual

I CHRIST CALLS US TO FACE THE NEEDS OF MEN

The church is not a monastic order. We cannot withdraw from the needs of men. The day is past when we ring the bell and expect people to come rushing to the church.

III. Two Poems

"Let me live in the house by the side of the road and be a friend of man.

"Let me toil in the road, with the men who struggle

Men have many needs, I cannot deal with them all but here are four basic needs that face our 20th century society.

A GUILT Feelings need to be alleviated.

The Prodigal Son

"I have sinned against Heaven and Before Thee and am no more worthy to be called Thy son"

B FEAR

Gen. 3:10 ~~They were naked~~ and "I heard thy voice in the Garden and I was afraid.

Ex. 34:30 "When they saw Moses they were afraid to come nigh him."

W.F.
12/15/53
12 good.

negotiable only
good news when it
meets the needs
of men.

E Commitment to a person not a program

- 1 We get more intersted in the promotion of a program than in the presenting of Christ.
- 2 We become moreinterested in Statistics than in Saving men.

3 Tools---

I believe in the church as God's orgnization for Saving men.
I believe in a long range planned program of work.
BUT THESE ARE ONLY TOOLS

Are we more interested in the tools than in the end result.

"And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

Men still cry, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All his wonderful passion and purity
O thou spirit divine, All my nature refine
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Let's present Christ to men. Let our loyalty be to him and let
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CONCLUSION

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If I do hear him call, Will I answer
If we will listen Christ will call.

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go." He went and as he was about the enter the designated chamber
he opened the door and found a man kneeling in prayer. He stepped back
and closed the door. He triaed again. Finally after five minutes he
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the garden. Three who were set to watch have gone to sleep. He knows that
on the morrow he will die. His fears that his followers will leave thee
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For a long time the young man stood looking at the picture. Finally he raised
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"OH, MAN OF GALILEE, IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU HAVE LEFT UNDONE,
ANYWHERE, THAT I CAN DO, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

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"Come follow" that was all
My gold grew dim
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#68
Are Ye Able -
#124
John 6:15 US

Commitment to a program not a program
- Out There Down The Middle Road.

Pictures

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C FORGIVENESS

Jonah Sin of Disobedience
Started for Tarshis rather than Nineveh

The impact of Sin

Woman taken in adultery

D PEACE

"Martha, Martha thou art careful and troubled about many things."
Large number of suicides (3 in 4 do not need to be in the hospital)

II CHRIST CALLS US TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MEN

A Through a positive Message

1 Jesus dealt with positives.

Love thy neighbor, do good, Sin no more

2 Looking forward, not backward

"The so-called "Good old Days" had their problems
a Poor equipment, limited training, less opportunity
b Rigid sectarianism

B Through a 20th Century application of the Gospel of Christ

1 Some people are more interested in a method than they are in a result.

Ill. Evangelism

All forms possible

The traditional Annual Revival Meeting is not enough, The
the Unsaved do not come.

Ill. Christian Education

Hand-work, visual aids

Christian living not just recitation and memorization

*- Pay for it now or pay for it in Peril
Institutions*

C Through an Increased Knowledge of the Bible.

1 Ignorance of the Word of God is Appalling

a Simplest facts are unknown

b Geography, History, Chronology and confused

2 We cannot expect much of the Knowledge of God and his way of life
apart from the Bible.

3 The present arguments concerning the RSV is an indication of the great
lack of knowledge concerning the world of God

*(Columbus - Women at Table - Slim from
Rivley Ohio - That is what Lizza crosses on
the Bible - "In a pile I don't know much about
the Bible")*

*Herb Shriver offers a copy of 40 Passages
from the Bible that call Name
Name Name*

D Through Genuine Commitment to God

Danger of current revival of interest

1 The needs of men are not met apart from God.

- Guilt "Neither do I condemn Thee"
- Fear "Fear not, I am with thee"
- Sin "Thy sins are forgiven Thee"
- Unrest "Peace I give unto Thee...."

2 The Danger of Form without Faith

a Going through religious exercises and yet lack motivational faith & power

Ill. Pillipines

-----Down Isle of Gueppo Church

Beat their own bodies till they stand in their own blood

b Our prayers and devotions are in danger of being mere forms.

c "Having a form of Godliness and denying the Power thereof."

*Danger of the days
Rapid growth of the
church.*

"GI Joe Returns Home"

By Chaplain Stanley H. Forkner, Member of Miami Conference

JAPAN accepts Potsdam ultimatum— President Truman declares V-J Day—Soldiers to return to the states by thousands." In the short space of one month, a world that was geared for an additional two years of war suddenly finds itself hurried to peacetime activities.

Soldiers are coming home in great numbers. Are the folks at home ready to receive them? Boys have become men. Men have done much thinking as they have huddled with their buddies in fox holes, as they have seen men die. They have seen men sell their souls in the vilest of sin and iniquity. Likewise they have seen men of God prove their faith in the hour of trial. Experiences have come to the soldier which can never come to the civilian.

Much has been written on how to receive the returning service man. Some of those writings have been good.

There is another group, however— boys from your Sunday school and church who have found the maturity of a childhood faith. They know the glory of salvation and they know the Savior. They know the power of his presence and they know him. They know the miracle of the cross and they know the Christ. They have found the way of peace and they know the Prince of Peace. To those men Christianity is not just a religion—it is a life.

Bishop Hart of the Episcopal church quoted a soldier as saying, "The traditional parochial approach will never touch the returning servicemen. The average minister who has led a cloistered life, or whose interests have been limited to the paltry problems of church finance, will never be able to reach the men who are fighting this war. The traditional sermon will not interest him. The small circumscribed

rain knowing that soon he would be crawling over the mud and rocks, on his face, beneath a downpour of shells and bullets. He knows Christ by experience, not by just hearing some preacher tell about him or some saints tell how they met the Savior over 40 years ago.

He wants a church whose main task is to present Christ without apology and in so doing with the respect of the community it serves.

"I want my church to be alive," says another. "It must be a vital force in the community, not just another church on the corner but a living organism, actively at work among men. It must show young people and adults the value of Christian righteousness and challenge them to Christ's way of life."

A private from Michigan voiced his desire. "I want to make my church practical. Not just sending funds to

CHAPLAINS VISIT LUZON MISSIONS

By Chaplain Stanley H. Forkner of Miami Conference

TWO other chaplains and I left Manila, Philippine Islands, on Thursday morning, January 10. The other two chaplains were Chaplain Paul Strause of Sandusky Conference and Chaplain John Wishart of the Oregon Conference of the Evangelical Church. About 8:30 in the morning, full of vim and vigor, we rode north in a well loaded jeep. The highway was good, so we sailed along rapidly with one eye on the road and the other on the rear view mirror. Soon the mountains came into view and were beautiful to behold. We passed through small barrios that were neat and clean. Houses were of bamboo with over-hanging thatched roofs, shaded by coconut palms and banana trees. Beautiful purple flowers ran wild over brush heaps and occasionally a doorway. Native children, shirted but not "pantsed" played in the way and waved to us, holding up two fingers and calling "Victoreee, Joe."

Lunch on the way consisted of bananas and refreshments from the Red Cross canteen. We were near no Army camps and were able to see native life in its true perspective.

Reaching San Fernando La Union we visited Army Base "M" and then went up to the Bethany Hospital which was originally built by the United

to the faithful work of our missionaries of days past. Back at Base "M" we signed in and secured quarters. As soon as we were settled we went to the beach at the edge of the China Sea and watched a beautiful sun slowly sinking in the west. On the beach we gathered some interesting bits of coral of various shapes and sizes.

After a good night's rest, we awakened with the dawn of a beautiful sunny day. Following a hurried breakfast we began the trip to Baguio, a summer capital of the Philippines located 5,000 feet above sea level. Soon we were on the steep climbing slope and ascended upward for over nineteen miles crossing beautiful ravines on high bridges and looking across the descending valleys to the sea.

On this road we had our first sight of people known as Igorots. They are mountain people who still continue the many customs of their ancestors. They

cates of the larger ones we saw the Igorot women carrying on the highway. I was able to purchase also a pair of handmade scissors that cut with excellent precision.

We did not have time to visit the dog market but were told about it. The dogs are brought into the market and sold to the dealers, where they are penned up and starved for four days. Then they are sold to Filipinos who take the dog home and feed him all the rice he will eat. Naturally he fills himself to complete capacity. In a short while he is killed, skinned, and roasted. They say it is quite a delicacy, but I'd have to educate myself to eat any of it.

The United Brethren Church, now the Evangelical Church of the Philippines, was a beautiful modern structure that would add honor to any city in America. We saw it standing in ruins and destruction except the basement in which services are now held. The pastor told us that 150 persons were in the basement of the church as three bombs dropped. "Only God," he says, "kept them from hitting the basement ceiling and exploding." Instead they exploded in the main auditorium of the church above, thus protecting those who sought shelter in the church base-



Methodists to host 3rd Lenten service

Union Lenten services of St. Johns area churches will continue this Sunday evening at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev Stanley M. Forkner, director of Christian education and programs for the EUB Church in Michigan, as guest speaker.

The service will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the Rev Norman Crotsler, pastor of the Bingham and Bengal EUB churches, in charge. The Methodist Church choir will sing. Ushers and greeters will be members of the First Congregational Church.

AS IS USUAL, a coffee hour will follow the Lenten service, with folks from the Methodist Church in charge of those arrangements for this Sunday.

As director of Christian education for the Michigan Conference, Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Rev Mr Forkner is member of the board of Christian education executive committee working on the camping committee, administration and leadership committee and the audio-visual committee. He is also a member of the board of evangelism for the EUB church.

The Rev Mr Forkner began his pastorate at the High Street Church in Dayton, Ohio, in 1936. From 1936 to 1939 he was at Ostrander, Ohio, and from 1939 until 1945 he was at the Drexel Park Church in Dayton. He came to the Michigan conference in 1947, serving at Hope Chapel in Livonia.

HE HAS BEEN Michigan Conference director of Christian education and program since 1955. He was a member of a special evangelistic team to Sierra Leone, West Africa, in 1961.

The Rev Mr Forkner received



REV STANLEY FORKNER

his bachelor of arts degree from Otterbein College in 1939 and his bachelor of divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in 1941. He has had special training in counseling and group life.

He was a United States Army chaplain serving in the Philippines and the United States from 1945 to 1947. He has served on committees of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches and the state and Detroit Councils of Churches.

He and his wife have three children.

Couple Married In Parsonage Saturday Eve

In a small ceremony at the Hope Chapel parsonage, Miss Bernice Slawek became the bride of James McCracken on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Stanley Forkner read the solemn rites before about 15 guests.

Miss Slawek resided at the Arnold Rest Home on Seven Mile road while Mr. McCracken lived on West Six Mile.

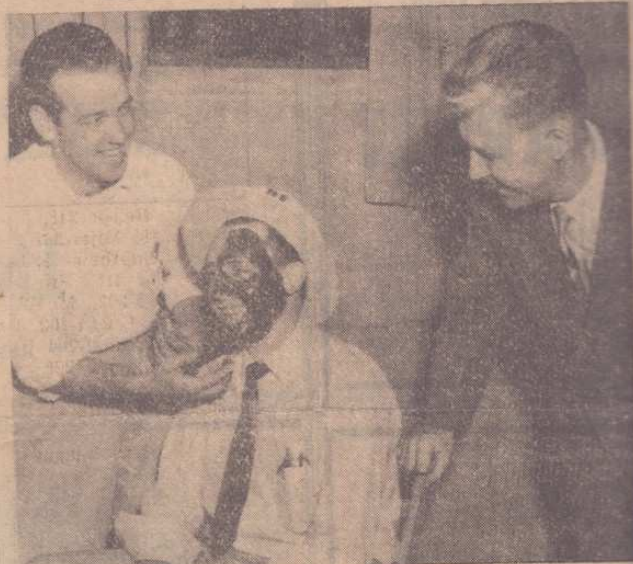
To complement her white butcher linen dress, the bride pinned a corsage of red roses to her shoulder.

Acting as maid of honor, Miss Stevens was dressed in black and wore a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. McCracken chose Floyd Fulton as his best man.

After a reception for relatives and friends at the home of the bride's aunt in Detroit, the couple spent a few days in Northern Michigan.

The new Mr. and Mrs. McCracken will live on Savoie avenue.



HOPE CHAPEL MINSTREL SHOW endman Bob Tyson applies the paint to another endman Lyle Delany. Watching with a great deal of interest is Clark Buxton, interlocutor.

Brotherhood Ready With "Hope-Less"

Lights are burning long and late in the basement of Hope Chapel Church as the men in the Brotherhood are preparing feverishly for their minstrel presentation "Hope-Less Minstrels."

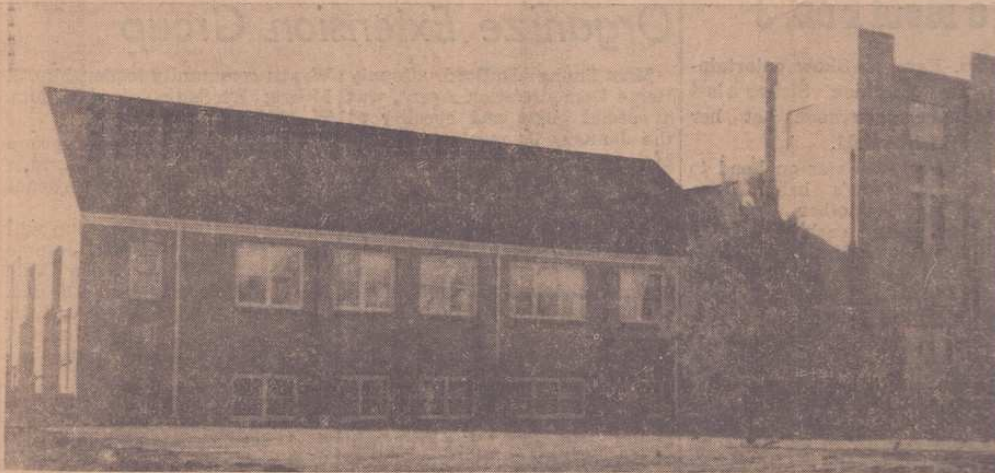
If time and effort mean anything the production to be presented at the church on Saturday, October 24, promises to be a smash hit.

Local talent will be featured exclusively.

Tickets are adults 75 cents, children up to 12-50 cents. And they may be secured by calling Floyd Medland at Livonia 4213.



CHURCHES OF OUR AREA



Social-religious counseling in personal interviews is a growing phase in the ministry, declares Rev. Stanley Forkner, who adds that most conflict can be solved by "definite religious commitments." Rev. Forkner is shown discussing a religious problem with one of his parishioners in the posed photograph at right. Above is shown the newly redecorated and modernized Hope Chapel virtually rebuilt at a cost of \$75,000. Much of the construction work was done by the pastorate. The Church is located on Six Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt.

One of the greatest problem areas among people today is a general feeling of unrest--the type of thing that permeates our age, declares a Livonia minister who is also an expert on social-religious counseling.

Rev. Stanley Forkner, pastor of Hope Chapel, asserts:

"We just aren't learning to live with our society. We haven't learned to adapt ourselves to the pressures of the age."

Rev. Forkner cites these findings as "something you can't quite put your finger on," but contiguous with fast-paced living and competitive American society.

For some eight years now, Reverend Forkner has counseled hundreds of persons in conflict having problems ranging from marital ills to family deaths, from individual disputes with religious doctrine to pre-nuptial advice.

Through careful questioning and being "a good listener," Rev. Forkner has helped many find themselves and God, too.

"Many persons have mild neurotic conditions that can be cleared up by definite religious commitments, Rev. Forkner says, adding:

"The church's best ministry is to the individual in helping him to find God and to develop out of himself the best that he possibly can be."

Personal counseling, the pastor contends, is a growing pastoral duty among the ministry.

"Doctors are working more closely than ever before with clerics. And psychiatric experts are referring more and more 'patients' to ministers for religious counseling and advice."

What is this cure from a perennial neurosis described by Rev. Forkner as a malady of our age?

"It is the development of one's personal relationship to God," Rev. Forkner asserts. "You can't cram religion down a person's throat. People will do a great many other things before adopting God as a daily experience."

But, he warns, true Christianity is not just religious forms and ceremony. It is the expression of Christian personality in relationship to other men.

Hope Chapel's Rev. Forkner Appointed Conference Director in Lansing

Rev. Stanley H. Forkner, who has served for over eight years as pastor of Hope Chapel Church has been assigned to a new position by his denomination.

In the meeting of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church last week in Cooley High school, Rev. Forkner was elected to a newly organized post in the Conference, that of Director of Christian Education and Conference Program.

With headquarters in Lansing, he will be responsible for the church program in the 144 churches of this denomination in the state of Michigan. These churches are scattered throughout the state from the southwest corner to the southwest corner and as far north as Petosky.

In these churches Rev. Forkner will be aiding with programs of the Sunday School, stewardship and Evangelism as well as the training of Sunday School teachers and church staff. He will also carry some responsibility in the area of the establishing of new missions, throughout the state.

Rev. Forkner came to the Hope



Rev. Stanley Forkner

Chapel Church located at Six Mile road and Middlebelt in January of 1947. At that time there were 159 members and an average attendance of 112. During his pastorate a new building has been constructed and the membership increased to 386 and an average attendance of 275. The church carries on its responsibility list nearly 2,500 persons.

Mrs. Louise Rickert, class leader of the church, states that 351 of the present members have been received into the church during Rev. Forkner's leadership there.

Rev. Forkner will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday, May 22 at 11 a.m. and will probably move from the community the following week.

During his years in the community he has worked with Boy Scout Troop 282, and the newly

organized troop No. 742 of Hope Chapel.

He served at various times as secretary, treasurer, and at one time president of the Livonia Minister's Association and has been active in all of their programs including the Good Friday Services.

He has addressed various community groups including PTA's school groups and the graduating class of Bentley High school. He is scheduled also as the Baccalaureate speaker for the Clarenceville High school graduating class of this year.

Rev. Forkner served on the former Mayor's Advisory Committee and has participated in various civic and community affairs as the occasion arose. He is an active member of the Clarenceville Optimist Club at the present time. At his request the public letter below is published:

To our many friends in the city of Livonia:-
It has been eight years since we

established our home in the city of Livonia. We have seen the city struggle and grow and survive. We have shared some small part in that growing. No community has ever received a pastor and a church leader any better than I have been received by the city of Livonia. There have been many warm friendships wherever I have gone in the city. There have been those who have welcomed me and greeted me cordially.

It is with regret that as a family we leave the city of Livonia and take up additional responsibilities in another place. These have been delightful and good years. Mrs. Forkner, the three children and I want to use this medium to say—Farewell to all of you who have been so very kind to us and made these years of living in your fair city such a delight. May God bless you and keep you is our earnest prayer.

Sincerely,
Rev. S. H. Forkner



In 1955 the Michigan Conference reorganized. It was controversial at the time but proved a worthwhile move. Wendell Bassett was elected superintendent of the Kalamazoo District, Norman Klump Supt. of the Detroit District and Stanley became Conference Director of Program and Education. They are pictured in the above color photo. As I write this, only Norman Klump survives. This arrangement was in effect until 1978. Our home was in Lansing, a nice, new house which we occupied for fourteen years. Our children have always regarded Lansing as their "home town."



New pastor named at Vergennes U.M.

Dr. Darwin A. Salisbury, district superintendent, announced last week the appointment by Bishop Edsel Ammon of Dr. Stanley Forkner to be the new pastor of Vergennes United Methodist Church, effective September 1, 1980.

Dr. Forkner will be in his new pulpit on September 14 at 10 a.m. He and the Vergennes Church extend an invitation to meet him at that time.

At present he resides in Grand Rapids and may be reached at 531-7932. Appointments are being made at home or at church.

Dr. Forkner was one of the leaders of the EUB Church who worked for the union of his church with the Methodist Church to form a United Methodist Church. After this merger, he stayed on as a part of a leadership group who made smooth the implementation of this new church.

VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



STANLEY H. FORKNER, D.D.

PHONE:
(616) 531-7942

3564 GOODMAN, S.W.
WYOMING, MI 49509

When Stanley retired in 1979 we were "tied down" for I was caring for my 96 year old Mother in our home. Although we took frequent trips, we could not leave for warmer climates during the winters. He tried his hand at selling Cemetery lots, but found it was not for him.

Thus he immediately accepted the chance to pastor the Vergennes U. M. Church, about 25 miles from our house. It was out in open country...had about 60 members(35 active!). As was his way, he put all he had into it. They appreciated his leadership. We loved them.

VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GOLDEN JUBILEE

DR. STANLEY FORKNER

September 1, 1985

Greeting

Invocation

Address

A Litany of Thanks (Please rise.)

Almighty God, Creator of all things, Giver of every perfect gift, Redeemer of all persons:

For the ministry of Dr. Stanley Forkner, who heard you call when you said, "Follow me" -

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

For giving him authority to go into all the world to preach Christ, Him crucified, dead and buried -

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

For giving him the authority to baptize persons, through which baptism they may receive the forgiveness of sins, be baptized with the Holy Spirit and be received into Christ's Holy and Eternal Church -

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

For laying upon him at the time of his ordination this charge: "Be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His Holy Sacraments" -

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

For his maintaining daily contact with the ordinary people; for his ministering to their needs, pains and frustrations; for his being sensitive to and pursuing the realities of the work place as well as those of the study and the pulpit -

WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

AND HERE, AFTER THE EXAMPLE AS SET FORTH BY OUR FRIEND AND PASTOR, WE OFFER OURSELVES - HEART AND SOUL AND MIND AND STRENGTH - FOR THE SERVICE OF THY KINGDOM IN THE WORLD; IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN. (Be seated, please.)

Presentation of Token of Esteem

Song of Benediction

"My Task"*

E. L. Ashford

(*Requested by Mrs. Naomi Forkner)



On Sept. 1, 1985 Stanley observed the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. The little Church where he was serving had a lovely ceremony for this event. I believe he preached the same sermon he had a half century earlier, but I could not locate the outline of it.



A SERVICE OF DEATH AND RESURRECTION

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

***HYMN # 577** God of Grace and God of Glory *CWM RHONDDA*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PB OT # 487 Psalm 23

PRAYERS In Silence Pastoral

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON PB NT # 149-150 From Romans 8

DUET "The Love of God" Arden and Ruth Peterson

GOSPEL LESSON PB NT # 104-105 From John 14

MEDITATION and COMMENTS Rev. Lawrence Taylor
and Friends

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN # 711** For All the Saints *SIN*

BENEDICTION

COMMITTAL

POSTLUDE

In Memory of
REV. STANLEY H. FORKNER, D.D.
Age 79

Date of Birth
March 1, 1914

Date of Death
December 21, 1993

Funeral Services from
Wyoming Park United Methodist Church
Thursday, December 30, 1993 at 1pm

Officiating
Rev. Don Eddy
Rev. Lawrence Taylor

Interment
Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

Survivors
Naomi Forkner: wife
Robert Stanley Forkner, Mary Ruth Douglas,
Paul Owen Forkner: Children
Sonya Forkner, Cindy Forkner, Jenifer Forkner, Scott Forkner
Grandchildren
Beulah Miller: Sister

Arrangements by
DeGraaf Funeral Home

Sermon at the Memorial Service for Rev. Stanley H. Forkner, DD
Delivered by Dr. Lawrence Taylor
December 30, 1993

Leonard Cohen was a Canadian Jewish poet who wrote praising famous men and women, and he somehow summarized it with a very succinct phrase that goes like this:

"They shall have mountains to bear their names to time."

And that's the way I feel about Stanley Forkner, that he shall somewhere have a mountain to bear his name to time.

For two years during World War II he was a military chaplain; for eighteen years he was a Christian Educator and a Conference Staff Member as a resource person for local churches. He was 32 years a pastor of local congregations. His life had many high moments.

There was another phase to his life that is little known and little enumerated and that was during his retirement years. Then he began the practice of writing notes and letters to people by way of encouragement and recognition and support in their journeys. This was a very important ministry.

"He shall have mountains to bear his name to time." I'd like to have you think with me this afternoon about the theme of mountains as it relates to Stanley's life.

It is interesting that Stanley was called Home while he was in Oregon, a state of mountains. And there stands tall and noticeable a perfect mountain in shape, Mt. Hood. For three-quarters of the year Mt. Hood gathers moisture from the rains and the snows, and then in the hotter, warmer months of the summer, releases this moisture to the fields below through streams and gullies and creeks and rivers, and they nurture the growth of crops and orchards. As the mountains water the earth, so God our strength is our eternal source.

Stanley Forkner was like a mountain to those about him, releasing nourishment and spiritual sustenance to them. The Psalmist used a litany of supplication when in need of uplift and moral strength in time of need. He wrote: "I lift up my eyes unto the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made Heaven and earth."

The God of the Mountains ever calls us to new heights and distances from which new horizons are seen. Hills and mountains ever challenge us to climb them, to breathe their air, the pure air from above; to gain a vantage point to see both the world and the eternities in which the world rests; to gather a sense of both our significance and our insignificance in the midst of their greatness.

"They shall have mountains to bear their name to time."

The Psalmist continues:- "He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber, behold, He who keeps Israel will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper. The Lord is your shade on your right hand; the sun shall not smite you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life."

Mountains were to ancient peoples meeting places between the deity and their gods; people would meet their gods on the mountain; it was a place to meet together, a place to find oneself, a place to meditate and pray.

And then the mountains remind us of eternity; these ageless, timeless sentinels of the years speak of a parent God who is always there, eternally our rock. "The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life. He will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore."

Going out and coming in suggest the common doorstep. And Stanley Forkner knew his God as he came and went from the home. He was above all of these things we have here enumerated as a pastor; he was, above all of them, a faithful husband and a loving father. I think in our conversations in recent months whenever we met, we not only talked about the churches and the news we had from them, and of other pastors and their families, but we always ended up talking about family, the adults who were once children, but now men and women in his own family.

So the common doorstep was meant by the Psalmist when he talked about going out and coming in. But going out and coming in suggests entrance and departure from this life on earth. There is no promise to save us from human illness nor separate us from the perils of humanness. God did not save the martyr Stephen from a stoning, but He did save him from bitterness, hatred and retaliation.

God did not save Stanley Forkner from the limitations of the body as he grew older, but God was with him through a devoted family, through a community of faith, and through countless ones who loved him and cared for him.

Who has known a mountain? One who has gone
To worship its beauty in its dawn.
One who has slept on its breast at night
And one who has measured its strength to its height.
One who has followed its longest trail
And has laughed in the face of its fiercest gale.
One who has scaled its peaks and has trod
Its cloud-swept summits alone with God.

These are the ones who know the mountains. And the poet again said, "They shall have mountains to bear their name to time."

I went to the Library in East Grand Rapids and I asked the librarian if she knew of a list of all of the mountains in the world. She looked at me and shook her head and then began to think. Then she reached around behind her for a thick book called, "The World Almanac" which lists all the mountains in the world. And I looked for Mt. Stanley but I could not find one. Then I looked for Mt. Forkner and I could not find that. "They shall have mountains to bear their names to time."

Why was there no mountain named "Stanley Forkner?" I believe it is because this one, knowing the mountains and knowing the God of the mountains, did not dwell on this aspect of his ministry, his glory or the goals he should attain. He really focused more upon a poem which was given to him by a parishioner in the year 1944. This poem was written by Ralph Cushman.

I do not ask that crowds so throng the temple
That standing room be at a price.
I only ask that, as I voice the message,
They may see Christ.

I do not ask for churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy.
I only pray that, as I voice the message,
He may be nigh.

I do not ask that men may sound my praises,
Or headlines spread my name abroad.
I only pray that, as I voice the message,
Hearts may find God.

I give you today a man who was a "Mountain Man" in the spiritual sense and there shall somewhere be a mountain to bear his name to time.

Amen.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
DIVISION OF HEALTH
DAYTON, OHIO

A 66940

H. N. Williams
Local Registrar of Vital Statistics do hereby certify the following to be a true and correct copy of the RECORD OF BIRTH of

Stanley Herbert Forkner
on file in the office of the Division of Health, City of Dayton, Ohio.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

Reg. Dist. No. 904 Registrar's No. 497
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 8390 Birth No. 134

1. PLACE OF BIRTH a. County <u>Montgomery</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER (Where does mother live?) a. State <u>Ohio</u>	
b. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u>		b. County <u>Monty.</u>	
c. Name of Hospital or Institution <u>120 Hedges St.</u>		c. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u>	
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		e. Is residence inside City Limits? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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CHILD	3. NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) First <u>Stanley</u> Middle <u>Herbert</u> Last <u>Forkner</u>		
	4. SEX <u>M</u>	5a. This Birth Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Triplet <input type="checkbox"/>	5b. If Twin or Triplet, was child born 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/>
FATHER	6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Mar 1, 1914</u>		
	7. NAME First <u>Stanley</u> Middle <u>Forkner</u> Last <u>Forkner</u>		8. Color or Race <u>White</u>
MOTHER	9. Age (At time of this birth) <u>34</u> Years		10. Birthplace (State or foreign country) <u>Morrow, Ohio</u>
	11a. Usual Occupation <u>Machinist</u>		11b. Kind of Business or Industry
	12. MAIDEN NAME First <u>Callie</u> Middle <u>Combs</u> Last <u>Combs</u>		13. Color or Race <u>White</u>
14. Age (At time of this birth) <u>32</u> Years		15. Birthplace (State or foreign country) <u>Daytonville Ky.</u>	
16. Previous Deliveries to Mother (Do NOT include this birth)		17. INFORMANT'S NAME OR SIGNATURE <u>Callie Forkner</u>	
a. How many OTHER Children are now living? <u>0</u>		b. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead? <u>0</u>	
c. How many fetal deaths (fetuses born dead at ANY time after conception?) <u>0</u>		18. Mother's Mailing Address	
19. Date Serologic Test for Syphilis		19b. Attendant at Birth	

I hereby certify that this child was born alive on the date stated above.	19a. SIGNATURE <u>N. D. Goodhue</u>		19d. Date Signed <u>3/13/1914</u>	
	19c. ADDRESS <u>Dayton Ohio</u>		M. D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. O. <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
20. Date Rec'd by Local Reg. <u>3/13/1914</u>	21. Registrar's Signature <u>H. N. Williams</u>		22. Date on which Given Name added	
		By _____ (Registrar)		

Fee: One Dollar

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my official seal to be affixed at Dayton, Ohio, this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy
H. N. Williams
Local Registrar.

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b. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u>		c. City, Village, or Location <u>Dayton</u>	
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11b. Kind of Business or Industry		12. MAIDEN NAME First <u>Callie</u> Middle <u>Combs</u> Last <u>Combs</u>	
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	<u>Mar 1, 1914</u>		

FATHER	7. NAME			8. Color or Race
	First	Middle	Last	<u>White</u>
	<u>Stanley Forkner</u>			
9. Age (At time of this birth)	10. Birthplace (State or foreign country)	11a. Usual Occupation		11b. Kind of Business or Industry
<u>24</u> Years	<u>Monty, Ohio</u>	<u>Machinist</u>		

MOTHER	12. MAIDEN NAME			13. Color or Race
	First	Middle	Last	<u>White</u>
	<u>Callie Combs</u>			
14. Age (At time of this birth)	15. Birthplace (State or foreign country)		16. Previous Deliveries to Mother (Do NOT include this birth)	
<u>32</u> Years	<u>Brookville Ky</u>		a. How many OTHER Children were born alive but are now dead?	b. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead?
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
17. INFORMANT'S NAME OR SIGNATURE			c. How many fetal deaths (fetuses born dead at ANY time after conception?)	
<u>Callie Forkner</u>			<u>0</u>	

18. Mother's Mailing Address	19. Date Serologic Test for Syphilis

I hereby certify that this child was born alive on the date stated above.	19a. SIGNATURE	19b. Attendant at Birth
	<u>N. S. Goodhue</u>	M. D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. O. <input type="checkbox"/> Midwife <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
19c. ADDRESS	19d. Date Signed	
<u>Dayton Ohio</u>	<u>3/13/1914</u>	
20. Date Rec'd by Local Reg.	21. Registrar's Signature	22. Date on which Given Name added
<u>3/13/1914</u>	<u>H. N. Williams</u>	
	By	(Registrar)

Fee: One Dollar

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my official seal to be affixed at Dayton, Ohio, this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy
H. N. Williams
Local Registrar.

DRIVER MICHIGAN LICENSE

F 625 777 302 159 Z285252 EXPIRES ON BIRTHDAY 94

NAME STANLEY HERBERT FORKNER

STREET 3564 GOODMAN SW

WYOMING 49509


DATE OF BIRTH 03 01 14 M SEX MALE

IF YOU MOVE YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AT A DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE

Stanley H. Forkner

BUCKLE UP IT'S OUR LAW!

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MEDICAL DATA OR ANATOMICAL GIFT RICHARD H. AUSTIN Secretary of State



Health Insurance

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

NAME OF BENEFICIARY STANLEY H FORKNER

CLAIM NUMBER 380-38-3968-A SEX MALE

IS ENTITLED TO HOSPITAL INSURANCE EFFECTIVE DATE 2-1-79

MEDICAL INSURANCE 2-1-79

SIGN HERE *Stanley H. Forkner*

FORKNER — Reverend Stanley H. Forkner, D.D., aged 79, 3564 Goodman SW, Wyoming, MI, passed away December 21 in Medford, Oregon. He was ordained in 1935 as a minister in the former United Brethren Church, and he was a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church which merged with the Methodist Church in 1968. He served pastorates in Ostrander and Dayton, Ohio and in Livonia, Wyoming, and Lowell, Michigan. He served as a Chaplain in the United States Army in World War II. He was Conference Director of Program and Christian Education for the Evangelical United Brethren Church from 1955 to 1969 and as Conference Director of Christian Education for the United Methodist Church from 1969 to 1973. He retired from the active ministry in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Naomi; and his three children, Robert Stanley Forkner of Boca Raton, Florida, Mary Ruth Douglas of Medford, Oregon, and Paul Owen Forkner of Medford, Oregon; four grandchildren, Sonya Forkner and Cindy Forkner of Boca Raton, Florida, and Jenifer Forkner and Scott Forkner of Lansing, Michigan; and a sister, Beulah Miller of Lakeland, Florida. Funeral Services will be held at the Wyoming Park United Methodist Church in Wyoming, Michigan on Thursday, December 30 at 1:00 p.m., with burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Visitation on Wednesday, December 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the DeGraaf Funeral Home, 4031 Clyde Park SW. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Methodist Foundation.

DEGRAAF FUNERAL HOME
DeVries - Kuiper - DeGraaf - Matlysse

REVEREND STANLEY FORKNER

DATE OF BIRTH: March 1, 1914

DATE OF DEATH: December 21, 1993

WIFE:

Naomi Forkner Wyoming, Michigan

CHILDREN:

Robert Stanley Forkner Boca Raton, Florida
Mary Ruth Douglas Medford, Oregon
Paul Owen Forkner Medford, Oregon

SISTER:

Beulah Miller Lakeland, Florida

GRANDCHILDREN:

Sonya Forkner Boca Raton, Florida
Cindy Forkner Boca Raton, Florida
Jenifer Forkner Lansing, Michigan
Scott Forkner Lansing, Michigan

Reception following the service, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at Wyoming Park United Methodist Church.

Participating clergy: Rev. Don W. Eddy, host pastor;
Rev. Lawrence Taylor;
Rev. Charles Garrod, District Superintendent

*Please stand, if you are able



ALL SAINTS DAY

Loved one

John C. Baker
 Lula D. Beebe
 Grace Bott
 Lloyd Duane Bell
 Bessie May Lewis Carpenter
 Fred Dibert, Sr.
 Rev. Alvin "PaPa" Doten
 Arthur P. DuBreuil
 Rev. Norbert Smith
 Stanley H. Forkner
 Edith and Louis Grettenberger
 Norma Helmbold
 Clarence Hutchens
 Rev. Dr. Harold A. Jayne
 Esther M. Kirkby
 Charles Ray Laster Jr.
 Terry Lukins
 Donald E. McCracken
 Rex Martin
 Mary Pilley
 Rev. Dr. Cecil Pollok
 Stella D. Rector
 Marjorie Roberts
 Al D. Robinson
 William C. Robinson
 Gerald A. Salisbury
 Carl Shamblen
 Leigh Tanton
 Rev. Robert S. Treat
 Harold E. White

Given by

Betty J. Baker
 Onalee A. Rex
 Arlene Foster
 Marie Bell
 Rev. Earl E. Carpenter
 Lillian Dibert
 Elizabeth Hoffmann
 Florence I. DuBreuil
 Jenella Smith Emelianov
 Naomi Forkner
 Susan Grettenberger
 Joseph Helmbold
 Gene Hutchens
 Florence A. (Mrs. Harold) Jayne
 Kearney Kirkby
 Barbara Laster
 Kay DeMoss
 Bernice I. McCracken
 Mary P. Martin
 Carole Glover
 Florence I. DuBreuil
 Florence I. DuBreuil
 Lucy Shampo
 Wayne and Harriett Sturm
 Frances Robinson
 Maxine Salisbury and Family
 Mary Audrey Shamblen
 Jean Tanton
 Mrs. R.S. Treat
 Arline Beecker

The persons in the left-hand column above are some of our Michigan United Methodist "Saints" who have been remembered with a gift to the Advocate's Third Century Funds Memorial Fund.



FORKNER

CALLIE
1882 — 1967

STANLEY
1907 — 1965

BOOHER — ZELL