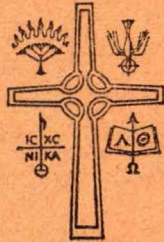


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The Highlands United Presbyterian Church

Allendale, New Jersey



THE SERVICE OF ORGANIZATION
by
THE PRESBYTERY OF THE PALISADES
of
THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

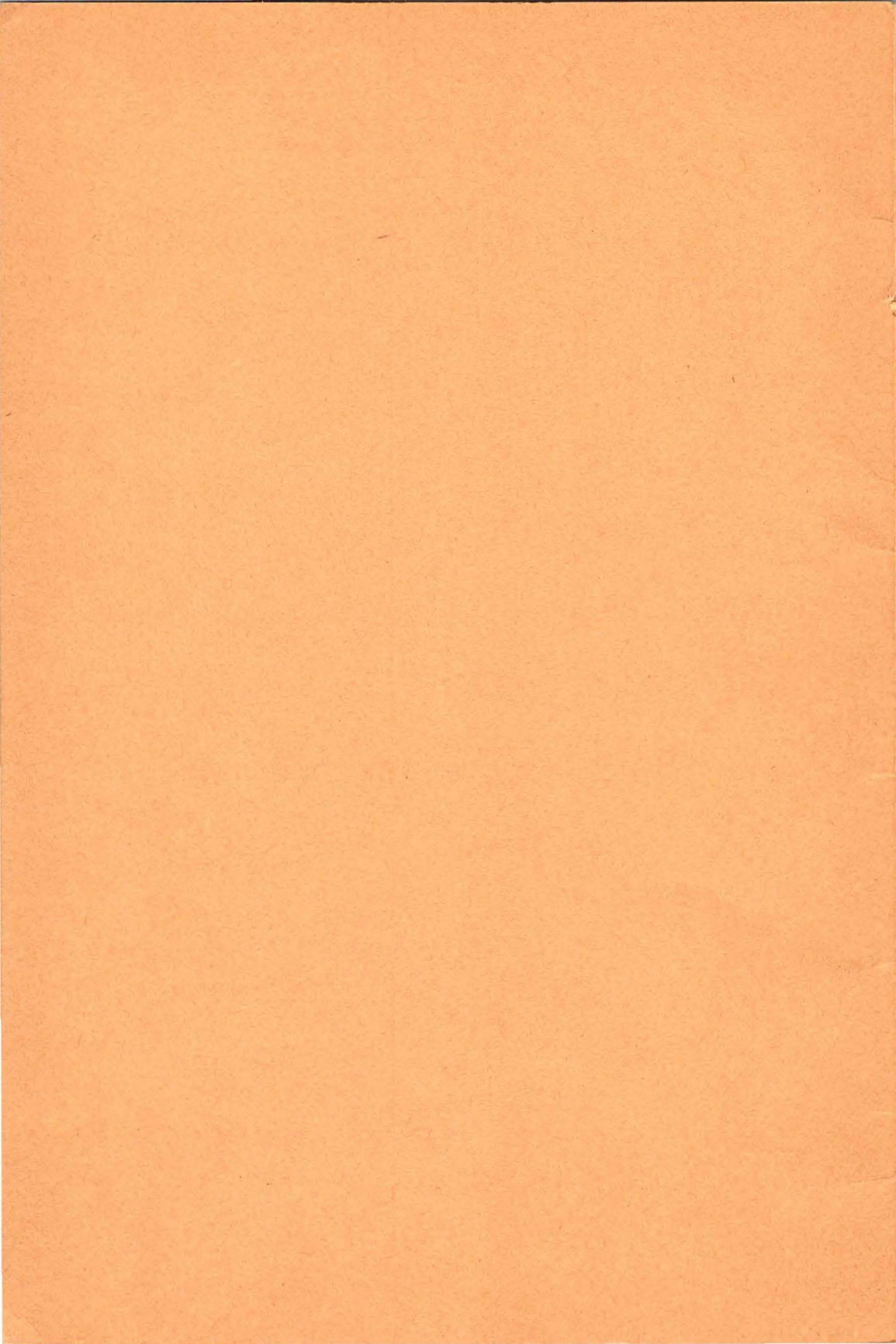
THE LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 30, 1966

3:00 p.m.

at

THE NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Allendale, New Jersey



PARTICIPATING MINISTERS

The Rev. R. Paul Freed, Pastor of the Pompton Valley Presbyterian Church, Pompton Plains, New Jersey and Moderator of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

The Rev. John K. Highberger, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ramsey, New Jersey and moving spirit behind the establishment of this new congregation in Allendale.

The Rev. Lowell C. Hine, Associate Synod Executive of the Synod of New Jersey and consultant in New Church Development.

The Rev. Frank A. Pehrson, Executive of the Synod of New Jersey.

The Rev. Robert H. Reed, Pastor of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Paramus, New Jersey and Chairman of the New Church Development Committee of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

The Rev. Thomas S. Ward, Organizing Pastor, The Highlands United Presbyterian Church, Allendale, New Jersey.



The Choir for the Service of Worship is made up of members from the Archer Memorial Methodist Church, Allendale; the Calvary Lutheran Church, Allendale; the First Presbyterian Church, Ramsey; and The Highlands United Presbyterian Church, Allendale.

The Ushers are: Bruce Borgeson, Edward Denniston, Philip Golden and John Watt.

Hosts and Hostesses are members of the Senior High Youth of The Highlands United Presbyterian Church, Allendale.

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

"Lead us, O God, into the secret place of Thy presence, that having seen Thee in Christ we may love Thee, and having loved Thee may fashion after Thy mind this place where Thou has set our feet. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

THE PRELUDE "Cortege et Litanie" Marcel Dupre

THE CHORAL INTROIT

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Robert Hugh Reed

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION IS JESUS CHRIST HER LORD"

"The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By Water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee. Amen."

The Rev. Samuel J. Stone, 1866
Tune: Aurelia

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS The Rev. Lowell C. Hine
II Chronicles 2:1-6
I Corinthians 12:27-13:13

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH OF CHRIST The Rev. John K. Highberger

CHORAL RESPONSE

THE RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

THE OFFERTORY OF THANKSGIVING

*Doxology

*Prayer of Consecration

THE MEDITATION

The Rev. Frank A. Pehrson

I

THE REPORT OF ACTION BY PRESBYTERY The Rev. R. Paul Freed

THE AUTHORITY FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND BELIEF

II

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

The Rev. Thomas S. Ward

*THE COVENANT OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

"We now desire to be constituted and organized as a Church, which is to be known as The Highlands United Presbyterian Church. We do covenant and agree to walk together as disciples of Jesus Christ in a Church relation according to the provisions of the Constitution of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

We promise to maintain this Church by our attendance at its services, our support of its work, our gifts, our efforts, and our prayers, and to seek in its fellowship to glorify the name and further the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

III

The Rev. Thomas S. Ward

THE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, for the official Congregational Action

Church Name

Church Boards

By-Laws and Incorporation

Nominations for Church Officers, by Committee and from the floor, if any.

The Election of Church Officers

IV

The Rev. Thomas S. Ward

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

(All Ordained Pastors and Elders of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., participating)

The Rev. R. Paul Freed

THE DECLARATION OF ORGANIZATION BY PRESBYTERY
COMMISSION

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ROLL OF MEMBERS AND THE
COVENANT

THE ACTIONS OF PRESBYTERY

Enrollment of the Church in the Records of Presbytery
Appointment of a Moderator
Assignment of a Pastoral Care
Assignment of Continuing Care

ANTHEM OF PRAISE "Psalm 150" Cesar Franck

LITANY FOR THE CHURCH (the people uniting)

Leader: Almighty God, who built Thy church on the rock of man's faith
and trust in Thee: we praise Thee for Jesus Christ, the cornerstone
and foundation of all we believe.

People: We praise Thee, O God.

Leader: For the great men of history, whose love for Thy church made
it the willing instrument of Thy care and mercy; who placed Thee first
in their lives and held to their faith in good times and in bad:

People: We praise Thee, O God.

Leader: Save us, O Lord, from living in the past, and from resting on
the work of others. Let us find a new beginning and a new vision, that
we may know our task in this place and this world today:

People: Hear us, O Lord.

Leader: That we may accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden
of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those
who will follow after:

People: Be Thou our strength, O God.

Leader: That we may not be content with a secondhand faith, worshipping
words rather than the WORD:

People: Be Thou our strength, O God.

Leader: That we may find joy in the study of Scripture, and growth in
exposure to new ideas:

People: Be Thou our strength, O God.

Leader: That we may be part of our Presbytery, sharing in the great mission which Thou hast set before us, always seeking the common good:

People: Be Thou our strength, O God.

Leader: That we may find in Thy church a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power in doing Thy will:

People: Be Thou our strength, O God.

ALL: O Lord, who hast given us minds to know Thee, hearts to love Thee, and voices to sing Thy praise: send Thy Spirit among us, that, confronted by Thy truth, we may be free to worship Thee as we ought; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose, Never Swerving"

"Lord God of Hosts, whose purpose, never swerving
Leads toward the day of Jesus Christ Thy Son,
Grant us to march among Thy faithful legions,
Armed with Thy courage, till the world is won.

Strong Son of God, whose work was His that sent Thee,
One with the Father, thought and deed and word,
One make us all, true comrades in Thy service,
And make us one in Thee with God the Lord.

O Prince of Peace, Thou bringer of good tidings,
Teach us to speak Thy word of hope and cheer—
Rest for the soul, and strength for all man's striving,
Light for the path of life, and God brought near.

Lord God, whose grace has called us to Thy service,
How good Thy thoughts towards us, how great their sum!
We work with Thee, we go where Thou wilt lead us,
Until in all the earth Thy Kingdom come. Amen."

The Rev. Shepherd Knapp, 1907

Tune: Welwyn

*THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE POSTLUDE "Tu es petra et portae inferi non praevalent adversus te"—Henry Mulet

*Congregation will please stand

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

- Mr. Henry R. Pedersen, Chairman (January, 1965 - August, 1965)
The Rev. Thomas S. Ward, Moderator (August, 1965 - October, 1966)
Mrs. Robert L. Hosking, Secretary (January, 1965 - December, 1965)
Mrs. William J. Dailey, Secretary (December, 1965 - October, 1966)
Mr. Richard T. Claycomb, Worship
Mr. Robert L. Hosking, Christian Education
Mr. G. Sheldon Barquist, Stewardship and Interpretation
Mr. Robert A. Gerber, Buildings and Grounds
Mr. J. Russell Langwig, Ecumenics (October, 1965 - October, 1966)
Mr. W. Scott Welch, Evangelism (January, 1965 - March, 1966)
Mr. Robert R. Fischer, Evangelism (March, 1966 - October, 1966)
Mr. William R. Olsen, Publicity
Mr. Henry R. Pedersen, Finance
The Rev. John K. Highberger, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Ramsey,
New Jersey
The Rev. Lowell C. Hine, Associate Synod Executive
The Rev. Juan J. Jimenez, New Church Development
The Rev. Robert H. Reed, New Church Development

CHURCH OFFICERS (As nominated by Committee)

The Session (Single Board of Elders and Trustees)

Class of 1967: Sheldon Barquist, Richard Claycomb, Harry Pedersen

Class of 1968: Robert Loucks, James Main, Roger Walker

Class of 1969: Robert Butler, Robert Hosking, David A. Lindsey

Deacons

Class of 1967: Janice Gibbs, Florence Denniston, Jacqueline Welch

Class of 1968: Russell Langwig, Robert Taylor, Priscilla Winship

Class of 1969: Allen Ahlquist, Frank Buscheck, Stanley Gaines

The members of The Highlands United Presbyterian Church express their deep appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, the leadership of that Session, and to all who have contributed to the realization of this Church, a gift of God.

CHARTER MEMBERS

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Andrew Donaldson	Barbara Woodruff	William Woodruff
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BY REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ernestine Dietz	R. Parker Hamilton	Page Leonard
Josephine Donaldson	Isabella Hogg	Richard Moller
William Donaldson	Robert Hogg	Virginia Reynolds
Mildred Gaines	John Huska	Niel Schmidt
Stanley Gaines	Muriel Jones	Margaret Watt

BY LETTER OF TRANSFER

From: THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY

Florence Allen	Helen Gustavson	Sylvia Pedersen
Robert Allen	Margaret Hepp	Henry Pedersen
Margaret Barquist	Valentina Hosking	Keith Pedersen
G. Sheldon Barquist	Robert Hosking	Marion Schwack
Catherine Claycomb	Joseph Knight, Jr.	George Schwack
Richard Claycomb	Merle Kort	Joann Schwack
Eleanor Claycomb	Lewis Kort	Lynne Thompson
R. Daniel Claycomb	Robert Kull, Jr.	Mary B. Ward
Laura Dailey	J. Russell Langwig III	Walter Wardell
Kevin Dailey	Jane Moehlin	Jacqueline Welch
Jean Gerber	Holly Morton	W. Scott Welch
Robert Gerber	Joan Olsen	David Welch
Kathleen Gleeson	William Olsen	Lawrence Winship
Jacqueline Good	Greg Olsen	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY

Veronica Abbott

GLENVIEW COVENANT CHURCH, GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS

Janice Ahlquist Allen Ahlquist

ASSOCIATED REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE,
SOUTH CAROLINA

Penny Ansel James Ansel

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Dolores Barber Susan Barber James Barber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Ruth Borgeson Priscilla Winship John Winship

Carol Ann Canning Bruce Borgeson

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Gladys Bruns Robert Bruns

Beverly Bruns Deborah Bruns

WASHINGTON AVENUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Nancy Buscheck Frank Buscheck

JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Janet Butler Robert Butler

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Beverly Chipola Joseph Chipola

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

John Cumming John Cumming

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Florence Denniston Edward Denniston

Jan Denniston Thomas Denniston

RIDGEWOOD METHODIST CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Tedlowe Dietz

ARCHER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, ALLENDALE, NEW JERSEY

Susan Donaldson Patricia Wardell Gloria Zimmer

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TEANECK, TEANECK, NEW JERSEY
Marjorie Fischer Linda Kull Robert Kull
Kathleen Kull Robert Fischer

HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
Janice Gibbs Frederick Gibbs
Nettie Langwig J. Russell Langwig, Jr.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
Muriel Golden Philip Golden, Jr.

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WALDWICK, WALDWICK, NEW JERSEY
Florence Good George Good

MAYFAIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Marge Huska Mary Ann Huska

BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
Jane Ingham

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TOWSON, MARYLAND
Shirley Jackson Harry Jackson
Sherrie Jackson David Jackson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY
Rena Knight Joseph Knight

TRINITY CHURCH, BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
Vonda Letterman D. Michael Letterman Fred Letterman

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS
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FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY
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Diane Mahuske Robert Mahuske

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FIRST REFORM CHURCH OF ROCHELLE PARK, SADDLE BROOK, NEW JERSEY
Jeanette Moller

WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY
Earl Reynolds

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HACKENSACK, HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY
Susan Schmidt

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PASSAIC, PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY
Margaret Taylor Robert Taylor

BARRINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND
Helen Thompson Jane Thompson David Thompson
Carol Sue Thompson Robert Thompson

VALLEY FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Nome St. Ledger Bruce St. Ledger

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA
Marilyn Veteto Jeffrey Veteto

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CINCINNATI, OHIO
Carol Walker Roger Walker

LAKEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY
Judith Ward Herbert Witte Patricia Witte

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, ALLENDALE, NEW JERSEY
John Watt

CHURCH HISTORY

1960

The Planning Commission of the Ramsey Presbyterian Church began to consider the establishment of new congregations in Allendale and Mahwah, even though construction of their new sanctuary was still underway.

JANUARY 7, 1965

Presbytery's sub-committee on New Church Development approved Ramsey's plan for development of the Allendale Mission.

JANUARY 24, 1965

Twenty-two interested persons attended a meeting at the Ramsey Church. It was at this meeting that the Steering Committee was formed.

APRIL, 1965

A quantity of furniture and supplies were donated by the St. Mark's Methodist Church, Rockville Centre, Long Island.

APRIL 28, 1965

Acting on the recommendation of the Steering Committee, the Ramsey Session invited Thomas S. Ward to serve as assistant pastor, devoting full time to development of the Allendale Mission. This was approved by Presbytery at their June meeting.

JUNE 4, 1965

Title to the property of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, at Franklin Turnpike and Orchard Street in Allendale, was transferred to the trustees of the Presbytery of the Palisades.

AUGUST, 1965

Archer Memorial Methodist Church, Allendale, donated 60 children's chairs for the Church School.

AUGUST 1, 1965

Mr. Ward began his ministry in Allendale.
Mrs. Philip Golden was chosen as organist and choir director.

SEPTEMBER, 1965

Seven members of the congregation began work in the Paterson remedial reading project.

The West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, loaned us a communion service.

The Church of the Messiah (Presbyterian), of Paterson, donated 100 hymnals and loaned us a chalice.

The First Presbyterian Church, San Rafael, California, donated 100 hymnals.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1965

194 persons attended our first worship service. Archer Memorial Methodist Church furnished flowers for the occasion.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1965

The Senior High Fellowship held their first meeting, with seven in attendance.

The Church School opened, with 64 children, 8 adults and 14 teachers in attendance.

OCTOBER 3, 1965

First communion was celebrated, with Ramsey Elders assisting. Dedication service held in the afternoon, with an open house following. A major portion of the special offering was given to Vietnam relief.

OCTOBER 22, 1965

The Steering Committee approved the budget for the year, totaling \$27,350, including National Missions' aid.

NOVEMBER 7, 1965

The choir, of six voices, sang for the first time. Membership Orientation Classes began.

NOVEMBER 14, 1965

The first congregational dinner was held. 132 attended.

NOVEMBER 24, 1965

Allendale's first Union Thanksgiving Service was held in the Archer Memorial Methodist Church. Mr. Ward preached.

NOVEMBER 28, 1965

Rapid growth and attendance necessitated two services.

DECEMBER 5, 1965

55 persons joined the Allendale congregation as members of the parent Ramsey Church.

DECEMBER 12, 1965

First sacrament of baptism.

DECEMBER 13, 1965

The Church School outgrew its facilities and expanded to the Municipal Building next door.

DECEMBER 14, 1965

The Long Range Planning Committee was formed.

DECEMBER 17, 1965

The first congregational caroling party was held.

DECEMBER 24, 1965

Very memorable Christmas Eve services were held. The family service at 7:30 was highlighted by Mr. Ward's retelling of the Christmas story to the youngsters as they gathered around him in the chancel. A candle-light service, at which communion was celebrated, was held at 11 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 14, 1966

The Presbyterian Church of Teaneck presented us with a Communion Service. Teaneck Elders assisted with the serving of communion.

FEBRUARY 15, 1966

9 women began feeding program at Bergen Pines Hospital.

MARCH, 1966

The Stewardship Committee reported that all members had pledged.

MARCH 2, 1966

Women of the congregation met to explore areas of service.

MARCH 14, 1966

The Steering Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee that we organize as a congregation on October 30, 1966.

Church School enrollment passed 100 mark.

MARCH 20, 1966

Junior High Fellowship met for the first time.

APRIL 7, 1966

The first Communicants' Class, of 11 young people, was received at the Maundy Thursday service.

JUNE 4, 1966

The congregation chose the name for the church: The Highlands United Presbyterian Church.

JUNE 21, 1966

At the recommendation of Presbytery's Committee on New Church Development, our petition for organization was approved by Presbytery, meeting at the Ramsey Church.

JUNE 27, 1966

75 young people attended the first Vacation Bible School from June 27 to July 1. A staff of 15 directed.

OCTOBER 2, 1966

Dedication of memorial communion chalice and plate.

OCTOBER 30, 1966

Service of Organization of The Highlands United Presbyterian Church. 147 members received into official Church by a commission appointed by Presbytery. Election, ordination and installation of church officers. The Allendale Mission becomes a separate congregation of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

"Go therefore and make disciples . . ., baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

