

Episcopal Church, Allendale, N. J.



"Corner of Orchard and Franklin Turnpike next to school."
----Violet W. Straussman.

This view of the building that today serves as the Highlands United Presbyterian Church dates from about 1907-1910. The postcard was "printed in Germany for J. H. Ackerman, Allendale, N.J." and was sold in Ackerman's General Store.

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany began in Allendale on January 7, 1872 when Mrs. Stephen Cable (who lived at 475 Franklin Turnpike) and her daughter, Mrs. James Reading (who lived at 509 Franklin Turnpike) organized a Sunday School in their homes. Within a year the school had grown to about 70 people and in the summer of 1873 John J. Zabriskie's unoccupied barn opposite the Cable home was remodeled for use as a school room and chapel, and given the name "Hope Chapel." In 1874 Mrs. Cable donated a plot of ground on the corner of Cottage Place and Franklin Turnpike and gave \$50 to begin a building fund for a proposed church building. In June of 1876 the first service was held in the new chapel. In 1895 the building was moved to a new location on the corner of Orchard Street and Franklin Turnpike (where it stands today) on a site just north of Allendale's second known public school building. (The following year Allendale's third public school building was built on the same site as the second school; this third school still stands today, much altered, and is used as Allendale's Municipal Building.)

In 1902 plans were made for an addition of a Parish House to accommodate Sunday School and various meetings. In 1907 the church building was enlarged and joined to the Parish House by means of a cloister.

By 1964 the Church of the Epiphany's congregation had outgrown the building and plans were made to build a new church on West Crescent Avenue. In June of 1965 the old church was sold to the Trustees of the Presbytery of the Palisades and on September 12, 1965, the first Presbyterian service was held in the recently acquired building.

----Patricia A. Wardell