



## A Touch of History...

The following paragraph is from a book entitled [Huron Churches](#) at the public library:

"June 10, 1886.

Rev. A D. Olson of Huron is the president of the Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is traveling most of the time, holding meetings and organizing churches. From him it is learned that there are between 600 and 700 members of this faith in Dakota, and about 12 ministers. They have a large tent, 60 X 100 feet, in which they hold camp meetings during the summer season: One of these will be held in Huron from June 30 to July 7. The tent will be pitched on the R. R. Grounds - perhaps on Capitol Hill. They have rented 17 rooms in the Winsor House for the use of visitors who wish to lodge there. From 500 to 1000 are expected here during the meeting. Mr. Olson lives on the west side of Wisconsin Street between 4th and 5th."



We know that a devout grandmother held Sabbath meetings in her home before the Huron Church was organized on October 31, 1897. After that we met for services at 244 6th Street until this new church was built and where we held our first meeting October 2, 1893.

I was unable to find any record anywhere as to how the "old church" on 244 6th Street came to be. I called the Daily Plainsman but they have no records that date as far back as 1900. One of the early workers here was John Weller who lived in Huron and held meetings in Willow Lake. We are told that Mr. Weller was a wealthy man and he may have had something to do with placing the old church where it still stands but this is pure conjecture.

Ministers down through the years are certainly a large part of our history and the first one whom some of us remember was Elder Youngberg in the 1930s. He and his family was one of the two

ministers who lived in Huron. Records show H. J Anderson in September of 1960. There was a long period in the 1950s and most of the 1960s when we had no minister. During those times, as the church elder, Joe Wallman very ably presented the Sabbath sermons except as conference people or teachers from Plainview Academy shared in that capacity. Occasionally we remember Meleshenko, Burgeson, Monk and there were others.

Following Howard Anderson in 1960 the following ministers served as pastor of the Huron Church in this order: Sales, Nelson, who was the second pastor who lived in Huron and who had heavy responsibilities in having to travel clear to Winner which was one of his churches. After Nelson was Erhart, Robinson, Bordeau, Stumpf, Eli, Hoag, Small and presently Cavanaugh. Stumpf served the shortest time and Eli the

longest.

Two of those pastors worked toward a new church but it was not until Pastor Hoag came in 1980 with the faith and courage to announce on September 23, 1980, "We will rise up and build." So an offering for the new church was taken every month. A building committee was chosen as well as a finance committee. Pledges were given and Pastor Hoag urged us to turn them in as soon as possible and God would know that we were in earnest and would give us property on which to build. We spent much time searching for a location. We accepted an offer of sale west of town which the owner later rescinded so we knew God didn't want us there. One day our pastor was at the YMCA where he went to pay for our use of that facility. In talking with Lynn Green there he told her of our search for property on which to build a new church and asked her, "You folks wouldn't have property you'd sell do you?" She answered, "Yes, I think we do." We checked it out and pronounced it good. And that's how God gave us this building place right in the Huron Church area of many churches.

The first membership list (1909 - 1925) included: Isabel Hertzell, Tena Foley, F. E. & Margaret Bresee, Elder & Mrs. Hilliar, Ruby Clarambeau, Mary Montgomery, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen, Mary Collings, Mrs. Chas. Swain, and Harriet Dibble. 1926 - 1930 membership lists includes: Clarence Anderson, Clair & Mrs. Betts, Mr & Mrs. I. V. Minner, Violet and Algiers, Mrs. J. Whittlinger. The 1930 membership list includes: Isla, Opal, Garnet & Wm. H. Brotzman, Katheryn Gilbert, Almeda Gilbert, Mrs. R. O. Johnston, Mabel Nelson, and Everett & Bessie Courser.

I think it is well to think of some of the earlier members who came into our church family either by baptism or letter during the period of 1915 - 1930. They were: Jennie Marlin, Christina Reeve, Isabel McNeil and Fanny Bristor.

Article written by Mrs. Joe (Alverta) Wallman, October 24, 1979. Quote was from the book [Huron Churches](#).

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## Brentwood School Reports

"One of my favorite things about school is all my nice and loving friends. I love how Mrs. E. tells us about God and how He is always with us forever! I love learning with my friends. Our teacher loves us and she is a good, loving teacher."

Madisen, 2nd grade

"My favorite subject is Math. It's my favorite subject because I like subtraction and addition. It's very easy for me to find the sum. Math is fun."

Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

"I have lots of friends at school. They help me learn about my school work. At school I learn lots about art. I want to be an artist when I grow up."

Levi, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

"Two of my favorite things about school are my friends and my teacher. I like Levi, Abby, Tristan, Rebekah, Abigail, Lacie, Benjamin, Madisen, Emily, Lucas, and Mrs. Eszler. My favorite subject is Math and Handwriting."

Kaya, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

"I love the sunshine because it shines in the classroom. I think it is pretty and it allows us to see. My favorite subject is Reading. I like it because it fills my mind with adventures."

Emily, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

"Two of my favorite subjects at school are Reading and Science. I really love Reading because when I read I go on adventures and learn facts about things and people. I really love Science because of stuff that happens when you do experiments. When I grow up I'm even going to be a scientist."

Rebekah, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

"One of my favorite things about school is snow. I like that you can play in the snow. I love that you always have something to do. The people here are very nice. My favorite subjects are Handwriting, Reading and Bible. I also like book reports because you get to read a lot."

Abigail, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

"My favorite things about school are Science and Social Studies. I love that in Science we do experiments and Social Studies we do really fun activities. I also love my teacher. She is super funny and nice."

Lacie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

"I like Math because it is easy and I usually don't need help and it is fun to do. I love that we get a big snow mountain to play on in the winter. I like to make new friends all the time. I love that I get all my work done at school and don't have homework. Mrs. Eszler tells us to study. I also like to do Art because I am good at it."

Tristan, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

"One of my favorite things about school is its location. I love that it is beside a field. We see lots of wildlife. It is like living in the country! I also love how my students are eager to learn and help others."

Mrs. Eszler, Teacher

"My favorite things about school are being able to pray freely without someone telling me not to. I also like how we're surrounded by God's creations every day. I enjoy reading because I am able to take my mind off of confusing class work and worry about the problems in a book. I also love my classmates. They're sweet, loving, kind, and helpful at all times. My teacher is amazing; she is one of the reasons why I wish to stay in Brentwood. She's fun, understanding, kind, and I am able to speak my mind with her. I'd say my class is the best!"

Abby, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Article by teacher and students of Brentwood Adventist Christian Elementary School located in Bismarck, ND.

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## Report on Completed Just Jesus. Mission Trip

Just Jesus. Adventist Campus Ministries (ACM), the Fargo and Wahpeton Adventist churches, plus many donors throughout the Dakota Conference helped our students raise \$27,000 for Ministry Outreach to the people living as refugees in UN Camps in Northern Uganda and for 300 students at Rock View Adventist School to have fresh "clean" safe water to drink and use for a flourishing garden.

The Student Mission Trip to Uganda began December 20, 2018. Five students from the Adventist Campus Ministry in Fargo teamed up with 15 students from the Kampala Adventist Campus Ministries to accomplish the following:

- Gospel meetings in Northern Uganda at the UN Camps under tents - 29 people were baptized including one of our Fargo students who was baptized in the Nile river.
- A school garden plowed and planted near the well at the Christian boarding elementary school led by our agricultural graduate student from NDSU, John Vollmer. He conducted soil and water testing and led lectures in agricultural practice.
- Health Seminars instructing on good hygiene and disease prevention were held, and an actual clinic was set-up thanks to 12 Ugandan students who are in PA and/or in nursing programs in Africa or America. The clinic served the medical needs over 100 people. Pamela Joyce, a nursing student from NDSU, led this team.
- Mental health counseling was also provided in the UN Camp for individuals suffering with trauma disorders and depression.
- Relationship Communication Seminars were conducted to help families, couples and all individuals to learn how to deal with conflict and communicate in a healthy way.

Amna Millewa and Jacob Meidinger from NDSU, with two students from Kampala, led out in a music ministry to the children (all 350 of them).

This was an amazing, life changing experience for the Ugandan and American students. Seeing these young people working together for Jesus was truly inspiring. The most inspiring, however, was to watch the hundreds of children, in spite of challenging life circumstances, happily playing together and learning about Jesus.

In order, left to right: John Vollmer, Jacob being baptized, Jacob with students, Pamela, and clinic.



Article and photos provided by Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

## New Home Church Contributes to Backpack Program



The congregation of the New Home Seventh-day Adventist Church raised over \$1,000 in two weeks to help support Carrington's Backpack for Kids program.

Each Friday in Carrington, ND, Carrington's Daily Bread volunteers place a grocery bag full of cereal, canned foods, and snacks into over 40 children's lockers ranging in age from preschool through high school. Kids who participate in reduced or free breakfast and lunch in the school lunch program are eligible to opt in to this program. Carrington's Daily Bread program is run by volunteers whose aim is to get food to hungry children to help them make it through the weekend.

During Sabbath School class in early December, church members talked about some of the needs in the local community and asked the congregation if they'd be willing to help others. In two weeks, over \$1,000 was raised! Just before Christmas vacation the New Home Church chose to contribute ten \$100 Shopko gift certificates for the Backpack for Kids program.

Plans are underway to raise more funds in the New Year for a spaghetti feed or to help in other ways as needs arise.

Article and photo by Brenda Klein

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## Hot Springs Enjoys Agape Supper



The Hot Springs Church members hosted an Agape Supper December 29, 2018, celebrating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Thoughts were of the Second Coming - Jesus and His redeemed arrive in Heaven where they will celebrate the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The crowd consists of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the righteous from the world below, the 144 Thousand, and the Twenty-four Elders. The redeemed have been changed and made new by the blood of the Lamb.

In both the Old and the New Testament, the marriage relation is employed to represent the tender and sacred union that exists between Christ and His people. To the mind of Jesus the gladness of the wedding festivities points forward to the rejoicing of that day when He shall bring home His bride to the Father's house, and the redeemed with the Redeemer shall sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb. He says, "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; ... but thou shalt be called My Delight; ... for the Lord delighteth in thee." "He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." Isaiah 62:5, 4, margin; Zephaniah 3:17. When the vision of heavenly things was granted to John the apostle, he wrote: "I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb!" Revelation 19:6, 7, 9 DA 151.1

Members of The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hot Springs gathered on Saturday evening in the church basement, where the deaconesses of the church had prepared a special Agape Supper.

The candle-lit tables were placed in the shape of a cross and decorated with tablecloths, colorful dishes, cups, placemats and candles. The menu consisted of homemade soups, rolls, spreads, fruit and grape juice. It was a very special evening reminiscent of Christ and His love for His people. Each guest read the scripture beside their plate and ended the evening with visiting.

The Hot Springs Church would like to thank those who planned and prepared this event.

Article by Marilyn Watson; Photos by Charlie Mongaya

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## Little Free Library



A desire to reach out to the local church neighborhood and also to provide a way to witness led the Grand Forks Church to install a Little Free Library on the church grounds. The Community Services committee researched into this movement of putting up small libraries, really a book shelf, in places where anyone who passes by can help themselves to a book. The idea is to inspire a love of reading while building a community where people can take and leave a book they're finished with. Since it started in 2009 there are already over 75,000 registered book exchanges with countless others that are not registered.

Some Little Free Libraries are uniquely made out of old tree stumps, furniture, and recycled items, but for a North Dakota environment, it was decided the best idea would be to build new. One of the church members built the structure, which included a couple of shelves that were enclosed and then installed on a post to make it about chest high.

After it was installed and filled with books that had been donated by church members, there was a dedication prayer with all who were in attendance that Sabbath laying a hand on the little library and then praying that the reading material inside go to bless whomever picks it up.

Committee members of Community Services have purchased a stamp that is put inside each book that says it's placed there and is a complimentary gift of the church, should it inspire someone who reads it to visit. They attend to it and make sure fresh reading material is placed inside, and improper items are removed.

Business was very brisk when the library was first installed this summer, and the church's location by many apartment buildings and a block away from our large middle and elementary schools means that there will always be foot traffic by - especially more so when people return to more walks and bike rides around the church.

Article and photos by Jen Erickson

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## No sales in January.

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND:

- Tuesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Closed Sunday

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## January 24 Dispatch Photo





Photo taken by Jodi Dossenke near Bowman, ND


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