



Remembering Broadway's History in our 150th Year...

While the congregation was in the Broadway and 22nd Street Church buildings (the stone church and the gym in the wood frame building) a significant aspect for Broadway's future were the Sunday School Classes. A Young Married Peoples Class organized in 1912 with 16 members grew to 238 members by 1915. The secret to this growth was that each one asked others to come.

Ten years later, in 1922, a second group of young married people was organized in the Church Tower Room. Ten to twelve couples were charter members. They called themselves Win-More-Homebuilders. Through the years, the class supplied the church with teachers, scout leaders, leaders of the congregation, leaders in the women's organizations, and two of their children became ministers of the gospel. Win-More-Home-Builders continued to be a stabilizing influence for the church during the years of change through the years to come.

Mary Beth Glossbrenner McFall (Mrs. Merrill McFall) gives an amusing account of the boys and girls Sunday School Classes, which met in the gymnasium at the 22nd Street Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church. There was a curtain between the two classes. The girls' teacher was interesting, but could not compete with the boys' teacher on the other side of the curtain. So Sunday after Sunday the girls would sit as near the curtain as they could and listen to the boys' lesson while pretending to hear their own.

Rev. Dr. Joseph N. Greene was pastor of the church during most of the World War I years. It was during his ministry that the stone building at 22nd and Broadway was occupied and the indebtedness paid. The building cost about \$50,000 and Dr. Greene had this to say at the time of the mortgage burning on Easter, 1918: "A debt of over \$10,000 hung over the congregation until a few months ago. But today, April 21, 1918, we burn the last note and celebrate our freedom from debt."

In the program that day, the nineteen former pastors of the church are listed, and during the week two of them, Dr. Worth Tippy and Charles Bacon spoke. It was suggested in the notice that with these two men on the program everyone would have a lively and joyous time.

