

## *Member Memory*

By Mary Hinson

My first visit to Grace was after I had lived in Rock Hill about a year having moved from Florida where I met and married Eddie. Rock Hill is his hometown.

I've been a member of a Lutheran church all my life being baptized at six months. I'd see Grace several times a day while I did the interoffice mail route for the telephone company, and I started to feel a want to be part of a church family again.

When I walked through the doors of Grace I remember a feeling of being surrounded as in a caring hug. I felt very comfortable and welcome. I knew I had found a church home. The words of the liturgy were familiar, but the setting wasn't. At that time Grace was still using the first setting of the old red hymnal.

Sylvia Livingston recognized me and greeted me after the service, making me feel at home. She was a bank teller that I had picked up customer's bill payments from for the telephone company. John Boyd was the pastor at the time and asked me if I was a Winthrop student. I told him I wasn't but for him to notice a new face in the congregation was special to me.

From that beginning I've now been a member of Grace for forty-five years and am thankful to have seen and been a part of Grace's growth as a congregation and in the community.

In God's peace,  
Mary Hinson