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HISTORY OF THE
ST. PAUL'S UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH,
CANTON, OHIO.

About seven years ago under the leadership of Dr. P. M. Camp, at that time pastor of the First United Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, the matter of purchasing lots in the west section of the city for the erection of a second United Brethren Church sometime in the future was considered.

Dr. Camp's advice was that the lots at the corner of Dartmouth Ave. and Sixth St., S.W. size 80 by 100 feet, was a desirable site for a church; therefore, these lots were purchased from Mr. W. C. Lane, Canton, Ohio, April 18th, 1918, during the first year of Rev. Ira D. Warner's pastorate. The deed was made for these lots February 24th, 1921.

In May 1922 some of the members of the congregation living in the west section of the city began to feel that it was time to carry this project forward, therefore a meeting was held by the members then interested in a second church, on Monday, May 8th, 1922, at the home of Mr. Geo. H. Fulk, 1032 Greenfield Ave., S. W., with the purpose of discussing this matter. It was at the home of Mr. Fulk's father that the First United Brethren Church was organized years ago.

A second meeting was held Friday, May 12th and another May 19th, 1922. At this last meeting Mr. A. J. Wolfarth and Mr. Frank Muckley were appointed to secure the stewards' lists of all districts west of the creek, with the idea of making a canvass to see how many people were interested and would support a second church.

DEDICATION DAY

Impressive services marked the dedication of the new edifice of the St. Paul's United Brethren Church, *July 13, 1924,*

This beautiful new structure stands on a valuable lot diagonally across from the Aultman Hospital at the corner of Sixth Street and Dartmouth Ave., facing south.

It is built of dark reddish-brown wire-cut brick, with stone trim and steps. The thickness of the walls and the steel reinforcements will make it possible to add the third floor for departmental work when needed.

Only the first floor, together with the front and side entrances, have been built and dedicated, at a cost of \$30,000. The entire structure will probably cost one hundred thousand dollars.

The auditorium on this first floor measures seventy-five by fifty-six feet when opened, and has a seating capacity of five hundred. Departmental rooms and class rooms are provided with folding doors. The two rooms at each side of the main entrance measure sixteen by twenty-eight feet, and are given a very hospitable and cheery atmosphere by the large fireplace and built-in bookcases. All of the rooms are as light, sunshiny, and cheerful as a home.

The kitchen is equipped with numerous cupboards, drawers, serving tables, and windows, two sinks and a fine range.

DEDICATORY SERVICE

March 30, 1930.

An attendance of more than 1000 was recorded at the three services held in this church, Sunday, March 30th, 1930, in connection with the dedication of the new church, located at Dartmouth Ave. and Sixth St., S. W.

The dedicatory services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. W. G. Clippinger, president of Otterbein College, as the principal speaker. Rev. Sager Tryon, pastor of the church presided at all services.

Rev. Clippinger's dedicatory address concerned the ministry of worship as considered in four phases, preaching, education, work and social activity. These, summarized, were set forth by Rev. Clippinger as the five-fold function of the Christian church.

Following Dr. Clippinger's address the church was officially dedicated. The keys were entrusted to the Board of Trustees with D. J. Jones, president. Each member responded briefly following the pronouncement of the charge by Dr. Clippinger. Assistance in the dedicatory services was rendered by Rev. Tryon and Rev. J. E. Comer, conference superintendent.

Greetings were tendered from a number of ecclesiastical bodies during the service.