

- 1970 189. Terry Kerr; 190. Barry Frost; 191. Mark Anderson;
192. Ronald Hummer; 193. Michael Kerr; 194. Roger Simpson;
195. Joyce Womer.
- 1973 196. Wendell Neely; 197. Kathy Neely; 198. Elaine Kerr;
199. Kevin Kerr; 200. Gwen Kerr; 201. Russell Kerr;
202. Susan Hummer; 203. Karen Hummer; 204. Nancy Kunz;
205. Randy Kerr; 206. James D. Hummer;
207. Kathryn Hummer; 208. Ralph Kerr;
209. James Hasbrouck; 210. Marjorie Campbell;
211. Patricia Reynolds;
212. Cynthia Kunz; 213. Mary Ohl.
- 1975 214. Mabel Vosburgh.
- 1976 215. Emerson Campbell, 216. Robert Bauer; 217. Connie Bauer;
218. Joseph Paul Kerr; 219. Stephen Hummer.
- 1977 220. Ronald Barstow; 221. Virginia Barstow;
222. Fredrick Barstow; 223. David Barstow; 224. Marsha Kerr.
- 1978 225. Geneva Halfast.
- 1979 226. Lawrence McIntyre; 227. Carol McIntyre;
228. Tracey Hasbrouck;
229. Jeffrey Kerr; 230. Craig Harger; 231. Wayne Harger;
232. David Kerr,
- 1981 233. Howard Knapp III; 234. Margaret Knapp;
235. Amy Knapp; 236. Howard Knapp IV; 237. Daniel Knapp;
238. Beth Ann Hummer.
- 1984 239. James Harger.
- 1986 240. Jill Reynolds; 241. Matthew Neely; 242. Robert Kerr.
- 1987 243. Kellie Kunz; 244. Pam Knapp; 245. Evelyn Kerr;
246. Brad Reitmyer; 247. Marcia Reitmeyer.
- 1989 248. Michael Peebles; 249. Jessica Kunz; 250. Chad Kunz;
251. Kristen Kerr.
- 1991 252. Jaymie Smith; 253. Lowell Smith; 254. Carrie Smith.
- 1993 255. Mary Hammond;
- 1994 256. Deanna Vosburgh.

Tribute to Mrs. Emma Kerr

The following appeared on the church bulletin Sept. 15, 1935, Rev. Arthur Colley, Minister: "We are all acquainted with the unseen, retired member of the Church. Have you ever thought about the unseen, working member. The Bethel church has one such member. She has not been to a church service for about twelve years yet she knows more about the church, and its affairs than perhaps many of us who attend every Sunday. I refer to Mrs. Emma Kerr, our Church treasurer. This is her 25th year as treasurer of the Bethel Church. For the past twelve years she has been an invalid and unable to attend the public worship service. For 25 years she has paid the bills of the church. Sunday after Sunday she has paid the pastor his salary. She has not been content to "fold her hands and wait." She hath done what she could. These words of the Master, spoken in commendation of the woman who anointed Him with precious ointment, are a fitting tribute also to Mrs. Kerr." She was the mother of Eber L., Charles D., Mabel and Loie Kerr. She passed away January 3, 1950. Her husband was Albert M. Kerr.

**Where Were the Sulphur Springs?
When Was the Old Mill Pond In Existence?
Why Was the Name Shelmadine Springs
Changed to Bethel?
How Did Thompson's Mills Get Its Name?**

Answers by Mr. and Mrs. Elias W. Hummer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shelmadine settled on the large farm now owned by Russell Vosburgh. There their three children were born and made homes on the home farm. Ansel, the only boy, married Amelia Stearns and had two children, Alice (or Allie, as she was called by her friends) married Dave Asetine and seven children were born to them. Norie married Kearn Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, formerly of Centerville. They had six children and lived next to the old community house for many years.

On the creek that ran along beside the road was a mill owned by a Mr. Hyde and operated for many years by James Kelly and later by his son, Kearn. This mill was run by water power, so a pond was built to furnish power. This pond was used in later years for boating and there were plans that later it might be used as a pleasure resort.

In the late 80's two springs, a fresh water and a sulphur mineral spring, flowing out side by side were discovered and the ground around it was cleared and used for the Sunday School picnics for several years. The water from the mineral spring was used by many for its medicinal qualities.

About this time Hiram Hill built a house beside the church and lived with his family in one part and kept a store in the other side. A post office was opened and taken care of by Mr. Hill. Mr. Shelmadine wanted the P. O. to be named Shelmadine Mineral Springs, but it was decided that the name would be Shelmadine Springs, which name is still used some. On the death of Mr. Hill the property was bought by the trustees of Bethel church as a community house. As the church was dedicated "Bethel" that name has been applied since to the church and community.

There was a grist mill at Thompson Mills, owned by a Mr. Thompson and later by J. M. Kerr and brothers, Lynn and Lafayette. The two last named sold their interest to J. M. Kerr who operated it for many years.

There was a Post Office located at Shelmadine Springs called Shirley Post Office before it was changed to Shelmadine Springs.



A dead church is a grave problem.



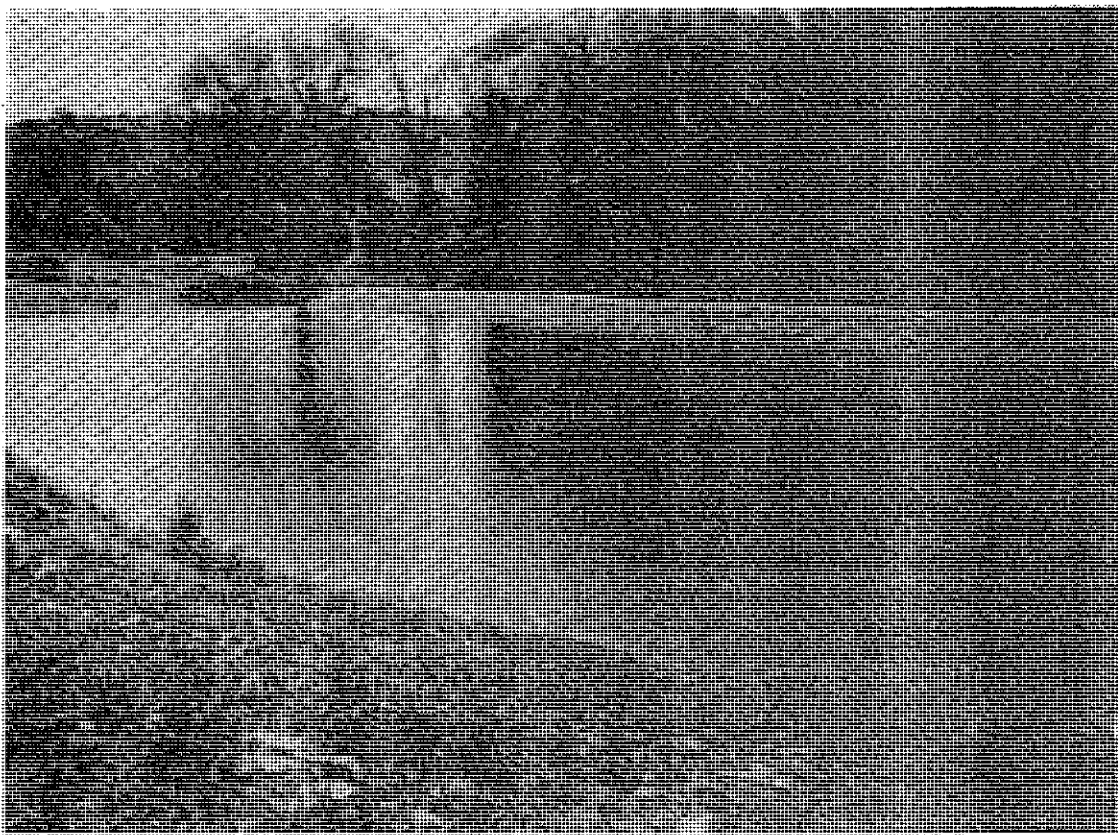
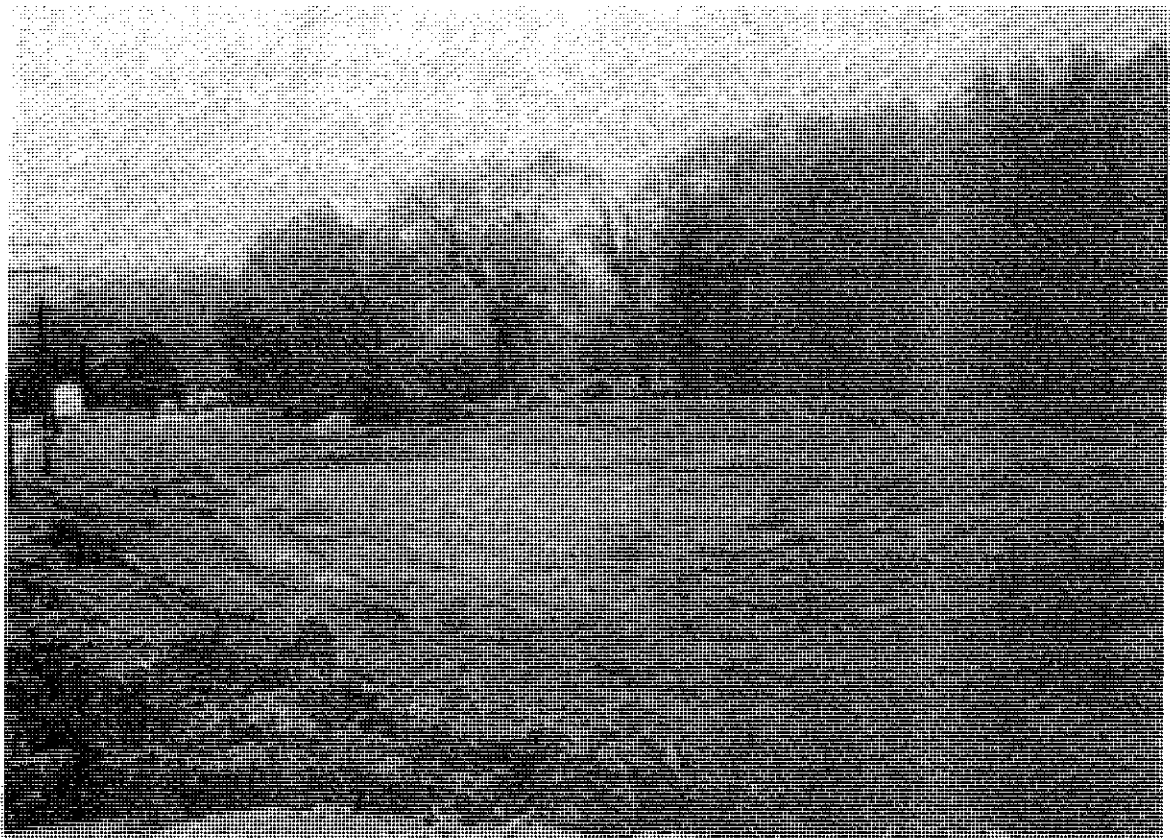
BETHEL MEMORIAL POND

In 1960 Joseph C. Hummer started work on a dream the Bethel Community had of restoring the old mill pond across the road from the Bethel Church. Many members turned out for the clean up.

Herb Hasbrouck contributed many hours of work with his bulldozer and earth mover. The end result was the transformation from a spot overgrown with weeds and brush to a recreation area where children and adults alike could enjoy swimming, boating and fishing.

This land was transferred from Frances C. Warner in 1961 for the sum of \$1.00 to the trustees of the Bethel church at that time. The trustees were Russell Hummer, Evan W. Hummer, Eber L. Kerr, Clyde Vosburgh, Clarence M. Dressler and Neal Hasbrouck.

Many contributions of money have been given since then for the upkeep. The pond was completed in 1961. The pictures on the following page, show the before and after looks of the site.



Memorial Day

A Memorial Day program is an annual event of the Bethel Church.
The following are three programs, each a quarter of a century apart:

1895

America	Quartet and Audience
Prayer	Rev. McIntyre
Declamation - Address to the Soldiers	Clyde Knapp
Recitation	Kate Hummer
Recitation "Boys in Blue"	Millie Kerr
Music "Anchored"	Solo by Miss Ida Stewart
Declamation "Gratitude"	Lambert Sloan
Recitation	Lydia L. Kerr
Recitation "Memorial Day"	Glennie Kerr
Recitation "Baby's Decoration"	Elmer Kerr
Music	Solo by Mattie Rendall
Address	Rev. W. P. Stevenson
Flag Exercise	Sabbath School

1920

Invocation	Rev. R. K. Rumbaugh
Recitation "The Blue and Gray"	Nellie Bailey
Reading	Miss Lottie Kerr
Song	Gertrude and Evelyn Small
Reading	Lelia Skelly
Reading	Herbert Stewart
Address	D. H. Thomas
Adjournment to Cemetery, Music, Benediction.	

1945

Music	McNierney's Band
Invocation	Rev. D. L. Taylor
Reading "Bethel Boys in Blue"	Philip Stewart
Vocal Music	Mixed Quartet
Mrs. Reid Kerr, Patricia Hummer, Russell Vosburgh, and Basil Hummer	
Tribute to Boys and Girls in Service	Mr. H. W. Dight
Address	Rev. Mark H. Parry
Pastor of Titusville Methodist Church	
Song "God Bless America"	Audience
Music, Adjournment to Cemetery, Taps, Benediction.	

Memorial Day Committees

The following are some of the Memorial Day Committees. We were unable to find every year's, but these are what we found:

- 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hasbrouck.
- 1928 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Will Hasbrouck, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Eber Kerr.
- 1934 Mr. & Mrs. George Matteson, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Halfast, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wheatall, Mr. & Mrs. Welton Bailey, Mr. & Arvin Edwards.
- 1935 Mr. & Mrs. George Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. Rulin Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. James Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Eber Kerr.
- 1936 Lawrence Matteson, Beulah Muir, Philip Stewart, Lillian Foley, Horace Hummer, Olevia Kerr, Marion Kerr, Mary Esther Kerr, Harry Kerr, Irene Hummer.
- 1939 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wheatall, Mr & Mrs. Lloyd Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Knapp, Mr. & Mrs. Eber Kerr.
- 1940 Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Foley, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Muir, Mr. & Charles Kerr.
- 1941 Mr. & Mrs. Horace Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. George Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Farrington, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Halfast.
- 1945 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dressler, Mr. & Mrs. Reid Kerr, Philip Stewart, Norman Wheatall, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matteson.
- 1946 Mr. & Mrs. Basil Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. George Simpson, Mr. & Mrs. Rulin Kerr, Mr. H. W. Dight, Herbert Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Merton Brown.
- 1947 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lake, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matteson, Mr. & Mrs. Reid Kerr, Paul Kunz, Norman Wheatall.
- 1948 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wheatall, Mr. & Mrs. Neal Hasbrouck, Mr. & Mrs. James Paul.
- 1949 Mr. & Mrs. George Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Twombly, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dressler, Mr. & Mrs. George Matteson.
- 1950 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Wheatall, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Will Hasbrouck, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Anderson.

- 1951 Mr. & Mrs. Rulin Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. George Simpson, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kunz, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ledebu.
- 1952 Mr. & Mrs. James Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Neal Hasbrouck, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matteson, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. Horace Hummer.
- 1953 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lake, Mr. & Mrs. George Hasbrouck, & Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson.
- 1954 Norman & Dorothy Wheatall, Russell & Martha Vosburgh, Ronald & Mona Vosburgh, Harry & Mable Wheatall, Paul Ruttan's.
- 1955 Clarence & Dorothy Dressler, Charles & Edna Kerr, Lawrence & Betty Ladebu, Donald Johnson's, Everett & Freda Kerr.
- 1956 Basil & Margie Hummer, George & Edith Schwab, Victor & Ruth Knapp, George & Joyce Stewart, George & Pearle Matteson.
- 1957 Ralph & Leola Hummer, Ben Walters', Jack & Norma Kerr, Charles & Joyce Anderson, Ralph & Dorothy Harrison.
- 1958 Earl Stewarts', Will & Marie Hasbrouck, Robert & Bonnie Johnson, Bert & Pat Fitch, Lawrence & Betty Ladebu.
- 1959 George & Virginia Simpson, George & Edith Schwab, Ken & Joyce Kerr, Norman & Dorothy Wheatall, Howard & Martha Matteson.
- 1960 Basil & Margie Hummer, Victor & Ruth Knapp, Charles & Joyce Anderson, Ronald & Barbara Kerr, Arthur Eller's.
- 1961 Clyde & Mildred Vosburgh, Ken & Alta Armstrong, Evan & Frannie Hummer, Harry & Mable Wheatall, Mildred Paul.
- 1962 Clarence & Dorothy Dressler, Elwin & Janet Kerr, George & Pearle Matteson, Guy & Dorothy Bimber, Jack & Norma Kerr.
- 1963 Harry & Treva Kerr, Howard & Martha Matteson, Russell & Pat Hummer, George & Joyce Stewart, Rulin & Ernestine Kerr.
- 1964 Kenneth & Alta Armstrong, Will & Marie Hasbrouck, Evan & Frannie Hummer, Robert & Bonnie Johnson, Lee & Esther Hopkins.
- 1965 Ralph & Leola Hummer, Victor & Ruth Knapp, Basil & Margie Hummer, Donald & Thelma Pier, Norman & Dorothy Wheatall.
- 1966 Russell & Martha Vosburgh, George & Dolyne Hasbrouck Ben Walters', Robert Fays', Charles & Joyce Anderson.
- 1967 Elwin & Janet Kerr, George & Virginia Simpson, Russell & Pat Hummer, Harry & Mable Wheatall, George & Pearle Matteson.
- 1968 Basil & Margie Hummer, Neal & Dorothy Hasbrouck, George & Arabella Hummer, Norman & Dorothy Wheatall, Stewart Pauls'.
- 1969 Howard & Martha Matteson, Reid & Hazel Kerr, Charles & Sally Knapp, Hiram & Joyce Graham, Robert & Bonnie Johnson.

- 1970 Harry & Treva Kerr, George & Joyce Stewart, James & Sally Bodamer, Merlin & Dorothy Kunz, Vernon & Peg Knapp.
- 1971 Clarence & Dorothy Dressler, Ronald & Cinda Joyce, Michael Andersons', Donald & Jean Kerr, Charles & Joyce Anderson.
- 1972 Richard & Joan Vosburgh, Ronald & Barbara Kerr, Paul & Phyllis Kunz, Donald & Thelma Pier, Lee & Esther Hopkins.
- 1973 Robert & Bonnie Johnson, Charles & Sally Knapp, James & Marsha Kerr, Neal & Dorothy Hasbrouck, Robert Lists'.
- 1974 Russell & Martha Vosburgh, Jack & Norma Kerr, Paul Fink's, Norman & Dorothy Wheatall, Rulin & Ernestine Kerr.
- 1975 Howard & Martha Matteson, George & Joyce Stewart, Russell & Pat Hummer, Elwin & Janet Kerr, Vernon & Peg Knapp.
- 1976 Ken & Alta Armstrong, Wendell & Kathy Neely, Mac Lorenz, Evan & Frannie Hummer, Gerald & Barb Harger.
- 1977 John & Pat Reynolds, Allen & Linda Kerr, George & Virginia Simpson, Rev. Herbert Boyd, Rev. Jim Nichols.
- 1978 Basil & Margie Hummer, Robert & Bonnie Johnson, Donald & Jean Kerr, John & Cindi Kunz, Donald & Thelma Pier.
- 1979 Clarence & Dorothy Dressler, Curtis Vosburgh, Mark & Judy Anderson, Arthur Brunsts', Dana Martin's.
- 1980 Ronald & Barb Kerr, Herbert & Alice Stewart, Elmer Brown's, Robert & Connie Bauer, Alan Marleys'.
- 1981 Elwin & Janet Kerr, Stanley Dillinger's, Emerson & Marjorie Campbell, Howard & Bea Gilson, Robert Miller.
- 1982 Harry & Treva Kerr, Norman & Dorothy Wheatall, Myrna & Twila Wescoat, Pat Hopkins, Charlie & Sally Knapp.
- 1983 Robert & Bonnie Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. John Imhoff, Myrna & Twila Wescoat, Vernon & Peg Knapp, Reid & Hazel Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Roberts.
- 1984 Russell & Martha Vosburgh, Howard & Margaret Knapp, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fink, Mr. & Mrs. Dillon Wescoat, Mr. & Mrs. John Atkinson.
- 1985 Leola Hummer, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Sutton, George & Joyce Stewart, Don & Thelma Pier.
- 1986 Lance & Sherry Hummer, Jennifer Burrows, Merlin & Dot Kunz, Mr. & Mrs. Art Brunst.
- 1987 Mark & Judy Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Brunst, Myrna & Twila Wescoat, Ken & Alta Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Harger.
- 1988 Elwin & Janet Kerr, Mr. & Mrs. Don Matteson, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Brown.
- 1989 John & Cindi Kunz, Mr. & Mrs. Dillon Wescoat, Dick & Joan Vosburgh, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kite.

- 1990 Mark & Kelli Benedict, Howard & Pam Knapp
1991 Ron & Barbara Kerr, Charles & Jane Fridley, George & Joyce Stewart.
1992 Basil & Margie Hummer, Howard & Martha Matteson, Myrna & Twila Wescoat.
1993 Russ & Patricia Hummer, Paul & Kay Fink, Elmer & Lucille Brown.
1994 Russell & Evelyn Kerr, George & Joyce Stewart, Robert Sutton.
1995 Elwin & Janet Kerr, Merlin & Dorothy Kunz, Dillon & Sandy Wescoat.
1996 Wendell & Kathy Neely, Pat & Faith Hopkins, Melvin & Kathy Wescoat.
1997 Howard & Pam Knapp, Lynnwood & Mary Heagy, Melvin & Kathy Wescoat.
1998 Gwen Come, Jeff Kerr, Robert Sutton, Gordon Sutton, Tim & Cindy Harger.

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