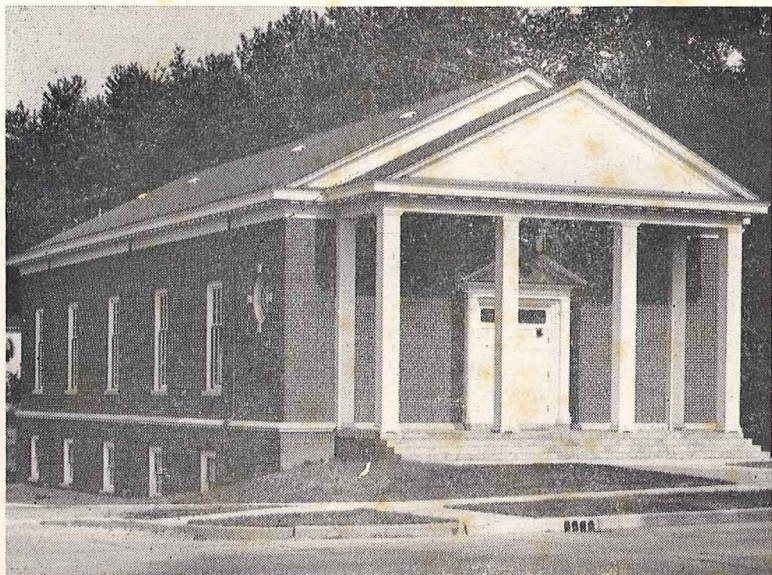


*The Religious Society of Friends
Paoli, Indiana*

Dedication
of
NEW MEETING HOUSE

June 6, 1954



PAOLI MEETING HOUSE

We Dedicate this House

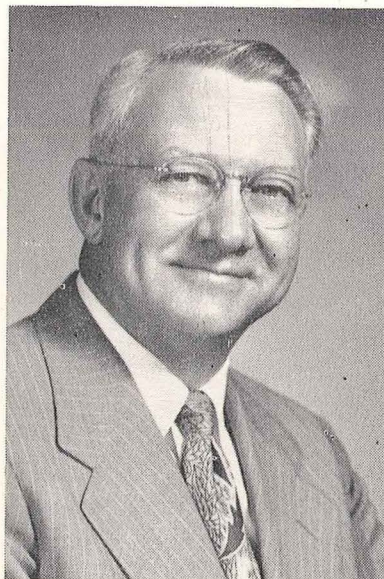
TODAY we set apart this house to the worship of the living and true God, and to the services of Jesus Christ our Lord. We devote it to the preaching of the grace of God for the conversion of sinners, and the education of Christians in a knowledge of spiritual truth, in all the activities of Christian life.

May the peace of God and the meekness and humility of Christ be ever present within these walls. May God graciously accept this offering of a house to His name—an offering made by grateful hearts and willing hands. Bless every heart that shares in this gift.

May multitudes here be born to God, so that when all those here today shall have gone to their eternal home, others will take up the service until Jesus comes and all His are gathered home.

The New Meeting House

The Church of Our Dreams



EVERETT CHAPMAN

THIS is the church of *our dreams*.
The church of the *warm heart*,
Of the *open mind*,
Of the *adventurous spirit*;
The church that *cares*,
That *heals hurt lives*,
That *comforts* older people,
That *challenges* youth;
That knows *no divisions* of culture
or class,

No frontiers, geographical or social;
The church that *inquires* as well as
avers,

That *looks forward* as well as back-
wards;

The church OF THE MASTER,
The church of the people,
High as the ideals of Jesus,
Low as the humblest human;

A working church,
A worshipping church,
A winsome church;

The church that interprets the *truth* in terms of its own time,
That challenges its times in terms of the truth;
That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come;
A church of all good men,
The church of the living God.
Yes, this is the church of our dreams,
And will become the reality of our hopes,
When hope becomes the anchor of our souls, both sure and steadfast;
And as we seek refuge for our souls, through worship in this meeting house
Find strong encouragement,
To press forward for the prize,
Of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.

Thy friend and pastor,
EVERETT W. CHAPMAN

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Sunday Services

JUNE 6, 1954

Bible School 9:30 A. M.
Worship Service.....10:40 A. M.

BASKET DINNER IN DINING ROOM

Organ Recital—*Albin Whitworth* 1:30 P. M.

Dedicatory Service

2:00 P. M.

Organ Prelude	ELEANOR CAPLINGER
Invocation	EVERETT CHAPMAN
Hymn No. 157 <i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>	Congregation
Presentation of Key . .	HAROLD A. STIPP, <i>Chairman of Building Committee</i>

ELLA COLCLASURE, *Trustee* WILLIAM R. JONES, *Presiding Clerk*

Prayer of Consecration

Response—*Bless this House* MARIELLA CLEMENTS *Stout*

Greetings from Paoli Ministerial Association . . . REV. RICHARD C. HALE
Pastor Paoli Evangelical United Brethren Church

OFFERTORY

Anthem—*Fling Wide the Gates* CHOIR

Address GLEN REECE
General Superintendent Western Yearly Meeting

Benediction EVERETT CHAPMAN

DOXOLOGY

In the beginning . . .

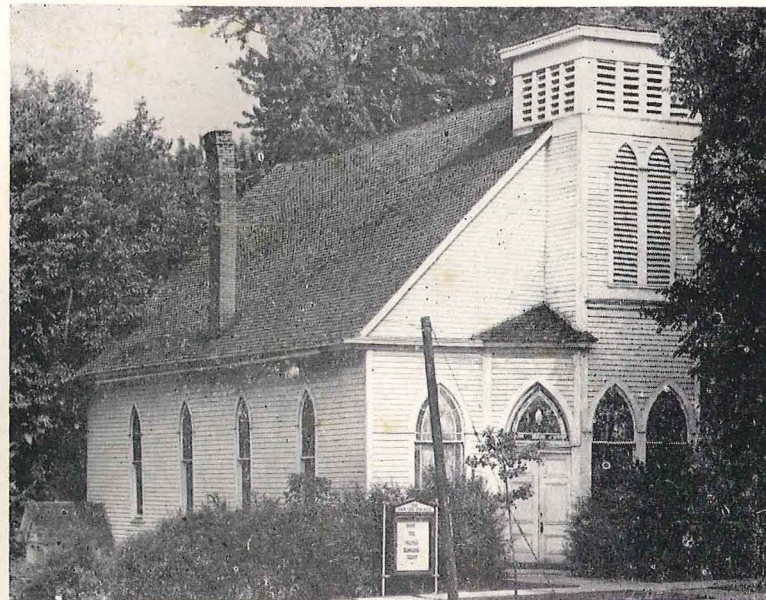
It was April 1811 when the anti-slavery group of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, as they were more commonly called, left Orange County, North Carolina, bound for the North West Territory. There were about 200 in the party directed by Jonathan Lindley. Some of the family names were, Braxton, Cox, Dicks, Draper, Davis, Crow, Chambers, Chamneys, Farlow, Hall, Henley, Hobbs, Hoggatt, Holiday, Hollowell, Hitchcocks, Hill, Hobson, Jones, Lindley, Maris, Nixon, Saint, Spivy, Stout, and Thompson.

They crossed the Ohio River at the Falls and traveled the Buffalo Trail to Blockhouse Fort at Half Moon Spring, which is one of the sources of Lick Creek. They held their religious services in their schooner wagons until 1813, when the first meeting house was built near Spring Mill, another source of Lick Creek. This meeting, known as Lick Creek Monthly Meeting, was set up by West Branch Quarterly Meeting in Ohio, and was the first church to be erected in what is now Orange County, Indiana. As is usual with Quakers, education was their next thought, and a school was erected near the church building. This was called Lick Creek Academy.

Orange Township, so named by the Quakers from Orange County North Carolina, was made a county in Indiana Territory in 1816. It was called Orange County, and a county seat was laid off in 233 lots. A name for the town was discussed, and since most of the pioneers were Quakers, they thought it would be fitting to perpetuate the memory of the brilliant son of their friend and former governor, Samuel Ash of North Carolina. He had died shortly before they left the old North State. Thus Paoli was named after Pasquale Paoli Ash, a namesake of the famous Corsican captain-general Pasquale Paoli.

For the next several years the Quakers continued to travel from the Southern States, and other meetings were established. Newberry and Beech Grove were both set up in 1826 by Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

About 1890 Paoli was a flourishing town, and it was only natural that many Quakers of these three rural churches should move within its limits. The Paoli meeting was set up and the name Lick Creek Monthly Meeting was changed to Paoli Monthly Meeting. A lot was bought on North Gospel Street and the building was finished and dedicated in March 1892. For sixty-one years it endeavored to serve the purpose for



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which it was established. The limits of its influence are far reaching. The present membership is around four hundred.

Many of these historical facts have been taken from the original records which are under the supervision of the custodian of records of Blue River Quarterly Meeting. They are kept stored in the vault of the Orange County Bank in Paoli, Indiana.

In the community the Friends Meeting has stood for Christian service. Its members strive to live and abide by the teachings of George Fox. Peace, honesty, and integrity are ever in their minds. The hand of fellowship is always extended, and all are welcome to church services. The words of Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me", and "Rejoice in the Lord alway", are uppermost in our hearts today. May we ever keep them before us.

As We Built

The sounding of the fire siren at eight-thirty, Sunday, February 8, 1953, was a shock to every Quaker in the community when he learned that it was a disastrous fire at the Paoli Friends Church. The roof's falling so soon prevented the saving of much, except some kitchen equipment, and a used piano recently purchased by the Mr. and Mrs. Class. This piano went with us to the American Legion Hall and returned to the basement January 22, 1954. Thus some salvaging and storing was done that day.

We will remember that the churches of Paoli kindly opened their doors to us. The American Legion offered their home, which was located immediately across the street from us; it was accepted for all services, and on February 9, a call business meeting was held. Building and finance committees were named from the floor. Because of the danger to passersby, the existing custodian committee was authorized to remove the standing walls at once, and continued the debris clearing after the insurance adjusters gave their permission.

The building committee met February 14 and requested a general business meeting. This was called February 25, to determine to some degree, the will of the members in regard to site, style, material, and architect. Interest and attendance were good. Ideas and opinions flowed. A great many of these have been fulfilled.

Later the committee contacted Hawkins & Walker, A. I. A. Architects of New Albany, Indiana; and bought plans and specifications for the present building—a Christopher Wren Colonial Williamsburg design. Mr. James L. Walker met with us several times to give advice. When a decision was reached, Mr. Robert L. Applegate prepared the blueprints.

The events of the past are more readily recorded than achieved. There were meetings with the finance committee before the purchase of plans. Why buy plans for something we couldn't build? How could the finance committee raise funds if they didn't know the amount needed?

Finally it was agreed that with the nucleus of \$24,000 insurance and a \$4,000 remodeling gift from a former member, the goal should be \$60,000 for the building and its furnishings. Furthermore it was decided to avail ourselves of the ability and willingness of members of the congregation to receive contributions in the form of donated labor, supervision, and materials, bought at, or very near wholesale cost. Only by God's benevolent will manifested through these free-will offerings of



INTERIOR PAOLI MEETING HOUSE

love and service and the generous contributions of non-resident members and citizens of this community, were we able to erect and completely furnish this building, including kitchen, dining room and classroom equipment, piano and organ, at a cost of approximately \$68,500, including a debt of \$5,000 borrowed from Western Yearly Meeting.

Watching from the American Legion Home, which we had rented for regular church services, we saw the excavation begun July 2, on an 80x36 building, plus an 8x26 portico. The foundation was begun August 3. From Brooklyn, Indiana, during the week of September 21, came the first load of bricks. The first one was laid September 29—38,504 bricks were used in the construction.

Folding chairs, song books, and the piano, were moved to the basement January 22, in preparation for Quarterly Meeting, January 23-24. A glass jar of items and articles of special interest was sealed into the framework of the east entrance.

It was a surprise to many when we went in the room of worship for Sunday School and church on May 2. Like Quakers of old, there was no musical instrument, but our hearts were full of song and thanksgiving. Just as a personal possession misplaced, believed lost, and recovered, is doubly appreciated, we again discovered the meaning to us of the Paoli Friends Church! May the Spirit of Christ so direct our lives that the completion of this building will be only the first step in the growth and exercised Christian influence of the Friends Church in the Paoli Community.

We Give Thanks

PAOLI FRIENDS gratefully acknowledge the gifts of money, services, materials and furnishings, which have made it possible to build the meetinghouse as it stands today. The architectural style and physical arrangement with furnishings were chosen after much deliberation. Always there was the thought of a place for worship and a building of simplicity and endurance. Always there was unity before the final decisions were made. The laborers felt they were helping in a building *four-square*. The co-operation of all concerned was inspiring. The prayers and sincere words of encouragement from the citizens of the town, were felt in many ways.

Above all, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father whose guiding spirit is ever present.

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