

Nine Met In '24 To Form Church

On December 18, 1824 a group met at the home of Jesse Perrin on what is now the Bruce Hamilton farm...one mile out South Main Street and Northwest of Perinton Center -- to form the First Congregational Church.

At that first meeting, with Mr. Herbert Howard as scribe and Leander Conover as moderator, six women and three men attested to the Articles of Faith and the covenant and officially became the church. Six of the nine original members came from the Presbyterian Church of Pittsford; the other three were

from the Presbyterian Church in Penfield.

For the next nine years, meetings were held in school houses, partly in the Ellsworth District and in the Little Red Schoolhouse in the old Haynes District west of the village. The congregation built its first church structure in 1833; it burned in 1844, and the group relocated finally to the present West Avenue location, where a brick edifice was constructed at the cost of \$20,000 in 1868-9. Several years later, the main Sunday School addition was added, then enlarged to its present size in 1900. In 1922, the primary department, thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snow, Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Clapp, and others, was completed.

In the early days of the First Congregational Church, Sunday School was sometimes held in the forenoon, then again in the afternoon. Many of the members ate dinner between the services. Individual communion cups were first used in 1898; the first child was baptized in 1826; the first funeral (that of Gilbert Benedict) was held in 1869.

Worldwide, The First Congregational Church, along with the Christian Church, Evangelical Church, and Reformed Church, forms the 2,100,000-member United Church of Christ.

Mr. Curt Gerling, Publisher Herald Mail Fairport, New York

Dear Mr. Gerling: I would like to congratulate the Fairport Herald Mail for 100 years of excellent news reporting to the community.

Since the Village was incorporated there have been over fifty Village Presidents and Mayors. All of these Officials were dependent on the Fairport Herald Mail for the publication of the many and various notices which are required to local governments. Needless to say, the Herald Mail has always done an efficient and economical job for Fairport.

The Herald Mail has given the Village excellent coverage by reporting all news relating to our local government, thereby keeping everyone informed of the local problems, issues and actions of

Editorial Vigor

Mr. G. Curtis Gerling
Publisher
Fairport Herald
Fairport, New York

Dear Curt:

Weekly community newspapers of the state have become a forceful and influential communications media and I am extremely proud to be able to write you this little note to congratulate you on the 100th anniversary of The Fairport Herald.

Today's editor and publisher on a weekly suburban newspaper has a dedication to community action, second to none. This is where one finds great strength in the growing resurgence of community papers in this state and this country.

Somehow, each weekly has its carefully-evolved system for displaying community leadership, contributing to a better informed community--and to better conditions and better government.

Let me congratulate The Fairport Herald on its editorial vigor on its 100th birthday, and we all look forward to many more years of this kind of leadership from you and your associates.

Sincerely,

John W. Boynton, President
New York Press Association

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the Board of Trustees.

On behalf of everyone involved in our Village government, I would like to thank you for a job well done and extend to you our best wishes for continued success.

Yours truly,
Gordon T. Murphy
Mayor

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