

8. Broadway U.B. Church (Sunset Drive UMC) [Broadway, Rockingham County; 1888; 1965]

Sunset Drive UMC (formerly Broadway EUB Church) is located on Va. Route 617 at 127 S. Sunset Drive, Broadway, VA 22815; 540-896-3970; sunsetdriveumc@comcast.net; <http://www.sunsetdriveumc.com> (mailing address—P. O. Box 381, Broadway VA 22815). The pastor is H. Donald Hawks supported by Lisa Thacker, church secretary, Angie Coffman, custodian, Lacey and Zach Roberts, youth directors, and Brenda Hoover, music coordinators. Directions: Take Rt. 42 north to Broadway; left on Turner Avenue to intersection with Sunset Drive (Rt. 617); and the church is on the corner. Office hours for the church secretary are Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9-1. Sunday school is held at 9 am, followed by worship at 10 am

The origin of the Broadway Church can be traced back to 1888. While W. F. Gruver was pastor at Singers Glen, he received 37 members into the Broadway “class.” The first meetings were held in Deering Hall, the second floor of the building just north of the building occupied by J. M. Hulvey & Sons, in Broadway. Although 37 were received in 1888 it was not until 1889 that the church was officially organized and added to the Singers Glen Circuit. In 1890 W. O. Ewing was assigned to the Singers Glen Circuit. He was instrumental in selecting the location for the building. The records are unclear as to the time of dedication of the new building. One record says 1891, but other records say June 11, 1893. Many in Broadway feel the latter date is the correct one.



After original construction a tower was added. It is interesting that the tower was largely made possible through the efforts of one lady, Mrs. C. D. Helbert, who made ice cream from her secret recipe to sell. In 1940 an educational unit was added, while P. W. Fisher was pastor. Construction of the new church and parsonage, near the Myers Intermediate School began in 1964. The current sanctuary was completed in 1965. The fellowship hall was added in 2007 as ministry activities continued to grow and expand. [<http://www.sunsetdriveumc.com/437945>] The 50th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone on the



current church building was celebrated October 20, 2013 (<http://sunsetdriveumc.com/50thAnniversaryOctober%2020th2013.pdf>), where the “Son” still shines.

Detailed History.¹ The origin of the Broadway U.B. and EUB Church can be traced to the year 1888, at which time the Rev. W. F. Gruver was pastor of the Singers Glen Circuit. The early records of his pastorate, now in possession of the Singers Glen Charge, reveal that in 1888, thirty-seven (37) members were received into the Broadway Class. Thirty of these members were received on Confession of Faith and seven were received by letter of transfer.

The first meetings of the Broadway “Class” were held on the first floor of Deering Hall (the second floor of the building was occupied by the U.S. Forest Service) in Broadway. The building is now owned by C. D. Lantz (and located on Main Street). From information from some of the older residents of Broadway, the “Hall” was used as a general meeting place for various community activities. The Class Examination (held as a quarterly conference) minutes of the meeting of February 11, 1890, states that the group met “in the Hall in Broadway.”



Although the records reveal that thirty-seven (37) members were received into the church in 1888, it was not until 1889 that the church was officially organized and added to the Singers Glen Circuit at the Annual Conference held March 14-18th of that year. In 1890 a report of the Shenandoah District in the *Minutes* of the Virginia Conference a note was made of a church “being in prospect” at Broadway. In 1891, the Rev. J. W. O. (John Wesley Otterbein) Ewing was assigned to the Singers Glen Circuit. Working with the leaders of the Broadway Class, he was instrumental in selecting the location for the present church building on Central Street.



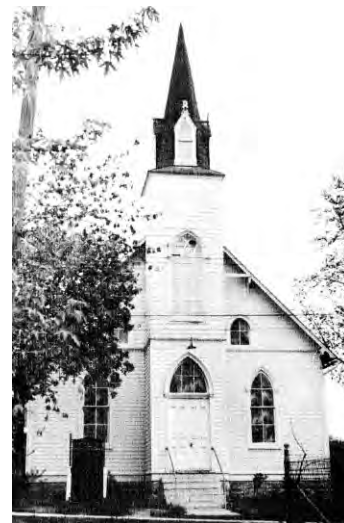
Property on Central Street, 1892. A deed recorded in the Rockingham County Clerk’s Office states, *Deed dated 14th day of May 1892 by and between J. D. Donovan of Staunton, Virginia, County of Augusta, of the first part; George S. Aldhizer, C. D. Helbert, and Anthony Rhodes, Board of Trustees for Broadway Church of the United Brethren in Christ, all of the State of Virginia, County of Rockingham, parties of the second part; Witnesseth that for and in consideration of one-hundred dollars paid by the said Board of Trustees—a certain lot situated and being in the Village of Broadway, Rockingham County, Virginia; it being part of the Jerry C. Coldwell lot, sold in the town of Harrisonburg by Commissioner E. A. Shands and purchased by Sally R. Shands and conveyed by her to J. D. Donovan by deed bearing date October 11, 1889 and duly of record in the Clerk’s Office of Rockingham County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 43, page 246, also in a Deed of partition*



¹ Doris Emswiler (Mrs. M. Warren), “The History of Broadway Evangelical United Brethren Church,” 1965.

made jointly between J. D. Donovan [pictured at the right] and W. H. Hawkins and wife to correct the line, between said lot and one owned by W. H. Hawkins, which deed is also of record in the Clerk's Office of the County of Rockingham in Deed Book No. 43, and bounded as follows to wit: adjoining the lots of W. H. Hawkins, Anderson Pence and J. D. Donovan. This deed was notarized by J. P. Pugh, the deed was recorded in June 6, 1892 by J. S. Messerlerly, Clerk. The foregoing deed is duly recorded in Rockingham County Clerk's Office, written in long hand, in Deed Book 44, Page 33.

New Church House, 1893. Under the Rev. Ewing's leadership the building was constructed and dedicated. The exact date of dedication is in question. According to the *History of the Virginia Conference* by the Rev. A. P. Funkhouser [Funkhouser 1921, p. 195], the church was built and dedicated in 1891 at a cost of \$1,500. Other records show that the construction was mainly the work by Mr. Anthony Rhodes and Mr. C. D. Helbert, Mr. Helbert being a stone mason and Mr. Rhodes a carpenter, who did all the interior trim including the altar rail and pulpit now being used. These men were laymen of the church. Funkhouser appears to be wrong on the date of construction and dedication. According to other sources the dedication was held in June 1893. The later date seems more in keeping with the Class Examination Records, which state that on February 17, 1893, the "Broadway Class met in the new United Brethren Church". Until this meeting, the class examination was held "in the Hall" in Broadway. Further evidence of the later date is that older residents and family members of William Burke Hopkins remember his drowning at "Cold Springs" the day this church was dedicated. The date of June 11, 1893, is on his tombstone in the Singers Glen Cemetery.



Tower Addition. Since the original construction, after 1896, a tower was added to the front mainly through the efforts of Mrs. C. D. Helbert (pictured at the right), who made homemade ice cream (her special recipe) and sold it using the proceeds toward the cost of the tower. A date as to this addition cannot be found either from individuals or the Virginia Conference *Minutes*. (At the 1896 Conference, a group picture in front of church was taken before the tower was added.)



There are two names that stand out among the laymen of the very early church. They are Mr. C. D. Helbert (left in the picture) and Mr. Anthony Rhodes. On information received from Mr. F. L. Zirkle of Broadway, Mr. C. D. Helbert, who was his father-in-law, was a member of the Methodist Church at the time he helped to organize the Broadway U.B. Church. He united with Broadway Church by letter of transfer in 1890. The earliest class examination records available reveal that Mr. Anthony Rhodes



was elected class leader of the New Broadway Class. In 1892, Mr. C. D. Helbert was elected class leader over Mr. Rhodes by a majority of one vote.

The 1893 Conference treasurer's report shows a loan to the Broadway church in the amount of \$115. In March 20-25, 1895, the Conference Treasurer reports the Broadway church paid \$61 on the loan and \$14.91 interest.

Virginia Conference Meets at Broadway, 1896.

The Virginia Annual Conference met at Broadway, March 18, 1896, with Bishop N. Castle, D.D., presiding. There were 43 ministers present with nine absent. The Conference Treasurer's report states the Broadway church paid \$23.38 on the 1893 loan. At the Conference,



Mr. C. D. Helbert was nominated for the Layman's Benevolent Association. In the picture, Bishop Castle is seated in the middle of the front row, and W. H. Bruce (colored) is at the right end of first row standing.

1897-1909. A report at the 1897 Conference states the balance on the loan of \$115, made in 1893 to the church, was paid in full. It was at this Conference that the Boundary Committee made recommendations that Broadway, Cherry Grove, Pleasant View, and Mt. Carmel be detached from the Singers Glen Charge to constitute the Broadway Circuit with the Rev. J. William Stearn as minister. In 1898 a convention of the Young People's Societies was held at Broadway with the Conference giving the convention an excellent rating. We have recorded a membership of seventy-five (75) in 1900; however, a decrease in 1901 to sixty-three (63) members is reported. The Boundary Committee of the 1904 Conference recommended Broadway U.B. Church be detached from the Broadway Circuit and attached to the Lacey Spring Circuit. Miss Cora Helbert was delegate to this Conference. The Broadway Church was on the Lacey Spring Circuit in 1905 with a membership of sixty (60), and the treasurer reported a balance of \$80. In 1906 Broadway was detached from Lacey Spring Circuit and added to Singers Glen Circuit, along with all the other churches of the Broadway Circuit.

1910s. In 1912 church improvements included painting of the church, a cement walk, and the purchase of a communion set at a cost of \$100. In 1914 the roof on the church was painted and a new pulpit lamp bought at a total cost of \$25. The Ladies Aid bought Brussels carpet for the church, total project of 1915, \$46.

Four Sunday School rooms were to be built in 1916 and the interior of the church refinished at a cost of \$400. The cash in treasury was \$200; of the remaining \$200, the Ladies Aid would pay \$113. The 1916 project of Sunday School rooms was completed as well as the interior of the church refinished and papered at a total cost of \$532. These improvements were paid for, with money left in the treasury, for other improvements, in 1917.

The year 1917 was an important year in the Broadway church as the A. R. Miller Fund was started. Dr. A. S. Hammack, Conference Superintendent, gave the following report to the Conference (in part): *I come now to report to this body the greatest proposition ever made in this Conference and one that carries with it eternal significance. Bro. A. R. Miller, a member of our Broadway Congregation and a man of wealth, said to me that he wanted his money to be doing good while he was living. I commended him and suggested that he educate young men for the ministry. At once he assured me that was his plan. While the plans are not all perfected, but desiring to begin this fall, Prof. J. H. Ruebush accompanied me to Bro. Miller's home, and so he arranged to give \$1,000 this fall to begin the work.* The year 1918 found the A. R. Miller Fund “well established with ten young men receiving help.” As we read the *Minutes* of the Virginia Conference, we feel these men were from various parts of the Conference.

The year 1919 finds the Broadway Church, Cootes Store, Mt. Carmel and Whitmer's detached from the Singers Glen Charge and the four appointments mentioned will constitute the Broadway Charge. Mr. J. T. Helbert was the Lay Delegate from Broadway. A report shows 12 young men received aid that year from the A. R. Miller Fund. The 1919 Sunday School officers, as recorded in the secretary's books were Superintendent, Mr. E. P. Long (pictured at the right); Assistant Superintendent, Mr. T. G. Rhodes; Secretary, Mr. L. D. Rhodes; and Assistant Secretary, Gladys Bright.



1920s. The 1920 records show a total of 25 young men secured help from the A. R. Miller Fund. The Conference Superintendent reported, “One who has been helped is now in Africa, Brother Harry Crim, a member of the Virginia Conference.” The 1921 Sunday School (pictured at the right) had the following officers and teachers, the only complete list available in the old



records now in possession of the church: S.S. Superintendent, E. P. Long; Assistant Superintendent, J. W. Bright; Secretary, Gladys Bright; Assistant Secretary, W. G. Cook; Treasurer, B. A. Ritchie; Organist, Miss Myrtle Rhodes; Chorister, Mrs. Stoutamre; Teacher Class No. 1, Mrs. Ida Rhodes; Teacher Class No. 2, Ethel Hoover; Teacher Class No. 3, Mrs. C. E. Spitzer; Teacher Class No. 4, Ruby Cook; Teacher Class No. 5, Mrs. Stoutamre; Teacher Class No. 6, C. E. Spitzer; Teacher Class No. 7, B. A. Ritchie; Teacher Class No. 8, Mrs. B. A. Ritchie; Teacher Class No. 9, N. A. Neff; and Teacher Class No. 10, T. A. Long. In 1922 Broadway U.B. Church had a total membership of 99 members.

In 1923 a new piano was purchased at a cost of \$400. Mr. J. J. Rhodes was elected S.S. Superintendent and Mr. Long Assistant S.S. Superintendent. The other officers remained the same. In 1924 reports show an increase in membership, budget and *Telescope* subscriptions. The church was renovated and painted at a cost of \$325. Mr. J. J. Rhodes remained Superintendent, with Gordon Shoemaker Assistant S.S. Superintendent.

State Convention. The joint 1925 Convention of the WMA and Otterbein Guild was held in Broadway and was well attended. The sum of \$85 was spent on repairs for the church during the year. The year closed with a total membership of 116. The 1926 Sunday School elected Mr. E. P. Long Superintendent; Mr. B. A. Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. L. D. Rhodes, Secretary; Mr. C. O. Kline, Treasurer; and Eleanor Ritchie, Pianist.

New Parsonage. The Broadway Charge parsonage was bought in 1927, at a cost of \$2,100. Paid on the parsonage the same year, \$1,830. From the notes below, it apparently had little or no running water. The parsonage was dedicated on September 1, 1929, by the Rev. C. W. Tinsman, Pastor. Records show the debt paid in full. Total membership in 1927 was 125. Mr. E. P. Long served as S.S. Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for over 25 years.



1930s. In 1932 a well was drilled at the parsonage along with other improvements on the church at a cost of \$304.

1940s. A new Sunday School unit was completed and an oil burning furnace was installed to replace the coal stoves at a cost of \$2,500 in 1940. The dedication was held on June 16, by the Rev. Millard J. Miller, Conference Superintendent. The year 1940 shows a membership of 150. Improvements in the church for the year 1945-46 included kitchen equipment and lavatories, at a cost of \$500.

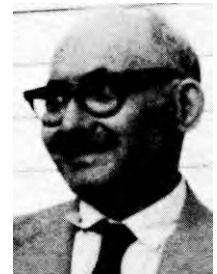


At the 1946 Annual Virginia Conference, the Rev. Floyd L. Fulk was elected to the office of Conference Superintendent. The Rev. Fulk and his family moved to Broadway and became members of our congregation. He joined the conference in 1934, and was ordained at the Annual Conference held in Winchester in 1937 by Bishop G. D. Batdorf. In 1952 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Lebanon Valley College, in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the office of Conference Superintendent. Dr. Fulk is distinguished by having the longest term of office of any active Superintendent in the Denomination. He has served continuously since his election in 1946.



Broadway EUB Church, 1946. November 1946 the United Brethren Church in Christ was officially changed to the Evangelical United Brethren Church after merging with The Evangelical Church. Thus, Broadway U.B. Church became Broadway EUB Church. October 17, 1947, at a Council of Administration meeting the trustees were appointed a committee to select and order new pews. Another item of business was the janitor's salary. It was agreed to raise it to double pay or \$8 per month.

Mr. "Sid" Long served 29 years as Janitor. The new pews were ordered in late 1948, along with laying a new floor and carpeting the aisle and pulpit. Calvin W. Emswiler was named treasurer of the building fund. The pews cost \$1,902.50. By the time the new pews arrived, the Building Fund had more than enough money to pay for them. The church then owed the bank \$300 for painting the church. It was agreed to pay this amount to the bank with the cash on hand in the Building Fund, which was \$299.89 (plus lie paid by Mr. Emswiler). Also returned to Mr. F. L. Zirkle was \$184 which he had advanced on the pews. The year 1948 had another first for the Broadway Church. Wilton Bruce Thomas, a member of the congregation entered Shenandoah College to begin his study for the ministry. According to records available, Wilton was the first member of this congregation to enter the ministry. By Joining the Annual Conference in 1950, Wilton Thomas became the Rev. and was assigned to the Cedar Grove Charge as minister.



1950-56. In 1950 the Youth Fellowship purchased a new outside bulletin board. In 1951 the Rev. Wolfe (pictured at the right) appointed a committee to select an electric organ. This project had been discussed for several years before a final decision was made to buy a Wurlitzer organ at a price of \$2,500. A finance committee was appointed and given permission to borrow money if necessary. Edward Lee Showalter was appointed organist with Mrs. Bonnie Hoover assistant. Bonnie now (1965) serves as organist and choir director. Other improvements on the church included an outdoor fire place, installing outdoor bulletin board, water heater and electric stove. Partitions for additional Sunday School rooms were needed but were not installed until the basement improvement and organ indebtedness were paid.



Homecoming Day was held in July 1951 with a total offering of \$292. In 1952 the Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer (pictured at the right) was appointed minister of this charge. The Rev. Sheaffer encouraged the members to increase the Sunday School enrollment by 10 percent during the Conference year.

The first Women's Missionary Society had been organized by Mrs. J. E. Alline in 1924-25. The present WSWS was organized with six charter members: Mrs. Darrell Helbert, president; Mrs. Jane Miller, vice president; and Mrs. Avis Long, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Marie Fulk, Miss Mary Alice Ours and Mrs. Madge Wolfe. Of these six charter members, four are still active in our society today; the other two moved from our community



and are serving in other societies. The picture shows (left to right) Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Ours, and Mrs. Fulk. Some of these members organized our Prayer Group, which is very active today, with a good attendance and members from as many as eight different denominations sometimes attending.

The 1953 Conference Minutes reports the Broadway church one of nine churches receiving the most members for the year. A total membership of 190. The Harrisonburg District Women's Institute met at Broadway church on October 29, 1953, afternoon and night. In 1954 S. A. Crider, Jr. (left in the picture), was elected SS Superintendent. Thomas Long (right in the picture) and S. A. Crider Jr. were elected as trustees to fill the vacancy of E. P. Long and C. W. Emswiler. Also in 1954, a new altar set composed of a cross and candle sticks were given to the church in memory of Mrs. Vilas Miller by her children. Offering plates to match the altar set were presented to the church by the Pollyanna Class.



In 1955 improvements included a Communion Table, chairs for the children's department and major appliances for the kitchen. The year 1956 was the year discussions and meetings were first held as to remodel the present church or build. The educational unit did get a coat of fresh paint, chairs and cabinets were added to the primary department.

1957—Remodel or Build? In 1957, with Rev. Gaither the appointed pastor (pictured at the right), serious meetings were held on whether to remodel or building a new church. This involved many meetings and ballots. Letters were sent to Bethany and Broadway members suggesting union of the two churches. This invitation was rejected by Bethany. A plan and drawings for remodeling were submitted to the congregation at an estimated cost of \$49,000. The congregation remained in doubt as to spend this amount on remodeling and then not have adequate Sunday school rooms.



A final (at that time) ballot was taken as to remodel or build. The majority voted to build. Lots owned by Mr. Robert Neff, two blocks from the present church, were investigated. The three lots 150 ft. x 190 ft. were priced at \$2,000 each. Mr. Neff would sell the lots to the church for a total of \$5,700.

The following minutes, Miss Mary Alice Ours, secretary, were of the first meeting of the newly organized Building Committee: On June 3, 1957 at 8:00 the Committee—S. A. Crider, Jr., Raymond Long, F. L. Zirkle, Thomas Long, Jane Miller, Mary Alice Ours, Rev. Gaither (Presiding) met [and] S. A. Crider, Jr., was named Chairman of the Committee (by vote). Mr. Zirkle asked what about the Fawley property adjoining the Church, in as much as he had been asked to see him (D. W. Fawley). It was agreed [Zirkle] should see him and, if the property is available, it must be presented to the Conference Board of Missions and approved by the Conference.

The Rev. Gaither discussed some rules for the Finance Committee to follow—Set a goal and let the church know what we plan to do. A group of [three other] committees was discussed: (1) Organizational Committee and Advanced Pledge, A. J. Thomas, Chairman—to approach substantial givers and to secure subscriptions from outside church; (2) Publicity Committee, Thomas Miller (pictured at the right), Chairman—a goal of \$65,000.00 was discussed; it was decided to divide this in to a three-year plan, but exact figures were not decided; [and] (3) Committee consisting of a group of visitors to contact the people. Also, it was discussed that the organizations in the church should work to contribute much to the goal and pledges be obtained from them. After these committees are all named and ready to start working the whole plan will be introduced to the church, through a fellowship supper. The Committee adjourned to meet again June 17.



The first “Wage Day” offering for the Building Fund was held July 15, 1958. With a total offering of \$549.75. The first Sunday of each quarter was designated as “Wage Day”, requesting each member to give amount of one day’s wage. The Rev. William D. Keller (at the left in the picture) served as pastor and was instrumental in getting the building program started again. Mr. Granvil Turner was appointed treasurer of the Building Fund (at the right in the picture).



J. T. Helbert Trust Fund, 1958. The will of the late Mr. J. T. Helbert (pictured at the right), dated October 25, 1949, which took effect in 1958, stated (in part): *To the Peoples National Bank of Charlottesville, Trustee, in trust for the United Brethren in Christ Church, situated in the town of Broadway, Rockingham County, Virginia, a one-seventh (1/7) share. The net income therefrom to be applied to the pastor’s salary of said Church.* This is the first and only trust fund left to the Broadway EUB Church. The Rev. Golden Gaither was the first minister to receive a check from this fund. Mr. Helbert served as a church trustee for a number of years. His son, John Ed Helbert, is now (1965) serving as a trustee and has for a number of years.



Mrs. Annie Shipe was an active member of our present WSWS. A memorial for Mrs. Shipe was published in “The World Evangel.” Mrs. Shipe was the first of our



society to be so honored.

1958-63. The Sunday School had an excellent growth during the year. For the Conference year 1958-59, the average attendance in Sunday school was one hundred nineteen (119). This church has continued to grow through the years, the present membership is 201. At the close of the year the Building Fund reported a total offering of \$1,308.42; church treasury a balance of \$327.37; Sunday school, \$389.75. Warren Emswiler (pictured at the right) was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. Thomas Miller, who moved from the community.



In 1960 Marie Fulk (Mrs. Floyd L.), a member of our congregation, was elected to the office of President of the Virginia Branch, WSCS. Marie (Picture at the right) is the first in our society to hold this office and to receive Life Membership. Our local society was reorganized under the comprehensive plan with Mary Alice Ours, president. In 1960 Mrs. Bonnie Hoover was named assistant to Mrs. Marie Fulk as Children's Department Superintendent. Also in 1960, 25 new hymnals were purchased for the church.



The year 1961 was one of many decisions in the Broadway Church—more meetings and discussions on building or repairing and/or remodeling. The congregation definitely decided by vote not to purchase the adjoining Fawley property to remodel and not to go through with buying the Neff lots, as it was a question on getting a clear deed. On July 16, 1961, an option was taken on land facing “Shanks Land,” now Sunset Drive, for location of a new church. The Trustees and Building Committee have expressed their approval of this land. The congregation voted again, and it agreed to build a new church and to buy the land formally known as the Smith property located on “Shanks Lane” at the cost of \$6,000 embracing approximately 3 acres. This amount of land would be sufficient for a church, parsonage and parking areas.

Our WSWS society completed its first 10 years as an organized society during the Conference year 1961-62. During this year many members and interested persons made visits to various churches for ideas and plans for the new church being planned. A final decision was made at the time on the newly built EUB Church (St. James) Pleasant Valley, with suggestions for major changes being made. Mr. Joe Bowman was considered and contacted for the architect of the building project, as he had drawn the original plans that were to be used. After due consideration, Mr. Raymond C. Smith of Timberville, Va., was contracted to do the architect work.

Conference year 1962-63 brought about several changes, namely the Council of Administration would be changed to Local Conference meetings after January 1, 1964; the new Church paper would be Church and Home, replacing the *Telescope Messenger* and The Home. The Church and Sunday School offerings were combined as of the year with one treasurer.

Homecoming and Groundbreaking, 1963. On September 9, 1963, tentative plans for the new church were presented to the congregation members. A vote was taken to accept these plans as presented by the architect. At this meeting plans were made for an annual homecoming day, with ground breaking ceremony for the new church at the same occasion. October 5, 1963, was designated by the Homecoming Committee, and a goal of \$2,000 was set for the Building Fund. The Rev. William D. Keller preached that day on the theme, "God's Glory in Building His Church." The Building Fund goal of \$2,000 was exceeded. Dr. J. Paul Gruver and Dr. Floyd L. Fulk led the ground breaking ceremonies at the new site on a perfect autumn afternoon with a very large attendance. Actual ground breaking was done by the Rev. Keller, M. Warren Emswiler, S. A. Crider, Jr., and Mrs. John E. Helbert. The day was very successful in fellowship; not only was the noon meal enjoyed but supper, too, after the groundbreaking services. A number of past ministers enjoyed this fellowship.



Building Committee—Front row: S. A. Crider, Jr., John E. Helbert, the Rev. Hickie, Brown Dove, and Andrew J. Thomas; back row: Granville J. Turner, M. Warren Emswiler, Eugene Hoover, and Walter Ritchie. Of this committee, Warren Emswiler was designated as chairman of construction. Not shown were Rev. William D. Keller, W. Eugene Hoover, John E. Helbert and Walter H. Ritchie.



The 1963 Building Fund offering totaled \$6,718.64 including the offering of Homecoming, special projects of the Circles, barbecues, suppers, food sales, etc. The church and Sunday school yearly offering total in 1963 was \$6,626.75.

In 1964 complete plans and specifications were distributed to contractors for bids. On June 1, 1964, the Newman Building and Material Corp., Timberville, Va., bid was accepted in the amount of \$95,000, excluding the plumbing and wiring. During these months of decisions, the congregation voted to build a new parsonage adjoining the new church. The foundation of the parsonage was to be excavated at the same time of the church basement. The bids for the parsonage had not been distributed in mid-1965.

The Finance Committee for the Building Projects—Mrs. Warren Emswiler, Mr. S. A. Crider, Jr., Chairman; the Rev.



Hickle, Mrs. Eugene Hoover, Mr. Brown Dove and Mr. Granvil J. Turner, Building Fund Treasurer. Our new church will be financed by a loan of \$75,000 by the Annual Conference, \$25,000 from Quincy Orphanage and Home through the Conference, \$25,000 from the General Board of Missions and \$25,000 from the Board of Pensions.

Homecoming Day was observed on October 4, 1964. The Building Fund goal was set at \$2,500 and met. Members were given an opportunity to purchase a stained glass window in memory of a loved one for the new church, and all the windows were spoken for. One window was bought in memory of the family of two of our church's charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rhodes. Attending Homecoming Day were several children of charter members—James and Myrtle Rhodes, Walter Ritchie, Gladys Rhodes Coffman, and Les Rhodes (shown at the right).



At the 1964 Annual Conference, Mt. Carmel was detached from the Broadway Charge and became a station. The Rev. C. F. Hickle was appointed to the Broadway Charge to serve the remaining three churches. On December 13, 1964, the Rev. Hickle exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Keller, the former minister, so that the Rev. Keller might conduct a God and Country Award Service for Scout James Lee Mason. According to records available Jimmy is the first member of our church to receive this distinguished award. This was one of the most impressive services held in this church.



1965. Of the 37 charter members of 1888, five have children members in attendance today (1965). This church has continued to grow through the years. The present membership is 213. Mrs. Annie Haley is our senior member at the age of 90.

Summary. Seventy-seven years have now passed, 74 years in present church building—since the Rev. W. F. Gruver received the first members into the Broadway U.B. Church. Since that time the church has served the people of the community, presenting the challenge of the gospel. Our church is used by the Broadway Elementary School Children attending Week Day Religious Education classes for special programs. Since the organization in 1888, a total of twenty-seven ministers have served the Broadway church along with other churches in the charge. The Rev. W. H. Smith became the first pastor of the present Broadway Charge. The Rev. and Mrs. Smith's daughter, Helen, was a member of our church. The longest pastorate in the history of the church was that of the Rev. P. W. Fisher (1934-42). In general, the length of pastorates has been short. The pastorates might have a record of being short but the years as officers for some of the laymen have been exceptional:

Memorial Gifts. The original pulpit Bible is in possession of the Broadway church. It has the following inscription: "Presented to the Broadway United Brethren Church by George P. Hott and Wife. Dated March 24, 1893." The pulpit Bible now in use was presented to the church in April 1959, by the

Pollyanna Class. The original pulpit and altar rail, made by Mr. Anthony Rhodes, is still being used and will be moved to the new church probably to be used in the Children's Department. The bell from this church will be transferred to the new church.

Members. Mr. L. D. Rhodes has served as secretary or assistant secretary for 50 years. Mr. F. L. Zirkle served as a teacher at least 40 years and was church treasurer for approximately 20 years. Mr. Walter Ritchie was a regular teacher for 25 years of the young men's class, until Uncle Sam called all his class with the exception of one to the Armed Services—they were Norris Crist, Warren Emswiler, Wilmer Emswiler, Eugene Hoover, Edgar Long, Thomas Miller, Randall Ours, Walter Ritchie, Jr. He has been serving as a substitute teacher since. Mrs. Walter Ritchie (Margaret) served as church and/or Sunday school pianist for 39 years. Mr. S. M. Long has been janitor for 29 years. Miss Mary Alice Ours has worked with the youth of our church approximately 27 years and served as a teacher in the same department for approximately 20 years. Mr. John Ed. Helbert is the senior trustee of the church. His father was a trustee at the time of his death. Mr. Thomas P. Long has served as secretary or assistant secretary for approximately 18 years. Mrs. Bonnie Hoover is the church organist and choir director and has served for 13 years. Mr. Sam Crider is our Sunday School Superintendent and has served in that office for the past 11 years. Mrs. Alma Crider has been in charge of the nursery department for approximately 12 years. Mrs. Darrell Helbert is now teaching the young women's class and has had the class for approximately 13 years, and is president of our WSWS. Mrs. Betty Turner, another faithful teacher, has served approximately 11 years.

1964. Church Officers as of December 31, 1964—First Row: Glen Brown, Mary Alice Ours; Second Row: John E. Helbert, Brown Dove, Lester Dove, Doris Emswiler; Third Row: Sam Crider, Jr., Carl G. Hoover, Warren Emswiler,



Eugene Hoover, George Mitchell, William Miller, Bonnie Hoover. Trustees were Glen Brown, Eugene Hoover, Roy A. See (replaced in January 1965 by Carl G. Hoover), Brown Dove, Lester Dove, John E. Helbert, and S. A. Crider, Jr. Church Treasurer, M. Warren Emswiler; Building Fund Treasurer, Granvil J. Turner; Sunday School Superintendent, S. A. Crider, Jr. Sunday School Secretary, Thomas P. Long; President of WSWS, Darrell Helbert (Mrs. John); Secretary Local Conference, Miss Mary Alice Ours.

1965. The 1965 Sunday school officers were Superintendent, Sam Crider, Jr.; Assistant Superintendent, Roy A. See; Secretary, Thomas Long; Assistant Secretary, Wayne Turner, L. D. Rhodes; Children's Superintendent, Marie Fulk; Song Leader, Geneva See; Teachers: Class 1, Alma Crider; Class 2, Roy Sager; Class 3, Betty Turner; Class 4, Violet Turner and Bonnie Hoover; Class 5, Mary Alice Ours; Class 6, Darrell Helbert; Class 7, Avis Long; Class 8, Larrick Zirkle; Class 9, Granvil Turner; and Pianist, Carl Grimm.

The Church Officers for 1965 are Board of Trustees, Eugene Hoover; President, Lester Dove; Secretary-Treasurer, Glen Brown, Sam Crider, Jr., Brown Dove, John E. Helbert, Carl G. Hoover; Financial Secretary, Doris Emswiler; Treasurer, M. Warren Emswiler; Class Leader, William A. Miller; Assistant Class Leader, George Mitchell; Secretary Local Conference, Mary Alice Ours; Organist and Choir Director, Bonnie Hoover.

A "Commitment" plan to finance the new church was organized. The members and individuals committed themselves to a definite amount to be given either weekly, monthly or quarterly. This plan

received an excellent response far above what was anticipated. The (Dorcas Class) Circle 1 committed themselves to \$100 per quarter. The first organized group of the church to do so.

A special meeting of the congregation was called to make a change in the building plans of the new church. The plans called for (and had been voted accepted as were) a single chancel. The majority of the congregation wanted this changed to a divided chancel which was decided on. A definite decision was made to use the old pews and get additional ones for the new church. The Trustees contacted the Shenandoah Realty Company to offer the church and parsonage for sale.

On February 28, 1965, the Pollyanna Class and Circle 2 of the WSWS presented a candle lighter to the church in honor of Mrs. John E. Helbert (Darrell).

On April 21, 1965, George Fulk, son of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Fulk, was elected President of the Student Christian Association of Lebanon Valley College. George is a member of our congregation.



1965 Board of Trustees:

First Row: Carl G. Hoover, Glen Brown, Lester Dove;
Second Row: Sam Crider, Jr., Brown Dove, John E. Helbert, Eugene Hoover, the Rev. C. F. Hickie.



1965 Sunday School Officers: First Row: Alma Crider, Mary Alice Ours, Marie Fulk, Violet Turner; Second Row: Alvis Long, Darrell Helbert; Third Row: Bonnie Hoover, Geneva See, Betty Turner, L. D. Rhodes; Fourth Row: Sam Crider, Jr., Roy See, Wayne Turner, Larrick Zirkle.



The Cornerstone Laying Service for the new church was held on May 2, 1965, with the Rev. Hickie and Dr. Floyd L. Fulk in charge. Mr. Craig Newman and Beverley Biller represented Newman Building and Material Corporation, the general contractors, and Mr. Raymond C. Smith, the architect and construction consultant. The Cornerstone was donated by Mr. C. W. Grandle. A copy of the "History of Broadway EUB Church" will be placed in back of this cornerstone.

On May 9th (Mother's Day), altar vases were presented to the church by Circle 2 and dedicated to all departed mothers. Daily Vacation Bible School was held June 7th through 11th, 1965, under the

direction of Mrs. John Long with 56 in attendance. An offering of \$65.05 from the Bible School was sent to the Rev. Leader for his "Special Projects" in Africa, roofs for prayer huts. One of our senior members, beloved "Miss Maude" Good (pictured at the right), has made a contribution for the new pulpit furniture in the new church.



New Parsonage. Plans for the new parsonage were given to a number of contractors in the area. The bid of \$19,058.00 from Lantz Homes, Inc., Broadway, was accepted by the Board of Trustees. Construction was to be started not later than July 1, 1965, and being completed by November 1. Negotiations were to be made with the contractor to lower this cost figure.

Roll of Church Members, June 1965: Mrs. Gertrude Bever, William C. Bever, Mrs. Pauline Bowman, S. Glen Brown, Gladys Brown, Larry Bowman, Kay W. Bowman, Mary Roadcap Barb, Franklin Caplinger, Joyce Caplinger, S. A. Crider, Jr., Alma Crider, Lana Crider, Gerald Crider, Mary Sue Crider, Eleanor Mason Campbell, Jessie Corbin, Mrs. Gladys Rhodes Coffman, Mrs. Betty Lamb Crawford, Mrs. Lillian Vita Crist, Mrs. Maud S. Charleton, Marshall Crist, Nelson Crist, John Nelson Crist, Stanley Davis, Alice Ann Dellinger, Carroll Dellinger, Mrs. Naomi S. Donovan, F. Brown Dove, Lester Dove, Velma C. Dove, William Duppell, Calvin Emswiler, Doris H. Emswiler, Mrs. Margaret Emswiler, M. Warren Emswiler, Sr., M. Warren Emswiler, Jr., Merle Lee Emswiler, Sandra Kay Emswiler, Mrs. Frances Fawley, Priscilla Ann Fawley, Mrs. Stella Fawley, Mrs. Mollie Fisher, Miss Elizabeth Flick, Dr. Floyd L. Fulk, Marie O. Fulk, George N. Fulk, Joyce Fulk, Robert Fulk, Grover Fulk, Turner Getz, Anna V. Getz, C. W. Grandle, Ann Grandle, Tamra Grandle, C. W. Grandle, Jr., Jerry Lee Grandle, Miss Maude Good, Mrs. Frances May Grinell, William K. Good, Mrs. Annie Haley, John E. Helbert, Darrell G. Helbert, Rev. C. F. Hickle, Annette Hickle, Mrs. Carolyn L. Hollar, Mrs. Gladys Hoover, Warren Eugene Hoover, Bonnie Hoover, Michael Hoover, Mrs. Josephine Hoover, Mrs. Phoebe Lohr Hoover, Mrs. Madge Hoover, Lucille Hoover, Mary Sue Hoover, James Hoover, Carl Gray Hoover, Nancy Hoover, Craig Hoover, Weldon Hulvey, Mabel Hulvey, Marshall Hulvey, Mrs. Julia Hulvey, Spencer Hulvey, W. H. Jameson, Minnie Jameson, Orville Jameson, Cozetta Johnson, Mrs. Helen S. Kruger, Mrs. Marlene H. Landes, Dannie Paul Lantz, Goldie Lantz, Peggy R. Linhoss, Jack Lohr, Miss Jessie Lohr, Penny Lohr, Mrs. Kathleen Lincoln, Archie Long, Avis Long, Douglas Long, Mrs. Grace Long, Harold Long, Jane Long, John Franklin Long, John Thomas Long, Louise Long, Mrs. Lula Long, Mark Long, Mildred Long, Peggy Long, Ralph Long, Raymond Long, Shirley Long, Sidney M. Long, Sue Ellen Long, William Long, Wilma Long, Thomas Long, Bessie Mason Herman Mason, John Mason, Louise Mason, James Lee Mason, Frances H. Mathias, Gay Mick, Ray Mitchell, Victorine Mitchell, George Mitchell, Priscilla Mitchell, Wayne Mitchell, Casper C. Miller, George E. Miller, Mary Mills Miller, William A. Miller, Winona Miller, Nancy Fulk Moore, Gene Nesselrodt, Ogretta Nesselrodt, Frank Northup, Jean Mason O'Roark, Geraldine H. Orebaugh, Bessie Orebaugh, Miss Mary Alice Ours, Mrs. Violet C. Portz, Alice Long Purcell, Mrs. Lucy Pence, Garnett Reamer, Minnie Reamer, Todd Reamer, Miss Myrtle Rhodes, Les D. Rhodes, Steven Michael Rhodes, William Rhodes, Joe Andreas Rhodes, Walter Ritchie, Margaret Ritchie, Walter Ritchie, Jr., Lester Ritchie, Clark Rothgeb, Helen Rothgeb, Phyllis Rothgeb, Ralph Runion, Rebecca Runion, Harvey Runion, Mrs. Eunice Runion, Wayne Runion, Hilda Runion, Nealy Sellers, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers, Mrs. Weldon Shickle, June Ritchie Smith, Sandra Getz Showalter, Sadie H. Shoemaker, Maude Showalter, Russell B. Simmers, Hilda K. Simmers, Susie Sprinkle, Miss Evelyn Sprinkle, Mary Lohr Spitzer, Roy Sager, Beatrice Sager, James Sager, Gilbert Sager, Keith Sager, Dorothy Silvius, Roy See, Geneva See, Andrew Allen See, Brenda Kay See, Andrew J. Thomas, Eunice Thomas, Claude Turner, Mae Turner, Granvil Turner, Violet Turner, Kay Ellen Turner, Dennis Turner, Dale Turner, Donald O. Turner, Vivian Turner, Wayne Turner, Betty Turner, Mrs. Lena C. Turner, J. Edwin Turner, Betty Sue H.

Turner, Samuel Tusing, Joanne Lohr Wilkerson, Solomon Williams, Marshall Williams, Shelia Williams, Jo Etta Williams, Betty Sue Williams, Dianne H. Wake, Phyllis Lohr Wiseman, William Wine, Margaret Wine, Ray Wine, Wilma Wine, Phoebe Wine, Ruth M. Wood, and F. L. Zirkle.

Memorial to F. Brown Dove, 1909-1965. Brown Dove was born at Nokesville, Virginia, on July 16, 1909, and was a son of the late Charles and Ida Moyers Dove, and died at Rockingham Memorial Hospital on Sunday morning, June 20, 1965 at the age of 55 years, 11 months and 4 days. On July 5, 1930 he was united in marriage to Miss Velma Crider who survives, along with one son, Brown Dove, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Shirley of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Three grandchildren, two brothers and one sister also survive. For 16 years Mr. Dove was a partner in the Broadway Feed and Supply Company. He was a member of the Broadway U.B./EUB Church where he served on the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee for the new church which was almost completed at the time of his death, and in which he took a great interest. Memorial services were held from his church on Wednesday morning, June 23 with Pastor Rev. C. Fred Hickle in charge, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. William D. Keller. Dr. Floyd L. Fulk, a member of the Broadway Church and Conference Superintendent, a close friend of the deceased, brought the message, at the close of which he paid tribute to Mr. Dove as a stalwart churchman, a community-minded man, a faithful family man and a friend to all. Interment was in East Lawn Memorial Gardens.

*Friend of the days of toil and trust, The bells have tolled the evening hour;
But you have gone to be with God Where morning blossoms like a flower.
And, in that land where joy is full And all the ransomed ones await;
Our eyes shall look upon your face And we shall greet you at the gate.*

—Dr. Floyd L. Fulk

The Rev. and Mrs. Hickle plan to move into the new parsonage after dedication of the church and parsonage on “Homecoming Day” this fall. At a meeting of the local conference June 6, Mr. Wesley Poland’s (Timberville, Va.) maximum bid of \$6,000 to complete the tower and spire, which will include transferring the bell from the present church to the new church, was accepted. Mr. Brown Dove and Mr. Fred Black donated a public address system to be installed in the new church. The Youth Fellowship, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Hoover and Miss Mary Alice Ours have ordered 200 new hymnals to be available by the time the new church is occupied.

The Last Bell Ringing, August 1965. Mr. Sidney Long rang the bell in the old church for the last time on August 22, 1965. The bell was transferred to the new church on August 25, 1965. Other “Last Meetings” the Annual Local Conference was held September 8, Rev. C. F. Hickle opened the meeting, Dr. Floyd L. Fulk, Conference Superintendent, presided. Mrs. Kathleen Zirkle Lincoln was elected as delegate to the Virginia Conference. September 15, the Week Day Pray Service was held. Those attending were: Marie Fulk, Mae Turner, Nellie Turner, Phoebe Brenneman, Eunice Early, Virginia West, Pauline Whetzel, Annie Haley, Wilda Brown and Ruby Rhodes. September 19, the last Sunday school and worship service was held with 125 attending Sunday school. The Rev. Hickle spoke

on “Moving Day”. We feel a bit of sadness in leaving our old church but certainly look forward with faith to the challenge in the advancement of God’s Kingdom before us.

The First Bell, September 1965. Our first service in the new church was held on September 26, 149 attending Sunday school, our total offering for both services \$159.94. It was a beautiful but cool autumn morning. 150 attended the Worship Service. This was quite an occasion when we consider any church member having the opportunity to be a part of planning, building, moving and attending the first service in a new church. We feel this is a once in a lifetime privilege. The Choir under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Hoover made a commendable contribution to the first service singing “How Great Thou Art.” David Carroll Dellinger has the honor of being the first infant added to the Cradle Roll. He received a rosebud on September 26. On this date our first organized nursery was opened under the supervision of Mrs. Alma Crider. The beautiful pulpit furniture, contributed by “Miss Maude” Good was made and installed by Mr. Lewis Showalter, a cabinet maker of Broadway. Mr. Showalter gave the Church a 1921 Discipline. This Discipline was given to Mr. Showalter by a former Minister, the Rev. J. H. Brunk.

Our first Homecoming Day was observed with a wonderful day of fellowship. Our Building Fund offering totaled \$2,413.91 including a number of memorial pews sold. The Sunday school and Church offering was \$245.25. On October 4, the two circles met, this was a joint meeting with Mrs. Darrell Helbert in charge of the program. The program was in observance of our 90th Anniversary of the WSWS. October 24, Mr. Wesley Poland, representative of the Gideons spoke at the Worship Service. This was quite interesting as Mr. Poland was very much interested in the construction of our new church. He had completed the tower and spire on the church just a short time before.

A new member has been added to the Cradle Roll four out of five weeks we have been in the new church. We feel this is quite a record as this is the first anyone can remember this happening. The members and in order were: Baby Dellinger mentioned, Reginald King Shirley, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald K. Shirley and grandson of Mrs. Velma Dove, Dawn Marie Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Turner, Jenifer Kay Lohr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lohr. October 24, Lisa Joy Caplinger, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Caplinger, was baptized. This being our first such service.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hickle moved into the new parsonage on November 29, 1965. The Rev. Hickle performed the first wedding ceremony December 12, 1965, when Miss Charlotte Han and Mr. Larry Trumbo were united in marriage. Granvil Turner reported a total of \$16,311.59 was received into the Building Fund in 1965. As this portion of history of the Broadway EUB Church is being prepared for printing plans have been made and the date set of May 8, 1966, for Dedication of the new church and parsonage. Bishop Howard plans to be at this service.

Mr. F. L. Zirkle presented the church with a copy of an 1889 United Brethren in Christ *Discipline*. This book belonged to Mr. C. D. Helbert, a charter member. This Discipline is in very good

condition, and is very much appreciated. It might be interesting to note the first Discipline was written in 1815 (in German). The first translation into English appeared in 1819. All later Disciplines gives the historical sketch as found in the translation of 1819, which was made by those who were members of the General Conference of 1815.

Word of Appreciation. I would like to take this space to express my sincere appreciation to all for their help and cooperation given me in writing this history. My special thanks to Dr. Floyd L. Fulk for the use of the Conference Minutes and other information and Mr. Granvil J. Turner for his time and patience in taking the pictures.

—Doris Emswiler (Mrs. M. Warren)

Conference Reports. Broadway U.B. Church was first mentioned in Conference *Minutes* in 1890, when Shenandoah District Presiding Elder reported that “another [house of worship] is in prospect at Broadway, [which is] greatly needed.” A Freedman’s mission had been established at Broadway by 1895. It is unclear from Conference Minutes when the Broadway Church was erected, but Annual Conference met at Broadway (place not otherwise specified) March 18, 1896. The Broadway Circuit was established by 1897, with 310 members in 1898 and 331 in 1899 (Rev. J. William Stearn, the pastor), and in 1899 Broadway Circuit comprised Broadway, New Salem, Pleasant View, and Mt. Carmel churches. Broadway hosted the Shenandoah District Young People’s Christian Union Societies meeting in the 1899-1900 conference year. The first mention of membership at Broadway was for 63 members in 1901—at the time New Salem had 70 members; Pleasant View, 60; and Mt. Carmel, 147, for a total membership of 340. The Presiding Elder reported in 1902: “Broadway Circuit—A new church is nearing completion on this charge, which will be a credit to the pastor, Rev. T. C. Harper, as well as the members of the congregation; value \$650.” In October 1903 Rev. Harper was appointed to the Dayton Circuit and was replaced by Rev. H. Ralph Geil. In 1904 the Presiding Elder reported: (1); “The church [not named] on Broadway Circuit to which I referred in my last report was dedicated in June by Bro. N. F. A. Cupp”; and (2) “At the Second Quarterly Conference on Broadway Circuit, a board of trustees were elected to take charge of a church being built on Runyan’s Creek.” Also in 1904, Broadway U.B. Church was detached from Broadway Circuit and attached to Lacey Springs Circuit. In 1905 Broadway on Lacey Springs Circuit was reported with 60 members contributing \$80 to the preacher’s salary; the other churches on that charge were Lacey Springs, 125 members, contributing \$190; Mountain Valley, 144, \$80; Bethel, 85, \$62; and Herwin, 44, \$22, for a total of 458 members and \$434 paid on the preacher’s salary.

In 1906 Broadway was detached from Lacey Springs Circuit and attached to Singers Glen Circuit, along with Mt. Carmel, Pleasant View, and Cherry Grove. In 1912 Singers Glen Circuit Pastor G. B. Fadeley reported Broadway Church had been painted, a cement walk put down, and a communion set purchased for \$100. Singers Glen Circuit Pastor N. F. A. Cupp reported in 1914 that the roof on the church had been painted and new pulpit lamp purchased for \$25; and in 1915 that the Ladies’ Aid Society bought a Brussels carpet for the church for \$46. The report in 1916 was that four S.S. rooms had been completed and the church interior to be refinished for an estimated \$400; cash in Treasury, \$200; of the above \$200 cash; and the Ladies’ Aid paid \$113. The Conference Superintendent reported in 1917 that the Bible Conference and Seminary Extension was held at Broadway: “Dr. J. P. Landes was present as our instructor; and gave to us a feast of good things at each service. There were 20 preachers present, 17 that are in the active work on charges.”

Broadway U.B. Church stands forever remembered for establishing a fund for the education of ministerial students. The full text of the Superintendents 1917 report is as follows: *The A. R. Miller fund.* I come now to report to this body the greatest proposition ever made in this Conference and one that carries with it eternal significance. Brother A. R. Miller, a member of our Broadway congregation

and a man of wealth, said to me that he wanted his money to be doing good while he was living. I commended him and suggested that he educate young men for the Ministry; at once he assured me that was his plan. While the plans are not all perfected, but desiring to begin this fall, Prof. J. H. Ruebush accompanied me to Bro. Miller's home, and so he arranged to give \$1,000 this fall to begin the work. How this should impress others to give of their plenty to advance the cause of Christ! Words are poor messengers of feelings when one wishes to express his appreciation of such noble beneficence. May God richly bless Bro. Miller with greater prosperity and with a continuous outpouring of His Holy Spirit, as he goes forth preparing young men for the Ministry, and sending them out as his sons in the Ministry.

The 1917 report for Singers Glen Circuit noted that Broadway had its interior painted, papered, and four Sunday school rooms built at a total cost of \$532, all paid for and money in treasury for other improvements. Improvements costing \$50 were reported in 1918. In 1919 Broadway, Coote's Store, Mt. Carmel, and Whitmore's were detached from Singers Glen Circuit and constituted Broadway Circuit. Broadway Circuit comprised 429 members in 1920 with Rev. Joseph R. Collis as the pastor. The churches on Broadway Circuit in 1921 were: Broadway, 99 members; Cootes Store, 93; Riverside, 46; and Mt. Carmel, 216 (there was no statistical report for Whitmore's, other than "Plans for a new church at Whitmore's appointment have been secured and funds to the amount of \$1,150 provided"). In 1921 the Conference Superintendent A. S. Hammack reported for Whitmore's: "I dedicated a new church on Broadway Circuit August 14th, the cost of which was only \$3,412. Rev. J. R. Collis, the pastor and the membership are to be congratulated in this successful enterprise, and in being able to build such a splendid church for this small amount of money. This is an evidence of what can be accomplished with a small expenditure, because 'the people had a mind to work.'" Clearly Whitmore's had been renamed Riverside at its dedication (see Section II.B.52, below).

The Superintendent participated in a revival on Broadway Circuit in the 1921-22 conference year. In 1923 Broadway Circuit Pastor E. E. Miller reported a new piano for \$400. The 1924 report was for renovating and painting church, \$325. The 1924-25 WMA and Otterbein Guild Virginia Branch Convention was held at Broadway. Church repairs of \$85 were reported in 1925. In 1926 Broadway Circuit comprised: Broadway, 161 members; Cootes Store, 118; Mt. Carmel, 219; and Riverside, 66, for a total of 564 members.

In 1926 Broadway Circuit Pastor C. W. Tinsman, reported that \$16.50 was in hands of treasurer for new parsonage; and in 1927 that the new parsonage had been purchased at cost of \$2,100, paid on same \$1,830. In 1928 the Superintendent reported that H. W. Shickel of Broadway Church was granted Quarterly Conference License to Preach the Gospel. Rev. Tinsman reported in 1928 that \$531 had been paid on parsonage debt and \$282 on improvements. The new parsonage was dedicated September 1, 1928, with Rev. W. B. Obaugh representing the Superintendent: "The services were in charge of the Pastor, Rev. C. W. Tinsman, who is responsible for the good home provided by his congregations for the housing of the pastor's family. Sufficient cash was secured with the amount in hand to pay off the indebtedness."

The 1930 report was for church equipment costing \$108. In 1931 Broadway Circuit comprised: Broadway, 153 members; Cootes Store, 122; Mt. Carmel, 237; and Riverside, 90, for a total of 602 members. The 1932 report was for church improvements and a well drilled at parsonage for \$304. In 1933 and in 1934 the Superintendent reported that Floyd Fulk of the Mt. Hermon Class, then in college, was granted Quarterly Conference License to Preach the Gospel. In 1936 Broadway Circuit comprised: Bethany (formerly, Cootes Store; see Section II.B.2, above), 176 members; Broadway, 154; Mt. Carmel, 242; and Riverside, 116, for a total of 688 members. In 1937 reported: "Floyd Fulk of the Mt. Herman Class, Broadway Charge, having completed his work at Shenandoah College, receiving his degree from Bridgewater College, and [receiving] his degree from Bonebrake Seminary May 4, 1937, is

recommended to the Committee on Elder's Orders." The Superintendent reported in 1938 that "Broadway Church is now building S.S. rooms, and other improvements, to cost approximately \$1,500." The 1940 report was that "Broadway Church completed its Sunday school unit and installed an oil burning furnace at the cost of \$2,500; officially dedicated by the Superintendent June 16, 1939; all of [its cost] has been paid but \$900.

In 1944 and in 1945 the Superintendent reported that Warren Trumbo of Broadway Charge, then at Shenandoah College, was granted Quarterly Conference License to Preach the Gospel. The charge reported in 1944 a bath and furnace at the parsonage installed for \$500. In 1946 Broadway Circuit Pastor P. J. Slonaker reported: Bethany, 206 members; Broadway, 184; Mt. Carmel, 276; and Riverside, 98, for a total of 764 members. The 1946 report for Broadway Church was improvements to the kitchen and lavatories for \$500.

In 1947 a new district parsonage had been purchased in Broadway for \$11,100 from Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Kline, and improvements for inlaid linoleum for the kitchen, painting of the entire interior, and a new cement walk in front of the house cost an additional \$326. Broadway EUB Church improvements reported in 1947 were for \$1,811; and new garage and parsonage improvements, \$1,200. In 1949 the Superintendent noted he had taught a course on "The Christian Home" in the Community Leadership Training School in Broadway and that he had preached April 17, 1949, in Easter Union Sunrise services in Broadway. Also in 1949 the Superintendent recommended Wilton Thomas of Broadway for admission to Conference and License of Probationer. The 1949 charge report was for Electric stove and water heater in the parsonage for \$377; and new pews and chairs in Broadway church for \$2,212. By 1950 membership in Broadway Circuit had fallen from 764 to 717 members: Bethany, 189 members (down 17); Broadway, 188 (up 4); Mt. Carmel, 245 (down 31); and Riverside, 95 (down 3).

In 1951 Broadway reported rest rooms, new gas stove, water heater in basement, new bulletin board and outdoor fireplace, and new Wurlitzer Electric Organ for \$3,364. Rev. Wilton Bruce Thomas and Miss Helen Virginia Fulk were married December 16th, 1951, in Broadway Church with their Minister, Rev. W. E. Wolfe, performing the ceremony. In 1952 the Superintendent reported improvement to the "splendid" district parsonage: "Early this year the kitchen and den were painted and in recent days the roof and outside woodwork were painted. Also, the driveway was hard surfaced with black top, a new roof put on the garage, and a grape arbor built." Further improvements were reported in 1953: "New light fixtures were installed throughout the house during the past summer; a power mower was purchased; and a new sunken pump was installed in the basement. In 1953 Broadway Church reported improvements of \$682. In 1954 the Superintendent preached three nights in Holy Week services at Broadway Church. The charge report in 1954 noted a new altar set for the Church composed of gold cross, two candlesticks, and gold offering plates; the pulpit furniture recovered; nursery equipment for babies; and the church basement floors and walls repainted. The son, Rev. Lee B. Sheaffer, of the Broadway Circuit Pastor Lee E. Sheaffer was married in Winchester July 10, 1955. The 1955 report of improvements for Broadway Church identified gold offering plates, Venetian blinds, chairs for children's department, communion table, kitchen sink, electric stove, and refrigerator for \$831. The Superintendent preached in the 1956 Union Good Friday Services in Broadway. The 1956 charge report for Broadway Church cited folding and child chairs, \$168; cabinets and cases, \$122; and educational unit painted by volunteers, no cost; total, \$290. Broadway present plans for an educational unit to the Conference Board of Missions in 1957. Miss Tania Wynn Gaither, daughter of Broadway Charge Pastor Rev. and Mrs. Golden A. Gaither, died September 26, 1957, after having lived but 44 hours; interment was in Mt. Grove Cemetery on Broadway Charge, the Conference Superintendent conducting graveside services.

The 1958 Broadway Charge report for the parsonage included Painting interior and front porch; sanding and refinishing living and dining room floors; combination screen and storm doors front and back, and removal of two large trees from parsonage yard for \$450. In 1959 the Superintendent reported: "At his request, we recommended the transfer of the Rev. Golden A. Gaither to the Pennsylvania Conference. In his 4 years in this Conference at Broadway, he has a most commendable record: in this time, he has had 39 baptisms, 42 conversions, 34 funerals, and 20 weddings; and the charge gained 124 members, 63 of these by confession of faith. During the past year, the Broadway Sunday school increased from 95 to 119 in average attendance, with a corresponding increase in the worship services. All churches have paid Benevolence and United Crusade in full."

In 1960 Broadway Charge reported a lot purchased for new church at new location two blocks from present site, with ample ground for parking, cost, \$5,900. Also in 1960 William D. Keller from Broadway Charge was admitted to Conference and granted License of Probationer. The same action was taken in 1962 for Lewis C. Armentrout, Jr., from Broadway Charge. The Superintendent reported that Broadway Church was reported considering a move to a new location for \$100,000. In August 1963, Rev. W. D. Keller "displayed plans for the new Broadway Church [to the Conference Board of Missions], indicating that the 3-acre lot was obtained for \$6,000 and that basic plans suggested by Pleasant Valley Church were being used. It was moved by Rev. Robert Bridgers and seconded by Rev. George Widmyer that the revised and adjusted plans of construction of Broadway Church be approved."

Ground Breaking ceremonies were held April 19, 1964, for the Mt. Carmel parsonage on Broadway Charge. Excavation began for the basement of the new Broadway Church on Sunset Lane August 3, 1964—Newman Building and Material Corporation of Timberville was the low bidder at \$95,000. The Superintendent also reported in 1964: "On December 1, 1963, and June 28, 1964, the Broadway Local Conference discussed the possibility of the division of the Broadway Charge so that Mt. Carmel could become a station. By unanimous agreement it was decided that this should be the case, subject to the action of the Boundary Committee and the Annual Conference," and it was so recommended: We [Boundary Committee] recommend that Mt. Carmel Church on Broadway Charge be dealt with as per the Superintendent's Recommendation Number 16, and since Mt. Carmel Congregation has built a parsonage and since the Broadway Congregation plans to build a new parsonage, we recommend that the old parsonage be sold at a time agreed upon by the parsonage trustees and that the proceeds be divided between the churches on the basis of each church's interest in the property."

At the March 13, 1964, meeting of the Conference Board of Missions, "Rev. Roy Hedrick moved, seconded by Rev. Don Fridinger, that the Board care for the interest over a 3-year period, on a loan to assist in the realization of the Building Program for the Broadway Church, at \$3,000 a year, not to exceed \$10,000 dollars in all; it was voted." The 1965 report of the Superintendent included: "On May 2, 1965, the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the new Broadway Church took place with the Conference Superintendent and the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. C. Fred Hickle, and the Building Committee participating. A new parsonage is being built simultaneously adjacent to the church on the south side, both of which are located on Sunset Drive on the western edge of the town of Broadway. Dr. W. F. Gruver organized the Broadway Congregation in 1888 with 37 members. The first church was dedicated by Bishop Dickson in 1891 at a cost of \$1,500." The Superintendent attended the raising of the steeple on the new Broadway Church on August 25, 1965.

Lura H. Neff Fulk, the mother of Conference Superintendent Floyd L. Fulk died February 5, 1966. "I want to say you will never know how much it meant. I received more than 250 cards and letters and many phone calls.... One of her chief joys was attending the annual conference sessions. She was Delegate from Broadway Charge in 1950, 1958, and 1962, attending the others as a visitor, including her last one last June." Lay representatives from Broadway Charge in 1966 were Mrs.

Kathleen Lincoln and Mr. Andrew Thomas. However, the Superintendent reported in 1967: “Mr. Andrew J. Thomas, father of the Rev. Mr. Wilton B. Thomas, a member of this Conference and a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, died October 2, 1966. Mr. Thomas was Lay Leader in Broadway Church at the time of his death. He was a former Secretary of the Local Conference of Broadway Charge for many years, and in 1964 he was a Lay Member of the Virginia Conference. He was a school teacher by profession; frequently called to fill pulpits in the absence of the minister, he was an able and fluent speaker and a dedicated Christian.”

Also in 1967, the Superintendent reported: “The new church and parsonage at Broadway was dedicated August 14, 1966, by Bishop Howard. Total cost was \$161,000.” Lay representatives from Broadway Charge in 1968 were Miss Mary Alice Ours and Mr. Sam Crider, Jr. Miss Maude Good from Broadway Church died in the Quincy Home on February 6, 1968, at the age of 88. .” Lay representatives from Broadway Charge in 1969 were Mr. Charles F. Crider and Mr. Eugene Baker. In 1969 Conference recommended that Broadway Church become a station (with its own pastor).

Table 1, below, identifies some early pastors for Broadway Circuit. In the years before 1921, membership data was recorded only for the charge and not for the individual churches and other appointments. Table 2, below that, provides the names of appointed pastors and membership data for Broadway U.B. and EUB church (1921-69). Note that “Year Ends 1888” means conference year 1887-88 and that the data were reported at the 1888 Annual Conference. Thus, W.F. Gruver served Broadway (and other churches of Singer’s Glen Circuit) 1887-89, and J. D. Donavon, 1889-90.

Table 1. Broadway U.B. Church: Early Pastors and Charge Membership, 1888-1920

Year Ends	Charge Name	District Name	Appointed Pastor	Membership Statistics—Whole Charge	
				Members Start Yr.	Members End Yr.
1888	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	W. F. Gruver	335	349
1889	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	W. F. Gruver	349	401
1890	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	J. D. Donavon	401	469
1891	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	J. E. Hott	469	468
1892	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	J. W. O. Ewing	468	467
1893	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	J. W. O. Ewing	457	459
1894	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	J. W. O. Ewing	459	464
1895	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	William R. Berry	464	485
1896	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	William R. Berry	485	477
1897	Singer's Glen Circuit	Shenandoah	William R. Berry	477	499
1898	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	John William Stearn	291	310
1899	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	John William Stearn	310	331
1900	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	John William Stearn	331	340
1901	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	John William Stearn	340	345
1902	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	T. C. Harper	345	365
1903	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	T. C. Harper	355	357
1904	Broadway Circuit	Shenandoah	H. Ralph Geil	357	376
1905	Lacey Springs Circuit	Shenandoah	Sylvester K. Wine	358	458
1906	Lacey Springs Circuit	Shenandoah	Sylvester K. Wine	458	453
1907	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	J. H. Brunk	380	663
1908	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	J. H. Brunk	663	665
1909	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	George B. Fadeley	655	697
1910	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	George B. Fadeley	697	730
1911	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	George B. Fadeley	730	750
1912	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	George B. Fadeley	750	849
1913	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	W. H. Williams	849	732
1914	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	N. F. A. Cupp	732	744
1915	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	N. F. A. Cupp	744	764
1916	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	N. F. A. Cupp	764	782
1917	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	N. F. A. Cupp	782	792
1918	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	N. F. A. Cupp	792	867
1919	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	Joseph R. Collis and W. H. Smith	867	901
1919	Singer's Glen Circuit	Va. Conference	W. H. Smith	867	901
1920	Broadway Circuit	Va. Conference	Joseph R. Collis	404	429

Table 2. Broadway U.B. Church: Pastors and Church Membership, 1899-1969

Year Ending	Charge Name	Appointed Pastor	Members Start Yr.	Members End Yr.
1899	Broadway Circuit	John William Stearn	—	—
1900	Broadway Circuit	John William Stearn	—	75
1901	Broadway Circuit	John William Stearn	—	63
1905	Broadway Circuit	H. Ralph Geil	—	60
1921	Broadway Circuit	Joseph R. Collis	—	99
1922	Broadway Circuit	Joseph R. Collis	99	152
1923	Broadway Circuit	E. E. Miller	152	100
1924	Broadway Circuit	E. E. Miller	100	115
1925	Broadway Circuit	J. E. Oliver	115	116
1926	Broadway Circuit	C. W. Tinsman	116	161
1927	Broadway Circuit	C. W. Tinsman	161	125
1928	Broadway Circuit	C. W. Tinsman	125	125
1929	Broadway Circuit	C. W. Tinsman	125	126
1930	Broadway Circuit	E. B. Caplinger	126	148
1931	Broadway Circuit	E. B. Caplinger	148	153
1932	Broadway Circuit	E. B. Caplinger	153	151
1933	Broadway Circuit	E. B. Caplinger	151	156
1934	Broadway Circuit	E. B. Caplinger	156	165
1935	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	165	154
1936	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	154	154
1937	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	154	151
1938	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	151	152
1939	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	152	150
1940	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	150	156
1941	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	156	161
1942	Broadway Circuit	P. W. Fisher	161	159
1943	Broadway Circuit	P. J. Slonaker	159	172
1944	Broadway Circuit	P. J. Slonaker	172	171
1945	Broadway Circuit	P. J. Slonaker	171	183
1946	Broadway Circuit	P. J. Slonaker	183	184
1947	Broadway Circuit	P. J. Slonaker	184	188
1948	Broadway Circuit	W. E. Wolfe	188	184
1949	Broadway Circuit	W. E. Wolfe	184	187
1950	Broadway Circuit	W. E. Wolfe	187	188
1951	Broadway Circuit	W. E. Wolfe	188	188
1952	Broadway Circuit	W. E. Wolfe	188	187
1953	Broadway Circuit	L. E. Sheaffer	187	190
1954	Broadway Circuit	L. E. Sheaffer	190	183
1955	Broadway Circuit	L. E. Sheaffer	183	184
1956	Broadway Circuit	G. A. Gaither	184	180
1957	Broadway Circuit	G. A. Gaither	180	182
1958	Broadway Circuit	G. A. Gaither	182	192
1959	Broadway Circuit	G. A. Gaither	192	201
1960	Broadway Circuit	William D. Keller	201	202
1961	Broadway Circuit	William D. Keller	202	202
1962	Broadway Circuit	William D. Keller	202	227
1963	Broadway Circuit	William D. Keller	227	224
1964	Broadway Circuit	William D. Keller	224	223
1965	Broadway Circuit	C. F. Hickle	223	212
1966	Broadway Circuit	C. F. Hickle	212	200
1967	Broadway Circuit	Paul C. Bailey	200	179
1968	Broadway Circuit	Paul C. Bailey	179	191
1969	Broadway Circuit	Paul C. Bailey	191	193

