

He has served in the following capacities: Committee on God-Home-Country Award, 1952-1958; Joint Committee on Choral Union Auxiliary, 1958; Youth Merger-Continuing Committee II, 1957-1958; Interim Committee-Lutheran Church Vocation Conference, 1957-1958; Program Committee-All Lutheran Youth Leaders Council, 1955-1958; served as an American representative to the International Youth Director's meeting near Nuremburg, Germany during the summer of 1960.

Mary Jane Frey of Westerville, Ohio and Chester Patten were married August 22, 1948. From this union were born four children: David Lee (Nov. 1, 1952), Carol Beth (Dec. 12, 1954), Mary Ann (Sept. 28, 1956), and Janet Lou (Sept. 19, 1958). Mary Jane's special abilities were music education, piano and organ. Mary Jane departed this life May, 1989.

Pastor Patten remarried in June, 1990 to the former Alice Ray Mann. They reside in Ashley, Ohio in the summer and Seguin, Texas in the winter.

ROBERT WILLIAM WINTERS 1972 - 1990

Robert William Winters was born October 17, 1903 to Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Winters in Claremont, NC. Robert was married to the former Helen L. Boggs of Claremont. Helen was born May 21, 1909. From this union four children were born: Robert, Jr. (April 15, 1934), Patricia H. (December 15, 1936), Paul D. (May 10, 1941), and Sylvia K. (November 18, 1950). Helens is a former parish worker.

Robert attended Concordia (Missouri Synod) 1922-26 where he received an AB degree; Capital University Seminary 1926-1929; and was ordained into the Ohio Synod ministry August 1929.

Pastor Winters has served as pastor of: First English, Newton Falls, OH Sept. 1929-Oct. 1931; Cleveland Hill Mission, Buffalo, NY October 1931-June 1932; St. John's, Ellicott City, MD June 1932-December 1938; St. John's, Steubenville, OH Dec. 1938-March 1940; St. John's and

Trinity, Akron, NY March 1940-Oct. 1951; Charlotte Mission Field, Charlotte, NC Oct. 1951-Nov. 1952; Holy Trinity, Grove City, PA Nov. 1952-April 1970; Visitation Pastor of Mt. Zion, Conover, NC 1972-1990.

When Pastor Patten left Mt. Zion in 1978, Pastor Winters served as our interim pastor until Pastor Jim was called in 1979, and he continued as our visitation pastor until 1990. Pastor Winters still ministers to the sick and shut in when he is able.

Pastor Winters' other appointments and responsibilities have included: serving on the Youth Committee in Buffalo Conference for a number of years; Secretary of the Buffalo Conference; Secretary of the Augustana Conference; President of the Augustana Conference; served six years on the Board of Directors of St. John's Old Folks Home in Mars, PA; member of the Board of Directors, Mercer County, Pennsylvania Mental Health Association, 1964.

Pastor and Mrs. Winters now reside at the Abernethy Retirement Center in Newton, NC.

(In this month's regular Centennial Times, Pastor Winters retold of living across the road from the retirement center as a lad.)

JAMES PHILIP ZIMMERMAN 1979 - present

Pastor James Philip Zimmerman was born in the little country crossroads town of Moulton, Ohio on February 27, 1938, the son of Pastor E.E. and Ruth Aileen Zimmerman. He was baptized by his father at Trinity Lutheran Church on the Sunday morning of April 3, 1938 with his Aunt Henrietta Barr and Uncle Roland Zimmerman as godparents.

Following a family move to Fremont, Ohio at the age of three, Pastor Jim was confirmed on the Palm Sunday morning of April 6, 1962 by his father. The confirmation text chosen for him by his father was I Chronicles 28:9

"And you, my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind;