



The Story of Our Congregation

In the spring of 1908, the seven Christian Churches in Lexington decided that a new Christian Church was needed on the eastern edge of Lexington. A revival was planned for Broadway Christian Church, but interest in the event was so great that the revival was moved to the Woodland Auditorium in Woodland Park. After the revival, one hundred and six people decided to form a new congregation that would be known as Woodland Christian Church. On May 14, 1908 the first Official Board was elected to serve. Woodland held its first worship service in the Woodland Auditorium on May 24, 1908. Property was acquired across the street from the park and a small frame church building was built on this site and dedicated the following



Rev. Hayes Farish

November. In 1920 that building was moved to the back of the property and turned to face Kentucky Avenue in order to begin construction on the current building. This costly undertaking was made possible, in part, by ten members of the church borrowing money against their private homes and giving that money toward the building's completion. The Rev. Hayes Farish became Woodland's pastor in 1922 and served for thirty-five years. His interest in education and ecumenism led to pioneering the first Vacation Bible School in Lexington in 1925 and helping to form the Kentucky Council of Churches in the 1940s. Today, Woodland is a welcoming congregation where are all affirmed as children of God and leadership roles in the



Woodland Under Construction

church are open to everyone. Woodland members and friends engage in significant community outreach. In addition to hosting ecumenical and interfaith events, Woodland provides meeting and fellowship space to numerous community groups. In the last seven years the congregation has undertaken two capital campaigns to restore and update our building. Woodland Christian Church: A hundred years of worship, welcome and witness.

Woodland Celebrates
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100th Anniversary
May 24, 2008

Special points of interest:

- May 4 - Worship in Woodland Park
- May 11 - Pentecost Sunday
- May 18 - Rev. Dr. Malcolm Warford
- May 24 - Another Note Concert
- May 25 - Rev. James Trader unveils the history of Woodland
- Summer 2008 - Welcome back former Woodland Ministers

Celebrating Our Centennial

In May, 2008, we will spend the month celebrating Woodland's centennial and preparing for our second century of worship, welcome and witness. Here's an outline of events:

Sunday, May 4: Our worship service that morning will begin across the street in Woodland Park, where our congregation started a hundred years ago, and conclude in the sanctuary. For this service, we look forward to welcoming home the Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Kemper, who grew up in this congregation and has served since 1991 as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches. May 4 will particularly focus on the history of our congregation.

Sunday, May 11: This is Pentecost Sunday, which celebrates the beginning of the church following Jesus' resurrection and ascension. On May 11 we will explore the ways that Woodland partners with the wider church in our community and around the world.

Sunday, May 18: We will welcome back the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Warford, a minister in the United Church of Christ who grew up in this congregation. Dr. Warford has served as president of two seminaries and is currently Research Professor at Lexington Seminary and Director of the Lexington Seminar. He lives in Staunton, Virginia.

Saturday, May 24: The men's choral group Another Note, now in its eleventh season, will present a concert at 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 25: During the Sunday School hour the Rev. James Trader will unveil a history of our congregation that he has written. James has served as Woodland historian for the last ten years and also serves as the Curator of The Cane Ridge Meeting House in Bourbon County, which is the birthplace of the Disciples of Christ.

During Worship, the Rev. Greg Alexander, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky, will preach. We will dedicate the renovations made possible by our recent capital campaign.

Following Worship, a catered lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall.



Woodland Today

Summer Preaching Schedule

Former Ministers

June 22	– Peggy Garnaat
July 6	– James Trader
July 20	– Vicki Ray
August 10	– Marsha Charles
August 24	– Jeannette Lucas



Rev. Bill Kincaid, Pastor

Woodland Christian Church

Welcome Back Former Ministers

During the **summer of 2008**, when Bill Kincaid is on sabbatical, we will have the opportunity to welcome back several former ministers, seminary students and timothies/priscillas of our congregation. They will be preaching during the Sunday morning worship service, offering their memories and appreciation for Woodland, and sharing how their journey has unfolded since being a part of our church. An updated list of those returning will be published in "The Echoes" and here on our web site.