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Macon Daily,

On Sunday October 21, 1973 The First
 Bethany U.C.C. in St. Clair Shores (22707 Harmon
 St.) will celebrate the rededication of their
 newly remodeled Sanctuary and the dedication
 of a newly constructed Fellowship Hall.
 The congregation and friends will assemble
 at 10:30 AM for a worship celebration with
 the Rev. Mr. Wm. Daniels, Minister of the
 Detroit Metropolitan Association U.C.C. as
 the Principle Speaker. The Rev. Arnold R. Kadwath
 Minister of First-Bethany since its beginning in 1953
 and its coming to the Shores in January 17, 1954,
 will conduct the celebration services. Mr. George
 Lopez, the President of First-Bethany will also
 take part in the services as will Mr. Irving
 Muebler, ^{a member of First-Bethany,} the architect and builder of the new
 Hall, with seating capacity of 210.

The remodeling of the Sanctuary was designed
 by Mr. Paul Berry, ^{a member of the congregation,} owner of Byron Interiors, Detroit
 The remodeled Sanctuary has a complete new
 altar and pulpit arrangement with new choir pews
 and pews for the congregation. The Interior is
 finished and makes use of stone work designs.
 Also during the summer, the parking lot
 was ^{enclosed} black topped with spaces for 105 cars.
 This work was done by Sauler Construction Detroit.
 A ^{3 car} garage was also built adjacent to the passage
 by the Muebler Garage Builders, Detroit.
 At noon the members will have

The church choir directed by Pauline Battaglia will sing special anthems. Mr. John Deacon, soloist.

a number together and a program
around the table, featuring our Young Americans
stringed youth orchestra.

First - Bethany is a Member Congregation in
the United Church of Christ with some 40 congregations
in the District Metropolitan Association U.C.C.
with 220 Congregations in the Michigan
Conference U.C.C. It is a relocated church
from the Detroit, Indian Village area. To
Rev. Lambirth is serving his 26 year as
Minister in the Parish.

The entire building program was in charge
of a building committee with Paul Berry,
Willis Weatherup, Irving Munkler and Orville
Bethmann and Wm. Ludwig as Co Chairmen.

A special Dedication Committee planned
and conducted the celebration. Mr. George
Rogers, Chairman. Mr. & Mrs. Irving
Butterfield, Mrs. Eugene Rasmussen, Mr. &
Mrs. John Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Weatherup,
Mr. John Christian, Rev. & Mrs. Lambirth
Mrs. Margaret Sautter

Did the plans and built the ~~social~~ Hall.
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Building Committee
Gift of land
Planning Committee
Standing Life Committee
Executive Committee
Finance Committee
Membership Committee
Worship Committee
Sunday School
Youth

Albion First Bethany Church

The First Bethany United Church of Christ is a congregation which has a long and glorious history through its predecessor congregations. The former First Reformed Church Detroit which had its origin over 150 years ago in the inner city of Detroit and the former Bethany Evangelical Church which had its beginning in Indian Village Detroit 85 years ago.

We have been here in the Shores since January 17, 1954 when first services were held in South Lake Junior High School.

We have been here on Harmon Street since December 1955 when services were first held in this building.

For ~~nearly~~ 19 years we were a two location Parish and in 1971 we sold the property located on Seminoles ^{park} and have been at this single location since Jan. 1972.

After the sale of our Detroit Church many of their members here felt we needed to improve our

Facilities here, so the planning committee did some exploring of plans and subsequently a Building Committee was appointed and they presented ~~the~~ alternative plans for property improvement at the Annual Meeting in January 1973.

What we have now completed was voted at that congregational meeting as the most feasible plan for us at this time. It seems incredible that we could have moved so rapidly with such an extensive renovation and building program but the plans and work was ^{under} excellent leadership all the way through. Today we acknowledge those who did so much and many more will not be named who worked at many tasks during the summer and early fall to get the project completed.

We feel that First-Bethany is now better able to serve all our people, our Community and to have a place in the ^{jurisdiction} Association in our area. ~~It is better than ever~~
 Last Sunday afternoon

We ~~will~~ ~~therefore~~ entertained the Detroit Metropolitan Association U.C.C. Churches for the first time in one of its meetings.
 Acknowledgments:
 1973 Convention

Planning Committee,

Gift Fund Committee
 Howard & Mildred Head
 Melis & Mary Whitham

Building Committee

Willis & Mary
 Cowie
 Margaret S

Worship Life Committee

John Christy
 George

Recreation Committee

Irving
 Prudence
 Sue Pomeroy
 Betty Hobbs

Fund Committee

Those who did the Remodeling & Building
 Wible Construction Irving Whipple Owner
 Bryan ^{Interiors} Paul Perry Owner
~~Therese~~ ~~Barb~~ ~~Lea~~ the Remodeling Plans
 of our subscription