

HISTORY OF AMITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As the result of the new church building spurt of the 1950's, the Rev. A. Mickey Fisher was selected by the NC Conference to build a new Methodist church in the north Chapel Hill area. The Rev. Fisher and the NC Conference acquired a parsonage at the then numbered 18 Williams Circle where he held services in the basement of the parsonage.

The new church was first called the North Chapel Hill Methodist Church. "United" was not added until the merger with the United Brethren Church in 1974. As the initial membership grew, the fledgling church decided on the permanent name of Amity United Methodist Church. The name Amity, which means "friendship" or "friendly", was recommended by charter member Lois Farrell.

Amity received its charter on April 6, 1958 when the membership grew to 31 members. Rev. Chancey D. Barcliff, the Durham Superintendent, preached the organizing sermon. Methodist churches in Orange County were in the Durham District at that time.

The new church purchased six acres of land at the current address, 825 North Estes Drive and built a cinderblock chapel in 1958-1959. This building, called the "Tree House," is used for service-type activities of the church, including scouting and YMCA after-school programs.

Since its inception in 1959, the annual Christmas Tree Sale has provided funds for many worthy purposes. The Halloween "pumpkin patch" at Amity has more recently also become a popular Chapel Hill tradition.

Amity's caring, loving congregation has continued to grow under the fifteen pastors following Rev. Fisher. A sanctuary and classrooms were added in 1968, and a fellowship hall and additional classroom in 1993. In 1989, a parsonage was purchased at 503 Tinkerbell in the Colony Woods subdivision of Chapel Hill.

Following Jesus' great commission, the members of Amity are reaching out to make disciples of Jesus. In addition to our small Bible Study Groups, the congregation helps the hungry at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, conducts a prison ministry at the Orange Correctional facility, supports Habitat for Humanity, Forty Boxes of Food, and have taken advantage of many other mission opportunities.

These opportunities are a blessing to the members of Amity. The church has developed into a very happy family of God!

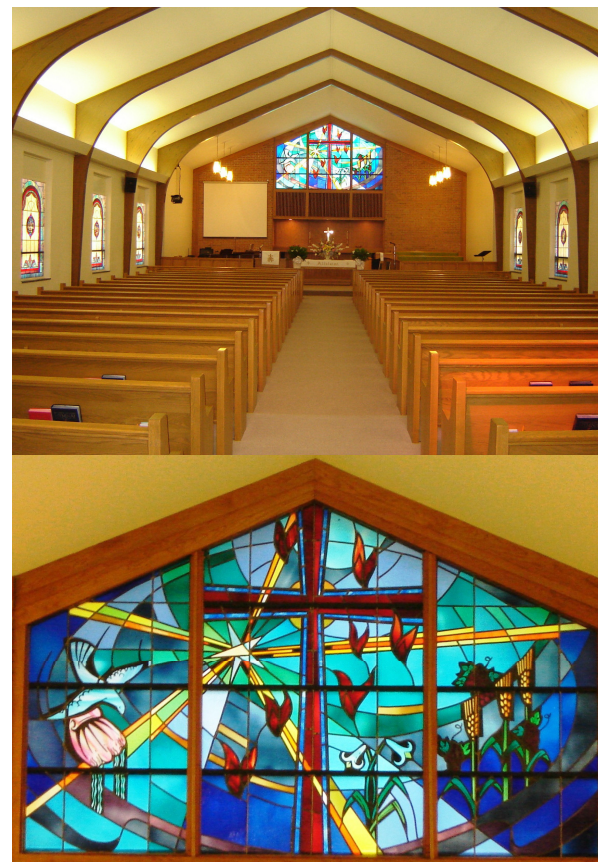


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HOME COMING

April 6, 1958 – April 6, 2008



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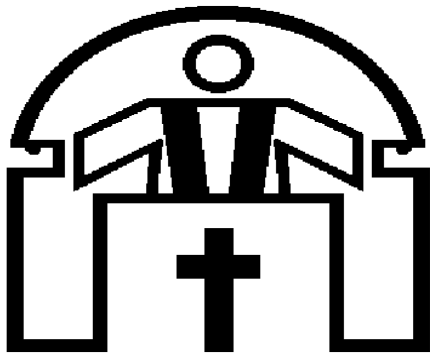
*Celebrating 50 God-led years and
looking forward to the adventure of the next 50!*

AMITY'S VISION

"Believe . . . Belong . . . Become
We **believe** all people matter to God,
All **belong** in community, And, by grace,
become like Christ to serve the world."

**AMITY'S PASTORS
1958 - PRESENT**

1st	1958-1959	Rev. Mickey Fisher
2nd	1959-1963	Rev. Orville Watson
3rd	1963-1967	Rev. Sidney Stafford
4th	1967-1971	Rev. James Lester Tenney
5th	1971-1976	Rev. Hugh H. Cameron
6th	1976-1978	Rev. James Summey
7th	1978-Sept. 1984	Rev. Russell Stott
8th	Oct. 1984-Dec. 1984	Rev. Christian White (Interim)
9th	Jan. 1985-1989	Rev. James Hobbs
10th	1989-1998	Rev. Richard Vaughan
11th	1998-Nov. 2002	Rev. Norman Fitzgerald
12th	Dec. 2002	Rev. Dennis Ricks (Interim)
13th	Jan-Feb 2003	Rev. Thomas Holtsclaw (Interim)
14th	March-May 2003	Rev. David W. Girod (Interim)
15th	May 2003-Dec. 2007	Rev. Andrea Woodhouse
16th	Jan. 2008-Present	Rev. Vernon Tyson (Interim)



CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. J. Floyd Ammons
 Mrs. S. B. Cameron
 Mr. & Mrs. Dallas D. Durham (Shirley & Dallas)
 Mr. & Mrs. Herman M. Greene
 Mr. Herman M. Greene, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Harbak
 Mr. & Mrs. R. Burnice Sparrow
 Mr. Howard L. Stewart
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Byrd
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davis
 Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Farrell
 Mrs. A. M. Fisher
 Mrs. Fred E. Gordon,
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Joyner
 Mr. & Mrs. Hewit E. Moon
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Norris, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. White
 Mr. & Mrs. Ural A. Wright

LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR

1983	Ike Reynolds
1990	Will Heiser
1991	Norm Fitzgerald
1992	Dot Reynolds
1993	Nancy Moore
1994	Sybil Skakle
1995	David Cole
1996	Jo Baker
1997	Roger Shumate
1998	Lindy Sparrow
1999	Lynn Trogdan & Randy Moore
2000	Woody Claris
2001	Jo Anne West
2002	Patty Pieper
2003	Anne Cole
2004	Margaret Moore
2005	Harold Horne & Terry Howes
2006	Donna Swahlan
2007	Helen Young & John Silvasi
2008	Susan Shumate