

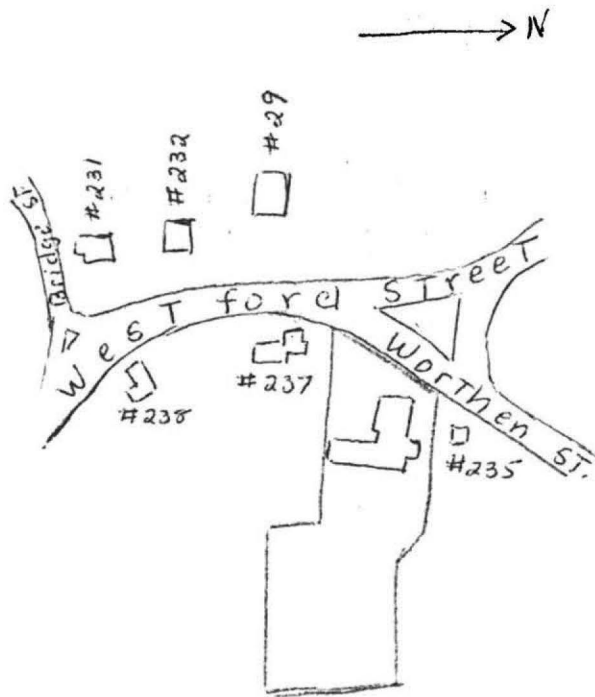
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. Form no.
Chelmsford 236
Center



town Chelmsford
address 1 Worthen Street
name Central Congregational Church
present use church
present owner Central Congregational Church
description _____
date 1959
source cornerstone & Donald Brigham
style _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect Monahan, Meikle & Johnson
classroom wing: clapboard
Exterior wall fabric brick - main section
(Charleston Colonial burnt orange brick)
Outbuildings (describe) small tool shed - at rear
Other features _____

Altered no Date _____
Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size 80,365 sq. ft.
One acre or less Over one acre X
Approximate frontage ca 260 feet
Approximate distance of building from street ca 50 feet from Worthen St.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by Jane B. Drury
Organization Chelmsford Hist. Commission
Date March 24, 1977

(over)

Contractor: Custance Brothers, Lexington

7. Original owner (if known) Chelmsford Central Congregational Church

Original use church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	Conservation	Recreation
Agricultural	Education	Religion
Architectural	Exploration/ settlement	Science/ invention
The Arts	Industry	Social/ humanitarian
Commerce	Military	Transportation
Communication	Political	
Community development		

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Central Congregational Society was organized in 1876 and held its services in the Unitarian and Central Baptist churches and the town hall. In 1888 its first building was erected on North Road on land donated by the Misses Winn, who lived at 1 Academy St. (#37). In 1959 the present church was built facing Worthen Street on adjoining land, part of which had been bequeathed by Miss Carrie J. Elliott and used as a parsonage; in 1963 the Elliott house was moved to 35 Westford Street. The old church building was razed and its site used as a parking lot for the present church.

The large hall in the basement and the classroom wing at the rear of the church are widely used by community groups, including a co-operative nursery-kindergarten, Boy & Girl Scouts, garden clubs, etc.

The building was formally dedicated Sunday, May 1, 1960.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Chelmsford Assessors' records
Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds: Bk.1607, p.486; (1963)
Middlesex Probate Docket #267209 (1946)
Donald Brigham, church member
Lowell Weekly Journal: May 4, 1888
Chelmsford Newseekly, 1955; May 5, 1960

The Central Congregational Church

This church was organized on April 13, 1874 at a meeting held at the home of the Misses Winn, #1 Academy Street. The twenty original members were: Amos A. Byam; Mary A. Byam; Fanny Byam; Martha Calhoun; Edmund F. Dupee; Martha A. Dupee; Emma O. Dupee; Esther Hayward; Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Metcalf; Sewall Parkhurst; Martha M. Pinney; Alden Pinney; F.W. Robinson; Rebecca Tufts; Eliza F. Winn; Marcia H. Winn; Mary J. Winn; Sarah E. Winn.

Services were held on Sunday afternoons, first in the Baptist church and later in the Unitarian church. After a few years services were held on Sunday forenoons in the Town Hall (1883). The church was incorporated by the legislature on May 28, 1886. The present church building was erected in 1884 on land given by the Misses Winn and their brother, Mr. George Winn. The church was remodelled and the

vestry built in 1892. In 1918 the church was enlarged and a new organ purchased from the First Unitarian Church of Lowell which had reunited with the First Congregational Church. Mrs. Margaret Wright left her home at #54 Boston Road to the church and it was used for a parsonage for several years. About 1945, however, Miss Carrie Elliott also left her house, #1 Worthen Street, to the church. The Wright house has been sold and the Elliott house is the present parsonage. A few years ago, Miss Clare Smith gave the church the land between the church building and the parsonage and it is now used as a parking lot.

Ministers: Rev. F.M. Sprague, 1877-1879; Rev. C.C. Torrey, 1880-1883; Rev. J.N. Vincent, 1883-1887; Rev. W.A. Anderson; 1887-1888; Rev. Charles B. Wathen, 1888-1890; Rev. Frank E. Ramsdell, 1890-1891; Rev. A. Lincoln Shear, 1891 June to December; Rev. Joshua Foster Tucker, 1893-1894; Rev. E.C. Bartlett, 1894-1903; Rev. J.M.



Central Congregational church before it was remodeled.

Lowell Weekly Journal

June 24, 1887 - The Misses Winn have recently conveyed by deed of gift to the Central Congregational church a very eligible building lot, upon which it is understood that the church will, in the near future, erect a suitable edifice for public worship. The society has also bought of Lyman S. Gale a tract of land upon which to place necessary church outbuildings.

April 27, 1888 - The recently completed church of the Central Congregational society will be dedicated Wednesday afternoon, May 9 at 2 o'clock.

Sept. 2, 1887 - Ground was broken Monday for the church building of the Central Congregational society. The intention is to have the edifice completed by the last of December. The work will be done by the day and is in charge of Samuel Hagerman, which is a double guarantee of thorough execution.

Feb. 24, 1888 - The Central Congregational church is so near completion that the usual prayer meeting was held in the vestry Wednesday evening, last week. But little remains to be done except setting up the pews, which have not yet arrived from the manufactory in Illinois.

June 16, 1893 - The work of raising the Central Congregational church building began Monday morning. The basement will be fitted up for parlor, kitchen and other modern church conveniences.

Aug. 25, 1893 - The work of the alterations on the Central Congregational church is progressing as rapidly as circumstances will admit, and although there have been some unlooked for delays it is now confidently expected that the whole will be completed about the middle of September. The raising of the building five feet, and the addition of a porch 12 by 18 feet, at the southeast corner, adds very much to the attractive appearance of the edifice from the outside. The entrance to the porch, which is on the east side, is reached by a flight of steps, and from the inside a flight six feet in width leads to the auditorium, and another of the same width to the vestry below, a room 44 by 48 feet. At the south end of this room there will be a raised platform 21 feet in length, having a dressing room at each end; one 14 by 14 feet, and the other 10 by 14 feet. On the west side, next after the dressing room at the southwest corner, will come the toilet, well, and water closet, and the furnace, boiler, and coal room 12 by 15 feet; beyond this comes the kitchen, 11 by 16 feet, having an outside entrance from the north.

On the north side will be the parlor, 17 by 34 feet, from which there will be an entrance to the vestry by folding doors, which can be thrown open when desirable to the width of 13 feet. At the northeast corner there will be an outside entrance so a vestibule 8 by 14 feet, from which a short flight of steps will lead to the vestry. The whole will be well lighted, and thoroughly ventilated, and will be warmed by N.H. Tenney's steam heating apparatus, made in South Acton. The floors throughout will be southern hard pine, and all will be finished with cypress, presenting when coated with shellac varnish a very attractive and pleasing appearance. The state of the atmosphere for several days delayed the plastering, but it is believed that it will be ready for the carpenters to take up the work of finishing the beginning of next week. Additional seats are to be placed in the auditorium which will increase the seating capacity by from 30 to 40, and the outside is to be painted.

Central Congregational Church

SERVICE of DEDICATION

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1960 AT 10:30 A. M.

Central Cong. Church Organized 1874; First Building Opened 1888

In 1874, a group of men and women met at the home of the Misses Winn on Academy Street, corner of North road, to organize a church which was to be called the Central Congregational Church of Chelmsford. The 20 original members of this organization were: AMOS A. BYAM, MARY A. BYAM, PANNY BYAM, MARtha Calhoun, Edmund F. DUPEE, Emma O. DUPEE, ESTHER HAYWARD, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Metcalf, Sewall parkhurst, Martha W. Pinney, Alden pinney, F. W. Robinson, Rebecca Tufts, Eliza F. Winn, Marcia H. Winn, Mary J. Winn and Sarah W. Winn.

The Baptists, who had organized in 1847 and erected their church building in 1868 at the other end of Academy street, 'cheerfully granted' the request of this new religious group that their building be used by them on Sunday afternoons as a place of worship. Payment of expenses and \$2 a Sunday was agreed upon. The minister from Carlisle became the minister of this group also after various Lowell ministers came out to town to preach until the church got under way. The congregation numbered about 200, it is reported, at the first formal service held and this enthusiasm was taken as a good sign for the continued growth of the church.

Later, services were transferred from the baptist church

CEREMONY OF THE OPENING OF THE DOORS — 10:30 - 10:45

ORGAN MUSIC — 10:45 - 11:00

ORGAN PRELUDE — "Prayer" *Von Weber*
"Prelude in F Major" *Battman*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN — "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

MR. ROBERT ANDERSON
Director of Youth Activities

Leader: The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

People: Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

People: For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

MR. ROBERT ANDERSON

RESPONSIVE READING 636

MR. ROBERT ANDERSON

THE GLORIA

SOLO — "Bless This Church" *Music by May H. Brake*
..... *Words by Rev. Edgar Redfern*
DONALD LINDAHL

SCRIPTURE — Ephesians 2:13-22 3:14-21

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER

ANTHEM — "The Omnipotence" *Schubert*
Solos — Mrs. MICHAEL POPOLIZIO - Mrs. HECTOR PARKER

SERVICE OF GIVING, followed by Doxology
MR. ROBERT ANDERSON

OFFERTORY — "Nocturne" *Fryssinger*

SERMON OF DEDICATION

DR. FRED HOSKINS

Minister and Secretary of the General Council; Co-president, United Church of Christ



OPENING OF THE DOORS of the new church was attended by a large crowd despite showery weather last Sunday.



to the First Congregational (Unitarian) church and the Rev. F. M. Sprague of Carlisle began his duties as pastor of the neighboring churches in January, 1877. Prayer meetings were held for a time in the Chelmsford schoolhouse and in May, 1879, the union with Carlisle was dissolved and the group returned to the Baptist church as a meeting-place. In 1883, Sunday morning services were held in the center town Hall; in the next year the Misses Winnand, their brother, George P. Winn, gave to the Central Congregational Church a tract of land near their home, on North Road--present site of the 'old' church--on which to build a house of worship. The legislature passed an act incorporating the society on May 28, 1886 and the building was dedicated on May 9, 1888. Five years later it was remodeled and the vestry built. In 1918 the church was enlarged and a new organ purchased from a Lowell church.

Mrs. Margaret Wright bequeathed her home at 54 Boston Road to the church for use as a parsonage in the early 40's and a few years later Miss Carrie Elliott also gave her house at 1 Worthen Street, for the same purpose. This is the present parsonage, the former Wright house having been sold. The land adjacent to this house which is now the site of the new church and parking space, was the gift of Miss Clare Smith, now next door neighbor to the new church at 15 Westford Street. Acquisition of the so-called 'Nichols house', formerly the Charles Nichols home on North Road, permitted expansion of church activities during the past few years into what is now called the Religious Education Center.

HYMN OF DEDICATION—"O Thou Whose Own Vast Temple Stands" 442

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

For the Architects—MR. CARL JOHNSON
For the Builders—MR. ROBERT CUSTANCE
For the Building Committee—MR. HOWARD SMALL, *Chairman*

To—MR. RALPH MARTIN, Chairman of the Prudential Committee: We present unto you this building to be dedicated as a Church to the glory of God and the service of man, and we herewith give you the key to the same.

MR. MARTIN: On behalf of Central Congregational Church, I accept this building and present this key to the Pastor who ministers here. "Except the Lord build the Church, they labor in vain that build it." For as much as the congregation has set its hand to the building of this house for the worship and service of Almighty God, I pray you now to lead us in dedicating it to His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom on earth.

Minister: Let us not doubt that God will approve this dedication and that He will graciously accept our work. Let us set it apart for His purposes.

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Minister: O God, who art present in all places of Thy dominion, and dost graciously rejoice in the services of Thy children, hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, as we dedicate this house.

To Thy glory, O Father Almighty;
To the honour of Christ, Thy Son;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit;

People: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the worship of God in prayer and praise;

For the preaching of the gospel message;
For the celebration of the holy sacraments;

We dedicate this house.

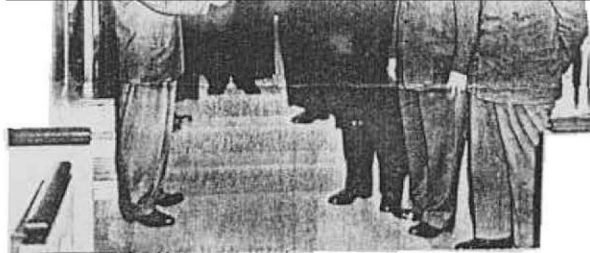
For the comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

We dedicate this house.

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PRESENTING THE KEY of the new church to Ralph Martin, chairman of the Prudential Committee, is Howard Small, chairman of the Building Committee.

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Rev. J.N. Vincent, 1883-1887;
Rev. W.A. Anderson, 1887-1888;
Rev. C.B. Wathen, 1888-1890;
Rev. F. E. Ramsdell, 1890-1891;
Rev. A.L. Shear, June, 1891-December, 1891; Rev. Joshua F.

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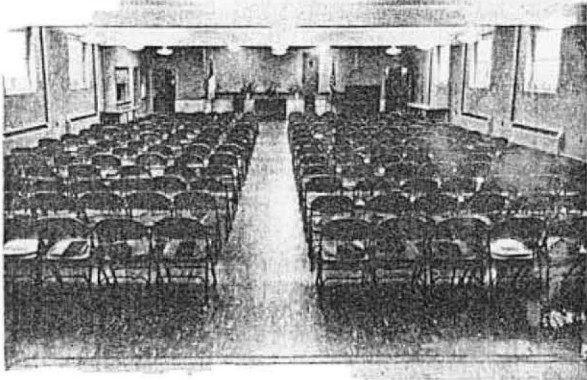
203 Boston Road

Chelmsford, Mass.

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DEDICATION SERVICE LAST SUNDAY drew more than 500 persons to the new church, of whom some 200 heard the service over public address system in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Construction Details Of New Church and Religious Ed. Wing

The entire building has a poured cement foundation. The main building is made of concrete blocks faced with Charleston Colonial Burnt Orange brick. The interior walls of the sanctuary are plastered; those in the Fellowship Hall are cement-faced. The Religious Education wing is of wood frame construction with clapboard siding above the basement floor.

Throughout the building the main floor is poured concrete over corrugated steel sheets supported by steel girders and trusses. The top floor is wood. Floors have been covered with asphalt tile. Acoustical plaster has been used for the ceilings in the sanctuary and in the church parlor. Other ceilings are acoustical tile.

The spire, rising nearly 90 feet above the street, is framed of wood and steel and covered with lead, wood and copper. The cross is made of copper with gold leaf finish, upheld by a steel rod anchored securely within the spire.

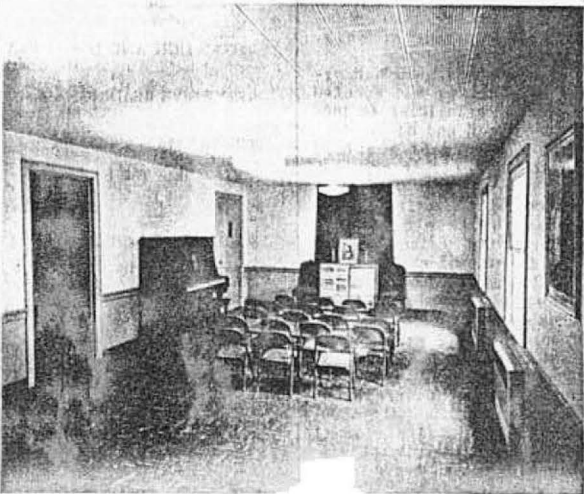
The sanctuary itself is 40 by 70 feet and seats approximately 375 persons: 277 on the main floor, 70 in the balcony and 28 in the choir stalls.

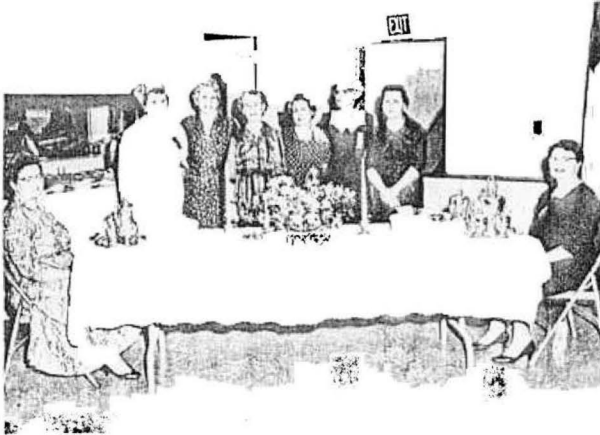
The Church Parlor, 15 by 20 feet, has a complete kitchen unit, book shelves, fireplace and storage closet. It will accommodate group meetings of up to 25 people.

The Fellowship Hall, below the sanctuary, has a seating capacity of 230 for suppers and of 300 for entertainments. The large stage has adequate storage space beneath it for dining room tables and other



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HOSTESS COMMITTEE FOR THE OPEN HOUSE: included Mrs. Walter F. Lewis and Mrs. Vivian Jackson, pourers; and (L-R) Mrs. Raymond Ullon, Mrs. Clayton Lane, Mrs. Charles Cavanaugh, Mrs. Arthur Pratt, Mrs. James Grimm and Mrs. Gilbert Patton.



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Consecration Ceremonies

On Sunday, May 8th, at 6:45 p.m. there will be a musical Vesper Service at the Central Congregational Church at which the new organ will be dedicated.

There will be a guest organist, Mr. Frederick A. McArthur, who is the organist and choir director of the First Baptist Church in Beverly and assistant organist at Trinity Church in Boston. He is also the accompanist for the Boston University Glee Club.

The guest soloist will be Miss Eleanor Coats, a contralto, who is studying at Barrington College in Rhode Island, and is the soloist with the college a capella choir.

The regular church choir will be augmented by fifteen or twenty former members, making a group of about forty.

The program will begin with fifteen minutes of organ music by Mr. Arthur B. Worthley, Jr. church organist. This will be followed by two groups of organ selections by the guest organist and three groups of anthems by the choir.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

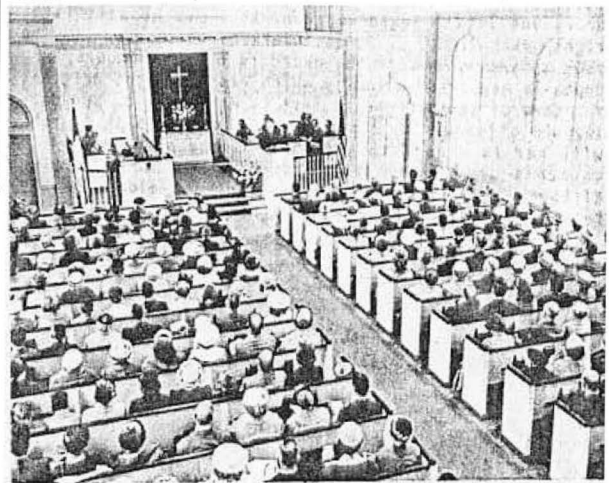


ARTHUR B. WORTHLEY, JR., organist and choir director, at the console of the new organ built by Rostron Kershaw and equipped with chimes as a gift of the Friendly Circle.

Church History

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Tucker, 1893-1894; Rev. E.C. Bartlett, 1894-1903; Rev. J.M. Greene, D.D. of Lowell supplied during the winter; Rev. Albert P. Earnshaw, 1904-1908; Rev. T.C.H. Bouton, 1908-1910; Rev. E. A. Roadman, 1910-1913; Rev. E.A. Robinson, 1913-1918; Rev. J.G. Lovell, 1919-1932; Rev. Everett Leshner, 1932-1935; Rev. Howard Page, 1935-1941; Rev. Lloyd Williams, 1941-1944; Rev. Elton Brown, 1944-1946; Rev. Warren Chandler, 1946-1955; Rev. Richard F. Manwell, 1955-.



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CUTTING THE RIBBON at ceremony of opening the church doors was little Susan Manahan. Rev. Mr. Maxwell is at right, with Sidney E. Dupee, clerk of the church for the past 35 years. One of the church's oldest members, Mr. Dupee is member of a family which was among the original founders of the church. At left is Mrs. Mary B. Scorbora, who attended the first service in the "old" church; with her is Miss Katherine Kilbourne, another of the church's oldest members, whose sister, Miss Lillian Kilbourne, enjoys the honor of being the oldest member but who because of illness could not attend the service.

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Church Construction

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tile floor. In the kitchen, adjacent to this room and 20 by 23 feet, a unique arrangement of sinks facilitates the washing of dishes even though no dishwasher is currently provided. There are altogether 4 sinks: one for preliminary

*"God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts must they arise."*

—EDGAR A. GUEST

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rinsing after food has been scraped into the garbage receptacle under the counter, one for washing kettles, pots and pans, and two for washing and final rinsing of dishes. The 6-burner gas stove and warming oven which were in the former church kitchen have been completely reconditioned and placed in this room under a galvanized hood from which all odors will be expelled by a powerful electric ventilating fan, a cook's table, with casters to permit movement any where in the kitchen, has a drop leaf on each end, storage shelves beneath.

The Pastor's study and the church office, located directly behind the chancel, are accessible from the rear door as well as from the main building. The Music and committee room in the religious education wing provides facilities for choir rehearsals and committee meetings.

The religious education wing contains 3 stories, each 39 by 57 feet, making a total floor space of 6669 square feet. These floors contain 12 individual class-or meeting-rooms each intended to provide meeting areas for 2 or 3 separate classes. Room dividers will be added in these rooms soon, and worship centers will be available in 4 rooms.

The Pilgrim Fellowship room has a complete kitchen unit

and is intended for meetings and social activities of both Junior and Senior Fellowship groups.

The Sunday School office is located in the basement in the rear of the stage, and provides working areas for the Sunday School superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer as well as storage facilities and study materials and other Sunday School supplies.

Total floor space in the structure is 18,724 square feet--7,268 square feet in the basement and first floor, 4188 square feet on the third floor.

There are 2 separate hearing systems: one, steam, for the Fellowship Hall, Religious Education Wing and Main Church; the other, forced hot water, for the parlor, kitchen and administration area including the church office, pastor's study and adjacent corridors and stair halls, hot water is provided by a tankless heater.

Illumination for the sanctuary is provided by cove lighting, with cold cathode tubes, supplemented by eight ceiling lights over the pews, two bull's eye spotlights to illuminate the pulpit and four ceiling lights plus cold cathode tubes over the arch in the chancel. Conventional ceiling lights are used elsewhere in the building to provide a maximum of non-glare lighting.

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Congratulation



Church Construction

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Lighting panels are of the circuit breaker type with flush cabinets; local switches and receptacles are of the quiet type.

Copper conductors have been installed in the steeple, along the roof of the main church and of the Religious Education wing as lightning protection. The boiler room contains a 6 cubic foot portable-type incinerator. The parking lot will accommodate approximately 80 cars and additional land is available for expansion of these facilities if and when needed. Storage space, in addition to that already mentioned, is supplied under the front porch, in the kitchen closets, supply room and closets of the individual rooms as well as in the attic of the Religious Education wing. Thermal fire detectors are installed in the ceiling of the boiler room and over the range in the kitchen. Each detector is wired to a fire horn on the exterior of the building. A time switch controls lighting of the bulletin board, spot lights and spire.

The architect for this \$278,000 plant was the firm of Monahan, Meikle and Johnson, with wide experience in designing colonial-type churches. Carl Johnson was the supervising architect for the firm.

The contractor, Custance Brothers of Lexington, was represented during construction by Robert Custance, and also is widely-known for its fine work in building churches.

The plumbing and heating contractor was the firm of Martin Coffey and Son, of Concord, Mass.

Pews, lectern and pulpit are the work of Lothar Fuchs now of Lowell but formerly a German craftsman who only recently came to this country under the auspices of the Lutheran

Service of Dedication

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For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young to become followers of the Way;
For the perfecting of the saints;

We dedicate this house.

For ennobling all honest toil;
For quickening civic righteousness;
For promoting peace and justice in all the earth;

We dedicate this house.

For the carrying of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth;
For the giving of hope and courage to those who labor for God's Kingdom;

For the consecration of life and service;

We dedicate this house.

In grateful remembrance of those who have gone before us;
In gratitude for the fellowship we have in the service of this church;
For the blessed hope of a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;

We dedicate this house.

(In union) — We, now, the members and friends of this church and congregation, mindful of the inheritance into which we have entered, and the glorious company, seen and unseen, whose communion we share; and deeply sensible of those bonds by which we are bound to the Lord of all life and to each other, do covenant together in this act of dedication, offering ourselves anew to the worship and work of our heavenly Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYER

REVEREND RICHARD F. MANWELL

RECESSIONAL HYMN — "The Church's One Foundation" 391

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE — "Alleluia" *Ossenwelder*

Organist and Director of Music — ARTHUR B. WORTHLEY, JR.
Junior Choir Director — MRS. MICHAEL POPOLIZIO
Chairman of Ushers — JAMES MELLO
Acolyte — SCOTT LAWSON

Greeters — MR. AND MRS. RALPH MARTIN
Representing Prudential Committee •



Appeals Board Grants Petition For Garden Shop

The Board of Appeals of the Town of Chelmsford conducted a Public Hearing at the Chelmsford Center Town Hall on Thursday evening, April 14, 1960, at 7:30 P.M., on the application of Fred Russell and/or George Stott for permission to construct a nursery building and arbor and to construct a nursery business therein, on property adjacent to 68 Warren Avenue, in variance with the Town Zoning Laws, due to the area being zoned residential.

The Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant this variance and presents the follow-

ing reasons for this decision:

1. The granting of this variance will not be detrimental to the general area.

2. There were no objectors to the granting of this variance.

The following restriction was placed on the applicants:

Members of the Board of Appeals present and voting included: Willis Buckingham, Charles Egerton, Chairman; Paul O'Neil Richard Carr; and James Robinson, alternate for Louis Hannaford.

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... of Lowell but formerly a German craftsman who only recently came to this country under the auspices of the Lutheran church. Seats and trim of the pews are solid African mahogany.

The pipe organ contains pipes from the former church organ hut it has been completely modernized by addition of several new ranks of pipes, a new console, wind chest and blower. This was the work of Strom Kershaw, a resident of the Westlands section, whose office is in Lowell. Chimes have been provided as a memorial gift from the Friendly Circle.

Members of the Building Committee, headed by Howard T. Hall, chairman, are: Arthur Worthley, Jr., vice-chairman; Clarence W. Hope, Arthur Johnson, Hector M. Parker, S. Michael Popolizio, Mrs. Arthur B. Worthley, Jr., and Richard F. Manwell. Members of the Furnishings Committee are Mrs. Worthley, Chairman; Mrs. Popolizio, Mrs. Arthur Pratt, Mrs. Frederick Smith, Mrs. Howard K. Moore and Mrs. Alan Greenhalgh.



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Church Celebrates Mortgage Burning

Some two hundred members and friends of the Central Congregational Church gathered in the Fellowship Hall last Friday night, Nov. 4, for a roast beef dinner to celebrate the burning of the church mortgage. The event climaxed an all-out campaign undertaken last fall by the Board of Trustees to eliminate the congregation's debt more than a year in advance.

Mr. Robert Brogan, drive chairman, welcomed guests with a brief account of how the idea became a reality. He called attention to slides that were continuously projected on a screen, depicting the stages of the church's construction back in 1959. Mr. Clarence Hope, a member of the church, had saved them for just such an occasion. Mr. Ray Ortler, Chairman of the Trustees, thanked the team of kitchen workers from the Aldersgate Methodist Church for their excellent service as caterers. Special guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Richard F. Manwell of Orford, N.H. and their son, Richard Jr., who resided in Chelmsford when the new building was built. Mr. Manwell was minister of Central Church from 1956-1965. Also present were members of the original Building Committee: Mr. Howard T. Small, Chairman, Clarence W. Hope, Rep. Bruce N. Freeman and numerous other members who worked on the original canvassing teams. The Rev. A. Karl Phillippi and his wife were on hand to offer the best wishes of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Mr. Phillippi is the Northeast Area Minister.

Mrs. Helen Poland, church historian, gave an amusing and interesting presentation based upon information found in a special scrapbook. She recounted what had been placed in the cornerstone and who had been involved in the building drive. Among her collection of memorabilia, she produced the ground-breaking shovel, which was a gift of Claude J. Harvey, Sr. Mrs. Poland explained that a more extensive history of the church was completed by Clinton Vincent last year, when the church observed its Centennial.

Mr. Brogan then made a special presentation of the Centennial quilt on behalf of the church to Clarence and Dorothy Hope, who, he said,



BURNING THE MORTGAGE CEREMONY HELD: Members and officials of the Central Congregational Church held a supper and mortgage-burning ceremony on Nov. 4, climaxed a drive to retire the church's debt more than a year in advance. Shown are (L-R) Chairman of the Trustees Raymond Ortler; Ivan M. Hunt; Rev. Richard Manwell, former pastor; Rev. Hugh Evans, present pastor; Rep. Bruce Freeman, a campaign worker; and Robert Brogan, Drive Chairman. (Photo by Tec Art Photography)

deserved recognition for their strong support of the church's ministry over the years, and especially for their initiative in bringing the mortgage drive to a successful conclusion. Others were also recognized for their financial leadership, including Mr. and Mrs. William Dempster, Mr. Claude J. Harvey, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Moore.

The main event, the burning of the mortgage, took place in front of the gathering with the Rev. Hugh W. Evans, present minister, the Rev. Richard F. Manwell, Representative Bruce Freeman, Ivan Hunt, and Mssrs. Brogan and Ortler. Mr. Manwell spoke briefly, offering a closing prayer, and Mr. Evans suggested a renewed dedication to the mission of the church.



Central Congregational Church at original location on North Road



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