Chapter Five

Memorials, Honoraria and Designated Gifts

The following is an inventory of memorials, honoraria and gifts to the church. Prior to 1960 the church did not have a program of memorials, and the list was not kept current after the death of the calligrapher who inscribed the book until 1965. Records merely indicate that memorials were accumulated during those years to be used for church projects.

The Celtic Cross

The hand-carved Celtic Cross hanging in the center of the chancel contains symbols of God, drawing our attention to God and to God's Son who was crucified on the cross. The gift of the cross was in memory of the Rev. Dr. A. Ralph Lynn. Ralph retired from an illustrious career as pastor of congregations in the Presbyterian Church before coming to serve as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church in the 1960's. He was born in 1890 and died in 1971. The cross was given by the Dr. Robert B. Lynn Family in 1964.

The Chancel Furniture

The pulpit is both the symbol of the ministry of preaching, and of the church's recognition of the central place of edification and inspiration from scripture. The pulpit is in memory of Nora Harney who was born in 1915 and died in 1963.

Communion is one of two sacraments recognized by the Presbyterian Church. In receiving communion we do show forth the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ until he comes again. This communion table is in memory of William Hillebrecht, born in 1858 and died in 1943, Margaret Meyer Hillebrecht who was born in 1861 and died in 1957, and Herbert Hillebrecht who was born in 1891 and died in 1957. The table was given my Miss Willa Hellebrecht and Henry Hillebrecht.

The chalice is in memory of Jennie Vine Kessler who was born in 1879 and died in 1964. The vessel was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Vine.

The silver flagon, used for ceremonially pouring the sacramental juice, is apparently quite old. It is possibly the only remaining item from the church prior to its construction on this site in 1897.

Bread plates for communion are in memory of Mary Matilda Vine, 1879 to 1966.

If the stacking trays for communion glasses, the silver missal or book stand, or the set of twelve individual tiny silver chalices and tray were ever designated as memorials, it was not recorded in the memorial book.

The brass communion table book stand is in memory of James Casper, who was the husband of Virginia Casper, who was the donor. He served First Church as an Elder and as Director of Education.

The baptismal font is the symbol of the sacrament of baptism by which we are cleansed of sin into new life and initiated into the fellowship of Jesus Christ. The baptismal font is in memory of Dr. Clifford W. Emons, who was born in 1899 and died in 1951. The font was given originally by Mrs. C. W. Emons; that memorial is preserved in the present baptismal font.

The lectern is primarily for the reading of the gospel, and recalls the words of Isaiah, "...those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles...." (Isa. 40:31). The eagle lectern is in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton, parents of Dr. William H. Middleton, and Mr. and Mrs John D. Griswold, parents of Mary Middleton. The lectern is a gift of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Middleton.

Prior to the fire a wooden lectern formed part east front rail of the divided chancel. The lectern was in memory of Christopher C. Bristow and Mary M. Bristow. Mary Bristow died in 1940, Christopher died in 1932. The lectern was given by Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bristow. The memorial is perpetuated in the chancel choir rail, which is now moveable.

Two pastor's chairs for worship leaders are dedicated to the memory of David Parrish, husband of Jane Parrish. David served as a Deacon and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The chairs were donated by Jane Parrish.

Two square tables which can be placed beside the chairs were gifts of Franklin and Lois Meyers.

A torchere (candle or flower stand) is dedicated to the memory of Eldon Orr, husband of Mildred Orr, who gave the memorial. Eldon was very active on the Board of Deacons and as Scoutmaster of the church's Boy Scout Troop 121 for many years.

Another torchere was given by Elizabeth Goulding.

Eight joint stools, to be used either for seating or as side tables in the chancel, have not been designated as memorials as of April 30, 1991.

A retable screen was provided for occasional use behind the communion table, hence its name. It is taller than other rails used in the chancel in order to partially hide the organist, when seated in the center.

Two choir rails can be used to divide the chancel or to provide a "modesty screen" for the choir, similar to the screen across the front row of pews.

Two prie-Dieux for kneeling in prayer, along with other rails in the chancel have not yet been designated as memorials.

A choir stall is dedicated to the memory of Claire Perkins, the wife of Pascal Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perkins, Pascal's parents, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Sheil, parents of Claire Perkins. The stall was given by Pascal Perkins.

A choir stall is dedicated to the memory of Nelson K. McBrien, husband of Jeanne McBrien of this congregation. Nelson died January 21, 1990. The Nelson McBrien family and friends gave the memorial.

A choir stall, given by Virginia Stooker, is in memory of M. James Stooker, who was Virginia's husband. He was one of the first Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church when the Board was organized.

Small brass flower vases are in memory of Arie Van Steenif, born in 1887 and died in 1946, and Johanna Van Steenif, who was born in 1885 and died in 1958. The vases were given by Dr. and Mrs. Abren Grandia.

Large brass flower vases are in memory of Joe and Gladys Ebbert, who were long-time members of the church. Joe served on the Board of Trustees. The collection of brass vases were given by Joe and Marolyn Ebbert, Dorothy James and Virginia Porter.

The brass processional cross is in memory of Marcia Clark. Marcia was the wife of Robert Clark, who donated the memorial. Marcia joined First Presbyterian Church in 1974. She was a member of the Trinity Bell Choir and sang in the Festival Choir.

The brass pascal candle stand was a gift of the senior high youth fellowship, when Greg and Carol Fletcher served as advisors.

The Advent wreath is in memory of Ralph Emons.

The standing seven-branch candelabra are a legacy from the Winnebago Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, which was closed a couple of years ago. The candelabra perpetuate a set of memorial seven-branch candlesticks in memory of Charles and Agnes Luft. Charles died a year after joining the church, and Agnes was active in the women's association for many years.

The brass single candlesticks are in memory of Harry Sackett.

Pew mounted candle torches, for lining the center aisle, were provided by Dr. John and Marcia Gaskill.

The chancel floor is now all Italian marble. The center of the chancel was marble at the time of the fire, but there were various platforms and raised areas for the choir and the communion table. The marble chancel, center section, perpetuates the gifts given in 1987 to install the floor, as follows:

in memory of Jane E. Black by family and friends;
in memory of Emma Joesting Black by Jane Black;
in memory of Anton Jureziz, by his wife, Ethel, and son, Ronald;
in memory of Stanley L. Meister, Sr. and Harry Otto, given by their children Stanley and Judy Meister;
in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Godfrey Loy, by Dorothy Lyon;
in memory of Earl R. Brice and Frances G. and Clarence Utterback, by Paul and Mary Grace Utterback;
in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Lenhardt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Landiss, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Landiss;
in memory of John William Middleton, by Dr. and Mrs. William Middleton;
to honor music, by Mary Ann and Carroll Knutson;
to honor the Martin and Sinclair families, by James, Susan and Jay Sinclair (9/7/86);
to honor music, by Helen J. and Albert L. Marth;
to honor Mr. and Mrs. L. Homer Campbell, by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harner, Mary and Barbie;
to honor the Rev. Dr. Cortley and Mrs. Kathleen Burroughs, by Ralph and Pauline Osborne;
to honor music, by Frank and Lorelle Webb;
to honor Carol C. and Gregory S. Fletcher, by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Minton;
to honor the Sixtiety wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Vine, by Patricia R. Vine and Elizabeth Simms;
in memory of Dale Porter, by Virginia Porter, his wife, and by contributors to the memorial fund in his memory;
by Jean Wiegand and Alice M. Dekker, in memory of their mother, Hazel Misegades;
in memory of Ralph Perry, by his wife Eleanor Perry;
to the Glory of God and the Inspiration of Music, by M. Joyce Fletcher;
in memory of William R. Wicks, M.D., given by family and friends;
in memory of William Wohlert, by Jerry and Lou Ann Thomas, Todd and Tracy;
in memory of Marcella Shaw Owens and baby David Owens, by the memorial fund;
in memory of John L. and Anna Elble Hamilton, by Mary E. Steiner;
in memory of Alice Vogelpohl Radecke, by the memorial fund;
in memory of Gloria Hine Briggs, by family and friends;
in memory of Vera Look, by Hunter Look and family;
in memory of Marcia Clark, by her husband, Robert Clark;
in memory of Rosalind Akin, given by the memorial fund;
in memory of Raymond L. Maupin, by his sister, Elsa Maupin;

in memory of Ernie Flota and Myrtle Mae Flota, by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie J. Flota, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Flota, family and friends.

The inlaid cross in the chancel floor is in memory of Kraemer G. Kleinschmidt, given by Iris Kleinschmidt, family and friends.

The Pews

The front pews are in memory of John Duncan and Hannah Wade Duncan. John was born in 1868 and died in 1940, and Hannah was born in 1870 and died in 1955. The pews were given by Mrs. H. P. McCuistion and Mr. John Duncan.

The second pew on the right is in memory of John Walz who was born in 1884 and died in 1951, of Mary Walz who was born in 1889 and died in 1937 and of Eli J. Nations who was born in 1856 and died in 1939. The memorial was given by Dr. and Mrs. Otto Walz.

The third pew on the left is in memory of William C. Pylas who was born in 1910 and died in 1962. The pew was given by Mrs. William C. Pylas.

The third pew on the right is in memory of Lucinda Hansen and Mathews Hiram, 1833-1928, and was given by Edith Mathews Betts Dempsey.

The fourth pew on the left is in memory of Edith Dempsey who was born in 1884 and died in 1965. It was given by friends in her memory.

The fourth pew on the right was given by Tim and Linda Campbell.

The fifth pew on the left is in memory of George S. Wells who lived between 1895 and 1961. He was the father of Betty Hooker.

The fifth pew on the right is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hooker. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were the parents of Betty Lou Hooker and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hooker were the parents of Dr. John H. Hooker. These fifth pews on both sides of the aisle were given by Dr. and Mrs. John Hooker.

The sixth pew on the left was given to the Glory of God by Hal and Neta Hahn.

The sixth pew on the right was given by the Robert Anschuetz Family.

The seventh pew on the left is in memory of Melba Toupno. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, and served as secretary on the Board of Trustees. Melba was the sister of Evelyn Wankel, who gave the memorial in 1990.

The seventh pew on the right is in memory of Will Wankel, the husband of Evelyn Wankel. Both Will and Evelyn Wankel were active members of the church.
The eighth pews on the left and right, and the nineth pew on the left, are given by Lois Ward in memory of her husband, Dr. Ray Ward and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Watkins.

The thirteenth pew on the left is in honor of Mrs. C. W. Emons. Bunny is an Elder and was Trustee. The pew was the gift of Carolyn Emons Hinton and family.

The fifteenth pew on the left is in memory of C. Berger Graves, who was an Elder and served on the Board of Trustees. The pew, along with ten new nursery chairs in Berger's memory, was a gift by his wife, Elizabeth Graves and family.

The remainder of the pews have yet to be designated as memorials.
Cushions for choir pews are not being replaced, but the memorials are being perpetuated in cushions on the pews in the nave of the church, as follows:

in memory of William P. Clark, 1842-1927, and Emma J. Clark, his wife, 1845-1920, by Mrs. Sam Pressey;
in memory of Sam Pressey who died in 1937, by Mrs. Sam Pressey.

The majority of the cushions for pews are a gift of Margaret Cousley, who suffered from arthritis. They are now in her memory.

Ten pew bibles in memory of Lorraine Floss, a trustee of the church, were given by Molly Hall.

Pew bibles have been given in memory of Jeanette Kleinschmidt, who was born in 1926 and died in 1967.

Hymnals have been dedicated to the memory of Charles Luft, who was born in 1899 and died in 1965. The books were given by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shiebley.

Two usher's Tables in the narthex are in memory of Harry Deterding. Harry was the son of Karl and Doris Deterding who donated the memorial.

A table to hold the memorial book was given in 1964 in honor of the Women's Association by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bengel. The replacement is to be found in the Ben Vine Memorial Prayer Chapel.

A memorial table was given in memory of Elizabeth Watson McKinney by friends. Elizabeth McKinney was born in 1879 and died in 1962.

Carpet in the nave of the sanctuary was given in 1986 by Dr. and Mrs. David Reed to honor the interim pastorate of the Rev. Ross Doyel, and to honor Mrs. Ross (Johnnie) Doyel.

The amplification and recording system which is now in use was first given by Bill Drake and others.

A decorative screen of milled wood and leaded glass has been added to the rear of the sanctuary, to improve the acoustics and to create a narthex (vestibule area). At the celebration on April 26, 1991 to give appreciation and recognition to leaders in the reconstruction the screen was formally dedicated to Frank and Lorelle Webb with the following inscription in the memorial book:

In Praise to God
The First Presbyterian Church
Dedicates the Narthex Screen
In Gratitude to
Frank K. Webb
Chariman of the Committee
which Provided Leadership
for the Reconstruction of the Church
and in Memory of
Lorelle J. Webb
Who Provided a Spirit of Encouragement to the Church
and Loving Support to her Husband
During the Thirty Months of Rebuilding
1988 to 1991

The Musical Instruments

Memorials have been perpetuated in the pipe organ in memory of the following:

Gilson Brown who was born in 1881 and died in 1857; given by Mrs. Gilson Brown.
Frederick Tillman, born in 1891 and died in 1960; given by Mrs. F. T. Hauk.
Donna Stocker, who was born in 1879 and died in 1960; given by Leonard Stocker and Raymond Stocker.
Bessie Williamson Trout, born in 1895 and died in 1962; given by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Port, Jr.
Harold M. Dale, born 1890, died 1961; given by Mr. & Mrs. Ben C. Vine, Mrs. W. N. Cassella, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vine, Mrs. C. W. Emons, and Dr. & Mrs. W. W. Emons.
A. Benton Ellington, who was born in 1898 and died in 1949; given by Mrs. Henry Schikling.
Clyde C. Schmoeller, who was born in 1896 and died in 1962; given by Mr. & Mrs. William E. Port, Jr.

The Trompette Royale (horizontal brass pipes on the case) is in memory of Emma Horn, and perpetuates the memorial which was in the antiphonal organ at the rear of the sanctuary as part of the church's sesquicentennial in 1981. Another part of Emma Horn's memorial involves an annual decoration of her grave.

The installation of chimes in the organ has been given to honor John Dale and Mary Stobbs, by the law partners Stobbs and Sinclair.

The clochettes (a set of tiny bells) was a gift of Dorothy McKinney to the Glory of God. Dorothy McKinney has been an active member of the church for forty four years.

The harpsichord is in memory of Gilson and Nellie Brown.

The Steinway grand piano is in memory of Ray and Gail Lottinville who were parents of Barbara Damon, and in memory of Philip Lottinville who was her brother. The piano was a gift of Robert and Barbara Damon.

The fourth octave of English Handbells is given in memory of Hortense Pfeiffenberger by family and friends.

The bourdon bell (low C) is given in memory of Vera Maul.

Other octaves of the handbell collection were purchased with accumulated funds for memorials.

The Paraments

The green set of paraments for use between Pentecost and Advent is given in memory of Fred Theen, by his wife Jeanne Theen.

The red set of paraments is in memory of Elizabeth Olson.

The white paraments for use during the Christmas and Easter festival seasons are given in memory of O. Edmund Fletcher.

The blue advent Jacobean frontal for the communion table is given in memory of Elizabeth Lind Hoehn, mother of Moreland Lind Hoehn Alozery, who donated the memorial. Elizabeth was a long-time member of the church, who lived from 1891 to 1963.

The blue pulpit hanging and Bible bands

The purple lenten Jacobean frontal for the communion table is in memory of loved ones of Richard and Elizabeth Johnson.

The purple pulpit hanging and Bible bands

The white linen communion table cloth is in memory of Roland and Alice Radecke, who were parents of Molly Hall (who donated the memorial), and in memory of Helen and Russell Dale who joined First Presbyterian Church in 1940. Russell served as an Elder and on the Board of Trustees. Helen was very active in the Women's Association.

The American Flag and the flag of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) were given in memory of Vera Clark Look by Hunter Look.

The velvet and tapestry funeral pall was given in memory of the deceased of the year 1986.

The Memorial Prayer Chapel

The area of the sanctuary which includes the bay windows to the east of the chancel, where Ben Vine used to teach Sunday School, is now designated the Memorial Prayer Chapel, and is dedicated in memory of Ben C. Vine.

The Stained Glass Windows

Beginning on the west side of the sanctuary in the Old Testament section:

The Name of God Window is in memory of Richard G. Bengel, who became a member in 1952 and was active until moving away from the area, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bengel.

The Hand of God Window, which depicts the giving of the children of Israel, is in memory of Vera Clark Look, wife of Hunter Look, who was the donor. She joined the church on February 28, 1924.

The Creation Window is in memory of James Franklin Vine, 1875 to 1938, and Mary Matilda Vine, 1879 to 1966. The window was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Vine and Miss Patricia Vine.

The Rainbow Sign of the Covenant Window, recalls the promise to Noah that God would preserve his people. The window is in honor of Everett F. and Mary V. Butler, Everett's parents, Frank E. and Ella Cox Butler, Mary's parents, Guy N. and Florence G. Vedder and Everett's sister, Gladys M. Butler. Mary is a long-time member and historian of the church, and Everett was a member of First Church, joining in 1924. Mary was Presbyterian Secretary for Spiritual Life and Stewardship. As an elder, she along with Rev. Russell Shaw, set up the Self Development of People program for the presbytery. She was synodical chairman and worked 9 years in the Sunday school. She ran the junior church for a number of years. Florence Goff Vetter, Mary's mother,

was very active in the church women's groups and the mission society. The window was given by Mary Butler, Marilin B. Bromaghim, Robert E. Butler and Gladys Butler. The Ten Commandments Window is dedicated to the memory of members of the women's association and the missionary societies, from 1836 when the first society was formed in Alton, to the present. It was given by the Women's Association of 1964.

The Messianic Rose window recalls the prophecy of the coming Messiah in the book of Isaiah. The window is in memory of James M. Tchoukaleff, who was born in 1888 and died in 1961, given by Nan Tchoukaleff.

The next windows are the Baptismal Window which was given in Memory of William B. Allen, who was born in 1885 and died in 1963. It was given by Mrs. William B. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steck, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cantrill.

And the Holy Communion Window given in memory of John Walz born 1884 and died in 1951, Mary Walz born in 1889 and died in 1937 and Eli J. Nations who was born in 1856 and died in 1939. The window was given by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Walz.

In the west chantry the Eighth Psalm Window recalls the verse, "...the moon and the stars which Thou hast established." The window is in memory of Dr. James Burris Johnson, husband of Anneka Theen Johnson, who made the donation. J. B. Johnson served several terms on the Session and the Board of Trustees.

The Twenty Seventh Psalm Window shows a rooster standing on a rocky prominence fulfilling the psalm, "He will set me upon a rock ...my head be lifted up... I will sing and make melody to the Lord...." The window is in honor of Thelma J. Hamilton and in memory of Howard W. Hamilton and John C. and Lydia W. Knapp. Thelma J. Hamilton of Geneva, Nebraska, is the mother of Dr. Robert Hamilton, and Howard was his father. John C. and Lydia Knapp who were from North Platte, Nebraska, were the parents of Charlene Hamilton. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton donated the window.

In the Memorial Prayer Chapel, continuing clockwise around the church, the next window is the One Hundredth Psalm Window which has the words, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." In the picture, frogs and the katydid are fulfilling the psalmist's injunction. The window is in memory of L. Homer Campbell, husband of Jeane Campbell and father of Marcia Kaminski, Linda Harner and Bradley Campbell. Homer was an active member of the community and of First Presbyterian Church. The gift was made by Jeane Campbell, family and friends.

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Psalm invites worshipers to "Praise Him with trumpet sound...Praise Him with lute and harp...." The window is given to the Glory of God and the inspiration of music by the O. Edmund Fletcher family.

The One Hundred and Twenty First Psalm Window is in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnstone Luer, who joined First Presbyterian Church in 1907. The psalm says, "...my help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth," represented in the rainbow

and in the trees and flowers. The memorial is given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bethards.

Two windows along the passageway in the prayer side chapel are in memory of Carla Lee Brueckmann and Gertrude and Marvin Swaim. Carla Brueckmann grew up in First Presbyterian Church, and is the daughter of Robert and "Peet" Brueckmann (who donated the window). Gertrude and Marvin Swaim were the parents of "Peet" Brueckmann. Gertrude was a member of the College Avenue Presbyterian Church. Marvin Swaim was an active member of the Alton community and participated in many charitable programs.

The first of the two windows stands for Psalm 84; the picture includes flowers and a bird in flight as well as a nest of eggs. The Church has often been called the Lord's "dwelling place (where) the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young..." The window in the memorial chapel nearest the nave represents the favorite Psalm 23, and shows a sheep and a shepherd's crook, along with sandals that "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil."

Framing the New Testament Window are two celtic cross windows in memory of Gloria Hine Briggs. Gloria was the daughter of George and Dorothy Hine and was very active in the youth group while growing up in the church. The group was called Westminster Fellowship and was led by Joan and Bob Campbell. Gloria was the mother of George and Dorothy's five grandchildren. George and Dorothy Hine donated the windows.

The Lamb of God Window was given in memory of Beatrice Emons, mother of Betty and Dean Emons. She was active in First Presbyterian Church from the time she became a member in 1960 until her death in 1989. The window was given by Betty and Dean Emons, family and friends.

The Descending Dove Window, symbolizing the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism, is in memory of Ralph Perry, who was the husband of Eleanor Perry, who donated the memorial. He served on the Session and shared the love of music with his wife.

The Nativity Window is in memory of Miss Esther Duncan who was born in 1864 and died in 1943, and of Miss Elizabeth Duncan, born in 1857 and died in 1947. It was given by George Duncan, Sr.

The Crucifixion Window is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. Elfgen. Dorothy and Eugene Elfgen were active members of First Presbyterian Church and Mr. Elfgen served several terms on the board of Trustees and on the Session. The window was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mottaz and family, and by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Mrkacek and family.

The Resurrection Window is in memory of Miss Amelia Kuhn, who was born in 1873 and died in 1933, and was given by Miss Florence Kuhn.

The Ascension Window, symbolizing eternal life, is in memory of William Markham Akin, Jr, who was born in 1919 and died in 1938. It was given by William and Rosalind Akin.

At the rear of the Sanctuary the windows carry the symbols of the twelve Apostles in a matrix of leaves which recall Christ's words, "I am the vine and you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing." Above the windows are Greek letters signifying Christ.

The Alpha Window is in memory of Lucille Springman Collins, sister of Helen Becker, who gave the memorial. Lucille grew up in this church.

The Chi Rho Window is in memory of David Parrish, brother-in-law of Barbara Schrimpf, and was given by Mr. and Mrs. R. William Schrimpf and family.

The Omega Window is in honor of Esther J. Mattson and in memory of Edward J. Mattson, Erie Mae Thompson and John B. Ragland, Jr. Esther J. Mattson is the mother of Dick Mattson, and Edward J. Mattson was his father. Erie Mae Thompson and John B. Ragland, Jr. were Diane Mattson's parents.

In the center are the symbols of Peter and Andrew. The Apostle Andrew Window, with the X-shaped cross, is in honor of the children and grandchildren of Raymond and Elaine Martin. The children being Susan Sinclair, Nancy Prott, Nick Martin and Elizabeth Rowland. The grandchildren are Jay and Emily Sinclair and Cory Prott.

The Apostle Peter Window with crossed keys, given by Helen Becker, is in memory of Arthur Becker, the husband of Helen Becker and in memory of Larry Becker who was her son. Also in memory of Arthur Becker, Sr. and Cleo Becker, and in memory of Lawrence and Lola Springman who were parents of Helen Becker.

The shield of St. James ("the Greater") has three escallop shells, symbols of his missionary pilgrimages. The window is in memory of Casper John Jacoby, Jr. and Adienne Eversmith Jacoby who were parents of Casper John "Jack" Jacoby III, and in memory of Earle Dana Owen and Margaret Wright Owen who were the parents of Elizabeth (Betty) Owen Jacoby. The window was given by Casper John Jacoby III and Elizabeth Owen Jacoby.

The Apostle John Window recalls one of many attempts to assassinate the saint, all of which failed. The window is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Maupin, parents of Mildred A. Orr and Elsa C. Maupin. They became members of First Presbyterian Church in 1960. It was given by Mildred A. Orr and Elsa C. Maupin.

The Apostle Philip Window recalls John 6:7 in which Philip doubts that two loaves will feed a multitude. The window is in honor of the families of Ray and Elaine Martin, parents of Sue Sinclair, who are active in the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Missouri; and in honor of Norman and Kathryn Sinclair, parents of Jim Sinclair, who are active in the First Presbyterian Church of Jerseyville, Illinois. The window was given by James and Susan Sinclair.

The Apostle Bartholomew Window carries the symbols of his martyrdom, for he was flayed alive by knives and then crucified. The window is in memory of Dr. Ralph W. Bushee, Sr. and Bessie E. Bushee, who were the parents of Eleanor J. Bushee, who made the donation; and in memory of Ralph W. Bushee, Jr. and Jesse Ray Bushee, her brothers.

The Apostle Thomas, a builder of churches, is symbolized by a carpenter's square. The window is in honor of Cameron W. Meredith, Jr. The inscription for the book reads, "Camie, as he is fondly known, is the 'special child' of Cameron and Betty Jane Meredith. He taught them the real meaning of unconditional love, patience, understanding along with compassion for others. He made a difference; he changed their lives."

St. James ("the Less"), was a martyr, whose body was dismembered with a saw. The window is in memory of William A. Roglis, who was the husband of Grace Roglis; given by his wife; children, William Richard Roglis and Marylin Grace and grandson, Billy Stewart.

The Apostle Matthew Window carries the symbolism of his martyrdom; he was beheaded with an axe after he had been crucified. The window is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Wells, parents of Betty Lou Hooker, and of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hooker, parents of Dr. John H. Hooker. It was given by Dr. John H. Hooker and Betty Lou Hooker.

St. Jude (Thaddaeus) is represented by a sail boat. The window is in honor of Clarence and Francis Utterback, parents of Paul Utterback, and of Earl and Grace Bice, parents of Mary Grace Utterback. The window was donated by Paul and Mary Grace Utterback.

Simon the Zealot is symbolized by a fish on a hook, because Simon was a great fisher of men through the power of the Gospel. The window is in memory of Harrison L. Boyer, who was the husband of Dorothy Boyer (who gave the window). Mr. Boyer served several terms on the Session and as Clerk of the Session. He helped with the Stewardship Committee for a number of years.

The Apostle Judas Window contains an empty shield, for though Judas failed by trying to force Jesus to be a different sort of Christ, countless apostles have stepped in to take his place, and their symbol could be inscribed in the space. The window is in memory

of Otto Walz who was the husband of Ruby Walz; Ruby gave the memorial. He served several terms on the Board of Trustees.

The Cortley H. Burroughs Chapel

In recognition of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Cortley H. Burroughs, and in appreciation for his leadership in remodeling the church and for his vision that downtown Alton needed a center for community service and a chapel for those without a church, in 1988 the session designated the chapel in his memory. Dr. Burroughs was pastor in Macomb before coming to Alton in 1961. He retired in 1985 and died in 1987. A memorial fund was established after Dr. Burroughs's death, the interest from which will be used for repairs and improvements in the chapel.

The Reformer's Window in the chapel, containing the crests of John Calvin and John Knox, was dedicated in 1991 in memory of the Rev. Dr. Cortley Burroughs. The window is the first from the rear of the chapel. Memorialized by Mrs. C. W. "Bunny" Emons.

The Medical Mission Window is in memory of Mather J. Pfeiffenberger who was born in 1879 and died in 1963. The window was given by Mrs. Mather J. Pfeiffenberger.

The Ministry Window is in memory of George H. Smiley, 1846-1936 and Lizzie M. Smiley, 1852-1948; given by Mrs. Nelson Levis.

The Christian Education Window is in memory of Martha Cassella, who was born in 1894 and died in 1965.

A quatrafoil window high in the front of the chapel, containing the insignia of the writers of the four gospels surrounding the seal of the World Council of Churches, is in memory of Miss Mary Pfeiffenberger, born in 1918, died 1959. It was given by Mrs. Mather Pfeiffenberger.

The tapestry dosal curtain was given in memory of Vera Clark Look by her husband, Hunter Look and her sister, Dorothy Harris.

The brass cross on the communion table is in memory of the deceased of 1960 and 1961

The communion table is in memory of Ross R. Sherwood, 1899 to 1963, and Mary Edith Sherwood, 1897 to 1963. It was given by Blanche Sherwood and Marcella Sherwood.

The lectern in the chapel is in memory of William B. Allen, and was given by Mrs. William B. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steck, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cantrill.

A table for the Bible is in memory of W. Nathan Casella who was born in 1896 and died in 1953. It was given by Mrs. W. Nathan Cassella.

The lanterns in the chapel were removed from the sanctuary when the church was renovated in 1963 and 1964.

Memorials Outside the Sanctuary

The furnaces of the church have been given in memory of Ben C. Vine by Agnes E. Vine, his wife. Ben was an elder, historian, teacher, advisor to the young people, and active in other programs of the church.

The elevator has been given in honor of Ben C. Vine and Agnes E. Vine by Patricia R. Vine, their daughter. Agnes Vine, an elder and long-time member, taught in Sunday School, was very active in the Janet Watson Auxiliary of the church, and supported and encouraged many church programs.

A drinking fountain in the fellowship hall was purchased by Mrs. Felecia Fleishman and family, in honor of Ben C. Vine and Agnes E. Vine.

An oil painting of the river and bluffs by Dorothy Roper has been commissioned to replace one destroyed by the fire. The painting is in memory of Agnes E. and Charles C. Luft, parents of Jeanette Jacoby and Virginia Oram, and in memory of their brother David C. Luft. The painting is given by Jeanette Jacoby and Virginia Oram, and by their families, Dr. Robert Jacoby, David and Stephen Jacoby, and Leonard Oram and Dawn Oram MacMillan.

The reproductions of Renaissance-period furniture in the fireside room, antiques in their own right, were given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harry Levis II, in memory of Robert Harry Levis III, their son, who was born in 1944 and died in 1950.

An upholstered fireside bench in memory of Harry Martin Young, 1874-1941, was given by Maude Young, his wife.

The painting above the fireplace is given

The large painting

The redecoration of the fireside room after the fire in 1988 was the project of Loraine Rowse. Laraine also decorated the pastor's study, the assembly hall on the second floor of the program center, the nursery room in the program center, and the lounge.

The church library is a memorial to Paul S. Cousley.

The oak library table is a gift of Maxine Stevenson, who also has served as church librarian since the library was reformed in 1986 and 1987 as a result of the contributions to the memorial fund in memory of Paul S. Cousley.

The couch in the library is a gift of Dr. Jack and Laraine Rowse.
A set of 17 lounge chairs were given to the church by Dr. Robert Hamilton, and helped determine the designation of a room inside the program center which had been a senior high room as a meeting and board room.

As part of the 1988 Centennial Capital Campaign a generous contribution from Agnes Vine and Pat Vine provided new office furniture and equipment, including a duplicating machine.

At the same time the church's computer system, two desk-top computers, a laser printer, software for word processing and church management, and furniture were a gift of Steve and Mary Lou Cousley.

A grandfather clock was a gift, now in memory, of William Olson.

A large Duncan Phyfe style dining table was given by the daughter of John and Alice Pfeiffenberger from their home.

Landscaping outside the church and chapel, following the 1965 construction, was in memory of Georgia Nettie Toupno, born 1881, died 1965. Erwin Dorman donated the architectural landscaping design.

Engraver's Plate (Cetic Cross) used on letterhead and publications given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. (Norma) Landiss in memory of her mother Mrs. Albert G. (Viola) Lenhardt.

The outdoor bulletin board is in memory of Paul Bliss Cousley, who was born in 1876 and died in 1963. It was given by family and friends.

Funds for the hand-carved outdoor church signs were provided by a solicitation of the congregation in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Kenneth Dobson.

Air conditioning for the sunday school was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Landiss in memory of Albert G. Lenhardt, 1894-1966.