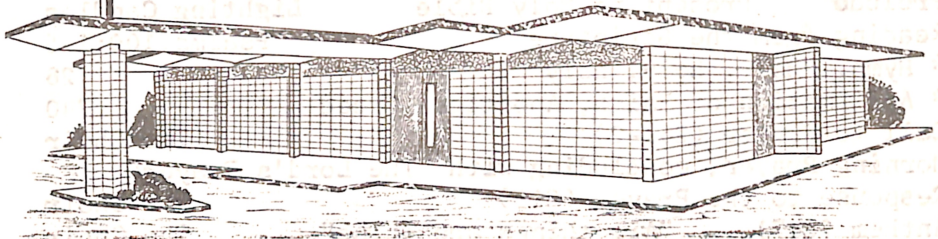




# THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kalvesta, Kansas  
DEDICATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 1968

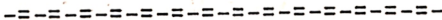


Bishop  
Wm. McFerrin Stowe

Minister  
Elmer L. Brooks

Dist. Supt.  
Robert M. Gordon

## THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP



Built in with the cement and glass and steel of this structure there is devotion, and the dreams of a people who have loved their God, and determined to establish and maintain a center of worship in the midst of their country community. Careful study was given to plans, so that this building would meet well the needs of the church, and stand here for many years to serve as a blessing to old and young alike. From that winter day when the ground was broken, until this day of the dedication, that purpose has not faltered. Only last spring the final debts were paid, and we were ready to dedicate a debt free house of worship.

The congregation has cause to feel a sense of pride in their well ordered sanctuary, with its cushioned pews, its fine Baldwin organ, and the beautiful comfort that is provided by year around air conditioning. The Fellowship Hall has been so located as to serve well for an over-flow area for the sanctuary. The fully equipped kitchen is the pride and joy of the women of the church. The Sunday School rooms provide a place for study in the midst of beauty. And it is a delight for the people of this church to welcome here all who come to worship.

Indeed; this is God's House. And we who are his own children may find here the answer to our deepest needs.

Ground Breaking February 8, 1963  
First service May 8, 1964  
Consecration June 14, 1964  
Dedication November 3, 1968

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Edwin Boots Alvin Lillibridge  
Hayes Baldwin William Daniels  
Ronald Scott William T. Wilkoff



DEDICATION DAY - KALVESTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
10:30 a.m. November 3rd, 1968

Prelude Presenting Holy Bible Lighting Candles  
Reading from the Scripture Psalms 100:1-5  
\* Hymn, "Holy, holy, holy 26  
\* Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed 740  
Call to Prayer (261-2) The Choir  
Morning Prayer, concluding with "The Lord's Prayer"  
Response to the Prayer (819) The Choir  
Anthem (347) "All things are Thine" The Choir  
Informal Moments  
Vocal Trio "We Know Who Holds the Future"  
Mesdames Ford, Lillibridge, Reed ----  
\* Responsive Reading Twenty Third Psalm 560  
\* Gloria Patri  
Offertory 295 "How Lovely Thy Dwelling Place" The Choir  
\* Doxology and Presentation of Offerings  
\* Response to the Offering (807)  
Hymn, "Christ is made the sure foundation 298  
Sermon Bishop Wm. McFerrin Stowe  
*THE ACT OF DEDICATION* --- *The Bishop Leading*  
\* Hymn, "Sing praise to God 4  
Benediction Choral Response 815 Postlude

BASKET DINNER immediately following this service, with special table for the Bishop and visiting ministers, who will be served first, since in mid-afternoon the bishop is to be with Rev. Wilkoff observing the 85th anniversary of the St. John Church. All are welcome at the dinner.

*NO SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY.* Anticipated that a generous response in the regular offering will insure a balanced budget for some time to come. We thank you every one.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL PROJECT in Cimarron opens at 7:00 p.m. with service in which 4 ministers from the 4 sponsoring churches will preach in the Methodist Church - and in each of the other churches.

NOTE: Several memorials are marked around the building.

Annual Pheasant Dinner is next Saturday November 9th  
*To everyone who has helped make this a great day for the Kalvesta United Methodist Church - a hearty thank you!*

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Edwin Boots *I speak for the church in presenting this building to be dedicated to the glory of God and the service of man.*  
Bishop Stowe By what name shall this church henceforth be known?  
Edwin Boots *It shall be called THE KALVESTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.*  
Bishop Stowe Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of his people to build this house to the glory of his name. I now accept this building, which shall be known as THE KALVESTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, to dedicate it, and to set it apart for the worship of Almighty God, and the service of all men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled here, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.  
Bishop Stowe: Let all the people stand.  
To the glory of God the Father who has called us by his grace;  
To the honor of His Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;  
To the praise of the Holy Spirit who illumines and sanctifies us:  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Minister For the worship of God in prayer and praise;  
For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;  
For the celebration of the holy sacraments;  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Minister For the comfort of all who mourn;  
For strength for those who are tempted;  
For light to those who seek the way;  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Minister For the hallowing of family life;  
For the teaching and guiding of the young;  
For the perfecting of the saints;  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Minister For the conversion of sinners;  
For the promotion of righteousness;  
For the extension of the kingdom of God;  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Minister In the unity of faith;  
In the bond of Christian Brotherhood;  
In charity and good will for all:  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE*  
Bishop Stowe In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve in this church -- In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course -- In the hope of a blessed immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord  
*WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.*

Unison

Declaration We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

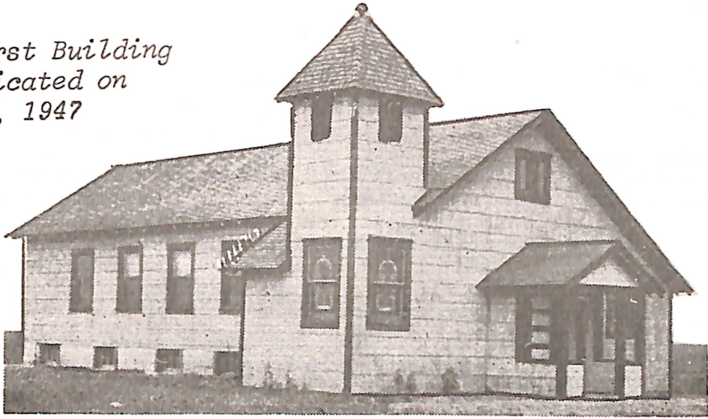
THE SANCTUS

Bishop Stowe Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying  
Congregation *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High! Amen!*  
Bishop Stowe Prayer of Dedication



*This First Building  
Was Dedicated on  
June 29, 1947*

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SOME HISTORICAL NOTATIONS

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Previous to 1926 there had been Sunday School conducted in the school house. Then in 1926 E. P. Rogers came from Cimarron, and the church at Kalvesta was organized. For a time they continued to meet in the school house, until 1946 when the first church at Kalvesta began to be used. It was dedicated on June 29, 1947. Bishop William C. Martin came for that service. W. F. Ramsdale was pastor and J. Russell Throckmorton was the district superintendent.

At that time the hour for the Kalvesta service was moved from afternoon to 9:30 a.m., with Sunday School to follow. This made it possible for the minister to return to his pulpit in Cimarron for the 11:00 a.m. service there. This arrangement has seemed to be to the advantage of both churches, and is now in force.

THESE ARE THE MINISTERS  
who have served during  
the years past -----

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E. P. Rogers	1926
A. N. Smith	1927
E. O. Cole	1929
H. E. Stipes	1930
F. E. Rohl	1931
J. P. White	1933
L. G. Forman	1935
F. E. Good	1936
M. B. Holcomb	1940
W. F. Ramsdale	1945
M. E. Hickman	1947
Henry Jongema	1952
B. A. Lovelady	1955
W. T. Wilkoff	1960
Elmer L. Brooks	1966

From the first Kalvesta has been served by the ministers who have lived in Cimarron and served also in the Cimarron Church. In many respects there is a common interest between these two churches that share one minister