



Marvin F. Engelsdorfer

Pastor April 1968 – 1977

Born in Albion, Michigan on February 24, 1928.

Graduate of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois and Edin Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Received Doctorate of Pastoral Counseling from Edin.

Family: wife Dorothea, children – Diane, Elizabeth, Carol, Deborah, and Theodore.

Reverend Doctor Marvin Engelsdorfer was elected pastor from 1968 to 1977.

He was responsible for the first- year confirmation instruction and membership classes. He also served as visitation pastor and pastoral advisor to several organizations. Shared in all other pastoral acts of the church.

Engelsdorfer was instrumental in founding the first Call for Help/Crisis Intervention Agency in the area.

The church celebrated his 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 12, 1977 with a service and dinner at a local restaurant.

Resigned as associate pastor to begin a new pastorate at St. Paul U.C.C. Edwardsville, Illinois beginning October 1, 1977.

He died on February 21, 2017.

Information Sources:

The Church History portion of the Saint Paul United Church of Christ Pastoral Position document, 1984

Moments in History pamphlets compiled by Archivist Alice Jerome for insert to St. Paul's Church Service Programs during the 150th Anniversary year (1989)

The History segment of the St. Paul UCC 175th Anniversary insert to the Belleville News-Democrat newspaper of Sunday January 12, 2014. Material researched and prepared by Alice Jerome, Archivist of St. Paul's Church.

Circuitry (publication of the United Church of Christ), October, 1967.

Belleville News-Democrat newspaper article of September, 1977.

"Celebrating a Life" funeral service program, March 11, 2017