



Theodore N. Tiemeyer
Pastor 1958 – 1960

Tiemeyer was called in June of 1958.

Family: wife Catherine, daughter Joan, and son, Ted.

1932 Bachelor of Arts degree from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. 1934 Bachelor of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Pastoral experience of twenty-four years with his prior assignment at St. Mary's United Church of Christ at New Albany, Indiana where he led the effort to build a new church. That experience led to his hiring here because St. Paul's was building the present sanctuary and education building.

On June 24, 1957, the General Council of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged to form the United Church of Christ. St. Paul Church officially ratified the name change in 1958.

The cornerstone ceremony of the present sanctuary was held on June 29, 1958.

Classes were held for the first time in the new education building on April 5, 1959.

May 10, 1959 saw the consecration services held in our new church as the congregation worshipped there for the first time. It was Mother's Day.

Five hundred new hymnals were dedicated and used for the first time in church services of May 24, 1959.

The present sanctuary was dedicated on October 11, 1959 as part of our 120th Anniversary.

He confirmed the largest class of candidates in 1959, one hundred and seven. In 1960, the confirmation class numbered seven candidates. The reason for the difference was a change in the age a child was eligible for confirmation consideration.

Tiemeyer resigned in February, 1960 after a serious disagreement with the church council. The congregational gave him and his wife a farewell and appreciation tea. He preached his final sermon on February 28th and departed following the service.

He died in 1998 at the age of eighty-nine.

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