

marriage a member of this church." The window was said to have cost a thousand dollars. The two central figures in the window are symbolic representations of faith and hope. The pastor, L.Y. Hayes, in his sermon dedicating the church on January 23, 1887 said, "The varied and beautiful lights of this memorial window are a faint prophesy of the celestial splendor that plays around the sainted spirit of which this is a memorial."

The Andrew Carnegie organ was paid for by the Women's Association and cost approximately a thousand dollars. Note that the decorative organ pipes are in fact real organ pipes. The newspaper reported that one "Ed Pannebaker played the organ, behind the scenes, during the organ recital last Thursday evening. That is, Ed worked the bellows." On the Thursday prior to the building dedication the women sponsored a special recital with a quartet and organist imported from Harrisburg which netted some eighty dollars.

In summing up the new church building the newspaper noted: "It is grand monument to the business ability of Mr. Hayes, coupled with his ability as a preacher, in being able to direct the minds of his people to become cheerful givers of their means for the erection of such a handsome and convenient house of worship."

Probably the three chairs in our chancel are from the old brick church purchased in 1877 for \$50.50.

In July 1954 a tornado occurred. The church spire and bell tower were blown to the ground killing a passerby and injuring another. The tower was rebuilt without the center section, resulting in a much shorter steeple.

A major renovation and refurbishment to the church and manse was made during 1992 and 1993 costing nearly \$125,000. The Trustees borrowed \$75,000 to undertake the project and from large donations from the Caramel and other projects, plus the support of the congregation the loan was paid off in 1996. The roof was replaced in the summer of 2008.

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