

----- Through The Years -----

The old Mentor Methodist sanctuary dedicated in 1906 featured several stained glass windows. These were gifts to the church from individuals or organizations. When the old sanctuary was razed in 1987 to make way for the Chapel, these wonderful works of art were preserved. Today, most of them can still be seen around our church. I will discuss a few of them this month.

First and most prominent is the glass dome in the Chapel. This dome served the same purpose in the 1906 sanctuary and was a gift from the Epworth League. The Epworth League was an organization for Methodist young people. The Epworth League came about as a consolidation of other young people's groups and was founded in Cleveland in 1889. The Epworth League consisted of senior and junior branches. The Epworth League remained in existence until 1939 when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church merged to form the Methodist Church. That merger spelled the end of the Epworth League. The new, merged church called their young peoples group the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The Epworth League also donated a stained glass window which today sits in the Adams Parlor. It identifies itself as Chapter 8308.

The Arcade contains two stained glass windows from the old sanctuary. The first is dedicated to Martin Sawyer from Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Sawyer. Martin was a long time trustee of the church. Next to the Sawyer window is one donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cadle in memory of their daughter, Margaret Emily Cadle who passed away in 1902 at the age of thirteen.

All three of these stained glass windows, the Epworth League, Sawyer, and Cadle had been in the choir loft of the 1906 sanctuary. It is truly a blessing to have these windows still with us. We owe the church members involved in the planning for the 1988 renovation a debt of gratitude for having the foresight to preserve them.

There are other windows and decorations around the church that need to be mentioned. They will be discussed in next month's article.

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