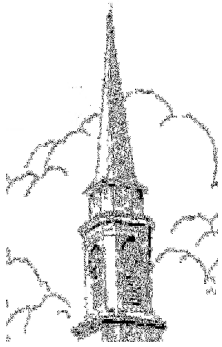


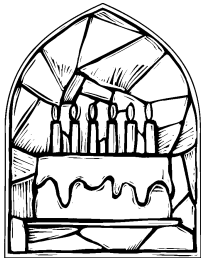
Celebrate the Church's 185th Anniversary!



On Sunday, August 26 the Church will celebrate its 185th Anniversary. The Fellowship Committee has planned an Ice Cream Social on that day from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. It will be held in the side yard of the church. The Western Reserve Saxophone Quartet will be performing. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on the lawn. If the weather is foul, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to make homemade ice cream. If you have any questions or wish to make ice cream, please see Gayle Davet or leave a message at the office.

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The Tower August 2007



Church ANNIVERSARY

50 Year Members

The following people have been active members in our church for fifty years or more. Congratulations to these long-time participants! Please join us on August 26th as we celebrate the church's anniversary and our members' commitment.

Don Bissell	1939	Dorothy Lippitt	1948	Stanford Jewell
Charles Crouse		Robert Richner		Mabel Price
Harold Munn		Mary Lou Sheller		Mary Williams
Natalie Nichols		Paul Munn	1950	Wilfred Terrill
Helen Greene	1941	Blanche Davies	1951	Lois Gandee
David Lane	1945	Daryl Van Bogart		Grace Fedor
Marjorie Richner		Marianne Davet	1952	Bob Heston
Virginia Richner		Marian Flynn		Marge Heston
Lea Bissell	1947	Joan Terrill		Kay Percy
Jane Gant		Larry Hurd	1953	George Richner
Marjorie Percy		Virginia Ford	1954	

Bits from Benevolence

A SPECIAL BLESSING - MARJORIE EVANS BEQUEST - In 2006, the church was left a wonderful gift by Marjorie Evans of which ten percent was given to the Benevolence Committee for disbursement. After prayerful consideration, the committee decided to spread these gift with as many people as possible rather than large gifts to a few outreaches. As a result, 29 disbursements were made to 24 different agencies ranging from area families with special needs to relief to Niger through Church World Service. Appropriately, the final disbursement made at the July meeting was a memorial gift for Bev Holzheimer (beloved summer custodian at the church for several years). The complete accounting of the gifts and the amounts are posted on the Benevolence Bulletin Board. What a blessing!!! Thanks to church council for putting their faith in action and directing ten percent of the gift to give to others.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH ANNUAL OFFERING - One of the 4 special offerings our church supports through the UCC is the annual Strengthen the Church Offering, observed at our church on "Anniversary Sunday," which falls on August 26 this year. This offering is dedicated to faithfully building the body of Christ by starting new churches where the need is great and renewing existing congregations that only need some assistance to thrive again. Please take time to read the informative flyers that will be in the worship folders on August 19 and 26.

CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS

GLOBAL MINISTRY BOARD (at the bottom of the front steps coming down from the sanctuary) - In a recent email from Tod and Anna Gobledale, they shared the experiences of their daughter, Thandiwe, during her service in Kasam, South India. Thandiwe has recently accepted a new assignment in Kathmandu, Nepal.

BENEVOLENCE BULLETIN BOARD - Posted is the 2006 Church World Service report listing the results of their kits program, which makes a difference in the lives of children and families throughout the world. These would include: health kits, school kits, baby kits, and emergency clean up kits. Benevolence recently sent \$150 from the Marjorie Evans Bequest to help with the postage for sending the kits.

Message from the Pastor:

**Dear Friends,
Here is food for thought and prayer.
May you find nourishment in this,
the body of Christ.
God bless!
Pastor Jim**

**Lockup Trustee for the
month of August -
Ron Valentine**

Church women are encouraged to mark September 6, 12:00 pm, on their calendar for the Women's Fellowship Memory Luncheon. You are encouraged to prepare a dish to share from a recipe of a special person in your life you would like to remember. Available are recipes from some past church cookbooks including: Alma Mercer's Corn Casserole, Marion Munn's Broccoli Salad, Alice Hoon's Ladies' Aide Society Dessert, Carol Terrill's Hot Chicken Salad, and Margaret Tyson's Strawberry Pretzel Salad. Please see Mary Lou Sheller if you would like a recipe to try. Special guest for the day will be Rita Gabrovsek who will share her expertise on herbs during a short presentation following the luncheon.

People are needed to sign up for Coffee Hour for the month of August. All Sundays, except the last one are open. It doesn't have to be much. If you are interested, but need help, call the office.

Don't forget to visit the Twinsburg Farmer's Market every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The market is located on Church Street again this year. Come on down and support our local farmers.

Verna Easley Memorial College Book Fund

Guidelines for Submissions

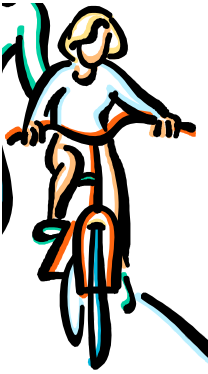
Set by CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF
NORTH SUMMIT COUNTY

April 1992



1. The College Book Fund applicant must be:
 - a resident of North Summit County *and*
 - a member of one of the churches affiliated with Church Women United of North Summit County.
 - a college undergraduate.
2. Application for a grant is made by letter, stating the student's need. Letters must be endorsed by the applicant's Pastor.
3. Grants of \$75.00 per semester are to be used for books only.
4. Application letters for the Fall Semester must be submitted to Marge Roberts or the office by August 15th (received by the Book Fund Chair by August 31st). Application letters for the Spring Semester must be submitted by mid-December (received by December 31st).

To the students getting ready to enter college—please have your letters of application turned in by August 15th—it will soon be upon us! Completed letters may be given to Marge Roberts or dropped off at the church office. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please call Marge Roberts at 330-425-4821

2007 Multiple Sclerosis (MS) 150 Pedal to the Point

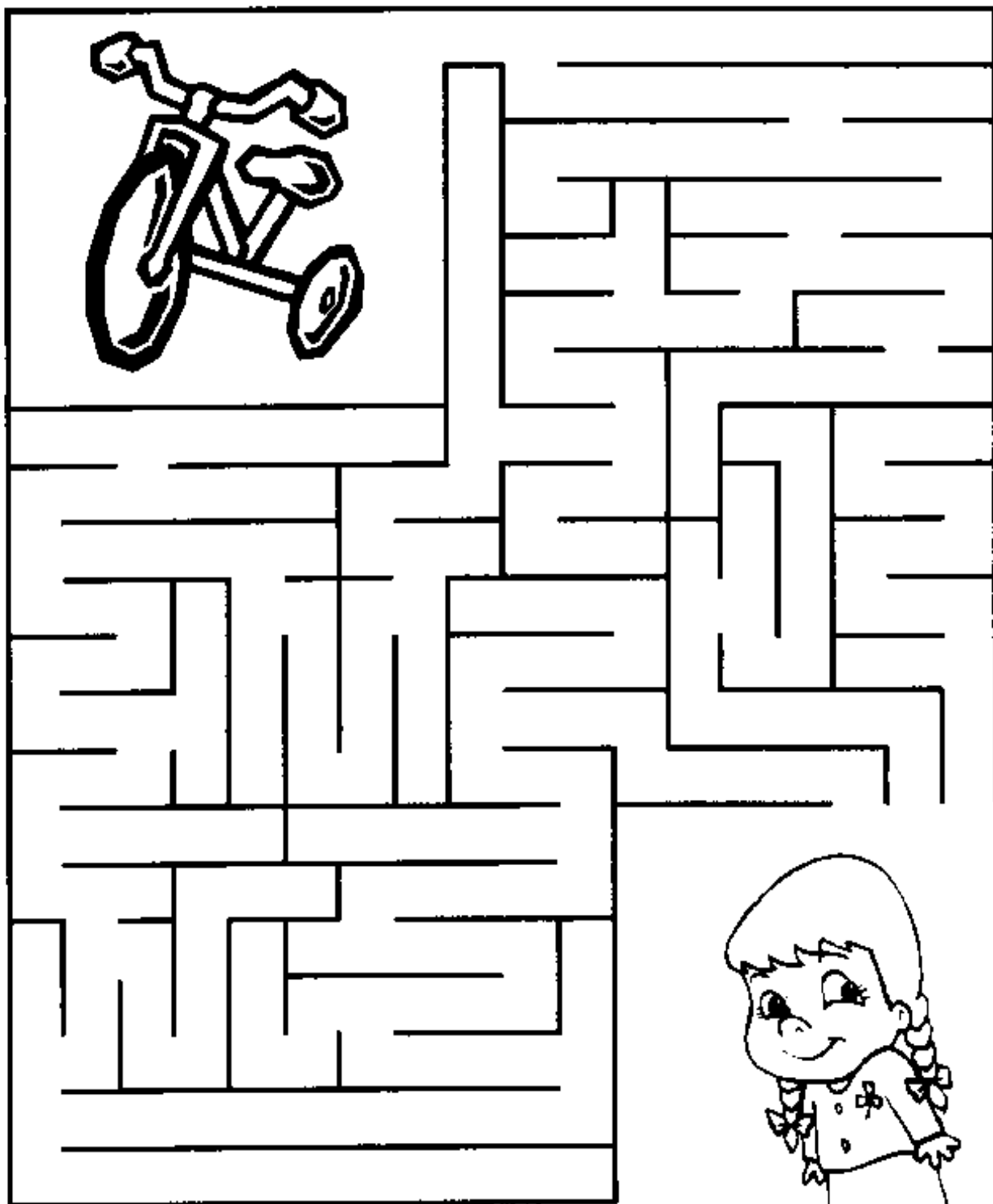
DON'T FORGET - On August 18th & 19th Dick Sheller will be doing his annual 75 mile bicycle ride from the Berea (Cuyahoga County) Fairgrounds to Sandusky High School, near the entrance to Cedar Point and back on Sunday for a two day 150 mile event. Pedal to the Point is a National MS Society major fundraiser. Over 2,000 bicyclists participate in this annual event over the two days. If anyone is willing to help by being a sponsor for his ride this year it will be greatly appreciated. Any amount would be very helpful. Please make your tax deductible checks payable directly to National MS Society and give them to Mary Lou or Dick Sheller. Good Luck Dick!

A Reminder to Please Help if You Can!

The U.S.O. continues to collect supplies to be put into boxes that will be shipped to our troops in Iraq. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall that you may put these items in. These items should be small bottles/containers, such as you would get at a hotel. Ladies Items are especially needed. The items requested include:

<u>Ladies Items</u>	<u>Men's Items</u>	<u>Food Items</u>
Deodorant	Deodorant	Tuna
Shampoo & Conditioner	Shampoo & Conditioner	Sardines
Combs & Brushes	Combs & Brushes	Jell-O Pudding Cups
Body cream & lotion	Body cream & lotion	Puddings
Foot Powder & cream	Foot Powder & cream	Hot Chocolate
Small toothpaste & Dental floss	Small toothpaste & Dental floss	Wrapped snack cakes, such as Little Debbie's
Wrapped tooth brushes	Wrapped tooth brushes	Snack crackers
Razors	Razors	Gum
Towelettes / Purell	Towelettes / Purell	Wrapped hard candy
New Socks	New Socks	Tic Tacs
New Underwear	New Underwear	Small cans of fruit
New T-Shirts	New T-Shirts	Dried fruits
New Sweatshirts	New Sweatshirts	Individual boxes of cereal
Pocket Calendars	Pocket Calendars	Vienna sausages
Flea Collars	Flea Collars	Instant soups
Small perfumes		Small juice boxes
Tampax		

Just for Kids

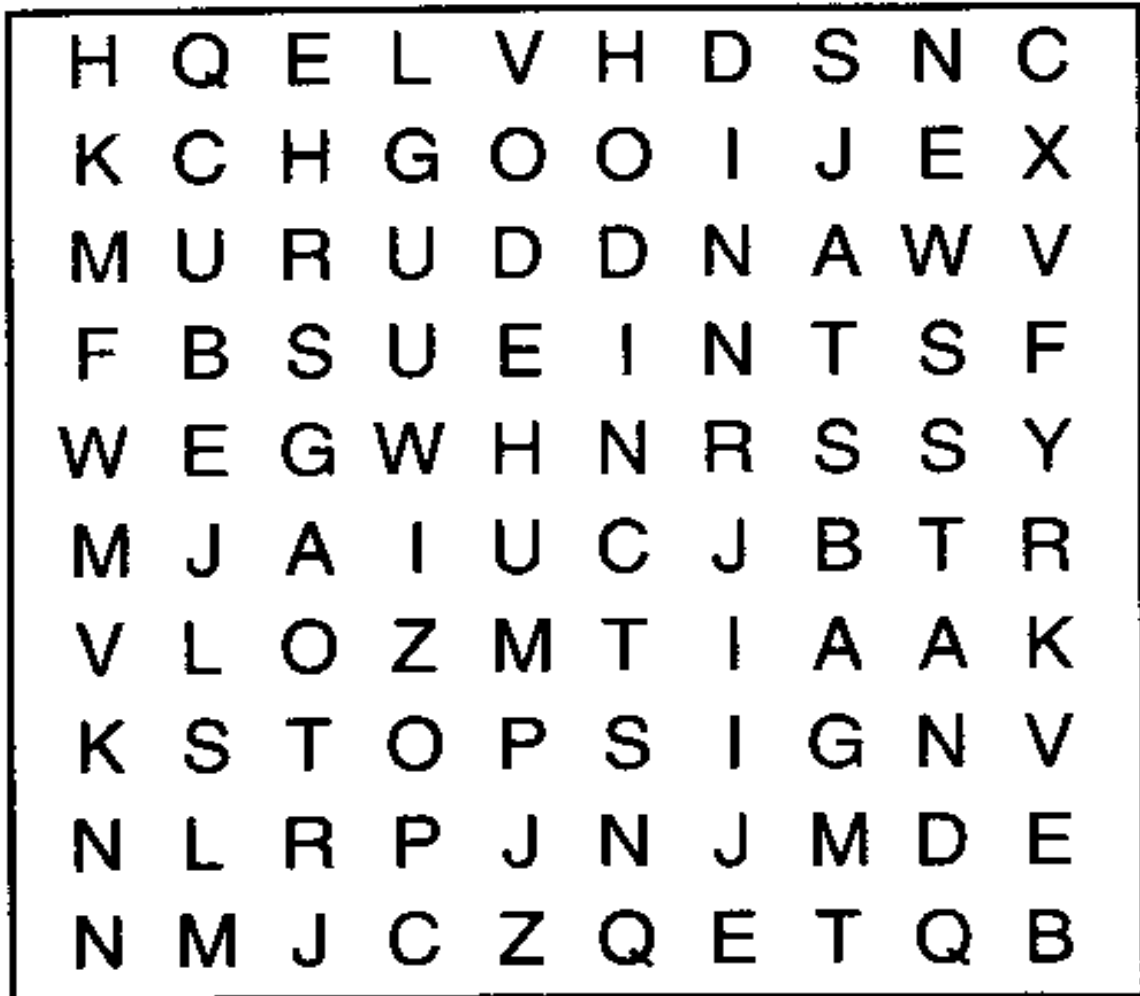


Show Amy the way to her tricycle.

Just for Kids

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FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS



SIDEWALK
STOP SIGN
CHURCH

BRIDGE
NEWSSTAND
HOUSE



Answers to the puzzles are on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Member News

Happy Birthday to:

Marjorie Richner

08/01/07

Heather Hoyt

08/01/07

Blanche Davies

08/02/07

Lacey Bowers

08/03/07

Kenneth A. Prentice

08/05/07

Janet Paiser

08/08/07

Melissa Schilling

08/08/07

Lisa Davet

08/09/07

Steve Conway

08/09/07

Kevin Murphy, Jr.

08/10/07

Tiffany Neal

08/10/07

Lori Bensie

08/10/07

Jane Weiss

08/10/07

Helenann Conway

08/11/07

John Towslee

08/11/07

Ray Keffer III

08/14/07

Marie Maynard

08/15/07

Jason Powell

08/16/07

Patricia Barnes

08/18/07

Dick Sheller

08/19/07

Chrissy Sterling

08/21/07

Stephanie Schultz

08/27/07

Daryl Van Bogart

08/28/07

Robert E. Davet

08/31/07



Happy Anniversary to:

Don & Shari Schultz

08/01/1981

Stan & Jan Cook

08/11/1951

Mark & Donna Miller

08/11/1990

Ken & Kim Lacy

08/14/2004

Jim & Mitzi Karabec

08/18/1956

Joe & Mary Biaglow

08/19/2000

Jon & Chrissy Sterling

08/31/1996



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so we can update our records.

Thank you! A Big Thank You to Gordon Weiss and his fellow scouts for their collection and donation of canned goods for the Assistance Center. This was done during VBS and was a God and Family project. Your contribution was very much appreciated.

Annual Twins Days Festival Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 5

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Twinsburg Activities & Senior Center

Seniors & Children \$4.00

Adults \$6.00

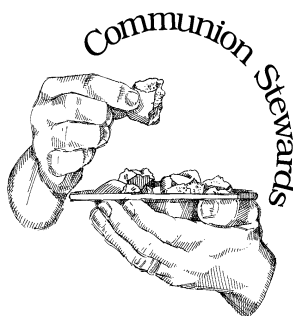
Menu includes pancakes (all you can eat), sausage links, coffee, milk or juice

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August Schedule

August Servers

- Dan Richner
- Judy Turk
- Bonnie Williams
- Ken Prentice
- Carol Zenisek
- Rick Sheehan - Bread
- Mike Muir - Greeters
- Will Adams - Lay Readers



Communion will be
Sunday, August 26th this month

Acolyte Schedule

August 5, 2007

- Gwen Richner**
- Seth Richner

August 12, 2007

- Emma Link**
- Mark Holzwarth

August 19, 2007

- Anthony Pietrantozzi**
- Caitlyn Sheehan

August 26, 2007

- Vivian Weiss**
- Gordon Weiss

The families of the names in **bold** have Acolyte Coordinator Duty and should light the sticks and assist the acolytes.

Please see the instruction sheet posted on the wall next to the sticks.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned week, please find a replacement and notify the church office of the change. Thank you!

Mark your calendars! Fellowship Committee will be hosting a dinner following services on Sunday, September 9th. This is the date that Sunday School resumes and worship service goes back to 10:30 am. More info to come in next month's Tower.

ATTENDANCE

	Sunday School	Worship Service
July 1 st	None	60
July 8 th	None	87
July 15 th	None	80
July 22 nd	None	65



Scrap Booking Friday

August 17, 2007

6:00 p.m.—midnight
in the Fellowship Hall

August Softball Schedule



All games are played at the Glenwood Park ball fields. Come on out and play or support our team. Games will continue through August.

August 1 9:45 pm Field No. 1
Christ the King vs.

First Congregational Church

August 8 9:45 pm Field No. 2
United Methodist of Chagrin vs.

First Congregational Church

August 15 8:30 pm Field No. 1
First Congregational Church vs.

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

GAL 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.*

In my last couple of articles, I have been writing about the need for having a strong foundation in the Holy Scriptures and to pursue a relationship with our Creator. In our scripture for today, Paul lists nine gracious qualities, the fruit of the Spirit, the Christian character that flows out of devotion to God. Paul did not intend to limit the traits of the Spirit's fruit just to this well known list. Indeed, we can add such traits as holiness, humility, compassion, forbearance, contentment, thankfulness, consideration, sincerity, and perseverance.

This is an awesome list of character traits to pursue, and our first reaction – if we are realistic, is to say, “I can't work on all of these”. This is true if we are left to our own devices but these traits are the fruit of the Spirit; the result of the Spirit's work within us. It is this divine dimension that makes this Christ-like character possible and it is only this divine dimension that can keep us from becoming frustrated and defeated in our desire to exemplify godly character traits in our lives.

The source of power for Christ-like character is Christ, so the means of experiencing that power is through our relationship with Him. As we maintain this relationship with Him through His Word and prayer, we are transformed more and more into His likeness. We are enabled by the Holy Spirit to progressively manifest the traits of godly character. The Christian is not like an automobile with a self-contained power source; rather, we are like an electronic motor that must be constantly connected to an outside source for its power. Our source of power is the risen Christ, and we stay connected to Him in His Word and in prayer.

I must confess that I write about the fruit of the Spirit only as a goal of my own spiritual journey and I do not intend to imply that I manifest any of these qualities with any regularity or consistency. This is a goal that will last a lifetime and one that will see many peaks and valleys as my own sinful character gets in the way.

The important thing that I must remember is that this spiritual journey is only acceptable to God if my motivation is based on a devotion to God. Pursuing godly character traits so that I can maintain my reputation in front of others or to feel good about myself is not related to God and, as such, these motives are not acceptable to God. Jesus provided all of the motivation that we need to pursue a relationship with the Creator of the heavens and the earth when he said,

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

There is no greater ministry that we can provide to the surrounding community than to pursue a relationship with God, resulting in the fruit of the Spirit, that will enable us to love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. With the help of the Holy Spirit, it is this Christ-like character that will provide a foundation for us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Joel S. Pietrantozzi

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Come worship with us
and bring a friend!
Summer Worship Service
9:30 a.m.

Tower Submissions

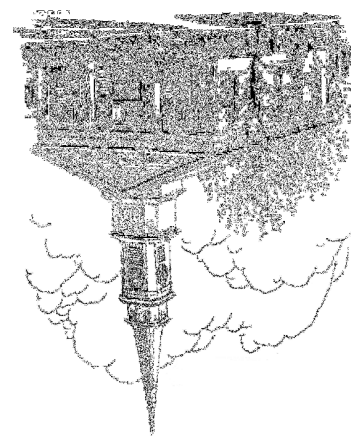
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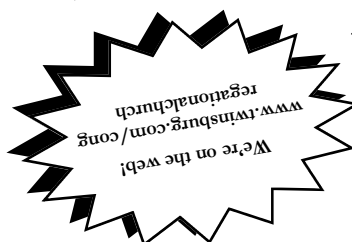
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