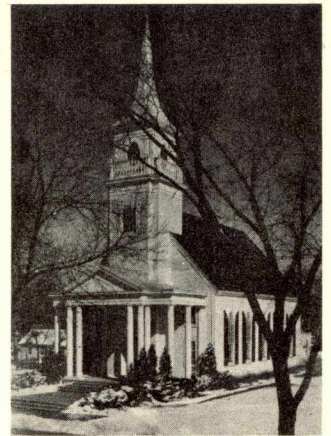


Barrington Methodist Church

SOUTH HOUGH STREET
BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

April 4, 1951

BERTRAM G. SWANEY, D.D.
MINISTER
108 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE



Dear Friends:-

The time has come for me to make known to all of you that I expect to retire from the active ministry at the next session of Rock River Conference, which begins June 19, 1951. It is never easy for any minister to retire, if he loves his work, and especially if he has had as happy an experience as mine has been. Since I was received into the conference 43 years ago, Mrs. Swaney and I have served seven churches, and I had a six year term as district superintendent. In addition I served three years as a student pastor before 1908.

Every appointment was better than I deserved, and the present one to the Barrington Church has been ideal for us. You and all our people have showered us with kindnesses, and it has been a real temptation to remain here in the active ministry for the three more years which the rules of Methodism would make possible.

During the remainder of this conference year, I trust that each of you will do at least a little more than usual to make the work of our church a success. There will be many things to be done in the next two and one half months. Several parents have suggested that I baptize their children, but haven't set dates. A note or telephone call will put this privilege in a definite place on my calendar.

Others have indicated a desire to be received into the membership of our beloved church "later." Let me suggest that already it is "later than you think." It will be a reason for my greater joy in these closing weeks of my active ministry if I may welcome all these into the fellowship of our Lord and his church.

I have only nine more Sundays in which to preach to you. I wish to center these nine sermons in the general theme, "Things Worth Remembering." I hope that every child above the Primary, every youth and adult may hear these messages. Let us make each worship service a joyous occasion. Prof. Don Holter will preach the Thank Offering sermon April 15th.

We expect to move about June 30th to our retirement home in Wheaton, from which I hope to render part time Christian service. When the new minister comes to Barrington be as kind and appreciative as you have been during our four years as your co-workers. Mrs. Swaney and I will always reserve a large place in our hearts for you and the Barrington Church.

Yours in His name,

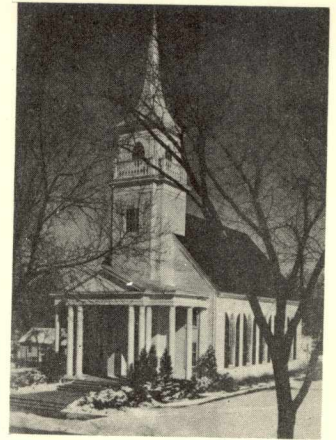
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May 23, 1951



Dear Friends:

I write this letter with a feeling of mixed emotions.

It is not pleasant to contemplate the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Swaney will soon be leaving our midst. It is, however, a pleasant task to ask you to join in a common endeavor in their behalf.

Within the Church there has been a spontaneous desire by many to contribute towards a "Purse" to be presented to the Swaney's. We plan to make such a presentation at a Tea on June 17th.

Contributions are, of course, entirely voluntary. Consequently, there will be no organized plan of solicitation. Thus, this letter will serve as the only invitation to you for a contribution toward such a fund. Your gift, large or small, will be appreciated. (There will be no other solicitations for farewell gifts.) So -- send your contribution now to:

Earl M. Schwemm
240 Elm Road
Barrington, Illinois

Our aim is to have a fund sufficient to pay the moving expenses of the Swaney's, plus an ample sum to purchase an appropriate gift which will serve as a permanent reminder of their Barrington Congregation.

We should welcome this opportunity to express to the Swaney's in a tangible manner our appreciation of the outstanding work they have done here. Their efforts will leave imperishable marks on the life of Our Church.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of Official Board

P.S. Remember these dates:

Sunday, June 17th--Farewell Tea for Rev. and Mrs. Swaney -- 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 24th--This is the date of Rev. Swaney's last sermon as Our Pastor.

You will receive a special letter at a later time regarding these two events.

BARRINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends:

The raising of a "Purse" for the Swaneys by voluntary contribution was a very successful endeavor. The number of families participating was remarkable and the total amount contributed was very gratifying.

We write you now to thank you for your contribution and to report to you the overall results:

Total received \$ 827.50
Dispersed as follows:

Gift Guest Book - - - - -	\$ 3.50
Roses for Mrs. Swaney - - - - -	17.85
Chair for Reverend and Mrs. Swaney -	192.78
Cashier's check given the Swaneys -	<u>600.00</u>
In behalf of the Swaneys	\$ 814.13
Mimeograph and Mailing - - - - -	<u>13.37</u>
	<u>\$ 827.50</u>

The Congregation has cooperated wholeheartedly in giving Reverend and Mrs. Swaney a memorable farewell. We now suggest your further cooperation as to another very important occasion.

Sunday, July 1st, our new minister, Reverend Carl G. Mettling, will be with us to preach his first sermon. You'll agree that having a full Church is the best way to show our loyalty to our new Pastor. We're counting on your presence.

Yours sincerely,

Carl G. Mettling

Chairman of Official Board

P.S. A reminder as to the Summer Church schedule:

July 8th and 15th - Union Service at St. Paul's Church at 9:30 A.M.
July 22nd and 29th - Union Service at Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.
Aug. 5th and 12th - Union Service at Methodist Church at 9:30 A.M.

Methodist Minister Plans Retirement



Dr. and Mrs. Bertram G. Swaney have greeted 310 new members to the Barrington Methodist church congregation since taking charge of the parish four years ago. After retiring at the conference session in June, Dr. Swaney and his wife will make their home at Wheaton and he plans to stay in touch with the church by serving in a part time pastoral capacity. Mrs. Swaney has shared her husband's 45 years in the ministry. (Staff Photo.)