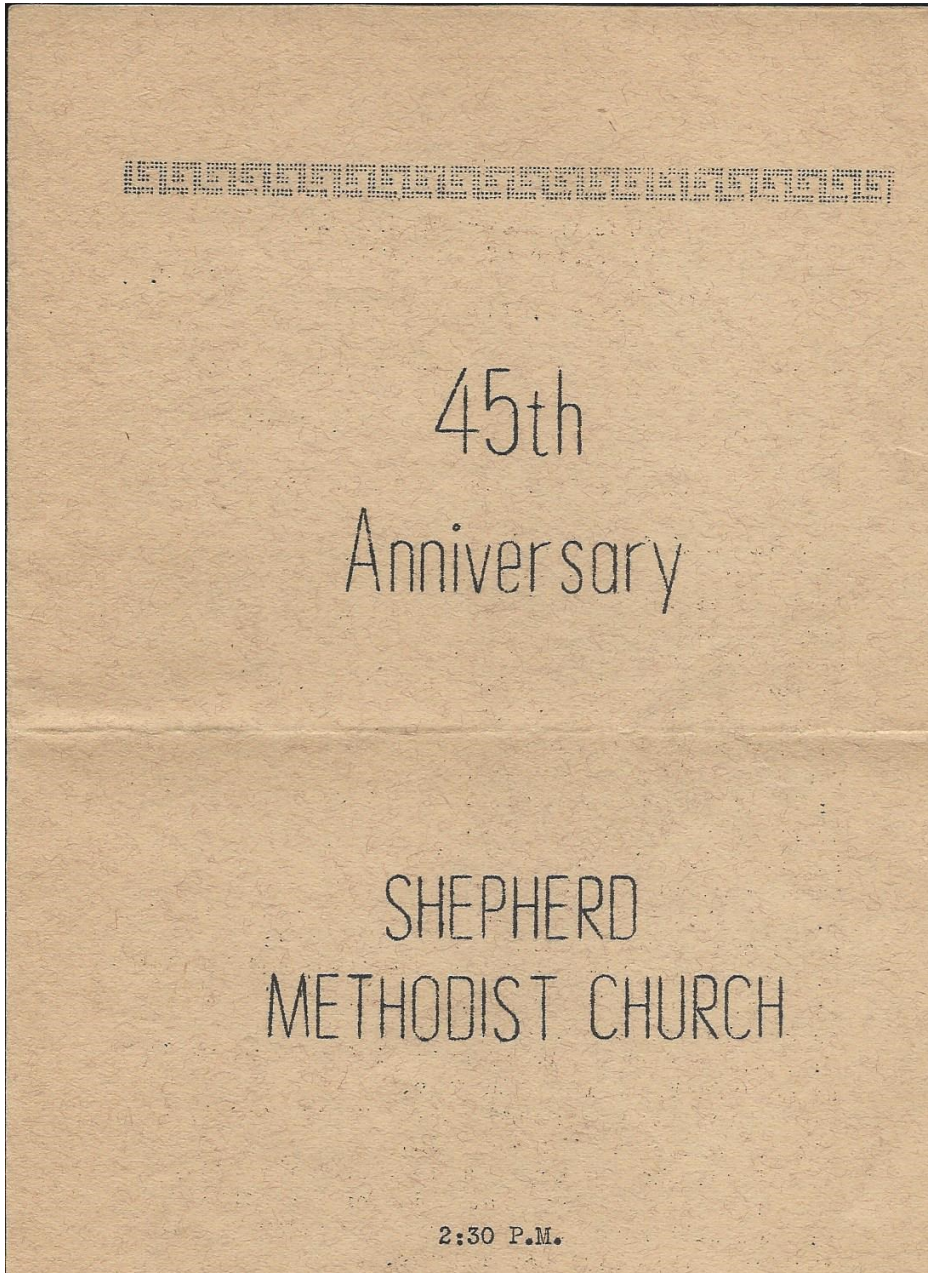


# 1954...would be what anniversary?



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# Going back to...1957



The Methodist Church float in the Shepherd Village Centennial parade, August 1957, with Lyle Bryant standing at the pulpit, Norma Weiss on the organ, and the congregation singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer"...many times according to Esther Bryant!

(First Row, Right to Left: Esther Bryant, Jeannette Brattin, Frances Adams

Second Row: Charles Zook, Bob Garber

Third Row: ?

Back Row: Vivian Zook, Bob Adams)



Harry Brattin



Lyle Bryant and Charles Weiss



Adams Family 1957

# 1959

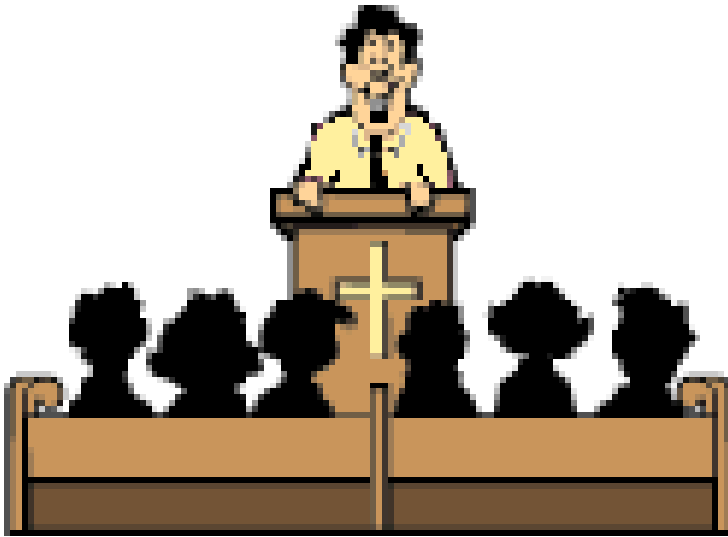


**A new parsonage was built at 222 E. Cottage. (The 1897 parsonage was sold to Dr. Lynch - a veterinarian— to help finance the new parsonage. The Methodists rented the Church of Christ's old parsonage for the pastor until the Methodist's new parsonage was ready!)**

**From the *Methodist Church in Shepherd, Mich.***

**By Robert Adams**

# 1959 cont.



## Trivia Question:

**Rev. Lloyd R. VanLente was the first pastor to reside at the Cottage Street Parsonage and Rev. Leonard Haynes was the last. Who lived there in between?**

**(See answers in the Bulletin next week!)**



# More Parsonage Discussion...

In searching through Church history the name of Rev. Charles Ostrom surfaced in a 1961 newspaper article as a retired pastor. Anita remembers him as 'a nice little old man' who used a 'hearing horn'. Esther remembers him as a 'grand old man' who enjoyed the fellowship dinners.

But where did he live? In the parsonage at the corner of Maple and 4th? Directly east of the Church?

Please read the obituary at the right to learn more about Rev. Ostrom.

1964

## Reverend Ostrom Dies at 93 in Carson City

The Reverend Charles P. Ostrom of Shepherd, the oldest Methodist minister in Michigan, died last night at the Carson City Hospital. He was 93 years old.

Funeral services will be Thursday, August 13 at 2 p.m. in the Shepherd Methodist Church. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. Friends may call at the Garber Funeral Home in Shepherd.

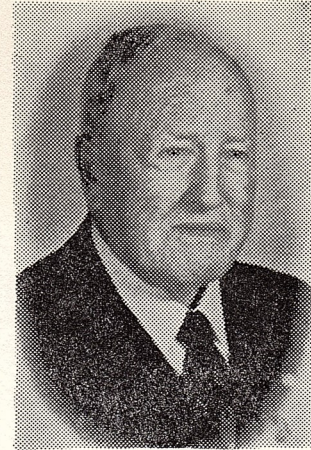
Born in Okemos, on February 2, 1871, Rev. Ostrom was an evangelist for 12 years before joining the Methodist Conference in 1904.

On June 11 of this year, retired minister Rev. Ostrom, received the Golden Cane from Bishop Marshall Reed for being the oldest Michigan Methodist minister.

He made his home at 117 E. Maple in Shepherd.

He is survived by five daughters:

Mrs. Betty Pregel of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Ruth McArthur of Shepherd, Mrs. Dee Allen of Maple Rapids, Mrs. Russell Allswede of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Max Elliott of St. Johns; a stepdaughter Mrs. Olan Gorby of Sand Lake; 10 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.



Holiday Greetings

*Charles Ostrom*

MY 90TH CHRISTMAS