

NOVEMBER

November 20

Heritage Sunday
(circa 1733)

DECEMBER

December 17

Caroling, Burning of Yule Log,
Wassail Reception

** On Heritage Sundays, please consider dressing in
the appropriate style of the period with us.*

Church History

In 1733, meeting the requirements of the Act of Incorporation of 1730, the Congregational Church in Wilmington, then known as the Church of Christ in Wilmington, was founded with the Rev. James Varney being its first minister. In 1813, the first meeting place was replaced by another structure which subsequently burned to the ground in 1864 when a spark from the Bond Factory fire across the street ignited the steeple. On the second anniversary of the fire in 1866, the present church, with the exception of the Parish House added in 1952, was dedicated.

In 1877, the present parsonage was deeded to the church, providing a spacious and lovely home for our ministers and their families. Today this house is an historical landmark.

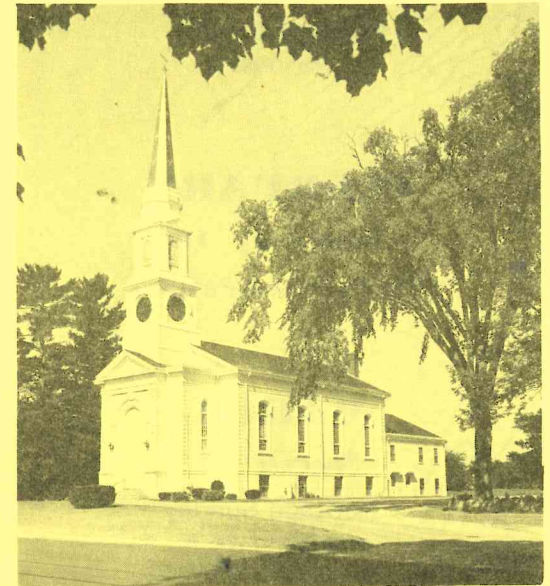
Now, the church body has reached its 250th year and the church building its 117th. We continue to be a covenant people dedicated to the priority of the Word of God as our guide in the present year of celebration and toward the hope of a continued history in obedient service to God and the town of Wilmington.

Church Staff

Pastor

Rev. William Murdoch

Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Program 1733 - 1983



**Congregational Church
Middlesex Avenue
Wilmington, Massachusetts**

JANUARY 1983

January 15

Ham and Bean Supper at 6:30 p.m.
sponsored by the 250 Anniversary Committee
(Snow date: January 29)

January 16

Heritage Sunday
(circa - 1980's)

FEBRUARY

February 19

Family Winter Festival

MARCH

March 20

*Heritage Sunday
(circa World War II)

APRIL

April 30

"Dinner at 8"
sponsored by the Choir

MAY

May 8

Heritage Sunday
(circa 1890's)

May 21

International Breakfast Buffet
sponsored by the Diaconate at 8:30 a.m.

JUNE

June 11

Sunday School and Church Picnic
at 10:00 a.m.

June 12

Children's Sunday

JULY

July 3

Heritage Sunday
(circa Civil War and 1834)

AUGUST

Vacation Bible School

SEPTEMBER

September 10

First Annual Crafts Fair
and Luncheon

OCTOBER

October 22

Gala 250th Anniversary Banquet
Knights of Columbus Hall, Wilmington, Mass.
Social Hour — 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
with dinner immediately following

October 23

Heritage Sunday
(circa 1776)