

Avondale, did you know...?

celebrating 75 years



Week of August 12

Avondale Quilt

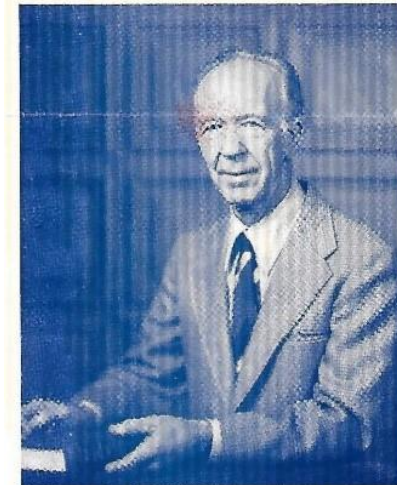
Have you noticed the quilt that hangs in our church office? That beautiful piece of art was made for Avondale's 50th Anniversary! The opposite side of the quilt holds the signatures of Avondale members.



Week of August 5

Avondale Pastors

Avondale has had only three permanent pastors in seventy-five years. Pastor Jim Ewing will be our fourth pastor!



THOMAS W. MacLEAN
Senior Minister

Week of July 29

Building more space...

In 1948, Avondale needed more space for Christian Education, so they purchased an old photographic laboratory from a military base (Morris Field). It was transported to the church and was called "The Hut".



Week of July 22

The Sanctuary we know today..

The sanctuary that we know today was built on two more lots purchased between 1944-1947 at the corner of Avondale Avenue (now Park Road) and Lilac Road. The sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday, July 13, 1947...almost 52 years ago!



Week of July 15

Our First Chapel

Avondale began with a chapel that was made from reassembled old lumber from an abandoned schoolhouse near Waxhaw. It was during World War II, so building materials were not available. The chapel had an assembly room and four classrooms. It was heated by a pot-bellied stove.



This is the first building erected on the property.

Week of July 8

Avondale 1954 to 1964

Read “The Next 10 Years: 1954-1964” by Stewart Farris, Avondale History Team. [Read here](#) or on our website at www.avondalepresbychurch.org/75thcelebrations.

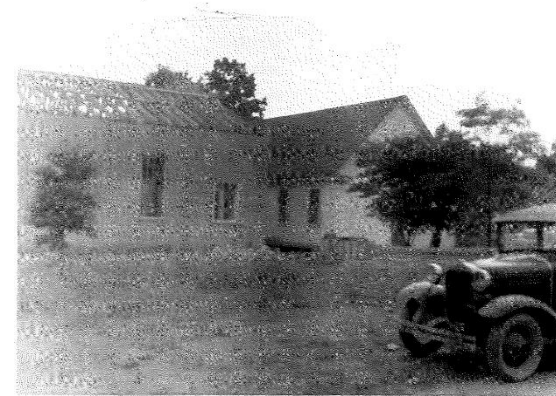


Week of July 1

How Our Church Got its Name

The folks who were founders and the Charter Members of our church would meet on their door stoops or back pitches to discuss the name of the new church.

They settled on Avondale Presbyterian Church because it was located on Avondale Avenue. But wait...our church hasn't moved in 75 years- where is Avondale Avenue??? Well, Avondale Avenue was renamed Park Road, but we remain, as always, Avondale!



Week of June 3, 2019

PWA Award

On Sunday, June 2, 2019 the Presbyterian Women of Avondale (PWA) presented the Honorary Life Membership Award to Nancy Bohrer. The PWA have been honoring women for almost 50 years! (Pictured: PWA Honorary Life Membership Award 2012 to Brenda Coble)

[Read about the PWA and our honorees since 1971.](#)
[2019 Speech honoring Nancy Bohrer.](#)



May 19, 2019

Youth Group at Avondale

Youth Group has always been such a strong and meaningful ministry of Avondale. The many years of faith formation, fun and life-long friendships contain stories that need to be remembered and shared! We shared many at the 75th celebration “White Elephant Bingo Night” on May 19, 2019.

Enjoy a video featuring a performance by “Fiji Dave with Earl, Merl and other Earl - The Soggy Mountain Brothers” from the night.

<https://youtu.be/780ke4PfHNM>

Pictured Youth Work Camp in Harlan, KY in 1984



May 12, 2019

The First 10 Years

A presentation, “The First 10 Years”, covering 1944-54, was shared in Worship on May 12, 2019 by Betty Chambers of our Avondale History Team. [Read the presentation](#) here or find it on our website at www.avondalepresbychurch.org/75thcelebrations.



March 2019

#Throwback1978

Check out this “vintage” picture from the Avondale Follies 1978. Can you name any of these Avondalers?



March 2019

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