

Fairmount Timeline Event, December 12, 2021

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1970's

- 1. Children's Christmas Pageant "78" and choir**
- 2. Church Mouse crafting together**
- 3. Sheep shearing and stone soup**
- 4. We were a mission church and we received financial support from Presbytery**
- 5. Families took turns- cleaning the church and the Community House as well as mowing the lawn**
- 6. Youth group- lots of events! Hayride, haunted house, etc.**
- 7. FPC Ladies held- huge plant sale!**
- 8. Our church cookbook published**
- 9. Choir with Carol Morris**
- 10. Choir- 1970's to today**
- 11. 1970's-2000's: Bill Davis here spreading the word**

1980's

- 1. Sheep Shearing "81"; a large family event and financial benefits**
- 2. AT&T moved a huge number of people here and our congregation boomed**
- 3. ALL church involved in sheep shearing events!**
- 4. Every room in Community House being used for Sunday School- miss the sound of church**
- 5. Youth Group**
- 6. Annual events at Smith's Farm encouraged a great spirit of congregation amongst church members and generated recognition for the church**

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7. Youth minister to enhance involvement

8. IHN

9. Mistletoe Market

10. Carol Morris lead choir and got dust off to a great start

1990's

1. 250th Anniversary- a WONDERFUL year! Many hands on deck

3. We started IHN- Good think to do at that time

4. CHoir led by Lee Carthage

5. Donna and Skeeter Married 1990

6. Survived cancer

7. IHN Mistletoe Market

8. Replacing minister was a difficult time

2000's

1. Summer market- sharing our veggies and fruit with one another

2. 2001- Christmas Live Nativity- My grandson Travis as Baby Jesus

3. Youth Bell Choir brought many children to God's music

4. Our daughter's baptisms- congregation embraced them and sang "Jesus Loves Her"- a beautiful tradition

5. Sunrise Service at Smith's Farm

6. VBS going strong!

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7. Fall parties and Mr. Loth Famous Hayrides

8. 2000-2015- Sunday School going strong

9. Youth Christmas Eve Service- many of children came back just to participate in this service and they are very well received

10. VBS took off!

11. Mistletoe Market

12. IHN

13. Had interim pastor that I do not think was very good

2010's

1. Robin hired as choir director

2. Musical events like coffee, fair, concerts, included people in and out of the church!

3. Women's tea a musical interlude fellowship, food and female vocalists

4. Youth services where our youth really participated

5. ASP and BYG- youth group getting involved and traveling south and west to complete mission work

6. 2010's- youth taking off!

7. Family Promise

8. Mistletoe Market

9. Cookie Walk began

10. Helping Hands sewing, knitting, cricketing

11. Sharing veggies from our gardens

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13. Youth Group and Sunday School dwindling late 2010's

14. Youth Lounge taken and our mural that our youth worked so hard on was covered up without much discussion- very upsetting for our youth & youth leaders

15. Members moving and members declining

16. Declining membership

17. Declining financial support

18. Aging congregation

2020—

1. Worship via zoom/Facebook

2. I am amazed at the vigor of our aging congregation

3. Ecumenical Mission Group Soup ministry - lasagna love

4. Still faithful!

5. Lack of Sunday School and youth involvement