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The Spotlight Continues . . .

Venus, Pennsylvania

The Venus Pilgrim Holiness Church traces its beginnings to June 1975, when Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Rowe felt led of God to move from NY state to the area of Venus, PA for the purpose of starting a church. A church that had been closed for some years caught their attention and, having located a person connected with the property, a bid was made for \$4,000, and it was received.

This church, which had formerly been a Methodist church, was purchased without the altar and pews, which had been previously removed. The Franklin Pilgrim Holiness church donated pews, an altar was constructed, and various items were donated from several sources. The kitchen in the basement was dismantled and made into a Sunday School room.

Opening services were held on September 14, 1975 and the dedication service was October 12, 1975 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Andrew J. Whitney officiated at the dedication. (The pews now in use at the church were donated by the Allegheny Wesleyan Church of Oak Grove, PA.) On October 16, 1977 a mortgage burning ceremony was held with Rev. A. J. Whitney, Conference President, officiating.

Rev. and Mrs. Rowe pastored here from 1975 to 1982, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Kiser from 1982 to 1989, Rev. and Mrs. Brian Spangler from 1989 to 1991, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mullen from 1991 to 1995. Our current pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Donald C. Myers, began their labors here in 1995.



Since that time, the church has continued to march on for the cause of Christ. A parsonage was built, and the congregation was debt-free by 1997. A few years later, the complete church building received new siding, which really makes it look so nice!

A new sign was built for the front lawn of the church around the year 2000, and improvements continue to be made to the church building and parsonage.

God has been so good to us here in Venus! We have some families who continue to grow spiritually, bringing up their families in the way of holiness. Two of the original members continue to come faithfully. Alex Neely and Joe Moore were here in the beginning of the work. Alex is not able to get to church all the time, but he has the church continually on his heart. Bro. Moore is still faithful as always — thank God for the faithful!

We are a happy people, and we want to continue to lift the torch of holiness, spreading the love of Christ to our community. God is indeed helping us.

—Submitted by Rev. and Mrs. Donald C. Myers