

Holiday Memories

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Circa 1950

Elmwood's Mite Society or Ladies Aid was organized in 1886. They met in homes until 1911 when a Ladies Aid Room was added to the church. Meeting twice a month on Thursday nights, the Society was a vital part in the growth of Linworth United Methodist Church.

Longtime members were honored in 1957 with a Christmas Party at the home of Louise Thompson.

"These wonderful women became known to many of us as Linworth's Lovely Ladies. Not only were they active in Ladies Aid, they were founding members of the Thimble Club in the early 1900's. Their most remembered project was donating a pulpit to the church in 1910. It was used for over fifty years and is now on display in our



Heritage Room, Elmwood Station.

Seated l-r: Edna Trees, Etta McGurer, Bessie Beard, Edna Quelette, Iva Armstrong, Edith Roberts, Etta Jones, Lotta Baker. Standing l-r: Lois Smith, Ruth Wilcox



Ruth Wilcox, Lois Smith, and Cathy Hartman helped me with the party. It was the same year we moved to our new church on Linworth Road. We thought it important not to forget the Lovely Ladies of Linworth."

Louise Thompson, 2004



Christmas Eve Service
Linworth Methodist Church

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Merry Christmas



The Night Before Christmas

Beginning in 1877 Christmas Eve Services were held in Elmwood's red brick schoolhouse.

Construction on Bright's Chapel was completed in 1889; and, for the next 68 years, the residents of Elmwood/Linworth celebrated the Birth of Christ by gathering together in the white frame church on the night before Christmas.



Wilcox Family 1913
Standing in back: Orville (Dan's brother)
Front row: Otta, Julia, Ralph, Dan, Martha

"I was born in 1910 and grew up on our farm on Smoky Row Road. I still remember Christmas Eve Services my family attended in Linworth, when I was young. Poppa made sure all the chores were done; and when we heard the church bell ringing, we knew services would begin in 1/2 hour.

Ralph Neds, who lived just down the road, often walked to church early enough to ring the bell; and, if there was snow on the ground, it made such a pretty sound.

The horse was hitched to the surrey; we all piled in and off we went. In the early years, people came by horse and buggy or they walked.



After church all the kids got a piece of striped candy. Those were nice times."

Martha Wilcox Drake - 2004