

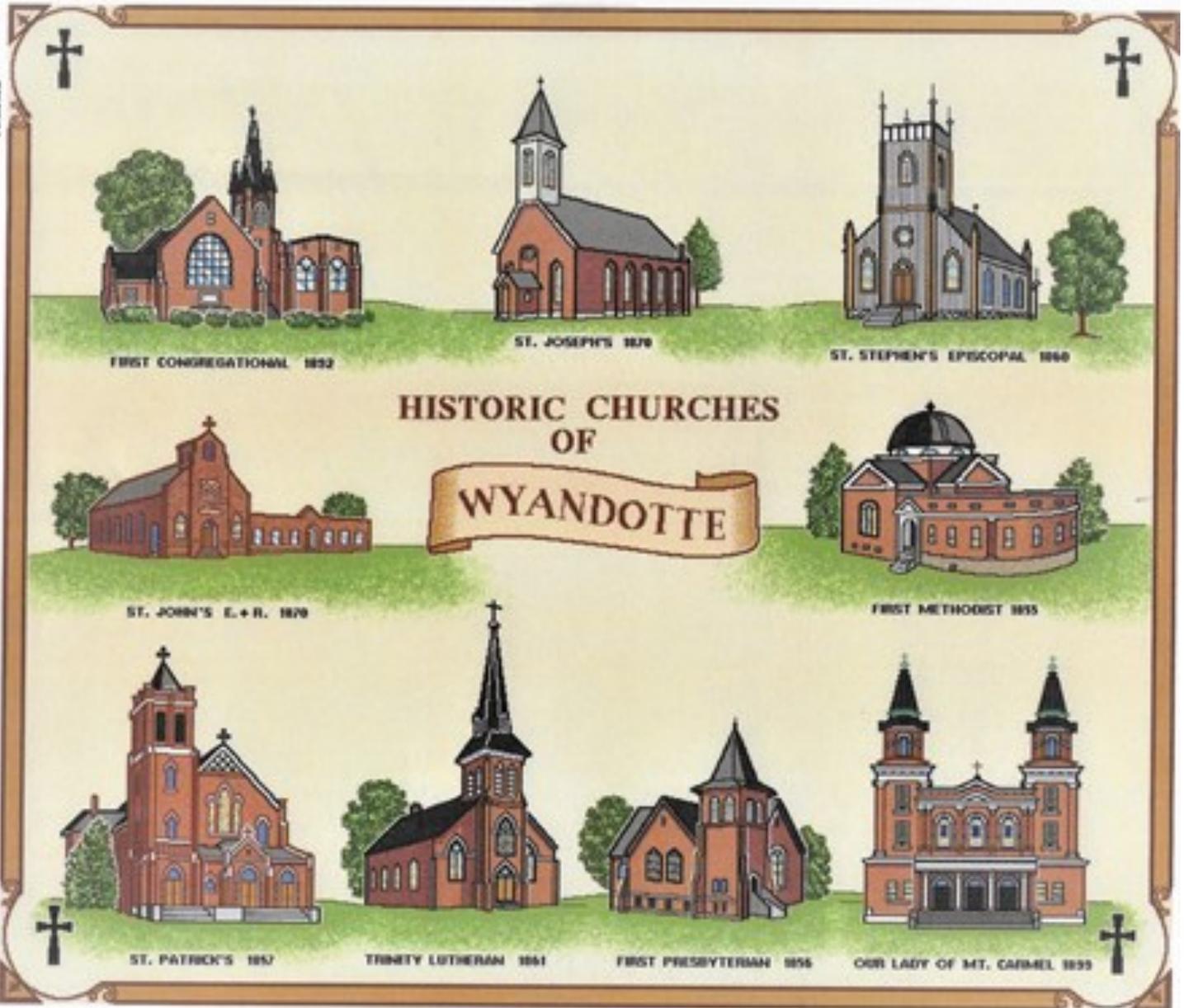
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HISTORIC CHURCH AFGHANS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

I am pleased to inform you that our society board has met for the first time this September, since the virus hit last March. The board met September 2 at Molnar Funeral Home where social distancing was easier to apply than the Marx Home. Our board will discuss with the commission our future project and goals to finish out this year.

I know we believe studying history is important because it allows us to understand our past, which in turn allows us to understand our present. That is why we need to get back to work. We know our society needs a strong and resourceful board to always bring us into the future, increasing awareness and understanding with the commission and city hall. We are glad to be back to work to serve you.

I hope you are enjoying our new website. Our website committee is starting to bring you many articles for your pleasure. You need to watch out for events and commutations as well. Halloween and the Christmas holidays are approaching and our gift shop is open on line and makes great gifts to friends and family. It is new and improved for the first time!!

Christopher T .Stieler - President

FRONT COVER

The picture is taken from the final proof approved for the Historic Church Afghans created for the Wyandotte Historical Society. The nine churches represent congregations established in the 1800's and still active 100 years later when the afghans were completed. Over time, several churches were rebuilt while others were modified with additions and changes. Of the nine original congregations, eight are still active. The Presbyterians are no longer represented in Wyandotte, although their church building still exists and is currently in use...

The Church afghans were a fund raising project and a follow up to the Historic Buildings Afghans created previously. Both are still available for sale in the Society Gift Shop at the Mac-Nichol Museum,.

FUND RAISING

Like all organizations, annual dues are only a part of our yearly budget. This year with the pandemic, it has been necessary to eliminate our fund raisers needed to fulfill our budget needs. Our flea market booth, plus participation in the Art Fair and plans for another pie and ice cream day have had to be eliminated. The gift shop had to close along with the museum and our publication sales at the library stopped with the library closure. It is obvious where this is leading. We are aware that many members cannot help with special contributions, however, if anyone can help with an extra donation, it would be deeply appreciated. All checks should be made out to the Wyandotte Historical Society. We send our thanks to you in advance, knowing that you will do what you can. We will cut corners here too.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Did you know that Middle Age is when the narrow waist and the broad mind begin to change places?

Ken Navarre

WHS WEBSITE

If you haven't seen our new website yet, log on to wyandottehistory.org and take a look. The Biddle Shop isn't quite completed but will soon be up and running and the WHS Newsletters will soon be added as well.

The Website Committee would like to add another area to our website but will need your assistance. We would like to add articles, memories and photos of Wyandotte. Check your boxes and albums of old photos, take a picture of a piece of memorabilia from an event, write down a memory you have or an article – short or long - about a specific topic pertaining to Wyandotte (no need to be a professional writer). We are looking for it all.

Please email your items to wyandottehistory@gmail.com. If you have photos and are unable to make a copy or scan them, call Beth at 734-934-6693 and arrangements can be made to have them scanned at the society office. Be sure to identify anything you send, label all photos and sign articles and memories. Thanks for sharing.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Long time members David and Bernis Fox have left quite a legacy of service and friendship to the Wyandotte Historical Society. In years past, they both were active volunteers at Museum Openings and were an integral part of most events sponsored by our Society.

Who can forget the wonderful time our summer Society event was at their riverside home on Van Alstyne? What a fun time, a river view watching the boats and freighters and seeing David's infamous cruiser, The River Rat.

Though David passed away several years ago, Bernis a tough former Red Cross Nurse in world war II (where she met David} is about to celebrate her 100th birthday.

George Gouth has some very special memories of Bernis and her children. George, as a music teacher, enjoyed Debbie and Dale when they played in the Lincoln Jr. High and Roosevelt band programs. When George was appointed Principal, he enjoyed having Bernis on his staff as a music teacher.

So we have many personal memories to share, along with the fun times with the Society. Best wishes to Bernis and her family.

Birthday cards should be sent to arrive before Sept. 12th. Mailing address is: Bernice Fox, Elm Croft Assisted Living, 19697 Allen Rd. #46, Brownstown, Mi. 48183.

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