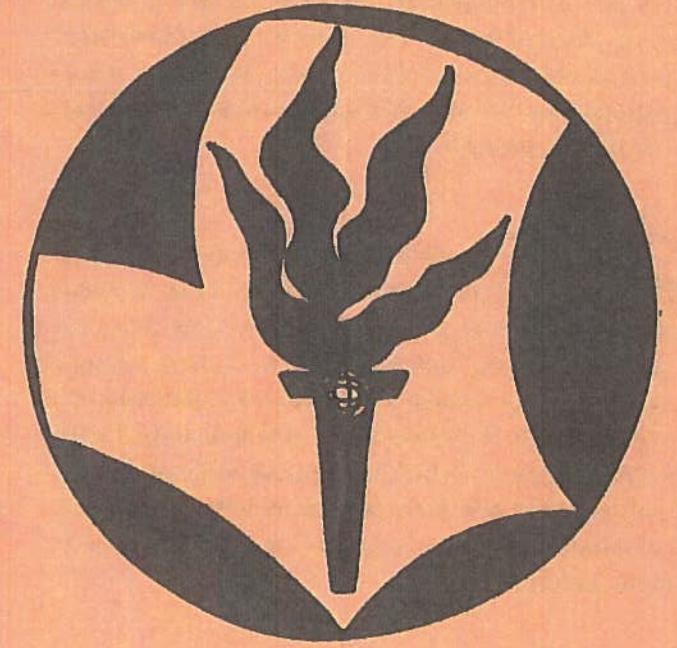
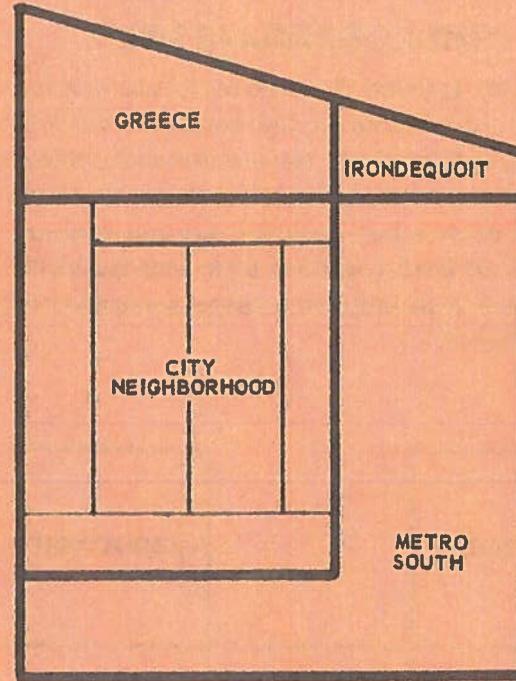


MINISTRY TO A COMMUNITY

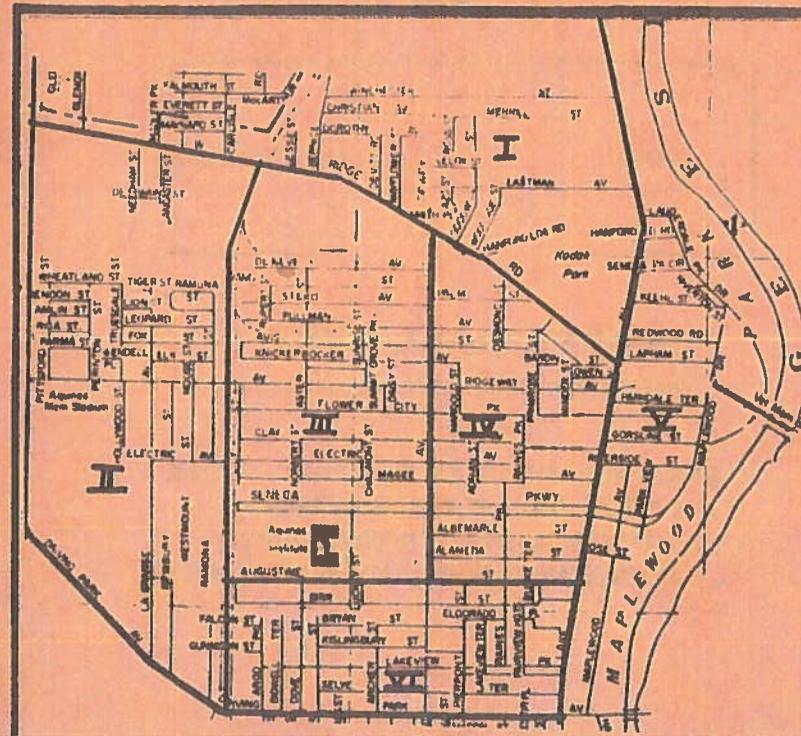


THE DEWEY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rochester, New York

CONGREGATIONAL GRID



NEIGHBORHOOD GRID



THE STORY OF DEWEY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH			
1950	1960	1970	1980
SIGNIFICANT GROWTH	SOCIAL CONCERN	RENEWED CHURCH	
EDUCATION EMPHASIS	SOCIAL ACTION	ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATE	
NEW BUILDING	PERSONAL GROWTH	ENGAGEMENT IN MISSION	
MEMBERSHIP INCREASE	LEVELING OFF	SIGN OF POSSIBILITY	
CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP	PASTOR CHANGE	COMMUNITY PRIORITY	

**FOR
A VITAL COMMUNITY**

BACKGROUND

We are a congregation of the United Presbyterian Church and a Christian Community of the Church of Jesus Christ. We began in 1912, in a small wood building and erected our present sanctuary in 1919. The educational facilities and chapel were added in 1958. We are a congregation of some 600 members and have three full time pastors.

PURPOSE

We began as a church serving this community. Although a number of our members now live in suburban areas, we continue to see the community as our primary concern. We are here to be bearers of the Word about life that will allow men and women to be the creative human beings they are. We are also here to build the kind of community we will need for our children and their children.

PROGRAM

Our life and work together has two main thrusts:

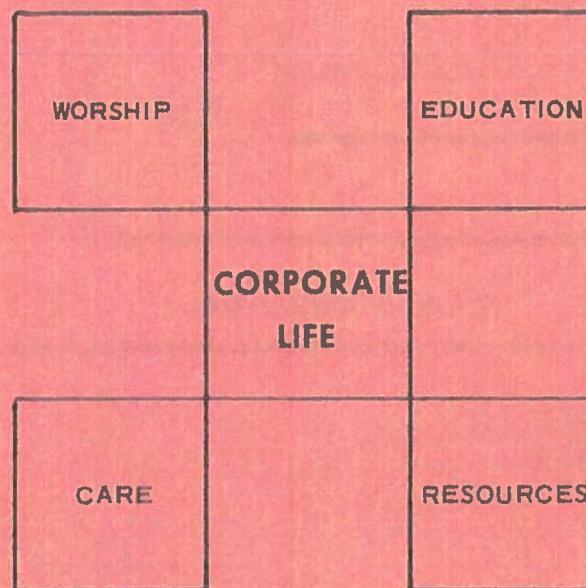
One is our Corporate Life by which we are nurtured, trained and enabled to be the People of God.

The other is our Missional Life which is our common work on behalf of the community and the world.

We believe we are a vital congregation who are ever seeking to discover the depths of what it means to be a human being today.

OUR CORPORATE LIFE

Our life together is central to all that we say and do. Worship is the center of our life and work. Education is the nurture and training necessary to be effective churchmen. Common care for each other sustains us and enables growth. The administrative task enables us to provide and maintain the resources required to be the Church.



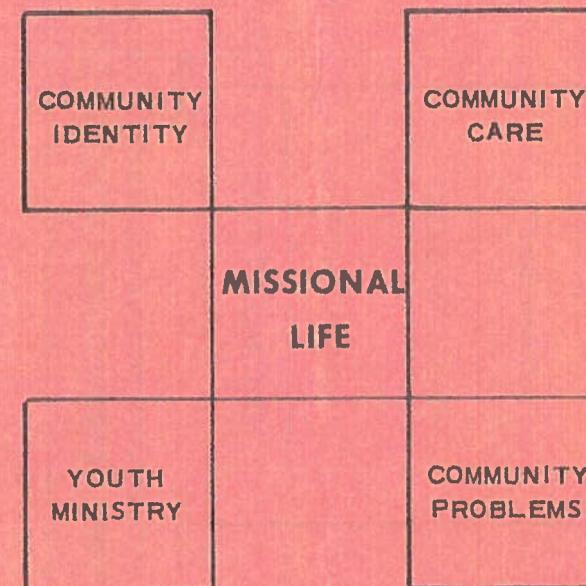
A DYNAMIC CHURCH

Some of the things we provide are:

- COMMON WORSHIP, THE REHEARSAL OF LIFE
 - EDUCATION FOR EVERY PERSON
- FACILITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY
 - EXPERIENCES IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

OUR MISSIONAL LIFE

We see ourselves to be a people who serve the community and the world. That is why we are here. To be this kind of people we work with other churches, community leaders, the Maplewood Neighborhood Association and individual citizens in four main areas:



Some things we are working on are:

- BUILDING STRUCTURES TO CARE FOR HUMAN NEEDS
 - AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 4-6
 - ENABLING STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP
 - DEVELOPING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY