HISTORY OF
ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 12, 1962, thirteen persons met at Blackwell Elementary School on Canton Road, Marietta, Georgia, to discuss the planning of a new Methodist church. In this small group of interested persons was Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta West District (now Atlanta-Marietta District), and the Reverend William Horlock, a graduating senior at the Candler School of Theology.

Across the highway from this meeting place, six acres of land had been purchased by the Atlanta Board of First Methodist Church of Marietta. This church was the "parent" of this new church. They made the down payment on the parsonage located on Worley Drive, and made the mortgage payments for a period of five years. The WSCS of First Methodist Church furnished the parsonage. These generous gifts were important in accelerating the progress of this new church.

Reverend Horlock later accepted the appointment to organize and build the new church. The first worship service was held on April 29, 1962, at Blackwell School with forty-four persons present.

On June 17, 1962, about two months after the first meeting, the new church was officially organized at the first quarterly conference, conducted by Dr. Rumble. The church was constituted by this conference and was given the name St. Andrew Methodist Church. Also, at this time, ground was broken for the new building. A special ceremony was held on the site with each person present turning a spade of dirt.

On Easter Sunday 1964, two years after the first meeting, the congregation occupied the new building for the first time. A record attendance of 290 persons attended this service.

From the onset, this church has played an important role in all Christian concerns. There was a real need for a week-day kindergarten in this community. Immediately after moving into the new building, Reverend Horlock and a group of interested members began working toward this goal. The first two classes began in the fall of 1966. The four-year program was begun in the fall of 1973.

In 1965, when the residence on Blackwell Circle was put up for sale, our District Superintendent urged the church to purchase this property for future expansion. Immediately, it was used as a school for handicapped children. For the last few years, however, this house has been used as the residence for the youth minister and his family.

Plans were made to begin the second phase of the building program for additional church school facilities. This was consecrated in August of 1973. Presently, we are in the planning stage of phase three of the building program- the goal being a permanent sanctuary. A decision was made in the fall of 1980 that the present sanctuary should be refurbished. Part of the building funds were used to purchase pews and carpeting. There was also a clean-up and painting of the sanctuary. Currently, there are plans being made to remodel the youth room so it can be used for a meeting room or for whatever activities the church may plan.

The Andy Hood Memorial Library was formally dedicated December 1, 1974, with circulation of nearly five hundred volumes, audio-visuals and Christian periodicals. Today the library has grown to over seven hundred volumes.

In 1975, a youth minister was added to the pastoral staff to direct the growing youth membership and their activities.
SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday

9:00  Early Worship  
9:45  Sunday School  
11:00  Morning Service  
UMYF and Youth Choir- Sunday evenings

Wednesday

6:45  Children's Choir  
7:30  Chancel Choir

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor .......... Gerald Thurman  
Youth Minister .... Rick Turner  
Music Director .... Angela Erwin  
Organist ......... Alice Booth  
Song Leader ........ Harry Sellers  
Church Secretary .... Jan Scott  
Church Organist- morning service  
.............Jo Johnson
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

St. Andrew UMW is a very active unit. We have interest groups organized as follows:

The Mary-Martha Subgroup meets the third Tuesday morning of each month.

The Esther Subgroup meets the first Tuesday night of each month.

A Hospital Group is very active even though there are no regular meetings. This group is on call to help with emergency needs at Kennestone Hospital. They've been known to provide clothes for a newborn baby; buy a bus ticket for some stranded individual; and provided meals for a patient's family.

The Seekers are a prayer and Bible study group. They meet at the church each Wednesday morning at 9:30 A.M.

Bread Program—Some of our members pick up day old bread from one of the local supermarkets and deliver it to MUST MINISTRIES and to the aged. Each year we provide Bible refreshments. We place a rosebud on the altar to honor each new arrival. An annual Mother-Daughter banquet is sponsored by the UMW.

MUSIC

Music is a vital part of worship and at St. Andrew the Chancel Choir is dedicated to making the worship service more meaningful to those in the congregation. Anthems to suit every taste are sung and beautiful music is provided by our fine organist, Alice Booth.

St. Andrew also has a children's choir which sings at the 11:00 service from time to time. There is also a Youth choir which provides special programs during the year.

WEEK DAY KINDERGARTEN

St. Andrew has an outstanding weekday kindergarten which meets 9-12 during the regular school term. There are two four-year-old classes and one three-year-old class which meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The kindergarten provides many activities for the children including tumbling clas, music, and field trips.

BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS

St. Andrew sponsors Boy Scout Troup 173 and Cub Pack 173. The Boy Scouts meet each Thursday at the church at 7:30 p.m.

ANDY HOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Among the six hundred volumes in the church library are many spiritually enriching books. An important part of the collection consists of Bible Commentaries, poetry, story books, and biographies. The library also has available a selection of magazines, film strips, and audio-visual equipment. The church librarian is Faye Raney.
YOUTH PROGRAM

The youth program at St. Andrew includes all youth in the 7th thru 12th grades. The program includes Sunday morning Sunday School classes for all ages, and Sunday night meetings of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. This group stresses the words "united" and "fellowship" and involves itself with programs, activities, worship and service projects for the benefit of others. Also, the youth choir sings and performs in worship services and for special events.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Church School Classes
Nursery I--Infants and Toddlers
Nursery II--2 year olds
Kindergarten--3, 4 and 5 year olds
Elementary I and II
Elementary III and IV
Elementary V and VI
Young People's Class

Extended Learning Session
Kindergarten
First Graders
Second Graders

During the Sunday morning worship service there is an extended learning session to encourage children's growth in Christian faith and their relationships with others.

One of the goals of this session is to help the child appreciate and enjoy the worship service he will be attending after the second grade. Another goal is to enable the child to experience his value as an individual.

Other special activities for our children are planned for the summer, such as Vacation Church School.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

We have four active mixed couple Sunday School classes for adults:
Lester Rumble Class--Adult International lecture series with singing and discussion
Pathfinders--Bible study
Fellowship--Discussion
Youth Minister's Class