Silver Hill United Methodist Church started in the one-room Silver Hill Schoolhouse located off the road between the Jim Burns Store and the residence of E. A. Steed. During the pastorate of the Rev. M. A. Shaw on the Springfield Circuit (1912-1915), Mrs. J. E. Saxon's mother, Mrs. Gus Ambrose (Alzada) went to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mallette, members of Turkey Branch, and asked them to start a Sunday School at Silver Hill. Mr. Mallette became the first superintendent of the Sunday School and Mrs. Mallette (Goldie) was the organist. They are remembered also as good singers.

Others taking an interest and providing leadership in this early Sunday School were Mr. Hardy Morgan, Mr. Walter Mercer and Mr. Percy Ambrose, along with their families. The school teachers, Mr. John Seckinger and Mrs. Walter Gilbert (May), also helped with the Sunday School.

Mr. Harold Marsh's mother, Mrs. Annie Marsh (later she became Mrs. John F. Seckinger) was awarded a 20 year pin for working with the Cradle Roll. Mrs. Malcolm Steed recalls, when she was a very little girl and Mrs. Annie was quite elderly, how she would get close to her and stroke her dress, as she loved her so much.

Mrs. J. E. Saxon remembers taking her children to the Sunday School when it was in the schoolhouse. Mr. Marsh thinks the reg-
ular Methodist Sunday School literature was used from the beginning.

All of these early leaders were members of Turkey Branch. As there were many children not attending Sunday School anywhere, they saw the need. When the children began to attend, other adults became interested.

Along with the Sunday School a prayer meeting was begun some time before December, 1914, when the first pastor, the Rev. M. A. Shaw, was appointed to serve Silver Hill as a church on the Springfield Circuit.

Mr. Chris Edwards is remembered most kindly, as he gave two acres of land for a church building. (Later he gave a half acre for the cemetery.) The deed was signed September 10, 1917, a copy of which is attached to this history. (A copy of the plot of land is also attached.) Trustees at that time were G. P. Mallette, W. E. Mercer and V. H. Morgan.

"Under the leadership of C. W. Rivenback, men of the community put up a small tabernacle referred to as an arbor with sawdust floor and homemade benches so they could worship on the land given them while a church was being built," so stated Mrs. Owen Steed in an earlier church history. The windows had wooden shutters, and the tabernacle was heated in winter by a wood stove. The stand, or lectern, which is still in use, was the pulpit stand. This structure stood under the oaks near the new concrete block church school rooms.
The following quotation from the Second Quarterly Conference, Report 3., Springfield Circuit, held at Mizpah, May 9, 1914, must have been in reference to the tabernacle: "Then, at a point halfway between Mizpah and Clyo, some interested parties have come together and built a little house with a seating capacity of about 100 out in a neglected section of the county. We are holding services there once a month, and are pleased with prospects there."

The following is an excerpt from another Quarterly Conference Report: "Our seven Sunday Schools are continuing. Some of them are not making any special improvement, but others are getting along well. The youngest one--at Silver Hill is very encouraging." (Report A. Fourth Quarterly Conference, September 13, 1915, J. B. Johnstone, P. E.)

As recalled by older members, the Rev. G. R. Partin (1915-1917) held the first revival. A Mr. Ratcliff, a blind man, helped with the revival. The church record shows a long list of names of people who joined the church, Nov. 4, 1915, as follows:

Ambrose, Mrs. Alzada
Ambrose, Homer
Ellis, Annie Bell
Exley, G. M.
Exley, Mrs. G. M.
Exley, Milton
Mallette, G. P.
Mallette, Mrs. G. P.
Mercer, W. E.
Mercer, Mrs. W. E.
Mercer, Carl
Mercer, Clyde
Mercer, Golie
Marsh, Mrs. Annie
Morgan, V. H.
Morgan, Mrs. V. H.
Morgan, Corinne
Morgan, Josie
Morgan, Leroy
Morgan, J. P.
Morgan, Mrs. J. P.
Malphus, Ernest
Malphus, Ivey
Ruth, C. H.
Ruth, Mrs. L. A.
Ruth, Mrs. Lollie V.
Other interesting items were gleaned from Quarterly Conference Reports which were found in the Springfield United Methodist Church:

"What amount has been estimated by the board of stewards for the support of the preacher in charge for the current year?-----Silver Hill: $25.00." (First Quarterly Conference for the Current Year, 1916. J. B. Johnstone, P. E., and Rev. G. R. Partin, Pastor)

Under miscellaneous business, it was reported that W. E. Mercer, V. H. Morgan and G. P. Mallette had been elected trustees of Silver Hill. Silver Hill reported having paid $5.00 for the support of the ministry. (Second Quarterly Conference, Springfield, March 29th, 1916. J. B. Johnstone, P. E., and G. R. Partin, Pastor.)

It was reported at the Third Quarterly Conference, June 21, 1916, that Silver Hill paid $1.00 for the support of the ministry. Sometimes Silver Hill paid more to the support of the ministry. On September 15, 1917, Silver Hill was reported to have paid $10.00. At the First Quarterly Conference, January 10, 1917, Silver Hill reported having paid $28.00 for the support of the ministry.

In its early days the Sunday School at Silver Hill had its up's and down's. At the First Quarterly Conference, January 15, 1921, the following was reported: "-----and the school at Silver Hill has not met for some time, however, literature has been ordered and we expect to open the school next Sunday."
It was reported at the Second Quarterly Conference which met at Mizpah, April 9, 1921, that at Silver Hill Brother Perry Mallette ran a successful Sunday School, but now he had gone to Newington and moved his membership.

At the Fourth Quarterly Conference the same year, October, 29, 1921, F. J. Camp was elected superintendent of the Sunday School.

Silver Hill Church was making progress in 1922. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference, October 24, 1922, T. I. Nease reported for the trustees: "Silver Hill has a lot given but deed has not yet been made. The foundation of the church has been laid and Five Hundred Dollars has been raised in work, material and money for building." This is a reference to the present building. About the deed the Rev. T. I. Nease must have been misinformed, as the record of the deed from Mr. C. W. Edwards was copied from the records found in the Effingham County Court House, which shows it was recorded in 1917.

Quoting Mrs. Owen Steed again in reference to building the church: "Much of the materials and labor were donated by men of this community and others. Those we have record of are Mr. C. W. Rivenback, Mr. G. L. Davis, Mr. John Seckinger, Mr. W. E. Mercer, Mr. G. M. Exley and Mr. Johnnie Morel."

Mr. Van Mercer, who was the oldest member of Silver Hill Church until his decease, December 27, 1971, pointed with pride
to the right hand front brick pillar under the church which he himself laid. Mr. Harold Marsh recalls that he, a youth, hauled lumber for the building of the church.

Mrs. Clyde Davis said her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Mercer, took many baskets of food for the workman while the church was being built. Mr. Mercer was also one of the carpenters.

Mrs. Owen Steed wrote: "It took quite some time to finish it (the church) enough for use. It was painted outside during the pastorate of Rev. S. P. Clary around 1943 and inside when Guy Parrish was pastor in 1952."

Mrs. Clyde Davis recalled that Mr. Lee Davis gave, cut the material and built the altar, and soon after that he and she (then Miss Clyde Mercer) were married, standing before the altar, Christmas Day, 1930. The benches used for awhile were those which had been in the tabernacle, and perhaps others were also made. The benches and pulpit which are now in the church were brought from Egypt where a Methodist Church had been disbanded back in the 1940's according to Mrs. Davis. The two smaller pulpit chairs also came from Egypt, and the large pulpit chair was given by Mrs. Otis Ellis. Miss Anzalee Davis put down the kneeling pad and upholstered the two chairs that came from Egypt.

Conference Journals reveal Silver Hill's interest in giving to the Children's Home in Macon (formerly called the Methodist Orphanage). In 1926 Silver Hill gave $11.00. In other years
less was given, as low as $2.30 in 1923. Interest cannot be altogether measured by the amount of the offerings, as Mrs. J. E. Saxon made a nice cotton mattress for the orphanage.

Mrs. J. C. Varnell related the following: In the pastorate of the Rev. F. M. Gaines on one occasion he was unable to fill his appointment at Silver Hill and asked Mrs. Varnell's mother, Mrs. John Neidlinger (better known as Miss Addie) to take his place at Silver Hill, which she did by going from Springfield and having the service.

Silver Hill remained on the Springfield Circuit until 1946, when it then became part of the Oliver Charge. The following is from the Mizpah Church History: "In Nov., 1946, Mizpah was changed from the Springfield to the Oliver Charge with Rev. Jas. L. Hendrix, pastor. The four churches comprising the charge are Mizpah, Clyo, Silver Hill, and Oliver."

Then in 1960 new district lines were drawn and the North Effingham Charge was established. The churches comprising the new charge were Clyo, Mizpah, Silver Hill and Turkey Branch, which charge continues until the present.

While the Rev. Wayne Steadman was pastor of the North Effingham Charge, under the leadership and direction of the Rev. Frank Robertson, Savannah District Superintendent, and Mrs. Scott A Edwards, chairman of the Committee on Church and Community Work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. H. D. Griner, president of the Savannah District
Woman's Society of Christian Service, a request was made for a church and community worker. The request was granted, and Miss Eva Crenshaw, a deaconess, was assigned to the charge. She united with the Silver Hill Church and began working with the young people, children and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Though she retired in 1970, she has continued her interest in Silver Hill.

Each summer except one, Summer Vocational Intern Program workers helped Miss Crenshaw in the vacation church schools and other summer programs. In 1967 Silver Hill had a five-week kindergarten with the help of two SVIP workers.

When Miss Crenshaw retired, August 31, 1970, Miss Olive Hicks came to do church and community work on the charge. For two years she, too, devoted much of her time to the Silver Hill youth.

Restrooms were built at Silver Hill during the winter of 1966-1967. A friend in the Mizpah United Methodist Church gave money for the purchase of a pump and a Savannah Sub-District donated the restroom fixtures.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Alvin L. Lynn two concrete block buildings were constructed. For this project the South Georgia Conference donated $1000.00 and the members of Silver Hill raised $1004.64. Other churches and individuals donated money and materials. Over 1400 hours of volunteer labor went into the building. Mr. Bill Gowan, a member of the Turkey Branch
United Methodist Church, gave many hours of labor and taught
John Patnaude, a member of Silver Hill, how to lay the concrete
block. Without Brother Lynn's leadership and the labor of these
two men the building could not have been done at that time. One
contains three church school rooms and the other is a social hall
and kitchen.

These new structures have proved entirely necessary for the
growing number of children and youth at Silver Hill. At present
the Church School is comprised of seven classes.

It is gratifying to see more than twenty young people meet-
ing in a sharing group on Monday nights. This group began to
meet after a Youth Emphasis Week End in the summer of 1971 planned
by Miss Hicks.

Recently, when the buildings were insured, the concrete
block buildings were valued at $3000 and the other at $6000.

It is regretted that there is no accurate record of Sunday
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Both the Women's Society of Christian Service with twenty
members and the Youth Fellowship are active. At present the
church membership is 155, and the Church School enrollment is 104
with an average attendance of 58. In 1971 the Silver Hill United Methodist Church paid on the pastor's salary $827.00 and gave to all other causes $1515.03. For 1972 the church will pay the pastor $85.00 per month.

Appendix A  LIST OF PASTORS
Appendix B  COPY OF DEED
Appendix C  PLOT OF PROPERTY

Eva Crenshaw, Historian
## APPENDIX A

### SPRINGFIELD CHARGE

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State of Georgia  
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Deed  
C. W. Edwards  
To  
Trustees Silver Hill Church  

Know all men By These Presents that I,  
C. W. Edwards, for and in consideration of the love I bear for the cause of Christ and from an earnest desire to promote his heritage on earth do give and grant, and by these presents convey unto G. P. Mallette, W. E. Mercer and V. H. Morgan, the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and to their successors in office for the use and benefit of a church building for Silver Hill Church, Two Acres of land bounded as follows: on the North by lands of A. Frank Jackson, East by G. M. Exley, South and West by C. W. Edwards. To be applied by the said Trustees to the object herein stated, under the direction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the said Trustees are, To Have and To Hold, the property aforesaid for the use aforesaid, full from the claim of myself, my heirs, executors, or administrators, and from the claims of all others whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of September, 1917, in presence of:

George R. Partin  
A. B. Kieffer  
Ordinary of Effingham County, Georgia

(Seal)  

Christopher W. Edwards  
Recorded November 30, 1917  
C. F. Berry, Clerk, s.c.
Georgia R. F.
Effingham County


Scale 100 ft. in an inch. By D. M. Weitman, C. S.

Note: Half acre shown above was laid out for Silver Hill M. E. Church as a cemetery lot, April 25, 1944.

By D. M. Weitman, C. S.
HISTORY

OF

SILVER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1972 - 1974

The Reverend R. Embree Zeigler has continued as pastor, 1972-1974. Under his leadership Silver Hill United Methodist Church has gone forward.

The Church acquired its new name at the General Conference, 1972.

In the fall of 1972, the land across the highway owned by the church was exchanged for exact acreage adjoining rear of cemetery and north side of cemetery and church lot. This exchange was made with Henley Smith and William Arnsdorff. The land was surveyed and recorded including one-half acre given by Mr. Lee Wood at an earlier date.

Repair work including the roof on the rooms adjoining sanctuary was done.

Turkey Branch Methodist Church was paid $602 which they had advanced for Silver Hill on the parsonage furniture.

Silver Hill United Methodist Women put new lights in sanctuary.

The women also donated $100.00 on a new well which was put down. For this project other funds were raised by individual pledges.

A concrete block pump house was built, water from new well was brought to kitchen and restrooms, and a water heater was
Mrs. Ruth Iglehardt from the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church was with us, February 24, 25, 1973. She helped us to see our needs and apply ourselves to working on certain priorities.

The church was supplied with new hymnals given as memorials or in honor of loved ones.

On different occasions, Mr. Owen Steed and Mr. Irvin Mercer were each presented a plaque in appreciation of their outstanding service in Silver Hill Church through the years.

A Lay Witness Mission the last week end in September, 1973, left an indelible impression on the lives of many Silver Hill Church members.

An addition to the social hall is now in the process of being built.

Silver Hill Church has sponsored a Girl Scout troop for several months.

History is always in the making. A Home Coming on the fourth Sunday in June as the beginning of the annual revival is a part of this. The Administrative Board voted that this be an annual event.
On the fourth Sunday in June, 1974, the Silver Hill United Methodist Church had its first Home Coming. The Reverend W. H. (Bill) Ford preached.

The Administrative Board voted to change the date for revival from fourth Sunday in June to the second Sunday in November.

Work on enlarging the social hall which began in June, 1974, has continued through the year. As much work as possible was done by volunteer labor on Saturdays. The South Georgia Conference Board of Missions gave $2000.00 for this project.

Mr. Dick Roosz brought a team from South Carolina to Silver Hill on the fourth weekend in September. They led in a seminar on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A small group has continued to meet on Wednesday nights. This group has studied The Four Great Emphases of Methodism, Forty Days of Love, and the Book of Jonah.

The Silver Hill United Methodist Church accepted in full the Askings for 1975.
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APPENDIX D

FURTHER HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In the winter during the pastorate of the Reverend C. T. Bass (1955-1956), the church caught fire in the loft around the chimney. Mr. Irvin Mercer discovered the fire as he was approaching the church. The fire was put out by the ingenuity and quickness of the men present at the service that morning.

The following year, after the Reverend Jack Arnold came to pastor the church, a new metal roof was put on. Brother Arnold donated gas heaters to the church.

The exact date the church building was completed has not been determined. From the best sources of information it has been decided to set the year, 1924.

APPENDIX E

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
(See page 9.)

1971 - 1972    Owen Steed
1973 - 1975    Hilton Myrick
Silver Hill United Methodist Church on the North Effingham
Charge was served by the Reverend Embree Zeigler for six years (1969-
1975). During his pastorate there were increased growth, activity,
and study.

In June, 1975, the Reverend Stephen L. Webb with his wife and
young son came to the North Effingham Charge. They moved into the
new parsonage built near Mizpah United Methodist Church. Reverend
Webb was a young man still in college.

On the afternoon of September 7, 1975, the Reverend and Mrs.
Webb had open house for the new parsonage to all on the North Effing-
ham Charge. Dr. J. C. Varnell, district superintendent, was present
to dedicate the new home for the pastor and his family.

The Charge Conference met at Silver Hill United Methodist Church
on October 5, 1975. At that time Dr. Varnell dedicated the social
hall, which had been enlarged in 1974, and the Sunday School rooms
built while the Reverend Alvin L. Lynn was pastor (1966-1969).

In November, following second Sunday, Silver Hill Church had its
annual revival. The Reverend James Hendrix preached.

In March, 1976, Silver Hill United Methodist Church voted to
participate in the Pension Crusade, a special four-year drive to help
retired ministers. The church accepted its apportionment, $1300.00,
and paid this in full in April of 1979.
Silver Hill Church had its third Lay Witness Mission, May 21-22, 1976. The Mission was directed by Mr. John Woodall from Woodland, Georgia. He brought a fine team with him which made a spiritual impact on Silver Hill that cannot be forgotten.

Having Home Coming on Fourth Sunday in June was begun in 1974. Former pastors were invited to preach. That year the Reverend Bill Ford returned to preach. In 1975 the Reverend Bill Brown was invited to preach the Home Coming sermon. In 1976 the Reverend Embree Zeigler preached, and the following year the Reverend Alvin L. Lynn returned. Since then there have been no Home Coming celebrations at Silver Hill United Methodist Church.

For several years the Vacation Church School was scheduled for the first week in August. It met at night allowing adults to have a class. In the 1976 school, grades 5 and 6 studied about the work of the Reverend and Mrs. Sammy Clark in Peru. The offering from the school amounted to $68.67, the whole of which was sent to the Sammy Clark Mission Special. (In 1980 the Vacation Church School date reverted to a week in June and met in the mornings.)

The men undertook having a men's breakfast once a month, which lasted for awhile. On one occasion they invited their wives and served about thirty persons.

In the same year the revival held the second week in November was preached by two ministers, the Reverend Horace Bird and the Reverend Madison Morgan.

Encouraged by the new pastor in the fall of 1975, Silver Hill United Methodist Church accepted the Askings in full. For the
following three years the Askings were accepted in full and paid. For four years at District Conference Silver Hill Church was a recipient of certificate awards for accepting and paying all of World Service and Conference Benevolences. However, by 1979 attendance at services had dropped so drastically and giving was down that Silver Hill felt unable to increase its giving for 1980.

In 1977, 1978, and 1979, Silver Hill Church was a Six Lane giver to missions: conference, national and overseas. For this Silver Hill was recognized each year at District Conference.

A United Methodist Church highway sign was placed at the corner in 1977.

A big accomplishment in 1977 was enclosing the cemetery with a wire fence. The money was raised by a barbecue and donations.

Beginning in March of that year, a few members participated in in a Good Word Team, an effort to challenge its members to more effective witnessing for Christ. This was continued for several months.

There were a number of achievements in 1977. Among them was a gift to the church of two complete sets of paraments by the Silver Hill United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Lena Mae Oliver (now Mrs. John Waldhour) took the lead in giving a complete altar set to the church. The altar ware was dedicated August 21, 1977, in a service planned by the pastor, the Reverend Stephen L. Webb. Donors were as follows:

Mrs. Lena Mae Oliver and sons, James and Chris, gave the cross as a memorial to her husband and their father, Mr. Kenneth Oliver.

Mrs. Lura Edwards gave one candlestick as a memorial to her
husband, Mr. Theodore Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards gave the other candlestick as an expres­sion of love for their small daughter, Lisa.

Mr. Ed Smith and a friend gave one vase in memory of Mr. Smith's wife, Mrs. Lillian Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morgan gave another vase in memory of four children: James Hooker, John Albert Morgan, Sarah Morgan and an infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lowe had a part in the above gift.

A deep well was drilled for the church in September, 1977.

The church presented Mrs. Owen Steed (Joe Ollie) a plaque for her faithful years of service in Silver Hill Church.

The revival preacher for 1977 was the Reverend Jimmy McLendon.

For three years, 1976-1978, letters were sent to all church members to remind them of their covenant with the church. These were followed by a roll call each November.

In May, 1978, the North Effingham Charge voted to take up the part of the preacher's salary being paid by the South Georgia Con­ference since Turkey Branch Methodist Church's withdrawal from the Conference. This increased Silver Hill's share of the pastor's salary $100.00. This became effective January, 1979.

A We Care Mission was carefully planned for May 24-26, 1978. Several dedicated ministers of the South Georgia Conference came and gave their time free of charge. Silver Hill members who participated were blessed.
In the summer of 1978 Silver Hill joined with the other churches on the Charge in supporting a youth director, Mr. Bruce Owens. An outstanding event of the summer was the Silver Hill youth under the leadership of Miss Alice Edwards participating with the other youth on the Charge in a retreat at Camp Jackson.

The outside of Silver Hill Church was painted in August, 1978.

That November the Reverend Lawrence Thompson came from Stuart, Virginia, to preach Silver Hill's revival.

The Reverend Webb had a three-day revival for the Charge in January, 1979. The Reverend Bill Smith, an evangelist, did the preaching, one service being held at Silver Hill.

After four years of ministry on the North Effingham Charge, the Reverend Stephen L. Webb was moved in June, 1979. While he was pastor, he provided opportunities for spiritual growth and led the church to increased giving.

The new pastor was the Reverend Mercer McMillan. He brought with him to the Charge his wife and five children.

Additional furniture had to be purchased for the parsonage. Silver Hill gave $200.00 on a bedroom suite.

In November the Reverend Harold Lumley preached the revival.

By the end of 1979 Silver Hill United Methodist Church finished paying its part of the building of the new parsonage. This was accomplished by help from the Conference, regular offerings, a barbecue, and a substantial gift from the Silver Hill United Methodist Women.

The pastor's salary was raised to $12,000. For 1980, Silver Hill Church pays $3000.00 of this amount.
In February, 1980, the 24th through the 27th, the North Effingham Charge participated in the Proclaim the Word Event. The Reverend David Karlbom from Pearson, Georgia, came to help our charge. All the preaching services were at Mizpah. Two mornings a group met at Silver Hill to discuss its needs and how to begin meeting them. This was followed by Bible Study, third, fourth and fifth Sunday nights, March, using the book, LIFE BEGINS AT CHRIST, by Alan Walker.

Silver Hill purchased a new pump in March, 1980.

Throughout these five years Silver Hill United Methodist Church has continued a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Service. Although attendance has been small, those who came faithful give testimony to blessings received.


(Written by Eve Crenshaw, Church Historian)
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## Chairmen of Official Board:

- April, 1972 - September, 1972: John Patnaude
- September, 1972 - January, 1977: John Patterson
- January, 1980 -: Willard Edwards

## Church School Superintendents:

- 1973-1976: Hilton Myrick

Mrs. Grady L. (Sandra) Smith, a member of the Mizpah United Methodist Church, some time in 1979 began coming each first and second Sunday night of the month to play the piano for the evening preaching service at Silver Hill. Her musical talent and dedication have been a joy to all who attend.