



THIS MONTH IN FIRST CHURCH HISTORY: JUNE

By Bruce McCausland, Chair of the Bi-Centennial Committee

- **June 15th 1808:** Rev. Thaddeus Osgood, the traveling Missionary who founded our church is ordained a Congregationalist Minister in North Wilbraham, MA
- **June 23rd, 1826:** Mason work begins on Brick Church following ground-breaking.
- **29 June 1848:** 2nd Pastor, Rev. Gilbert Crawford dies at the age of 56 years.
- **June 22nd, 1866:** Dr. Miles P. Squier dies at 74 years old in Geneva, NY
- **June 25th, 1868:** Rev. Samuel S Mitchell marries the former Theresa E. Wierman, a member of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, PA where he was then pastor.
- **June 24th, 1897:** Formal dedication service of present edifice continues with the reinstallation of Dr. Samuel S Mitchell, D.D., as pastor of the new First Presbyterian Church at The Circle.
- **June 22nd, 1911:** Rev. Robert H. Laird, Associate Pastor 1959-1960 is born in Montana, he celebrates his 98th birthday in Salem, Oregon today!
- **June 22nd, 1925:** Parish House cornerstone laid by Dr. George A. Buttrick, Senior pastor, assisted by Rev. William H. Boocock, Dr. William E. McLennan and George A. Mitchell, President of the board of Trustees.
- **June 1870:** Remodeling and renovations of the interior of the Old Brick Church begins.
- **June 11th, 1907:** The wife Rev. Andrew V.V. Raymond, D.D., the former Margaret Morris Thomas dies while he is supplying the pulpit here at First Church; this prompts him to accept the call as pastor of our church later that year.
- **June 27th, 1916:** Rev. George A. Buttrick, our 10th Senior Pastor marries Agnes Gardener in Chicago, IL
- **June 19th, 1930:** Rev. Stuart Austin Ryder II, is born in New York City, he celebrates his 79th birthday in Elgin, IL today.
- **June 19th 1955:** Rev. Stuart A. Ryder II starts as Assistant Pastor at First Church
- **June 22nd 1941:** Rev. Jay Luman Bush is ordained as Associate Pastor.
- **June 1st 1944:** Rev. Jay Luman Bush resigns as Associate pastor to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Milton, PA
- **June 1956:** 14th Pastor, Rev. Ralph T. Haas is bestowed an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Hamilton College.
- **June 1st, 1958:** Theodore Gaillard Lilley, D.D., first preaches at First Presbyterian Church.
- **June 25th, 1958:** Rev. Theodore Gaillard Lilley, D.D. accepts the call to First Presbyterian Church.
- **June 29th, 1958:** Rev. Stuart A. Ryder II preaches his last sermon as Assistant Pastor of First Church.
- **June 1959:** Rev. Carl Safford Dudley, D.M. starts as Assistant Pastor at first Presbyterian Church.
- **June 24th, 1962:** rev. Ralph Theodore Haas, D.D., our 14th Senior Pastor preaches his last sermon having accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton, CA
- **June 30th, 1993 John B. Smiley,** 17th Pastor retires, he is later bestowed the honor of Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church