

Brinnon Community Church

“The beginning”

In 1955 the members of the Brinnon community felt a deep need to have a place of worship, so they began their four-year project to build a community church.

CHURCH BY-LAWS UP FOR APPROVAL FRIDAY

The by-laws committee of the Brinnon Community Church met at the home of Mrs. T. B. Balch last Sunday evening. Members of the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hedlund, Mrs. T. B. Balch, Mrs. George Mueller, and church secretary Mrs. H. L. Bailey.

The by-laws will be presented for approval at the annual meeting to be held Sunday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the grade school. "All members of the church, the church building committee and anyone else who is interested should plan to attend," states Chairman Ruth L. Mueller.

Other topics which will be discussed at the meeting are the architectural style and the progress of the building fund-raising campaign.

The articles of incorporation of the church have been approved and filed with the state department in Olympia and stamped and recorded at the county court house in Port Townsend.



Before the committee could obtain land or take steps in planning to build they had to become a corporation.

BRINNON NEWS Community Church to Incorporate During Committee Meeting Sunday

By Mrs. George Mueller

"It is particularly important that all members of the Church Building committee and its sub-committees attend a meeting at which the group will incorporate as a Community Church Sunday evening, Feb. 13 at 7 o'clock in the Brinnon grade school," announces General Chairman Ruth Mueller. "The necessary legal papers will be approved, signed, and notarized at the meeting. Anyone wishing to be a charter member of the church is invited to attend.

Guests who are expected to be present at the meeting will be Arthur Garrett, attorney at law, and his wife Marguerite, a notary public; Major and Mrs. Roger Doolen of Port Townsend, and Rev. Ralph Iwinn of Quilcene.

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETS

Hostess at a luncheon in her home a week ago Tuesday was Mrs. Walter Kelly who is on the Church Building Ways and Means Committee. "We wanted to get together and discuss ideas of ways to raise money," explained Mrs. Kelly. "The ladies each paid 50 cents for the luncheon, \$7.50 altogether, and we added that to the fund."

Members of the ways and means committee who attended were Mrs. Elinor Robinson, Mrs. Lee Beecher, Mrs. Leslie Britt, and Mrs. H. L. Bailey. Other guests included Mrs. A. Mueller, Mrs. Charles Schick, Mrs. George Mueller, Mrs. T. B. Balch, Mrs. C. Jespersen, David, Billy, and Muriel Britt, Marji, and Carol Mueller, and Helen Beecher.

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Citizens to Plan Brinnon-Eldon Church At Community Meeting Next Thursday

By Mrs. George Mueller

The organization of a church building committee will be the purpose of an open meeting next Thursday evening, January 13 at 8 o'clock in the Brinnon grade school. The need for a church to serve the Brinnon and Eldon communities has become increasingly apparent, say Sunday school workers who report an average attendance this year of 35.

Discussion points at Thursday night's meeting will be a building site, architectural style, whether to remain inter-denominational, projects for financing, etc.

Sunday school treasurer Mrs. Les Britt states there is already a small bank balance toward the church building fund.

According to Superintendent George Mueller, "We've started a scrapbook with pictures in it of different churches, modern and conventional. We don't expect to decide everything at this meeting, but we can make some plans and pool our ideas. If you wish to have a voice in deciding what type of church will be built in this community, plan to come to this meeting."

CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TONIGHT

At a meeting tonight for the purpose of organizing a church building committee, a general chairman and a secretary and treasurer will be elected. "If you are interested in having a church in Brinnon, you should come to this meeting in the Brinnon grade school at 8 p. m. tonight," states Sunday School Superintendent Mrs. George Mueller.

The group will be divided into sub-committees such as the ways and means committee, the architectural planning committee, the building materials committee, and the building site committee. Future committees will include a church furnishings committee, and a committee to plan landscaping.

Because of its size the primary group of the Brinnon Sunday School is being split into two classes. Beginning next Sunday Mrs. Jim Phillips will have the boys and Miss Janice Vankuren will teach the girls. Sunday School meets from 9:30 to 10:30 every Sunday morning in the Brinnon Grade School.

CHURCH MEMBERS SIGN INCORPORATION PAPERS

Fourteen Charter members of the Brinnon Community Church signed its Articles of Incorporation at a meeting last Sunday night in the Brinnon grade school. The articles drawn up by Arthur Garrett of Quilcene, were notarized by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Garrett. H. L. Bailey sent them to Olympia the following day to be filed in the state department.

Major and Mrs. Roger Doolen of Port Townsend announced that they would be willing to donate about one and three fourths acres of land adjoining the cemetery and overlooking the community for church building site. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Springer had previously consented to donate one third of an acre between the cemetery and the bank. "We particularly wish to thank these people: the Garretts for the legal services which they contributed and the Doolens and Springers for offering their properties as a building site," says Chairman Ruth Mueller.

Charter members of the new church are Zula Kelly, Elinor Robinson, Major Roger Doolen, Hazel Doolen, Hilda Balch, Nettie Hedlund, Ed Hedlund, Audrey Beecher, George Mueller, Ruth Mueller, Ralph Wiegand, Ida Bailey, H. L. Bailey and Marcia Britt.

Doolen, Springer Property Donations Provide Site for Community Church

Mrs. George Mueller

Legal transactions were completed last Friday deeding the the properties of Major and Mrs. Roger Doolen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Springer, adjacent to the Brinnon cemetery, to the Brinnon Community Church.

"When we heard that the site by the cemetery had been considered for a church, we thought it was a good chance to donate to help out the project," said the Springers. "Sure, there's a need for a church. A church, like a school, should be the heart of a community."

Doolen, a retired army major, purchased his property in 1946. "At one time we intended to build there," he confessed, "but materials were hard to get, so we bought our present home in Port Townsend instead."

Of his donation the major says, "I think they need a church out there. I think everyone should pitch in now and get it built."

A meeting of the building committee will be held Sunday at 4:30 p. m. at the new church site. "Now that the property has been deeded over, we want to begin building as soon as possible," says Chairman Ruth Mueller. "Sunday we will decide upon the exact location. All church members and other interested persons are urged to attend. We wish to thank the Doolens and the Springers for their generous donations of land."

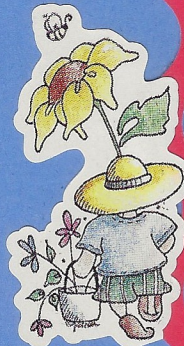
CHURCH TRUSTEES ELECTED

According to the stipulations of the newly approved by-laws the following trustees of the Brinnon Community Church were elected at the annual meeting last Sunday evening for a term of three years, Hilda Balch; two - year term, H. L. Bailey; one-year term, George Mueller. *March 10th 1955*

The architectural planning committee which held a meeting Friday afternoon at the home of its chairman Marion Griffin, presented a building plan. Explaining a proposed blue print was G. A. Griffin. A drawing of the exterior was shown by Ed Hedlund. The functional needs in a Brinnon church were discussed by Hilda Balch. On display were two of the stained glass windows donated by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mortenson.

A letter of encouragement from TV entertainer Stan Boreson was read by church building committee chairman Ruth Mueller.

Next, the sight for the church was chosen as a generous donation of land was given.



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CHURCH SITE SELECTED

The exact site of the Brinnon Community Church was selected by the building committee in a meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 1. The church will be situated on an angle on the line which formerly divided the Springer-Doolen properties. "This location is ideal because there is plenty of room to build. The church will be visible from the community and the view of the canal and the highway is excellent from this spot," says chairman Ruth Mueller.

"We hope to schedule several workdays this month. Anyone who is available any Saturday during May should call me at 2916. We will need a couple of power saws and workers to cut and pile brush. The members of the committee who met decided that the fir poles should eventually be cut into cord wood and sold as fireplace and heater wood to raise money for the building fund."





Plans for a church building
were considered.



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Thursday, March 1, 1956

Architectoral Plan for New Church To Be Submitted at Meeting Monday

By Mrs. George Mueller

An architectural plan for the Brinnon Community Church will be submitted for approval at the annual business meeting of the church on Sunday evening, March 4 at 7 o'clock at the Brinnon Grade School. The building recommended by the members of the Architectural Planning Committee, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Griffin, Mrs. T. B. Balch, and Ed Hedlund is 36 by 48 feet and includes complete Sunday School facilities. A smaller plan to include merely the sanctuary and platform will also be presented in the event that the church body does not wish to undertake the larger project at this time but desires to add on later as the need arises.

Building estimates will be turned in and a financial goal will be set at which point construction can get underway. The Building Materials Committee favors a goal which will include the completion of the roof. This of course will be determined by the type of materials to be used as well as the size of the proposed building.

Other business to be taken up at the meeting will be the election of church officers and one trustee, the acceptance of new church members, and reports by various committees and organizations such as the Building Site Committee, Ways and Means, Ladies Aid, and Sunday School.

Everyone interested in the church is invited to attend this vitally important meeting.

FUND TOTALS \$1384

There is now a total of \$1384 in the Church Building Fund. This includes the contributions amounting to \$91 which were received last week from the following ladies of the Advent Christian Church in Seattle: Mrs. R. C. Ingersoll, Mrs. C. D. Ingersoll, Mrs. M. R. Morey, Mrs. F. A. Schwarzhans, Mrs. W. I. Forester, Mrs. Charles Kent, Mrs. Ada Roberts, Mrs. H. W. Woodford, Mrs. A. E.

Young, Mrs. L. W. Cropp, Mrs. Millard Bradford, Miss Emma Pardee, Mrs. Paul Vannah, Mrs. Glen Weed, Mrs. Harold Dickens, Mrs. Forest Jackson, Mrs. Paul Jaffarian, Mrs. P. H. Jaffarian, Mrs. T. J. Isaac, Mrs. A. E. Lobb, Mrs. Dean Christianson, Mrs. Dwight Christianson, Mrs. C. C. Magoon, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. A. J. Hartjl, Mrs. Mae Thomas and Mrs. Walter Hale.

"The Advent Christian denomination has for several years been interested in the work here," says



Artist's conception of the proposed Brinnon Community Church—by Ruth Mueller.

Brinnon Church Chairman Mrs. George C. Mueller. "We have in the past been indebted to them for allowing our young people to attend their church camp and for providing us with Rally Day speakers each fall. Now we are over-

CHURCH NEWS

The Carlton Chapel developed by the Carlton Lumber Co. in Portland was chosen as the most workable architectural plan for the new Brinnon Community Church and an immediate goal of \$4,000 was set at a meeting Sunday evening. For this amount materials including windows, doors, floor tile, laminated arches, hardware, etc. for a complete chapel 32 by 24 foot can be purchased, plus shipping costs, blue prints and a cement slab floor.

Designed by the Northwest's foremost architects and engineers the Chapels meet standard buildings codes as well as the California Earthquake Code and are extremely flexible to fulfill the needs of a growing congregation. They can be erected in a short time by an inexperienced crew of volunteer laborers with a minimum of professional supervision.

Secretary Ida Bailey read a letter which she had received from Rev. Anthony Palmasant about the St. Hubert's Church at Langley. He declared that he and his parish were very well satisfied with their Carlton Chapel.

The present total of the Church Building Fund is \$1585.85. This leaves \$2414.15 to be raised.

In the meantime monthly workdays will be scheduled at the church site and in the adjoining Brinnon Community Cemetery. The trees will be thinned to form a grove on the portion of the church property which remains wooded and roadways will be cleared.

There will be a workday at both the church site and the cemetery on Saturday, May 12 from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. The cemetery project will include pulling up the remainder of the Scotch Broom which has overrun the north west corner.

The Pioneer Ladies Aid will hold its regular monthly meeting on May 16 at 1 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Schick. All ladies are welcome.

The ways and means committee would like to thank Fred Springer, Clifford Slasor, Les Britt, Laverne Bailey, and George Mueller, who helped with the cleanup after the church dinner on April 21. The next event being planned by the committee is a church social to be held on June 2 in the school gym.