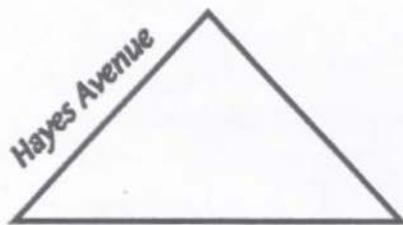


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Part 1 – Hayes Avenue

Meeting in a rented store at Hayes and Kelly in 1941, the congregation was first called Northeast. The Fairview church was assisting financially because it was the former home of most of the 36 members. Gerald Montgomery preached part-time until the first full-time evangelist, William E. Maderis came in 1945.

Property was purchased at Hayes and Chelsea and in 1945 a building to house the Hayes church was begun. Lloyd Wiley and E. L. Freeland preached temporarily until in 1949 Charles H. Coleman began his lengthy eight-year ministry. In the final decade before the merger the ministers in order were: Paul Randolph, Charles Prince, Lewis Randolph and David Mathis.

Mission emphasis had been foreign until 1958 when full support of Dale Lemon in Traverse City was assumed. Eugene Pickering and Nolan Crawford followed, and upon termination of the latter's work in 1969, the church was nearly self-supporting.

The peak years of 1958-60 saw morning attendees numbering as many as 240. In 1961, Hayes planned the first East Side Training for Service Series. Alan Bryan was featured and planted some ideas that would find fruition in the merger.

Next week: Part 2 - Eastown

July 16, 2000

ANNOUNCEMENTS-----ED LEWIS
SONG LEADER-----CLIFF RUSSELL
SCRIPTURE READING-----DAVIN PARNELL
PRAYER-----JEFF STUNDON
LORD'S SUPPER-----DENNIS MOTEN
EAST-----T.THACKER, D. HARMON, G. OVERTON
WEST-----J. LANKFORD, D. DIXSON, R. PERRYMAN
DISMISSAL-----WILLIE CURTIS

Five O'clock Service

SONG LEADER-----K. GORDON SR/B. REYNOLDS
OPENING PRAYER-----DAVIS PARNELL
LORD'S SUPPER-----WILLIAM DAVIS
DISMISSAL-----WILLIAM DAVIS

Wednesday, July 19, 2000

SONG LEADER-----JAMES TANKSLEY JR.

To wash baptism garments: Janet Bunton & Minnie Lester
To assist in baptism: Dianne Washington & Josephine Watson

ELDERS

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James Watson

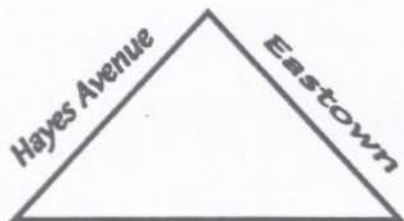
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Thirty members contributed about the same number of dollars on the first Lord's day, 1943, in the Slovak Hall on Strong Ave., as Eastown was born. By the first Sunday in December 1945, \$6,000 had been spent in remodeling a flat and ice cream parlor at the corner of Duncan and Van Dyke. The church had left behind a path through halls and a school building in search for this home. Gerald E. Montgomery replaced J. Edward Alexander as minister. Thanks was given to God for the auditorium seating 225, seven classrooms and a six room apartment for the caretaker.

As the 1950's entered, so came the urgency to expand. Plans for construction on the same sight began. The blow fell the first week in September – the Edsel Ford Expressway was to pass through the property! Within two weeks a church building was bought at St. Cyril and Georgia. A year later, November 12, 1951, after completion of redecorating, the first service was conducted. The State Highway Department's purchase price was sufficient to erase all debt.

In January 1954, Newman Leonard became minister. He was followed by Millard Loftis (1955) and Ernest Scorbrough (1958). During the latter's ministry, records of a typical week (March 26, 1962) indicate: Attendance of 250 and Contribution of \$424.00. Leo Hindsley served last at Eastown preaching until the merger with East Seven mile in March 1965.

Next week: Part 3 – East Seven Mile

July 23, 2000

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS----- | ED LEWIS |
| SONG LEADER----- | CLIFF RUSSELL |
| SCRIPTURE READING----- | MACK HARRIS |
| PRAYER----- | HORACE LASSITER |
| LORD'S SUPPER----- | BRIAN SIMS |
| EAST----- | T.THACKER, D. HARMON, G. OVERTON |
| WEST----- | J. LANKFORD, D. DIXSON, R. PERRYMAN |
| DISMISSAL----- | JAMES TANKSLEY SR. |

Five O'clock Service

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| SONG LEADER----- | K. GORDON SR/B. REYNOLDS |
| OPENING PRAYER----- | DWIKE DOOLEY |
| LORD'S SUPPER----- | SOLOMON SIMS |
| DISMISSAL----- | SOLOMON SIMS |

Wednesday, July 26, 2000

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| SONG LEADER----- | KENNY GORDON SR. |
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To wash baptism garments: Janet Bunton & Minnie Lester

To assist in baptism: Dianne Washington & Josephine Watson

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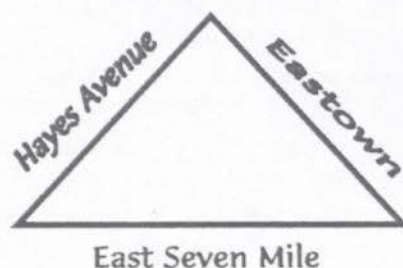
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Encouraging findings was the result of a survey led by W.L. Key in the seven and Hoover area. Forthcoming was a meeting, December 11, 1949 in Adam's Hall at Seven and Van Dyke. Local interest and encouragement from the Van Dyke Church prompted the renting of the same hall and the securing of E. L. Freeland as minister. 24 attended the initial service the following week.

Lots for \$7,000 were purchased in 1951 along East Seven Mile. In 1953, additional lots were bought for \$2,200 extending the frontage to 165 feet. Construction soon began on a \$40,000 building. Completion came in stages from the basement up and after an additional loan of \$11,500. Enjoying their new edifice in 1954 were about 100 morning worshippers.

E. L. Freeland was their only minister, who also served through both mergers, completing more than 17 years in February 1968.

Next week: Part 4 – The Merger

July 30, 2000

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS----- | ED LEWIS |
| SONG LEADER----- | CLIFF RUSSELL |
| SCRIPTURE READING----- | KENNY GORDON SR. |
| PRAYER----- | LARRY HOUSER |
| LORD'S SUPPER----- | DAVID PARNELL |
| EAST----- | T.THACKER, D. HARMON, G. OVERTON |
| WEST----- | J. LANKFORD, D. DIXSON, R. PERRYMAN |
| DISMISSAL----- | EDDIE LESTER |

Five O'clock Service

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| SONG LEADER----- | K. GORDON SR/B. REYNOLDS |
| OPENING PRAYER----- | BRIAN SIMS |
| LORD'S SUPPER----- | LYNWOOD SHEALY |
| DISMISSAL----- | LYNWOOD SHEALY |

Wednesday, August 2, 2000

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| SONG LEADER----- | JAMES TANKSLEY JR. |
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