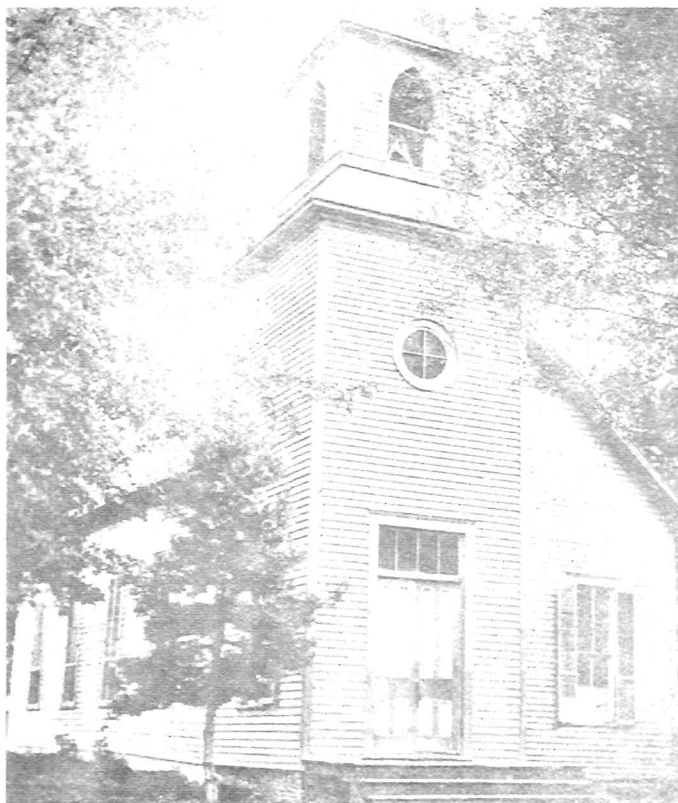


# Christian Church Of Humeston

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The first elders were; A. Humeston Sr., S.P. Newcomb, H.R. Savely and J.H. Hatfield. Clerk; F.R. Stone, and the Pastor was J.C. Porter, who served the church for ten years.

Early day pastors include J.L. Palmer, S.A. Hoover, J.W. McClure, A.J. Garrison, A.B. Cornell, E.J. Gantz, Rev. Chase, N.W. Burke, Peter Dyer, J.C. Lockhart, J.L. Sherrett, L.P. Koop, R.A. Gilchrist, E.B. Cross, R.H. Heicke and G.B. Brown.

The first structure was of wood construction, but it served as a place of worship until a new building was erected. On November 5, 1910 the cornerstone was laid for the Grecian type architecture of porcelain finished brick, at a cost of \$9000. The dimensions are 52 x 64 ft.

The building committee was appointed and George O. Gardner, George W. Patterson, R.L. Yates, Nylie Rouse and Walter Berkey formed the group. The church was finished and dedication services were held Sunday June 25, 1911. Dr. I.N. McCash of Cincinnati, Ohio, Secy. of American Missionary Society. Mrs. Laura DeLaney Garst, former missionary of Japan. Rev. J.P. Lucas of Colorado and Rev. N.H. Gist of the local Congregational church assisted.

Pastors of the new church are; J.O. Snodgrass 1909, first pastor, T.H. Mathieson, C.M. Thomas, F.T. Carter, J.D. Pontius, J.H. Fairley in 1923, T.W. Foglesong 1925, T.E. Spurling 1927-30, J.W. Taenzter, 1927-30. R.V. Hughes, John McCane, Marion Smith, Wayne Larson, C.R. Neel, Mrs. R.V. Hughes, Court Adams, N.W. Reynolds, Ernie Marsh 1952, Robert Burns, and Jack Clark in 1957.

John Patterson, 1970.

They built their first parsonage in 1949 and a garage in 1950. The Ladies Aid worked hard to help pay for the new church and the men formed themselves into a farm group and each year since 1950 they rent a farm and use the crops to help support the church.

Church of Christ, Humeston, Iowa.



New Church 1910 (Photo loaned by Altha E. Green)