

Memories of Chester, Herman Radmacher Series, the Federated Church of Chester Video Transcription

This is a picture of the, at that time it was the Federated Church of Chester. Then it was the Presbyterian and Methodist because the Methodist Church, which had been on Main Street burned down and they joined together. In my time, a young man by the name of Emmons came and became the pastor. He said, "I know that this is the wrong thing that people are going to say to do, but I'm going to make this a one church." It became the Community Presbyterian Church. Most of the people just went along with it because it had been merged for so many years that they didn't mind. He built the church from that point on. In fact, actually he got me very much interested. He had a group of young people who had just graduated from high school and we had a group, which is where I met my wife and where I married her (laughs). He was a great man and his wife was a great person too. They worked here, and when they left here to the west, I think to Arizona, and built a church from scratch. They lived there for a long time, and then moved from there. He was a great person, little bitty guy, both he and his wife, a great deal of fun and did a lot of wonderful things for the church. Hope they realize that.