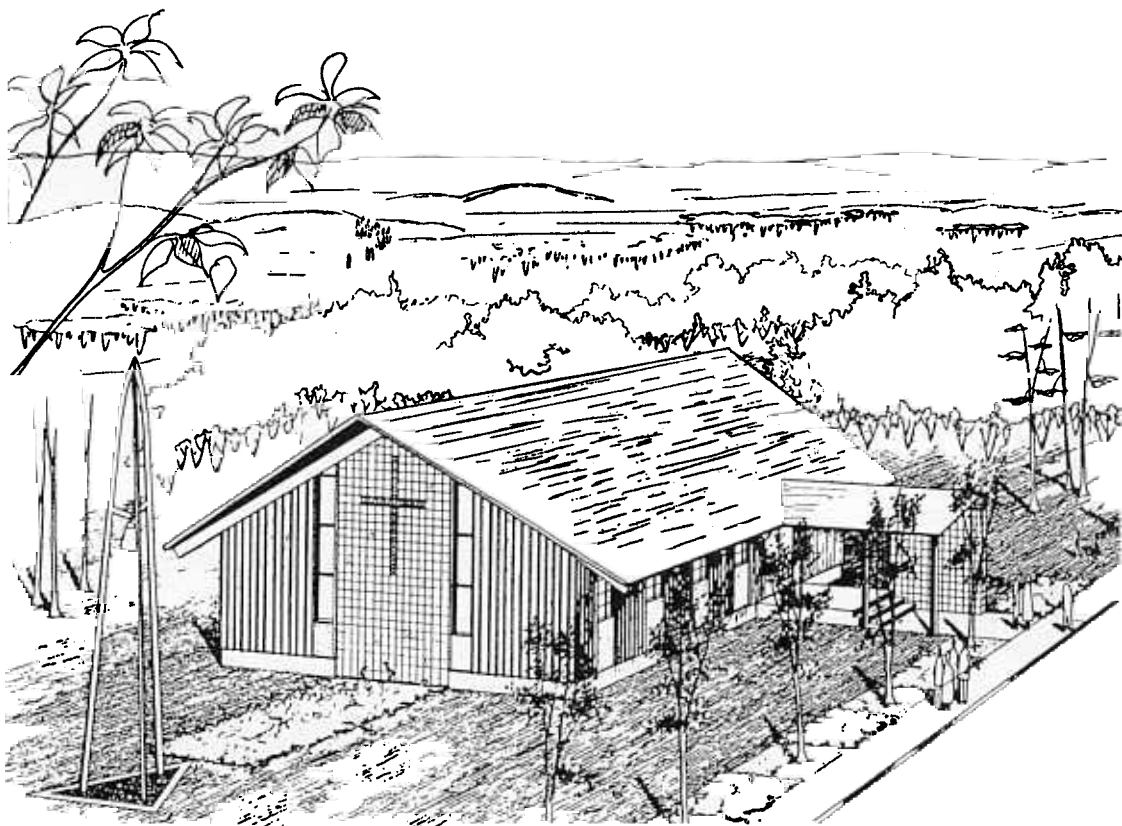


St. Luke's Mission

Yanceyville, N. C.



On Sunday, April 15, the Second Sunday after Easter, the Right Reverend Edwin Anderson Penick, will lay the corner stone of the new building to serve the congregation of St. Luke's Mission in Yanceyville. The structure is designed to be used both for Church services, and the Sunday Church School and other activities of the congregation.

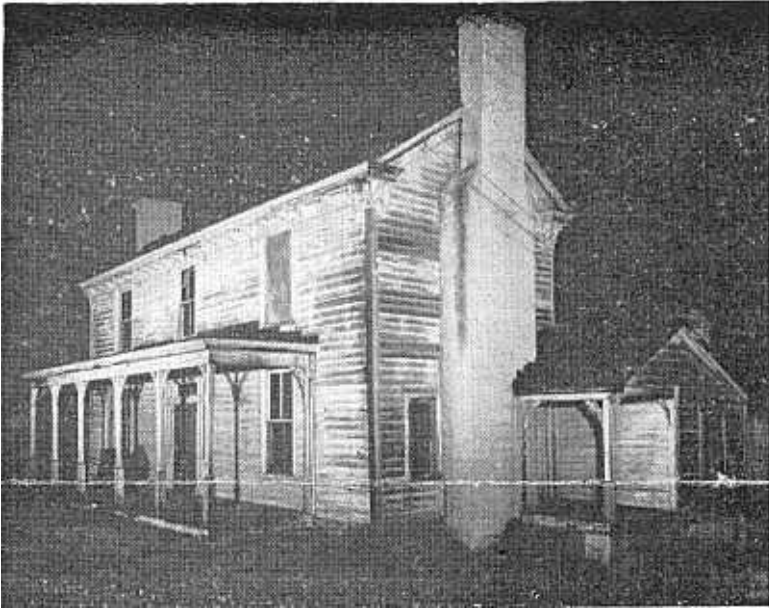


Historical Sketch

Caswell County, of which Yanceyville is the county seat, is an area rich in historical background. The county was set apart from Orange County in 1777, and its county seat moved from Leasburg to a new location, now Yanceyville, when Person County was formed in 1791. By 1810 a village had grown up around Caswell Court House. Although some of the early inhabitants were Episcopalians, the difficulty of obtaining the services of a priest, and the scattered population made impossible the organization of a Church in the county in its early years. At Milton, St. Paul's Church was organized in 1831, but later disbanded. It was not until 1890 that the present Christ Church in Milton was erected and an Episcopal Church established in Caswell County.

Services were held in Yanceyville intermittently. Bishop Ives visited Yanceyville in 1844 and noted in his diary the prospects of establishing a congregation in the town. Bishop Atkinson held a service in Yanceyville in 1858, and Bishop Lyman visited both Milton and Yanceyville in 1864. But distances were great and there was no Parish close enough for any permanent arrangement to be made so that services could be held and pastoral supervision supplied with any regularity. The few Episcopalians who lived in Yanceyville were attached to Milton, thirteen miles away, until seven years ago when the first organized effort was made to establish a congregation in Yanceyville.

Our Present Church



In 1949, Fred I. E. Ferris, then a Lay-Reader resident in Roxboro, previously a student at Duke University, and since ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of East Carolina, came to Yanceyville and brought the Episcopalians living in the community together to form a Mission congregation. St. Mary's chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary was also formed. In order to have a place of their own for Church services and Church School the house pictured above was secured, and served for seven years as their Church. It soon became apparent that a Church was necessary, and in 1953 a lot was purchased in a residential section of the town, and plans made to build. Construction started in the spring of 1955.

Yanceyville is a town of approximately fifteen hundred; the county a population of 20,000. At present there are thirty-one Episcopalians in St. Luke's congregation, seventeen being adults. The total cost of the building, including land, architects fee, and miscellaneous expenses, will be \$12,045; all of which has been raised, through gifts from the Diocese, the Diocesan Auxiliary and Laymen's League, and through local pledges, projects of the local Woman's Auxiliary, and gifts of friends of the Church, except for \$4,200, borrowed through the American National Bank and Trust Company of Danville.

Edwin A. Penick, D. D., Bishop
Richard H. Baker, D. D., Bishop-Coadjutor

George I. R. McMahon, Priest-in-charge
Clarence L. Pemberton, Warden

Mission Committee: Mrs. Charles R. Thomas, John T. Clark, Louise M. Homewood, Mrs. Edward H. Wilson.

Architects, Schnedl and Schnedl, Reidsville
Contractor, Baron Neal, Yanceyville