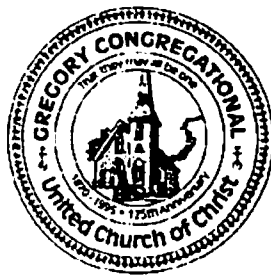


*Celebrating
Mrs. Hannah Nixon*



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*Good People
Will Be Remembered
As A Blessing.*

Proverbs 10:7

~May 10, 2009~

Mrs. Hannah Nixon

*Church Mother and Member of Gregory Congregational United Church Of Christ
~Mrs. Hannah Nixon's Reflections on Sixty-four Years at Gregory Church~*

Mrs. Hannah joined Gregory after her next door neighbor, Ms Juanita Roberts, invited her to come go to church with her in 1945. Rev. Williams was the pastor during that time. She describes Gregory folks as being serene and well educated. The first organization she joined was the choir where she sang for two years. She later became a member of Gregory's Missionaries and enjoyed recording the minutes to present at church conferences held all over Southeastern North Carolina. During those days (1950's and 1960's), when one traveled to conferences, the host church members delighted in housing the visiting church members in their homes.

When the Missionaries merged with Gregory's Church Women, Mrs. Hannah became active with them. This led to her joining the *Church Women United (CWU)* - Wilmington Area. She remembers Gregory women packing and labeling boxes of clothes and shoes to send overseas. She was part of the CWU planning groups for Ecumenical Celebration which included World Day of Prayer, Human Rights Celebration and World Community Day.

Next Mrs. Hannah joined the Usher Board and remembers how proud the ushers were of those wide white collars and white gloves. She held the position of Chairman of the Usher Board for years. After joining the Deacon Board in 1965, Mrs. Hannah speaks about the ladies of the Deacon Board having to take communion glasses home to wash. The communion linen was washed, starched and pressed in members' homes as well. In those days, the communion drink was actual wine.

During the late 1960's and the 1970s, Gregory sponsored Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies. Mrs. Hannah helped Mrs. Alfreda Webb with the Cub Scouts. She remembers taking the children to competitions as far as Lake Waccamaw and how excited they were to return home with ribbons.

It is Mrs. Hannah's fondest wish for Gregory to acquire a permanent pastor as we continue striving to be the church that Christ would have us to be. Her dedication to the many, many activities in the life of Gregory serves as a guide and a legacy for all our members.

