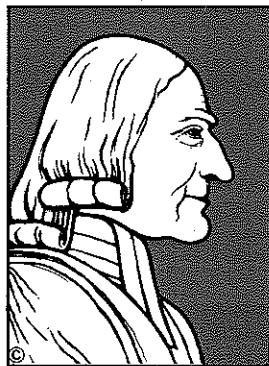


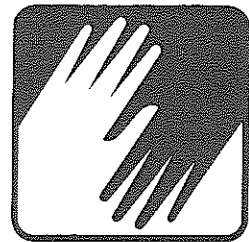
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DR. EWART E. TURNER

Dr. Ewart E. Turner was born in East Smithfield, Pa., the son of W. Cleon B. and Madge Spurr Turner. On June 19, 1929, he married the former Martha Provine Leach, who survives.

Dr. Turner graduated from Cazenovia (N.Y.) Seminary in 1922, Ohio Wesleyan University in 1926, and Boston University School of Theology in 1929. He did graduate work at Harvard University and the University of Berlin. He received his doctorate of divinity from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1962. He was ordained Deacon in 1927; Elder in 1929.

He served as pastor of the American Church in Berlin from 1930-34. He also served pastorates in United Methodist churches in Fitchburg, Mass.; Tilton, N.H.; Utica-New Hartford, N.Y.; Syracuse, N.Y.; Toledo and the Old Yellow Meeting House (Congregational) in Dracut, Mass.

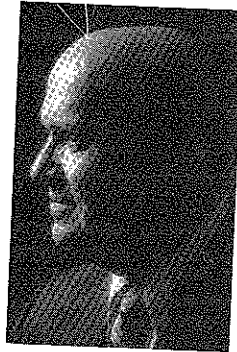
Dr. Turner was a correspondent for Religious News Service and the Christian Century. He was a lecturer at colleges, service clubs, civic organizations and policy forums and was author of "Feed My Sheep." He served on numerous church committees; district, conference, national and international.

Dr. Turner and his wife, Martha, were instrumental in efforts to restore Lima's Kibby Corners area.

He retired on June 15, 1977 after serving as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, Lima, since Jan. 1972. He served 50 years in the ministry.

MARTHA TURNER

JOHN J. DeYOUNG



The Rev. John J. DeYoung of Sherwood, Ohio, died September 19 in Brookville, Penn. while on vacation. He was 57 years of age.

John was born on June 17, 1930 in Prairie View, Kansas to John Aaron and Margaret Swiers DeYoung. He loved the farm and thought he would never leave, but God called him away. He struggled with God's call to Christian service and finally prayed that if God really wanted him, He would have to get him off the farm. Quickly, God caused a draft notice to be sent to John and he farmed no more. In the service John and some Christian friends held Sunday night services and witnessed to many young men.

The Korean War came to an end and John was soon discharged from the service. Again he felt the strong call of God upon his life and decided the best thing he could do for God was to become an agricultural missionary. He had already completed a two-year degree from Central College in McPherson, Kansas, so he headed

to Washington to attend Seattle Pacific University. While out that way, he worked at the Canon Beach Bible Conference Grounds and also in Village Missions establishing Sunday Schools in remote regions of California and Washington. Finally he felt prepared to go to the mission field, but God closed all doors. John knew in his heart what God wanted him to do. The opportunity came for seminary and John headed for Kentucky to attend Asbury Theological Seminary. He also served a charge of four churches in Hamersville, Ohio, and there met his future wife Ruth Shepard Meranda.

John married, finished seminary and was appointed to the Clarksville-Olive Branch Churches in Clarksville, Ohio where he served 10 years. His next appointment was Faith United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio where he served 9 years. He served 5 years at his next appointment at First United Methodist Church in Brookville, Ohio. He then accepted the appointment of the Sherwood United Methodist Church where he served 4 months before his death.

John is survived by his wife Ruth; a daughter Connie Baxter of Columbus, Ohio; a son Wesley Meranda and wife Kathryn and three children of Vestal, New York; four sisters, Mildred Smith and husband Richard of Norton, Kansas; Geneva DeYoung, Miami, Florida; Rosalie Shepherd and husband James of Versailles, Kentucky; and Imogene Cottrill and husband George of Seattle, Washington.

RUTH DeYOUNG