

----- Through The Years -----

This month we will continue with more descriptions of stained glass windows at Mentor Methodist. The original inspiration for such glass was the building of the 1906 Sanctuary (where the Chapel now stands). There are some pieces that probably no longer exist, but there are some that weren't covered last month. In the Chapel there is a panel that has no designation on it. We do not know the donors but it is known that Harry King and his sisters (names not known) did donate three panels. It is possible that the panel in the Chapel is one of these. The King windows were located on the north wall of the 1906 Sanctuary.

Three windows existed on the east wall of the 1906 Sanctuary, they were given by Horatio and Elizabeth Munson. The middle window was dedicated to their son, Henry Edward Munson who died while a student at Oberlin College in 1890. The left window was dedicated to Horatio Edward Munson and the window on the right was dedicated to Elizabeth Munson who lived until 1939, aged 98. Sadly, these windows are lost to history. The Munson family is buried in a prominent gravesite in one of the oldest sections of the Mentor Cemetery. Munson Road in Mentor is named for the family.

There is, however, another stained glass window from this era that exists. It is located in the Gallery and I am sure many of you have noticed it. It was restored in 2016 thanks to contributions from the congregation. Also in the gallery is a stained glass cross given by the youth of the church in honor of the building of the current Chapel in 1988. It was moved to the Gallery from the Chapel.

The Asbury Room contains two windows that you, members of the congregation, helped create. These were created for the building addition in 2012. People were asked to select pieces of glass and placed them on a form. The windows were then completed and hung in the Asbury Room. Check them out if you haven't noticed them.

The history of stained glass windows is just one more example of the love that people, over the generations, have for this church. The talents and gifts of its people have made Mentor United Methodist Church what it is today.

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