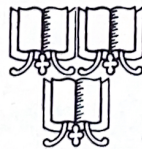




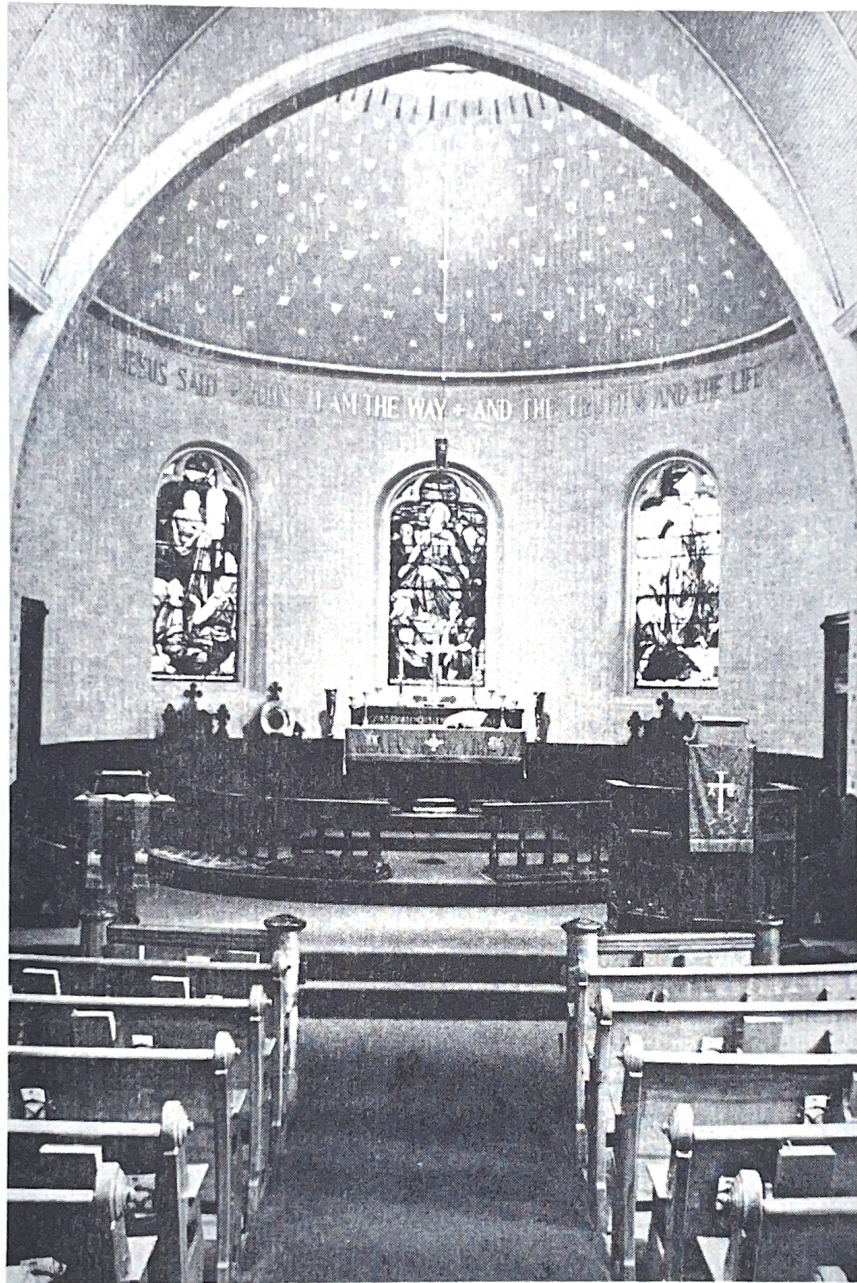
HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S (ZION'S)  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

1715 - 1976



THE REV. FERDINAND K. W. HAASE, *Pastor*







Rev. Simon Peter Hughes

1892 - 1893



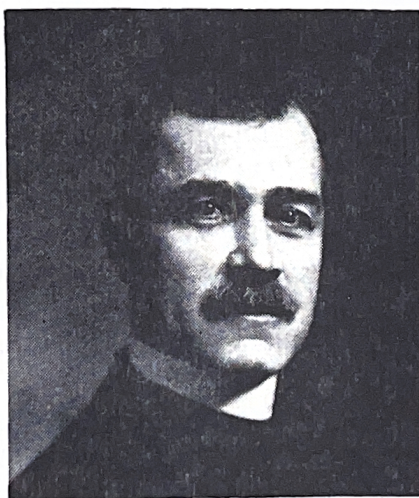
Rev. Edward Grier Hay

1894 - 1907



Rev. George Edgar Hipsley, D.D.

1908 - 1941





ten years of intense activity, on the part of both the pastor and the congregation. After his first year's ministry, the Rev. Weikert had so won the good will and co-operation of the congregation that they enlarged and repaired the lecture room and put a basement under it. Spurred by this achievement, and by the growth of the congregation, in April, 1884, the congregation voted to build a new chapel from plans previously submitted and revised, on which the contract price was \$2,300. The contract for this building is filed in the church records.

The need for repairing or replacing the church building became pressing in 1886, and the pastor was authorized to solicit funds for a new church. Over a period of two years he labored for a new church, and when the congregation met on August 8, 1888, he reported that he had raised the sum of \$10,500. Immediately the congregation voted to erect a new building at a cost not to exceed \$11,000. The building, however, cost \$19,207.63 when completed. The cornerstone of the church was laid on Sunday, August 4, 1889, and a full account of that event was published in the "Red Hook Journal" under date of Friday, August 9th. The paper devoted a column and a half to the ceremonies, from which the following facts were gleaned:

More than a thousand people gathered for the corner stone laying at 3:00 P.M., and the order of service is given in detail. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. H. Luckenbach, D.D., former pastor, who was then President of the New York Synod. The text was taken from Ephesians 2:20, "Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone". The corner stone weighed 600 pounds and was hollowed out to contain a lead box in which were placed, beside the Bible, documents, papers and articles too numerous to mention. Sixteen clergymen were present, three of them making the trip from Pennsylvania. The Church was dedicated, Wednesday, September 12th, 1890.

By December 1st, 1891, less than a year and a half after the corner stone was laid, the church stood free of debt. On October 28, 1891, Mr. Edward Martin offered to pay one-half of the remaining indebtedness of \$6,038.33, provided the congregation would raise the other half by December first of the same year. This was a challenge to the congregation, and they accepted it and went to work with a will. In the month that preceded the deadline, the congregation raised its half of slightly over \$3,000 and the church was again free from debt, a mighty testimony to the faith and the generosity of the people who had been giving of their means steadily to the church over a period of several years.

Pastor Weikert resigned March 29, 1891, asking that his resignation take effect on April 27th. Subsequently he united with the Episcopal Church and was ordained to its ministry.



*Soldiers of the American Revolution  
buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery  
RED HOOK, N. Y.*

1. Benner, John F.—(stone gone) Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
2. Benner, Peter—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
3. Davis, Henry—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 4th Regiment  
The Line—4th Regiment  
Ulster Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 3rd Regiment
4. Drom, Andrew—Albany Co. Militia 6th Regiment
5. Lewis Thomas—(stone gone—wife's standing—Helena Van Buren)  
The Line—3rd Regiment  
Dutchess Co. Militia—Regiment of Minute Men  
Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 4th Regiment
6. Miller, Jacob—The Line 2nd & 3rd Regiments  
Dutchess Co. Militia 5th & 6th Regiments  
Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 3rd Regiment
7. Moore, Peterus—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
8. Near, Henry—Albany Co. Militia 8th Regiment  
Albany Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 8th Regiment
9. Smith, Johannis—An Associator (Oath of Allegiance 1775)  
Ulster Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 2nd & 3rd Regiments  
Albany Co. Militia 8th & 10th Regiments
10. Snider, George (Jury)—Dutchess Co. Militia 2nd Regiment  
Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
11. Stickels, John—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
12. Straat, Anthony—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
13. Van Keuren, Tobias—(stone gone—wife's standing—Helena Lewis)  
Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment  
An Associator (Oath of Allegiance 1775)
14. Waldorph, William—Dutchess Co. Militia (L.B.R.) 6th Regiment
15. Whiteman, Jacob—Albany Co. Militia 3rd Regiment

*All on south side of cemetery road, except for Anthony Straat  
and Jacob Miller on north*