

Centenary Wilbur Church

March 6, 1928.

C. W. Miller.,
Pittcock Block.,
City.

Re: Centenary Wilbur Methodist Church
-Old Building -

Dear Sir:

Recently a representative of this office inspected the above listed premises, and recommends that the following changes should be made to eliminate the life and fire hazards that now exist:-

- (1) West exit door chains to top latch should be lengthened so as to be within easy reach, and doors made to swing open freely, or have panic bolts installed.
- (2) Partitions should be constructed in basement on both sides of passageway leading from old to new addition.
- (3) West exit from childrens class room in basement which passes through ante-room should be kept clear, lock on inside door should be removed, and a night latch type of lock provided for outside door, this door should open outwardly.
- (4) Provide door closer on furnace door leading from furnace room to old building, so that door may be kept normally closed.

The inspector also reports that several exit doors in the new building open inwardly, and that additional fire doors will be required in the division walls separating old and new buildings. However these recommendations for the new building have been verbally made to the carpenter employed in building, and I am told they are being taken care of.

Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

FIRE MARSHAL

FR:WF

April 22, 1931.

Rev. Earnest G. Johnson,
1621 E. 16th St.,
City.

Re: Sellwood Church of Nazarene.

Dear Sir:

A Fire Prevention survey has been made by Inspector Callaher of this office, of the church located as above, he reports the existence of the following violations of City Ordinances and unsafe conditions which should be corrected as set forth below without unnecessary delay:-

Exit lights should be installed at the following locations:

Over rear exit door of basement; over exit door leading to outside hall from basement; over exit door from assembly and over outside exit door in hall.

The use of long extension cords from electric service should be discontinued and outlets installed where lights are required. All work should be done by competent electricians under permit from the City Electrical Division.

Bar lock should be removed from rear exit door and this door should be equipped with an anti-panic lock, so as to allow safe and easy egress in case of fire or other emergency.

The chimney in the S.E. corner of building which does not extend to ground is dangerous and should be removed.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fire resistive materials as required by Section 661, Ordinance No. 33911, which requires two inch wood construction lined on inside with metal.

Respectfully yours,

FIRE MARSHAL.

FWR:WRF
GALLAHER: INSP:

Chuscher M.E.
See also Manley Community Center

June 5, 1931.

City Church Extension Society,
Methodist Church,
Fire Prevention Committee.

Gentlemen:

Recent fire prevention surveys have been made of the Methodist churches in this city, and the following unsafe fire conditions and ordinance violations were noted. In order to better protect the congregation and buildings from fire, it will be necessary to comply with recommendations as set forth below:-

ROSE CITY PARK M.E.
1852 Alameda.

Install box type exit light in auditorium over side entrances. This light should be of a type corresponding with other lights now installed in auditorium.

CENTRAL M.E.
Vancouver & Fargo.

Install approved type exit light over exit doors from main auditorium and from class rooms in basement.

GERMAN M.E.
Regney and Stanton.

Install approved type exit lights over exit doors from main auditorium and from class rooms in basement.

FREMONT COMMUNITY
840 Fremont St.

Install approved exit light over door leading from main auditorium.

WOODLAWN M.E.
1341 E. 10th St. N.

Install approved exit lights over all exit doors.
Install standard fire door at opening to furnace room and equip same with self-closing devices.
Rubbish in furnace room should be removed and a metal container with close-fitting cover should be provided for the safe disposal of useless material.

UNIVERSITY PARK. M.E.
1639 Fiske St.

Rubbish in furnace room and under main entrance stairway should be removed and metal containers provided for the safe storage of useless material.

Approved exit lights should be installed over doors leading from main auditorium and basement.

It is recommended that an additional exit be provided from main auditorium, and also from basement. These exits should be as remote as possible from existing exits.

WILSHIRE COMMUNITY. M.E.
1155 Shaver St.

Furnace should be enclosed in fireproof room and openings into same from basement and first floor should be protected with standard fire doors, equipped with self-closing devices, so that doors may be kept normally closed.

Approved six inch signal green exit lights should be installed over all exits leading from main floor and from basement.

Permanent stairs should be installed at exit door in kitchen and doors should be equipped with night-latch type locks.

Dry grass which has accumulated in yard should be removed.

NORWEGIAN DANISH. M.E.
265 Skidmore St.

Install approved exit lights over doors leading to outside from auditorium and basement. Lights to be of approved six inch signal green globe with the word EXIT in three inch letters.

Furnace should be separated from the remainder of the basement by a room with metal lath and plaster walls and ceiling, and a standard fire door, equipped with self-closing device installed.

Room should be ventilated to outside air by duct of at least 120 square inches in area.

SOUTH PORTLAND COMMUNITY. M.E.
710 Front St.

Construct steps from floor to window leading to fire escape in Sunday school room.

Remove all paper and straw now stored in attic, or place same in fireproof container.

Candles now kept in attic should be removed from stands and stored in metal locker under lock and key.

Paper used for wrapping purposes, in fuel room should be removed from barrels and placed in metal containers.

Paint and lacquers used in manual training room should be stored in metal locker which has been provided for that purpose.

Substitute approved six inch exit light in chapel for non-approved red light, and install approved exit light over other exit door leading from chapel.

Install approved exit light over door in basement leading from boys playroom.

All other non-approved exit lights should be changed to the approved six inch exit light globe.

FIRST METHODIST.M.E.
475 Taylor St.

Install approved exit lights over all doors leading to outside from main auditorium and assembly hall in basement.

Install anti-panic bolts on all doors leading to outside from main auditorium and assembly hall in basement.

Northeast door from main auditorium should be changed so as to swing with outgoing traffic.

Stairs should be kept free from storage or other obstructions.

LINCOLN. M.E.
1445 E. Lincoln St.

Install approved six inch exit lights over door from assembly to vestibule and over rear door from assembly.

Install closing device on furnace room door and keep door normally closed.

SELLWOOD. M.E.
15th and Tacoma St.

Install approved exit lights over all doors from assembly leading to outside.

The use of long electric extension cords should be discontinued and outlets installed where additional lights are needed.

All exit doors should have bar and bolt type locks removed and replaced with vestibule type locks.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fire-proof materials with fire door, equipped with self-closing device.

ELLIS AVE. M.E.
640 Ellis St.

Bar and bolt type lock should be removed from front and side exit doors and replaced with vestibule type locks.

LENTS. M.E.
9610 - 58th Ave. S.E.

Bar and bolt type locks should be removed from exit doors in church and gymnasium, and replaced with vestibule type locks.

Install approved exit lights over all exit doors from church and gymnasium.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fire-proof materials with fire door equipped with self-closing device.

WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY. M.E.
4321 Woodstock Ave.

Install approved exit lights over all doors on first floor and basement which lead to outside.

Bar and bolt type locks should be removed from exit doors, and replaced with vestibule type locks.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fire-proof materials with fire door equipped with self-closing device.

CLINTON KELLY.M.E.
E.39th and Powell St.

Non-approved exit lights should be removed and replaced with approved type lights.

Rear exit doors from basement and from first floor should be changed to swing with out-going traffic and equipped with vestibule type locks.

Bar and bolt type locks on front doors should be removed and replaced with vestibule type locks.

LAURELWOOD. M.E.
6142 - 45th Ave. S.E.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fire-proof materials with fire door equipped with self-closing device. An extension of time has been granted for compliance with this regulation.

FIRST GERMAN.M.E.
255 E. 28th St.

Smokepipe from stove in pastor's study should be riveted at joints and securely wired in position.

Remove key type locks from front exit doors and replace with anti-panic type locks.

Remove tumblers from key type locks in doors between main auditorium and front vestibule.

Outside entrance light should be protected with substantial wire screen and entrance should be illuminated at night while building is in use.

Rubbish and useless combustibles under front stairs should be removed.

Holes in ceiling of furnace room should be closed with cement mortar.

Install vent of at least 120 square inches in area, from furnace room to the outside.

MONTAVILLA. M.E.
36 E. 80th St.

Install approved exit lights in auditorium over doors leading to outside.

Remove key type locks and install anti-panic locks on these doors.

Install approved exit light over north door from gymnasium and change this door so that it will swing with out-going traffic.

Install night-latch type lock, also repair steps on outside of building.

Change exit door between buildings to swing with out-going traffic, install night-latch type lock and mark door "EXIT."

Remove all combustible material from south entrance hall and install anti-panic type locks and exit light.

Remove tumbler from key type lock in door at top of stairs and mark door "STAIRS."

Exit door from basement portion under gymnasium, should be changed to swing with out-going traffic.

Install approved exit light over south door from dining room and remove tumblers from locks on this door.

MONTAVILLA. M.E (CONT)

Install exit light over west door from basement and remove tumbler from lock. Mark outside door with the word "EXIT."

Both furnaces should be enclosed in rooms constructed of fireproof material with fire doors equipped with self-closing devices.

Ash cleanout opening at base of flue, should be repaired and metal door installed.

Provide metal containers with close-fitting covers for rubbish in basement and discontinue the use of paper cartons for this purpose.

Unused stovepipe openings in chimney on first floor should be closed with brick and mortar.

MT. TABOR. M.E.

1479 E. Stark St.

Furnace should be enclosed in room constructed of fireproof materials with fire door equipped with self-closing device.

Combustible material now stored in close proximity to furnace should be removed to a safe distance from furnace.

Loose paper, cartons and trash on floor of fuel room east of furnace should be removed.

Install two exit lights from basement assembly rooms to vestibule of west entrance.

Install anti-panic locks on west exit door from basement.

Remove tumblers from locks in door at top of basement stairs.

Doors from balcony should be equipped with night-latch type locks only, so that doors can always be opened from balcony side without the use of key.

Exit lights should be installed over west doors, main floor, and outside door should be equipped with anti-panic type locks.

Install approved exit light over S.W. door from main auditorium and install anti-panic bolts on door leading to street.

Install approved exit light over S.E. door and change lock to a night-latch type, so that door may be opened from the inside without key.

Locks on doors opening on to porch should be changed to the night-latch type locks.

Exit lights over doors from main auditorium should be of box type with six inch letters.

PATTON. M.E.

1053 Michigan Ave.

Range in kitchen should be moved to a distance of eighteen inches from wall, or wall protected with metal shield, leaving a one inch air space between wall and metal, if wall is so protected, stove may be placed nine inches from same. This protection should likewise be afforded gas plate in kitchen, where distance from protected woodwork must be not closer than six inches.

Furnace should be separated from remainder of basement by walls and ceiling of metal lath and plaster and fire door with self-closing device installed.

PATTON. M.E. (CONF)
1053 Michigan Ave.

Furnace must be properly protected from combustible floor, using one course of brick and two (2) courses of ventilated tile.

An additional exit should be provided at rear of main auditorium and also at rear of basement, and approved exit lights should be installed over all doors leading to outside.

Electric extension cord over heating stove should be removed and outlet provided where additional lights are required.

Rubbish, trash and brush should be removed from fuel room.

Old lumber in rear of church should be removed.

PIONEER. M.E.
295 Charleston St.

Stairs from platform to ground should be erected from south and rear exits.

Furnace room door should be equipped with self-closing device and door maintained normally closed.

Rubbish and trash should be removed from closets on third floor and metal containers with covers should be provided for rubbish.

Gas plate in kitchen should be placed six inches from protected woodwork and woodwork protected with metal shield, hung one inch from wall, allowing a one inch air space between wall and shield.

SUNNYSIDE. M.E.
1056 E. Yamhill St.

This church is now being remodeled and all required changes will be made when plans are presented for approval.

All structural changes and changes in electric installations must be done under a permit from the Bureau of Buildings and Electrical Division.

The inspectors report that housekeeping in general is poor in all churches, and recommend that caretakers be warned of the fire dangers attendant to allowing useless combustible material to accumulate about premises.

Respectfully yours,

FIRE MARSHAL
CITY OF PORTLAND, ORE.

FWR:WRF

June 5, 1931.

Mr. E. W. Peterson,
Automobile Editor,
The Journal,
Brdway & Jamhill Sts,
City.

Dear Mr. Peterson:-

Complying with your
request I am enclosing a list of recom-
mendations made at Methodist churches
during the recent inspection of same.

Yours very truly,

FIRE MARSHAL.

FWR:WRF

In Portland -

- ~~BENNETT CHAPEL:~~ Located at Foster Road and Lenox Ave. By auto from Portland - Drive out Foster Road to Lenox Ave. Or take Estacada car and get off Ramapo station.
- ~~CARSON HEIGHT:~~ Located corner Hume and 8th Sts. Take Oregon Electric
- ~~CENTENARY-WILBUR:~~ Corner East Ninth and Pine St. on the Sandy Blvd. Montavilla car to Ninth - one block south.
- ~~CENTRAL:~~ Corner Vancouver and Fargo Sts. Williams Ave. car. One block west.
- ~~CLINTON KELLY:~~ Corner Powell Blvd. and 39th St. Powell Valley bus to church.
- ~~ELLIS AVE:~~ Ellis Ave. & 17th - Sellwood car to Ellis Ave. Walk east two blocks.
- ~~ERROL HEIGHTS:~~ On 52nd between 74 & 75 Ave. Powell Valley bus to 50 St. - then take 52 St. bus. Or take Mt. Scott car to 50th St. - then take 52nd St. bus.
- ~~EPWORTH:~~ Corner Savier and 26th St. Take NS street car going north. Get off at 26 St. Walk one block south.
- ~~FIRST:~~ Corner 12th and Taylor Sts. Take Sunnyside, Mt. Tabor or 23 St. cars.
- ~~FIRST GERMAN:~~ Located 28th St. and Madison St. Take Hawthorne car, get off 28 St. Walk one block north.
- ~~FREMONT:~~ Fremont St. between 26th and 27th St. Take Broadway car to Fremont. Walk four blocks east.
- ~~LAURELWOOD:~~ On 45 Ave. between 61 and 62 St. or Foster Road at 62. St. Take Mt. Scott car and get off on 62nd St.
- ~~LENTS:~~ Corner Foster Road and 91st St. S.E. Take Mt. Scott car to 91 St. Walk one block north.
- ~~LINCOLN:~~ Corner Lincoln & 52nd St. With car drive out Hawthorne to 52nd St. South to Lincoln. Take Hawthorne car or Mt. Scott car. One block west of Hawthorne. Two blocks east of Mt. Scott.
- ~~LINNTON:~~ Astoria-Seaside Highway. 8 miles from Portland to Linnton.
- ~~MONTAVILLA:~~ Corner E. 80th and Pine Sts. Take Montavilla car going to Stark St. Get off Pine and 80th St.
- ~~MT. TABOR:~~ Corner E. Stark and E. 61 St. Mt. Tabor to 61 St. Walk one block north.
- ~~PATTON:~~ Corner Alberta and Michigan Ave. Mississippi car to Alberta. Get off Alberta. Walk one block west.
- ~~RODNEY AVE:~~ Corner Rodney Ave. and Stanton St. Williams or Union Av. cars. One block east of Wms. 2 blocks west Union Ave. cars.
- ~~ROSE CITY PARK:~~ Sandy Blvd. and E. 58th St. - on the Alameda. Rose City Park Car to E. 58 St. N.
- ~~SELLWOOD:~~ Corner 15th and Tacoma. Sellwood car get off at Tacoma St. Walk one block east.
- ~~ST. JOHNS:~~ Corner Leonard and Charleston. Take St. Johns car.
- ~~SUNNYSIDE:~~ Corner Yamhill and East 35 St. Take Sunnyside car to 35 St. One block south.
- ~~SO. PORTLAND:~~ 710 Front St. Corner Hooker and Front St. Take NS car going south - get off at Hooker. Walk one block east.
- ~~UNIVERSITY PARK:~~ Corner Lombard and Fiske St. Take St. Johns car to Fiske Street.
- ~~WILSHIRE:~~ Corner Shaver and E. 39 St. N. Take Beaumont car to Shaver. Walk 3 blocks west.
- ~~WOODLAWN:~~ Corner 10th and Highland. Take Woodlawn car to Decum. Then two blocks to right.
- ~~WOODSTOCK:~~ Woodstock Ave. and 44th St. Southeast.
- ~~BEECH ST. SWEDISH:~~ Corner Beech and Borthwick. Take Miss. Ave. car to Beech St. Walk east two blocks.
- ~~NORWEGIAN-DANISH:~~ Corner Skidmore and Vancouver Sts. Take Williams Av. car to Skidmore. Walk one block west.

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*Please carefully note your report from earlier a list
of recommendations made at Methodist Church recently made*

Fred Roberts, Fire Marshal
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Referring to our telephone conversation of a few days ago, I need a list of the Methodist Churches where your inspectors have found fire hazards or suggested changes and improvements, for a committee meeting on this subject early next week.

I would be pleased to have the information by the end of this week, so the committee can proceed with its work..

Thanking you in advance,

I am,

Yours truly,

E. W. Peterson

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Automobile Editor

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*The following is a list of Methodist churches
recently inspected by members of the Fire Dept*

St. John's

CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Methodist Church

FP Committee

Portland, Oregon

May 21, 1931.

Dear Brother:

At a recent meeting of the City Church Extension Society of the Portland District, the Fire Marshal of Portland advised our group that many of the churches had extreme fire hazards and unless these hazards are eliminated and the church basements and grounds cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal, and in accordance with city ordinances, the Fire Marshal will be compelled to require changes in basement construction and furnace room buildings that might be very embarrassing to many of our churches.

The undersigned were appointed a committee by President C. L. Starr to take the matter up with the churches and ask their hearty cooperation in remedying the above mentioned matters.

Might we suggest that your effort be put forth in hearty cooperation with the program of the Portland Council of Churches in their "Clean-up Week" commencing May 24th?

For further information call the District Superintendent's office, Beacon 9692, and report to Mrs. Miller.

Sincerely yours,

O. C. Bortzmeyer,

J. P. Rasmussen

L. P. Hopfield

April 8, 1948

Rev. Charles Brown
4319 SE Woodstock
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Will you please initiate action that will cause the immediate correction of the following violations of the Fire Code which exist in connection with the church of which you are the pastor?

1. Exit lights out of order.
2. Doors on furnace room. (must be metal clad)
3. Furnace room full of wood, paint, and oils. (remove)
4. Gas vent in kitchen to be securely fastened at each joint.

Please give this matter your immediate attention and thus assure us of your intention to cooperate.

Yours truly,

M. E. Woodworth
Fire Marshal

MEW:jr