

# Central Mine Reunion July 29 to feature organ dedication

**CENTRAL MINE** — Dedication of an organ to the memory of Dr. Fred W. Bryant, who died April 1, 1978, at the age of 94, will be included in the order of worship at the 73rd Annual Reunion of the Central Mine Methodist Church Sunday, July 29.

Two morning services have been scheduled for the first time to accommodate a special group of 40 persons who will arrive in the Copper Country under the auspices of the Michigan Historical Society.

The society has planned a four-day historically oriented tour of the Keweenaw Peninsula and has included attendance at the Central Reunion as one item on its itinerary.

The executive committee of the church arranged an early service at 9 a.m. so as to avoid overcrowding at a single service.

The second service will be at 11 a.m., 30 minutes later than the normal time.

Guest speaker for the services will be the Rev. William J. Rosemurgy, of Flint. He served



**REV. WILLIAM ROSEMURGY**

local pastorates at Painesdale, Baltic, Trimountain and L'Anse and had lived in Centennial for eight years.

The organ to be dedicated at both services, is a gift of the Sacred Heart Church of Calumet and has been restored with funds given by the family and friends of Dr. Bryant. He had been the oldest member of the church's executive com-

mittee and had lived at Central from the time of his birth until he was 10 years old.

Dr. Bryant was a Calumet dentist for 65 years.

The Rev. Rosemurgy, selected to conduct the reunion service this year, is of Cornish descent and made his home in the Copper Country for many years.

He was born in the Black Hills of South Dakota of English parents and as an infant the parents returned to Cornwall, England with their child. He resided there until 1925 when he returned to America and lived for a time in South Bend, Ind.

Since 1927 he has lived in Michigan and following his marriage in Ironwood in 1928, moved to the Copper Country and settled in Centennial location, Calumet.

In 1939 he entered the ministry and served local pastorates. He then was transferred by the church conference to Lower Michigan where he served at Lexington, Richmond, Ford Memorial in Detroit, Dexter and Hardy near Howell.

In 1973, he retired after 34 years of service in the Detroit Conference.

Since retirement he has lived in Flint where he is serving as the visiting pastor on the staff of the Central United Methodist Church, Flint. He is frequently called upon to supply pulpits throughout the Flint area. In June he completed 40 years in the ministry.

In addition to his ministerial duties, Rosemurgy served for 19 years on the board of trustees for the Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. He served on the staff of the statistician's office for 24 years, eight of them (1966-74) as statistician of the Detroit Conference.

In 1969 he was appointed to the executive board of the Michigan Council of the Alcohol and Drug Problems, the office located in Lansing.

The old Central Mine church was erected in 1868. It was led by 19 pastors over the years, beginning with the Rev. J. H. Cornalia in 1868 and ending with the Rev. Guy G. Hoard in 1899.

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