

History of the Church

St. George's is a congregation of almost 900 diverse and unique people from all over the Dayton area, but mostly from Centerville, Kettering, and Washington Township. The life of the church surrounds its corporate worship of God. Going forth in response to worship we provide pastoral services and programs within our own membership, and outreach and service ministries in the Dayton area.

St. George's started as a mission of St. Paul's, Oakwood in 1954. The first service was held in the basement meeting room of Merchant's National Bank, in Town and Country Shopping Center, with 145 people attending. The Rev. Fred Pope came to be vicar of St. George's, and he guided the mission as it moved, changed and grew.

In 1957, St. George's became a self-supporting parish. That same year, the present parish hall was completed, and services moved from their latest home (Oakwood School on East Stroop Road), to the new building.

By 1961, St. George's membership had reached nearly 500 communicants, and plans to complete the construction of the church were initiated. September 8, 1963, the present church building was dedicated.

Though the external facilities of St. George's may not be changing drastically, today, the church remains dynamic. The people of St. George's are always growing, changing, and searching out new ways of showing forth God's love in the world.