

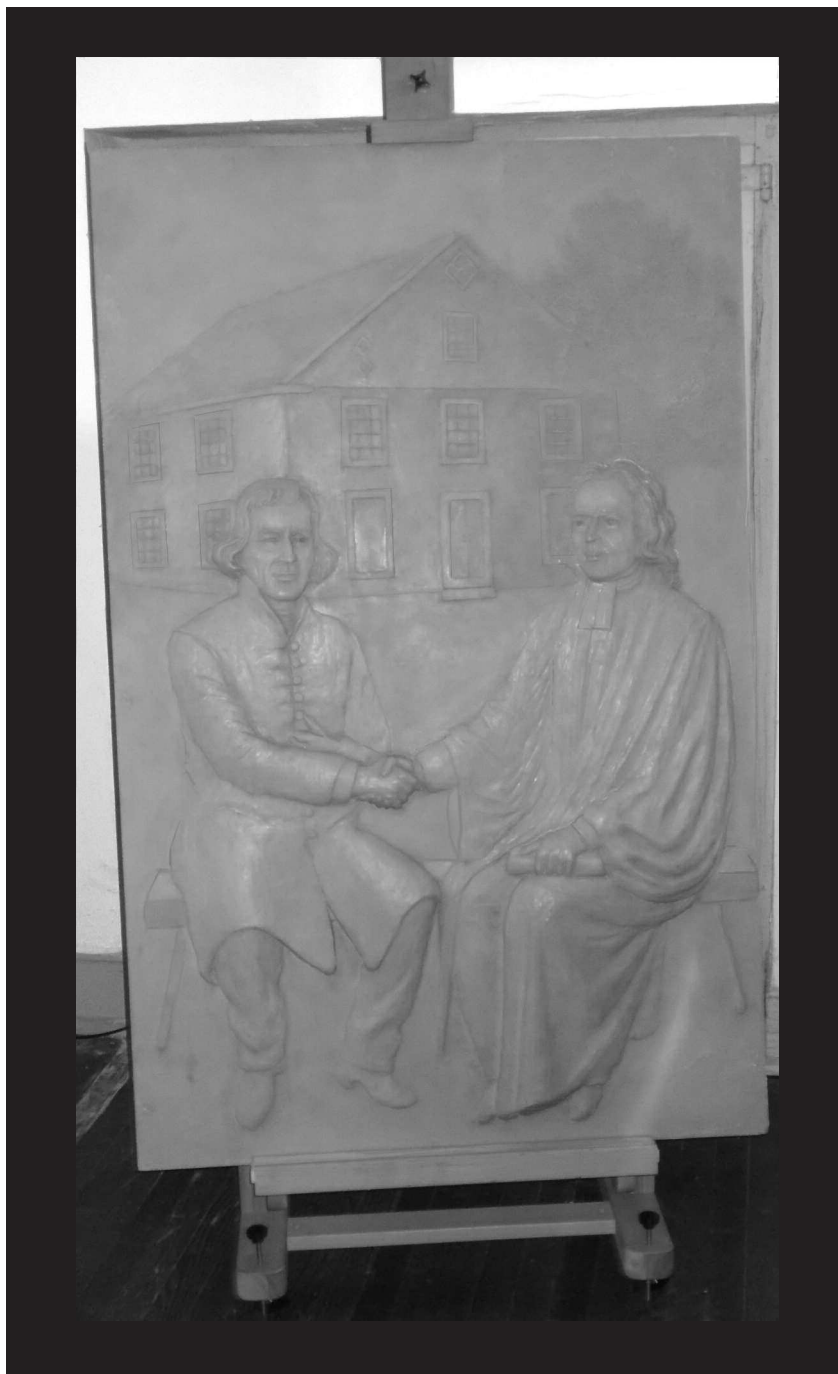
Barratt's Chapel & Museum

1780

The Independence Hall of American Methodism

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Historical Society Donates Bas-Reliefs

Tours of Barratt's always include some reference to the meeting of Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke in November, 1784, from which came the organization of American Methodists into an independent church. Now the Chapel features a new visual reminder of that historic meeting. Some years ago the Historical Society of Delaware had an artist produce a large bas-relief depicting Coke and Asbury at Barratt's Chapel and two smaller bas-reliefs depicting Richard Allen and Peter Spencer to be displayed in the Society's museum in Wilmington. (Unfortunately the works are not signed and name of the artist has been lost.) After being on display for a while, the bas-reliefs were placed in storage where they remained for years until the Society decided to dispose of them. Anthony Johnson, a member of the


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Barratt's Chapel has a NEW Look

Thanks to a grant from the General Commission on Archives and History and generous contributions from Friends of Barratt's, new wooden shutters have been added to all the windows on the Chapel. Not only will the shutters enhance the Chapel's appearance, but they can also be


closed to provide protection for the 18th century windows and interior of the Chapel when bad weather is expected.

While there is no definitive evidence, it is very likely that shutters were included in the original construction of the Chapel. Builders in the 18th century did not have storm windows, so shutters were a common feature. Old photos from the 19th and 20th centuries show that at various times some or all of the Chapel windows had shutters. The shutters which were on the Chapel in the latter part of the 20th century had to be removed because they had been installed in such a way that over time they were damaging the windows. The new shutters are reproductions based on ones at Boehm's Chapel, near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They will be a great addition to the Chapel for years to come. 

Major Highway Construction

The highway construction work on Route 1 has made access to Barratt's Chapel more complicated this year. Consequently, we are not holding some of our usual events such as Thursday evening Summer Worship Services and the Annual Anniversary Service.

The north entrance to Barratt's Chapel has been closed. The south entrance remains open but is difficult to see. If you are coming to Barratt's from the north, you

need to go past Barratt's Chapel, take the North Frederica exit and go over the overpass and come back northbound on Rt. 1. Stay in right lane. Just pass the cemetery is the south entrance to Barratt's Chapel. Alternatively, you can take one of the cemetery driveways and go around behind the Chapel and Museum to the parking lot in front of the Chapel. 

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smaller bas-reliefs

Commission on Archives and History, learned of their existence and arranged to have them donated to Barratt's. The largest one can now be seen in the Chapel. The others will be displayed in the Museum.

We are so appreciative that these works of art were saved and that we were able to acquire them.



Richard Allen



Peter Spencer

NOTE: Barratt's Chapel has a NEW Mailing Address - P.O. Box 668, Frederica, DE 19946



Bishop Felton May *laid to rest at Barratt's Chapel*

Visitors to Barratt's are accustomed to seeing grave markers on the south side of the low brick wall near the Chapel, but now there is also a marker that stands apart on the north side of the wall directly in front of the Chapel. Barratt's has had a long-standing offer to provide space in front of the Chapel for any United Methodist bishop who might wish to be buried there. Several years ago Bishop Felton May indicated that he wanted to accept the offer. When the bishop died in February his ashes were interred there. On September 16 in Barratt's Chapel, Bishop Peggy Johnson led a Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving, and Dedication of a Memorial Plaque in his honor. Many of Bishop May's family and friends were in attendance.

FELTON EDWIN MAY was born in Chicago in 1935. Ordained in the Northern Illinois Conference, he served two appointments in the Chicago area before transferring to the Peninsula Conference, where he served as director of the Methodist Action Program, pastor, District Superintendent, and Conference Council Director, before being elected to the episcopacy in 1984. As a bishop he was assigned first to the Harrisburg area for four years and then to the Washington area for eight. Following his retirement in 2004, he accepted a position as a dean at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas. Throughout his career Bishop May was a tireless advocate for civil rights, social justice, and educational opportunities. He led efforts to combat substance abuse, violence, and poverty, and played an active role in fighting the effects of the global AIDS epidemic. We are honored that the bishop and his family have chosen Barratt's Chapel as his resting place.



Photo Courtesy of Doug Lanter

Rest in Peace Kind Soul ~



CHRISTMAS Worship at Barratt's for December

LESSONS and CAROLS SERVICE

Sunday, December 10
5:00 p.m.

Led by Dr. James Wilson

*Featuring: The Kent Chamber Choir
The Delaware Youth Chorale
and the First State Brass*



CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Communion SERVICE

Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m.

Led by Bishop Peggy Johnson

ASL Interpreting for the Deaf
by Carol Stevens

"Come let us adore Him together"

EVERYONE WELCOME FOR BOTH SERVICES; NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

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