

A few things to remember about

FRANCIS CLARK, WILLISTON CHURCH & CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

- ☺ The Reverend Francis Edward Clark (1851–1927) was the second pastor of Williston Church and the founder of the Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor.
- ☺ The Reverend Francis Clark was ordained minister of Williston Church in 1876, and served until 1883.
- ☺ In 1881, Francis Clark founded the Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor at Williston Church.
- ☺ Francis Clark served as President of the World Christian Endeavor Society for many years after retiring from Williston Church.
- ☺ At the time of the 25th anniversary of Christian Endeavor in 1906, there were four million members in chapters throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and in Australia.
- ☺ On June 10, 2012, Williston-Immanuel United Church was created from the merger of two Portland churches, Williston-West Church / UCC and Immanuel Baptist Church /ABC-USA.
- ☺ On May 9, 2017, the Williston-Immanuel Church Council voted to name the newly renovated fellowship hall in honor of Francis Clark.
- ☺ The portrait of Francis Clark that hangs in Clark Hall at Williston-Immanuel United Church was originally presented to Williston Church in 1941, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of his founding of the first Christian Endeavor Society.
- ☺ On September 10, 2017, during the Rally Day breakfast, the congregation of W-IUC officially designated the fellowship hall as the Francis E. Clark Hall of Williston-Immanuel United Church!

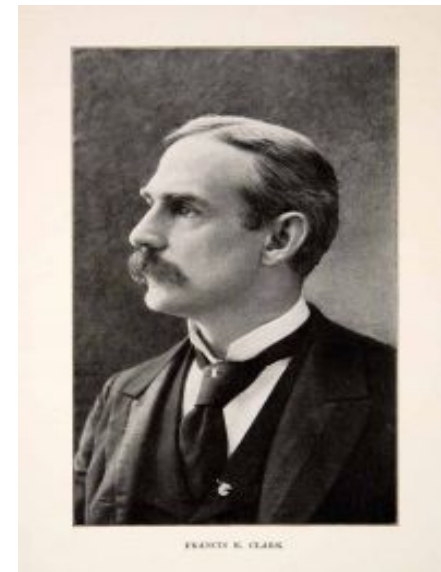
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The Naming of the Fellowship Hall
of

Williston-Immanuel United Church in Portland, ME
voted by the Church Council on May 9, 2017
in recognition of

FRANCIS E. CLARK

who founded the world-wide youth ministry called
Christian Endeavor
on February 2, 1881
while he was Pastor of Williston Church, in Portland



RALLY DAY

September 10, 2017 at 9:30 am
Williston-Immanuel United Church
156 High Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Litany: "OF COOKIES AND TEA"

Voice 1: We know him as Francis Clark, but he was Canadian-born as Frank Symmes, orphaned at age 7, adopted by his uncle who was a Congregational minister, and given the name which we remember today.

Youth: Clark started the whole thing with cookies and tea,
His youth group and program were known as "CE".

All: Today, with 1 voice, Williston-Immanuel United Church shares the legacy of what Dr. Clark accomplished, "For Christ and the Church."

Voice 1: Raised in Massachusetts & New Hampshire, Francis Clark was graduated from Dartmouth and Andover Theological Seminary, to become the 2nd pastor of Williston Congregational Church.

Youth: Clark started the whole thing with cookies and tea,
His youth group and program were known as "CE".

All: Today, with 1 voice, Williston-Immanuel United Church shares the legacy of what Dr. Clark accomplished, "For Christ and the Church."

Voice 1: On the Wed. evening of February second, 1881, Francis and his wife Harriet gathered fifty seven young people to have cookies and tea in the parsonage of Williston Church, Portland, Maine. There, he challenged them to form the first Christian Endeavor Society.

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His youth group and program were known as "CE".

All: Today, with 1 voice, Williston-Immanuel United Church shares the legacy of what Dr. Clark accomplished, "For Christ and the Church."

Voice 1: The growth of "CE" was huge: 481 participants after one year; 2,870 after two; 11,000 after four; 50,000 after five; and over a million after ten years, all around the world following the motto, "For Christ and the Church."

Youth: ... "For Christ and the Church."

All: ... "For Christ and the Church"

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

[sung often by Christian Endeavorers in the early 1900's]



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through-out the whole wide earth.



WORDS: John Oxenham, 1908 alt.

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The Mizpah Benediction

[from Genesis 31:49 - KJV, and recited at the close of every "CE" meeting]

*"The Lord watch
between me and thee
when we are absent
one from another."*