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Peek into the Past: In 1955 the officers of the church decided to inaugurate a building program for a fellowship and educational building with John McEwen named as general chairman of the Building Council. In 1956, construction on the Fellowship Hall (now Bigham Hall) began. Though the building was not finished, the Men's Club held its Ladies' Night dinner in the Fellowship Hall and a Christmas program for the young people was also held there. With the new building, the whole educational program was transformed. When the indebtedness incurred was retired in the fall of 1961, there was still work to be completed. The fine and well-furnished building was dedicated debt free on Homecoming Day in July, 1963. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical "Note": A disappointment occurred in July, 1971 when Sara Higgins felt that it was time to retire. Mrs. Higgins had served as organist for eighteen years and been the director of the Bell Choir since its formation. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted and the congregation expressed its appreciation for her leadership as a member of the music staff for almost two decades. Her skill as a musician, and cheerful, dedicated participation had been a real force in the program of music. In September, Marlene Slaten began her service in this position (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Interesting Fact: In 1957 the membership had grown to 600 members with a total giving of \$40,000. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Important National Events: 1956 – "In God We Trust" adopted as national motto. 1957 – President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon begin second terms. 1957 – Eisenhower Doctrine, wherein a country could request American economic assistance and/or aid from military forces if it was being threatened by armed aggression from another state.