

Celebration Moment #2

History of Offering Plates

As part of our continuing centennial celebration, I am here to tell you about the history of our unique wooden offering plates.

When I was young, many of the German families from Wehdem and that vicinity in Germany were ordering decorative hand-carved wooden plates. My dad ordered one of which had a picture of his home in Germany carved into the bottom of the plate.

Reverend Buck had the idea that perhaps the carver could make plates that we could use for the offerings at Friedens. The plates needed to be deeper, to hold more money of course, and a photo of our church at Parkway & Alabama was sent to the carver. Individual members contributed to pay for each plate. Their names are actually carved on the underside of the plate they purchased. During the offering, please do not turn them over to look. The plates are kept at the back of the sanctuary if you want to look them over at your convenience.

Carved on the brim of the plate in both English and German it says “God loveth a cheerful giver.”