

# SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS HISTORY CENTER

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150-YEAR HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
RECALLED IN SEPT. 12 SDHC PUBLIC PROGRAM

AUG. 31, 2018 -- Reflections on the 150-year heritage of Saugatuck's iconic All Saints' Episcopal Church will illuminate Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next free, monthly public program on Wednesday, September 12, starting at 7:00 p.m. on-site at the church, 252 Grand St. (at Hoffman St.) in Saugatuck. Public attendance is invited and audience participation is welcomed.

Presenter Fr. G. Corwin Stoppel, All Saints' Rector, celebrating his church's 150th anniversary, will recall beginning of his parish -- which gathered several years before the official incorporation of the church on All Saint's day in 1868 (hence its name) -- telling how the parish and church came to be, and how both have evolved since then.

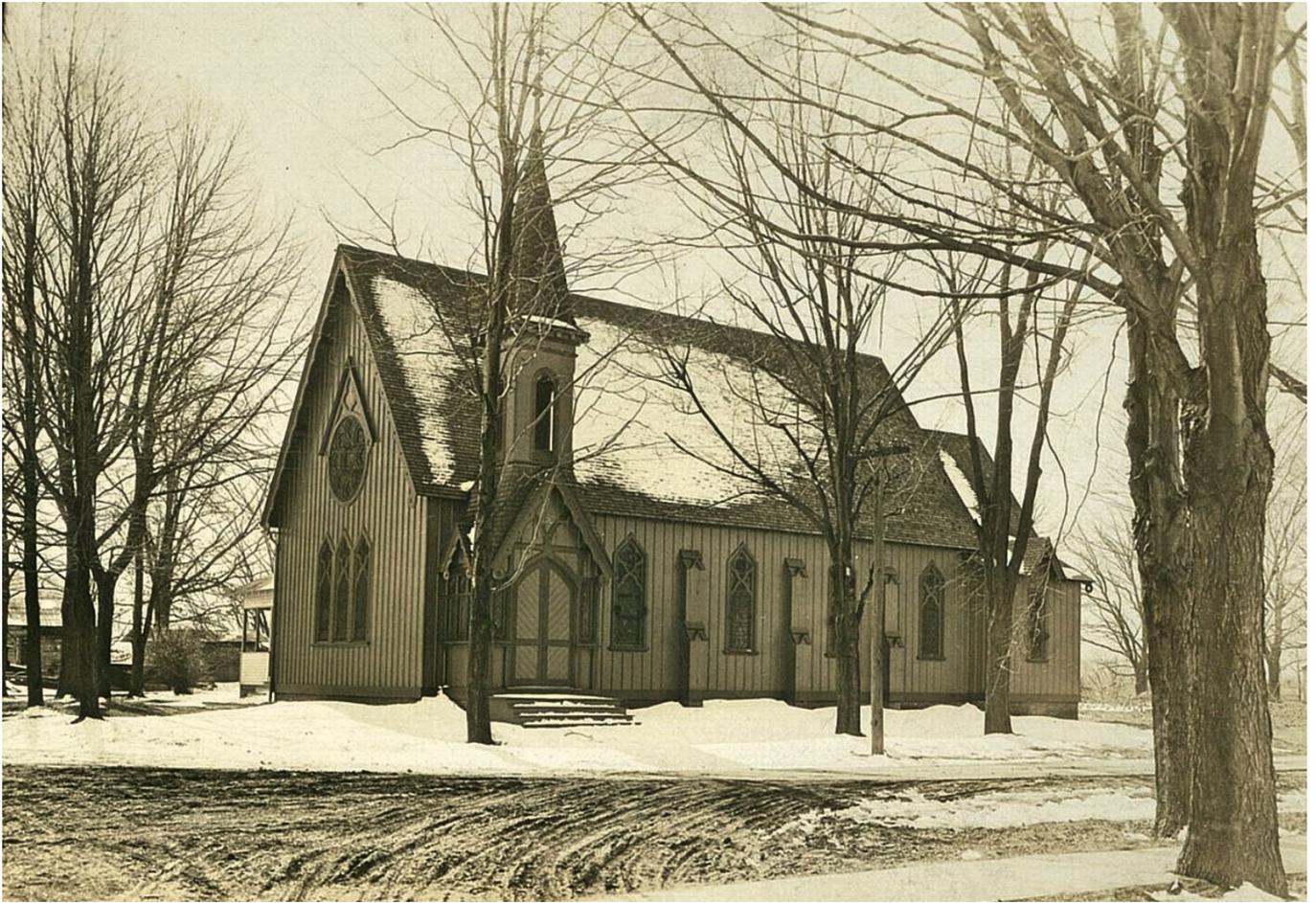
Long a popular photo-op for tourists, the church's "carpenter gothic" wood construction was artfully built by local shipwrights in 1871-2, and though not quite finished, held its first worship services in 1873. Pews, installed in 1875, were built of local wood and are still there. Its impressive stained-glass windows, made in Belgium, were installed in 1880. A century later, the church gained listing in the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites.

Notable additions along the way include today's parish hall, designed by artist Carl Hoerman and built in 1946, the Sunday School wing (Jordan Hall) in 1968, and in 2013, an Old-English-style, roofed lych gate at the Hoffman Street entrance to All Saints' Memorial Garden.

A newly published book, *Built To Last*, tells the full story in commemoration of All Saints' 150th anniversary and may be purchased at the church office, priced at \$20.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's free monthly program series presents entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. For more information about the History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, and its activities planned for the months ahead, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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Caption: Earliest-known photo shows newly completed All Saint's Church in 1875; its 150th anniversary recalls church history at SDHC's Sept. 12 public program.