

Sprunger Resigns As Pastor Of Grace Church

Culver Will Miss
Fine Family



DR. MEREDITH J. SPRUNGER
Joins Faculty Of
Indiana Technical College

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger, outstanding Culver clergyman, has accepted a faculty appointment to the staff of the fast growing Indiana Technical College at Fort Wayne.

Pastor of the Grace United Church of Christ here for the past nine years, Dr. Sprunger, in a letter this week to the church board, announced his resignation to be effective Sept. 1 when he will begin his new teaching duties.

The Sprungers plan to take up

their new residence in Fort Wayne in September.

Fine Educational Background

A native of Allen County, Indiana, Dr. Sprunger received his A.B. degree at Lakeland College; his B.D. degree from Mission House Seminary; his M. Th. degree from Princeton University; and his Ph. D. from Purdue University.

He came to Culver as pastor of Grace Church in June, 1950, from Elmhurst College where he had served as chairman of the Department of Psychology. Earlier he served as pastor of Trinity Church in Mulberry, Ind., for eight years.

As a forceful and eloquent speaker he has appeared before many church and civic conferences throughout Northern Indiana. He is past vice-president of the Indiana-Michigan Synod of the United Church of Christ.

A 32-Degree Mason

Dr. Sprunger is a member of the Indiana Psychological Association, the Henry H. Culver Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite at South Bend, and the Culver Lions Club.

Mrs. Sprunger Also A Leader In Community Affairs

Mrs. Sprunger has been very active in church and civic organizations here. She is a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star, past president of the Culver City Club, and has served as an officer of the regional women's guild of the United Church of Christ.

The Sprungers are parents of two daughters, Ruth, who will enter South Side High School, Fort Wayne, in the fall as a freshman, and Grace, age 4.

Grace United Church of Christ

307 Plymouth Street

Culver, Indiana

MEREDITH J. SPRUNGER, MINISTER

May 22, 1959

Dr. William S. Sadler
533 Diversey Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Sadler:

Must take time out to bring you folks up to date on our activities. As you know I accepted a position teaching psychology at Indiana Technical College. Full time duties start in September but am teaching a couple of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings this summer. The student body is composed of around 2,000 men from all over the United States and we have almost three hundred foreign students from forty-six different nations. You can see what an unusual opportunity I will have if I use it wisely. The president has also asked me if I might not like to organize non-sectarian vesper services on the campus.

We have purchased a home at 4109 Plaza Dr. (about four blocks southeast of the junction of Rudisill and Anthony near McMillen Park) and will move there around Sept. 1st. The congregation here has asked us to come back on week-ends to take care of the church until they get a new pastor - it could take some time.

I hope it may be possible to get together with you folks sometime this summer at your cottage. Will welcome any advice you may have to offer regarding our new situation.

Cordially yours,

Meredith

May 25, 1959

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger
215 N. Slate St.
Culver, Indiana

Dear Dr. Sprunger:

I was happy to get your recent letter and learn of the completion of arrangements for your entering upon the new teaching program.

I have felt for some time that this was the ideal arrangement for you to make and that it would provide for more freedom of action on your part as well as a wider range of service.

As a Urantian you will be much more free to "carry on" and you will also have a much larger opportunity for doing the things you would like to do and as you would like to do them.

I join with the rest of the folks here in extending to you and yours all best wishes.

Sincerely,

William S. Sadler

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