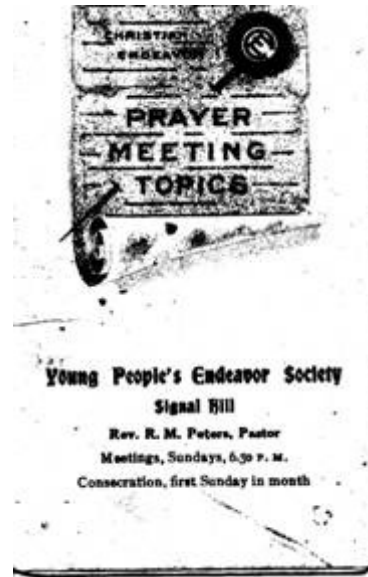


**Signal Hill United Methodist Church**  
**The church's beginning and the first sanctuary, dedicated in 1926**



Signal Hill UMC has had a long association with the Signal Hill School, located just across Signal Hill Place from the church. In 1910, a Sunday School began under a tree in back of the old Signal Hill School. With cooler weather, the group obtained permission to meet in the fourth grade classroom. Today, the association with the school continues – every Wednesday, the church hosts Kids Kount, an after-school program.



Robert M. Peters was the first student pastor of the new congregation. This prayer card dates from 1910.



The cornerstone for the first sanctuary, built on top of the original basement church, was put in place in 1925.



(“M.E.” stands for “Methodist Episcopal,” one of the predecessor church organizations to the United Methodist Church, formed by merger in 1968.)



A front page article in the *East St. Louis Daily Journal* celebrated the dedication of the new sanctuary on June 20, 1926.

