

Historical Timeline for Grace Presbyterian Church Mission Study (prepared in 2021)

Date:	Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church	Community Presbyterian Church of the Sand Hills	Grace Presbyterian Church
<i>Comprehensive timeline with corresponding documentation can be found in the Pastor's office.</i>			
1877	Methodist Episcopal Church builds on Old New Road, Monmouth Junction		
1878	Rev. John Miller preaches in Plainsboro		
1884	Rev. John Miller purchased Old New Road Building for \$482		
1888	Rev. John Miller continues preaching in Plainsboro while also preaching at the Old New Road church		
1895	Rev. John Miller dies on Palm Sunday		
1895	Rev. Miller's daughters, Margaret, Susan, and Elizabeth deeded the Old New Road property to the trustees of the <i>Cumberland Presbyterian Church</i> , which had become affiliated with the Evangelical church (Exhibit MM - A, B, C)		
1899	Cornerstone laid for St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church on Ridge Road and what is now Pierson Street in Monmouth Junction, NJ		
1906	Church officially joins the Presbyterian denomination		
1922	Reverend A. Raymond Eckels becomes Pastor and also serves in Plainsboro		
1936	Last surviving Miller daughter dies and bequeaths legacy to the church; which then becomes the Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church of Monmouth Junction		
1938	Building on Old New Road sold to contractor		
1942	Rev. A. Raymond Eckels retires and serves as church moderator until 1954		
1943	From 1943 to 1958 church is served by student supply Pastors from Princeton Theological Seminary		

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1958	John H. Maltby begins service as student pastor	The Presbytery of New Brunswick is authorized to build a church in Kendall Park	
1958	Manse is build on land donated by friend of the church, and dedicated on September 27, 1958		
1959	Maltby family moves in to manse	In June, the first service of the new church is held in the library of the Cambridge School	
1959		Church is named Community Presbyterian Church of the Sand Hills; Elder-Trustees and Deacons are elected.	
1960	First annual Country Fair is held (Exhibit MM - G)	Congregation approves Building Fund Drive	
1960		Dr. Jarvis Morris called to serve as Pastor	
1961		Ground Breaking ceremony held in May, cornerstone laying ceremony for chapel held in November	
1962	Rev. John H. Maltby is ordained on 6/1	First issue of The Sandpiper (church newsletter) is published	
1962		Sunday services are held in the south octagon (newly completed education building) for the first time	
1963	Both churches start individual troops with the Boy Scouts of America: Miller Memorial forms Troop 10, and Community Presbyterian forms Troop 90		
1963		In October, a testimonial dinner is held for Dr. Morris, and an inter-faith Open House is held in the new chapel.	
1963		Dr. Jarvis Morris is released from his pastoral duties as of October 15th to begin work forming a new congregation in Somerset	
1964		Rev. Paul Walker called to serve as Pastor	
1974		Ground-breaking for new education building; Cooperative Nursery School begins meeting at church	

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1979	Two parcels of land secured for church addition	Rev. Paul Walker becomes Moderator of Presbytery	
1980	Ground-breaking for addition on 7/13/80	Church sponsors Laotian refugee family	
1981	Dedication of building addition on 4/12/81		
1981	Church members run Middlesex County Fair Chicken Dinner tent each summer from 1981-1990 (Check date)		
1983		Church begins relationship with SERRV and other organizations dedicated to helping peoples of the world. First Annual Mission Sale is held	
1984		In June, Rev. James McCord spoke at rededication of renovated and expanded chapel (including newly created narthex)	
1984		Twenty-fifth anniversary dinner and celebration held in October	
1986		Contracts signed for Christian Education building renovation; Building Campaign Launched	
1988	Celebration of Pastor Maltby's 30th anniversary as Miller Memorial's Pastor (Exhibit MM - K)		
1989		Celebration of Rev. Paul Walker's 25 years of ministry; "Our Road to Mission" campaign raises funds for parking lot repairs and expansion and driveway to the church from Sand Hill Road	
1991	Members of both churches participate in and/or attend the NYC Billy Graham Crusade held in the Meadowlands		
1992		Approvals received for new driveway and parking lot construction	
1993		Completion of driveway and parking lot	
1994		Started Sunday services at Franklin Convalescent Center	

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1995		Community Presbyterian Church of the Sand Hills Preschool is created	
1995		Rev. Paul Walker retires on 5/1/95	
1995		Rev. Paul Rhebergen begins as Interim Pastor on 6/1 and serves until 1997	
1996		Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) formed	
1997		Pastor Margaret MacGowan called and serves until 1998	
1999	The Centennial Ball Celebration is held at the Villa Liberty on 11/12/99 (Exhibit MM - M)	PNC searches for new pastor	
2000		On 3/15/2000, George Betz becomes Designated Pastor for the next three years	
2001	Churches respond with prayer and support following terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001		
2002		Capital Building Campaign seeks to raise \$75,000 over three years to refurbish and add a multipurpose room, a small room, and two handicap-accessible bathrooms with changing table	
2003		Bruce Calkins becomes Interim Pastor	
2003	Church hosts Spring Fling event on March 28	Annual Mission Sale becomes "Alternative Gift Market"	
2004	CIL presents Barry Indik Award to Rev. Maltby and former South Brunswick Mayor Debra Johnson	(Lift installed -?-) to make sanctuary handicapped accessible	
2004		45th anniversary of the church celebration and art auction	
2005		Rev. Beth Scibienski called to serve as Pastor as of 9/15/2005	
2008	Rev. John H Maltby retires on 7/31/08		
2008	Dr. Belinda Newhart, first Certified Lay Pastor in New Brunswick Presbytery, serves as Pastor until 2009 when she relocates to Florida with her husband, Max.		

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2009	Rev. Raymond Bonwell serves as part time Stated Supply Pastor from Dec. 2009 - Nov. 2012		
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2013		The Sand Hills Community Wellness Center opened on March 4, 2013	
2014	Miller Memorial's final worship service in the Ridge Road building is held on May 18th		
2014	Certificate of Merger of the Miller Memorial Presbyterian Church of Monmouth Junction and Community Presbyterian Church of the Sand Hills is filed on September 8th. Name of newly merged church is Grace Presbyterian Church of South Brunswick, Inc.		
2015			Rev. Beth Scibienski called to serve as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church
2015			Rev. Dr. Erin Raffety hired as Associate Pastor
2015	Miller Manse sold for \$260,000 on 9/28/2015		
2016			A New Sanctuary Team is formed and works with the Property Team to make plans for new sanctuary
2016	Miller Memorial church building sold on 5/2/2016 to Dayalbagh Radhasoami Satsang Assoc (Radhasoami Religious Congregation) for \$625,000		
2017			Pastor Beth Scibienski goes to 3/4 time contract for one year
2018			Sanctuary Demolition Party 8/13
2018			Worship begins in octagon 2/15
2019			Pastor Beth Scibienski resigns 5/12
2019			Rev. Kathryn Mustaro to serve as our Transition Pastor beginning on September 9, 2019.
2019			First worship service ("soft opening") held in new sanctuary on Dec. 15
2020			Associate Pastor Erin Raffety resigns
2020			Announcement made on March 14 that church activities suspended because of COVID-19 pandemic.
2021			Mission Study Team is formed
2021			Rev. Kathryn Mustaro announces her retirement effective 5/30/21