



**The Stained Glass Windows of
First United Methodist Church**

Art Stained Glass Memorial Windows

C. Day Rudy Co.

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The Rudy brothers, Frank, Jesse, Horace and Isaiah, were brought to Pittsburgh in 1894 by H. J. Heinz to supply glass for his various homes and factories. They quickly prospered becoming the Pittsburgh equivalent to Tiffany. In 1900 they opened a branch office in York, PA with strong connections to Harrisburg, from which they obtained many commissions in the central PA area. Their workshops trained many of the later stained glass masters until the depression eventually drove the company into bankruptcy. In the last 30 years, the Rudy Art Glass Co. has operated in York, PA as a specialty glass company catering to high end hotels, restaurants, stores and institutions, and has quickly become a new leader in luxury glass accents.

Our building was constructed in 1911 at a total cost of \$75,000. The architect of record was the very prolific Abner Richter of Lebanon. Each of the two large stained glass windows in the sanctuary cost \$800.

The glass used in the windows is known as opalescent glass popularized by Tiffany and his contemporaries. It is semi-opaque or translucent which allows light to come through but does not cast beautiful colors on the walls and floors as can be seen with windows that are constructed with European style glass. The term 'stained' refers not so much to the color of the glass, but the black enamel used to pick out details and lend shading to a panel. The black is actually ground black glass mixed with a flux that will enable it to be applied to the individual glass pieces like a paint. Once the black enamel 'paint' is dry, it is fired in a kiln to permanently affix it to the glass beneath.

The ovals on these coloring pages represent just a few of the beautiful stained glass windows in our church. After you have finished coloring the pages, please take the time to find them in our church and see them in full color and glory!















