

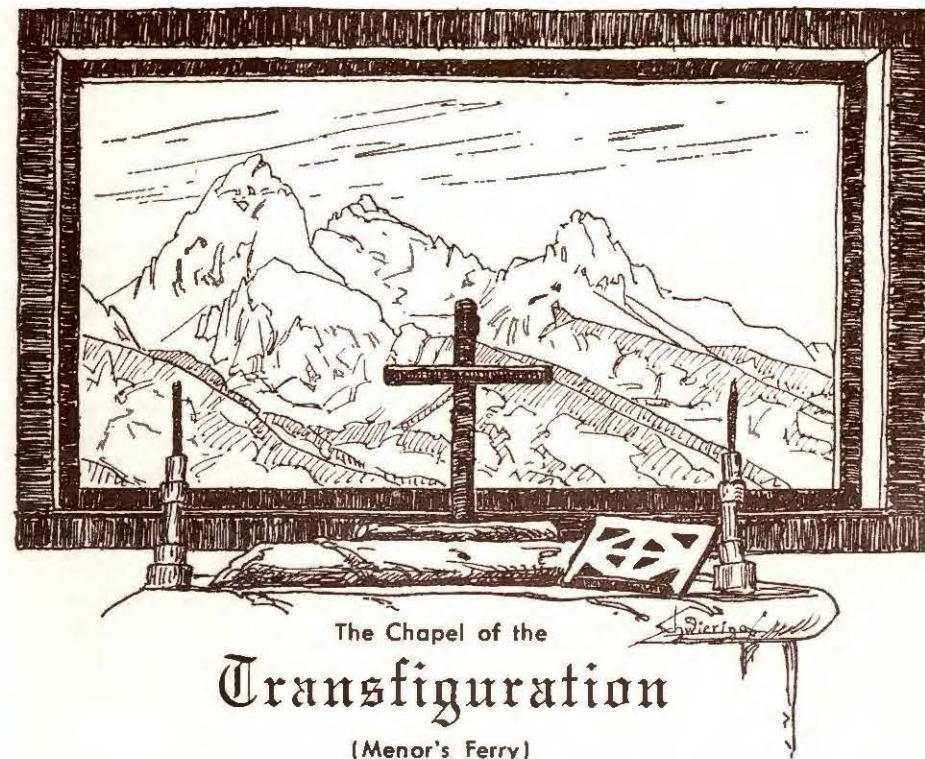
A Prayer for Vacations

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Loving Father, who didst make this earth so fair: open our eyes to see its wonders and our hearts to feel its beauty. In our days of refreshment and recreation draw us nearer to Thee through the things which Thou hast made. May the joy of Thy sunshine, the quiet of Thy forests, the murmur of Thy streams, and the steadfast strength of Thine everlasting hills teach us the deep secret of Thy peace. Calm our fretful spirits. Deepen the current of our shallow lives. Renew in us faith and courage, physical strength, and spiritual vision, that we may know ourselves to be safely held in Thy strong hands, and may joyfully conform our lives to Thy great purposes. From this life, so near to Nature's heart may we drink in new strength to help us reach the restless hearts of men. Give us Thy secret, and the power to share it with our fellows; that we may go back to the world and its duties, stronger, simpler, sweeter; and may become more worthy messengers of Him who saw His Father's goodness in the sparrow's flight, and His Father's love in the beauty which clothes the lilies of the field. We ask it for His dear sake. Amen.

—Hugh L. Burlison

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The Chapel of the Transfiguration

(Menor's Ferry)

Welcome to Wyoming

We are proud of our State and are happy to welcome every visitor who comes to enjoy with us the beauties of Wyoming. Ours is a vast and a varied country and we hope you can remain long enough to come to appreciate all that Wyoming has to offer. May yours be a pleasant and beneficial visit with us.

We also are proud of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming . . . fifty-nine Churches, a school, a college student Center, a Home for children, missions to two Indian Tribes, and our beautiful summer Chapel of the Transfiguration at Moose.

We hope you may find the time, while visiting in Wyoming, to worship with us and to visit our Churches and institutions. We are so happy you have come. Stay as long as you can, and hurry back.

JAMES WILSON HUNTER
Bishop of Wyoming
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The Story



This unique, rustic Chapel of the Transfiguration was erected in the summer of 1925. First services were held here on July 26th of that year, and on August 16th, it was consecrated by the Rt. Reverend N. S. Thomas D.D., Bishop of Wyoming.

The first suggestion for a chapel in this location was made about 1920 to a group seated around a camp fire at the summer camp of Dr. Geo. W. Woodward, of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. Having made a long and tiresome trip that day, from their camp near the outlet of Leigh Lake, over roads which were mostly sagebrush trails, to the nearest place of worship, in the town of Jackson, Mrs. Woodward expressed the wish that a chapel could be built at Menor's Ferry, which was the center of what was the "dude ranch" portion of the valley. She discussed the idea with her friend, Miss Maude Noble, who owned and, later, generously donated the lands where the chapel stands.

Plans for the building did not fully materialize until the early spring of 1925, when Archdeacon R. H. Balcom came to temporarily take charge of the Mission in Jackson's Hole. He became actively interested in the idea, designed the building, and wrote of his plans to Mr. C. B. Voorhis, of Pasadena, California. Mr. Voorhis, who had a beautiful ranch on Torrey Lake, near Dubois in Wyoming, had been a life-long friend of Bishop Thomas, and, as a member of several of the Bishop's Boards, was greatly interested in his work and had contributed largely to the church and the hospital in Jackson. Discussing the plans for the chapel at Menor's Ferry with Bishop Thomas, Mr. Voorhis assured him that he and Mrs. Voorhis would be glad to finance the project. From that moment, work on the chapel went forward rapidly.

The building is of logs, the pews of quaking aspen, the wood-work on them stained a nile green to match the green of the aspen poles. The treatment of the Altar is the same. Above the Altar is a great plate glass window which frames the rugged Tetons in all their majesty, as they rise 7000 feet above the floor of the valley. Located as it is in the heart of the recreation area of the valley, the Chapel of the Transfiguration is visited every summer by a constant stream of tourists, and many came to worship from all sections of our own country, and from far places. None will soon forget the glory of the scene, and it is hoped that peace and refreshment will come to all who worship here.

Most appropriate in this house of worship is the collect for the Transfiguration: "O God, Who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses Thine only begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, Who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end."

The Altar was given as a memorial by the C. B. Voorhis family; the font was given in memory of Miss Quita Woodward; the vestibule stained glass was presented by Miss Jessie Van Brunt. The bell, cast in 1842, is from St. Barnabas Church, Irvington, N.Y. The Organ was given in memory of Archdeacon R.H. Balcom.

Richard Winger

***** Far off, three mountain tops,
Three silent pinnacles of aged snow
Stood sunset-flushed; and, dew'd with showery drops,
Up-clomb the shadowy pine above the woven copse.

---TENNYSON.

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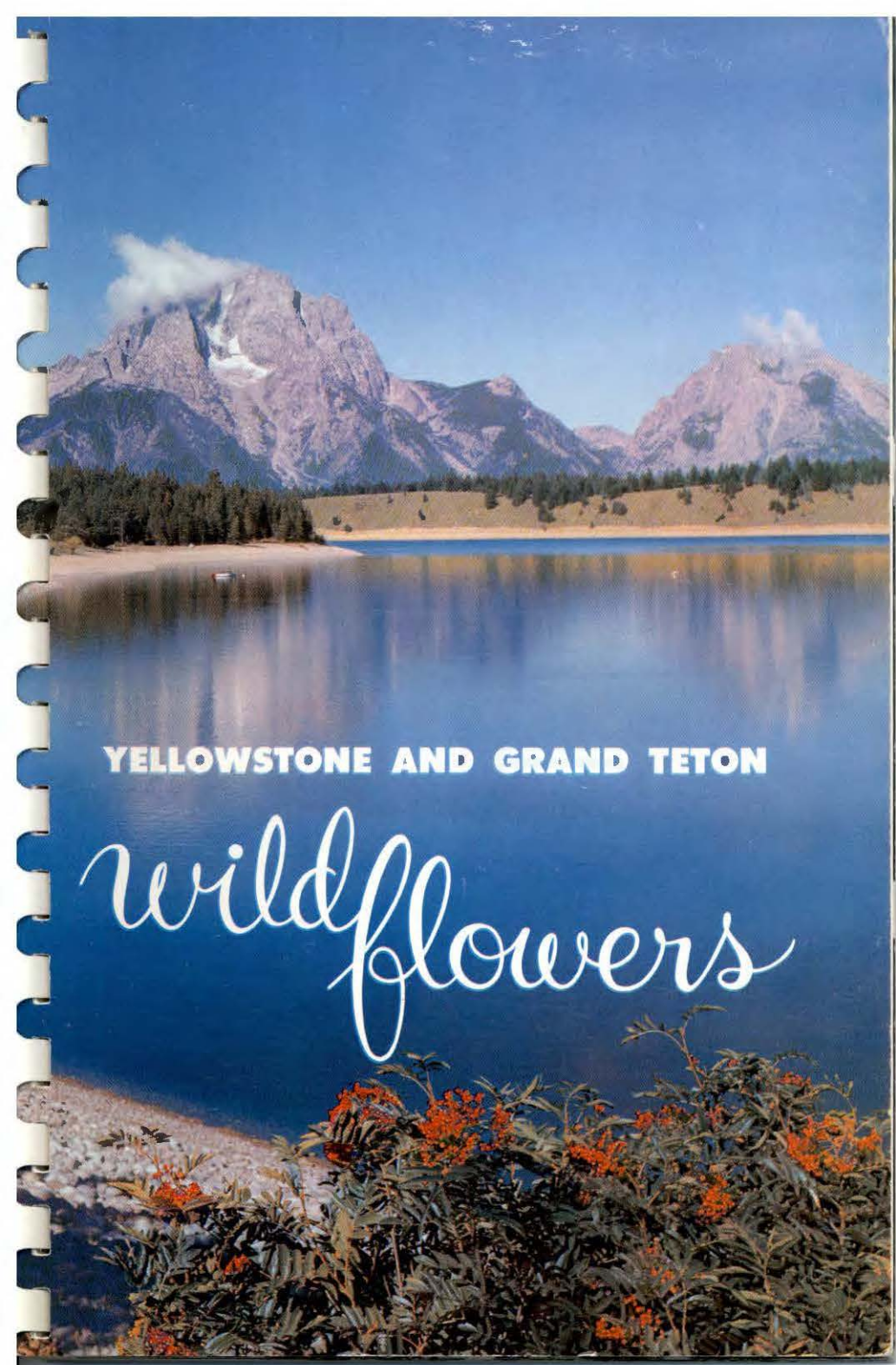
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