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Glad to  
know you  
are  
getting  
well  
along  
as  
dear  
mama  
wishes

Library

Bowling Green, S.C.  
January 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

During these days  
of the march ~~and~~ we are  
thinking of Mr. Roosevelt and  
all he did for the children  
who have polio.

I am one of these children  
seven years ago I was stricken at  
the age of ten I was in the  
fourth grade.

I spent eighteen months in the  
hospital at Spartanburg, S.C. where  
I gained the use of both arms  
and hands. Braces were fitted  
for my legs and I have learned  
to walk with my crutches very  
slowly.

I take courage from Mr. Roosevelt  
and hope someday to be able to  
get about much easier.

Through the Cripple Children  
So. I have a teacher to come to  
my home and I am taking up my  
L. Clemens

studies again.

Mr Roosevelt was a wonderful man in many ways but I think his love and desire to help dependant people was his finest asset.

Sincerely  
Rachel Clemmer

Clinton, Minn.

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1947.

Ms. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park,  
N. Y.

Dear Madam,

On Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> the  
First Methodist Church of  
Clinton, Minnesota lowered  
the Service Flag, at which  
time all stars were  
removed and given to the  
lads who had served our  
country or were given to  
the nearest of kin.

As a member of the  
Service Flag Committee

I am enclosing the program  
which we used, also the  
star which represented your  
husband, our beloved former  
President.

The Sunday following  
your husband's death our  
pastor, Rev. W. A. C. Baker  
now of Buffalo, Minnesota  
held a brief but very  
impressive ceremony, at  
which time, he placed the  
gold star in our service  
flag to his memory!

Sincerely and Respectfully,  
W. E. P. Leonard,



# First Methodist Church

CLINTON, MINNESOTA

REV. S. A. NORLEMANN, SR., Pastor

## Service Flag Committee

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# Program

For the Removal of the Service Flag  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1947 — 8 P. M.

ADVANCING THE FLAG	- - -	Legionaires
HYMN No. 489	- - -	Stand
PRAYER	- - -	
RESPONSIVE READING (Peace)	- - -	Hymnal Page 635
"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"	- - -	Junior Choir
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY	- - -	
SOLO	- - -	Mr. Oliver Brekke
TALK	- - -	Mr. Darrell Beaty
ANTHEM	- - -	The Choir
REMARKS	- - -	Rev. Norlemann
HYMN No. 514	- - -	Stand

## RITUAL FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SERVICE FLAG

**Leader:** This Service Flag was given a place of honor during the recent war in recognition of the men and women of this church who served in the armed forces of their nation. The stars thereon were a constant reminder of those dear to us who were far away, often in peril, and ever at the center of our prayers. Having fulfilled its purpose, it is now proper that the Flag be taken down.

### LITANY OF GRATITUDE

**Leader:** For the courage of those whose lives were taken from them,

**People:** We are humbly grateful to Thee, O God.

**Leader:** For the sacrifices of those who are disabled or hospitalized,

**People:** We are humbly grateful to Thee, O God.

**Leader:** For the price paid by those who have returned to resume their place among us,

**People:** We are humbly grateful to Thee, O God.

### ROLL CALL BY THE COMMITTEE (All Stand)

Beaty, Cecil J.	Finberg, Maurice	Williams, Almo D.
Beaty, Darrell D.	Heacock, Howard W.	Williams, Kenneth D.
Beaty, David M.	Morrill, Donald K.	Winters, Allen
Beaty, Eugene	Krook, Robert	Winters, Danforth
Beaty, Fred M.	Green, Hal	Young, Robert
Beaty, Gordon	Jensen, Leonard	Beaty, Stuart
Bender, Ralph	Fletcher, Howard	Krook, Donald
Bentz, Wayne	Rasmussen, John	Rutland, Donald
Cenfield, Geo. R.	Jackson, Lowell W.	Boals, Robert
Cenneid, John D.	Jensen, Elmer H.	Douglas, Carl J.
Clark, Lloyd L.	Kurrasch, Harold J.	Stotesbery, Allyn Dale
Docherty, Robert W.	Larson, Carl E.	Haas, Henry Jr.
Folkens, Raymond	Parrow, Lavern A.	Folkens, Carl
Green, Russell O.	Shannon, Dale M.	Folkens, Floyd
Haas, Robert	Sims, John	Chase, Alfred
Hagen, Robert	Sims, Lavern	Loy, Raymond
Williams, Charles E.	Stanton, Leonard	Olson, Curtis
Olson, Dwight	Trebil, Edgar W.	Watkins, Donald
Funk, James	Trebil, John R.	Johnson, Gale
Shannon, Glenn		Williams, Donald

**Collect:** (Congregation standing)

Eternal God, our Father, Whose mercy is ever toward Thy children, we thank Thee for the courageous spirit and devoted service of all for whom stars have been placed on this Flag. We entrust to Thee those whose blue stars have turned to gold, and pray Thy blessing upon their families. May Thy tender ministry be with all who have been disabled and cannot resume normal duties and activities. Grant that those who have returned to us, having discharged their responsibilities in war may now be as valiant in the cause of peace to which Thou dost surely summon mankind. So lead us all and sustain us in the ways of righteousness and brotherhood that this will be the last such flag that it will ever be necessary to place. In Christ's name, Amen.

## ACT OF DEDICATION

**Leader:** That those in this war who shall have died shall not have died in vain.

**People:** We dedicate ourselves to Thee, O God.

**Leader:** That the suffering, loneliness, and heartache represented by each star in this Flag shall never be repeated.

**People:** We dedicate ourselves to Thee, O God.

**Leader:** That new measures of power now in human hands shall be used for human well-being and not for destruction.

**People:** We dedicate ourselves to Thee, O God.

**Leader:** Even as these became expendable in war, we here dedicate ourselves to become expendable in the service of

**People:** Christ and of His Church.

## ACT OF REMOVAL

**Leader:** With appreciation to these for whom stars have been and placed on this Flag, in joy over the return of so many,

**People:** in the faith that peace shall become the permanent possession of men, we now reverently remove this Service Flag.

## PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICE STARS

#### PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Almighty God, in Whom is calmness, peace and forgiveness, all we like sheep have gone astray and contributed to the strife and suffering which afflict our world. Cleanse our hearts of all pride, of all greed, of all hatred, of all impurity, and of all bitterness. Deliver us from the blindness, prejudice and selfishness which defeat Thy purposes for Thy children. Guide us as a nation that we may atone for our own misdeeds, alleviate the suffering of the world, and minister to the needs of all mankind that conditions may prevail which make for peace. In the name of Christ, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

TAPS

- - - - - Mr. Donald Sherman