

1941: The "Good Shepherd" Mural

The beautiful mural, "The Good Shepherd," a 10 x 10 foot picture covering the upper half of the center arch at the front of the church, was painted in pastel shades by Mrs. Ruby Statira Ferris. Born April 16, 1886, Ruby was the wife of Rev. Ferris. They lived in Hartford, Wisconsin. Ruby was a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute and later conducted an art studio in the Fine Arts Building on Chicago's Michigan Avenue. Ruby's mural, "The Good Shepherd," was presented to the church in an unveiling service on September 4, 1941. It was given by the Junior Girls' Robed Choir of 32 voices and their leaders – Betty Ann Miller (later Mrs. Harold Peck) music director; Betty Jean Evans, accompanist; and Catherine Bloom (Ingle), business manager.

"The achievement of this choir, which had been training for two years, marked a triumph that will go down in the history of the church. To those who enjoyed the many fine concerts they gave in surrounding churches to raise money for this purpose, the mural is double expressive."

- Miss Letitia Mason