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Piano ............... "Novelletten" .......... Schumann
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Voice ............... "Song of the Lark" .... Robert Coverly
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Piano ............... "Meditation" ....... Thal's .......... Messenet
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Voice ............... "Love Song" .......... William E. Haesche
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Severance Church no longer stands

The history of the Severance Methodist Church dates back to the spring of 1872 when Rev. George W. Wood organized a number of Methodists in the vicinity. The cornerstone of the first church was laid on April 11, 1874. The new structure was erected and completed, and dedicated on Sept. 24, 1874.

The congregation grew so rapidly in the next forty years that a larger church was needed. Mr. Herman Day, one of the most popular men in Severance, had left $3500 in his will for church purposes and this started the building fund. The church was to cost $10,000 but it ran over to $13,000 and the hat was passed at the dedication service on January 10, 1915 and subscriptions were taken up to finish paying for the church.

It was a big day, the other churches suspended services so all the community for miles around could attend. There was a stained glass in the church in honor of Mr. Day along with Henry Laverne, Watkins, Catherine Plank, Rittenhouse and Mary Denton and others.

The graduation services of Severance High School were held in the new church along with basketball games in the basement and many other community events.

The church contained oak pews and railings and was quite beautiful.

When the board decided to demolish the church due to non-use, the bell, dishes and upper balcony railing were given to the Hillsboro Southern Baptist Church. A crew from Perry, Kan., took out the pews and the windows, some were purchased locally, and the bricks were removed by a Kansas City firm. When the cornerstone was removed a metal box was discovered inside the size of a brick. This was opened on August 18, 1991. It contained a copy of the Severance news of the dedication week in 1914, a Bible, a church discipline, a letter from the Doniphan County Sunday School organization in Wathena soliciting five cents per member, a folding key from the 1874 church and the list in the paper said an 1874 and 1914 coin were included but these were not found. It was made of copper and folded over and soldered shut very neatly. Where did the coins go, maybe whoever sealed the box decided to pocket them?

This leaves a vacant spot on the hill along with the vacant lot across the road that contained the old wooden school and the brick school built in later years.

The Christian Church was dedicated the same year 1914 it still stands but is in bad shape. The Catholic church burned a few years back.

—Beverly Rentzler