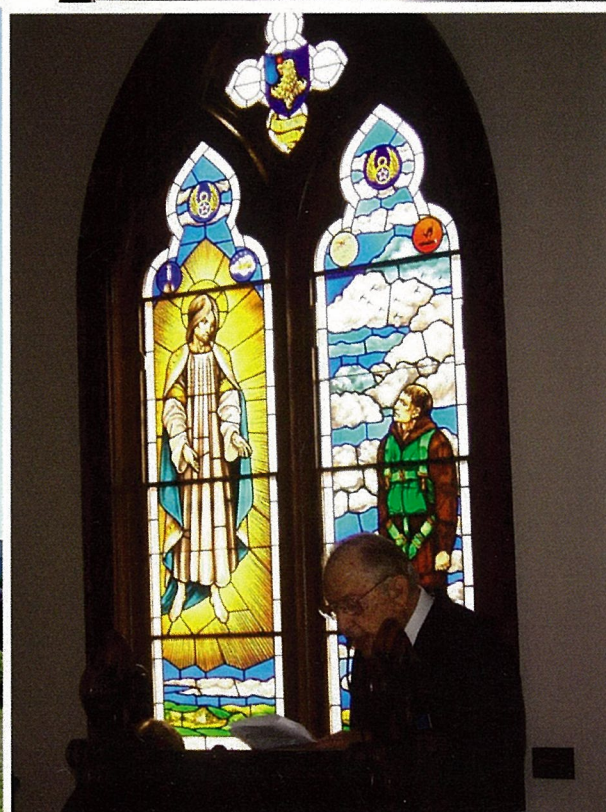
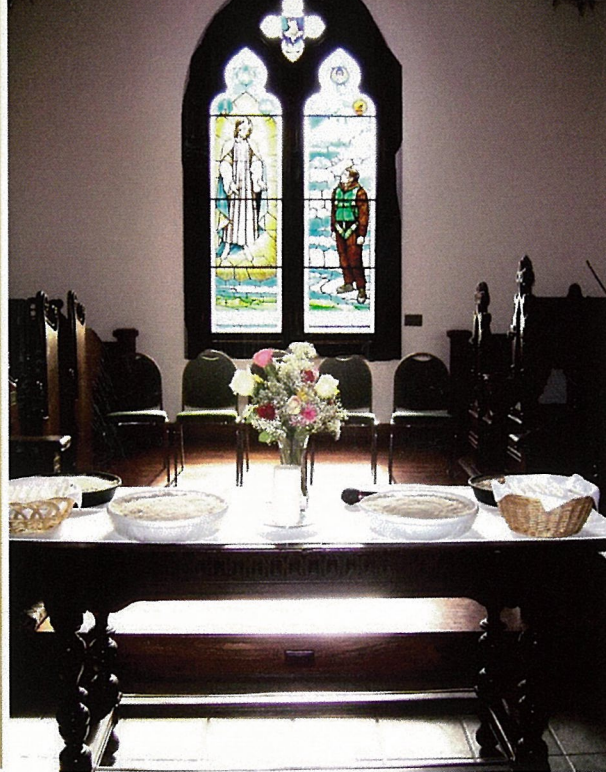


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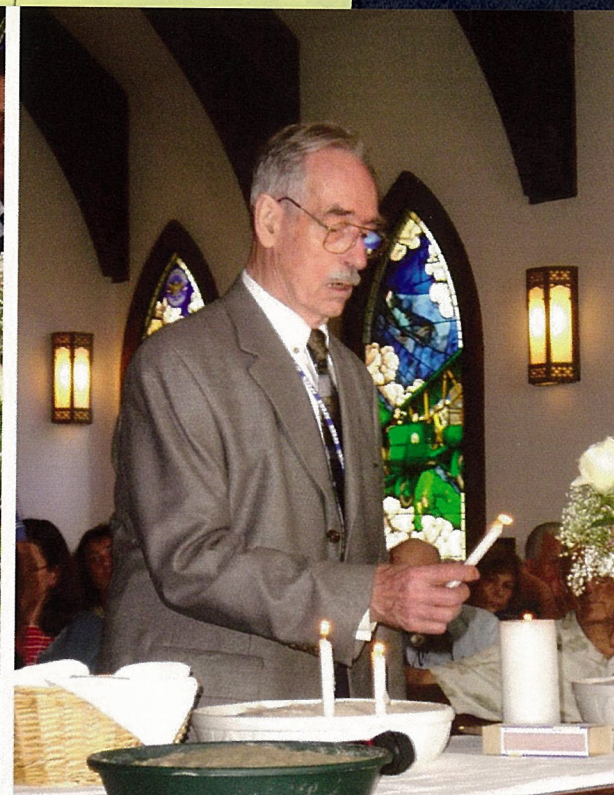
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for the cause of Freedom and Liberty
Realized through the vision of
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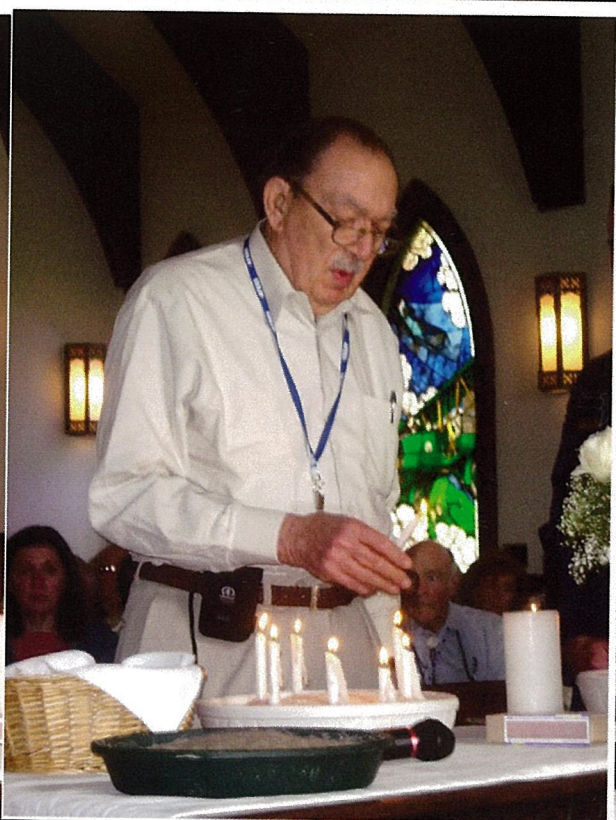


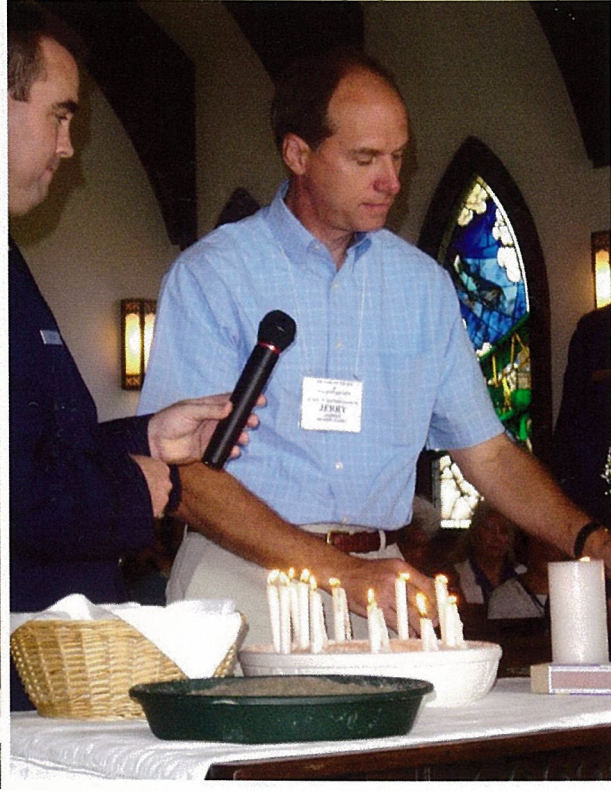
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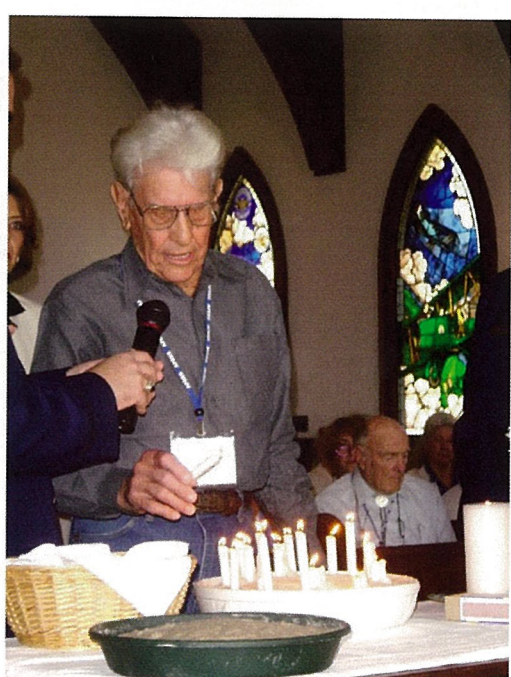


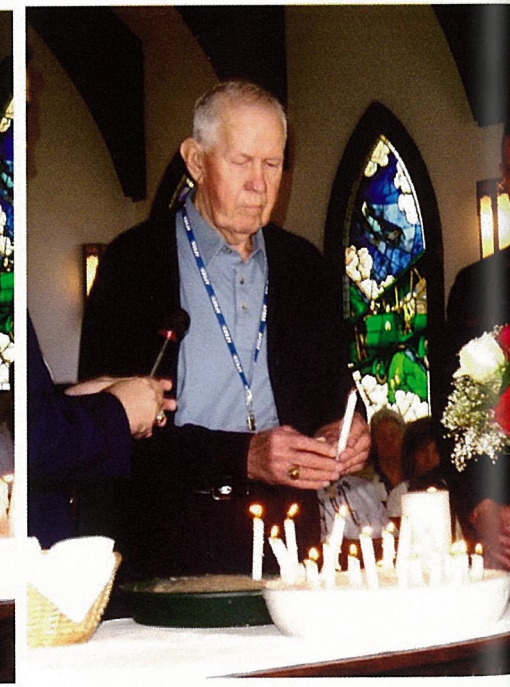
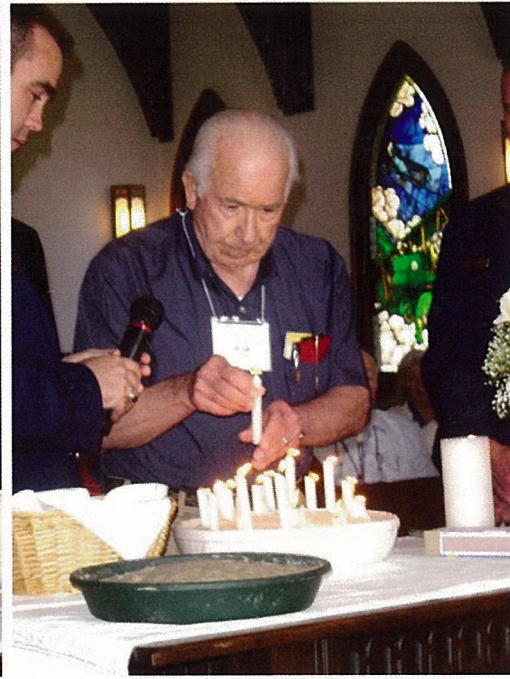


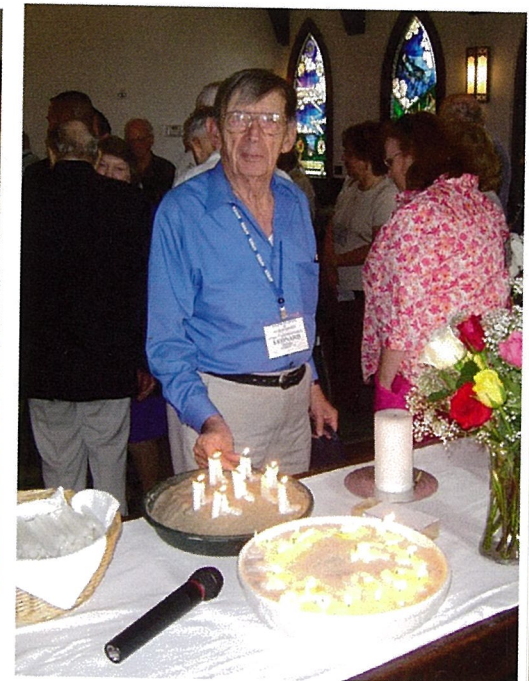
















World War Two Reunions by Candace McCowan



It was a touching reunion today for a group of men who actually met as enemies more than 60 years ago. World War II airmen who landed in enemy territory needed help getting out alive - When the B-17 bomber flown by Dick Smith was struck by German fighter planes in December 1943 -- Smith and his 10 crew members knew they were going down.

Grounded in enemy territory -- they feared the worse. Richard Smith told the coastal source "With those wonderful people on the ground, we got fed, we got clothes and we got back on feet, we got back to England" And today when the crewmen who are still living were given the opportunity to thank those people on the ground - the people they knew as the enemy - they gladly accepted. 'I don't speak French very well so we kind of had to say it by sign language.

They could tell by the light in our eyes, the smile on our face, that we were really happy to have them," says Smith. Peter Yakim an 18-year-old Belgium -- and one of the few helpers in Germany who knew how to speak English -- had his own words for the crewman." You don't thank me, I thank you, you did much more for me by liberating me from the Germans", said Yakim. Yakim - who lived in fear for his own life for aiding the enemy - said it was the best thing he could've done." To get rid of them and to be free again, free again, free again, you don't know what that means to be free again"

Both men getting a chance to say thank you for saving the other's life. The reunions are part of the dedication of the mighty eighth's new escape and evasion exhibit.

