

We Didn't Start This Fire

Sound of Music hit the screen
Jagger's Stones made quite a scene
Vietnam was heating up
Summer '65

When Reverend Beckett came to town
Day and night he'd go around
Gathering himself a flock
A Beetle he did drive

They met down Benfield on a porch
Where Edgar lit a holy torch
He told them all, "I need you,
Now go out and bring back more."

Severna Park was growing fast
When Beckett did his vision cast
Planting here a brand new church
Building up our core

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Been fifty years a burning
While the world keeps turning
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Just our job to tend it
Warm the world, let's mend it

Wesley Dodge was next in line
The people liked him mighty fine
In a camper they did live
On SPMC's* parking lot

Watergate and Aerosmith
Richard Nixon pleads the fifth
Jimmy Carter, Camp David
Begin and Sadat

Meanwhile the church just picked up steam
With children, youth and people teemed
Mary Lee hugged, Wesley preached,
They served for ten good years

And Deacon Lee had come on board
To lead the youth straight to the Lord
Who knew back then she'd stay so long
The rest of her career

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1980 rearranged
Pastor and the Prez both changed
Reagan from the screen and stage,
Weiss from mission field

Held their posts for 8 years strong
Moved country and the church along
And to a higher power
Both men regularly appealed

In '88 St. Warren came,
And things would never be the same
One seldom knew what to expect?
And boy the church did thrive

Our mission outreach did expand
And now included distant lands
V-I-M and so much more
Like Wednesday Night Alive

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But how to sum up all the rest
More pastors came like George Ennis
Pi'neer Klauda, then Ken Lyons
Championed the Scouts

Farmer showed up church set new goals
Looked real smart to bring in Nicole
Verdict's still out on the new guy
Some may have their doubts

'Bout preachers we've now heard enough
Our church consists of much more stuff
Heaven's Kitchen, Sunday School
Now there's Living Well

Giant yard sales, ASP
Lots of music, group study
Confirmation, Celebrations
Much more could we tell

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*Pronounced "Spimsy's"

*(Lyrics re-written by Rev. Ron with thanks and
apologies to Billy Joel)*