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First building completed in Andrew Square

Keith Brown, left, chairman of the congregation's Corporate Affairs Commission, and the Rev. Paul Krebill, pastor of St. Andrew United Presbyterian Church, stand outside the newly completed first building for Andrew Square, Suite 1-A, at 100 24th St. W. The congregation uses a fourth of the building. The other spaces are leased offices.

Church erects office building

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A new era in church finance begins in Billings with the completion of the first building of Andrew Square at 100 N. 24th St. W.

Dedication will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday services, with the Rev. Howard Van Dyke preaching. He is mission consultant for Montana, Synod of the Rocky Mountains, United Presbyterian Church.

St. Andrew United Presbyterian Church of Billings is occupying a part of the first of several buildings planned for a park-like setting, Andrew Square, a commercial development.

The church's worship area will move as other buildings are completed. Five of the units will be leased office spaces.

SUPPER at 6 p.m. Saturday will be a celebration of completion of the first building, said the Rev. Paul Krebill, pastor.

Consultants Jack Dietrich, a lawyer, Don Hoberg, a realtor, and Lloyd Rice, an economic

adviser, "whose assistance was significant in this venture" will be honored dinner guests. The three men are not members of the church but lend professional services.

The congregation's Corporate Affairs Commission includes Keith Brown as chairman, Dave Carlson, John Gauen, Don Mason, A. M. Stevens, Jim Tarr and Ray Whearty.

Mason is the architect. Don Bettinger is the general contractor.

The venture is "an experiment in church programming and finance building," said Krebill. "We hope to contribute to the community in kind, and not just provide free space for our use." The property is fully subject to taxation, he added.

ANDREW SQUARE, when completed, will enable the church to provide facilities for groups to perform worthy services for all people, Krebill said. As well as leasing offices to business and professional tenants, rent-free facilities for community-serving organizations will be offered.

Five of the 5,300 square feet buildings will appear outside as the first one does, and contain rentable space. A future assembly building and community service building will be of different shape but coordinated design, the architect said.

Parking areas will surround the square. Walkways will connect the buildings in a campus-like setting.

The square will act as a buffer zone between the growing commercial outlets on 24th Street West and the nearby residential area.

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ST. ANDREW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"A People - Not a Place"
Worship:
8:30 am Andrew Square
7:00 Street W. and Oak Ave.
Nursery Provided
Pastor: Paul Krebill - 624-1924

UNITY CHURCH OF TRUTH
107 Lewis Avenue
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services 11:00 a.m.
"Give It Our Love!"

CALVARY BAPTIST
2218 Broadway - 624-7893
11 a.m. Broadcast on 730 K-L
Rev. David Peterson Preaches
at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Services
Free Nursery Care Provided
Free Ministry Center

BILLINGS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
1227 North 13th Street
MARRIAGE COUNSEL
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
"HAIR"

BILLINGS BIBLE CHURCH
605 N. 7TH STREET

(Photo) Church Completes First Office Complex

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