

Former Pastors of Our Church
Rev. J. Gordon Riggan
(Served from 1948 to 1949)



Rev. J. Gordon Riggan worked in the East Ocean View Community and in 1941 organized East Ocean View Presbyterian Church.

While a Minister at East Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Rev. Riggan was the “pioneer” who originally surveyed the area and determined there was no church in the rapidly growing community surrounding Robbins Corner. Rev. Riggan secured the donation of land on which to build the church, and then wrote to the Home Mission Committee of Norfolk Presbytery requesting aid to assist in the establishment of an outpost mission. He appointed a building committee and began building the (old) church building on the intersection of Bradford and Rutherford Roads, partly with volunteer labor. With only a floor, windows and a roof, the first church service was held on November 28, 1948. Immediately following, officers were elected, and a fledgling organization was established.

Rev. Riggan left Bayside in January 16, 1949 to accept a pastorate at First Presbyterian Church in Huntington, West, VA. He eventually returned to East Ocean View Presbyterian Church January 29, 1967.

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