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The Community Church of Harrington Park began as a grassroots Sunday School in 1898, gathering at the dental office of Dr. William T. LaRoche. As interest grew, the need for a full-fledged church in town became apparent. What began as a small band of worshippers went on to become the

first church in Harrington Park.

On Christmas Day of 1904, a chapel on Columbus Avenue specifically built to house the expanding group was dedicated. In 1909, the church became affiliated with the Dutch Reformed Church, and was thereby named Dutch Reformed Church of Harrington Park. The building is shown above in a circa 1909 photograph.

The name was later changed to Community Church, as neither the "Dutch" nor "Reformed" part of the original name was

relevant to 20th century worshippers.

The congregation eventually outgrew the Columbus Avenue chapel and ground for a new building was broken in 1956. On June 23, 1957, the new church was dedicated at its present location on Spring Street. A wing for education was added in the following decade.

Over 110 years since its founding, the Community Church is the oldest church in Harrington Park and enjoys a rich heritage in the borough. Seen below, the church as it looks today.

