

## HEIDELBERG BEACH

The beginning of Heidelberg Beach, Vermilion, Ohio, goes back to 1922 when a group of ministers and lay people dreamed of a place along Lake Erie which would become a “playground for the Reformed Church.” Their strong faith provided the source of their unity in envisioning, founding and building this association. They envisioned a community where all ages might enjoy enriching friendships in a beautiful water-front setting with a well-designed physical layout including attractive homes and cottages and adequate public areas including the beach and promenade.

The greatest asset of Heidelberg Beach is found in the people who have over the years helped make it the special place it is. The Heidelberg Beach family is made of persons who seek personal enrichment and renewal. In addition, people honor and build on this family tradition through active participation in the life of the community by forming new friendships, sharing in the work of this place and participating in social events and other offerings.

The founding purpose of Heidelberg Beach was to provide a place and an atmosphere to foster Christian ideals and principles in individuals and families. Beginning in 1930, Sunday Christian Church services have been held each summer season in the Pavilion, an outdoor sanctuary built especially for that purpose. The Pavilion is also utilized for other family and Association meetings and gatherings.

The mission of Heidelberg Beach is to continue to prosper as a community of high moral standards. It is an Association where members and friends alike can enjoy fellowship with neighbors and friends as well as the natural beauty that surrounds us. It is essential that the greater good of the entire Heidelberg Beach community will always be a priority in both personal and corporate decision making.