

Historical Sketch

The first meetings held under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church were conducted in a log school house, situated on the north-west corner of the village. Mr. Whittaker, a venerable local preacher, was the first to hold such services.

In the fifties services were held in the school house situated near the hill at the north entrance to the village. The land on which the school house stood was owned by Mr. Peter Degroat. In this school house two ministers of the Wesleyan Church, named William and John Wesley Savage, preached periodically. These services were held in the morning, and were under the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

To Rev. W. D. Huston, a Methodist Episcopal minister, is accredited the organization of the first Methodist society.

In 1861 the first church was built. It was a plain frame and unpretentious building, about 44 by 36. Mr. Lyman Whaley was the architect and builder. The dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Graham.

In 1875 the church was moved to the present site, repainted and remodeled, and new seats installed. This work was done by Mr. Lyman Whaley.

In 1891 the church underwent considerable reconstruction, consisting of a slate roof, stone foundation, brick veneered, new windows, orchestra, and entrance added. This work was done by Mr. Theodore Miller, and the re-opening services were under the direction of Rev. R. J. Garbutt, assisted by Rev. Dr. Burns and Rev. Michael Griffin.

In 1908 the church was raised, a basement built, the entire building repainted and to some extent remodeled. In connection with the re-opening this booklet has been compiled and printed.