

History of New London United Methodist Church

The first settlement at New London was made in 1824 by Ambrose Jones who came from New London, Connecticut. It was from this place that New London derived its name. He built the first frame dwelling where the hotel now stands.

In 1835 the Methodist Church society held their service in the two school houses. One school house was on the North side of the Erie Canal and the other on the South side. The Rev. David Stone preached in the North side school house and the Rev. John Brown held his service in the South side school house. The exact date of the Methodist Church organization is unknown but presumed to be 1847.

In 1843 the society purchased the church building that was known as the Priest Brainard Church which stood near the highway leading from Blackman's Corners to Verona and moved it to New London. This was the first church building and was later used by George Wright as a store house.

In 1863 the school on the North side of the Erie Canal and the school on the South side consolidated and a Union Free School was built on the old site, where the brick school stood.

The present church building was purchased from the second Lutheran church society of Churchville and moved in 1888 to the present location. The bell in this church originally was in a church in Boonville that burned and was purchased from E.M. Kent, a junk dealer, in 1888.

New London Methodist Church celebrated its 100th birthday in 1947. In February of 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCormick Sr. purchased the parsonage as a home. Our church hall was dedicated when Rev. Robert Holmes was the pastor here and Rev. Howard Holmes was District Superintendent.

Edition: We have a record here that we celebrated 100th anniversary in 1947. As of 2014, we will meet 167 years. Pastor Jay Yang inquired Rev. James Barnes (conference archives: 315-265-7124) to find not only pastors after 1971, but also how we find the church anniversary.

**The following pastors have served
this church through the years:**

1891 Rev. S.D. Dopp

1896 Rev. Charles Clinch

1898 Rev. Joseph Williams

1901 Rev. O.J. Houghton (**see church window
history**)

1905 Rev. B.W. Kylesworth

1909 Rev. R.W. Conklin

1912 Rev. Thomas Williams

1915 Rev. B. L. Nichols

1916 Rev. A. J. Schloop, Rev. Wesley Baker,
Rev. Henry Ernest (supply)

1917 Rev. John Warren

1921 Rev. Roger Williams

1922 Rev. James Sterling

1923 Rev. Foster Walker

1924 Rev. Robert Anthony

1927 Rev. Charles Martin

1931 Rev. Joseph Short

1932 Robert U. Homles

1936 Rev. Robert Grant

1939 Rev. Jesse Cavalier

1940 Rev. Allison C. Wood

1942 Rev. Stanley Brown

1943 Rev. George Butler

1947 Rev. George Dando

1957 Rev. Howard Hull

1958 Rev. Paul Bodurtha (May to Aug.)

1958 Rev. Rex Burdick

1965 Rev. Henry Fisher

1968 Rev. Donald Richards

1970 Rev. Brian Figueroa

1971 Rev. Richard Pero

1979 Rev. Kathryn G. Austin

1980 James R. Dickson

1981 Gordon Gendron

1984 Ivan W. Greenfield

1985 M. William Jenkins

1988 Roy J. Macintosh

1993 Michael Ward

1998 Rev. Archie Clark, Rev. Madeline
McDowell

1999 John Reams

2000 Rev. James A. Martinez

2012 Rev. Jay S. Yang

2015 Rev. Sue Holland

2017 Rev. Diane Woodworth-Wright

2019 CLS. Jeff Johnson

2020 Rev. Ejaz Abid

2022 Rev. Debra Wollaber (every other week
with CLS. Sylvia Avery)

2023 CLS. Sylvia Avery (as of September)

The Windows of Our Church & Sponserers © 1901

Upper Floor behind Balcony facing Road



Rev. & Mrs.
OJ Houghton



Young Peoples
Society and Lodge 420



Bacon
GAR

Lower Floor Church Front facing Road



Holy Bible



Mr. & Mrs. NW Mott

Church Sanctuary facing Firehouse North



Margaretha & Martin Ulrich



Mr & Mrs Joseph Raynsford



Hosea & Christina Pangburn

Church Sanctuary facing Churchville South



Hosea & Louisa L Joslin



Horace & Emma Smith



Mr & Mrs Salmon Tuttle

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