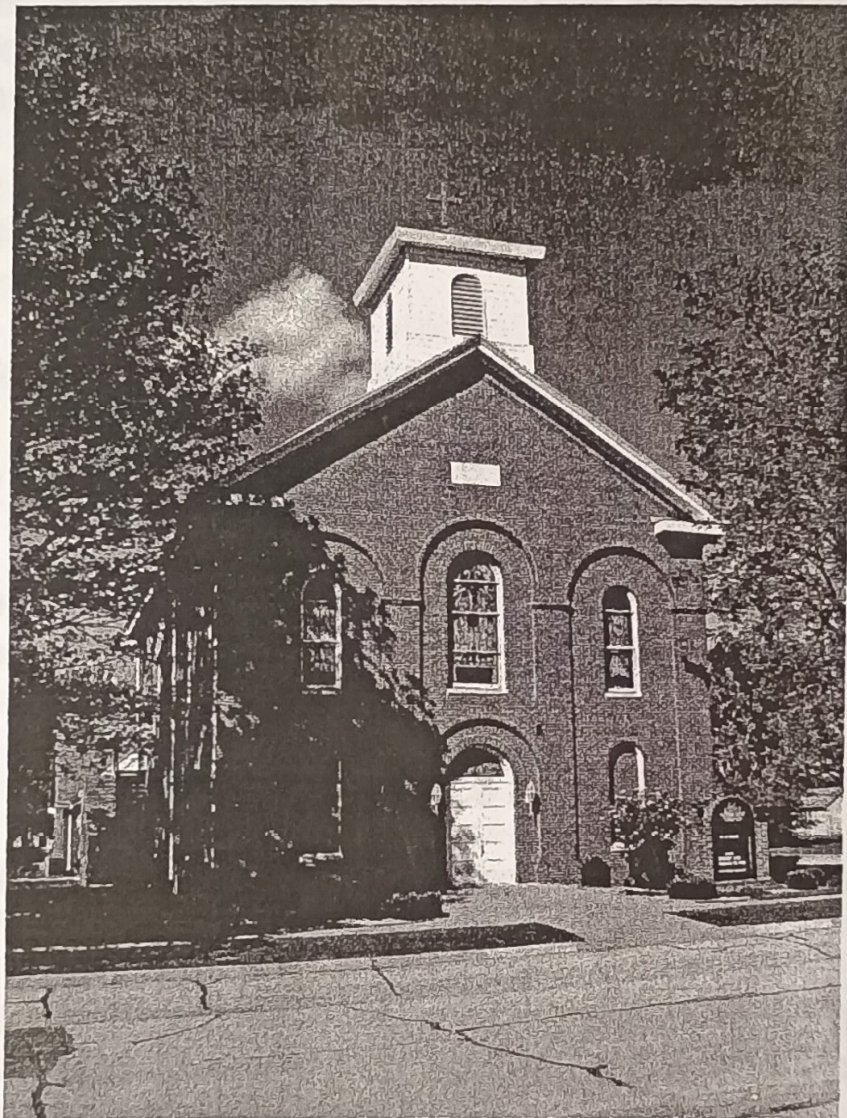


THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HENNEPIN



September 27, 2009
Historical Timeline
1859-2009

- 1833 - The first regular Hennepin Methodist class forms, followed by formation of a Church Society at the home of Dr. David Ritchie near Florid. Jesse Hale is the first preacher. Linus B. Skeel is listed as the first convert.
- 1834 - Rev. Zadok Hall, the first appointed elder to the Hennepin charge, preaches at the home of Dr. Ritchie from Matthew 9:12. There was great revival and growth in this year.
- 1839 - Trustees meet in March "for the purpose of attempting to build a church." The Meeting House, which still stands to the west of the present church was built at a cost of \$400.
- 1842 - Debt for the Meeting House is retired on August 13th.
- *1844-45 - Methodist, North and South split over slavery and episcopacy issues. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South is organized.*
- 1848 - *Evangelicals begin work and the church that was to become the Granville UMC was founded as The Granville Evangelical Church at the home of Chris Eberhardt.*
- 1856 - *The Peoria, or Central Illinois Conference is organized.*
- 1858 - Construction of the present church building begins. The architect and builder is H. F. Turner.
- 1859 - The shell of the church is completed at a cost of \$10,000. The congregation meets and worships on the first floor, awaiting completion of the sanctuary on the second.
- 1860 - The Meeting House is sold as a private residence for \$125 to John Grabel.
- 1864 - *Full clergy rights extended to black preachers.*
- 1861-1865 - The American Civil War interrupts construction.

- 1866 - The building is completed and dedicated by Rev. Joseph Cummings of Lacon.
- 1866 - *At the County line, the Granville/Tonica Evangelical Association Circuit builds a church building.*
- 1885 - The bell, cast by VanDuzen and Tift in Cincinnati, is placed in the tower on September 10. It weighs 1,300 pounds, and its tone is F sharp
- 1892 - A parsonage is built to the north of the church; the previous home to the pastor was "in the east part of town."
- 1900 - The stamped tin ceiling is installed.
- 1912 - The First Harvest Home, or Homecoming, is held in September. Fried chicken and roast beef are served as the meal; they were cooked in member's homes and brought to the church.
- 1920 - *First black bishops elected and a woman granted local preacher status in the Methodist Episcopal Church*
- 1920 - *The old Evangelical church on the county line is sold and the congregation moves to Granville into the building that stands at the corner of Hopkins and Archie. Bishop Spreng dedicates the building on March 13, 1921.*
- 1925 - Present stained glass windows installed in Hennepin church.
- ca. 1926 - Lightning strikes the spire of the steeple, and it is removed, leaving only the bell tower.
- 1926 - The church is extensively remodeled with electricity and a heating plant installed which required the excavation of a basement. The winding stairway on the west is eliminated, the stairway on the east is improved, and a narthex ("hallway") is placed where the pulpit platform and choir loft had stood; those were removed to the north end of the building and the

pews turned around. The congregation worshiped in the Congregational Church to the south while the work was completed.

- 1928 - Illinois and Central Illinois Conference merge to become the Illinois Conference.*
- 1933 - Centennial of founding held on Sunday, July 9. Peoria District Superintendent The Rev. Dr. W.E. Shaw preaches.*
- 1939 - The Methodist Evangelical Churches (North and South) and the Methodist Protestant Church merge to form the Methodist Church. The segregated Central Jurisdiction is formed as a racial compromise.*
- 1946 - The Evangelical and United Brethren Churches merge to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church*
- 1953 - Hennepin and Tiskilwa Churches yoked.*
- 1956 - Full clergy rights for women are approved and adopted.*
- 1960 - Illinois Conference becomes Central Illinois Conference.*
- 1964 - Putnam County Parish formed with Hennepin, Magnolia and McNabb Methodist Churches, along with Granville EUB Church. Two pastors, one Methodist and one EUB serve all four congregations. A precursor to the merging of the denominations in 1968.*
- 1965 - Changes are made to the sanctuary, adding the altar rail and a reredos consisting of a velvet curtain and doric style frame, new lighting and carpet.*
- 1968 - The Meeting House is repurchased for \$9,500 from Mr. and Mrs. Gene and Paula Seibert.*
- 1968 - General Conference unites the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches to form the United Methodist Church. The Central Jurisdiction is abolished.*

- 1978 - Current New Hope United Methodist Parish parsonage built and 1892 parsonage sold to Buffington family.
- 1982 - Granville United Methodist Church merges with Hennepin United Methodist Church.
- 1987 - Sanctuary renovated with repairs made to deteriorating plaster walls, woodwork restored, and paint applied upstairs and down.
- 1992 - Sunday School addition completed with accessible rest rooms, and kitchen updated and renovated.
- 1996 - *Uniting Conference that join the Central and Southern Illinois Conferences to form the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.*
- 1997 - *Pontiac District renamed Vermillion River District.*
- 1998 - Meeting House completely renovated by men of the church.
- 1998 - Elevator and Central Air Conditioning is installed.
- 2000 - Storage garage built behind the church.
- 2007 - Churches of Hennepin, Magnolia, and McNabb join together to form the New Hope Parish.
- 2008 - Sanctuary improved to enlarge the pulpit/chancel area and include multimedia capabilities, improved sound and video technology. New front entry and emergency escape doors installed.
- 2009 - Sesquicentennial Celebration held to mark the years of worship of the Living Lord by this community of faith in its present location.

Roll of Pastors Who Have Served

1831	William Royal
1832	Jesse Hale
1833	Zadok Hall; John McHenry
1834	Joel Arrington
1835	Joel Arrington; Asahel E.
Phelps	
1836	Asahel E. Phelps; John McCurty
1837	William Condif
1838	Zadok Hall
1839	John Maris
1840	Henry Maynard
1841	Mifflin Harker
1842	William Justice
1843	John F. Devore
1844	Samuel P. Burr
1845	Seymour Stover
1846	Charles Babcock; Thomas F.
Royal	
1847	William C. Cumming; one to be supplied
1848	William Cumming; Alvaro D.
Field	
1849	Roswell M. Morse
1850	John C. Pinckard; J. W.
Stockdale	
1851	Hector J. Humphrey; one to be supplied
1852	Henry Brown
1853	Samuel G. Havermale
1855	S. C. Freer
1856	Benjamin Applebee Jr.
1858	Harvey G. Murch
1859	Abel C. Price
1861	John L. Harris
1863	William C. Knapp

1865 William D. H. Young
 1866 Abram C. Frick
 1868 George B. Snedaker
 1870 John B. Dille
 1871 Daniel T. Wilson
 1873 Edward N. Bentley
 1874 William A. Cumming
 1877 B Valentine Denning
 1878 Jacob M. Murphy
 1880 John W. Denning
 1883 Henry (or Harry) A.
 Peters
 1884 Marion McCreight
 1886 A. M. Conrad
 1887 Charles W. Whorrall
 1888 D. C. Martin, supply
 1890 William T. Kerr
 1891 Aaron Bower
 1892 Frank Boner
 1894 Elmer E. Mecham
 1895 Julius C. Zeller
 1897 Leonard F. Zinser,
 supply
 1899 David S. Andrewartha
 1901 Walter J. Ward
 1902 Willard L. Douglass
 1904 Alvin R. Jones
 1906 T. Clinton Moots
 1908 Henry Brink
 1910 John B. Speaker,
 supply
 1911 Alonzo A. Waters
 1914 Daniel G. DuBois
 1916 Robert W. Ames
 1917 John Leckie, supply
 1918 Robert Ames, supply
 1919 John Wood, supply
 1920 Raymond A. Reeves

1923	Thomas Parkinson,
supply	
1927	John Leckie
1931	William C. Harms
1933	Albert J. Obrecht
1934	W. H. Gillis
1937	Wade Smith
1941	Richard Atherton,
supply	
1942	Richard Atherton
1943	Glenn H. Barney
1944	Evaline Gaw, supply
1946	Glenn Wittrup, supply
1947	A. H. Nordurft, supply
1955	Edward L. Dunavin
1963	Wesley Kersh
1967	Wesley Kersh; Richard V. Garabrant
1968	Wesley Kersh; Orville Cole
1969	Orville Cole; J. Michael
Robison	
1973	J. Michael Robison
1977	Oliver Zivney
1983	David Phillips
1987	Kenneth Osborne
1989	Joel J. Gray
1991	Brian Eble
1997	Bob Sabo, Jr.
2001	Brad Brault
2004	Brian Caughlan



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