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PREFACE

The Historical Volume *Church Records* Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church was last printed in 2003. In order to keep the *Church Records* current, Janet & Norman C. Young were retained to update the more recent appointments and make necessary corrections as new information became available. Since their death, Naomi Horner has graciously volunteered to continue updating the volume. New information comes from the readers making corrections and suggestions. New information also comes from Naomi’s continued research on the companion volume *Pastoral Records*. The Western Pennsylvania Commission on Archives & History decided to make this revision and update available on these webpages www.wpaumc.org so that the most current information remains accessible and for corrections to continue to refine the document.

This volume has had long history of Revision. Described by Herbert E. Boyd in his 1957 volume on the Erie Methodist Preface as a “compendium...intended primarily as an administrative tool.” He then credits forerunners back to 1898. At that time, this primarily contained Pastoral Records. Grafton T. Reynolds edited for the Pittsburgh Methodist Episcopal Church a similar volume through 1927. W. Guy Smeltzer divided his 1969 revision between chapters on Pastoral Records and Church Records. Raymond M. Bell followed the same chapter division when he added Evangelical United Brethren in 1991. Norman C. Young who had worked on the Methodist Protestant section in the 1969 volume required us to divide the Church Records (2003) and the Pastoral Records (2012) into separate books because of the sheer volume of the material collected. With Naomi Horner’s contributions the Western Pennsylvania Commission on Archives & History is hoping to eventually publish a three-volume set.

John R. Wilson
Conference Secretary

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Butler District

District Superintendents

District: Allegheny: Pittsburgh Conference: Commenced in 1833. Zarah Hale Coston 1833-1835; Joshua Monroe 1835-1836; **Name Changed to Beaver District:** Joshua Monroe 1836-1839; Simon Elliott 1839-1843; William Hunter 1843-1844; Robert Finley Hopkins 1844-1948; **Name Changed to Allegheny District:** John W. Minor 1848-1849; John J. Swayze 1849-1852; Joshua Monroe 1852-1853; Samuel D. Wakefield 1853-1857; Daniel Patrick Mitchell 1857-1861; Isaac Newton Baird 1861-1865; John Williams 1865-1869; John Wesley Baker 1869-1873; Samuel H. Nesbit 1873-Fall 1876; Henry L. Chapman *Fall 1876-Fall 1880*; Thomas Newton Boyle 1880-1884; Theodore N. Eaton 1884-1890; Asbury Lewis Petty 1890-1896; Edward Joseph Knox 1896-1902; George Washington Terbush 1902-1904; Thomas Newton Boyle 1904-1910; James Matthew Thoburn 1910-1916; William Francis Conner 1916-1924; Sanford W. Corcoran 1924-1926; Jacob Simpson Payton 1926-1927; Judson Jeffreys 1927-1928; James Vernon Wright 1928-1929; Walter Scott Trosh 1929-1935; David Roy Graham 1935-1940; John Dick Van Horn 1940-1946; Walter Lee Ewing 1946-1951; Franz Omar Christopher 1951-1956; James Lewis Carraway 1956-1960; Charles Albert Tracey 1960-1962; **Became Western Pennsylvania Conference as Allegheny District:** Charles Albert Tracey 1962-1966; Wendell Ellsworth Minnigh 1966-1970; **Renamed Butler District:** Wendell Ellsworth Minnigh, Sr. 1970-1972; David Dean Wilson, Sr. 1972-1978; Paul John Meuschke 1978-1984; John Albert Buckley 1984-1988; Erwin Keith Kerr 1988-1994; Mary Grey Emmett 1994-1999; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp 1999-2005; Dean Duane Ziegler 2005-2013; Joel Stephen Garrett 2013-2018; Eric Stephen Park 2018--.

ALIQUIPPA

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1927?-1956

Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Washington Conference. This was a congregation of Black Methodists. In 1956, the property at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, was ordered to be sold by the Washington Conference.

Pastors: Aliquippa: Frank J. Frye 1927-1932; Herbert Alphono Green 1932-1933; John Wesley Langford 1933-1934; **Aliquippa/ Beaver Falls:** John Wesley Langford 1934-1935; Fairbanks Barnard Hill 1935-1936; **Aliquippa:** G. E. Franklin *Supply* 1936-1937; **Aliquippa/Beaver Falls:** Edward A. Moore 1937-1938; James Douglas Foy 1938-1939; Howard DeGrass Asbury 1939-1940; Elisha M. Mitchell 1940-1941; **Aliquippa:** W. M. Brimm *Supply* 1941-1942; **Aliquippa/Beaver Falls:** Leonidas Aberdeen Gibbs 1942-1943; Homer Henry Bullett *Supply* 1943-1943; Kirklin Frazier 1943-1946; James Perry Russell *Supply* 1946-1950; Leonidas Aberdeen Gibbs 1950-1953; Robert A. Grigsby 1953-1956.

ALIQUIPPA: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1910

Mailing Address: 2816 Broadhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001-2103

724/375-5287

ID: 095206

Location: 2816 Broadhead and Chapel Roads, in the Borough of Aliquippa, Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. When the new town of Woodlawn was started by the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company the need for a Methodist Church became evident. The Methodists in the community were organized by Reverend Joseph William Garland in 1910. The Church was chartered as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodlawn in 1911. When the name of the town was changed to Aliquippa, the charter was changed in 1928 to The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Aliquippa. The first services were held in the Municipal Building and then the meeting place was moved to the Highland School. In 1912 the first Church building was erected on Church Street. This served until 1926 when a new building was erected on Franklin Avenue and Main Streets was opened for use. In 1963 the congregation moved to its new Church Building at Brodhead and Chapel Roads. The membership then was 1,913. In 1968 the membership was 955. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 558. Born in shadows of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Mill, Aliquippa: First ministered to people of all socio-economic levels. The first two buildings that housed the growing body of believers were in downtown Aliquippa. Then in 1963 the congregation moved to its current location on Brodhead Avenue; Christian education was a central to spiritual life, with Sunday School classes filling every room of the sprawling building. Though the heyday of Sunday School is a past memory, the desire to find new avenues of ministry is both a current and future desire. The congregation is warm and responsive to visitors and loving to one another. They believe God has been preparing them for more Christ-honoring service. Aliquippa First United Methodist Church and Monaca United Methodist Church both have a long

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history of providing vital ministry in the southern portion of Beaver County. Located along the Ohio River in communities with rich industrial histories, both churches are committed to offering creative worship, Christian education and spiritual formation for all ages, as well as missional outreach to their surrounding neighborhoods. Having cultivated a bold vision for strategic ministry in this new season, both churches have worked hard to develop a plan for a more cooperative relationship. This newly-formed two-point charge represents an important phase of the implementation of that plan.

Pastors: First Methodist Episcopal Church of Woodlawn: Joseph William Garland 1910-1910; E. P. Hershberger 1910-1911; J. C. Mace 1911-1912; Alexander Steele 1912-1914; Archibald Auld 1914-1918; Richard Beatty Callahan 1918-1919; John Helps Bickford 1919-1920; Thomas Morgan Dunkle 1920-1922; Samuel G. Noble 1922-1924; Charles William Oresak 1924-1928; **Name changed to First Methodist Episcopal Church of Aliquippa:** Harry David Rudolph 1928-1933; Harry Beeson Mansell 1933-1935; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1935-1937; Samuel Easterday Brown 1937-1942; Edwin John Keifer 1942-1945; Edward Carl Linn 1945-1956; Franz Omar Christopher 1956-1960; Paul Mechem Easter 1960-1966; Ralph Waldo Huntsman 1966-1971; Richard Harding Sanford 1971-1976; Frank Irvin Snavelly 1976-1982; Norman Eugene Dunkle 1982-1989; Paul Bernard Sparrer 1989-2002; Howard Franklin Burrell 2002-2008; David Dean Wilson, Jr. 2008-2014; Thomas Pio Bonomo 2014-2019; Ross Todd Pryor 2019-2020; **Aliquippa: First/Monaca:** Ross Todd Pryor 2020-December 31, 2021; James Robert Sands 2022--.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY START

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

2015-2016

Mailing Address:

ID: 085025

Location:

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Allegheny Valley Start was explored in 2015, and closed on June 30, 2016.

Pastors: James Parker Walker 2015-2016.

AMBRIDGE: FELLOWSHIP

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1992-2013

Mailing Address:

ID: 095230

Location: 420 Maplewood Avenue in the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. A new church started in 1991 for the African America population in Ambridge. The congregation originally met at 550 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, Pennsylvania. In November of 2001 they moved to 235 Merchant Street. The new facility including a sanctuary, rectory, convent, classrooms, gymnasium and kitchen was purchased in April of 2004. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 119. In 2010 the group left the church at 235 Merchant Street and held services in the Fellowship Hall at Ambridge: First Church for one year. In 2012 the small group rented space at 420 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA. Ambridge: Fellowship UMC closed on June 1, 2013.

Pastors: Ambridge: Fellowship: Roger Wendell Baker *November 1, 1991-March 23, 1995*; Steven Soggi *March 23, 1995-1996*; Rosalyn G. Rodgers 1996-2000; Fred D. Smith 2000-2005; Emma Louise Smith (Greene) 2004-2005; William Lowell Kemp 2005-2006; Brenda Rochford 2006-*April 1, 2008*; Todd Melbourne Davis *April 1, 2008-2011*;
Ambridge: First/Fellowship: D. Renee Mikell 2011-2012; **Ambridge: Fellowship:** To Be Supplied 2012.

AMBRIDGE: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1903

Mailing Address: 649 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003

724/266-5030

ID: 095228

Location: Seventh Street and 649 Maplewood Avenue in the Borough of Ambridge, Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. At the session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference held October 7-12, 1903, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu appointed Reverend Joseph E. Wright to Ambridge where there was

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neither an organization nor a place of worship. In November a hall was rented on the third floor of the Ambridge Savings and Trust Company's building and both morning and evening services were begun. A Charter was granted to the congregation on January 5, 1904 and three lots were secured at the corner of Sixth Street and Melrose Avenue. A Church building was started and on August 7, 1904 the building was dedicated by Reverend Dr. Thomas Newton Boyle, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District. On August 6, 1906 this Church building was sold to Saint Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Congregation for \$6,000 and a more desirable site was sought after. Services were held in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and in a rented storeroom from 1906 until 1909. On May 23, 1909 the building at the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Seventh Street was dedicated at a cost of \$12,000.00. In 1926 the Education Building was added to the Church. In 1950 the brick wall, sidewalks and concrete areas in front of the church were completed. In 1968 the Narthex, Pastor and Secretary offices, new front steps, new pews, communion rail, pulpit, lectern and carpet were added to the Church at a cost of \$53,000.00 The new Parsonage was built and dedicated in 1965. In 2001 Economy was added to form the Ambridge/Economy Charge. The membership in 1968 was 653. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 300. Since 2013, three Beaver County churches have been aligned to offer joyful and Christ-honoring ministry in the southwestern portion of the Butler District. The Ambridge First, Bridgewater, and Economy United Methodist Churches share a common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ through faithful worship, nurturing fellowship, interactive Christian education, and a coordinated ministry of outreach to their communities.

Pastors: Ambridge: Joseph E. Wright 1903-1905; Archibald Auld 1905-1906; Hibbard G. Howell 1906-1907; Lee Wilson LePage 1907-1910; William F. Seitter 1910-1913; Richard Parker Andrews 1913-1916; Howard Ellsworth Lloyd 1916-1922; Clovis Preston Salladay 1922-1927; Joseph Christy Brown 1927-1930; John Clark Matteson 1930-1934; Charles William Oresak 1934-1937; Richard Bruce Cuthbert 1937-1942; Martin Snyder Longnecker 1942-1956; Josiah David Stillwagon 1956-*October 1, 1964*; Jack Winfield Miller *November 1, 1964-September 1, 1967*; Norman Carlisle Young *September 15, 1967-1968*; **Ambridge: First:** Norman Carlisle Young 1968-1974; John Carson Cogley, Sr., 1974-1982; David James Fetterman 1982-1986; Johnnie David Panther 1986-1992; Bertram Domineck 1992-2001; **Ambridge: First/Economy:** Bertram Domineck 2001-2011. **Ambridge: First/ Fellowship:** D. Renee Mikell 2011-2012; **Ambridge: First:** Karen Lee Jacobs 2012-2013; **Ambridge: First/Bridgewater/Economy:** Harriet Edith Hutton 2013-2021; Thomas Pio Bonomo 2021-2022; **Ambridge: First/Economy:** Thomas Pio Bonomo 2022--.

ARGENTINE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 086554

Location: Village of Argentine, on a Legislative Route five miles south of Eau Claire in Butler County, PA.

**BUTLER DISTRICT
1920-2001**

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. A Union Sunday School had been maintained for several years, meeting first in a theater and later in the schoolhouse. In September 1920, a subscription was taken for pastoral services. The Reverend L. G. Wayne Furman, pastor of Hilliards, organized a Class and began regular preaching services in the schoolhouse. The next summer the Ladies Aid financed the building of an open-air tabernacle. July 1921, an evangelistic meeting was conducted and resulted in nearly 1000 conversions. The need of the Church was then keenly felt and on April 8, 1922, a financial drive was put on and the new building was dedicated on June 24, 1922. From 1932 through 1941 no minister was appointed and no regular church services were held. Sunday School, however, was held regularly. It was reactivated in 1942 and had several circuit relationships including association with Eau Claire and has been a Station appointment with a supply pastor at times. The membership in 1968 was 54. The membership on January 1, 2001 was 36. Closed in 2001. Records went to Boyers UMC of the Cornerstone Community Charge.

Pastors: Hilliards/Argentine: L. G. Wayne Furman 1920-1923; Chester W. McCaskey 1923-1926; Edward Charles Hasenplug 1926-1927; George Howard Palmer 1927-1929; Samuel Robert Maitland 1929-1930; George Brinton Nolder 1930-1931; **Argentine:** T. C. Henderson 1931-1931; **Boyers Charge:** Kenneth C. Moore 1931-1932; *No Pastors Appointed* 1932-1942; **Eau Claire: Bethel/Argentine:** Clifford Carl Headland *December* 1941-1947; Earl J. Jennings 1947-1955; G. Wayne Burwell 1955-*February 1, 1959*; Arthur Frederick Hummel *February* 1959-1962; Elmer Paul Luther 1962-*September* 1964; L. G. Wayne Furman *September* 1964-*December* 1964; Clifford Carl Headland *December* 1964-*February* 1965; John Warren Aupperle *February* 1965-1967; **Eau Claire/ Argentine/Jolly Farm Camp:** Roger William Cramer 1967-*September 1, 1972*; **Argentine:** John Dale Miller *Student September 1,*

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1967-1969; **Eau Claire: Bethel/Argentine:** Roger Raymond Buzard, Sr. *October 1972-September 1, 1973*; Walter Charles Herron 1973-1975; Ronald Edwin King 1975-1979; Allen Franklin Maihle Jr. 1979-1987; Robert Tristum Wellman 1987-1988; Gary Keith Donaldson 1988-*May 15, 1995*; Andrew James Keck 1995-1997; Lloyd Dice Tennes 1997-2001.

BADEN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 420 Dippold Avenue, Baden, PA 15005-1716

ID: 095263

Location: 420 Dippold Avenue and State Street in the Borough of Baden, Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1858

724/869-2720

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized on the Freedom Circuit consisting of Freedom, Concord, Baden, Slippery Rock, Plains, Unionville, Lancaster, and Zelienople. There were 29 charter members. The first church structure, 32 feet by 40 feet, was erected in 1861 at a cost of \$1,000. The congregation worshipped here until 1906 when the building was remodeled and used as an office until it was dismantled in 1953. In 1892 the Church was removed from the Freedom Circuit and made a Station with its own minister. In 1900 the first parsonage was built costing \$1,360. A second Church building on a new location was erected in 1906 at a cost of \$7,000. In 1944 a Building Fund, to make possible further construction, was established by a bequest of \$500.00 from the will of a member of the congregation. This led to the construction of a spacious Educational Building and Fellowship Hall in 1955 and a new parsonage in 1958. Construction of a new Sanctuary Building, the third in the history of the congregation, was begun in 1968. The membership in 1968 was 855. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 628.

Pastors: Freedom Circuit: Baden: Thomas Storer 1858-1859; Wesley Daws Stevens 1859-1860; William H. Tibbles and Edward Williams 1860-1861; William H. Tibbles and A. W. Taylor 1861-1862; Joseph Asbury Swaney 1862-1863; John McCarty 1863-1864; James Jackson McIlyar 1864-1865; Ezra Morgan Wood 1865-1867; Thomas Storer 1867-1868; James M. Swan 1868-1869; Robert Finley Hopkins 1869-1870; Elisha B. Webster 1870-1872; Joseph Hollingshead 1872-1873; Richard Cartwright 1873-1874; Charles H. Edwards 1874-1876; John G. Gogley *Spring 1876-Fall 1877*; John Conner 1877-1880; David L. Dempsey 1880-1881; Josiah Mansell 1881-1883; John Jacob Hill 1883-1884; David L. Dempsey 1884-1885; Edward Burns Griffin 1885-1887; William L. McGrew 1887-1889; Ezra Morgan Wood 1889-1890; **Baden Charge:** M. G. Porter 1890-1892; George Washington Johnson 1892-1896; G. L. C. Westlake 1896-1897; Herbert A. Baum 1897-1899; S. E. Keath 1899-1900; Frederick D. Esenwein 1900-1903; Henry H. Westwood 1903-1904; Robert B. Carroll 1904-1910; Edward George Laughrey 1910-1911; **Baden/Conway:** Charles James Whitlatch 1911-1914; **Baden:** William F. Seitter 1914-1917; William Rainie Moore 1917-1920; Joseph Meryl Silk, Sr. 1920-1922; Roy Lincoln McQuiston 1922-1926; William Calvin Marquis 1926-1928; Walter Leslie Morgan 1928-1930; Edward Harold Miller 1930-1933; Richard R. Griffiths 1933-1935; George Grant 1935-1945; Jack Sheldon Spangler 1945-1948; Harold Theodore Porter 1948-1951; Sherman Leroy Burson 1951-1953; Herman Fred Roney 1953-1961; Jacob Henry Breakiron 1961-1964; Howard Morrow Pape 1964-1966; Frank Thomas James 1966-1971; Ralph Lee Rudy, Jr. 1971-1978; Dale Ralph Smith 1978-1992; William Dallas Morgan 1992-1994; Arthur James Decker 1994-2004; Donald Edward Bailey 2004-2010; Robert Andrew Verner 2010-2016; James Grant Young 2016--.

BAIRDFORD

METHODIST PROTESTANT – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 94, Bairdford, PA 15006

ID: 095445

Location: 387 Bairdford Road and Oak in the Village of Bairdford, West Deer Township, Allegheny County, PA.

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1876

724/265-3535

History: Methodist Protestant – Pittsburgh Conference. An extensive revival was held in the Martins School, about two miles from Bairdford, in the mid-1870s by Reverend James Baumgartner, an evangelist of the Evangelical Church. The Shaffer family gave the land for the Church and the cemetery and in 1876 a forty by sixty feet Church was built, free of debt, by the Shaffer, Bonin, Sanders and Starz families. It was known as the Little Jim Church. Due to the inability of the Evangelical Conference to supply it regularly, in 1899 it was sold to the Methodist Protestants and placed on the Bakerstown Charge. It became a separate appointment in 1957. In 1950 the church was raised and a full basement was placed under it. In 1962 it was remodeled by the addition of a narthex. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 138. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District to Butler District in 2004.

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Pastors: Supplied by Pastors from the Evangelical Church 1876-1899: Adam Robert Rush 1899-1900; Francis S. Grover 1900-1902; Zebulun C. Roberts 1902-May 1903; J. A. Johnson *May 1903-October 1903*; John William Richter *November 1903-1907*; William Alexander Rush 1907-1908; Hiram Woodward King *October 26, 1908-1910*; E. V. R. Hughes 1910-1911; Frank Pierce Hummel 1911-1912; Orson Ward Bolton 1912-1913; Harry S. D. Shimp 1913-1914; Harry Moore Peterson 1914-1915; Charles A. Biles 1915-*September 1916*; C. William Evans *September 1916-April 1917*; George Elmer Schott *June 1917-March 1918*; Albert Wallace Kauffman *June-August 1818*; Charles A. Biles *August 1918-1920*; William S. Hamilton 1920-*January 1923*; William Millward *January 1923-June 1923*; Mrs. William Millward *June-September 1923*; William Hunter, Jr. *September 29 1923-1924*; Earle William Terry *September 9, 1924-April 1925*; Willard Myron Douglass *May 1925*; Harold Ingram Zook *June-September 1925*; Fred W. Atkinson *November 1925-July 1932*; Harry Valentine Leland *July 1932-1933*; Thomas Milton Gladden 1933-1938; George Budd 1938-1939; Josiah David Stillwagon 1939-1941; William E. Baker 1941-1943; William M. Smith 1943-1945; Ward Elliott 1945-1957; Victor LeMoyné Brown 1957-1965; Leslie Watters 1965-*January 30, 1966*; Taylor H. Carson *February 1, 1966-1967*; William Cunningham Miller 1967-1970; William Pledge Parker 1970-1972; David Lynn Griffith 1972-1973; John W. Quinn 1973-*December 1974*; Edward Leroy Clarke *January 1, 1975-1977*; Gordon Vaill Barrows 1977-1979; Joseph Peter Martin, Jr. 1979-1984; Donna Snow *September 1 1984-February 23, 1986*; Robert Harlan Cairns *February 23, 1986-1988*; William Ross Carroll, Jr. 1988-*January 1, 2000*; **Bairdford/Millerstown:** William Ross Carroll, Jr. *January 1, 2000-2002*; **Bairdford:** William Lowell Kemp 2002-2004; Jerrold John Pawloski *October 1, 2004-2018*; **Bairdford/Springdale:** Jerrold John Pawloski 2018-2021; **Bairdford/Janes/Springdale:** Dora J. Odarenko 2021--.

BARRIER FREE FELLOWSHIP

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1992-2000

Mailing Address:

ID: 087194

Location:

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. New church start.

Pastors: Heritage Hills/Pulaski: Kevin Jerome Rea 1992-1994; **Pulaski/Barrier Free Fellowship:** Kevin Jerome Rea 1994-1998; Susan Elaine Sphar-Calhoun 1998-2001.

BEAVER COUNTY: BETHEL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1845

Mailing Address: 2137 State Route 168, Georgetown, PA 15043-1063

724/573-0710

ID: 095401

Location: 2137 State Route 168 and Route 18, about four miles west of U.S. 30 and five miles from Hookstown, in Hanover Township in the southwest corner of Beaver County, PA

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was first called Mount Bethel. The original building was on a farm formerly belonging to John Linduff. It was built in 1845 during the pastorate of the Reverend Joshua Monroe. It had twenty members. Another building was begun during the pastorate of Reverend Edgar Vickers Shotwell in 1909. It was dedicated free of debt on September 25, 1910, by the Reverend George Washington Terbush, Superintendent of the Washington District. The sanctuary was remodeled and a Fellowship Hall was built during the pastorate of the Reverend Herbert H. Bish and was dedicated by the District Superintendent Charles Albert Tracey in 1963. Bethel has been on several different Circuits the last being with Georgetown and Shippingport. Bethel became a Station during the pastorate of Reverend David Dayen in 1958. The membership in 1968 was 91. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 80. Became Bethel of Beaver County and was on a two-point Charge with Tucker in 2003.

Pastors: Florence Circuit: Mount Bethel: Joshua Monroe and Richard Jordan 1845-1846; Israel Dallas and Garret Jones 1846-1848; Gustavus A. Lowman and James Francis Dorsey 1848-1849; Gustavus A. Lowman and William McK. Worthington 1849-1850; **Georgetown Circuit: Bethel/Georgetown/Safe Harbor/Asbury Chapel/Hookstown /Cralls Schoolhouse/New Cumberland:** Jacob Keiss Miller 1850-1852; Richard Morrow and John Gilleland 1852-1853; John White 1853-1855; Morris B. Pugh 1855-1857; John Coleman High 1857-1859; James Lafferty Stiffey 1859-1861; Matthias Myers Eaton 1861-1863; Walter Brown and Artemus E. Ward 1863-1864; Artemus James Lafferty E. Ward 1864-1865; David Andrew Pierce 1865-1866; Patrick K. McCue and Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1866-1868; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1868-1869; Andrew Huston 1869-1871; Joseph Gladhill and

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Merriman Colbert Harris 1871-1873; Joseph Gladhill 1873-1874; Thompson F. Pershing 1874-1875; Thompson F. Pershing and Edward M. Taylor 1875-1876; Washington Darby 1876-*Fall* 1877; Josiah Dillon *Fall* 1877-1879; Joseph E. Wright 1879-1881; **Florence Circuit: Bethel:** John Wilson Hough 1881-1882; John Hull 1882-1884; Joseph E. Wright 1884-1885; William Floyd Hunter 1885-1886; Robert Irwin McKee 1886-1886; Andrew Smith Hunter 1886-1888; Albert H. Davies 1888-1890; Joel Hunt 1890-1891; **New Cumberland Circuit: Bethel:** John T. Riley 1891-1894; Wesley G. Mead 1894-1895; Franklin J. Knotts 1895-1896; Joseph William Garland 1896-1898; **New Cumberland Circuit: Bethel:** John Washington Hoffman 1898-1899; Andrew Smith Hunter 1899-1900; Howard Eckles 1900-1901; **Florence Circuit: Bethel:** Perry M. Phillips 1901-1903; William C. Strohmeier 1903-1904; James K. Fornear 1904-1906; Edgar Vickers Shotwell 1906-1909; James A. Hamilton 1909-1910; George E. Letchworth 1910-1913; William L. Crawford 1913-1917; John W. Lowry 1917-1919; R. C. Lawrence 1919-1921; George Amos Williams 1921-1923; **Georgetown Circuit: Bethel:** Arthur Sellers 1923-*December* 1925; C. E. Ewing *January* 1926-1928; Roy W. Beggs 1928-1929; Howard Morrow Pape 1929-1930; Loyola C. Matthews 1930-1934; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1934-1938; Samuel G. Noble 1938-1943; **Georgetown/Shippingport/Bethel:** Alva Jacob Musselman 1943-1945; Mrs. C. V. Hairhozer 1945-1952; A. C. Hoover 1952-1953; **Georgetown/Bethel:** Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1953-1958; **Georgetown/Bethel/Shippingport:** David Dayen 1958-1959; **Bethel (Beaver County):** Herbert H. Bish 1959-1963; William Paul Reeby 1963-*December* 1964; George C. Baacke *December* 1964-*May* 1965; John James Haney, Sr., 1965-1969; William Eugene Cromer, Jr., 1969-1982; *To Be Supplied* 1982-1983; Ralph William Avery 1983-*May* 30, 1988; John Lucaric 1988-1990; Dennis James Howard 1990-1994; Rico James Vespa 1994-*August* 1, 2000; Cherrie Ann Andres *September* 1, 2000-2003; **Beaver County: Bethel/Tucker:** Robert Wayne Schar 2003-2008; **Beaver County: Bethel:** Robert Wayne Schar 2008-2009; **Beaver County: Bethel/Tucker:** Kenneth Ray Jacobs 2009--; Karen Lee Kyle Jacobs *Associate* 2013-2016.

BEAVER FALLS: MOUNT ZION
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
Location:

BUTLER DISTRICT
1922-1959

History: Methodist Episcopal – Washington Conference. This was a congregation of Black Methodists. The Trustees of the Washington Annual Conference sold the property in 1959.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Robert Ernest Burnett 1922-1925; Joseph G. Grant 1924-1925; *Unknown* 1925-1926; J. H. C. McPherson 1926-1927; Benjamin F. Gant 1927-1929; Ezra E. Swanston 1929-1933; William Henry Taylor 1933-1934; **Beaver Falls/Aliquippa:** John Wesley Langford 1934-1935; Fairbanks Barnard Hill 1935-1937; Edward A. Moore 1937-1938; James Douglas Foy 1938-1939; Howard DeGrass Asbury 1939-1940; Elisha M. Mitchell 1940-1941; **Beaver Falls:** Eugene G. Goodman *Supply* 1941-1942; **Aliquippa/ Beaver Falls:** Leonidas Aberdeen Gibbs 1942-1943; Homer Henry Bullett *Supply* 1943-1944; Kirklin Frazier 1944-1946; James Perry Russell, Sr. *Supply* 1946-1950; Leonidas Aberdeen Gibbs 1950-1953; Robert A. Grigsby 1953-1956; **Beaver Falls/Verona: John Wesley:** William Henry Polk, Sr. 1956-1957; Joseph Andrew McMahon 1957-1959.

BEAVER FALLS: ASHES TO LIFE
UNITED BROTHERS – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE
Mailing Address: 906 6th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
ID: 189420

BUTLER DISTRICT
1902

Location: 906 6th Avenue in the Borough of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, PA.

History: United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. The first services were held in 1894-1895 but nothing permanent was done. In 1899 Reverend James Julius Funk became pastor at Industry and visited members who had moved to Beaver Falls and in 1901 a service was held in Fox's Hall. A brick building on Fifth Avenue was secured and regular services were held. The Church was organized on January 12, 1902 with 13 members. After Reverend J. J. Funk came the first regular appointed pastor of the new mission in the person of Reverend John Ressler King. He preached his first sermon on October 13, 1901. The Class was organized January 12, 1902. In 1904 a corner lot was purchased for \$3,900. The Branch Christian Endeavor sponsored this Church and it was named Beaver Falls Christian Endeavor Memorial Church. Services were held at 1821 Seventh Avenue until the dedication of the sanctuary January 25, 1905 by Dr. William Ross Funk. During the pastorate of Reverend Charles G. White, a Sunday School unit and gymnasium were added in 1925 and dedicated September 6, 1925 by Dr. J. S. Fulton. A second floor was added to the unit in 1965. From this church came the Bennett's Run church. The Christian Endeavor Memorial Church became known as the First United Brethren Church. In 1968 it became Otterbein United Methodist Church. In 1970 it was linked with

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Bennett's Run. The membership in 1970 was 215. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 167. After Beaver Falls: First closed (June 30, 2012), and a devastating fire destroyed the Beaver Falls: Otterbein facility (October 2008), the membership of the two congregations joined and adopted the name Beaver Falls: Ashes to Life in 2012.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Christian Endeavor Memorial/Industry: James Julius Funk *June* 1901-*September* 1901; John Ressler King 1901-1902; Charles William Hutsler 1902-1904; William Washington Rymer 1904-1905; Abraham Lincoln Funk 1905-1907; A. Boring 1907-1910; Albert Barnes Wilson 1910-1911; Archibald Roderick Hendrickson 1911-1912; George Robert Alban 1912-1914; Paul Frank Mickey 1914-1918; **Beaver Falls: First United Brethren/Bennett's Run:** Walker Glossbrunner Fulton 1918-1923; Charles G. White 1923-1925; S. H. Cunningham 1925-*June* 1926; William Vernon Barnhart 1926-1927; Louis Charles Rose 1927-1929; Thomas L. Kiernan 1929-1931; Charles Henry Keller 1931-1932; Goldie Wechtenhiser Keller *Associate* 1931-1932; Frank B. Gilchrist 1932-1942; James Nevin Strohm 1942-1943; Orion Alexander Womer 1943-1945; Wilbur Raymond Fisher 1945-1948; Charles Harold Empfield 1948-1951; Elias Alvin Kessler 1951-1955; Ivan Steele Thompson 1955-*June* 1967; Herbert Lawrence Lohr 1967-1968; **Name changed to Beaver Falls: Otterbein:** 1968-1969; Ralph Scott 1969-1969; Perry Edgewood Pyle 1969-1972; Albert Jacob Steiner *June* 1972-1978; Thomas Snyder Lynn 1978-1979; Thomas Melvin Himes 1979-1984; Ronald George Naugle, Sr. 1984-1994; Arthur Leroy Black 1994-1996; Wade Scott Barto 1996-2002; **Beaver Falls: Bennett's Run/Beaver Falls: Otterbein:** Wade Scott Barto 2002-2005; **Beaver Falls: North: Beaver Falls: Otterbein/Bennett's Run/Clinton/Wampum** Tina Grossman 2005-2006; Brian Robert Keller *Associate* 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Otterbein/ Wampum:** Tina Grossman Keller 2006-2009; **Beaver Falls City: Central/First/Otterbein:** Mark Lee Ongley 2009-2012; **Beaver Falls: Ashes To Life:** Mark Lee Ongley 2012--.

BEAVER FALLS: BENNETTS RUN

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UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

1923

Mailing Address: 1925 Edgewood Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-4924

ID: 170614

Location: 1925 Edgewood Road, on Route 588, two miles east of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, PA.

History: United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. This Church was organized in 1923 through the efforts of the Otterbein United Brethren Church. Services were held in a schoolhouse until 1953. At that time a building was purchased and converted into the church. In 1970 it was linked with Beaver Falls Otterbein Church. The membership in 1970 was 64. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 21.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Bennetts Run: Walker Glossbrunner Fulton 1918-1923; Charles G. White 1923-1925; S. H. Cunningham 1925-*June* 1926; William Vernon Barnhart 1926-1927; Louis Charles Rose 1927-1929; Thomas L. Kiernan 1929-1931; Charles Henry Keller 1931-1932; Goldie Wechtenhiser Keller *Associate* 1931-1932; Frank B. Gilchrist 1932-1942; James Nevin Strohm 1942-1943; Orion Alexander Womer 1943-1945; Wilbur Raymond Fisher 1945-1948; Charles Harold Empfield 1948-1951; Elias Alvin Kessler 1951-1955; Ivan Steele Thompson 1955-*June* 1967; Herbert Lawrence Lohr 1967-1969; Ralph Scott 1969-1969; **Beaver Falls: Otterbein/Beaver Falls: Bennetts Run:** Perry Edgewood Pyle 1969-1972; Albert Jacob Steiner *June* 1972-1978; Thomas Snyder Lynn 1978-1979; Thomas Melvin Himes 1979-1984; Ronald George Naugle, Sr. 1984-1994; Arthur Leroy Black 1994-1996; Donald K. Shellenberger *July* 15, 1996-2002; Wade Scott Barto 2002-2002; **Beaver Falls: Bennett's Run/ Beaver Falls: Otterbein:** Wade Scott Barto 2002-2005; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Otterbein/ Wampum** Tina Grossman 2005-2006; Brian Robert Keller *Associate* 2005-2006; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/ Clinton/Otterbein/Wampum:** Tina Grossman Keller 2006-2009; Brian Robert Keller *Associate* 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Wampum:** David Arthur Alleman 2009-2011; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton** David Arthur Alleman 2011-2014; **Beaver Falls: Bennett's Run:** David Arthur Alleman 2014-2020; Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2020-2021; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett's Run:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2021-2022; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett's Run/Homewood:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2022--.

BEAVER FALLS: CENTRAL

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METHODIST PROTESTANT – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1869

Mailing Address: PO Box 311, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-0311

724/846-3474

ID: 095321

Location: 1227 Sixth Avenue and Thirteenth Street in the Borough of Beaver Falls in Beaver County, PA.

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History: Methodist Protestant – Pittsburgh Conference. The birthplace was the Red Brick Schoolhouse, built in 1837, located at the fringe of town. The old schoolhouse was the original home of nearly all the churches in Beaver Falls. In April 1869, Reverend Samuel Ferry Crowther, pastor of the New Brighton Methodist Protestant Church began preaching in the Schoolhouse. The First Methodist Protestant Church of Beaver Falls was organized on May 23, 1869. Ground for a church was donated by Henry Reeves. The Church was located at Third Avenue and Pine Street and was dedicated on July 17, 1870. There were 41 members and 120 Sabbath School members. Rev. W. J. Sheehan was the first pastor. The church at Sixth Avenue and Thirteenth Street was dedicated November 11, 1904. Reverend Charles Fayette Swift was the pastor. Henry J. Heinz gave the address. Andrew Carnegie donated half of the amount for the purchase of an organ. The fiftieth anniversary was celebrated on November 23, 1919. At the time of Methodist Union, in 1939, the name of the Church changed to Central Methodist Church. The 1968 membership was 356. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 123.

Pastors: New Brighton/First Methodist Protestant Church of Beaver Falls: Samuel Ferry Crowther *May* 1869-1870; W. J. Sheehan 1870-1871; **Beaver Falls:** John Fletcher Dyer 1871-1873; George Gideon Westfall 1873-1875; George B. Dotson 1875-1876; Edward A. Brindley 1876-1877; Marcus B. Taylor 1877-1879; James Clark Berrien 1879-1880; John Gregory 1880-*December* 1882; James Clark Berrien *December* 1882-1891; William R. Cowl 1891-*March* 1, 1895; James B. Nixon 1895-1899; Charles Fayette Swift 1899-1909; Clarence Melville Lippincott 1909-1914; Francis Clayton Viele 1914-1918; Jacob Sala Leland 1918-*December*, 1, 1920; Charles Edgar Wilbur *January* 1921-1921; John W. Sell 1921-1929; John Nelson Hempstead 1929-1939; **Name Changed to Beaver Falls: Central:** Robert Harlan Cairns 1939-1943; John Boyle Warman 1943-1945; Alton Sankey Miller 1945-1948; Richard Parker Andrews 1948-1951; Theodore Merle Silvis 1951-1956; Fred Bryce Grimm 1956-1961; Ralph Luther Romine, Sr. 1961-1964; John Herbert Clark 1964-1966; John Alfred Hellman, Jr. 1966-1969; Norman Jay Nightingale 1969-*September* 1, 1973; Walter Byron Hehman, Sr. *September* 1, 1973-1980; Olivia Elaine Graham 1980-*November* 1, 1983; William Joseph Maher *March* 1, 1984-1987; Timothy Randall Koch 1987-1988; Keith Allen Dunn 1988-1994; **Beaver Falls Parish: Beaver Falls: First/Beaver Falls: Central:** Christopher Alan Ciampa 1994-1999; Debra Darlene Palmer Eberhart Rogosky 1999-2003; **Beaver Falls: Central/Homewood/Koppel:** Cherri Ann Andres 2003-*July* 28, 2003; **Beaver Falls: Central:** David Jordan Lutz *September* 1, 2003-2004; **Beaver Falls: Central:** David A. Alleman 2004-2005; **Beaver Falls: First/Central:** David A. Alleman 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls City: Central/First/Otterbein:** Mark Lee Ongley 2009-2012; **Beaver Falls: Central/ Riverview:** Heidi Marie Hakel Helsel 2012-2014; **Beaver Valley Unified: Beaver Falls: Central/Clinton/Koppel/ Homewood:** Wayne Robert Cleary 2014-2016; **Beaver Falls: Central:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2016-2020; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett's Run:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2020-2021; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett's Run:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2021-2022; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett's Run/Homewood:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2022--.

BEAVER FALLS: COLLEGE HILL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1907-2020

Mailing Address:

ID: 095343

Location: 33rd Street and 3240 Fifth Avenue in the Borough of Beaver Falls, in Beaver County, PA

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Initiated by Reverend Dr. Rezin Beeson Mansell, pastor of Beaver Falls First Methodist Episcopal Church and assisted by Reverend Stewart O. Smith, pastor of the Homewood Methodist Episcopal Church. The first service was held in the now extinct 33rd Street School on June 2, 1907. The first appointed pastor was Reverend Burr Reddig McKnight, October 1, 1907. There were 87 charter members. It was called the 33rd Street Church in 1907. It was named College Hill Church in 1908. The Church was built in 1908. The educational building's first floor was built in 1954. Second and third floors were added in 1959. The first parsonage was at 520 – 35th Street in 1924. The parsonage was at 3423 Eighth Avenue in 1961. The membership in 1968 was 621. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 293. On July 1, 2020, the Beaver Falls: College Avenue and Beaver: First UMCs merged to form a new congregation called College Avenue United Methodist Church, meeting in the former Beaver: First church facility.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: 33rd Street: Burr Reddig McKnight *October* 1907-1908; **Beaver Falls: College Hill:** Burr Reddig McKnight 1908-*June* 1911; Thomas H. Morris *June* 1911-*October* 1913; William F. Seitter 1913-1914; Joseph Walter Miles 1914-1916; Clarence Conrad Fisher 1916-1918; Cecil Webster Campbell 1918-1919; Nicholas Fox Richards 1919-1921; George M. Hartung 1921-1922; James K. Pollock 1922-1926; Josephus Harrison Enlow 1926-1929; William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1929-1930; Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1930-1931; James Allan Kestle

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1931-1935; Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1935-1937; Charles Albert Tracey 1937-1940; Alden J. Green 1940-1948; James E. Lutz 1948-1950; W. Reese Burns 1950-1953; Walter Albert Linaberger, Jr., 1953-1955; Gordon Franklin Hinkle, Sr., 1955-1959; Hoyt Leon Hickman 1959-1964; Charles Erwood Goodin 1964-1973; Louis Frederick Pomrenke, Jr., 1973-*November* 1980; Hengust Robinson, Jr., *November* 1980-1997; Edward Alan Schoeneck 1997-2006; Gregory David Cox 2006-*September* 30, 2010; To Be Supplied *September* 30, 2010-2011; Duk Hee Han 2011-2012; Larry Alton Reitz 2012-2016; Darryl S. Lockie 2016-2020.

BEAVER FALLS: CONCORD

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 285 Concord Church Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-9420

ID: 095707

Location: 285 Concord Church Road on Route 588 in North Sewickley Township, one mile east of Route 65 and about four miles east of Beaver Falls, in Beaver County, PA

BUTLER DISTRICT

1835

724/846-4739

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was established about the year 1835 and known at first as “Boots School House” and in 1857 the name “Concord” first appeared in the Allegheny District records when it was listed as being part of the New Brighton Circuit. The first house of worship was erected in 1851 by Reverend Joseph Alexander, a local preacher and carpenter. After 36 years the congregation outgrew the church building and the cornerstone was laid on June 18, 1887 for the second church building which was dedicated free of debt on October 2, 1887. Various improvements were made through the years. In 1920 two Sunday School Rooms were added to the front of the building and in 1940 a basement was completed for additional classrooms. Many different circuit relationships existed through the years and on May 25, 1952 the first full time pastor was appointed and a parsonage was completed the same year. In April 1961 ground was broken for the third building to house the congregation and the first service was held in the new church October 22, 1961. The membership in 1968 was 391. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 901. In 2020, Concord UMC offers three worship services on Sunday morning, traditional services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and a contemporary celebration service, also at 11:00 a.m. The church supports a robust Sunday School program and recently took on the leadership of a preschool program. Youth ministry continues to be a strong emphasis with the church. Concord has a long history of missions. Mission teams have traveled to many nations and communities of people. For over 20 years, teams have ministered to youth and orphans in Russia. Other teams travel to the United Methodist churches in Romania. Concord also supports various ministries in the local community, such as food programs and a variety of construction efforts. Concord's United Methodist Women unit is one of the most active groups in the Annual Conference. Concord is faithful in its worship, witness, and generosity.

Pastors: Harmony Circuit: Boots School House: David R. Hawkins 1838-1839; John White 1839-1840; **New Brighton Circuit: Boots School House:** Edward Birkett 1840-1841; Joshua Monroe 1841-1842; Joshua Monroe and William Fletcher Lauck 1842-1843; William Fletcher Lauck and Warner Long 1843-1844; Gideon D. Kinnear and John Wesley Baker 1844-1845; David R. Hawkins and William Page Blackburn 1845-1846; David R. Hawkins and John F. Nessley 1846-1847; George McCaskey 1847-1849; William DeVinney 1849-1850; **Brighton Circuit: Boots School House:** Josiah Dillon 1850-1852; Marcellus A. Ruter and John Grant 1852-1853; Marcellus A. Ruter and John Murray 1853-1854; **New Brighton Circuit: Boots School House:** James Beacom 1854-1856; Samuel Crouse 1856-1857; **New Brighton Circuit: Concord:** Samuel Crouse 1857-1858; **Bradley Chapel/Concord:** James Jackson McIlyar 1858-1860; **Freedom Circuit: Concord:** William H. Tibbles and Edward Williams 1860-1861; William H. Tibbles and A. W. Taylor 1861-1862; Joseph A. Swaney 1862-1863; John McCarty 1863-1864; James Jackson McIlyar 1864-1865; Ezra Morgan Wood 1865-1867; Thomas Storer 1867-1868; **Unionville Circuit: Unionville/Concord/Wurtemberg:** James M. Swan (with John Zachariah Moore) 1868-1869; William Johnson 1869-1870; John McCarty 1870-1873; **Darlington (Chippewa)/Concord:** Richard Jordan 1873-1874; **Unionville/Concord:** Robert Stewart Ross 1874-1876; John W. Righter 1876-1878; T. W. Robbins 1878-1879; James Elverson Williams 1879-1882; Andrew Lucius Kendall 1882-1884; James Lafferty Stiffey 1884-1887; Josiah Dillon 1887-1889; George A. Sheets 1889-1892; Frank Howard Callahan 1892-1893; Alfred Turner 1893-1895; John Wesley Otterman 1895-1896; **Brownsdale Circuit: Concord:** Charles M. McCaslin 1896-1898; Samuel H. Greenlee 1898-1901; **Harmony Circuit: Concord:** Joseph William Garland 1901-1902; Andrew Smith Hunter 1902-1903; **Unionville Circuit: Concord:** Alexander Steele 1903-1906; **Harmony Circuit: Concord:** Alexander Steele 1906-1907; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1907-1908; Maris Ressel Hackman 1908-1909; Frank Randolph Peters 1909-1913; Paul Sappie 1913-1914; Oscar Adams Emerson 1914-1915; James Arlington Younkens 1915-1916; Arthur J. Jackson 1916-1918; Cecil Newton McCandless 1918-1920; John William King 1920-1922; George D. Swartout 1922-1923;

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Joseph Meryl Silk, Sr. 1923-1924; **Unionville/Concord:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1924-1925; Sherman Leroy Burson 1925-1927; Charles W. H. Jack 1927-1932; Harry C. Critchlow 1932-*November* 1934; **Chippewa/Concord:** Sherman Leroy Burson *November* 1934-1935; Earl LeRoy Abbott 1935-1938; A. E. Stewart 1938-1938; **West Bridgewater/Concord:** Daniel Melroy Paul 1938-1940; Robert Henson Ling 1940-1945; **Freedom/Concord:** Edwin J. Seiss 1945-1948; **Chippewa/Concord:** Dwight Glasgow Townsend 1948-1952; **Concord:** James Robert Hartland 1952-1954; Carlton Paul McKita 1954-1956; Wilbur Paul Blackhurst 1956-1958; Clifford Eugene Stollings 1958-1962; Harold Edward Greenway 1962-1967; Louis Frederick Pomrenke, Jr. 1967-1970; John Ord Magargee 1970-1989; John Kenneth Smith 1989-2007; Richard Allen Detting *Associate November 1*, 1996-2002; Brett Allen Probert *Associate* 2002-2005; Christopher Todd Kindle *Associate* 2005-2009; Bradley Kent Neel 2007-2015; Thomas Matthew Kennedy *Associate* 2009-*October* 14, 2013; Chad Jeremy Bogdewic *Associate January* 15, 2014-2015; John Huston Phipps 2015--; Joshua M. Nash 2017-2019; Christopher Todd Kindle *November 1*, 2019--.

BEAVER FALLS: FIRST **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

BUTLER DISTRICT
1867-2012

Mailing Address:

ID: 095365

Location: 716 Tenth Street, on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Tenth Street in the City of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Reverend James Jackson McIlyar, minister of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Brighton, conducted the first worship services at the little Red Schoolhouse at Seventh Avenue and Eighth Street in 1867. In 1868 the first church building was erected. The lots and a contribution of \$2,000 were made by the Harmony Society. The first parsonage was built in 1880 on a lot next to the church. A new parsonage was located in Chippewa Township. The Church was chartered in 1883 with G. W. Altsman, Henry Doffert, Robert Mitchell, William Rosenberger, Robert McGahey and Perry Graham as trustees. The Eighth Avenue unit of the Church was built in 1884. In 1907 First Church sponsored a new congregation. This new church became known as College Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. This church was never on a circuit and has been in the Conference appointments as Beaver Falls: First since 1869. The 100th anniversary of the Church was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies the week of September 15 through September 22, 1968. The membership reported in the 1968 Journal was 573. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 141. Beaver Falls: First UMC closed June 30, 2012. Records went to Beaver Falls: Ashes to Life.

Pastors: New Brighton/Beaver Falls: James Jackson McIlyar 1867-1868; **Beaver Falls: First:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1868-1869; John McCarty 1869-1870; John Rose Roller 1870-1871; William B. Grace *March* 1871-1874; Theodore Finley 1871-1876; Silas Thayer Mitchell *Fall* 1876-*Spring* 1877; David Alexander McCready *Spring* 1877-1879; Edward Williams 1879-1880; John Conner 1880-1881; Joseph E. Wright 1881-1882; Milton Mechesney Sweeny 1882-1885; Aaron H. Miller 1885-1889; Milton J. Sleppy 1889-1894; George Washington Terbush 1894-1897; Robert Thompson Miller 1897-1898; Reimund Clay Wolf 1898-1903; Rezin Beeson Mansell 1903-1908; William Carson Weaver 1908-1914; John Wesley Richardson Sumwalt 1914-1916; Ora Jerome Shoop 1916-1919; Thomas K. Fornear 1919-1921; Harmon Stitt Piper 1921-*February* 22, 1922; Herbert A. Baum 1922-1925; Andrew M. Shea 1925-1929; Charles Amos Hartung 1929-1936; John Dick Van Horn 1936-1940; David Roy Graham 1940-1942; Charles Sinclair Applegath 1942-1944; Frank Leonard Hicks 1944-1950; Roy L. McQuiston 1950-1961; Leonard Gene Stewart 1961-1963; Charles Herbert Picht 1963-*September* 1, 1964; Josiah David Stillwagon *October* 1, 1964-1975; William Douglas Shaw 1975-1981; John Vickers Spahr, Sr., 1981-1984; Keith McClellan Dovenspike 1984-1989; Lauren Lynn Chaffee-Farey *June* 30, 1989-1991; Clair Willard Shaffer 1991-1993; Christopher Alan Ciampa 1993-1994; **Beaver Falls Parish: Beaver Falls: First/Beaver Falls: Central:** Christopher Alan Ciampa 1994-1999; Debra Darlene Palmer Eberhart Rogosky 1999-2001; **Beaver Falls: First/Koppel/Clinton/Homewood:** Edward William Rogosky 2001-2003; **Beaver Falls: First/Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2003-2004; **Beaver Falls: First/Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2004-2005; David A. Alleman *Associate April* 2, 2004-2005; **Beaver Falls: First/Central:** David A. Alleman 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls City: Central/First/ Otterbein:** Mark Lee Ongley 2009-2012.

BEAVER FALLS: IMMANUEL **EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

BUTLER DISTRICT
1876-1952

Location: Thirteenth Street and Fourth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA.

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History: Evangelical (German) – Pittsburgh Conference. Immanuel Church was organized about 1876. Services were conducted in German language. A building was erected in 1878. The last Immanuel service was January 15, 1952. The members transferred to Otterbein or Riverview Churches.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Immanuel: *Unknown* 1876-1881; Jacob Vogel 1881-1882; L. Pfeiffer 1882-1883; J. G. Zeigler 1883-1884; C. Wohlgemuth 1884-1887; A. H. Wendt 1887-1889; C. W. Neuendorf 1889-1891; Ernest Walter Yaecker 1891-1893; John Finkbeiner 1893-1897; John W. Hoffman 1897-1899; Charles Jack Hollinger 1899-1900; G. W. Miller 1900-1901; John W. Hoffman 1901-1903; Jakob Wahl 1903-1904; A Peter 1904-1905; E A. Bleck 1905-1906; S. E. Geotz 1906-1910; A. G. Dornheim 1910-1915; Ludwig Mayer 1915-1918; Harry E. Dornheim 1918-1923; Joseph C. Wygant 1923-1924; Joseph C. Wygant and Paul E. Miller 1914-1925; Paul E. Miller 1925-1926; Philip L. Griffiths 1926-1927; Robert Royal Doverspike 1927-1931; Herbert Hill Grove 1929-1936; Stephen Roth Schieb 1936-1938; Rudolph Ludwig Fassinger 1938-1941; Ernest R. McClain 1941-1949; Michael Robert Tyson 1949-1951; C. W. Dietrich 1951-*January 15, 1952.*

BEAVER FALLS: RIVERVIEW

EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1099 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-2861
ID: 189431

BUTLER DISTRICT

1919

724/843-3620

Location: 1099 Darlington Road and 11th Street in the Borough of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, PA.

History: Evangelical Church – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized March 30, 1919 by members of the Immanuel Church. A building was dedicated on July 10, 1921. A new building was dedicated May 9, 1954. An educational unit was added and dedicated January 17, 1965. In 1970 Riverview had 513 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 411. In 2020, Riverview United Methodist Church has long been a vital community of believers in Beaver Falls, PA. A church that feels like family to all who walk through its doors, the people of this congregation make it a priority to worship faithfully, to care for one another attentively, and to impact the surrounding community with the love and ministry of Jesus Christ. To be a part of Riverview Church is to be a part of a joyful congregation where Jesus Christ is dynamically at work to change lives.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Riverview: Harry E. Dornheim 1919-1923; Joseph C. Wygant and Paul E. Miller *Associate* 1923-1926; Paul E. Miller 1926-1930; John Edgar Walter 1930-1933; Harry E. Dornheim 1933-1943; Charles Herbert Stang 1943-1951; Clyde Wilbur Dietrich 1951-1959; Donald James Joiner 1959-1968; Gerald Allen McCormick 1968-*July 15, 1972*; Dotson True Spangler 1972-1974; Ralph Wilson Martin, Jr., 1974-1979; Frank Byran Garlathy 1979-1983; William Frank Rautner 1983-1992; George Edward Himes 1992-1993; Dale Urey Livermore 1993-1997; Todd Melbourne Davis 1997-2003; **Beaver Falls: Riverview/Beaver Falls: First:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2003-2005; David Arthur Alleman *Associate April 2, 2004-2005*; James Walter Parkinson 2005-2010; **Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Nancy Gayle Zahn 2010-2012; **Beaver Falls: Central/Riverview:** Heidi Marie Hakel Helsel 2012-2014; **Faith Community: Rochester: Faith Community/Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Donald William Dotterer 2014-2018; Robert Bailey Allen *Associate* 2015-2020; Donna N. Doult *Associate* 2016-2020; Luke Andrew Whipple 2020--.

BEAVER: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 095308 See Successor, College Avenue

Location: 345 College Avenue, between Third and Turnpike Streets in the Borough of Beaver, Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1820-2020

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. In 1820 Reverend William Swayze, Presiding Elder of the Ohio District, organized a Class in a house known as Coulters Tavern on Second Street near College Avenue. This Class with one in Bridgewater and one in Sharon (Upper end of Bridgewater) worshipped in a small frame church built on a hillside in Sharon. This is believed to be the first Methodist Episcopal Church built in Beaver County. In 1830 a church was built in Irvine Park under the pastorate of Reverend George S. Holmes, Sr. In 1868-1869 the church was torn down and a new building was completed in 1872. During the interim services were held in the courthouse. The ladies provided funds for the purchase of a bell, the first church bell ever heard in Beaver. Reverend William H. Locke was the pastor. In 1905 a new building was completed under the pastorate of Reverend Appleton Bash. In 1961 the educational building was completed under the pastorate of Reverend Clifford Delmont Buell. In 1968 the Sanctuary (Chapel) was remodeled under the pastorate of Reverend Frank Irvin Snavely. The first parsonage was built

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on Second and Insurance Street in 1866. This was demolished and a new parsonage was built on the same location in 1900. It was razed in 1976 because of the need for extensive repairs. A new parsonage was built on the same site. The membership in 1968 was 997. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 629. In 2020, Beaver: First and Beaver Falls: College Avenue merged to form a new congregation called College Avenue United Methodist Church, meeting in the former Beaver: First church facility.

Pastors: Beaver Circuit: Beaver: First: Abel Robinson and Daniel Davison 1812-1812; Jacob Gorwell 1812-1813; John G. Cicil 1813-1814; James Watts 1814-1815; Henry Baker 1815-1816; Ezra Booth 1816-1817; **Shenango Circuit/Beaver Circuit: Beaver: First:** Jacob Hooper and Samuel Baker 1817-1818; **Beaver Circuit: Beaver: First:** John C. Brooke 1818-1819; William Cunningham and James C. Hunter 1819-1820; William Cunningham and Charles Trescott 1820-1821; John Graham and William Tipton 1821-1822; Dennis Goodard and Billings Otis Plimpton 1822-1823; Ezra Booth and Albert G. Richardson 1823-1824; Samuel Adams and Robert Finley Hopkins 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference Organized in 1825: Beaver Circuit: Beaver: First:** Charles Cooke 1825-1826; David Sharpe 1826-1827; Alfred Brunson 1827-1828; Jonathan Holt 1828-1829; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1829-1830; William C. Henderson 1830-1831; **Beaver: First:** George S. Holmes, Sr. 1831-1832; **Beaver Circuit: Beaver: First:** George S. Holmes, Sr. 1832-1833; **Beaver: First/Brighton:** Joshua Monroe 1833-1834; **Beaver: First:** Joshua Monroe 1834-1835; Nathaniel Callender 1835-1837; Zarah Hale Coston 1837-1838; Abner Jackson 1838-1839; William W. Stevens 1839-1841; David R. Hawkins 1841-1843; Joshua Monroe 1843-1844; James M. Bray 1844-1845; David L. Dempsey 1845-1847; Enoch G. Nicholson 1847-1848; John T. W. Auld 1848-1849; Hamilton Cree, Jr. 1849-1851; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1851-1852; Josiah Dillon 1852-1853; Josiah J. Gibson 1853-1854; Thomas McCleary 1854-1855; Thomas McCleary and Jacob Keiss Miller 1855-1856; Sheridan Baker 1856-1857; Jacob Keiss Miller 1857-1858; Simeon Martin Hickman 1858-1859; Martin Luther Weekly 1859-1860; Tertullus Davidson 1860-1861; Harry M. McAbee 1861-1862; Henry W. Baker 1862-1863; Sylvester Burt 1863-1866; James Sansom Bracken 1866-1868; James Hollingshead 1868-1870; William H. Locke 1870-1873; William Lynch 1873-1876; Hiram Miller 1876-1879; Isaac Austin Pearce 1879-1881; Rezin Beeson Mansell 1881-1884; William Brown Watkins 1884-1888; Asbury Lewis Petty 1888-1890; Edward Joseph Knox 1890-1894; Charles Avery Holmes and Morton C. Hartzel 1894-1897; Mark A. Riggs 1897-1899; Appleton Bash 1899-1907; John W. Langdale 1907-1912; Sherman Pomeroy Young 1912-1915; John Lane Miller 1915-1917; Sanford W. Corcoran 1917-1922; Thomas George Hicks 1922-1924; Jacob Simpson Payton 1924-1926; William Michael Baumgartner 1926-1927; Richard Makin Fowles 1927-1929; Homer David Whitfield 1929-1935; James Vernon Wright 1935-1940; Charles Reimond Wolf 1940-1948; Nicholas Fox Richards 1948-1954; Benjamin Franklin Shue 1954-1958; Clifford Delmont Buell 1958-1966; Frank Irvin Snavely 1966-1976; Wayne Bertis Price 1976-1983; William Robert Wilson 1983-1991; Dennis Mearl Henley 1991-1999; Ralph Philip Cotten 1999-*July 22, 2007*; Jeffrey Charles Bobin *Associate* 2004-2006; Barry LaMont Lewis *part time interim July 22, 2007-2008*; Cathy Leonard Newport Poff 2008-2013; Emmett Loyd Anderson, Jr. 2013-2018; Timothy James Goodman 2018-2020.

BOYERS

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 124, Boyers, PA 16020-0124

ID: 086348

Location: 937 Cemetery Road in the Village of Boyers on Route 308 in Butler County, PA.

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1857

724/735-4626

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Church grew out of a Class organized in the Thomas F. Christley home, located a short distance from the Pleasant Valley Church, by Reverend John McComb from Clintonville in 1857. The first church building was a log structure built in 1860. The second building was built in 1872 at Old Annandale and then moved to Boyers in 1895. In 1941 seven educational rooms, a basement, kitchen and dining room were added. This building burned on March 31, 1959. A new brick Church was dedicated on June 26, 1960. The Church has been on the Centerville, North Washington, and West Sunbury Circuits. In 1968 it is one of two churches on the Boyers Charge. The membership in 1968 was 196. In 2002 it is listed with Cornerstone Community Churches consisting of Boyers, Eau Clair: Bethel, Hilliards, Argentine and Ridgeville. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 94. In 2021, Boyers UMC is part of the Butler North Charge, together with the Eau Claire: Bethel and Hilliards United Methodist Churches. Through their engaging worship, their sacrificial generosity, their gracious hospitality, and their creative outreach to their communities, these three congregations bear witness to the Gospel while creating the kind of Christ-centered environment where strong friendships can be built and where all are welcome.

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Pastors: North Washington/Clintonville/Boyers: John McComb 1857-1859; Charles W. Bear 1859-1860; William R. Johnson 1860-1861; Robert B. Boyd 1861-1863; William A. Clark 1863-1864; George W. Moore 1864-1865; Abraham H. Domer 1865-1867; **North Washington/Boyers:** John Perry 1867-1868; William Haynes 1868-1869; James K. Mendenhall 1869-1871; John Crum 1871-1874; William Branfield 1874-1877; James Calvin Rhodes 1877-1879; James L. Clyde and Thomas Graham *Assistant* 1879-1880; James L. Clyde 1880-1881; Job L. Stratton 1881-1883; James Albert Hume 1883-1886; Sylvester Fidler 1886-1888; Lucien F. Merritt 1888-1889; **North Hope Circuit:** William Marion Canfield and I. G. Pollard 1889-1891; Charles E. McKinley 1891-1892; John Ellsworth Iams 1892-1896; Gilbert Dawson Walker 1896-1898; **West Sunbury/Boyers:** Charles H. Quick 1898-1901; George Collier 1901-1902; John Milton Crouch 1902-1904; David R. Palmer 1904-1906; Gilbert Dawson Walker 1906-1909; Thomas Pollard 1909-1910; **West Sunbury/North Washington/Boyers:** Samuel B. Bartlett 1910-1916; **West Sunbury/Boyers:** David Joslin Blasdell 1916-1917; Harry Agnew Silvis 1917-1920; Arthur Albin Swanson 1920-1921; George Ellis Boyer 1921-1924; Earl Delamater Thompson 1924-1925; **Boyers:** Herbert H. Bish 1925-1930; Lee Ralph Phipps 1930-1931; Kenneth C. Moore 1931-1934; Frank Charles Timmis 1934-1937; Omar L. Winger 1937-1944; Clarence H. Klein 1944-1948; Leslie Lloyd Lyons 1948-1951; Bernard Charles Himes 1951-1959; George Brinton Nolder 1959-1965; Priscilla Love 1965-1968; **Boyers/Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Everett Raymond Hammond 1968-1976; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1976-1980; John William Seth 1980-1985; Lloyd Dice Tennes 1985-1989; Barbara Jill Moore 1989-1993; Siglinde Luise Becker 1993-1995; Kathleen Strong Soltis 1995-2001; **Cornerstone Community Churches: Argentine/Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2001-2002; Robert Palmer *Associate* 2001-2002; **Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2002-2010; Richard Donald Updegraff 2010-2013; **Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards:** Kathryn Anne Reitz 2013-2017; **Butler County North: Eau Claire/Boyers/Hilliards:** Robert M. Schmidt 2017-2018; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins 2018-2021; Kathleen Strong Soltis 2021-2022; Raymond Straughn 2022--.

BRACKENRIDGE: FIRST
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1903-1997

Mailing Address:
ID: 095480

Location: 915 Brackenridge Avenue in the Borough of Brackenridge on the Allegheny River in Allegheny County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first official meeting was held in the Brackenridge Borough School on February 6, 1903. Plans for a new church building was discussed at several successive meetings. The first definite action was taken on July 10, 1903, with Reverend Joseph Paul Marlatt, minister of the First Methodist Church of Tarentum acting as chairman. Reverend James W. McIntosh, who became the first pastor, was also present. The cornerstone was laid July 9, 1904. The church was dedicated November 5, 1905. An educational addition was erected in 1954. The church closed in 1997 and the congregation merged with Brackenridge: Trinity United Methodist Church. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Brackenridge: First UMC closed and merged with Brackenridge: Trinity UMC in 1997.

Pastors: Brackenridge: James W. McIntosh 1902-1903; Ralph Bell 1903-1908; William Malcolm Buzza 1908-1911; Joseph Christy Brown 1911-1914; Charles James Whitlatch 1914-1917; Dwight Lewis Myers 1917-1918; Albert Kirkby Travis 1918-1921; Hibbard G. Howell 1921-1922; Watson M. Bracken 1922-1926; William John Lowry 1926-1928; Edward Harold Miller 1928-1930; James A. Forgie 1930-1931; Franz Omar Christopher 1931-1935; Gilbert Marion Conner 1935-1937; Robert Porter Graham 1937-1941; Josiah Richard Osmond 1941-*June* 1945; Lawrence Calvin Little *June* 1945-October 1945; W. Donald Whetzel 1945-1951; Richard Beatty Callahan 1951-1953; Morris Shields 1953-1957; Harry Floyd Gotjen 1957-1958; James Lyle Wilson 1958-1961; Robert William Borden 1961-1965; William S. Van Ryn 1965-1968; Ernest Weals 1968-1968; Lawrence Raughley, III 1968-1973; Robert Samuel Wachter 1973-*June* 1980; Howard Gilliford Russell, Jr. 1980-1987; Robert Phillip Saul 1987-*November* 1, 1988; Paul E. Toothman *January* 1, 1989-1994; Kenneth Elliott Jones 1994-1997.

BRACKENRIDGE: TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1970

Mailing Address: 847 Tenth Avenue, Brackenridge PA 15014-1073
ID: 096804

724/224-7300

Location: 847 Tenth Avenue, Brackenridge, PA, near Route 28 North in the Borough of Tarentum in Allegheny County, PA.

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History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Brackenridge: Trinity was originally Tarentum: First. The Brackenridge First United Methodist Church name was changed to Brackenridge: Trinity in 1970. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 552. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

Pastors: Brackenridge: Trinity: Jack Gail Ammon 1970-1985; Joseph Chapman Rial, Jr. 1985-1990; James Joseph Morris 1990-1993; Thomas Elmer Brown 1993-2003; Alice Ruth Weaver Dunn 2003-2010; Jeffrey Allen Vanderhoff 2010-2016; Gregory Littell Spencer 2016--.

BRANCHTON

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1903

Mailing Address: 490 Branchton Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

724/794-3768

ID: 086361

Location: 400 Branchton Road, Slippery Rock, in the Village of Branchton, about three miles east of Slippery Rock in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church dates from 1903 when a group of persons feeling the need for a church began meeting. Meetings were held on the public-school lawn in the summers and in the Schoolhouse in the winters. The old school site adjoined the Church property. The Church lot was purchased and the Church building was erected in 1905, with dedication in January 1906. Improvements and additions to the Church were made in January 1943 and 1947. Branchton was on a charge with West Liberty and Saint Johns from 1909 until 1936 when West Liberty went with Slippery Rock. From 1953 to 1991 it was a Station appointment. In 1991 it went back to West Liberty/Branchton. The membership in 1968 was 118. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 141. In 2021, Branchton UMC, Ridgeville UMC, and West Liberty UMC form a three-point charge in the northern part of Butler County. These three congregations make it a priority to worship with joy, to pray with conviction, and to build a sense of community that feels like family in all the right ways. In each of the three churches, the Lordship of Jesus finds expression through substantive Christian education, heartfelt worship, and a loving attentiveness to the deepest needs of the community.

Pastors: Charge: Branchton: Sylvester Fidler 1903-1905; James Whipple Reis 1905-1906; Robert George Thomas 1906-1910; Mayson Hodgson Sewell 1910-1912; Robert George Thomas 1912-1913; **West Liberty Charge: Branchton: Harlansburg** Frank W. Shope 1913-1914; Rome A. Parsons 1914-1916; Ira Scott 1916-1921; Arthur Albin Swanson 1921-1924; Charles Clyde Baker 1924-1925; C. L. Osborne 1925-1927; Harry Storch 1927-1928; Earl N. Engle 1928-1932; Paul Reams Smith 1932-1935; **Branchton:** Harry C. Beatty 1935-1936; **Branchton/Saint Johns:** Harold D. Melzer 1936-1937; Robert Blackwood Withers 1937-1946; **Branchton/Saint Johns/Forrestville:** James Henry Cox 1946-1949; Harry William Beverage 1949-1953; **Branchton:** Calvin Gilmore 1953-1957; Joseph Albert Cousins 1957-1963; Charles W. Livingston 1963-1966; William Cousins 1966-1967; Robert Schrecengost 1967-1968; Donald H. Voss 1968-1970; Robert Scott Foltz; 1970-1971; Albert Allen Bryan 1971-1973; Jack Morris Ballengee 1973-December 21, 1981; Russell William Shulaga April 1982-1983; Theodore J. Walwik 1983-1991; **Branchton/West Liberty:** Alfred James Lewis 1991-2004; **Branchton/Hilliards/West Liberty:** Alfred James Lewis 2004-2013; **Branchton/West Liberty:** Loren Andrew McQueen 2013-August 31, 2015; Nelson Thomas Thayer September 1, 2015-2016; Daniel C. Miller 2016-2018; **Branchton/Ridgeville/West Liberty:** Daniel C. Miller 2018-2021; Brandon J. Moore 2021--.

BRIDGEWATER

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

1820-2022

Mailing Address: 908 Market Street, Beaver, PA 15009-3018

724/775-0948

ID: 096963

Location: 908 Market Street and Leopold Lane in the Borough of West Bridgewater in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. Originally the Borough was named Sharon. This Church was an outgrowth of the Connelly Class on the Original Shenango Circuit of the Baltimore Conference. In 1820 a Church was built in the hillside between Sharon and Brady's Run. Then in 1839, a two-story brick Church was erected on Otter Street. It was remodeled in 1860 and 1884. The second Church was built in 1907. In 1924 the steeple was removed as the result of tornado damage. Renovations were carried on in 1954, 1963 and 1967. Originally this was an appointment on the Shenango Circuit, then on the Beaver Circuit after it was organized in 1912. Bridgewater first

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appears in the appointments as the head of a Circuit in 1845. It has been a Station appointment since 1943. The membership in 1968 was 162. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 123. Since 2013, these three Beaver County churches have been aligned to offer joyful and Christ-honoring ministry in the southwestern portion of the Butler District. The Ambridge First, Bridgewater, and Economy United Methodist Churches share a common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ through faithful worship, nurturing fellowship, interactive Christian education, and a coordinated ministry of outreach to their communities. Bridgewater UMC closed on February 1, 2022.

Pastors: Shenango Circuit: Sharon: James Charles 1808-1809; Jacob Dowell and Eli Towne 1809-1810; James Watt 1810-1811; Abel Robinson 1811-1812; **Beaver Circuit: Sharon:** Abel Robinson and Daniel Davison 1812-1813; John G. Cical 1813-1814; James Watt 1814-1815; Henry Baker 1815-1816; Ezra Booth 1816-1817; **Beaver and Shenango Circuit: Sharon:** Jacob Hooper and Samuel Baker 1817-1818; **Beaver Circuit: Sharon:** John C. Brooke 1818-1819; William Cunningham and James Hunter 1819-1820; William Cunningham and Charles Trescott 1820-1821; John Graham and William Tipton 1821-1822; Dennis Goddard and Billings Otis Plimpton 1822-1823; Ezra Booth and Albert G. Richardson 1823-1824; Samuel Adams and Robert Finney Hopkins 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference: Beaver Circuit: Bridgewater:** Charles Cooke 1825-1826; David Sharp 1826-1827; *No Record* 1827-1828; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1828-1833; **Beaver-New Brighton Circuit: Bridgewater:** Joshua Monroe and William Hunter 1833-1834; **Beaver Circuit: Bridgewater:** Joshua Monroe 1834-1835; Nathaniel Callender 1835-1837; Zarah Hale Coston and Joseph L. Ray 1837-1838; Abner Jackson and Jeremiah Knox 1838-1839; Abner Jackson and William W. Stevens 1839-1840; William Stevens 1840-1841; David R. Hawkins 1841-1843; Joshua Monroe and Warner Long 1843-1844; James M. Bray and William Stevens 1844-1845; **Bridgewater:** Arthur M. Brown 1845-1847; Joseph Montgomery 1847-1849; Moses P. Jameson 1849-1851; **Bridgewater/Rochester:** John Murray 1851-1852; **Bridgewater:** John Murray 1852-1853; John Grant 1853-1855; Abraham J. Rich 1855-1857; Robert J. Hamilton 1857-1858; Jonathan D. Cramer 1858-1860; William Fletcher Lauck 1860-1862; James Sansom Bracken 1862-1864; John D. Knox 1864-1865; William Kennedy Brown 1865-1866; Joseph Horner 1866-1867; Richard Morrow 1867-1869; Joseph Hollingshead 1869-1872; David L. Dempsey 1872-1875; Asbury B. Castle 1875-1876; David Alexander McCready *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1877; David L. Dempsey 1877-1880; Robert J. Hamilton 1880-1882; Joseph H. Henry 1882-1884; John W. McIntyre 1884-1887; Matthew J. Montgomery 1887-1889; William Cox 1889-1890; **West Bridgewater:** William Cox 1890-1891; Richard Cartwright 1891-1894; William S. Cummings 1894-1896; George S. Holmes 1896-1897; Oscar Adams Emerson 1897-1899; Jacob Brenneman Uber 1899-1901; Harry Parker Johnson 1901-1903; Josiah Elmer Kidney 1903-1905; Harmon Stitt Piper 1905-1911; John D. W. Heazelton 1911-1913; Thomas H. Morris 1913-1917; John Clark Matteson 1917-1919; Charles Wesley Hoover 1919-1922; John Melson Betts 1922-1924; Hibbard G. Howell 1924-1927; Alvin Elramon Yeager 1927-1930; Jacob William Schrader 1930-1932; Robert W. Jackson 1932-1935; John Forrest Stewart 1935-1938; **West Bridgewater/Concord:** Daniel Melroy Paul 1938-1940; Robert Henson Ling 1940-1944; **West Bridgewater:** Robert William Borden 1944-1948; Robert Porter Graham 1948-1950; Harry Beeson Mansell 1950-1953; Charles Arthur Sadofsky 1953-1956; William Eugene Collins 1956-1962; Joseph Peter Trunzo 1962-1965; James W. O'Hara 1965-1967; Harvey Gilbert Walker 1967-1968; William Harold Hiles 1968-1971; Walter Bryan Hehman, Sr. 1971-*October* 1, 1973; James D. Jacobs *January* 1974-*June* 3, 1975; Frank Melvin Sherman 1975-1978; Lewis Edward Sickafus 1978-*October* 1980; James Arthur Trusel *October* 1980-1998; Gary R. Fuss 1998-1999; Bonnie C. Rupp-Fisher 1999-2003; **Rochester: Zion/Bridgewater:** Jeffrey Charles Bobin 2003-2006; Corben Michael Russell *August* 2006-2007; Orville Richard Jones *Assistant August* 2006-*December* 2006; **Bridgewater:** Corben Michael Russell 2007-2008; Jean Ann Smith 2008-2010; **Bridgewater/ Rochester: Zion:** Jean Ann Smith 2010-2011; **Bridgewater/Economy:** Harriet Edith Hutton 2011-2013; **Ambridge: First/Bridgewater/Economy:** Harriet Edith Hutton 2013-2021; Thomas Pio Bonomo 2021-*February* 1, 2022.

BRUIN: FAITH COMMUNITY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 96, Bruin, PA 16022-0115

ID: 087070

Location: 143 Main Street, Bruin, PA, on Route 268 in the Borough of Bruin in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1835

724/753-2270

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Originally Bruin was named Martinsburg. The original Methodist Church in Martinsburg was built on land donated by Benjamin Fletcher in 1835. In 1874 John Heiner donated land in the Borough of Bruin for a larger Church. Sunday morning, December 13, 1953 the Church was destroyed by fire. A large home was purchased in Bruin and made into a Church in 1954. On August 27, 1956 the congregation voted to buy the Free Methodist Church building in Bruin and the congregation moved into the

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remodeled Church in 1957. The home purchased in 1954 was made into a parsonage. This Church has been on different Circuits. In 1968 it was on a two-point Charge with Fairview. The membership in 1968 was 171. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 145. When Fairview closed and merged with Bruin, the name changed from Bruin to Faith Community in 2012.

Pastors: Martinsburg: Samuel W. Ingraham and Lewis Lanney 1835-1836; Samuel W. Ingraham and John F. Hill 1836-1837; Reuben Peck and Lorenzo Whipple 1837-1838; Francis Guthrie and Stephen Heard 1838-1839; Jesse Parr Benn 1839-1840; Jesse Parr Benn and Isaac Scofield 1840-1841; **Clintonville Circuit: Martinsburg:** Isaac Scofield and Samuel Leech 1841-1842; Albert M. Reed and Israel Mershon 1842-1843; Alexander Lindsay Miller and John K. Coxon 1843-1844; Samuel W. Ingraham and John Van Horne 1844-1845; John Van Horne and Isaiah Hilderbrand 1845-1846; George F. Reeser and David King 1846-1847; George F. Reeser and William F. McCormick 1847-1848; Edwin Hull and Henry Martin Chamberlain 1848-1849; Samuel Baird and Edwin Hull 1849-1850; John W. Wrigglesworth and George Stocking 1850-1851; David Morehouse Stever 1851-1852; **Brady's Bend Circuit: Martinsburg:** John W. Wrigglesworth 1852-1853; **Brady's Bend Circuit: Martinsburg:** Jared Howe 1853-1854; **Clintonville Circuit: Martinsburg:** Robert Beatty 1854-1855; **New Bethlehem Circuit: Martinsburg:** Gray James Shields 1855-1856; **Brady's Bend Circuit: Martinsburg:** Elliott H. Yingling 1856-1858; Thomas Graham 1858-1860; Gabriel Dunmire 1860-1862; Abraham H. Domer 1862-1863; Coursen Miller Heard 1863-1864; Allen Fouts 1864-1865; George W. Moore 1865-1868; John J. Excell 1868-1870; Thomas Graham 1870-1872; **Petrolia/Bruin:** Samuel L. Wilkinson 1872-1873; George J. Squier 1873-1874; Austin L. Kellogg 1874-1876; Robert Newton Stubbs 1876-1878; Platt Wheeler Scofield 1878-1880; Manassas Miller 1880-1882; William M. Taylor 1882-1884; Sylvester Fidler 1884-1886; William H. Bounce 1886-1887; Francis Marion Small 1887-1892; John H. Clemens 1892-1896; John Anthony Lavelly 1896-1899; Ottis H. Sibley 1899-1901; William F. Flick 1901-1902; William E. Frampton 1902-1905; Jacob Albert Hovis 1905-1907; John Russell Rich 1907-1911; Homer Bell Davis 1911-1913; Charles E. McKinley 1913-1914; Wesley Wilson Dale 1914-1917; C. C. Campbell 1917-1918; James Whipple Reis 1918-1921; Charles Ezra Deem 1921-1925; Robert Sherwood Naylor 1925-1930; Claude L. Downs 1930-1936; Homer Henry Thompson 1936-1942; Homer Albert Sayers 1942-1948; Clifford Carl Headland 1948-1953; Granville Mason Crites 1953-1955; Palmer Newton Taylor 1955-1957; William Grant Milliron 1957-1960; Donald Vernon Lintelman 1960-1962; Edwin Majory Tilt 1962-1965; Charles Wirt Buchanan 1965-1966; **Bruin:** Ronald Harrison Sellers 1966-1968; **Bruin/Fairview:** Robert Clyde Gumbert 1968-1970; **Parker/Bruin/Robinson Chapel:** Clifford Eugene Stollings 1970-1979; **Parker/Bruin:** Earle Henry Fouts 1979-*July 1, 1985*; Gerald John Kolljeski *October 1, 1985-1990*; James William Kane 1990-1992; John Walter Hodge 1992-2000; Molly O'Mego Brown and Victor LeMoyné Brown, co-pastors 2000-2002; **Parker/Bruin:** David Birchfield Bowman 2002-2004; **Bruin/Petrolia: Fairview/Ridgeview:** Wade Reitz Berkey 2004-2012; **Faith Community Methodist Congregation: Bruin: Faith Community/Ridgeville:** Alison Michelle Fisher (Berkey) 2012-2014; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins 2014-*January 31, 2015*; Judith A. Dye *Associate* 2014-2015; Floyd H. Barnhart *August 28, 2014-2018*; **Faith Community: Bruin/Kaylor/Queenstown:** Floyd H. Barnhart 2018--.

BRUSH RUN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – NORTH EAST OHIO CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1216 Blackhawk Road, Beaver Falls, PA. 15010-9016

ID: 095525

Location: 1216 Blackhawk Road, Beaver Falls, on Route 251, ten miles west of Beaver Falls, in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – North East Ohio Conference. There was an earlier Brush Run Methodist Church which was standing in 1876 but which passed out of existence sometime after that date. In 1894 Frank Guy, a layman from Negley, Ohio held a revival meeting in the Court School House. As a result a congregation was organized and the Church was built in 1895. The property was donated by William Graham and the builder of the Church was Elmer Groscott. For its first forty years this was a Church of the North East Ohio Conference. In the 1930s, it was closed for three years and the building was put up for sale by the North East Ohio Conference. A petition was circulated to continue the Church and presented to the Pittsburgh Conference and the Church was reopened in 1939. It was on the Koppel Charge until 1964 when it was made a single appointment. The educational addition was consecrated on December 9, 1962. The seventieth anniversary was celebrated November 7, 1965. The membership in 1968 was 135. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 117.

Pastors: Brush Run: A. M. Mysell 1895-1896; William R. Baxter 1896-1897; Robert B. Van Fossen 1897-1898; James F. Knotts 1898-1900; W. E. Kenney 1900-1901; J. S. Kettlewell 1901-1902; Robert N. Ball 1902-1903; James

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Franklin Hoffman 1903-1904; Francis V. Boyle 1904-1908; Samuel B. Lowrie 1908-1909; William F. Kinsey 1909-1910; Clyde A. Hutchinson 1910-1912; Chalmers Cope 1912-1914; Earl Heck 1914-1916; D. R. Leuthy 1916-1918; Harvey Hilty 1918-1920; Raymond Ball 1920-1922; Jacob B. Carder 1922-1923; Robert N. Ball 1923-1926; Edwin A. Beale 1926-1927; G. E. Gooderman 1927-1928; Vernon H. Ickes 1928-1929; *No Record* 1929-1931; Robert N. Ball 1931-1933; *Closed* 1933-1939; **Transferred to Pittsburgh Conference 1939: Koppel Charge: Brush Run:** William M. Miller 1939-1941; Samuel V. Badger 1941-1951; Frank E. Graham, Jr., 1951-1955; **West Bridgewater/Brush Run:** Charles Arthur Sadofsky 1955-1957; William Eugene Collins 1957-1959; **Brush Run:** Samuel Clements Dunning 1959-1961; Kirmuth Theodore Yahn 1961-1967; Ralph J. Wilfinger 1967-1968; Douglas Woodward 1968-1969; Raymond Edward DeLong 1969-*June* 19, 1972; James Robert Rainey, Sr., 1972-1976; John H. Feather, III 1976-1978; George Richard Donnelly 1978-*November* 1979; Ronald Arthur Youngdahl *November* 1979-1981; Howard Melvin Shultz 1981-1991; Nancy Starr Brickner 1991-1994; Susan E. McKinnis 1994-January 1, 2001; **Brush Run/Freedom:** Gary Charles Bailey 2001-2007; **Brush Run:** Gary Charles Bailey 2007-2012; David Charles Roddy, Sr. 2012-2016; Thomas Roy Scott 2016--.

BUTLER: CHRIST COMMUNITY

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 205 North Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001-2403

ID: 086736

Location: 205 North Duffy Road and New Castle Road in City of Butler, in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1965

724/287-4462

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. This Church was organized in November 1965 under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Walter Donald Wetzel, Superintendent of the Grove City District. Reverend William Bair, a part-time Supply Pastor served it, until June 1966, when Reverend Edward Clark was appointed its first pastor. A new parsonage was built and the pastor moved into it in November 1966. The Mercer Road Fire Hall was used as the place of worship until the building site on North Duffy Road was purchased and the first unit of the Church was built in 1969. The membership in 1968 was 89. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 825. In 2019, Christ Community UMC is a congregation of over 300 members. The people's backgrounds, views, age, race, and experiences are diverse, yet they are united by a desire to deepen their faith together. They are a hospitable congregation. The church is open to the community as the location for many meetings and community groups. The congregation is engaged in ministry opportunities and special programs that welcome community members into fellowship. The church is also home to the Super Sprouts Pre-school. Christ Community UMC offers worship opportunities of varying styles. Worship services offer choices between a praise band and hymns; multimedia technology and traditional presentations. In both worship services the musical choices and readings are aligned with the sermon theme. The congregation is active in mission and service, from participation in the local food pantry and community dinners to regular collections for people in crisis through the monthly Red Church offering, to engagement in mission trips and special ministry activities. Their vision is Loving People and Loving God. Their mission is to create and nurture disciples of Christ and then send them out into the world for Christ.

Pastors: Butler: Christ Community: William Bair *December* 1965-*June* 1966; Edward DeMoss Clark 1966-*November* 15, 1967; Cloyd Martin Osborne *January* 23, 1968-1986; Paul Edward Inks 1986-2000; Kathleen A. Mikesell *Diaconal-Congregational Care* 1995-2001; Oden Robert Warman 2000-2006; Kathleen A. Mikesell *Deacon* 2001-2007; Lisa Ann Grant 2006-2008; Howard Franklin Burrell, Jr. 2008-2011. Jeffrey Thomas Saint Clair 2011-2013; Bruce Alan Gascoine 2013-2019; Anette VanAlstine Gerber 2019--.

BUTLER: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 200 East North Street, Butler, PA 16001-4806

ID: 095547

Location: 200 East North Street on the corner of East North and McKean Streets in the City of Butler in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1825

724/283-6160

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized as a preaching place on the New Castle Circuit before 1825. It became the head of the Butler Circuit in the initial appointments of the Pittsburgh Conference in 1825. Caleb Brown was the first Class Leader. The first building was erected in 1827 on West Wayne Street and a second building was erected on the same site in 1851. In 1860 it was part of a circuit consisting of Butler, Petersville, Brownsdale and Temple. In 1867 the Church apparently became a Station. In 1874 a new and larger building was

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erected on the corner of McKean and North Streets. In 1904 the church building was dedicated and a new parsonage was built next door. The educational unit, Wesley Hall, was dedicated in 1955. The 1968 membership was 1606. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 1483.

Pastors: New Castle Circuit: Butler: First: Samuel Rohrer Brockunier 1821-1822; Thomas Carr 1822-1823; Thomas Carr and Job Wilson 1823-1824; Henry Knapp and Joseph S. Barris 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference Formed 1825: Butler Circuit: Butler: First:** Job Wilson 1825-1826; John Chandler 1826-1827; John W. Hill 1827-1828; John P. Kent 1828-1829; John Summerville 1829-1830; Isaac Winans and William Butt 1830-1831; James Gilmore 1831-1832; William Carroll 1832-1833; William Carroll and Harvey Bradshaw 1833-1834; Abner Jackson and Lewis Janney 1834-1835; Abner Jackson, Edwin J. Kinney and David R. Hawkins 1835-1836; William C. Henderson and Lorenzo Whipple 1836-1837; John McLean 1837-1839; Peter M. McGowan 1839-1840; Peter M. McGowan and William Cooper 1840-1841; Joseph L. Ray and Jacob S. Patterson 1841-1842; Peter M. McGowan and Jeremiah Phillips 1842-1843; Charles Carroll Best and Washington G. Morris 1843-1844; John White and John L. Williams 1844-1845; John L. Williams and William Cooper 1845-1846; Robert J. White 1846-1848; Joshua Monroe 1848-1849; John Murray 1849-1851; John Gilleland 1851-1852; Andrew Huston 1852-1854; James Borbridge and Richard Morrow 1854-1855; James Borbridge 1855-1856; John Ansley 1856-1857; John Ansley and Albert Baker 1857-1858; Samuel Crouse and Levi S. Keagle 1858-1859; Samuel Crouse and Henry Mansell 1859-1860; Henry Mansell and Thomas Storer 1860-1861; Edward H. Baird 1861-1862; **Butler: First/Harmony:** Albert Baker and Abraham J. Rich 1862-1863; **Butler: First:** Adna Broadway Leonard 1863-1864; William H. Tibbles 1864-1867; John D. Leggett 1867-1869; Wesley Daws Stevens 1869-1870; Jesse Franklin Core 1870-1871; Amos Potter Leonard 1871-1872; David M. Hollister 1872-1874; James M. Swan 1874-1875; James Jackson McIllyar 1875-1877; Matthew J. Montgomery 1877-1879; William Pitt Turner 1879-1882; Homer J. Smith 1882-1885; Samuel H. Nesbitt 1885-1890; Samuel M. Bell 1890-1893; James Fletcher Jones 1893-1895; Asbury C. Johnson 1895-1898; Elliott Sansom White 1898-1905; Delbert L. Johnson 1905-1908; Edward Joseph Knox 1908-1913; Benjamin F. Rhoads 1913-1919; James Vernon Wright 1919-1924; William S. Lockard 1924-1926; Franz Omar Christopher *Associate* 1925-1926; William Ketcham Anderson 1926-1928; Thomas Richard Courtice 1928-1930; Thomas George Hicks 1930-1931; Herbert A. Baum 1931-1936; Ralph W. McKenzie 1936-1944; Thomas Leroy Hooper 1944-1947; William Edward Daugherty *Associate* 1945-1946; Raymond Wesley Faus 1947-1950; John Boyle Warman 1950-1958; Henry A. Welday *Associate* 1954-1958; Newton Horace Fritchley 1958-1963; Arthur W. Swartout *Associate* 1960-1962; L. G. Wayne Furman 1963-December 31, 1963; James Milford McIntosh *January* 1, 1964-1969; Richard Paul Heitzenrater *Associate* 1964-1966; Henry Baxter Hall, Jr. *Associate* 1966-1968; Kenneth Martin Lashen *Associate* 1968-1972; Warren Albert Bugbee 1969-1976; William Eugene Hufford, Jr. *Associate* 1972-1976; John Dobbs Patterson 1976-1978; Tom Martin Holman *Associate* 1976-1979; David Dean Wilson, Sr. 1978-1985; Paul Reed Milliken *Associate* 1979-1981; James Arthur Durlesser *Associate* 1981-1984; Marvel Irene Timm *Associate* 1984-1985; Roger Ray Shaffer 1985-1995; Jeffrey Edward Greenway 1985-1992; Johnnie David Panther *Associate* 1992-1995; Ronald James Hipwell *Associate* 1995-1996; Thomas Max Greener *Associate* 1996-1998; Robert Andrew Verner *Associate* 2001-2003; Joseph P. Waller *Business Manager* 2001-January 15, 2002; Johnnie David Panther 1995-May 26, 2013 (*his death*); Steven Richard McGuigan *Associate* 2003-2005; William Gumpfer *Associate* 2006-November 13, 2008; Richard L. Wilson *Associate* 2006-2007; Patricia Marie Nelson *Associate* February 15, 2010-2014; Eric Stephen Park *September* 1, 2013-2018; Timothy James Goodman *Associate* 2014-2018; Robert D. Gillgrist *Associate* October 1, 2014-June 30, 2018; Chance E. Kelosky *Associate* August 1, 2015-November 18, 2018; Barbara Jean Stoehr *Associate* 2017-2020; David Daniel Janz 2018--; Hannah Marie Loughman *Associate* 2018-2020.

BUTLER FIRST: CROSSFIRE SATELLITE

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1999

Mailing Address: 1802 North Main Street Extension, Butler, PA 16001

ID: 085047

Location: 1802 North Main Street Extension, in the City of Butler in Butler County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Crossfire was an outreach of Butler: First, and they moved to the North Main location in 2008.

Pastors: Johnnie David Panther 1999-May 26, 2013 (*his death*); Robert Andrew Verner *Associate* 2001-2003; Joseph P. Waller *Business Manager* 2001-January 15, 2002; Steven Richard McGuigan *Associate* 2003-2005; William Gumpfer *Associate* 2006-November 13, 2008; Richard L. Wilson *Associate* 2006-2007; Patricia Marie Nelson *Associate* February 15, 2010-2014; Eric Stephen Park *September* 1, 2013-2018; Timothy James Goodman *Associate*

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2014-2018; Robert D. Gillgrist *Associate October 1, 2014-June 30, 2018*; Chance E. Kelosky *Associate August 1, 2015-November 18, 2018*; Barbara Jean Stoehr *Associate 2017-2020*; David Daniel Janz 2018--; Hannah Marie Loughman *Associate 2018-2020*.

BUTLER FIRST: GOD'S COUNTRY SATELLITE

BUTLER DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

2011

Mailing Address: 232 East North Street, Butler, PA 16001-4806

ID: 085060

Location: 232 East North Street, Butler, PA 16001-4806

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference.

Pastors: Johnnie David Panther 2011-May 26, 2013 (*his death*); Patricia Marie Nelson *Associate 2011-2014*; Eric Stephen Park *September 1, 2013-2018*; Timothy James Goodman *Associate 2014-2018*; Robert D. Gillgrist *Associate October 1, 2014-June 30, 2018*; Chance E. Kelosky *Associate August 1, 2015-November 18, 2018*; Barbara Jean Stoehr *Associate 2017-2020*; David Daniel Janz 2018--; Hannah Marie Loughman *Associate 2018-2020*.

CABOT

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1824

Mailing Address: 707 Winfield Road, Cabot, PA 16023-3311

724/352-2074

ID: 095560

Location: 707 Winfield Road and Brose Road in the Community of Cabot, ten miles east of the City of Butler, Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1823, a small band of pioneers felt led to form a Methodist Class to meet in Cooper Cabin. They eventually built a church at Knox Chapel, one mile from Cabot at the intersection of Route 256 and the Cabot Road in the year 1824. Here the first House of Worship was erected in the year 1857. This was the home of the Methodist Episcopal Church until the year 1894 when a building was located in Cabot, one mile east, was acquired. The frame building was used from 1894 when it was replaced by a new larger brick building near the same site in 1921. This new building served the parish until a needed educational wing was added in 1961. In 1915 the Charge was composed of Emory Chapel at Ekastown, Fisk Chapel at Leasureville and Knox Chapel at Cabot. Fisk Chapel was abandoned in 1931. The Cabot Church was, since 1868 and possibly earlier, in Circuit relationship with Emory Chapel at Ekastown. This relationship continued through 1968 as the Cabot-Ekastown Charge. Cabot became a Station appointment in 1984. The membership in 1968 was 247. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 381. In the fall of 2002, the congregation left their small building in the village of Cabot and moved into a renovated elementary school just a half-mile down the road. The former Winfield Elementary School is now the Cabot United Methodist Church Community Life and Worship Center with multiple classrooms for children, youth and adult education, a multipurpose worship center / fellowship hall / gymnasium, a youth center, complete with a recreation room, dedicated space for the community Food Bank, a library and designated prayer chapel. In 2012 construction began on this site for the addition of a sanctuary to help them further their call to make disciples of Jesus in the community. The 285-seat sanctuary contains both the old and the new, as the church bell and stained-glass windows from 1921 were incorporated into the construction. On April 20, 2014, the spacious sanctuary welcomed its people for Easter Sunday service.

Pastors: Morristown Charge: Knox Chapel: Washington Darby 1858-1860; Samuel Young Kennedy and John R. Cooper 1860-1862; Robert J. Hamilton and John R. Cooper 1862-1863; Robert J. Hamilton 1863-1864; George McKee 1864-1866; Josiah Dillon 1866-1868; Franklin I. Swaney 1868-1871; **Union and Emory Circuit: Knox Chapel:** John R. Roller 1871-1874; Barnett T. Thomas 1874-1876; George Washington Cranage 1876-Fall 1878; Samuel G. Miller *Fall 1878-1881*; **Emory Chapel Circuit: Knox Chapel:** John Coleman High 1881-1882; Robert J. Hamilton 1882-1884; John Thompson Steffy 1884-1887; Robert Stewart Ross 1887-1890; **Ekastown Charge: Emory Chapel/Knox Chapel:** Norman Bruce Tannehill 1890-1893; John J. Davis 1893-1896; James B. Gray 1896-1898; Edgar Perry Harper 1898-1901; Alfred Cookman Elliott 1901-1902; Ralph Bell 1902-1903; William P. Townsend 1903-1906; Joseph James Buell 1906-1909; Daniel Jenkins Davis 1909-1911; Paul Sappie 1911-1912; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1912-1915; George J. Buck 1915-1917; *To Be Supplied* 1917-1918; J. C. Dodds 1918-1919; Ray W. Calderwood 1919-1925; Graham E. Chandler 1925-1927; J. A. Munyon 1927-1929; Harry C. Critchlow 1929-1931; Charles W. H. Jack 1931-1934; William Brundrett 1934-1935; David Ferguson Funkhouser 1935-1937; **Cabot:**

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Gustave Emil Malmquist 1937-1939; Wallace L. Faus 1939-1941; Harry W. Nehrig 1941-1942; Thomas Reese Thomas 1942-1943; Mary Florence Hays Richey 1943-1951; Louis J. Wallis 1951-1952; Hayden Lockwood Henthorne 1952-1957; Ralph Luther Romine, Sr. 1957-1961; **Cabot/Ekastown: Emory Chapel:** Milton M. Rhodes 1961-1968; James E. Bird 1968-1970; Chalmers Reason Bell 1970-1984; **Cabot:** James Edward Rank 1984-1989; Robert Lee Critchlow 1989-1990; Jack Levi Hemsy 1990-1993; Dennis Wayne Swineford 1993-2003; Matthew Robert Judd 2003-2014; Jason Lloyd McQueen 2014-2019; John Edward Gerber 2019-2021; Jonathan Jeremiah Fehl 2021--.

CHICORA

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 502, Chicora, PA 16025

ID: 086383

Location: 108 Central Avenue, Chicora, PA 16025, in the Borough of Chicora, Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1873

724/756-6440

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Known in appointments as Millerstown until 1892. Services were held in the English Lutheran Church in 1873. Shortly thereafter a hall was fixed up on Slippery Rock Street and a Class and Church School was organized. A building was built in 1874. By 1876 the parsonage was finished. In 1900 the “Millerstown” Church was “thoroughly remodeled.” Millerstown Charge was created at Conference in 1874. Karns City and Kaylor became a part of the Chicora Charge in 1925. Kaylor was removed to the Sherrett Charge in 1941. A complete remodeling of the sanctuary and chancel was done in the Church in 1955. The membership in 1968 was 187. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 183.

Pastors: Millerstown: Robert W. Gwynn 1874-1875; Robert W. Scott 1875-1877; Cearing Peters 1877-1881; John Lusher 1881-1883; Darius S. Steadman 1883-1886; Peter J. Slattery 1886-1887; Benjamin F. Wade 1887-1888; William Branfield 1888-1893; **Chicora Charge: Chicora:** Joseph Henry Laverty 1893-1895; Samuel M. Nickle 1895-1898; Cearing Peters 1898-1899; John A. Camey 1899-1902; Richard Alfred Buzza 1902-1905; Ernest Minor Fradenburgh, Sr., 1905-1908; John Ellsworth Iams 1908-1910; James H. Jelbart 1910-1915; Ira Scott 1915-1916; Warren E. Smith 1916-1918; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1918-1921; Robert Cook McMinn 1921-1925; **Chicora Charge: Chicora/Karns City/Kaylor:** Robert Cook McMinn 1925-1929; Robert W. Skinner 1929-1931; Frank Hurlburt Frampton 1931-1941; **Chicora Charge: Chicora/Karns City:** Kenneth B. Lininger 1941-1943; Robert Cook McMinn 1943-1944; Howard L. Stull 1944-1947; Virgil Eugene Maybray 1947-1948; James Garfield Hanna 1948-1949; George B. Nolder 1949-1953; Walter Charles Herron 1953-1954; Clarence Peter Dalton 1954-1960; John Herbert Clark 1960-1964; Robert Florin Connor 1964-1966; Roger William Cramer, Sr., 1966-1967; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp 1967-1972; **Chicora/Karns City/Fairview:** Donald Theodore Rainey 1972-*November* 1975; **Chicora/Karns City/ Fairview/Crisswell:** Donald Theodore Rainey *November* 1975-1980; Russell Eugene Hawk 1980-1988; Earl Franklin Watterson 1988-1991; **Chicora/Karns City:** David Philip Zona 1991-1995; Jacqueline Dolores Bish 1995-2000; John Eugene Emigh 2000-2002; Glea Leann Bearfield Foster 2002-*November 29,* 2011 (her death); Wade Reitz Berkey 2012-2013; Alfred James Lewis 2013-2022; Beverly Kay Lilley Roscoe 2022--.

CHIPPEWA

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 2545 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-1226

ID: 095640

Location: 2545 Darlington and Shenango Roads on Route 51 in Chippewa Township, four miles west of Beaver Falls, in Chippewa Township, in Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1796

724/843-4828

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. Abraham Powers lived in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, and was converted in 1792. His house became a preaching place on the Redstone Circuit. In 1795 he sold his farm and started for Kentucky. When he got to the Beaver Valley he decided to settle there. In the spring of 1796 preaching commenced in the settlement in the Powers home attended by the Powers, Thomas Stratton and James Welch families under the leadership of the Ohio Circuit preachers. When the Shenango Circuit was formed in 1800 the Abraham Powers house was a regular preaching place until a Church was erected. This was the first Methodist Class north of the Ohio River. The first Church was built of native sandstone on the Thomas Stratton farm in 1910. It was designated the James Powers Meeting House on the Shenango Circuit in 1811. This building burned in 1848 and a new red brick Church was erected on Darlington Road in 1857. In 1925 the building was raised and a basement with kitchen was excavated. An annex to the Church was constructed in 1950. Additional property was

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purchased in 1956 from Alfred Wilson. The house was used for classrooms and later renovated for use as a parsonage for the Associate Pastor. The rest of the property was made into a parking lot. In 1958 the Township Building adjoining the Church was purchased for additional classrooms. It was demolished to make way for the new Educational Unit in 1963. This historic old Church is becoming one of the strong churches of the Conference, reporting 967 members in 1968. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 1124. Chippewa United Methodist Church is a historic church that is always growing and adapting to the times. In 2019, Chippewa UMC speaks the Word of God through worship and teaching, shares the love of Jesus through vibrant ministry with young people and makes the Kingdom of God visible through missions and outreach. Worshipping around 350-400 persons in four different worship services each weekend, Chippewa is alive and growing.

Pastors: Ohio Circuit: Chippewa: Shadrack Johnson and Jonathan Bateman 1796-1797; Nathaniel Mills and Jacob Colbert 1797-1798; Nathaniel Mills and Solomon Harris 1798-1799; Thomas Haymond, Jesse Stoneman and Jacob Gurwell 1799-1800; **Shenango Circuit:** Peter B. Davis 1800-1801; Joseph Shane 1801-1802; Asa Shinn 1802-1803; George Askin 1803-1804; Joseph Hall 1804-1805; Robert Richford Roberts 1805-1806; James Reid 1806-1807; James Watts and Thomas Church 1807-1808; James Charles 1808-1809; Jacob Dowell and Eli Towne 1809-1810; James Watts 1810-1811; Abel Robinson 1811-1812; William Knox *Spring* 1812-*Fall* 1812; **Beaver Circuit: Chippewa:** Jacob Gorwell 1812-1813; John G. Cicil 1813-1814; James Watts 1814-1815; Henry Baker 1815-1816; Ezra Booth 1816-1817; **Grand River-Mahoning Circuit: Chippewa:** D. Davidson and Ezra Booth 1817-1818; Jacob Hooper and Samuel Baker 1818-1819; **Cross Creek Circuit: Chippewa:** John C. Brooke 1819-1820; William Cunningham and James C. Hunter 1920-1921; William Cunningham and Charles Trescott 1921-1922; **West Wheeling Circuit: Chippewa:** John Graham and Samuel Rohrer Brockunier 1822-1823; **Deerfield Circuit: Chippewa:** Ezra Booth and Albert G. Richardson 1823-1824; Samuel Adams and Robert Finley Hopkins 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference Formed in 1825: Beaver Circuit: Chippewa:** Charles Cooke 1825-1826; David Sharp 1826-1827; Alfred Brunson 1827-1828; Jonathan Holt 1828-1829; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1829-1830; William C. Henderson 1830-1831; Jacob Jenks 1831-1832; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1832-1833; **Beaver/Brighton Circuit: Chippewa:** Joshua Monroe and William Hunter 1833-1834; Joshua Monroe 1834-1835; Nathaniel Callender 1835-1837; Zarah Hale Coston and Joseph L. Ray 1837-1838; Abner Jackson and Jeremiah Knox 1838-1839; William W. Stevens and Abner Jackson 1839-1840; William W. Stevens and Edward Birkett 1840-1841; **New Brighton Circuit: Chippewa:** Joshua Monroe 1841-1842; Joshua Monroe and William Fletcher Lauck 1842-1843; George D. Kinnear and William Fletcher Lauck 1843-1844; George D. Kinnear and John Wesley Baker 1844-1845; David R. Hawkins and William Page Blackburn 1845-1846; David R. Hawkins and John F. Nessley 1846-1847; George McCaskey and John R. Shearer 1847-1848; George McCaskey and Aaron H. Thomas 1848-1849; **Brighton Circuit: Chippewa:** William DeVinney and Johns Ansley 1849-1850; **New Brighton Circuit: Chippewa:** Josiah Dillon and Hugh Dunn Fisher 1850-1852; **Chippewa Mission:** John White 1852-1853; Samuel Crouse 1853-1854; John Murray 1854-1856; **Enon Valley Circuit: Chippewa:** Charles Thorn 1856-1857; Robert Hawkins 1857-1858; William H. Tibbles and Jacob Brenneman Uber 1858-1859; William H. Tibbles and Francis Daniel Fast 1859-1860; Henry L. Chapman and John S. Lemmon 1860-1861; Gideon D. Kinnear and Albert Baker 1861-1862; James Borbidge and Edward Williams 1862-1864; Robert Cunningham and Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1864-1865; Robert Cunningham and John Cranson Castle 1865-1866; George Crook 1866-1867; Andrew Huston 1867-1868; George A. Sheets 1868-1869; John Zachariah Moore 1869-1870; William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1870-1871; *To Be Supplied* 1871-1873; **Darlington/Concord/Chippewa:** Richard Jordan 1873-1874; **New Galilee/Chippewa:** John W. Richter 1874-1877; **Beaver Falls/Chippewa:** David Alexander McCready 1877-1879; **New Brighton Circuit: Chippewa:** Matthew McKendree Garrett 1879-1881; **Darlington/Chippewa:** William Fletcher Lauck 1881-1883; Josiah Dillon 1883-1884; **Homewood Circuit: Chippewa:** Oliver Hazard Perry Graham, Jr. 1884-1885; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1885-1889; William M. Medley, Sr., 1889-1891; **Enon Valley Circuit: Chippewa:** Harry H. Household 1891-1892; F. B. Cutler 1892-1893; Leroy McIntyre Humes 1893-1895; John Q. A. Miller 1895-1897; J. W. Pugh 1897-1900; George L. C. Westlake 1900-1901; Walter C. Loomis 1901-1903; Joseph James Buell 1903-1906; Thomas Millison Pender 1906-1908; Grover Cleveland Fohner 1908-1910; Lowen Ormond Douds 1910-1911; Ross Burns Litten 1911-1912; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1912-1916; James B. Coleman 1916-1917; James K. Pollack 1917-1919; Arthur Milne 1919-1920; **Chippewa:** Arthur J. Jackson 1920-1921; Howard Weston Jamison 1921-1923; James K. Pollack 1923-1925; **Chippewa/ Beaver Falls: College Hill:** John H. Enlow 1925-1929; William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1929-1930; Donald Zimmerman 1930-1932; **Chippewa/Koppel:** Sherman Leroy Burson 1932-1934; **Chippewa/Concord:** Sherman Leroy Burson 1934-1935; William W. Wells 1935-1948; Dwight Glasgow Townsend 1948-1952; **Chippewa:** Jack Sheldon Spangler 1952-1959; Raymond Edward DeLong *Associate* 1957-1959; Harold Theodore Porter 1959-1966; John Warren Aupperle *Associate* 1964-*February* 15, 1965; Clifford Delmont Buell 1966-1970; John W. O'Hara *Associate* 1967-1969; Harvey Gilbert Walker *Associate* 1969-1970; John Dobbs Patterson 1970-

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1976; Edward Christian McCollough *Associate* 1971-1974; Ernest Leroy Peterson *Associate* 1974-1985; Wilbur Charles Larsen 1976-1984; Henry Charles Zimmerman 1984-1987; Terry Robert Timm *Associate* 1985-1987; Lloyd Samuel Sturtz 1987-1995; Gary William Runtas *Associate* 1987-May 1, 1989; James LaVerne Tubbs 1995-2001; Rodney Earl Smith 2001-February 24, 2017; Christopher Alan Morgan *Associate* 2008-2009; Erik Andrew Hoeke *Associate* 2012-2014; Gary Lee Hilton, Jr. *Associate* 2014-2019; Allan Keith Brooks May 1, 2017--; Tai Symington Courtemanche *Associate* 2019--.

CLINTON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1147 Old State Route 18, Wampum, PA 16157

ID: 095662

Location: 1147 Old State Route 18, south of Wampum in Lawrence County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1823

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was organized in 1823 by Reverend John Somerville and was known as “Beaver Creek Mission” Services were held in Reverend Somerville’s and Robert Davidson’s homes and in barns and groves in warm weather. The first structure was built in 1834 on a one-acre lot on the James Davidson Farm. A Church School was formed at the same time. It was n different Circuits in its early years and was placed on Enon Valley Circuit in 1871. In 1887 the second building was erected and dedicated. The first building was sold to the I. O. O. F. In 1884 the Circuit was named Homewood-Clinton. It joined with Koppel in 1940. In 2002 the Koppel Charge consisted of Koppel: First, Clinton and Homewood. The membership in 1968 was 144. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 76. In 2019, the average worship attendance at Clinton UMC is between 35 and 40 members, and there is a children’s Sunday School each week attended by five to 10 children. This summer Clinton will offer a Vacation Bible School. It also offers free dinners to the community for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Pastors: Beaver Creek Mission: John Somerville 1823-1824; **Erie Circuit:** John P. Kent 1824-1825; **Beaver Circuit:** Charles Cooke 1825-1826; David Sharp 1826-1827; Alfred Brunson 1827-1828; Jonathan Holt 1828-1829; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1829-1830; **New Castle Circuit:** Richard Armstrong 1830-1831; Richard Armstrong and John Scott 1831-1832; George S. Holmes, Sr. 1832-1833; **Beaver/New Brighton Circuit:** Joshua Monroe and William Hunter 1833-1834; **Beaver Circuit:** Joshua Monroe 1834-1835; Nathaniel Callender 1835-1837; Zarah Hale Coston and Joseph L. Ray 1837-1838; Abner Jackson and Jeremiah Knox 1838-1839; Abner Jackson and William W. Stevens 1839-1840; William Stevens 1840-1841; David R. Hawkins 1841-1843; Joshua Monroe and Warner Long 1843-1844; James M. Bray and William Stevens 1844-1845; David L. Dempsey 1845-1846; **Beaver Creek Mission:** Gideon D. Kinnear 1846-1847; Jacob Keiss Miller 1847-1848; **Sewickley Circuit:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1850-1851; Robert Finley Hopkins and Joseph Horner 1851-1852; **Columbiana Circuit:** Robert Cunningham and Samuel Crouse 1852-1853; John Wright 1853-1854; John Ansley 1854-1856; George Cook and James D. Turner 1856-1857; Gideon D. Kinnear 1857-1858; **Enon Valley Circuit:** William H. Tibbles 1858-1860; Henry L. Chapman and John S. Lemmon 1860-1861; Gideon D. Kinnear and Albert Baker 1861-1862; James Borbidge and Edward W. Williams 1862-1864; Robert Cunningham and Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1864-1865; Robert Cunningham and John Cranson Castle 1865-1866; George Crook 1866-1867; Andrew Huston 1867-1869; John Zachariah Moore 1869-1870; William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1870-1871; John J. Jackson 1871-1873; John G. Gogley 1873-1876; Samuel G. Miller *Fall* 1876-1878; James B. Gray 1878-1879; Cassius M. Westlake 1879-1880; William Fletcher Lauck 1880-1881; **Homewood/Clinton:** William Kennedy Brown 1881-1882; James L. Deens 1882-1883; Oliver Hazard Perry Graham, Jr. 1883-1885; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1885-1889; William M. Medley, Sr. 1889-1891; Joseph William Garland 1891-1896; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1896-1897; Samuel H. Greenlee 1897-1899; Frank Howard Callahan 1899-1900; William H. McBride 1900-1902; Joseph James Buell 1902-1903; Andrew Smith Hunter 1903-1904; William D. Walker 1904-1906; Stewart O. Smith 1906-1907; Joseph E. Wright 1907-1908; **Homewood Junction Circuit:** **Clinton:** Lowen Ormond Dodds 1908-1910; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1910-1911; **Homewood Circuit:** **Clinton:** William Hunter, Jr., 1911-1912; H. H. Hofelt 1912-1913; F. S. Lourimora 1913-1914; **Homewood/Koppel/Clinton:** Nicholas Fox Richards 1914-1916; **Koppel Circuit:** **Clinton:** Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1916-1918; James K. Pollock 1918-1919; **Homewood/Koppel/ Clinton:** Arthur J. Jackson 1919-1920; **Homewood Junction/Hoytdale/Clinton:** Howard Weston Jamison 1920-1921; E. W. Garrett 1921-1922; **Koppel/Clinton:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1922-1924; Cecil Newton McCandless 1924-1925; F. V. Knopp 1925-1927; William W. Wells 1927-1932; **Koppel/Clinton/Chippewa:** Sherman Leroy Burson 1932-1934; William W. Wells 1934-1939; William Ralph Wigton 1939-1940; **Clinton/Koppel:** William Ralph Wigton 1940-1955; **Homewood/Koppel/Clinton:** James Lyle Wilkinson 1955-1958; Robert T. Roche 1958-1962; Thomas A. Wildman 1962-1963; **Koppel/Clinton:** Lawrence

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Thompson Meneely 1963-1974; Robert DeWayne Sayre 1974-1975; Timothy Mark Farabaugh 1975-1978; Richard Lee Downing 1978-1981; Brock RaNald Beverage 1981-*November 1, 1988*; Thomas Dwight D. Carr *January 8, 1989-1997*; **Homewood/ Clinton/Koppel**: Russell W. Smith 1997-1999; **Homewood/Clinton/Koppel/Wampum**: Edward William Rogosky 1999-2003; **Clinton**: Steven Bruce Allen 2003-2005; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/ Otterbein/ Wampum** Tina Grossman 2005-2006; Brian Robert Keller *Associate* 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Otterbein/Wampum** Tina Grossman Keller 2006-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/ Clinton/Wampum**: David Arthur Alleman 2009-2011. **Beaver Falls: Bennett's Run/Clinton**: David Arthur Alleman 2011-2014; **Beaver Valley Unified: Clinton/Koppel/Homewood/Beaver Falls: Central**: Wayne Robert Cleary 2014-2016; **Lawrence County: South: Clinton/Wampum/West Pittsburg**: Todd Melbourne Davis 2016-2019; **Lawrence County South: Clinton/Wampum**: David C. Keppen 2019--.

COLLEGE AVENUE

BUTLER DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

2020

Mailing Address: 345 College Avenue, Beaver, PA 15009-2290

724/775-2893

ID: 095308 See Predecessor, Beaver: First

Location: 345 College Avenue, between Third and Turnpike Streets in the Borough of Beaver, Beaver County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. College Avenue United Methodist Church is a brand-new church resulting from the 2020 merger of Beaver United Methodist Church and College Hill United Methodist Church. The leadership of both Beaver UMC and College Hill UMC worked diligently and prayerfully for a long time, cultivating a vision for a merged ministry that would extend to the communities of Beaver, Beaver Falls, and beyond. The birthing of College Avenue United Methodist Church represents the culmination of that vision. Eager to begin this new season of being the church, the people of College Avenue UMC are equipped and prepared to offer a vibrant ministry of creative worship, missional outreach, intergenerational Christian education, and transformational community.

Pastors: Timothy James Goodman 2020--.

CONNOQUENESSING

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1857

Mailing Address: PO Box 176, Connoquenessing, PA 16027-0176

ID: 095720

Location: 206 Main Street and Harmony Road in the Village of Connoquenessing on Route 68 about ten miles southwest of Butler in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Congregation was organized in 1857 under the leadership of Alexander Bryson, a Class leader and the Reverend Daniel P. Mitchell, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District. In the spring of 1858, an acre of land was purchased and the Church was built at a cost of \$1,250 and became part of the Harmony Circuit. In 1858 the Circuit consisted of Freedom, Baden, Concord, Lancaster, Plains, Unionville, Slippery Rock and Zelienople. In 1912 a Sunday School building was added. On April 8, 1962 ground was broken for a new church to replace the building which had remained essentially unchanged for fifty years. In 1896 with the change in name of the community from Petersville to Connoquenessing, the same change was made in the name of the Methodist Church. Except for three years of 1935-1938, the church has formed a circuit with the church at Renfrew, although prior to this time it was part of the Butler District and the Brownsdale-Harmony Circuit. The membership in 1968 was 190. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 291. Renfrew merged with Connoquenessing in 2003 to become Connoquenessing.

Pastors: Butler Circuit: Petersville: John Ansley and David Daker 1857-1858; Samuel Crouse and Levi S. Keagle 1858-1859; Henry Mansell 1859-1860; Henry Mansell and Thomas Storer 1860-1861; Edward H. Baird 1861-1862; Abraham J. Rich 1862-1863; Adna Broadway Leonard 1863-1864; William H. Tibbles 1864-1867; John D. Leggett 1867-1869; **Brownsdale Circuit: Petersville**: John Anderson Danks 1869-1872; Henry R. Long 1872-1873; Barnett T. Thomas 1873-1874; Matthias Myers Eaton 1874-1875; Nelson Davis 1875-1877; Frederick W. Vertican 1877-1878; **Harmony: Petersville**: John W. Richter 1878-1881; Theodore J. Shaffer 1881-1883; James Lafferty Stiffey 1883-1884; George Emerson Cable 1884-1888; Robert L. Hickman 1888-1890; Samuel M. Mackey 1890-1891; **Prospect Circuit: Petersville**: William Floyd Hunter 1891-1893; Francis B. Cutler 1893-1895; Frederick A. Richards 1895-1896; **Name changed to Connoquenessing: Prospect Circuit**: Frederick A. Richards 1896-1899; Leroy

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McIntyre Humes 1899-1903; George Emerson Cable 1903-1904; Albert Walter Renton 1904-1906; Frank J. Sparling 1906-1909; Josephus Harrison Enlow 1909-1910; Weldon Powell Varner 1910-1912; **Connoquenessing Charge:** Weldon Powell Varner 1912-1913; William M. Medley, Jr. 1913-1914; Frank Howard Callahan 1914-1920; Walter Leslie Morgan 1920-1924; K. H. Bird 1924-1924; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1924-1925; **Connoquenessing/Renfrew:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1925-1928; William Reese Gregg 1928-1930; George B. Lambert 1930-1931; Gustave Emil Malmquist 1931-1935; **Connoquenessing:** Samuel G. Noble 1935-1938; **Connoquenessing/Renfrew:** Josiah Richard Osmond 1938-1941; Joseph Matthew Somers 1941-1942; Clarence Emerson Kerr 1942-1944; John Roy Thompson, Jr., 1944-1944; George B. Lambert 1944-1946; Sherwood Clifford Keiser 1946-1947; Amedee Dilliner Eberhart 1947-1954; William Adelbert Cassidy 1954-1957; Robert Florin Connor 1957-1960; Denten Sharp Mann 1960-1965; Herbert William Shobert 1965-1969; Willis Stanton River 1969-*September* 1974; Paul Everett Wilson *October* 1974-1977; Elroy Mervin Sayers 1977-1980; Walter Bryan Hehman, Sr. 1980-1994; Alyce Ruth Weaver Dunn 1994-2003; **Connoquenessing:** Joong Wook Koe 2003-2006; Nancy K. Shute 2006-2010; **Thorn Creek/Emory Chapel/ Connoquenessing:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel 2010-*January* 14, 2016; **Connoquenessing:** Bonnie C. Rupp *January* 15, 2016--.

CONWAY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 095742

Location: Borough of Conway on the Ohio River Boulevard, Route 65, in Beaver County, PA.

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1903-1996

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church had its origin in 1903 when a group began to hold cottage prayer meetings in the town. These meetings came to the attention of Reverend Harold Henry Westwood, Pastor of the Baden Methodist Episcopal Church and he urged them to organize as a Methodist congregation in April 1903. At first services were held under the leadership of Reverend Westwood in the upstairs room of a General Store. Then they moved to Stall's Hall. A buff brick Church was built in 1906. This church burned in 1920 and a new Church was dedicated in May 1921. Until 1912 Conway was a part of the Baden Charge. Since that time, it has been sometimes a Station and sometimes associated on a Charge with another Methodist Church in the Ohio Valley. From 1959 until 1992, it was part of the Conway-Economy Charge. In 1968 the membership was 60. The church closed in 1996. Records went to the Western PA Conference Archives.

Pastors: Baden Charge: Conway: Howard Henry Westwood 1903-1904; Robert B. Carroll 1904-1910; Edward George Loughrey 1910-1911; Charles James Whitlatch 1911-1912; **Conway:** Charles James Whitlatch 1912-1913; Everett W. Jones 1913-1914; James K. Conway 1914-1918; **Conway/Glenfield:** Carl Albert Skoog 1918-1922; **Conway:** Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1922-1925; K. H. Bird 1925-1926; **Conway/Blackburn:** Roy D. Thompson 1926-1927; **Conway/Glenwillard:** Sherman Leroy Burson 1927-1929; William Brundrett 1929-1931; **Conway/Blackburn-Glenwillard:** Robert N. Laing 1931-1932; **Conway/Freedom:** Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1933-1934; J. E. Moore 1934-1935; **Conway/Glenwillard:** John C. Hare 1935-1936; **Conway/Blackburn/Glenwillard:** Ralph Greiner White 1936-1939; Paul E. Trimpey 1939-1941; **Conway/Freedom:** Charles David Beatty 1941-1942; Edwin J. Seiss 1943-1944; William Ralph Wigton 1944-1950; William M. Smith 1950-1952; **Conway/Glenwillard:** Raymond Edward DeLong 1952-1953; **Conway:** Raymond Edward DeLong 1953-1957; Peter Kurlak 1957-1959; **Conway/Economy:** William McNeal 1959-1962; William Ashley Will 1962-1965; Richard Harry Joslin 1965-1969; Charles Henry Armstrong Woods 1969-1974; Robert Glenn McFarland 1974-1975; Robert DeWayne Sayre 1975-1978; Ellen Marie Baur Rezek 1978-1981; Charles Harold Reynolds 1981-*February* 1990; Albert Lee Schultz *February* 15, 1990-1992; **Conway/Freedom:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel 1992-1994; Barbara Anne Turpish 1994-*April* 1, 1995; To Be Supplied 1995-1996.

CRAIGSVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 313 Craigsville Road, Worthington, PA 16262

ID: 095786

Location: 313 Craigsville Road in the Village of Craigsville, east of the City of Butler, near Worthington in Armstrong County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1849

724/297-5875

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was organized in the Borough of Worthington in 1849. A frame building was erected on a lot purchased from Samuel Porterfield for \$50.00 on December 26, 1849.

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The original trustees were John Blain, Peter Mobley, Elijah Newton James Porterfield and James, Samuel and Thomas Scott. The Worthinton Church was organized in 1849 and appears in the appointments until 1883. In 1884 the building was dismantled, moved to Craigsville and reconstructed, and the name was changed to Craigsville. It was always on a Circuit. In 1968 it was on a two-point Charge with Fenelton. In 2002 it was on the Buffalo Charge with Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel. The membership in 1968 was 62. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 44. These three churches of the Buffalo Charge, located on the eastern edge of the Butler District and each with its own history and temperament, share a common mission: to glorify God and to honor the name of Jesus Christ. Their core convictions are that the worship of the Triune God is of primary importance and that the Bible, as God's inspired Word, is the final authority in matters of life and faith.

Pastors: Worthington: 1849-1884; **Craigsville Charge: Craigsville:** Zenas M. Silbaugh 1884-1886; Frank Prosser 1886-1888; Robert Irwin McKee 1888-1892; S. P. Douglas 1892-1893; William M. Medley, Sr. 1893-1894; Walter Bryant Bergen 1894-1895; Charles Wesley Hoover 1895-1900; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1900-1903; Charles C. Emerson 1903-1904; George Emerson Cable 1904-1908; Paul Sappie 1908-1911; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1911-1912; Daniel Jenkins Davis 1912-1916; R. H. Calderwood 1916-1919; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1919-1921; S. W. Wass 1921-1922; G. D. Swartout 1922-1922; Olin E. Rodkey 1922-1924; Loyola C. Matthews 1924-1926; Charles Leroy Cusick 1926-1928; Parker Wesley Large 1928-1933; Roy A. Beggs 1933-1935; Arthur Sellers 1935-1938; Charles T. Murdock 1938-1940; William E. Baker 1941-1942; William Smith 1942-1943; William E. Baker 1943-1946; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1946-1948; Alvin Emory Bowser 1948-1957; Samuel Clement Dunning 1957-1958; **Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1958-1960; Elson H. Rose 1960-1962; Clyde Ralph Lewis *July* 1962-1963; Donald Theodore Rainey 1963-1965; Roy Milton Daugherty 1965-1967; Daniel Taylor Enterline 1967-1969; Duane Stewart 1969-1969; John Francis Osborne *October 1, 1969-January 20, 1976*; Harry Edward Sayre *February 1976-June 1976*; James Walter Hamilton *1976-April 17, 1977*; Charles Mervin Schwab *April 1977-June 1977*; Sharon Lynn Schwab 1977-1982; **Buffalo Charge: Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel:** Sharon Lynn Schwab 1982-1999; Sherry Lynn Cook 1999-2008; Jeremy S. Andrews 2008-2010; To Be Supplied 2010-*August 22, 2010*; Sheila Rae Auer *August 22, 2010-2016*; Michael B. Coats 2016-2021; Harriet Edith Hutton 2021--.

CRAWFORD

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location:

History:

Pastors: Crawford: Joseph Leonard Chapin 1860-1861; **Shenango/Crawford:** Joseph C. Wygant 1909-1911; Lewis Steeley 1913-1915; William Jesse Lloyd 1917-1920; Martin Lester Kaufman 1922-1926.

CREIGHTON: JANES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 947 Freeport Road, Creighton, PA 15030-0158

ID: 095800

Location: 947 Freeport Road and Route 28 Exit Ramp, Creighton, PA, in East Deer Township in Allegheny County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church began a Society in the home of William Nicholas in 1879. Organized on April 1, 1881 under the name of Hites Church, the meeting place of the congregation was in the Hites School and it was served by Reverend George Washington Johnson, the minister from Springdale. At the Conference session of 1881, it was placed on a Circuit with North End Church of Pittsburgh with Reverend Richard Cartwright as minister. Its first Church building was dedicated on December 18, 1881. In 1887 the Church was renamed the Janes Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of Bishop Edmund S. Janes. The second building was erected on the east side of the Freeport Road and dedicated November 15, 1903. The expansion of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Plant in 1941 caused the sale of the property and the building of a Church. It was built across the railroad tracks. It was dedicated March 1, 1942. The Church became a Station appointment in 1882. It was placed on a two-point Charge with Center 1935-1961, becoming a Station again in 1962. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 204. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District to Butler District in 2004.

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1881

724/224-5868

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Pastors: Hites Church: Richard Cartwright 1881-1882; James Alexander Ballantyne 1882-1885; James Bruce Taylor 1885-1887; **Janes Church:** Amos Potter Leonard 1887-1888; George A. Sheets 1888-1889; Josiah Elmer Kidney 1889-1890; Robert Hamilton 1890-1893; Charles Lindley Smith 1893-1895; Daniel J. David 1895-1897; William Lynch 1897-1902; Charles F. Bollinger 1902-1904; William M. Medley, Sr. 1904-1906; George Orbin 1906-1909; Joseph Emil Morrison 1909-1911; **Creighton: Janes/Walter Chapel:** George M. Allshouse 1911-1914; Samuel G. Noble 1914-1917; Oliver B. Patterson 1917-1919; Ralph Bell 1919-1922; T. H. McGuire 1922-1924; William Calvin Marquis 1924-1926; **Janes/Walter's Chapel:** George M. Hartung, Jr. 1926-1927; **Janes:** Loyola C. Matthews 1927-1930; Charles Leroy Cusick 1930-1935; **Janes/Center:** Samuel H. Greenlee 1935-1938; William James Law 1938-1940; Harry Moore Peterson 1940-1942; Thomas Duane Stewart 1942-1945; George S. Stephens 1945-1953; Robert Henson Ling 1953-1954; Paul John Meuschke 1954-1959; James Elmer Breakiron 1959-1961; **Janes:** John Walter McLeister 1961-1964; Arnold Ardell Slagle 1964-1968; Earl Wilfred Lighthall 1968-1970; Dean Earl Byrom 1970-1975; James Preston Fogg, Jr. 1975-1977; Charles Glenn Jack, Jr. 1977-1987; Jack Levi Hemsy 1987-1990; Mark Edward Hecht 1990-February 1, 1996; Alan James Morrison February 15, 1996-1999; Sandra Kay Marsh-McClain 1999-2000; Jeffrey Martin Conn 2000-2003; **Creighton: Janes/Millerstown:** Jeffrey Martin Conn 2003-2006; **Creighton: Janes:** Dawn Lynn Funk Check 2006-2011. **Natrona: Grace/Creighton: Janes:** Justin Robert Judy 2011-2014; **Allegheny River West Bank: Natrona: Grace/Creighton: Janes/Walter Chapel:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2014-2015; **Allegheny River West Bank: Creighton: Janes/Springdale/Walter Chapel:** Megan Yvonne Berkebile 2015-2018; **Creighton: Janes:** Robert Wayne Schar 2018-2021; **Bairdford/Janes/Springdale:** Dora J. Odarenko 2021--.

CRISWELL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 087274

Location: Perry Township in northwestern Armstrong County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1881-1996

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Criswell was the outgrowth of a Methodist Class organized as a preaching place on the West Monterey Charge about 1881, when the Criswell Community was a booming oil field. The Church was dedicated in April 1888. It continued on the West Monterey Charge until 1906 when it was closed due to lack of attendance. It was re-opened under the leadership of Reverend Wesley W. Dale, Pastor of the Petrolia Charge, on March 25, 1917. It continued on the Petrolia Charge until 1952; was under the care of Karns City and then the Queenstown Charge for a few years; and from 1959 was associated with Robinson Chapel on a two-point charge. The membership in 1968 was 25. The membership in 1996 was 22. Criswell closed in 1996. Records went to the Western PA Conference Archives.

Pastors: West Monterey Circuit: Criswell: James Albert Hume 1881-1883; James Calvin Rhodes 1883-1884; Lucien F. Merritt 1884-1886; Cyrus Craig Rumberger 1886-1887; William Marion Canfield 1887-1888; William B. Helt 1888-1890; Charles E. McKinley 1890-1891; Sylvester Fidler 1891-1892; **West Monterey/Queenstown: Criswell:** Finney D. A. Sutton 1892-1895; **West Monterey Charge: Criswell:** Austin J. Rinker 1895-1896; Robert A. McIntyre 1896-1898; **West Monterey/Criswell:** Harvey H. Bair 1898-1902; **West Monterey/Queenstown/Criswell:** Thomas Pollard 1902-1903; William Frederick Collier 1903-1905; William Earl Davis 1905-1906; Jacob Albert Hovis 1906-1907; **Petrolia/Bruin Charge: Criswell:** John Russell Rich 1907-1911; Homer Bell Davis 1911-1913; Charles E. McKinley 1913-1914; Wesley Wilson Dale 1914-1917; C. C. Campbell 1917-1918; James Whipple Reis 1918-1921; Charles Ezra Deem 1921-1925; Robert Sherwood Naylor 1925-1930; Claude L. Downs 1930-1936; **Petrolia/Criswell:** Homer H. Thompson 1936-1942; Homer Albert Sayers 1942-1948; Clifford Carl Headland 1948-1953; **Petrolia/Bruin/Criswell:** Granville Mason Crites 1953-1955; Palmer Newton Taylor 1955-1957; William Grant Milliron 1957-1960; Donald Vernon Lintelman 1960-1961; **Robinson Chapel Charge: Criswell:** Robert John Horneman 1961-1964; Amos L. McGinnis 1964-1965; **Robinson Chapel/Criswell:** William Francis Sutliff, Jr. 1965-*November* 1975; **Chicora/Karns City/Fairview/Criswell:** Donald Theodore Rainey *November* 1975-1980; **Criswell:** Charles W. Fryman 1980-1981; Russell Eugene Hawk 1981-1988; Earl Franklin Watterson 1988-1991; Richard W. McCanna 1991-1996.

CROWTOWN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location: Croton Avenue in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA.

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1847-1866

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church was organized in 1847 and was known as Crowtown Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation first met in a schoolhouse. The first building was erected in 1850 on Dewey Avenue. The name was changed to Shenango Methodist Episcopal in 1866.

Pastors: Crowtown: (renamed Croton): Reuben J. Edward 1847-1849; Ebenezer B. Lane 1849-1851; John W. Wilson 1851-1852; John Lytle 1852-1854; Isaac Scofield 1854-1855; Frederick Vernon 1855-1856; **Harrisville Circuit: Crowtown:** Thomas G. McCreary 1856-1858; John M. Greene 1858-1859; Charles R. Patee 1859-1860; **East New Castle/Crowtown:** Robert W. Scott 1860-1861; **Harrisville Circuit: Crowtown:** John G. Thompson 1861-1863; **Pleasantville Circuit: Crowtown:** John Crum 1863-1864; **Greenwood/Crowtown:** Ebenezer Bennett 1864-1866.

EASTBROOK

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1847

Mailing Address: 2412 Eastbrook Road, New Castle, PA 16105-6514

724/462-4090

ID: 086508

Location: 2412 Eastbrook Road, New Castle, on Route 168 in the Village of Eastbrook, about four miles Northeast of New Castle in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The congregation grew out of a small Society which met first in 1847 in the Briar Hill School. A small frame building served as the Church for 30 years at the place where the Briar Hill Cemetery is located. East Brook Village was chosen as the site for re-location in 1880. Shortly after 1900 the church declined rapidly and little progress is known until the year 1946. Improvements began with construction of a full basement and installation of a gas furnace; purchase of an organ in 1953 and chimes soon after were given in memory of the Frank Bubys. The new church school wing was added in 1953. A parsonage was bought in 1956 and the first full time pastor came to the church in that year. East Brook has been a member of various circuits in the past: King's Chapel, Croton, Harlansburg, New Wilmington, Shenango and New Castle: Grace. The membership in 1968 was 250. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 153. Eastbrook UMC has a long history of vibrant ministry engagement with the community of New Castle and beyond. The fact that Eastbrook UMC has figured so prominently in the history, development, and continued stewardship of the Eastbrook Mission Barn (one of the six UMCOR Relief Supply Depots in the United States) is an illumination of the congregation's deep missional heart and its commitment to sharing the love and ministry of Jesus with a hurting world. Eastbrook UMC is a warm, loving community of believers where worship is joyful, where discipleship to Jesus is taught and nurtured, and where the joy of spiritual growth is regularly experienced.

Pastors: East Brook: *Unknown* 1847-1866; **Harlansburg/East Brook:** Thomas G. McCreary 1866-1867; **Shenango Circuit: East Brook:** Thomas G. McCreary 1867-1868; Samuel K. Paden 1868-1869; **New Wilmington/East Brook:** Thomas Graham 1869-1870; R. W. Hulbert 1870-1871; Henry Martin Chamberlain 1871-1873; Curtis R. Waters 1873-1874; Harvey Henderson 1874-1875; Henry C. Smith 1875-1876; Joseph B. Wright 1876-1878; George W. Moore 1878-1881; John Henderson Vance 1881-1883; John M. Couch 1883-1884; Anthony J. Lindsey 1884-1885; Arza Ozial Stone 1885-1887; James M. Foster 1887-1890; Charles M. Morse 1890-1892; William A. Baker 1892-1895; Charles Wesley Foulke 1895-1897; David R. Palmer 1897-1900; Charles E. McKinley 1900-1904; David Taylor 1904-1908; Charles J. Baker 1908-1912; **Harlansburg/East Brook:** Fred S. Robinson 1912-1914; Ebenezer Wilson Spring 1914-1915; *No Listing In Journals:* 1915-1929; William H. Fenton 1929-1930; Thomas Pollard 1930-1933; **East Brook:** Harold D. Melzer 1933-1935; Ernest Minor Fradenburgh, Sr. 1935-1939; Abraham P. Shaffer 1939-1944; Robert George Thomas *September* 1944-*March* 1945; James Edward Williamson *March* 1945-*September* 1948; **New Castle: Croton/East Brook:** Owen Williams Shields 1948-1950; Harold K. Gaiser 1950-1956; **East Brook:** John Dobbs Patterson 1956-1957; Jack F. Best 1957-*January* 1958; Robert William Large *January* 1958-*June* 1960; Clarence Peter Dalton 1960-1964; Emory Beggs Billingsley 1964-1966; John Edward Walheim 1966-1970; Ronald Edwin King 1970-1975; **Greenwood/Eastbrook:** Loyal Wilson Kelso 1975-*August* 15, 1982; **Eastbrook:** June Yvonne Wise Lingler *August* 15, 1982-1986; Terry Lee Shaughnessy 1986-1991; Judith Elizabeth McFarland Leftwich 1991-1994; Kurtis Arthur Knobel 1994-2004; Nelson Thomas Thayer 2004-2014; **Eastbrook/Volant:** Nelson Thomas Thayer 2014-*August* 31, 2015; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins *Associate February* 1, 2015-*August* 31, 2015; Loren Andrew McQueen *September* 1, 2015-2022; Mary Jo Gould 2022--.

EAU CLAIRE: BETHEL

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1840

Butler District

Mailing Address: PO Box 192, 112 North Washington Street, Eau Claire, PA 16030-0192
ID: 086521

724/791-1123

Location: Village of Eau Claire at the intersection of Route 58 and 38 in Northeastern Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Prior to 1889 the community was known as Farmington. The first Class was organized by Reverend Coxwain, a Local Preacher, probably in the early 1840s. Lewis Chambers was the Class Leader. The Blair School House was used as a meeting place. Under the leadership of Reverend Edwin Hull, pastor at Clintonville, a Church building was commenced in 1850 and dedicated in 1851. The cost of \$1,000 was raised by ten men each of whom gave \$100. A second Church building was erected under the leadership of Reverend James M. Groves in 1872. The cornerstone of the third was laid September 20, 1904 and it was dedicated January 29, 1905. The building was remodeled and an annex was added in 1949. It was associated with the Argentine Church for many years but became a Station appointment in 1967. The pastor also worked with the Church Union Jolly Farm Camp. In 2002 it was part of the Cornerstone Community Churches consisting of Argentine, Eau Claire: Bethel, Boyers, Hilliards and Ridgeville. The membership in 1968 was 196. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 127. In 2021, Eau Claire: Bethel UMC is part of the Butler North Charge, together with the Boyers and Hilliards United Methodist Churches. Through their engaging worship, their sacrificial generosity, their gracious hospitality, and their creative outreach to their communities, these three congregations bear witness to the Gospel while creating the kind of Christ-centered environment where strong friendships can be built and where all are welcome.

Pastors: Clintonville Circuit: Farmington: Edwin Hull 1850-1851; John G. Thompson 1851-1853; *No Record* 1853-1854; Jared Howe 1854-1855; **Corsica Charge: Farmington:** Friend W. Smith 1855-1856; **Clintonville Circuit: Farmington:** Hiram Luce 1856-1857; **North Washington/Clintonville Circuit: Farmington:** John McComb 1857-1859; Samuel A. Milroy and Charles W. Bear 1859-1860; William R. Johnson and Charles W. Bear 1860-1861; Robert B. Boyd and Samuel K. Paden 1861-1862; Robert B. Boyd and Ebenezer Bennett 1862-1863; William A. Clark and Ebenezer Bennett 1863-1864; George W. Moore and Stephen Hubbard 1864-1865; Abraham H. Domer 1865-1867; **Clintonville/Farmington:** Cyril Wilson 1867-1868; James M. Groves 1869-1871; Ebenezer Bennett 1871-1873; Cearing Peters 1873-1875; **Clintonville/Farmington:** Job L. Stratton 1875-1878; John Lusher 1878-1880; **Farmington (Eau Claire):** William Branfield 1880-1883; Lewis Wick 1883-1886; Lucien F. Merritt 1886-1887; William H. Hoover 1887-1888; Sylvester Fidler 1888-1891; George Collier 1891-1893; Seneca B. Torrey 1893-1896; Valentine F. Dunkle 1896-1897; Austin J. Rinker 1897-1902; Henry Smallenburger 1902-1905; Arthur B. Wilkinson 1905-1906; Homer Bell Davis 1906-1911; William Earl Davis 1911-1913; Robert W. Skinner 1913-1917; John Anthony Lavelly 1917-1919; Harry D. Hummer 1919-1920; **Eau Claire/Argentine:** Peter Audley Galbreath 1920-1923; Sherman Hutchinson Epler 1923-1928; Edward B. Mooer 1928-1929; Cyrus Hamline Frampton 1929-1932; Willard L. Marsteller 1932-1933; Ernest Victor Rupert 1933-1935; Arthur Ernest Timmis 1935-1939; Jesse John Knapp 1939-*December* 1941; Clifford Carl Headland *December* 1941-1947; Harold K. Gaiser 1947-*November* 1947; Earl J. Jennings *November* 1947-1955; G. Wayne Burwell 1955-*February* 1959; Arthur Frederick Hummel *February* 1, 1959-1962; Elmer Paul Luther 1962-*September* 1964; Clifford Carl Headland *December* 1964-*February* 1965; John Warren Aupperle *February* 1965-1967; **Eau Claire: Bethel:** Roger William Cramer, Sr., 1967-1972; Roger Raymond Buzzard *November* 1972-*September* 1, 1973; Walter Charles Herron *December* 1973-1975; Ronald Edwin King 1975-1979; **Eau Claire: Bethel/Argentine:** Allen Franklin Maihle, Jr. 1979-1987; Robert Tristum Wellman 1987-1988; Gary Keith Donaldson 1988-*May* 15, 1995; Andrew James Keck 1995-1997; Lloyd Dice Tennes 1997-2001; **Cornerstone Community Churches: Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/ Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2001-2002; Robert Palmer *Associate* 2001-2002; **Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2002-2010; Richard Donald Updegraff 2010-2013; **Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards:** Kathryn Anne Reitz 2013-2017; **Butler County North: Eau Claire: Bethel/Boyers/Hilliards:** Robert M. Schmidt 2017-2018; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins 2018-2021; Kathleen Strong Soltis 2021-2022; Raymond Straughn 2022--.

ECONOMY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

1959

Mailing Address: 350 Stange Road, Freedom, PA 15042-2466

ID: 095753

Location: 350 Stange Road, Freedom, PA, two miles from Conway in Economy Borough, Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. This is a new Church which commenced with the appointment of Reverend William McNeil by the Pittsburgh Conference in May 1959. The erection of the Church began in August 1961, the first worship service in the unfinished building was held February 18, 1962 and it was

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dedicated on May 26, 1963 with a charter membership of fifty-two persons. The deed to the Church property was presented to the congregation by the Conference on June 27, 1965. It had been linked with Conway as a two-point Charge from its beginning. Conway closed in 1996 and Economy was a single appointment until 2002 when it was linked with Ambridge: First. The membership in 1968 was 109. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 101. Since 2013, these three Beaver County churches have been aligned to offer joyful and Christ-honoring ministry in the southwestern portion of the Butler District. The Ambridge First, Bridgewater, and Economy United Methodist Churches share a common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ through faithful worship, nurturing fellowship, interactive Christian education, and a coordinated ministry of outreach to their communities.

Pastors: Conway/Economy: William McNeil 1959-1960; William Ashley Will *July 1962-April 1965*; Leslie Walters *April 1965-1965*; Richard Harry Joslin 1965-1969; Charles Henry Armstrong Woods 1969-1974; Robert Glenn McFarland 1974-1975; Robert DeWayne Sayre 1975-1978; Ellen Marie Baur Rezek 1978-1981; **Economy:** Ellen Marie Baur Rezek 1981-1982; Donald McEntire 1982-1987; Edwin E. McElroy 1987-1992; John Ray Hall 1992-1994; David Widek 1995-1997; John Ray Hall 1997-*July 1, 1998*; *To Be Supplied July 1, 1998-February 3, 1999*; Dennis James Howard *February 3, 1999-2001*; **Ambridge/Economy:** Bertram Domineck 2001-2011; **Bridgewater/Economy:** Harriet Edith Hutton 2011-2013; **Ambridge: First/Bridgewater/Economy:** Harriet Edith Hutton 2013-2021; Thomas Pio Bonomo 2021-2022; **Ambridge: First/Economy:** Thomas Pio Bonomo 2022--.

EDINBURG-HILLSVILLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1826-2009

Mailing Address:

ID: 086543 See Predecessor, Hillsville

Location: 273 Route 224, on the corner of Erie and Second Streets in the Village of Edinburg, six miles west of the city of New Castle in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. This Church was an outgrowth of the Class in the William Richards home on the original Shenango Circuit of the Baltimore Conference. The first building was erected in 1826 on land donated by William Richards from the donation land tract given him as a Revolutionary soldier. The new Church was built in 1868-1869. In the summer of 1947, the basement was built and the frame Church building was moved onto the new foundation. Ira D. Sankey, famous song leader for Dwight L. Moody, was born in Edinburg. He was the son of David and Mary Leeper Sankey, members of this Church. Since 1930 Edinburg and Hillsville Churches made up a two-point Circuit. In 1971 Edinburg and Hillsville formed Christ Parish. In 1996 they became a merged parish known as Edinburg-Hillsville. Shortly after the merger the Hillsville Church was torn down. The Church cemetery remains on site and a memorial stone has been placed in memory and honor of the ministry of the Hillsville Church. The membership in 1968 was 137. The combined membership on January 1, 2003 was 60. The church officially closed on June 30, 2009, and the records went to the Western PA Conference Archives.

Pastors: Shenango Circuit: Edinburg: *No records* 1826-1836; Asahel Reeves and John E. Bassett 1836-1837; **Edinburg Circuit: Edinburg:** Isaac Scofield and Allen Tants 1837-1838; Thomas A. Stubbs 1838-1839; Thomas A. Stubbs and Reuben J. Sibley 1839-1840; Caleb Brown and Peter Burroughs 1840-1841; Peter Burroughs and B. K. Matby 1841-1842; Caleb Brown and John Scott 1842-1843; John Scott and Lewis Clark 1843-1844; Lewis Clark and Ebenezer B. Lane 1844-1845; Ahab Keller and Israel Mershon 1845-1846; Ahab Keller 1846-1847; Carlos Ripley Chapman 1847-1849; John W. Hill 1849-1851; **Mount Jackson Circuit: Edinburg:** John Graham 1850-1852; **Edinburg:** Hiram Kellog 1851-1853; Leander W. Ely 1851-1852; Samuel W. Ingraham 1852-1853; William M. Bear 1853-1855; Cyril Wilson 1855-1856; C. T. Kingsbury 1855-1857; **Edinburg Circuit: Edinburg:** Samuel K. Paden 1856-1857; Ira Eddy and Milo H. Bettes 1857-1858; Thomas Radcliff 1858-1860; Stephen Hubbard 1860-1861; J. F. Brown 1862-1863; D. M. Rogers 1863-1865; Michael Williams 1865-1867; **Lowell/Edinburg:** Ebenezer Bennett 1867-1868; **Edinburg:** Henry Martin Chamberlain 1867-1869; **Mount Jackson Circuit: Edinburg:** D. Allen Crowell 1869-1871; **Edinburg:** 1871-1872; **Mahoningtown Circuit: Edinburg:** John Wellington Crawford 1872-1874; **New Bethlehem/Edinburg:** George W. Anderson 1874-1875; **Lowell/Edinburg:** George W. Anderson 1875-1876; **Mount Jackson Circuit: Edinburg:** Richard M. Bear 1876-1877; **Edinburg Circuit:** Nathaniel Reno Morris 1877-1878; Charles W. Darrow 1878-1879; James K. Mendenhall 1879-1882; Daniel W. Wampler 1882-1883; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1883-1886; Richard Alfred Buzza 1886-1891; Samuel E. Winger 1891-1893; Washington H. Hollister 1893-1894; William A. Merriman 1894-Died *March 2, 1895*; Samuel L. Mills *March 2, 1895-1896*; Harvey H. Bair 1896-1897; Melville B. Riley 1897-1901; Alfred Cookman Locke 1901-1906; Robert W. Skinner 1906-1909; Charles Thomas Greer 1909-1911; Willis Kirby Crosby 1911-1913; David Ralph Dunn 1913-1916; Thomas

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Washington Douglas 1916-1918; **Edinburg/New Castle: Wesley:** Joseph Albert Cousins 1918-1920; James Ward Frampton 1920-1921; William H. Fenton 1921-1924; **Edinburg/New Castle: Wesley:** John Evans Allgood 1924-1925; Samuel Henry Barlett 1925-1930; **Edinburg/Hillsville:** Elmer Orville Minnigh 1930-1933; Winfield Scott Ingersol 1933-1937; Arthur Albin Swanson 1937-1940; John H. Gresh 1940-1942; Everett F. Spring, Jr. 1942-1944; Ben Downs 1944-1945; Jack Pearson Boyd 1945-1947; Harry Lee Johnson 1947-1952; Henry D. Metcalf 1952-1954; James Williamson 1954-1958; John Eccles Calderwood Matthews 1958-1965; Donald Theodore Rainey 1965-1968; Dallas J. Beck 1968-1969; Roger Raymond Buzard 1969-1971; **Christ Parish: Edinburg/Hillsville:** Roger Raymond Buzard 1971-1972; John Irwin Colpetzer *October* 1972-1975; Lewis Edward Sickafuse 1975-1978; William Joseph Maher 1978-1980; Dallas Dean Shelley 1980-1981; Thomas Raymond Petrosky 1981-1983; John Edward Flower, Jr. 1983-1986; Keith Allan Dunn 1986-1987; **Pulaski/Edinburg/Hillsville:** Hugh F. McKnight 1987-1989; Joan Miller 1989-1989; Richard Charles Russell 1989-1992; **Edinburg/Hillsville:** John Robert Fennell 1992-1996; **Edinburg-Hillsville:** John Robert Fennell 1996-2001; **West Pittsburg/Edinburg-Hillsville:** John Robert Fennel 2001-*January* 1, 2003; **Edinburg-Hillsville:** John Robert Fennell *January* 1, 2003-*June* 30, 2009.

ELLWOOD CITY: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117-1963
ID: 095866

Location: 416 Crescent Avenue in the Borough of Ellwood City, in Lawrence County, PA.

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1893

724/758-6278

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized with 25 charter members by Reverend Harvey H. Bair, Local Preacher and mill worker, in this new manufacturing town. After many financial difficulties a Church was built and dedicated April 5, 1896 on the corner of Fourth Street and Park Avenue. The Church was on a Circuit with other churches, mainly Homewood and Wurtemberg. In 1914 it became a Station appointment. In 1920 having outgrown the facilities of the building, four lots were purchased, centrally located on Fifth Street and Crescent Avenue. A new Church was dedicated July 10, 1927. The mortgage was burned in July 1952, just 50 years after the burning of the first building. An extensive inside renovation program was completed in 1957. In 1962 the lot in back of the parsonage and next to the church building was purchased for any future need. Two new office spaces, one for the secretary and the other for the Pastor's study and a Church Parlor were completed and furnished in 1967. On September 8, 1968 the 75th anniversary of Methodism in Ellwood City was celebrated. The membership in 1968 was 752. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 419. Ellwood City First UMC is a warm and inviting community of worship, friendship, outreach, and spiritual development that proclaims the saving grace of God while equipping people for Christian discipleship. Its mission is to be a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached boldly, the sacraments are celebrated joyfully, and the Gospel is taught and lived vibrantly.

Pastors: Homewood/Wurtemberg/Ellwood City: Harvey H. Bair *January* 1893-October 1893; Walter Bryant Bergen 1893-1894; Elias Wesley Marlatt 1894-1895; Francis B. Cutler 1895-1897; George Leonard Clarence Richardson 1897-1902; James Arlington Younkens 1902-1903; Albert H. Davies 1903-1906; Albert Walter Renton 1906-1909; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1909-1910; William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1910-1913; John D. W. Haselton 1913-1914; **Ellwood City: First:** John D. W. Haselton 1914-1917; Samuel G. Noble 1917-1920; Franklin Lawson Teets 1920-1923; William L. Crawford 1923-1927; Robert Henry Little 1927-1935; Oscar Burdeth Emerson 1935-1938; Taylor H. Carson 1938-1941; Paul E. Trimpey 1941-1942; James Walter Gladden 1942-1946; Ernest Vernon May 1946-1952; Howard Charles Emerick 1952-1956; Martin Snyder Longnecker 1956-1961; Robert N. Laing 1961-1967; Ralph Wilson Martin, Jr. 1967-1974; Dotson True Spangler 1974-1982; Ralph Boyd Kilburn 1982-1987; Theodore Griffith Cole 1987-1994; Daniel Gordon Richter 1994-1999; Paul Ambrose Harman, Jr. 1999-2003; David Dean Wilson, Jr. 2003-2008; James Arthur Durless 2008-2011. James Alan Cannistraci 2011-2014; Patricia Thompson Cleary 2014-2016; **Ellwood City: First/Homewood:** Angelique O'Dette Bradford 2016-2021; **Ellwood City: First/Wurtemberg:** Jay Franklin Sterling 2021--.

EMORY CHAPEL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 136, Sarver, PA 16055-0136
ID: 095888

Location: Sarver Road and Ekastown Road in the Community of Ekastown, twelve miles south of the City of Butler in Butler County, PA.

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1868

724/353-2963

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church had its origin in a Class organized by Reverend Abner Jackson, on the Butler Circuit in 1834. The class met in the Larden Home at Larden’s Mills in Clinton Township. Among the members were Mr. and Mrs. John Morton and John and Adam Ekas. The first frame Church building was erected in 1841 and named Emory Chapel for Bishop John Emory. The new two-story building, located in Buffalo Township on land donated by Adam Ekas, was built in 1867. It had been on a charge with Knox Chapel, later Cabot, from 1868. The membership in 1968 was 93. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 71. In 2022, Emory Chapel UMC is a small and vibrant congregation in Sarver, PA, bringing significant ministry to the central portion of the Butler District. Hospitality, kindness, and faithfulness are hallmarks of the Emory Chapel congregation, and the church’s people are eager to love God with their whole heart as they grow in their love for one another and the community that they so eagerly serve. Worship services at Emory Chapel UMC have a wonderful spirit of spiritual intimacy and interactivity about them, and the people are deeply intentional about blessing one another and the surrounding community with tangible acts of ministry and kindness.

Pastors: Butler Circuit: Ekastown: Abner Jackson 1834-1835; *Unknown* 1835-1868; **Union/Emory Chapel:** Washington Darby 1868-1871; John R. Roller 1871-1874; Barnett T. Thomas 1874-1876; George Washington Cranage 1876-1878; **Emory Chapel:** Samuel G. Miller 1878-1881; John Coleman High 1881-1882; Robert J. Hamilton 1882-1884; John Thompson Steffy 1884-1887; **Emory Chapel:** Robert Stewart Ross 1887-1890; **Ekastown: Emory Chapel:** Norman Bruce Tannehill 1890-1893; John J. Davis 1893-1896; James B. Gray 1969-1898; Edgar Perry Harper 1898-1901; Alfred Cookman Elliott 1901-1902; Ralph Bell 1902-1903; William P. Townsend 1903-1906; Joseph James Buell 1906-1909; Daniel Jenkins Davis 1909-1911; Paul Sappie 1911-1912; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1912-1915; George G. Buck 1915-1917; *To Be Supplied* 1917-1918; J. C. Dodds 1918-1919; Ray H. Calderwood 1919-1925; Graham E. Chandler 1925-1927; J. A. Munyon 1927-1929; Harry C. Critchlow 1929-1931; Charles W. H. Jack 1931-1933; William Brundeth 1933-1935; Gustave Emil Malmquist 1935-1937; David Ferguson Funkhouser 1937-1939; **Cabot/ Emory Chapel:** Wallace L. Faas 1939-1941; Harry W. Nehrig 1941-1942; Thomas Reese Thomas 1942-1943; Mary Florence Hays Richey 1943-1951; Lewis G. Wallis 1951-1952; Hayden Lockwood Henthorne 1952-1957; Ralph Luther Romine, Sr. 1957-1961; Milton M. Rhodes 1961-1968; James E. Bird 1968-1970; Chalmers Reason Bell 1970-1984; Seth Thomas Stewart 1984-1991; *To Be Supplied* 1991-1992; **Emory Chapel:** David F. Widek 1992-1995; Jeffrey Charles Bobin *August* 1, 1995-2003; Bonnie C. Rupp-Fisher 2003-*January* 1, 2009; **Thorncreek/Emory Chapel:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel *January* 1, 2009-2010; **Thorncreek/Emory Chapel/ Connoquenessing:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel 2010-*January* 14, 2016; **Emory Chapel/Thorncreek:** Mary Jo Gould *January* 15, 2016-2022; Amanda Gilligan Mitchell 2022--.

FENELTON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 123 Beagle Club Road, Worthington, PA 16262-4401
ID: 095924

BUTLER DISTRICT

1908

724/297-5875

Location: 810 Clearfield Road in the Village of Fenelton, about half-way between Butler and Worthington, north of Route 422 on Nicola Road in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized in the Spring of 1908 by Reverend Paul Sappie, pastor of the Craigsville Methodist Episcopal Church. Membership came largely from McKee Chapel west of the town. Peter Fennell, for whom the town was named, donated the land for the Church. The contractor who built the Church was Thomas G. Dipner with most of the labor donated by the members of the Church. The Church was dedicated July 17, 1909. It underwent extensive remodeling in 1949, 1952 and for its Golden Anniversary in 1959. It has been a part of the Craigsville Charge for most of its existence. The membership in 1968 was 121. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 80. The three United Methodist churches of the Buffalo Charge, Craigsville, Fenelton, and McKee Chapel, located on the eastern edge of the Butler District and each with its own history and temperament, share a common mission: to glorify God and to honor the name of Jesus Christ. Their core convictions are that the worship of the Triune God is of primary importance and that the Bible, as God’s inspired Word, is the final authority in matters of life and faith.

Pastors: Craigsville Charge: Fenelton: Paul Sappie 1908-1911; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1911-1912; David J. Davis 1912-1916; Ray H. Calderwood 1916-1921; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1921-*January* 1922; Grant D. Swartout *January* 1922-1922; Olin E. Rodkey 1922-1924; Loyola C. Matthews 1924-1926; Charles Leroy Cusick 1926-1928; Parker Wesley Large 1928-1933; Roy A. Beggs 1933-1935; Arthur Sellers 1935-1938; Charles T. Murdock 1938-1940; William E. Baker 1940-1941; William Smith 1941-1944; William E. Baker 1944-1946; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens

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1946-1948; Alvin Emory Bowser 1948-1957; Samuel Clement Dunning 1957-1958; **Craigsville/Fenelton/ McKee Chapel:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1958-1960; Edward C. Miller 1960-1962; H. Elson Rose 1962-1963; James Ellsworth Reeher 1963-1964; Donald Theodore Rainey 1964-1965; Roy Milton Daugherty 1965-1967; Daniel Taylor Enterline 1967-1969; Thomas Duane Stewart 1969-*September* 1969; **Fenelton/Craigsville:** John Francis Osborne *October* 1, 1969-*January* 20, 1976; **Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel:** Harry Edward Sayre *February* 1976-*June* 1976; James Walter Hamilton 1976-*April* 17, 1977; Charles Merwin Schwab *April* 1977-*June* 1977; Sharon Lynn Schwab 1977-1982; **Buffalo Charge: Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel:** Sharon Lynn Schwab 1992-1999; Sherry Lynn Cook 1999-2008; Jeremy S. Andrews 2008-2010; To Be Supplied 2010-*August* 22, 2010; Sheila Rae Auer *August* 22, 2010-2016; Michael B. Coats 2016-2021; Harriet Edith Hutton 2021--.

FORESTVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 102, Forestville, PA 16035-0102
ID: 086691

BUTLER DISTRICT

1908

724/735-2248

Location: 124 Boyers Road in the Village of Forestville on Route 8, two miles south of Harrisville in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Forestville Congregation was organized by Reverend Harry Lee Johnson in 1908. It met for services in the Forestville School House. In 1909 Reverend Alfred B. Smith, pastor at Harrisville, made it a part of the Harrisville Charge. This relationship continued until 1990 when it became a two-point charge with Saint John's of Slippery Rock. The Church building was erected in 1911. It has undergone several renovations. The membership in 1968 was 130. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 129.

Pastors: Forestville: Sherman Groo Gillette 1906-1909; Harry Lee Johnson 1908-1908; **Harrisville/Forestville:** James M. Farrell 1908-1909; Alfred Brecht Smith 1909-1914; Samuel Henry Barlett 1914-1918; Melville B. Riley 1918-1921; Charles H. Quick 1921-1925; Jeremiah Bates Edwards 1925-1929; **Forestville/Wesley:** Abram Pollock Shaffer 1929-1930; John Ellsworth Iams 1930-1935; Ray W. Marshall 1935-1938; Frederick Warren Hunt 1938-1940; Newton Henry Swanson 1940-1943; Lynn Ardell Shindledecker 1943-1945; Hulett Arnold Ohl 1945-1951; Peter Audley Galbreath 1951-1956; Jack Pearson Boyd 1956-1959; Max Wayne Cramer 1959-*February* 1, 1965; William Lester Karns *February* 1, 1965-1967; Thomas Robson Dixon, Jr. 1967-1969; George Oliver Elgin, Sr. 1969-1976; Reginald Gene Lilley 1976-1984; Loye Dale Startzell 1984-1990; **Forestville/Slippery Rock: Saint Johns:** Russell Dale Hixson 1990-1992; Edward Alan Schoeneck 1992-1997; Thomas Dwight D. Carr 1997-1999; Kathleen Ann Pickett Jay 1999-2001; Steve Stanley Soltis 2001-*April* 2, 2004; Thomas Marvin Sullivan *April* 2, 2004; David Duane Ealy 2004-2011. Barbara Jill Moore 2011-2015; Jean Ann Smith 2015-2018; **Forestville/Harrisville:** Kenneth Guy Miller 2018--.

FREEDOM

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:
ID: 096006

BUTLER DISTRICT

1838-1981

Location: Parkway and Fifth Streets in the Borough of Freedom on the Ohio River Boulevard in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first Methodist Class in the vicinity of Freedom was in the home of William Elliott who purchased a farm in Moon Township, three miles south of the Ohio River in 1828. This class appears to have been on the Harmony Circuit when it was organized in 1833. The Church in Freedom was organized in 1838. Some of the members probably were from the Elliott Class. The first Church building was erected in 1842. It was enlarged in 1870. The parsonage was built in 1897, largely through the Epworth League initiative. The second Church building was opened for services on November 29, 1908 with Bishop James Mills Thoburn preaching the opening sermon. The mortgage was burned in 1920. This Church celebrated its centennial in 1938. It was originally on the Harmony Circuit. From 1840-1843 it was on the Sewickley Circuit which had 17 appointments, seven meetings Houses and about 500 members on it. It was on the New Brighton Circuit from 1842-1858; then on the Freedom Circuit 1858-1867. At that time the Freedom Circuit consisted of the following Churches: Freedom, Concord, Unionville, Baden, Lancaster, Zelenople, Plains (now Dutilh) and Slippery Rock (now Wurtemberg). Freedom and Baden were made a Charge in 1868 and Freedom became a Station appointment in 1892. With the Methodist Evangelical United Brethren Merger in 1968 it put two Methodist preaching places in Freedom just a couple blocks apart from each other. In 1981 the congregations merged and used the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. It

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closed and merged with Freedom: Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church to form Freedom United Methodist Church in 1981. The church was sold in 1981. The membership in 1968 was 284. The membership in 1981 was 131.

Pastors: Harmony Circuit: Freedom: William C. Henderson and David R. Hawkins 1838-1839; John White and Joseph Wright 1839-1840; **Sewickley Circuit: Freedom:** Joshua Monroe and John White 1840-1841; Peter M. McGowan and Hosea McCall 1841-1842; **New Brighton Circuit: Freedom/Concord/Unionville/ Baden/Lancaster/Zelienople/Plains/Slippery Rock:** Joshua Monroe and William Fletcher Lauck 1842-1843; Gideon D. Kinnear and William Fletcher Lauck 1843-1844; Gideon D. Kinnear and John Wesley Baker 1844-1845; David R. Hawkins and William Page Blackburn 1845-1846; David R. Hawkins and John F. Nessley 1846-1847; George McCaskey and John R. Shearer 1847-1848; George McCaskey and Aaron H. Thomas 1848-1849; William DeVinney and John Ansley 1849-1850; Josiah Dillon and H. D. Foster 1850-1852; Marcellus A. Ruter and John Grant 1852-1853; Marcellus A. Ruter and John Murray 1853-1854; James Beacom and H. Hensen 1854-1855; James Beacom and Francis Daniel Fast 1855-1856; Samuel Crouse 1856-1857; Samuel Crouse and Benjamin F. McMahan 1857-1858; **Freedom Circuit: Freedom:** Thomas Storer 1858-1860; William H. Tibbles and Edward W. Williams 1860-1861; William H. Tibbles and A. W. Taylor 1861-1862; Joseph A. Swaney 1862-1863; John McCarty 1863-1864; James Jackson McIlyar 1864-1865; Ezra Morgan Wood 1865-1867; **Freedom Circuit: Freedom/Concord/Unionville/ Baden/Lancaster/Zelienople/Plains (Dutilh)/Slippery Rock:** Thomas Storer 1867-1868; **Freedom/Baden:** James M. Swan 1868-1869; Robert Finley Hopkins 1869-1870; Elisha B. Webster 1870-1872; Joseph Hollingshead 1872-1873; Richard Cartwright 1873-1874; Charles H. Edwards 1874-1876; John G. Gogley 1876-1877; John Conner 1877-1880; David L. Dempsey 1880-1881; Josiah Mansell 1881-1883; John Jacob Hill 1883-1884; David L. Dempsey 1884-1885; Edward Burns Griffin 1885-1887; William L. McGrew 1887-1889; Delbert L. Johnson 1889-1890; Milton George Potter 1890-1892; **Freedom:** Daniel Jenkins Davis 1892-1893; John D. W. Heazelton 1893-1895; Frank Prosser 1895-1898; Albert H. Davis 1898-1901; John Kennedy Howe 1901-1904; John J. Davids 1904-1906; William M. Medley, Sr. 1906-1909; Milton J. Sleppy 1909-1912; Edgar Perry Harper 1912-1915; Albert Clarence Saxman 1915-1918; Samuel M. Mackey 1918-1919; Ross Burns Litten 1919-1920; Wesley G. Mead 1920-1923; Richard R. Griffiths 1923-1925; Cecil Newton McCandless 1925-1926; Lester Allen White 1926-1928; Samuel G. Noble 1928-1932; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1932-1934; Taylor H. Carson 1934-1938; Charles David Beatty 1938-1939; **Freedom/Unionville:** Charles David Beatty 1939-1941; **Freedom/Unionville/Conway:** Charles David Beatty 1941-1942; **Freedom:** Harold Ellsworth Buell 1942-1943; **Freedom/Concord:** Edwin J. Siess 1943-1948; Harry Heffner Price 1948-1953; William A. Atchinson 1954-1955; **Freedom:** Robert William Borden 1955-1962; James E. Bird 1962-1968; Joseph Peter Trunzo 1968-1973; June Yvonne Lingler 1973-1976; Delbert Wayne Wasser 1976-1981.

FREEDOM: SALEM

EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 017062

Location: 501 Third Avenue, on the corner of Third Avenue and Fifth Street in the Borough of Freedom in Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1843-2008

History: Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was organized before 1843. On December 23, 1843 Bishop Joseph Long conducted services in the home of David Martin in Freedom. It was originally part of the Harmony Circuit. In 1936 it became a Station. The first Church building was a former school house at Fourth Avenue and Fifth Street purchased in November 1856. A second building was erected on this site in 1890. A new building was dedicated in 1955. In 1970 there were 152 members. In 1981 this Congregation merged with the Freedom Methodist Congregation and continued to use the former Freedom Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church and property. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 132. Freedom became part of New Brighton Church in 2007 which was a merger of New Brighton: Fifth, New Brighton: First, New Brighton: Grace. Freedom Church merged with Unionville July 1, 2008. Records went to Unionville UMC.

Pastors: Harmony Circuit: Freedom: Salem: *No Records* 1843-1926; Charles M. Faulk 1921-1925; Hermann Walter Kaebnick 1926-1927; Reed Spurgeon Shirey 1927-1933; P. L. Griffith 1933-1936; **Freedom: Salem:** John Kephart Jones 1936-*January* 8, 1939; Woodward Moses Peffer 1939-1941; Gerald Oliver Bishop 1941-1947; *No Records:* 1947-1968; Gordon Vaill Barrows 1968-1974; James Eugene Ryhol 1974-*July* 1974; Willis Stanton Rever *September* 1974-1981; **Freedom: Salem:** Nelson Miles Morton 1981-1992; **Freedom/Conway:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel 1992-1994; Barbara Ann Turpish 1994-*April* 1, 1995; **Freedom:** Barbara Ann Turpish *April* 1, 1995-*February* 1, 1997; Frances Jayne Verner *February* 1, 1997-2001; **Freedom/Brush Run:** Gary Charles Bailey 2001-2007; **New**

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Brighton (New Brighton: Fifth/New Brighton: First/New Brighton: Grace)/Freedom: Rico James Vespa 2007-2008; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2007-2008.

FREEPORT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 211 Fourth Street, Freeport, PA 16229-1139

ID: 096028

Location: 211 Fourth Street in the Borough of Freeport in Armstrong County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1833

724/295-2476

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Early records were lost, but we know that in 1833 the Freeport Church was taken into the Butler Circuit. Some of the early places in which the congregation met were as follows: A frame house on Third Street in 1833; a school house on High Street; a currier's shop on Market Street and at times the congregation would use the Baptist Church building for its meetings, located where the old railroad station was situated. A Church edifice was erected in 1840. The Church organization was incorporated on December 26th, 1846. In 1848 the church became a part of the Tarentum Circuit until 1856 when it became a station. In 1877 this building was replaced by a new structure at a cost of \$20,000 and was dedicated during the ministry of Reverend Matthew McKendree Garrett by Bishop Matthew Simpson. In 1881 the lot adjoining the church was purchased. A parsonage was built on part of this land in 1898 during the ministry of Reverend Solomon Keebler. A new three story educational building was built in 1962. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 390. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. In the heart of the Pittsburgh area's Allegheny Valley, Freeport UMC and Natrona Heights Grace UMC have both a vibrant history and a future that is rich with potential. Both congregations navigated the pandemic with patience and compassion and now look forward to a post-pandemic resurgence of creative worship, high-impact outreach, and a joyful commitment to sharing the love of Jesus. The churches want to be known for their radical hospitality, their commitment to Biblical teaching and consistent disciple-making, and their unwavering devotion to Jesus, his grace, his Lordship, and his love. They are entering a new season of figuring out how best to build some Christ-shaped bridges between the hearts of our people and the deepest needs of our communities. They love being a Christ-honoring United Methodist presence in the Allegheny Valley!

Pastors: Tarentum Circuit: Freeport: 1848-1856; **Freeport:** William Cooper 1856-1858; Albert G. Williams 1858-1860; Aaron H. Thomas 1860-1862; John Wesley Shirer 1862-1864; Richard Morrow 1864-1867; Ezra Morgan Wood 1867-1869; Edward Burns Griffin 1869-1870; Jacob Brennehan Uber 1870-1873; Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1873-1876; Matthew McKendree Garrett 1876-1878; Silas Thayer 1878-1879; Milton Mechesney Sweeney 1879-1882; Charles Wesley Miller 1882-1884; Amos Potter Leonard 1884-1887; Joseph E. Wright 1887-1889; Delbert L. Johnson 1889-1892; Daniel Jenkins Davis 1892-1895; Solomon Keebler 1895-1898; John Conner 1898-1899; Marion M. Hildebrand 1899-1902; Frederick A. Richards 1902-1907; Albert H. Davis 1907-1911; Silas Elmer Rodkey 1911-1915; Samuel M. Mackey 1915-1918; Clyde Lewis Nevins 1918-1921; James Law 1921-1925; Joseph Francis Dipner 1925-1927; Walter Leslie Morgan 1927-1928; Samuel G. Noble 1928-1932; Taylor H. Carson 1932-1939; Homer David Whitfield 1939-1941; William Jewart Miller 1941-1942; Lloyd Ewing Headley 1942-1949; Arnold Merriman Beggs 1949-1953; Samuel Ford 1953-1959; John William Scott 1959-1965; Jack Gail Ammon 1965-1969; Fred B. Grimm 1969-1975; Dean Earl Byrom 1975-1985; Emory Beggs Billingsley 1985-1989; Lawrence Alan Lyman 1989-1995; William Edmund White, Jr. 1995-2007; Edward Henry Myers 2007-2013; James Grant Young 2013-2015; **Freeport/Natrona Heights: Grace:** James Grant Young 2015-2016; Dawn Lynn Funk Check 2016-2018; Andrew Paul Spore 2018-2021; Diane Curry Randolph 2021--.

GEORGETOWN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 15990 Oak Ridge Drive, East Liverpool, PA 43920-9666

ID: 096041

Location: Market Street in the Village of Georgetown, about 300 yards from the Ohio River, in Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1840

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Georgetown Methodism dates from the 1840s when the first Society was organized under the leadership of Elizabeth Hepner Poe. The first Church was built in 1847. It appears as the head of the Georgetown Circuit in 1850 with Reverend Jacob Keiss Miller as the pastor. The first Church building was made into a private home. In 1877 another building was erected. From 1850 to 1885 the Georgetown Circuit consisted of Georgetown, Bethel Meeting House, Safe Harbor (now Shippingport), Asbury Chapel, Hookstown, Crail's Schoolhouse and New Cumberland. In 1968 Georgetown was on a two-point Charge with

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Shippingport. In 1976 it was Georgetown/Smith's Ferry. The membership in 1968 was 75. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 52.

Pastors: Ohio Circuit: Georgetown: Thomas Baker and Cornelius H. Jackson 1843-1844; Thomas Baker and Josiah Gibson 1844-1845; Samuel G. J. Worthington and Hamilton Cree 1845-1846; George H. Holmes and Hamilton Cree 1846-1847; John J. Moffitt and Charles Avery Holmes 1847-1848; John J. Moffitt and James L. Deens 1848-1849; Shadrack Chaney and James L. Deens 1849-1850; **Georgetown Circuit: Georgetown/Bethel/Safe Harbor/Asbury Chapel/Hookstown/Crail's Schoolhouse/New Cumberland:** Jacob Keiss Miller 1850-1852; John Gilleland 1852-1853; John White 1853-1855; Morris B. Pugh 1855-1857; John Coleman High 1857-1859; James Lafferty Stiffey 1859-1861; Matthias Myers Eaton 1861-1863; Artemus E. Ward and Walter Brown 1863-1864; Artemus E. Ward 1864-1865; Gustavus A. Lowman and David Andrew Pierce 1865-1866; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1866-1869; Andrew Huston 1869-1871; Joseph Gledhill and Morrison Coleman Harris 1871-1873; Joseph Gledhill 1873-1874; Thompson F. Pershing 1874-1875; Thompson F. Pershing and Edwin M. Taylor 1875-*Spring* 1876; Joseph N. Pershing *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1876; Washington Darby *Fall* 1876-*Fall* 1877; Josiah Dillon 1877-1879; Joseph E. Wright 1879-1881; James L. Deens 1881-1882; Abraham J. Rich 1882-1885; Andrew Lucius Kendall 1885-1886; Andrew Smith Hunter 1886-1888; *To Be Supplied* 1888-1889; **Georgetown/Smith Ferry:** Henry J. Giles 1889-1891; William H. Kirkland 1891-1894; Elmer H. Greenlee 1894-1897; **Georgetown:** Albert Jacob Cook 1897-1898; J. W. K. Hodge 1898-1900; **Georgetown/Chester, West Virginia:** Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1900-1902; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1902-1903; **Georgetown/Smith Ferry:** George Emmor Breneman 1903-1904; Howard Henry Westwood 1904-1906; Albert W. Robertson 1906-1907; **Georgetown:** George Meade Dougherty 1907-1908; John Montgomery Pascoe 1908-1910; James A. Hamilton 1910-1912; William L. Crawford 1912-1917; William J. Lowry 1917-1919; Oscar Adams Emerson 1919-1921; George Amos Williams 1921-1923; Arthur Sellers 1923-1926; Thomas H. Mahan 1926-1928; Charles Leroy Cusick 1928-1930; Loyola C. Matthews 1930-1934; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1934-1938; Samuel G. Noble 1938-1943; **Georgetown/ Shippingport/Bethel:** Alva Jacob Musselman 1943-1945; Mrs. Carl V. Hairhoger *Supply* 1945-1952; Curtis A. Hoover 1952-1953; **Georgetown/Bethel:** Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1953-1958; David Dayen 1958-1959; **Georgetown/Shippingport:** David Dayen 1959-1964; Priscilla Love 1964-1965; Alexander Tiwari Haines 1965-1967; Howard Franklin Burrell, Jr. 1968-1971; John James Haney 1971-1972; **Georgetown:** Robert DeWayne Sayre 1972-1974; David Russell Lewis 1974-1976; **Georgetown/Smiths Ferry:** Robert James Higerd 1976-1983; Willard Charles Adkins 1983--.

HARLANSBURG

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1914

Location: Old Route 19, about two blocks off Route 108, Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The cemetery with about 30 plus tombstones is still decorated with flags for the many veterans buried there. The last burial was in the late 1920s-1930s. It is assumed the cemetery would have been near the church. The pulpit out of the church was given to the Greenwood Methodist church and then was given to Boyne Edward Boyd when the Greenwood Church closed.

Pastors: Harlansburg: Ebenezer Bennett 1869-1871; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1871-1873; **Harlansburg/Mount Pleasant:** Job L. Stratten 1873-1875; **Harlansburg:** John Milton Crouch 1875-1878; James M. Foster 1878-1880; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1880-1882; Winfield Scott Sheppard 1882-1883; Samuel E. Winger 1883-1884; **Harlansburg/ Greenwood:** Arza Ozial Stone 1884-1885; John C. Gillette 1885-1887; **Harlansburg:** Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1887-1889; John C. Womer 1889-1893; James Revens Burrows 1893-1894; James S. Kittell 1894-1895; Samuel E. Winger 1895-1896; James Revens Burrows 1896-1898; John E. Drake 1898-1901; Sylvester Fidler 1901-1903; **Harlansburg/Branchton:** Sylvester Fidler 1903-1905; James Whipple Reis 1905-1906; Robert George Thomas 1906-1910; Mayson Hodgson Sewell 1910-1911; **Harlansburg:** Fred S. Robinson 1911-1914; Ebenezer Wilson Springer 1914-1914.

HARMARVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1893-2001

Mailing Address:

ID: 096108

Location: 100 Guy's Run Road, off Route 28 in the village of Harmarville in Allegheny County, PA.

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Preaching commenced in the Harmarville School in March 1893. In March 1894, the Koontz family, owners of the Billy Baxter Bottling Company, donated the lot and a frame Church was erected on it that year. At that time, it was part of the Hoboken (later named Blawnox) Charge. The Church was destroyed by fire on February 12, 1902, and the red brick Church was dedicated on July 5, 1903. In 1919 a Sunday School room was added. The Church, located near the Allegheny River, was severely damaged by the Saint Patrick's Day Flood in 1936 with the flood waters reaching a depth of ten feet in the sanctuary. The building was repaired and a re-dedication service was held on September 27, 1936. In recent years this church was part of the North Shore Co-operative parish including Bairdford, Community (Aspinwall and Blawnox), Fox Chapel: Faith, Sharpsburg: Grace, Millvale, Millerstown and Walter Chapel. The membership on January 1, 2001 was 27. The Church closed December 31, 2001 and the records went to Walter Chapel, and later to the Western PA Conference Archives. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

Pastors: Hoboken Circuit: John Wesley Otterman 1893-1895; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1895-1896; Nolan Harden Sanner 1896-1897; J. W. K. Hodges 1897-1898; John Coleman High 1898-1899; Allen S. Blackmore 1899-1900; Robert B. Carroll 1900-1904; Frank J. Sparling 1904-1906; Oscar Adams Emerson 1906-1909; Silas Thayer Mitchell 1909-1912; Edward George Loughery 1912-February 26, 1913; J. W. Woods 1913-1916; R. L. Dunkle 1916-1917; Roy Lincoln McQuiston 1917-1922; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1922-1923; Miller Bartley Clendenien 1923-1924; *To Be Supplied* 1924-1925; William Millward 1925-1926; C. W. Hepler 1926-1929; Lynn H. Huff 1929-1930; Robert Laing 1930-1932; Edward S. Martin 1932-1933; John Calvin Little 1933-1934; Lawrence F. Athey 1934-1935; Margarette Flanigan 1935-1936; Homer A. Doak 1936-1937; William Pledge Parker 1937-1938; William James Law 1938-1939; John Klein 1939-1940; William M. Smith 1940-1941; Frances A. Hoffman Athey 1941-1953; James M. McCune, Jr. 1953-1957; Alvin Emory Bowser 1957-1959; Ray Alton Snair 1959-1961; Raymond Thomas McCall 1961-1971; Albert William Smith 1971-1976; James R. Kornegay, Jr. 1976-1977; Edward G. Jenkins 1977-1978; William Miller 1978-1978; Dale Webster Roddy 1978-1979; James Lee Miller 1979-1980; Richard A. Newton 1980-1982; John W. McLaughlin, Jr. 1982-1983; John Edward Patterson 1983-January 15, 1985; Allen Orville Grimm, Jr. January 15, 1985-1986; Larry Gene Dunn 1986-1988; William Ross Carroll 1988-1997; Jean Lorraine Haslett 1997-2001; Elizabeth Carol Gardy Murphy 2001-December 31, 2001.

HARMONY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Location: 99 Pittsburgh Street in the Borough of Harmony in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1882-1945

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In October 1842 a Charter was granted to thirty Christians for the first Methodist Society in this vicinity under the name of Monroe Chapel. In 1880 they purchased property on German Street, now called Liberty Street in Harmony. This building was called Monroe Chapel for Joshua Monroe, an early Methodist Presiding Elder, on the Allegheny District in 1835-1836. On October 23, 1882 a charter was granted and the congregation became known as the Harmony-Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1915 sixty members living in Zelienople withdrew to form a Church in Zelienople. On September 15, 1918 a Church building on East New Castle Street, Zelienople was dedicated and chartered under the name of The Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1938 Reverend Wayne W. Patch was appointed to be pastor of both the Harmony and the Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Churches. On April 22, 1945 the two congregations voted to merge.

Pastors: Harmony-Zelienople: Theodore J. Shaffer 1882-1883; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1883-1884; George Emerson Cable 1884-1885; Frank Prosser 1885-1886; Edgar C. Hughes 1886-1888; Frank Prosser 1888-1891; John J. Davis 1891-1893; John Kennedy Howe 1893-1894; William Tipper 1894-1895; Francis B. Cutter 1895-1896; John W. O. Herman 1896-1900; Samuel H. Greenlee 1900-1901; Joseph William Garland 1901-1903; Grant Simpson Pollock 1903-1904; R. S. Rees 1904-1906; Alexander Steele 1906-1907; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1907-1908; Maris Ressel Hackman 1908-1909; Frank Randolph Peters 1909-1913; Paul Sappie 1913-1914; Oscar Adams Emerson 1914-1915; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1915-1916; J. C. McElroy 1916-1919; James K. Pollock 1919-1922; George B. Lambert 1922-1923; **Harmony/Evans City:** Silas Elmer Rodkey 1923-1924; John Forrest Stewart 1924-1926; Watson M. Bracken 1926-1928; William John Lowry 1928-1931; George B. Lambert 1931-1935; **Harmony/Connoquenessing:** Samuel G. Noble 1935-1937; Wayne Wilbur Patch 1937-1938; **Harmony/Zelienople:** Wayne Wilbur Patch 1938-1945.

HARMONY-ZELIENOPLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 123 North Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople, PA 16063-1229

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1945

724/452-7670

Butler District

ID: 096121

Location: 123 North Pittsburgh Street in the Borough of Zelienople, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. In 1938 Reverend Wayne W. Patch was appointed to be pastor of both the Harmony and the Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Churches. On April 22, 1945 the two congregations voted to merge. Property was purchased in 1946 and a new sanctuary was built in 1947. In just 14 years the ministries and Sunday School program outgrew the basement of the church and the educational building was erected. In October 1967 a building lot for a new parsonage was purchased at 105 Peffer Street in Harmony. In 1970 a new parsonage was built. In the 1980s refinished floors, added a ramp for easy access, padding to the pews, new carpeting, a paved parking lot and a new boiler. In 1997 they celebrated 50 years occupying the building that was built to unite the two small churches. In 1999 a new, larger sanctuary, new fellowship hall, kitchen and youth room were completed. The old sanctuary was converted into an Office Complex with four private offices, two cubical offices, a meeting room, a general office, a choir room/music office and a library. The old fellowship hall was converted into an Adult Education Center with six classrooms and a kitchenette. All this was completed in early 2002. The 1968 the Harmony-Zelienople membership was 357. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 682

Pastors: Harmony-Zelienople: Wayne Wilbur Patch 1945-1951; Gordon Franklin Hinkle 1951-1955; Harry Raymond Speakman, Sr. 1955-1957; Wilhelm Eurenus Chellgren 1957-1961; James Elmer Breakiron 1961-1964; Raymond Conover Shaw 1964-1966; Gerald Hartley Murphy 1966-1972; Jack David Fields 1972-1980; James Bartlett Hodges 1980-1985; John William Seth 1985-2004; Robert Wayne Schar *Associate* 2001-2003; John Kyle Jefferis 2004-2015; Richard Alan Pearson, Jr. *Associate* 2005-2008; Daniel Arthur Owen 2015--.

HARRISVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 424, Harrisville, PA 16038-0424

ID: 086680

Location: 301 South Main Street, Harrisville, PA 16038, Route 8 and Washington Street, in northwestern Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1834

724/735-4671

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church was organized in 1834 by Reverend William Carroll who was the Itinerant Preacher on the Centerville (Slippery Rock) Circuit that year. Slippery Rock was known then as Centerville. The first frame Church was erected in 1842 on what is now Mill Street. A new brick Church was erected in 1896 on Main Street, Route 8. In 1917 during the pastorate of Reverend Samuel H. Bartlett, the Church was raised, the basement was excavated and classrooms were added. A fire did considerable damage shortly after this. Again in 1944 the Church had a fire. The damage was repaired in 1945 and substantial renovations were carried out. In 1961 the modern annex was added. It was an appointment in various Circuits for many years. In 1897 Harrisville became the head of the Harrisville Charge. At times there were three Churches on the Charge: Harrisville, Wesley and Forestville. In 1968 the Charge consisted of Harrisville and Forestville. The Harrisville church reported a membership of 295 members. In 1990 it became a single appointment. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 263. On July 1, 2018, Harrisville was moved from the Franklin District to Butler District.

Pastors: Centerville Circuit: Harrisville: William Carroll 1834-1835; *Unknown* 1835-1843; William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1843-1844; **Harrisville Circuit: Harrisville:** George F. Reeser and John W. Wrigglesworth 1845-1846; William M. Bear and Isaiah Hildebrand 1846-1847; Thomas Benn 1847-1849; George Stocking 1849-1850; Norton Roderick 1850-1851; John W. Wilson 1851-1852; John S. Lytle 1852-1854; Isaac Scofield 1854-1855; Frederick Vernon 1855-1856; Thomas G. McCreary 1856-1858; John M. Greene 1858-1859; Calvin R. Pattie 1859-1861; John G. Thompson 1861-1863; **Harrisville/Centerville Charge:** Robert B. Boyd 1863-1865; Thomas Graham 1865-1867; **Harrisville/Pine Grove:** Robert Beatty 1867-1868; James M. Groves 1868-1869; **Harrisville/Centerville:** John Crum 1869-1872; James M. Foster 1872-1875; Nathaniel Morse 1875-1877; **Harrisville/Pine Grove:** Loriston G. Merrill 1877-1878; Charles M. Morse 1878-1881; **Harrisville:** George Washington Chesbro 1881-1883; **Centerville (Slippery Rock) Circuit:** Daniel W. Wampler 1883-1885; William Perry Arbuckle 1885-1886; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1886-1887; Samuel K. Paden 1887-1890; Samuel Myron Gordon 1890-1893; **Name changed to Slippery Rock/Harrisville Circuit: Harrisville:** Perry A. Reno 1893-1895; William A. Baker 1895-1897; **Harrisville Charge: Harrisville:** John C. A. Borland 1897-1899; William J. Small 1899-1901; George A. Sutton 1901-1903; Charles A. Imhoff 1903-1905; James M. Farrell 1905-1909; Alfred Brecht Smith 1909-1914; Samuel Henry Barlett 1914-1918; Melville B. Riley 1918-1921; Charles H. Quick 1921-1926; Jeremiah B. Edwards

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1926-1930; Abram Pollock Shaffer 1930-1930; John Ellsworth Iams 1930-1935; Ray W. Marshall 1935-1938; Frederick Warren Hunt 1938-1940; Newton Henry Swanson 1940-1943; Lynn Ardell Shindledecker 1943-1945; Hulett Arnold Ohl 1945-1951; Peter Audley Galbreath 1951-1956; Jack Pearson Boyd 1956-1959; Max Wayne Cramer 1959-1965; William Lester Karns 1965-1967; Thomas Robson Dixon 1967-1969; George Oliver Elgin, Sr., 1969-1976; Reginald Gene Lilley 1976-1984; Loye Dale Startzell 1984-1990; **Harrisville:** Patricia Marie Nelson 1990-1998; Willard Stanley Morse 1998-2003; Jeffrey Thomas Saint Clair 2003-2006; William Edward Hastings 2006-2011; William Theodore Gilligan 2011-2014; R. Jeffrey Canter 2014-2018; **Harrisville/Forestville:** Kenneth Guy Miller 2018--.

HIGGINS CORNER

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location: Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1945

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Higgins Corner was on the Boyers Charge in the Grove City District. It was sold for \$150.00 in 1945.

Pastors: Higgins Corner: T. C. Henderson 1919-1920.

HILLIARDS

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 103 Railroad Street, Hilliards, PA 16040-0023

ID: 086337

Location: 103 Railroad Street, Hilliards, PA 16030-0023, in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1881

724/735-2242

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The oldest records date back to October 29, 1881 with worship services and Sunday School held in a local hall by several itinerant preachers. A Class was organized on January 12, 1895 with twelve full members and seventy-three on probation. A frame Church was moved from near Saint Petersburg and rebuilt. The first Quarterly Conference held in the Church was on October 19, 1895 with Reverend Charles Orville Mead, Presiding Elder of the Franklin District and Reverend John Ellsworth Iams, pastor. The Church was destroyed by fire on November 18, 1954. A brick structure was dedicated on May 30, 1959. The Church has had several circuit relationships but has been on the Boyers Charge since 1931. In 2001 it was on the Cornerstone Community Churches consisting of Argentine, Boyers, Eau Claire: Bethel, Hilliards and Ridgeville. The 1968 membership was 81. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 46. In 2021, Hilliards UMC is part of the Butler North Charge, together with the Eau Claire: Bethel and Boyers United Methodist Churches. Through their engaging worship, their sacrificial generosity, their gracious hospitality, and their creative outreach to their communities, these three congregations bear witness to the Gospel while creating the kind of Christ-centered environment where strong friendships can be built and where all are welcome.

Pastors: Hilliards: *Itinerant Pastors* 1881-1895; **North Hope Charge: Hilliards:** John Ellsworth Iams 1895-1896; **Big Run Charge: Hilliards:** James K. Adams 1896-1897; **North Hope Charge: Hilliards:** Gilbert Dawson Walker 1897-1899; **North Hope/Hilliards/West Sunbury:** Charles H. Quick 1899-1901; George Collier 1901-1902; John M. Crouch 1902-1904; David R. Palmer 1904-1906; Gilbert Dawson Walker 1906-1909; Samuel B. Bartlett 1910-1916; **Hilliards/North Washington:** Winfield Scott Ingersoll 1916-1918; Ralph Johnson 1918-1918; Robert Truesdale 1918-1919; **Hilliards/Argentine:** L. G. Wayne Furman 1919-1923; Chester W. McCaskey 1923-1926; Edward Charles Hasenplug 1926-1927; George Howard Palmer 1927-1929; Samuel Robert Maitland 1929-1930; George Brinton Nolder 1930-1931; **Boyers Charge: Boyers/Hilliards/Argentine:** Kenneth C. Moore 1931-1934; Frank Charles Timmis 1934-1937; Omar L. Winger 1937-1944; Homer Bell Davis 1944-1945; James Williamson 1944-1944; Everett F. Spring, Jr., 1945-1945; Clarence H. Klein 1945-1948; Leslie Lloyd Lyons 1948-1951; Bernard Charles Himes 1951-1959; George Brinton Nolder 1959-1965; Priscilla Love 1965-1968; **Boyers Charge: Boyers/Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Everett Raymond Hammond 1968-1876; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1976-1980; John William Seth 1980-1985; Lloyd Dice Tennies 1985-1989; Barbara Jill Moore 1989-1993; Siglinde Louise Becker 1993-1995; Kathleen Strong Soltis 1995-2001; **Cornerstone Community Churches: Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2001-2002; Robert Palmer *Associate* 2001-2002; **Ridgeville/Hilliards:** Robert Palmer 2002-2004; **Hilliards/Branchton/West Liberty:** Alfred James Lewis 2004-2013; **Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards:** Kathryn Anne Reitz 2013-2017; **Butler County North: Eau Claire: Bethel/Boyers/Hilliards:**

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Robert M. Schmidt 2017-2018; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins 2018-2021; Kathleen Strong Soltis 2021-2022; Raymond Straughn 2022--.

HILLSVILLE

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

1802-1996

Mailing Address:

ID: 086543 See Successor, Edinburg-Hillsville

Location: Hillsville, Mahoning Township, Lawrence County, on the east side of Main Street, approximately 1000 feet south of the intersection of Main Street and Church Hill Road.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. This historic church had its beginning in 1802 as a Class on the original Shenango Circuit under Circuit Rider Reverend Asa Shinn. The first building, a small round log structure, was built in 1823, on land deeded “to the Trustees in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church” by John and Elizabeth (Patterson) Zouvers. Hillsville Church was the first church in Mahoning Township, south of the Mahoning River, in what was at that time, a part of Mercer County. A second building was erected in 1849 and a frame building in 1897-1898. In 1930 it was included with the Edinburg Church on the Edinburg-Hillsville Charge. The membership in 1968 was 63. In 1996 Hillsville yoked with Edinburg and the records are with Edinburg. Shortly after the merger the Hillsville Church was torn down. The church cemetery remains on site. A memorial stone has been placed in memory and honor of the ministry of the Hillsville church. The Edinburg-Hillsville UMC closed June 30, 2009.

Pastors: Mount Jackson Circuit: Mount Jackson/Wampum/Hillsville/Mahoningtown: D. Allen Crowell 1869-1871; John E. Johnson 1871-1872; John Wellington Crawford 1872-1874; John Crum 1874-1876; Richard M. Bear 1876-1878; John Milton Crouch 1878-1880; Winfield Scott Shepard 1880-1882; John Eckles 1882-1884; James K. Mendenhall 1884-1886; **Mahoningtown:** James Calvin Rhodes 1886-1890; James M. Foster 1890-1892; Frank Randolph Peters 1892-1896; **Hillsville:** George Brenton Carr 1896-1898; Job L. Stratton 1898-1901; John E. Drake 1901-1904; Harvey M. Burns 1904-1905; William Branfield 1905-1907; Rufus Thatcher Cooper and Isaac E. George 1907-1908; Rome A. Parsons 1908-1910; Edgar D. Mowry 1910-1914; Robert George Thomas 1914-1918; *No Appointment* 1918-1919; William H. Garnett 1919-1921; Ira Scott 1921-1924; Leon Lacy Woodin 1924-1930; **Edinburg/Hillsville:** Elmer Orville Minnigh 1930-1933; Winfield Scott Ingersol 1933-1937; Arthur Albin Swanson 1937-1940; John H. Gresh 1940-1942; Everett F. Spring, Jr. 1942-1944; Ben Downs 1944-1945; Jack Pearson Boyd 1945-1947; Harry Lee Johnson 1947-1952; Henry D. Metcalf 1952-1954; James Williamson 1954-1958; John Eccles Calderwood Matthews 1958-1965; Donald Theodore Rainey 1965-1968; Dallas J. Beck 1968-1969; Roger Raymond Buzard 1969-1971; **Christ Parish: Edinburg/Hillsville:** Roger Raymond Buzard 1971-1972; John Irwin Colpetzer *October* 1972-1975; Lewis Edward Sickafuse 1975-1979; W. H. Mayer 1979-1980; Dallas Dean Shelley 1980-1981; Thomas Raymond Petrosky 1981-1983; John Edward Flower, Jr. 1983-1986; Keith Allan Dunn 1986-1987; **Pulaski/Edinburg/ Hillsville:** Hugh F. McKnight 1987-1989; Joan Miller 1989-1989; Richard Charles Russell 1989-1992; **Edinburg/Hillsville:** John Robert Fennell 1992-1996.

HILLSVILLE ITALIAN MISSION

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

18??-1949

Location: Lawrence County, PA, 7.8 miles west of New Castle and 1.2 miles east of the Pennsylvania-Ohio border, on the south side of the Mahoning River and at the top of a very steep road (Churchill Road) from the river level.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Hillsville Italian Mission changed its name to The Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915 when its last building was built. In 1948 the name was changed to Christ Methodist and the building was sold in 1949. The Italian Mission became New Castle: Christ in 1948.

Pastors: Hillsville Italian Mission: Charles Wesley Foulke 1904-1905; R. DiPadre 1905-1906; Angelo Giovanni Penninetti 1906-1907; Giorgio Vitale 1907-1908; Joseph Grisafi 1908-1910; Nicola Sabbaresa 1910-1912; Francesco Guglielmi 1912-1915; **Italian Methodist Episcopal:** Pasqueale D’Elia 1915-1926; Andrea Signore 1926-1928; *No Appointment* 1928-1929; Palmerio Chessa 1930-1932; Ugo Crivelli *Supply* 1932-1933; Ugo Crivelli 1933-1938; **New Castle: Italian:** Francisco P. Sulmonetti 1938-1948; **Hillsville: Italian /New Castle: Christ:** Francisco P. Sulmonetti 1948-1950.

HOMEWOOD

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1854

Butler District

Mailing Address: 127 First Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010-5771
ID: 096143

724/846-1212

Location: 127 First Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, 15010-5771, in the Borough of Homewood, on Route 18 in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was organized by a group of interested persons who met at Smith Schoolhouse on January 13, 1854 to plan for a “House of Worship.” Robert White donated a lot on Wallis Run Road for a Church building. The new church was named “White’s Chapel.” The congregation worshipped here for fifteen years. The second building was erected in 1869 and dedicated on January 9, 1870. It was placed on the Enon Valley Circuit in 1871 with Enon Valley, East Palestine, Clinton and Mines. In 1884 the Circuit was named Clinton-Homewood. Joined with Clinton and Koppel in 1940. Celebration of a centennial Anniversary was held September 1969. The membership in 1968 was 91. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 130. Homewood United Methodist Church is a small but vibrant and loving community of Christ-followers, located in a quiet and picturesque portion of Beaver Falls, PA. They are a congregation that feels like family, and are always eager to welcome new family members! At Homewood Church, they worship God with conviction, reach out to the community with an eagerness to bless, and love God and one another with a joy that is truly contagious.

Pastors: Enon Valley Circuit: White’s Chapel: John Zachariah Moore 1869-1870; William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1870-1871; J. C. Chapman 1871-1871; John J. Jackson 1871-1873; John G. Gogley 1873-1876; Jeremiah W. Kessler *Spring 1876-Fall 1876*; Samuel G. Miller *Fall 1876-1878*; James B. Gray 1878-1879; Cassius M. Westlake 1879-1880; William Fletcher Lauck 1880-1881; **Homewood Charge: Homewood:** William Kennedy Brown 1881-1882; James L. Deens 1882-1883; Oliver Hazard Perry Graham, Jr. 1883-1884; **Clinton-Homewood Charge: Homewood:** Oliver Hazard Perry Graham, Jr. 1884-1885; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1885-1889; William M. Medley, Sr., 1889-1891; Joseph William Garland 1891-1894; George A. Sheets 1894-1895; David M. Hollister 1895-1896; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1896-1897; Samuel H. Greenlee 1897-1898; Frank Howard Callahan 1898-1900; William H. McBride 1900-1902; Joseph James Buell 1902-1903; Andrew Smith Hunter 1903-1904; Robert D. Walker 1904-1906; Stewart O. Smith 1906-1907; Joseph E. Wright 1907-1908; Lowen Ormond Douds 1908-1910; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1910-1911; **Homewood Charge: Homewood:** William Hunter 1911-1913; Rufus H. Hofelt 1913-1913; F. S. Lourimore 1913-1914; William Brennehan 1914-1915; **Homewood/Koppel/Clinton:** Nicholas F. Richards 1915-1916; **Koppel Charge: Homewood:** Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1916-1918; James K. Pollock 1918-1919; **Koppel Charge/Homewood:** Arthur J. Jackson 1919-1920; **Homewood Junction/Hoytdale:** Howard Weston Jamison 1920-1921; E. W. Jarrett 1921-1923; S. A. Sheib 1923-1925; Roy D. Thompson 1925-1927; **Homewood/Wurtemberg:** Alson Moon Doak 1927-1929; Donald Zimmerman 1929-1930; J. E. Marshall 1930-1931; John Wesley Buono 1931-1931; William W. Wells 1931-1935; Lewis J. Wallis 1935-1936; **Homewood Circuit: Homewood:** Herman Fred Roney 1936-1937; J. S. Denning 1937-1939; William Ralph Wigton 1939-1940; **Homewood/Clinton/Koppel:** William Ralph Wigton 1940-1955; James Lyle Wilson 1955-1958; Robert Thomas Roche 1958-1962; Thomas A. Wildman 1962-1963; **Koppel Charge: Homewood:** Lawrence Thompson Meneely 1963-1974; Robert DeWayne Sayre 1974-1975; Timothy Mark Farabaugh 1975-1978; Richard Lee Downing 1978-1981; Brock Randal Beveridge 1981-*November 1, 1988*; Thomas Dwight D. Carr *January 1, 1989-1997*; Russell L. W. Smith 1997-1999; **Koppel Charge: Clinton/Koppel/ Homewood/Wampum:** Edward William Rogosky 1999-2001; **Koppel Charge: Clinton/Homewood/Koppel/ Beaver Falls: First:** Edward William Rogosky 2001-2003; **Beaver Falls: Central/Homewood/Koppel:** Cherrie Ann Andres 2003-*August 1, 2003*; **Homewood/Koppel: First:** Cherrie Ann Andres *August 1, 2003-2007*; Nathan W. Carlson 2007-2010; **Homewood/Volant:** Gary Lee Hilton 2010-*December 31, 2012*; **Homewood/Volant/Koppel: First:** Gary Lee Hilton *January 1, 2013-2014*; **Beaver Valley Unified: Clinton/Koppel/Homewood/Beaver Falls: Central:** Wayne Robert Cleary 2014-2016; **Ellwood City: First/Homewood:** Angelique O’Dette Bradford 2016-2021; **Homewood UMC** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2021-2022; **Beaver Falls: Central/Bennett’s Run/Homewood:** Janice M. Tronzo Davis 2022--.

HOPKINS CHAPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1808-1916

Location: Bell Acres Township, Big Sewickley Creek, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. A small group of Methodists was brought together by Reverend Thomas McClelland in 1808 or 1809. They met in homes. Reverend McClelland died in 1820 and the group became aimless and their meetings were more and more sporadic. Bishop Robert Hopkins, a tall man with a long white beard, visited the area in 1844. His eloquent preaching soon rekindled the religious fires of the area residents to

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the point to where funds were quickly raised to erect a house of worship on the farm of Matthew Ingram. The site chosen was a small plateau adjacent to a steep bluff which rises out of the bed of the Big Sewickley Creek. A brick structure was constructed the same year and dedicated by the Bishop, who also gave his name to the new chapel. It had old fashioned pine pews. The chapel was used continuously for the next seventy odd years. At times, only Sunday School services were held. Due to the sparsely settled population of the surrounding area, it was never financially feasible to retain a regular pastor. Matthew Ingram, father of T. R. Ingram, was one of the central figures in the church's history for many years. Hopkins Chapel was on the Sewickley Circuit with Sewickley, Blackburn and Franklin from 1856 until 1858. Near the turn of the century the Sewickley Methodist Church gave spiritual and financial help to the struggling congregation. This enabled them to effect several necessary repairs to the aging building, thus prolonging the life of the church. However, the church had to be condemned in 1916 and was torn down in the late 1930s or early 1940s by people who wanted the brick. In 1999 it was noted that the cemetery was badly damaged, some graves dug up and tombstones scattered in the woods. It was overgrown with vines and bushes and tombstones broken.

Pastors: Hopkins Chapel: Thomas McClelland 1808-1820; Robert Finley Hopkins, Joshua Monroe, Isaac P. Sadler, Daniel Patrick Mitchell, Isaac Newton Baird, Lancelot Robinson Beacom, Francis Daniel Fast, Adna Bradway Leonard, John McCarty, S. F. Fisher, Joseph Horner, Joseph Buchanan Risk.

INDUSTRY

BUTLER DISTRICT

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

186?-1970

Location: Industry, Beaver County, PA.

History: Evangelical United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. It grew out of a preaching place established by Reverend Christian Newcomer, one of the earliest congregations in the Allegheny Conference. The first worship services were held on the farm of George Engle. The first building, erected in 1865 stood along Wolf Run. The first pastor was Reverend Ezekiel Boring Kephart. The seats were slabs mounted on legs or sticks. A second building was erected in 1896 under the leadership of Reverend Elmer H. Barnhart and was dedicated by Bishop Ezekiel Boring Kephart November 7, 1898 and cost \$3,000. This church was extensively remodeled and the basement finished under the pastorate of Reverend E. E. Ormston in 1923-1924 at a cost of \$7,000 and rededicated May 7, 1924 by Dr. James S. Fulton. In 1970 when the Church closed, there were 129 members. Industry UMC merged with Midland United Methodist and the records went to Midland.

Pastors: Industry/Rochester: Ezekiel Boring Kephart 1866-1867; Martin Spangler 1869-1870; John Ludwig Baker 1870-1871; Martin O. Lane 1877-1878; James Cooper Sheerer 1878-1879; J. Goodwin Steiner (*partial year*) 1880-1880; Milton George Potter 1880-1881; William Ross Funk 1882-1884; Isaiah Potter Truxal 1884-1886; **Fairmount/Zion Charge/ Washington/ Industry/Allegheny:** Albert Day and Arthur Eddie Fulton 1887-1888; **Industry:** Arthur Eddie Fulton 1888-1889, Michael Burns Lorr Seneff 1889-1891; Martin P. Doyle, Elias A. Zeek, A. V. Vondersmith, C. H. Snyder; Benjamin Franklin Noon 1893-1894; Stephen H. Welch 1894-1895; Elmer Howard Barnhart and Isaiah Potter Truxal 1895-1896; C. E. Smith 1898-1899; **Beaver Falls: Christian Endeavor Memorial/Industry/Mount Union/ East Rochester:** James Julius Funk 1899-1901; Guy Daniel Fisher 1903-1904; Samuel Henry Ralston 1904-1906; **Industry:** C. W. Davis 1906-1907; **Industry/Mount Union:** Caleb L. Welch 1907-1912; **Industry/Beaver Falls: Christian Endeavor Memorial:** Caleb L. Welch and George Robert Alban 1912-1914; Caleb L. Welch and Oliver Thomas. Stewart 1914-1915, **Industry:** Arthur C. VanSaun 1915-1917; Alfred D. Thompson 1917-1918; Alvin H. Haire *May-September* 1919; Andrew Davidson *7 months* 1919-1920; Samuel J. Wilson 1919-1920; John Calvin Erb and Frank W. Case 1920-1921; **Industry/Mount Union/East Rochester:** George Edgar Hoey 1921-1923; **Industry/Sewickley: Little Hill:** Earl E. Ormston 1923-1924, Charles A. Weaver 1924-1926, William R. McKinney 1926-1927, Charles W. Gwynn 1927-1928; William J. Ritchey *October 30, 1930-March 1, 1931*; Frank B. Gilchrist *May 7, 1931-1932*; Millard Orion Mickey 1932-1936; **Industry:** Kenneth Myron Falstick 1936-1939; William David Good 1939-1941; John Winwood 1941-1944 (or 1942); Kenneth Myron Falstick 1945-1952; Robert Carl Jessell 1952-1955; Cyrus Wesley "Tim" Wion 1955-1959; David H. Gill 1959-1960; William Arthur West 1962-1964; William Clark Beal, Jr. 1964-1968; **Midland/Industry:** William Clark Beal, Jr. 1968-1970.

KARNS CITY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1874

Mailing Address: PO Box 89, Karns City, PA 16041-0089

724/756-6440

ID: 086350

Butler District

Location: 116 Petrolia Street, Karns City, on Route 268 in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Church was organized under Reverend David C. Plannette, pastor of the Fairview Charge, in 1874, although there had been services as early as 1870. Mrs. J. H. Abrams donated the land for the Church and parsonage. Both the Church and the Parsonage burned in 1915. A new brick Church was immediately constructed under the leadership of Reverend Thomas N. Ryder, which served until 1956 when it was enlarged during the ministry of Reverend Clarence Peter Dalton. It was completely re-modeled and re-furnished in 1962 under the ministry of Reverend John Herbert Clark. The Karns City Charge included Fairview and Kaylor during the years 1910-1925. Since then, the church has been on the Chicora Charge, which also included Kaylor from 1925-1956. A new parsonage was purchased in 1966 and is shared with the Chicora Church. The membership in 1968 was 241. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 241. In 2022, Chicora United Methodist Church and Karns City United Methodist Church form an active two-point charge in two different but geographically close Butler County communities. Both churches are known for their intentional hospitality, their commitment to mission and outreach, their Christian education and spiritual formation, and their joy-filled worship of God. Chicora UMC and Karns City UMC are the kinds of faith communities that feel like healthy families, and they are eager to move into a new season of ministry as they continue in the work of making disciples for Jesus and equipping people to live out their faith.

Pastors: Fairview Circuit: Karns City: David C. Pannette 1874-1875; Cearing Peters 1875-1878; Edgar Alexander Squier 1878-1879; **Karns City/Fairview Charge:** James Calvin Rhodes 1879-1882; **Karns City Circuit: Karns City:** Peter J. Slattery 1882-1883; Samuel Elmer Ryan 1883-1884; John N. Close 1884-1886; William Penn Graham 1886-1887; Lucien F. Merritt 1887-1888; William Marion Canfield 1888-1889; Beatty Parks Linn and I. G. Pollard 1889-1890; Henry A. Teets 1890-1892; Frederick Fair 1892-1895; Finney D. A. Sutton 1895-1897; Valentine F. Dunkle 1897-1898; Robert A. McIntyre 1898-1899; Sylvester Fidler 1899-1901; **Karns City/Fairview:** William J. Small 1901-1905; Austin J. Rinker 1905-1907; Labana H. Shindledecker 1907-1908; William Peter Lowthian 1908-1909; Samuel Long Mills 1909-1910; Lee Ralph Phipps 1910-1912; Robert Summerville 1912-1915; **Karns City/Kaylor:** Thomas N. Ryder 1915-1917; David Joslin Blasdel 1917-1920; Reuben Knight Rumbaugh 1920-1925; **Karns City Charge: Karns City/Chicora:** Robert Cook McMinn 1925-1929; Robert K. Skinner 1929-1931; Frank Hurlburt Frampton 1931-1941; Kenneth B. Lininger 1941-1943; Robert Cook McMinn 1943-1944; Howard L. Stull 1944-1947; Virgil Eugene Maybray 1947-1948; James Garfield Hanna 1948-1949; George Brinton Nolder 1949-1953; Walter Charles Herron 1953-1954; Clarence Peter Dalton 1954-1960; John Herbert Clark 1960-1964; Robert Florin Connor 1964-1966; Roger William Cramer, Sr. 1966-1967; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp 1967-1972; Donald Theodore Rainey 1972-1980; Russell Eugene Hawk 1980-1988; Earl Franklin Watterson 1988-1991; David Philip Zona 1991-1995; Jacqueline Dolores Bish 1995-2000; John Eugene Emigh 2000-2002; Glea Leann Bearfield Foster 2002-November 29, 2011 (*her death*); Wade Reitz Berkey 2012-2013; Alfred James Lewis 2013-2022; Beverly Kay Lilley Roscoe --.

KAYLOR

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: c/o/Linda Gaiser, 135 South Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025-3211

ID: 087148

Location: 382 State Route 68, Chicora, PA 16025.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1840

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The first Church was built in 1840. A new Church was built in 1924. The land is leased from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Membership in 1968 was 38. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 93. Transferred from Franklin District to Butler District in 2006.

Pastors: Kaylor: *Unknown* 1840-1901; **Karns City/Fairview/Kaylor:** William J. Small 1901-1905; **Kaylor/Chicora:** Richard Alfred Buzza 1904-1905; **Kaylor:** Willis S. Burton 1905-1906; Thomas Pollard 1906-1909; **Karns City/Kaylor:** Samuel Long Mills 1909-1910; Lee Ralph Phipps 1910-1912; Robert Summerville 1912-1915; Thomas N. Ryder 1915-1917; David Joslin Blasdel 1917-1920; Reuben Knight Rumbaugh 1920-1925; **Chicora/Kaylor:** Robert Cook McMinn 1925-1929; Robert W. Skinner 1929-1931; Frank Hurlburt Frampton 1931-1941; Kenneth B. Lininger 1941-1943; Robert Cook McMinn 1943-1944; Howard L. Stull 1944-1947; Virgil Eugene Maybray 1947-1948; James Garfield Hanna 1948-1949; George Brinton Nolder 1949-1953; Walter Charles Herron 1953-1954; Clarence P Dalton 1954-1956; **Queenstown/Kaylor:** Harry Lee Johnson 1956-1957; John Eccles Calderwood Matthews 1957-1958; **Sherrett/Queenstown/Kaylor:** Frederick Salter Bowes 1958-1960; **Sherrett/Wattersonville/Kaylor:** James Kamerer 1960-1963; **Sherrett/Kaylor/Wattersonville/Queenstown:** Richard Allen Eddinger 1963-

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1968; Hughie Gerald Osborn 1968-1978; David Lynn Wirick 1978-1983; Richard Lee Downing 1983-1987; Robert Clarence Watt *Associate July 1, 1985–February 9, 1994*; William George Griffith 1987-1993; W. Craig Smith 1993-2000; John P. James 2000-2003; Kathryn Anne Reitz 2003-2004; Linda Lou Dinger 2004-2005; **Kaylor/Queenstown/Robinson Chapel:** Thomas Marvin Sullivan 2005-*December 8, 2005*; **Kaylor/Queenstown:** Robert L. Martin *January 8, 2006-2007*; Thomas Roy Scott *September 1, 2007-2011*; Denise L. Mains 2011-2016; Edward Leroy Clarke 2016-2018; **Faith Community: Bruin/Kaylor/Queenstown:** Floyd H. Barnhart 2018--.

KOPPEL: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1909-2021

Mailing Address:

ID: 096223

Location: 2517 Second Avenue in the Borough of Koppel on the Beaver River, three miles west of Ellwood City in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Congregation grew out of a Class organized in the Warren Homestead on the New Galilee Road in Beaver Township in the spring of 1909. The first building was a Toby Factory used in 1909 and 1910. The congregation then moved into Koppel and used a rented building formerly used as a carpenter shop and tool building. The Koppel Public School was built in 1913 and a room in the school was used for Church School and Worship services. A new Church building was built in August 1914. The church prospered and the mortgage was burned in 1919. A parsonage was added on the adjoining lot in 1924. Clinton and Homewood Church were added to the Charge in 1940. A Church school and social auditorium was added in 1966 to care for the growing congregation. The membership in 1968 was 244. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 101. Koppel: First UMC closed June 30, 2021.

Pastors: Koppel: Lowen Ormond Douds 1908-1910; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1910-1911; **Homewood Charge: Koppel:** William Hunter 1911-1913; Rufus H. Hofelt 1913-1914; F. S. Laurimora 1913-1914; Nicholas Fox Richards 1914-1916; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1916-1918; **Koppel Charge:** James K. Pollock 1918-1919; **Homewood/Koppel:** Arthur J. Jackson 1919-1920; Walter Leslie Morgan 1920-1920; Harry McKee Fishel 1921-1921; Howard Weston Jamison 1921-1922; Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1922-1922; **Clinton Charge: Koppel:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1922-1923; John D. Brickford 1923-1923; S. A. Sheib 1923-1924; **Koppel Charge: Koppel:** Cecil Newton McCandless 1924-1925; Carl Albert Skoog 1925-1928; Gilbert Marian Conner 1928-1929; **Koppel/Chippewa:** Sherman Leroy Burson 1929-1934; Louis J. Wallis 1934-1936; Elmer Lewis Parks, Jr., 1936-1937; Jack Sheldon Spangler 1937-1939; Wayne Meredith Miller 1939-1939; William Ralph Wigton 1939-1955; **Homewood/Koppel/Clinton:** James Lyle Wilson 1955-1958; Robert Thomas Roche 1958-1962; Thomas A. Wildman 1962-1963; **Koppel Charge: Koppel: First:** Lawrence Thompson Meneely 1963-1974; Robert DeWayne Sayre 1974-1975; Timothy M. Farabaugh 1975-1978; Richard Lee Downing 1978-1981; Brock Ranald Beveridge 1981-*November 1, 1988*; Thomas Dwight D. Carr *January 8, 1989-1997*; Russell W. Smith 1997-1999; **Koppel/ Wampum/Clinton/Homewood:** Edward William Rogosky 1999-2001; **Clinton/Homewood/ Koppel/Beaver Falls: First:** Edward William Rogosky 2001-2003; **Beaver Falls: Central/Homewood/Koppel:** Cherrie Ann Andres 2003-*August 1, 2003*; **Homewood/Koppel: First:** Cherrie Ann Andres *August 1, 2003-2007*; Nathan W. Carlson 2007-2008; Donald Edgar Anderson 2008-*December 31, 2012*; **Homewood/Volant/Koppel: First:** Gary Lee Hilton *January 1, 2013-2014*; **Beaver Valley Unified: Clinton/Koppel/Homewood/Beaver Falls: Central:** Wayne Robert Cleary 2014-2016; **Wurtemberg/Koppel:** Chad Jeremy Bogdewic 2016-2018; Jay Franklin Sterling 2018-2021.

LANCASTER

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1???

Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1858 the Circuit consisted of Lancaster, Freedom, Baden, Concord, Plains, Unionville, Slippery Rock and Zelienople.

Pastors:

LEASURETOWN: FISK CHAPEL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1931

Location:

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1915 Fisk Chapel was on a Circuit with Knox Chapel at Cabot and Emory Chapel at Ekastown. It closed in 1931.

Pastors:

LITTLE STURGEON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1938

Location: Village of Sturgeon in Washington County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. It was in the Old Allegheny District. Sold in 1938.

Pastors:

McKEE CHAPEL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1881

Mailing Address: 349 Fenelton Road, Fenelton, PA 16034

724/297-5875

ID: 096280

Location: 349 Fenelton Road, Fenelton, PA, one and one-half miles east of Fenelton in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In its origins, this Church has a close relationship with the Fenelton Church. In October 1857 a Church building was erected on the Graff farm and used as a joint Methodist-Lutheran place of worship. During the Civil War the congregation dwindled to a few members and the Church was sold to Thomas Dipner and used as a granary. In 1881 Peter Fennell secured the services of Parks McKee and a revival meeting was held at Gospel Corners, the crossroads at Fenelton. It was determined to reorganize the Old Chapel. Thomas Dipner deeded the building to the congregation in 1881, and it has been in use since that date. McKee Chapel, Fenelton and Craigsville Church have always sustained a close relationship and in 1969 they constituted a three-point charge. The membership in 1968 was 91. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 48. These three churches of the Buffalo Charge, located on the eastern edge of the Butler District and each with its own history and temperament, share a common mission: to glorify God and to honor the name of Jesus Christ. Their core convictions are that the worship of the Triune God is of primary importance and that the Bible, as God's inspired Word, is the final authority in matters of life and faith.

Pastors: Craigsville Charge: Craigsville/Fenelton/McKee Chapel: Parks McKee 1881-1882; David Cupps 1882-1884; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1884-1886; Frank Prosser 1886-1888; Robert Irwin McKee 1888-1892; S. P. Douglas 1892-1893; William M. Medley, Sr., 1893-1894; Walter Bryant Bergen 1894-1895; Charles Wesley Hoover 1895-1900; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1900-1903; Charles C. Emerson 1903-1904; George Emerson Cable 1904-1908; Paul Sappie 1908-1911; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1911-1912; Daniel J. David 1912-1916; Ray H. Calderwood 1916-1919; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1919-*January* 1922; S. W. Wass *January* 1922-1922; Grant D. Swartout 1922-1922; Olin E. Rodkey 1922-1924; Loyola C. Matthews 1924-1926; Charles Leroy Cusick 1926-1928; Parker Wesley Large 1928-1933; Roy A. Beggs 1933-1935; Arthur Sellers 1935-1938; Charles T. Murdock 1938-1940; *No record* 1940-1941; William E. Baker 1941-1942; William Smith 1942-1943; William E. Baker 1943-1946; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1946-1948; Alvin Emory Bowser 1948-1956; Samuel Clement Dunning 1957-1958; Arnold Ardell Slagle 1958-1960; **McKee Chapel:** Leroy Denshore Barnhart 1967-1968; Hughie Gerald Orsborn 1968-*September* 1969; John Francis Osborne *October* 1, 1969-*January* 20, 1976; Harry Edward Sayre 1976-1976; **Fenelton Charge:** James Walter Hamilton 1976-*April* 1977; Charles Mervin Schwab *April* 1977-*June* 1977; Sharon Lynn Schwab 1977-1982; **Buffalo Charge: Craigsville/ Fenelton/McKee Chapel:** Sharon Lynn Schwab 1983-1999; Sherry Lynn Cook 1999-2008; Jeremy S. Andrews 2008-2010; To Be Supplied 2010-*August* 22, 2010; Sheila Rae Auer *August* 22, 2010-2016; Michael B. Coats 2016-2021; Harriet Edith Hutton 2021--.

MIDLAND

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1913-2011

Mailing Address:

ID: 096303

Location: 872 Beaver Avenue, at the corner of Ninth Street and Beaver Avenue in the Borough of Midland in Beaver County, PA.

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. On July 7, 1913 the charter of the Church was issued in the name of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Midland. The Church was organized in 1913 with nine charter members and in 1914 it had increased to 70 with an average attendance amounting to 125 to 150. In a year's time the Junior and Senior Epworth League, Ladies Society and all other auxiliaries of the Methodist Church were formed. Business meetings were held in the homes of members. However, Church services and Sunday School were held in the Nickelodeon on the site where the Legion Home is located. On January 15, 1915, lot No. 100, Plan D, was purchased from the Midland Improvement Company and on January 22, 1916 a lot was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Fike and Cyrus Cartwright. The Church was built in 1917. The membership in 1968 was 200. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 43. Midland UMC merged with Green Valley in 2011. Records went to Shippingport: Green Valley UMC.

Pastors: Midland: Joseph William Garland 1914-1915; George Lewis Bayha 1915-1918; Clay John Bland 1918-1919; William D. Sease 1919-1922; Oliver J. Watson 1922-1925; William James Law 1925-1927; Harry C. Critchlow 1927-1929; Reverend Jenny, First Christian Church, Beaver Falls, Supply 1929-1930; William R. Gregory 1930-1933; Robert N. Laing 1933-1934; **Midland/Smith Ferry:** Ralph Edward Spangler 1934-1935; Edward Harold Miller 1935-1936; Daniel Melroy Paul 1936-1938; John Forrest Steward 1938-1940; Harry G. Trimmer 1940-1943; Harry Valentine Leland 1943-1947; Thomas Duane Stewart 1947-1958; Leroy S. Cass 1958-1962; Robert Clyde Gumbert 1962-February 15, 1964; Willis Stanton Rivers 1964-1969; **Midland/Industry:** William Clark Beal, Jr., 1969-1970; **Midland/Shippingport:** William Clark Beal, Jr., 1970-1971; Denten Sharp Mann 1971-1974; Martin Boyd Hardy 1974-1977; Allen Lee Ricketts 1977-May 1980; **Midland/ Shippingport: Green Valley:** William James Marshall June 1980-May 15, 1985; Marvel Irene Timm 1985-1989; Rico James Vespa 1989-1994; **Midland/ Shippingport: Green Valley/Bethel of Beaver County:** Rica James Vespa 1994-2000; **Midland Ecumenical Parish: Midland United Methodist/Midland United Presbyterian/Shippingport: Green Valley:** Rico James Vespa 2000-2004; Susan M. McCombs Pickering 2004-2011.

MILLERSTOWN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 2830 Thompson Run Road, Tarentum, PA 15084-3538
ID: 096347

Location: 2830 Thompson Run Road, Tarentum, past the end of Bull Creek Road, near the intersection of Route 908 and Bull Creek Road, about six miles northwest of Tarentum, in Fawn Township, Allegheny County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The names of the founders of the Church are not known. The Church was built in 1853 on land donated by Benjamin Miller, one of the early settlers. It is believed that this parcel of ground was donated in 1852. The sanctuary, which is still in use, was erected of handmade bricks. In 1952, under the leadership of Reverend Mrs. Frances A. Athey who succeeded her husband, Reverend Lawrence F. Athey, as minister, an educational unit of three rooms was added. Under the leadership of Reverend George Campbell, the Church, in 1962, purchased two acres of land. The ground is used for parking and recreation, with future plans of erecting a new Church structure. The Church has been part of many circuits, therefore pastoral relationships cannot be readily traced. Millerstown and Bairdford were a two-point Charge in 2000 and in 2003 Millerstown and Creighton: Janes were a two-point Charge. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 135. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Millerstown is a little country church in Tarentum PA. Sitting a few yards away from Bull Creek (a tributary of the Allegheny River) Millerstown has, quite literally, weathered its fair share of storms and is committed to helping folks in the church and community weather their storms as well. Millerstown is mission-minded, welcoming, and kind. The church is committed to worshiping faithfully, living compassionately, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the world. At Millerstown, you will find open doors, and open hearts, and a place where everyone is welcome.

Pastors: Tarentum Circuit: R. Dawson 1855-1856; Robert Finley Hopkins 1856-1857; John Grant 1857-1859; John E. McGraw 1859-1861; Joseph Horner 1861-1863; Jeremiah W. Kessler 1863-1865; Wiley W. Roup 1865-1866; Robert Hamilton 1866-1868; **Millerstown/Springdale:** George Orbin 1868-1869; Morris B. Pugh 1869-1871; James B. Gray 1871-1874; Charles M. McCaslin 1874-1875; George Washington Cranage 1875-1876; W. Kennedy Brown 1876-1877; William Windsor Wythe 1877-1878; John Coleman High 1878-1879; George Washington Johnson 1879-1882; Joseph E. Wright 1882-1884; Matthew J. Montgomery 1884-1887; Robert Hamilton 1887-1890; **Tarentum Circuit:** Robert L. Hickman 1890-1891; Morris B. Pugh 1891-1892; **Millerstown/Hoboken (Blawnox):** John Wesley

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Otterman 1892-1893; **Tarentum Circuit:** Samuel M. Bell 1893-1894; James Alexander Ballantyne 1894-1896; Robert Thompson Miller 1896-1897; Henry Viant Givler 1897-1899; Joseph Paul Marlatt 1899-1902; T. G. Shellenberger 1902-1903; Robert D. Walker 1903-1904; Hibbard Gill Howell 1904-1906; Chester Arthur Clark 1906-1907; G. C. Wadding 1907-1908; James L. Duff 1908-1908; Hibbard Gill Howell 1908-1909; **Millerstown/Brackenridge:** William Malcolm Buzza 1909-1911; Joseph Christy Brown 1911-1912; F. Wineman 1912-1914; Homer W. Wood 1914-1915; **Millerstown/Natrona/Center:** Samuel Monroe Cousins 1916-1919; John Rodda 1919-1920; E. R. Hart 1920-1921; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1921-1922; **Campton (Natrona Heights) Circuit:** Cecil Newton McCandless 1922-1924; Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1924-1926; **Millerstown/Natrona Heights:** Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1926-1927; **Creighton: Janes/Millerstown:** Loyola C. Matthews 1927-1930; Charles Leroy Cusick 1930-1935; **Millerstown:** Lawrence F. Athey 1936-1939; Frances A. Hoffman Athey 1939-1953; **Millerstown/Braeburn:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1953-1954; **Millerstown/Walter's Chapel:** William Bramwell Huson 1954-1956; **Millerstown/Rogers Chapel:** Bramwell Huson 1956-1958; Lester Watters 1958-1959; **Millerstown:** George Wesley Campbell 1959-1964; Edward Merville Ashbaugh 1964-1965; Howard Glenn Rimer 1965-1979; Daryl William Harclerode 1979-1987; Sheryl Huff *Associate* 1986-1988; Robert Norman Janacek 1988-1996; Judith Elizabeth McFarland Leftwich 1996-*January 1, 2000*; **Millerstown/Bairdford:** William Ross Carroll, Jr. *January 1, 2000-2003*; **Millerstown/ Creighton: Janes:** Jeffrey Martin Conn 2003-2006; **Country Chapel Charge: Millerstown/Walter Chapel:** Darlene Kaye Martin Ryniec 2006-2014; **Sarver: Emory Chapel/Millerstown:** Darlene Kaye Martin Ryniec 2014-2016; **Millerstown:** Joshua Paul Demi 2016-2018; **Millerstown/Walter Chapel:** Joshua Paul Demi 2018-2020; Angela N. Ciarimboli 2020--.

MONACA

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 813 Indiana Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061-2125

ID: 096382

Location: 813 Indiana Avenue in the Borough of Monaca, Beaver County, PA.

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1858

724/775-6702

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1858 the David School House was made a preaching appointment on the Shousetown Circuit. Within a short time, the congregation meeting in the School House erected their own building, which they called McGuire Chapel. A number of the members living in Phillipsburg, as Monaca was then named, organized a Sunday School in the town. In 1866 this group erected a brick Church which was part of Circuit Charges until 1902 when it became a Station Appointment. A new brick Church building was erected in 1909. The membership in 1968 was 546. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 550. Aliquippa First United Methodist Church and Monaca United Methodist Church both have a long history of providing vital ministry in the southern portion of Beaver County. Located along the Ohio River in communities with rich industrial histories, in 2020 both churches are committed to offering creative worship, Christian education and spiritual formation for all ages, as well as missional outreach to their surrounding neighborhoods. Having cultivated a bold vision for strategic ministry in this new season, both churches have worked hard to develop a plan for a more cooperative relationship. This newly-formed two-point charge represents an important phase of the implementation of that plan.

Pastors: Shousetown Circuit: McGuire Chapel: Latshaw M. McGuire 1858-1860; John Wright and Levi S. Keagle 1860-1861; John J. Jackson and Harman H. Fairhall 1861-1862; John J. Jackson 1862-1863; Matthias Myers Eaton 1863-1864; Joseph V. Yarnall 1864-1865; **McGuire Chapel/Phillipsburg (Monaca):** Joseph V. Yarnall 1865-1866; Thomas Patterson 1866-1867; Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1867-1868; William H. Payne 1868-1869; **Phillipsburg (Monaca):** Jared B. Wallace 1869-1871; L. W. Baker 1871-1872; J. F. Huddleston 1872-1874; James Lafferty Stiffey 1874-1875; Daniel N. Stafford 1875-1877; Joseph E. Wright 1877-1879; A. F. Rich 1879-1880; J. H. Hull 1880-1881; David E. Day 1881-1883; **Shousetown Circuit: Phillipsburg (Monaca):** William Fletcher Lauck 1883-1884; James L. Deens 1884-1885; **Phillipsburg (Monaca) Charge:** David L. Dempsey 1885-1890; Albert H. Davies 1890-1893; **Name Changed to Monaca:** William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1893-1894; George Emerson Cable 1894-1897; John Montgomery Pascoe 1897-1899; Joseph Henry Laverty 1899-1903; Frederick D. Esenwein 1903-1906; Earl Creal Laverty 1906-1907; John J. Davis 1907-1908; Daniel L. Marsh 1908-1910; Thomas K. Fornear 1910-1913; Samuel H. Greenlee 1913-1914; William Floyd Hunter 1914-1915; James Arlington Younkens 1915-1917; Philip J. Chilcote 1917-1922; William L. Crawford 1922-1923; Wesley G. Mead 1923-1925; Edward Harold Miller 1925-1928; Carl Edson Chapman 1928-1930; Walter Leslie Morgan 1930-1931; William John Lowry 1931-1934; Ross Harlan Hunt 1934-1945; Hallie Blaine Moose 1945-1953; Harry Floyd Gotjen 1953-1957; John Calvin Cox 1957-1966; Delbert P. Remaley 1966-1967; Leroy Elmer Ickes 1967-1973; Duane LaVern Morford 1973-*March 15, 1980*; Richard Donnelly Markle 1980-1991; George Stephen Dran 1991-2005; Terry George Shaffer 2005-2006; Steven Bruce Mould 2006-

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May 31, 2012; David Russell Vaughn June 1, 2012-2017; Nancy Kaye Shute 2017-2020; **Aliquippa: First/Monaca:** Ross Todd Pryor 2020-December 31, 2021; James Robert Sands 2022--.

MONROE CHAPEL (HARMONY-ZELIENOPE)

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1834-1882

Location: Borough of Zelienville, in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Records indicate that the “Harmony Circuit” was established by Elder Joshua Monroe in 1834 which brought preachers to the Harmony-Zelienville area for the first time. In October 1842, a Charter was granted to thirty Christians for the first Methodist Society in this vicinity. A small building was erected on the corner of High and New Castle Streets in Zelienville. This building was called Monroe Chapel for Joshua Monroe, an early Methodist Presiding Elder, on the Allegheny District in 1835-1836, and was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in the area. In 1858 The Circuit consisted of Freedom, Baden, Concord, Lancaster, Plains (later called Dutilh), Unionville, Slippery Rock and Zelienville. In 1880 the people of Monroe Chapel purchased property on German Street in Harmony and built their first church. The church’s name was the “Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church.” On October 23, 1882 a charter was granted and the congregation became known as the Harmony-Zelienville Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pastors: Monroe Chapel: *Unknown* 1834-1842; Peter M. McGowan and Jeremiah Phillips 1842-1843; Charles Carroll Best and Washington C. Morris 1843-1844; John White and John L. Williams 1844-1845; John L. Williams and William Cooper 1845-1846; Robert J. White 1846-1848; Joshua Monroe 1848-1849; John Murray 1849-1851 Albert G. Williams 1851-1852; Andrew Huston 1852-1854; James Borbidge 1854-1856; John Ansley 1856-1858; **Harmony Circuit: Freedom/Baden/Concord/Lancaster/Plains (Dutilh)/Unionville/Slippery Rock/ Zelienville.** Samuel Crouse 1858-1860; Thomas Storer 1860-1862; **Butler/Harmony: Monroe Chapel** Abraham J. Rich and Albert Baker 1862-1863; **Harmony: Monroe Chapel:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1863-1864; *To Be Supplied* 1864-1866; Artemus E. Ward 1866-1867; **Harmony: Monroe Chapel/Brownsdale:** George Washington Cranage and W. H. Bayne 1867-1868; George Washington Cranage 1868-1869; **Harmony: Monroe Chapel:** George Orbin 1869-1872; John Zachariah Moore 1872-1873; Thomas Cannon Hatfield 1873-1875; Joseph Walker Miles 1875-1876; Daniel N. Stafford *Fall* 1876-1878; John W. Richter 1878-1881; Theodore J. Shaffer 1881-1882.

MORADO

BUTLER DISTRICT

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

18??-1954

Location: Beaver Falls, PA.

History: Evangelical United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. Discontinued 1954.

Pastors: Beaver Falls: Immanuel (Riverview)/Morado: Joseph C. Wygant and Paul E. Miller *Associate* 1923-1926.

MORAVIA

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

18??-1920

Location: Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Moravia was on the Wampum Circuit in the New Castle District. It closed in 1920.

Pastors: Moravia: Samuel K. Paden 1859-1860; John McComb 1860-1861; Zaccheus W. Shaddock 1861-1862; For later pastors, see Wampum.

MOUNT JACKSON

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1849-19??

Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Mount Jackson Church was at times on a Circuit with Edinburg, Mahoningtown, or Hillsville. It is not listed in charges having more than one preaching place in the list of 1913, but in October of 1918, Rev. Zachariah H. Bruce wrote, “Mount Jackson was destroyed by fire (in 1915) just after repairing it by a new slate roof, replastering, new carpet, new pulpit furniture and the outside painted. It was a sad day

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for us. After months, we had a meeting in the school house at Mount Jackson. Rev. McCamey and Rev. R. G. Thomas and all members were present, and after a very helpful sermon on making coffins or making crowns by District Superintendent McCamey, we held a meeting and decided to build a chapel. After paying our outstanding bills, the balance of the insurance, which is ten hundred dollars is to be put into a bank on interest until such time as it may be needed.” When the building project was abandoned, the record book that survived the fire went to Hillsville.

Pastors: Mount Jackson: Henry Winans and Richard M. Bear 1849-1850; John Graham 1850-1852; William Monks 1852-1854; Stephen Herd 1854-1855; H. P. Henderson 1855-1856; **Edinburg Circuit: Edinburg/Mount Jackson:** Samuel K. Paden 1856-1857; **Mount Jackson:** Samuel L. Wilkinson 1857-1858; Thomas G. McCreary 1858-1860; John Thomas Boyle 1860-1862; Thomas Radcliffe 1862-1864; T. G. Thompson 1864-1866; Joseph Ford Hill 1866-1868; J. B. Clover 1868-1869; D. Allen Crowell 1869-1871; William Branfield 1871-1874; Lewis Wicke 1874-1876; Richard M. Bear 1876-1878; J. M. Crouch 1878-1880; W. S. Shepard 1880-1882; John Eckles 1882-1884; James K. Mendenhall 1884-1886; **Mahoningtown/Mount Jackson:** James Calvin Rhodes 1886-1890; James M. Foster 1890-1892; Frank Randolph Peters 1892-1897; Charles Wesley Foulke 1897-1900; **New Castle: Mahoning/Mount Jackson:** John Fletcher Black 1900-1904; **Hillsville/Mount Jackson:** Harvey M. Burns 1904-1905; William Branfield 1905-1907; Rufus Thatcher Cooper and Isaac E. George 1907-1908; Rome A. Parsons 1908-1910; Edgar D. Mowry 1910-1914; Robert George Thomas 1914-1915; Unknown 1915-*October* 1918; Zachariah Hall Bruce *October* 1915-*unknown*.

NATRONA METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1852-1995

Mailing Address:
ID: 096405

Location: 3 Philadelphia Avenue, on the corner of Philadelphia Avenue and Wood Street in the town of Natrona, between Route 28 and the Allegheny River, approximately 22 miles north of Pittsburgh, in Allegheny County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. At first, a United Presbyterian Church existed in Natrona for all Protestants denominations. The nearest Methodist Churches were in Freeport and Tarentum. The first building was started in 1852 on Railroad Street, now Blue Ridge Avenue, on ground given by the Penn Salt Chemical firm. It was dedicated on October 27, 1864, during the pastorate of Reverend Jeremiah W. Kessler. The ground on which this Church was located was reclaimed by Penn Salt when the firm deeded the plot for the church’s site to the Natrona Methodist Episcopal congregation, in 1913. In 1913, during the pastorate of the Reverend Daniel M. Paul, the buff brick church and parsonage were erected at the corner of Philadelphia Avenue and Wood Street at a cost of \$50,000.00. The Church and parsonage were built as a unit and were so dedicated on July 26, 1914. In 1952, October 5 to 26, The Natrona Methodist Church held its Centennial Observance, “A Century of Christian Service”, during the pastorate of Reverend William E. Collins. Natrona was a part of a two-point charge with Tarentum between the years 1864 and 1886, at which time it became a Station church with its own minister. In 1995 it “administratively blended” with the Natrona Heights: Grace United Methodist Church, for pastorate care and ministry. Both buildings are being used. The membership on January 1, 2000 was included with Natrona Heights: Grace Church. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Merged with Natrona Heights: Grace September 1, 1995.

Pastors: Tarentum/Natrona: Jeremiah W. Kessler 1863-1865; Wiley W. Roup 1865-1866; Robert Hamilton 1866-1869; Wesley Smith 1869-1870; Wesley Daws Stevens 1870-1872; Frederick W. Vertican 1872-1884; John Conner 1874-1876; Ezra Morgan Wood 1876-*Fall* 1877; John S. Wakefield *Fall* 1877-1880; Jacob Brenneman Uber 1880-1882; John Anderson Danks 1882-1884; William Davis Slease 1884-1886; **Natrona:** Wesley G. Mead 1886-1888; William Johnson 1888-1893; Edward Williams 1893-1895; James Arlington Younkens 1895-1900; Henry Conley Beacom 1900-1902; Alson Moon Doak 1902-1904; George M. Kelley 1904-1907; Charles T. Murdock 1907-1911; Daniel Melroy Paul 1911-1915; William Floyd Hunter 1915-1918; William L. Crawford 1918-1922; Thomas Morgan Dunkle 1922-1925; Oliver B. Patterson 1925-1930; Alvin Elramon Yeager 1930-1931; James E. Lutz 1931-1935; Robert W. Jackson 1935-1937; Hallie Blaine Moose 1937-1945; Carl Edson Chapman 1945-1947; William Eugen Collins 1947-1957; Frank W. Shaffer 1957-1957; William Adelbert Cassidy 1957-1961; Robert Florin Connor 1961-1962; Edwin Phillip Wilson 1964-1967; Joseph Warren Jacobs 1967-1969; Edward Merville Ashbaugh 1969-1972; John Vickers Spahr 1972-1974; John Albert Squires 1974-*October* 31, 1988; Ruth Marie Donahue 1989-1991; Jacqueline Delores Bish 1992-*September* 1, 1995.

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NATRONA HEIGHTS: CENTER

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1575 Donnellville Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065-3001

ID: 095811

Location: 1575 Donnellville Road and Ridge Road in Fawn Township, three miles north of Tarentum in Allegheny County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1868

724/226-2300

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation was organized March 30, 1867 as the Union Centre Church. The original frame Church, with basement, was built in 1867 and placed on the Millerstown Circuit. At different times it has been on a Charge with the following Churches: Freeport, Compton (Natrona Heights), Ekastown, Brackenridge and Natrona. The last circuit arrangement was with Janes Church in Creighton which ceased in 1961 when a parsonage was built at Center and the first full time minister was appointed. A basement first unit for a new Church was consecrated in 1960. The original Church was razed and the parsonage constructed on the site. A sanctuary and additional classrooms above the basement were dedicated in 1971. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 495. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

Pastors: Union Centre: William H. Tibbles 1867-1868; George Orbin 1868-1869; Morris B. Pugh 1869-1871; James B. Gray 1871-1873; Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1873-1876; Matthew McK Garrett 1876-1878; Silas Thayer Mitchell 1878-1879; Milton Mechesney Sweeney 1879-1881; Henry James Altsman 1881-1882; Charles Wesley Miller 1882-1884; C. E. Cupps 1884-1887; Wesley G. Mead 1887-1888; William Johnson 1888-1891; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1891-1893; John J. David 1893-1896; James B. Gray 1896-1898; Edgar Perry Harper 1898-1901; Alfred Cookman Elliott 1901-1902; T. G. Shallenberger 1902-1903; Robert D. Walker 1903-1904; Hibbard G. Howell 1904-1906; Chester Arthur Clark 1906-1907; G. C. Wadding 1907-1908; Charles T. Murdock 1908-1911; Daniel Melroy Paul 1911-1912; Paul Weyman 1912-1914; J. H. Rhea 1914-1916; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1916-1918; J. H. Rhea 1918-1919; John Rodda 1919-1920; William M. Lockard 1920-1922; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1921-1922; Cecil Newton McCandless 1923-1924; Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1924-1926; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1926-1927; Loyola C. Matthews 1927-1930; Charles Leroy Cusick 1930-1935; Samuel H. Greenlee 1935-1938; William James Law 1938-1940; Harry Monroe Peterson 1940-1942; Thomas Duane Stewart 1942-1945; George S. Stephens 1945-1953; Robert Henson Ling 1953-*November* 1954; Paul John Meuschke *November* 1954-1959; James Elmer Breakiron 1959-1961; Clifford Earl Buell 1961-1964; Henry F. King 1964-1965; Joseph Peter Trunzo 1965-1968; John Ross Thompson 1968-*October* 1980; Edward David Streets *Associate* 1979-1982; William E. Burdick *November* 1, 1980-1982; James Richard Wagner 1982-1994; Susan Ruth Hutchins 1994-1997; James Edward Gascoine 1997-2009; James Hartley Ritchie, Jr. 2009-2015; Christopher Drew Myers 2015--.

NATRONA HEIGHTS: GRACE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065-1134

ID: 096427

Location: 1333 Freeport Road in Natrona Heights, Harrison Township on Route 28, in Allegheny County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1877

724/224-7663

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation has its origin in a prayer meeting in the home of Samuel R. Montgomery, Sr. in 1877. First a lime shed, then a storeroom in the community of Pleasantville were used as places of worship. In 1894 the Pleasantville Church was erected. In 1914 Mrs. Elizabeth Bender donated two lots at Keystone and Second Streets in the Compton Community, and a Church was erected on them being dedicated August 30, 1914. The site on Route 28 was secured in 1922. The first unit of the building was dedicated on April 5, 1925. At that time the name was changed from Compton to Grace Church of Natrona Heights. The Church building was dedicated August 5, 1928. During the depression of the 1930s, the Church property was saved through the sponsorship of the Methodist Church Union. The parsonage was lost during the time of financial difficulties. Another parsonage on California Avenue was donated by Samuel R. Montgomery, Jr. in 1940. The mortgage was finally paid off in 1948 and in 1957 the Nate Danver and Hrivnak properties adjoining the Church were purchased. On these properties a new educational building and youth center was erected in 1963 at a cost of \$750,000.00. A strong youth activity and musical program featured the work of this Church. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 518. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. 2004. In the heart of the Pittsburgh area's Allegheny Valley, Freeport UMC and Natrona Heights Grace UMC have both a vibrant history and a future that is rich with potential. Both congregations navigated the pandemic with patience and compassion and now look forward to a post-pandemic resurgence of creative worship, high-impact outreach, and a joyful commitment to sharing the love of Jesus. In 2021,

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the churches want to be known for their radical hospitality, their commitment to Biblical teaching and consistent disciple-making, and their unwavering devotion to Jesus, his grace, his Lordship, and his love. They are entering a new season of figuring out how best to build some Christ-shaped bridges between the hearts of our people and the deepest needs of our communities. They love being a Christ-honoring United Methodist presence in the Allegheny Valley!

Pastors: Pleasantville: *Unknown* 1877-1894; Edward Williams 1894-1895; James Arlington Younkens 1895-1900; Henry Conley Beacom 1900-1902; Alson Moon Doak 1902-1904; George M. Kelley 1904-1907; Charles T. Murdock 1907-1911; *To Be Supplied* 1911-1912; F. E. Wineman 1912-1913; J. H. Rhea 1913-1915; Compton: Robert Porter Graham 1915-1916; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1916-1919; John Rodda 1919-1920; E. R. Hart 1920-1921; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1921-1922; Cecil Newton McCandless 1922-1924; **Natrona Heights: Grace:** Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1924-1926; Lawrence L. Stahl 1926-1930; Oscar John Rishel 1930-1935; George A. Fallon 1935-1939; Wallace Guy Smeltzer 1939-1943; Robert Harlan Cairns 1943-1981; Jack Fowlow Emerick 1981-*January 1, 2001*; Harold Pat Albright *Interim January 1, 2001-2001*; Lee Andrew Moore 2001-2003; Richard H. Nulph 2003-*August 25, 2006*; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp *Interim October 15, 2006-2007*; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp 2007-2008; Justin Robert Judy 2008-2011. **Natrona Heights: Grace/Creighton: Janes:** Justin Robert Judy 2011-2014; **Allegheny River West Bank: Natrona Heights: Grace/Creighton: Janes/Walter Chapel:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2014-2015; **Freepport/Natrona Heights: Grace:** James Grant Young 2015-2016; Dawn Lynn Funk Check 2016-2018; Andrew Paul Spore 2018-2021; Diane Curry Randolph 2021--.

NEW BEDFORD

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1927-1944

Location: One mile from the Ohio line in Lawrence County, Grove City District.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Closed and permission to sell in 1944. \$1,000 proceeds went to Grove City District Parsonage.

Pastors: New Bedford: George E. Shaffer 1927-1936; Not listed as an appointment after 1945.

NEW BRIGHTON

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

2007

Mailing Address: 1033 Sixth Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066-2029

724/843-3774

ID: 096484 See Predecessor, New Brighton: First

Location: 1033 Sixth Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066 in Beaver County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. New Brighton is a merger in 2007 of three New Brighton Churches--First, Fifth Avenue and Grace UMCs. In 2007 they were on with Freedom to make a new charge – New Brighton/Freedom. The New Brighton United Methodist Church is celebrating its 12th year of existence, but the parent churches have been serving New Brighton and the Beaver Valley for more than 182 years. Together they have formed a strong congregation determined to “Make Disciples” and serve the community through Christian fellowship, worship, education, and activity. NBUMC is proud of its “Mission-to-Mission” sale which provides clothing and household goods at a reasonable price, to the less fortunate, as well as its sponsorship of several other outreach programs: 1) “NBUMC Pre-School” in its 49th year, 2) New Brighton Soup Kitchen, 3) “Trail Blazers” after-school program, 4) New Brighton School District “Reading Buddies,” 5) New Brighton School District fall activities bus, 6) United Methodist Men’s dinners, 7) “JOY” Lunches, 8) New Brighton “Lenten Lunches,” and more. NBUMC is truly a hub of Christian activity within the valley. The 100-member Beaver Valley Choral Society is celebrating its 40 years of being hosted at NBUMC, where they rehearse weekly and perform. NBUMC is a strong supporter of the arts. Within the church, NBUMC has an active United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, choir, and various boards that coordinate and support its Christian work, education, and mission. NBUMC is always eager to expand its outreach into the community and to “Make Disciples” whenever and wherever possible.

Pastors: New Brighton/Freedom: Rico James Vespa 2007-2008; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2007-2008; Rita Sharon Platt-Anderson 2008-2012; **New Brighton:** Tracy June Weigant Cox 2012-2014; Robert Scott Berkley 2014-2019; Gary Lee Hilton, Jr. 2019--.

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NEW BRIGHTON: FIFTH AVENUE **METHODIST PROTESTANT – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

BUTLER DISTRICT
1842-2007

Mailing Address:

ID: 096462

Location: 1009 Fifth Avenue in the Borough of New Brighton in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Protestant – Pittsburgh Conference. Reverend Phineas Inskeep of the Wellsville Circuit organized the Church as a Methodist Protestant Mission in 1842. There were twenty-five names on the membership list and they met in a small building located on the northeast corner of Third Avenue and Twelfth Street. In 1843 a Church edifice, known as the First Methodist Protestant Church of New Brighton, was erected on a site given by Hugh Robinson and located at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Thirteenth Street and served as a place of worship for nearly twenty years. In March of 1860 the Society became a corporate body, the charter was signed and work began on the erection of a new building. Leadership was in the hands of Reverend Dr. William Reeves and his wife, the Reverend Mrs. Hannah Reeves. Under their guidance the ground floor of the new structure was finished in time for the Pittsburgh Conference Methodist Protestant Church to hold its twenty-eighth annual session on September 4, 1861. Two years later, in 1863, the second story was completed which included also the steeple and the bell. The history continues with extensive repairs from 1866 through 1873 when under the pastorate of Reverend Dr. David Jones the tower was at last completed as per the original design. In 1898 Reverend William Henry Gladden dedicated the newly installed Pipe Organ on Easter Sunday morning. With Methodist reunion in 1939 we ceased to be known as the First Methodist Protestant Church of New Brighton” and became known as the “Fifth Avenue Methodist Church.” In the 1950s a piano was purchased and many repairs and improvements were made to the church. A new parsonage was purchased. A new console for the organ was purchased in 1964. The membership in 1968 was 353. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 115. New Brighton: Fifth became part of New Brighton Church in 2007 which was a merger of New Brighton: Fifth, New Brighton: First, New Brighton: Grace and Freedom. New Brighton Churches were rotated for worship. The three New Brighton United Methodist Churches merged in 2007 to form a new church called New Brighton. It was on with Freedom to make a new charge called New Brighton/Freedom. Church Records went to New Brighton: First.

Pastors: Wellsville Circuit: New Brighton: First Methodist Protestant: Phineas Inskeep 1842-1843; James W. Piper 1843-1844; Jeremiah Leech Simpson 1844-1845; John C. Hazlett 1845-1846; **New Brighton Circuit:** George Beamish McElroy 1846-1848; Nelson Watson 1848-1849; Robert T. Simonton 1849-1850; **New Brighton Mission:** William Reeves 1851-1852; Samuel Jennings Dorsey 1852-1853; Alexander Marple 1853-1855; *To Be Supplied* 1855-1856; William Reeves 1856-1862; Alexander Clark 1862-1863; David Jones 1863-1865; William Reeves 1865-1866; **New Brighton:** Thomas Henry Colhouer 1866-1868; Samuel Ferry Crowther 1868-1870; David Jones 1870-1880; Alfred F. Pierce 1880-1881; Arthur D. Brown 1881-1886; George G. Conway 1886-1891; A. R. Reynolds 1891-1893; George Bolton Deakin 1893-1895; William Henry Gladden 1895-1899; Albert Thomas Steele 1899-1901; Alfred E. Fletcher 1901-1905; Elbert Clarence Lane 1905-1909; Charles Fayette Swift 1909-1910; Alfred Henry Ackley 1910-1913; Francis William Perkins 1913-1919; George C. Carpenter 1919-1922; Thomas Milton Gladden 1922-1925; Charles Moody Smith 1925-1930; Francis Clayton Viele 1930-1934; Harold Inghram Zook 1934-1938; Willard Myron Douglass 1938-1939; **Name Changed to New Brighton: Fifth Avenue:** Willard Myron Douglass 1939-1941; Richard Beatty Callahan 1941-1944; William Henry Schatz 1944-1951; Cecil Webster Campbell 1951-1955; George M. Hartung 1955-1957; Charles Strayer Loney 1957-1961; Wayne Meredith Miller 1961-1962; Howard Nelson Boyd 1962-1969; Sylvan Jerry Berman 1969-1974; Frank Thomas James 1974-1977; Harry Clayton Prince 1977-*November* 1978; Ray Edward Gnagey *November* 1, 1978-1983; Raymond Ernest Lyon 1983-1988; Robert Clyde Gumbert 1988-1990; **New Brighton Parish: Fifth Avenue/New Brighton: First:** David Henderson Lindberg 1990-1992; Donald Arthur Stinson 1992-*November* 15, 1996; Lola Jean Turnbull 1996-1999; **New Brighton Parish: Fifth Avenue/New Brighton: Grace:** Audrey Dayen Baldwin 1999-2004; Rico James Vespa 2004-2006; **New Brighton: New Brighton: Fifth/New Brighton: First/New Brighton Grace/Freedom:** Rico James Vespa 2007-2007; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2007-2007.

NEW BRIGHTON: FIRST **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

BUTLER DISTRICT
1837-2007

Mailing Address:

ID: 096484 See Successor, New Brighton

Location: 1033 Sixth Avenue in the Borough of New Brighton, Beaver County, PA

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. A Sunday School was organized in a School House in New Brighton on May 8, 1837. In 1840 New Brighton was made the head of the New Brighton Circuit with Reverend Edward Birkett, the Circuit Rider. The Circuit continued until 1859 when New Brighton became a Station appointment. The first Church was built in 1848 on Sixth Avenue. The Charter of the Church is dated February 8, 1849. A second Church building was erected in 1868 at Fourth Avenue and Eleventh Street. In 1895 one hundred seventy-six members withdrew from the membership of First Church and organized the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church congregation. The Church at Sixth Avenue and Eleventh Street was built in 1904. The new educational wing was added in 1959. The membership in 1968 was 671. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 309. New Brighton: First became part of New Brighton Church in 2007 which was a merger of New Brighton: Fifth, New Brighton: First, New Brighton: Grace and Freedom. New Brighton Churches were rotated for worship. The three New Brighton United Methodist Churches merged in 2007 to form a new church called New Brighton. It was on with Freedom UMC to make a new charge called New Brighton/Freedom.

Pastors: Beaver Circuit: New Brighton: Zarah Hale Coston and Joseph L. Ray 1837-1838; Abner Jackson and Jeremiah Knox 1838-1839; William W. Stevens and Abner Jackson 1839-1840; **New Brighton Circuit: New Brighton:** Edward Birkett 1840-1841; Joshua Monroe 1841-1842; Joshua Monroe and William Fletcher Lauck 1842-1843; Gideon D. Kinnear and William Fletcher Lauck 1843-1844; Gideon D. Kinnear and John Wesley Baker 1844-1845; David R. Hawkins and William Page Blackburn 1845-1846; David R. Hawkins and John Fawcett Nessly 1846-1847; George McCaskey and John R. Shearer 1847-1848; George McCaskey and Aaron H. Thomas 1848-1849; William Devinney and John Ansley 1849-1850; Hugh Dunn Fisher and Josiah Dillon 1850-1852; Marcellus A. Ruter and John Grant 1852-1853; Marcellus A. Rutter and John Murray 1853-1854; James Beacom and Walter Hensen and Jacob Keiss Miller 1854-1855; James Beacom and Francis Daniel Fast 1855-1856; Samuel Crouse 1856-1857; Samuel Crouse and Benjamin F. McMahan 1857-1858; Thomas Jefferson Higgins 1858-1859; **New Brighton: First:** Thomas Jefferson Higgins 1859-1860; Abraham J. Rich 1860-1862; William Brown Watkins 1862-1864; Sylvester F. Jones 1864-1865; James Jackson McIlyar 1865-1868; James R. Mills 1868-1870; James Henderson 1870-1871; James L. Deens 1871-1874; Ezra Morgan Wood 1874-*Spring* 1876; Joseph A. Swaney *Spring* 1876-1878; Matthew McKendree Garrett 1878-1881; John Conner 1881-1884; William Pitt Turner 1884-1887; William Brown Watkins 1887-1890; Samuel H. Nesbit and Harry Stevenson Free 1890-1891; Joseph Buchanan Risk 1891-1896; Charles Louis Edward Cartwright 1896-1899; James Bruce Taylor 1899-1900; Jacob Thomas Pender 1900-1902; Andrew J. Ashe 1902-1906; Grafton Trevor Reynolds 1906-1911; Frederick Alvah Gould 1911-1915; Alson Moon Doak 1915-1919; William G. Cole 1919-1922; Charles William Tinsley 1922-1924; Henry A. Welday 1924-1928; Harry Beeson Mansell 1928-1933; Harry David Rudolph 1933-1936; Albert Kirkby Travis 1936-1941; Franz Omar Christopher 1941-1945; Josiah Richard Osmond 1945-1948; William Egli Mays 1948-1953; William H. Buren 1953-1956; William Leroy Young 1956-1962; John Wesley Heiser 1962-1965; Clair Ralston Wick 1965-1968; Franklin David Hallman, Jr. 1968-1980; David Henderson Lindberg 1980-1992; Daniel Arthur Stinson 1992-*November* 15, 1996; Roger Raymond Buzard *November* 15, 1996-*November* 15, 1999; David Jordan Lutz *November* 15, 1999-2000; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2000-2007; **New Brighton: New Brighton: Fifth/New Brighton: First/New Brighton Grace/Freedom:** Rico James Vespa 2007-2007; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2007-2007.

NEW BRIGHTON: GRACE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1895-2007

Mailing Address:
ID: 096507

Location: 1101 Sixth Street, on the corner of Sixth Street and Eleventh Avenue in New Brighton, Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was organized on Wednesday evening, October 16, 1895 by the Reverend Asbury L. Petty, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District of the Pittsburgh Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church. Original name was Grace Methodist Episcopal Church and the membership was composed of 176 persons, all members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Brighton. First step toward organization was taken on the evening of October 3, 1895, when 20 persons gathered to consult about the matter and decided unanimously to organize. The second step was a public meeting in Grace Mission Chapel in 13th Avenue with a large number of persons present and enthusiastically in favor of organizing. On Sunday, October 13, 1895, the Reverend R. N. Leak, later to be appointed first pastor, preached to “large and interested congregations” in the morning and evening at the same place. Motivation for formation of the new congregation is not mentioned in historical records, but older members say a schism over management of money at First Church was responsible. The congregation first

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met at Grace Mission Chapel on 13th Avenue but by November of 1895 had moved to the Andre and Mali Building at 707-709 Third Avenue. This building was first leased, then bought, remodeled and improved in 1899 and 1901 and was used until 1917. Then the property was sold and the first unit of the present building was erected and put into use that same year. The new sanctuary and sub-structure were built in 1922 and with minor changes has continued to serve the congregation. The Church was a Station from the beginning. It was legally incorporated on April 27, 1896. In 1999 it became linked with New Brighton: Fifth Avenue to form the New Brighton Parish: Faith with New Brighton: Faith and New Brighton: Grace. The membership reported in the 1968 Journal was 518. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 210. New Brighton: Grace became part of New Brighton Church in 2007 which was a merger of New Brighton: Fifth, New Brighton: First, New Brighton: Grace and Freedom. New Brighton Churches were rotated for worship. The three New Brighton United Methodist Churches merged in 2007 to form a new church called New Brighton. It was on with Freedom to make a new charge called New Brighton/Freedom.

Pastors: New Brighton: Grace: R. N. Leak 1895-1896; John R. Wolf 1896-1898; Daniel Harper McKee 1898-1900; Joseph E. Wright 1900-1903; George M. Kelley 1903-1904; George Washington Grannis 1904-1905; Charles T. Murdock 1905-1907; Joseph William Garland 1907-1909; Robert Louis Erhard 1909-1913; Joseph Emil Morrison 1913-1915; William Rainie Moore 1915-1917; John William King 1917-1924; Clyde Lewis Nevins 1924-1926; Earl Creal Lindsey 1926-1930; Joseph Christy Brown 1930-1935; Ralph Edward Spangler 1935-1938; Oscar Burdeth Emerson 1938-1940; George Meade Dougherty 1940-1946; Cuthbert Elroy Haines 1946-1949; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1949-1951; James Robert Gray 1951-1954; Dalton William Davis 1954-1963; James Charlton Kelly 1963-1969; Benjamin Peter Ksaizek 1969-*November 1, 1971*; Robert Lee Critchlow *November 1, 1971-1975*; Ralph Waldo Huntsman 1975-1977; Emory Beggs Billingsley 1977-1985; Dean Earl Byrom 1985-1992; Nelson Thomas Thayer 1992-1996; Mary Catherine Halderman 1996-1998; David Sheldon Dempsey 1998-1999; **New Brighton Faith Parish: New Brighton: Grace/New Brighton: Fifth Avenue:** Audrey Dayen Baldwin 1999-2004; Rico James Vespa 2004- Rico James Vespa 2004-2006; **New Brighton: New Brighton: Fifth/New Brighton: First/New Brighton Grace/Freedom:** Rico James Vespa 2007-2007; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2007-2007.

NEW CASTLE: CHRIST
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE
Location: City of New Castle, in Lawrence County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT
1948-1965

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This church began as the “Italian Mission” church in 1904 and was named The Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915 when its last building was built. In 1948 the name was changed to Christ Methodist Church and then in 1965 it merged with Epworth Methodist Church.

Pastors: New Castle: Christ: Francisco P. Sulmonetti 1948-1951; Thomas Caliandro *January 1, 1951-March 1953*; Francesco Laurel Pizzuto *March 1953-1956*; Robert Blackwood Withers 1956-1959; Samuel H. Bradley 1959-1963; Robert Louis Trimble, Jr., 1963-1965.

NEW CASTLE: CITY MISSION
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE
Location:

BUTLER DISTRICT
1???-1910

History: Closed.

Pastors: New Castle City Mission/Highland Avenue: Charles Wesley Foulke 1906-*January 14, 1910 (his death)*.

NEW CASTLE: CROTON AVENUE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE
Mailing Address:
ID: 086840

BUTLER DISTRICT
1847-2020

Location: 910 North Croton Avenue in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church was organized in 1847 and was known as Crowtown Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation first met in a schoolhouse. The first church building was erected in 1850 on Dewey Avenue, and the name was changed to Shenango Methodist Episcopal Church in 1866. It was then rebuilt in 1893 and became a Station known as Croton Avenue Methodist Church. In 1911 the Sunday School section

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was added. In 1948 the sanctuary was remodeled. Before 1873 it was part of the Greenwood Charge and from 1877 to 1880 it was part of the New Castle: Epworth Charge. From 1880 to 1893 it was with Greenwood and was known as the Shenango Charge; then in 1893 it returned to a Station appointment. The membership in 1968 was 381. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 199. In 2020, New Castle: First and King's Chapel merged with New Castle: Epworth and New Castle: Croton Avenue to form New Castle: Grace UM Ministry.

Pastors: Crowtown: Reuben J. Edwards 1847-1849; Ebenezer B. Lane 1849-1851; John W. Wilson 1851-1852; John Lytle 1852-1854; Isaac Scofield 1854-1855; Frederick Vernon 1855-1856; **Harrisville Circuit: Crowtown:** Thomas G. McCreary 1856-1858; John M. Greene 1858-1859; Charles R. Patee 1859-1860; **East New Castle/ Crowtown:** Robert W. Scott 1860-1861; **Harrisville Circuit: Crowtown:** John G. Thompson 1861-1863; **Pleasantville Circuit: Crowtown:** John Crum 1863-1864; **Greenwood/Crowtown:** Ebenezer Bennett 1864-1866; **Name Changed to Shenango Methodist Episcopal:** Ebenezer Bennett 1866-1867; James H. Merchant 1867-1869; John E. Johnson 1869-1870; James M. Foster 1870-1872; Lewis Wick 1872-1873; **New Castle Circuit: Shenango:** Leonard Everett Beardsley 1873-1874; John A. Ward 1874-1875; **Greenwood/Shenango:** Charles W. Darrow 1875-1876; **New Castle: Epworth Charge: Shenango:** James Calvin Rhodes 1876-1877; John W. Blaisdell 1877-1878; Orville Lockwood Mead 1878-1880; **Shenango Charge: Shenango/Greenwood:** Samuel K. Paden 1880-1881; Charles W. Reeves 1881-1882; Frank Randolph Peters 1882-1884; Arza Ozial Stone 1884-1885; John C. Gillette 1885-1889; *No record* 1889-1890; **Shenango Charge: Shenango:** Charles Wesley Foulke 1890-1893; **Name Changed to New Castle: Croton Avenue:** Charles Wesley Foulke 1893-1895; Louis W. Elkins 1895-1898; Winfield Scott Shepard 1898-1901; Samuel Alexander Smith 1901-1904; Samuel Long Mills 1904-1905; Job L. Stratton 1905-1910; Charles Coburn Merrill 1910-1914; Homer S. Phipps 1914-1916; William Penn Graham 1916-1917; Emerson H. Jones 1917-1918; C. C. Campbell 1918-1920 David Ralph Dunn 1920-1926; Tate W. English 1926-1928; Charles Clyde Mohny 1928-1929; Clifford S. Joshua 1929-1934; Charles Harrison Hauger 1934-1937; Joseph Albert Cousins 1937-1941; Homer Bell Davis 1941-1944; Owen Williams Shields 1944-1950; Floyd A. Duncan 1950-1952; Jack M. Williams 1952-1955; Henry Arden Morris 1955-1957; George H. McGhee 1958-1960; Arnold Walter Lundberg 1960-1961; James Charlton Kelly 1961-1963; Charles Mervin Schwab 1963-1973; Myles Thomas Bradley 1973-*November 15, 1979*; Nicola Greci *November 15, 1979-1982*; John Kyle Jeffries 1982-1990; Jay Paul Cook 1990-1996; Beth Ann Cooper 1996-*January 1, 1998*; William Roy Green 1998-2007; Ronald Arles Wanless 2007-2012; Nancy Kaye Shute 2012-2014; **New Castle: Savannah/Croton Avenue:** Michael Edward Long 2014-2020.

NEW CASTLE: EPWORTH **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE**

BUTLER DISTRICT
1875-2020

Mailing Address:
ID: 086862

Location: 805 East Washington Street, on the corner of Butler Avenue and East Washington Street in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church was organized by a group of members from First Methodist Church of New Castle because of geographical and transportation difficulties. The first building, Second Methodist Church of New Castle, but also known as “Little Jim Church,” was erected on a five-acre tract on the corner of Pearson and Epworth Streets in 1875. In 1884 the Church was destroyed by fire. In 1885 a new brick Church was erected and named Epworth. The Church was responsible for the formation of Grace Methodist Church of New Castle in 1898. When Grace Church out-lived its usefulness because of the establishment of an Italian “national” mission it merged with the mother Church in 1929 and the new building was erected on East Washington Street. It was dedicated in July 1931. The Italian Mission work began in 1904 and it was named the Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915 when its last building was built. In 1948 the name was changed to Christ Methodist Church and merger with the Epworth Church took place in 1965. In 1968 the property presently was valued at \$700,000.00 and was one of the most beautiful churches in the New Castle area. The membership in 1968 was 737. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 275. In 2020, New Castle: First and King's Chapel merged with New Castle: Epworth and New Castle: Croton Avenue to form New Castle: Grace UM Ministry.

Pastors: New Castle: Second: John W. Blaisdell 1875-1878; Orville Lockwood Mead 1878-1879; **New Castle: Pearson Street:** Orville Lockwood Mead 1879-1881; Cearing Peters 1881-1884; Henry E. Johnson 1884-1887; **Name changed to New Castle: Epworth:** John Cook Scofield 1887-1889; George J. Squier 1889-1891; Job L. Stratton 1891-1894; Horace G. Dobbs 1894-1898; James Arnold Parsons 1898-1904; John C. MacDonald 1904-1908; Albert Russell Rich 1908-1910; Henry Charles Weaver 1910-1915; Clinett Grant Farr 1915-1922; Homer Bell Davis 1922-

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1926; Samuel LaVern Maxwell 1926-1932; John A. Galbraith 1932-1936; Harold Adam McCurdy 1936-1939; William A. Thornton 1939-1944; George Raymond Dewey Braun 1944-1948; Albert C. Howe 1948-1953; Lynn Ardell Shindledecker 1953-1962; Donald A. Baird 1962-1964; Jackson Harold Parsons 1964-1970; Evan Eugene Ankeny 1970-1976; Marvin Clay Watson 1976-1983; Daniel Robert Orris 1983-1988; Lisa Ann Grant 1988-1995; Deborah Lynn Ackley-Killian 1995-*February* 10, 1997; Gail Eugene McQueen *February* 10, 1997-1997; Sylvan Jerry Berman 1997-1999; Rex Allen Wasser 1999-2004; **New Castle: Epworth/West Pittsburg:** Rex Allen Wasser 2004-2010; **New Castle: Epworth/New Wilmington/West Pittsburg:** Rex Allen Wasser 2010-2011. **New Castle: Epworth/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Rex Allen Wasser 2011-2012; Thomas Roy Scott *Associate* 2011-2012; **New Castle: King's Chapel/Epworth:** Thomas Roy Scott 2012-2014; **New Castle: Epworth:** Robert Wayne Schar 2014-2018; **New Castle: Epworth/New Castle: Wesley (Closed July 7, 2019):** William Robert LaVelle, Jr. 2018-2019; **New Castle: Epworth:** William Robert LaVelle, Jr. 2019-2020.

NEW CASTLE: EUCLID AVENUE

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1910-1937

Location: Lawrence County, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. New Castle: Euclid Avenue closed and Annual Conference gave authorization to sell it in 1937.

Pastors: New Castle: Euclid Avenue: Claude. L. Downs 1919-1921; Samuel Robert Maitland 1921-1922; *Not Listed as an Appointment* 1922-1927; Thomas Francis 1927-1933; J. M. Cottrell 1933-1934; A. P. Shaffer 1934-1935; *No later listing.*

NEW CASTLE: FIRST

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1803-2020

Mailing Address:

ID: 086884 See Successor, New Castle: Grace United Methodist Ministry

Location: 135 Decker Drive, at Wilmington and Route 18, north of New Castle in Neshannock Township about three blocks east of Route 18 in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. In 1803 the First Methodist Class was formed in the home of Reverend William Richards on the original Shenango Circuit. The 1810 Class was rejuvenated by same people with Reverend James Watts, Circuit Rider. The second church was built of brick on the same site in 1835. The third church was built on the same location in 1854. The fourth church on North Jefferson and North Streets was built in 1888 and enlarged in 1911 as a result of the Billy Sunday campaign. Ira D. Sankey, the famous gospel singer, donated the land for this building and served as Church School Superintendent. It grew to a church of 1823 members before the depression hit New Castle. The famous Treadwell windows were installed in 1905 and the Sankey windows in 1911. After several years of talk and survey, land was purchased in Neshannock Township for the fifth structure. The first Sunday in the new building was the Sunday after Easter, April 1, 1967. The building consisted of a Fellowship Hall and an Educational Unit. The membership in 1968 was 699. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 433. In 2020, New Castle: First and King's Chapel merged with New Castle: Epworth and New Castle: Croton Avenue to form New Castle: Grace UM Ministry.

Pastors: Shenango Circuit: New Castle: George Askin 1803-1804; Joseph Hall 1804-1805; Robert Richford Roberts 1805-1806; James Reid 1806-1807; James Watts and Thomas Church 1807-1808; James Charles 1808-1809; Jacob Dowell and Eli Towne 1809-1810; James Watts 1810-1811; Abel Robinson 1811-1812; William Knox 1812-1813; Jacob Gorwell 1813-1814; John Elliott 1814-1816; John Somerville and Robert C. Hatton 1816-1818; **Erie Circuit: New Castle:** Daniel D. Davidson and Samuel Adams 1818-1819; Phillip Green 1819-1820; Ira Eddy and Charles Elliott 1820-1821; **New Castle:** Samuel Rohrer Brockunier 1821-1822; Thomas Carr 1822-1823; Thomas Carr and Job Wilson 1823-1824; Henry Knapp and Joseph S. Barris 1824-1825; Samuel Adams and James Babcock 1825-1826; Alfred Brunson 1826-1827; Charles Thorn and Jonathan Holt 1827-1828; Samuel Adams and William C. Henderson 1828-1829; Joseph W. Davis and Jacob Jenks 1829-1830; Richard Armstrong 1830-1831; John Scott and Richard Armstrong 1831-1832; Daniel C. Richey and Ahab Keller 1832-1833; Thomas Thompson 1833-1834; Rouse B. Gardner 1834-1835; William Carroll and Thomas Thompson 1835-1836; Ensign B. Hill and Thomas Graham 1836-1837; Ensign B. Hill and Lewis Burton 1837-1838; Rufus Parker and Samuel P. Hempstead 1838-1839; John Luccock and Samuel W. Ingraham 1839-1840; Thomas A. Stubbs and David W. Vorse 1840-1842; Milo H. Bettes and Fortes

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Morse 1842-1843; Caleb Brown and Henry S. Winans 1843-1844; John E. Bassett and John McLean 1844-1845; Bryan S. Hill and Hiram Luce 1845-1847; Reuben J. Edwards 1847-1849; Ebenezer B. Lane 1849-1851; Hiram Kingsley 1851-1853; Joseph Leslie 1853-1854; Horatio N. Stearns 1854-1856; Thomas Guy 1856-1858; William F. Wilson 1858-1860; David C. Osborne 1860-1862; John D. Norton 1862-1864; James Greer 1864-1866; John Cook Scofield 1866-1868; William Windsor Wythe 1868-1870; Abram Smith Dobbs 1870-1871; George W. Maltby 1871-1874; Albert S. Youmans 1874-1877; William F. Day 1877-1880; Harvey Hendershot 1880-1881; Russell M. Warren 1882-1885; Nicholas Howell Holmes 1885-1890; Edson Finley Edmonds 1890-1895; John Lusher 1895-1896; Reuben F. Randolph and John Lusher 1896-1897; Reuben F. Randolph 1897-1900; Theodore Charles Beach 1900-1902; Horace M. Conway 1902-1903; John W. Campbell 1903-1906; Elmer Ellsworth Higley 1906-1910; John H. Clemens 1910-1916; Milton B. Williams 1916-1918; Austin J. Rinker 1918-1921; Herbert A. Ellis 1921-1926; Henry Charles Weaver 1926-1932; Norris A White 1932-1937; William Vincent McLean 1937-1942; Burr Reddig McKnight 1942-1947; James Andrew Gaiser 1947-*November* 1950; Arthur Culmer Schultz *November* 1950-1956; Wallace Clair Calvert 1956-1959; Delbert Eugene Jolley 1959-1970; Russell Edgar Perry 1970-1983; Donald Franklin Cook 1983-1991; Franklin David Hallman, Jr. 1991-1993; Jay H. Langley 1993-2006; Deborah Pisor *Deacon* 2005-*December* 31, 2006; John Dale Miller 2006-2010; Donald Edward Bailey 2010-2012; Richard Joseph Helsel 2012-2014; Maryann Joy Burk Long 2014-2016; **New Castle: First/King's Chapel:** Maryann Joy Burk Long 2016-2020.

NEW CASTLE: GRACE UM MINISTRY

BUTLER DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

2020

Mailing Address: 135 Decker Drive, New Castle, PA 16105-1501

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ID: 086884 See Predecessor, New Castle: First

Location: 135 Decker Drive, at the intersection of Wilmington and Route 18, north of New Castle in Neshannock Township about three blocks east of Route 18 in Lawrence County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. This “new place for new people” is the exciting result of the recent merger of four faithful and courageous congregations in the community of New Castle: Croton UMC; Epworth UMC; King’s Chapel UMC; and First UMC. This merger has led to the creation of the two-campus Grace UM Ministry that is poised for a strategic and dynamic new season of ministry in New Castle, effective July 1, 2020. The journey into this merger involved prayerful discernment, stunning sacrifice, compelling vision, and a relentless belief that God is calling the United Methodist Church in New Castle to a fresh start in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastors: New Castle: Grace United Methodist Ministry: Darryl S. Lockie 2020--; William Robert LaVelle, Jr. *Associate March 1, 2022--.*

NEW CASTLE: GRACE

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1898-1929

Mailing Address:

Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Grace Church was an outgrowth of the New Castle: Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church. In its same location there arose the Italian “National” Mission work begun in 1904 and it was named the Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915, when its last building was built. Grace Methodist outlived its usefulness because of the Italian Methodist Work. New Castle: Grace then merged with the mother church, New Castle: Epworth, and closed in 1929.

Pastors: New Castle: Fifth Ward/Savannah: Charles Wesley Foulke 1900-1901; **New Castle: Grace:** Alonzo G. Mills 1901-1902; John C. A. Borland 1902-1905; Harvey M. Burns 1905-1908; George S. W. Phillips 1908-1910; John Keeler Whippo 1910-1912; John Evans Allgood 1912-1916; Alvin Elramon Yeager 1916-1918; Samuel Henry Barlett 1918-1920; Harry Keller Steele 1920-1922; Charles J. Baker 1922-1927; John L. Petrie 1927-1929.

NEW CASTLE: GREENWOOD

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1857-1983

Mailing Address:

ID: 086900

Butler District

Location: 930 State Road, at the intersection of Route 65 and State Road, six miles south of New Castle, on the Ellwood City-New Castle Road, Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. In the years 1857-1858 successful camp meetings were held in a Maple Grove at the intersection of Route 65 and State Road south of New Castle and as a result of these meetings a Methodist Class was formed in 1859. Services were held in a log school building known as Warnock School. In 1860 a church building was erected on land donated by William Harbison for Church purposes and a burial ground. The Church was a frame structure and was built by Abraham P. Shaffer with lumber donated by Mr. Aiken and brought to the site from Crawford County. The Church was a part of what was known as the Moravia Circuit which included Greenwood, Croton, Savannah, Moravia and Mount Pleasant. The original building was still used until 1983 with the exception that in 1921 the building was raised and a basement added. New pews, stained glass windows and a heating system was also added. In 1938 the building was damaged by fire and at this time the interior was completely renovated. On May 19, 1968 the remaining membership of the Simpson Church was merged with the Greenwood congregation. The Simpson Church was organized in 1903 by a merger of the Oakland Mission and the McKinley Street Mission and its Church building was erected at 1117 Atlantic Avenue on Route 18 in 1904. The Greenwood membership in 1968 was 149. With declining membership, the remaining members declared the church abandoned in 1983, and the church records went to the Western PA Conference Archives.

Pastors: Greenwood Circuit: Greenwood/Mahoningtown: Ebenezer Bennett 1866-1868; J. B. Clover 1868-1869; *No Record* 1869-1875; **Greenwood/Savannah:** Charles W. Darrow 1875-1876; **Croton/Greenwood/ Savannah:** James C. Rhodes 1876-1877; *No Record* 1877-1880; **Greenwood Circuit: Greenwood/Savannah:** Samuel K. Paden 1880-1881; Charles W. Reeves 1881-1882; **Greenwood:** Frank Randolph Peters 1882-1884; Arza Ozial Stone 1884-1885; John C. Gillette 1885-1886; Matthew Knowles 1886-1887; *Records Incomplete* 1887-1971; **New Castle: Greenwood:** J. M. Ballengee 1971-1972; V. F. Patterson 1972-1973; **Greenwood/Eastbrook:** Loyal Wilson Kelso 1975-August 15, 1982.

NEW CASTLE: ITALIAN MISSION

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1904-1948

Location: City of New Castle, in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This church began as the “Italian Mission” church in 1904 and was named The Italian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915 when its last building was built. In 1948 the name was changed to Christ Methodist Church. In 1965 it merged with Epworth Methodist Church.

Pastors: New Castle: Italian Mission: Charles Wesley Foulke 1904-1905; R. DiPadre 1905-1906; Angelo Giovanni Penninetti 1906-1907; Giorgio Vitale 1907-1908; Joseph Grisafi 1908-1910; Nicola Sabbaresa 1910-1912; Francesco Guglielmi 1912-1915; **Italian Methodist Episcopal:** David Acquarone 1915-1918; Angelo Fiala 1918-1921; Vincent Del Rosso 1921-1925; James Carbonnier 1925-1929; Angelo Fiala *Assistant* 1925-1927; John Ruggiero 1929-1931; Guilio C. Brachetti 1931-1935; **New Castle: Italian Mission/Hillsville:** John Ruggiero 1935-1938; Francisco P. Sulmonetti 1938-1948.

NEW CASTLE: KING’S CHAPEL

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1802-2020

Mailing Address:

ID: 086760

Location: 861 Old Pulaski Road, on Pulaski Road at Wallace Drive in the northern part of the city of New Castle in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. In 1802 Circuit Rider Reverend Asa Shinn organized six or seven families into a Class which met at farms, the William Richards log cabin home and a log schoolhouse. It was on the original Shenango Circuit in 1804. The original Class had nineteen members in it. Marinus King, a Revolutionary War veteran, moved into the neighborhood in 1806. In 1830 he and his wife gave an acre of land for Church purposes and the first Church building was erected on it in 1835 with one door for men and one for women. They sat on opposite sides of the sanctuary. Later Church buildings were erected in 1856, 1898 and 1961. Ira D. Sankey, Dwight L. Moody’s song leader, was converted at King’s Chapel in 1858 and became choir director of the congregation. It became known as the “Singing Chapel.” For many years before 1940 it was on a Charge with Wesley Church and from 1940 to 1960

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it was part of a Charge with Pulaski. In 1960 it became a Station appointment. The congregation moved into a building located on the Heckathorn farm, close to the original location, on April 15, 1962, with 200 members. The 1968 membership was 311. Membership on January 1, 2003 was 199. In 2020, New Castle: First and King's Chapel merged with New Castle: Epworth and New Castle: Croton Avenue to form New Castle: Grace UM Ministry.

Pastors: Shenango Circuit: King's Chapel: Asa L. Shinn 1802-1803; George Askin 1803-1804; Joseph Hall 1804-1805; Robert Richford Roberts 1805-1806; James Reid 1806-1807; James Watts and Thomas Church 1807-1808; James Charles 1808-1809; Jacob Dowell and Eli Towne 1809-1810; James Watts 1810-1811; Abel Robinson 1811-1812; William Knox 1812-1813; Jacob Gorwell 1813-1814; John Elliott 1814-1815; John Somerville 1815-1816; Robert C. Hatton 1816-1818; **Erie Circuit: King's Chapel:** Daniel D. Davidson and Samuel Adams 1818-1819; Phillip Green 1819-1820; Ira Eddy and Charles Elliott 1820-1821; **New Castle Circuit: King's Chapel:** Samuel Rohrer Brockunier 1821-1822; Thomas Carr 1822-1823; Thomas Carr and Job Wilson 1823-1824; Henry Knapp and Joseph S. Barris 1824-1825; Samuel Adams and James Babcock 1825-1826; Alfred Brunson 1826-1827; Charles Thorn and Jonathan Holt 1827-1828; Samuel Adams and William C. Henderson 1828-1829; Joseph W. Davis and Jacob Jenks 1829-1830; Jacob Jenks and Richard Armstrong 1830-1831; John Scott and Richard Armstrong 1831-1832; Daniel C. Richey and Ahab Keller 1832-1833; Thomas Thompson 1833-1834; Rouse B. Gardner 1834-1835; William Carroll and Thomas Thompson 1835-1836; Ensign B. Hill and Thomas Graham 1836-1837; Ensign B. Hill and Lewis Burton 1837-1838; Rufus Parker and Samuel P. Hempstead 1838-1839; John Luccock and Samuel W. Ingraham 1839-1840; Thomas A. Stubbs and David W. Vorse 1840-1842; Milo H. Bettes and Fortes Morse 1842-1843; Caleb Brown and Henry S. Winans 1843-1844; John E. Bassett and John McLean 1844-1845; Bryan S. Hill and Hiram Luce 1845-1846; Bryan S. Hill and John W. Hill 1846-1847; **Mahoning: King's Chapel:** John W. Hill and John R. Lyon 1847-1848; John R. Lyon and Henry S. Winans 1848-1849; **New Wilmington Charge: King's Chapel:** John Crum and Roderick Norton 1849-1850; John Crum and Stephen Hubbard 1850-1851; James B. Hammond and Parker W. Sherwood 1851-1852; John Graham and Abram Smith Dobbs 1852-1853; John Graham and David Roberts 1853-1854; Richard Alexander Caruthers and Samuel L. Wilkinson 1854-1855; Richard Alexander Caruthers 1855-1856; Homer H. Moore 1856-1857; John Thomas Boyle and Samuel K. Paden 1857-1858; John Thomas Boyle and Zaccheus W. Shaddock 1858-1859; Richard M. Bear, Ebenezer Bennett and John C. Ault 1859-1860; **Shenango Circuit: King's Chapel:** Samuel K. Paden 1860-1861; **Shenango/East Brook Charge: King's Chapel:** Richard M. Bear 1861-1862; **Shenango Charge: King's Chapel:** Nathan M. Shurick 1862-1864; **Mount Jackson Circuit: King's Chapel:** John G. Thompson 1864-1866; **East Brook/Harlansburg:** Thomas G. McCreary 1866-1867; **East Brook/Shenango Circuit: King's Chapel:** Thomas G. McCreary 1867-1868; Robert C. Beatty, John C. Ault and Samuel K. Paden 1868-1870; **Pulaski Circuit: King's Chapel:** Julian S. Card 1870-1871; James K. Mendenhall 1871-1873; **New Castle Circuit: King's Chapel:** Leonard Everett Beardsley 1873-1874; John C. Ault 1874-1875; **Mahoningtown Circuit:** John Crum 1875-1876; **Edinburg Circuit: King's Chapel:** Amos M. Lockwood 1876-1877; **New Wilmington Circuit: King's Chapel:** Joseph B. Wright 1877-1878; George W. Moore 1878-1881; John Henderson Vance 1881-1883; John Milton Crouch 1883-1884; Anthony J. Lindsey 1884-1885; Arza Ozial Stone 1885-1887; Charles M. Moore 1887-1890; **Shenango Circuit: King's Chapel:** Charles Wesley Foulke 1890-1893; Harvey H. Bair 1893-1895; **Shenango-Pulaski Circuit: King's Chapel:** Frederick Fair 1895-1896; Samuel Long Mills 1896-1899; **Mercer Circuit: King's Chapel:** John C. A. Borland 1899-1902; **Pulaski/King's Chapel:** Herbert W. Hunter 1902-1903; Thomas R. Yates 1903-1906; Alfred Brecht Smith 1906-1909; John C. Womer 1909-1912; Thomas Pollard 1912-1913; Robert George Thomas 1913-1914; Fred S. Robinson 1914-1916; Robert A. Thompson 1916-1918; Lewis Winfield Chambers 1918-1919; Don J. Van Devender 1919-1922; Warren P. Blodgett 1922-1923; Job L. Stratton 1923-1925; Charles Clyde Baker 1925-1929; Henry Shilling *Supply* 1929-1933; Earl J. Jennings 1933-1936; **New Castle: King's Chapel/Wesley:** Wendell Ellsworth Minnigh, Jr. 1936-1938; Ormel Grier Shindledecker 1938-1940; James Gilbert Cousins 1940-1942; Paul E. Aley 1942-1947; **Pulaski/King's Chapel:** Merle G. Weaver 1947-1950; Elmer R. Nunemaker 1950-1951; Laurell D. Sproull 1951-1955; Albert J. Renwick 1955-1959; Richard Edwin Hawke 1959-1960; **New Castle: King's Chapel:** Richard Edwin Hawke 1960-1964; Richard Merle Henderson 1964-*October* 15, 1969; William Paul Reeby *October* 15, 1969-1971; William Harold Hiles 1971-1975; Oran Glen Irvin 1975-1980; Edison Bradley Heard 1980-1982; David Scott Jack 1982-1986; Bruce Alan Gascoine 1986-1993; Albert Lee Shultz 1993-1996; *To Be Supplied* 1996-*November* 1, 1996; Michael Stotts *November* 1, 1996-1997; Larry William Wilson 1997-1999; Lola Jean Turnbull 1999-2003; **New Castle: King's Chapel/New Castle: Wesley:** Barbara Jill Moore 2003-2011. **New Castle: Epworth/King's Chapel/ Wesley:** Rex Allen Wasser 2011-2012. **New Castle: Epworth/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Thomas Roy Scott *Associate* 2011-2012; **New Castle: King's Chapel/Epworth:** Thomas Roy Scott 2012-2014; **New Castle: North: Pulaski/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Thomas Roy Scott 2014-2016; **New Castle: First/King's Chapel:** Maryann Joy Burk Long 2016-2020.

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NEW CASTLE: MAHONING METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1868-1992

Mailing Address:

ID: 086920

Location: North Cedar Street in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This section of New Castle was originally called Crosscut and later Mahoningtown. It is now the seventh Ward of the City of New Castle. In 1866 Reverend Ebenezer Bennett, pastor of the Greenwood Charge, lived in New Castle. He began preaching twice a month in the Schoolhouse in Mahoningtown. The first frame Church building was dedicated in May 1868 on the corner of Cedar and Madison Streets. It was on a Circuit with Mount Jackson, Wampum and Hillsville until about 1890. In 1893 the Church was swung around and used for Sunday School purposes and a brick sanctuary was erected. In 1912 the entire building was torn down and a new building was commenced that year and completed in 1913. The membership in 1968 was 158. The Church congregation merged with Savannah United Methodist Church in 1992, and the church building was sold.

Pastors: Mahoning Circuit: John Hanby 1841-1843; **Greenwood Circuit: Mahoningtown:** Ebenezer Bennett 1866-1868; J. B. Clover 1868-1869; **Mount Jackson Circuit: Mount Jackson/Wampum/Hillsville/Mahoningtown:** D. Allen Crowell 1869-1871; John E. Johnson 1871-1872; John Wellington Crawford 1872-1874; John Crum 1874-1876; Richard M. Bear 1876-1878; John Milton Crouch 1878-1880; Winfield Scott Shepard 1880-1882; John Eckles 1882-1884; James K. Mendenhall 1884-1886; **Mahoningtown:** James Calvin Rhodes 1886-1890; James M. Foster 1890-1892; Frank Randolph Peters 1892-1897; Charles Wesley Foulke 1897-1900; **New Castle: Mahoning:** John Fletcher Black 1900-1904; Thomas Washington Douglas 1904-1906; John Boyd Espy 1906-1907; Richard Nye Merrill 1907-1912; Samuel Myron Gordon 1912-1914; Samuel Thompson Davidson 1914-1917; Albert B. Smith 1917-1921; Charles A. Williams 1921-1923; Clement Wellington Miner 1923-1925; Jabez Noah Croxwell 1925-1927; David Daye Sleppy 1927-1931; Wallie Hallock Downing 1931-1935; Charles Henry Hagadorn 1935-1938; David Joslin Blasdell 1938-1942; Warren Albert Bugbee 1942-1947; John L. Petrie 1947-1950; Ormel Grier Shindledecker 1950-1954; Fielding Lamar Cribbs 1954-1956; Rodney Jay Croyle 1956-1958; Thomas Edwin Spofford 1958-1962; James Robert Rainey, Sr. 1962-1972; Paul D. Aley 1972-*January* 1976; **Mahoning/West Pittsburg:** Paul D. Aley *January* 1976-1978; Thomas Joseph Love Jr. 1978-1980; **Mahoning/Newport:** Harold Allison Green *December* 16, 1980-*November* 1, 1983; Clyde Elmer Koah *November* 1, 1983-1990; **South Lawrence Charge: Newport/ Mahoning/Wampum:** Dennis Jay Cornelius 1990-1992; John Robert Fennell *Associate* 1991-1992.

NEW CASTLE: SAVANNAH METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1820

Mailing Address: 84 Savannah Gardner Road, New Castle, PA 16101-5543

724/598-6691

ID: 086942

Location: 84 Savannah Gardner Road in the City of New Castle in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Savannah congregation was organized in 1820. The first meeting place was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laban Joseph. Later they worshipped in the Austin Schoolhouse and from there to the Savannah schoolhouse where they worshipped until the brick Church was built in 1851. About 1890 the Snake Run organization merged with the Savannah Church giving it new vitality. Early in 1910, during the pastorate of Reverend Charles C. Merrill, the old church was torn down and a new church was erected. During the time of building the Church returned to the Savannah Schoolhouse. The new building was completed in 1911 and was dedicated March 19, 1911. Since 1956 the Church has been a Station. In 1969 Savannah was relocated to a new house of worship at 94 Savannah Gardner Road, New Castle. The membership in 1968 was 319. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 300. The people of Savannah UMC strive to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ by learning and growing through creative worship and consistent programs of Christian education and spiritual formation. “Love as Christ, Live as Christ, Serve as Christ” is the goal of each person who becomes a part of the Savannah church family.

Pastors: Mahoning-Ohio Circuit: Savannah: James McMahan and Ezra Booth 1820-1821; **Beaver Circuit:** Samuel Rohrer Brockunier 1821-1822; Thomas Carr 1822-1823; Thomas Carr and Job Wilson 1823-1824; Henry Knapp and Joseph S. Barris 1824-1825; Samuel Adams and James Babcock 1825-1826; Alfred Brunson 1826-1827; Charles Thorn and Jonathan Holt 1827-1828; Samuel Adams and William C. Henderson 1828-1829; Joseph W. Davis and

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Jacob Jenks 1829-1830; Richard Armstrong and John Scott 1830-1831; John Scott and Richard Armstrong 1831-1832; Daniel C. Ritchey and Ahab Keller 1832-1833; Thomas Thompson 1833-1834; Rouse B. Gardner 1834-1835; William Carroll and Thomas Thompson 1835-1836; *No Record Available* 1836-1856; **Mount Jackson Circuit: Savannah:** Samuel K. Paden 1856-1860; **Moravia Circuit: Savannah:** John McCombs 1860-1861; Zaccheus W. Shaddock 1861-1862; *Records Not Available* 1862-1875; **Greenwood/Savannah:** Charles W. Darrow 1875-1876; **Croton/Greenwood/Savannah:** James C. Rhodes 1876-1877; **Wampum/Mt Pleasant Charge: Savannah:** John Perry 1877-1878; **Wampum Circuit: Savannah:** Loriston G. Merrill 1878-1880; **Greenwood Circuit: Greenwood/Savannah:** Samuel K. Paden 1880-1881; Charles W. Reeves 1881-1882; **Greenwood:** Frank Randolph Peters 1882-1884; Arza Ozial Stone 1884-1885; John C. Gillette 1885-1886; Matthew Knowles 1886-1887; **Harlansburg Circuit: Savannah:** Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1887-1889; **Wampum Circuit: Savannah:** Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1889-1891; Simon S. Burton 1891-1893; George Brinton Carr 1893-1896; William J. Small 1896-1897; Harvey H. Bair, Sr., 1897-1898; Darius E. Baldwin 1898-1901; **New Castle: Croton/New Castle: Savannah:** Samuel Alexander Smith 1901-1904; Samuel Long Mills 1904-1905; Job L. Stratton 1905-1908; **West Pittsburg/New Castle: Savannah:** Charles Coburn Merrill 1908-1910; Curtis C. Smith 1910-1914; Edgar D. Mowry 1914-1916; Fred S. Robinson 1916-1919; Charles H. Quick 1919-1921; Thomas Pollard 1921-1924; Claude L. Downs 1924-1930; **New Castle: Savannah:** Vincent Linnaeus Bloomquist 1930-1935; John Ellsworth Iams 1935-1936; Earl N. Engle 1936-1937; Ralph Heil Eckert 1937-1940; Earl Delamater Thompson 1940-1942; **Nazareth/New Castle: Savannah:** Walter Woodrow Gilliland 1942-1946; J. Norman Holder 1946-1948; **New Castle: Savannah/West Pittsburg:** Paul D. Aley 1948-1955; **New Castle: Savannah:** Russell Clair Moore 1955-*November* 1973; Paul Anthony Dunn *January* 1, 1974-1976; Olivia Elaine Graham 1976-1980; Frederick H. Gilbert 1980-*September* 5, 1988; David Todd Brazelton *November* 27, 1988-1997; Boyne Edward Boyd *Associate* 1989-1996; Mark Edward Goswick 1997-2011; Laura Ann Gross Puleo Saffell 2011-2013; **New Castle: Savannah/Pulaski:** Laura Ann Gross Puleo Saffell 2013-2014; **New Castle: Savannah/Croton Avenue:** Michael Edward Long 2014-2020; **New Castle: Savannah:** Donna N. Doutt 2020-2022; Adam Goswick 2022--.

NEW CASTLE: SIMPSON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location: 1117 Atlantic Avenue on Route 18 in New Castle, PA.

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1903-1968

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Simpson Church was organized in 1903 by a merger of the Oakland Mission and the McKinley Street Mission and its Church building was erected at 1117 Atlantic Avenue on Route 18 in 1904. On May 19, 1968 the remaining membership of the Simpson Church was merged with the Greenwood congregation.

Pastors: New Castle: Simpson/New Castle: Grace: Homer Bell Davis 1905-1906; John E. Drake 1906-1907; E. E. Canby 1907-1909; **New Castle: Simpson/New Castle: Wesley:** James M. Farrell 1909-1912; **New Castle: Simpson/New Castle: Highland Mission:** Job L. Stratton 1912-1916; **New Castle: Simpson/New Castle: Wesley:** William J. Vaughn 1916-1918; Job L. Stratton 1918-1923; Clement Wellington Miner 1923-1924; **New Castle: Simpson:** Harry Lee Johnson 1924-1942; Lester C. Bailey 1942-1944; **New Castle: Simpson/Wampum:** Kirmuth Theodore Yahn 1944-1947; **New Castle: Simpson/New Castle: Greenwood:** G. Edward Shaffer 1947-1949.

NEW CASTLE: WAYSIDE EMMANUEL

EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 189715

Location: 126 Mitchell Road, just off Route 18 in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA.

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1860-2013

History: Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was established by Casper Druschel. A prayer group met in the home of John Miller. The first pastor in 1860 was Jacob Honecker. Services were held in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches until a small building was made available in 1872 at Elm and Falls Streets. In 1880 a larger Church was erected at South Jefferson and South Streets. The new Church was built in 1968. With the Union of the Evangelicals and the Methodist in 1970 the name was **changed to Emmanuel United Methodist Church** of New Castle. In 1970 there were 101 members. **In 2004 the name was changed to Wayside: Emmanuel.** The membership on January 1, 2003 was 58. New Castle: Wayside Emmanuel is a Federated Church. It is no longer listed in the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference Journal, having been officially closed in 2013, but is considered an appointment

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beyond the Local Church and is supplied by United Methodist Pastors. It is called New Castle: Wayside Emmanuel and is officially an Extension Ministry.

Pastors: New Castle: W. L. Pfeiffer 1858-1860; Jacob Honecker 1860-1862; Jacob Ranck and William Schmidt 1862-1864; A. Lang 1864-1865; S. Warner 1865-1866; Vogt 1866-1867; M. Yoder 1867-1868; Charles F. Hartung 1868-1870; William Schmidt 1870-1872; W. H. Hampe 1872-1873; Charles F. Hartung 1873-1874; Leonhard Scheuermann 1874-1875; W. Stadtlander 1875-1876; J. M. Zirkel 1876-1877; C. Ott 1877-1879; Herman Cordes 1879-1880; C. A. Walz 1880-1883; George Goetz 1883-1884; John Honecker 1884-1886; H. Fuessner 1886-1887; Valentine Braun 1887-1888; C. W. Neuendorf 1888-1889; A. H. Wendt 1889-1891; B. L. Miller 1891-1893; John G. Theuer 1893-1894; C. F. Negele 1894-1898; Gottlieb Gaehr 1898-1902; A. H. Wendt 1902-1905; C. J. Ludwig 1905-1908; Robert Thiersch 1908-1910; C. Wohlgemuth 1910-1915; Jacob J. Lang 1915-1918; C. Klaholz 1918-1919; A. H. Wendt 1919-1921; J. G. Ziegler 1921-1923; Ludwig Theodore Strehler 1923-1928; John Finkbeiner 1928-1932; John George Knippel 1932-1939; Clyde Wilbur Dietrich 1939-1944; Herbert Hill Grove 1944-1954; Melroy M. Wirick 1954-1956; Dale Raymond Rhodes 1956-1957; Ernest R. McClain 1957-1964; *Unknown* 1964-1969; Bruce Edward Bryce 1969-1970; **Name Changed to New Castle: Emmanuel:** Bruce Edward Bryce 1970-1973; Joseph Peter Trunzo 1973-1974; Franklin Delano Bishop 1974-1980; Clyde Ralph Lewis 1980-1985; Monte Wayne Holland 1985-1990; Neil Alan Leftwich 1990-1994; Nancy Starr Brickner 1994-1995; John Wilson Cordes, Jr. 1995-1998; Mary Catherine Halderman 1998-1999; Yachel Hope Cummins 1999-*February 1, 2004*; **Wayside Ecumenical Charge: New Castle: Emmanuel** Yachel Hope Cummins *February 1, 2004-February 1, 2006*; **New Castle: Wayside Emmanuel:** Yachel Hope Cummins *February 1, 2006-2013*; **Wayside Emmanuel (Extension Ministry):** Yachel Hope Cummins 2013-2015.

NEW CASTLE: WESLEY
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1889-2019

Mailing Address:
ID: 086964

Location: 1204 West Washington Street in the City of New Castle, Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. It began as a missionary project by the New Castle: First Methodist Episcopal Church, former Erie Conference in 1889, in a little white school building. In 1902, a brick structure was erected, with plans to enlarge it as soon as possible. After forty years, in 1948, it was decided to abandon the plans to enlarge. The structure was sold to the Pilgrim Holiness Church for \$5,000. This money was used toward the purchase of a five and a half-acre tract of land across the street. In 1954 the sanctuary was erected upon the basement the congregation had been using for six years. In 1863 an educational wing was added. The congregation is proud of its beautiful stone edifice. The 1968 membership was 662. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 247. New Castle: Wesley UMC closed on July 7, 2019.

Pastors: New Castle: Wesley: Charles Wesley Foulke 1902-1905; Charles A. Imhoff 1905-1907; **Wampum/Wesley:** Charles Blatt Livingston 1907-1907; John C. Womer 1907-1909; **Wesley/Simpson:** James M. Farrell 1909-1912; **Wesley:** John C. Womer 1912-1916; William J. Vaughn 1916-1918; Robert George Thomas 1918-1919; **Edinburg/Wesley:** Joseph Albert Cousins 1919-1920; James Ward Frampton 1920-1921; William H. Fenton 1921-1923; *Unknown* 1923-1924; John Evans Allgood 1924-1925; *Unknown* 1925-1930; Wilbur E. Flannery 1930-1931; George Brinton Nolder 1931-1932; Henry C. Beatty 1932-1933; Abram P. Shaffer 1933-1934; **Wesley/Savannah:** Vincent Linnaeus Bloomquist 1934-1935; John Ellsworth Iams 1935-1936; **Wesley/King's Chapel:** Wendell Ellsworth Minnigh 1936-1937; Ormel Grier Shindledecker 1937-1940; **Pulaski/King's Chapel/Wesley:** James Gilbert Cousins 1940-1942; Paul E. Aley 1942-1948; **Wesley:** Everett F. Spring, Jr., 1948-1952; Victor Patterson 1952-1953; Charles Willard Hoover 1953-1956; Harold Pat Albright 1956-1964; Jacob Henry Breakiron 1964-1969; Raymond Dale Graham 1969-1976; Everett Raymond Hammond 1976-1985; Howard A. Greenfield, II 1985-1991; Donald William Dotterer 1991-1995; Sally Jo Snyder 1995-2000; Dennis J. Cornelius 2000-*December 31, 2000*; Barbara Jill Moore *January 15, 2001-2003*; **New Castle: King's Chapel/New Castle: Wesley:** Barbara Jill Moore 2003-2011. **New Castle: Epworth/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Rex Allen Wasser 2011-2012. **New Castle: Epworth/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Thomas Roy Scott *Associate* 2011-2012; **New Castle: Croton Avenue/Wesley:** Nancy Kaye Shute 2012-2014; **New Castle: North: Pulaski/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Thomas Roy Scott 2014-2016; **New Castle: Wesley:** William Robert LaVelle, Jr. 2016-2018; **New Castle: Epworth/New Castle: Wesley:** William Robert LaVelle, Jr. 2018-*July 7, 2019*.

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NEW WILMINGTON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 125 South Mercer Street, New Wilmington, PA 16142-1281

ID: 087024

Location: 125 South Mercer Street and Route 208 in the Borough of New Wilmington in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Methodism was organized on the Mercer Circuit in 1839. The first Church building was erected in 1842. In 1843 a Sunday School was organized with Robert Ramsey as Superintendent. Mr. Ramsey, a cabinet maker and Undertaker, took an active interest in social concerns and served as a station on the “underground railroad” to help escaped slaves to make their way to Canada. He used his hearse to transport run-away slaves. In 1849 the Church was made a Station appointment. The original building was repaired and enlarged in 1858. The construction of a new building was started in 1897 with the dedication service in 1899. An Educational Unit was constructed in 1960. The membership in 1968 was 405. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 341.

Pastors: Mercer Circuit: New Wilmington: Horatio N. Stearns 1839-1840; Rufus Parker 1840-1841; Jesse Parr Benn and Milo H. Bettes 1841-1842; Ebenezer B. Lane and Joseph Leslie 1842-1843; Israel Mershon 1843-1845; **New Castle/New Wilmington Circuit: New Wilmington:** Hiram Luce and William F. Wilson 1845-1846; William F. Wilson 1846-1847; **Mahoning Circuit: New Wilmington:** John R. Lyon and Henry S. Winans 1847-1848; John R. Lyon and Roderick Norton 1848-1849; **New Wilmington:** John Crum 1849-1850; Stephen Hubbard 1850-1851; James B. Hammond and Parker W. Sherwood 1851-1852; Abram Smith Dobbs and John Graham 1852-1853; John Graham 1853-1854; Samuel L. Wilkinson and Richard Alexander Caruthers 1854-1855; Richard Alexander Caruthers 1855-1856; Homer H. Moore 1856-1857; Homer H. Moore and Samuel K. Paden and John Thomas Boyle 1857-1858; John Thomas Boyle and Zaccheus W. Shaddock 1858-1859; Richard M. Bear and Ebenezer Bennett 1859-1860; William Newton Reno 1860-1862; James B. Orwig 1862-1864; Samuel Gregg 1864-1865; Leaner W. Ely 1865-1866; James Finney Perry 1866-1867; John Crum 1867-1869; Thomas Graham 1869-1870; Lewis Wick 1870-1871; Henry Martin Chamberlain 1871-1873; Curtis R. Waters 1873-1874; Harvey Hendershot 1874-1875; Henry C. Smith 1875-1876; Joseph B. Wright 1876-1878; George W. Moore 1878-1881; John H. Vance 1881-1883; John Milton Crouch 1883-1884; Anthony J. Lindsey 1884-1885; Arza O. Stone 1885-1887; James M. Foster 1887-1890; Charles M. Morse 1890-1892; William A. Baker 1892-1895; Charles Wesley Foulke 1895-1897; David R. Palmer 1897-1900; Charles E. McKinley 1900-1904; David Taylor 1904-1908; Charles J. Baker 1908-1911; Robert Cook McMinn 1911-1915; Melville B. Riley 1915-1918; Elmer Orville Minnigh 1918-1922; John Russell Rich 1922-1928; Vincent Linnaeus Bloomquist 1928-1930; Samuel Henry Barlett 1930-1931; Ernest O. McNulty 1931-1934; Milo M. Mook 1934-1937; Jeremiah Bates Edwards 1937-1941; J. Norman Holder 1941-1941; Macklyn Edward Lindstrom 1941-1945; John A. Fetzer 1945-1947; George A. Myers 1947-1951; Arvel Gaylord Neal 1951-1953; Paul V. Leyda 1953-1955; Victor Patterson 1955-1955; Harold H. Hinterliter 1955-1959; Ralph Wilson Martin, Jr., 1959-1967; Stanley Byrd 1967-1978; William Frank Rautner 1978-1983; William Edmund White, Jr. 1983-1995; Gail Eugene McQueen 1995-*November 1, 1995*; James Arthur Durlesser *November 1, 1995-2001*; Nancy C. Mussehl 2001-2006; Dale Ray Shunk 2006-2007; Patricia Marie Nelson 2007-*February 15, 2010*; **New Castle: Epworth/New Wilmington/West Pittsburg:** Rex Allen Wasser *February 15, 2010-2011*. **New Wilmington:** Patricia Salapow Harbison 2011-2015; Rebecca L. Rosengarth 2015-2016; **New Wilmington/Pulaski:** Rebecca L. Rosengarth 2016-.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 086986

Location: Village of Newport, seven miles from New Castle and three miles from Wampum in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Newport’s only place of worship after 1848 was a Presbyterian Church which was torn down in 1889. For a number of years the village was without a Church building. Services were held in homes and in the school building. In 1898 Reverend Darius E. Baldwin was appointed to the Wampum Methodist Episcopal Church and became pastor to this churchless congregation. Land for the present Church was donated by Michael Bannon in 1901 and on June 29, 1902 the Church was dedicated. The membership in 1968 was 36. January 1, 2000 the membership was 17. Closed and merged with West Pittsburg in 2000. The records went to West Pittsburg.

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1839

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1869-2000

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Pastors: Wampum/Newport: J. M. Gillespie 1860-1861; John C. Ault 1869-1872; John E. Johnson 1872-1873; W. E. Edson 1873-1875; George H. Brown 1875-1876; **Wampum/Newport/Mount Pleasant:** John Perry 1876-1878; Loriston G. Merrill 1878-1880; Daniel W. Wampler 1880-1882; Watson H. Swartz 1882-1884; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1884-1886; Matthew Knowles 1886-1887; John C. Womer 1887-1889; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1889-1891; Simon S. Burton 1891-1893; George Brenton Carr 1893-1896; William J. Small 1896-1897; Harvey H. Bair 1897-1898; Darius E. Baldwin 1898-1903; John C. Womer 1903-1907; Charles Blatt Livingston 1907-1908; Frank Burdick 1908-1908; William Emory Bartlett 1908-1912; Harry Snow Bates 1912-1914; William Robert Buzza 1914-1918; William B. Allison 1918-1920; Leon Lacey Woodin 1920-1924; Ira Scott 1924-1925; John L. Petrie 1925-1927; Ernest S. Luce 1927-1930; William H. Fenton 1930-1933; Lloyd Victor Mohnkern 1933-1937; **Newport/Wampum:** John Evans Allgood 1937-1938; Cyrus Hamline Frampton 1938-1940; Lester C. Bailey 1940-*January* 1944; Kirmith Theodore Yahn *January* 1944-1946; **Newport Charge: Newport:** Robert Blackwood Withers 1946-1947; **Wampum/Newport:** Jack Pearson Boyd 1947-1948; James B. Palmer 1948-1951; John Dobbs Patterson 1951-1953; Abram Pollock Shaffer 1953-1954; Joseph Eyler 1954-1959; **Newport:** William Hamilton Rowe 1959-1973; **Wampum/Newport:** Charles Lawrence Shaffer 1973-1977; Robert Warren Baur 1977-*November* 1, 1979; *To Be supplied: November* 1, 1979-*December* 16, 1980; **Mahoning/Newport:** Harold Allison Green *December* 16, 1980-*November* 1, 1983; Clyde Elmer Koah *November* 1, 1983-1990; Dennis Jay Cornelius 1990-1992; **Wampum/Newport:** Albert Lee Shultz 1992-1993; Victor LeMoyné Brown 1993-1997; **West Pittsburg/Newport:** Tony DeSalle 1997-1998; David Sherwood Coul *May* 1, 1998-1999; *To Be Supplied:* 1999-2000.

NIXON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 334 West Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002-7632
ID: 095503

BUTLER DISTRICT

1839

724/586-7372

Location: Six miles south of the City of Butler, at 334 West Airport Road, one mile west of Route 8, in the Village of Nixon, Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1797 Matthew and Mary Ann Wigfield came to Brownsdale and started a Class Meeting in the Robert Brown home. In 1839 Reverend Rathburn reorganized this Class and appointed Robert Brown as Class Leader. In 1859 they began to build the first church building and in 1860 it was dedicated and known as Brownsdale Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1920 ground was purchased in the Village of Nixon and the old Church at Brownsdale was torn down. The new Church was dedicated in 1924. In 1956 Brownsdale Church became a Station appointment. In 1966 the Brown Educational Building was built. In 1967, due to the fact that the Church is in the village of Nixon, the name was changed to the Nixon United Methodist Church. The membership in 1968 was 372. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 346.

Pastors: Brownsdale: *Unknown* 1839-1872; Henry R. Long 1872-1873; Barnett T. Thomas 1873-1874; Matthias Myers Eaton 1874-1875; Nelson David 1875-1877; Frederick M. Vertican 1877-1878; Sylvanus Lane 1878-1880; T. W. Robins 1880-1882; Henry James Altsman 1882-1883; Marion M. Hildebrand 1883-1886; Delbert L. Johnson 1886-1889; Albert Howell Acken 1889-1890; James Lafferty Stiffey 1890-1892; Charles F. Bollinger 1892-1894; Robert L. Leak 1894-1895; LeRoy McIntyre Humes 1895-1896; Charles M. McCaslin 1896-1898; Samuel H. Greenlee 1898-1900; Grant Simpson Pollock 1900-1903; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1903-1907; Everett L. Pierce 1907-1911; George J. Buck 1911-1915; Oscar Adams Emerson 1915-1916; William Millwood 1916-1917; J. A. Jordan 1917-1919; Clyde Vincent Sparling 1919-1923; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1923-1926; John Henry Ward 1926-1927; J. D. Wilcox 1927-1929; Franz Omar Christopher 1929-1931; Harry Monroe Jenkins 1931-1939; Charles Leroy Cusick 1939-1942; Harry W. Nehrig 1942-1945; **Brownsdale/Thorn Creek Charge:** Alva J. Musselman 1945-1953; George S. Stephens 1953-1956; John Francis Balliet 1956-1958; Lawrence Stanton Burris 1958-1959; **Brownsdale:** Wayne Meredith Miller 1959-1961; Dotson True Spangler 1961-1965; Walter Albert Linaberger, Jr. 1965-1967; **Name changed to Nixon:** Walter Albert Linaberger, Jr. 1967-1968; Henry Baxter Hall, Jr. 1968-1996; Keith Allen Dunn 1996-2005; Bruce Kevin Merritt 2005-2014; Bonnie C. Rupp-Fisher *Associate* 2013-*January* 14, 2016; James Alan Cannistraci 2014-2016; Jason Eric Schweinberg 2016-*April* 1, 2017; William Theodore “BT” Gilligan 2017--.

PETERSVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Location:

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1???

Butler District

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Petersville was on the Butler Circuit in 1860 with Butler, Brownsdale and Temple.

Pastors:

PETROLIA

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 008708

Location: Argyle Street in Petrolia on Route 268 in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1874-1977

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Organized at the time of the oil boom in Petrolia. Reverend George J. Squier, pastor of the Cattaraugus Charge, was the first pastor. It was organized September 1, 1874 with a membership of 15. In 1885 the Church and the parsonage were destroyed by fire. It was said that the liquor forces set fire to the building. The new church was dedicated in 1887. The interior of the Church was remodeled in 1908. In 1954 stained glass windows were dedicated. In 1956 the basement was enlarged to full size with classrooms and kitchenette. This Church has had circuit relationships, but in 1968 was being served by a lay minister and was no longer on a circuit. In 1968 the membership was 69. It was discontinued in 1977, and the records went to East Brady. The membership in 1975 was 70.

Pastors: Petrolia/Bruin: George J. Squier 1873-1874; Austin L. Kellogg 1874-1876; Robert Newton Stubbs 1876-1878; Platt Wheeler Scofield 1878-1880; Manassas Miller 1880-1882; William M. Taylor 1882-1884; Sylvester Fidler 1884-1886; William H. Bounce 1886-1887; Francis Marion Small 1887-1892; John H. Clemens 1892-1896; John Anthony Lavelly 1896-1899; Ottis H. Sibley 1899-1901; William F. Flick 1901-1902; William E. Frampton 1902-1905; Jacob Albert Hovis 1905-1907; John Russell Rich 1907-1911; Homer Bell Davis 1911-1913; Charles E. McKinley 1913-1914; Wesley Wilson Dale 1914-1917; C. C. Campbell 1917-1918; James Whipple Reis 1918-1921; Charles Ezra Deem 1921-1925; Robert Sherwood Naylor 1925-1930; Claude L. Downs 1930-1936; Homer Henry Thompson 1936-1942; Homer Albert Sayers 1942-1948; Clifford Carl Headland 1948-1953; Granville Mason Crites 1953-1955; Palmer Newton Taylor 1955-1957; William Grant Milliron 1957-1960; Donald Vernon Lintelman 1960-1962; Edwin Majory Tilt 1962-1965; Charles Wirt Buchanan 1965-1975.

PETROLIA: FAIRVIEW

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address:

ID: 087172

Location: Village of Fairview on a Legislative Route, two miles west of Petrolia in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1822-2012

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The Church dates back to a Methodist Class which was organized in the 1830s. In 1847 a house of worship was constructed. The deed for the property, dated September 25, 1875, is from Jacob Hawk and his wife to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairview. They were: John Smith, W. B. Biddle, William Park and John Graham. This Church has sustained Charge relationships with Clinton, then North Washington; then Karns City. In recent years it was part of a Charge with Criswell and Ridgeville Churches. In 1968 it was made a part of a two-point Charge with Bruin. In 1991 it became a station listed as Petrolia: Fairview. Its membership in 1968 was 67. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 49. Petrolia: Fairview UMC closed June 30, 2012. Records went to Bruin UMC.

Pastors: Fairview: *Records not available* 1822-1841: **Clintonville Circuit: Fairview:** Samuel Leech and Alexander Lindsay Miller *Supply* 1841-1842; Israel Mershon and Albert M. Reed 1842-1843; Alexander Lindsay Miller and John K. Coxon 1843-1844; Samuel W. Ingraham and John Van Horne 1844-1845; John Van Horne and Isaiah Hilderbrand 1845-1846; George F. Reeser and David King 1846-1847; George F. Reeser and William F. McCormick 1847-1848; Edwin Hull and Henry Martin Chamberlain 1848-1849; Samuel Baird and Edwin Hull 1849-1850; John W. Wrigglesworth and George Stocking 1850-1851; David Morehouse Stever and John S. Lytle 1851-1852; John G. Thompson 1852-1853; *No Record* 1853-1854; Jared Howe 1854-1855; Friend W. Smith 1855-1856; Hiram Luce 1856-1857; **North Washington/Clintonville Circuit: Fairview:** John McComb and S. S. Nye 1857-1859; S. A. Milroy and Charles W. Bear 1859-1860; William R. Johnson and Charles W. Bear 1860-1861; Robert B. Boyd and Samuel K. Paden 1861-1862; Robert B. Boyd and Ebenezer Bennett 1862-1863; William A. Clark and Ebenezer

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Bennett 1863-1864; George Moore and Stephen Hubbard 1864-1865; Abraham H. Domer 1865-1867; **Clintonville Circuit: Fairview:** Cyril Wilson 1867-1868; David W. Wampler 1868-1869; James M. Grove 1869-1870; **Fairview Circuit: Fairview:** Edward M. Kernick 1870-1873; Washington H. Hollister 1873-1874; David C. Plannette 1874-1875; **Karns City Circuit: Fairview:** Cearing Peters 1875-1878; **Karns City/Fairview:** Edgar Alexander Squier 1878-1879; James Calvin Rhodes 1879-1882; Peter J. Slattery 1882-1883; Samuel Elmer Ryan 1883-1884; John N. Close 1884-1886; William Penn Graham 1886-1887; Lucien F. Merritt 1887-1888; William Marion Canfield 1888-1889; Beatty Parks Linn and I. G. Pollard 1889-1890; Henry A. Teets 1890-1892; Frederick Fair 1892-1895; Finney D. A. Sutton 1895-1897; Valentine F. Dunkle 1897-1898; Robert A. McIntyre 1898-1899; Sylvester Fidler 1899-1901; William J. Small 1901-1905; **Karns City Charge: Fairview:** Austin J. Rinker 1905-1907; Labana H. Shindledecker 1907-1908; William Peter Lowthian 1908-1909; Samuel Long Mills 1909-1910; Lee Ralph Phipps 1910-1912; Robert Summerrill 1912-1915; **Karns City/Kaylor/Fairview:** Thomas N. Ryder 1915-1917; David Joslin Blasdel 1917-1920; Reuben Knight Rumbaugh 1920-1925; **Petrolia/Bruin/Fairview:** Robert Sherwood Naylor 1925-1930; Claude L. Downs 1930-1936; Homer Henry Thompson 1936-1942; Homer Albert Sayers 1942-1948; Clifford Carl Headland 1948-1953; **Criswell Charge: Fairview:** Edward Christian McCollough 1953-1956; Charles Buchanan 1956-1965; **Fairview Charge: Fairview:** Clifford Carl Headland 1966-1968; **Bruin/Fairview Charge: Fairview:** Robert Clyde Gumbert 1968-1970; **Chicora/Karns City/Fairview:** Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp 1970-1972; Donald Theodore Rainey 1972-1980; Russell Eugene Hawk 1980-1988; Earl Franklin Watterson 1988-1991; **Fairview:** Earl Franklin Watterson 1991-1994; **Fairview/Robinson Chapel:** Gary R. Fuss 1994-1996; Richard Edward Bowser 1996-2004; **Bruin/Petrolia: Fairview/Ridgeville:** Wade Reitz Berkey 2004-2012.

PORTERSVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location: U.S. Route 19 and Route 488 in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1856-1859

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Portersville was organized in 1856. It closed and was sold in 1859.

Pastors: Portersville: Isaac Scofield and Gray James Shields 1856-1857; Robert B. Boyd 1857-1858; **East New Castle/Portersville:** Samuel K. Paden and Ebenezer Bennett 1858-1859; Gray James Shields 1859-1859.

PULASKI

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 352, Pulaski, PA 16143-0352

ID: 087126

Location: 120 Water Drive and Shenango Street in the Village of Pulaski on Route 208 in Lawrence County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1854

724/652-5462

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Organized in 1854 as an appointment on the New Wilmington Circuit by the Reverend Richard Alexander Caruthers. During the first two years the congregation held services in the log Pulaski School which stood on the hill east of the town. The frame Church was built in 1856. The parsonage was built in 1901. The first educational annex was added in 1930, then in 1963 a further addition of six Sunday School rooms and a Pastor's Study was built. The chimes were installed in 1949. The Church is proud of the Bible presented to it by the Reverend Homer H. Moore, the New Wilmington Circuit pastor from 1856-1858. A display case for it was provided by the Woman's Society of the Church in 1966. This Church was on the New Wilmington Circuit from 1854-1885, then on a Charge with King's Chapel 1885-1962. It was made a Station appointment in 1962. The membership in 1968 was 112. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 156.

Pastors: New Wilmington Circuit: Pulaski: Richard Alexander Caruthers 1854-1855; Samuel L. Wilkinson 1855-1856; Homer H. Moore 1856-1858; John Thomas Boyle 1858-1859; Richard M. Bear 1859-1860; William Newton Reno 1860-1862; James B. Orwig 1862-1864; Samuel Gregg 1864-1865; John Connor 1865-1866; James Finney Perry 1866-1867; John Crum 1867-1869; **Pulaski Charge: Pulaski:** Addison P. Cotton 1869-1870; Julian S. Card 1870-1871; James K. Mendenhall 1871-1873; **New Wilmington Circuit: Pulaski:** Curtis R. Waters 1873-1874; Harvey Henderson 1874-1875; Henry C. Smith 1875-1876; Joseph B. Wright 1876-1878; George W. Moore 1878-1881; John Henderson Vance 1881-1883; John Milton Crouch 1883-1884; Anthony J. Lindsey 1884-1885; **Pulaski/King's Chapel:** Arza O. Stone 1885-1886; Charles M. Moore 1886-1890; **Shenango Circuit: Pulaski:** Charles Wesley Foulke 1890-1893; Harvey H. Bair, Sr., 1893-1895; **Shenango-Pulaski Circuit: Pulaski:** Frederick Fair 1895-1896; Samuel Long Mills 1896-1899; John C. A. Borland 1899-1902; Herbert W. Hunter 1902-1903; **Pulaski Charge: Pulaski:** T. R. Yates 1903-1905; Alfred Brecht Smith 1906-1909; John C. Womer 1909-1912;

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Thomas Pollard 1912-1913; Robert George Thomas 1913-1914; Fred S. Robinson 1914-1916; Robert A. Thompson 1916-1918; Lewis Winfield Chambers 1918-1919; Don J. Van Devender 1919-1922; **Pulaski/King's Chapel Charge:** Warren P. Blodgett 1922-1923; Job L. Stratton 1923-1925; Charles Clyde Baker 1925-1929; Henry Shilling 1929-1933; Earl J. Jennings 1933-1937; **Pulaski Charge: Pulaski:** Harry Edgar Doverspike 1937-1940; **Pulaski/King's Chapel/New Castle: Wesley:** James Gilbert Cousins 1940-1942; Paul E. Aley 1942-1947; **Pulaski/King's Chapel:** Merle G. Weaver 1947-1950; Elmer R. Nunemaker 1950-1951; Laurell D. Sproull 1951-1955; Albert J. Renwick 1955-1959; Richard Edwin Hawke 1959-1960; Robert Scott Foltz 1960-1962; William J. Bair 1962-1965; Carl M. Jameson 1965-1967; Boyne Edward Boyd 1967-1987; Hugh Frank McKnight 1987-1989; Richard Charles Russell 1989-1992; **Heritage Hills/Pulaski:** Kevin Jerome Rea 1992-1994; **Pulaski/Barrier Free Fellowship:** Kevin Jerome Rea 1994-1998; Susan Elaine Sphar-Calhoun 1998-2001; **Pulaski/Wheatland-Farrell:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2001-2004; **Pulaski:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2004-2008; Robert Emerson Kifer 2008-2012; Paul Ambrose Harman III 2012-*January 17, 2013*; Charles Robert Fowler *Interim Pastor February 1, 2013-June 30, 2013*; **New Castle: Savannah/Pulaski:** Laura Ann Gross Puleo Saffell 2013-2014; **New Castle: North: Pulaski/King's Chapel/Wesley:** Thomas Roy Scott 2014-2016; **New Wilmington/Pulaski:** Rebecca L. Rosengarth 2016--.

QUEENSTOWN

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1876

Mailing Address: c/o Eleanor Delaney, Treasurer, PO Box 155, Petrolia, PA 16050

ID: 087150

Location: 267 Queenstown Road, Karns City, 16041, in Armstrong County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. The first Methodist services were held in the school house in 1876. The school house served as a church until February 10, 1963. Hillsville Church closed and the members and the property were transferred to Queenstown. In 1959 the Queenstown Church purchased property to build a new church. The new church was opened on February 10, 1963 with a Hymn Sing in the evening. There were 170 in attendance for the first service. The old building was sold and torn down. The Church was on the Sherrett Charge and had a membership of sixty-two in 1968. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 36. Transferred from Franklin District to Butler District in 2006.

Pastors: Sherrett/Queenstown: Hiram V. Talbot 1879-1881; Thomas H. Sheckler 1881-1883; Lawrence W. Showers 1883-1884; Samuel M. Sartwell 1884-1886; William Henry Hover 1886-1887; J. S. Patterson 1887-1890; George Collier 1890-1891; **Sherrett/Queenstown/Rimerton:** Lawrence W. Showers 1891-1893; George A. Sutton; 1893-1894; A. T. Maxwell 1894-1895; John Keeler Whippo 1895-1897; Samuel Thompson Davison 1897-1899; Albert Sydow 1899-1900; Homer B. Potter 1900-1902; George Collier 1902-1904; James Ward Frampton 1904-1907; D. J. Frum 1907-1909; Thomas Pollard 1909-1912; **West Monterey/Queenstown:** Frank W. Shope 1912-1913; Ralph Johnson 1913-1914; Omar L. Winger 1914-1916; Ernest Minor Fradenburgh, Sr. 1916-1917; Homer Henry Thompson 1917-1918; Albert C. Howe 1918-1924; John L. Petrie *November 1924-1925*; Clarence L. Hayes 1925-1928; Bernard Charles Himes 1928-1929; **West Monterey/Wattersonville/Queenstown/Sherrett:** Samuel Lewis Allaman, Sr. 1930-1937; Irvin Muir 1937-1938; Howard L. Stull 1938-1941; Homer Fink 1941-1943; Horace France 1943-1944; Walter Bruce Hankey 1944-1954; Kenneth Gray 1954-1957; **Queenstown/Kaylor:** John Eccles Calderwood Matthews 1957-1958; Frederick Salter Bowes 1958-1960; James Kamerer 1960-1963; **Sherrett/Kaylor/Queenstown/Wattersonville:** Richard Allen Eddinger 1963-1968; Hughie Gerald Orsborn 1968-1978; David Lynn Wirick 1978-1983; Richard Lee Downing 1983-1987; Robert Clarence Watt *Associate July 1, 1985-February 9, 1994*; William George Griffith 1987-1993; W. Craig Smith 1993-2000; John P. James 2000-2003; Kathryn Anne Reitz 2003-2004; Linda Lou Dinger 2004-2005; **Queenstown/Kaylor/Robinson Chapel:** Thomas Marvin Sullivan 2005-*December 8, 2005*; **Queenstown/Kaylor:** Robert L. Martin *January 8, 2006-2007*; Thomas Roy Scott *September 1, 2007-2011*; Denise L. Mains 2011-2016; Edward Leroy Clarke 2016-2018; **Faith Community: Bruin/Kaylor/Queenstown:** Floyd H. Barnhart 2018--.

RADIANT LIFE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (PITTSBURGH MILLS)

BUTLER DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

2006-2008

Mailing Address:

ID: 061532

Location: Pittsburgh Mills Shopping Mall, in the Galleria, Space 545, Allegheny County, PA.

Butler District

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. A new church was begun November 1, 2006 in the Galleria at the Pittsburgh Mills Shopping Mall, and closed December 31, 2008.

Pastors: Radiant Life Christian Community (Pittsburgh Mills): Robert Andrew Verner *November 1, 2006-December 31, 2008.*

RENFREW

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1888-2003

Mailing Address:

ID: 096600

Location: Village on Renfrew, on a Legislative Route about seven miles southwest of the City of Butler in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1888 Reverend Robert L. Hickman of Prospect saw an opportunity for home mission work in Renfrew during the oil boom. The first services were held in the Renfrew school house. A building committee consisting of J. W. McAllister, James Hamel and William Schiedemantle was organized during that year. The Church building was completed and dedicated July 20, 1890. In January 1922 the church launched into a building campaign for a community house now annexed to the church. Reverend Walter L. Morgan was the pastor during the campaign. David White was president and W. H. G. Fisher was treasurer of the Trustees at this time. With the exception of three years, 1935-1938, the Church has been a part of the circuit with Connoquenessing. During those three years it was a part of the Cabot Circuit. The membership in 1968 was 152. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 116. Merged with Connoquenessing in 2003. The records are with Connoquenessing UMC.

Pastors: Harmony Circuit: Renfrew: Robert L. Hamilton 1888-1890; Samuel M. Mackey 1890-1891; **Prospect Circuit: Renfrew:** William Floyd Hunter 1891-1893; **Harmony Circuit: Renfrew:** Francis B. Cutler 1893-1895; **Prospect Circuit: Renfrew:** Frederick A. Richards 1895-1899; Leroy McIntyre Humes 1899-1903; George Emerson Cable 1903-1904; Albert Walter Renton 1904-1906; Frank J. Sparling 1906-1909; Josephus Harrison Enlow 1909-1910; Weldon Powell Varner 1910-1912; **Connoquenessing Charge: Renfrew:** Weldon Powell Varner 1912-1913; William M. Medley 1913-1914; Frank Howard Callahan 1914-1920; Walter Leslie Morgan 1920-1924; K. H. Bird 1924-1924; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1924-1925; **Connoquenessing/ Renfrew Charge: Renfrew:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1925-1928; William Reese Gregg 1928-1930; George B. Lambert 1930-1931; Gustave Emil Malmquist 1931-1935; **Renfrew/Cabot Circuit:** David Ferguson Funkhouser 1935-1938; **Connoquenessing/Renfrew:** Josiah Richard Osmond 1938-1941; Joseph Matthew Somers 1941-1942; Clarence Emerson Kerr 1942-1944; John Roy Thompson, Jr. 1944-1944; George B. Lambert 1944-1946; Sherwood Clifford Keiser 1946-1947; Amedee Dilliner Eberhart 1947-1954; William Adelbert Cassidy 1954-1957; Robert Florin Connor 1957-1960; Denten Sharp Mann 1960-1965; Herbert William Shobert 1965-1969; Willis Stanton River 1969-*September* 1974; Paul Everett Wilson *October* 1974-1977; Elroy Mervin Sayers 1977-1980; Walter Bryan Hehman, Sr. 1980-1994; Alice Ruth Weaver Dunn 1994-2003.

RIDGEVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT

1912

Mailing Address: c/o Carole Morgan, 283 Kuhn Road, Karns City, PA 16041

ID: 087161

Location: 1619 Branchton Road, Hilliards, PA 16040, in Northeastern Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This church was originally a United Brethren Church. It was reorganized as a Methodist Church in 1912 by Reverend Samuel B. Bartlett, pastor of the West Sunbury Charge and was placed under the Erie Conference. The name Ridgeville was adopted in 1955. In 2002 it was part of the Cornerstone Community Churches consisting of Argentine, Boyers, Eau Claire: Bethel and Hilliards. The membership in 1968 was 112. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 78. In 2021, Branchton UMC, Ridgeville UMC, and West Liberty UMC form a three-point charge in the northern part of Butler County. These three congregations make it a priority to worship with joy, to pray with conviction, and to build a sense of community that feels like family in all the right ways. In each of the three churches, the Lordship of Jesus finds expression through substantive Christian education, heartfelt worship, and a loving attentiveness to the deepest needs of the community.

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Pastors: West Sunbury/North Washington Charge: Ridgeville: Samuel B. Bartlett 1912-1916; **Hilliard/North Washington Charge: Ridgeville:** Winfield. Scott Ingersoll 1916-1918; Robert Truesdale 1918-1919; **Hilliard/Argentine/Ridgeville:** L. G. Wayne Furman 1919-1923; Chester W. McCaskey 1923-1926; Edward Charles Hasenplug 1926-1927; **Hilliard/Ridgeville:** George Howard Palmer 1917-1929; Samuel Robert Maitland 1919-1930; George Brinton Nolder 1930-1931; **Boyers Charge: Ridgeville:** Kenneth C. Moore 1931-1934; Frank Charles Timmis 1934-1937; Omar L. Winger 1937-1944; Homer Bell Davis, Everett F. Spring, Jr., and Cyrus Hamline Frampton 1944-1945; Clarence H. Klein 1945-1948; Leslie Lloyd Lyons 1948-1950; Winfield Scott Ingersoll 1950-1951; Bernard Charles Himes 1951-1955; **Ridgeville:** Charles Wirt Buchannon 1955-1956; **Ridgeville/Fairview:** Charles Wirt Buchannon 1956-1965; Clifford Carl Headland 1965-1966; **Ridgeville:** Duane LaVerne Morford 1966-1967; Merritt Howard Edner 1967-1968; John Dale Miller 1968-*September 1, 1968*; Richard W. Scott *September 1, 1968-February 1961*; **Boyers/Hilliard/Ridgeville:** Everett Raymond Hammond *Associate February 1969-1976*; Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1976-1980; John William Seth 1980-1985; Lloyd Dice Tennes 1985-1989; Barbara Jill Moore 1989-1993; Siglinde Louise Becker 1993-1995; Kathleen Strong Soltis 1995-2001; **Cornerstone Community Churches: Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel/Hilliards/Ridgeville:** Kathleen Strong Soltis 2001-2002; Robert Palmer *Associate 2001-2002*; **Ridgeville/Hilliards:** Robert Palmer 2002-2004; **Ridgeville/Bruin/Petrolia: Fairview:** Wade Reitz Berkey 2004-2012; **Faith Community Methodist Congregation: Faith Community: Bruin/Ridgeville:** Alison Michelle Fisher (Berkey) 2012-2014; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins 2014-*January 31, 2015*; Floyd H. Barnhart *August 28, 2014-2018*; **Branchton/Ridgeville/West Liberty:** Daniel C. Miller 2018-2021; Brandon J. Moore 2021--

ROCHESTER: FAITH COMMUNITY
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE
Mailing Address: 341 Jefferson Street, Rochester, PA 15074-2098
ID: 096622

BUTLER DISTRICT
1867
724/775-3447

Location: 341 Jefferson Street and Vermont Avenue in the Borough of Rochester in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. At the Pittsburgh Conference session of 1867, Reverend Louis Paine was appointed to establish a Methodist congregation in Rochester. Seventy-five persons attended the first meeting in 1867. The organization was incorporated February 3, 1869. The first Church was completed in 1874. It was razed in 1911 and a second Church building was constructed. A fire destroyed this Church in 1928, and the third building was completed in 1930. The educational wing was consecrated in 1964. A parsonage adjacent to the Church was purchased in 1966. This Church has always been a Station. Its membership in 1968 was 1,009. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 763. Name changed from Rochester: First to Rochester: Faith Community after Rochester: Zion closed. In 2020, Faith Community United Methodist Church is one church in two campuses (with one campus on Jefferson Street in Rochester and the other campus on Route 68, just outside of the city). Through a vibrant ministry that includes creative worship (both traditional and modern), interactive Christian education, intentional relationship-building, and life-changing outreach, Faith Community Church of Rochester, PA carries out its mission: to equip the community to believe in Jesus, to belong to a family, to become a disciple, and to build the kingdom of God.

Pastors: Rochester: First: Louis Paine 1867-1870; John Grant 1870-1871; Washington Darby 1871-1872; Thomas S. Hodgson 1872-1875; David L. Dempsey 1875-1877; Silas Thayer Mitchell 1877-1878; William Cox 1878-1881; David L. Dempsey 1881-1884; Joseph Buchanan Risk 1884-1887; William Davis Slease 1887-1891; Lancelot Robinson Beacom 1891-1894; Samuel M. Bell 1894-1895; William Carson Weaver 1895-1900; William S. Lockard 1900-1904; Charles Lindley Smith 1904-1905; Morris Floyd 1905-1909; Preston C. Brooks 1909-1914; Reimund Clay Wolf 1914-1917; George Emmor Brennenman 1917-1920; Henry J. Giles 1920-1923; Richard Beatty Callahan 1923-1928; Charles William Oresak 1928-1934; John Clark Matteson 1934-1940; William Michael Baumgartner 1940-1943; Ernest Vernon May 1943-1945; Franz Omar Christopher 1945-1951; Clarence Conrad Fisher 1951-1957; James Robert Hartland 1957-*September 1958*; Clarence Conrad Fisher *October 1, 1958-May 1959*; George Washington Stump 1959-*November 1, 1963*; James David Robb *December 1, 1963-1979*; Frank Andy Bodnar 1979-*November 2, 1987*; Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp *February 1, 1988-1994*; Alyce Weaver Dunn *Associate 1988-1994*; James Howard Wright 1994-1999; Frank Bryan Garlathy 1999-2009; Donald William Dotterer 2009-2012; **Faith Community:** Donald William Dotterer 2012-2014; **Faith Community: Rochester: Faith Community/Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Donald William Dotterer 2014-2018; Robert Bailey Allen *Associate 2015-2020*; Donna N. Doult *Associate May 1, 2016-2020*; Luke Andrew Whipple 2020--.

Butler District

ROCHESTER: FAITH COMMUNITY – FAITH ON 68 SATELLITE
UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
2012
724/732-1043

Mailing Address: 398 Route 68, Rochester, PA 15074

ID: 189841 See Predecessor, Rochester: Zion

Location: 398 Route 68, Rochester, two miles east of Rochester, Beaver County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. When Rochester: Zion closed, the building became a worship site for Rochester: Faith Community.

Pastors: Donald William Dotterer 2012-2014; **Faith Community: Rochester: Faith Community/Beaver Falls: Riverview:** Donald William Dotterer 2014-2018; Robert Bailey Allen *Associate* 2015-2020; Donna N. Doust *Associate May 1, 2016-2020*; Luke Andrew Whipple 2020--.

ROCHESTER: ZION
EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1857-2012

Mailing Address:

ID: 189841 See Successor, Rochester: Faith Community – Faith on 68 Satellite

Location: 398 Route 68, two miles east of Rochester, Beaver County, PA.

History: Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was organized in 1857 under the direction of Reverend Jacob Rank of the Harmony Circuit. The services were held in homes until 1870 when a Church was built at the corner of Jefferson Street and Connecticut Avenue in Rochester. The new Church with educational annex was dedicated November 12, 1962. In 1970 the membership was 272. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 197. Rochester: Zion UMC closed June 30, 2012, and the building became a satellite location for Rochester: Faith Community, named Faith on 68. Records went to Rochester: First.

Pastors: Rochester: Zion: Jacob Rank 1857-1858; George Bender 1858-1859; M. Zirkel 1859-1859; John G. Pfeiffer 1859-1860; Jacob Rank 1860-1862; Jacob Hornecker 1862-1864; William Schmidt 1864-1865; George Focht 1865-1866; S. Woerner 1866-1868; B. L. Miller 1868-1870; M. Zirkel 1870-1871; Jacob Foge 1871-1872; H. W. Hampe 1872-1873; William Schmidt 1873-1874; M. Yoder 1874-1875; Charles F. Hartung 1875-1876; Leonhard Scheuermann 1876-1878; T. Shur 1878-1880; George Getz 1880-1883; C. A. Walz 1883-1885; H. Wiegand 1885-1887; George Ott 1887-1888; Charles F. Hartung 1888-1889; Gottlieb Gaehr 1889-1890; Z. G. Ziegler 1890-1893; George Getz 1893-1894; J. A. Hetche 1894-1896; ___ Lingelach 1896-1897; **Beaver Falls: Immanuel/Rochester: Zion:** John W. Hoffman 1897-1900; G. W. Miller 1900-1903; August Peter 1903-1907; G. J. Hollinger 1907-1910; Frederick Handke 1910-1912; A. Gettman 1912-1914; A. H. Wert 1914-1916; A. Bade 1916-1917; W. H. Herkner 1917-1920; Stephen Roth Schieb 1920-1923; Rudolph Ludwig Fassinger 1923-1925; Paul E. Miller 1925-1926; W. E. Weinberg 1926-1931; Thomas O. Fuss 1931-1946; Ivan Weaver Wanner 1946-1951; Harry Brooks Greer, Jr. 1951-1957; Robert E. Shoup 1957-1962; Horace Blair Pollock 1962-1971; Harry Clair Sherry 1971-1980; Frank Robert James 1980-1985; Jack Robert Rees 1985-1987; Dale Arthur Reese 1987-1995; Donald Paul Blinn, Jr. 1995-2001; **Beaver Falls: Central/Rochester: Zion:** Debra Darlene Palmer Eberhart Rogosky 2001-2003; **Rochester: Zion/Bridgewater:** Jeffrey Charles Bobin 2003-2006; Orville Richard Jones 2006-2007; Corbin Michael Russell August 2006-December 2006; **Rochester: Zion:** Corben Michael Russell 2006-2007; Orville Richard Jones 2007-2010; **Bridgewater/Rochester: Zion:** Jean Ann Smith 2010-August 31, 2011; **Rochester: Zion:** TBS 2011-2012.

ROSE POINT
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
18??-1938

Location: Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Rose Point was declared abandoned and ordered sold in 1938.

Pastors: Rose Point: John E. Drake 1921-1923.

SAFE HARBOR
METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
18??-18??

Location:

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History:

Pastors: Georgetown Circuit: Georgetown/Bethel/Safe Harbor/Asbury Chapel/Hookstown/Cralls Schoolhouse/New Cumberland: John Gilleland 1852-1853.

SARVER: ZION

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EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1852

Mailing Address: 438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, PA 16055-9221

724/353-1720

ID: 189852

Location: 438 Bear Creek Road and Sarver Road in the Village of Sarver, Butler County, PA

History: Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. The first meetings were held in 1850 by Herman Henry Bicker. Organization took place in 1852. Services were first held in homes, then in a frame Church building. A brick Church was erected in 1870 which was used until the third church was built in 1960. At first, preaching was in German. After 1910 it was in English. West Winfield was organized in 1914 and became a part of Zion Church in 1966. An educational unit was completed in 1975. In 1970 there were 397 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 689. In 2021, Sarver: Zion United Methodist Church is a dynamic faith community energized by this mission: To invite people to know Jesus Christ; to grow those who respond into disciples; and to serve all people in the name of Jesus. Zion UMC makes it a priority to offer radical hospitality and strives to be a place where all feel seen, heard, and valued. The church offers an expansive and intergenerational ministry that includes creative worship and music, expansive Christian education, exceptional programming for children and youth, and a commitment to missional engagement in the community and world. At Zion UMC, people love deeply, serve faithfully, pray fervently, worship joyfully, and grow daily into the likeness of Jesus.

Pastors: Sarver: Zion: Herman Henry Bicker 1850-1852; J. M. Zirkel and Long 1852-1853; Joseph Truby and Shade 1853-1855; Herman Henry Bicker 1855-1856; John Pfeifer 1856-1857; Jacob Ranck 1857-1859; W. H. Pfeifer 1859-1860; J.M. Zirkel 1860-1861; William Smith 1861-1862; *No Record* 1862-1864; Charles F. Hartung 1864-1865; George Focht 1865-1866; George W. Fisher 1866-1867; Samuel Baumgardner Kring 1867-1868; J. Vogel 1868-1869; Charles F. Hartung 1869-1871; Jacob Honecker 1871-1873; George W. Fisher 1873-1875; M. Yoder 1875-1876; F. S. Seifs 1876-1877; J. A. Young 1877-1879; John Honecker 1879-1881; R. Lehman and L. Pfeifer 1881-1882; L. Pfeifer 1882-1883; J. Vogel 1883-1885; J. H. Huebner 1885-1886; A. W. Wendt 1886-1887; H. Fuchs and C.W. Neuendorf 1887-1888; C. Wohlgemuth 1888-1890; E. W. Yeacker 1890-1892; S. E. Goetz 1892-1893; Jakob Wahl 1893-1896; R. Tiersch 1896-1900; A. Peters 1900-1903; G. W. Miller 1903-1907; Jakob Wahl 1907-1909; Charles F. Hartung 1909-1911; Charles M. Faulk and W. H. Shuster 1911-1912; Charles M. Faulk 1912-1917; Harry E. Dornheim 1917-1919; **Sarver: Zion/West Winfield:** Arthur B. Hosbach 1919-1926; Stephen Roth Schieb 1926-1927; John Finkbeiner 1927-1929; **Sarver: Zion/West Winfield:** Ivan Weaver Wanner 1929-1932; Rudolph Ludwig Fassinger 1932-1938; John O. Bishop 1938-1947; William Martin West 1947-1956; Samuel Clay Shaffer 1956-1958; Arthur E. Allen 1958-1959; Ray Edward Gnagey 1959-1964; **Sarver: Zion:** Ray Edward Gnagey 1964-1969; Paul James Halstead 1969-1977; William Paul Saxman 1977-1988; John Everett Ciampa 1988-1998; Howard A. Greenfield, II 1998-2011; Kathleen A. Mikesell *Deacon January* 2004-2011. Robert Howard Wilson 2011-2021; Christopher Drew Myers *Associate* 2015-2018; Seth Allen McClymonds, Jr. 2021--.

SHENANGO

BUTLER DISTRICT

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – ERIE CONFERENCE

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Location:

History:

Pastors: Shenango/Crawford: Joseph C. Wygant 1909-1911; Martin Lester Kaufman 1922-1926; **Shenango:** Clark W. Shields 1926-1928.

SHIPPINGPORT: GREEN VALLEY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1850

Mailing Address: PO Box 205, Shippingport, PA 15077

ID: 096724

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Location: 170 Kerona Road on Route 168 in Shippingport, about one-half mile from the Shippingport Bridge and the Atomic Power Station in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Other names by which this Church has been known are Safe Harbor and Green Valley and Shippingport. The congregation was organized about 1850 and used an old schoolhouse as a meeting place until 1918. Originally it was part of the Georgetown Circuit with Reverend Jacob Keiss Miller as the first pastor. From 1850 to 1885 the Georgetown Circuit consisted of Georgetown, Bethel Meeting House, Safe Harbor (now Shippingport), Asbury Chapel, Hookstown, Crail's Schoolhouse and New Cumberland. The second Church building was constructed in 1918. The first load of bricks for the Church was lost when the barge carrying them was sunk in the Ohio River. Since its inception, Shippingport has been a circuit church linked with numerous other Methodist Congregations in southern Beaver County. In 1968 the Shippingport Church was on a two-point Circuit with Georgetown Methodist Church. The 1968 membership was 181. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 73.

Pastors: Georgetown Circuit: Georgetown/Bethel Meeting House/Safe Harbor (now Shippingport)/Asbury Chapel/Hookstown/Crail's Schoolhouse/New Cumberland: Jacob Keiss Miller 1850-1852; John White 1853-1855; Morris B. Pugh 1855-1857; John Coleman High 1857-1859; James Lafferty Stiffey 1859-1861; Matthias Myers Eaton 1861-1863; Artemus E. Ward and Walter Brown 1863-1864; Artemus E. Ward 1864-1865; Gustavus A. Lowman and David Andrew Pierce 1865-1866; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1866-1869; Andrew Huston 1869-1871; Joseph Gledhill and Morrison Coleman Harris 1871-1873; Joseph Gledhill 1873-1874; Thompson F. Pershing 1874-1875; Thompson F. Pershing and Edwin M. Taylor 1875-*Spring* 1876; Joseph N. Pershing *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1876; Washington Darby *Fall* 1876-*Fall* 1877; Josiah Dillon 1877-1879; Joseph E. Wright 1879-1881; James L. Deens 1881-1882; Abraham J. Rich 1882-1885; Andrew Lucius Kendall 1885-1886; Andrew Smith Hunter 1886-1888; *To Be Supplied* 1888-1889; **Georgetown/Smith Ferry:** Henry J. Giles 1889-1891; William H. Kirkland 1891-1894; Elmer H. Greenlee 1894-1897; **Georgetown:** Albert Jacob Cook 1897-1898; J. W. K. Hodge 1898-1900; **Georgetown/Chester, WV:** Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1900-1902; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1902-1903; **Georgetown/Smith Ferry:** George Emmor Brenneman 1903-1904; Howard Henry Westwood 1904-1906; Albert W. Robertson 1906-1907; **Georgetown:** George Meade Dougherty 1907-1908; John Montgomery Pascoe 1908-1910; James A. Hamilton 1910-1912; William L. Crawford 1912-1917; William J. Lowry 1917-1919; Oscar Adams Emerson 1919-1921; George Amos Williams 1921-1923; Arthur Sellers 1923-1926; Thomas H. Mahan 1926-1928; Charles Leroy Cusick 1928-1930; Loyola C. Matthews 1930-1934; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1934-1938; Samuel G. Noble 1938-1943; **Georgetown/Shippingport/ Bethel:** Alva Jacob Musselman 1943-1945; Mrs. Carl V. Hairhoger 1945-1952; Curtis A. Hoover 1952-1953; **Georgetown/Bethel:** Ellsworth Daniel Crispens 1953-1958; **Georgetown/Bethel/ Shippingport:** David Dayen 1958-1959; **Georgetown/Shippingport:** David Dayen 1959-1964; **Shippingport:** Charles F. Remaley, Jr. 1964-1970; William Bramwell Huson 1970-1972; Leo Black 1872-1977; **Midland/Shippingport:** Allyn L. Ricketts 1977-*May* 1980; William J. Marshall 1980-1985; **Midland/Shippingport: Green Valley:** Marvel Irene Timm 1885-1989; Rico James Vespa 1989-1994; **Midland/Shippingport: Green Valley/Bethel of Beaver County:** Rico James Vespa 1994-2000; **Midland Ecumenical Parish: Midland United Methodist/Midland Presbyterian/ Shippingport: Green Valley:** Rico James Vespa 2000-2004; **Midland Ecumenical Parish: Midland United Methodist/Midland Presbyterian/Shippingport: Green Valley:** Susan M. McCombs Pickering 2004-*September* 11, 2011; **Shippingport: Green Valley:** Susan M. McCombs Pickering *September* 1, 2011--.

SLIPPERY ROCK

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 130 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1101
ID: 087365

Location: 130 Franklin Street and Maple Street, in the Borough of Slippery Rock, in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first sermon was preached in a bar room by the Reverend John Chandler of the Pittsburgh Conference. Reverend John Somerville started the first Class Meetings in 1831 in the home of John Stevenson. Later meetings were held in a school house that stood at the 130 Franklin Street church location. Prior to 1894 Slippery Rock was known as Centerville. In 1837 a small meeting house was erected and was on the Harrisville Circuit. In 1860 the old church was torn down and a brick Church was built at a cost of \$3,000. Reverend Calvin R. Pattee was the pastor at that time. The brick for the Church was made locally by John Cross. In 1897 an educational wing was added to the Church through the efforts of Reverend John A. McCamey. In 1960 a new

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sanctuary and fellowship Hall were constructed under the leadership of Reverend Hugh Dewey Crocker. The old building was converted into an educational building. The Church was originally part of the Harrisville Circuit until 1896; from 1896-1933 it was a Station appointment; and from 1933 to 1964 it was a two-point circuit with West Liberty. In 1964 because of its increased ministry to the Slippery Rock State College it became a one-point charge. The Church was incorporated in 1931 as the Slippery Rock Methodist Church. The membership in 1968 was 459. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 419.

Pastors: Centerville Circuit: John Somerville 1831-1832; William Carroll 1834-1835; *Unknown* 1835-1845; **Harrisville Circuit: Centerville:** George F. Reeser and John W. Wrigglesworth 1845-1846; William M. Bear and Isaiah Hildebrand 1846-1847; Thomas Benn 1847-1849; George Stocking 1849-1850; Norton Roderick 1850-1851; John W. Wilson 1851-1852; John S. Lytle 1852-1854; Isaac Scofield 1854-1855; Frederick Vernon 1855-1856; Thomas G. McCreary 1856-1858; John M. Greene 1858-1859; Calvin R. Pattee 1859-1861; John G. Thompson 1861-1863; **Harrisville/Centerville Charge:** Robert B. Boyd 1863-1865; Thomas Graham 1865-1867; **Centerville:** Abram H. Domer 1867-1869; **Harrisville/Centerville:** John Crum 1869-1871; Lewis Wick 1871-1872; James M. Foster 1872-1875; John A. Ward 1875-1878; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1878-1880; Charles A. Knesal 1880-1883; Daniel W. Wampler 1883-1885; William Perry Arbuckle 1885-1886; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1886-1887; Samuel K. Paden 1887-1890; Samuel Myron Gordon 1890-1893; **Name changed to Slippery Rock/Harrisville Circuit:** Perry A. Reno 1893-1895; William A. Baker 1895-1897; **Slippery Rock:** John Albert McCamey 1897-1899; John Anthony Lavelly 1899-1901; Hardman F. Miller 1901-1905; James Eugene Hillard 1905-1907; Luther H. Eddleblute 1907-1910; Corydon J. Warner 1910-1914; Ernest Minor Fradenburgh, Sr. 1914-1915; Robert Cook McMinn 1915-1920; Jabez Noah Croxall 1922-1925; Frank Hurlburt Frampton 1925-1931; Robert A. Thompson 1931-1934; **West Liberty Charge: Slippery Rock:** Louis Edward Elbel 1934-1936; Clarence Wilbur Baldwin 1936-1940; Charles S. Aldrich 1940-*Summer* 1943; Thomas Edwin Spofford *Summer* 1943-1943; Leigh Mudge 1943-1946; Walter Woodrow Gilliland, Sr. 1946-1951; R. Blaine Detrick 1951-1955; Victor Patterson 1955-1955; George H. McGhee 1955-1958; Hugh Dewey Crocker 1958-*March* 1, 1964; **Slippery Rock:** Richard Edwin Hawke *April* 1, 1964-*October* 1, 1969; Richard Merle Henderson *October* 15, 1969-1978; Evan Eugene Ankeny 1978-1982; Russell Leroy Babcock 1982-1989; Harper Randolph Edward 1989-2005; Pamela Sue Gardner 2005-2012; Keith Howard McIlwain 2012--.

SLIPPERY ROCK: SAINT JOHN'S

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 244 Hallston Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-5020
ID: 087206

Location: 244 Hallston Road, Slippery Rock, PA, one and one-half miles east of Route 8 on Hallston Road and Saint John's Road, in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church was organized about the time the Civil War closed to succeed the disbanded Society at Hickory Furnace. Familiarly known as “Hall’s Church” through the activity of Jesse Hall who was instrumental in organizing and building the first house of worship in 1868. The Church was dedicated March 7, 1869. A new building was dedicated in August 1907. Extensive renovation was made in 1968. It has been an appointment on different Circuits through the years and in 1968 was yoked with West Liberty. In 2001 it was linked with Forestville. The membership in 1968 was 141. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 111.

Pastors: Clintonville Circuit: Saint John's (Hall's Church): Daniel W. Wampler 1868-1869; James M. Groves 1869-1871; Ebenezer Bennett 1871-1873; Cearing Peters 1873-1875; Job L. Stratton 1875-1876; **Centerville (Slippery Rock) Circuit: Saint John's:** John A. Ward 1876-1878; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1878-1880; Charles A. Knesal 1880-1883; Daniel W. Wampler 1883-1885; William Perry Arbuckle 1885-1886; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1886-1887; Samuel K. Paden 1887-1890 Samuel Myron Gordon 1890-1893; **Name Changed to Slippery Rock Charge: Saint John's:** Perry A. Reno 1893-1894; James S. Kittell 1894-1895; **Harlansburg Circuit: Saint John's:** Samuel E. Winger 1895-1896; James Revens Burrows 1896-1898; John E. Drake 1898-1901; Sylvester Fidler 1901-1905; James Whipple Reis 1905-1906; Robert George Thomas 1906-1910; Mayson Hodgson Sewell 1910-1912; Robert George Thomas 1912-1913; **West Liberty Circuit: Saint John's:** Frank W. Shope 1913-1914; Rome A. Parsons 1914-1916; Ira Scott 1916-1921; Arthur Albin Swanson 1921-1924; Charles Clyde Baker, George E. Marquand and R. C. Cox 1924-1925; C. L. Osborne 1925-1927; Harry Storch, W. E. Flannery and Henry Fulton Pollock 1927-1928; **Branchton Charge: Saint John's:** Earl N. Engle 1928-1932; **West Liberty Charge: Saint John's:** Paul Reams Smith 1932-1935; **Slippery Rock Circuit: Saint John's:** Louis Edward Elbel 1935-1936; **Branchton/Saint John's:** Harold D. Melzer 1936-1937; Robert Blackwood Withers 1937-1946; James Henry Cox

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1946-1949; Harry William Beveridge 1949-1953; Calvin Gilmore 1953-1955; **Saint John's:** Harry Lee Johnson 1955-1956; Charles W. Livingston 1956-1957; James Ellsworth Reeher 1957-1963; James Arthur Trusel 1963-1964; **Saint John's/West Liberty:** James Arthur Trusel 1964-*October* 1980; Dennis Jay Cornelius *November* 3, 1980-1982; Claude Gerald Groters, Sr. 1982-1985; Clyde Ralph Lewis 1985-1988; Russell Dale Hixson 1988-1990; **Slippery Rock: Saint John's/Forestville:** Russell Dale Hixson 1990-1992; Edward Alan Schoeneck 1992-1997; Thomas Dwight D.Carr 1997-1999; Kathleen Ann Pickett Jay 1999-2001; Steve Stanley Soltis 2001-*April* 1, 2004; Thomas Marvin Sullivan *April* 2, 2004-2004; David Duane Ealy 2004-2011. Barbara Jill Moore 2011-2015; Jean Ann Smith 2015-2018; **Slippery Rock: Saint John's:** Earl Richard Dykes 2018-2020; **Slippery Rock: Saint John's Charge/Barkeyville Charge:** Earl Richard Dykes 2020--.

SMITH'S FERRY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1870

Mailing Address: 15990 Oak Ridge Drive, East Liverpool, OH 43920-9666

ID: 096702

Location: 110 Liberty Street, Midland, PA 15059, at the west end of the one paved street in the Village of Smith's Ferry, in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized in the Village of Smith's Ferry sometime prior to 1876. The parsonage has since been sold. Early Church records were lost in the 1936 floodwaters of the Ohio River. The Church has been a part of several circuits including Georgetown and Ohioville and Neesley Chapel, West Virginia in 1959. It became a station appointment in 1960 and later back on with Georgetown. The membership in 1968 was 28. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 21.

Pastors: Georgetown Circuit: Smith's Ferry: Andrew Huston 1870-1871; Joseph Gledhill and Merriman Colbert Harris 1871-1873; Joseph Gledhill 1873-1874; Daniel N. Stafford 1874-1875; Thompson F. Pershing 1875-1875; Edward M. Taylor 1875-*Spring* 1876; Joseph N. Pershing *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1876; Washington Darby *Fall* 1876-1877; Josiah Dillon 1877-1879; Joseph E. Wright 1879-1881; James L. Deens 1881-1882; Abraham J. Rich 1882-1885; Andrew Lucius Kendell 1885-1886; James Lafferty Stiffey 1886-1888; *To Be Supplied* 1888-1889; Henry J. Giles 1889-1891; William H. Kirkland 1891-1894; Elmer H. Greenlee 1894-1897; Albert Jacob Cook 1897-1898; J. W. K. Hodge 1898-1900; **Georgetown/Smith's Ferry/Chester, West Virginia:** Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1900-1902; **Georgetown/Smith's Ferry:** Norman Bruce Fierstone 1902-1903; George Emmor Brenneman 1903-1904; Howard Henry Westwood 1904-1906; Albert W. Richardson 1906-1907; George Meade Dougherty 1907-1908; John Montgomery Pascoe 1908-1910; James A. Hamilton 1910-1912; William L. Crawford 1912-1913; Henry A. Teets 1913-1917; **Smith's Ferry:** Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1917-1921; Robert C. Lawrence 1921-1922; Weldon Powell Varner 1922-1923; *No Record* 1923-1926; C. W. Ewing 1926-1928; **Georgetown/Smith's Ferry:** Charles Leroy Cusick 1928-1930; Loyola C. Matthews 1930-1931; **Smith's Ferry/Chester, West Virginia:** George Warren Smucker 1931-1934; L. W. LeGage 1934-1936; **Midland/Smith's Ferry:** Daniel Melroy Paul 1936-1938; John Forrest Stewart 1938-1940; Harry G. Trimmer 1940-1943; Harry Valentine Leland 1943-1945; E. C. Reid 1945-1952; John Love 1952-1953; Charles Arthur Sadofsky 1953-1954; Leo White 1954-1956; **Smith's Ferry/Neesley, West Virginia:** Gerald Albert Miller 1956-1960; **Smith's Ferry:** William Eugene Cromer 1960-1969; Howard Franklin Burrell, Jr. 1969-1971; **Georgetown/Smith's Ferry:** Robert DeWayne Sayre 1971-1974; David Russell Lewis 1974-1976; **Smith's Ferry:** Robert James Higerd 1976-1979; **Georgetown/Smith's Ferry:** Robert James Higerd 1979-1983; Willard Charles Adkins 1983--.

SONRISE

BUTLER DISTRICT

UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

1992-1995

Mailing Address:

ID: 100644

Location: Adams and Middlesex Township, Butler County, PA.

History: United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Organized in 1992 and discontinued November 30, 1995. The records went to the Western PA Conference Archives.

Pastors: Valencia/Adams and Middlesex: Joanne Irene Torma-Kelly 1992-1994; **Sonrise:** Keith Allen Dunn 1994-*November* 30, 1995.

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SPRINGDALE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 739 Pittsburgh Street, Springdale, PA 15144-1533

ID: 096768

Location: 739 Pittsburgh Street and Jane Street in the Borough of Springdale, Allegheny County, PA.

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History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first meeting was in the home of James Henderson in 1864. The house still stands on corner of Pittsburgh and Moyhend Streets. Later worshipers met at a frame school house on Pillows Hill above Cheswick. It became the head of Springdale Circuit in 1864 with Reverend Gideon D. Kinnear as pastor. The schoolhouse was torn down and re-erected at 735 Pittsburgh Street in 1869. In 1882 a two-story brick Church building was erected. It was organized as Station with a membership of 86 in 1886. The Church structure was destroyed by fire January 28, 1899. A new Church building was completed January 10, 1900. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 329. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Back to Butler District in 2008.

Pastors: Springdale: Gideon D. Kinnear 1864-1866; William H. Tibbles 1866-1867; John Boyd 1867-1868; George Orbin 1868-1869; Morris B. Pugh 1869-1871; James B. Gray 1871-1874; Charles M. McCaslin 1874-1875; George Washington Cranage 1875-1876; William Kennedy Brown 1876-1877; John Coleman High 1877-1879; George Washington Johnson 1879-1882; Joseph E. Wright 1882-1883; Edward Joseph Knox 1883-1884; Matthew J. Montgomery 1884-1887; Robert J. Hamilton 1887-1890; Appleton Bash 1890-1893; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1893-1896; Charles Lindley Smith 1896-1898; Alson Moon Doak 1898-1902; Henry Conley Beacon 1902-1903; John J. David 1903-1904; Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1904-1908; Paul Weyand 1908-1912; Howard Ellsworth Lloyd 1912-1916; Franklin Lawson Teets 1916-1920; John D. W. Heazelton 1920-1922; John Forrest Stewart 1922-1924; John William King 1924-1928; Richard Beatty Callahan 1928-1931; William Johnston Turner 1931-1934; Arthur Hays Roberts 1934-1934; John Wesley Buono 1934-1936; Howard Weston Jamison 1936-1940; Daniel Melroy Paul 1940-1942; Ronald Moseley 1942-1947; Francis McClure Kees 1947-1954; Delmar Clarence Robbins 1954-1967; Robert Calvin Armstrong 1967-1968; Kenneth Anderson McGowan, Jr. 1968-1976; Roger William Cramer, Sr. 1976-1993; Howard Gilliford Russell, Jr. 1993-1995; James Walter Hamilton 1995-1998; Howard Franklin Burrell, Jr. 1998-2002; Donald Edward Bailey 2002-2004; **Springdale/Arnold:** Karen Lynn Prescott 2004-2009; Patricia S. Boring, CLM 2007-2011; **Springdale:** Robert Wayne Schar 2009-2014; **Springdale/Laketon Heights:** Judith Elayne Winston Thomas 2014-2015; **Allegheny River West Bank Charge: Walter Chapel/Springdale/Creighton: Janes:** Megan Yvonne Berkebile 2015-2018; **Springdale/Bairdford:** Jerrold John Pawloski 2018-2021; **Bairdford/Janes/Springdale:** Dora J. Odarenko 2021--.

SUNBURY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Location: Butler County, PA.

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18??-1868

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Sunbury was sold in 1868.

Pastors:

TARENTUM: FIRST

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Location: Route 28, north of Tarentum in Allegheny County, PA.

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1810-1970

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church had its origin as a preaching place in the log cabin of Thomas and Molly Horton on the original Shenango Circuit in 1810, or perhaps earlier. Fourteen members of the Class are recorded for 1910. William Kennedy became the Class Leader after the death of Thomas Horton in 1812. The Class was a part of various Circuits until 1846 when it became head of a Circuit with Emory Chapel, Walter's Chapel, Millertown, Freeport and Natrona. It became a Station in 1884. A great revival in 1842 under the preaching of Reverend Peter McGown quadrupled the congregation with 90 converts. Its first Church building, on Ninth Avenue, was dedicated on October 27, 1844. This frame building was raised in 1859 and a story was built under it. In 1885 it was moved across Ninth Avenue where it continued until 1968 as a double house. A three-story brick Church was built on the original site from 1885-1887, being dedicated by Bishop Thomas Bowman on May 22, 1827. This building, after several renovations, was sold to the Tarentum School District in 1961 and the congregation moved

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in to their new half-million-dollar Church plant on Freeport Road. The membership in 1968 was 864. The name was changed to Brackenridge: Trinity in 1970. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

Pastors: Shenango Circuit: James Watt 1810-1811; Abel Robinson 1811-1812; James Watt 1812-1813; Jacob Gorwell 1813-1814; John Elliott 1814-1815; John Somerville 1815-1816; Robert C. Hatton 1816-1817; Jacob Hooper and Samuel Baker 1817-1818; John C. Brooks 1818-1819; William Cunningham and James C. Hunter 1819-1820; Charles Trescott and William Cunningham 1820-1821; **Beaver Circuit:** John Graham and William Tipton 1821-1822; Dennis Goddard and Billings Otis Plimpton 1822-1823; Ezra Booth and Albert G. Richardson 1823-1824; Samuel Adams and Robert Finley Hopkins 1824-1825; **Butler Circuit:** Job Wilson 1825-1826 John Chandler 1826-1827; John W. Hill and Lorenzo Dow Prosser 1827-1828; John P. Kent and James Babcock 1828-1829; John Summerville 1829-1830; Isaac Winans and William Butt 1830-1831; James Gilmore 1831-1832; William Carroll 1832-1833; William Carroll and Harvey Bradshaw 1833-1834; Abner Jackson and Lewis Janney 1834-1835; Abner Jackson and Edwin J. Kinney 1835-1836; William C. Henderson and Lorenzo Whipple 1836-1837; John McClean 1837-1839; Peter M. McGowan and William Cooper, Jr. 1938-1841; Joseph L. Ray and Jacob S. Patterson 1841-1842; Peter M. McGowan and Jeremiah Phillips 1842-1843; Charles Carroll Best and Washington G. Morris 1843-1844; John L. Williams 1844-1845; John L. Williams and William Cooper 1845-1846; **Tarentum Circuit:** William Cooper 1846-1847; Israel Archibald 1847-1848; John Murray 1848-1849; Benjamin F. Sawhill 1849-1850; Edward Burns Griffin 1850-1852; Martin Luther Weekly 1852-1853; Albert G. Williams 1853-1854; David Hess and Anthony W. Butts 1854-1855; David Hess and Isaac Aiken 1855-1856; Robert Finley Hopkins 1856-1857; John Grant 1857-1859; John E. McGaw 1859-1861; Joseph Horner 1861-1863; Jeremiah W. Kessler 1863-1865; Wiley W. Roup 1865-1866; Robert J. Hamilton 1866-1869; Wesley Smith 1869-1870; Wesley Daws Stevens 1870-1872; Frederick W. Vertican 1872-1875; John Conner 1875-1876; Ezra Morgan Wood 1876-*Fall* 1877; John S. Wakefield *Fall* 1877-1880; Jacob Brennehan Uber 1880-1882; John Anderson Danks 1882-1884; **Tarentum:** William D. Sease 1884-1887; Silas Thayer Mitchell 1887-1891; Jesse Franklin Core 1891-1892; Philip S. Merrill 1892-1893; Samuel M. Bell 1893-1894; James Alexander Ballantine 1894-1896; Robert Thompson Miller 1896-1897; Henry Viant Givler 1897-1899; Joseph Paul Marlatt 1899-1903; Charles Miner Miller 1903-1907; Thomas Henry Woodring 1907-1912; Richard Makin Fowles 1912-1916; Preston C. Brooks 1916-1919; Lemon Dorsey Spaugy 1919-1922; Benjamin Franklin Crawford 1922-1925; George Leonard Clarence Richardson 1925-1930; Homer Carpenter Renton 1930-1936; Charles James Whitlatch 1936-1943; **Tarentum: First:** George T. Green 1943-1949; Clayton Charles Adkins 1949-1956; Edwin J. Siess 1956-1965; Arvel Gaylord Neal 1965-1969; Jack Gail Ammon 1969-1970.

TEMPLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
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Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Temple was on the Butler Circuit in 1860 along with Butler, Petersville and Brownsdale.

Pastors:

THORNCREEK METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

BUTLER DISTRICT
1837

Mailing Address: 142 Rockdale Road, Butler, PA 16002-9052
ID: 096826

724/553-0215

Location: 142 Rockdale Road in Jefferson Township, six miles southeast of the City of Butler and one mile east of Route 8 in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church grew out of Kennedy's Class organized in 1837 and called "The Temple" with John Kennedy and wife, Thomas Robinson, Betsy, Nancy, and Hamilton Cunningham, Elijah and Rebecca Burkhart as members. This building was a crude log cabin 20 x 26 feet and located on the site of the present Thorn Creek Cemetery. This building served as part of the Butler Circuit until 1866 when a new building was begun and completed in 1868, located beside the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad. It is believed that this building was called The Leggett Methodist Episcopal Church, but no records are available to substantiate this. In 1870 the name appears in the Trustee's minutes as Thorn Creek, its new name. Because of increased noise from the railroad traffic, a new church was constructed one-half mile above the tracks on land given by William Kennedy in December 1911. Following a fire on February 11, 1947 the congregation decided to rebuild immediately on a new two-acre site

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one mile above the former church. This land was given to the church by Arthur Burtner. The basement was completed in October of 1947 and the church building was dedicated on March 18, 1953. In 1955 the Thorn Creek Church became a station appointment after having been a part of the Brownsdale Circuit. The 1968 membership was 250. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 301. Located in the central portion of the Butler District, in 2022, the congregation of Thorn Creek is devoted to worshipping God, growing in discipleship to Jesus, and building Christian community. Through their ministries of worship, Christian education, and outreach, the people of Thorn Creek help one another to walk more faithfully and attentively with Jesus, while loving and serving all people in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of His Spirit.

Pastors: Butler Circuit: The Temple: John McLean 1837-1839; Peter M. McGowan 1839-1840; Peter M. McGowan and William Cooper 1840-1841; Joseph L. Ray and Jacob S. Patterson 1841-1842; Peter M. McGowan and Jeremiah Phillips 1842-1843; Charles Carroll Best and Washington G. Morris 1843-1844; John White and John L. Williams 1844-1845; John L. Williams and William Cooper 1845-1846; Robert J. White 1846-1848; Joshua Monroe 1848-1849; John Murray 1849-1851; John Gilleland 1851-1852; Andrew Huston 1852-1854; James Borbidge and Richard Morrow 1854-1855; James Borbidge 1855-1856; John Ansley 1856-1857; John Ansley and Albert Baker 1857-1858; Samuel Crouse and Levi S. Keagle 1858-1859; Samuel Crouse and Henry Mansell 1859-1860; Henry Mansell and Thomas Storer 1860-1861; Edward H. Baird 1861-1862; **Butler/Harmony: The Temple:** Albert Baker and Abraham J. Rich 1862-1863; Adna Broadway Leonard 1863-1864; William H. Tibbles 1864-1866; John D. Leggett 1866-1867; **Harmony-Brownsdale Circuit: The Temple:** George Washington Cranage 1867-1869; **Brownsdale Circuit: Thorn Creek:** John Anderson Danks 1869-1872; Henry R. Long 1872-1873; Barnett T. Thomas 1873-1874; Matthias Myers Eaton 1874-1875; Nelson Davis 1875-1876; *No Record* 1876-1877; Frederick W. Vertican 1877-1878; Sylvanus Lane 1878-1879; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1879-1880; Thomas Newton Boyle 1880-1881; T. W. Robins 1881-1882; **Brownsdale-Thorn Creek Charge: Thorn Creek:** Henry James Altsman 1882-1883; Marion M. Hildebrand 1883-1886; Delbert L. Johnson 1886-1889; Albert Howell Acken 1889-1890; James Lafferty Stiffey 1890-1892; Charles F. Bollinger 1892-1896; Charles M. McCaslin 1896-1898; Samuel H. Greenlee 1898-1900; Grant Simpson Pollock 1900-1903; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1903-1907; Everett L. Pierce 1907-1911; George S. Buck 1911-1915; Oscar Adams Emerson 1915-1916; William Millward 1916-1917; J. A. Jordan 1917-1918; *No Record* 1918-1919; Clyde Vincent Sparling 1919-1923; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1923-1926; John Henry Ward 1926-1927; J. D. Wilcox 1927-1929; Franz Omar Christopher 1929-1931; Harvey Monroe Jenkins 1931-1939; Charles Leroy Cusick 1939-1942; Harry W. Nehrig 1942-1945; Alva J. Musselman 1945-1953; George S. Stephens 1953-1956; **Thorn Creek:** William Bramwell Huson 1956-1960; John Josiah Washburn 1960-1961; Paul Henry Shrader 1961-1965; Earle Henry Fouts 1965-1979; John Robert Miller 1979-1984; Jon Crawford Gulnac 1984-1990; Gerald John Kolljeski 1990-*January* 1, 1992; Dennis Baker Keefe *March* 1, 1992-1996; Richard Olin Feagin 1996-2007; Kurtis Arthur Knobel 2007-2010; **Thorncreek/Emory Chapel/Connoquenessing:** Kurtis Arthur Knobel 2010-*January* 14, 2016; **Thorncreek/Emory Chapel:** Mary Jo Gould *January* 15, 2016-2022; Amanda Gilligan Mitchell 2022--.

TUCKER

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 275 Skyview Drive, Weirton, WV 26062

ID: 096848

Location: 641 Steubenville Pike, Burgettstown, PA 15021, on Route 22, two miles west of Florence in Hanover Township, Washington County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1786

724/947-9139

History: Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. The Tucker Church is an outgrowth of the Class organized in the James Holmes home on the original Redstone Circuit probably in 1786. John and Henrietta Tucker, who had settled on a four-hundred-acre tract of land in 1775, gave the land on which the Church and cemetery are located. The hand-dressed stone Church 33 x 44 feet was erected in 1824. It was constructed by four brothers of Minnesinger, who were stone masons from Island Creek, Ohio. The Church has been in continuous use since that time. It is the second oldest Church building in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. The building has been renovated from time to time to adapt it to modern use. The basement was added in 1954 and the vestibule and other renovations to match the original stone of the building were added in 1965. The family reunions of the historic Tucker family are held at this Church. The membership in 1968 was 83. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 65.

Pastors: Redstone Circuit: Tucker: Wilson Lee, John Fidler and Peter Moriarty 1785-1786; Robert Ayres, John Smith and Stephen Deakins 1786-1787; **Ohio Circuit: Tucker:** Charles Conaway and George Callahan 1787-1788; Richard Pearson and John Todd 1788-1789; Richard Pearson and Thomas Carroll 1789-1790; Daniel Fidler and Jacob

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Lurton 1790-1791; William McLenahan and Thomas Haymond 1791-1792; Isaac Lunsford, Lasley Matthews and Daniel Hitt 1792-1793; Thomas Scott and Robert Bonham 1793-1794; Samuel Hitt and Thomas Haymond 1794-1795; Andrew Nichols and John Seward 1795-1796; Shadrack Johnson and Jonathan Bateman 1796-1797; Nathaniel B. Mills and Jacob Colbert 1797-1798; Solomon Harris and Nathaniel B. Mills 1798-1799; Thomas Haymond and Jesse Stoneman 1799-1800; Joseph Rowen and John Cullison 1800-1801; Benjamin Essex and Joseph Hill 1801-1802; Joseph Chieuvront and George Askin 1802-1803; **Pittsburgh District: Redstone Circuit: Tucker:** Jesse Stoneman and Lasley Matthews 1803-1804; **Monongahela District: Tucker:** Thomas Doughaday and Joseph A. Shackelford 1804-1805; **Ohio Circuit: Tucker:** David Stevens and James Watts 1805-1806; William Knox and Adam Burge 1806-1807; Rezin Hammond and David Stevens 1807-1808; William Page and Thomas Church 1808-1809; William Lambdin 1809-1810; John West and Jacob Young 1810-1811; Joshua Monroe and Jacob Dowell 1811-1812; James M. Hanson and Francis A. Monjar 1812-1813; James Reiley and William Shanks 1813-1814; Joshua Monroe and Joseph Lanston 1814-1815; Joshua Monroe and James Francis 1815-1816; John White 1816-1817; Thornton Fleming and Amos Barnes 1817-1818; Joseph Carper and Thornton Fleming 1818-1819; Thomas Beaks and Richard Armstrong 1819-1820; William Brandeberry and Thomas Beaks 1820-1821; French S. Evans and David Stevens 1821-1822; George Brown and David Stevens 1822-1823; Thomas Jamison and John Connelly 1823-1824; James Monroe and John Connelly 1824-1825; **Transferred to Pittsburgh Conference: Ohio Circuit: Tucker:** Archibald McElroy and George W. Robinson 1825-1826; Thomas Beaks and George S. Holmes, Sr. 1826-1827; John West and Andrew Coleman 1827-1829; David C. Merryman 1829-1830; Robert C. Hatton 1830-1831; George M. McCaskey and Hiram Gilmore 1831-1832; George M. McCaskey and John H. McMechen 1832-1833; John Spencer, Richard Armstrong and Wesley Smith 1833-1834; John Spencer and William Knox 1834-1835; William C. Henderson and Isaac N. McAbee 1835-1836; Isaac N. McAbee and Jeremiah Knox 1836-1837; Simon Lauck and Joseph Boyle 1837-1839; **Florence/Tucker:** John P. Kent and Israel Dallas 1839-1840; Harvey Bradshaw and Elisha P. Jacob 1840-1841; Ebenzer Hays and William Blackburn 1841-1842; Ebenezer Hays and Cornelius H. Jackson 1842-1843; Benjamin F. Sawhill and Josiah Gibson 1843-1844; Joshua Monroe and John Gregg 1844-1845; Joshua Monroe and Richard Jordan 1845-1846; Garrett Jones 1846-1848; Gustavus A. Lowman and James Francis Dorsey 1848-1849; Gustavus A. Lowman and William McK. Worthington 1849-1850; David D. Hess and Lewis J. Dales 1850-1851; George B. Hudson and David Alexander McCready 1851-1852; Abraham J. Rich and James Borbridge 1852-1853; James D. Turner and George W. Dunlap 1853-1855; Warner Long 1855-1856; Warner Long and James Hollingshead 1856-1857; Morris B. Pugh and James Lafferty Stiffey 1857-1858; James Lafferty Stiffey and Jeremiah W. Kessler 1858-1859; Jeremiah W. Kessler and Joseph Jackson Hays 1859-1860; Joseph Jackson Hays and Albert Baker 1860-1861; Thomas M. Hudson and Thomas Newton Boyle 1861-1863; Joseph V. Yarnall and James J. Jones 1863-1864; John W. Weaver 1864-1865; John W. Weaver and Charles M. McCaslin 1865-1866; James A. Williams 1866-1868; William Gamble 1868-1869; George A. Sheets 1869-1871; Milton Mechesney Sweeney 1871-1874; Edwin Ruthvan Jones and Edward M. Taylor 1874-1875; **Florence/ Noblestown/Tucker:** Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1875-1877; David King Stevenson 1877-1878; John Wilson Hough 1882-1884; Edwin Burns Griffin 1884-1886; Milton George Potter 1886-1888; Joseph William Garland 1888-1890; Alfred Turner 1890-1893; Jesse William Cary 1893-1894; **Florence/Tucker:** Walter G. Barron 1894-1896; Edmund Lee Nicholson 1896-1898; *No Record* 1898-1902; Perry M. Phillips 1900-1902; William C. Strohmeier 1902-1904; John Fornear 1904-1906; Edgar Vickers Shotwell 1906-1909; James A. Hamilton 1909-1910; George E. Letchworth 1910-1914; E. F. Field 1914-1915; John Francis Pry 1915-1918; Robert C. Lawrence 1918-1920; Alden S. Blosser 1920-1922; William G. Nowell 1922-1926; A. L. Wyke 1926-1928; C. B. Pugh 1928-1932; Frederick Spielman 1932-1933; **Colliers/Tucker:** Arthur Sellers 1933-1935; Roy A. Beggs 1935-1939; Charles Young 1939-1940; F. A. Boyce 1940-1941; **Tucker/WV: Nessley Chapel:** Wayne Moore 1941-1942; **Tucker/WV: New Cumberland:** Walter Albert Linaberger, Jr. 1942-1943; William Gladden 1943-1944; **Tucker/WV: Follansbee:** James E. Lutz 1944-1945; H. P. Smith 1945-1948; **Midway/Tucker:** William Edward Shaffer 1948-1952; H. W. Jennings 1952-1955; Francis Leroy Connor 1955-1956; Robert Paul Veydt 1956-1962; **Tucker:** Ralph Ryan 1962-1964; Glenn Allen Dague 1964-1971; Richard P. Vaughn 1971-1977; James Arthur Durlessor 1977-1978; Barry L. Nolder 1978-1980; Richard P. Vaughn 1980-1983; Gary William Runtas 1983-*October* 1984; Linda Lou Taylor *October* 1984-1988; Wade Scott Barto 1988-1996; Harry Killen, III 1996-1998; *To Be Supplied* 1998-*September* 1, 2000; **Beaver County: Bethel/Tucker:** Cherrie Ann Bauman *September* 1, 2000-2003; Robert Wayne Schar 2003-2008; **Tucker:** Kenneth Ray Jacobs 2008-2009; **Beaver County: Bethel/Tucker:** Kenneth Ray Jacobs 2009--; Karen Lee Kyle Jacobs *Associate* 2013-2016.

UNIONVILLE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1297 Route 68, Rochester, PA 15074-2703

ID: 096861

BUTLER DISTRICT

1839

724/843-0862

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Location: 1297 Route 68, Rochester, PA 15074, in the Village of Unionville on Route 68, near Willowmere Park, about mid-way between Rochester and Zelienople in Beaver County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Organized by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tucker and called Brush Creek. Services were conducted in the Tucker home and later in the Samuel Burns home. This was around the year 1839. Services were conducted in a log house called Myer’s Meeting House until 1842 when a frame church was built. In 1858 the Circuit consisted of Freedom, Baden, Concord, Lancaster, Plains (later called Dutilh), Unionville, Slippery Rock and Zelienople. This building was destroyed by fire in 1883. The second Church was built in 1883. The dedication sermon was delivered by The Reverend Thomas Newton Boyle, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District. The text for the sermon was Psalm 48: 12-13. A Colonial Educational Building was constructed in 1959. The membership in 1968 was 271. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 346.

Pastors: New Brighton Circuit: Unionville: Josiah Dillon 1850-1853; **Ingomar Circuit: Unionville:** Thomas Storer 1853-1856; William H. Tibbles and James Elverson Williams 1856-1859; **Allegheny Circuit: Unionville:** John McCarty 1859-1862; James Jackson McIlyar 1862-1864; **Freedom Circuit: Unionville:** James Jackson McIlyar 1864-1865; Ezra Morgan Wood 1865-1867; Thomas Storer 1867-1868; **Unionville-Concord Charge: Unionville:** John Z. Moore 1868-1869; **Unionville:** William Johnson 1869-1870; **Unionville/Concord:** William Johnson 1870-1871; John McCarty 1871-1873; Richard Johnson 1873-1874; Robert Stewart Ross 1874-1876; John W. Righter 1876-1878; William T. Robin 1878-1879; James Elverson Williams 1879-1882; Andrew Lucius Kendall 1882-1884; James Lafferty Stiffey 1884-1887; Josiah Dillon 1887-1889; George A. Sheets 1889-1892; Frank Howard Callahan 1892-1893; Alfred Turner 1893-1895; **Harmony/Unionville:** John Wesley Otterman 1895-1900; Samuel H. Greenlee 1900-1901; Joseph William Garland 1901-1902; Andrew Smith Hunter 1902-1903; **Unionville:** Alexander Steele 1903-1906; **Harmony/Unionville:** Alexander Steele 1906-1907; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1907-1908; Maris Ressel Hackman 1908-1909; Frank Randolph Peters 1909-1911; Charles T. Murdock 1911-1913; F. H. Hopkins 1913-1914; T. H. Mahon 1914-1916; Arthur J. Jackson 1916-1919; *Unknown* 1919-1922; George D. Swartout 1922-1923; Joseph Meryl Silk, Sr. 1923-1924; **Unionville/Concord:** Miller Bartley Clendenien 1924-1925; Sherman Leroy Burson 1925-1927; Charles W. H. Jack 1927-1931; Harry C. Critchlow 1931-*November* 1935; Berkley Duncan Lambert *January* 1936-1939; Wilford Stanley Crum 1939-1940; **Freedom/Unionville:** Charles David Beatty 1940-1941; William James Law and J. S. Denning 1941-1945; Bessie Young 1945-1948; Wayne Wilbur Patch 1948-1949; **Unionville:** John Harper Creeks 1949-1968; Gail Eugene McQueen 1968-1973; Charles Mervin Schwab 1973-1976; Donald Bruce Beam 1976-1980; James Lee Miller 1980-1989; Mary Grey Emmett 1989-1994; Donald Lee Russell 1994-*January* 15, 1997; Richard Harold Nulph *January* 15, 1997-2003; Nelson Thomas Thayer 2003-2004; Willard Stephen Morse 2004-2008; **Unionville/Freedom:** Willard Stephen Morse 2008-2011; **Unionville:** Douglas Benton Myers, Jr. *September* 1, 2011-2022; Alan James Morrison 2022--.

VALENCIA

EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 66 Almira Street, Valencia, PA 16059-8727

ID: 189908

Location: 66 Almira Street in the Village of Valencia in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1901

724/625-2330

History: Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. It was originally the Mount Olive Church, built in the 1800s. The next site has been in use since 1906. In 1970 there were 82 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 96.

Pastors: Valencia: Mount Olive: Charles Wohlgemuth; Harvey Boyer Seese; Virgil C. Zehner; Frank Willis Ware 1901-1902; Norman Monroe Miller 1902-1906; Virgil C. Zehner 1906-1909; John Michael Miller 1909-1912; E. L. Nicely 1912-1917; A. J. Kimmel 1917-1921; Fleming Wilson Barlett 1921-1923; T. O. Sebring and R. W. E. Kaufman *Associates* 1920-1924; Milton Victor Kelly 1923-1926; William Mullen Miner 1926-1930; Clarence Truman Miller 1930-1934; James Guy Clark 1934-1938; Stephen Roth Schieb 1938-1940; Norman A. Constable 1940-1945; Paul H. Ackert 1945-1947; Michael Robert Tyson 1947-1948; Harry Brooks Greer, Jr. 1948-1951; Norman Andrew Pearce 1951-1958; J. Carlton Pearce 1958-1960; Ronald George Naugle, Sr. 1960-1965; David Herbert Stevenson 1965-1968; Hermon E. Stenger 1968-1971; Byron Tate Fulton 1971-1974; Frederick Clyde Burchell 1974-1976; Robert Warren Baur 1976-1977; Margaret S. McCutcheon 1977-1978; Gerald Lynn Kradel 1978-1982; Mark Edward Goswick 1982-1986; Raymond Campbell Schafer 1986-1987; Joanne Irene Torma-Kelly 1987-1992; **Valencia/Adams-Middlesex:** Joanne Irene Torma-Kelly 1992-1993; **Valencia/SonRise:** Joanne Irene Torma-Kelly

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1993-1994; **Valencia:** Nancy Gayle Zahn 1994-2004; Beverly Ann Morgan Gross 2004-2007; Robert Lee Martin 2007--.

VOLANT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1100 Main Street, Volant, PA 16156-6918

ID: 087401

Location: 1100 Main Street, in the Village of Volant on Route 208 and Church Street in Lawrence County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1869

724/533-2731

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. Services were held in the J. P. Lock’s barn until 1873 when the first Church building was erected. The new Church was built at a cost of \$12,000 and dedicated on January 25, 1912. From 1869 to 1880, it was part of the Harlansburg Circuit. Since 1880 it has been associated with White Chapel and in 1968 it was part of a two-point Charge with White Chapel. The membership in 1968 was 107. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 85. Located in the quaint borough of Volant in Lawrence County, Volant UMC is in the heart of that community’s significant network of shops, stores, and restaurants. A truly intergenerational faith community (with many young children), Volant UMC makes it a priority to provide Christian education and spiritual formation for people of all ages. Through the church’s engaging worship, intentional Bible study and small group ministry, commitment to prayer, and strategic outreach to the community, Volant UMC continues to make disciples of Jesus Christ while offering the love, truth, and ministry of Jesus to those both inside and outside of the church’s walls.

Pastors: Harlansburg Charge: Volant: Ebenezer Bennett 1869-1870; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1870-1873; **Harlansburg/Mount Pleasant/Volant:** Job L. Stratton 1873-1875; John Milton Crouch 1875-1878; James M. Foster 1878-1881; **Volant/White Chapel Charge:** John Crum and Frank Randolph Peters 1881-1882; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1882-1884; John Eckels 1884-1886; Richard M. Bear 1886-1888; John C. Gillette 1888-1889; Frank Randolph Peters 1889-1892; Winfield Scott Shepard 1892-1895; Daniel Wellwood Thompson 1895-1897; William Franklin Flick 1897-1901; Ottis H. Sibley 1901-1904; Arza Ozial Stone 1904-1906; Joel Smith 1906-1909; Samuel Thompson Davidson 1909-1914; Elmer Orville Minnigh 1914-1918; James Eugene Hillard 1918-1922; Palmer Newton Taylor 1922-1925; Jeremiah Bates Edwards 1925-1926; Lewis W. Miller 1926-1929; Homer Henry Thompson 1929-1932; Earl Delamater Thompson 1932-1936; Robert Sherwood Naylor 1936-1939; Reuben Knight Rumbaugh 1939-1942; Albert J. Renwick 1942-1944; Ormel Grier Shindledecker 1944-1946; Harry Agnew Silvis 1946-1952; Milo Davidson 1952-1953; Verell Henry Oviatt 1953-1956; LaVerne Proctor 1956-1958; Emory Beggs Billingsley 1958-1961; Elmer Edwin Tannehill 1961-1969; John Eccles Calderwood Matthews 1969-*April 8, 1976*; Oden Robert Warman 1976-1981; William Fleming Hess 1981-1987; Raymond Campbell Schafer 1987-1990; Rodney Oliver Doughty 1990-1992; Dennis Jay Cornelius 1992-1994; James Richard Webb 1994-*November 1, 1996*; **Volant:** Ronald George Naugle, Sr. *November 16, 1996-2010*; **Homewood/Volant:** Gary Lee Hilton 2010-*December 31, 2012*; **Homewood/Volant/Koppel: First:** Gary Lee Hilton *January 1, 2013-2014*; **Eastbrook/Volant:** Nelson Thomas Thayer 2014-*August 31, 2015*; Sarah Elizabeth Adkins *Associate February 1, 2015-August 31, 2015*; Loren Andrew McQueen *September 1, 2015-2022*; Mary Jo Gould 2022--.

WALTER CHAPEL

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 404 Crawford Run Road, Cheswick, PA 15024-2404

ID: 096883

Location: 404 Crawford Run Road, Cheswick, near Rural Ridge in Allegheny County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1865

724/265-3221

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. From literary meetings and spelling bees in a little country school, prayer meetings started in 1863, then a Sunday School. As crowds became too large for the school, in 1865 Adam and Sarah Walter offered the land and work began on the Church with lumber shipped by raft on the Allegheny River to Cheswick, then hauled by a four-horse team to the site where the church was built. Word was received of Abraham Lincoln’s assassination during the construction. The first pastor was the Reverend Gideon D. Kinnear of the Springdale Circuit. The deed was recorded June 14, 1869 and the church and adjoining cemetery were named for the donators. In 1932 an assembly room was dug out of solid rock beneath the church by members of the church and friends. Electric lights were installed in 1939. Church School rooms, office and additional basement were added in 1955. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1957. Additional Church School Rooms and Vestibule were built in 1966. It was on various circuits and was established as a Station appointment in 1959. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 139. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Walter Chapel is a small church in Rural Ridge PA, which

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was founded by farmers just after the Civil War. Walter Chapel is a church that lives community. With a deep love of scripture, and a heart for mission, the church is a place where all are welcome to come and find rest. The church is committed to being committed to scripture and compassionate to all. At Walter Chapel, the doors are open and the coffee is hot, and everyone is welcome.

Pastors: Walter Chapel: Gideon D. Kinnear 1864-1866; William H. Tibbles 1866-1867; John Boyd 1867-1868; George Orbin 1868-1869; Morris B. Pugh 1869-1871; James B. Gray 1871-1874; Charles M. McCaslin 1874-1877; John Coleman High 1877-1879; George Washington Johnson 1879-1882; Joseph E. Wright 1882-1883; Edward Joseph Knox 1883-1884; Matthew J. Montgomery 1884-1887; William H. Rodenbaugh 1887-1890; Robert L. Hickman 1890-1891; Morris J. Pugh 1891-1892; John Wesley Otterman 1892-1894; Nolan Harden Sanner 1894-1897; William Lynch 1897-1900; Robert B. Carroll 1900-1904; Frank J. Sparling 1904-1906; Oscar Adams Emerson 1906-1909; C. E. Cupps 1909-1909; Joseph Emil Morrison 1909-1911; **Walter Chapel/Creighton: Janes:** George M. Allshouse 1911-1914; Samuel G. Noble 1914-1917; Oliver B. Patterson 1917-1919; Ralph Bell 1919-1920; Roy L. McQuiston 1920-1922; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1922-1923; John Forrest Stewart 1923-1924; William Calvin Marquis 1924-1926; George M. Hartung 1926-1933; Silas Elmer Rodkey 1933-1935; Sherman Leroy Burson 1935-1937; Merrill Vernon Stone 1937-1940; Oscar Ellsworth Krenz 1940-1942; William Malcolm Buzza 1942-1946; Peter Kurlak 1946-1954; William Bramwell Huson 1954-1956; Harry Throne 1956-1957; David Stickley 1957-1958; Leslie Watters 1958-1963; Thomas Liotta 1963-1971; Charles Albert Tracey 1971- *January 1, 1980*; Charles Duane Moore *January 1, 1880-December 16, 1880*; Pamela J. Hanford *December 16, 1980-1987*; Elizabeth Boyle Zbilut *1987-January 9, 1994*; Robert Norman Janacek *January 9, 1994-February 20, 1995*; Charles Curtis Eagle *February 20, 1995-1999*; Darlene Kaye Martin Ryniec 1999-2006; **Country Chapel Charge: Millerstown/Walter Chapel:** Darlene Kaye Martin Ryniec 2006-2014; **Natrona: Grace/Creighton: Janes/Walter Chapel:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2014-2015; **Allegheny River West Bank Charge: Walter Chapel/Springdale/Creighton: Janes:** Megan Yvonne Berkebile 2015-2018; **Walter Chapel/Millerstown:** Joshua Paul Demi 2018-2020; Angela N. Ciarimboli 2020--.

WAMPUM

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 566 Darlington Rd, Wampum, PA 16157-3310

ID: 087423

Location: 329 Main Street and Church Street, in the Borough of Wampum on Old Route 18 in Beaver County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

1871

724/535-8375

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. In 1869 a few interested residents of the area, headed by William Thompson, decided to organize a group to study religion. The meeting place was the Cooper Shop at the southern end of Wampum. Mr. Reed suggested they become a Church, namely the Methodist Episcopal Church. Application was made to the Erie Conference in 1871. The Church building began on a lot given by the owners of the Furnace Company on Main Street. A canal boat captained by R. H. Aley brought stone for the basement walls up the Beaver River. The basement was completed and used for services. Reverend John Ault sawed the trees for the framework of the Church at his saw mill. The building was dedicated in 1875. Reverend Edson F. Edmonds had six charter members at this time. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1904 and in 1910. The parsonage was built in 1891. Additions to the basement of the Church were made in 1957. The new parsonage was built in 1958. Two rooms were added in 1962. For many years it was on Circuit relations and a few years as a Station appointment. The membership in 1968 was 186. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 109. Wampum UMC faithfully gives 100 percent of its apportionment. In 2019, average worship attendance is between 30 and 40 people. There is an adult Sunday School class, a children's Sunday School class, and a Thursday evening Bible study. Junior church is held during the regular Sunday service from 10:30 to 10:50.

Pastors: Wampum: John C. Ault 1869-1872; John E. Johnson 1872-1873; Edson Finley Edmonds 1873-1875; George H. Brown 1875-1876; **Wampum/Mount Pleasant:** John Perry 1876-1878; **Wampum:** Loriston G. Merrill 1878-1880; Daniel W. Wampler 1880-1882; Watson H. Swartz 1882-1884; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1884-1886; Matthew Knowles 1886-1887; **Wampum/Newport:** John C. Womer 1887-1889; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1889-1891; Simon S. Burton 1891-1893; George Benton Carr 1893-1896; William J. Small 1896-1897; Harvey H. Bair 1897-1899; Darius E. Baldwin 1899-1903; John C. Womer 1903-1907; Charles B. Livingston 1907-1908; Frank Burdick 1908-1908; William Emory Bartlett 1908-1912; Harry Snow Bates 1912-1914; William Robert Buzza 1914-1918; William B. Allison 1918-1920; Leon Lacey Woodin 1920-1924; Ira Scott 1924-1925; John L. Petrie 1925-1927; Ernest S. Luce 1927-1930; William H. Fenton 1930-1933; Lloyd Victor Mohnkern 1933-1937; **Wampum/Newport:**

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John Evans Allgood 1937-1938; Cyrus Hamline Frampton 1938-1940; Lester C. Bailey 1940-*January* 1944; Kirmith Theodore Yahn 1944-1947; Jack Pearson Boyd 1947-1948; James B. Palmer 1948-1951; John Dobbs Patterson 1951-1953; David Joslin Blasdell 1953-1957; William F. Metz 1957-1960; Howard Large 1960-1960; James Ernest Erb 1960-1964; William Adelbert Cassidy 1964-1965; George Brinton Nolder 1965-1969; Robert Edward Johnson 1969-1973; Charles Lawrence Shaffer 1973-1977; Robert Warren Baur 1977-*November 1, 1979*; George Richard Connelly *November 1, 1979-1985*; Martin Boyd Hardy 1985-*January 1, 1990*; **South Lawrence Charge: Wampum/West Pittsburg/ Mahoning/Newport:** Dennis Jay Cornelius 1990-1992; **Wampum/Newport:** Albert Lee Schultz 1992-1992; Victor LeMoyné Brown 1992-1997; **Wampum:** Roger Thomas 1997-*January 15, 1998*; George A. Nagel *January 25, 1998-1999*; **Wampum/Koppel/Clinton/Homewood:** Edward William Rogosky 1999-2001; **Wampum:** Lloyd Samuel Sturtz 2001-2005; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Otterbein/Wampum:** Tina Grossman 2005-2006; Brian Robert Keller *Associate* 2005-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/Otterbein/Wampum:** Tina Grossman Keller 2006-2009; **Beaver Falls: North: Bennett's Run/Clinton/ Wampum:** David Arthur Alleman 2009-2011; **Wampum/West Pittsburg:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2011-2016; **Lawrence County: South: Clinton/Wampum/West Pittsburg:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2016-2019; **Lawrence County South: Clinton/Wampum:** David C. Keppen 2019--.

WEST ALIQUIPPA

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

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Location:

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference: West Aliquippa has at times in the past shared a minister with Glenwillard, South Heights: Shannopin and Aliquippa.

Pastors: West Aliquippa:

WEST LIBERTY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1877

Mailing Address: 135 Church Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-4605

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ID: 087376

Location: 135 Church Road, Slippery Rock, in the Borough of West Liberty, about seven miles south of Slippery Rock, Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. This Church grew out of a stirring revival of religion started in the winter and spring of 1875. The evangelistic services were conducted by Reverend Job L. Stratton, pastor of the Harlansburg and Mount Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Circuit and his sister, Maria. Many people were converted in the revival and in 1877 the Methodist Meeting House was built under the leadership of Daniel Keefer, William Boyd and W. W. Robinson. The original congregation consisted of fifty charter members and for the first ten years, Solomon Fisher was the Class Leader. He was succeeded by Milton Mayer. The Reverend John A. Ward was the first regular pastor. Additions to the physical structure of the Church were made in 1921 and 1930. It has been an appointment on different Circuits across the years. The membership in 1968 was 119. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 115. In 2021, Branchton UMC, Ridgeville UMC, and West Liberty UMC form a three-point charge in the northern part of Butler County. These three congregations make it a priority to worship with joy, to pray with conviction, and to build a sense of community that feels like family in all the right ways. In each of the three churches, the Lordship of Jesus finds expression through substantive Christian education, heartfelt worship, and a loving attentiveness to the deepest needs of the community.

Pastors: Harlansburg/Mount Pleasant/West Liberty: Job L. Stratton and Maria Stratton 1875-1876; **Slippery Rock/West Liberty:** John A. Ward 1876-1878; Nathaniel Reno Morris 1878-1880; Charles A. Knesal 1880-1883; Daniel W. Wampler 1883-1885; William Perry Arbuckle 1885-1886; Joseph Lemon Mechlin 1886-1887; Samuel K. Paden 1887-1890; Samuel Myron Gordon 1890-1893; Perry A. Reno 1893-1894; **West Liberty/Saint John's:** James S. Kittell 1894-1895; **Harlansburg Circuit: West Liberty:** Samuel E. Winger 1895-1896; James Revens Burrows 1896-1898; John E. Drake 1898-1901; Sylvester Fidler 1901-1905; James Whipple Reis 1905-1906; Robert George Thomas 1906-1910; Mayson Hodgson Sewell 1910-1912; Robert George Thomas 1912-1913; **West Liberty:** Frank W. Shope 1913-1914; Rome A. Parsons 1914-1916; Ira Scott 1916-1921; Arthur Albin Swanson 1921-1924; Charles Clyde Baker, George E. Marquand and R. C. Fox 1924-1925; C. L. Osborne 1925-1927; Harry Storch, W. E. Flannery and Henry Fulton Pollock 1927-1928; **Branchton/West Liberty:** Earl N. Engle 1928-1932; **West Liberty:** Paul

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Reams Smith 1932-1935; **Slippery Rock/ West Liberty:** Louis Edward Elbel 1935-1936; Clarence Wilbur Baldwin 1936-1940; Charles S. Aldrich 1940-1943; Thomas Edwin Spofford *Summer* 1943-1943; E. Leigh Mudge 1943-1946; Walter Woodrow Gilliland, Sr., 1946-1951; R. Blaine Detrick 1951-1955; Victor Patterson *Summer* 1955-1955; George H. McGhee 1955-1958; Hugh Dewey Crocker 1958-*March* 1, 1964; **West Liberty:** Terry Duane Turner *March* 1, 1964-1964; **Saint John's/West Liberty:** James Arthur Trusel 1964-*October* 1980; Dennis Jay Cornelius *November* 3, 1980-1982; Claude Gerald Groters, Sr. 1982-1985; Clyde Ralph Lewis 1985-1988; Russell Dale Hixson 1988-1990; **Branchton/West Liberty:** Alfred James Lewis 1990-2004; **Branchton/West Liberty/Hilliards:** Alfred James Lewis 2004-2013; **Branchton/West Liberty:** Loren Andrew McQueen 2013-*August* 31, 2015; Nelson Thomas Thayer *September* 1, 2015-2016; Daniel C. Miller 2016-2018; **West Liberty/Branchton/Ridgeville:** Daniel C. Miller 2018-2021; Brandon J. Moore 2021--.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1904-2019

Mailing Address:

ID: 086931

Location: Lawrence and Eighth Streets in the Village of West Pittsburg, four miles south of New Castle in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. A plot of ground was donated by the West Pittsburg Realty Company, the real estate firm of the Garland Company, to the Trustees of the Church with the agreement that a building for Church purposes should be erected thereon within six months of the date of the deed, which was dated August 16, 1904. This agreement was fulfilled. The Trustees were R. A. Dietrich, Smith Pitzer, C. P. Pitzer, S. S. Pitzer and Robert Davis. From the 1870s, before the development of the town of West Pittsburg, a small Methodist Church known as East Moravia, worshipped in the community near the new town site until the new Church was built. The West Moravia Methodist Church was built about 1890. In 1914 it was closed and the majority of the members came to West Pittsburg to worship, bringing a substantial treasury with them which resulted in the building of an addition to the original West Pittsburg building. The membership in 1968 was 78. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 51. West Pittsburg UMC closed on June 23, 2019.

Pastors: Wampum Circuit: West Pittsburg: John C. Womer 1904-1906; Charles B. Livingston 1906-1908; **West Pittsburg Circuit: West Pittsburg:** Charles Coburn Merrill 1908-1910; Curtis Clyde Smith 1910-1914; **Savannah/West Pittsburg:** Edgar D. Mowry 1914-1916; Fred S. Robinson 1916-1918; Charles H. Quick 1918-1921; Thomas Pollard 1921-1924; Claude L. Downs 1924-1930; Vincent Linnaeus Bloomquist 1930-1932; Robert Blackwood Withers 1932-1935; Abram P. Shaffer 1935-1939; Ralph H. Eckert 1939-1940; Earl Delamater Thompson 1940-1942; Walter Woodrow Gilliland, Sr., 1942-1946; J. Norman Holder 1946-1948; Paul E. Aley 1948-1956; Russell Clair Moore 1956-1957; Robert Blackwood Withers 1957-1959; Samuel H. Bradley 1959-1963; **New Castle: Christ/West Pittsburg:** Robert Lewis Trimble 1963-1965; **West Liberty: West Pittsburg:** Boyne Edward Boyd 1965-1968; Alva Jacob Musselman 1968-1972; Robert Edson Bohn 1972-*December* 25, 1973; Jane S. Martin *January* 1, 1974-*January* 15, 1976; **Mahoning/West Pittsburg Charge: West Pittsburg:** Paul E. Aley *January* 15, 1976-1977; James Robert Rainey 1977-1982; George Richard Donnelly 1982-1985; **Wampum/West Pittsburg:** Martin Boyd Hardy 1985-*January* 1, 1990; **South Lawrence Charge: Wampum/West Pittsburg/Newport/Mahoning:** Dennis Jay Cornelius 1990-1992; **West Pittsburg:** Ronald Wayne Raptosh *Student Pastor* 1992-1993; Molly O'Mega Brown 1993-1997; **West Pittsburg/Newport:** Tony DeSalle 1997-*May* 1, 1998; David Sherwood Coul *May* 1, 1998-1999; Edward A. Saul 1999-2001; **West Pittsburg/Edinburg: Hillsville:** John Robert Fennell 2001-2003; **West Pittsburg:** Nancye Halm 2003-2004; **West Pittsburg/New Castle: Epworth:** Rex Allen Wasser 2004-2010; **New Castle: Epworth/New Wilmington/West Pittsburg:** Rex Allen Wasser 2010-2011; **Wampum/West Pittsburg:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2011-2016; **Lawrence County South: Clinton/ Wampum/West Pittsburg:** Todd Melbourne Davis 2016-*June* 23, 2019.

WEST SUNBURY

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – ERIE CONFERENCE

1848-1928

Location: Village of Sunbury, near Boyers in Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Erie Conference. West Sunbury was organized 1848. It was part of the Old New Castle District. The Annual Conference authorized its sale in 1928.

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Pastors:

WEST WINFIELD

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Location: Near Sarver in Butler County, PA.

BUTLER DISTRICT

18??-1966

History: Evangelical United Brethren – Pittsburgh Conference. Sarver Evangelical United Brethren and West Winfield Evangelical United Brethren merged and formed Sarver: Zion in 1966.

Pastors: West Winfield/Sarver: Zion: Arthur B. Hosbach 1919-1926; Ivan Weaver Wanner 1929-1932; Rudolph Ludwig Fassinger 1932-1938; John O. Bishop 1938-1947; William Martin West 1947-1956; Samuel Clay Shaffer 1956-1958; Arthur E. Allen 1958-1959; Ray Edward Gnagey 1959-1964.

WORTHINGTON

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Location:

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1849-1883

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Worthington Church was organized in 1849 and appears in the appointments in 1883. The Church was moved to Craigsville and renamed Craigsville.

Pastors:

WURTEMBERG

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 1244 Portersville Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117-6560
ID: 096985

BUTLER DISTRICT

1850

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Location: 1244 Portersville Road, Ellwood City, PA, on Route 488, seven miles southwest of Portersville and three miles northeast of the Borough of Ellwood City, in Lawrence County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Wurttemberg Society was organized in 1850. Meetings were held in the Dobbs home in North Sewickley. As the membership grew, they moved to the frame schoolhouse near the home of D. R. D. Cunningham. In 1872 services were held in the New Red Brick School and continued until the Church was built in 1876. The name of the Church was the “Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church.” In 1876 it had 15 charter members. The land was donated by Reverend John J. Liebendorfer, a Lutheran Minister. The first person baptized in the New Church was Effie Liebendorfer. The Church has been renovated several times. A new educational building was consecrated on October 16, 1960. During the early years it was on a circuit with Brush Creek, Concord, Ellwood City, Harmony and Unionville. It became a Station in 1923. The membership in 1968 was 281. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 326. Wurttemberg United Methodist Church is a dynamic community of believers located just outside of Ellwood City. Intergenerational in its ministry and passionate about impacting the community for Jesus, Wurttemberg UMC offers creative worship, excellent preaching and teaching, and a ministry of outreach that makes it a priority to feed the hungry and help the hurting. The people of Wurttemberg are eager to share the love of God with the community of Ellwood City and beyond.

Pastors: New Brighton Charge: Wurttemberg: Josiah Dillon 1850-1852; Marcellus A. Ruter 1852-1854; James Beacom 1854-1856; Samuel Crouse 1856-1858; Thomas Jefferson Higgins 1858-1860; Albert J. Rich 1860-1862; William Brown Watkins 1862-1863; **Harmony Circuit: Wurttemberg:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1863-1866; Artemus E. Ward 1866-1867; **New Brighton Circuit: Wurttemberg:** James Jackson McIlyar 1867-1868; **Unionville/Concord/Wurttemberg:** John Zachariah Moore 1868-1869; William Johnson 1869-1871; John M. McCarty 1871-1873; **Darlington (Chippewa)/Concord/Wurttemberg:** Richard Jordan 1873-1874; **Unionville/Concord/Wurttemberg:** Robert Stewart Ross 1874-1876; John W. Righter 1876-1878; Will T. Robins 1878-1879; James Elverson Williams 1879-1882; Andrew Lucius Kendall 1882-1884; James Lafferty Stiffey 1884-1887; Josiah Dillon 1887-1889; **Unionville Circuit: Wurttemberg:** George A. Sheets 1889-1890; **Brush Creek Charge: Wurttemberg:** George A. Sheets 1890-1892; Frank Howard Callahan 1892-1893; Alfred Turner 1893-1895; John Wesley Otterman 1895-1896; **Ellwood City Charge: Wurttemberg:** Francis C. Cutler 1896-1897; George Leonard Clarence Richardson 1897-1899; **Wurttemberg:** Herbert A. Baum 1899-1901; Josiah Dillon 1901-1902; **Ellwood City Charge: Wurttemberg:** James Arlington Younkens 1902-1903; **Ellwood City/Wurttemberg:** Arthur H. Davis 1903-1906; Albert Walter

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Renton 1906-1909; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1909-1910; William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1910-1913; John D. W. Heazleton 1913-1914; Ray H. Calderwood 1914-1915; Ralph W. McKenzie 1915-1916; J. E. McElroy 1916-1919; **Harmony Charge: Wurtemberg:** James K. Pollock 1919-1922; George Lambert 1922-1923; Roy Thompson 1923-1926; **Wurtemberg:** Alson Moon Doak 1926-1936; Henry Fulton Pollock 1936-1939; Mary Johnson 1939-1946; William Edward Daugherty 1946-1949; Harry Valentine Leland 1949-1951; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1951-1953; Wilhelm Eurenus Chellgren 1953-1954; Nicholas Fox Richards 1954-1957; Raymond Dale Graham 1957-1960; Ernest Newton Rumbaugh, Sr. 1960-1963; James Williamson 1963-1970; Frank Richard Leslie 1970-1975; Otto Zane Tinkey 1975-1981; Richard Donald Updegraph 1981-1983; Allen Orville Grimm, III 1983-1993; Steve Stanley Soltis 1993-1995; S. Bruce Mould 1995-2004; Nancy Gayle Zahn 2004-2007; Thomas Alexander Topar 2007-*August 31*, 2011; Jean Ann Smith *September 1*, 2011-2015; Chad Jeremy Bogdewic 2015-2016; **Wurtemberg/Koppel:** Chad Jeremy Bogdewic 2016-2018; Jay Franklin Sterling 2018-2021; **Wurtemberg/Ellwood City:** Jay Franklin Sterling 2021--.

ZELIENOPE

BUTLER DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1916-1945

Location: 123 North Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople, in the Borough of Harmony, Butler County, PA.

History: Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In October 1842, a Charter was granted to thirty Christians for the first Methodist Society in this vicinity under the name of Monroe Chapel. In 1858 The Circuit consisted of Freedom, Baden, Concord, Lancaster, Plains (later called Dutilh), Unionville, Slippery Rock and Zelienople. In 1880 they purchased property on German Street, now called Liberty Street in Harmony. This building was called Monroe Chapel for Joshua Monroe, an early Methodist Presiding Elder, on the Allegheny District in 1835-1836. In 1880 the place of worship was moved to Harmony where the congregation built a church on German Street. On October 23, 1882 a charter was granted and the congregation became known as the Harmony-Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Church. In the summer of 1916 sixty members living in Zelienople withdrew to form a Church in Zelienople. On September 15, 1918 a Church building on East New Castle Street, Zelienople was dedicated and chartered under the name of The Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Church. That building is occupied by Faith Full Gospel Church and has been moved to a new location. In 1938 Reverend Wayne W. Patch was appointed to be pastor of both the Harmony and the Zelienople Methodist Episcopal Churches. On April 22, 1945, the two congregations voted to merge to form Harmony-Zelienople UMC.

Pastors: Zelienople: Monroe Chapel/Concord: Nicholas Fox Richards 1916-1918; **Zelienople:** Cecil Newton McCandless 1918-1919; J. A. Johnson 1919-1921; William Reese Gregg 1921-1924; Alson Moon Doak 1924-1926; Ray H. Calderwood 1926-1933; William Brundrett 1933-1934; **Mars/Zelienople:** Robert N. Laing 1934-1935; **Zelienople/Concord:** Earl Leroy Abbott 1935-1937; **Zelienople/Harmony Circuit:** Wayne Wilbur Patch 1937-1945.