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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](http://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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## Greensburg District

### District Superintendents

**District: Blairsville:** Commenced in 1851. John Coil 1851-1852; Gideon D. Kinnear 1852-1856; David L. Dempsey 1856-1860; William Lynch 1860-1864; Thomas McCleary 1864-1868; Discontinued 1868; **South Pittsburgh District:** Commenced 1868; Lancelot Robinson Beacom 1868-1872; Hiram Miller 1872-1876; Thomas Newton Boyle *Spring-Fall* 1876; **Blairsville District:** Reactivated 1876; Isaac Newton Baird *Fall 1876-Fall* 1879; Henry Conley Beacom 1879-1883; Jesse Franklin Core 1883-1887; Asbury C. Johnson 1887-1890; Robert Thompson Miller 1890-1896; William Pitt Turner 1896-1902; Silas Thayer Mitchell 1902-1906; William Francis Conner 1906-1910; John Jacob Hill 1910-1914; Jesse William Cary 1914-1919; Benjamin Burton Wolf 1919-1925; Nolan Harden Sanner 1925-1931; Ralph W. McKenzie 1931-1936; John Fred Jose 1936-1942; William Leroy Hogg 1942-1945; Roy Lincoln McQuiston 1945-1951; Walter Fred Preset 1951-1956; Edward Louis Boetticher 1956-1962; **Continued in Western Pennsylvania Conference:** Raymond Wesley Faus 1962-1965; Clarence Wilbur Baldwin 1965-1970; **Greensburg District:** Commenced in 1970 from former Blairsville District; Paul Mechem Easter 1970-1976; Clark Russell Kerr 1976-1982; Donald James Joiner 1982-1988; Gerald Allen McCormick 1988-1994; William Delano Schmeling 1994-1998; Rudolph Gerald Schmidt 1998-2004; Richard Donnelly Markle 2004-2006; William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2006-2014; Patricia Marie Nelson 2014--.

### ARMBURST UNITED BRETHREN

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1???-1???**

**History:** United Brethren. Closed.

### ARNOLD METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE Mailing Address: 1801 Leishman Avenue, Arnold, PA 15068-4226 ID: 097240

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1896**  
724/339-2377

**Location:** Located at the corner of 1801 Leishman Avenue and Rankin Street in the Borough of Arnold in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Arnold had been the second ward of the Borough of New Kensington and became a separate municipality in 1896. It was during the same year that the first meetings of the church were held in a school building. There were nine members and the church was served by the New Kensington pastor, Reverend Alexander Earl Husted, until the Conference in the fall of 1896. Then Arnold was made part of the Bethel-Mount Hope Circuit until 1899 when the Church became a Station. The first church building was dedicated June 24, 1900. This was replaced by a new building, dedicated April 5, 1925. The mortgage was paid during the pastorate of Reverend Charles William Oresk 1944-1951. The sanctuary was remodeled during the pastorate of Reverend Howard Weston Jamison 1951-1956; and the basement completely remodeled during the pastorate of Reverend Edwin John Keifer being completed in 1963. The 1968 membership was 780. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 154. Free Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, hosting the homeless through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Vacation Bible School are some of the ongoing ministries of Arnold UMC to the community. In 2016, the Arnold congregation became part of a charge with the nearby communities of Braeburn and New Kensington, and value the relationships they have formed as a charge.

**Pastors: New Kensington/Arnold:** Alexander Earl Husted 1996-1996; **Bethel/Mount Hope-Arnold Circuit:** F. G. R. Wineman 1896-1898; Harmon Stitt Piper 1898-1899; **Arnold:** Harmon Stitt Piper 1899-1905; William A. Prosser 1905-1906; Elmer H. Greenlee 1906-1907; Oliver J. Watson 1907-1908; Theodore Myers House 1908-1909; Homer Carpenter Renton 1909-1910; Samuel Long Mills 1910-1913; John C. Burnsworth 1913-1916; Clovis Preston Salladay 1916-1922; George Richard Haden 1922-1925; Silas Elmer Rodkey 1925-1928; Samuel Ford 1928-1932; Paul Weyand 1932-1933; Alexander Steele 1933-1935; Burton T. Stone 1935-1935; **Arnold/Braeburn Charge:** Charles Albert Tracey 1935-1937; William Calvin Marquis 1937-1939; **Arnold:** William Calvin Marquis 1939-1942; Daniel Melroy Paul 1942-1944; Charles William Oresk 1944-*February* 11, 1951; Howard Weston Jamison 1951-1956; Edwin John Keifer 1956-1969; Clair Arden Lundberg 1969-1980; Leonard Gene Stewart 1980-1982; Evan Eugene Ankeny 1982-1987; Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1987-1993; Richard Donald Updegraph 1993-1999; Edwin Philip Wilson 1999-*January* 1, 2001; *To Be Supplied January* 1, 2001-*July* 1, 2001; Joseph James Yurko, Jr. 2001-*September* 2003; **Arnold/Braeburn:** Joseph James Yurko, Jr. *September* 2003-2004;

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**Arnold/Springdale:** Karen Lynn Prescott 2004-2009; **Arnold:** Karen Lynn Prescott 2009-2014; Dennis Bruce Keen 2014-2016; **Tri-City Charge: Arnold/Braeburn/New Kensington:** Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2016-2019; Vicki L. South 2019-*October* 31, 2020; William Lowell Kemp *November* 1, 2020--; Patricia R. Bushik-Blosat *January* 1, 2021--.

### ARONA

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 145, Arona, PA 15617-0145

ID: 189418

**Location:** Located on Main Street in Arona, Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1894

724/446-3318

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. Preaching began in the Arona school house in 1894, by Dr. Samuel Strickler Hough. In the spring of 1900 Reverend J. S. Fulton held a revival meeting in which many were converted and resulted in the organization of a class of 70 charter members. Steps were taken at once and resulted in the building of a brick church at a cost of \$8,000. It was dedicated March 31, 1901 by Dr. William Ross Funk. It was made part of the Madison Charge. An Educational unit was dedicated September 16, 1956. In 1970 it was linked with Herminie #2 and Middletown. The membership was 144. The membership on January 1, 2001 was 153. Arona UMC is a small congregation preparing to identify their next steps in ministry and to cast a vision for the future. Struggling with a declining membership base and low finances, they are ready to consider what realistic possibilities are before them. Outreach (like the clothing ministry they support), restructuring their leadership for more effective ministry, and determining the best use of their space will all be part of the conversation under pastoral leadership.

**Pastors: Arona/Madison:** Samuel Strickler Hough 1894-1895; James S. Fulton 1900-1903; T. W. Parks 1903-*January* 1906; Charles William Hutsler *January* 1906-*September* 1906; Andrew Davidson 1906-1907; Joseph Smith Showers 1907-1912; William Arland Wissinger, Sr. 1912-1913; Joseph B. Kern 1913-1914; **Arona/Middletown:** George Elwood Buhan 1914-1916; Frank Asher Risley 1916-1917; D. W. Willard 1917-1919; James C. Moses 1919-1921; C. L. McCoy 1921-*April* 1926; Walden Maynard Sparks *April* 1926-1926; Paul Alvin Morris 1926-1927; J. H. Weaver 1927-1928; Frank Butler Hackett 1928-1932; John J. Thompson 1932-1935; William Bruce Tobias 1935-1938; Dwight Moody Spangler 1938-1940; James Nevin Strohm 1940-1942; M. Gertrude Mitchell Halliwell 1942-1947; Rupert Halliwell 1947-1948; J. Wilbur Watson 1948-1954; Warren Lenhart Lonas 1954-1958; David Herbert Stevenson 1958-1963; Robert Reaford Blank 1963-1970; **Arona/Herminie #2/Middletown:** Robert Reaford Blank 1970-1975; John Howard Smith 1975-*December* 1979; John Campbell McAdoo *December* 1979-1980; Larry Alton Reitz 1980-*January* 1985; Charles Duane Moore *February* 1, 1985-*August* 1, 1989; *To Be Supplied August* 1989-1990; Kenneth Lynn Bossart 1990-1993; **Arona/Herminie #2:** Thomas Alexander Topar 1993-1996; Richard Joseph Helsel *Associate* 1995-1997; Dale Webster Roddy 1996-1997; Richard Joseph Helsel 1997-2002; Wayne Leroy Plyler *August* 8, 2002-2004; Mildred E. Monticue 2004-2006; Dale Webster Roddy 2006-*February* 2007; Bruce Alfred Anthony *January* 21, 2007-2019; **Madison: Hilltop/Arona:** Randy David Sweet 2019--.

### BRADDOCK: MUHLEMAN MEMORIAL

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: Grandview Avenue & Willow Street, North Braddock, PA 15104

ID: 099181

**Location:** At the corner of Grandview Avenue and Willow Street in the First Ward, North Braddock, in Allegheny County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1914

412/823-5170

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – German Central Conference. It became a church in the Pittsburgh Conference at the dissolution of the Central German Conference in September 1933. Reverend Dietrich Worthman and a group of Baldwin Wallace students organized a Sunday school of German speaking Methodists. The Brinton Avenue Presbyterian Church loaned the basement of their church for this purpose. Quickly outgrowing these quarters, a new site was purchased and a commitment to donate the buildings was received from Miss Minnie Muhleman in memory of Captain Charles Muhleman. The cornerstone was laid in 1914. It has been until recent years (the 1980's) a Station appointment, and then shared with Braddock: Fourth Street. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 90. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District to the Pittsburgh District in 2004. Transferred to the Greensburg District in 2019.

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**Pastors: German Central Conference:** Deitrich Worthman 1915-1922; Henry Maag 1922-1925; Fred Schaenglin 1925-1928; John Herion 1928-1930; John Link 1930-1933; John W. Buhren 1933-1934; **Pittsburgh Methodist Conference: Braddock: Muhleman Memorial:** Ralph Greiner White 1934-1936; George Washington Ringer 1936-1938; **Braddock: Muhleman Memorial/Pittsburgh: McCandless Avenue:** Samuel H. Greenlee 1938-*October 27, 1942*; Emma Spielman 1942-1950; James McClure, Jr. 1950-1955; Harry H. Houser 1955-1962; Samuel Ford 1962-1965; William Paul Saxman 1965-1970; Robert H. Reid 1970-1971; Howard Gilliford Russell, Jr. 1971-1972; Thomas Robson Dixon, Jr. 1972-*December 1973*; Robert Spencer Fulton 1974-*October 1, 1978*; Robert Norman Janacek *October 15, 1978-1988*; John Edward Patterson 1982-1983; **Braddock: Fourth Street/Muhleman Memorial:** Keith Phillip Wells 1983-1984; William C. Miller 1984-1984; David Todd Brazelton 1984-*November 24, 1988*; *To be supplied November 1988-September 1, 1989*; Rita Sharon Platt *September 1, 1989-1993*; Kathleen Joy Barnhart 1993-1997; Jean Lorraine Haslett 1997-2001; Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2001-2007; **Braddock: Muhleman Memorial:** Edwin Derrick Pope 2007-*January 1, 2013*; *To Be Supplied January 1, 2013-June 30, 2013*; Paul Ambrose Harman III 2013-2016; Roberta L. Farls 2016-2018; Steven C. McIlvaine 2018-2019; **Braddock: Muhleman Memorial/Miller:** Steven C. McIlvaine 2019--.

### BRADENVILLE

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 307, Bradenville, PA 15620-0307

ID: 170658

**Location:** Located at 5168 Route 982, on High Street in the village of Bradenville, Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1851

724/423-3457

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. Preaching services were held in a union church in Saint Clair, now Bradenville, as early as 1851. In 1860 a Union Sunday School was organized and Isaac Pershing, great uncle of General J. J. Pershing, was the Superintendent. A United Brethren congregation used the Union Church from 1851 to 1891 when Reverend J. S. Leshler, pastor of the Greensburg: Otterbein Church, led them in the building of a new church. The new Church was dedicated by Dr. L. W. Stahl on May 25, 1898. This building was greatly improved under the pastorate of Dr. William Algernon Sites at a cost of \$5,000 and was rededicated by Dr. J. S. Fulton April 27, 1927. From this church Reverends Jasper N. Munden, Orion Mickey and Glen Mitchel have entered the ministry. Changes resulted in rededications in 1974. In 1970 the membership was 178 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 168. Bradenville is a small church dedicated to worship, learning and reaching out to the community. Their traditional service starts at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The congregation especially enjoys summer services, June thru September, where they are held out of doors at their pavilion and picnic grounds. In conjunction with the volunteer fire department, they organize a community memorial service held Memorial Day weekend. At Christmas, they provide a service of songs, scriptures and readings to a local senior facility. They provide winter coats, hat and gloves to Maranatha, along with cash assistance to sponsor one Friday evening meal for homeless Pittsburghers. The ladies of the church prepare lunches twice a year for the local Meals on Wheels.

**Pastors: Bradenville:** John S. Miller 1878-*January 1879*; David Sheerer 1879-1881; Richard S. Woodward 1880-1881; Benjamin Franklin Noon 1881-1882; J. L. Risler 1882-1883; James C. Sheerer 1883-1884; Jasper N. Munden 1884-1886; Lawrence W. Keister 1886-1887; Lazarus W. Stahl 1887-1891; Edward J. Blackburn 1891-1892; J. Warren Wilson 1892-1896; J. S. Fulton 1896-1901; J. S. Hayes 1901-1902; Warren S. Wilson 1902-1903; E. F. Wriggles 1903-1904; James Fish 1904-1905; Arthur Eddie Fulton 1905-1906; Samuel Henry Ralston 1906-1908; Joseph B. Keirn 1908-1909; Horace Nelson Sipes 1909-1911; William Henry Mingle 1911-1913; Oliver Thomas Stewart 1913-1914; Raymond H. Arndt 1914-1917; Charles W. Robb 1917-1919; Alfred J. Orlidge 1919-1921; John Fretts Cope 1921-1922; Alonzo Bailey Sprague 1922-1923; F. A. Mousley and A. B. Sprague 1923-1924; Donald L. Clark 1924-1925; Samuel J. Wilson 1925-1926; William Algernon Sites 1926-1940; Arthur Thomas Moffat, Sr. 1940-1946; Albert Jacob Steiner 1946-1947; Hubert Boles 1947-1950; Ivan Steele Thompson 1950-1955; Elias Alvin Kessler 1955-1958; Warren Lenhart Lonas 1958-1965; Ralph Weber 1965-1968; Robert Hooper *April 1968-June 1968*; Raymond Aurelius Halula 1968-1995; Clark Russell Kerr, III 1995-*November 1, 1996*; **Bradenville/Pleasant Unity/Lycippus:** Clark Russell Kerr, III *November 1, 1996-1999*; **Bradenville/Pleasant Unity:** Clark Russell Kerr, III 1999-*October 15, 2004*; Georgia Joan Scarff *October 17, 2004-2011*; **Bradenville:** Robert M. Smith 2011-2014; Paul Everett Wilson, Sr. 2014-*October 15, 2015*; *To Be Supplied October 16, 2015-2016*; Herbert Duane Phar 2016-*July 6, 2019*; Paul Everett Wilson, Sr. *October 1, 2019-2021*; Olivia Elaine Graham 2021--.

## Greensburg District

### **BRAEBURN**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 4146 Arnold Avenue, Lower Burrell, PA 15068-2255

ID: 097386

**Location:** Located at 4146 Arnold Avenue, in the village of Braeburn four miles north of Arnold, along the Allegheny River in Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1905**

724/339-2377

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Braeburn Methodist Church was erected in memory of Isabel and R. Parks Arnold. The ground was given to the congregation as a memorial to these people. The Church was established in May 1905 by Reverend John Lane Miller and was known as Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. The first pastor was Reverend John Lane Miller. Trustees were Jacob Artman, Harry Dougal and Milton Rice. Of interest to individuals delving into the history of the Church is the big bell in the belfry. The bell was used for many years on the McBride farm in Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County. The bell was given to the church in 1921 with the understanding that should the congregation have no further use for it, that it would be returned to the McBride Brothers. But to this day the worshippers anticipate the tolling of the big farm bell on Sundays. In 1943 a basement was added to the Church, the work being done by the parishioners, for a much needed Children's Department. A well-equipped kitchen was installed at that time. In 1947 a new roof was needed and the outside of the building was covered with insulbrick. A new railing was placed on porch and steps. In 1961 the interior of the Church was completely remodeled. In 1968 the exterior was remodeled. A complete installation of aluminum siding was added and a gold illuminated Cross was erected in front of the steeple. A stone bulletin board was set on the church lawn. The basement entrance was enclosed by new aluminum doors. The sanctuary was carpeted wall to wall in 1969 and new sections of drapes have been added to the Sunday school rooms. The membership in 1968 was 293 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 112. Braeburn United Methodist Church is a small church that sits in a little part of Lower Burrell, PA known as Braeburn. They are a small congregation of mostly elderly people. When the local steel mill was running well, the church was thriving! At that time, there was a flourishing attendance with Sunday school, children's choir, and Vacation Bible School, as well as the usual ministries that most churches have. Although their numbers have diminished over the years, they are still about the work of ministry. They have a small, adult choir and are diligent at meeting the ministry needs of the long-term members and adults in their congregation. They are faithful in their worship, their giving, and in their community outreach. The small congregation gives generously every year to the Lower Burrell school district through gift cards valued from \$30 to \$40 so that the school can use them to help families in need to provide for shoes for children. As recently as 2018, the Braeburn UMC gave a \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior. They regularly create UMCOR health kits and flood buckets. They host an annual community Pancake breakfast fundraiser, and also raise money through bake sales and yard sales.

**Pastors: Braeburn:** John Lane Miller 1905-1906; James L. Duff 1906-1908; George A. Barnard 1908-1910; Percy E. Burt 1910-1911; Arthur W. Davies 1911-1912; Joseph B. Starkey 1912-1913; James L. Duff 1913-1914; A. M. Rhodes 1914-1915; Roger W. Conner 1915-1916; William J. Painter 1916-1934; **Creighton: Janes/Braeburn:** Charles Leroy Cusick 1934-1935; **Arnold/Braeburn:** Charles Albert Tracey 1935-1937; William Calvin Marquis 1937-1939; **Braeburn:** William Pledge Parker 1939-1945; Hugh Clark 1945-1951; Ardith Hays Shaffer 1951-1953; **Braeburn/Millerstown:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1953-1954; **Bethel Community/Braeburn:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1954-1954; **Braeburn:** Arnold Ardell Slagle 1954-1956; Harry Thorne 1956-1957; David Stuckey 1957-1958; Hallie Blaine Moose 1958-1961; James Smith Delo 1961-1962; Carl Albert Skoog 1962-1965; Edward Merville Ashbaugh 1965-1966; Leland Clyde Brown 1966-1970; William Cunningham Miller 1970-1976; Joseph Peter Martin, Jr. 1976-1977; Seth Thomas Stewart 1977-1982; Robert Norman Janacek 1982-1988; Larry Gene Dunn 1988-1993; Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1993-2001; Thomas E. Dougal 2001-*September* 21, 2003; **Braeburn/Arnold:** Joseph James Yurko, Jr. *September* 2003-2004; **Braeburn:** Rudolph Gerald Schmidt 2004-2008; Rudolph Gerald Schmidt 2008-2012; Thomas E. Dougal *Associate* 2008-2012; Forrest G. Hall 2012-2016; **Tri-City Charge: Arnold/Braeburn/New Kensington:** Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2016-2019; Vicki L. South 2019-*October* 31, 2020; William Lowell Kemp *November* 1, 2020--; Patricia R. Bushik-Blosat *January* 1, 2021--.

### **BUENA VISTA: BELL CHAPEL**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 45, Buena Vista, PA 15018-0045

ID: 099283

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1886-2010**

412/678-3110

## Greensburg District

**Location:** At 105 Bernard Drive at the corner of Bell and Byerly Streets in the Borough of Buena Vista, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Society was organized in January 1886, at a meeting in Sager’s Hall, above a grocery store. The meeting was in charge of Reverend Richard Muse, a Local Preacher from the Dravo Methodist Church, located two miles north of Buena Vista, and C. E. “Uncle Eddie” Heisterman, a dedicated leader of the church for many years. In the fall of 1886, the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church granted their petition for a place in the Conference and it became a preaching point on the Dravo Charge. The original Church built and dedicated in 1892. The land for the building was given by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bell and the balance of the debt on the building at the time of the dedication was paid by them. In appreciation of their generosity and dedicated services, the Church was named Bell Chapel. The Buena Vista Church became a part of the Lowber/Buena Vista Charge in 1922. In 1934 it became a part of the Greenock/Buena Vista Charge and remained so until 1954 when it became a Station. Bell Chapel and McKeesport: Hope were a two-point Charge in 1990. McKeesport: Christy Park and Bell Chapel were together in 2001. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 34. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Church closed November 20, 2010.

**Pastors: Bell Chapel:** Reimund Clay Wolf 1886-1887; Henry J. Hickman 1887-1888; William Craft Davis 1888-1893; Robert Irwin McKee 1893-1898; Preston C. Brooks 1898-1900; Calvin H. Miller 1900-1903; John Wesley Otterman 1903-1905; Franklin Lawson Teets 1905-1908; James Arlington Younkings 1908-1911; Percy E. Burt 1911-1911; Edward G. Heal 1911-1912; Watson M. Bracken 1912-1914; **Boston/Dravo/Buena Vista: Bell Chapel:** George M. Allshouse 1914-1915; John Martin Cogley 1915-1917; Harry H. Household 1917-1922; William Collins 1922-1924; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1924-1925; George Campbell 1925-1927; Earl Taylor 1927-1927; Harry H. Household 1927-1927; Francis McClure Kees 1927-1928; Joseph Matthew Somers 1928-1930; Earl E. Slonecker 1930-1934; George M. Burnsworth 1934-1937; Walter Leslie Morgan 1937-1938; Remo Pletcher 1938-1940; John William Lofgren 1940-1942; Charles Hanko 1942-*January* 1943; George Allison 1943-1947; Lester G. Hillegass 1947-1951; Carl Edson Chapman 1951-1954; Thomas E. Stoffel 1954-1955; Robert Thomas Roche 1955-1958; Ralph W. Willfinger *November-December* 1958; Richard L. Gifford 1958-1960; Richard Kimble *March-May* 1960; Joseph Dushane Piper 1960-1974; Richard Donald Updegraff 1974-1975; Robert Norman Janacek 1975-1978; William Anthony Messina 1978-1981; Ronald C. Haywood 1981-1984; Ronald A. Pociask 1984-1985; Molly Omega Brown 1985-1987; Kathleen A. Storer 1987-1990; **Bell Chapel/McKeesport: Hope:** William Donald Heaton 1990-1992; Michael Lewis Kundrat 1992-1997; *To Be Supplied* 1997-*July* 1, 1998; Marjorie Ellen Delaney Lindahl *July* 1, 1998-*September* 1, 20001; **Christy Park/Buena Vista: Bell Chapel:** James William Kramer *January* 1, 2001-2003; Lola Jean Turnbull 2003-2005; Dwight Ronald Libengood 2005-*November* 20, 2010. Church Closed on *November* 20, 2010.

### CHARTER OAK

#### **METHODIST – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 449 Frye Farm Road, Greensburg, PA 15601-6480

ID: 097411

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1958**

724/805-0355

**Location:** Located at 449 Frye Farm Road on the Old Lincoln Highway, five miles east of Greensburg, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist – Pittsburgh Conference. The Board of Missions of the Pittsburgh Conference purchased land for a church for this area on December 17, 1958. The first regular worship service was held on April 9, 1961 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelley. Mr. Kelley was the son of Reverend Elijah Wilson Kelley, a minister in the Pittsburgh Conference. At the Conference in June 1961, Reverend Robert Fox Richards was appointed as the first pastor. He, too, was the son of one of the conference ministers, Reverend Nicholas F. Richards. The Church was formally chartered on October 8, 1961 with 69 members. For a period of two and one-half years, the congregation met in a chapel in the basement of the Parsonage. On May 10, 1963, the ground was broken for the first unit of the church and it was used for the first time on Sunday, December 22, 1963. On Sunday, May 5, 1968, all indebtedness on that building was cleared and that afternoon, ground was broken for a Christian Educational Building. It was completed in the Summer of 1969. The 1968 membership was 330. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 909. The new building was consecrated in 2006. On January 1, 2017, the Jeannette: First UMC merged with Charter Oak UMC, and December 2017 marked the relaunch of the Jeannette Campus of Charter Oak UMC. Charter Oak Church is one church in multiple locations, and is best known for a clear process for making disciples, leadership development, vibrant kids and student ministries, as well as a heart for reaching all of Westmoreland County with

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the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Their desire is “to be a people who have a heart for the city in the heart of the city.”

**Pastors: Charter Oak:** Robert Fox Richards 1961-*January 1, 1971*; Clifford Earl Buell *January 1, 1971-August 29 1988*; David Scott Lake *Associate 1985-May 1, 1990*; *To Be Supplied August 29, 1988-November 21, 1988*; Richard Harding Sanford *November 21, 1988-1992*; David Allen Eversdyke 1992-2008; Christian Michael Whitehead *Associate 2005-2008*; Christian Michael Whitehead 2008--; David Allen Eversdyke *Associate 2008-2009*; Donna Elaine Byrd Gabler *Associate 2009-December 31, 2019*; Jack Lee Tickle, III *Associate 2013-2015*; Jonathan Joseph Hartland *Associate 2014-2020*; Dale Christopher Livermore *Associate, Jeannette Satellite Campus 2017-2020*; Benjamin Andrew Phipps *Associate Jeannette Satellite Campus 2020-*.

**CHARTER OAK: CROSSROADS SATELLITE CAMPUS** GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
**UNITED METHODIST - WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE** 2014

Mailing Address:

ID: 085105

**Location:** 1075 S Main St Suite 112, South Greensburg, PA 15601

**History:** United Methodist - Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Charter Oak congregation created a worship site in 2014

**Pastors:** Christian Michael Whitehead 2008--; Donna Elaine Byrd Gabler *Associate 2009-December 31, 2019*; Jack Lee Tickle, III *Associate 2013-2015*; Jonathan Joseph Hartland *Associate 2014-2020*;

**CHARTER OAK: JEANNETTE SATELLITE CAMPUS** GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
**UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE** 2017

Mailing Address: 100 South Second Street, Jeannette, PA 15644-2104

724/527-1301

ID: 097945

**Location:** Located at the corner of South Second Street and Magee Avenue in the Borough of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist - Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Charter Oak congregation picked up responsibility for this worship site when the Jeannette: First UMC closed in 2017. The Jeannette Campus was launched with a desire to be “a people who have a heart for the city in the heart of the city.”

**Pastors:** Christian Michael Whitehead 2017--; Donna Elaine Byrd Gabler *Associate 2017-December 31, 2019*; Jonathan Joseph Hartland *Associate 2017-2020*; Dale Christopher Livermore *Associate 2017-2020*; Benjamin Andrew Phipps *Associate 2020-*.

**CHARTER OAK: MOUNT PLEASANT YMCA SATELLITE** GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
**UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE** 2019

Mailing Address: 449 Frye Farm Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

ID: 061361

**Location:** Located in Westmoreland County at 490 Bessemer Road, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666.

**History:** United Methodist - Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Charter Oak congregation created a worship site at the YMCA in Mount Pleasant in 2019.

**Pastors:** Christian Michael Whitehead 2019--.

**CIRCLEVILLE** GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE** 1852

Mailing Address: 11600 Parkway Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642-2063

724/864-1581

ID: 097422

**Location:** Located one block south of U. S. 30, Robbins Station Road at 11600 Parkway Drive atop Jackson Hill in North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, PA.

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**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized as a class with Alexander Watson as leader in 1852, meeting in a building known as Clay Pike and Robbins Station Road. Due to rapid growth, a church was soon organized to become part of the Miller Circuit. The First building was erected in 1872 and temporarily given the name MacFarlane Church. In March 1950 the original structure was totally destroyed by fire, just 3 months after dedicating renovations at the church. A new sanctuary was erected and consecrated in 1953. In June of 1964, Circleville Church became a Station charge after many years on a circuit with Miller Chapel. In the face of continued growth, new building plans were begun in 1965, and in December of 1968, consecration services were held for the new Christian Education facilities, narthex, foyer and a remodeled chancel. In 1985 the newly remodeled sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen and entrance were dedicated. The 1968 membership was 479. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 444. Circleville UMC is located just off Route 30 in North Huntingdon between McKeesport and Irwin. The congregation describes itself as relational and friendly with people whose hearts are as big as their love for Jesus. They are active in the local ministerium for community services, have a Prayer Tent at the fireman's street fair, spend one day of "fair week" at the Hospitality House at the Westmoreland County Fair, ring the Bell for Salvation Army, and celebrate Easter Sunrise services with two other neighboring churches. They also partnered with other neighboring churches in offering a community Vacation Bible School. Circleville has an active children and youth ministry, and strong lay-led ministries in the church and community. This church takes prayer seriously and has a weekly prayer meeting as well as traditional prayer chains and prayer updates in worship. They are very caring about the people who are in need of a hand up: words of encouragement are given and practical needs are met through money and "tangible" assistance. In addition to confirmation class and youth events, they have monthly family events, look for opportunities to engage more and more in the life of the congregation and community, and generally enjoy being with each other. They are a fun-loving and Jesus-following congregation.

**Pastors: Braddockfield Circuit: Circleville:** Walter Brown 1852-1853; **McKeesport Circuit: Circleville:** William Cooper 1853-1854; Charles H. Ziegler 1854-1855; **Port Perry Circuit: Circleville:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1855-1856; **Port Perry/Circleville/Harrison City:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1856-1857; David Hess 1857-1859; **Circleville:** William Page Blackburn 1859-1861; Joseph Jackson Hays 1861-1862; Francis Daniel Fast 1862-1864; **Irwin Circuit: Circleville:** William Fletcher Lauck 1864-1866; George Washington Cranage 1866-1867; Noble Garvin Miller 1867-1868; David Hess 1868-1871; **Miller Charge: Circleville:** John W. McIntyre 1871-1873; **Miller/Circleville:** Joseph N. Pershing 1873-1874; **Circleville:** Joseph N. Pershing 1874-1876; Samuel H. Cravens 1876-1877; Nelson Davis 1877-1878; **Circleville/Christ: North Huntingdon:** Theodore N. Eaton 1878-1879; Barnett B. Thomas 1879-1880; John S. Wakefield 1880-1883; William S. Cummings 1883-1885; William Carson Weaver 1885-1890; John C. Gourley 1890-1892; Robert Irwin McKee 1892-1893; Sherman W. McCorkle 1893-1896; Richard Makin Fowles 1896-1898; James Law 1898-1901; William Thomas Robinson 1901-1906; Frank Howard Callahan 1906-1907; Sherman W. McCorkle 1907-1909; Frank J. Sparling 1909-1913; Charles Wesley Hoover 1913-1919; William Johnston Turner 1919-1921; **Circleville/Miller/North Huntingdon: Christ:** George M. Allshouse 1921-1923; Walter R. Robinson 1923-1925; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1925-1929; Edgar Vickers Shotwell 1929-1934; J. B. Dodd 1934-1943; **Circleville:** George E. Buhan 1943-1944; John ValJean Mullins 1944-1948; Hibbard G. Howell 1948-1949; David Dayen 1949-1950; **Circleville/Miller:** James Hartland 1950-1952; Joseph Christy Brown 1952-1957; Robert Dawson Hopson 1957-1960; Merrill Vernon Stone 1960-1964; **Circleville:** Brian Kelley Bauknight 1964-1971; Paul Edward Inks 1971-1983; Herbert Ellsworth Claar 1983-April 15 1991; Franklin Delano Bishop 1991-2000; Roger Alan Peterson, Jr. 2000-2008; Raymond Ernest Lyon 2008-2019; Ea Kyoung "Amy" Jun 2019-October 18, 2019; Gloria Aekyung Jun October 18, 2019--.

**CLARIDGE**  
**EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1897-1987**

Mailing Address:  
ID: 189602

**Location:** Claridge was located on Main Street in Claridge in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical - Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was built in 1903 and dedicated as the Claridge United Evangelical Church. For several years before that time meetings were held in a schoolhouse and a union Sunday school was organized. The membership of Claridge UMC in 1970 was 104, and it was linked with the Jeannette: Gethsemane Methodist Church. In 1987 they merged and maintained the name of Jeannette: Gethsemane United Methodist Church.

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**Pastors: Claridge:** L. D. Wortman *March 1897-July 1897*; Fleming Wilson Barlett *August 1897-October 1897*; Thomas J. Barlett *October 1897-March 1898*; C. H. Stewart *March 1898-March 1899*; Emanuel Walter Rishell *September 1899-September 1900*; Martin Van Buren DeVaux *September 1900-September 1901*; Andrew Jackson Bird 1901-1904; Craig David Slagle 1904-1905; David Lincoln Yoder 1905-1907; William Arland Wissinger, Sr. 1907-1911; Thomas J. Barlett 1911-1912; George C. McDowell 1912-1913; F. M. Brickley 1913-1917; I. L. Peters 1917-1922; James Guy Clark 1922-1925; Wilson W. Elrick 1925-1927; **Greensburg: Fourth Street/Claridge:** Alonzo Guy Meade 1927-1930; Woodward Moses Peffer 1930-1933; John Domer Hammer 1933-1938; James Guy Clark 1938-1942; Nevin H. Peterson 1942-1944; Paul James Halstead 1944-1953; Dwayne Calvin Carter 1953-1959; **Jeannette: Gethsemane/Claridge:** James Nevin Strohm 1959-1963; Jack Levi Hemskey 1963-1969; William Owen Anderson *January 15, 1969-1978*; Gordon Barry Davis, Jr. 1978-1981; Roy Eugene Heinlen 1981-1987; Claridge and Jeannette: Gethsemane merged and took the name Jeannette: Gethsemane 1987.

**COKEVILLE**  
**METHODIST – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1???-1951**

**Location:** Cokeville was located in the Old Blairsville District, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist – Pittsburgh Conference. Abandoned and sold to the United States Government in 1951.

**COUNTRY HILLS**  
**EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1963-1984**

Mailing Address:  
ID: 018948

**Location:** Was located at 9799 Laurel Avenue, North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical United Brethren – Western Pennsylvania Conference. The first service was held June 16, 1963 in the basement of the former Sowash property with 44 persons present. This was a mission project. A building was erected and dedicated as the sanctuary May 23, 1964. In 1970 there were 156 members. In 1984 the Church was closed and the records went to the Commission on Archives and History.

**Pastors: Country Hills:** Jack R. Rees 1963-1967; Howard LeRoy Weisz, Jr. 1967-1971; David Allen Eversdyke 1971-1975; Clifford Herbert Moore 1975-1978; Steven Robert Rich 1978-*November 1, 1979*; Albert Allen Bryan *November 1, 1979-August 1, 1981*; Florence Parker Clark *August 15, 1981-1982*; *To Be Supplied* 1982-1984. Country Hills closed in 1984 and the records went to the Commission on Archives and History.

**CRABTREE: ROSS CHAPEL**  
**METHODIST – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1???-1946**

**Location:** Crabtree was located in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1848 Ross Chapel at Crabtree shared preachers with Hopewell, New Derry, New Alexandria, Saltsburg and Jacksonville. Crabtree was abandoned and sold in 1946.

**DELMONT: FAITH**  
**UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1986**

Mailing Address: 305 Freeport Street, Delmont, PA 15626-1223  
ID: 170671

724/468-0040

**Location:** Located one block off Route 66 at 305 Freeport Street in the Borough of Delmont in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Faith United Methodist Church in Delmont had existed in some minds for 40 years or more as a necessary part of Christ's Ministry in Delmont. During the year of 1984-1985, The Greensburg District United Methodist Church Council on Ministry began to concretely work toward the fulfillment of this vision. An extensive study of the Delmont area was done utilizing the research talents and experience of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, an ecumenical organization of the Pittsburgh Area. It was noted that we had no United Methodist Church between Murrysville to Blairsville on Route 22 and from

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Greensburg to Vandergrift on Route 66. Delmont was the perfect center or hub for a new church. In March 1985 members of the Murrysville United Methodist Church worked with the churches of the Delmont area on a cooperative Community Survey. It was determined that the fourth largest denominational preference was United Methodist, even though no United Methodist Church currently existed in Delmont. In March 1986, Bishop James Mase Ault assigned Reverend Deryl Kent Larsen to the Delmont area. Arrangements were made with the Delmont Borough Council to rent space in an abandoned school building, which the Borough owned. Reverend Donald James Joiner, Superintendent of the Greensburg District United Methodist Church joined Reverend Larsen to hold the first worship service on Sunday, June 1, 1986. One hundred and ten persons attended the first service. On April 14, 1986 a down payment was made on a parsonage at 38 Buena Vista Drive at the corner of Clover Drive in Delmont. On Palm Sunday 1987, the congregation voted unanimously to purchase the Walter's property on Freeport Street. The congregation moved into the new church sanctuary on Christmas Eve 1989. Consecration services were held on Sunday, January 28, 1990 with Reverend Gerald Allen McCormick, Superintendent of the Greensburg District, Bishop George Willis Bashore, Reverend Donald James Joiner, former Greensburg District Superintendent, Reverend Stephen Elwood Cupcheck a retired Methodist Minister, Rev. Paul Edwin Schrading, Conference Council Director and Reverend Deryl Kent Larson participating in the services. A large fellowship hall and classroom were added later. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 480.

**Pastors: Delmont: Faith:** Daryl Kent Larsen *June 1, 1986-1994*; James Richard Wagner 1994-2010; Ronald Wayne Raptosh 2010--; Donald C. Watkins *Associate 2013-September 18, 2015*.

### **DERRY** **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1911-1968**

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. The Church had its inception in 1911 through W. C. Pringle and Dr. William Algernon Sites, then pastor at Latrobe. Preaching services and a Sunday School were started in a School House and later Reverend J. S. Fulton and Dr. William Algernon Sites met with Mr. Pringle and decided to make this an appointment and attach it to the Middletown Charge. Reverend J. H. Lilly was the first pastor and the Class was organized with 18 members. A sectional chapel was placed in 1913 under the pastorate of Reverend Raymond H. Arndt. Under Reverend Alfred J. Orlidge a new site was secured and a building erected on it under Reverend J. F. Cope and dedicated by Dr. J. S. Fulton. This building served until 1929 when it was converted into a parsonage and the new building was erected and dedicated by Dr. Warren S. Wilson and assisted by Dr. L. W. Stahl. Derry merged with Derry: First Methodist in 1968 to become Derry: First.

**Pastors: Derry:** J. H. Lilly; William Henry Mingle 1911-1913; Oliver Thomas Stewart 1913-1914; Raymond H. Arndt 1914-1917; Charles W. Robb 1917-1919; Alfred J. Orlidge 1919-1921; John Fretts Cope 1921-1922; Alonzo Bailey Sprague 1922-1923; F. A. Mousley and A. B. Sprague 1923-1924; Donald L. Clark 1924-1925; Samuel J. Wilson 1925-1926; William Algernon Sites 1926-1940; Warren Lenhart Lonas .

### **DERRY: FIRST** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1867**

Mailing Address: 313 North Ligonier Street, Derry, PA 15627-1632  
ID: 097626

724/694-8333

**Location:** Located at Third and 313 Ligonier Streets in the Borough of Derry in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation resulted from a Methodist revival at New Derry Methodist Episcopal Church in 1867. The first congregation met in an old log structure school house on Norris Street, on the south side of the community of Derry Station. Later the community became known as Derry Borough. The church then was known as the Derry Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation built a church on the north end of town in 1876. It was remodeled in 1900 and 1913. The church was a part of the New Derry Circuit until 1895 when it became a station charge. The parsonage was built in 1888. The 1968 membership was 609. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 561. In 2014, a new parsonage was built and they became a two-point charge with Hillside Methodist Church. Times have changed for the Derry community and the church. With the decline of the railroad and the closing of the Westinghouse plant, the population of Derry declined, as did church membership. Although the community of Derry has many families and school-aged children, the average age in our congregation is 50 years and older, with very few children. Their hope is to bring families with children back to church with a vital children's ministry. The church is known for community involvement (Derry Railroad Days, Derry Great

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Garage Sale, Souper Bowl of Caring, etc.), VBS, and delicious fundraising dinners. It also houses the Derry Food Bank. The church and congregation have been and remain a stronghold for the Derry community.

**Pastors: New Derry Charge: New Derry/Derry: First:** Hugh Harland Pershing 1867-1870; George Washington Cranage 1870-1872; Asbury C. Johnson 1872-1875; Joseph H. Henry 1875-*Spring* 1876; John W. McIntyre *Spring* 1876-*Spring* 1878; Robert J. White 1878-1879; William Alexander Stuart 1879-1882; Albert R. Cameron 1882-1885; William Alexander Stuart 1885-1890; Simon P. Woolf 1890-1894; George S. Holmes 1894-1895; **Derry: First:** George S. Holmes 1895-1896; Josiah Elmer Kidney 1896-1898; Robert Irwin McKee 1898-1901; Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1901-1904; Samuel M. Mackey 1904-1907; Alexander Earl Husted 1907-1911; Mark A. Riggs 1911-1916; John C. Burnsworth 1916-1921; William F. Seitter 1921-1925; John Wesley Hall 1925-1926; William Thomas Robinson 1926-1931; Frank J. Sparling 1931-1935; George M. Hartung 1935-1939; Graham E. Chandler 1939-1945; Ralph Edward Spangler 1945-1948; Lester Milo Bonner 1948-1953; John Calvin Cox 1953-1957; Taylor H. Carson 1957-1958; Robert Glendon Krouse 1958-1962; Clifford Eugene Stollings 1962-1966; Clarence Peter Dalton 1966-1968 **Derry: First Methodist/Derry: Fourth Avenue Evangelical United Brethren:** Victor Leroy Redfoot 1968-1973; **Derry: First:** Charles Frederick Olson, Jr. 1973-1978; **Derry: First/New Derry:** Charles Frederick Olson, Jr. 1978-1980; **Derry: First:** Charles Frederick Olson, Jr. 1980-1985; Merritt Howard Edner 1985-1993; David Dean Wilson, Jr. 1993-2003; Debra Darlene Palmer Eberhart Rogosky 2003-2006; Keith Herbert Lohr 2006-2009; Robert Keith Moffat 2009-2012; John Eugene Emigh 2012-2014; **Derry: First/Hillside:** John Eugene Emigh 2014-2017; Ronald Lynn Emery 2017-2019; Lola Jean Turnbull 2019-2021; **United 4 Christ: Derry: First/Hillside/Lycippus: Calvary/Pleasant Unity:** Jason Eric Schweinberg 2021--; Kyle M. Eisenhuth *Associate* 2021--.

### **DRAVO** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1824-1920**

**Location:** Located on the banks of the Youghiogheny River along the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Dravo church was established in 1824. It dates back to the old Redstone Circuit. A building built in 1864 was destroyed by fire on July 18, 1920. The building burned to the ground but some contents were saved. It was located along the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad tracks and it was a spark from one of the engines which is thought to have started the blaze which ended in the destruction of the edifice. At the time it was established and for years afterwards, the church flourished and was a power in the community. Its membership dwindled and in 1920 the membership was about 50. The church was not rebuilt due to loss of membership.

**Pastors: Dravo/Boston:** John Coleman High 1874-1876; John Conner 1876-1877; Robert Stover 1877-1878; Thompson F. Pershing 1878-1881; Robert Stewart Ross 1881-1884; Reimund Clay Wolf 1884-1887; Henry J. Hickman 1887-1888; William Craft David 1888-1893; Robert Irwin McKee 1893-1898; Preston C. Brooks 1898-1900; Calvin H. Miller 1900-1903; John Wesley Otterman 1903-1905; Franklin Lawson Teets 1905-1908; James Arlington Younkens 1908-1911; Edward G. Heal 1911-1912; Watson M. Bracken 1912-1914; **Dravo/Boston/Buena Vista: Bell Chapel:** George M. Allshouse 1914-1915; John Martin Cogley 1915-1917; Harry H. Household 1917-1920. Church burned in 1920.

### **DRAVOSBURG** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1899**

Mailing Address: 109 Maple Avenue, Dravosburg, PA 15034-1219  
ID: 102963

412/466-0112

**Location:** This church at 109 Maple Avenue, serves a community on the Monongahela River 15 miles south of Pittsburg in the Borough of Dravosburg, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. After several attempts to organize a Methodist Church in the community dating from 1892, Reverend Marshall B. Lytle, the pastor at Peter's Creek, was appointed by Bishop Charles H. Fowler to organize a congregation in 1898. The congregation was chartered on October 31, 1899 with 27 members. The congregation worshipped in the German Lutheran Church until 1901. The Lutheran Brethren complained that "The Methodist sing so loud that they are sure to crack the plaster on the walls." The Church met

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from 1901 to 1902 in a clapboard building built by the members of the church. In June of 1902 the first permanent building was dedicated. It was used until November 1962. On November 5, 1962 the Congregation moved into a new building which is located on the site of the former Methodist Home for the Aged of the Pittsburgh Conference known then as the Hamilton House for the Aged Persons. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 255. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Dravosburg:** Marshall B. Lytle 1899-1904; George Emmor Breneman 1904-1908; George Meade Dougherty 1908-1910; Thomas Morgan Dunkle 1910-1911; Waitman Thomas Hartley 1911-1912; John S. Allison, Jr. 1912-1915; Samuel H. Greenlee 1915-1917; Joseph William Garland 1917-1919; Charles T. Murdock 1919-1920; Charles William Oresk 1920-1924; Charles Wesley Hoover 1924-1927; Taylor H. Carson 1927-1929; Roy Curtis Ehrheart 1929-1931; Francis Emmer Kearns 1931-1932; Adam A. Nagay 1932-1935; John William Black 1935-1939; Ralph Greiner White 1939-1942; Richard R. Griffiths 1942-1946; William Egli Mays 1946-1948; Henry Fulton Pollock 1948-1951; Robert Porter Graham 1951-1956; Paul Mecham Easter 1956-1960; Raymond Dale Graham 1960-*December 15, 1963*; Donald Everett Bloomster *January 1, 1964-1968*; Wendell Eugene Paul 1968-1976; James Frederick Bray 1975-2000; Edwin Justus Herald 2000-2010; **Dravosburg/McKeesport: West Side:** Kenneth Elliott Jones 2010-2012; Joong Wook “Jay” Koe 2012-2013; Annette Marlene Bobby Bolds 2013-*September 3, 2015*; Dawn Lynn Check *September 15, 2015-2016*; Jeffrey Martin Conn 2016-2019; **Dravosburg/McKeesport: West Side/Electric Heights:** Jeffrey Martin Conn 2019--.

### **EAST McKEESPORT: FIRST**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 1128 Fifth Avenue, East McKeesport, PA 15035-1498  
ID: 097648

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**1896-2017**

412/824-0234

**Location:** Located at 1128 Fifth Avenue and Miami Street in the Borough of East McKeesport which is on Route 30 east of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. East McKeesport Village was incorporated into a borough on December 21, 1895. The Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated in March 1896. There were twelve charter members. The original building was located on Route 30 or the Greensburg Pike. The original building was dedicated on September 13, 1896. The Methodists were the first to incorporate and build a Church in the community. The original building was destroyed by fire following a Watch Night Service on December 31, 1918. Services were held in the school auditorium until 1920. A new site was purchased and a Tabernacle was built and dedicated December 12, 1920. Sunday school unit was built and dedicated October 28, 1923. In 1929 the congregation decided to build a sanctuary. The new sanctuary was contracted for \$28,000.00 and was completed and dedicated December 1-8 1929. The Educational Unit was constructed in 1953 and the Parsonage was erected in 1963. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 237. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. East McKeesport: First closed, effective June 30, 2017

**Pastors: East McKeesport:** Sherman W. McCorkle 1893-1896; Oscar Adams Emerson 1896-1897; Barnett T. Thomas 1897-1899; W. E. Houck 1899-1900; Thomas Charlesworth 1900-1902; Howard Ross 1902-1902; Alfred Cookman Elliott 1902-1904; Grant Simpson Pollock 1904-1908; James M. Mason 1908-1915; Oliver B. Patterson 1915-1917; George J. Rowe 1917-1921; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1921-1925; William T. Hilbert 1925-1931; Marshall L. Gamble 1931-1937; Arthur W. Sandberg 1937-1941; Earl Leroy Abbott 1941-1944; Henry Carl Buterbaugh 1944-1950; Harold Inghram Zook 1950-1960; Ralph Waldo Huntsman 1960-1966; William Harvey Miller 1966-1974; Herbert Lawrence Lohr 1974-1978; Hugh Ashby 1978-1987; Charles Frederick Harper 1987-1990; James Earl Davis 1990-1994; Olivia Elaine Graham 1994-1999; Paul Anthony Dunn 1999-2002; **Miller/East McKeesport:** Linda Louise Tunnell Merz 2002-*January 1, 2003*; **East McKeesport: First:** Linda Louise Tunnell *January 1, 2003-2006*; Rebecca Wynne Husted Cooke Patterson 2006-2009; Timothy Richard Williams 2009-2014; **East McKeesport: First/Miller:** Timothy Richard Williams 2014-2015; **Penn Center East: Penns Woods/Pitcairn: Center Avenue/ East McKeesport: First:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2015-2017.

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### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1893-1969**

**Location:** Located on the East Side of Pittsburgh, near Turtle Creek, Allegheny County, PA.

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**History:** Evangelical United Brethren – Western Pennsylvania Conference. In November 1893 Reverend James M. Leshner, pastor at Wilmerding, organized the East Pittsburgh Class with four members to which five more were added early in December. Permission was obtained to hold services in the Oak Hill School House and here the new Class worshipped for one year. Trustees for Brinton, as the Class was then called, Reverend T. P. Orner, Presiding Elder; Doctor Norris Cameron, of Pitcairn; E. M. Gross, of Greensburg; Reverend James M. Leshner, and Elmer Miller. With the aid of the conference church extension society, the new church was secured August 15, 1894, and a chapel erected and opened for service December 9, 1894. Steps were taken May 14, and the first United Brethren Church of East Pittsburgh was incorporated April 18, 1896 with Dr. A. E. Roose, N. H. Meyers, G. W. Mackey, G. W. Grubbs, and Reverend James M. Leshner as trustees. In 1897 Reverend A. L. Funk became pastor and in four days began the building of a parsonage of six rooms. In 1898 the chapel was greatly improved and the tower was added. John A. Glant presented a bell which was later exchanged for a larger one. On March 8, 1901, the interest bearing debt was paid in full. In 1900 East Pittsburgh was separated from Wilmerding and made a station. A Sunday School room was built and dedicated December 1, 1901, by Dr. Samuel Webster Keister, Presiding Elder. The next year the auditorium was completed and the whole church was formally dedicated by Dr. William Ross Funk, October 18, 1903. It cost \$15,000. Reverend J. T. Farnsworth and Dwight Moody Spangler entered the ministry from this church. In 1968 the membership was 154 and was on a two-point Charge with Wall. It closed in 1969. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: East Pittsburgh/Wilmerding:** James M. Leshner 1893-1897; Abraham Lincoln Funk 1897-1905; **East Pittsburgh:** James E. B. Rice 1905-1906; Joseph Estel Comer 1906-1907; Uriah B. Brubaker 1907-1911; Walker Glossbrunner Fulton 1911-1918; Clayton Charles Kratzer 1918-1919; Wesley Hamilton Spangler 1920-*January 9, 1923 (upon his death)*; Margaret Elizabeth Spangler *January 15, 1923-1930*; John Neely Boyer 1930-1932; Glenn C. Mitchell 1932-1937; Charles Gwynn *October 25, 1937-1939*; Kenneth Myron Falstick 1939-1945; Charles G. White 1945-1953; Clifford Herbert Moore 1953-1956; Jack Robert Rees 1956-1959; Paul E. Toothman 1959-1963; **East Pittsburgh/Wall:** Paul E. Toothman 1963-1968; *To Be Supplied* 1968-1969. Closed in 1969.

### FAIRVIEW EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1???-1965

**History:** Evangelical United Brethren. Was on the Paradise Charge. Discontinued in 1965.

### GREENSBURG: FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 15 East Second Street, Greensburg, PA 15601-3171  
ID: 097785

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1799  
724/834-3111

**Location:** Located at the corner of Maple Avenue and 15 East Second Street in the City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. The church had its beginnings with circuit riders from the Baltimore Conference serving the Pittsburgh Circuit until the Pittsburgh Conference was organized in 1825. The congregation grew out of class meetings held in the home of Samuel Bushfield in 1799. Services were held in homes or public buildings until 1833 when the first church building was constructed. Two years later a Sunday School was organized. Growth necessitated a larger building which was dedicated in 1852. This was remodeled and enlarged in 1885. Construction started on the new building in 1905 with dedication occurring in 1907. This building was remodeled in 1930. A fire destroyed the sanctuary in 1933, and this was immediately rebuilt in early English Gothic. Extensive remodeling and expansion began in 1959 and was completed in 1962. The church became part of the Connellsville Circuit in 1816, Uniontown and Connellsville Circuit in 1840 and the Greensburg Circuit in 1851. The church became a Station in 1855. The Pittsburgh Annual Conference was hosted here in 1868 and 1890. The membership in 1968 was 2129. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 1856. In 2019, three worship services are offered at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Greensburg each week: EKKLESIA- a contemplative, Communion Service of Word and Song on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. and traditional services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. At FUMC, there are many opportunities for members to expand their faith and share God's love. There is a strong music program that includes a Chancel Choir, a Hand Bell Choir, the Chancel Chanters, the Children's Chimes, and the Halo Youth Choir. There is Sunday School for all ages, a children's "Kids Rock" program on Thursday evenings, and Vacation Bible School in the summer. A youth group meets on Sunday evenings, and participates in a "Summer of Fun" program. Bible classes are led by the Pastor on weekdays, and

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anyone can participate. Also, the church reaches out directly to help the community through a Food Bank and the SPARK Mission programs. Each year a Crèche Show involves not only the congregation, but the community. The United Methodist Women sponsor fundraisers to support a Holiday Meal-Voucher ministry, a Backpack for Kids ministry, and a ministry to provide Funeral Luncheons. There are so many opportunities to become involved at this busy church!

**Pastors: Baltimore Conference: Greensburg: First:** James Smith 1799-1800; Nathaniel B. Mills and James Quinn 1800-1801; Lashley Matthews and Isaac Robbins 1801-1802; Benjamin Essex and Noah Fidler 1802-1803; William Page and Lewis Sutton 1803-1804; **Pittsburgh Circuit: Greensburg: First:** William Page and William Knox 1804-1805; Jesse Stoneman and Thomas Church 1805-1806; Thomas Doughaday 1806-1807; Robert Richford Roberts and John W. Harris 1807-1808; Frederick Stier and Thomas Daughaday 1808-1809; William Knox and Abraham David Daniels 1809-1810; William Knox and Joseph Lanston 1810-1811; John Meeks and Jacob Gorwell 1811-1812; **Connellsville-Greensburg: First Circuit:** Simon Lauck and Lewis Fechtige 1812-1813; Thornton Fleming and Lewis Fechtige 1813-1814; Jacob Dowell and John Baer 1814-1815; John Swartzwelder 1815-1816; **Pittsburgh/Connellsville Circuits: Greensburg: First:** Thornton Fleming and John Macklefresh 1816-1817; **Connellsville Circuit: Greensburg: First:** John West 1817-1818; James Reilly, Henry Baker and Peregrine G. Buckingham 1818-1819; Samuel P. V. Gillespie and Bennett Dowler 1819-1820; John West and John Connelly 1820-1821; John West and Norval Wilson 1821-1822; Henry Baker and William Barnes 1822-1823; Henry Baker and William S. Morgan 1823-1824; James Paynter and John Strickler 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference formed 1825: Connellsville Circuit: Greensburg: First:** Robert Boyd and Thomas Jamison 1825-1826; George Waddle and John Connelly 1826-1827; David Sharp, John Connelly, Salatheil Tudor and George Waddell 1827-1828; Charles Thorn and Jacob Keiss Miller 1828-1829; Charles Thorn and John West 1829-1830; James Green Sansom and Jeremiah Phillips 1830-1831; James Green Sansom, Moses Richenell, William M. Burton and John Spencer 1831-1832; John White and Wesley Kennedy 1832-1833; John White, Wesley Kennedy and George L. Sisson 1833-1834; David Sharp and Ellis W. Worthington 1834-1835; David Sharp and Jeremiah Knox 1835-1836; John Spencer and John Murray 1836-1837; Samuel D. Wakefield and George L. Sisson 1837-1838; Samuel D. Wakefield and David L. Dempsey 1838-1839; William Tipton and Hamilton Cree, Jr. 1839-1840; **Uniontown/Connellsville Circuit: Greensburg: First:** William Tipton, Hamilton Cree, Jr. and Samuel Kyle 1840-1841; Warner Long and Heaton Hill 1841-1842; Warner Long, Marcellus A. Ruter and Samuel Kyle 1842-1843; John L. Irwin and Jeremiah Knox 1843-1844; John L. Irwin and Moses P. Jameson 1844-1845; John B. West and Moses P. Jameson 1845-1846; John Coil and Joseph L. Ray 1846-1847; Peter M. McGowen and Joseph L. Ray 1847-1848; Peter M. McGowen and George B. Hudson 1848-1849; James Green Sansom and John M. Rankin 1849-1850; James Green Sansom and James L. Deens 1850-1851; **Greensburg: First:** David L. Dempsey and James Borbidge 1851-1852; David L. Dempsey and William A. Cook 1852-1853; Thomas Jefferson Higgins 1853-1854; Joseph Horner 1854-1855; William H. Locke 1855-1857; Richard L. Miller 1857-1858; Walter Brown 1858-1859; John Coleman High 1859-1861; Wiley W. Roup 1861-1863; W. Kennedy Brown 1863-1864; W. Kennedy Brown 1864-1865; Thomas Hudson Wilkinson 1865-1867; William Cooper 1867-1868; Thomas Newton Boyle 1868-1870; William Pitt Turner 1870-1871; James Fletcher Jones 1871-1872; Wiley W. Roup 1872-1874; Jesse Franklin Core 1874-1876; Robert Thompson Miller 1876-1878; Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1878-1881; Thomas Henry Woodring 1881-1884; James Sansom Bracken 1884-1887; Samuel M. Bell 1887-1890; Harry Stevenson Free 1890-1890; Ballard Rufus Wilburn 1890-1894; William Francis Conner 1894-1896; Henry L. Chapman 1896-1902; Edward Joseph Knox 1902-1908; Joseph Walter Miles 1908-1910; Homer David Whitfield 1910-1919; Andrew M. Shea 1919-1925; Frederick D. Esenwein 1925-1931; James Elwin Wagner 1931-1937; Lemon Dorsey Spaugy 1937-1944; Ralph W. McKenzie 1944-1958; Ruth Fuessler *Deaconess* 1944-1955; Walter Charles Herron *Associate* 1955-1956; Frank Andy Bodnar *Associate* 1956-1957; Kenneth Page Rutter 1958-1982; Stellamae Cramer *Education Director* 1958-1962; Wilbert Thomas Diddle *Associate* 1961-1967; Charles Franklin Helt *Youth Director* 1961-1966; Reed Johnston Hurst *Associate* 1967-1972; John Valjean Mullins *Associate* 1972-1975; Robert Graham Doyle *Associate* 1975-1982; John Warren Aupperle 1982-1992; George Kenneth Tullock, Jr. *Associate* 1982-1983; Donald William Dotterer *Associate* 1983-1986; Gary Peter Cogswell *Associate* 1986-May 1, 1992; Robert Charles Wilson 1992-2003; Donald Leslie Poole *Associate* 1992-1995; Jay Raymond Polowsky *Associate* 1995-1996; Randall Robert Roda *Associate* 1996-2000; Keith Howard McIlwain *Associate* 2000-2002; Graves Hampton Trumbo 2003-2006; Duane Lavern Morford 2006-2011; Willard Stephen Morse 2011-2017; Jill M. Croushore *Associate* 2016-July 19, 2018; Anette Darlene VanAlstine Gerber 2017-2019; Kevin Roy Haley 2019--.

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### GREENSBURG: OTTERBEIN

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 111 College Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601-2384

ID: 189544

**Location:** Located at the corner of Otterbein Street and 111 College Avenue in the City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. A class was organized on October 2, 1854 with 9 members. Services were held in the Sunday School room of the Zion Lutheran Church. A Church building was erected on West Otterman Street and dedicated October 25, 1857. In 1869 a tower was added. The church burned on July 22, 1879. A second (brick) Church was erected in 1879 across the street at West Otterbein and Brushton. In 1908 the third church was erected on the same site. Originally known as the Fourth Street United Brethren Church, the name was changed in 1951 to Otterbein. In 1970 there were 636 members. On January 1, 2003 the membership was 361.

**Pastors: Greensburg: Fourth Street:** J. B. Ressler 1854-1856; John T. Riley 1856-1857; Loren Bigelow Leasure 1857-1858; W. B. Dick 1858-1860; Loren Bigelow Leasure 1860-1861; D. Speck 1861-1863; J. B. Ressler 1863-1865; W. B. Dick 1865-1867; Andrew Jackson Hartsock 1867-1868; William Wragg 1868-1869; David Sheerer 1869-1870; G. A. Funkhouser 1870-1871; S. Knaga 1871-1873; J. Medszer 1873-1876; D. Speck 1876-1877; Thomas Kohr 1877-1878; Frank Ramsey 1878-1879; James Sheerer 1879-1880; Francis Fisher 1880-1882; L. R. Jones 1882-1883; John Isaac Lewis Ressler 1883-1884; James Sheerer 1884-1885; Jasper N. Munden 1885-1887; Lawrence W. Keister 1887-1888; L. Stahl 1888-1891; James M. Leshner 1891-1893; William Ross Funk 1893-1898; L. B. Seneff 1898-1899; Otto Whitmore Burtner 1899-1900; John P. Cowling 1900-1901; J. A. Eby 1901-1904; J. A. Groves 1904-1906; Frederick P. Rosselot 1906-1913; W. L. Bunger 1913-1916; Walter Arnold Knapp 1916-1920; William Ross Funk 1920-1921; Frederick Wilson Davis 1921-1928; J. D. Good 1928-1931; Clayton C. Gohn 1931-1938; Glenn C. Shaffer 1938-1942; Meade M. Snyder 1942-1945; Elmer A. R. Schultz 1945-1951; **Name changed to Greensburg: Otterbein:** John Byron Bishop 1951-1959; Edward Milton Wilson 1959-1967; Robert Basil Baker 1967-1973; Ronald David Amon 1973-1977; George Stephen Dran 1977-1982; Arthur James Decker 1982-1994; Byran Scott Peterman 1994-*November 30, 1999*; Jay Stanley Pifer *Associate August 1, 1997-1999*; Carenda Diane Baker *January 1, 2000-June 30, 2000*; Ralph Harrison Solida 2000-2002; Thomas Quay Strandburg 2002-2008; Jay Stanley Pifer *Associate 2002-2005*; Bruce Alfred Anthony *Associate February 1, 2006-2007*; Aimee Arlene Klein Wicks Twigg 2008-2013; Sung Shik Chung 2013-2018; Benjamin Thomas Zimmerman *Associate January 1, 2016-2017*; Dawn Lynn Funk Check 2018--.

### GREENSBURG: TRINITY

#### EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 210 West Fourth Street, Greensburg, PA 15601-2949

ID: 189533

**Location:** Located at 210 West Fourth Street in the City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical - Pittsburgh Conference. Preaching began in 1893 and the next year a mission was established with 18 members. A lot on Fourth Street was purchased and the new church building was dedicated in 1896. In 1951 the name was changed from Fourth Street Church to Trinity. In 1970 it was linked with Lycippus: Calvary and the membership was 210. On January 1, 2003 the membership was 186.

**Pastors: Greensburg: Fourth Street Evangelical:** Samuel Baumgardner Kring 1884-1885; John J. Carmany 1885-1888; G. W. Dunlap 1888-1890; H. B. Summers 1890-1893; Frank Willis Ware 1893-1894; Fleming Wilson Barlett 1894-1897; Emanuel Walter Rishell 1897-1900; Andrew Jackson Bird 1900-1904; Craig David Slagle 1904-1905; David Lincoln Yoder 1905-1907; William Arland Wissinger, Sr. 1907-1911; Thomas J. Barlett 1911-1912; George C. McDowell 1912-1913; F. M. Brickley 1913-1917; Ira Leonard Peterson 1917-1922; James Guy Clark 1922-1925; Wilson W. Elrick 1925-1927; Alonzo Guy Meade 1927-1930; Woodward Moses Peffer 1930-1933; John Domer Hammer 1933-1938; James Guy Clark 1938-1942; Nevin N. Peterson 1942-1944; **Greensburg: Evangelical/Claridge:** Paul James Halstead 1944-1951; **Name changed to Greensburg: Trinity:** Paul James Halstead 1951-1952; Robert B. Patton 1952-1953; Dwayne Calvin Carter 1953-1958; **Greensburg: Trinity/Lycippus: Calvary:** Dwayne Calvin Carter 1958-1959; Jack Robert Rees 1959-1963; Albert Jacob Steiner 1963-1970; Albert Jacob Steiner 1970-1972; Walter Charles Herron 1972-*November 1, 1973*; Samuel Jean Weible *November 1, 1973-June 1974*; Byron Tate Fulton 1974-1979; Harold Wayne Beam 1979-1981; Herman Leroy

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Ridley 1981-1986; **Greensburg: Trinity/Luxor:** Edwin Phillip Wilson 1986-1993; **Greensburg: Trinity:** John Eugene Duvall 1993-2007; **Greensburg: Trinity/Luxor:** Robert Darrell Arduino 2007-2009; **Jeannette: First/Greensburg: Trinity:** Rebecca Wynne Husted Cooke Patterson 2009-2011; Amy Lorraine Chesla 2011- *November 30, 2015*; Clint Thomas Phillips *December 1, 2015-July 31, 2016*; **Greensburg: Trinity/Luxor:** Tammy L. Falcsik *August 1, 2016-..*

### **HARRISON CITY: COMMUNITY**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**1856**

Mailing Address: 3483 Route 130 Harrison City-Trafford Road, Irwin, PA 15642-8803  
ID: 097808

724/744-3413

**Location:** Located at 3483 Route 130 at the edge of the village of Harrison City on Route 130, near Irwin, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first record of the Harrison City church appears in the minutes of the Circleville Charge, April 12, 1856. Later the church was on the Irwin Circuit, the Penn Circuit and the Manor Circuit, where it remained until 1960. This small village church was dropped from the Manor Circuit in 1960, and there was little hope for its future. In May 1960 Dr. William Leroy Hogg met with a group of people from the community who were interested in beginning a new church. He quickly saw the potential of the growing community and its need for a new church. Dr. Hogg had just completed his term as District Superintendent of the McKeesport District and had entered the retired relationship. He asked to be assigned to the Church. Under his leadership ground was broken on May 14, 1961. On April 8, 1962 the new church was consecrated by Rev. Dr. Edward Louis Boetticher, District Superintendent. The new church, the property and the parsonage were valued at \$140,000. By 1964 the membership of the church had grown to 275 members. Having built a fine church Dr. Hogg again went into the retired relationship and Reverend Edward Shirley Hammett was assigned to the Church. The growth of the church has continued at a rapid rate with 580 members reported in the 1968 Journal and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 1369. By 2020, Community UMC has experienced four expansions. The latest was completed in 2019 and included the overhaul of most of the classrooms, expansion of the educational section, and building a new sanctuary and Cafe. Community Church has a Lead Pastor and a Pastor of Community Care and a number of full-time and part-time staff overseeing the expansive ministry opportunities available to the congregation known as “community.” Community Church offers an Acoustic-style worship on Saturday evening and a current service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, and as well as a Traditional Service at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. The church's mission statement is “To Follow Jesus and Lead others to Him.” The community-based church is very active in the greater Penn Township area. A number of organizations meet in the facility and groups and organizations use the Multi-Ministry Room that contains a full basketball court. Upwards Basketball has been one such organization that has successfully utilized the MMR and helped fulfill the church’s mission. Scout troops meet at the church, as well as groups like AA. Community Church has a very active and meaningful Youth Group that conducts its own worship service with its own worship band. Some other ministries are the Men’s Group, United Methodist Women, and Community Food Bank, (distributing food to over 30 families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter), Stephen Ministry and a ramp building ministry. The church maintains relationships with churches in Uganda, India, and Puerto Rico through financial support and visits from mission teams. Community Church is actively promoting Bible Studies, at times with more than 20 classes being held in the church building as well as in member homes. The church's online presence is growing significantly. It has always been the goal and mission of Community Church to reach out into the surrounding community to offer service and promote a healthy and Christian Environment.

**Pastors: Circleville Circuit: Harrison City:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1856-1857; **Port Perry Circuit: Harrison City:** David Hess 1857-1859; **Circleville Circuit: Harrison City:** William Page Blackburn 1859-1861; Joseph Jackson Hays 1861-1862; Francis Daniel Fast 1862-1864; **Irwin Circuit: Harrison City:** William Fletcher Lauck 1864-1866; George Washington Cranage 1866-1867; Noble Garvin Miller 1867-1869; **Penn Circuit: Harrison City:** Charles Wesley Miller 1869-1870; Wiley W. Roup 1870-1872; Solomon Keebler 1872-1874; Edward M. Williams 1874-1875; Joseph Jackson Hays 1875-1876; John Huston 1876-1879; John McCarty 1879-1881; **Manor Circuit: Harrison City:** Andrew J. Ashe 1881-1884; Henry J. Hickman 1884-1886; Barnett T. Thomas 1886-1891; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1891-1894; Samuel Breth Laverty 1894-1898; Levi Scott Peterson 1898-1899; Charles C. Emerson 1899-1903; William H. Barber 1903-1907; Walter Scott Trosh 1907-1909; John N. Bracken 1909-1921; S. O. Dorsey 1921-1923; Henry L. Wissinger 1923-1926; Charles T. Murdock 1926-1928; Harold M. Couchenour 1928-1932; Frank Ashton Webb 1932-1934; William Thomas Robinson 1934-1935; Joseph Lamy 1935-1939; Alexander

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Ernest Taylor 1939-1940; George Elmer Schott 1940-1941; Wallace Lawrence Faas 1941-1946; John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1946-1948; G. D. Krepps 1948-1949; J. G. Strain 1949-1952; Lawrence Charles McCune 1952-1960; **Harrison City:** William Leroy Hogg 1960-1964; Edward Shirley Hammett 1964-1978; James Broderick Patterson 1978-1991; Larry Paul Homitsky 1991-1996; David Daniel Janz *Associate* 1994-1999; **Harrison City: Community:** Dale Ralph Smith 1996-2005; Dale Christopher Livermore *Associate* 1999-2004; Ronald James Geisler *Associate* 2004-2007; John Everett Ciampa *Co-Pastor* 2005-2018; Patricia Elaine Schar Ciampa *Deacon* 2005-2012; Richard J. Phipps 2010-2020; Jerrad Robert Peterman *Pastor of Community Care* 2018--; Seth Ryan McPherson *May* 26, 2020--.

### HECLA

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#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

18??-1984

Mailing Address:

ID: 009974

**Location:** Hecla was located in the village of Southwest just east of Route 819, about three miles north of Mount Pleasant in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The origin of this Church is not known, but its frame Church building was erected about 1882. Prior to 1920 Hecla was on a Circuit with South Greensburg and New Stanton. It was on a Charge with Pleasant Unity for many years. In 1952 it was a station appointment served by retired ministers. Hecla was part of the Youngwood Charge in 1968. The membership in 1968 was 33. Hecla closed in 1984. The records went to the Conference Commission on Archives and History.

**Pastors: Hecla:** Clark S. Derby 1941-1943; **Hecla/Pleasant Unity:** William Perry McCune 1944-1945; **Hecla:** J. C. Doudna 1946-1948; Stephen Elwood Cupcheck 1948-1949; Oscar G. Cook, Sr. 1949-1956; James Herald MacRill 1956-1969; **Hecla/Youngwood/New Stanton:** Jacob Milton Shaffer 1969-*January* 1, 1973; John Carter Boor *January* 1, 1973-1977; John Robert Reffner 1976-1981; Warren C. Lash 1979-1983; John Gordon 1983-1984.

### HERMINIE

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#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

1851

Mailing Address: 220 Clinton Drive, Herminie, PA 15637-1204

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ID: 189555

**Location:** Located at 3365 Pike Street and Church Street at Herminie, sometimes known as Herminie #1, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. Services were held as early as 1851 in the Mars Hill Meeting House, it was known as Mars Hill and was on the Westmoreland Charge. The Baptists met in the morning and the United Brethren in the afternoon for services. The first Church on Mars Hill was a frame structure, it burned to the ground. It was later on the Madison Charge, later the Mars Hill Charge and later became a Station. The new building, on Pike Street, was started by Dr. Samuel Strickler Hough, and completed by Reverend Joseph Medsger. It was dedicated January 6, 1895 by Dr. George A. Funkhouser. Under the pastorate of Reverend B. F. Bungard an addition was built to the church for Sunday School purposes and a basement placed under the Church. It was dedicated by Dr. James Spencer Fulton October 8, 1916. It burned February 11, 1945. Rebuilt, the new church was dedicated May 19, 1946. An educational unit was added and consecrated April 18, 1971. The membership in 1970 was 541 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 272. Since that time, many improvements have been made to the structure, including new furnaces (complete with central air), an elevator to make the fellowship hall accessible for all, and new glass doors installed in 2020. Prior to COVID, the church was engaged in many community events, and plans to do so again.

**Pastors: Westmoreland Charge: Mars Hill (Herminie #1):** Samuel Strickler Hough 1851-1894; William Wragg and David Sheerer 1872-1873; David Sheerer 1873-1875; Joseph Medsgermets 1875-1878; Martin O. Lane 1878-1879; Isaiah Potter 1879-1882; Abraham Lincoln Funk 1882-1883; John Isaac Lewis Ressler 1883-1885; Abraham Lincoln Funk 1885-1886; William Ross Funk 1886-1888; Isaiah Potter Truxal 1888-1891; B. L. Seneff 1891-1893; G. W. Sherrick 1893-1894; Joseph Medsger 1894-1895; Barton Cooper Shaw 1895-1900; J. W. Wilson 1900-1901; H. W. Wilson 1901-1902; B. L. Seneff 1902-1903; H. M. Newell 1903-1905; T. W. Burgess 1905-1907; Frank Asher Risley 1907-1908; W. H. Blackburn 1908-1912; William Henry Mingle 1912-1915; Benjamin F. Bungard 1915-1918; George Robert Alban 1918-1920; William Arland Wissinger, Sr. 1920-1924; T. W. Burgess 1924-1932;

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*Unknown* 1932-1937; Charles Henry Keller 1937-1943; Goldie Wechtenhiser Keller *Associate* 1937-1943; Edward Milton Wilson 1943-1951; Reed Spurgeon Shirey 1951-1963; Donald Nicholas Ciampa 1963-1972; Darrell Jackson Hockensmith 1972-1975; Scott David Browning 1975-1982; Suzanne Devore Bailey Bennett 1982-*January* 1, 1990; David Scott Lake *May* 1, 1990-1997; Charles Franklin Hildbold, Jr. 1997-2003; Larry Gene Dunn 2003-2014; **Herminie/West Newton: First** Alfred Harlan Kimmel 2014-2017; Randolph Kit Landman 2017-2021; Barry J. Henck 2021--.

### **HERMINIE #2**

#### **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 224 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA 15642-3227

ID: 170636

**Location:** Located on the 244 Wendel Herminie Road in the village of Herminie #2, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. Herminie #2 was a small coal mining community, and the people were serving God as part of the United Brethren family. In 1910 the Herminie #1 United Brethren pastor and people began a Sunday School in the Herminie #2 schoolhouse. In 1915 the congregation was organized and a church was built. In 1970 it was linked with Arona and Middletown. In 1993, Herminie #2 was yoked with Arona UMC. The membership in 1968 was 69 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 59. Herminie #2 closed on *December* 31, 2019.

**Pastors: Herminie #2:** George Elwood Buhon 1915-1917; Frank Asher Risley 1917-1918; D. W. Willard 1918-1919; **Arona Circuit: Herminie #2:** James C. Moses 1919-1921; William B. McKinney 1921-1924; G. A. Sparks 1924-1926; Paul Alvin Morris 1926-1927; Joseph H. Weaver 1927-1928; Frank Butler Hackett 1928-1932; John J. Thompson 1932-1935; William Bruce Tobias 1935-1938; Dwight Moody Spangler 1938-1940; James Nevin Strohm 1940-1942; M. Gertrude Mitchell Halliwell 1942-1946; Rupert Halliwell *Associate* 1946-1947; Rupert Halliwell, Gertrude Mitchell Halliwell *Associate* 1947-1948; J. Wilbur Watson 1948-1954; Warren Lenhart Lonas 1954-1958; David Herbert Stevenson 1958-1963; Robert Reaford Blank 1963-1970; **Arona/Herminie #2/Middletown Charge:** Robert Reaford Blank 1970-1975; John Howard Smith 1975-*December* 1979; John Campbell McAdoo *December* 1979-1980; Larry Alton Reitz 1980-*January* 15, 1985; Charles Duane Moore *February* 1, 1985-1990; Kenneth Lynn Bossart 1990-1993; **Arona/Herminie #2:** Thomas Alexander Topar 1993-1996; Dale Webster Roddy 1996-1997; Richard Joseph Helsel *Associate* 1995-1997; **Arona/Herminie #2** Richard Joseph Helsel 1997-2002; Wayne Leroy Plyler *August* 8, 2002-2004; Mildred E. Monticue 2004-2006; Dale Webster Roddy 2006-2007; Bruce Alfred Anthony *January* 21, 2007-2019; **Herminie #2/Pleasant Unity:** Kimberly Lynn Foes 2019-*December* 31, 2019.

### **HILLSIDE**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 85, Derry, PA 15627-0085

ID: 097821

**Location:** Located midway between Derry and Blairsville on Old Route 217 in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Hillside United Methodist Church is quaint country church that resides in the community of Hillside, just off of Route 217 between Derry and Blairsville. The congregation grew from Sunday School meetings held by Timothy and Mary Ann Akers, about 1847. The first church building was constructed by felling virgin timber and erecting the structure at the site in 1852. Admitted to Blairsville Circuit in 1854; Reverend James Sansom Bracken is believed to have been the first pastor. A frame structure was erected in 1873 and dedicated in January 1874 by Reverend Dr. Israel C. Pershing, President of Pittsburgh Female College. The building was moved to adjacent lot and renovated in 1952, preceding the Centennial celebration. Additional renovation was done in 1964 and a paved parking area was added. The Church was on the Blairsville Circuit until 1859, New Derry Circuit 1859 to 1862, Latrobe 1862 to 1867, New Derry 1867 to 1874, Cokeville 1874 to 1880, New Derry 1880 to 1887, Cokeville 1887 to 1906, Bradenville 1906 to 1909 and became a station appointment in 1909. The membership in 1968 was 130 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 186. Hillside United Methodist Church is a small rural church located in Hillside PA (between Derry and Blairsville). The church has a traditional worship service. They became a sister church with Derry First UMC in 2014. The church the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, collects “G” Bills to be used towards UMW and UMCOR Hygiene kits. They participate in the community yard sale, fill shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse, collect hats and gloves for

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**1847**  
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local school children and non-perishable food for the local food bank. They also contribute for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for families in need.

**Pastors: Blairsville Charge: Hillside:** James Sansom Bracken 1853-1854; James L. Deens 1854-1856; J. T. Nesbitt 1856-1858; Robert Cunningham 1858-1859; Walter Brown 1859-1860; **New Derry-Hillside Charge:** Daniel W. Wampler 1860-1861; Matthew J. Montgomery 1861-1862; **Latrobe Charge: Hillside:** Wiley W. Roup 1862-1863; John S. Wakefield and Henry R. Long 1863-1864; John S. Wakefield and James B. Gray 1864-1865; James Borbridge and James B. Gray 1865-1866; Matthew J. Montgomery 1866-1867; **New Derry Charge: Hillside:** Matthew J. Montgomery and Abraham J. Rich 1867-1868; Hugh Harland Pershing 1868-1870; George Washington Cranage 1870-1872; Asbury C. Johnson 1872-1875; **Cokeville Charge: Hillside:** David King Stevenson 1875-1877; Marcellus Deaves Lichliter 1877-1879; John Coleman High 1879-1880; **New Derry Charge: Hillside:** William Alexander Stuart 1880-1882; Albert R. Cameron 1882-1885; William Alexander Stuart 1885-1887; **Cokeville Charge: Hillside:** Solomon Keebler 1887-1888; Morris B. Pugh 1888-1889; Alexander Earl Husted 1889-1894; Frank Prosser 1894-1895; John D. W. Heazelton 1895-1897; John W. McIntyre 1897-1898; Samuel Breth Laverty 1898-1903; Maris Ressel Hickman 1903-1904; O. J. Walton 1904-1905; Samuel G. Noble 1905-1906; **Bradenville Charge: Hillside:** Thomas Allen 1906-1908; **Hillside/New Derry Circuit:** Thomas Allen 1908-1916; Harry Allen Price 1916-1918; C. A. Tillotson 1918-1919; George Raymond Dewey Braun 1919-1920; W. R. Sadler 1920-1921; William H. Barber 1921-1924; A. J. Strandell 1924-1926; J. Frank Clary 1926-1928; Dalton William Davis 1928-1929; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1929-1934; Guy Allen 1934-1935; J. L. Kooser 1935-1936; W. E. Collins 1936-1937; George Absolom Marks 1937-*August 28 1971*; Lester Milo Bonner 1971-1973; Wallace Lawrence Faas 1973-1974; Donn Stockdale Chapman 1974-1979; Raymond Paul Kerr 1979-*May 1986*; Harold Earl Nunemaker *May 1986-May 6, 1988*; Dale Christopher Livermore 1988-1993; Charles Franklin Hildbold, Jr. 1993-1997; Larry Gene Dunn 1997-2003; **Hillside:** Raymond Paul Kerr 2003-2014; **Derry: First/Hillside:** John Eugene Emigh 2014-2017; Ronald Lynn Emery 2017-2019; Lola Jean Turnbull 2019-2021; **United 4 Christ: Derry: First/Hillside/Lycippus: Calvary/Pleasant Unity:** Jason Eric Schweinberg 2021--; Kyle M. Eisenhuth *Associate 2021--*.

### HOLIDAY PARK

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

#### EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

1959

Mailing Address: 81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239-2713

724/327-6552

ID: 098585

**Location:** Located on the corner of Cape Cod and Sandune Drive, in Holiday Park, Plum Borough, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical United Brethren – Western Pennsylvania Conference. This was a new church in the Evangelical United Brethren Western Pennsylvania Conference. It was organized November 16, 1960. Worship at first was in the Dice Farmhouse 100 Sandune Drive. The educational unit was dedicated on September 9 1962; the sanctuary was consecrated May 16, 1971. On October 1, 1967 the Sardis Methodist Church, formerly Methodist Episcopal - Pittsburgh Conference, merged with Holiday Park. A new large All-Purpose addition was added to the church in 1999 and consecrated on April 2, 2000. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 1131. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Holiday Park:** Gene Elwood Sease *November 1959-April 1960*; William R. Kinsey *May 1960-January 1963*; Gerald Allen McCormick *January 15, 1963-1968*; Donald James Joiner 1968-1982; Donald Richard Brown 1982-*January 31, 1988*; John Edward Patterson *Associate 1984-December 31, 1986*; Duane LaVern Morford *January 31, 1988-1996*; Ruth Marie Kastner Donahue *Associate 1991-1995*; Susan Lynn Bonner *Associate 1995-2000*; Douglas James Thompson 1996-2006; John Howard Piper *Minister of Visitation 2002-2013*; Joel Stephen Garrett 2006-2013; Anthony Steven Fallisi 2013--.

### IRWIN: FIRST

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#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1860

Mailing Address: 310 Oak Street, Irwin, PA 15642-3558

724/863-6858

ID: 097923

**Location:** Located at the corner of Oak and Third Streets in the Borough of Irwin in Westmoreland County, PA.

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**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized in 1860 by Reverend William Page Blackburn, pastor at Circleville, Miller and Harrison City Circuit. Two lots were bought in 1860. A one-room wood church was erected on South East corner of Main and Third Streets in 1861. There were 12 members. The name of the Circuit was changed from Circleville to Irwin Station Circuit, composed of the same four churches in 1863. In 1870 Irwin Station became a separate Charge. The first Parsonage was built adjoining on Third Street in 1870. It was incorporated as “Irwin Station Methodist Episcopal Church” on July 10, 1870. A brick church built in 1889 replaced the outgrown wooden church. Andrew Carnegie gave a Pipe Organ in 1901. The word “Station” was dropped from the name in 1911. Lots were purchased at Walnut and Fifth Streets in 1919, for a buff brick parsonage which was occupied in 1922. Lots were purchased at Third and Oak Streets in 1926 for a new stone church. The Cornerstone was laid on June 10, 1928 and it was occupied on April 7, 1929 with educational unit, parish hall, parlor, offices and tower. A long financial struggle followed. In 1942 the old church property was sold and in 1947 all the debts were cleared. A Sanctuary Savings Account was instituted in 1946 and an architect was employed in 1955. The new sanctuary seats 750 and was consecrated on October 5, 1958. Sanctuary indebtedness was cleared in October 1965. Lots were purchased on the south and west sides for parking space and extensive remodeling and renovation in 1965-1966. The membership in 1968 was 1723. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 981.

**Pastors: Circleville Charge: Irwin:** William Page Blackburn 1860-1861; Joseph Jackson Hays 1861-1862; Francis Daniel Fast 1862-1863; **Irwin:** Francis Daniel Fast 1863-1864; William Fletcher Lauck 1864-1866; George Washington Cranage 1866-1867; Noble Garvin Miller 1867-1870; Joshua H. Conkle 1870-1873; Joseph Walter Miles *Associate* 1872-1875; Simon P. Woolf 1873-1875; David Alexander McCready 1875-1876; Homer J. Smith 1876-1877; Noble Garvin Miller 1877-1879; Robert J. Hamilton 1879-1880; Earl D. Holtz 1880-1883; William Francis Conner 1883-1885; Simon P. Woolf 1885-1888; John Franklin Murray 1888-1891; Charles Louis Edward Cartwright 1891-1896; Jacob Thomas Pender 1896-1897; Lewis Reece Jones 1897-1900; William Francis Conner 1900-1901; Joseph Warren Gillespie Fast 1901-1904; John Fred Jose 1904-1907; George S. Holmes 1907-1909; Richard Makin Fowles 1909-1912; Thomas Henry Woodring 1912-1915; Edgar Perry Harper 1915-1917; Oscar Burdeth Emerson 1917-1922; Joseph Dushane Piper 1922-1932; Walter Fred Preset *Associate* 1931-1933; Thomas Charlesworth 1932-1934; William E. Siess 1934-1937; Roy Lincoln McQuiston 1937-1945; George Richard Haden 1945-1948; Charles Reimond Wolf 1948-1950; James Andrew Gaiser 1950-1959; Harry Joseph Headlee *Associate* 1955-1962; Cecil William Kelley 1959-1964; James Russell Pollock 1964-1969; Albert Allen Bryan *Associate* 1964-1968; Thomas Ellis Urban *Associate April* 1 1968-1969; Virgil Eugene Maybray 1969-1975; Robert Charles Wilson *Associate December* 1968-1970; Lester Garman Hillegass *Associate* 1970-1973; Nelson Errett Stants 1976-1986; Peter John Berkebile, Sr. *Associate* 1976-November 1, 1977; John Mont Scott *Associate* 1980-1986; David Jordan Lutz 1986-1998; Robert Harry Lewis *Associate* 1986-1990; James Edward Gascoine *Associate* 1990-1997; Howard Gilliford Russell, Jr. *Associate* 1997-1998; Frank Melvin Sherman 1998-2003; Thomas Frank Saint Clair 2003-2010; David Alan Jones *Associate* 2005-2007; David Scott Lake 2010-2016; Jack Lee Tickle, III *Associate January* 1, 2013-2013; Bruce Robert Judy 2016--.

### **JACKSONVILLE** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1???-193?**

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1848 Jacksonville shared preachers with New Derry, New Alexandria, Saltsburg, and Ross Chapel (Crabtree). In 1886 Jacksonville was on the Livermore Circuit with Hopewell, New Alexandria and Livermore.

**Pastors: Jacksonville/New Derry/New Alexandria/Saltsburg/Ross Chapel (Crabtree):** Abraham J. Rich and John Grant 1848-1849; *unknown* 1849-1886; **Livermore Circuit: Jacksonville/Hopewell/New Alexandria/Livermore:** William Taylor Braden 1886-1889;

### **JEANNETTE: FIRST** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1889-2017**

Mailing Address: 100 South Second Street, Jeannette, PA 15644-2104  
ID: 097945

See Charter Oak: Jeannette Satellite Campus

**Location:** Located at the corner of South Second Street and Magee Avenue in the Borough of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, PA.

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**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was organized in February 1889 with nine charter members in the home of George Orgill by Reverend Barnett T. Thomas, pastor of the Manor Charge. The first services were held in the cutting room of the McKee Window Glass Works. The first church building was erected at Gaskill Avenue and Sixth Street in 1890. It was incorporated in May 1891. The congregation outgrew this building and construction on a new sanctuary at the corner of Second and Magee was commenced in August 1898 and completed in March 1899. The exterior of this building was remodeled in 1907, and the interior in 1955. In 1964 it was decided to erect a new building on the site of the second building. The leadership for the erection of the new building was given to Reverend Frank Thomas James. Ground was broken for the new building on March 15, 1964, and it was first used in March 1965. Three capital funds drives under the leadership of Dr. Moorman Parker provided for the financial undertaking of the new facilities. The membership in 1968 was 618 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 192. On January 1, 2017, Jeannette: First merged with Charter Oak United Methodist Church., and on September 10, 2017 the Jeannette Campus of Charter Oak was launched.

**Pastors: Manor Charge: Jeannette:** Barnett T. Thomas 1888-1890; **Jeannette Charge: Jeannette:** James Arlington Younkens 1890-1891; Amos Potter Leonard 1891-1893; Samuel Breth Laverty 1893-1894; William Taylor Braden 1894-1894; C. E. Shaw 1894-1895; Henry J. Giles 1895-1898; John W. McIntyre 1898-1899; Shields Winfield Macurdy 1899-1901; George M. Kelley 1901-1903; Harry Parker Johnson 1903-1906; Silas Elmer Rodkey 1906-1908; Edgar Perry Harper 1908-1912; Paul Weyand 1912-1917; Walter Scott Trosh 1917-1920; Preston C. Brooks 1920-1922; Daniel Melroy Paul 1922-1924; Robert Louis Erhard 1924-1926; Thomas Franklin Chilcote, Sr. 1926-1929; Charles Reimond Wolf 1929-1934; William Jewart Miller 1934-1938; Forrest Abner Goodrich 1938-1942; Paul Leroy Lindberg 1942-1947; Samuel Ford 1947-1953; Ralph Waldo Huntsman 1953-1960; Frank Thomas James 1960-1966; Paul Reams Smith 1966-1972; Robert William Borden 1972-1982; Rodney Craig Bennet 1982-1991; John Eugene Duvall 1991-*May 1, 1992*; **Jeannette: First/Gethsemane:** Gary Peter Cogswell *May 1, 1992-March 1, 1993*; John Eugene Duvall *March 1, 1993-1993*; Clair Willard Shaffer 1993-1995; **Name changed to Friendship Parish: First/Gethsemane:** Clair Willard Shaffer 1995-1997; **Friendship Parish: Jeannette: First/Gethsemane/Penn:** Dale Webster Roddy 1997-*March 1, 1998*; Joseph Waller *Associate 1997-May 1, 1998*; **Jeannette: First:** Dale Webster Roddy *March 1, 1998-2006*; David A. Jones 2006-2010; **Jeannette: First/Greensburg: Trinity:** Rebecca Wynne Husted Cooke Patterson 2010-2011; Amy Lorraine Chesla 2011-*November 30, 2015*; Clint Thomas Phillips *December 1, 2015-July 31, 2016*.

### JEANNETTE: GETHSEMANE

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 211 North Third Street, Jeannette, PA 15644-1725  
ID: 189590

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1891

724/523-6445

**Location:** Located at 211 North Third Street in the Borough of Jeannette in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. The Church dates to 1908 but services were held as early as 1891. In 1908 Reverend John Watson was sent to Jeannette to investigate it with a view of planting a mission there. He was to visit, tabulate his findings and report to conference, which body would determine the future action. A Class was organized October 4, 1904 with 17 Charter members. Service were held in the German Lutheran Church, then in the 200 block of North Second Street. The new church was built in 1912. It was dedicated by Dr. William Ross Funk who was assisted by Dr. S. J. Fulton on November 9, 1912. The Church cost \$10,000. This church received a missionary appropriation from the beginning until 1930 when it became self supporting. Extensive repairs were made in 1952. The church became the Gethsemane United Methodist Church in 1968 at the merger of the United Brethren and Methodist Churches. In 1970 it was linked with Claridge. The membership then was 296 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 140. Built in 1901, the former Evangelical United Brethren church, Gethsemane, stands as a beacon of hope in a community that has strengths despite challenges over the years. The "Jesus kneeling" stained glass window in the sanctuary is a constant reminder to the people of the church of the importance of prayer and placing their faith in Jesus. The congregation sees itself as a visible presence of hope and possibility in the community. The congregation is small, family friendly and strong in outreach and building relationships within the community and with other local churches.

**Pastors: Jeannette:** James Thomas Spangler 1891-1892; W. M. Davis 1892-1893; David Sheerer 1893-1894; Joseph Medsger 1894-1895; *Unknown:* 1895-1908; John Watson 1908-1915; Wesley Hamilton Spangler 1915-1917; T. W. Burgess 1917-1924; Arthur C. Van Saun 1924-1927; Raymond H. Arndt 1927-1928; A. Byron Fulton 1928-1931; *Unknown* 1931-1932; Mitchel M. Houser 1932-1944; Alfred J. Orlidge 1944-1951; **Jeannette:**

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**Gethsemane/Claridge:** James Nevin Strohm 1951-1963; Jack Levi Hemsy 1963-1969; **Name changed to Gethsemane United Methodist Church:** 1968; William Owen Anderson *July 15, 1969-1978*; **Claridge and Jeannette Gethsemane merged and took the name Jeannette: Gethsemane:** 1978; Gordon Barry Davis, Jr. 1978-1981; Roy Eugene Heinlen 1981-1987; Richard A. Newton 1987-1989; Darrell Lee Greenawalt 1989-*December 1, 1991*; John Eugene Duvall *December 1, 1991-1993*; **Jeannette: First/Gethsemane:** Clair Willard Shaffer 1993-1995; **Name changed to Jeannette: Friendship Parish: First/Gethsemane:** Clair Willard Shaffer 1995-1997; Jay Stanley Pifer *Associate 1995-1996*; Dale Webster Roddy 1997-*March 1, 1998*; Joseph Waller *Associate 1997-May 1, 1998*; **Jeannette: Gethsemane:** Michelle Lee Stewart Wobrak *May 1, 1998-2002*; Robert Darrell Arduino 2002-2007; Timothy Williams 2007-2009; Rebecca Wynne Husted Cooke Patterson 2009-2011; **Jeannette: Gethsemane/Middletown:** Kenneth Lynn Bossart 2011-2017; Linda Grace Harrison 2017-*September 30, 2018*; Robert Charles Wilson *October 1, 2018-December 31, 2018*; Christopher M. Morris *January 1, 2019--*.

### JONES MILLS

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1860-1972**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**Location:** Located in the village of Jones Mills on Route 31, 3 miles East of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Entrance at Donegal in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The original deed for the Church was dated January 17, 1860. It has been on various circuits throughout its existence. In 1968 it was part of a two-point Charge with Acme Church. The membership in 1968 was 64. In 1972 it merged with Acme Church.

**Pastors: Acme/Jones Mills:** Aubrey Rhodes Morrow 1959-1959; Kyle Fox 1959-1960; Donald Jordan 1960-1962; William L. Lytle 1962-1963; William Dallas Morgan 1963-1965; William Grant Patterson 1965-1970; Ronald George Naugle, Sr. 1970-1972. Jones Mills merged with Acme in 1972.

### LATROBE

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1850**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 440 Main Street, Latrobe, PA 15650-1599

724/537-8141

ID: 098120

**Location:** Located at the corner of Main Street and Ridge Avenue in the Borough of Latrobe, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This church began with seven members in the home of William Williams about 1850. The frame building was erected in 1853 on a lot donated by Thomas J. Barnes and was replaced by a two-story brick edifice in 1855-1856 on Depot Street. Forty members attended the dedication service in 1856 conducted by Bishop Matthew Simpson. In 1886 Richard and Rebecca Brinker offered the congregation the tract of land on which the new church was built at the corner of Ridge Avenue and Main Street. The cornerstone ceremonies, presided over by Reverend Jesse Franklin Core, Presiding Elder of the Blairsville District and by the pastor Reverend Benjamin Fell Beazell, were held on July 4, 1886. It was dedicated in 1887. The house next door was offered as a parsonage and after extensive renovation became the home of the minister. In 1912 the church property was valued at \$30,000 and the church membership was 750. In 1928 an educational unit was constructed with dedication services conducted by Bishop Berry. Reverend Albert Clarence Saxman was the minister during the construction period. The original sanctuary was completely renovated in 1952 at a cost of \$120,000. In 1958-1959 under the ministry of Reverend Howard Weston Jamison, a second education building was constructed at a cost of \$200,000. This building was dedicated by Bishop Lloyd Christ Wicke. The membership in 1968 was 1281. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 987. New Derry closed in 2012 and merged with Latrobe. Latrobe UMC Ministries considers itself a family, and the family comes together through practical Biblical preaching, heartfelt worship, and loving friendships. They believe that each one has the chance to share God's love every day, and individuals need to stay in His word in order to live His word. A strong presence in the community, LUMC offers open community nights each week and weekly summer community food ministry events in the church parking lot. At an annual carnival before the start of the school year, the church gives out book bags filled with school supplies. LUMC Ministries serves two campuses: One in Latrobe and the other in New Derry, both approximately 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Ministry with children is a significant part of the church, which offers fun-filled age-appropriate activities designed for children. Those who are part of the LUMC faith community encourage each other to fulfill their calling to serve Christ through Bible Studies, nursing home visitation, preaching

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opportunities, feeding families and offering help to those facing life's challenges. Music plays a vital role in every part of what they do. There are opportunities to sing in choirs, play in a brass ensemble and participate in music through worship. LUMC Ministries is a church-faith family absolutely committed to serving and loving others in the name of Jesus Christ!

**Pastors: Ligonier Circuit: Latrobe:** George Washington Cranage 1853-1854; John McCarty and James Sansom Bracken 1854-1855; John McCarty and Matthew J. Montgomery 1855-1856; **Latrobe:** Matthew J. Montgomery 1856-1857; **Ligonier Circuit: Latrobe:** Henry L. Chapman 1857-1859; **Greensburg/Latrobe:** John Coleman High 1859-1861; Wiley W. Roup 1861-1863; **Latrobe:** John S. Wakefield and Henry R. Long 1863-1864; John S. Wakefield and James B. Gray 1864-1865; James Borbidge and James B. Gray 1865-1866; Matthew J. Montgomery 1866-1867; Abraham J. Rich 1867-1868; Joseph Jackson Hays 1868-1870; David M. Hollister 1870-1872; James Fletcher Jones 1872-1875; John T. Riley 1875-1877; Asbury C. Johnson 1877-1880; William Francis Conner 1880-1883; Earl D. Holtz 1883-1885; Benjamin Fell Beazell 1885-1887; Charles Wesley Miller 1887-1889; Milton Mechesney Sweeney 1889-1892; Noble Garvin Miller 1892-1893; William Pitt Turner 1893-1896; Edward George Loughrey 1896-1901; Rezin Beeson Mansell 1901-1903; Reimund Clay Wolf 1903-1908; Delbert L. Johnson 1908-1913; Richard Bruce Cuthbert 1913-1916; Henry Nesmith Cameron 1916-1921; Elijah Wilson Kelley 1921-1926; Albert Clarence Saxman 1926-1931; William Rufus Hofelt 1931-1936; Chester Arthur Clark 1936-1940; Charles Amos Hartung 1940-1945; Howard Charles Emrick 1945-1952; James Lewis Carraway 1952-1956; Howard Weston Jamison 1956-1959; Charles Arthur Clark *Assistant* 1954-1959; Willis Burton Ruddock 1959-1966; Clarke Russell Kerr 1966-1976; Paul Mechem Easter 1976-*November 1, 1981*; Kenneth Anderson McGowan, Jr. *November 1, 1981-1995*; Aimee Arlene Klein Wick Twigg 1995-2008; David James Henderson, Sr. 2008-2011; Jon Mayak *Youth Pastor* 2010-2011; **Latrobe/New Derry:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2011-2012; **Latrobe:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2012-*September 30, 2013*; Thomas Matthew Kennedy *October 15, 2013-March 23, 2020*; Dale Christopher Livermore 2020--.

### **LATROBE: NEW DERRY SATELLITE**

**UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 5742 State Route 982, New Derry, PA 15671  
ID: 098404

**Location:** Located in the village of New Derry on Route 982 in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist - Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Latrobe congregation picked up responsibility for this worship site when New Derry UMC closed in 2012.

**Pastors:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2012-*September 30, 2013*; Thomas Matthew Kennedy *October 15, 2013--*.

### **LATROBE: BETHANY**

**UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 2415 Laveen Street, Latrobe, PA 15650-3237  
ID: 189613

**Location:** Located at the corner of Avenue B and Laveen Street in the Borough of Latrobe, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. At a meeting of the Allegheny Conference, which convened in 1902, Reverend E. F. Wriggle was assigned to the New Florence Charge with instructions to investigate Latrobe as a possible opening and if justified to establish a preaching place there. In October the pastor and Reverend Samuel Webster Keister, Presiding Elder, canvassed the community and found the entire fifth ward to be without a church. This Church was known Oakville or South Latrobe. It was thought that this part of the town was the most promising as well as the most needy. It was not until 1903 that any meetings were held. The first service was held April 12, 1903 in the school house. At the Conference of 1903, Latrobe, Kingston and Bradenville were made to constitute the Latrobe Mission. The church was built and dedicated January 29, 1905, by Bishop J. S. Mills at a cost of \$10,656.86. The church has sent out as pastors: Charles Yates, Paul Frank Mickey, C. H. Rhodes and John W. Hudoc (South East Ohio Conference). Extensive changes were made, resulting in a rededication March 10, 1963. At the merger in 1970 there were 629 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 600. In 2020, Bethany UMC is a warm, family-friendly traditional congregation in the city of Latrobe, PA. With three worship services, there is a convenient opportunity for people to worship together. Bethany boasts a strong children and

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youth ministry. The afterschool club is especially designed to build relationships, study God's Word, develop Christian values, and grow in healthy self-esteem for both children and youth. Bethany's strengths are seen in their nurture of members and in community engagement in the Latrobe area. Activities like a congregational care team, visitation, prayer focuses, carnivals and science shows are some of what makes Bethany a vital congregation. They have a "dinner take-out" once a month, Christmas and Easter programs, and special events for first responders. Multiple Bible Studies, nursing home visits, and a strong music program round out their ministry.

**Pastors: Latrobe: Bethany:** Edward Franklin Wriggle 1902-1906; L. W. Stahl 1906-1910; William Algernon Sites 1910-1915; Henry Amos Buffington 1915-1916; T. M. Sharp 1916-1920; Thomas C. Harper 1920-1921; E. A. Sharp 1921-1922; John Franklin Strayer 1922-1927; William Vernon Barnhart 1927-1931; Raymond H. Arndt 1931-1936; J. M. Oakes 1936-1940; William Algernon Sites 1940-1952; Paul James Halstead 1952-1969; \_\_\_\_\_ 1969-February 1970; David Edward Youngdahl *February* 1970-1975; Gerald Oliver Bishop 1975-1978; William Delano Schmeling 1978-1989; Richard Warren Shields 1989-1995; Ardyth Elizabeth Irwin Hill *Associate* 2009-2012; August Barry Twigg 1995-2013; Jonathan Jeremiah Fehl 2013-2017; Clint Thomas Phillips *Associate* 2014-2016; Leslie Alexander Hutchins, Jr. 2017-2020; Corben Michael Russell 2020--.

### LAUGHLINTOWN UNITED BRETHREN – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1895-1967

**Location:** Laughlintown Church was located along the Lincoln Highway in the village of Laughlintown, 3 miles east of Ligonier, PA.

**History:** United Brethren – Pittsburgh Conference. In 1895, Reverend J. W. Wilson held a revival in the community and this Class was organized as one of the results. The Church was built during the pastorate of Reverend Aaron M. Long and was dedicated by Reverend T. P. Orner on August 15, 1897. The building was remodeled during the pastorate of Reverend J. J. Funk and again in 1928 under the pastorate of Reverend John J. Thompson. It was dedicated by Dr. Warren S. Wilson. Closed in 1967.

**Pastors: Laughlintown:** J. W. Wilson, J. J. Funk, Arthur Eddie Fulton 1899-1901, Aaron M. Long 1895-1899, Joseph Smith Showers, James C. Moses, Joseph B. Keirn, J. T. Farnsworth, William David Good, William Snyder, Samuel J. Wilson, John J. Thompson, C. E. Wille.

### LEBANON EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1871-2015

Mailing Address: PO Box 347, Laughlintown, PA 15655-0347  
ID: 189624

724/238-2498

**Location:** Located at 1133 Old Forbes Road on Legislative Route 64066, about four miles east of Ligonier in Ligonier Township in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical - Pittsburgh Conference. The congregation began with a revival in the home of Benjamin Zimmerman. The first Church was erected in 1871 and used until 1928, when the new church was built across the road. It belonged at first to Westmoreland Circuit and later the Ligonier Circuit. In 1970 it was linked with Pleasant Grove and Zion. At merger it had a membership of 53. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 49. The church closed on December 20, 2015.

**Pastors: Westmoreland Circuit: Lebanon:** Daniel Shobe Poling 1864-1866; Daniel Strayer 1866-1869; Levi Rose 1869-1871; J. A. Dunlap 1871-1874; L. H. Hetrick 1874-1877; David P. K. LaVan 1877-1878; A. W. Teats 1878-1881; David P. K. LaVan 1881-1884; D. Dalzell 1884-1885; A. Ballantyne 1885-1888; Calvin H. Miller 1888-1891; A. A. Mohny 1891-1893; William A. Reininger 1893-1895; Charles Edward McCauley 1895-1897; John L. Mull 1897-1898; David Lincoln Yoder 1898-1901; Wilson W. Elrick 1901-1904; Amos Christian Miller 1904-1908; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1908-1910; **Lebanon/Ligonier: First/Rector/Stahlstown: Zion:** Neri Frank Boyer 1910-1913; Abraham F. Berkey 1913-1917; D. F. Brickley 1917-1919; **Stahlstown: Zion/Rector/Lebanon/Windber: Grace/Ligonier: Calvary:** John Domer Hammer 1919-1919; **Ligonier: Calvary/Windber: Grace/Lebanon/Stahlstown: Zion/Rector:** Paul Wallace Baer 1919-1926; John Domer Hammer 1926-1933; Arthur B. Hosbach 1933-1936; **Ligonier: Calvary/Rector:** John Michael Miller 1936-1938; **Ligonier: Calvary/Lebanon/Stahlstown: Zion/Rector:** Raymond Arthur Nelson 1938-1947; **Ligonier Circuit: Pleasant**

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**Grove/Zion/Lebanon:** Gerald Oliver Bishop 1947-1949; Samuel Clay Shaffer 1949-1952; Harold Wayne Beam 1952-1956; William Clark Beal, Jr. 1956-1958; W. K. Alcorn 1958-1960; **Rector-Lebanon Charge: Lebanon:** Harry Donald Lash 1960-1966; R. S. Bowers 1966-1968; **Laughlintown Charge: Lebanon:** Charles Frederick Olson, Jr. 1968-1971; **Rector/Lebanon/Waterford:** Ray Alton Snair 1971-*November* 1979; John Howard Smith *December* 1979-1985; John Doyle Hollis 1985-1994; David Andrew Bell, Sr. 1994-2004; Richard Edward Bowser 2004-2012; To Be Supplied 2012-*December* 11, 2012; Charles Fred Zickefoose, Jr. *December* 12, 2012-*December* 20, 2015.

### **LEECHBURG: FIRST**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 251 Main Street, Leechburg, PA 15656-1315

ID: 098142

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1833**

724/845-8761

**Location:** Located at 251 Main Street in the Borough of Leechburg in Armstrong County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The first Methodist service was held in 1833. The preacher was Reverend John Somerville, pastor of the Kittanning Circuit. The first Class was held in 1839 by Reverend Thomas S. McGrath of the Kittanning Circuit. The first church was built in 1845. It was a brick structure. This was replaced in 1866 by a wooden building. The new church was built in 1888. The new Education Building was built in 1961. For a period of 48 years this church was on various circuits, as follows: Kittanning 1833-1844, Murrysville 1844-1846, New Salem 1846-1847, Kittanning 1847-1850, Elderton 1850-1851, Murrysville 1851-1853, Elderton 1853-1860, Apollo 1860-1861, Burrell and Apollo Circuit 1861-1868; Apollo 1868-1869; Leechburg Circuit 1869-1877; Apollo and Leechburg 1877-1882. This church became a Station in 1882. The 1968 membership was 664. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 505. Leechburg: First UMC is the most northern church in the Greensburg District. The church's mission is "Growing, Loving and Serving in Christ's Name." Considered a "Praying Church," it is known for joyful worship music, singing God's praises in and out of the church building. The Sunday morning worship service is one where all people can discover their faith, experience the joy of Christ's love, and grow in their Christian beliefs. During the pandemic, the service has been available online as well as on radio in parking areas. The church offers Sunday school for all ages, and a weekly prayer group meeting. They strive to meet people where they are to share the love of Christ through outreach and involvement in community activities. The building hosts Scouts, the Local Food Bank, Lions and an Al-Anon group. The social hall, kitchen and other spaces are made available for use by community members, other churches and organizations for funeral dinners, family events, and educational activities. The congregation is blessed by having two high-rise communities within a block of the church and the Leechburg Area School District in their "backyard," as well as three other churches on their street, which is one block from the downtown area. This enriches opportunities for outreach and involvement with all age groups as well as partnership with local businesses, the school, and the Ministerium.

**Pastors: Kittanning Circuit: Leechburg: First:** John Somerville 1833-1834; William Butt 1834-1836; Simon Elliott and David R. Hawkins 1836-1837; David R. Hawkins and Caleb Foster 1837-1838; Hosea McCall and John Murray 1838-1839; Hosea McCall and Thomas S. McGrath 1839-1840; Israel Dallas and Jeremiah Phillips 1840-1841; Jeremiah Phillips and William Cooper 1841-1842; James Henderson and Joseph L. Ray 1842-1843; Joseph L. Ray and Edward C. Hunter 1843-1844; **Murrysville Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Frank S. DeHass and William Henderson 1844-1845; David Gordon and Daniel Patrick Mitchell 1845-1846; **New Salem Circuit: Leechburg: First:** David Gordon 1846-1847; Edward Burns Griffin and William Cooper 1847-1848; William Cooper and Samuel H. Nesbitt 1848-1849; Martin Luther Weekly and Robert Hamilton 1849-1850; **Elderton Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Martin Luther Weekley and Daniel A. Haines 1850-1851; **Murrysville Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Richard Jordon and Henry L. Chapman 1851-1852; William Alexander Stuart and Samuel Longdon 1852-1853; **Elderton Circuit: Leechburg: First:** James R. Means and Andrew J. Lane 1853-1854; James R. Means and James Sansom Bracken 1854-1855; Samuel Jones 1855-1856; James Borbidge 1856-1858; Joseph Shaw and David Muttersbaugh 1858-1859; Joseph Shaw and Daniel W. Wampler 1859-1860; **Apollo Circuit: Leechburg: First:** John S. Wakefield 1860-1861; **Burrell-Apollo Circuit: Leechburg: First:** William Alexander Stuart and Richard G. Heaton 1861-1862; William Alexander Stuart and Isaac A. Peace 1862-1863; Joseph Shane 1863-1865; Joseph Shane and Amos Potter Leonard 1865-1866; John S. Lemmon and Henry R. Long 1866-1867; John S. Lemmon 1867-1868; **Apollo Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Marion W. Dallas 1868-1869; **Leechburg Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Jesse Franklin Core 1869-1870; Nelson Davis 1870-1871; Theodore J. Kurtz 1871-1872; George Orbin 1872-1875; Matthias Myers Eaton 1875-1876; William Francis Conner *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1877; **Apollo-Leechburg Circuit: Leechburg: First:** Edward Burns Griffin and William Carson Weaver 1877-1878; Alexander Scott and

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William Carson Weaver 1878-1879; Charles Wesley Miller 1879-1882; **Leechburg: First:** James M. Swan 1882-1883; John W. McIntyre 1883-1884; Hugh Harland Pershing 1884-1885; Morris B. Pugh 1885-1886; Edward George Loughrey 1886-1891; Jacob Brenneman Uber 1891-1892; Oscar Adams Emerson 1892-1895; Thomas Patterson 1895-1897; Calvin H. Miller 1897-1900; Preston C. Brooks 1900-1904; Nathan L. Brown 1904-1906; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1906-1909; Thomas George Hicks 1909-1912; Thomas Charlesworth 1912-1916; Mark A. Riggs 1916-1917; John D. W. Heazelton 1917-1920; Samuel G. Noble 1920-1922; Edgar Perry Harper 1922-1925; William Leroy Hogg 1925-1930; William L. Crawford 1930-1931; Frederick A. Edmund 1931-1934; George Lewis Bayha 1934-1937; Joseph Warren Gillespie Fast 1937-1940; Cecil William Kelley 1940-1948; Clarence Conrad Fisher 1948-1951; Fred Bryce Grimm 1951-1956; Samuel Easterday Brown 1956-1959; Thomas Johnston 1959-1963; George Oliver Elgin, Sr. 1963-1969; Ralph Harrison Solida 1969-1973; Albert Stewart Womer 1973-1986; Mark Arthur Stewart 1986-1995; Ronald Wayne Raptosh 1995-2010; Charles Robert Fowler 2010-2012; Jerrad Robert Peterman 2012-2018; Beverly Ann Sheets Spore 2018-2021.

### **LIGONIER: CALVARY**

#### **EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 716, Ligonier, PA 15658-0716

ID: 189635

**Location:** Located at the corner of Church and Saint Clair Streets in the Borough of Ligonier in Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1881**

724/238-9840

**History:** Evangelical - Pittsburgh Conference. On April 29, 1881 at a Quarterly Conference held in Zion Church, it was decided to erect a Church in Ligonier. A brick building was erected on East Main Street in 1883. A later Church was dedicated June 1, 1924 as First Evangelical Church of Ligonier. The name was changed at merger in 1970, from First Church to Calvary Church. The membership in 1970 was 402 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 245.

**Pastors: Ligonier: First:** David P. K. LaVan 1881-1884; D. Dalzell 1884-1885; A. Ballentyne 1885-1888; Calvin H. Miller 1888-1891; A. A. Mohny 1891-1893; William A. Reininger 1893-1895; Charles Edward McCauley 1895-1897; John L. Mull 1897-1898; David Lincoln Yoder 1898-1901; Wilson W. Elrick 1901-1904; Amos Christian Miller 1904-1908; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1908-1910; **Lebanon/Ligonier: First/Rector/Stahlstown: Zion:** Neri Frank Boyer 1910-1913; Abraham F. Berkey 1913-1917; D. F. Brickley 1917-1919; John Domer Hammer 1919-1919; **Ligonier: Calvary/Windber: Grace/Lebanon/Stahlstown: Zion/Rector:** Paul Wallace Baer 1919-1926; John Domer Hammer 1926-1933; Arthur B. Hosbach 1933-1936; **Ligonier: Calvary/Rector:** John Michael Miller 1936-1938; **Ligonier: First/Lebanon/Rector/Zion:** Raymond Arthur Nelson 1938-1947; Gerald Oliver Bishop 1947-1949; Samuel Clay Shaffer 1949-1952; Harold Wayne Beam 1952-1956; William Clark Beal, Jr. 1956-1958; Warren J. Alnor 1958-1962; Harold J. Knepp 1962-1967; Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1967-1971; **Name Changed at Union to Ligonier: Calvary:** Leroy Lynn Hollenbeck 1971-1978; James Preston Fogg, Jr. 1978-1986; Delbert Wayne Wasser 1986-*September 1*, 1989; Charles Franklin Helt *October 15*, 1989-1991; Herbert Golden Gates, III 1991-*January 1*, 2001; Dennis Eugene Lawson 2001-2003; William Michael Pieringer 2003-2012; Ardyth Elizabeth Irwin Hill 2012-*October 1*, 2014; Joshua H. Ricketts *October 1*, 2014--.

### **LIGONIER: HERITAGE**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – BALTIMORE CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 775, Ligonier, PA 15658-0775

ID: 098164

**Location:** Located at 107 South Market and Main Street “on the Diamond” in the Borough of Ligonier in Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1788**

724/238-2627

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Baltimore Conference. This church was actually established by John Wesley in a personal letter from Bristol, England, on September 19, 1788. First services were held at the home of Jacob Shaw and later in the home of Robert M. Roberts, father of Reverend Robert Richford Roberts, the sixth bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The first frame building was erected in 1829; then a brick building in 1857; and the new main structure in 1902. Expansion in 1960-1967, included 3 phases: Remodeling of chancel, new educational plant and office facilities and new parsonage. They celebrated 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1969, entirely free of debt. Following the formation of the new United Methodist Church in 1968 the Ligonier Methodist Church voted to become known as the Heritage United Methodist Church. The membership in 1968 was 677. The membership on

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January 1, 2003 was 693. Heritage United Methodist Church is a Christ-centered fellowship of believers who seek to glorify God through the study of His Word, active service, meaningful worship, living witness and loving outreach. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. In 2019, the Community Building of Heritage UMC is home to many groups and activities that allow the Ligonier area to thrive. Meals-on-Wheels prepares meals in the kitchen for shut-ins, regardless of church affiliation. On many evenings, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts run through the halls heading to troop meetings. The Westmoreland County Office of Vocational Rehabilitation assists individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain employment. Three chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous meet here. The Business and Professional Women's Club, Serrv Shop (Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation), The Blackburn Center (for victims of domestic violence) and Justice Works (a Westmoreland County agency resource for families in distress) also use the building on a regular basis. Heritage UMC is in the final engineering stage of a four-year renovation project to become ADA compliant and concurrently focusing on energy efficiency and safety. When the project is completed, the congregation anticipates growth within the church, as well as an increase in community involvement. The church has a very active and growing youth program, a strong focus on Outreach/Missions, involvement with The Association of Churches, and a growing and enthusiastic music ministry. A Saturday-evening contemporary service and two traditional Sunday morning services are offered, along with Sunday School classes for all age groups.

**Pastors: Pittsburgh Circuit: Ligonier:** Charles Conway 1788-1789; John Simmons and Nicholas Sebrell 1789-1790; Amos G. Thompson and Thomas Haymond 1790-1791; Daniel Fidler and James Coleman 1791-1792; William McClanahan and Jacob Peck 1792-1793; Thomas Bell and Seeley Bunn 1793-1794; Daniel Hitt and John Phillips 1794-1795; Daniel Hitt 1795-1796; Charles Conway 1796-1797; James Smith and Solomon Harris 1797-1798; Thomas Haymond and James Paynter 1798-1799; Charles Burgoon and James Paynter 1799-1800; Rezin Cord and Isaac Robbins 1800-1801; Jesse Stevenson 1801-1802; Asa Aken and Lashley Matthews 1802-1803; James Quinn and Thomas Budd 1803-1804; James Hunter and Simon Gillespie 1804-1805; **Redstone Circuit: Ligonier:** William page and William Knox 1805-1806; James Hunter and S. Henkle 1806-1807; William Page and Robert Bolton 1807-1808; John West and William Lowman 1808-1809; Thomas Dougherty and Joseph Larston 1809-1810; Thornton Fleming, Tobias Riley and James Wilson 1810-1811; Jacob Young 1811-1812; Lewis R. Fectige 1812-1813; Simon Lauck and Lashley Matthews 1813-1814; Jacob Dowell and John Baer 1814-1815; John Swartzudder 1815-1816; **Pittsburgh-Connellsville Circuit: Ligonier:** Thornton Fleming and John Marklefresh 1816-1817; **Connellsville Circuit: Ligonier:** John West and James Riley 1817-1818; Henry Baker and Peregrine G. Buckingham 1818-1819; Samuel P. V. Gillespie and Bennett Dowler 1819-1820; John West and John Connelly 1820-1821; John West and Norval Wilson 1821-1822; Henry Baker and William Barnes 1822-1823; Henry Baker and William S. Morgan 1823-1824; James Paynter and John Strickler 1824-1825; **Pittsburgh Conference was organized in 1825: Connellsville Circuit: Ligonier:** Robert Boyd and Thomas Jamison 1825-1826; George Waddle and John Connelly 1826-1827; David Sharp and John Connelly 1827-1828; Charles Thorn and Jacob Keiss Miller 1828-1829; Charles Thorn and John West 1829-1830; James Green Sansom and Jeremiah Phillips 1830-1831; James Green Sansom, Moses Tichenell and William M. Burton 1831-1832; John White and Wesley Kenney 1832-1833; John White, Wesley Kenney and George L. Sisson 1833-1834; **Ligonier Circuit: Ligonier:** Nathaniel Callendar and Warren Griffith 1834-1835; Warner Long and Christopher Hodgson 1835-1837; **Ligonier:** Harvey Bradshaw 1837-1838; Jeremiah Phillips and Isaac McClaskey 1838-1839; Thomas Jamison and Jeremiah Phillips 1839-1840; David L. Dempsey and Samuel B. Dunlap 1840-1841; David L. Demsey and William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1841-1842; Moses P. Jameson and Alfred A. Reger 1842-1843; David Gordon and Curtis William Scoles 1843-1844; David Gordon and John D. Rich 1844-1845; John L. Irwin and John F. Nessly 1845-1846; John L. Irwin and Abraham J. Rich 1846-1847; Abraham J. Rich and John M. Rankin 1847-1848; John J. Covert and John M. Rankin 1848-1849; John J. Covert and Phillip Pelly 1849-1850; Robert Laughlin 1850-1852; George Washington Cranage 1852-1854; John McCarty 1854-1855; Matthew J. Montgomery 1855-1856; James J. Deens 1856-1857; Henry L. Chapman 1857-1859; Wiley W. Roup 1859-1861; John S. Wakefield 1861-1863; William Alexander Stuart 1863-1866; Joseph Hollingshead 1866-1869; Robert J. White 1869-1870; Marion W. Dallas 1870-1872; Amos Potter Leonard 1872-1875; Samuel D. Wakefield 1875-1876; Charles Wesley Miller 1876-1877; John T. Riley 1877-1880; Asbury C. Johnson 1880-1883; George Orbin 1883-1886; Morris B. Pugh 1886-1888; Simon P. Woolf 1888-1890; William Alexander Stuart 1890-1894; Matthew J. Montgomery 1894-1895; William Floyd Hunter 1895-1900; Noble Garvin Miller 1900-1903; Nolen Harden Sanner 1903-1909; Everett G. Morris 1909-1912; A. Brodley Fast and F. T. Cook 1912-1913; Thomas George Hicks 1913-1917; William Hunter, Jr. 1917-1920; Alson Moon Doak 1920-1924; Joseph A. Zimmerman 1924-1925; Richard Morgan Cameron 1925-1928; Carl Albert Skoog 1928-1930; Alexander Steele 1930-1933; Paul Weyand and Bennett Wertz Hutchison 1933-1934; Harry Joseph Headlee 1934-1937; William L. Wilkenson 1937-1945; John H. Lavelly 1945-1947; Hugh Stroupe

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1947-1952; Willis Burton Ruddock 1952-1954; John Dick Van Horn 1954-1961; Benton Robert McKee 1961-1968; **Name changed to Ligonier: Heritage:** Benton Robert McKee 1968-1975; William Edward Daugherty 1975-1976; Conway Kiebler 1976-1986; Samuel Lewis Allaman, Jr. 1986-1991; Donald Franklin Cook 1991-2000; Frederick Charles Vanderhoff 2000-2008; John Edward Flower, Jr. 2008-2019; Frank Eugene Hodges 2019--.

### LIVERMORE

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**18??-1934**

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Livermore was on the Blairsville District. In 1886 Livermore Circuit included Hopewell, Jacksonville, New Alexandria and Livermore. In 1894-1902 New Alexandria was on the Livermore Circuit. Around 1919 Livermore was taken by the Conemaugh River Flood Project. It is listed as sold in the 1934 Journal, Page 291.

**Pastors: Livermore Circuit: Hopewell/Jacksonville/New Alexandria/Livermore:** William Taylor Braden 1886-1889; Edwin Jarrett 1889-1890; Joseph Jackson Hays 1890-1892; Charles C. Emerson 1892-1893; **Saltsburg Circuit: Livermore:** Albert Howell Acken 1893-1896; **Livermore Circuit: Livermore:** John Fred Jose 1896-1897; Henry H. Household 1897-1899; John N. Bracken 1899-1903; Levi Scott Peterson 1903-1904; Thomas Allen 1904-1907; **New Alexandria Circuit: Livermore:** Samuel Hill 1907-1911; T. F. Cook 1911-1911; U. S. Drake 1911-1913; *To Be Supplied* 1913-1914; Lowen Ormond Douds 1914-1917; John Sylvester Potts 1917-1922; H. W. Henderson 1922-1922; Samuel Easterday Brown 1922-1923; J. C. B. White 1923-1925; Josiah Osmond 1925-1927; Margarette Flannigan Baker 1927-1932; William Perry McCune 1932-1934. Sold.

### LOWBER

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**18??-1972**

**Location:** Located in the village of Lowber about 14 miles southwest of Irwin in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. After years of meeting in the homes, in 1840 the first building known as “The Old Stone Church and School House” was erected. In 1861 the Church was moved to Blackburn. Services were held in the boiler house of the coal mine. A new building was dedicated in 1881. The land was given by Reverend William Page Blackburn. In 1882 the name was changed to Blackburn Church on the West Newton Charge. In 1910 the name was changed to Lowber Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1922 Lowber was linked with Buena Vista. A small basement was put in in 1947. In 1968 the basement was enlarged and remodeled. At different times the Church has been a part of Buena Vista, Coulter and Webster Charges. In 1968 it was a Station with 58 members. It merged with West Newton in 1972.

**Pastors: Lowber:** *Unknown prior to* 1951; George Grant Giles 1939-1946; **Coulter/Lowber:** Lester Garmon Hillegass 1951-1954; Carl Edson Chapman 1954-1956; Hengust Robinson, Jr. 1956-1958; Ronald Fields 1958-1959; Edward Shirley Hammett 1959-1960; John Alfred Price 1960-1961; Lewis B. White 1961-1963; *Unknown* 1963-1967; **West Newton/Lowber:** John Eugene Duvall 1967-1971; **West Newton/Sewickley/Lowber:** John Eugene Duvall 1971-1972. Lowber merged with West Newton in 1972.

### LOWER BURRELL: BETHEL

**METHODIST – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1954**

Mailing Address: 150 Alder Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068-3429

724/339-2420

ID: 097284

**Location:** Located on Alder Street, off Leechburg Road, in the Borough of Lower Burrell, three miles east of New Kensington, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was organized in the community in 1843. It ceased existence early in the twentieth century. With the building up of Lower Burrell after World War II a new Methodist group was organized in the Robert Hall residence in December 1953. On September 12, 1954 the new congregation was organized in the Stewart Junior High School. The conference purchased the Church site of two acres and a parsonage and appointed Reverend Peter Anthony Alfieri as the pastor in 1954. The funds provided by the Conference were from the Church Builder’s Club, this being the first Church receiving this aid in the Conference.

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The new sanctuary was consecrated on August 10, 1958. An Education Annex was built in 1960. There were 44 charter members. The membership in 1968 was 430 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 308.

**Pastors: Lower Burrell: Bethel:** Arnold Ardell Slagle *April-October* 1954; Daniel Melroy Paul *November* 1954-*February* 1955; Peter Anthony Alfieri *February* 1955-1959; Ardith Hays Shaffer 1959-1967; Benjamin Franklin Shue 1967-1969; Donald Franklin Cook 1969-1978; David Edward Youngdahl 1978-1984; Robert William Higginbotham, Jr. 1984-1992; Jaime Potter Miller 1992-1995; Penny Sue Adams 1995-1998; Warren Verner Jones 1998-2008; Paul Dennis Taylor 2008-2014; Nancy Kaye Shute 2014-2017; Rex Allen Wasser 2017--; Pamela C. Ramsey *Associate* 2017-2019; Lynette Anne Sklar Moran *Associate* 2018--.

### LOYALHANNA

UNITED BRETHREN – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
18??-1927

**History:** United Brethren – Pittsburgh Conference. Closed in 1928.

### LUXOR

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1892

Mailing Address: PO Box 114, Luxor, PA 15662-0114

724/832-3450

ID: 098186

**Location:** Located in the village of Luxor, four miles east of Greensburg in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In March 1892, on land donated by John Lentz, Sr. ground was broken for this church, with the men of the community digging the foundation. Existing charter members believed that the contract for erection was given to Dave Wentling of Greensburg about the same time Harry Wible was engaged in constructing most of the houses that now are a part of Luxor. The work progressed rapidly under the inspiring supervision of the Reverend John McGuire and on June 9, 1892 the cornerstone was laid by Reverend Sherman W. McCorkle. However, it was a year until the church was completed. The dedication was held June 8, 1893. During the year 1923 four Sunday School class rooms were added under the leadership of Reverend Lester Allen White. The rededication message was delivered by Judge Snyder of Greensburg, and the mortgage was burned. It has been on various Circuits and in 1943 became a part of the New Alexandria-Luxor charge. In 1989 it was placed with Greensburg: Trinity and in 1994 it became a separate appointment. At the union in 1968 the membership was 104. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 170.

**Pastors: Luxor Charge: Luxor:** John McGuire 1892-1896; R. S. Pryor 1896-1897; George W. Anderson 1897-1898; Robert L. Hickman 1898-1899; Scott E. Winebrenner 1899-1901; Howard Eckle 1901-1902; **New Derry Charge: New Derry/Luxor:** George M. Allshouse 1902-1903; Thomas Allen 1903-1907; **New Alexandria Charge: Luxor:** Samuel Hill 1907-1911; U. S. Drake 1911-1913; Franklin T. Cook 1913-1913; John Sylvester Potts 1913-1914; G. O. Ponds 1914-1917; John Sylvester Potts 1917-1919; F. Sturni 1919-1922; **Luxor Charge: Luxor:** Lester Allen White 1922-1925; Ross Harlan Hunt 1925-1928; Ronald Moseley 1928-1928; Laura Skelton 1928-1932; Paul E. Trimpey 1932-1934; Owen Curtis Carlile 1934-1936; J. L. Kooser 1936-1940; Clark S. Darby 1940-1944; **New Alexandria/Luxor Charge: Luxor:** Roy C. Dowling 1944-1950; Harvey Morris Shields 1950-1953; Lawrence Eugene Garner 1953-1955; Harry Edward Sayre 1955-1957; Willis Bradley 1957-1958; Charles Lynn Elliott 1958-1962; John Campbell McAdoo 1962-1966; Dale Arthur Fife 1966-*October* 1973; Jack Fowlow Emerick *October* 1973-*January* 1974; Don Raymond Smith *January* 1974-1977; Charles Lawrence Shaffer 1977-*November* 16, 1981; *To Be Supplied November* 1981- *May* 1, 1982; Howard A. Greenfield, II *May* 1, 1982-1985; Ronald Arthur Youngdahl 1985-1986; Joel Albert Wilcher 1986-*October* 1, 1989; **Greensburg: Trinity/Luxor:** Edwin Phillip Wilson *October* 1, 1989-1993; **Luxor:** Paul James Halstead 1993-1994; Robert Stewart Lash 1994-2001; Dwight Ronald Libengood 2001-2002; Bramwell Kjellgren 2002-*October* 19, 2003; David James Kelly *October* 19, 2003-2007; **Greensburg: Trinity/Luxor:** Robert Darrell Arduino 2007-2009; Rebecca Wynne Husted Cooke Patterson 2009-2010; **Luxor:** Dennis Bruce Keen 2010-2014; Olivia Elaine Graham 2014-2015; Tammy L. Falcsik 2015-*August* 31, 2016; **Luxor/Greensburg: Trinity:** Tammy L. Falcsik *September* 1, 2016--.

### LYCIPPUS

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1833-1998

Mailing Address:

## Greensburg District

ID: 099886

**Location:** Located on State Route 130, eight miles south of Latrobe in the village of Lycippus, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church grew out of Class Meetings held in the home of John Pershing, near Lycippus, before 1833. In 1872 William Galloway was leader of the class which met regularly on Sunday morning. The congregation at first used the United Brethren Church for services, but when these quarters were no longer available, a church was erected in 1897. Part of the Pleasant Unity Circuit until 1930 when it was separated and no pastor was assigned until 1947, when it was again aligned with Pleasant Unity. The membership in 1968 at merger was 52. The Church was discontinued in 1998 and the records given to the Conference Commission on Archives.

**Pastors: Lycippus:** *Unknown* 1833-1881; **Latrobe Charge: Lycippus:** William Francis Conner 1881-1882; **Pleasant Unity Charge: Lycippus:** Shields Winfield McCurdy 1882-1884; John S. Wakefield 1884-1887; William Thomas Robinson 1887-1889; Josiah Mansell 1889-1890; **Mount Pleasant Charge: Lycippus:** James Bruce Taylor 1890-1893; James A. Youngkins 1893-1895; John H. Lancaster 1895-1897; George B. Cable 1897-1899; Oliver J. Watson 1899-1902; James A. Hamilton 1902-1904; Daniel Crawford White 1904-1905; Jesse Erastus Billings 1905-1907; Frank Howard Callahan 1907-1909; Watson M. Bracken 1909-1912; Samuel Walls Bryan 1912-1914; John T. Eastburn 1914-1916; John M. White 1916-1917; John Thomas 1917-1921; F. Schweitzer 1921-1922; Taylor H. Carson 1922-1925; John Martin Cogley 1925-1927; Walter H. Debolt 1927-1929; William E. Siess 1929-1930; *No Methodist Appointments* 1930-1947; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus Charge: Lycippus:** Camby L. Moore 1947-1951; James Franklin Hockenberry 1951-1953 John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1953-1956; Alvin Kenneth Smith 1956-1970; Robert Raymond Slack 1970-1976; John Howard Piper *July* 1976-*November* 1979; Keith Lee Rieder *November* 1979-1986; Frederick Michael Monk 1986-1991; Gary Bruce Atkinson 1991-*July* 7, 1996; **Bradenville/Pleasant Unity/ Lycippus:** Clark Russell Kerr *November* 1, 1996-1998. Lycippus Church closed in 1998 and records are with Conference Archives.

### LYCIPPUS: CALVARY

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: % Deb White, PO Box 192, United, PA 15689-0192

ID: 170693

**Location:** Located on State Route 130, eight miles south of Latrobe in the village of Lycippus, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. The first preaching was at the home of John Swartz by Christian Newcomer June 9, 1809. On June 16, 1812 he preached at the homes of Swartz and John Walker. On May 21, 1820 he was at the Walter's home again. Peter Walter was an early Class leader. A log church was built before 1833. The Annual Conference of 1853 was held in this building, presided over by Bishop Erb. The date of the erection of the new church is not known. It was remodeled under the pastorate of Reverend William Algernon Sites and rededicated by Dr. Warren S. Wilson, assisted by Dr. L. W. Stahl April 1, 1927. In 1970 at the merger, it was linked with Greensburg: Trinity. The membership in 1970 was 124. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 58. The Lycippus: Calvary United Methodist Church is a small congregation that attempts to make a big impact on the world around them. They search for ways to reach out and help others. They love to come together as a community with regular dinners and events to gather as a church. Through these and regular worship services they are constantly deepening their relationships with each other, in addition to their relationship with their Lord and Savior.

**Pastors: Lycippus:** *Unknown* 1830-1871; Martin O. Lane 1871-1872; J. T. Tallheim 1872-1876; John S. Miller 1876-1879; D. Sheerer 1879-1880; Richard S. Woodward 1880-1881; J. H. Pershing 1881-1882; Andrew Davidson 1882-1884; U. Conley 1884-1886; J. S. Shay 1886-1888; E. Evans 1888-1889; Cicero Wortman 1889-1890; R. W. Burgess 1890-1892; J. W. Wilson 1892-1895; *Unknown:* 1895-1905; D. C. Dafoe 1905-1906; J. C. Colledge 1906-1908; John Watson 1908-1915; Wesley Hamilton Spangler 1915-1917; T. W. Burgess 1917-1924; Arthur C. Van Saun 1924-1926; William Algernon Sites 1926-1941; **Bradenville/Lycippus:** Arthur Thomas Moffat, Sr. 1941-1946; Albert Jacob Steiner 1946-1947; Herbert Boles 1947-1950; Ivan Steele Thompson 1950-1955; Elias Alvin Kessler 1955-1958; **Greensburg: Trinity/Lycippus:** Dwayne Calvin Carter 1958-1959; Jack Robert Rees 1959-1963; Albert Jacob Steiner 1963-1972; Walter Charles Herron 1972-*December* 1, 1973; Samuel Jean Weible *December* 1, 1973-1978; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus/ Lycippus: Calvary:** John Howard Piper 1978-1980; Donald F.

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Koher 1980-1982; **New Derry/Lycippus: Calvary:** Ruth Tomlinson 1982-1983; Homer Joseph Farabaugh 1983-1988; William Howard Cox, Sr. 1988-*October 1, 1989*; Lota Christine Curry Jones *October 1, 1989-1991*; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus/ Lycippus: Calvary:** Gary Bruce Atkinson 1991-*July 7, 1996*; **Lycippus: Calvary:** Mildred E. Monticue 1996-*August 1, 2002*; **New Derry/ Lycippus: Calvary:** William H. Weppelman *August 1, 2002-2011*; **Lycippus: Calvary:** William H. Weppelman 2011-*September 30, 2020*; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus: Calvary:** Kimberly Lynn Foes *October 1, 2020-2021*; **United 4 Christ: Derry: First/Hillside/Lycippus: Calvary/Pleasant Unity:** Jason Eric Schweinberg 2021--; Kyle M. Eisenhuth *Associate 2021--*.

### MADISON

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 142 Main Street, Madison, PA 15663

ID: 099900

**Location:** Located on Route 136, 142 Main Street, in the village of Madison in Westmoreland County, PA.

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1842

724/446-9686

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Organized as a Society on the West Newton Circuit in 1842, meeting in the local school house. In 1842 a lot was bought for \$75.00 and a red brick church was built. It was used until 1897 when it was razed and sold to build the new frame structure. Two lots were purchased for the new church and parsonage for a total of \$715.00. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, September 27, 1897. A parsonage was erected during the pastorate of Reverend Jesse Erastus Billings 1907-1910. Through the years the gas heat was installed, an organ installed and aluminum siding put on the church and parsonage. In 1963 the adjoining lot was bought, the building razed and the lot made into a parking lot. In 1967 substantial improvements were made to the church and property. For several years it has been on a two-point charge with New Madison. In 1968 the membership was 235. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 271.

**Pastors: West Newton Circuit: Madison:** George L. Sisson 1842-1843; Samuel D. Wakefield and David L. Dempsey 1843-1844; John J. Moffitt and David Hess 1844-1845; John J. Moffitt and David Sharp 1845-1846; John J. Moffitt and James Fribley 1846-1847; Henry R. Kern and Marcellus A. Ruter 1847-1848; Samuel D. Wakefield and Marcellus A. Ruter 1848-1849; Samuel D. Wakefield and James Beacom 1849-1850; Charles Thorn 1850-1851; Josiah Mansell and James M. Rankin 1851-1852; Edward Burns Griffin and James Lafferty Stiffey 1852-1854; **Mount Pleasant/West Newton Circuit: Madison:** Edward Burns Griffin and Matthew J. Montgomery 1854-1855; David L. Dempsey and James Alexander Miller 1855-1856; John McCarty and James Alexander Miller 1856-1857; Samuel D. Wakefield and Sylvester Burt 1857-1858; John D. Knox and Sylvester Burt 1858-1859; John D. Knox and William Alexander Stuart 1859-1860; James Jackson McIlyar and William Alexander Stuart 1860-1861; James Jackson McIlyar and Isaac Austin Pearce 1861-1862; Z. S. Zeller and Robert Cunningham 1862-1863; **West Newton Circuit: Madison:** Wiley W. Roup 1863-1865; Matthew J. Montgomery 1865-1866; William Alexander Stuart 1866-1869; James Carter Mechem 1869-1871; Joseph Jackson Hays 1871-1874; Washington Darby 1874-*Fall 1876*; Samuel D. Wakefield *Fall 1876-1879*; Hugh Harland Pershing 1879-1882; Daniel N. Strafford 1882-1885; James Alexander Miller 1885-1889; Andrew J. Ashe 1889-1893; Theodore N. Eaton 1893-1896; Wesley Miller 1896-1898; George Dallas Crissman 1898-1901; **Madison Charge: Madison:** George Grant 1901-1904; Henry J. Hickman 1904-1905; Clovis Preston Salladay 1905-1907; Jesse Erastus Billings 1907-1910; William Jewart Miller 1910-1912; James Edward Inskeep 1912-1914; Samuel Walls Bryan 1914-1916; C. D. Firster 1916-1918; *To Be Supplied* 1918-1919; George E. Ward 1919-1920; Harry G. Trimmer 1920-1921; Arthur Sellers 1921-1922; Maris Ressel Hackman 1922-1924; Harold Cochs 1924-1925; C. E. Hepner 1925-1926; Harry George Campbell 1926-1928; Elmer Ellsworth Slonecker 1928-1929; Earl Kennedy Bradley 1929-1930; Joseph Matthew Somers 1930-1931; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1931-1933; Walter Fred Preset 1933-1935; William Perry McCune 1935-1939; Lynn H. Huff 1939-1941; John Roy Thompson, Jr. 1941-1942; Thomas Page 1942-1943; G. L. Smith 1943-1945; William John Lowry 1945-1947; Thomas Franklin Chilcote, Sr. 1947-1950; **Madison/New Madison** Richard Dean Wright 1950-1955; J. B. Dodd 1955-1961; Leonard C. Sayers 1961-1967; Jay Alan Schrader 1967-1968; Charles Franklin Helt 1968-*February 1, 1973*; Arnold Ardell Slagle *February 1, 1973-December 1976*; Thomas Melvin Himes *December 1976-1979*; Donald Guy Scandrol 1979-1988; **Madison:** Martha Ann Mattner 1988-1994; Larry Clifford Snodgrass 1994-1996; William Frank Rautner 1996-1999; Robert Keith Moffat 1999-2004; Michael Edward Long 2004-2005; Charles James Kutz 2005-*September 30, 2011*; Lota Christine Curry Jones *October 2, 2011-December 31, 2011*; *To Be Supplied January 1, 2012-2012*; D. Renee Mikell 2012-2014; *To Be Supplied* 2014-2015; Robert Warren Green 2015--.

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### **MADISON: HILLTOP**

#### **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 222 Church Lane, PO Box 206, Madison, PA 15663-0206

ID: 189670

**Location:** Located on Route 136 at the Corner of Church Lane in the village of Madison, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. It is said that Christian Newcomer preached in this area in 1799 and that a class was organized. The first church was built in 1843. The new church on the same site was erected in 1888. An educational unit was added in 1957. In 1970 at merger there were 369 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 483.

**Pastors: Madison: Hilltop:** *Unknown* 1850-1870; David Sheerer 1870-1872; Cicero Wortman 1873-1876; D. Speck 1876-1878; David Sheerer 1878-1879; John S. Miller 1879-1881; John Speer Buell 1881-1883; R. P. Miller 1883-1885; William Henry Mingle 1885-1887; Richard S. Woodward 1887-1892; *Unknown* 1892-1894; **Arona/Madison: Hilltop:** Samuel Strickler Hough 1894-1896; S. R. Seese 1896-1898; J. H. Pershing 1898-1899; J. S. Fulton 1899-1903; T. W. Parks 1903-1906; Andrew Davidson 1906-1907; Joseph Smith Showers 1907-1912; William Arland Wissinger, Sr. 1912-1913; Joseph B. Keirn 1913-1915; Samuel Henry Ralston 1915-1919; A. C. Scott 1919-1920; C. H. Rhodes 1920-1922; Samuel M. Johnson 1922-1925; J. W. Oakes 1925-1927; Henry Amos Buffington 1927-1929; Louis Charles Rose 1929-1934; George Robert Alban 1934-1937; Walker Glossbrunner Fulton 1937-1946; E. B. Learish 1946-1947; Harold Edwin Huey 1947-1960; Darl Eugene Reichard 1960-1973; John Kenneth Smith *September* 1973-1986; David Dean Ziegler 1986-1992; Edward Garfield Jenkins, II 1992-1996; Lawrence Raughley, III 1996-2004; Edward Charles Patterson 2004-2011; **Madison: Hilltop:** Randy David Sweet 2011-2019; **Madison: Hilltop/Arona:** Randy David Sweet 2019--.

### **MANOR: FIRST**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 537, Manor, PA 15665-0537

ID: 098200

**Location:** Located at 13 Cleveland Avenue, at the corner of Cleveland and Atlantic Avenues in Manor, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Originated in the Fall of 1871 by invitation to the pastor of the Penn-Harrison City Charge to preach in the school house at Manor and on January 20, 1872 the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the Charge was held at Manor. Thus began an association of these three churches (interrupted for only one year 1893-94, when the emerging Church at Pitcairn replaced Penn on the Charge), that lasted until the separation of Penn in 1952 and Harrison City in 1960, thus establishing Station status for all three churches. Manor's first Church building of one room was dedicated in November 1873; the new two-story building was dedicated in April 1923. In 1965 an adjacent eight-room house was purchased to provide additional educational facilities. Through the years Manor has contributed at least three young men to the Christian ministry, also one Conference Youth Fellowship President. Her ministers have assisted in the establishment of several other churches, most notably Jeannette and Pitcairn. In 1968 the membership was 254. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 186. First United Methodist Church of Manor participates in a five-church ministerium which encourages people in the community to join together for Community Vacation Bible School, Lenten services, Palm Sunday and Christmas Eve Cantatas, and occasional joint services during Lent and Thanksgiving. They also offer community Trunk or Treat on Halloween Night. Monthly, they sponsor a Senior Citizen gathering on the first Wednesday and a Food Pantry, which is part of the Westmoreland County Food Bank, on the second Tuesday of the month. Manor: First provides financial support for local organizations, mission trips, fire and catastrophic events, in addition to paying their apportionments in full. More importantly, they are a Bible-based, older congregation which provides Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, Adult and Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings and movie-and-game nights alternating monthly on the third Friday. They are a warm, welcoming congregation, a little church with a big heart, who is gifted with much musical talent, strong lay leadership, and congregational participation.

**Pastors: Penn/Harrison/Manor Charge: Manor:** Wiley W. Roup 1871-1872; **Penn Circuit: Manor:** Solomon Keebler 1872-1874; Edward M. Williams 1874-1875; Joseph Jackson Hays 1875-1876; John Huston 1876-1879; John McCarty 1879-1881; **Manor Circuit: Manor:** Andrew J. Ashe 1881-1884; Henry J. Hickman 1884-1886;

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Barnett T. Thomas 1886-1891; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1891-1893; **Manor/Pitcairn Charge:** Zenas M. Silbaugh 1893-1894; **Penn/Harrison City/Manor Circuit: Manor:** Samuel Breth Laverty 1894-1898; Levi Scott Peterson 1898-1899; Charles C. Emerson 1899-1903; William H. Barber 1903-1907; Walter Scott Trosh 1907-1909; John Bracken 1909-1921; S. O. Dorsey 1921-1923; Harry L. Wissinger 1923-1926; Charles T. Murdock 1926-1928; Harold M. Couchenour 1928-1932; Frank Ashton Webb 1932-1934; William Thomas Robinson 1934-1935; Joseph Lamy 1935-1939; Alexander Ernest Taylor 1939-1940; George Elmer Schott 1940-1941; Wallace L. Faas 1941-1946; John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1946-1948; G. Dean Krepps 1948-1949; John G. Strain 1949-1952; **Manor/Harrison City Charge:** Lawrence Charles McCune 1952-1960; **Manor:** Lawrence Clesson Jewell 1960-1963; Robert Lee Critchlow 1963-1966; John Campbell McAdoo 1966-1978; LeRoy Lyon Hollenbeck 1978-1983; Larry Randall Neal 1983-1988; Emily Ann Byrd 1988-1992; Ida Darlene M. Sass Williams 1992-1998; **Manor: First/Penn:** Ida Darlene M. Sass Williams 1998-2008; **Manor: First:** Ida Darlene M. Sass Williams 2008-2014; **Manor: First/Turtle Creek: Electric Heights:** Linda Lou Dinger 2014-2019; **Trafford: Trinity/Manor: First:** Justin Robert Judy 2019--.

### **McKEESPORT: BALLANTYNE**

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**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1904-1966**

**Location:** Located at Bailey and Converse Streets in the city of McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The lots for the Ballantyne Church at Bailey and Converse Streets were purchased in 1904 with funds made available from the sale of the Sixth Avenue Church in 1889. The church was dedicated in April 1906 and named Ballantyne for the Reverend James Alexander Ballantyne out of courtesy to his widow who contributed substantially to the new building. The parsonage was built in 1930. In 1968 the property was purchased in the Amhurst Terrace section of White Oak Borough and a new stone Church was erected on it which was first used for worship on June 15, 1969. The Ballantyne building is now occupied by the Calvary Church congregation. Merged with Coursin Street congregation and adopted the name “Wesley” for their church in 1966. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Ballantyne:** Harry G. Gregg 1906-1909; Walter Scott Trosh 1909-1911; Elijah Wilson Kelley 1911-1913; Harry David Rudolph 1913-1916; Leroy I. Lord 1916-1920 Charles Reimond Wolf 1920-1923; Charles F. Richmond 1923-1924; William Thomas Robinson 1924-1926; Leonard Hyskell Hoover 1926-1928; William James Law 1928-1933; Robert Porter Graham 1933-1937; W. Donald Whetsel 1937-1942; George Lewis Bayha 1942-1946; Frank Thomas James 1946-1949; William Perry McCune 1944-1956; Roger Glenn Rulong 1956-1962; James Joseph Morris 1962-1966; Merged with Coursin Street to form Wesley Methodist Church in 1966.

### **McKEESPORT: BEULAH PARK**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1889**

Mailing Address: 1615 Grandview Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132-5528

412/672-2785

ID: 099966

**Location:** Located at the corner of Grandview and Grover Streets in the ninth ward of McKeesport in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Grew from a Sunday School Class started by David Parker, Sr. and William Gleason in April 1889, under the ministry of Reverend Ernest Bell. A new plan of building lots known as the Beulah Park Plan had been laid out in a part of what was then Versailles Borough. The closest church was in McKeesport and Mr. Parker and Mr Gleason realized the necessity of a local church as a meeting place for the young people. Forty children met and worshipped for the first time in an unfurnished building. The meeting place soon became inadequate to accommodate numbers of children and adults that attended services each Sunday. The Charter date was on September 24, 1889 and the first church building was dedicated on October 12, 1889. It was built on ground donated by William G. Gleason and F. S. Gleason. From 1889-1904 the church was on a circuit with Christy Park and Elrod (now Versailles) Methodist Episcopal Churches. It became a station appointment in 1904. The church was extensively remodeled in 1927, 1937 and 1950. In 1941 and educational wing was added: and a new sanctuary and other educational facilities were erected and consecrated on June 25, 1961 under the ministry of Reverend William George Morris. During this time a parsonage was purchased. The montgage was burned and a dedication was held on November 4, 1973 with 830 members. In 1976 the woven dossal tapestry was hung behind

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the wooden cross in front of the sanctuary above the altar. It became the focal point of the church. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 423. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Beulah Park/Christy Park/Versailles Circuit:** Ernest A. Bell 1889-1890; William H. McBride 1890-1890; Rufus Hofelt 1890-1894; William H. Kirkland 1894-1896; David M. Hollister 1896-1897; Joseph William Garland 1897-1900; Jasper N. Munden 1900-1903; Frank Howard Callahan 1903-1904; **Beulah Park:** Frank Howard Callahan 1904-1906; John H. Lancaster 1906-1010; George Meade Dougherty 1910-1911; Solomon Keebler 1911-1912; Oscar G. Cook 1912-1919; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1919-1921; Samuel H. Greenlee 1921-1924; J. L. McIlveen 1924-1927; Ross Harlan Hunt 1927-1934; Hibbard G. Howell 1934-1936; Ted Victor Vorhees 1936-1942; Fred B. Grimm 1942-1944; Robert W. Jackson 1944-1948; Robert Ralph Stephens 1948-1951; Camby L. Moore 1951-1957; James Bird 1957-1959; William George Morris 1959-1966; Gail Eugene McQueen 1966-1968; David Henderson Lindberg 1968-1980; Charles Strayer Loney 1980-1987; Edward Garfield Jenkins, II 1987-1992; James William Kramer 1992-1998; Elizabeth May Myers Gamboa 1998-*August 1, 1999; To Be Supplied August 1, 1999-January 1, 2000*; Louis Ramel Jones *January 1, 2000-2003*; **Beulah Park/Hope:** Kathleen Joy Barnhart 2002-2012; **McKeesport: Beulah Park/Christy Park:** Kathleen Joy Barnhart 2012-2015; Cynthia Gail Rop Bloise 2015-2017; **McKeesport Charge: McKeesport: First/ Kephart Memorial/Wesley/ Beulah Park/Christy Park/ Calvary:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017-2019; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate 2017-2019*; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate October 15, 2017--*.

### McKEESPORT: CALVARY

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 163, McKeesport, PA 15132-0163  
ID: 969138

**Location:** Located at 1915 Bailie Avenue in the former Ballentyne Methodist Church in the city of McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

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1920-2020

412/461-1619

**History:** Methodist Episcopal - Washington Conference - Central Jurisdiction. In 1920 Bishop W. F. McDowell called Reverend Dr. C. Y. Trigg, pastor of Warren Church in Pittsburgh; Reverend J. E. Dotson, pastor of John Wesley Church in Washington, PA. and Dr. W. A. C. Hughes, Secretary of the Bureau of Negro work to meet him in Pittsburgh to devise plans for the better spiritual nurture of Negro Methodists moving to Allegheny County. A new Pittsburgh District of the Washington District was created with Dr. C. Y. Trigg as Superintendent. Dr. Trigg located a group of Methodists without spiritual care in McKeesport and on December 2, 1920 organized seventeen persons into the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Salley at 1807 River Street. The newly organized group secured the use of the basement of the Pentecostal Church at Locust Street where they worshipped during the winter. During 1921 the group raised \$2,000, which, together with a donation of \$4,500 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was used to purchase a church building at 822 Jenny Lind Street on November 4, 1921. This building was condemned in October 1968 and in the summer of 1969 the congregation moved into the former Ballentyne building. At the dissolving of the Washington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction in 1964 this congregation and pastor became members of the Western Pennsylvania Conference. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 194. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. On October 12, 2020, a merger document signed between the McKeesport: Calvary and McKeesport: First congregations to become the Calvary-First Church was the first step in the formation of the McKeesport Area Shared Ministry with campus names for the [six] congregations [on the McKeesport Charge]. The name shall be the Calvary and First United Methodist Churches (campuses) until the adoption of a legal name change for the McKeesport Area Shared Ministry.

**Pastors: Washington Conference:** James E. Dotson 1921-1926; Robert A. Griffin 1926-1928; Clement C. Gill 1928-*March 31, 1929*; Mapson Forteau Hayling *April 1, 1929-1933*; Ely L. Lofton 1933-*March 1936*; Andrew D. Brown *March-April 12, 1936*; Russell B. Smith *June 1936-1938*; Isaac Reed Berry 1938-1942; Silas James Mack *March 1942-1945*; Herbert Alphonso Green 1945-1948; Thomas Beecher Travis 1948-1953; Julius Osborne Williams 1953-1956; Joseph W. Carroll 1956-1960; George Thomas Cyrus Bell 1960-1963; **Western Pennsylvania Conference:** William Bright Meekins, Sr. 1963-*October 15, 1968*; Joseph Andrew McMahon 1969-1979; Willie Aaron Lucas *October 1, 1979-July 1 1981*; Wycherly V. Gumbs 1981-1982; Raphael Hassel Walton III 1982-*January 1, 1986*; John Thomas Davidson, Jr. 1986-1992; Orbelle Henderson 1992-1994; John Thomas Davidson, Jr. 1994-*April 29, 2001*; Louis Ramel Jones *May 1, 2001-October 1, 2001*; Paul Dennis Taylor *October 1, 2001-2006*; **McKeesport: Calvary/Monroeville: Garden City Associate:** Paul Dennis Taylor 2006-2008; **McKeesport:**

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**Calvary:** Judith E. Hollis-Tobias 2008-2009; **McKeesport: Calvary/Homestead: Eighth Avenue:** Keith Charles Kaufold 2009-2011; **McKeesport: Calvary:** Phylline L. Fulmore 2011-2012; **McKeesport: Hope/McKeesport: Calvary:** Robert Warren Green 2012-*January 21, 2013* (**McKeesport: Hope closed January 21, 2013**); **McKeesport: Calvary:** Chandler Danne Wolf 2013-2017; **McKeesport Charge: Calvary/Beulah Park/Christy Park/ McKeesport: First/Kephart Memorial/Wesley:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017-2020; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate* 2017-2019; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate* *October 15, 2017-2020*.

### **McKEESPORT: CHRISTY PARK**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**1888**

Mailing Address: 436-29<sup>th</sup> Street, McKeesport, PA 15132-7115

412/678-3110

ID: 099988

**Location:** Located at 436 29<sup>th</sup> Street at Beale Street in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. A few of the early residents of the farm community which is now Christy Park decided to accept an offer from J. B. Christy, trustee of the land company, to give two lots to any person or group of persons who would purchase two additional lots on which to build a church. In the fall of 1887 the ground for the church building was broken and in 1888 the structure was dedicated as the Christy Park Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend James Harry Null was assigned as pastor of the Versailles and Christy Park Churches in 1888, thus beginning regular services. In 1923 the Christy Park Church became a Station. Additions include a parsonage, built in 1915, an educational unit and remodeled sanctuary in 1958. Christy Park became a two point Charge with Buena Vista: Bell Chapel on January 1, 2001. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 238. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Versailles/Christy Park:** James Harry Null 1888-1889; G. L. Guichard 1889-1890; **Christy Park/Beulah Park:** Rufus Hofelt 1890-1894; William H. Kirkland 1894-1897; David M. Hollister 1897-1898; Joseph William Garland 1898-1900; Jasper N. Munden 1900-1903; **Christy Park:** James M. Mason 1903-1906; Henry Charles Millington 1906-1908; Joseph Francis Dipner 1908-1910; George M. Kelley 1910-1911; George J. Rowe 1911-1915; George Meade Daugherty 1915-1917; **McKeesport: Christy Park/Versailles:** George M. Allshouse 1917-1921; James Kingsley Grimes 1921-1922; Oscar Ellsworth Krenz 1922-1925; John C. Burnsworth 1925-1928; George Alexander Allison 1928-1929; Marshall L. Gamble 1929-1931; Cecil Newton McCandless 1931-1934; Homer Fancher Pierce 1934-1940; William H. Buren 1940-1941; Waitman Thomas Hartley 1941-1945; Joseph Matthew Somers 1945-1947; Robert Porter Graham 1947-1948; Robert William Borden 1948-1952; Walter Charles Krause 1952-1958; Donald Lee Hartman 1958-1962; J. Steven Ziegler 1962-1964; George Ellsworth Keeler 1964-1970; Frank Byran Garlathy 1970-1971; Frank Robert James 1971-1980; Harry Brooks Greer, Jr. 1980-1984; William Anthony Messina 1984-1986; Donald William Dotterer 1986-1991; Jay Raymond Polowsky 1993-1995; Forrest David Rowles 1995-1998; James William Kramer 1998-*January 1, 2001* **McKeesport: Christy Park/Buena Vista: Bell Chapel:** James William Kramer *January 1, 2001-2003*; Lola Jean Turnbull 2003-2005; Dwight Ronald Libengood 2005-2012; **McKeesport: Beulah Park/Christy Park:** Kathleen Joy Barnhart 2012-2015; Cynthia Gail Roop Bloise 2015-2017; **McKeesport Charge: Calvary/Beulah Park/Christy Park/ McKeesport: First/Kephart Memorial/Wesley:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017--; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate* 2017-2019; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate* *October 15, 2017--*.

### **McKEESPORT: COURSIN STREET**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**1876-1966**

**Location:** Coursin Street in the City of McKeesport, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Coursin Street Church started as the Third Ward Sunday School in 1876 under the sponsorship of First Church, McKeesport. A chapel was built on Fifth Avenue in 1881 and dedicated as the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of McKeesport. A brick Church was erected on Coursin Street in 1889 which burned in 1892 and the third building was erected on the same site in 1892. This building was raised in the McKeesport renewal project and in December 1965 the congregation was merged with the congregation of the Ballantyne Church. The merged congregations adopted the name Wesley Methodist Church. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

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**Pastors: McKeesport: First/Coursin Street:** William Brown Watkins 1875-1877; Simon P. Woolf 1877-1878; Charles Wesley Smith 1878-1880; Charles Louis Edward Cartwright 1880-1882; **McKeesport: Second:** James Bruce Taylor 1882-1885; Samuel Wesley Davis 1885-1890; **Coursin Street:** George Orbin 1890-1892; David Flanigan 1892-1896; Reimund Clay Wolf 1896-1898; Charles Wesley Miller 1898-1900; James Bruce Taylor 1900-1904; William Floyd Hunter 1904-1905; Charles Wesley Hoover 1905-1909; George Alexander Allison 1909-1915; Henry J. Giles 1915-1920; William Hunter, Jr. 1920-1922; John Dick Van Horn 1922-1928; Richard R. Griffiths 1928-1931; William T. Hilbert 1931-1934; Robert Henson Ling 1934-1935; Forrest Abner Goodrich 1935-1939; John William Black 1939-1943; Francis McClure Kees 1943-1947; Williard Myron Douglas 1947-1956; Merrill Vernon Stone 1956-1960; Edward Shirley Hammett 1960-1964; Robert LeRoy Staup 1964-1966; Merged with Ballantyne Church to form Wesley Methodist Church 1966.

### **McKEESPORT: FIRST**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 1406 Cornell Street, McKeesport, PA 15132-7799  
ID: 100020

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1832**

412/664-9349

**Location:** Located at the corner of Cornell Street and Versailles Avenue in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. A Class was organized by Reverend Jacob Keiss Miller on the Braddocksfield Mission Circuit in 1832. In 1840 Ephraim Shannon and John Walker held prayer meetings and a class of twelve members were related to the Miller Circuit. First building was erected at Market and Fifth Avenue in 1843. In 1846 a larger two-story brick structure was erected on the same site. McKeesport first appears in the lists of appointments in 1847. A larger building was constructed in 1876 at the corner of Walnut and Penney Street. Reverend William Brown Watkins was the pastor. In the early morning of July 11, 1924 this high steepled church burned down. Congregation worship in First Baptist Church and then the YMCA. On July 28, 1924 approval was given to purchase the YMCA athletic field and to build a new structure. The corner stone was laid October 4, 1925. This stone, gothic structure was opened for services September 12, 1926 and dedicated November 21, 1926. Reverend Lemon Dorsey Spaugy was pastor at the time. During the depression years heavy indebtedness placed extra burdens on the people. Dr. Thomas R. Courtice served ably as the pastor and leader from 1931-1940. Under the long effective pastorate of Reverend Dr. Joseph Dushane Piper from 1940-1959 the mortgage was paid and the membership reached in the year of 1958 a total of 1872. In 1950 bus transportation to and from the Green Valley area won some 65 families. They in turn desired to establish their own Church. On May 24, 1964 a charter was granted to the Green Valley Methodist (Community) Church with 125 members transferring from First Church. A similar release of First Church members was made to Central Highland Methodist Church and also to the Coulter Methodist Church within recent years. When the Coursin Street Church of McKeesport faced re-development plans projected by the city of McKeesport, the building was sold and the congregation carried on its work for six months in First Church. It finally voted to merge with Ballantyne Church, McKeesport in December 1965. When the building of Calvary Church, McKeesport was condemned in June 1967 the congregation carried on its work in First Church through August 1968. Renovation of the Chapel of the church took place in 1965. First Church has been host several times to the meeting of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference. McKeesport: First became a two point Charge with McKeesport: Kephart in 2003. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 352. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. On October 12, 2020, a merger document signed between the McKeesport: Calvary and McKeesport: First congregations to become the Calvary-First Church was the first step in the formation of the McKeesport Area Shared Ministry with campus names for the [six] congregations [on the McKeesport Charge]. The name shall be the Calvary and First United Methodist Churches (campuses) until the adoption of a legal name change for the McKeesport Area Shared Ministry.

**Pastors: McKeesport: First:** William Summers and John B. Wolf 1841-1842; William Summers and Thomas McCleary 1842-1843; Peter M. McGowan and Peter F. Jones 1843-1844; David R. Hawkins and Charles W. Scales 1844-1845; William C. Henderson and W. B. McFarland 1845-1847; William Lynch 1847-1849; David L. Dempsey 1849-1950; William Fletcher Lauck 1850-1852; Josiah Gibson 1852-1853; William Cooper 1853-1855; Hugh Dunn Fisher 1855-1857; Edward Birkett 1857-1858; Josiah Mansell 1858-1859; Gustivus A. Lowman 1859-1861; John Coil 1861-1863; Lancelot Robinson Beacom 1863-1866; Henry L. Chapman 1866-1868; Thomas McCleary 1868-1869; John J. Moffitt 1869-1872; David Alexander McCready 1872-1875; William Brown Watkins 1875-1877; Simon P. Woolf 1877-1878; Charles Wesley Smith 1878-1880; Henry L. Chapman 1880-1883; John Wesley Baker 1883-1884; Thomas Newton Boyle 1884-1887; Rezin Beeson Mansell 1887-1890; George Washington Terbush

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1890-1894; Edward Joseph Knox 1894-1896; Theodore N. Eaton 1896-1902; Joseph Walter Miles 1902-1908; Reimund Clay Wolf 1908-1909; Arthur Staples 1909-1913; Andrew M. Shea 1913-1917; Richard Makin Fowles 1917-1919; Benjamin F. Rhoads 1919-1922; Lemon Dorsey Spaugy 1922-1931; Thomas Richard Courtice 1931-1940; Joseph Dushane Piper 1940-1959; James Andrew Geiser 1959-1962; Warren Albert Bugbee 1962-1969; Frederick Arthur Preuss, Jr. *Associate* 1967-1969; James Milford McIntosh 1969-*October* 9, 1970; Robert Fox Richards *January* 1, 1971-1976; Myles Thomas Bradley *Associate* 1971-1973; William Robert Wilson 1976-1983; Thomas Lynn Funk 1983-1991; Kenneth Charles Fordyce *Associate* 1986-1987; Ronald Arles Wanless 1991-1996; William Donald Heaton *Associate* 1994-1995; Larry Clifford Snodgrass 1996-2002; Donald Oliver Hornsby 2002-2003; **McKeesport: First/McKeesport: Kephart Memorial:** Donald Oliver Hornsby 2003-2007; Mary Jane Fullerton 2007-2008; Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2008-2009; **McKeesport: First/McKeesport: Kephart Memorial/McKeesport: Wesley** Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2009-2017; **McKeesport Charge: Calvary/Beulah Park/Christy Park/ McKeesport: First/Kephart Memorial/Wesley:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017--; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate* 2017-2019; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate* *October* 15, 2017--.

### **McKEESPORT: HOPE**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

**1983-2013**

Mailing Address: 2400 Jenny Lind Street, McKeesport, PA 15132-5048

412/672-2785

ID: 100042

**Location:** At 1907 Soles Street in the City of McKeesport, PA, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. Formed as a merger of the Jenny Lind Methodist Church and the Shoemaker Memorial United Brethren Church in 1983. McKeesport: Hope became a two point Charge with McKeesport: Beulah Park in 2002. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 166. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. McKeesport: Hope closed January 21, 2013.

**Pastors: McKeesport: Hope:** William Donald Heaton 1983-1992; Michael Lewis Kundrat 1992-1997; Kathleen Joy Barnhart 1997-2003; **McKeesport: Beulah Park/McKeesport: Hope:** Kathleen Joy Barnhart 2003-2012; Robert Warren Green 2012-*January* 21, 2013. Church closed on January 21, 2013.

### **McKEESPORT: JENNY LIND**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL - EASTERN SWEDISH CONFERENCE**

**1888-1983**

**Location:** Located at Jenny Lind and Soles Streets in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Eastern Swedish Conference. Swedish Methodism was represented in the city of McKeesport during the last few months of 1886 and the early part of 1887 by eleven Swedes. The church was formerly organized on May 14, 1887. Services were held in a rented hall until 1889 when the first house of worship was built on Locust Street. In 1903 it was sold and an edifice at the corner of Jenny Lind and Soles Streets was built in 1905. The parsonage was built on adjoining property on Soles Street in 1930. The language problem was very real to the older members. The use of Swedish language was terminated upon the transfer of the Church to the Pittsburgh Conference in 1939. This church is still known for the Swedish customs, especially its traditional cooking. In 1962, a home, beside the church, was purchased to be used as an educational building. It merged with McKeesport: Shoemaker Church and the name changed to Hope United Methodist Church in 1983. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: McKeesport Swedish:** Peter Frost 1888-1891; William Swenson 1891-1893; G. E. Gordon 1893-1895; John Simpson 1895-1896; C. O. Sherman 1896-1899; A. G. Peterson 1899-1902; O. W. Westling 1902-1903; C. J. Nelson 1903-1903; P. A. Kropp 1903-1907; G. H. Johnson 1907-1910; A. J. Strandell 1910-1911; Einar Larson 1911-1912; Carl J. Erickson 1912-1917; Theodore N. Peterson 1917-1918; Nels W. Bard 1918-1920; John E. Pearson 1920-1931; Arthur W. Sandberg 1931-1935; Wilhelm Eurenus Chellgren 1935-1939; **Name changed to Jenny Lind:** Wilhelm Eurenus Chelgren 1939-1943; Amedee Dillinger Eberhart 1943-1944; Mervin J. Naser 1944-1946; Clarence Leslie Shepard 1946-1948; Oscar Burdeth Emerson 1948-1951; Lloyd A. McKinley 1951-*December* 31, 1954; Edward Stuart Shannonhouse *January* 1, 1955-1957; George Calvin Sheasley, Jr. 1957-1965; Bruce Taylor Bowman 1965-1969; William Bramwell Huson 1969-1970; Ronald Lee Chitester 1970-1974; Stephen Elwood Cupcheck 1974-1978; William Donald Heaton 1978-1983. Merged with Shoemaker Memorial United Brethren and name changed to Hope United Methodist Church in 1983.

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### **McKEESPORT: KEPHART MEMORIAL** **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1904**

Mailing Address: 906 Fawcett Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132-1499  
ID: 189657

412/672-0265

**Location:** Located at the corner of Fawcett Avenue and Shields Street in McKeesport, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. The Church was organized in October 1904 as the Fawcett Avenue United Brethren Church. There were 13 charter members. The trustees first met on October 11, 1904. A lot was purchased at Fawcett and Shields. A Sunday School Room and Chapel were dedicated April 30, 1905. By 1908 there were 98 members. The sanctuary was dedicated on March 8, 1914. In the fall of 1914 the name of the Church was changed to Kephart Memorial United Brethren Church in memory of Bishop Ezekiel Boring Kephart. This was the result of a gift of \$10,000 from the Annual Conference. An educational unit was dedicated May 6, 1956. At the joining of the Methodist and United Brethren Conferences in 1970 the name was changed to the Kephart Memorial United Methodist Church. Kephart and McKeesport: First became a two point Charge in 2003. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 186. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: McKeesport: Kephart Memorial:** D. R. Wilson *October 1904-January 1906*; W. O. Jones *January 1906-September 1906*; James M. Leshner *September 1906-December 1906*; Newton Silkwood Bailey *December 1906-September 1907*; T. W. Burgess 1907-1912; J. N. Feighter 1912-1915; William Algernon Sites 1915-1919; J. S. Hayes 1919-1923; William Vernon Barnhart 1923-1925; William Luther Murray 1926-1931; Heber Harrison Hummel 1931-1946; Earl C. Weaver 1946-1949; H. G. Reese 1949-1954; Charles Ralph Weslager 1954-1964; Kenneth Thomas Barnette 1964-1975; James Bartlett Hodges 1975-1980; Jack David Fields 1980-1985; LaVerne Rexford Howard 1985-1988; Lawrence Raughley, III 1988-1996; Dennis Baker Keefe 1996-2003; **McKeesport: First/McKeesport: Kephart Memorial:** Donald Oliver Hornsby 2003-2007; Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2007-2009; **McKeesport: First/McKeesport: Kephart Memorial/McKeesport: Wesley** Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2009-2017; **McKeesport Charge: Calvary/Beulah Park/Christy Park/ McKeesport: First/Kephart Memorial/Wesley:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017--; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate 2017-2019*; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate October 15, 2017--*.

### **McKEESPORT: SHOEMAKER MEMORIAL** **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1878-1983**

Mailing Address:  
ID: 018966

**Location:** This church was located at the corner of Beaver and Converse Streets in McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. The first preaching by United Brethren ministers in McKeesport was about 1878. This church was an outgrowth of Highland Grove. Reverend W. Wragg held a service. The first minister E. James, a mission worker, was at the YMCA March 1, 1897 with 12 members. The Class worshipped in homes and storerooms until Mr. and Mr. Robert Tate opened their home for service. Reverend T. W. Perks was the first resident pastor. Then a small frame building was used until a brick church was dedicated in 1900. Reverend Henry Shoemaker gave a gift of \$500 and the name was changed to Shoemaker Memorial. The Church was made a mission by the conference of 1899 and Reverend T. M. Sharp was made pastor. He found only 13 active members, but under his leadership the church prospered and the new church was dedicated on May 13, 1900. Mr. Carnegie later presented the church with a fine reed organ. The mortgage was burned August 24, 1904. Under the pastorate of Reverend J. J. Funk a new structure was built, the basement finished and services held May 9, 1926. Reverend John Franklin Strayer led the church in an effort to finish the building which was completed and dedicated November 1, 1930. The church was valued at \$80,000 in 1931. In 1970 there were 210 members. In 1983 this Church merged with Jenny Lind Methodist Church and became Hope United Methodist Church. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: McKeesport: Shoemaker Memorial:** E. James 1897; James M. Leshner 1897-1898; T. W. Perks 1898-1899; T. M. Sharp 1899-1906; J. P. Cowling 1906-1907; James Isaac Lewis Ressler 1907-1913; S. R. Seese 1913-1916; E. A. Sharp 1916-1921; A. H. Sholty 1921-1922; E. M. Rhoad 1922-1923; J. J. Funk 1923-1927; John Franklin Strayer 1927-1936; Warren Shuey Wilson 1936-1937; J. D. Good 1937-1940; C. W. Winey 1940-1944;

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George E. Biggs, Jr. 1944-1950; A. J. Orlidge 1950-1957; G. C. Mitchel 1958-1959; Lloyd Samuel Sturtz 1959-1964; Harry Edwin Hull 1964-*August* 31, 1968; John Herbert Stubbs *September* 1964-1969; William Bramwell Huson 1969-1970; Ronald Lee Chistester 1970-1974; Stephen Elwood Cupcheck 1974-1978; William Donald Heaton 1978-1983; Merged with Jenny Lind Methodist Church and became Hope United Methodist Church in 1983.

### **McKEESPORT: WESLEY**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

**1966**

Mailing Address: 1229 Prescott Street, White Oak, PA 15131-1533

412/672-5960

ID: 099944

**Location:** Located at Broadway and Prescott Streets in White Oak Borough on property on the White Oak-McKeesport line in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. This Church is a merger of the Coursin Street and the Ballantyne Methodist Episcopal Congregations of the City of McKeesport. They merged and built a new church building in 1966. See the histories of Coursin Street and the Ballantyne Churches for their histories and their pastors. McKeesport: Wesley became a two point Charge with Versailles in 2002. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 270. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: McKeesport: Wesley:** James Joseph Morris 1966-1981; William Douglas Shaw 1981-1990; Kenneth Elliott Jones 1990-1994; Reginald Gene Lilley 1994-2002; **McKeesport: Wesley/Versailles:** Paul Eric Ritchey 2002-2005; **McKeesport: Wesley:** Paul Eric Ritchey 2005-2008; Mary Jane Fullerton 2008-2009; **McKeesport: First/McKeesport: Kephart Memorial/ McKeesport: Wesley:** Deborah Lee Jones Kociban 2009-2017; **McKeesport Charge: Calvary/Beulah Park/Christy Park/ McKeesport: First/Kephart/Wesley:** William Bright Meekins, Jr. 2017--; Chandler Danne Wolf *Associate* 2017-2019; Michele Ann Nagle *Associate* *October* 15, 2017--.

### **McKEESPORT: WEST SIDE**

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#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**1882**

Mailing Address: 307 Atlantic Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132-3818

412/664-0809

ID: 100064

**Location:** Located on Atlantic Avenue in the Tenth Ward of the City of McKeesport in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church had its origin in a prayer meeting held in the home of Charles Hungerman in 1880. From this home the group moved to a School House on Rebecca Street. In 1882 Thomas Reynolds, Sr. donated the land for a church to the trustees of the First Methodist Church of McKeesport and a frame one story Church building was erected on it. It was a mission of First Church until 1885 when it was made an appointment under the name of Reynoldton with Reverend William Craft Davis as the first minister. The name Reynoldton continued until 1898, then it went by the name West End until 1906. Ground was broken for the new Church in 1905, and it was dedicated in 1906. In 1906 the Church was incorporated as the West Side Methodist Episcopal Church and the First Church trustees executed a deed for the property to the West Side Church. It was a Station appointment until 1930 when it was made part of a two-point charge with Port Vue. This continued until 1955 when it became a Station again. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 133. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: McKeesport West Side/First:** John Wesley Baker 1883-1884; Thomas Newton Boyle 1884-1886; **Reynoldton:** William Craft Davis 1886-1888; William H. McBride 1888-1890; Mark Allison Rigg 1890-1892; James B. Gray 1892-1893; James Law 1893-1896; Albert H. David 1896-1898; **West End:** Jacob Brenneman Uber 1898-1899; William Thomas Robinson 1899-1901; James Law 1901-1908; **West Side:** Samuel H. Greenlee 1908-1911; Samuel G. Noble 1911-1913; Frank J. Sparling 1913-1915; Joseph Emil Morrison 1915-1918; William Floyd Hunter 1918-1919; L. Z. Robinson 1919-1922; J. L. McIntyre 1922-1924; Lawrence F. Athey 1924-1926; Joseph James Buell 1926-1930; **West Side/Port Vue:** Edwin J. Keifer 1930-1936; Edward Harold Miller 1936-1938; William L. Crawford 1938-1941; Taylor H. Carson 1941-1942; Herman Fred Roney 1942-1945; Thomas Johnston 1945-1948; James David Robb 1948-1952; J. B. Dodd 1952-1955; **West Side:** H. W. Jennings, Jr. 1955-1961; Willis Stanton River 1961-1964; Carson Edgar McCormick 1964-1968; John Harper Creeks 1968- *November* 15, 1979; John Vernon King, *November* 15, 1979 – *December* 15, 1980; Charles Duane Moore *December* 16, 1980-*February* 1, 1985; Lewis Stewart Hastings *March* 1, 1985-1986; Robert Brian Trask 1986-1988; Edward Alan Schoeneck 1988-1992; Beth Ann Nelson 1992-1996; Robert H. Reid *July* 1, 1996-*July* 31, 1996; *To Be Supplied*

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*August 1, 1996-1998; Charles Duane Moore 1998-December 31, 1998; McKeesport: West Side/Boston: Gail Meredith Walker January 1, 1999-2006; Kenneth Elliott Jones 2006-2012; McKeesport: West Side/Dravosburg: Joong Wook "Jay" Koe 2012-2013; Annette Marlene Bobby Bolts 2013-September 3, 2015; Dawn Lynn Check September 15, 2015-2016; Jeffrey Martin Conn 2016-2019; Dravosburg/McKeesport: West Side/Electric Heights: Jeffrey Martin Conn 2019--.*

### **MECHANICSBURG (RECTOR)**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**18??-1917**

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Was listed in the 1917 Journal as Closed and the records are with the Commission on Archives and History.

### **MIDDLETOWN**

**UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 1050 Middletown Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

ID: 170647

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1870**

724/834-6355

**Location:** Located on the Greensburg-Madison Road in the village of Middletown, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. The earliest record is of a Sunday School in 1847. A church was built about 1870. The new building was dedicated May 16, 1897. Sunday School rooms were added in 1927 under the pastorate of Reverend J. H. Weaver. It was a part of the Lycippus Charge, then the Bradenville Charge, and in 1914 was made part of the Arona Charge. A basement was added in 1954. In 1970 it was linked with Arona and Herminie #2. The membership at merger in 1970 was 144. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 185. Built in 1896, with a log building prior to that, this former Evangelical United Brethren congregation sees itself as a relational community of believers. They work together with other churches and support a number of outreach efforts, including a local food pantry. With Bible studies, adult Sunday School classes, and a strong United Methodist Men's group, this small congregation has a big heart for Jesus.

**Pastors: Middletown:** (*Also served:* L. W. Stahl) J. S. Hayes 1886-1889; **Middletown/Knoxdale: Mount Olive:** J. S. Hayes 1889-1890; T. W. Burgess 1890-1894; William Herbert Artz 1894-1895; J. W. Morgan 1895-1896; Thomas W. Sharp 1896-1899; John Franklin Kelly 1899-1901; W. H. Wilson 1901-1902; George Noden 1902-1904; John K. Huey 1904-1905; Wallace and Linebaugh 1905-1905; L. H. Leitzell and E. Cora Prinkey 1905-1906; John S. Colledge 1906-1907; S. B. Huffman and Joseph Smith Showers 1907-1908; John Watson 1908-1909; **Middletown:** Mitchell M. Houser 1909-1911; Harry McGuire 1911-1912; J. H. Lilly 1912-1914; George J. Buhan 1914-1916; Frank Asher Risley 1916-1917; D. W. Willard 1917-1919; James C. Moses 1919-1921; C. L. McCoy 1921-*April* 1922; William R. McKinney *May* 1922-1923; G. A. Sparks 1923-*April* 1926; Walden Maynard Sparks *April* 1926-1926; **Arona/Middletown Charge: Middletown:** Paul Alvin Morris 1926-1927; J. H. Weaver 1927-1928; Frank Butler Hackett 1928-1932; John J. Thompson 1932-1935; William Bruce Tobias 1935-1938; Dwight Moody Spangler 1938-1940; James Nevin Strohm 1940-1942; Gertrude Halliwell 1942-1947; Rupert Halliwell 1947-1948; J. Wilbur Watson 1948-1954; Warren Lenhart Lonas 1954-1958; David Herbert Stevenson 1958-1963; Robert Reaford Blank 1963-1975; John Howard Smith 1975-*December* 1, 1979; John Campbell McAdoo *December* 1, 1979-1980; Larry Alton Reitz 1980-*January* 15, 1985; **Arona/Herminie #2/Middletown:** Charles Duane Moore *February* 1, 1985-*August* 1, 1989; *To Be Supplied August* 1, 1989-1990; Kenneth Lynn Bossart 1990-1993; **Middletown/New Madison: Darragh:** Kenneth Lynn Bossart 1993-*January* 31, 2010; **Middletown:** Kenneth Lynn Bossart *January* 31, 2010-*August* 1, 2010; **Middletown/Jeannette: Gethsemane:** Kenneth Lynn Bossart *August* 1, 2010-2017; Linda Grace Harrison 2017-*September* 30, 2018; Robert Charles Wilson *October* 1, 2018-*December* 31, 2018; Christopher M. Morris *January* 1, 2019--.

### **MILLER**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 1935 Lincoln Highway, North Versailles, PA 15137-2705

ID: 098288

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1838**

412/823-9851

**Location:** Located on Route 30 west of Irwin in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. During the winter of 1837-1838 members of the Methodist Church at Greenock held prayer meetings along the turnpike. George Miller donated a tract of land for a Church and

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cemetery. The first frame church building was probably erected in 1838. The brick building was constructed on a tract of land purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pearson in 1867. At that time, it was part of a charge that included the Circleville, Harrison City and Irwin Churches. From 1878 until 1964 Miller was a part of a two-point charge with Circleville. In 1964 it became a Station. Improvements were made to the Church building in 1897; then in 1941 the full basement was excavated. Other renovations were carried out in 1965, and a new parsonage was purchased in 1966. Miller and East McKeesport were a two-point Charge 2002-2003, then Miller was placed with Turtle Creek: Electric Heights. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 192. In 2004, Miller UMC was transferred from the Pittsburgh East District to the Greensburg District. Miller UMC is located along the historic Lincoln Highway (U.S. Route 30) on the border of Allegheny and Westmoreland counties. The church building almost seems out of place nestled among the many businesses that line this busy thoroughfare. However, Miller is located right where God wants it to be. The congregation is both warm and friendly as one would expect with a quaint, country-church look and feel. The country atmosphere also translates into some great cooking and baking as the congregation continues a long tradition preparing their famous roast beef dinner every spring and fall. Each Sunday, worship service commences by reciting the mission statement that begins with: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ..." This is what generations of congregations have been doing at Miller for almost 200 years, being founded in 1837. With the Lord's grace, Miller will continue making Christian disciples for another 200 years and beyond.

**Pastors: Braddock'sfield Circuit:** Peter M. McGowan and Richard Armstrong 1838-1839; John L. Williams 1839-1840; **Redstone Circuit:** Thomas Baker, Samuel Kyle, and Samuel B. Dunlap 1840-1841; **Elizabeth Circuit:** William Summers and John B. Wolf 1841-1842; William Summers and Thomas McCleary 1842-1843; Peter M. McGowan and Peter James 1843-1844; David R. Hawkins and Curtis William Scoles 1844-1845; William C. Henderson and W. B. McFarland 1845-1846; William Lynch 1846-1848; **McKeesport Circuit:** David L. Dempsey 1848-1850; William L. Lauck 1850-1852; Josiah J. Gibson 1852-1853; William Cooper 1853-1855; Hugh Dunn Fisher 1855-1857; Edward Birkett 1857-1858; Josiah Mansell 1858-1859; **Circleville/Miller:** William Page Blackburn 1859-1861; Joseph Jackson Hays 1861-1862; **McKeesport/Miller:** John Coil 1862-1863; Lancelot Robinson Beacom 1863-1864; William Fletcher Lauck 1864-1866; **Irwin/Miller:** George Washington Cranage 1866-1867; Noble Garvin Miller 1867-1868; David Hess 1868-1869; Charles Wesley Miller 1869-1870; Joshua Castle 1870-1871; Joshua H. Corkle 1871-1872; **Miller:** John W. McIntyre 1871-1873; Joseph N. Pershing 1873-1876; Samuel H. Craven 1876-1878; **Circleville/Miller:** Barnett T. Thomas 1878-1880; John S. Wakefield 1880-1883; William S. Cummings 1883-1885; William Carson Weaver 1885-1890; John C. Gourley 1890-1892; Robert Irwin McKee 1892-1893; Richard Makin Fowles 1896-1898; James Law 1898-1901; William Thomas Robinson 1901-1906; Frank Howard Callahan 1906-1907; Sherman W. McCorkle 1907-1909; Frank J. Sparling 1909-1913; Charles Wesley Hoover 1913-1919; William Johnston Turner 1919-1921; **Circleville/Miller/North Huntingdon:** George M. Allshouse 1921-1923; Walter R. Robinson 1923-1925; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1925-1929; Edgar Vickers Shotwell 1929-1935; J. B. Dodd 1935-1944; George Elwood Buhon 1944-1945; John Valjean Mullins 1945-1948; Hibbard G. Howell 1948-1949; David Dayen 1949-1950; James Robert Hartland 1950-1952; Joseph Christy Brown 1952-1957; Robert Dawson Hopson 1957-1960; Merrill Vernon Stone 1960-1964; **Miller:** William LeRoy Hogg 1964-1966; Lester Garmon Hillegass 1966-1969; Harry Raymond Speakman, Sr. 1969-1978; Clifford Herbert Moore 1978-*July* 1982; Virgil Parke Muzzy *July* 1982-1985; Roger J. Waun 1985-1987; **Miller/McKeesport: Green Valley:** Jay H. Langley 1987-1990; **Miller:** Jay H. Langley 1987-1993; Dale Christopher Livermore 1993-1999; Robert Warren Baur 1999-2000; Linda L. Tunnell Merz 2000-2002; **Miller/East McKeesport:** Linda L. Tunnell Merz 2002-2003; **Miller/Turtle Creek: Electric Heights:** Richard A. Pearson, Jr. 2003-2005; Steve Tiffany 2005-2007; Judith Elayne Winston 2007-2010; Nathan Westley Carlson 2010-2011; **Miller:** Scott Daniel Lawrence 2011-2014; **East McKeesport: First/Miller:** Timothy R. Williams 2014-2015; **Miller:** Timothy R. Williams 2015-2019; **Miller/Braddock: Muhleman Memorial:** Steven C. McIlvaine 2019--.

### MONROEVILLE

#### **METHODIST – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 219 Center Road, Monroeville, PA 15146-1748  
ID: 098324

**Location:** At 219 Center Road in the Borough of Monroeville, East of Pittsburgh, in Allegheny County, PA.

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**1957**

412/372-7474

**History:** Methodist – Pittsburgh Conference. Monroeville is a new fast-growing community located east of Pittsburgh where the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the Parkway East intersect. The Pittsburgh Conference, realizing the population explosion in this area purchased 2.7 acres of land on July 3, 1954, on which to build a church. In October 1954, Robert Willis Geisinger, a student minister was assigned to the church and worship services were

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held and a Sunday school was organized. On February 13, 1955, the Service of Church Constitution was held. Bishop Lloyd Christ Wicke presided. For three years the congregation met in a little building which measured 13 by 29 feet. Church School was held in an old farm house located on the property. On December 20, 1957, the congregation moved into its new church buildings-the first of four proposed units. A second unit was consecrated on February 12, 1966, with Dr. W. Sproule Boyd, District Superintendent, presiding. The two units have a value of \$500,000 and the membership is rapidly growing with two ordained ministers and the church school sessions and two worship services being conducted simultaneously on Sunday mornings. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 1061. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Monroeville United Methodist Church (MUM) sits between an established neighborhood and the Monroeville strip malls in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh. It is a medium sized church with numerous vibrant and active ministries. The church's Vision statement "Serving God, Sharing Love, Changing Lives" focuses on the CORE values of: love, service, hospitality, transformation and peace. MUM seeks to reconnect to the community around it and grow more inclusive in its witness and ministry. The position of Discipleship Director was created in 2019, who will be responsible for helping the congregation become more inviting and encouraging, supporting growth as Christian disciples, overseeing ministries to children, youth and young adults, and offering guidance to Sunday school and ministry teams for camping, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, and youth ministries. The Director of Discipleship will also work with the adult ministry teams to offer resourcing and guidance in establishing a Young Adult Ministry.

**Pastors: Monroeville:** Robert Willis Geisinger *October 1954-May 1955*; Robert Clarence Siess 1955-1968; Donald Franklin Cook *Associate 1967-1969*; James Henry Cox 1969-1972; Richard Lee Weber, Jr. *Associate 1969-1972*; Wesley Edward Blaha 1972-*August 1, 1987*; Arthur James Decker *Associate 1972-1976*; James Richard Wagner *Associate 1976-1982*; Nelson Thomas Thayer *Associate 1982-1983*; Mark Alva Lenz *Associate October 1, 1983-January 1, 1986*; Kenneth Elliott Jones *Associate May 1, 1986-1990*; William LeRoy Jones *September 15, 1987-1996*; Judith Elizabeth McFarland Leftwich *Associate 1990-1991*; Thomas Duane Whitehead *Associate 1991-1994*; David Lee Morse 1996-2007; James Hartley Ritchie, Jr. *Associate 1994-2002*; Cynthia Gail Roop Bloise *Associate August 1, 2002-2008*; Donald William Dotterer 2007-2009; Brenda A. Rochford *Associate 2008-2011*; Thomas James Barnicott 2009-2014; Edward Alan Schoeneck 2014--; Amanda D. Gilligan *Associate June 15, 2019--*.

### **MONROEVILLE: GARDEN CITY**

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#### **EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

**1955**

Mailing Address: 500 Laurel Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146-1136  
ID: 189522

412/373-0391

**Location:** Located at 500 Laurel Drive, in the Garden City area of the Borough of Monroeville in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical United Brethren - Western Pennsylvania Conference. The first service was held in the parsonage on July 31, 1955 with 30 persons attending. The first unit of the Church building was dedicated on July 28, 1957, the second unit dedicated February 26, 1961 and the third unit was occupied in April 1969. The parsonage is located at 700 Greenleaf Drive in Garden City. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 357. Transferred from Pittsburgh District in 2004.

**Pastors: Monroeville: Garden City:** Robert C. Jessell 1955-1972; Dale Ralph Smith *Associate 1968-1970*; Gerald Allen McCormick 1973-1979; David Frank Keller 1979-1991; Clair Arden Lundberg 1991-1993; Gregory Littell Spencer 1993-1998; William Bright Meekins, Jr. 1998-2006; Paul Dennis Taylor *Associate (½ Time) 2006-2008*; Scott Richard McCormick 2006-2013; Scott Lee Freshwater Gallagher *August 1, 2013--*; Dennis M. Williams *Associate May 1, 2015-July 31, 2016*.

### **MOUNT HOPE**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**18??-1946**

**Location:** Located in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Was in the old Blairsville District. Was abandoned and sold in 1946.

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### **MOUNT LEBANON: TARRS** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL - PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box A, Tarrs, PA 15688  
ID: 100122

**Location:** Located at 981 on Route 31 at Tarrs, Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1833**

724/696-9320

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Mount Lebanon: Tarrs was originally a part of the original Connellsville Circuit. The first recorded pastoral appointment was February 2, 1833. The first church building was erected in 1844; the second church building was in 1885-1886. The new church building was erected in 1960-61. It was on a charge with Jacob's Creek from 1888 until 1895 and with Alverton several times. It became a station appointment in 1959. The 1968 membership was 332. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 147. This small congregation has reached into the small community around them, hosts a dart ball team, and is considering what next steps they need to take to maintain and grow the ministries in which they participate.

**Pastors: Connellsville Circuit: Tarrs:** David Sharp 1833-1835; Jeremiah Knox 1835-1836; John Spencer 1836-1837; Samuel D. Wakefield and George L. Sisson 1837-1838; Samuel D. Wakefield and David L. Dempsey 1838-1839; William Tipton and Hamilton Cree, Jr. 1839-1840; Hamilton Cree, Jr. 1840-1841; Warner Long 1841-1843; John L. Irwin and Jeremiah Knox 1843-1844; **West Newton Circuit: Tarrs:** John J. Moffitt and David Hess 1844-1845; John J. Moffitt and David Sharp 1845-1846; David Sharp and James Fribley 1846-1847; Henry R. Kern and Marcellus A. Ruter 1847-1848; Samuel D. Wakefield and Marcellus A. Ruter 1848-1849; Samuel D. Wakefield and James Beacom 1849-1850; Charles Thorn 1850-1851; Josiah Mansell 1851-1852; **Mount Pleasant/West Newton Circuit: Tarrs:** Josiah Mansell and Benjamin F. Sawhill 1852-1853; Edward Burns Griffin and James Lafferty Stiffey 1853-1854; Edward Burns Griffin and Matthew J. Montgomery 1854-1855; David L. Dempsey and James Alexander Miller 1855-1856; John McCarty and James Alexander Miller 1856-1857; Samuel D. Wakefield and Sylvester Burt 1857-1858; John D. Knox and Sylvester Burt 1858-1859; John D. Knox and William Alexander Stuart 1859-1860; James Jackson McIlyar and William Alexander Stuart 1860-1861; James Jackson McIlyar and Isaac Austin Pearce 1861-1862; Robert Cunningham 1862-1864; **Mount Pleasant Charge: Tarrs:** Edward Williams 1864-1865; Jeremiah W. Kessler 1865-1866; John Coleman High 1866-1868; Thomas Storer 1868-1871; Matthew McKendree Garrett 1871-1872; **Unity Circuit: Tarrs:** A. Harlan Appleton 1872-1875; Alexander Scott 1875-*Spring* 1876; William L. McGrew *Spring* 1876-1877; **Madison Circuit: Tarrs:** Joseph Buchanon Rish 1877-1878; **Unity/Tarrs:** Oscar Adams Emerson 1878-1880; **Unity/Tarrs: Mount Lebanon:** Joseph Jackson Hays 1880-1881; **Tarrs: Mount Lebanon/Paintersville:** Joseph Jackson Hays 1881-1882; **Tarrs: Mount Lebanon/Madison:** Joseph Jackson Hays 1882-1883; John J. Davis 1883-1885; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs:** Thomas Storer 1885-1888; Lewis Reece Jones and Thomas Storer 1888-1889; Lewis Reece Jones 1889-1891; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Jacob's Creek:** George Dallas Crissman 1891-1894; Charles F. Bollinger 1894-1897; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs:** John J. Davis 1897-1900; Lewis Sutton Wilkinson 1900-1902; Marion M. Hildebrand 1902-1905; Homer E. Lewis 1905-1908; Ralph Bell 1908-1911; George Grant 1911-1915; Oliver J. Watson 1915-1920; Clarence H. Beall 1920-1921; George J. Rowe 1921-1926; John Wesley Hall 1926-1928; Oscar G. Cook 1928-1935; Miller Bartley Clendenien 1935-1939; Cecil Newton McCandless 1939-1942; Charles Leroy Cusick 1942-1947; William S. Hamilton 1947-1949; Alfred J. Jenkins 1949-1957; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Alverton:** Maybelle Bonney Johnston 1957-1959; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs:** Maybelle Bonney Johnston 1959-1963; Richard Arlen McClintock 1963-1964; Lester Garmon Hillegass 1964-1966; Everett Raymond Hammond 1966-*February* 1968; Ralph George Shipley *February* 1968-1968; William Delbert Cassidy 1968-*October* 1, 1970; Berkeley Duncan Lambert *October* 1, 1970-1975; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Glenwood:** Herbert Golden Gates, III 1975-1979; Ivan DeWayne Johnson 1979-1985; Penny Sue Adams 1985-1988; Mary Jane Fullerton 1988-1992; Ralph Atlee Mostoller 1992-2002; **Tarrs Charge: Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/ Glenwood/Wyano:** Ralph Atlee Mostoller 2002-2014; Gregory D. Butler *September* 1, 2014-*April* 30, 2019; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Glenwood:** Ralph Atlee Mostoller *May* 1, 2019-*June* 30, 2019; Shawn E. Underwood 2019--.

### **MURRYSVILLE: FIRST** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 3916 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668-1843  
ID: 098346

**Location:** Located at 3916 Old William Penn Highway, Route 22, in the town of Murrysville, eight miles east of the Pittsburgh City limits in Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1832**

724/327-5049

## Greensburg District

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. An outgrowth of the Braddock's Field Mission in 1832, with Reverend Jacob Keiss Miller as the missionary, this Mission embraced the territory between the Monongahela and the Allegheny Rivers for fifteen or twenty miles out from Pittsburgh. Reverend Charles Elliott and Reverend Wesley Browning, the preachers on the Pittsburgh Station in 1831, made a preliminary preaching tour of the region in 1831 and laid out the beginning of the Mission Circuit. The preaching place located in Murrysville was in the home of General Jeremiah Murry. In 1832 land for a church was purchased from General Murry and on it the first church building was erected in 1836. The second house of worship was built in 1868. In 1912 a parsonage was built in Murrysville for the Circuit. In 1912, under the leadership of Reverend Everett L. Pierce a new lot was purchased and in 1913 the new church building was dedicated. This structure was enlarged in 1958 during the ministry of Reverend Parker Wesley Large. The church was on different circuits, the last being with Sardis until 1959 when it became a Station appointment. A weekday kindergarten opened in 1960, which grew to become the First United Methodist Preschool, a vital part of First UMC's current ministry. An educational unit was added in 1965. In 2000 the Church bought the old Post Office property next to the church and converted it into meeting rooms for educational and social purposes. The 1968 membership was 840. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 826. What started as a small community church servicing a rural location has grown over the years to become a large church in a suburban neighborhood. During that time, the congregation was known as a large church with the feel of a small church due to its friendliness, as well as a common root: Many members worked for the same employer, Westinghouse. As the culture and employment profile of the area changed, First UMC Murrysville morphed as well. Now a small-to-mid-sized church within the Conference, they have become a praying church focused on outreach. With a solid core of small groups, the congregation is dedicated to reaching out to the neighborhood, as well as United States and international causes. The highly educated congregation has encouraged leadership growth both spiritually and managerially. First UMC Murrysville is a friendly, inviting congregation that is fiscally conservative, and socially more centrist. Their goal is making disciples, and their theology is based on biblical foundations. First UMC Murrysville has a strong preschool that has enabled them to nurture young families, as they teach biblical truths. geographically in the center of town, the church takes part in community events such as the harvest parade, food drives, community days, Christmas tree lighting, Stop Hunger Now, and the community library day of reading.

**Pastors: Braddock'sfield Mission: Murrysville:** Jacob Keiss Miller 1832-1833; John H. Ebbert 1833-1834; George L. Sisson 1834-1835; Simon Elliott 1835-1836; Joseph Wright and Thomas S. McGrath 1836-1837; Gideon D. Kinnear and Christopher Hodgson 1837-1838; Peter M. McGowan and Richard Armstrong 1838-1839; John L. Williams 1839-1840; **East Liberty Circuit: Murrysville:** S. G. J. Worthington and Moses P. Jameson 1840-1841; John McLean and David S. Welling 1841-1842; James Fribley and Alpheaus Cornelius Gallahue 1842-1843; William C. Henderson and James Henderson 1843-1844; Caleb Foster and Abraham J. Rich 1844-1846; Jeremiah Knox and Jonathan D. Cramer 1846-1847; Jeremiah D. Knox and W. L. N. Gilmore 1847-1848; **Braddock'sfield Circuit: Murrysville:** Daniel A. Haines 1848-1849; George Washington Cranage 1849-1850; **Murrysville Circuit: Murrysville:** Richard Jordan and John M. Rankin 1850-1851; Hiram Miller and Henry L. Chapman; 1851-1852; Walter Brown and William Stewart 1852-1853; Samuel Langdon and Richard L. Miller 1853-1854; Joseph Shaw and James Lafferty Stiffey 1854-1856; Samuel Jones 1856-1857; John McCarty 1857-1858; John McCarty and William Hoover 1858-1859; Matthew J. Montgomery and William H. Locke 1859-1860; **Braddock'sfield Circuit: Murrysville:** William H. Locke and Matthew J. Montgomery 1860-1861; John M. Thomas and Stewart Heaton 1861-1862; William Page Blackburn 1862-1863; **Wilkinsburg/Braddock'sfield: Murrysville:** Latshaw M. McGuire and William Pitt Turner 1863-1865; **Braddock'sfield/Murrysville/Port Perry:** William Pitt Turner 1865-1866; Robert Thompson Miller 1866-1868; **Murrysville Circuit: Murrysville:** Joseph N. Pershing 1868-1869; Richard Jordon and Thomas McCleary 1869-1871; **Braddock'sfield Circuit: Murrysville:** Thomas McCleary 1871-1872; Richard Morrow 1872-1873; **Murrysville Circuit: Murrysville:** Aaron H. Miller 1873-1875; George Orbin 1875-1877; **Sardis Circuit: Murrysville:** William W. Johnson 1877-1879; James B. Gray 1879-1881; William S. Cummings 1881-1883; Joseph Jackson Hays 1883-1885; **Sardis Circuit: Sardis/Delmont/Merwin/Mamont/Davidson's Chapel/Murrysville:** Charles C. Emerson 1885-1886; T. W. Robbins 1886-1887; Charles M. McCaslin 1887-1889; Morris B. Pugh 1889-1891; C. H. Muse 1891-1892; Calvin H. Miller and George W. Anderson 1892-1895; D. J. Frum 1895-1897; Walter Bryant Bergen 1897-1900; Watson M. Bracken 1900-1904; James L. Duff 1904-1906; G. A. Williams 1906-1907; John N. Bracken 1907-1909; Arthur W. Davis 1909-1911; **Sardis/Murrysville:** Everett L. Pierce 1911-1915; **Murrysville Circuit: Murrysville:** James M. Mason 1915-1917; Camby L. Moore 1917-1918; Harry L. Wissinger 1918-1920; Alvin Elramon Yeager 1920-1921; Frank Howard Callahan 1921-1924; George E. Letchworth 1924-1926; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1926-1929; Bert Leroy Jones 1929-1934; L. Z. Robinson 1934-1938; George Elwood Buhan 1938-1940; Morris Lyman Husted 1940-1943; Earl Winfred Lighthall 1943-1948; **Murrysville/Sardis Circuit:** George E. Keeler 1948-1955; Robert Clyde Gumbert

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1955-1956; Parker Wesley Large 1956-1959; **Murrysville: First:** Roy E. Manne 1959-1964; George Harold Giles *Associate* 1961-1964; Herman Fred Roney 1964-1968; Samuel Lewis Allaman, Jr. 1968-1980; Donald Guy Scandrol *Associate* 1975-1979; James Michael McGinnis *September* 1, 1979-1985; Clair Arden Lundberg 1980-1985; Robert Charles Wilson 1985-1992; LaMar Edson Carlson *Associate* 1985-1990; William Donald Mock 1992-1999; David James Fetterman *Associate* 1990-1998; Mary Grey Emmett 1999-2004; John William Seth 2004-2009; Sam Dull *Associate* 2004-2010; Jay H. Langley 2009-2012; Dale Christopher Livermore 2012-2017; Robert Vernon. Ellson *Associate December* 1, 2014-2017; David Sherwood Coul 2017-2019; Ronald Lynn Emery 2019-2021; Jack Lee Tickle III 2021--.

### MUTUAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1??-1938

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Mutual was in the old Blairsville District and was sold in 1938 to the Frick Coke Company as listed in the 1938 Journal on Page 270.

### NEW ALEXANDRIA METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
1848

Mailing Address: 106 Washington Street, New Alexandria, PA 15670  
ID: 098381

724/668-7797

**Location:** Located at 106 Washington Street on Route 981 and Route 22 Intersection at 106 Washington Street in New Alexandria, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. It has been impossible to discover when or how Methodism was first brought to New Alexandria, but we do know it was before 1876, when the new building was dedicated. Previous to this (from 1848) services were held in the little old brick church, which is still standing on Gay Street and is now occupied as a dwelling. New Alexandria was on the Saltsburg Circuit 1881-1886; on the Livermore Circuit 1894-1902; then with the Jamison Circuit 1903-1917 or 1918, since then it had been independent until 1943 when it became the New Alexandria/Luxor Charge. In 1989 it became a station appointment until 1995 when it became the New Alexandria/Saltsburg Charge. The membership at union in 1968 was 196. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 167. Transferred from Greensburg District in 2004. New Alexandria UMC is very mission-minded and is dedicated to supporting community needs and outreach programs. Over the years, they have maintained a focus on ministering to children; the congregation also includes gifted musicians who share their talents through special music and community choir performances. The church is alive and well, seeking to grow in their faith and in fellowship with one another. In 2019, New Alexandria UMC was yoked with Saltsburg UMC in a two-point charge.

**Pastors: New Alexandria: Unknown** 1848-1867; **Latrobe Circuit: New Alexandria:** Matthew J. Montgomery 1867-1868; **Murrysville Circuit: New Alexandria:** Richard Jordan 1868-1872; **New Derry Circuit: New Alexandria:** Asbury C. Johnson 1872-1875; Joseph H. Henry 1875-1876; John W. McIntyre 1876-*Spring* 1878; Robert D. White *Spring* 1878-1879; William Alexander Stuart 1879-1882; John C. Gorley 1882-1883; **Saltsburg Circuit: New Alexandria:** Edward George Loughery 1883-1886; **Livermore Circuit: New Alexandria:** William Taylor Braden 1886-1889; Edwin Jarrett 1889-1890; Joseph Jackson Hays 1890-1892; Charles C. Emerson 1892-1893; **Saltsburg Circuit: New Alexandria:** Albert Howell Acken 1893-1896; **Livermore Circuit: New Alexandria:** John Fred Jose 1896-1897; Henry H. Household 1897-1899; John N. Bracken 1899-1903; Levi Scott Peterson 1903-1904; Thomas Allen 1904-1907; **New Alexandria Circuit: New Alexandria:** Samuel Hill 1907-1911; T. F. Cook 1911-1911; U. S. Drake 1911-1913; *To Be Supplied* 1913-1914; Lowen Ormond Douds 1914-1917; John Sylvester Potts 1917-1922; H. W. Henderson 1922-1922; Samuel Easterday Brown 1922-1923; J. C. B. White 1923-1925; Josiah Osmond 1925-1927; Margarette Flannigan Baker 1927-1932; William Perry McCune 1932-1935; John Calvin Little 1935-1937; Edwin J. Siess 1937-1939; Ralph Waldo Huntsman 1939-1941; Harry Carney 1941-1942; H. W. Harper *October and November* 1942; Hodge McIlwain Eagleson, Jr. 1942-1943; Clarke S. Darby 1943-1944; **New Alexandria/Luxor Charge:** Roy Calvin Dowling 1944-1950; Harvey Morris Shields 1950-1953; Lawrence Eugene Garner 1953-1955; Harry Edward Sayre 1955-1958; Willis Bradley 1958-1959; Charles Lynn Elliott 1959-1962; John Campbell McAdoo 1962-1966; Dale Arthur Fife 1966-*October* 1973; Jack Fowlow Emerick *October* 1973-*January* 1974; Don Raymond Smith *January* 1974-1977; Charles Lawrence Shaffer 1977-*November* 16, 1981; *To Be Supplied November* 1981-*May* 1, 1982; Howard A. Greenfield, II *May* 1, 1982-*July* 1, 1985; Raymond Arthur Youngdahl 1985-1986; Joel Albert Wilcher 1986-*October* 1, 1989; **New Alexandria:**

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William Howard Cox, Sr. *October 1, 1989-1995*; **New Alexandria/Saltsburg:** Lota Christine Curry Jones 1995-2002; Richard Joseph Helsel 2002-2005; **New Alexandria:** Linda Diane Landers *September 1, 2005-2011*; Rhea Summit 2011-*January 1, 2017*; Ronald Edward Fleming *January 11, 2017-2017*; **Saltsburg: First /New Alexandria:** Beth Ann Meier 2017-2019; Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2019--.

### NEW DERRY

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 230, New Derry, PA 15671-0230

ID: 098404

**Location:** Located in the village of New Derry on Route 982 in Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1846-2012

See Latrobe: New Derry Satellite

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation was organized in 1846 and for its first two years shared a church building in New Derry with the Lutherans. The impetus for the organization of the Society came from the Ligonier Circuit. On September 23, 1848 the Society was admitted as a preaching place on the Blairsville Circuit. The new Church building was started in 1852 and was dedicated January 15, 1854. It has been a Station appointment since 1934 with Reverend Walter James Henderson as pastor. In the 1960's the Church has been remodeled, re-roofed and a seven room Sunday School addition built. The membership in 1968 was 77. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 124. On June 30, 2012, New Derry closed and merged with Latrobe.

**Pastors: Ligonier Circuit: New Derry:** Abraham J. Rich 1846-1847; Abraham J. Rich and John M. Rankin 1847-1848; **Blairsville Circuit: New Derry:** Abraham J. Rich and John Grant 1848-1849; Abraham J. Rich and Daniel A. Haines 1849-1850; Samuel H. Nesbitt and James Borbidge 1850-1851; Samuel H. Nesbitt 1851-1852; James Beacom and William S. Blackburn 1852-1853; James Beacom and James Sansom Bracken 1853-1854; James L. Deens, Richard L. Miller and Dennis B. D. Coleman 1854-1855; James L. Deen, Benjamin F. McMahan and Dennis B. D. Coleman 1855-1856; Thomas Jefferson Higgins and John H. McIntire 1856-1857; Thomas Jefferson Higgins and James Alexander Miller 1857-1858; Robert Cunningham and Joseph Neigh 1858-1859; Walter Brown 1859-1860; **New Derry/Hillside Circuit:** Daniel W. Wampler 1860-1861; Matthew J. Montgomery 1861-1863; **Latrobe/Hillside Circuit: New Derry:** John S. Wakefield and Henry R. Long 1863-1864; John S. Wakefield and James B. Gray 1864-1865; James Borbidge and James B. Gray 1865-1866; Matthew J. Montgomery 1866-1867; Matthew J. Montgomery and Abraham J. Rich 1867-1868; **New Derry Circuit: New Derry/Hillside/Derry: First:** Hugh Harland Pershing 1868-1870; George Washington Cranage 1870-1872; Asbury C. Johnson 1872-1875; Joseph H. Henry 1875-*Spring 1876*; John W. McIntyre *Spring 1876-Spring 1878*; Robert J. White 1878-1879; William Alexander Stuart 1879-1882; Albert R. Cameron 1882-1885; William Alexander Stuart 1885-1890; **Derry Circuit: New Derry:** Simon P. Woolf 1890-1894; George S. Holmes 1894-1895; Richard S. Pryor 1895-1896; **Latrobe Circuit: New Derry:** John S. Wakefield 1896-1899; Scott E. Winebrenner 1899-1901; Howard Eckles 1901-1902; **New Derry Circuit: New Derry/Luxor:** George M. Allshouse 1902-1905; James Fish 1905-1906; George J. Rowe 1906-1907; **New Derry/Hillside:** Thomas Allen 1907-1916; Harry Allen Price 1916-1918; C. A. Tillotson 1918-1919; **New Derry/Hillside:** George Raymond Dewey Braun 1919-*September 1920*; Harry L. Wissinger *October 1920-November 1920*; W. R. Sadler *November 1920-1921*; William H. Barber 1921-1924; A. J. Strandell 1924-1926; Frank Clarry 1926-1927; Robert Lang 1927-1928; Dalton William Davis 1928-*October 1929*; Norman Bruce Fierstone *October 1929-August 11, 1933*; F. Wineman *August 1933-December 1933*; Robert C. Penrose 1934-1934; **New Derry:** Walter James Henderson 1934-1956; **New Derry/Torrence:** Walter Jones Henderson 1956-1976; **New Derry/Bradenville:** Raymond Aurelius Halula 1976-1978; **New Derry/Derry: First:** Charles Frederick Olsen, Jr. 1978-1981; **New Derry:** John Dobbs Patterson *April-August 1981*; Ruth Ann Tomlinson *September 1981-1983*; **New Derry/Lycippus: Calvary:** Homer Joseph Farabaugh 1983-1988; William Howard Cox, Sr. 1988-*October 1, 1989*; Lota Christine Curry Jones *October 1, 1989-1991*; **New Derry/Saltsburg:** Lota Christine Curry Jones 1991-1995; **New Derry:** William H. Weppelman 1995-*August 1, 2002*; **New Derry/Lycippus: Calvary:** William H. Weppelman *August 1, 2002-2011*; **Latrobe/New Derry:** David James Henderson, Sr. 2011-2012; New Derry Church closed.

### NEW KENSINGTON

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 130 Ridge Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068-5431

ID: 098780

**Location:** Located at 130 Ridge Avenue, in the Borough of New Kensington in Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1843

724/335-1804

## Greensburg District

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Methodism began in the New Kensington area with the organization of the Bethel Church in 1843; Mount Hope (Braeburn Heights) in 1859; and Parnassus in 1869. In Parnassus, services were held in the brick Pennsylvania Railroad Station, which also served as Parnassus Academy during the week. The first pulpit was a bee hive. In 1869 Bishop Ames of the Pittsburgh Conference appointed Reverend John T. Riley to the Bethel Circuit, which also included the Parnassus congregation. That year a frame building 35 x 50 was built and was first used the same year on Thanksgiving Day. Parnassus became a separate charge in 1886. In 1891, the huge farm adjoining the town of Parnassus was sold in lots, and the subsequent community was called “Kensington.” Because the Methodists had outgrown their lot in Parnassus, they bought a lot valued at \$2,000 and construction soon began on a \$1500 wooden church building. The membership of the Methodist church really flourished and in 1898 the original brick church was built. The Methodists were hailed as the “First Church” in Kensington with a seating capacity (including a balcony) for 500 people. The building cost \$12,000, and the membership was 400. Improvements were made in 1930 which enlarged the building. An educational unit was added and complete interior remodeling began in 1961. The “new” church was dedicated June 1966. The membership in 1968 was 1129. The membership on January 1, 2001 was 328. Over the years of ministry, the people of New Kensington responded to needs and opportunities of their community, and the world. The congregation has always held a spirit of cooperation and “unparalleled Christian unity” as they met challenges and considered opportunities for ministries. Music ministry, after-school religious classes, various Sunday School classes, and groups met weekly; and community groups were invited and welcomed into the life of the church. In addition, ministry to local prisoners in rehabilitation was initiated, local missions were supported, and the church hosted a community food bank. Although the challenges to the current congregation seem daunting, the attitude of the congregation remains strong, positive and ready to join together to continue the faith legacy they inherited 150 years ago!

**Pastors: Bethel Circuit: New Kensington:** John T. Riley 1843-1844; J. McLane 1844-1846; George Washington Cranage 1846-1848; John Phillips 1848-1850; Hiram Miller 1850-1852; Joseph Shane 1852-1854; William Alexander Stuart 1854-1856; **Murrysville Circuit: New Kensington:** Samuel Jones 1856-1858; John McCarty 1858-1860; Thomas Baker 1860-1862; Matthew J. Montgomery 1862-1864; Joseph N. Pershing 1864-1866; **Burrell/Apollo Circuit: New Kensington:** John S. Lemon 1866-1869; **Bethel Circuit: New Kensington:** John T. Riley 1869-1872; Allen H. Norcross 1872-1874; Richard Cartwright 1874-1877; Robert J. Hamilton 1877-1879; Alexander Scott 1879-1881; James B. Gray 1881-1884; Jeremiah W. Kessler 1884-1886; **Parnassus Circuit: New Kensington:** Jeremiah W. Kessler 1886-1887; David M. Hollister 1887-1889; William Taylor Braden 1889-1893; **New Kensington:** William Taylor Braden 1893-1894; Alexander Earl Husted 1894-1899; Andrew J. Ashe 1899-1902; Milton J. Sleppy 1902-1906; Mark Allison Rigg 1906-1911; Harry Parker Johnson 1911-1913; Elliott Sansom White 1913-1920; George Emmor Brenneman 1920-1922; Earl Creal Lindsey 1922-1924; **Name changed to New Kensington: First:** Thomas H. Morris 1924-1927; Herbert A. Baum 1927-1931; John S. Allison 1931-1936; Charles J. Thompson 1936-1940; Edward Louis Boetticher 1940-1956; W. Donald Whetsel 1956-1965; Edwin J. Siess 1965-1970; Arnold Ardell Slagle *Associate* 1968-1969; Arthur Thomas Moffat 1970-1978; Norman Carlisle Young 1978-1987; Joseph Andrew Hajdu 1987-1996; Nelson Thomas Thayer 1996-2003; *To Be Supplied* 2003-*October* 19, 2003; Bramwell Kjellgren *October* 19, 2003-2013; **Penns Woods/New Kensington: First:** David Andrew Bell, Jr. 2013-2015; **New Kensington: First:** Thomas E. Dougal 2015-2016; **Tri-City Charge: Arnold/Braeburn/New Kensington:** Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2016-2019; Vicki L. South 2019-*October* 31, 2020; William Lowell Kemp *November* 1, 2020--; Patricia R. Bushik-Blosat *January* 1, 2021--.

### NEW LIFE COMMUNITY

**UNITED METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1980-2005**

Mailing Address: 716 West Fourth Avenue, Derry, PA 15627-1410

ID: 189442

**Location:** Located at 716 West Fourth Street in the Borough of Derry, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Derry: First Methodist and the Derry: Fourth Avenue United Brethren Church became a two point charge at the Union in 1968. The churches merged and later the name was changed to New Life Community in 1980. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 66. **Closed in February of 2005. Records went to Greensburg District Office.**

**Pastors: New Life Community:** Donn Stockdale Chapman 1980-*December* 1, 1999; *To Be Supplied* *December* 1, 1999-2000; Dwight Ronald Libengood 2000-2001; *To Be Supplied* 2001-2003; Kevin Carey 2003-2005; Closed.

## Greensburg District

### NEW MADISON

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 48, Darragh, PA 15625-0048

ID: 100144

**Location:** Located on Route 136 west of Greensburg in Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1901-2009

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The church was started in 1901 with a circuit made up of New Madison, Wineland and Madison with Reverend George Grant as the pastor. In 1902 a church building was erected with the help of the Keystone Coal Company. Since that time, they have put in new windows, added aluminum siding, a new roof, plastered the walls, painted the inside, tiled the basement, put in walks and steps and added rest rooms and water. They also added an organ, church hymnals, bulletin board and the pulpit chairs. Since 1963 a cross and candles were purchased for the altar along with altar scarves, flower stands and new Sunday School Hymnals. The coal furnace was replaced by an oil furnace. The circuit was changed to just Madison and New Madison in the 1960's. It was later placed with Middletown to become a two-point charge. The membership in 1968 was 94. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 84. New Madison closed in 2009 and the records went to Middletown UMC.

**Pastors: Madison/New Madison: Darragh:** George Grant 1901-1904; Henry J. Hickman 1904-1905; Clovis Preston Salladay 1905-1907; Jesse Erastus Billings 1907-1910; William Jewart Miller 1910-1912; James Edward Inskeep 1912-1914; Samuel Walls Bryan 1914-1916; C. D. Firster 1916-1918; *To Be Supplied* 1918-1919; George E. Ward 1919-1920; Harry G. Trimmer 1920-1921; Arthur Sellers 1921-1922; Maris Ressel Hackman 1922-1924; Harold Cochs 1924-1925; C. E. Hepner 1925-1926; Harry George Campbell 1926-1928; Elmer Ellsworth Slonecker 1928-1929; Earl Kennedy Bradley 1929-1930; Joseph Matthew Somers 1930-1931; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1931-1933; Walter Fred Preset 1933-1935; William Perry McCune 1935-1939; Lynn H. Huff 1939-1941; John Roy Thompson 1941-1942; Thomas Page 1942-1943; G. L. Smith 1943-1945; William John Lowry 1945-1947; Thomas Franklin Chilcote, Sr. 1947-1950; Richard Dean Wright 1950-1954; J. B. Dodd 1955-1961; Leonard C. Sayers 1961-1967; Jay Alan Schrader 1967-1968; Charles Franklin Helt 1968-*February* 1, 1973; Arnold Ardell Slagle *February* 1, 1973-*December* 1976; Thomas Melvin Himes *December* 1976-1979; Donald Guy Scandrol 1979-1988; Homer Joseph Farabaugh 1988-1993; **Middletown/New Madison:** Kenneth Lynn Bossart 1993-*December* 24, 2009. **Church Closed December 24, 2009.**

### NEW STANTON

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: 612 South Center Avenue, New Stanton, PA 15672

ID: 100188

**Location:** Located at 612 South Center Ave. in the village of New Stanton on Route 119, one mile east of the New Stanton Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1875

724/925-9339

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The New Stanton Methodist Church had its origin in the year 1875 when Col. Painter deeded a piece of ground in the east end of the village of Paintersville, now New Stanton. A one-floor, wooden frame structure 35 x 70 was erected in 1875 and has been in constant use from that time. The Church was a Station appointment from 1875 to 1900. It was then added to the Tarrs Charge; later it was put on with the South Greensburg church and still later in 1943, became a part of the Youngwood Charge. The membership in 1968 was 225. New Stanton's two buildings were condemned by the insurance company in 1993. They built a new church facility which was completed in 1996. First services were held for Advent. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 192.

**Pastors: Caldwell Circuit: New Stanton:** Michael C. Grimes 1875-1877; **Madison Circuit: New Stanton:** Joseph Buchanan Risk 1877-1878; **Unity Circuit:** Oscar Adams Emerson 1878-1880; **United/Lebanon Circuit: New Stanton:** Joseph Jackson Hays 1880-1883; **Madison/Lebanon Circuit: New Stanton:** John J. Davis 1883-1885; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs Circuit: New Stanton:** Thomas Storer 1885-1889; Lewis Reece Jones 1889-1891; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Jacobs Creek Circuit: New Stanton:** George Dallas Crissman 1891-1894; Charles F. Bollinger 1894-1895; John McGuire 1895-1896; R. S. Pryor 1896-1897; George W. Anderson 1897-1898; Henry J. Hickman 1898-1901; Thomas Allen 1901-1903; John McGuire 1903-1904; Lee W. LePage 1904-1906; **Youngwood Circuit: New Stanton:** Ernest Frycklund 1906-1908; **South Greensburg Circuit: New Stanton:** George Rowe 1908-1911;

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George M. Kelley 1911-1912; Harry Maguire 1912-1913; Sherman W. McCorkle 1913-1914; Harold C. Thomas 1914-1915; C. D. Firster 1915-1917; William S. Hamilton 1917-1918; **Alverton Circuit: New Stanton:** Arthur Sellers 1918-1921; **South Greensburg Circuit: New Stanton:** Robert Henry Little 1921-1927; Forrest Abner Goodrich 1927-1930; Earl Creal Lindsey 1930-1932; **New Stanton/Luxor:** Paul E. Trimpey 1932-1933; **South Greensburg/New Stanton:** Cecil Webster Campbell 1933-1937; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1937-1948; **Youngwood/New Stanton:** James Harold MacRill 1948-1956; John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1956-1965; Jacob Milton Shaffer 1965-*January* 1973; John Carter Boor *January* 1, 1973-1977; **New Stanton:** David Allen Holste 1977-1983; David Walter Bunnell 1983-1987; Jack Robert Rees 1987-*December* 1, 1990; Kevin Roy Haley *February* 15, 1991-1997; Eric Ray Detar 1997-2006; Bonnie Lou King *Associate April 15, 2005-October* 1, 2014; Stephen Mark Bane 2006--.

### **NORTH HUNTINGDON: CHRIST**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL - PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 2800 Coulterville Road, McKeesport, PA 15131-4207  
ID: 099192

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1878**

412/751-8219

**Location:** Located at 2800 Coulterville Road in North Huntingdon Township, McKeesport, Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. On April 9, 1878 an assembly of Methodist and Presbyterian citizens of Coulterville took action to purchase Coulterville School House. They remodeled it and called it the Coulterville Union Chapel. In order to obtain an appointed minister, on July 17, 1894, the Methodists purchased full interest in the Chapel. Reverend David Dayen, pastor of the Coulter Church, organized a new congregation, which took the name Christ Church, in 1964, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The two congregations merged to build the new Christ Church in 1965. Ground was broken for the new Church October 31, 1965, and it was consecrated June 12, 1966. The membership in 1968 was 257. The congregation completed construction of their sanctuary and classrooms in 1986. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 450.

**Pastors: Coulterville Charge: Coulterville Union Chapel:** Theodore N. Eaton 1878-1879; Barnett T. Thomas 1879-1880; John S. Wakefield 1880-1883; William S. Cummings 1883-1885; William Carson Weaver 1885-1890; John C. Gourley 1890-1892; Robert Irwin McKee 1892-1893; Sherman W. McCorkle 1893-1896; Richard Makin Fowles 1896-1896; James Law 1896-1901; William Thomas Robinson 1901-1906; Frank Howard Callahan 1906-1907; Sherman W. McCorkle 1907-1909; Frank J. Sterling 1909-1913; Charles Wesley Hoover 1913-1919; William Johnston Turner 1919-1921; **North Huntingdon/Miller/Circleville:** George M. Allshouse 1921-1923; Walter R. Robinson 1923-1925; Paul Otterbein Wagner 1925-1927; Thomas Walton 1927-1930; **Cokeville Circuit: Coulterville/Union Chapel:** Charles T. Murdock 1930-1931; **Port Vue/Coulter:** Charles Albert Tracey 1931-1932; Thomas Walton 1932-1941; W. S. Forsythe 1941-1951; **Coulter/Lowber:** Lester Garmon Hillegass 1951-1954; Carl Edson Chapman 1954-1956; Hengust Robinson, Jr. 1956-1958; Ronald Fields 1958-1959; Edward Shirley Hammett 1959-1960; John Alfred Price 1960-1961; Lewis B. White 1961-1963; **Coulter:** William Charles Gawlas 1963-1964; David Dayen 1964-1965; **Name Changed to North Huntingdon: Christ:** Lincoln Odell Hartford 1965-*April* 8, 1969; David Hedley Watson 1969-1979; Thomas Snyder Lynn 1979-1982; Edward David Streets 1982-1992; Dean Earl Byrom 1992-1995; Daryl William Harclerode 1995-1997; Kevin Roy Haley 1997-2007; Douglas Edward Burns 2007-2015; Tammy L. Falscik *Associate* 2014-2015; Sang Kong Choi 2015--.

### **NORTH VERSAILLES: GREEN VALLEY**

#### **METHODIST – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address:  
ID: 099636

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1963-2006**

**Location:** Located at 3500 Fieldcrest Drive in the Borough of North Versailles, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist – Western Pennsylvania Conference. In 1950 First Church McKeesport began bus transportation to and from the Green Valley area and won some 65 families to the church. Those families and others in turn desired to establish their own church. This church was begun as an experiment by First Methodist Church of McKeesport and its first few weeks of existence was pastored by Reverend Dean Byrom, a student intern, assigned to First Church. The time was July 1963, the meeting place was the Green Valley Fire Hall. In September 1963, Reverend Charles F. Remaley, Jr. was assigned to serve this group and organized it into the Green Valley Methodist Church on May 24, 1964 with Dr. W. Sproule Boyd, District Superintendent, presiding at the organizing service. Ground was broken for the Church building in July of 1967. At this time 125 members of First Church transferred their

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membership to the Green Valley Methodist (Community) Church. The first worship service in the new building was held on September 15, 1968. On December 8, 1968 the building was consecrated by Bishop Roy Calvin Nichols, with Reverend Charles F. Remaley, Jr., pastor, in charge. The membership at the time of the consecration service was 267. Green Valley became a two point charge with McKeesport: Highland Grove in 2000. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 82. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. **Closed June 30, 2006. Merged with McKeesport: Highland Grove. Records went to Highland Grove Church.**

**Pastors: Green Valley:** Dean Earl Byrom *Summer* 1963; Charles F. Remaley, Jr. *September 27, 1963-June 28, 1970*; William Bramwell Huson 1970-1972; Leo Black 1972-*September 30, 1976*; James Lawrence Fish, Jr. *October 3, 1976-1978*; Harry William Beveridge 1978-*April 15, 1979*; John Byron Bishop *April 15, 1979-June 1979*;  
**McKeesport: Highland Grove/North Versailles: Green Valley:** John Vickers Spahr, Sr. 1979-1981; Robert Scott Berkley 1981-1984; W. Clifford Seay 1984-1987; Jay A. Langley 1987-1990; John Robert Wilson 1990-*January 31, 1993*; Theresa Marian Fouts 1993-2000; David J. Quirin 2000-2006.

### NOWRYTOWN

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**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1888-1964**

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Nowrytown Church was erected in 1888. In 1909 Nowrytown was on with Saltsburg. Sunday school was conducted at Nowrytown until 1964 when the church was sold.

**Pastors: Saltsburg/Nowrytown:** James Edward Inskip 1909-1910; Samuel Breth Laverty 1910-1913; Grover C. Fohner 1913-1915; John Dushane Piper 1915-1918; Harry McGee Fishel 1918-1919; Samuel Ford *January 1920-October 1920*; Harry L. Wissinger 1920-1922; Richard R. Griffiths 1922-1923; Lowen Ormond Douds 1923-1925; George Lewis Bayha 1925-1927; James E. Lutz 1927-1928; George S. Stephens 1928-1930; Theodore T. Miner 1930-1933; Paul K. Corley 1933-1935; Walter Leslie Morgan 1935-1937; Fred M. Bennett 1937-1941; Clay John Bland 1941-1947; Nowrytown was sold in 1964.

### OAKMONT

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1892**

Mailing Address: 419 Maryland Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139-1601  
ID: 101321

412/828-9499

**Location:** Located at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Fifth Street in borough of Oakmont, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. At the urgent request of several members of the Verona Methodist Episcopal Church who resided in Oakmont, Reverend Nathaniel P. Kerr called a meeting in the “Upper School House” on January 17, 1892. Approximately 150 people attended and a Methodist Episcopal Sunday School was organized. On April 15, 1892 another meeting was held and those present voted unanimously to secure a lot and build a Church. On May 29, 1892 Reverend Kerr organized the Oakmont Methodist Episcopal Church with 54 members. Thus Methodism came officially to Oakmont and on July 18, 1892 the Church received its charter of corporation. A lot for the first building was purchased on Fourth Street August 5, 1892. When the School Board notified the Church that they could no longer use the Public School for purposes of worship, the “Tabernacle in the Grove” was built on the rear of the lot of Fourth Street. The congregation worshipped in the tabernacle until cold weather, when a building known as “Red Onion Saloon” on Hulton Road provided them with a place for worship. The Church building was completed and dedicated on July 23, 1893. This first church served the congregation well for twenty years and then became inadequate. On August 8, 1912 it was decided to sell the building to a Lutheran congregation and to purchase the lot on the corner of Maryland Avenue and Fifth Street. The new building was dedicated on November 5, 1916. In 1988 the Verona: John Wesley Church merged with the Oakmont United Methodist Church. The membership in January 1, 2003 was 525. Oakmont UMC transferred from Pittsburgh East District to the Greensburg District in 2004. Oakmont UMC has a very active outreach through local missions and the United Methodist Women. Three church-wide events that generate funds for these outreaches are the annual church Christmas Bazaar, caramel-making, and the notorious in-house Mystery Dinner Theatre. Worship is provided in both traditional and contemporary praise and chorus styles. Preaching and teaching are presented in classical Biblical based formats where the inspired inerrant word of God is proclaimed. The emphasis is on living in a vital relationship with Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord. A strong effort is practiced to minister to children,

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youth and families. The care of seniors, the grieving and the sick is also a priority. All in all, the Oakmont United Methodist Church people strive to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ to all people with a sincere heart to the least, the lost and the lonely.

**Pastors: Oakmont:** Nathaniel Preston Kerr 1892-1894; James Jackson McIllyar 1894-1896; Ezra Morgan Wood 1896-1900; James Arlington Younkins 1900-1902; Solomon Keebler 1902-1904; Marshall B. Lytle 1904-1907; Arthur Smith 1907-1911; Richard Bruce Cuthbert 1911-1913; Delbert L. Johnson 1913-1914; Oscar Burdeth Emerson 1914-1917; John Hoffman Miller 1917-*November 29, 1917*; Harry Parker Johnson *December* 1918-1923; Homer Carpenter Renton 1923-1928; Bennett Wertz Hutchinson 1928-1933; Arthur Culmer Schultz 1933-1940; James Vernon Wright 1940-1944; Harry Joseph Headlee 1944-1945; Robert Henry Little 1945-1958; William Boyd Grove 1958-1962; Ronald William Smith 1962-*November 1, 1968*; William Robert Wilson *November 1, 1968-1976*; Jack Reed Moon 1976-1991; John Walter McLeister 1991-1997; Lamar Edson Carlson 1997-2004; Thomas Duane Whitehead 2004-*April 22, 2005 (died while serving)*; Keith Allen Dunn 2005-2010; Linda Anne Brown Chambers 2010-2015; John Kyle Jefferis 2015-2020; Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2020--.

### OCEANCO

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

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**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. During the year 1916 the Ocean Coal Company built a good, frame church at Oceanco which was dedicated by Dr. J. S. Fulton. The company held the title and kept the church in repair and agreed that as long the United Brethren furnished a minister no other denomination could have the building. A Class was formed and became a part of the Hermanie Charge, but in 1916 was made a part of the Arona Charge. Since the Arona Charge was constituted it was served by the following:

**Pastors: Arona/Middletown:** George Elwood Buhan 1914-1916; **Hermanie Charge: Oceanco/Hermanie:** Benjamin F. Bungard 1915-1916; **Oceanco/Arona:** Frank Asher Risley 1916-1917; Daniel Webster Willard 1917-1919; James C. Moses 1919-1921; William R. McKinney *May* 1922-1923; George Alonzo Sparks 1923-1926; Paul Alvin Morris 1926-1927; Joseph Harry Weaver 1927-1928; John J. Thompson, Jr. 1932-1935; William Bruce Tobias 1935-1938; James Nevin Strohm 1940-1942; J. Wilbur Watson 1948-1954.

### PENN

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1865-2008

Mailing Address: PO Box 272, Penn, PA 15675-0272

724/527-6363

ID: 098461

**Location:** Located in the village of Penn on Route 993, one mile east of Irwin, in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Prayer meetings under the leadership of James Franklin and Reuben Cook commenced in the home of Reuben Cook in October 1865. Reverend William Fletcher Lauck, Pastor at Irwin, was invited to preaching to Penn that fall and he commenced holding preaching services in the Penn School House every two weeks. The Church was organized on December 22, 1865 with eleven members. At the conference session of 1866 Penn was made a part of the Irwin Charge. The Church, built on lots given by the Penn Gas Coal Company, was occupied on December 1, 1866 and dedicated on July 18, 1867. As the result of an extensive revival in the Fall of 1867, two new Classes were formed, giving the Society three Classes. The Class leaders were J. N. McCartney, George Giles, and James Franklin. In 1869 the Penn Station Circuit was created consisting of Penn, Harrison City and Adamsburg. Adamsburg was abandoned after six months and Manor was added in 1871. These three churches, Penn, Manor and Harrison City continued as a Charge until May 28, 1952 when Penn was made a Station appointment. It remained as a Station appointment until 1998 when it was made a two-point charge with Manor. The membership in 1968 was 108. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 77. Penn UMC closed in 2008 and their records went to the Conference Archives.

**Pastors: Irwin Circuit: Penn:** William Fletcher Lauck 1865-1866; George Washington Cranage 1866-1867; Noble Garvin Miller 1867-1869; **Penn Station Circuit: Penn/Harrison City/Adamsburg:** Charles Wesley Miller 1869-1870; **Penn Station Circuit: Penn/Harrison City/Manor:** Wiley W. Roup 1870-1872; Solomon Keebler 1872-1874; Edward M. Williams 1874-1875; Joseph Jackson Hays 1875-1876; John Huston 1876-1879; John McCarty 1879-1881; Manor Circuit: Andrew J. Ashe 1881-1884; Henry J. Hickman 1884-1886; Barnett T. Thomas 1886-1891; Zenas M. Silbaugh 1891-1894; Samuel Breth Laverty 1894-1898; Levi Scott Peterson 1898-1899; Charles C.

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Emerson 1899-1903; William H. Barber 1903-1907; Walter Scott Trosh 1907-1909; John H. Bracken 1909-1921; S. O. Dorsey 1921-1923; Harry L. Wissinger 1923-1926; Charles T. Murdock 1926-1928; Harold M. Couchenour 1928-1932; Frank Ashton Webb 1932-1934; William Thomas Robinson 1934-1935; Joseph Lamy 1935-1939; Alexander Ernest Taylor 1939-1940; George Elmer Schott 1940-1941; Wallace Lawrence Faas 1941-1946; John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1946-1948; G. Dean Krepps 1948-1949; John G. Strain 1949-1952; **Penn:** Harry M. Houser 1952-1954; Alvin Kenneth Smith 1954-1956; Paul H. Shrader 1956-1961; Frank Gray Pollock 1961-1966; Henry W. Gventer 1966-1969; Robert H. Reid 1969-*September 1, 1970*; Harold Edwin Huey *September 1, 1970-1982*; Florence Parker Clark 1982-1983; Elizabeth May Myers Gamboa 1983-*August 1, 1985*; Jay Stanley Pifer *August 1, 1985-1995*; **Friendship Charge: Jeannette: Gethsemane/Penn:** Clair Williard Shaffer 1995-1996; Bruce P. Hall 1996-1998; **Manor: First/Penn:** Ida Darlene M. Sass Williams 1998-2008; Jerry Douglass Williams *Associate* 1998-2008. **Manor: First:** Ida Darlene M. Sass Williams 2008--.

### PENNS WOODS

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

#### EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN – WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

1959-2017

Mailing Address: 1021 Colonial Manor Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642

412/751-6597

ID: 189748

**Location:** Located at 1021 Colonial Manor Road and Route 30 in North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical United Brethren – Western Pennsylvania Conference. In the late 1950's the Evangelical United Brethren Church's Board of Missions decided the rapidly developing area of Penn's Woods, Markvue Manor and Overholt Acres needed a church to minister to the needs of the community, so they started the Penn's Woods Church as a Mission Church. On November 18, 1959 Reverend and Mrs. John Franklin Springer and family (Steve, Joyce Ann and David) moved into Penn's Woods, becoming the sixth family to live there. On December 13 1959, the first church service was held in the old farmhouse that was located near the current Penn's Woods Civic Association building. Nineteen persons attended. On January 14, 1960 the first service was held in the temporary chapel in the garage of the new parsonage. On March 6, 1960 thirty-three first charter members were received into the church membership and on April 30, 1960 they closed out their first conference year with 45 members. Ground was broken on October 9, 1960 for the first unit of the Penn's Woods Evangelical United Brethren Church. On their first anniversary, December 11, 1960 there were 81 members reported for the year. The corner stone was laid on April 9, 1961, with Reverend Clyde Dietrich, conference superintendent of the East District; Dr. Harry J. Fisher, superintendent of the West District; Mr. John Garlic, contractor, Mr. Gordon Pierce, architect and Reverend John Franklin Springer, pastor, sharing in the service. This corner stone included a Bible, list of the charter members, History of the Church and a copy of the Telescope Messenger. The new church was dedicated on September 21, 1961 at a total cost of \$143,000 paid by the Evangelical United Brethren Board of Missions. On November 18, 1973 Richard Donald Updegraff, was approved as a candidate for the ministry from Penn's Woods Church. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 273. Penns Woods merged with North Huntingdon: Christ, on June 25, 2017.

**Pastors: Penn's Woods:** John Franklin Springer 1959-1965; Arlie Darrell Cassidy 1965-1976; Ardith Hays Shaffer 1976-1978; Robert Lee Critchlow 1978-1983; David Blaine Cable 1983-1985; David Dean Wilson, Jr. 1985-1993; Willard Stephen Morse *August 1, 1993-1997*; Floyd Alan Hall 1997-2003; Thomas E. Dougal *September 21, 2003-2008*; Nathan Westley Carlson 2008-2010; **Miller/Penns Woods:** Nathan Westley Carlson 2010-2011; **Penns Woods:** David Andrew Bell, Jr. 2011-2013; **Penns Woods/New Kensington:** David Andrew Bell, Jr. 2013-2015; **Penn Center East: Penns Woods/Pitcairn: Center Avenue/East McKeesport:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2015-2017.

### PITCAIRN: CENTER AVENUE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1892

Mailing Address: 450 Eleanor Street, Pitcairn, PA 15140-1498

412/372-8680

ID: 098506

**Location:** Located at 412 Center Avenue and Eleanor Street in the borough of Pitcairn in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The year of 1892 marks the beginning of Methodism in Pitcairn, under the pastorate of Reverend Robert L. Hickman of Wilmerding. Meetings were first held in the homes and out of doors. The first charter was granted February 1893 as Walurba Methodist Episcopal Church. In October 1892 a lot was purchased for the sum of \$1.00 on which the first church was to be built. It was dedicated November 19, 1893. The dedication sermon was delivered by Reverend Charles Wesley Smith, then Editor of Pittsburgh

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Christian Advocate and who later became a Bishop. In the year 1906, the church burned to the ground. A new church was erected and was dedicated June 27, 1909 under the pastorate of Reverend Calvin Henry Reckard. He started with a membership of 267 and when he left six years later the membership had increased to 512. From the year 1892 to 2000, thirty-two pastors have served the church. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 304. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. In 2020, Center Avenue United Methodist Church is a small but mighty congregation in Pitcairn, PA. They meet in Tri-Unity building/church and are blessed to call it home. The congregation is very active with mission outreach to Pitcairn and Monroeville and surrounding areas. Last Christmas, CAUMC adopted seven families (pets included!) and donated four carloads of gifts. They have donated backpacks filled with school supplies to those in need, donate and volunteer to the Pitcairn Food Pantry, work with Meals on Wheels, collect personal hygiene products for the Gateway School District, do crafts and activities with Senior High-Rise residents in Pitcairn, make favors/crafts for long-term care facilities, support Camp Allegheny and missionaries, and distribute free hot dogs and other items for Halloween. Center Avenue UMC has active youth and adult Sunday School classes. Center Avenue United Methodist Church...where the heart and hope of Christ is made visible in Pitcairn.

**Pastors: Wilmerding Charge: Walurba:** Robert L. Hickman 1892-1893; William W. Hall 1893-*February* 1894; Zenas M. Silbaugh *February* 1894-*October* 1894; **Pitcairn: First:** Richard L. Miller 1894-1895; William H. McBride 1895-1897; Harry Lester Smith 1897-1900; McIlyar Hamilton Lichliter 1900-1901; Oscar Adams Emerson 1901-1903; Shields Winfield McCurdy 1903-1905; Calvin Henry Reckard 1905-1911; Charles T. Murdock 1911-1913; Albert Kirkby Travis 1913-1916; George Emmor Brenneman 1916-1917; Lewis Reece Jones 1917-1924; Jacob Simpson Payton 1924-1924; Lawrence S. Elliott 1924-*October* 1924; Silas Elmer Rodkey *October* 1924-1925; Elliott Sansom White 1925-1928; Cecil Webster Campbell 1928-1932; John Forrest Stewart 1932-1935; Lawrence Andrew Stahl 1935-1945; Charles Amos Hartung 1945-1949; Newton Horace Fritchley 1949-1953; Arnold Merriman Beggs 1953-*October* 1, 1963; David Edward Youngdahl *October* 1, 1963-1968; **Pitcairn: Center Avenue:** David Edward Youngdahl 1968-*February* 1, 1970; A. Byron Fulton *February* 1, 1970-*May* 1970; Dale Ralph Smith *May* 1970-1978; John Carl Kees 1978-1983; Sylvan Jerry Berman 1983-1989; Olivia Elaine Graham 1989-1994; Frank Robert James 1994-1999; Alan James Morrison 1999-2005; Patricia Thompson Cleary 2005-2008; Cynthia Gail Roop Bloise 2008-2015; **Penn Center East: Penns Woods/Pitcairn: Center Avenue/East McKeesport:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2015-2017; **Turtle Creek: McMasters/Pitcairn: Center Avenue:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2017-2020; Daniel D. Cunkelman 2020--.

### PITCAIRN: HIGHLAND AVENUE

### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

**1891-2003**

Mailing Address:

ID: 189750

**Location:** Located at the corner of Highland Avenue and Third Street in the borough of Pitcairn in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. The Pitcairn church is a product of the Greensburg: Otterbein Church. Reverend James M. Leshar, pastor of Greensburg, with Drs. William Ross Funk, H. F. Shupe and G. W. Sherrick looked over the new town of Wall, now Pitcairn, and selected a site. The old Scottdale Church was moved to Pitcairn and dedicated September 13, 1891 with 11 charter members. That fall it was attached to Wilmerding, forming the Wilmerding-Wall Charge. The class was made a station in 1899. This building served the congregation as a place of worship until 1922, when under the pastoral leadership of Reverend T. M. Sharp, the new combined church and parsonage was built on the new site. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. J. S. Fulton and Mrs. Frank Leshar, July 9, 1922 and the completed church was dedicated by Dr. S. S. Hugh on Easter Sunday April 15, 1923. That day the members marched from the old building to the new one. At the Union with the in 1968 there were 336 members. The membership on January 1, 2001 was 58. Pitcairn: Highland closed March 3, 2003 and records went to the Commission on Archives and History. The closing membership was 56. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Wilmerding-Wall:** James M. Leshar 1891-1891; Samuel Eckerman Cormany 1891-1892; James M. Leshar 1892-1894; William Henry Mingle 1894-1895; G. W. Sherrick 1895-1898; T. P. Orner 1898-1899; **Pitcairn:** T. P. Orner 1899-1903; T. W. Burgess 1903-1905; R. Jamison 1905-1908; William Vernon Barnhart 1908-1917; G. C. White 1917-1919; Henry Amos Buffington 1919-1921; T. M. Sharp 1921-1924; E. G. Sawyer, *June* 1924-*September* 1924; Warren Shuey Wilson 1924-1927; Joseph Miller Feightner 1927-1929; William Arland Wissinger,

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Sr. 1929-1930; H.G. Reese 1930-1939; Harry Jacob Fisher 1939-1946; Arthur Thomas Moffat, Sr. 1946-1951; J. D. Good 1951-1957; Fred Walker 1957-1962; Lester Christopher Schmittle 1962-1970; Edward Leroy Clarke 1970-1971; William Clark Beal, Jr. 1971-1974; William Donald Heaton 1974-1978; Stephen Elwood Cupcheck 1978-1984; Thomas Duane Whitehead 1984-1991; Robert E. Sherman 1991-*March 3, 2003.*

### PLEASANT UNITY

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box 8, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676-0008

ID: 100348

**Location:** Located on State Route 981 in the village of Pleasant Unity, eight miles Southeast of Greensburg and eight miles south of Latrobe, in Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1832**

724/423-3457

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The congregation grew out of class meetings held between 1819 and 1833 in the homes of John Hartsell and John Pershing. The church was organized in 1832. First building of logs was erected in 1833, just west of the town at the site of the cemetery. The frame building was built in 1870 but was completely remodeled in 1906. Originally part of the Connellsville Circuit, later the Ligonier Circuit. The Greensburg Circuit was formed in 1851 and consisted of Greensburg, New Alexandria, Rosses, Mount Pleasant, Tarrs and Pleasant Unity. Later Pleasant Unity was a part of the Latrobe Circuit. The Pleasant Unity Charge with Lycippus was formed in 1881. A brick educational building was erected in 1960 and dedicated in 1966. The membership in 1968 was 365. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 215. The Pleasant Unity United Methodist Church is a family-oriented congregation, consisting of generations of faithful people coming together to lift up each other and their community in service to our Lord. Missions have always been an area of great focus for this church, highlighted through the education of their youngest members on the importance of giving. This is done financially through collections taken by the children and given to organizations which support not just local, but regional and national missions. It is also done through the hosting and supporting of the local food bank. While the church respects its foundations and traditions, it has shown a great strength in the face of changes in the past year and continually adapts to its environment, encouraging connection in the time of isolation though different forms of communication, including online services, monthly newsletters, and regular mailings.

**Pastors: Connellsville Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** John White and Wesley Kenny 1832-1833; John White, Wesley Kenny and George L. Sisson 1833-1834; David Sharp and Ellis W. Worthington 1834-1835; David Sharp and Jeremiah Knox 1835-1836; John Spencer and John Murray 1836-1837; Samuel D. Wakefield and George L. Sisson 1837-1838; **Ligonier Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** Jeremiah Phillips and Isaac McCaskey 1838-1839; Thomas Jamison and Jeremiah Phillips 1839-1840; David L. Dempsey and Samuel B. Dunlap 1840-1841; David L. Dempsey and William Patrick Cooper Hamilton 1841-1842; Moses P. Jameson and Alfred A. Reger 1842-1843; David Gordon and Curtis William Scoles 1843-1844; David Gordon and John D. Rich 1844-1845; John L. Irwin and John F. Nessley 1845-1846; John L. Irwin and Abraham J. Rich 1846-1847; Abraham J. Rich and John M. Rankin 1847-1848; John J. Covert and John M. Rankin 1848-1849; John J. Covert and Phillip Pelly 1849-1850; Robert Laughlin 1850-1851; **Greensburg Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** David L. Dempsey and James Borbidge 1851-1852; David L. Dempsey 1852-1853; Thomas Jefferson Higgins 1853-1854; Joseph Horner 1854-1855; William H. Locke 1855-1856; **Latrobe Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** Matthew J. Montgomery 1856-1857; **Ligonier Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** Henry L. Chapman 1857-1859; **Greensburg/Latrobe Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** John Coleman High 1859-1861; Wiley W. Roup 1861-1863; **Latrobe Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** John S. Wakefield and Henry R. Long 1863-1864; John S. Wakefield and James B. Gray 1864-1865; James Borbidge and James B. Gray 1865-1866; Matthew J. Montgomery 1866-1867; Abraham J. Rich 1867-1868; Joseph Jackson Hays 1868-1870; David M. Hollister 1870-1872; James Fletcher Jones 1872-1875; John T. Riley 1875-1877; Asbury C. Johnson 1877-1880; William Francis Conner 1880-1882; **Pleasant Unity Circuit: Pleasant Unity:** Shields Winfield McCurdy 1882-1884; John S. Wakefield 1884-1887; William Thomas Robinson 1887-1889; Josiah Mansell 1889-1890; James Bruce Taylor 1890-1893; James A. Youngkins 1893-1895; John H. Lancaster 1895-1897; George Emerson Cable 1897-1899; Oliver J. Watson 1899-1902; James A. Hamilton 1902-1904; Daniel Crawford White 1904-1905; Jesse Erastus Billings 1905-1907; Frank Howard Callahan 1907-1909; Watson M. Bracken 1909-1912; Samuel Walls Bryan 1912-1914; John T. Eastburn 1914-1917; John M. White 1917-1921; F. Schweitzer 1921-1922; Taylor H. Carson 1922-1925; John Martin Cogley 1925-1927; Walter H. Debolt 1927-1929; William E. Siess 1929-1934; Albert Kirkby Travis 1934-1936; Joseph James Buell 1936-1937; Cecil Newton McCandless 1937-1939; William Perry McCune 1939-1945; **Pleasant Unity/Hecla:** William Perry McCune 1944-1945; John Charles Doudna 1945-1947; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus:** Camby L. Moore 1947-1951; James Franklin Hockenberry 1951-1953; John Carson

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Cogley, Sr. 1953-1956; Alvin Kenneth Smith 1956-1970; Robert Raymond Stack 1970-1976; John Howard Piper 1976-1978; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus/Lycippus: Calvary:** John Howard Piper 1978-*November* 1979; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus:** Keith Lee Rieder *November* 1979-1986; Frederick Michael Monk 1986-1991; Gary Bruce Atkinson 1991-*July* 7, 1996; **Pleasant Unity/Bradenville:** Clark Russell Kerr, III *November* 1, 1996-*October* 15, 2004; Georgia Joan Scarff *October* 17, 2004-2011; **Pleasant Unity:** Georgia Joanie Clawson Scarff 2011-2014; **Pleasant Unity/Youngwood: Saint Paul:** Beverly Ann Morgan Gross 2014-2017; **Pleasant Unity:** Kimberly Lynn Foos 2017-2019; **Pleasant Unity/Herminie #2:** Kimberly Lynn Foos 2019-*December* 31, 2019; **Pleasant Unity:** Kimberly Lynn Foos *January* 1, 2020-*September* 30, 2020; **Pleasant Unity/Lycippus: Calvary:** Kimberly Lynn Foos *October* 1, 2020-2021; **United 4 Christ: Derry: First/Hillside/Lycippus: Calvary/Pleasant Unity:** Jason Eric Schweinberg 2021--; Kyle M. Eisenhuth *Associate* 2021--.

### PORT PERRY

GREENSBURG DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

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**Location:** Port Perry was located between Braddock and Turtle Creek.

**Pastors: Port Perry Circuit: Circleville:** Charles H. Ziegler 1855-1856; **Port Perry/Circleville/Harrison City:** Benjamin F. Sawhill 1856-1857; David Hess 1857-1859; **Braddock's Field/Port Perry:** Latshaw M. McGuire and William Pitt Turner 1865-1866; Robert Thompson Miller 1866-1869; Thomas McCleary 1869-1872; Richard Morrow 1872-1873; Asbury B. Castle 1873-1875; Martin Sherrick Kendig, Jr. 1882-1885; **Port Perry Circuit:** John J. Davis 1886-1887; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1887-1890; **Glassport/Port Perry:** William L. Cadman 1901-1903; Asbury C. Johnson 1903-1904.

### PORT VUE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT

METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

1905

Mailing Address: 1565 Washington Boulevard, Port Vue, PA 15133-3798

412/672-7289

ID: 100406

**Location:** at 1565 Washington Boulevard and Portsmouth in the borough of Port Vue, near McKeesport, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation evolved from two Sunday Schools started in the early 1900's. The one Sunday School was started by Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and met in the Dale Street School House; the other met in the G. F. Myer home or barn. Mr. Myer offered to provide two lots for a Church and Reverend John F. Murray, Presiding Elder, and T. D. Gardiner from McKeesport chose a site on Port Vue Avenue. The first church building was dedicated June 18, 1905. Port Vue received \$2,500 from the sale of the abandoned Sixth Street Methodist Episcopal Church in McKeesport. The Sixth Street congregation had been organized in 1881 and their church had been built in 1890. The new Port Vue Church, located about two miles from the original church site, was built in 1958-1959. It became a Station appointment in 1955. The first parsonage, located at 900 Morton Avenue, was purchased in 1960. This was sold in 1966 and a new parsonage was erected adjacent to the church. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 587. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Port Vue/McKeesport: Christy Park:** James M. Mason 1905-1906; Henry Charles Millington 1906-1908; **Glassport Charge:** Clovis Preston Salladay 1908-1909; Grant Simpson Pollock 1909-1910; Sherman W. McCorkle 1910-1910; F. F. Cook 1910-1910; Edward G. Neal 1910-1911; **Port Vue/McKeesport: First:** Nicholas F. Richards 1911-1913; William Rufus Hofelt 1913-1917; **Port Vue:** William Johnston Turner 1917-1919; John Thompson Steffy 1919-1920; John D. Register 1920-1920; Thomas Walton 1920-1927; John C. Hare 1927-1928; Ronald Moseley 1928-1929; Lester Garmon Hillegass 1929-1929; Dalton William Davis 1929-1930; Thomas Walton 1930-1931; **Port Vue/Coulter:** Charles Albert Tracey 1931-1932; **Port Vue/West Side:** Edwin John Keifer 1932-1936; Edward Harold Miller 1936-1938; William L. Crawford 1938-1941; Taylor H. Carson 1941-1942; Herman Fred Roney 1942-1945; Lester Garmon Hillegass 1945-1945; Thomas Johnston 1945-1948; James David Robb 1948-1952; J. B. Dodd 1952-1955; **Port Vue:** John H. Hartley 1955-1960; Jack Winfield Miller 1960-*November* 1, 1964; Hugh Ashby *November* 1, 1964-1970; Edwin Philip Wilson 1970-1976; Leo Black 1976-1978; Ward Elliott 1978-1979; James S. Laughrey 1979-*April* 1, 1991; Herbert Ellsworth Claar *April* 15, 1991-1994; John Ashley Zimmerman 1994-2004; Jody Dausey *Associate* 1998-2014; Steven Bruce Mould 2004-2006; Randy David Sweet 2006-2011; Josephine Ann Whitely-Fields 2011-2015; Hyung-Suk Joe 2015--.

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### RECTOR

#### EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 452, Laughlintown, PA 15655-0452

ID: 189830

**Location:** Located at 628 Weaver Mill Road on Route 381 in the village of Rector, Westmoreland County, PA. 15677.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1846

724/238-2498

**History:** Evangelical – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation began in 1846 with meetings being held in Henry Matthew's barn. In 1892 the church was erected. It was a preaching place on the Westmoreland Circuit. The same year it became a part of the United Evangelical, Ligonier Circuit. In 1970 it was linked with Waterford. The membership at merger in 1970 was 103. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 71.

**Pastors: Rector:** Daniel N. Long 1846-1847; *Records Incomplete* 1847-1850; William B. Gregg 1850-1852; J. M. McKesson and H. W. Thomas 1852-1853; George Washington Cupp 1853-1855; H. Hampe 1855-1857; James L. W. Seibert 1857-1859; Benjamin Miller 1859-1861; H. Hampe 1861-1862 Daniel Strayer 1862-1864; Daniel Shobe Poling 1864-1866; Daniel Strayer 1866-1867; L. M. Boyer 1867-1869; Levi Rose 1869-1871; James Dunlap 1871-1873; George W. Dunlap, Jr. *May* 1873-1874; L. H. Hetrick 1874-1877; David P. K. LaVan 1877-1878; A. W. Teats 1878-1881; David P. K. LaVan 1881-1884; R. D. Dalzell 1884-1885; A. Ballentyne 1885-1888; Calvin H. Miller 1888-1891; A. A. Mohny 1891-1893; William A. Reininger 1893-1895; Charles Edward McCauley 1895-1897; John L. Mull 1897-1898; David Lincoln Yoder 1898-1901; Wilson W. Elrick 1901-1904; Amos Christian Miller 1904-1908; Samuel Monroe Cousins 1908-1910; **Lebanon/Ligonier: First/ Rector:** Neri Frank Boyer 1910-1913; Abraham F. Berkey 1913-1917; D. F. Brickley 1917-1919; **Rector/Stahlstown: Zion/Lebanon/Windber: Grace/Ligonier: Calvary:** John Domer Hammer 1919-1919; **Ligonier: Calvary/ Windber: Grace/Lebanon/Stahlstown/Rector:** Paul Wallace Baer 1919-1926; John Domer Hammer 1926-1933; A. E. Hosbaugh 1933-1936; **Ligonier: Calvary/Rector:** John Michael Miller 1936-1938; Raymond Arthur Nelson 1938-1947; **Ligonier: Calvary/Rector:** Gerald Oliver Bishop 1947-1949; Samuel Clay Shaffer 1949-1952; Harold Wayne Beam 1952-1956; William Clark Beal, Jr. 1956-1958; Warren K. Alnor 1958-1960; **Rector/Lebanon/Zion Charge:** Harry Donald Lash *May* 1960-*August* 1967; Harry Clair Sherry *December* 1967-1971; **Rector/Lebanon/Waterford:** Ray Alton Snair 1971-*November* 1979; John Howard Smith *December* 1979-*June* 1985; John Doyle Hollis 1985-1994; David Andrew Bell, Sr. 1994-2004; Richard Edward Bowser 2004-2012; To Be Supplied 2012-*December* 11, 2012; Charles Fred Zickefoose, Jr. *December* 12, 2012-*December* 20, 2015; **Rector/Waterford:** Charles Fred Zickefoose, Jr. *December* 21, 2015-2016; Dennis Bruce Keen 2016--.

### ROCHESTER MILLS

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

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**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference.

**Pastors: Rochester Mills:** Warren H. Hayes *May* 1916-*September* 1916.

### ROCHESTER MILLS

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

18??-1937

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Was in the old Blairsville District. Closed in 1937.

### SALEM

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

18??-1969

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Was in the old Blairsville District. Closed in 1969.

### SALTSBURG: FIRST

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1841

Mailing Address: PO Box 140, Saltsburg, PA 15681-0140

724/639-9454

ID: 098563

**Location:** Located at 813 Salt Street in the Borough of Saltsburg at the junction of Routes 981 and 286 in Indiana County, PA.

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**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This congregation was organized in 1841 as a preaching appointment on the Kittanning Circuit and its first frame Church building was erected that year. A revival doubled the membership in 1884-1885. The brick Church was dedicated in 1892. This church has been on the following circuits: Kittanning 1841-1844, Murrysville 1844-1847, New Salem 1847-1848, Blairsville 1848-1859 and Saltsburg 1959-1909. In 1909 Saltsburg was linked with Nowrytown and so continued until 1949 when Saltsburg became a Station. The Nowrytown church was erected in 1888 and continued to have Sunday School there until 1964, when the church was sold. The 1968 membership of Saltsburg was 252 and the membership on January 1, 2003 was 159. Transferred to Indiana District in 2004, and then back to the Greensburg District in 2019. Saltsburg is a small town along the banks of the Kiskiminetas River between Apollo and New Alexandria which offers the peace and comfort of small-town living and the close-knit relationships not often found in large suburban areas. Church members believe in loving their neighbors and actively seek to serve the community through such outreach ministries as a free clothing distribution program, sponsoring children for camp, an annual free turkey dinner, and support of the local food bank. In addition to family worship on Sunday mornings, the church offers Bible Study and children's Sunday School, and is home to a very active unit of the United Methodist Women. New Alexandria UMC is very mission-minded and is dedicated to supporting community needs and outreach programs. Over the years, they have maintained a focus on ministering to children. The congregation also includes gifted musicians who share their talents through special music and community choir performances. In 2019, New Alexandria UMC was yoked with Saltsburg UMC in a two-point charge.

**Pastors: Kittanning Circuit: Saltsburg:** Jeremiah Phillips and Israel Dallas 1841-1842; Joseph L. Ray and Edward G. Hunter 1842-1844; **Murrysville Circuit: Saltsburg:** William C. Henderson and Frank S. DeHass 1844-1845; David Gordon and Daniel Patrick Mitchell 1845-1847; **New Salem Circuit: Saltsburg:** David R. Hawkins and Samuel H. Nesbitt 1847-1848; **Blairsville Circuit: Saltsburg:** Abraham J. Rich and John Grant 1848-1849; Abraham J. Rich and Daniel A. Raines 1849-1850; Samuel H. Nesbitt and James Borbidge 1850-1851; Samuel H. Raines and William Alexander Stuart 1851-1852; James Beacom and William S. Blackburn 1852-1853; James Beacom and James Sansom Bracken 1853-1854; James L. Deens and Richard L. Miller 1854-1855; James L. Deens and Benjamin F. McMahon 1855-1856; Thomas Jefferson Higgins and John H. McIntire 1856-1857; Thomas Jefferson Higgins and James Alexander Miller 1857-1858; Robert Cunningham and Joseph Neigh 1858-1859; **Saltsburg/Hopewell Circuit:** Richard Jordon 1859-1861; Joseph Shane 1861-1863; Samuel T. Show 1863-1865; Elliott Robinson 1865-1865; John S. Wakefield 1865-1867; Amos Potter Leonard 1867-1868; **Saltsburg:** Amos Potter Leonard 1868-1869; Joseph N. Pershing 1869-1871; A. Harlan Appleton 1871-1872; F. K. Kurtz 1872-1873; **Livermore Circuit: Saltsburg:** John A. Hunter 1873-1874; George W. Baker 1874-1874; John Boyd 1874-1875; George Cook 1875-1876; Richard Jordon *Spring* 1876-*Fall* 1876; Thomas Cannon Hatfield *Fall* 1876-1878; **Saltsburg Circuit: Saltsburg:** Edward Joseph Knox 1878-1880; John C. Gourley 1880-1883; Edward G. Laughry 1883-1886; Harvey Stevenson Free 1886-1887; William Rainie Moore 1887-1888; George H. Huffman 1888-1890; J. A. Hayes 1890-1892; Charles C. Emerson 1892-1893; Albert Howell Acken 1893-1896; Elias Wesley Marlatt 1896-1897; Robert B. Carroll 1897-1900; Harry H. Household 1900-1901; James Vernon Wright 1901-1903; George A. Sheets 1903-1904; Homer E. Lewis 1904-1905; Joseph F. Dipner 1905-1908; James Edward Inskeep 1908-1909; **Saltsburg/ Nowrytown:** James Edward Inskeep 1909-1910; Samuel Breth Laverty 1910-1913; Grover C. Fohner 1913-1915; John Dushane Piper 1915-1918; Harry McGee Fishel 1918-1919; Samuel Ford *January* 1920-*October* 1920; Harry L. Wissinger 1920-1922; Richard R. Griffiths 1922-1923; Lowen Ormond Douds 1923-1925; George Lewis Bayha 1925-1927; James E. Lutz 1927-1928; George S. Stephens 1928-1930; Theodore T. Miner 1930-1933; Paul K. Corley 1933-1935; Walter Leslie Morgan 1935-1937; Fred M. Bennett 1937-1941; Clay John Bland 1941-1947; **Saltsburg:** Hayden L. Henthorne 1947-1952; Howard Nelson Boyd 1952-1954; Richard M. King 1954-1956; Harold Wesley Abrams 1956-1960; Robert Florin Connor 1960-1961; William Charles Gawlas 1961-1963; Homer Leroy Weaver 1963-1965; Frederick William Stanton 1965-*December* 1966; William Pledge Parker *December* 1966-1970; Michael William Duffalo 1970-1974; Gordon Vaill Barrows 1974-1976; Howard Melvin Shultz 1976-1981; David Lynn Parker 1981-1987; Joseph W. Betz 1987-1988; Elizabeth May Myers Gamboa 1988-1991; **Saltsburg/New Derry:** Lota Christine Curry Jones 1991-1995; **Saltsburg/New Alexandria:** Lota Christine Curry Jones 1995-2002; Richard Joseph Helsel 2002-2005; **Apollo: First/Saltsburg:** Richard Joseph Helsel 2005-2010; **Kiski: (Apollo) New Beginnings/Saltsburg: First/Vandergrift: First:** Richard Joseph Helsel 2010-2012; Heidi Marie Hakel Helsel *Associate* 2010-2012; Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2012-2014; Michelle Lynn Hockenberry Worzbyt *CLM* 2012-2013; Sara Jane Trull Wrona *January* 1, 2013-2015; Saltsburg: Donald C. Watkins *November* 1, 2014-*September* 18, 2015; Beth Ann Meier *November* 1, 2015-2017; **Saltsburg: First /New Alexandria:** Beth Ann Meier 2017-2019; Sharon Sue Spence Waltenbaugh 2019--.

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### SARDIS METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
184?-1967

**Location:** 4276 Saltsburg Road, Murrysville, on Route 286 between Holiday Park and Mamont, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Methodist Society was organized as Sardis in the 1840's. On January 24 1848 Duncan and Marjorie Kieth deeded one-fourth of an acre of land where the cemetery was located for a church and the first Church building was probably built that same year. Originally was placed on Murrysville Circuit. The Sardis Circuit was created in 1875. In 1885 there were six churches on the Circuit: Sardis, Delmont, Merwin, Mamont, Davidson's Chapel and Murrysville. By 1910 all but Sardis and Murrysville were closed. In 1888 John and Elizabeth Masters gave an additional 159 spare rods of land besides the cemetery plot and the second Church was built on it that year. The carpenters were John Wallace and Samuel Hilty. In 1890 an additional eight acres of land was given to the church by the Davidson family and a parsonage was built on it. In 1912 this parsonage and property were sold and a brick parsonage was built at Murrysville for the Circuit. The church at Sardis declined during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but about 1950 commenced to grow again. In 1959 it became a separate charge. With the rapid development of the new Holiday Park Community during the 1960's, and the location of a new Evangelical United Brethren Church in the community, merger with the Holiday Park congregation began to be discussed. The merger of the two churches was consummated on October 1, 1967, before the Denomination Union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Dallas, Texas in April 1968. The last reported membership at Sardis Methodist Church in 1967 was 330 when the merger occurred. The Church was later sold to a private individual and then became the headquarters of Theotherapy Seminars, Inc. The Sardis Cemetery is still in operation.

**Pastors: Murrysville/Sardis Charge: Sardis:** Richard J. Jordan 1850-1851; Richard Jordan and Henry L. Chapman 1851-1852; S. Langdon and William S. Stewart 1852-1853; S. Langdon and Richard L. Miller 1853-1854; Joseph Shaw and James Lafferty Stiffey 1854-1856; Samuel Jones 1856-1857; John McCarty 1857-1859; Matthew J. Montgomery 1859-1860; **Burrell Circuit: Sardis:** Matthew J. Montgomery 1860-1861; **Apollo and Burrell Circuit: Sardis:** W. A. Stewart and Richard G. Heaton 1861-1862; W. A. Stewart and Q. A. Pierce 1862-1863; Joseph Shaw 1863-1865; Joseph Shaw and Amos Potter Leonard 1865-1866; John S. Lemon and Henry R. Long 1866-1867; John S. Lemon 1867-1868; **Murrysville Circuit: Sardis:** Joseph N. Pershing 1868-1869; Richard J. Jordan 1869-1871; *Supply* 1871-1873; Aaron H. Miller 1873-1875; George Orbin 1875-*Spring* 1876; **Sardis Circuit: Sardis:** George Orbin *Spring* 1876-*Spring* 1877; William Johnson 1877-1879; James B. Gray 1879-1881; William S. Cunningham 1881-1883; Joseph Jackson Hays 1883-1884; *Supply* 1884-1885; Charles C. Emerson 1885-1886; Thomas William R. Robins 1886-1887; Charles M. McCaslin 1887-1889; Morris B. Pugh 1889-1891; Calvin H. Miller 1891-1895; Fred G. Wineman 1895-1896; D. J. Frum 1896-1897; Walter Bryant Bergen 1897-1900; **Murrysville Circuit: Sardis:** Watson M. Bracken 1900-1904; James L. Duff 1904-1906; G. A. Wilson 1906-1907; John N. Bracken 1907-1909; **Murrysville Circuit: Sardis:** Arthur W. Davies 1909-1912; E. L. Pierce 1912-1914; James M. Mason 1915-1917; Camby L. Moore 1917-1918; Harry L. Wissinger 1918-1920; Alvin Elramon Yeager 1920-1921; Frank Howard Callahan 1921-1924 George E. Letchworth 1924-1926; Norman Bruce Fierstone 1926-1929; Bert Jones 1929-1833; L. Z. Robinson 1934-1938; George Elwood Buhan 1938-1940; Morris Lyman Husted 1940-1943; Earl Wilfred Lighthall 1943-1948; **Murrysville/Sardis:** George E. Keeler 1948-1955; Robert Clyde Gumbert 1955-1956; Parker Wesley Large 1956-1959; Ira E. Bosworth 1959-1962; Kenneth Anderson McGowan, Jr. 1962-1967. Sardis Church closed and merged with Holiday Park 1967.

### SEWICKLEY UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

GREENSBURG DISTRICT  
18??-1984

Mailing Address:  
ID: 017085

**Location:** Sewickley was located a few miles east of West Newton, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. The first church, a frame building, stood on the banks of the Big Sewickley Creek. The second frame building was erected in 1882 near the Funk Cemetery. It was dedicated by Reverend Francis Fisher, Presiding Elder. It cost \$1,500 in cash besides the donated labor and material. It sent out Reverends Joseph Zumbro, Abraham Zumbro, A. L. Funk and William Ross Funk into the ministry. Joseph Zumbro

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was the grandfather and Abraham was the uncle of A. L. and William Ross Funk. In 1970 it was linked with Barren Run, Glenwood and Wyano. The membership in 1970 was 39. It closed in 1984 and the records went to the Commission on Archives and History.

**Pastors: Sewickley: Sewickley/Barren Run/Glenwood/Wyano:** Keith Leland Inskip *September 1, 1970-February 1, 1971*; **Sewickley/West Newton/Lowber:** John Eugene Duvall 1971-1972; **West Newton/Sewickley:** John Eugene Duvall 1972-1975; **Sewickley:** Earl F. Eisaman 1975-1983; *To Be Supplied* 1983-1984. Sewickley closed in 1984 and the records went to the Commission on Archives and History.

### **SOUTH GREENSBURG**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 411 Sheridan Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601-5397

ID: 098643

**Location:** Located at 411 Sheridan Avenue and Elm Street in the Borough of South Greensburg, Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1889**

724/832-3651

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The South Greensburg church was organized in 1889 by a group of Christian believers who felt so deeply the need to have a place of worship that they mortgaged their own homes in order to build a church building. For several years prior constructing a building, meetings were held in the homes of members and in the school house. In 1890 the first building was erected between Coulter and Jamison Avenues on Poplar Street. An addition was added in 1909 and the building was used until 1924, when the congregation had outgrown it and a new church was built on the corner of Sheridan Avenue and Elm Street, on property, which was acquired in 1920. Prior to this, South Greensburg was on a circuit with Hecla and New Stanton. It became a Station appointment in 1924 and has remained a station since then. During the church's existence nine men and one woman who were members at one time went into full time ministry. The membership in 1968 was 660. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 349. Although many things have changed throughout the years, their faith in the Lord remains their Cornerstone. With both contemporary and traditional worship services, as well as Bible studies, South Greensburg UMC has started a new "Kids Jam" on Wednesday evenings, designed to involve the young people in the community. The program is for all children ages, four through high school, and offers fellowship, games, crafts, and music to share the love and teachings of Jesus. The church also offers a Bible School each summer for the children of the community and sponsors Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop 405. With the mission "To Honor, Share, and Grow in Christ," the congregation sees its purpose in the community of South Greensburg as reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone, until all come to know Him as their Savior and Lord.

**Pastors: South Greensburg:** George D. Statler 1889-1891; **Somerset Circuit: South Greensburg:** James Arlington Younkens 1891-1892; **Jeannette Circuit: South Greensburg:** Amos Potter Leonard 1892-1893; John McGuire 1893-1896; R. S. Pryor 1896-1898; Thomas Allen 1898-1902; Henry J. Hickman 1902-1904; Fred Wineman 1904-1905; Waddell 1905-1906; George J. Rowe 1906-1908; **South Greensburg/New Stanton:** George J. Rowe 1908-1911; George M. Kelley 1911-1912; Harry McGuire 1912-1913; Sherman W. McCorkle 1913-1914; Harold C. Thomas 1914-1915; C. D. Firster 1915-1916; Oscar John Rishel 1916-1920; John Wesley Hall 1920-1921; Robert Henry Little 1921-1924; **South Greensburg:** Robert Henry Little 1924-1927; Forrest Abner Goodrich 1927-1930; Earl Creal Lindsey 1930-1932; Oscar Ellsworth Krenz 1932-1933; Cecil Webster Campbell 1933-1937; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1937-1948; Benjamin Franklin Shue 1948-1951; Ralph Greiner White 1951-*January* 1956; Roger Glenn Rulong *January* 1956-*June* 1956; Franklin David Hallman, Jr. 1956-1968; Wallace Lawrence Faas 1968-*April* 1975; Jack Levi Hemsy *April* 1975-*June* 1975; Fern Tybertius Barner 1975-1978; Harry Raymond Speakman, Sr. 1978-1986; Robert K. Moffat 1986-1994; Sally Jo Snyder 1994-1995; Paul Anthony Dunn 1995-1999; Thomas Delane Hindman 1999-2000; Darrell Lee Greenawalt 2000-2005; Gregory Littell Spencer 2005-*May* 1, 2010; Edwin Justus Herald 2010-2013; Jack Lee Tickle, III 2013--; **South Greensburg/Youngwood: Saint Paul:** John Edward Gerber 2017-2019; **South Greensburg/Youngwood: Christ:** Joseph James Yurko, Jr. 2019-*December 17, 2020*.

### **TARRS: GLENWOOD**

#### **EVANGELICAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: PO Box A, Tarrs, PA 15688-0427

ID: 170842

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1897**

## Greensburg District

**Location:** Located Forsythe Road on a legislative route between routes 31 and 981 in South Huntingdon Township in Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Evangelical - Pittsburgh Conference. A building was erected in 1897 and known as the Glenwood United Evangelical Church. In 1970 it was linked with Barren Run, Sewickley and Wyano. The membership in 1970 was 58 members. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 38. Glenwood UMC continues its emphasis on building relationships within the community and engaging in outreach as resources allow. Although their numbers are small, the importance of evangelism still permeates their ministries and decisions.

**Pastors: Glenwood:** Samuel Henry Barlett 1897-1899; A. L. Burkett 1899-1900; John Michael Miller 1900-1901; Martin Van Buren DeVaux 1901-1902; A. B. Day 1902-1904; J. W. Waters 1904-1905; Martin Van Buren DeVaux 1905-1906; Permany Detmore Steelsmith 1906-1907; M. F. Shaffer 1907-1908; J. E. Hablison 1908-1910; **Glenwood/Indian Creek: Calvary/Mount Salem:** C. M. Haines 1910-1911; M. C. Clemmence 1911-1914; Charles Edward McCauley 1914-1915; Marlin Brown McLaughlin 1915-1917; John O. Bishop 1917-1919; Harry H. Faust 1919-1926; Clewell Ellsworth Miller 1926-1928; John O. Bishop 1928-1935; *Unknown* 1935-1938; A. M. Gahan 1938-1939; **Paradise Circuit: Glenwood/Bridgeport/Paradise:** G. A. Wright 1939-1942; Michael Robert Tyson 1942-*January* 31, 1943; Arthur B. Hosbach *January* 1943-*June* 1943; Gayford Glenn Feather 1943-1948; Charles Ralph Weslager 1948-1952; **Wyano Circuit: Glenwood:** Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1952-1961; Merle Irwin Potter 1961-1965; A. Thomas Rutter 1965-1965; James R Prichett 1965-1968; Harold Edwin Huey 1968 *September* 1, 1970; Keith Leland Inskeep *September* 1, 1970-*February* 1, 1971; **Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Glenwood:** Berkley Duncan Lambert *February* 1, 1971-1975; Herbert Golden Gates, III 1975-1979; Ivan DeWayne Johnson 1979-1985; Penny Sue Adams 1985-1988; Mary Jane Fullerton 1988-1992; Ralph Atlee Mostoller 1992-2002; **Tarrs Charge: Glenwood/Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Wyano:** Ralph Atlee Mostoller 2002-2014; Gregory D. Butler *September* 1, 2014-*April* 30, 2019; **Glenwood/Tarrs: Mount Lebanon:** Ralph Atlee Mostoller *May* 1, 2019-2019; Shawn E. Underwood 2019--.

### **TRAFFORD: CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD** **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1910-1972**

**History:** United Brethren Church - Allegheny Conference. The Trafford United BRETHREN Church, now the Henderson Memorial was organized July 29, 1910 with 13 members. It was formally opened for services July 30, 1910. In September the Conference appointed a pastor to this new mission and it was in this Chapel that the people worshipped until, under the pastorate of Dr. L. W. Stahl in 1913, when plans were prepared for the Sunday School Unit of the Church to have 10 classrooms and a basement. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. J. S. Fulton on November 16, 1913, and the completed room was dedicated by Bishop W. M. Weekley, May 17, 1914. The congregation worshipped in their Sunday School Rooms until 1030 when a church, a memorial to Milton J. Henderson was begun. The new building was dedicated by Bishop G. D. Batdorf, assisted by Dr. Warren S. Wilson on May 24, 1931. At the merger of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches in 1970 the membership was 226. The church closed in 1972 and the membership merged with the Trafford: Trinity United Methodist Church. Their records are with Trinity Church

**Pastors: Trafford: Henderson Memorial:** L. E. Miller; John Oratel, L. W. Stahl 1913-1916, George Rudolph M. Strayer 1916-1919; James M. Leshner, John Isaac Lewis Ressler 1922-1927; Leroy T. Culp 1927-; Clyde Edward House 1939-1940; Clyde Edward House *October* 2, 1940-1942.

### **TRAFFORD: TRINITY** **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1903**

Mailing Address: 407 Duquesne Avenue, Trafford, PA 15085-1110  
ID: 098745

412/373-0835

**Location:** Located at the corner of Duquesne Avenue and Fourth Street in the Borough of Trafford, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The Church was an outgrowth of a mission Sunday School promoted in the new town of Trafford City by members of the Circleville Church. The group met first in Euwer's Hall on First Street, then in Cameron Hall. It first appears in the Conference appointment lists in 1903. In 1904, Reverend George Meade Dougherty was appointed its first pastor. The congregation was organized on January 7,

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1904 by Reverend Dougherty and the Reverend Silas Thayer Mitchell, Presiding Elder of the Blairsville District and its first frame Church was erected at the East End of Duquesne Avenue that year. Bishop Francis John McConnell consecrated the new brick church building on June 15, 1924, and the attached brick parsonage was built in 1929. The congregation struggled with a crippling indebtedness during the depression years of the 1930's, which was finally liquidated in 1945. A new parsonage was later purchased at 125 Belleau Wood Boulevard in Trafford, Pa 15085-1239. The membership in 1968 was 670. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 214.

**Pastors: Trafford City:** George Meade Dougherty 1903-1905; Josiah Elmer Kidney *October-December* 1905; Walter Leslie Morgan *December* 1905-*June* 1906; T. G. Shallenberger *June-November* 1906; Calvin Henry Reckard *November* 1906-*February* 1907; 1907-1909; Howard Henry Westwood 1909-1910; H. T. Ashe 1910-1911; J. A. Troke 1911-1911; **Trafford:** Grover C. Fohner 1911-1913; Joseph B. Starkey 1913-1914; William M. Medley, Sr. 1914-1917; David Warren Donaldson 1917-1918; Gilbert Grover Gallagher 1918-1922; Walter H. Debolt 1922-1923; Samuel Hill 1923-1929; George Allen Parkins 1929-1936; Wallace Guy Smeltzer 1936-1939; Herbert Malvern Carnahan 1939-1942; Dalton William Davis 1942-1947; Theodore Merle Silvis 1947-1951; Donald Charles Dalke 1951-1969; **Name changed to Trafford: Trinity at Merger in 1969:** Richard Maxwell King 1969-1974; William Frank Rautner 1974-1978; John William Walker 1978-1983; Charles Henry Armstrong Woods 1983-1992; Jerry Douglas Williams 1992-2014; Justin Robert Judy 2014-2019; **Trafford: Trinity/Manor: First:** Justin Robert Judy 2019--.

### **TURTLE CREEK: ELECTRIC HEIGHTS** **METHODIST PROTESTANT – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT** **1895**

Mailing Address: 601 James Street, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-1510  
ID: 098767

412/824-3303

**Location:** Located on James Street at Carothers and Garden Drive, in the Borough of Turtle Creek, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Protestant – Pittsburgh Conference. A group of members of the McMasters Methodist Episcopal Church in Turtle Creek withdrew from that congregation and were organized into the First Methodist Protestant Church of Turtle Creek on November 1, 1895 by Reverend George C. Sheppard, President of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. A charter was secured on March 11, 1898. There were 70 members at that time. A site for the first Church at the corner of Eleventh Street and Airbrake Avenue was secured May 25, 1898, and a Church was erected on it that year. This property was sold to the Pennsylvania Water Company in 1937. The lots for the property on James Street were purchased by the Board of Church Extension of the Conference in 1936 and the first unit of the property was dedicated May 1, 1938. The name of the Church was changed to Electric Heights following the Methodist reunion in 1939. A new parsonage was built on the property in 1958. Starting in 1963, with the consecration service on June 14, 1964, the new building was erected and the older church was renovated. This church was a Station appointment from the beginning. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 169. In 2003 Turtle Creek: Electric Heights and Miller became a two-point Charge. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. Located on James Street in Turtle Creek, Electric Heights is a small but tenacious congregation. Like the other churches in the Turtle Creek Valley, Electric Heights struggles with an aging congregation, a decline in their membership and financial resources, but they are strong in the love for people and for Jesus. They share ecumenical ministry with churches in the valley. The laity are resourceful and involved in various outreaches and ministries such as Operation Christmas Child and World Vision.

**Pastors: Turtle Creek:** J. B. McLaughlin *November* 1, 1895-1896; George Gideon Westfall 1896-1897; Albert Thomas Steele 1897-1899; William Sanford Fleming 1899-1901; Joseph Henry Shimp 1901-1906; John Henry Lambertson 1906-1907; Elias Jasper Wilson 1907-1910; Frank Pierce Hummel *September-November* 1910; Theodore Wesley Darnell 1910-1911; Elias Judson Headley 1911-1914; Joseph Clarence Leckemby 1914-1916; Orson Ward Bolton 1916-1917; Thomas Milton Gladden 1917-1919; Arlie R. Mansberger 1919-1933; Charles H. Beck 1933-1936; William Henry Schatz 1936-1939; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights:** William Henry Schatz 1939-1940; Clayton Charles Adkins 1940-1944; Edward C. Linn 1944-1945; John Wesley Buono 1945-1948; Clark S. Derby 1948-1953; John Vajeau Mullins 1953-1956; James David Robb 1956-*December* 1, 1963; Harvey Morris Shields *December* 1, 1963-1964; James Elmer Breakiron 1964-1969; Stephen Elwood Cupcheck 1969-1971; Terrence Richard Snyder 1971-1978; David Lee Morse 1978-1986; Graves Hampton Trumbo 1986-1992; Charles Henry Armstrong Woods 1992-1996; Joel Albert Wilcher 1996-2001; Richard A. Pearson, Jr. 2001-2003; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights/Miller:** Richard A. Pearson, Jr. 2003-2005; Janet Faye Lord *Associate June* 1, 2002-

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*August* 2007. Steve Tiffany 2005-2007; Judith Elayne Winston 2007-2010; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights/McMasters:** Scott Lee Freshwater Gallagher 2010-2011; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights/Pittsburgh: Warren:** Emma Louise Smith Greene 2011-*November* 17, 2013; Jeffrey Martin Conn *November* 18, 2013-*June* 30, 2014; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights/Manor: First:** Linda Lou Dinger 2014-2019; **Dravosburg/McKeesport: West Side/Electric Heights:** Jeffrey Martin Conn 2019--.

### **TURTLE CREEK: McMASTERS**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 200 Church Street, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-1943

ID: 098448

**Location:** At Tri-Boro Parkway and Grant Streets in Borough of Turtle Creek, in Allegheny County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1870**

412/823-1988

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. In the early summer of 1870, when the Reverend William D. Slease came to the YMCA meeting he learned there was no Methodist Church in the vicinity. Before leaving he arranged to preach Sabbath afternoons in a Grist Mill. By late autumn the First Methodist Church was organized in Turtle Creek with eight members. When the erection of a church building was considered, Captain McMasters, an influential land owner, gave the lot for the building of a \$7,000 frame church, completed and dedicated on February 10, 1872. The Church was made a Station appointment and Reverend William D. Slease was named the first pastor in 1872. At the pastor's suggestion, the church was named and chartered "The McMasters Methodist Episcopal Church of Turtle Creek." Under the leadership of the Reverend Burr Reddig McKnight the second building was completed and dedicated December 17, 1911. The congregation and minister, Reverend Howard Weston Jamison were shocked and sorely grieved on May 3, 1946, when a disastrous fire laid waste to the church and parsonage. Opening Services were held in the rebuilt Church on March 7, 1948. The new church structure, valued at over one half million dollars, was dedicated Sunday, December 11, 1960. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 451. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. In 2020, McMasters UMC in Turtle Creek is a small, welcoming, and loving church family, celebrating Holy Communion weekly at its 9:30 a.m. worship service. The congregation is exploring its identity amid the challenges of a changing community and aging population. The congregation's active community outreach includes monthly worship and lunch at the local senior citizen high-rise; a free lunch for the community, and celebrating Thanksgiving with the community by hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. The McMasters congregation has active United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women groups, Lent and Advent Bible Studies and fellowship gatherings, including game day and a friendship dinner.

**Pastors: Turtle Creek: McMasters:** William Davis Slease 1872-1875; Matthew J. Montgomery 1875-1877; Asbury B. Castle 1877-1880; George Orbin 1880-1883; Richard L. Miller 1883-1886; Asbury C. Johnson 1886-1887; Milton Mechesney Sweeney 1887-1889; William Lynch 1889-1894; Lancelot Robinson Beacom 1894-1897; Andrew J. Ashe 1897-1899; Alexander Earl Husted 1899-1905; John C. Burnworth 1905-1906; William Elmer Ellsworth Barcus 1906-1910; George Henry Flinn 1910-1911; Burr Reddig McKnight 1911-1913; Charles Louis Edward Cartwright 1913-1914; William Carson Weaver 1914-1917; Charles James Whitlatch 1917-1921; Joseph Christy Brown 1921-1924; Gideon Little Powell 1924-1928; Thomas Charlesworth 1928-1932; Nicholas F. Richards 1932-1939; Lawrence S. Elliott 1939-1940; George Richard Haden 1940-1945; Howard Weston Jamison 1945-1951; W. Donald Whetsel 1951-1956; Ralph Starkey Robinson 1956-1961; David Dean Wilson, Sr. 1961-1967; Lew Floyd Johnston 1967-*April* 8, 1971; Maybelle Johnston *April* 8, 1971-1971; Dean Earl Hughes 1971-1978; Howard Edgar Kennedy *November* 15, 1978 – *November* 1, 1979; Victor LeMoyne Brown *November* 1, 1979-1985; Jeffrey Dahle Sterling 1986-1992; Josephine Ann Whitely-Fields *Associate* 1990-1992; Reginald Gene Lilly 1992-1994; Martha Ann Mattner 1994-*August* 23, 1999; Josephine Ann Whitely-Fields *Interim* *August* 23, 1999-*November* 1, 1999; Byrl Eugene Shaver, II *November* 1, 1999-2005; Joshua Lee Reinsburrow *Associate* 2001-*December* 31, 2001; Wayne Robert Cleary 2005-2007; Susan Elaine Spahr-Calhoun 2007-*November* 23, 2009; Patricia D. Brown *November* 23, 2009-*March* 30, 2010; **Turtle Creek: Electric Heights/McMasters:** Scott Lee Freshwater Gallagher 2010-2011; **Turtle Creek: McMasters:** Scott Lee Freshwater Gallagher 2011-*July* 31, 2013; Donald Richard Brauer *August* 1, 2013-2017; **Turtle Creek: McMasters/Pitcairn: Center Avenue:** Kathleen Ann McCoy Schoeneck 2017-2020; Daniel D. Cunkelman 2020--.

### **VERSAILLES**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 4901 Walnut Street, McKeesport, PA 15132-6320

ID: 100760

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1887-2005**

412/751-3992

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**Location:** Located at the corner of Worthington Avenue and Walnut Street in the Borough of Versailles in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Founded in the spring of 1887 during a period of religious fervor in the area. Persons of Elrod, as the town was then known, met in the larger homes for worship and study. Under Reverend Thomas Newton Boyle, pastor of the McKeesport: First Church, a new church building was dedicated on November 5, 1887, for the costs of \$1100, with most labor and materials donated. There were 22 charter members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Elrod. In 1904, the name was changed unofficially to Versailles Methodist Episcopal Church, although the charter was not revised until 1947. Church membership grew during revivals preached by Billy Sunday, and a Men's Personal Workers League founded by Sunday's preaching continued until 1964. In 1914 the brick church was erected, and the old church building was later used as a fire hall for the borough. From 1908 to 1923 the church was linked with Christy Park, and since 1923 was a Station appointment. In 2002 McKeesport: Wesley and Versailles became a two point Charge. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 150. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004. **Versailles closed in 2004 and records went to the Conference Archives.**

**Pastors: Elrod:** William Craft Davis *January* 1887-1890; Rufus Hofelt 1890-1894; William H. Kirkland 1894-1896; David M. Hollister 1896-1897; Joseph William Garland 1897-1900; Jasper N. Munden 1900-1903; James M. Mason 1903-1904; Sherman W. McCorkle 1904-1906; A. A. Nichols 1906-1907; William H. Kirkland 1907-1908; Joseph Francis Dipner 1908-1910; George M. Kelley 1910-1911; George J. Rowe 1911-1915; George Meade Dougherty 1915-1917; **Versailles/McKeesport: Christy Park:** George M. Allshouse 1917-1921; James Kingsley Grimes 1921-1922; Oscar Ellsworth Krenz 1922-1923; Harry Alden Price 1923-1925; Lee Wilson LePage 1925-1927; Hibbard G. Howell 1927-1930; Walter R. Robinson 1930-1934; William T. Hilbert 1934-1940; Joseph Christy Brown *October-December* 1940; Virgil A. Chilcote 1940-1944; Harry G. Trimmer *1944-February 7, 1948*; Thomas Johnston 1948-1951; Roger Winger 1951-1952; Howard William Brown 1952-1958; Harry William Beveridge 1958-1964; Clifford Earl Buell 1964-1966; John Albert Squires 1966-1968; Andrew Charles Harvey 1968-1972; Howard Melvin Schultz 1972-1976; Kenneth Martin Lashen 1976-1983; Joseph Paul Tagliaferre 1983-1986; William Michael Beachy 1986-1990; Charles Gilbert Wright Coursin *1990-December 10, 1992; To Be Supplied December 10, 1992-1993*; Earle Henry Fouts *1993-April 1, 1996*; Timothy John Emmett 1996-2000; Marjorie Ellen Delaney Lindahl 2000-2002; **McKeesport: Wesley/Versailles:** Paul Eric Ritchey 2002-2005. Versailles closed in 2005.

### WALL

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

#### GREENSBURG DISTRICT 1890-1974

Mailing Address:

ID: 018991

**Location:** On Wall Avenue, in the village of Wall, in Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. A Union Sunday School, held in a school house in Wall, developed into a United Brethren Mission in Wilmerding, a mile away, in 1890. The Class was organized by Reverend G. W. Sherrick who was pastor of the East Pittsburgh Church. A frame Church was erected in Wilmerding at a cost of \$4,000 and dedicated by Dr. L. W. Stahl on June 4, 1891. The Church was relocated in Wall and a brick church began in 1904 under the pastorate of Reverend I. P. Truxal. The membership was transferred to Wall and the basement finished so that the first service was held the first Sunday in January 1905. In 1909 while the Reverend Joseph Miller Feightner was pastor a fine brick parsonage was built at the cost of \$3,500. In 1970 there were 82 members. The church merged with the Wilmerding Methodist Church in 1974. Transferred from Pittsburgh East in 2004.

**Pastors: Wall:** James M. Leshar 1891-1891; **Wall-Wilmerding/Pitcairn: Highland Avenue:** George Washington Sherrick 1896-1897; Theodore Porter Orner 1898-1899; Isaiah Potter Truxall 1903-1907; Joseph Miller Feightner 1907-1912; Timothy W. Burgess 1912-1913; John Christian Rupp 1913-1921; Joseph B. Keirn *April 1, 1921-1922*; Alfred J. Orledge 1922-1925; Alonzo Bailey Sprague 1925-1926; Frank Butler Hackett 1926-1928; Zelma Mann Whitton Hackett *Associate* 1927-1928; William David Good 1928-1934; John Clark Stoner 1934-1940; Charles E. Wille 1940-1941; Donald Bernard App 1941-1943; George W. Kemp 1944-1945; Harvey L. Williams 1945-1948; Oscar Archer Burkel 1948-1963; **East Pittsburgh/Wall:** Paul E. Toothman 1963-1968; **Wilmerding/Wall:** Clarence Ernst Hoener, Jr. 1969-1975.

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### WATERFORD

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 452, Laughlintown, PA 15655-0452

ID: 170740

**Location:** Located on Route 271 and 347 Fire Hall Street at Route 711, 3.7 miles north of Ligonier at Waterford, Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren - Allegheny Conference. It was organized in 1860. The frame church was dedicated February 18, 1860. A white brick building was erected in 1925, adjacent to the original building, under the pastorate of Reverend William Snyder. The Church cost \$16,000 and was dedicated by Dr. J. S. Fulton on August 9, 1925. At one time it was on Ligonier Circuit. An educational unit was added in 1978. In 1970 it was linked with Rector Charge. The membership then was 163. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 203.

**Pastors: Waterford:** Japtha Potts 1860-*January* 1862; Robert G. Rankin *January* 1862-*January* 1864; James P. Grant *January* 1864-*March* 1866; Joseph Medsger *March* 1866-*January* 1867; William Wragg *January* 1867-*January* 1868; James M. Smith *January* 1868-*January* 1869; Martin O. Lane *January* 1869-*January* 1873; John Franklin Tallhelm *January* 1873-*April* 1873; John Speer Buell *April* 1873-*January* 1875; Cicero Wortman *January* 1875-*January* 1876; *To Be Supplied January* 1876-*January* 1877; John S. Miller *January* 1877-*February* 1879; David Sheerer *February* 1879-*February* 1880; Milton George Potter *February* 1880-*September* 1880; Richard S. Woodward *September* 1880-*September* 1881; Justus Holmes Pershing 1881-1883; John Franklin Tallhelm 1883-1884; V. Conley 1884-1887; **Waterford/Ligonier/Pleasant Grove:** Benjamin Jacob Hummel 1887-1888; *To Be Supplied* 1888-*March* 1889; John Felix *March* 1889-*September* 1889; Albert Day 1889-1890; *To Be Supplied* 1890-*January* 1891; Edward J. Blackburn 1891-*September* 1891; J. W. Wilson 1891-1895; Aaron M. Long 1895-1899; Arthur Eddie Fulton 1899-1901; J. J. Funk 1901-1905; Joseph Smith Showers 1905-1907; Joseph B. Keirn 1907-1908; Oliver Thomas Stewart 1908-1910; C. W. Plummer 1910-1910; Charles Emory Hetzler 1910-1911; James C. Moses 1911-1914; J. T. Farnsworth 1914-1919; William David Good 1919-1921; H. G. Campbell 1921-1922; William Snyder 1922-1925; Rose Snyder 1922-1925; Samuel J. Wilson 1925-1927; John J. Thompson 1927-1930; Charles E. Wille 1930-1936; **Ligonier: Calvary/Waterford Charge: Waterford:** Harry Jacob Fisher 1936-1939; J. J. Funk 1939-1943; **Laughlintown Circuit: Waterford:** James Nevin Strohm 1943-1946; **Ligonier/Waterford:** Frank Butler Hackett 1946-1949; **Laughlintown Circuit: Waterford:** William Bruce Tobias 1949-1955; Charles Emory Hetzler 1955-1956; Clifford Herbert Moore 1956-1966; Harry Donald Lash 1966-1967; **Rector Charge: Waterford:** Harry Clair Sherry 1967-1971; **Rector/Lebanon/Waterford:** Ray Alton Snair 1971-*November* 1979; John Howard Smith *December* 1979-1985; John D. Hollis 1985-1994; David Andrew Bell, Sr. 1994-2004; Richard Edward Bowser 2004-2012; *To Be Supplied* 2012-*December* 11, 2012; **Rector/Waterford:** Charles Fred Zickefoose, Jr. *December* 21, 2015-2016; Dennis Bruce Keen 2016-2019; **Waterford:** Victoria Ruth Moody Heath 2019--.

### WEST FAIRFIELD

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

**Location:** Was located in Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Abandoned and sold to the fire company in 1956.

### WEST NEWTON: FIRST

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box 149, West Newton, PA 15089-0149

ID: 100840

**Location:** Located at the corner of Main Street and 106 North Second Street in the Borough of West Newton, on Route 31 in Westmoreland County, PA

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church was organized in 1839 by Reverend Samuel D. Wakefield and Reverend David L. Dempsey when they were pastors of the old Connellsville Circuit. The community was then known as Robbstown. The original society was composed of just 11 members. They were James McGrew and wife, Jacob Longenecker and wife, Matthew Carter and wife, David Banford and wife, James

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### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

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Hibben, Hannah Hibben and Sarah Lamb. Preaching first began in the community's "Little Round Schoolhouse". The first church was a brick structure erected in 1840. This was replaced by a brick structure, which was dedicated in 1883. It was named the Snyder Chapel after its chief benefactor, John L. Snyder. In 1906 the name was changed to The First Methodist Church of West Newton. The church was affiliated with various circuits until 1882 when it became a station appointment. A ten-room house next door to the church building was purchased in 1961 to increase the space for the teaching mission of the Church. It is known as Wesley Hall. This was the home church of Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, the late President and Chancellor of Boston University. The membership in 1968 was 377. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 275. West Newton UMC has a vital music ministry supported by an accomplished organist who plays a pipe organ installed on October 29, 1905 and registered by the Organ Historical Society. The original price of the organ was \$3000 with \$1250 donated by Andrew Carnegie. The church has a talented praise team and an active bell choir with members from both the Herminie and the West Newton churches. The congregation reaches out to the community through a Christmas Angel Tree project with the local elementary school, Meals on Wheels, and mission involvement through its United Methodist Women's unit. A quilters group meets every Tuesday morning and the proceeds from quilt sales goes to mission support. The West Newton church enjoys worshipping with its sister congregation at Herminie at various times of the year such as Lent and Holy Week and an annual summer worship and picnic celebration.

**Pastors: Connellsville Circuit: Robbstown:** Samuel D. Wakefield and David L. Dempsey 1838-1839; **Redstone Circuit: Robbstown:** David Sharp and Heaton Hill 1839-1840; Thomas Baker and Heaton Hill 1840-1841; Thomas Baker, Samuel Kyle, and Samuel B. Dunlap 1841-1842; **West Newton Circuit: Robbstown:** George L. Sisson 1842-1843; Samuel D. Wakefield and David L. Dempsey 1843-1844; John J. Moffitt and David Hess 1844-1845; John J. Moffitt and David Sharp 1845-1846; David Sharp and James Fribley 1846-1847; Henry R. Kearns and Marcellus A. Ruter 1847-1848; Samuel D. Wakefield and Marcellus A. Ruter 1848-1849; Samuel D. Wakefield and James Beacom 1849-1850; Charles Thorn 1850-1851; Josiah Mansell and John M. Rankin 1851-1852; Josiah Mansell 1852-1853; Edward Burns Griffin and James Lafferty Stiffey 1853-1854; **West Newton/Mount Pleasant:** Edward Burns Griffin and Matthew J. Montgomery 1854-1855; David L. Dempsey and James Alexander Miller 1855-1856; John McCarty and James Alexander Miller 1856-1857; Samuel D. Wakefield and Sylvester Burt 1857-1858; John D. Knox and Sylvester Burt 1858-1859; John D. Knox and William Alexander Stuart 1859-1860; James Jackson McIlyar and William Alexander Stuart 1860-1861; James Jackson McIlyar and Isaac Austin Pearce 1861-1862; Z. S. Weller and Robert Cunningham 1862-1863; **West Newton Charge: West Newton:** Wiley W. Roup 1863-1865; Matthew J. Montgomery 1865-1866; William Alexander Stuart 1866-1869; James Carter Mechem 1869-1871; Joseph Jackson Hays 1871-1874; Washington Darby 1874-Fall 1876; Samuel D. Wakefield Fall 1876-1879; Hugh Harland Pershing 1879-1882; **West Newton: Snyder Chapel:** Daniel N. Stafford 1882-1885; James Alexander Miller 1885-1889; Andrew J. Ashe 1889-1893; Theodore N. Eaton 1893-1896; Charles Wesley Miller 1896-1898; George Dallas Crissman 1898-1904; Edward George Loughry 1904-1907; **Name changed to West Newton: First:** Richard Bruce Cuthbert 1907-1911; Lewis Reece Jones 1911-1917; Reimund Clay Wolf 1917-1920; George Meade Dougherty 1920-1926; Roy Lincoln McQuiston 1926-1930; John Forrest Stewart 1930-1932; Earl Creal Lindsey 1932-1934; Joseph Emil Morrison 1934-1935; Franz Omar Christopher 1935-1941; Robert W. Jackson 1941-1944; Virgil A. Chilcote 1944-1948; Donald Charles Dalke 1948-1951; Frederick William Wright 1951-1955; Lawrence Eugene Garner 1955-1959; Donald Earl Steeb 1959-1962; William Cartwright Lovell 1962-1966; Robert Thomas Roche 1966-1967; John Eugene Duvall 1967-1978; **West Newton: First/Wyano Charge:** John Eugene Duvall 1978-1990; Ralph George Shipley 1990-1991; Giard Marten Sayre, Jr. 1991-1994; Michael Andrew Milinovich 1994-September 1 1997; **West Newton: First:** Michael Andrew Milinovich September 1, 1997-2001; David King Means 2001-2008; Erik Andrew Hoeke 2008-2012; **West Newton: First/Madison:** D. Renee Mikell 2012-2014; **West Newton: First/Herminie:** Alfred Harlan Kimmel 2014-2017; Randolph Kit Landman 2017-2021; Barry J. Henck 2021--.

**WILMERDING: FIRST**  
**METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

**GREENSBURG DISTRICT**  
**1890-2002**

Mailing Address:

ID: 098860

**Location:** Located at 400 Westinghouse Avenue in the Borough of Wilmerding in the Turtle Creek Valley section of Allegheny County, PA.

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. This Church had its beginning in a Union Sunday School that had its first meeting in the home of Christopher Horrocks in the new town on April 26, 1890. It was organized

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as a Methodist Church that summer under the guidance of Reverend William Lynch, pastor of the McMasters Methodist Church in Turtle Creek. A lot was purchased from the East Pittsburgh Improvement Company and a single-story frame Church was built on it in 1891-1892. A second story was added in 1893. The parsonage at Caldwell Avenue and Clara Street was built in 1896. An adjoining lot was purchased in 1904. The original Church was razed in 1914 and a new Church was dedicated by Bishop Joseph F. Berry on May 30, 1915. The cost was \$32,732.00. On March 25, 1917 Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Morgan presented the pipe organ in memory of their daughter. The Church was a Station appointment from its beginning until 1969 when it became a two point Charge with Wall. Wall merged with Wilmerding: First in 1974. In 1990 it became a two-point Charge with Green Valley. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 94. Wilmerding: First discontinued December 7, 2002 and the records went to Archives and History. Memembes who did not otherwise transfer their membership were transferred to Turtle Creek: McMasters. Transferred from Pittsburgh East District in 2004.

**Pastors: Wilmerding: First:** Wiley W. Roup 1890-1892; Robert L. Hickman 1892-1893; William W. Hall 1893-1898; Noble Garvin Miller 1898-1900; Norman Bruce Tannehill 1900-1903; Oliver Hazard Perry Graham, Jr. 1903-1905; Preston C. Brooks 1905-1907; Edward George Loughery 1907-1909; Judson Jeffreys 1909-1915; William G. Cole 1915-1919; Frederick A. Richards 1919-1923; Waitman Thomas Hartley 1923-1931; Hallie Blaine Moose 1931-1935; Walter Fred Preset 1935-1940; George Warren Smucker 1940-1943; John H. Dawson 1943-1948; Clair Ralston Wick 1948-1951; Taylor H. Carson 1951-1953; James Elmer Breakiron 1953-1956; Mearle Homer Jay 1956-1959; John Alfred Hellman, Jr. 1959-*September 1, 1964*; Robert W. Comstock *September 1, 1964-1965*; Charles Reimond Wolf 1965-1968; William Robert Keys 1968-1969; **Wilmerding: First/Wall:** Clarence Robert Hoener, Jr. 1969-1974; **Wilmerding: First:** Clarence Robert Hoener, Jr. 1974-1976; William James Marshall 1976-1979; Allen Orville Grimm, III 1979-1982; Richard A. Newton 1982-1987; John Robert Wilson 1987-1990; **Wilmerding: First/Green Valley:** John Robert Wilson 1990-1993; Theresa Marian Fouts 1993-*May 6, 2001*; Joshua Lee Reinsborrow *May 20, 2001-January 24, 2002*; Alan James Morrison *February 18, 2002-December 7, 2002*. Discontinued.

### WYANO

#### UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Mailing Address: PO Box A, Tarrs, PA 15688

ID: 189954

**Location:** Located on First Street in the village of Wyano, Westmoreland County, PA.

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. Reverend William Henry Mingle, while pastor of the Hermanie Charge, visited the new and growing town of Wyano and in 1915 organized a Class. The appointment was joined to the Barren Run and Sewickley appointments and made to form the Wyano charge. The Church was built in 1919 and dedicated March 23, 1919 by Bishop J. M. Weekley assisted by Dr. J. S. Fulton. In 1970 at merger, it was linked with Barren Run, Glenwood and Sewickley. Later it was placed with West Newton. The membership in 1970 was 68 members. The membership on January 1, 2002 was 53. Wyano UMC closed *April 28, 2019*.

**Pastors: Wyano/Barren Run/Sewickley:** L. M. Leister 1915-1919; **Barren Run/Wyano:** Leonard Chain 1919-1921; H. A. McKelvie 1921-1922; J. H. Lilly 1922-1924; Joseph B. Keirn 1924-1927; Charles E. Shannon 1927-1931; Dwight Moody Spangler 1931-1934; Arthur Lee Barnett 1934-1937; A. D. Thompson 1937-1940; Arthur Richey 1940-1942; Charles E. Shannon 1942-1944; John Winwood 1944-1950; Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1950-1952; **Wyano/Glenwood:** Ralph Wayne Brownfield 1952-1961; Merle Irvin Potter 1961-1965; A. Thomas Rutter 1965-1968; Harold Edwin Huey 1968-*September 1, 1970*; Keith Leland Inskeep *September 1, 1970-February 1, 1971*; Larry William Wilson 1971-1973; Robert O. Harper 1973-1978; John Eugene Duvall 1978-1990; Ralph George Shipley 1990-1991; Giard Marten Sayre, Jr. 1991-1994; Michael Andrew Milinovich 1994-*September 1, 1997*; Debra Darlene Palmer Eberhart Rogosky *September 1, 1997-1999*; *To Be Supplied* 1999-2000; Robert Arduino 2000-2002; **Tarrs Charge: Glenwood/Mount Lebanon: Tarrs/Wyano:** Ralph Atlee Mostoller 2002-2014; Gregory D. Butler *September 1, 2014-April 30, 2019*.

### YOUNGSTOWN

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

**Location:** Located in Westmoreland County, PA.

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

1915-2019

724/696-3157

### GREENSBURG DISTRICT

18??-1947

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**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. Abandoned and sold in 1947.

### **YOUNGWOOD: CHRIST**

#### **UNITED BRETHREN – ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 100 Lincoln Street, Youngwood, PA 15697-1344

ID: 189965

**Location:** Located at 100 Lincoln Street and Sixth Street in the Borough of Youngwood, Westmoreland County, PA

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1900**

724/925-2881

**History:** United Brethren – Allegheny Conference. The Youngwood Church is the product of the interest of the Greensburg: Otterbein Church which in 1900 became interested in the growing railroad town of Youngwood and decided to plant a Mission Church. In 1902 the Annual Conference placed it under the Greensburg Quarterly Conference and this Church supplied what preaching it received until Reverend N. E. Sininger was appointed pastor in 1903. Originally located at the corner of Deport and Fifth Streets, it was organized in April 1903 with 16 charter members. The first Church on North Third Street was dedicated September 13, 1903 by Dr. Samuel Webster Keister. During the pastorate of Reverend E. G. Sawyer a parsonage was built and the church enlarged. Under Reverend John Watson the new location on Fifth Street was secured, plans drawn and the first unit, the Sunday School Department was erected in 1921. The educational unit was dedicated December 11, 1921. The auditorium was added, and the building completed and dedicated by Dr. J. S. Fulton March 28, 1926 under the pastorate of Reverend Mead M. Snyder. At the merger in 1968 the name was changed to Youngwood: Christ. Later the building was condemned and the congregation built the beautiful large church, with spacious social rooms and classrooms, on the hill at 100 Lincoln Avenue. The membership in 1970 was 679 members. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 559.

**Pastors: Youngwood:** J. H. Pershing 1900-1903; N. E. Sininger 1903-1904; W. O. Jones 1904-1905; Wesley Hamilton Spangler 1905-1906; E. G. Sawyer 1906-1911; J. S. Hays 1911-1912; Joseph Smith Showers 1912-1914; Hugh McLeod 1914-1915; John R. Watson 1915-1922; C. W. Hendrickson 1922-1923; Mead M. Snyder 1923-1930; J. J. Funk 1930-1932; William Guy Hawk 1932-1936; John Franklin Strayer 1936-1942; Frank B. Gilchrist 1942-1960; **Youngwood: First:** Nelson Errett Stants 1960-1965; John Franklin Springer 1965-1970; Ronald Edward Dietrich *Associate* 1966-1968; Bernard Lee Shuey *Associate* 1968-1970; **Name changed to Youngwood: Christ:** John William Russell 1970-1974; John Wright Gordon, Sr. 1974-1979; Jay Frank Shaffer 1979-1988; Samuel Miles McConnell 1988-1993; Merritt Howard Edner 1993-2004; Dale Christopher Livermore 2004-2012. Michael Anthony Pacelli, III *Deacon* 2005-2015; Donald Edward Bailey 2012-2013; John William Seth 2013-2018; Joseph James Yurko, Jr. 2018-2019; **Youngwood: Christ/South Greensburg:** Joseph James Yurko, Jr. 2019-December 17, 2020.

### **YOUNGWOOD: SAINT PAUL**

#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL – PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE**

Mailing Address: 101 North Fourth Street, Youngwood, PA 15697-1307

ID: 100907

**Location:** Located at the corner of North Fourth and McKinley Streets in the Borough of Youngwood, Westmoreland County, PA.

### **GREENSBURG DISTRICT**

**1901**

724/925-2761

**History:** Methodist Episcopal – Pittsburgh Conference. The origin in 1901 was at the home of Reverend Henry J. Hickman near the old Kennedy School on the northern tip of Youngwood. The first structure was a wooden, frame building 30 feet by 40 feet in 1901. It cost the members \$729.00. Membership grew rapidly and in 1911 a brick building was erected replacing the older one at a cost of \$16,018.64. In 1958 an educational unit was added to the church at a cost of \$113,000.00. Most of the time Saint Paul has been a station church but since 1943 it has been on a charge. New Stanton was added at that time. In 1968 Hecla Church became a part of the Youngwood Charge. The membership in 1968 was 550. Since 1970 Saint Paul has been a Station Appointment. The membership on January 1, 2003 was 244. Youngwood: Saint Paul UMC is a small church with a big heart. The congregation has a strong laity presence and they are active in ministry in the community and at the Westmoreland County Fair, where the Youngwood churches support a hospitality center that provides a calming, compassionate ministry presence and offers free water, Bibles, prayer, and relationship-building. Saint Paul's has a "senior prom" ministry making free prom gowns, accessories, and other related adornments available for those who might not otherwise be able to have them to wear to a prom. Saint Paul is looking forward to continuing to build relationships in the Youngwood community and with nearby churches.

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**Pastors: Greensburg Circuit: Youngwood:** Henry J. Hickman 1901-1901; Thomas Allen 1901-1902; John McGuire 1902-1904; **Youngwood Charge: Youngwood:** Lee Wilson LePage 1904-1906; Ernest Frycklund 1906-1908; Weldon Powell Varner 1908-1910; Josephus Harrison Enlow 1910-1915; George J. Rowe 1915-1917; James A. Youngkin 1917-1918; Watson M. Bracken 1918-1922; William Thomas Robinson 1922-1924; Walter Leslie Morgan 1924-1926; John Forrest Stewart 1926-1930; Carl Albert Skoog 1930-1935; Joseph Emil Morrison 1935-1938; James Herold MacRill 1938-1943; **Youngwood/New Stanton:** James Herald MacRill 1943-1956; John Carson Cogley, Sr. 1956-1965; Jacob Milton Shaffer 1965-1966; **Youngwood/Hecla:** Jacob Milton Shaffer 1966-*January 1, 1973*; John Carter Boor *January 1, 1973-1977*; **Youngwood: Saint Paul:** Paul J. Halstead 1977-1983; James LaVerne Tubbs 1983-1995; Wayne Douglas Sedei 1995-1998; David Scott Jack 1998-2012; Beverly Ann Morgan Gross 2012-2014; **Youngwood: Saint Paul/Pleasant Unity:** Beverly Ann Morgan Gross 2014-2017; **South Greensburg/Youngwood: Saint Paul:** John Edward Gerber 2017-2019; **Youngwood: Saint Paul:** Pamela C. Ramsey 2019-*December 31, 2020*; **Youngwood: Saint Paul/South Greensburg:** Pamela C. Ramsey *January 1, 2021--*.

