

History of Mooresville First United Methodist Church

From Charles Blanchard's Counties of Morgan, Monroe and Brown, 1884:

“Since the earliest times, the religious sentiment has been stronger in Brown Township than perhaps any other portion in the county of equal or less extent. The first settlements were no sooner formed than ministers began to appear, and classes began to arm themselves for the good fight. The organizations of all classes cannot be given, though many of the names of those prominently connected with religious interests have been wrested from swift-approaching oblivion. The Methodist class at Mooresville was really founded by Eliza Moore, wife of Samuel Moore [founder of Mooresville] not far from the year 1828. Indeed she was about the only member at first, but was soon joined by Eli Tansey and wife, Jesse S. Rooker and wife, Joseph Hunt and wife, and William Cline and wife. The Sunday school for this class was established in 1835, by Rev. John Williams. In 1839, the members of this church were the families of the following persons: Samuel J. Black, James Kelley, Samuel Stevenson, Isaac Williams, William Herrold, Daniel Cox, Jacob L. Pfoff, Alexander Worth, Daniel May, William McClelland, William Carlisle, Johnathan Hunt, Jacob Shanafelt, Joseph L. Cox, David Shanafelt, Daniel Day, Joseph Hiatt, William Black, J.W. Richards, William Cline, Eliza Moore, John Hardrick, Harris Bray, William A. Blair, Gabriel Coble and J.W. Thompson. A very large revival had occurred two years before, by which the class had multiplied nearly tenfold.”



This is a picture of the painting of the first M.E. church that was located on West Washington Street (then the northern most street in town.) Samuel Moore donated the land. The Old Cemetery was directly behind it.



Here is the plaque that was placed at the site during the Centennial celebrations of the town in 1924.



This is a view from West Washington Street showing the plaque and the Old Cemetery.



After leaving the previous location, the Methodist church moved to this building on Harrison Street. It was the home of FUMC for over 100 years—from 1888-1995.