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History of the First
Methodist Episcopal Church

HISTORY

OF THE

**First Methodist
Episcopal Church**

HARLAN, INDIANA



1915

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Harlan, Indiana, September 2, 1915

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into
the house of the Lord."

HISTORY

OF THE

First Methodist Episcopal Church

Of HARLAN, INDIANA

1854 1881 1915

NOVEMBER 28, 1915

REV. S. I. ZECHIEL, Pastor
REV. J. A. BEATTY, District Superintendent



DR. J. A. BEATTY
Former Pastor, now District Superintendent

A BRIEF HISTORY

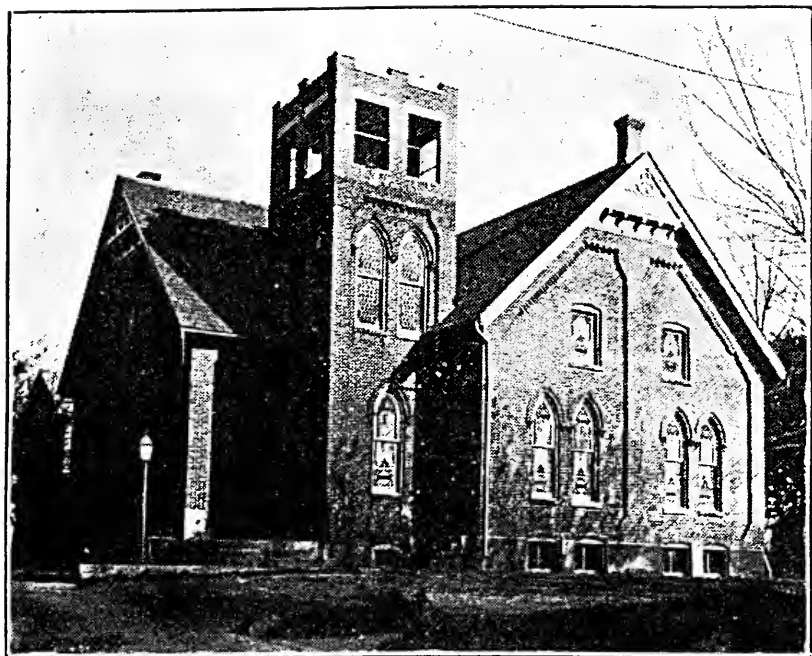
Methodism had its beginning in Allen county as early as 1824. James Holman, one of the famous Holman family of Wayne county, Indiana, and a local preacher in the Methodist church, moved to Allen county during the said year, locating on a farm on the north side of St. Mary's river, just opposite of Fort Wayne, which was then just a small village. Mr. Holman preached the Gospel to as many as would gather in his own home to hear him. Later he met anxious hearers of the Word in other homes when arrangements had been made for such services and preached to them. This continued until the year 1836, when Alexander Wiley, a presiding elder in the Ohio conference, came to Fort Wayne and established a mission. Thus Methodism in Fort Wayne was begun under the direction of the Ohio conference. In 1832 the class consisted of six members. In 1833 or 1834, the Indiana conference having been organized, took charge of this work, and sent Rev. James S. Harrison to take charge of the work, and the name was changed from "Maumee Mission" to "Fort Wayne Circuit." Out of this meager beginning have grown the five strong churches which Methodism has in Fort Wayne.

Outside of Fort Wayne, classes were organized in Wayne township, 1828; in Aboit township, 1834; at Hometown, in 1834, and several other Methodist societies were organized in various parts of the county prior to the beginning of the work in this vicinity.

The first religious service ever held in Springfield township was held at the home of Ezra May in Maysville in 1838. The service was conducted by Rev. True Pattee, one of the first settlers in St. Joseph township. These services, without doubt, were continued from time to time with more or less regularity until 1843, when the first class was organized with fifteen members. The organization was effected and the meetings were regularly held at the school house on Section 28. In 1854 the first church building was erected, just outside the town of Maysville near the old cemetery. This was a frame structure, 24 by 40 feet, and when its use was discontinued in 1882, it was sold to the Lutheran people, who afterwards sold it to private parties. This building is still in use as a storage room for C. C. Diehl & Son, grocery merchants.

In 1881 was begun the construction of the second house of worship by the society. The house was, however, not dedicated until 1882. The location for the church from near the cemetery to a location in town, where the old Corner house had stood for a number of years. This new structure was of brick, 34 by 54 feet, with two class rooms 10 by 14 feet each at one end of the structure, and a gallery above them. This was, for its time, a very commodious and up-to-date church for the community in which it was located. The membership of the church at this time was 117. This beautiful house of worship was made possible through the energetic labors of H. C. Myers, who was then pastor, and the self-sacrificing efforts of a loyal membership.

During the year 1910 or 1911 it was becoming apparent to some



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HARLAN, INDIANA

SERVICES

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 A. M.

Preaching every alternate Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.,
and every alternate Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

Epworth League devotional meeting each Sunday at 7:00 P. M.

Epworth League cabinet meeting first Wednesday of each month.

W. F. M. S. first Friday of each month.

L. A. S. last Friday of each month.

of the membership of the church that this building needed enlarging to make it a more modern plant, in keeping with the times and requirements of modern, efficient Sunday school work. The Ladies' Aid Society, which had been doing excellent work, accordingly began to save their earnings for a remodeling enterprise, and when in the year 1913 their cash on hand amounted to nearly \$700, there was much talk of undertaking a project that would make the church a modern plant for efficient work. An attempt to launch such a movement, however, failed for the present. This attempt, however, was renewed early in the year 1914, and succeeded. Plans were drawn to put a modern basement under the entire building, except only a small corner about 12x17 feet, and also to build an annex 15x32 feet on the west side of the auditorium and south of the tower. The pulpit to be changed to the east side of the auditorium, and the auditorium to be seated with circular pews. The gallery and class rooms at the north end of the building also to be rebuilt and the top of the tower made modern in its appearance.

The circulation of a subscription list met with a hearty response, and the work was undertaken and begun on June 21st 1915.

The farewell service was held on June 20, consisting of short addresses by the following persons:

1—A brief history of the church by E. C. Carrington.

2—Our Sunday School and Its Work, by F. L. Smith.

3—The Beginning and Development of the Epworth League, by Bessie Stopher.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. Jane Reichelderfer.

5—Our Ladies' Aid Society and Its Work, by Mrs. Blanche Reichelderfer.

6—A testimonial service of church reminiscences brought out the fact that the most successful and far-reaching revival meeting experienced in the old church was the meeting conducted by Local Preacher William J. James, who supplied the charge for six months in 1883-4.

The building thus remodeled at an expense of about \$5,000 contains complete basement, with kitchen 10x32 feet; banqueting room, 23x45 feet; and cloak room and furnace room; eight separate Sunday school class rooms, apart from the auditorium, all of which can be easily thrown to the auditorium, giving good view to the pulpit from any part, and furnishing a total seating capacity of about 450 people. May great spiritual victory and prosperity mark the growth of the society and its new church home.



S. I. ZECHIEL, Pastor

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

St. Joseph Mission

Pastor .	Presiding Elder
1843—J. C. Medsker	G. M. Boyd
1844—B. Winens	G. M. Boyd
1845—Wm. Forbes	G. M. Boyd
1846—C. Daud	G. M. Boyd

Auburn Circuit

1847—A. Bradley	S. Brenton
1848—S. Lamb	J. C. Cooper
E. Maynard	J. C. Cooper
1849—Wm. Palmer	J. C. Cooper
1850—R. S. Latta	J. C. Cooper
1851—A. Douglas	J. C. Cooper
— Hollopeter	J. C. Cooper

Maumee Mission

1852—Wm. H. Metts	H. M. Barnes
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Harlan Circuit

1853—Wm. H. Metts	H. M. Barnes
1854—Thomas Comstock	D. L. Stright
1855—Wm. F. Smith	D. L. Stright
1856—B. F. Armstrong	D. L. Stright

Conference Changed from Spring to Fall

1857—B. F. Armstrong	D. L. Stright
1858—C. W. Lynch	G. C. Beeks
1859—C. W. Lynch	G. C. Beeks
1860—E. L. McNeal	G. C. Beeks
1861—J. S. Sellers	G. C. Beeks
1862—J. S. Sellers	S. N. Campbell
1863—T. Colelazer	S. N. Campbell
1864—C. W. Timmons	S. N. Campbell
1865—C. W. Timmons	S. N. Campbell
1866—J. H. Slade	L. W. Manson
1867—J. H. Slade	L. W. Manson
1868—L. Cooper	L. W. Manson
1869—L. Cooper	L. W. Manson
1870—J. T. Newman	W. S. Birch
1871—J. M. Brown	W. S. Birch
1872—J. M. Brown	W. S. Birch
1873—J. M. Brown	W. S. Birch
1874—Wm. Lash	H. N. Meek
1875—Wm. Lash	Thomas Stabler
1876—J. S. McElwee	Thomas Stabler
1877—J. S. McElwee	Thomas Stabler
1878—D. M. Brown	Thomas Stabler

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1883—H. C. Myers (6 mo.)	Y. B. Meredith
Wm. J. James “	Y. B. Meredith
1884—L. W. Singer	C. W. Lynch
1885—L. W. Singer	C. W. Lynch
1886—J. A. Beaty	C. W. Lynch
1887—J. A. Beaty	C. W. Lynch
1888—T. F. Frech	A. E. Mahin
1889—T. F. Frech	A. E. Mahin
1890—A. H. Currie	A. E. Mahin
1891—A. C. Gerard	A. E. Mahin
1892—Lewis Reeves	A. E. Mahin
1893—Lewis Reeves	A. E. Mahin
1894—Lewis Reeves	F. T. Simpson
1895—Lewis Reeves	F. T. Simpson
1896—Lewis Reeves	F. T. Simpson
1897—L. C. Zimmerman	F. T. Simpson
1898—L. C. Zimmerman	F. T. Simpson
1899—L. C. Zimmerman	F. T. Simpson
1900—L. C. Zimmerman	W. A. Daniels
1901—L. C. Zimmerman	W. A. Daniels
1902—C. A. Luse	W. A. Daniels
1903—W. E. Ingalls	W. A. Daniels
1904—W. E. Ingalls	C. U. Wade
1905—W. E. Ingalls	C. U. Wade
1906—J. L. Hutchins	C. U. Wade
1907—Preston Polhemus	C. U. Wade
1908—Preston Polhemus	C. U. Wade
1909—J. B. Cook	C. U. Wade
1910—J. B. Cook	J. A. Beaty
1911—F. V. Westhafer	J. A. Beaty
1912—F. V. Westhafer	J. A. Beaty
1913—F. V. Westhafer (6 mo.)	J. A. Beaty
S. I. Zechel “	J. A. Beaty
1914—S. I. Zechiel	J. A. Beaty
1915—S. I. Zechiel	J. A. Beaty

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 Hestella Anderson.
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 Rosannah Brown.
 Elijah Bennett.
 Elizah Bennett.
 Lydia Bennett.
 Malinda Johnson.
 Caroline Lake.
 Abisah Pattie.
 Lucinda Pattie.
 Alfonso Pattie.
 Horace Skinner.
 Wm. Sweet.
 Elizabeth Sweet.

The following of the present present membership were members when the church was built in 1881:

Joseph Cummins.
 Robert Cummins.
 E. C. Carrington.
 Jennie Enninger-James.
 Marinda Farner.
 Isabel Furney-Mitchell.
 Mary A. James.
 Mary Holt.
 George James.

Retta James.
 John A. Peters.
 W. A. Reichelderfer.
 Jane Reichelderfer.
 Edward Roberts.
 George Roberts.
 Elizabeth Roberts.
 Maria Shoup.
 Hannah Starr.
 Susan Shirley.
 Elizabeth Swartz.
 Abbie Starr-Cummins.
 Sylvester Stopher.
 Mary Stopher.
 G. W. Timbrook.
 Hattie Widdifield.

Henry Bolton's name was also reported to the last conference, but died August, 1915, while church was being rebuilt.

Henry G. Beach, who was a member when the church was built, but has since moved away, has been worshipping with us all summer.

Miranda Farner, whose name appears in this list, joined church in 1882, after the church was built.

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fer.

Rec. Steward—E. C. Carrington;
J. F. Kurtz; D. D. Bosten; G.
W. Timbrook and R. A. Frye.

Sunday School

F. L. Smith, Supt.; Norris Zechiel,
Asst. Supt.

Burl Gildsmith, Sec.

J. G. Mack, Treas.

Bessie Stopher, Pianist.

Janet Reichelderfer, Assistant..

C. C. Goldsmith, Chorister.

Edna Brown, Assistant.

S. Stopher, Pres. S. S. Missionary
Society.

Lilly Mack, Missionary Treas.

Anna Furney, Supt. H. D.

Mary Gruber, Supt. Cradle Roll.

Teachers in the Sunday School

Class No. 1—Jane Reichelderfer.

Class No. 2—J. D. Cummins.

Class No. 3—Mae Reichelderfer.

Class No. 4—E. C. Carrington.

Class No. 5—Ella Boston.

Class No. 6—F. L. Smith.

Class No. 7—Norris Zechiel.

Class No. 8—Blanche Reichelder-
fer.

Class No. 9—Lela James.

Class No. 10—Bessie Stopher.

Class No. 11—Ransom Zechiel.

Organized Classes Class Names

Class No. 1 Loyal Women

Class No. 2 Berean

Class No. 3 Volunteers

Class No. 4 Brotherhood

Class No. 5 G. R. O. W.

Class No. 6 Golden Rule

Epworth League

Bessie Stopher, President.

Mary Gruber, First Vice Pres.

Beryl Swartz, Second Vice Pres.

Edna Brown, Third Vice Pres.

Norris Zechiel, Fourth Vice Pres.

F. L. Smith, Sec. and Treas.

Mildred Miller, Pianist.

Edna Brown, Chorister.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Jane Reichelderfer, President.

Mary Kurtz, First Vice Pres.

Maggie Carrington, Second Vice
Pres.

Beryl Swartz, Rec. Sec.

Ella Boston, Cor. Sec.

Blanche Reichelderfer, Treas.

Ladies' Aid Society

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Name	When Received	Name	When Received
Adams, Elnora	1913	James, George	1872
Boston, D. D.	1906	James, Loretta	1872
Boston, Ella	1873	James, Lola	1904
Boston, Donald	1904	Johnson, W. F.	1911
Boulton, Henry	1854	Johnson, Ida	1911
Boulton, Ida	1892	Johnson, Alice	1913
Boulton, Isa	1911	Kurtz, J. F.	1887
Blackburn, Ora	1907	Kurtz, Mary	1887
Blackburn, Dora	1907	Kurtz, Gaylord	1904
Beams, Berdine	1904	Kinsey, Clint	1907
Brown, Edna	1904	Kinsey, Eva	1899
Carrington, E. C.	1864	Kinsey, Wallace	1907
Carrington, Maggie	1872	Kinsey, Matilda	1907
Carrington, S. W.	1902	Lake, Hazel	1907
Carrington, Ella	1902	Leighner, Maria	1900
Carrington, James	1912	Mack, J. G.	1874
Cummins, Robert	1882	Mack, Lilly	1884
Cummins, Nettie	1911	Miller, Malissa	1899
Cummins, Lyle	1913	Miller, Frances	1899
Cummins, J. D.	1868	Miller, Wilma	1913
Cummins, Abbie	1865	Miller, Doris	1913
Dix, Ed S.	1907	Miller, Mildred	1899
Dix, Elizabeth	1907	Mitchell, Isabel	1872
Dix, Melville	1907	Minniek, F. E.	1907
Dix, Florence	1899	Nelson, Carrie	1914
Deveaux, Lucretia	1909	Peters, John A.	1872
Furney, Anna	1907	Peters, Leona	1892
Frederickson, Elizabeth	1907	Poince, Lydia	1899
Farner, Marinda	1882	Roberts, Court	1912
Frye, R. A.	1901	Roberts, Emma	1912
Frye, Ora	1901	Roberts, George	1872
Frye, Virgil	1913	Roberts, Elizabeth	1872
Goldsmith, C. C.	1910	Roberts, Ethel	1904
Goldsmith, Lydia	1910	Roberts, Frank	1903
Goldsmith, J. J.	1907	Roberts, Kate	1903
Goldsmith, Pearl	1910	Roberts, Edward	1872
Goldsmith, Mildred	1904	Roberts, Hazel	1904
Gruber, Mary	1904	Roberts, Samuel	1898
Holt, Mary	1872	Roberts, Flora	1895
Herrick, D. N.	1913	Roberts, Beatrice	1913
Herrick, Jennie	1913	Raynor, John	1898
Hoffman, Anna	1914	Reichelderfer, W. A.	1872
Hamilton, Julia	1911	Reichelderfer, Jane	1872
Helfer, Ida	1914	Reichelderfer, Lola	1907
James, Mary	1868	Reichelderfer, E. C.	1904
James, Jennie	1878	Reichelderfer, Blanche	1903
		Reichelderfer, Zella	1903

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Reichelderfer, George	1903	Thimlar, W. A.	1907
Reichelderfer, Mae	1914	Thimler, Laura	1909
Reichelderfer, Wylton	1914	Thompson, Maggie	1914
Reichelderfer, Janet	1914	Thompson, Louise	1914
Shoup, Maria	1874	Thompson, Frances	1914
Starr, Hanna	1874	Umstead, Anna	1874
Starr, Arthur	1901	Vallieu, Wm.	1907
Swartz, Clinton	1892	Vallieu, Blanche	1907
Swartz, Elizabeth	1872	Widdifield, Eugene	1892
Swartz, Beryl	1904	Widdifield, Hattie	1875
Swift, Edw.	1910	Widdifield, George	1907
Swift, Myrtle	1910	Zimmerman, Benj.	1904
Stopher, Sylvester	1874	Zimmerman, Mary	1904
Stopher, Mary	1881	Zeis, Anna	1907
Stopher, Bessie	1904	Zeis, Bonnie	1913
Stopher, Charles	1904	Zeehiel, Anna	1913
Shirley, Susan		Zeehiel, Norris	1913
Stooky, Daisy	1899	Zeehiel, Ransom	1913
Smith, F. L.	1909		
Smith, Ethel	1909		
Stephan, Mary	1909		
Timbrook, G. W.	1874		
Timbrook, Carrie	1909		
Timbrook, Edith	1899		

Probationers

John Gruber	1914
Harold Kinsey	1914
Dale Kinsey	1914
Ermal Miller	1914

Henry Goldsmith

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NOTES OF INTEREST

The Harlan Epworth League, chapter No. 6,382, was organized in 1892. F. A. Reichelderfer was its first president. He afterwards entered the ministry, and for a number of years did very acceptable and successful work. He served as conference statistician from 1910 to October, 1915, when he was called home.

Rev. P. H. Walters of Joliettsville also acknowledges the influence of the Epworth League upon his life. He became a member of the League very early in its history, and the influence of the League helped him decide to obey the call to preach. The Epworth League, through its institutes, is helping scores of young people to a life decision.

The Epworth League conducted its first study class in 1913-14, through its department of mission study. Mrs. Mary Gruber was the energetic second vice president who had charge of this department, and organized the class. "The New Era in Asia" was the text book studied.

In the fall of 1914 the League entered upon a three-years' Bible study course as outlined by the central office. The text book for the first year's work was, "Studies in the Old Testament."

Of course the Sunday school began its work about as early as the church did. The time was when people organized churches and then the churches sooner or later started a Sunday school. So it may be that here the people were organized into a church first. Now-a-days, however, Sunday schools are started in neglected neighborhoods, and they soon grow into churches.

More than any other one man, E. C. Carrington has been instrumental in making the school what it is. He was for many years its superintendent. When he was first elected it was not an evergreen school, nor did they use the International lessons, and of course there were objections when the changes were made, but they were made, and for the best interests of the school.

Maria Shoup was for twenty-four years teacher of the primary class. Bishop Wm. F. McDowell was in her Sunday school class back in Millersburg, Ohio, when he was but a lad. So Mrs. Shoup came to this church in 1874 with a splendid record as a primary teacher.

Two of the pastors who served here, afterwards became district superintendent, viz: C. W. Lynch and J. A. Beaty. Brother Lynch returned as district superintendent after being away twenty-five years and Dr. Beaty after an absence of twenty-two years.

The records show a change from a spring conference to a fall conference, but we have not been able to learn when it was changed back to a spring conference.

The Ladies' Aid society has worked hard under adverse circumstances for a number of years. But as a result they had a nest egg of \$1,000 cash on hand when the remodeling begun. Three hundred dollars was raised during the year 1914.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society have an active auxil-



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We have not been able to determine when the Harlan charge was changed from a four-point circuit to a two-point charge. Other changes are noted in list of appointments.

The North Scipio church, the other point on this charge, has a membership of 112, reported at the last conference. It is the second largest country church in the Fort Wayne district.

The church at Black Creek, which took a new lease on life under the labors of Rev. E. C. Carrington, was made a part of this charge by action of the quarterly conference, May 31, 1915. The prospects of building up here are fairly encouraging. This community was abandoned by the United Brethren people because they had no other points near to which it could be attached.

Here are a few items from the statistical report that may be of interest:

The Sunday school raised \$65 missionary money last year, and promise even better for this year. The literary or missionary programs given on each missionary Sunday were not begun until the latter part of last conference year, and they have had a salutary effect on the collection.

The total amount of money raised for all benevolences last year was \$543, as compared to \$385 the preceding year. This of course includes the contributions from Scipio, from which we received the first Sunday school missionary offering, having organized the school into a missionary society during last year. This year we need to do better, for the conference has taken advanced steps for the support of the supernumeraries.

The Epworth League for the first time gave a contribution towards the Ernsberger fund last year, the amount being \$15.00. Dr. D. O. Ernsberger, district superintendent of Belgaum district, India, is supported by the Epworth League of Fort Wayne district.

The following inscription is moulded into the bell that swings in the tower:

"Harlan M. E. Church H. C. Myers, pastor. R. Anderson, F. Roberts, S. Enninger, Wm. Shoup, trustees."

The bell was moulded in 1882 by the Clinton H. Meneely Bell Co. of Troy, N. Y. No one seems to know its weight, but it is estimated at about 800 pounds.

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