

# Marshall Main Street Program

## BUILDING SURVEY

Telephone (217) 826-9023

Structure Address: 702 Plum

Date: 7/20/2011

Reference No.: Lot 5 Block 12  
09091317 3030 17

Prepared By: Eleanor Macke



Name of Present Business: First United Methodist Church of Marshall

Type of Business: Religious Meeting Place

Present Building Owner: Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Church of IL

Estimated Construction Date: 1909 dedication 1909

Original Business or Use: Church

Historic Name: Methodist Episcopal Church

Any drawings or pictures of early building available: Yes



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Awnings	<input type="checkbox"/>	First Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Second Floor
Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	Canvas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aluminum
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Constructed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Shingle
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Roofing Material
Doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Metal
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear glass in door 30%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sidelite	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mostly solid wood
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transom	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Stained, leaded, or beveled
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Stained, leaded, or beveled
Cornice	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brackets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Style _____
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Panels, Windows
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
Main Entrance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Centered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Off center to right
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Entrance to upper floors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Side entrance (Corner Building)
Unique Ornamental	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tower or Turret
Trim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ornamental Column or Parts
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Metal Works	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Stone Work
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outside Stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Simple
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Cross Beam	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Metal
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative Rosettes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood

Present Colors: Walls: gray Sidewall gray  
 (If corner)

Window Trim: dark gray

Doors: \_\_\_\_\_

Awning: \_\_\_\_\_

Stairs: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Floor Use:  Used  Storage  Apt.  Office  Classrooms

3rd Floor Use:  PA  Unused  Storage  Apt.  Office

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Exterior Renovations: Addition

Description: 1 story on east side of church facing Plum Street  
street level new entrance to offices and  
chapel

Estimated Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Architect or Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner: same

Other Owners:	Dates		1st Fl or Use
	From	To	
_____	_____	_____	_____
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2nd & 3rd Floor  
Offices or  
Residences

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Any original or early interior features still in tact (lights, tin ceiling, etc.)

Open  
stained glass windows woodwork  
hanging lights  
balconies

Integrity of original structure:

- Unaltered
- Slight modification on the building
- Slight modification 1st floor only
- Major modification entire building
- Major modification 1st floor only

Ease to restore original appearance:

N/A

Very easy Restore windows, take down awnings, etc.

Moderate

Difficult

Very Difficult

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## Condition of structure:

- Excellent
- Good (No structure problems; needs maintenance)
- Fair (Needs major maintenance & minor structure)
- Poor (Deteriorated & structure problems)

## Historical significance

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of origin      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupant                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural style | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Importance to community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architect                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Importance to streetscape          |

## Legal Description:







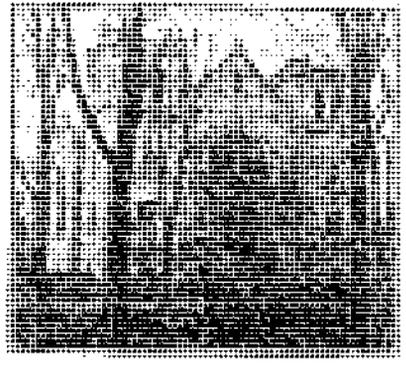


**NEW FIRST M. E. CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY.**

**Bishop McIntyre of St. Paul Preaches Dedicatory Sermon.**

The new First M. E. church of this city, the corner stone of which was laid June 28, was formally dedicated Sunday evening by Bishop McIntyre of St. Paul, Minnesota, a former pastor of this church. During his pastorate here the people of Marshall and vicinity became greatly attached to him, and this together with his national reputation as a preacher and lecturer, drew audiences at all the Sunday meetings which taxed the capacity of the great building to its utmost, the attendance being estimated at from one thousand to twelve hundred at each meeting. An indebtedness of \$16000 remained on the building and it was necessary that this vast sum be raised and the building cleared of debt before it was dedicated. This part of the work was in charge of Rev. Dr. Parr of Kokomo, Ind., and before the formal dedication in the evening he had secured money and pledges that entirely wiped out this indebtedness and the building, the total cost of which was about \$31000, stands free of encumbrance.

The morning services was opened by a voluntary on the new pipe organ and were in charge of the Rev. Parker



ROSS PHOTO

Shield, district superintendent. The reading of the apostles' creed was led by the Rev. Mr. Swart, pastor of the Marshall church 1868-1869, and a prayer was offered by the Rev. D. W. English of Paris, Ill., whose father, the Rev. Abel English, was the first Methodist minister in Marshall.

Following the dedicatory sermon William Dittman, treasurer of the building committee, made his report which showed the condition of the finances to be as stated above.

Services were held at the church Monday night and last night and will continue throughout the week. Monday night Rev. Frank Moore of Windsor, a recent pastor of the church and under whose pastorate plans for the new building had their inception, preached an able and inspiring sermon. On last night an Epworth League Rally was held, the address being delivered by Rev. Ewing of Paris. This afternoon and evening a public reception will be held at the church and tomorrow night the new pipe organ will be dedicated.

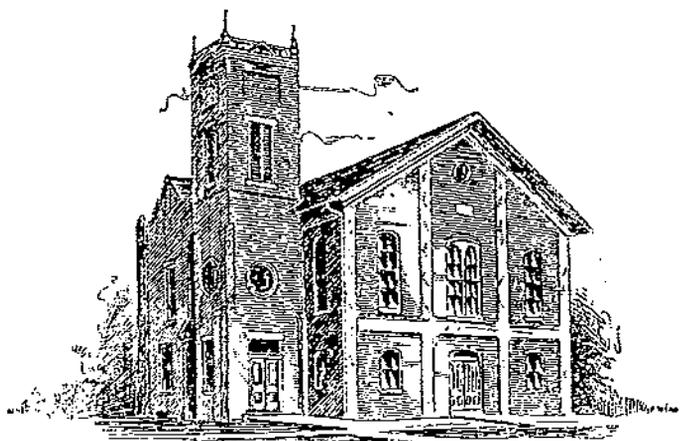
The first of the dedicatory series of meetings was held Friday night at which time the Opening Pipe Organ Recital was given by Prof. Earle C. Thornton, assisted by the Emerson quartette. This proved to be perhaps the best musical entertainment ever given in Marshall, every number on the program demanding a response. An admission fee of 50c was charged and the sum of \$270 was realized to help pay the cost of the organ, \$1500.

The accompanying picture will give our readers some idea of the beauty of this magnificent building, constructed of Bedford stone, heated by steam and lighted by electricity, the total cost of which was \$31000, but no description can be as expressive of the real magnificence of the building as a statement made by Dr. Parr when he said that among the great number of M. E. church buildings in Chicago only three could be called superior to this.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Marshall was organized in June 1841 and Abel English and wife, Uri Manley and wife, Thornton F. Day and wife, James Martin and wife, Hannah Chapman and Mrs. Hayes were among the first members. Abel English was formerly a preacher of that denomination in New Jersey and it was under his leadership that the church was organized. The first meetings were held in the Dean Andrews frame school house and in 1845 steps were taken to build a church, Mr. Day undertaking the work of circulating a petition. After a good deal of work he raised

about \$800 and a building was commenced on Hamilton street on the site now occupied by the Herald office. In 1849 this church was completed and dedicated by Rev. Hiram Brick. This building was used until 1873, when a building was erected on the corner of Franklin and Mechanic streets. This continued to be the home of the church till the construction of the present building was planned when it was torn away and the new building erected on the site.

The recent county history, from which we obtained material for this article, says that it was during the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Pilcher that the church experienced a remarkable revival, resulting in 300 additions to the church and making possible the erection of the present magnificent building. Rev. Pilcher was a beautiful singer, a magnetic speaker with a splendid voice and popular with all classes and conditions of men. Among the pastors who have officiated since Rev. Pilcher may be mentioned Revs. Slagle, Obenschain, Burket, McVey, Robert McIntyre, David Howe, Mills, White, Hailey, Moore and Fletcher, the present pastor. Rev. McIntyre has since become one of the Methodist Bishops and is a preacher, poet, lecturer and writer of national reputation and it was fitting that he was secured to deliver the dedicatory sermon in the new church that his former labors did so much to make possible its erection.



M. E. Church Building erected in 1873 and which was torn away to make room for the new building.

**Confessed Bootleggers Released from Jail.**

Cutsinger, the last of the three bootleggers who plead guilty at the January term of County court and who were fined \$75 and costs each, was released from the county jail Friday. It will be recalled that Durott and Hennessy, the other two, were arrested and, on pleas of guilty, were fined by Judge Snively for selling liquor in the south part of the county without license, and sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail until fines and costs were paid or they were otherwise released by due process of law. Executions were issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff and he was directed to make the amount of fines and costs out of any property which he might find belonging to the prisoners. The executions were returned by the sheriff, no property having been found, and an order was entered, by the Judge on recommendation of the State's Attorney, that the prisoners be released from custody. We do not attempt to say whether this action, though entirely legal, is right or wrong. However it appears that the county, as well as the cause of justice and temperance, gets little good from such prosecutions and sentences so easily set aside. According to their pleas they were guilty and many people have the idea that our laws provide for the punishment of crime whether the perpetrator be rich or poor. They were released legally but why the arrest and expense of prosecution if no punishment, or so little, is to follow, simply because they had no property out of which to make the fine and costs. The authorities certainly lead some notion of the prisoners' financial condition before the sentence was imposed, and in addition to the fine a prison sentence would have kept them in jail until the time expired. One of the men released left a note for collection with Atty. Poorman with instructions to pay his fine and costs if the note could be collected, and something may yet be obtained toward defraying the cost of these cases.

**Daughter of Judge Booth Injured.**

Miss Margaret Booth, daughter of Judge Booth, was quite severely injured in Washington last week by being struck by a street car. She was passing down one side of the street near her home when a friend called her to the other side and in crossing behind one car she stepped in front of another going in the opposite direction. She was thrown to the pavement at the side of the track and rendered unconscious. The President's carriage was passing at the time in which Miss Booth was taken to her home. She remained unconscious for an hour but when she revived she was found not so dangerously hurt.

**Suit to Establish Ownership of Timber Wolf.**

A large timber wolf was killed near Ridge Farm last week by Harry Fulton on his farm near that place, but the animal is claimed by Howard Conaday on the grounds that his dogs were running the animal and had it tired out when it was shot by Fulton. A suit has been brought before a Justice, to determine the ownership. This reminds us that a circumstance exactly similar to this occurred in this county some twenty years ago at the time of the killing perhaps of the last timber wolf in Clark county. The wolf had been seen a number of times along the North Fork Creek in Johnson township and one day a large pack of fox hounds belonging to W. H. Bennett, then a resident of that section, started the wolf from cover, and after a long chase was about to run it down when it was shut by a farmer near whose place it was passing. In this case there was no trouble and Bennett took the wolf.

**New Divorce Cases.**

Since our last issue two divorce cases have been filed for the March term of Circuit court, Wm. Starkey has brought suit to be divorced from Jessie Starkey. They were married in 1900 and lived together till 1906, when as the hill alleges she deserted him and has refused to live with him since. James Fitzjarrald vs Myrtle Fitzjarrald is the title of another divorce suit filed. This couple were married in Paris in 1902 and lived together till 1905. They have one son 5 years old. Abandonment is the cause.

**Fire Destroys Blacksmith Shop.**

The blacksmith shop operated by Roy Morecraft located just west of the jail was destroyed by fire last night. The fire was discovered about 11:30 by Carroll Howell and Floyd Hanks, burning in the office room. They broke the window and attempted to extinguish it but the fire had too much head way and an alarm was given. It burned rapidly and by the time the fire apparatus arrived the building was enveloped in flames, and although soon extinguished, the building was almost destroyed. Much of the equipment in the shop was destroyed and the loss will fall quite heavily upon the owner as most of the tools had recently been purchased new and there was no insurance.

**New M. E. Church nearing Completion.**

The carpenter work on the new E. church has been completed and men are busy now with the frescoing, some of which is done and is very pretty. The windows are all in and the doors hung. There are three large windows and six smaller ones in the auditorium in memory of the following persons: The large window in the west in memory of Rev. Albert Blunk, Dr. Simon Jumper and one welcome to the stranger, being in three sections. The two small windows north of the large one are to Francis Archer Gard and Margaret Archer. The two just south of it are to Edwin Smith and Frank Smith Ruttman. The large window in the east to Rev. Able English, one of the founders of the M. E. church of this place and the first pastor here, also to his wife, Margaret English. The large window in the south is for Mr. and Mrs. George Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kohl and Miss Anna Hess. Other small windows are for Valentine and Deborah King, Emma Shipe, Matilda Sutton and Ann Archer, besides windows for each society of the church, and each class of Sunday School has its own window in its own class room. The W. C. T. U. has window in the south with Frances E. Willard's photograph on it. The wood work is all furnished in the Mission finish with Mission style doors into the vestibules. It will be a beautiful church when completed and certainly a credit to any city larger than Marshall. The 7th of March has been fixed for the dedication, and Bishop Rob McInyre will deliver the address.

**Wilson Livery Barn and Baird Grocery Change Ownership.**

A deal was brought to a close Monday that had been pending several days whereby Warren Wilson disposed of his livery stock and business on North 7th street to Shyrd Cooper, Ray Huston and Clayton Nolan. The new proprietors will conduct a general livery business, feed and sale barn at the same location, and ask a share of the patronage of this community. Mr. Wilson by courteous dealing and careful management has built up a good business and he desires to thank his friends for their liberal patronage and asks that the new proprietors be extended the same business patronage accorded him.

Another deal occurred Monday by which John K. Black bought the Ben T. Baird grocery on East Main st. This is one of the leading grocery stores of the city and the change of ownership was unexpected. Mr. Baird has been in poor health during the winter and this induced him to sell in anticipation that relief from business would prove beneficial to his health. Mr. Black is no stranger to the business interests of our city as he has been engaged in the grocery trade and other lines of business here for many years. He knows every phase of the grocery business and he will continue to make this a popular place to trade as it was while conducted by Mr. Baird.

MARSHALL, ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 10, 1909.

## GREAT DAY FOR MARSHALL METHODISTS

### WIPE OUT A DEBT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THEN DEDICATE ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY



Bishop McIntyre

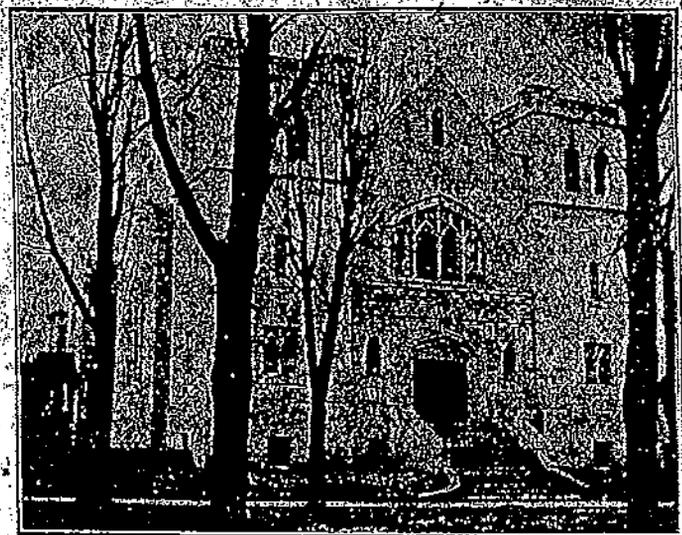


Photo by Ross.



Rev. E. L. Pletcher, Pastor.

Sunday was a red letter day in the history of the Methodist church in Marshall, when the fine new church building was dedicated. All nature seemed in tune for the occasion, as the threatening weather had cleared away and brought a perfect spring day.

The program was announced last week was followed, the services beginning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Parker Shields, district superintendent, acted as master of ceremonies throughout the day. One of the notable features of the day, and one that will long be remembered, was the raising of the very large amount of money to pay off the indebtedness on the new house. The church cost in round numbers \$29,000, and the pastor announced that \$15,500 was needed to put them out of debt. It looked like a tremendous sum, but before the day's services had ended \$16,000 in cash and pledges had been raised, placing the church out of debt and with a small surplus on hand.

The new building, which has a seating capacity of 1100 or 1200, was crowded at every service and many were unable to gain admittance. The

morning sermon was preached by Bishop Robert McIntyre. After a feeling reference to his work as pastor of the church 28 years ago, the good Bishop delivered what will long be remembered as one of the most powerful, eloquent and beautiful sermons ever heard in Marshall. He also spoke briefly at the evening service and formally dedicated the church, assisted by the visiting ministers. Of these there were three former pastors of the church—Rev. P. F. Schwartz, of Paris, who was pastor 41 years ago, Rev. W. D. Russell, of Humboldt, and Rev. F. M. Moore, of Windsor. There were also present on the platform Rev. Frank C. Bunker, of Chicago, Rev. D. W. English, of Paris, Rev. D. T. Black, of Marshall, and the pastors of the local churches, who had dismissed their own services for the day. Rev. W. D. Parr, of Kokomo, Ind., had charge of the financial part of the program which he conducted with great ability. The musical program was very fine, and the services throughout of the highest order.

The new church is one of the handsomest in the country. Bishop McIntyre said "there are not three

Methodist churches in Chicago that are better, and we have a hundred there." It is built of Bedford stone, massive and imposing in appearance. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 400, and with the Sunday school room, which is connected by a sliding screen, and the balconies, will accommodate 1100 to 1200 people. A much larger number than that was present Sunday. There is also on the main floor a ladies' parlor, pastor's study, choir room, 14 Sunday school class rooms, and a storage room in the tower. In the basement there is a dining room 50x50 feet, a gymnasium 30x35 feet, kitchen, two cloak rooms, and boiler room.

The art glass windows are very fine. The large east window is in memory of Rev. Abel English, one of the founders and the first pastor of the church, and his wife. The main west window is a memorial to Rev. Albert Blunk, Dr. and Mrs. Simon Jumper and Stephen Bradley. The large window over the main entrance is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Weltzel and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kohl. Other memorial windows are for Frances Willard, John Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. King, Edward Smith and Frank Ruttman, Frances Arch-

er Gard and Mrs. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, Rhoda Turner, Mr. English, and Mr. Pfister. There is also a window "for the Stranger," and others placed by the Young Men's Sunday school class, the Cross Bearers class, the Bible class, the W. F. M. S., and the Ladies' Aid Society. There is also a window in memory of the ten original founders of the church. The fine pipe organ is also a memorial to Frances Archer Gard.

The completed structure represents a herculean effort on the part of the people of the church, and one of which they and the entire city, may well be proud. The first Methodist church building in Marshall was built in 1846, on the site of the Herald building. The second building was erected in 1873.

Services of various kinds are being conducted in the new church all the week. This evening occurs a public reception, tomorrow night the dedication of the pipe organ, when Prof. Anderson, of Terre Haute, will play; and Friday afternoon, quarterly tea of the W. F. M. S. Revival services will be commenced March 26, the pastor being assisted by Rev. H. K. Towle.

#### WETS GAIN A POINT

Slip Measure Through Legislature

#### Will Build to Evansville

The last obstacle to the plans of

#### Fine Organ Recital

The organ recital in the new

#### NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Of Special Interest to Clark Coun-

**NEW M. E. CHURCH CORNER STONE LAID.**

**Appropriate Exercises Conducted before Large Crowd.**

In accordance with previous announcement the corner stone for the new M. E. church in process of erection was laid Thursday afternoon, the exercises beginning at 4 o'clock. Seats were arranged on the floor of the large building, accommodating a large number of people. Those were early taken and the crowd filled the adjoining streets, occupying any point of vantage which gave them a view of the proceedings.

The stone was laid in accordance with the custom and ritual of the church and Elder Parker Shields of Mattoon had charge of this work. After the opening ritual address, a male chorus rendered an appropriate song selection, followed by the ritual prayer. Rev. E. L. Pletcher had arranged the 123rd Psalm on the programs for responsive reading, which was the next exercise. Then followed short addresses by eminent Methodist Ministers, among whom was D. W. English of Edgar county, an uncle of the English boys of this neighborhood. Mayor Bell was invited to the platform and gave a short congratulatory address, in which he felicitated the church for their enterprise in erecting such a beautiful and commodious temple of worship, as well as the city for what it will add to the beauty and well being of the municipality. The formalities attending the actual laying of the stone were then observed, and after a closing song by the chorus and the benediction the audience dispersed, feeling that the exercises had been a success, and that under such an auspicious beginning the church erection will go forward to rapid and sure completion, and when completed it will be the largest, and one of the most beautiful churches in the county.

**LIST OF ARTICLES PLACED IN CORNER STONE.**

Book containing names of official members of church and members of church, also all subscribers to building fund, recent copies of the Clark County Herald, Clark County Democrat, Marshall Republican and complete files of The Express, the Mattoon District Methodist, list of all Sunday School classes, lists and reports of Epworth and Junior Leagues, record of last meeting held in the old church, list of members of Wesley Brotherhood, package of photographs containing pictures of all Marshall churches with announcements, donated by Arthur Hurst, package of photographs, donated by Sextus Ross, containing pictures of Wabash Valley Telephone Company tower, Ohio Oil Co. office, flash light of interior of old church, Rev. E. L. Pletcher and Mayor H. C. Bell, also one seed plate and formula for developing, one package of curios donated by H. G. Hoagie of York, Ill., containing one Greek coin 2000 years old and one large United States penny dated 1846, also two of Mr. Hodges business cards, one Methodist discipline, One year book of the Methodist Episcopal church, list of names of members of the Ladies' Aid, list of teachers of Clark county, list of those who ate dinner with the Ladies' Aid that day, box that held the first dollar raised for the new church, by Mrs. Young's Sunday School class April 1, 1906

**Clark County Democrat**

**Cassey.**

Mrs. W. M. Bastian of Quincy is visiting here.

Lola Emrick and Ella Lewis were in Martinsville Monday.

Miss Ruth Young has returned home from a visit in Kinmundy.

Miss Carpenter returned to her home in Sidell Tuesday after a visit here.

Mrs. Joe Price, Jr., is spending a few weeks with her parents in Cayuga, Ind.

Mrs. Wm. St. Martz departed Tuesday for Ridge Farm for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Fred Bartlett and children of Marshall arrived Wednesday to visit Ida Howe.

Mrs. Will Baker of Blue Mound is visiting at the home of her brother, W. O. Price.

Miss Flosse Lee has returned from Charleston, where she had been attending normal.

Frank Berry and wife returned to their home in Mattoon Monday after a visit here.

Mrs. Ward Akester visited her parents in Clay City, a few days, arriving home Tuesday.

Taylor Emrick and Sharp Dixon has returned from a health seeking visit at French Lick Springs.

Mrs. Margaret Williams arrived home Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Charleston.

Misses Bonnie and Grace Fortney are home from Charleston where they have been attending normal.

Prof. Thompson moved to Waldron, Ind., Monday where he has a position as principal of the schools.

Beulah Bair has returned to her home in Martinsville after a visit at the home of Dr. W. T. Lamb.

Miss Beulah Wood is spending a few weeks in Brownstown, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Greta Mitchell.

R. J. McGain and wife departed Monday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. D. McCoy, and sister, Mrs. John Main.

D. S. Lee, wife and daughter, Cuma, departed Wednesday for Havana, Ill., to spend a month at the Epworth League state chautauqua.

C. L. Faunce left Thursday afternoon for Pittsburg, Kas., to visit a brother and sister whom he has not seen for more than fifteen years.

Miss Margaret Kreigh who has been visiting at the home of Mabel Young the past ten days, returned to her home at Greencastle, Ind., Tuesday.

Mrs. Jessie Herrall and son who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate Sturdevant, and aunt, Mrs. Bruce, returned to their home in Olney Monday.

Mrs. S. B. Smith and daughter of Flora arrived Wednesday and will visit her daughter, Mrs. Ophir Lang and other relatives and old friends a couple of weeks.

Carl Hunt, the 14-year-old son of C. H. Hunt and wife died Monday evening at the home of his uncle, Peter Pinkler after a week's illness of paralysis. The remains were taken to Marshall for interment Wednesday.

**Westfield.**

R. M. Porterfield went to his farm Tuesday.

Koss Lee of Cassey came up Monday on business.

Miss Carrie Seoff was a Paris visitor last week.

Miss Boyd has been the guest of Miss Maybelle Goble.

Miss Reta Pratt visited her father in Marshall last week.

Mrs. Maud El Tobill of Villa Grovo has been visiting here.

George Collins and G. E. Reinohl were in Charleston Monday.

Mrs. Kerna visited her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Pollard last week.

Dr. J. J. Griffith and wife have returned from a visit in Sumner.

Ed Arterburn and Mr. Hughes of Mattoon were here Wednesday.

Mrs. L. J. Lowry has been visiting her children in Mattoon and St. Louis.

J. T. Epperson visited his brother, Dr. J. C. Epperson in Kansas Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Comstock was the guest of S. A. and Minerva Dawson Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Anderson and son, Luther, left Tuesday for a visit in Indiana and Ohio.

Miss Lizzie Malone of Terra Haute is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ben Dawson.

Eli Fogler went to St. Elmo last week to bring his aged father home with him.

Miss Faye Adams returned home Wednesday after an extended visit with friends.

Robert Ebdley is the owner of a new automobile having purchased it at Chicago recently.

Capt. H. Black and sister, Mrs. Trigger, returned Monday from a visit in Martinsville.

Mrs. Walter Shuman of Denver and Mrs. Thomas of Terra Haute are visiting James Lee and wife.

Mrs. Harry Meece is spending the summer here with home folks. Her husband will follow in a few weeks.

W. E. Wilson is excavating for a 50-foot addition to his business room, so that he may have additional room for handling lumber for the coming year.

Mrs. L. R. Biggs and daughter, Helen, Misses Viva Dawson, Vera Eadsley, Anna, Nora and Lucile Brismar, left Thursday morning for a ten days' outing at the Paris Chautauqua.

Prof. Clyde Moore of the Village Board has returned from his visit in the state of Washington. In his sojourn he visited most of the principal cities and made the state is in a flourish in connection.

# First United Methodist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

The First United Methodist Church of Marshall is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of its present church building with a homecoming and rededication service on Sunday, November 15th. The church is located at 7th and Plum Streets across from the post office.

The celebration will begin with the morning service at 9am and continue with a fellowship dinner and sharing of memories at 11:30. A group picture and a service of rededication will conclude the day at 2pm.

First United Methodist Church was organized in March of 1909.

One of the features of the church is the Hinners tracker

action pipe organ that was largely financed by the sale of candy and cookies made by a Sunday School class of young women. Reverend Harry Tinley, great-great-grandson of Abel English, will be featured organist for the dedication service.

An addition to the church of witness and service in March ahead.

building was completed in 1988 consisting of office space, chapel, elevator, rest rooms and storage space.

They enter into this celebration time with praise and thanksgiving for all those church members who have gone before, for the present pastor Richard Lewis and for those who will follow in the years that lie ahead.



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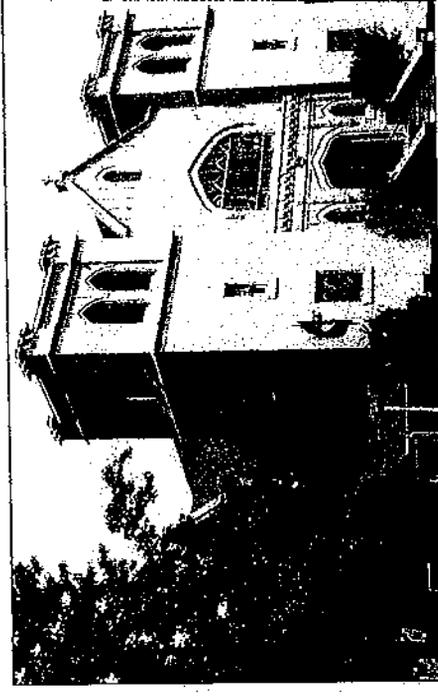
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shall in 1841 by lay preacher Abel English as the Methodist Church.

The present Bedford stone building is the third church structure of the congregation and the second structure on the present site. It was completed in 1908 and dedicated in March of 1909.

One of the features of the church is the Hinners tracker

The members of First United Methodist Church and the present pastor Richard Lewis will participate many more years of witness and service in March ahead.



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except for one on each end, are playing or "speaking" pipes. The stops are knobs, with names such as flute, oboe, and diapason that are pulled to make the ranks of pipes play. Depressing the expressive pedal brings either a loud or soft combination of stops into play.

The pipe organ, though massive in size, is a delicate and sensitive instrument that produces music of the finest sound quality only if consistent care is taken to insure the best possible environment. The addition of carpeting, a slight change in temperature and humidity, and even certain types of paint can affect the quality of sound.

Some very talented organists have sat at the keyboards these past 73 years. The organist must have a rich and extensive background in piano in order to successfully produce the quality of sound a tracker action pipe organ affords.

Ethel Hurst Gorham, who was consulted on the stop selection, was the first organist for the pipe organ, playing nearly 20 years before retiring.

Mary Miller played for a few years and in 1929 Mrs. H. R. Blough became the organist.

Berniece Brosman began her position as organist in 1943 and devoted more than a quarter of a century at the keyboard.



*Marian Fitzjarrald playing the historic Tracker Organ*

Marian Fitzjarrald, the present organist, began playing in 1968 and is enjoying her 14<sup>th</sup> year as mistress of the piper.

Helen Coldren Moore has been an assistant organist since 1929. She has been joined recently by Sarah Hayes.

Susan Ellshoff and Harry Tingley also have been assistant organists during recent years.

The congregation and friends of the community and surrounding area have had the unique opportunity of hearing two outstanding recitals played on the newly restored organ.

David Porola, St. Louis, Mo. was guest organist at a recital on Oct. 16. Members of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society attended the program. On Nov. 7, Pettinga, Champaign performed the dedication recital of the restored organ."

We hope that you have enjoyed learning more about our Hinners Tracker Action Organ. Since this article was printed in 1982, there have been several changes. In 1991 Harry Tingley, a descendent of the founder of our church, Abel English, became the head organist. His assistant, Jo Sanders, became head organist in 1995 and has served our church in that capacity for almost 17 years.

The care and preservation of our organ is important to us. An Organ Fund has been established to provide for future repairs. Several generous donations and memorial gifts have been made to this fund.

We welcome your participation in this effort to keep our historic organ in good working order so that the music of our church can be enjoyed by the generations to come.

For more information about this historic musical instrument visit [www.marshallfumc.org](http://www.marshallfumc.org) or call (217) 826-8041.

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## Hinners Tracker Organ

### First United Methodist Church



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The people of The United Methodist Church™

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The following article telling the history of our organ has been copied from a section of the Terre Haute, Indiana, newspaper titled Neighbors, the Tribune – Star's New 'Roto' that was printed on November 20, 1982.

### New Life for Hinners Tracker Organ

by Stephanie Dixon, Tribune-Star Correspondent, Marshall, Illinois

*"Through the years music has echoed from the First United Methodist Church sanctuary uniting people in a shared communion of love, faith, and hope.*

*Each Sunday for 73 years well-practiced hands and feet have moved over the ivory keyboards and pedals, filling this house of worship with harmonious sounds that sooth, comfort, and capture the listener's heart.*

*Music of commitment and promise accompanies baptisms and confirmations. Joyous music resounds through the sanctuary as a couple wed.*

*The hearts of the congregation are filled with hope as the sounds of music welcome new babies and new life into the church.*

*And at the end of their life on Earth, faithful friends are accompanied to their final resting place with hymns celebrating their life.*

*The instrument producing the music that has touched so many people's lives through the years is the Hinners Tracker Action Pipe Organ that dominates the interior of the sanctuary.*

*In 1908, during the construction of the Methodist Church at Seventh and Plum streets, an organ committee visited several area churches to select the best type of instrument for the*

*sanctuary. After listening to the magnificent quality of sound that was produced by the Hinners Pipe Organ at the Montrose Church in Terre Haute, the committee was convinced it would have nothing less than a similar organ for its new church.*

*A German organ builder for the Hinners Organ Co. in Pekin, Ill. came to Marshall to build the organ and to "voice it" especially for the Marshall sanctuary.*

*An organ company's reputation often hinges on its voicer—he carefully adjusts and aligns the organ pipes so the maximum sound quality of the instrument can be enjoyed. The voicer lived up to his reputation for excellent work, and the organ was completed in time for the dedication of the church building on Sunday, March 7, 1909.*

*The pipe organ originally cost \$1,500, and much of the money for its purchase came from the efforts of a girls Sunday school class. To solicit funds for the organ the enterprising young ladies, later known as the Kandy Kitchen Girls, made and sold homemade candy in front of the Candy Kitchen, a popular meeting place, on Saturday afternoons.*

*Others donated to the fund by purchasing a pipe for \$25.00. The donor's name was then inscribed on the back of the pipe. A final donation of \$200.00 was received for the organ by Adam R. Gard and John R. Archer.*

*The beautiful instrument was dedicated on March 11, 1909, "In Memory of Frances Archer Gard, a long time organist and member of this church" by Professor Sam Adam. Before the dedication an organ recital was played on March 5, 1909 by Professor Earl Clark Thornton.*

*Not until many years later did Mr. Helmericks, a member of the music department of the University of Illinois, make adjustments and minor repairs on the organ, and in 1968 he undertook major repair work to the tune of \$3,500.00. All pipes were removed and cleaned, dents were removed, and tuners were added to pipes no longer able to be tuned.*

*After Helmericks' death, Paul Pettinga, retired chairman of the University of Illinois organ department, took charge of caring for the church's prized possession.*

*Pettinga advised that tracker organs were made to last about 60 years. At that point they could be restored to last another 60 years.*

*He noted that tracker organs in Europe today are essentially the same as they were when Johann Sebastian Bach played upon them in the early 1700s. The organs have been kept in good repair and have been restored many times over. Tracker organs are such a quality instrument that even several restorations do not diminish the sound quality but actually enhance it.*

*Pettinga disclosed that a decision must be made to restore the Marshall organ, electrify it, or allow time and use to take its toll until it was too late to repair or restore it.*

*A replacement organ similar to the one at First United Methodist Church would cost at least \$125,000.00 to \$150,000.00.*

*A decision was made by the present organ committee to allot \$22,500.00 for the complete restoration of the splendid musical instrument.*

*The Holloway Organ Co. in Indianapolis has replaced all of the trackers. All working parts have been checked and replaced if needed. A new blower and new bellows has taken the place of the large bellows designed for the hand-pumped organ.*

*The original motor that forced air into the large bellows was a Ross water motor that was replaced a number of years ago by an electric motor. The only other change to the 73-year-old organ has been a replacement for the tremolo.*

*The tracker action pipe organ operates by depressing a key that moves a thin wooden tracker connecting the key to the pipe valve in the wind chest that ultimately produces the sound.*

*The organ has two keyboards – the lower keyboard is the Great organ and the upper one is the Swell organ. There are 122 keys and 30 pedals. Each of 11 ranks of pipes has its own particular tone color. All of the 37 pipes above the organ,*

