

# Souvenir Program.

Sunday, March 23, 1902.



FORTVILLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

REV. ISAAC W. JOYCE, D. D., LL. D., BISHOP.

REV. C. U. WADE, PRESIDING ELDER.

REV. G. H. MYERS, PASTOR.



REV. J. W. BASHFORD, D. D., LL. D.



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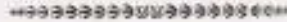
MRS. C. M. JARRETT,  
PRESIDENT LADIES AID SOCIETY.



MRS. G. H. MYERS,  
PRESIDENT W. F. M. SOCIETY.



## THIS CHURCH BUILDING.



A meeting of the membership was called by the pastor and trustees at the parsonage December 19, 1900, to consider the advisability of undertaking a new church enterprise. The pastor was elected chairman. After a thorough discussion the motion to build was carried by a large majority.

In response to this sentiment the trustees, M. B. Walker, chairman; C. R. Snyder, Wm. M. Baker, Mrs. Clara Smith, and D. F. Blackburn, secretary, at a meeting held at the residence of M. B. Walker, December 26, 1900, drafted a subscription paper. Philip P. Jeckel, of Anderson, was selected as architect. His plans perfected. And April 29, 1901, the contract was awarded Messrs. Marsh & Guinn, of Anderson. Ground was broken March 18, 1901. The first stone was laid May 31.

Much interest was manifested in the corner stone laying July 25. The stores all closed. The following organizations lead by the Fortville Band marched to the stone laying: Ministers in attendance; Trustees of the Church; Ladies' Aid Society, W. F. M. S.; the Rebekah, G. A. R., K. of P., I. O. O. F. and Red Men Lodges. Rev. W. B. Parr, D. D., was the orator. The Presiding Elder, Rev. C. U. Wade, managed the finances and laid the stone.



## HISTORICAL SKETCH.



The earliest Methodist history of this community is unwritten and forgotten. The noble actors have gone to their reward. Those who moved here in the 40's found a class worshiping in a log building called Staats Church, situated one and one-half miles north of town. The location of this old church is now known as the Fort Cemetery.

Fortville was founded in 1849, the year the railroad came through.

In 1856 a revival was held by Rev. L. W. Monson, in a barn belonging to Peter Staat. Several were converted. These, with the membership of Staat's Chapel, organized themselves into the Fortville Methodist Episcopal Church. There were thirty-eight members in the class. The congregation worshiped successfully in Staat's barn, a log cabin, the loft of the Noel building, and in John Hudson's grocery.

Each move emphasized the need of the new church which was built in 1859, Rev. Eli Rammel, pastor. The house was completed in 1865 and dedicated by Bishop Thomas Bowman.

The pastors with their terms of service were: 1856, L. W. Monson and Milton Wayman; 57, 58, Jas. Black; 59, Eli Rammel; 60, 61, J. S. McCarty; 62, 63, Wm. Anderson; 64, Benjamin Smith; 65, M. A. Teague; 66, 67, W. E. McCarty; 68, J. W. Lowery; 69, 70, S. T. Stout; 71-73, J. B. Carnes; 74, E. S. Freeman and J. S. Cain; 75, E. S. Freeman and R. H. Smith; 76, E. S. Freeman; 77-78, J. F. Rhoades; 79, I. N. Rhoades; 80-82, J. S. McCarty; 83, 84, A. C. Gerard; 85, D. D. Powell; 86-88, A. S. Rogers; 89, I. S. Bicknell; 90-92, J. T. Fetters; 93, 94, J. H. Slack; 95-98, F. M. Lacy; 99, G. H. Myers.

J. S. McCarty by noble self sacrifice carried the church through its greatest financial straggle. Notable revivals occurred during the pastorate of J. S. McCarty, A. S. Rogers, J. H. Slack and G. H. Myers. In 1889 the old two-story church was cut down and other repairs made. I. S. Bicknell, pastor. The parsonage was built in 1897, F. M. Lacy, pastor. The Church today has a membership of 257 members, and 48 probationers. The old church building is historically important because in it were held all the war meetings of this section. Here the boys in blue enlisted and were mustered in. Here the Home Guard held their meetings; and here was held the grand welcoming home of the veterans.

## ORDER OF DEDICATION SERVICES.



Organ Prelude.

Hymnal No. 869.

1 O Thou, whose own vast temple stands,  
Built over earth and sea,  
Accept the walls that human hands  
Have raised to worship thee!

2 Lord, from thine inmost glory send,  
Within these courts to bide,  
The peace that dwelleth without end,  
Serenely by thy side!

3 May erring minds that worship here  
Be taught the better way;  
And they who mourn, and they who fear,  
Be strengthened as they pray.

4 May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,  
And pure devotion rise,  
While round these hallowed walls the storm,  
Of earthborn passion dies.

Prayer.

Anthem.

Responsive Reading: How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh  
crieth out for the living God.**

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and  
my God.

**Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising thee.**

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways  
of them.

**Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.**

They go from strength to strength, everyone of them in Zion appeareth be-  
fore God.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.**

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than  
to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory:  
no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.**

Gloria Patri.

Scripture Lesson.

ORDER OF DEDICATION SERVICES--CONTINUED.



Hymnal No. 183.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessing flow  
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.

Sermon by Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., LL. D., President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Contributions.

Doxology.

Benediction.



AFTERNOON SERVICES, 2:30.



This service will be largely informal. Addresses will be made by several old pastors, who will be present, by visiting pastors and by laymen. Mrs. Audra Fort will render a solo. This will be found an interesting and helpful service.



ORDER OF DEDICATION SERVICES, 7:30 P. M.



6:30. Epworth League.

7:15. Organ Prelude.

Prefatory Declaration by the Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., LL. D.

Hymnal No. 248.

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall:  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all.

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.

3 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all.

4 O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

ORDER OF DEDICATION SERVICES--CONTINUED.



Prayer.

Anthem.

Scripture Lesson.

Hymnal No. 871.

1 Great is the Lord our God,  
And let his praise be great;  
He makes his churches his abode,  
His most delightful seat.

2 These temples of his grace,  
How beautiful they stand!  
The honors of our native place,  
And bulwarks of our land.

3 In Zion God is known,  
A refuge in distress;  
How bright has his salvation shone  
Through all her palaces!

4 In every new distress  
We'll to his house repair;  
We'll think upon his wondrous grace  
And seek deliverance there.

Sermon, Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., LL. D.

Contributions.

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

**Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

**Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,**

Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

**For there are set thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**They shall prosper that love thee.**

Peace be within thy walls,  
**And prosperity within thy palaces.**

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

**Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.**

Gloria Patri.

Presentation of the Church by the Trustees.

Declaration of Dedication.—All standing.

Prayer.

Doxology.

Benediction.



OLD M. E. CHURCH.