



THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR HISTORY

- 1860 Sunday School was started in May meeting at the Jockeytown school house; class organization started
- 1861 Class organization completed; first organized United Brethren Church in Black Hawk County
- 1877 First church was built at a cost of \$2,200.00
- 1884 Church building moved into Hudson
- 1889 Our church bell was cast in West Troy, New York
- 1890 Pastor's salary -- \$500.00
- 1891 First parsonage was built for \$673.75
- 1894 "The moral and official character of all the members passed."
Maple Grove Church built for \$1531.68 plus labor
Carpet purchased by the ladies for Maple Grove for \$25.00
- 1895 Conference assessment was \$70.75
- 1898 Eagle Center Church was closed
- 1899 Pump organ purchased for Maple Grove Church for \$50.00
- 1900 Church building erected at a cost of \$3,275.24
- 1901 Pastor's salary -- \$600.00
- 1902 The name of the church was to be the Hudson United Brethren Church
- 1903 Coal and oil bill for January was \$15.81
- 1905 "Character of all the members passed."
- 1906 Average attendance at Sunday School was 40
- 1908 A.T. Baldwin spent \$200.00 on church painting and improvements.
- 1909 Committee appointed to purchase a new musical instrument; young people's Sunday School paid for it
Pastor's salary -- \$650.00
- 1910 Action taken to build a new parsonage
- 1915 Pastor's Salary -- \$900.00
- 1916 Action taken to put tin ceiling in church

- 1917 Pastor's salary -- \$1050.00
- 1918 Voted to make improvements in church basement
- 1919 Pastor's salary -- \$1200.00
- 1920 Choir organized with regular rehearsals
- 1921 "After 18 months of effort to renew the work at Maple Grove, it was ordered to disband the class."
Improvements made in church basement from sale of Maple Grove.
- 1922 Dishes for church purchased for \$43.30
- 1930 Pastor's salary -- \$1500.00
- 1932 Children's Day attendance
Sunday School -- 155
Program -- 204
- 1933 Held Sunday School picnic with 100 present
- 1935 Diamond Anniversary of our church was observed; Bishop A.B. Statton was the speaker
- 1936 Every member canvas very successful
- 1939 Membership of Ladies Aid was 44; choir robes were given to the church
- 1940 New silverware purchased for the church
- 1942 Meals served at the Dairy Congress with \$500.00 proceeds to be used for a new furnace
- 1945 33 were enrolled in Vacation Bible School
- 1946 **MERGER OF THE EVANGELICAL AND THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCHES IN JOHNSTOWN, PA**
- 1947 Charles Mumm (LaVonne, Richard, John, and Wilbur's father) made a cross and candlesticks from native walnut wood which he presented to the church and are still seen in the sanctuary today.
The Christian and U.S. flags were presented to the church.
Large picture of Christ at the Door was purchased for front of sanctuary.
- 1949 Sound equipment and chimes purchased for \$379.75
- 1950 Song books purchased by the Sunday School for church for \$92.00
- 1951 **MERGER OF THE EVANGELICAL AND THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCHES IN IOWA; MEETING HELD IN DES MOINES**
- 1953 Church and parsonage painted with 24 gallons of paint used
- 1955 New organ purchased for \$2035.60 and pews for \$1400
- 1957 New carpeting in church for \$630.00
- 1959 Committee formed to study the need of more Sunday School rooms; new piano purchased
- 1960 Sound projector purchased
CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE
- 1963 Plans approved for a new church building with services held

- at the Hudson School while building in progress
Cornerstone laid in November and first service in unfinished sanctuary on Christmas Eve
- 1965 Building dedicated by Bishop P.W. Milhouse; cost of \$75,000
- 1968 **EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN AND METHODIST CHURCHES UNITED TO FORM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
- 1970 Humpty Dumpty Preschool began in January
- 1973 Allen Digital Organ was purchased
Lay Witness Mission held
- 1977 Parsonage at 450 First Street was purchased and dedicated on October 16
- 1981 Parsonage was re-sided
- 1983 20' x 20' addition was added giving space for an enlarged entry, coat room area, and secretary's office space
- 1985 **CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH**
Four performances of DIRTY WORK AT THE CROSSROADS as dinner theatre; 96% of the membership helped in some way
HUM Singers organized with musicals being presented each spring
- 1987 Age level groups established (BOOMERS, EMPTY NESTERS, GOLDEN AGERS)
Bell Tower was built using original church bell; new church furnaces were installed; new sanctuary lights were installed; Maundy Thursday men's play presented THE LAST SUPPER
- 1988 New United Methodist hymnals were purchased
Video ministry on cable channel 15 began with the purchase of a video camera
84 attended/helped with Vacation Bible School
Pastor's salary/support -- \$24,365
- 1989 Church building was re-roofed
Pastor's salary -- \$25,900
Joint Vacation Bible School held with St. Tim's & Zion Lutheran Churches at Riverview Park
- 1990 New carpet was purchased and laid in the sanctuary
- 1991 Men's mission trip to Owasa, Iowa to paint United Methodist Church as part of Wassam bequest
- 1993 Consecration Sunday was held; CARE GRAMS initiated
- 1994 Shepherding groups established
New pew Bibles purchased
- 1995 Church Secretary Marlys Smith was honored at a surprise party for her 25 years of service
CELEBRATION OF THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

- 1996 First portrayal of “Night in Bethlehem”
Total budget \$75,915.71
Drama ministry began during worship
- 1997 Outreach Teams canvassed community door-to-door
Seed money given for Parable of the Talents – to supplement budget
Canoe Float on the Cedar with all-church picnic
Sewer at parsonage replaced
- 1998 UMW celebrated 25 years ad United Methodist Women
Fifth Sundays designated as “Catch Up” Sundays
Fans placed in Fellowship Hall and kitchen
Pie and Ice Cream social held with over 30 pies
- 1999 UMW support of missionary, Kathryn Mitchem
Nursery dedicated Nov.14
Trustees put in new sidewalk
Small groups studied Warren’s *The Purpose Driven Church*
Opened church for emergency use by the school
“Choices” – youth ministry – met at Community Center
- 2000 First web site established
Rainbow Covenant Church; all apportionments paid
HUM singers performed for the second time WE LIKE SHEEP
Total budget \$96,800.00
- 2001 CELEBRATE PROGRAM for financial campaign
Created a church pictorial dictionary
Average attendance 83
Again catered Chamber’s Chili Appreciation on Homecoming
Fourth Sunday potlucks for anniversaries
9/11 Prayer Service
- 2002 New front sidewalk completed
THE FAITH WE SING songbooks purchased
Deck added to the parsonage
Hanging of the Greens
Hickory Hills worship and picnic
9/11 Prayer Service of Remembrance with community invited
Marlys Smith retired after 32 years as church secretary
- 2003 Made breads from around the world for World Wide Communion Sunday
Started locking church due to insurance
Kid Gathering led by pastor early-outs on Wednesday
Confirmation class to Bidwell-Riverside and Adventureland
Palm Sunday procession from the park following Ethel the donkey
Holiday Banquet
- 2004 Choir led “Festival of Lessons and Carols” at Christmas
Progressive Dinner
Soup Slop and Soda Slurp – youth group party
Care packages to college students at Christmas
All Saints’ Sunday – lighting candles in memory
- 2005 Youth to One Fest at the UNI Dome

- Raised over \$800 in hurricane relief
- New EXIT signs in sanctuary and basement
- Voted to have ½ time pastor
- Wesley Room finished
- 2006 Pen pals established with elementary school class; tutoring in various classes
- Sponsorship of Christmas families continues from 1980s
- RACE TO REACH OUT attended and created CARE Team
- Red Hattitudes begins
- Rented parsonage out
- Easter gift boxes delivered to families
- NE Iowa Food Bank support continues
- 2007 Boomers and Empty Nesters continue
- Thursday Night Prayer Gathering
- Camping weekend at Coralville
- Watch Night
- 2008 Youth Director hired
- Three stained glass windows installed in Fellowship Hall
- CARE Team hosts young couples for dinner
- E-mail Midweek Prayers established
- Disaster Relief Fund established
- 2009 Child and Youth Protection Policy approved
- Community-wide Coffee and Conversation begins
- Nursery attendant hired
- Parsonage roof replaced and radon test completed
- Established new procedure of collecting and counting Sunday offering
- Benefit held for the Lynk family following Katy's accident
- Purchased used/refurbished copy machine
- Archivers established
- Building Use Policy updated with a Building Use Application
- Youth Director's position was deleted
- 2010 **CELEBRATION OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH**
- Web Site re-established at www.hudumc.org
- Holy Week and Nativity stained glass installed in sanctuary
- Hudson Days 150th float won 1st for Animation
- Second nursery attendant hired
- 2011 Moses and the Ten Commandments and Noah and the Ark: God's Covenant
- stained glass windows installed and all windows dedicated
- Revs. Marvin and Carolyn Clear appointed to serve Hudson UMC part-time
- along with Raymond UMC
- Parsonage rented
- All historical data archived
- Hudson Days float won second place