

# HISTORY OF SCOTT'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

One cannot trace the historical development of Scott's U.M. Church, Trappe, Maryland without reflecting on the life and labors of our spiritual leaders, pastors and layleaders.

Our church is celebrating one hundred and twenty four years at this present time. The ground on which the church stands has been used for religious services for nearly Three Hundred Years. It was first call "The friends Meeting House", used by Quakers dated from the seventeenth century; however, after they moved to Easton the church grounds were turned over to the African Methodist Church.

In 1869 the former structure was built/and was set up under the Delaware Conference. The church was named Scott after the presiding Bishop Levi Scott. Our first pastor was Rev. Joshua Brinkley. The first Trustees were Mr. Moses Sherwood, John Camper, Spencer Stanley, John Stanton, and Mr. Nathaniel Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins was a leader for the Black People of Trappe. He gave his service to the building of God's Church and was the founder of The Emancipation Celebration Day Known as Nace Day.

From the beginning the church grew slowly, a prayer and a singing band were organized. Prof. William Haymer, who was the principal of the old Trappe School, started the first choir. A Sunday School was started and the children would walk four or five miles to attend Sunday School. Other organizations that were set up were the Ladies Aide Society, the Brotherhood, and The Epworth League Society. These members were dedicated to their church, they had little to offer the church materially; but these members gave their Time, their Talents, and their All.

Musical asperations grew stronger at Scott's as the years progressed. Mrs. Elsie B. Cooper organized a chorus "The Pace Jubilee" which helped the church to grow spiritually. Mrs. Cooper was the church organist and played for the church for nearly fifty years. Walter Brown, better known as "Billy" became as assistant and is now our present organist with several years of musical service.

Since the beginning of Scott's in 1869, as you can see a great change has occur and if those pioneers who started our church could get a look at us today, they would find the smokey wood stove replaced with clean central air heating and cooling system. Where there once were kerosene lamps we now only have to push a switch.

Through out the years there were many changes. However; at this time our structure has been completely changed. It was accomplished through the efforts of George Jenkins, one of our members, along with his dedicated hard working expert crew. Even with these changes, Scott's will continue to grow spiritually with the blessings of the lord.

The pulpit has been served by the following 32 pastors.

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| 1. Rev. Joshua R. Brinkley | 13. Rev. A.L. Henry      |
| 2. Rev. J. Waters          | 14. Rev. C.A. Narwood    |
| 3. Rev. Peter Burrows      | 15. Rev. Abraham Chase   |
| 4. Rev. James H. Winters   | 16. Rev. J.H. Blake      |
| 5. Rev. Peter Adams        | 17. Rev. J.A. Fassett    |
| 6. Rev. Charles A. Horsey  | 18. Rev. R.S. John       |
| 7. Rev. Daniel Martin      | 19. Rev. Wilbert Waters  |
| 8. Rev. J.E.A. Grisby      | 20. Rev. R.E. Hamilton   |
| 9. Rev. Robert J. Waters   | 21. Rev. F.R. Richardson |
| 10. Rev. Chas. H. Hutchins | 22. Rev. Randolph Fisher |
| 11. Rev. J.D. Pitts        | 23. Rev. J.F. Henry      |
| 12. Rev. R.G. Riley        | 24. Rev. H.T. Hall       |

In 1965 the Delaware Conference disbanded and the Church transferred to the Peninsula Conference.

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| 25. Rev. Edward Hughes   | 28. Rev. James Roberts   |
| 26. Rev. Charles Spender | 29. Rev. Norman A. Tate  |
| 27. Rev. Roland Dennis   | 30. Rev. Hester Opher    |
|                          | 31. Rev. Walton Burke    |
|                          | 32. Rev. Joseph Williams |