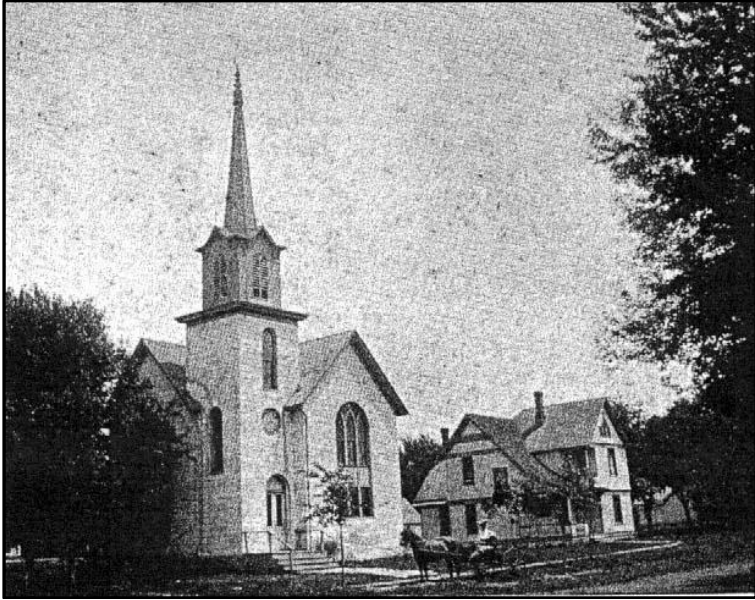


August 24, 2025
11th Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Theme: The Church



The Old Methodist Episcopal Church in 1882

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Pianist: Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

We Worship With Praise

***Congregational Song. Hymnal #9**
“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

***The Apostles’ Creed:**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried.
He descended to the dead
On the third day rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

We Worship Through Prayer

Prayer Requests / Praises / Thanksgivings

Prayer Chorus “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”. Hymnal #670

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Song. TFWs #2223
“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

We Worship With Our Gifts

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Offertory Prayer**

We Worship As We Hear God's Word

ScriptureActs 2:41-47 & Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)
Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Sermon.Pastor Rob Bacon
"This I Believe...I Believe in the Church"

***Congregational Song.“Revive Us Again”Hymnal #78**

Benediction

*Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **Confirmation Class This Fall**: We will have a Confirmation Class this fall. If you know of a student who wishes to attend, please let Pastor Rob know. Additional details to follow.

Church Tidbit – The Church (Building)

1882: Work was begun in the spring on the first M.E. Church, a 30 x 60 foot, frame brick veneered building with a tall steeple. Cost of the building was \$3,200. J.O. French, J.W. Maxwell, and W.J. Venemen were on the Building Committee. The first minister was Rev. W.C. Hall. The church served the needs of Maxwell Methodism until 1912, when the gratitude of the people for material and spiritual prosperity found voice for a new church.

1911: *"Last Sunday about 1:30 p.m. the town in the vicinity of the M.E. Church was thrown into an excited state by the cry of FIRE! In about ten minutes twenty-five men were on the spot each with a bucket of water with which the fire was soon put out. How the fire originated was a mystery as the fire was at the southeast corner of the belfry and 30 feet from either chimney. It shows the necessity of very careful watch over the building and chimneys."*

Maxwell Tribune

1911 – 1913: Old church razed and work started on new church. From the time the old church was torn down until the new one was nearly finished, Sunday School, Epworth League and church services were held in the Opera House. The Opera House was located approximately where Casey's stood on Main Street between First and Second Streets.

1913 – 1915: New church completed at a cost of \$12,000. Pledges totaled \$5,000. The large stained glass mosaic, "The Good Shepherd," formed a large section of the south wall of the sanctuary. It is dedicated to a Maxwell pioneer, Joseph Warren Maxwell and his wife Marietta Pifer Maxwell.