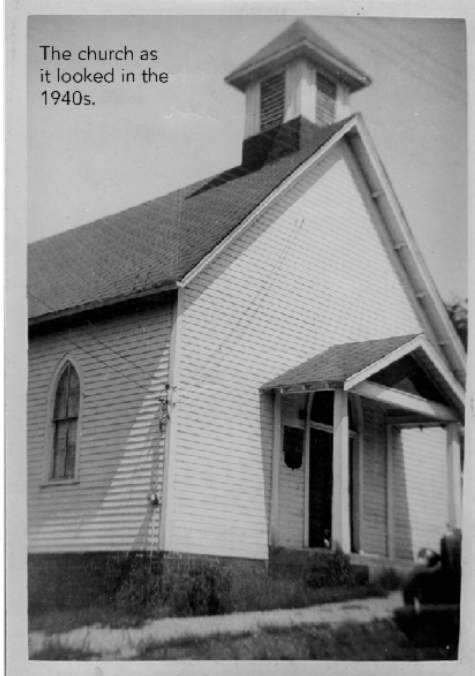


Glen Carbon's First Church

Following the Bethel Meeting House built in 1805 on the outskirts of the yet to be formed village, the first organized church within the new Village of Glen Carbon was the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Built in 1895 on Sunset Avenue (also known as



The church as it looked in the 1940s.

Church Hill) it served their congregation until the 1980s, when a new church building was built on North Main Street. Through the years, the church name has changed with the times and now is known as New Bethel United Methodist Church. Very active in the community, the Methodists participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies, parades, plays, Christmas events for the children, social groups, quilting circles, church school and apple butter making.

The church building still serves as a church with the Shiloh Christian Church occupying the building.



The Methodist Choir participating in the Firemen's Homecoming parade in 1956 and a Sunday School class in front of the church in the early 1950s.



(Left to right-front row) Tim Treat, Sandra Burgdorf, Tona Carter. (Back row) unknown, Robert Harris, Bruce Kunz, Diane Rasplica, unknown. This picture is taken looking up Sunset. The view is quite different today. Notice the brick ditch, a nod to the past and the St. Louis Press Brick Company once located just off Glen Crossing Road.



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