

Evangelical United Brethren Seymour

Taken from Seymour Herald 1935
perhaps by Rev. Mintle



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The United Brethren church of Seymour, Iowa was organized in the year of 1900. "They were incorporated May 16, 1900. The incorporators signing were; J.G. Gibens, John McAnelly, Y.T. McMasters, R.A. Weagley and G.W. McAnelly." (book 1, page 301).

The first church home was with the Presbyterians. A revival meeting was held which led to the organization. The pastor at this time was Rev. Mason.

They purchased lots north east of the square in Seymour and built a frame church in late 1900. The dedication sermon was preached by Bishop Ball. At one time they enrolled 200 members.

Pastors serving the church are; Rev. Mason, 1900 - Rev. J.S. Miller, 1st pastor in new church. Rev. W.O. Smith, 1904; Rev. Hunter, 1908; Rev. C. Burtain in 1912; Rev. L.H. Denne, 1916; Rev. H.S. Cooper, 1917;

Rev. C.A. Brigam, 1920; Rev. C. Winters, 1921, Rev. Z.F. Cantrell, 1923; Rev. J.H. Hedges, 1925; Rev. H.W. Hules, 1929; Rev. R.C. McCray, 1931; Rev. Howard Mintle, 1934-40-; Rev. Clifford Carter, 1940 to 1946; Rev. Ronald Dold, 1946-7; Rev. D.W. Church, May 16, 1957; L.W. Mendenhall, 1964; Rev. Donald Jones, 1961-2-3-4; Wilfred M. Robinson, 68-9-70; Clive Cook, 1960-61.

In June 1934 a revival added 20 members. Miss Maxine Mintle states the Missionary Society was organized June 1916 with fourteen charter members. Seymour and Sewal were united into one circuit in 1960. They sold the church and parsonage to Assembly of God and Jan. 1, 1968 closed its doors on 4th St. They united with the Methodists and are now named Grace Methodist Church worshipping at Methodist church.