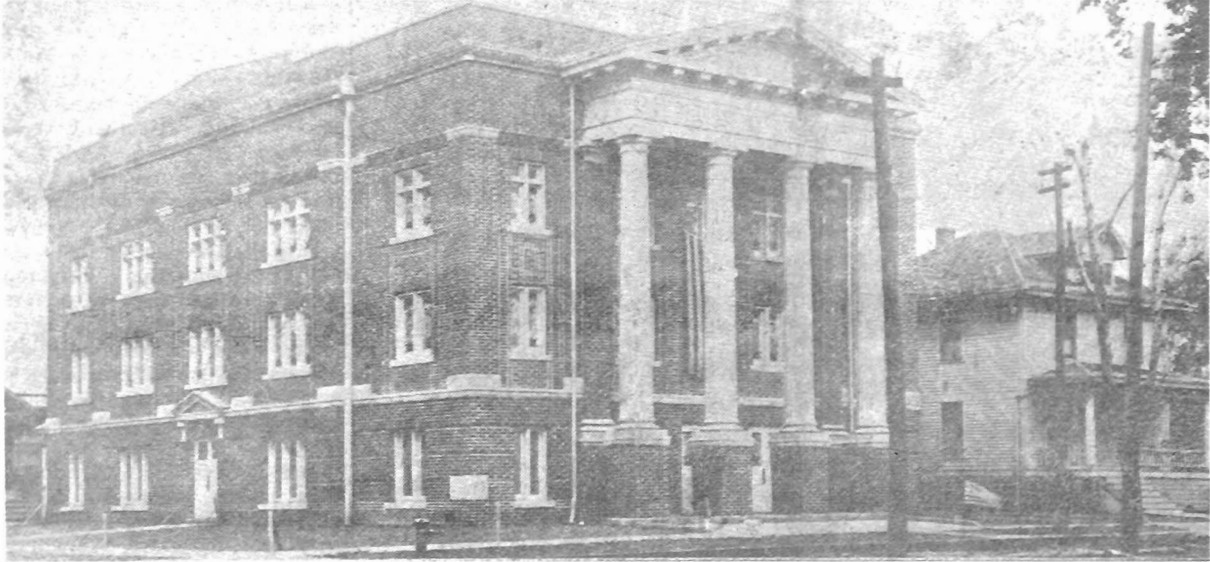


# Seymour Methodist Church

by  
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The First Methodist Church of Seymour, a modest frame building was built in 1874 with Rev. P.J. Vollmar as pastor and the following board of trustees; J.C. Fox, Dr. Clark, W.C. Broming and John Freeze.

The pastor was collector, building committee chairman and pastor, and as he said "So has the blessings of the Master been upon these who have laboured here."

In 1894 a larger church was built, a white frame church, and at the same site where in 1916 the present beautiful brick church was built. It was beautiful without and within. Rev. J.F. McKay as pastor and J. Dudley Johnston as building chairman, worked earnestly for long hours for two years.

Mrs. Josie Merritt, president of the Ladies Aid Society, with faithful members, Amy Kerby, Osee McCoy, Sarah Jane Morrison, Annie Evans, Ella Johnston, Ella Brooks, Nellie Wright, Mattie Varney, Mrs. J.C. Stevenson, Susie Eckels, Mamie Cain, Lottie Condra, Nannie Smith and many, many others, along with Sunday School classes worked to make money so this church would be a temple to be proud of. The

Home Missionary Society under the leadership of Susie Eckels and the Foreign Missionary Society under the leadership of Amy Kerby also gave their time and talents. Amy Kerby was president for twenty-nine years.

Only one Minister, Rev. D.J. McKay chose Seymour as his home. When retirement came, he and his wife continued to serve this church faithfully and well till death came.

Mrs. Ada Calhoun left a sizable bequest in her will which has benefitted us at times when needed.

The Ladies Aid Society, the Home Missionary Society and the Foreign Missionary Society were united in one. The Women's Society of Christian Service in 1940. Its first president was Sadie Morrison Mitten. We study about the work our church is doing throughout the world and help in every work of our church.

Having had a piano for many years, 1945 we purchased a Wurlitzer Organ with Mary Burchett as organist, who has been the faithful pianist for almost forty-five years.

The following Pastors have served this church;

Wood, W.K. 1874-75	Volmer, Phillip J. Gobson, R.E. 1875-76	1933-36 Burns, Arnold W. 1939-41	1936-39 Orcutt, O.G. 1941-43
Harned, John 1876-78	Brady, E.W. 1878-79	Watson, Ward W. 1943-47	Sears, E.C. 1947-50
Brewer, C.W. 1879-81	Shipman, W.H. 1881-83	Knouse, Franklin 1950-53	Horhns, Waynel 1953
Matheuy, R.W. 1883-85	Harned, John 1885-87	Garold B. Noland 1960-61-62-63	John C. Turner 1958
Hard, J.W. 1887	Fawcett, C.D. 1887-88	On Aug. 15, 1962, Garry, the son of Rev. Noland met his death in Estes Park, Colo.	
Hancox, Andrew 1888-93	Bott, J.W. 1893-98	One cannot record all the experiences, self sacrifices, and loving labor that has made this church possible for to worship our Lord.	
Winterbourne, J.W. 1898-1900	Stire, P.C. 1900-02	<p>“Come, let us who in Christ believe, Our common Saviour praise; To him with joyful voices give, The glory of His Grace.”</p>	
Young, J.S. 1902-3	Wooley, C.H. 1903-04		
Hardaway, W.E. 1904-07	Whitmer, A.B. 1907-09		
Bair, C.R. 1909-12	Prather, D.B.S. 1912-13	Harry P. Lees 1964-5-6-7	Lowell Drake 1968-9-70
Babbs, A.V. 1913-15	McKay, J.F. 1915-17	Joseph Ricks 1971-2	Harold Rarryman 1967
Lawton, George 1917-18	Arnold, J.F. 1918-19	In 1968 the Methodist churches united and asborbed the Evangelical United Brethren churches. The E.U.B. church in Seymour was given the name of Grace Methodist.	
Bingamin, J.F. 1919-23	Keast, M.H. 1923-26		
McKay, D.J. 1926-29	Nesbitt, Kenneth E. 1929-33		
Buchanan, Robt. C.	Cunningham, J.A.E.		