

Dear Sir,

Octob. 9. 1766

Agreeable to the notice I gave in Church some time ago. That in case I should be necessarily absent on any of the stated days for Divine Service in Dover, I would endeavour to prevail on some discreet suitable person, to read our excellent Liturgy, in my place; and, it being at present, most convenient to solicit you for that good purpose; I beg you may perform that duty next Lord's day — At the very earnest Request of some distant Churches, whose welfare ought to be regarded as much as possible, there is a kind of necessity laid upon me to visit them — You will please also to read one of the Homilies published in Queen Elizabeth's time: each of them contains pious wholesome doctrine: they are exceedingly well written for that age, and truly edifying. I am, in Christian friendship & respect, sincerely yours
Sam. Magaro

Dover Feb. 19. 1766

Mr. Wynkoop Sir, I am ^{Desired} Requested By Mr. Inglis and the ^{members of the} Missions Congregations Churches to inclose these Letters to you and must Request the favour of you to forward them to Mr. Inglis / which favour will be acknowledged By

Rev Sir

Having from a solicitous Concern for
the Episcopal Congregation of Christ Church (Dover and)
who are now without a Pastor, I am induced to take
the Liberty of addressing you on the Subject -

It has been suggested to me
that you are disposed to leave Philadelphia, & though
strongly solicited to take charge of a Church in New York,
had not yet determined on it. This Circumstance deter-
mined me, though a Stranger, to observe to you, that
we have here a Vacancy, where you may be emi-
nently useful, and happily situated among a Pro-
-ble ^{greatly} disposed to religious pursuits - The Church
of Dover, in conjunction with the Church of Duck-
-Creek at twelve miles distance, can well afford Two
Hundred a Fifty Pounds Salary a year, besides the Per-
-quisites, and I am of Opinion that under your direc-
-tion, with divine assistance, we should very soon be
in a Situation to enlarge that Sum - If you should
feel an Inclination to come amongst us, God Ma-
-gan will be well able to inform you particularly
respecting us - The reason of my addressing you
of myself, is, because we are without Church
Officers having neglected to appoint them at the
usual time - Should you favor me with a
Communication, I shall be careful to consult
the Members of those Churches, & immediately
notify you.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Being prevented by Rain from coming down on Sunday last I ~~thought~~ ^{thought it} would be well to write you a line on the Subject of our Meeting on Saturday. I will thank you to notify the Vestry of our appointment, as I am determined to come to some agreement wth them, by ^{w^{ch}} they must secure me something for the support of my Family - or - what I am unwilling to do - I will give up the Sh^{ip} at Dover. - As the Vestry have forfeited their ^{word} I think for the future it should scarcely be depended on. W^{hen} I first came th^{ere} I promised that at the end of six Months they would meet & compensate me for my Services, & secure me some certain Salary. I have spent nearly £50 since I have been in their Service & they now ungenerously & unexpectingly suffer me to continue w^{out} making the smallest provision for me. - I hope you will inform them we will meet at Eleven O'clock. W^{ith}out something intervening to prevent I shall infallibly be there.

Your Friend Geo. Daskill

Dover, 30 Jan^y 1792.

Rev. Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the 6th of this Instant addressed to Dr. Sykes, We, a part of the Episcopal Congregation of this place, beg leave to express to you the pleasure We have ^{feel} felt from your proposals, ~~to us~~. The letter did not come to hand until a few days ago, and therefore We cannot officially communicate to you ~~our~~ determination of our congregation, but from their constant desire to fill up the vacancy in our Church, we are persuaded they will be much pleased with the present opportunity.

^{affairs} From the deranged condition of our Church, not only in this congregation, but throughout the State We and every member ^{in communion with us} feel the most ^{urgent} necessity of an active and zealous endeavor to support ^{our mode of faith} it otherwise it must be swallowed up ^{in the opinions of} the other denominations that surround us on all sides. So general a lukewarmness prevails that every exertion which religion can inspire ^{has} become actually necessary for our existence as a distinct society of people. We are well aware of the precipice on which we stand, & We wish for ourselves & all

our members to be roused from our lethargy, and
conducted to Religion and Happiness. To effect this
most blessed purpose, on the part of our Pastor We
are to hope for great & spirited exertions, exertions aris-
ing from a sense of duty, regard to reputation,
affection for his flock, and love to God. We must
be taught by his precept and convinced by his
example that Religion is lovely in itself.

^{* Argued in this sense infra}
So be useful to us, a Minister should pay the
strictest attention to his clerical functions, and
in no instance where it could possibly be avoided, to omit
~~the most unremitting endeavor to instruct, persuade~~
the smallest part of his duty. He should visit the sick, admo-
-nisk the careless, reprove the lukewarm, comfort the
afflicted and strengthen & confirm those who stand. An
^{idea} ~~opinion~~ too generally prevails, both with the people & with
the clergy, that no ~~man~~ ^{thing further} is necessary ^{on the part of the clergy} than to point out to
their hearers, on Sundays, in the Pulpit, in a sermon
the ^{christian} duties of the Christian. We far differ in opinion.
We think much more depends on the attention of a
Clergyman to the people in their families, to their
Children, to their servants to watch ^{to prevent} their vices in every
possible instance - Such a man we know would be
highly popular & could never be neglected. We are of opi-
-nion that he would not only prevent many of our

members from falling off, but that he would regain
several who have joined in communion with other
societies. -

We have been thus far plain Sir, in expressing our
opinion of the qualification necessary for us.
On our part, we ~~may~~ think there can be no doubt
of our Ability to raise £200 a year including a Glebe
worth about £20. Our Congregation have always
been united with that of Buck Creek ^{at the present time} ~~at the present time~~ ^{from here} ~~at the present time~~ and
when we speak of £200 a year we mean to include
the Contributions to be expected from that Church also.
Moreover the perquisites arising from Marriages &c
would not be inconsiderable; and in addition to
them a clear little sum might be raised from a
small school - The tuition of a select number of
Young Gentlemen would be highly agreeable to us, &
~~might be so managed as not to~~ ^{be so managed as not to} ~~be so managed as not to~~ ^{be so managed as not to}
~~be so managed as not to~~ ^{be so managed as not to} ~~be so managed as not to~~ ^{be so managed as not to}
be so managed as not to be incompatible with the paro-
-chial duties. ~~at least~~ ^{it might be so ma-}
~~managed~~ - We have at present a Gentleman engaged in tea-
ching the Language to a few Boys, but we have learnt
that he intends shortly to leave this place

We cannot enter into any engagements, because ~~we~~
from the Conversation we have had with several of
our Members, we are assured they would not agree to the

admission of any Gentleman without they could first
see him, converse with him, & hear him preach,
We shall be glad to see you here sooner, & should
we not be fortunate enough to agree we will
cheerfully reimburse the expences of your journey
to & from Dover

We must ~~be~~ have a decided, tho' not bigoted, pre-
ference, for our Church; a preference founded on
education & a conviction of its purity and apes-
-tolic soundness

Letter to
Rev. Mr. Mather

The Vestry of Christ Church
Dover
Kent County -

8:81
4:15:4

2:9
4:7:6
13:8

Wilmington Nov. 1st 1794

Gentlemen

The Convention of the pro-
testant Episcopal Church, of this
State, (Delaware) will meet in
the Town of Dover, on Tuesday, the 16th
day of December next, agreeably to
Constitution - when & where you
are hereby requested to send a
day Delegate to represent your
Church -

I am, Gentlemen, with great
respect, your obed. Servt.
Joseph Clarkson -
Secy -

Gentles

Dover April 1st 1795

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Delaware will meet at this Place the first Tuesday of May next. Of which, agreeably to my Office, I hereby give you Notice.

By a Resolve of last Convention it is made the Secretary's Business, to request a small sum of money, from each Parish in the State; to be sent to Mr. Charles Nixon, Treasurer; for the purpose of defraying the Expences of the Deputies to the General Convention, & for other incidental Charges.

I request me, Gentlemen, also request you to send a Deputy, to the ensuing Convention

I am your obedient Serv^t George Dashiell

	Brought over		£ 50 " 7 " 6
N ^o 29	Solomon Whiteheart - paid		1 " 4 " 0
N ^o 30	Will. ^{5th} Fryer & John Beauchamp		0 " 12 " 6
N ^o 31	James Fitz Gerald 10 / Joseph Rash 10 /		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 32	Peter Stout 16 / 8 / Thom: Kingold 16 / 8 / 15 /		1 " 13 " 4
N ^o 32	George Robinson 16 / 8 / J. Castlewe 16 / 8		1 " 13 " 4
N ^o 34	David Caldwell - paid		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 35	Sam. Chew 10 / Caesar Rodney 20 /		1 " 10 " 0
N ^o 36	John Vining Esq - paid		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 37	James Sykes		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 38	Theodore Mannie Esq - paid		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 39	John & Nathanael Smythers		3 " 0 " 0
N ^o 40	Richd. Mott 33 / 4 / Richd. Mott 20 /		3 " 3 " 4
N ^o 41	Will. Howell 5 / Shadrack Bostwick 15 /		1 " 0 " 0
N ^o 42	John Brunel		1 " 5 " 0
N ^o 43	James Carbine 16 / 8 / Jane Bevens 16 / 8		1 " 13 " 4
N ^o 44	Griffith Goddon		1 " 13 " 4
N ^o 45	Proger M. Bride		0 " 10 " 0
N ^o 46	John Nash		1 " 11 " 8
N ^o 47	James Start 10 / Ab. Deposter 21 / 8		1 " 5 " 0
N ^o 48	Chas. Williard 10 / Wil. Bush 15 /		0 " 10 " 0
N ^o 49	John Sutton +		
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List of Pews in Christ Church Dover, which
have been Leased.

N ^o . 3.	Ann Townsends $\frac{1}{2}$ the Pew.	£ 1. 10. 0
L. 4.	Hendall Smack & James Berry.	3. 0. 0
x	5. William Guy & Armwell Lockwood.	3. 0. 0
x	7. William McTree & George Pruitt	3. 0. 0
W.	8. William Green & George Toward	3. 0. 0
x	9. Ann Ridgely.	3. 0. 0
L.	10. John Laws.	3. 0. 0
S.	11. James Sykes	3. 0. 0
	12. Edward S. Rogers.	3. 0. 0
L.	13. Thomas Nixon.	3. 0. 0
W.	16. William Wilson $\frac{1}{2}$ the Pew	3. 0. 0
L.	17. John Freeman	3. 0. 0
	18. Charles Hillyard	3. 0. 0
	19. Mary Lockerman	3. 0. 0
	20. Henry Wrench	3. 0. 0
	21. John Ham.	3. 0. 0
S.	22. Jacob Furber	3. 0. 0
S.	23. Charles Allen	3. 0. 0
S.	24. Richard Bassett	3. 0. 0
	25. Charles Nixon.	3. 0. 0
x	27. Waitman Mizer & Samuel Moor.	3. 0. 0
	28. George Goforth & Tho ^s . Brown $\frac{1}{2}$ the Pew.	1. 10. 0
	34. Benjamin Taylor	3. 0. 0
S.	38. French Battell	3. 0. 0
W.	40. William Warner.	3. 0. 0
	41. Nicholas Ridgely	3. 0. 0
L.	44. Daniel Walker.	3. 0. 0
W.	45. Jacob Wrench	3. 0. 0
W.	Joseph Hale & Joshua Nickerson	3. 0. 0
W.	William Charles Neill	3. 0. 0
S.	William K. Boyer	3. 0. 0
S.	Henry Bell.	3. 0. 0
		£ 93. 0. 0

1773. June 1st

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23. Mr. J. Pryor. 1 Year due last Easter 1. 10. 0.

41. 31. Mr. J. Fitzgerald & Jos. Nash, 11/3 having
been paid by J. Nash for 4th 1/2...

The acc. stands thus, £1. 10. 0 due fr. J. N. or Jos. Nash?
44th — and £2. 1. 3. due fr. J. Fitz. for 4th 1/2 — 3. 11. — 3
Sum total 3. 11. — 3

41. 31. e. v. Mr. Caldwell, Esq; and Alex. Reynolds

The whole acc. fr. Easter 1768 till 1773. amounts to
£7. 10. 0. of which 7/6 was paid by D. Caldwell
and £3. 0. 0. by Alex. Reynolds

paid last winter; so that the amount now due is, 4. 2. 0.

May 2^d 1795 Received of Charles Nixon Eleven Dol-
lars and Six Dollars received from him April 6^d
on account of Pew Tax. Of me George Dashiell
£16. 9. 6.

May 5th 1795 Received of Charles Nixon Three
Pounds Seven Shillings and Six pence on
account of Pew Tax for Christ Church
Dover
£3. 7. 6. Of me George Dashiell

^{30/} Joseph Rash. p. of New Tax
Paid to Mr. Magaw By
John Pryor August 2. 1773

£4. 2. 6 and Mr. Caldwell Dep
Paid Mr. Magaw By John
Pryor Sept 3. 1773

James Fitzgarril part
of New Tax being 4 1/3 paid
to Mr. Magaw By John
Pryor Feb. 14. 1774 —

any other New Tax Credited
his acc. with - 1:10:0

John Pryor
a member of Vestry

N. 25. 31. 34.

Sam: Billeto	1	Wm Maxwell	1
Charity munt	1	Isaac Wood	1
Jo: Quillen	2	Jo: Brinkly	1
Jane Corbin	1		
Mr: Ward	1		
Ja: Jones	1		

Sam: Hooker	1		
Mary Beverly	1		
Francis Sawly	1		
Ja: May	1		
Wm Bush	1		
Seamon matt	2		
Tho: Evans	1		
Mr: Swancy	4		
Mr: Swaizer	1		
Mat manlove	1		
Mr: Longil	1		

April 2^d 1794. *William Guy* paid — 15^s.
B. Taylor paid — 15^s.
C. Hillyard paid — 15^s.
James Sykes paid — 15^s.
Charles Allen paid — 15^s.
Doct. Law paid — 15^s.
Rendall Smack paid — 15^s.
Nicholas Ridgely paid 15^s.
M^{rs} Ann Ridgely paid — 15^s.
Benjamin Taylor paid 15^s.
Joseph Hale paid — 7^s. 6^d.
Ann Townsend paid — 7^s. 6^d.
William Guy paid — 15^s.
William Boyer paid — 15^s.
Henry Wrench paid — 15^s.
William Warner paid — 15^s. 6^d. 15^s.
Edward J. Rogers paid — 15^s. 6^d. 15^s.
John Ham — paid — 30^s. 15^s.
Waitman Vickers paid — 15^s.
Nicholas Ridgely paid — 15^s.
Robert Graham paid for — 15^s. 12^d. 6^d.
Pent of Glebe in part — 15^s. 12^d. 6^d.
Arnwell Lockwood paid — 15^s.
William Charles Still paid 30^s.
William Wilson — paid — 15^s. 6^d.

Paid to the same as above & like 1794: 1500

We the Trustees of Christ Church, Dover, earnestly
solicit the advance of one quarter Pew-rent
of said Church, for the present accomodation of
our Pastor Mr. Dushul, and we have therefore
empowred Mr. Charles Nixon to request this
contribution from the holders of the Pews.

Charles Killyard
James Sykes
Nicholas Ridgely

At a Meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church
Dover on Saturday the 6th March 1795

Present
D^or James Sykes & Warden
Charles Nixon
Vestry Men
John Ham
Nichl. Ridgely
D^or. John-Lane
Edward J. Rogers

On Motion ordered That Six Members of the
Vestry be furnished with a proportionable
Lid of the Dew Holder, in order that they
may collect the Balances thereon due, by
D^or. Sykes, N. Ridgely & Charles Nixon







THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

by

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*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches
and former churches in Delaware as
located by the Author.*

1947

on Sat., Oct. 3, 1914. Archdeacon Benjamin F. Thompson, B.D., of Christ Church in Dover was the leader in this effort. Most of the carpenter work was done by the men of the congregation led by Percy Gardner, Senior Warden. Most of the furnishings were presented by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese. The church-yard was consecrated on Nov. 1, 1918, by Bishop Kinsman.

There are two graves in the churchyard close to the chapel. One is that of the founder of St. Martin's, Dr. Ada MacAlpine, who died on June 4, 1944, and the other is that of Dr. Wm. MacAlpine who died in 1926.

St. John's Mt. Sinai Holy Church, colored, is located two miles n. w. of Hartly. This was the Gibb's A. M. E. Church which was built in July, 1906. On Oct. 14, 1937, they turned the property over to St. John's Church.

Asbury Methodist Church (M.E.), near Pearson's Corner, was built in 1829 and was called "McElwee's Chapel," for the minister in charge at that time. In 1867, the present church was built and it was dedicated on Nov. 3, 1867, by the Revs. Andrew Manship, A. D. Davis and J. Downham. After extensive renovations, a rededication service was held on Sun., Nov. 8, 1942. There is a graveyard beside the church, the tombstones dating back to 1842.

Bethesda M. P. Church, located about two miles s. w. of Pearson's Corner, was built in 1864, on land donated by Mrs. Annie J. Cox, on July 11, 1864. The dedication service was arranged for Sun., Dec. 17, 1865, with the Rev. Daniel F. Ewell in charge. The present church was built in 1883. It was arranged to have the church dedicated on Oct. 28, 1883, by the Rev. C. T. Cochel. Regular services were abandoned in 1929 and only annual meetings are now held. The Grange now meets here by permission of the trustees and stewards of the church. There are a few graves beside the church.

Halltown M. E. South, Church was organized, in the schoolhouse, in 1868. On Mar. 5, 1870, a church site was donated by John W. Downes. The site is marked by a small graveyard. The oldest tombstone is that of Mary Patrick, who died on Mar. 20, 1887. The name of Halltown was later changed to Marydel.

Christ P. E. Church, St. Jones' P. E. Church at Dover. In 1704, Col. Robert French donated to the Church of England a glebe of 110 acres, located about two miles south of Dover, on the Bay Road and on the east side of St. Jones' Creek. A log church was built at this site and given the name, "St. Jones' Church." The Rev. Thomas Crawford, a missionary of the Church of England, arrived in Philadelphia on Aug. 27, 1705, on his way to Dover to take charge of Kent County. After his arrival he was very much dissatisfied, claiming that everyone in the neighborhood was sickly. He became sick with "the ague, drowsie and short windiness." His chief opposition, he said, was from "itinerant Presbyterian preachers and a heathenish people called Quakers." He organized a Society for the Reformation of Manners and with the help of Captain Rodney, a Justice of the Peace, he claimed to have almost completely suppressed swearing and drunkenness. On Aug. 30, 1708, Mr. Crawford reported that the church was nearly finished, all glazed and almost full of pews. He returned to England in 1711.

In 1722, the congregation asked for another pastor, the church having been destitute since 1711. In 1733, the Rev. George Frazer began a subscription to build a new brick church in Dover. The building was started, in 1734,

and the walls were completed in November of that year. On Oct. 27, 1740, the church was reported as finished.

On May 10, 1760, the Rev. Charles Inglis reported that the church had been reconditioned after laying in a shocking condition. Also, that it was now furnished and ornamented with a bell, pulpit cloth, etc. In 1767, for the first time, the church was mentioned as "Christ Church," until this time and it was still called "St. Jones' Church." During the Revolution the church was much abused but in 1785, it was restored to use. For many years the congregation was apathetic and only scattered services were held. In 1841, when Bishop Lee visited Dover, he preached in the Court House. In 1850, the church was reconditioned and reopened. In 1859, efforts to renovate the church were resumed. The glebe was sold and the proceeds were used to repair and restore the church. At this time, the present entrance was built. The square pews, the brick floor and the high pulpit with the clerk's desk gradually disappeared.

The church was reopened on Jan. 15, 1860. The consecration service was held on Ascension Day, May 17, 1860, by Bishop Alfred Lee, assisted by the Revs. J. B. Clemson, R. J. Keeling, B. Franklin and M. B. Smith, the rector. After renovations, including a new memorial window, the church was reopened on Aug. 9, 1868. On Oct. 1, 1869, pew rents were abolished and all pews became free for the use of anyone.

The present rectory was purchased on Dec. 18, 1879, for \$2500.00. It was the former home of Charles Kimmey.

The chancel was added in 1887. The large memorial window, in the chancel, was unveiled on Sept. 5, 1888, as a memorial to Lucinda Ball Bradford.

During the 1880's, the women of Christ Church would accept seasonal employment with the Richardson and Robbins Company, to make money to be applied to the church work.

In 1890-91, a new altar was installed as a memorial to Mrs. Lucinda B. Bradford. In 1894-95, a brass pulpit and a brass eagle lectern were installed in memory of the Rev. L. W. Gibson.

On Oct. 2, 1896, Dr. Henry Ridgely sold 63.4 perches of land to Christ Church to be used in enlarging the church-yard. The parish-house was built in 1898. It included a library and Sunday School rooms. In 1905-06, a window in memory of Dr. Henry Ridgely was unveiled. A new organ was installed in 1906-7. In 1910-11, two lots were purchased at the corner of Bradford and Division Streets. It was proposed to use these lots as a site for a new parish-house and Sunday School. This plan was not carried out and the lots were sold the following year.

Under the leadership of Archdeacon Benjamin F. Thompson, B.D., the church was enlarged, improved and redecorated in 1913. Bishop Frederick J. Kinsman conducted a service of benediction on "Delaware Day," Dec. 7, 1913. In 1916, a new entrance and wall were built. The new porch was dedicated by Bishop Kinsman on Nov. 26, 1916. The oratory in the rectory was dedicated on Dec. 31, 1916, by Bishop Kinsman. More land was purchased from Bessie F. Davis on Mar. 7, 1917.

On Nov. 2, 1918, Bishop Kinsman consecrated the church-yard and dedicated the wall and gateway in memory of Ann Ridgely du Pont and Amelia Elizabeth du Pont. A memorial window, provided by the will of former U. S. Senator Willard Saulsbury, in memory of his parents, Willard and Annie Ponder Saulsbury, was unveiled in 1929.

On Apr. 21, 1944, a lot with a 75 ft. frontage on State St. was secured from Eleanor A. Reed making possible the present entrance from State St.

The parish-house was seriously damaged by fire on Dec. 14, 1946 at which time an adjoining factory was gutted by fire.

A new Moller organ, in memory of Henry Ridgely, was dedicated at an organ recital given on Mon., Jan. 27, 1947.

In 1885, a group of members of the Dover Bar formed the Rodney Club pledged to raise sufficient funds to have the body of Caesar Rodney removed from his home place and reinterred in Christ church-yard. Because of a strong local sentiment against disturbing the bones of the dead, the reinterment took place at midnight in the year 1887. A heavy granite curb encloses the burial plot in the center of which is an imposing memorial. The name, Caesar Rodney, is the only inscription, which, in view of his fame is quite sufficient. Through the interest of the Rodney Club, the General Assembly passed a Joint Resolution on Feb. 20, 1889, providing for the erection of this monument.

Another former Governor, James Sykes, is buried in the Sykes plot in an unmarked grave. There are numerous graves dating back to the middle of the 18th century. One of the oldest tombstones is over the grave of Captain Benson and is dated 1748.

The First Baptist Church of Dover. Sometime after 1832 the Rev. John P. Thompson was sent as a Baptist missionary to the section including Dover. He was succeeded, in 1847, by the Rev. John P. Walter. In 1850, a lot on the south side of Dover Green was purchased by Jonathan Stites and George Parris who headed a subscription list to build a Baptist church. The corner-stone was laid on Sept. 8, 1850. The basement was dedicated on Jan. 25, 1852. The upper part of the church building was dedicated in January, 1853. The title to the one-acre church site was presented to the church by Mr. Stites and Mr. Parris on May 18, 1853. A new organ was installed on Apr. 11, 1868.

In May, 1870, the Baptists announced that an effort would be made to secure a church bell. An Episcopal clergyman suggested, publicly, that perhaps they should get a diving bell. The Baptists apparently did not resent the suggestion but simply announced that a diving bell would not do.

In May, 1877, the church was enlarged and beautified. The gallery was removed and two small side galleries were built. The baptistry was placed under the pulpit. In May, 1886, the benches were replaced with chairs, a new walnut desk and a new pipe-organ were installed. An infant Sunday School room was built at the rear.

In 1891, it was planned to build a new church. On Aug. 12, 1891, the corner-stone was removed from the old church. Some of the articles found in the stone had rotted away, others were found to be in good shape, including a silk book-marker and an 1838 five cent piece. It was planned to place these in the corner-stone of the new church.

A lot on the corner of Bradford and Division Sts. was purchased, from John A. Hartnett, on July 10, 1891.

The corner-stone of the present church was laid on Sun., July 3, 1892, at six o'clock, by the Rev. E. B. Palmer, D.D., assisted by other clergymen. The Norma Glee Club furnished music for the occasion. A temporary floor had been laid to accommodate those attending.

The opening service was held on Jan. 22, 1893. Among those taking part were the Revs. Dr. Wayland, O. G. Buddington, John Miller and Maurice P. Fikes, the pastor.

On May 18, 1897, Mr. Harry A. Richardson offered to contribute \$9400.00 with which to liquidate the entire indebtedness of the church. This offer was accepted with appropriate resolutions of thanks.