

METHODIST CHURCHES OF DELAWARE



**WPA-266 Antioch Methodist Episcopal Church**, 1853--, Main Street, Frankford.

Organized 1853. Present building dedicated the same year and rebuilt 1931. It is a one story frame structure with bell and steeple. The first settled clergyman was Rev. William Rink, 1853-54.

#### Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church



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**Zebly Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.)** is located eight miles northeast of Laurel. The first church was built in 1812. On March 12, of that year, trustees were elected. On May 16, the plot of land was donated by Minos Tindall. They were incorporated on March 20, 1813. The first building was used until 1857 when a new church was erected. The church records were all destroyed when the custodian's home was burned. There is a large cemetery beside the church. The oldest tombstone is over the grave of Elizabeth Warren who died on October 1, 1831. A short distance away was the location of Tindall's camp-ground which was dismantled in 1939.

**Scharf Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church** is west of Georgetown

Asbury. — This church is near the old Tindall Mill and on the road from Georgetown to Laurel, and about seven miles from Georgetown. Since it has been on a separate circuit it has had Wilmer Jaggard, J. W. Gray and J. B. Anderson as ministers. The first building was erected in 1812. March 12 of that year Covington Messick, John Cullen, Purnell Tindall, Levin Conway, Robert Barr, Minos T. Messick, Southey Culling, John Tam and William Morgan were elected trustees and incorporated as such by the General Assembly. On May 16 of the same year the first step toward the erection of a house of worship was taken by the purchase of eighty-four square perches of land of Minos Tindall.

By fall a pretty frame building twenty-four by twenty-six was erected and occupied. This building was in use until 1867, when the present edifice was erected at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. The building is a one-story frame structure, about thirty by forty feet, and is on the site of the old house. A large cemetery on both sides of the road contains the remains of many old members. The Sunday-school has twenty scholars with Joshua Raughley as superintendent. There are fifty -five members in the church, the present trustees being William Tindall, Benton H. Tindall, Theodore Carey and Edward Salmons. [Page 1298]



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**Hallman Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church** on Laurel-Georgetown highway in Nanticoke Hundred, located on the north side of the road leading from Laurel to Georgetown, was built in 1812. The first Board of Trustees consisted of Covington Messex, John Cullen, Minos Messex, William Morgan, John Conway, Robert Barr, Sothy Cullen, and Purnell Tindale. The church was incorporated March 18, 1813. The first church served the congregation until it was replaced by a new building in 1857.

**WPA-233 Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church**, 1812-- , 7 miles West of Georgetown.

Organized 1812 and incorporated March 20, 1813 as Asbury Chapel. First building was frame structure on present site, 1812-37. Present church was dedicated in 1857 and rebuilt in 1930. It is a one story frame structure. The first settled clergyman was Rev. Wilmer Jaggard.

#### Bayside United Methodist Church



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**Covington Bayside United Methodist Church**, 38288 London Avenue, Selbyville

Around the turn of the century, urban development on De Rte 54 spiraled rapidly with plans for over 3,000 new housing units. The Administrative Council of St. Matthews by the Sea suggested at a meeting in September 2004, that a committee be formed to explore how they could serve the needs of the new people as well as reach out to the un-churched. That survey caused Rev. Miller, the Pastor, and Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball, District Superintendent, to begin serious discussions concerning how St. Matthews could plant a new church in that area.

In February 2005 a Task Force of 15 people was formed to study the matter of starting a new church west of Fenwick. The Task Force held weekly prayer services, attended services at new churches, and interviewed many pastors. Two of its members, John Williams and Robbin Gray, attended the New Church Start "Boot Camp" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Following these events, the Task Force informed the District Superintendent that they were willing to proceed with birthing a new church. Further, they recommended that she and the Cabinet create a new staff position at St. Matthews by The Sea for someone to be responsible for planning and launching the new church. These recommendations were approved and at the Annual Peninsula-Delaware Conference, which was held in June 2006, Bishop Marcus Matthews appointed The Rev. Rich Evans to fill that position. Rev. Evans and a small leadership team worked diligently to accomplish the task. After much prayer and strategic planning Bayside Chapel was opened for public worship in September of 2008.

#### Beauchamp's Methodist Episcopal Meeting-house

**Scharf Beauchamp's Methodist Episcopal Meeting-house** west of Seaford

In the southern part of the hundred an Episcopal chapel was erected prior to the Revolution, which seemed to interrupt the services held there. This chapel was later wholly abandoned, and only a traditional account of it remains. From its existence in that section the brook took its name. Here, in 1804,