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Gleanings of Notes and Facts
Relating to Methodist Church History
And
The History of Local Methodist Churches
Of
Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland

2014

**METHODIST CHURCHES
IN
SUSSEX COUNTY
DELAWARE**

**A
PICTORIAL
DIRECTORY
OF
LOCAL CHURCHES**

**PRESENTED
ACCORDING TO
ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS
WITHIN
POSTAL ZIP CODES**

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POSTAL ZIP CODE listing of Methodist Churches in Sussex County, DE
Green Highlight – means there is a **Picture** of that **Church** in the Pictorial Directory

19973	Concord M.E.	25322 Church Road	Seaford, DE	1804
19973	Gethsemane U.M.	2701 Woodland Ferry Road, Reliance	Seaford, DE	1960-
19973	Gethsemane M.P.	2701 Woodland Ferry Road, Reliance	Seaford, DE	1872-1905
19973	Gethsemane M.P.	2701 Woodland Ferry Road, Reliance	Seaford, DE	1905-1960
19973	John Wesley U.M. (N)	804 Third Street	Seaford, DE	1879
19973	Methodist Manor House	1001 Middleford Road	Seaford, DE	
19973	Middleford M.E.	Middleford to Concord Road	Seaford, DE	1821-1883
19973	Mt. Hope		Seaford, DE	
19973	Mt. Olivet M.P.	758 Nylon Boulevard, Successor of Bochim	Seaford, DE	1831
19973	St John's M.E.	300 North Pine Street, Split of Bochim	Seaford, DE	1818
19973	Shiloh M.E. (N)	Previously was Middleford M.E.	Seaford, DE	1883
19973	Wesley M.E.	22025 Atlanta Road	Seaford, DE	1861
19973	Woodland M.E.	5123 Woodland Church Road	Seaford, DE	1832
19975	Bayside Chapel U.M.	38288 London Avenue, Williamsville	Selbyville, DE	
19975	Salem M.E.	29 West Church Street	Selbyville, DE	1789-Pres
19975	Selbyville M.P.	De Rte 17	Selbyville, DE	1909-1923
19975	Sound M.E.	Lighthouse Road, De Rte 54	Selbyville, DE	1784
19975	Sound M.E. Camp Meeting	Lighthouse Road, De Rte 54	Selbyville, DE	1784
19975	Williamsville M.P.	De Rte 54, Williamsville	Selbyville, DE	1905
19971	Zion M.E.	De Rte 20, Roxanna Road	Selbyville, DE	2004
19973	Zoar M.E. (N)	Roxanna Road, De Rte 17	Selbyville, DE	1883

Alphabetical Listing of Methodist Churches in Sussex County, DE
 Grey Highlight – means there is an Excerpt or History of that Church in the Histories
 Yellow Highlight – means the Church received a Pastor under appointment in 2013

19940	Line /Whitesville M.E.	Line Road, Whitesville	Gumboro, DE	1785-Pres
19966	Long Neck U.M.	32071 Long Neck Road	Millsboro, DE	
19970	Mariner's Bethel M.E.	West Street North off De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1878-1894
19970	Mariner's Bethel M.E.	Central Avenue North off De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1859-1878
19970	Mariner's Bethel M.E.	Central Avenue South & De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1894-1961
19970	Mariner's Bethel U.M.	Central Avenue South & De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1861-2000
19947	McColley's Chapel M.E.	18168 Redden Road	Georgetown, DE	1837-Pres
19940	Metropolitan M.E. (N)	Delmar	Delmar, DE	1919
19973	Middleford M.E.	Middleford to Concord Road	Seaford, DE	1821-1883
19963	Milford M.E.	South Milford	Milford, DE	1882-1938
19966	Millsboro M.P.	Millsboro to Lewes Road	Millsboro, DE	1865-1898
19970	Millville M.E.	Millville, De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1907-Pres
19970	Millville M.P.	Atlantic Avenue, Millville, De Rte 26	Ocean View, DE	1897-1910
19956	Moore's /Mt. Pleasant M.E.	Mt. Pleasant Road, Rte 493A	Laurel, DE	1780-Pres
19933	Mt. Calvary /Calvary M.E. (N)	28 Church Street, Bridgeville	Bridgeville, DE	1908
19956	Mt. Calvary M.E. (N)	Portsville	Laurel, DE	1861-
19940	Mt. Hermon M.P.	34929 Columbia Road, Columbia	Delmar, DE	1877-Pres
19973	Mt. Hope	5521 Finchville, Reliance Road	Seaford, DE	
19956	Mt. Lebanon /Portsville M.P.	31060 Dogwood Drive, Portsville	Laurel, DE	1832
19940	Mt. Moriah /Providence M.P.	Spring Hill Road, W/o Delmar	Delmar, DE	1835-1875
19940	Mt. Nebo M.E. (N)	36359 Mount Herman Circle,	Delmar, DE	1904
19940	Mt. Olive M.P.	Second & State Street	Delmar, DE	1895-1964
19973	Mt. Olivet M.P.	758 Nylon Boulevard, Successor of Bochim	Seaford, DE	1831-Pres
19956	Mt. Pleasant /Moore's M.E.	Mt. Pleasant Road, Rte 493A	Laurel, DE	1780-Pres
19971	Mt. Pleasant /Faith M.E. (N)	19940 Church Street	Rehoboth Beach, DE	1881-Pres
19968	Mt. Zion Holy M.E. (N)	Milton	Milton, DE	1940
19956	Mt. Zion M.E.	28315 Seaford Rd, North of Laurel	Laurel, DE	1852-Pres
19956	Mt. Zion M.E. (N)		Laurel, DE	1809
19941	New Market M.E.	Site near Ellendale	Ellendale, DE	1810-1936
19971	New Ebenezer M.E.	Site and Graveyard, 2 miles S/o Midway,	Rehoboth Beach, DE	1856-1950
19956	New Zion M.E. (N)	430 W 6 th Street	Laurel, DE	
19950	Oakley M.P.	De Rte 16 & Oakley Road	Greenwood, DE	1898-1943
19945	Omar M.E.	Frankford-Clarksville Road	Frankford, DE	1900-1931
19933	Onin M.E.	2 miles N/o Coverdale Crossroad	Bridgeville, DE	1844-1859
19947	Pepper's M.E.	2 Miles W/o Georgetown	Georgetown, DE	1894-1929
19956	Portsville /Mt. Lebanon M.P.	31060 Dogwood Drive, Portsville	Laurel, DE	1832
19940	Providence /Mt. Moriah M.P.	Spring Hill Road, W/o Delmar	Delmar, DE	1875-1936
19947	Providence M.P.	Shortly Road & Piney Grove Road	Georgetown, DE	1886-Pres
19947	Redden M.E.	Redden-Ellendale Road	Georgetown, DE	1894-1918
19971	Rehoboth Beach Tabernacle	Replica on Rehoboth Avenue	Rehoboth Beach, DE	1968-1968
19941	Reynolds M.E.	Jensen Mill Road, 5 miles East Ellendale,	Ellendale, DE	1869-
19933	Russell M. E.	1 mile E/o Coverdale Crossroad	Bridgeville, DE	1848-1859
19931	Sailor's Bethel /Bethel M.E.	7774 Main Street, Bethel	Bethel, DE	1852-Pres
19940	St. George's M.E.	34910 St. George Road, Bacon Switch	Delmar, DE	1842-Pres
19970	St. George's M.E.	De Rte 26 and Omar Road, Clarksville	Ocean View, DE	1865-Pres
19947	St. John's M.E.	Springfield Road & De Rte 30	Georgetown, DE	1852-Pres

MARINER'S BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

During the spring of 1779, Methodist pioneer Freeborn Garretson visited this area to bring the message of his faith to the people. Garretson's efforts were favorably received, and a number of local Methodist "societies" were organized. Among these was the Cedar Neck Society, and it is to this group that the origin of this church can be traced. While local "class meetings" were often held outside or in private residences, for many years members were forced to travel some distance to worship in a church.

On October 1, 1858, the society purchased a small lot of land at this location on which a church was to be constructed. The building was completed and dedicated the following year. The church became known as "Mariner's Bethel" in recognition of the occupation of many of its members. On June 16, 1894, four acres of adjoining land were purchased for the purposes of building a new church and expanding the cemetery. The new building was completed in 1889.

A community hall was added to the sanctuary in 1926, and then replaced with the construction of a new education building that was completed in 1959. The sanctuary's interior and exterior were completely renovated at that time. The education building was subsequently renovated during the time of the construction of a new addition completed in 1995.

LOCATION: *Ocean View, South side of State Road 26 (Garfield Parkway) at intersection with Road 84*

MOUNT OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On February 9, 1830, a group of citizens favorable to the reform of the Methodist Episcopal Church joined together for the purpose of planning the establishment of a new church in Seaford. An existing meeting house standing on Chapel Branch was purchased the following day. The frame structure was then moved to the present site adjacent to the Hooper Burial Ground. Led by Dr. William Morgan, a physician and long-time local preacher, the new congregation affiliated themselves with the emerging Methodist Protestant denomination.

A new frame church was built in 1862. As a consequence of continued growth, the construction of the present brick building was initiated in 1897. The new church was dedicated on June 5, 1898. Numerous additions have been made since that time. In 1911 a pipe organ was added with a third of the cost being given by the famous industrialist and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie.

In 1962 the sanctuary was remodeled and enlarged. The original stained glass was preserved in the new sanctuary. The Chapel still retains much of its original appearance.

LOCATION: *Seaford - 315 High Street.*
Archives.delaware.gov.markers/SC