

METHODIST CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

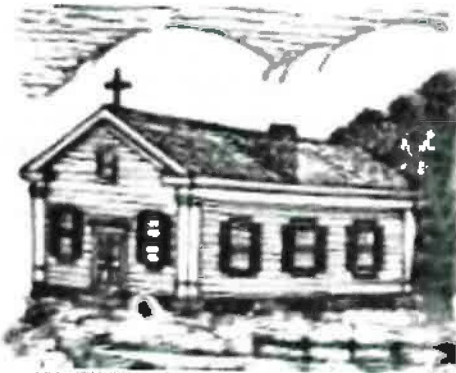
incorporated on January 23, 1899, at which time the name "Mt. Pleasant" was adopted. The church was enlarged in 1946.

Covington **Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Colored**, at Rehoboth Beach.

In 2014 the three black churches of the Lewes-Nassau-Rehoboth Charge - Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach; St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Lewes; and John Wesley United Methodist Church, Nassau - merged and became the Faith United Methodist Church on Church Street, Rehoboth Beach.

[See: Faith Methodist Episcopal Church, Rehoboth Beach]

Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church



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Zebly **Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.)** is located on the old Du Pont Highway three miles north of Laurel. The original church was built on the road to Bethel. The congregation was organized in 1809. On May 19, Matthias and Charles Moore deeded 81 square perches of land at Manlove's Grove to a board of trustees headed by Elzy Moore. The church was built and was called "Elzy Moore's Meeting-House," until 1825, when it was given the name "Wesley Chapel." The building was of frame construction. In 1852, the chapel was torn down and the congregation divided; one group organized Sailor's Bethel at Bethel and the second group organized Mt. Zion Church. For a short time the second group met in a district schoolhouse.

The present church site was donated on January 8, 1853, by William Wheatly. A church was erected during that year. In 1872, the church was extensively repaired. A rededication service was arranged to be held on November 3, 1872, by the Rev. Messrs. William Urie, J. B. Mann and Ridgeway. The church was incorporated on October 31, 1881.

Four acres of land, opposite the church, were secured from Robert T. Spicer on October 4, 1918. The present church was built in 1921 and was dedicated on June 11, 1922. The old church was moved to the opposite side of the road where it is used as a social-hall. There are two graveyards, one to the rear of the church and one north of the social-hall.

Scharf **Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church** is on the old highway from Laurel to Seaford.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church is a continuation of what was first known as Elzy Moore's meeting-house, and afterwards, in 1825, Wesley, and the present name in 1852, when the present church was formed. The old church stood on the road towards Bethel, and near S. J. Wheatley's present house. The original church was organized in 1809. May 19th of that year Matthias Moore and Charles Moore conveyed eighty-one square perches of land, part of a tract called "Manlove's Grove," to Elzy Moore, Henry Smith, Charles Beauchamp, Gilly Moore, Rubin Martino, Charles Moore and Cornelius Morris. About 1852 the old building was torn down, a part of the congregation going to form Bethel, at town of Bethel, and the greater number to form Mt. Zion. The old building was of frame and twenty-five by thirty-five feet. The meetings were held for a short time in the Washington School-house, and in 1858 the present building

was erected on the road from Seaford to Laurel, at a cost of eight hundred dollars. In 1872 the church was repaired at a cost of one thousand dollars. The trustees of the church at present are T. L. Spicer, John H. Spicer, J. A. Marvel, Luther T. Moore, William O'Neal and H. W. Philips. There are eighty-eight members. The church up to 1868 was in various circuits, and the ministers will be found in those circuits. In the year 1868 the Lewisville, [now Bethel] Circuit was formed, with Bethel, Mt. Zion, and Wallace [an old appointment that was shortly afterwards dropped]. Asbury and St. Thomas' were in for a short time and at present Bladesville, Mt. Zion and Bethel. The ministers since the creation of the circuit, have been Rev. E. H. Millen, Rev. Samuel Webb, Rev. A. A. Fisher, Rev. G. W. Wilcox, Rev. Robert Roe, Rev. W. M. Green, Rev. W. P. Bowen, Rev. A. T. Melvin and the present pastor, W. B. Gregg. [Page 1289]

Hallman Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church is in Broad Creek Hundred. It stands a little off from the main highway from Laurel to Seaford. It was the successor of the Elzey Moore Methodist Meeting-house and Wesley Chapel societies. The Wesley Church was torn down in 1852. For a while the congregation worshipped in the Washington school house, dedicating their first Mt. Zion Church in 1853. This was repaired in 1872 at a cost of \$1,000.00. In 1921 they moved the old church across the road for a community building and built the present structure. It was dedicated June 11th, 1921 and the cost of the building was \$7,000.00. The original Church was organized in 1809. On May 19th of that year Matthias Moore and Charles Moore conveyed 81 square perches of land, which was part of a tract called "Manlove Grove," to Elzey Moore, Henry Smith, Charles Beauchamp, Gilley Moore, Rubin Martino, Charles Moore, and Cornelius Morris, being the trustees of the Elzey Moore Meeting-house or Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church.

[See: Elzey Moore Meeting-house on Laurel to Seaford road]

[See: Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in Broad Creek Hundred]

WPA-231 Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, 1809--, Highway US 13, 3 miles North of Laurel. Organized 1809 and called Elzy Moore's Meeting House, Name changed to Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in 1925. Present name adopted 1852. Until 1854 services were held in a frame building, two miles southwest of present site. A frame church was then built near the present site, the property being deeded to the church. November 22, 1856. Incorporated 1881 and additional land purchased the same year. This building served until 1921 when the present church was dedicated. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. Name and date on corner stone. The first settled clergyman was Rev. Elijah H. Miller, 1868-69.



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Covington Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church is three miles North of Laurel. Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1809 and called Elzy Moore Meeting House. In 1854 the congregation built a small frame church and in 1921 they built the present church, which was enlarged with the addition of Sunday School rooms and a dining room in 1961.

Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church

Zebley Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.), Colored, was organized at Lincoln on July 17, 1887.