

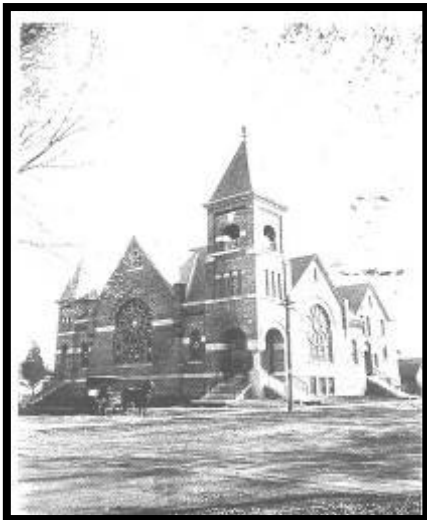
TUSCOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

901 N. Prairie

The first society of the Methodist Church in Tuscola was organized in May of 1858, at the home of A. G. Wallace, with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Woody, Mr. and Mrs. Prose and daughter, Mary. Rev. Amos Garner was the pastor. With the need for a permanent place of worship, ground was broken and the first building dedicated on September 10, 1865, at the corner of Niles and Sale Streets. With the increasing membership, the building had to grow, and the building located at the same address was dedicated on November 24, 1895. On Mother's Day, May 13, 2001, the present Tuscola United Methodist Church was dedicated at 901 N. Prairie Street. Their vision is threefold: Make disciples of Jesus Christ, Engage in Ministry and Transform the world.

PASTORS OF TUSCOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1858 A. R. Garner	1883 G. W. Lowther	1928 Howard Leach
1859 J. P. Hillerby	1886 A. H. Reat	1934 E. H. Sauer
1860 A. Buckner	1893 W. S. Calhoun	1939 O. Harmon Kelly
1861 J. T. Orr	1897 E. A. Hamilton	1942 John W. Armstrong
1862 J. A. Palmer	1900 A. S. Flanigan	1948 Frank H. Ebright
1863 W. H. McVey	1903 Wm. Brandon	1955 David Lemkau
1865 S. S. Meginnis	1905 M. G. Coleman	1959 Lawrence L. Tagg
1867 J. Shaw	1909 E. P. Hall	1965 Kenneth V. McConkey
1869 M. W. Everhart	1910 F. A. Havinghurst	1973 Belmont K. Metzger
1871 M. C. Hawes	1912 A. A. White	1982 Terry L. Clark
1874 D. Gay	1917 W. F. Pitner	1986 J. William Warner
1875 S. McBirney	1918 E. S. Combs	1994 Michael F. Eischen
1877 W. D. Best	1920 B. F. Shipp	1998 Clyde Snyder
1879 W. H. Wilder	1923 A. L. Caseley	2004 Bruce E. Baumberger
1882 A. T. Orr	1926 Presley P. Carson	



Dedicated November 24, 1895



Dedicated Mother's Day May 13, 2001

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
114 E. PEMBROKE**

On May 22, 1906, Rev. I.M. Hoel called a meeting for the purpose of organizing a First Christian Church. The meeting was held at the Free Methodist Church, located at 211 E. Overton Street. The charter members were: I.M. and Mary Hoel, Clarkson, Mary and daughter, Lizzie, Tryon and Mrs. Nancy Bauman. By 1907 the church met in the Circuit Court room in the old brick courthouse. Lots 15 and 16 on East Pembroke Street were offered to the church for \$1,000. On March 1, 1908 construction began of a shiplap tabernacle on the north third of the two church lots. The tabernacle was nicknamed "The Sheepshed" by other organizations.

On August 14, 1909 the cornerstone was laid. Membership had grown to 125. The new building was dedicated on January 30, 1910. In 1921, a fire damaged the interior but was cleaned up and repaired by church members and friends of the church.

In 1932, the Christian Denomination of Churches merged with the Congregationalists, and the name of the church was changed to the Congregational Christian Church of Tuscola. In 1957 the Congregational Christian Church merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the name changed to the United Church of Christ of Tuscola.

In 1969, a yoked relationship with the Zion United Church of Christ was a positive step forward for both congregations. In 1997, the First Presbyterian Church closed its doors and was invited to join the United Church of Christ family. "These folks have brought something very special to our Church."

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH

I. M Hoel
A. B. Couchenour
G. W. Rippey
I. M. Hoel
J. J. Doublas
Thomas House

John Baughman
Walter Fasnacht
Charles Hill
John Baughman
George A. Brownlow
John N. Jones

Lester A. Hill
Arthur Van Camp
Kenneth F. Roedder
Ralph Deal (Interim)
Ralph Deal



**Stained glass window in
memory of I. M. Hoel**



**One Hundredth Anniversary
1906 - 2006**

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
400 S. MAIN STREET**

(MISSION CHURCH)

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Mike Rutledge – Pastor

The New Hope Baptist Church first service in Tuscola was on Easter Sunday, 2005. The church meets at 10 A.M. on Sunday morning in Waddington Funeral Home with nursery provided. Bible study classes are also held in the home of Pastor Rutledge and in the home of Jean Aldridge.

H – HELPING OTHERS (Service)

O – OBEYING GOD’S WORD

P – PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

E – EQUIPING ALL TO DO GOD’S WORKS.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Pastor Mike Rutledge and wife, Mary Ellen, in front of Edward's Funeral Home where services are held.



Front: Donna Thode, Sarah Rutledge, Ethel Louise Kauppala, Anita Cole, Susan Henry
Second: Joyce Weaver, Mathew Arbuckle, Micah Arbuckle, Samuel Adams, Marie Adams
Third: Pastor Michael Rutledge, Jean Aldridge Copas, Jim Arbuckle, Joann Arbuckle, Marcelo Chavez, Jamie Chavez
Fourth: Don Eblin, Dennis Gire, Morris Weaver, Bearl Spicer
Unavailable: Rita Spicer, Jerry Kirkman, Larry Payton and Karen Jarret