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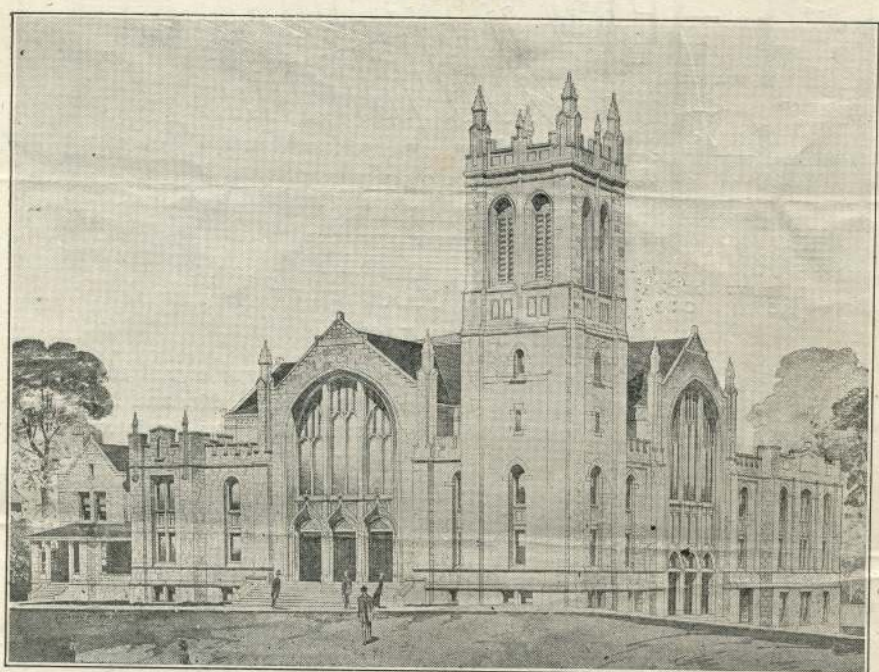
.. Corner Stone Laying ..

New First Methodist Episcopal Church

Corner Fairmont Avenue and Fourth St.,
Fairmont, W. Va.

Friday, October Fourteenth, 1910

2:30 P. M.

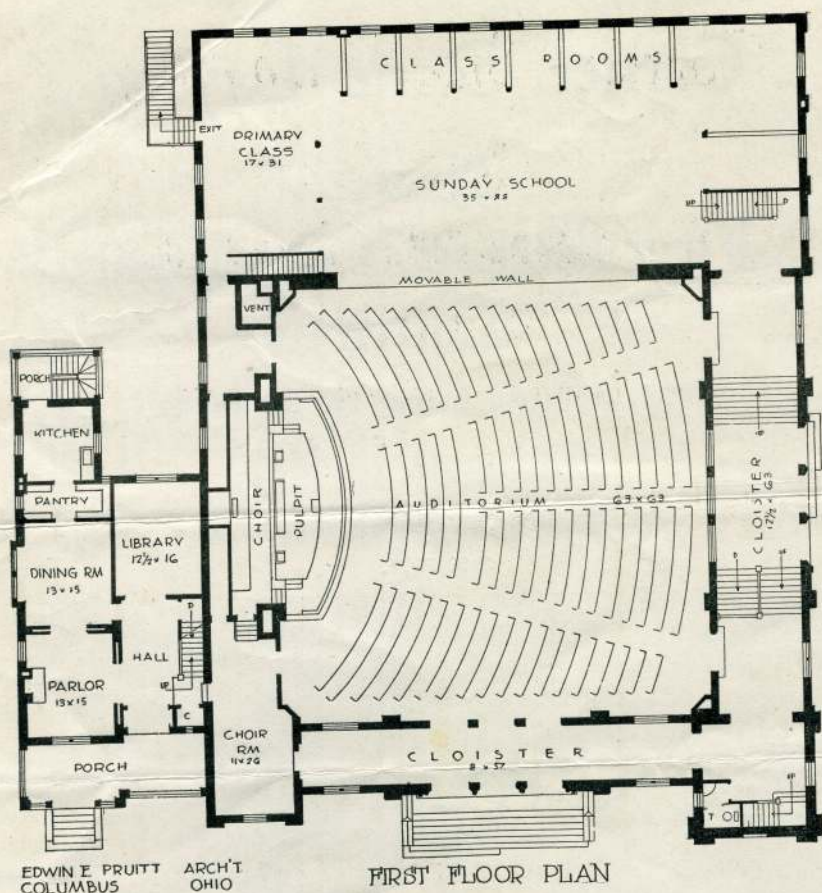


“Upon this rock will I build my church.” Except the Lord built a house they labor in vain that build it.” “The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts.”

BISHOP JOSEPH F. BERRY, D. D., LL. D., Officiating.
REV. GEORGE DOLLIVER SMITH, District Supt.
REV. HARRY C. HOWARD, Pastor.

An opportunity will be given to all who wish to contribute a dollar or more and have their cards placed in the Corner Stone.

Architect—Edwin E. Pruitt, Columbus, Ohio.
Contractor—Holbert & Spedden, Fairmont, W. Va.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN HISTORICAL FACTS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairmont was organized in 1837 with seven members, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. James Burns; Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Boggess; and Eugenius Boydston.

The first pastor was the Rev. Frank Reed, who was the first Methodist itinerant preacher to preach in Fairmont.

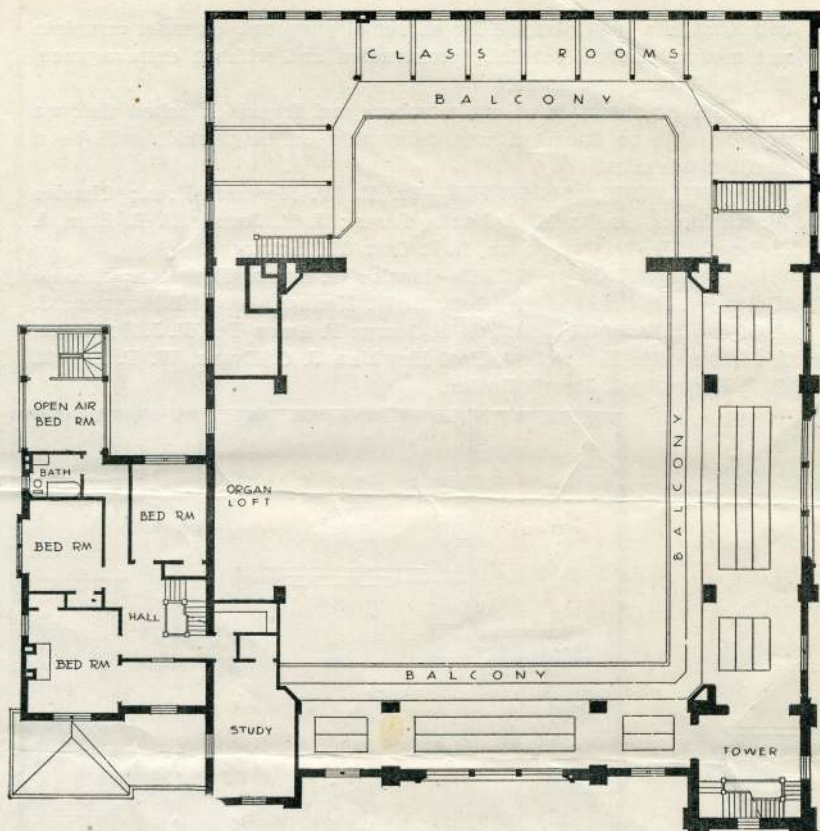
The first church building was erected in 1842 where the Protestant Episcopal Church now stands.

The present church was erected in 1853-4 under the pastorate of the Rev. James Monroe, and dedicated June 4th, 1854 by Bishop Scott and Dr. Abel Stevens, the historian of Methodism. The Board of Trustees then was composed of Festus C. Pitcher; M. D. Hout; D. Turney; J. F. Dorsey; Oliver Jackson; Charles H. Connelly; Marshall Jackson; Josuah B. Hirons; and George B. D. Zumbro.

Three members of the church now were members of the first organization, viz: Mrs. Ruhama Boydston; Mrs. E. J. Vance and Mrs. Eli Musgrave.

At the close of Dr. Gideon Martin's pastorate, 1851, Fairmont was made a station, and the Rev. J. S. Patterson was the first stationed pastor, 1851-3.

The following ministers who served the church spent their last years in Fairmont, and now sleep in Woodlawn cemetery: Rev. Gideon Martin, D. D., Rev. W. R. White, D. D., Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, and Rev. Jeremiah Engle.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN
THE NEW CHURCH.

Lot purchased on the corner of Fairmont avenue and Fourth street, May 4, 1903.

Definite steps taken to build February 14th, 1910.

Adjoining lot of fifty feet purchased on which to build a parsonage in connection with church, March 25th, 1910.

March 25th, 1910 Quarterly Conference authorized Trustees to negotiate sale of present church and parsonage property, and constituted them a building committee with power to act.

Plans and specifications of Architect Edwin E. Pruitt, Columbus, Ohio adopted May 7, 1910.

August 9, 1910 Trustees contracted with T. Wilbur Hennen for sale of present church property on Main street.

August 10, 1910, bids for the construction of new church were opened and contract was awarded to Holbert & Spedden, Fairmont, W. Va.

Monday, August 15, 1910, ground was broken for new church at seven o'clock in the morning. A large gathering of members, Sunday School scholars and friends being present.

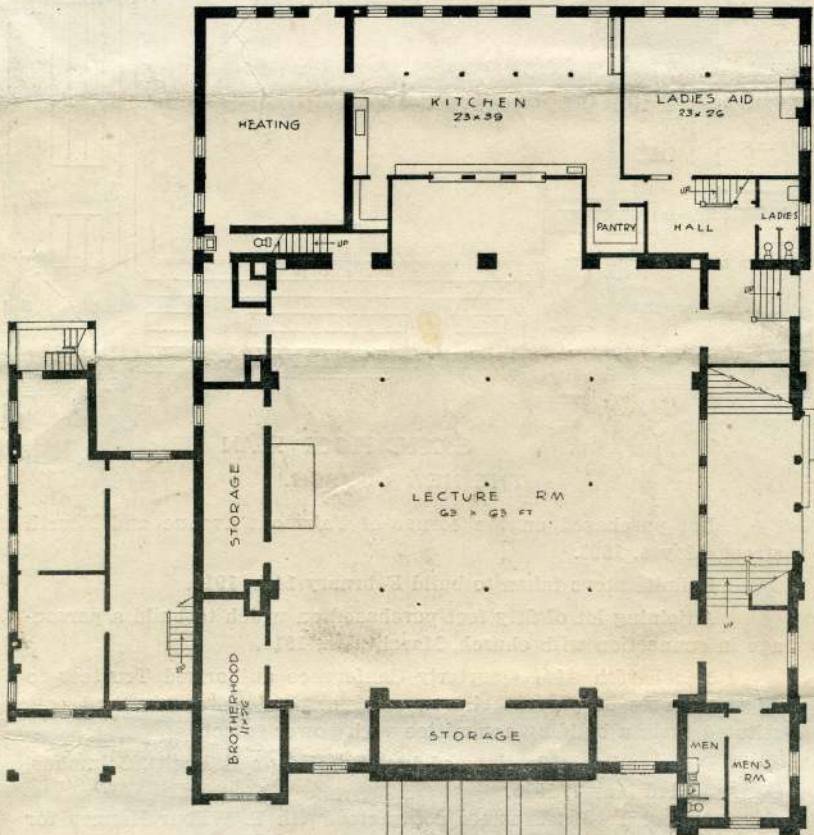
The accompanying illustrations show the general plan and arrangements of the church, and parsonage adjoining. The Building Committee believes that every need of the congregation has been provided for. The church will be heated and ventilated by a modern fan system and beautifully lighted from the dome and arches, and the

basement has been planned for all social purposes. A most complete and modern church, carefully constructed and without extravagance, this will be our new home.

The co-operation of our members and friends is asked that we may be able to finish without delay this building which will be a credit to our city.

BUILDING COMMITTEE—Dr. E. W. Howard, Pres.; Charles W. Robinson, Sec'y.; M. J. Lantz, Treas.; J. M. Jacobs, J. R. Linn, I. N. Lough, Dr. W. C. Jamison, L. P. Carr, Eli Musgrave.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Charles W. Evans, Chairman; Kemble White, W. R. Crane, C. S. Holt, T. W. Hennen, W. S. Billingslea, C. R. Crane, J. E. Smith, F. J. Smith, George F. Amos, Dr. W. J. Boydston, J. A. Meredith, E. Trickett, Berl Hawkins, J. C. Evans, W. E. Arnett, C. S. Riggs, Prof. Joseph Rosier.



BASEMENT PLAN

CORNER STONE SERVICE.

- Invocation.
- Hymn No. 208.
- Prayer—Rev. Charles K. Jenness, Morgantown, W. Va.
- Historical Sketch—Pastor.
- Hymn No. 657. (Tune Pleyel's Hymn)
- Introduction of Bishop Berry by Rev. G. D. Smith, District Superintendent of Morgantown District.
- Address and Laying of the Corner Stone by the Bishop according to the ritual of the church, assisted by the builder and Building Committee.