

which time Capt. Anthony Spengler was elected elder and ordained on December 31st. December 4, 1826, was appointed a day of prayer, fasting and humiliation because of the irreligion of the country. On March 24, 1827, three new members were admitted to the church: Agnes Marshall, Mary Hoffman and Susan Zea.

No church was built, or at first supposed possible, but in June, 1827, a deed recorded in Libre FF Folie 402 and 403 in the Clerk's Office at Woodstock was given by Mr. Isaac Longacre to the plot on which our church stands. This plot, to be used only as a location for this church, was given through Capt. Spengler and he was made trustee. The church as a house of worship was dedicated on May 16, 1830. It is built of brick and is still in use, having served as a hospital during the War Between the States, after which it was changed and renovated for worship again. A long porch adds comfort and attractiveness but in its early days, long steps, at least a dozen of them, extended the length of the church. On entering the building through two doors, the pulpit was found to be between those doors and the pews faced the entrances as well as the pulpit, so the congregation had to turn around to be seated. Later the pulpit was placed at the other end of the church and the choir sat between the doors behind the congregation. Still later, during some needed changes, the choir loft was moved to the front but to the left of the pulpit in the corner, while the minister sat in front of a beautiful arch which made the acoustics most satisfactory. The long steps were replaced by a short and convenient flight at the end of the porch. This change was made, it is thought, about 1876 or 1877.

During the pastorate of the Rev. J. F. Leeper, a manse was built on part of the church land adjoining and at the rear of the portion facing the front doors. An attractive building and beautifully located, this was partly financed with funds received from the Federal Government in payment of damages to the church during the War Between the States.

In 1926, while the Rev. A. H. Clarke was pastor, a large addition was built to the church, containing Sunday School rooms, a social hall and kitchen in the basement. A pipe organ was installed which was paid for by the Woman's Auxiliary. On April 22, 1942, a "Victory Dinner" was held, celebrating the payment of the church debt. It was stated that a total of \$37,201.00 had been paid, both interest and principal. The note was burned by Mr. F. M. Zea, (clerk of the session) and Mrs. H. H. Ramey, (the auxiliary's first president).

In memory of the Rev. A. G. Link, D. D., who was pastor of this church from 1889 to 1910, a marker was placed at this grave in Riverview Cemetery in March, 1944, by the members of the church and friends.