

The following is information about how LaPorte UMC began and the buildings it has occupied.

The LaPorte Episcopal Church began its history in 1825. Some itinerant preacher, traveling on horseback through the forest, lodged overnight at a pioneer's log hut on Butternut Ridge. The word of God found a welcome in the hearts of the lonely settlers and there in the light of the blazing logs, a spiritual fire was kindled in the souls present.

For nearly two decades, the word of God was preached from the cabins of those early settlers. In 1843 a permanent structure was erected on the present site. The building served well for 150 years. Building additions were made in 1917, 1948, 1956, and 1957. In 1961 the present sanctuary was constructed. In early 1992, the original building and its additions were razed and replaced by a modern education and office wing, complete with a new fellowship hall.

For over a hundred years the Methodist Church at LaPorte was served by various itinerant, retired or part time preachers. Since 1947, the LaPorte Church has been served by its own full time pastor.

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Throughout the years the Methodist Church at LaPorte has remained a focal point of service and Christian discipleship in Carlisle Township. We continue to "Grow in Christ and Spread God's Word."