

## McKownville Methodist Church

Locally, public education preceded the organization of a Church. In the old red schoolhouse located near the corner of the Great Western Turnpike and the Kill Road the children and youth of the community received their formal education. On Sunday, these same young people, together with their parents came again to the schoolhouse for Bible study under the leadership of Silas Brind, Henry Swann and others.

In 1865, John McKown gave a perpetual lease to an acre of wooded land bordering the Great Western Turnpike at the north corner of his property to be used for "church purposes".

In 1866, a Methodist Episcopal Church was erected on the site. This original building was used for 32 years, becoming a residence when the new white church was erected in 1898.

A gift of \$1000 received from the will of Mr. Wiltse, a resident but not a member, sparked this venture.

In 1928 an addition to the building was constructed.

In 1939 the church became the McKownville Methodist Church

In 1953 23 acres of additional land was purchased.

In 1951 Mrs. Geo. Manville retired as organist after serving from 1896.

In 1960 the new church was completed and in 1966 the 100th anniversary was appropriately celebrated.

Information from "A Century of Faith - 1866-1966"  
commemorative booklet published.