



Methodist Moments

Our beautiful cross that hangs in the sanctuary was hand-hewn by a church member, Dr. Luther P. Miller, a long-time local veterinarian. In November of 1970 he and two others hung it over the altar. It measures 12 feet by 6 feet. Dr. and Margaret (Dickie) Miller donated this beautiful symbol.

The church organ is a prominent fixture in the church although we don't see it. Its beautiful sounds add much to any service in the church. Many organists remark how great it is. The first organ, in 1901, was a John Sole pipe organ. In 1956 that organ was replaced with the new Moeller pipe organ.

When the new West Maple Street church was built, the console and pipes were moved to the new church. The blower and chests were also brought. The blower is located in the janitor's closet and magically makes the whole thing work. The chests look like the inside of toolboxes, only wooden, that each pipe must fit into. And there are MANY pipes.

The year 1986 brought another new organ, a Bunn-Minnick. In 1989 the work was completed on the console with the swell and great shades added. The swell is the top keyboard, and the great is the bottom. The same note sounds slightly different depending on where it is played.

An additional rank was added in 1993. 61 pipes and a chest were added then as well, which adds a different sound. A Vox Humana addition was donated by the Brown family.

2001 added flutes: 73 pipes and chest, octave 73 pipes and chest, sub bass pedals 16 and 8. The trumpet stops are yet to be added. Every sound has its own pipe.

Very critical to the organ's health is keeping a constant humidity to insure the leather parts stay pliable.

The chimes you hear on the organ were donated many years ago by the Pearce family in memory of loved ones and were moved from the Buckeye Street church to our current building.

In 2001 it was suggested that the organ should be insured for \$200,000.