

Churches in the Shenandoah Valley

Woodstock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
109 South Muhlenberg St.
Woodstock, VA 22664



A brief History

Woodstock Christian Church first met at the Courthouse and later at a home on Main Street.

Woodstock Christian Church was chartered July 11, 1880. On that day it dedicated the first of its two buildings. It cost \$3000.00 and still stands beside the railroad track on West High Street.

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There were 62 charter members, two of which were black women, and six temporary members from Zion Christian Church. Two of these, David Saum and David Spiker, along with G.W. Miley were acting Deacons. Col. E.E. Stickley was Elder. By 1889, Mr. Miley was also an Elder and Deacons were John W. Myers, Hampton Smoot, John W. Sweeney, William B. Spiggle, William I. Burner, Thomas Artz, H.F. Miley and Joseph Keller. Mrs. E.E. Stickley was Deaconess.

The Sunday School was organized July 18, 1880, with an enrollment of 43 pupils and 10 teachers and officers.

The lot for the present building was purchased in 1922 for \$3000.00. Plans for construction began in 1924, and ground was broken September 3, 1929. The cornerstone was set July 13, 1930 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary. The building was dedicated August 2, 1931. Approximate cost was \$52,000.00 for building and equipment. In 1930, a relationship with Fairview Christian Church, located west of town, was begun which ultimately resulted in the merger of the two congregations in 1950.

The congregation is a covenant member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, and is associated with the Virginia Region.

During most of its history, the congregation has shared pastoral leadership with its sister congregation in Edinburg. Although in 2002, the decision was reached to seek separate ministers at Edinburg Christian and Woodstock Christian Church after August 31, 2002. Early Ministers of the Woodstock Christian church were; L.A. Cutler, J.A. Spencer, S.B. Moore, D.H. Rhodes, J.G. Clements, Isaiah Bauserman, Dr J.R. Campbell and W.J. Cooke.

J.D. Haymaker served from 1899 to 1923 - a tenure equaled by Edwin B. Wolford who served from 1945 to 1969..

Submitted by the Woodstock Christian Church, October 2012