

History of the Free Methodist Church in Woodstock, Illinois

1865

"Classes" met in various homes of members and in rented buildings for worship. A "circuit rider" minister from Crystal Lake and Pleasant Valley would conduct the services on Sunday evening. There wasn't any Sunday morning service.

October 19, 1891

The Woodstock class was first organized into an independent church group. This charter meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Fannie Thompson.

1892

A brick church was constructed as a place of worship on the corner of E. Judd and Jefferson Street. The first minister appointed to the new church was the Rev. Peter Newcomer.

1904

A new church was built on the corner of McHenry and Seminary Ave. It was here that it made its contribution as the "Church at the Crossroads". It was built here to provide a church for the residents of the Children's Home and Sunset Manor. There is no direct affiliation between the Homes and the local Free Methodist Church.

1956

Rev. Eustice Kirkpatrick was appointed pastor. A campaign was launched to pay for property adjacent to Sunset Manor on Seminary Ave.

1958

Construction began on a new Church. The society has outgrown the present location, two worship services were being held on Sunday morning, eight regular Sunday school classes were held away from church, membership had grown considerably. The new church was dedicated November 22, 1959.

1966

Construction of an addition containing ten Sunday school rooms.

1975

Initial mortgage was paid off.