

The fate of the property is unclear because the property is to be recognized as an historical site, but no one wishes to assume responsibility for the registration and maintenance of this property.⁸²

Asbury United Methodist Church

Black Rock Road and Route 118
(Brownstown) Germantown, Maryland

Establishment of the Church

This church was established around 1885. William Brown spearheaded this new church action. His home was used as a place of worship and other church activities before the church was built. He lived in a log cabin near the present church on ten acres of land he had purchased in 1868.

Mr. Brown died before the church was completed. His children inherited the land. The community that grew up around this area was called "Brownstown."

In 1893, one and one-fourth acres of land were deeded to the church trustees by Henry Pumphrey for eighty dollars. This acre and a quarter probably contained the acre of land Mr. Brown had given some years back for the use of the church.

The trustees were James Terry, John Mason, Thomas Jenkins, and Daniel Jenkins.

The congregation built a frame church. It remained in use until 1950 when it burned down. The present building was begun in 1959 and finished in 1962. It stands on the same plot of land.⁸³

The rebuilding and refurbishing of this church represent many years of working, saving and sacrificing by this congregation. The old cornerstone that has 1885 inscribed on it was placed in the foundation of the new cinder block church. Raymond Baker of Rockville, Maryland, was the architect and builder of the 1962 church.

The church is a member of the Boyds Charge. It shares the ministers with the other two churches.

This is a busy, enterprising little church. On Sundays when there is no minister to serve, the young people of this church invite outside speakers and lead the services in a commendable way.

Orchard Street Methodist Church

Baltimore, Maryland

Establishment of the Church

The old Orchard Street Church was the scene of a controversy. This old red brick building stands empty now. It has been closed since the

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