

History

On April 8, 1868, just three years after the Civil War, approximately three acres were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Fisher by Thomas Neverson, George W. Johnson, Charles Beander, trustees and their successors. The property was purchased in trust for the sum of \$54.00 for the establishment of a Methodist Episcopal Church. The congregation worshiped in a school house that was on the property adjacent to the church property until they could afford to construct a church. This arrangement was customary in the developing black communities at that time.

By 1888, the church was constructed. In 1901 the Quince Orchard Colored School burned down under suspicious circumstances. In 1902 a decision was made by the Montgomery County Board of Commissions to build a new white school across the road from Pleasant View. They decided to give the blacks the old white school. The school was moved to the Pleasant View Church property where it remains today.

By 1914, the 1888 church structure had outlived its usefulness and was rebuilt. In the 1950's extensive improvements were made. By 1968 however, dwindling membership and low population growth forced the congregations of Hunting Hill, McDonald Chapel and Pleasant View—three Victorian Methodist churches in the area — to transfer their memberships to the new Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Pleasant View did not merge, however, and thus retained its legal distinction. The trustees maintain the responsibility for the site.

In 1985, the Historic Preservation Commission added the Pleasant View Church site to the Master Plan for historic preservation.

The annual May or June Fest has been celebrated since 1984.

—Vernon Green

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Special Thanks —

Our sincere appreciation goes to our program participants and food preparers. Thanks also to everyone who came out to support our annual festival and who continue to support the Pleasant View Site.