

A Brief History Of

Millbrook United Methodist Church

Did you know the first members of this Church met under a brush arbor? In 1869 the Reverend Sidney Trawick was appointed its first pastor and it was under his leadership that a church building was erected on the present site which was then only one acre in size. The first Sunday School teachers not only taught the Bible and the Methodist catechism but they also taught the children how to read and write? The first church building was destroyed by a cyclone in 1875? It was 1887 before there was a stove to provide heat in cold weather!

The church "Sidney" was built some time after 1869 and was actually a merger with another church located about six miles away at Tipper's Crossroads, now known as Six Forks. The building at Six Forks was torn down, the material brought to Millbrook and the building erected on an acre lot donated by Richard Justice. This building was completely destroyed by the cyclone of 1875.

The next church building was a portion of our present sanctuary. The one room was sectioned off by curtains into several classrooms for Sunday School. The church — whose name had been changed to Millbrook by the Annual Conference — shared its pastor with four to seven churches on the charge. It was not until 1931 that plans were formulated to build four classrooms onto the back of the church. In 1951 the rock front and steeple were added to the white plank sanctuary — and with it, three classrooms. The first rest rooms were installed in 1954 and soon afterward an additional white plank one-story building was constructed at the rear of the present sanctuary.

A major remodeling and reconstruction program in 1963 left us the present church and Sunday School arrangements. A parsonage was built that same year in Fairfax Hills.

In 1967 three additional acres of land was acquired, making it possible to provide off-street parking. It is on this land our Educational Complex will be built.

In 1963 Millbrook Methodist Church had approximately 200 members. Today (1971), Millbrook United Methodist Church has 840 members. (United Methodism came about by the national merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church in 1968).

Millbrook has always met challenges well. Today the challenges are adequate facilities and adequate ministry. Millbrook will meet these challenges!