

Sunday, October 8, 2017
160th Homecoming Service

Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Robert Smith
Bringing in the Light of Christ	“O God Our Help in Ages Past” <i>(Watts)</i> Cindy Jackson, Organist
*Call to Worship & Invocation	Oliver McBride
Special Music by Melva Houston	
*Praise & Worship	“Because Of Your Love” “Praise You in This Storm”
A Time for Children	Janie Napier
Special Music by Melva Houston	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Robert Smith
Litany for the Anniversary of FUMC	“What Gift Can We Bring”
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts	Rev. Robert Smith
Offertory	“I’m A Soldier in the Army of the Lord” Adult Choir with Janie Napier, Pianist & Cindy Jackson, Director
*Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	Rev. Robert Smith
Introduction of the Homecoming Guest Speaker	Rev. Robert Smith
Scripture	“Joshua 4:1-7” Judy Beasley, Scripture Reader
Sermon	“Worth Remembering” Rev. Kim Goddard
*Hymn of Dedication	“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn #127
*Benediction and Blessing of the Meal	Rev. Robert Smith
*Sending Forth into the World	“Psalm 19” <i>(Marcello)</i> Cindy Jackson, Organist

**Those who are able, please stand*
Homecoming dinner will be after the service in our fellowship hall.
Everyone is invited.

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Our Church History

First United Methodist Church Hillsville

*“Called To Be and
Make Disciples for
Jesus Christ”*

In 1850 there were 12 church buildings in Carroll County. Seven of these were Methodist and five were Primitive Baptist.



The rapid growth of Methodism after 1850 was due largely to the inspiring revivals conducted in this area by Rev. Bob Sheffey. One of the centers of growth was the Hillsville Circuit from which the Hillsville Methodist Church was organized on July 29, 1857.

Records of Quarterly Conferences of 1884-1886 show Rev. R.F. Jackson as preacher in charge of the Hillsville Circuit. He was the grandfather of Dr. Robert F. Jackson who was active in organizing the present church. The Hillsville Circuit was composed of the following churches:

Woodlawn, Hillsville, Corinth, Shiloh, Mt. Tabor, Liberty, Mountain Plains, Fancy Gap, Phillips Chapel, Pine Grove and Oakland.

The original lot on which the church was erected was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Crigger and Mrs. Ann Leftwich for a total sum of \$171.00. The original structure erected in 1857 was removed and replaced by a wooden structure in 1900.

The building constructed in 1900 was replaced with another building constructed on Main Street in 1928 under the supervision of Rev. W.S. Lyons.

In 1962, under the leadership of Rev. Richard H. Timberlake, consideration was given to the relocation of the church. In May 1964, after an evaluation was completed, it was recommended that the church be relocated.

A building committee was established in 1964 composed of Dr. Robert Jackson, chairman; S. L. Sisson, Dr. Ronald D. Jones, Mrs. T.W. Quesenberry, Mrs. Carlin Gynn, Elliott Ridge, Dale Ward, Mrs. Worth Cox, Tom Armstrong, Mrs. Ted Mills, Steven Cochran and Miss Karen Kidd, members.

In 1968 the church site of 8.2 acres was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkinson.

In 1971 the Hillsville Methodist Church took into its membership the body of worshippers from Goad Memorial Methodist Church, a country church established June 6, 1943.

Vernon E. Lewis, architect, completed the plans for the new Hillsville Methodist Church in 1971.

Then plans were approved and a contract for the construction was awarded to John S. Clark Company on March 1, 1972, with a completion date of November 1, 1972. Upon relocation, the church officially became known as **First United Methodist Church.**

A major part of the planning of the church was carried out under the leadership of Rev. C. Walter Martin, and the completion of the plans and construction under the leadership of Rev. John Duvall.

In 1995 while Rev. Nathan Malone was pastor, the congregation felt the need for improvements to the church building. Alterations were made to the sanctuary, and the fellowship hall and kitchen were approved and built.

In January of 2011, First United Methodist Church launched a second site on Main Street in Hillsville as a contemporary worship site. This site was called “Out of the Box Worship Center”.

In January, 2014, First United Methodist celebrated the chartering of the second site as Out of the Box United Methodist Church.

The ministries of FUMC consist of children and adult Sunday school, United Methodist Women, the Dinner Bell, the Happy Seniors, a senior adult ministry; adult and children choirs, Wednesday night dinners and Bible study, Ladies Bible Study, an active prayer ministry, Hillsville Preschool, and youth ministry.

The Carroll County Ministerial Association Food Pantry is housed in the church building. Boy Scouts also use the church facilities weekly, and the FUMC Book People ministry continues to put free books into the hands of all students in Carroll County.

Today, in 2017, as we celebrate 160 years, Hillsville First United Methodist Church continues to grow under the present leadership of Rev. Robert Smith.

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