

Do Not Destroy

METHODISM IN MILAN

1816 - 1934





After One Hundred Eighteen Years....

Five score and eighteen years ago our fathers planted in the, wilderness of Avery Township, Huron County, Ohio; the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the form of a little Methodist Class with Thomas Jeffrey, as Class Leader. They had caught the torch from the hands of that flaming soul, "Father" William Gurley, who bore the marks in his body and soul of his discipleship. The names of the members of that first class, we shall probably never know. But we are in the succession of that noble band.

Others have come and added to the work of their hands and hearts but none have wrought more nobly. By the sacrifice of consecrated people and the help of God, churches have been built, souls have been saved, children have been taught, the Gospel has been preached. Who can say what is the value of a church to a community-- the

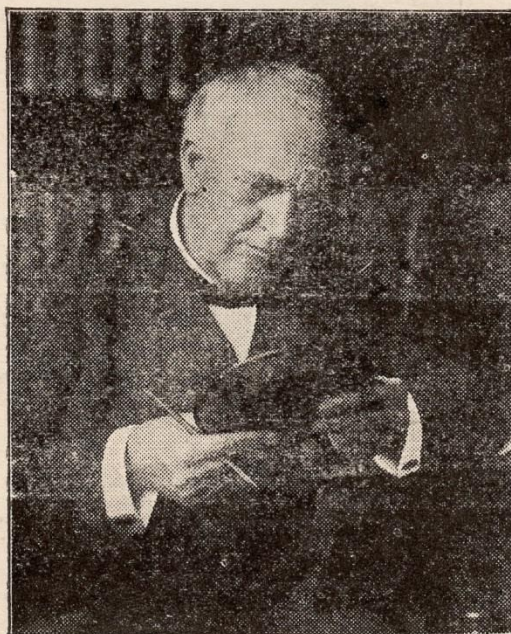
people who are served by it!

Now we are celebrating the One Hundred Eighteenth Anniversary of the Founding of Methodism in Milan Township. Our distinguished former minister. Dr. Delo C. Grover, President of Baldwin-Wallace College, our faithful District Superintendent. Dr. Vernon Wade Wagar, and —as a climax—our Resident Bishop, H. Lester Smith, of Cincinnati, are our honored guests and speakers. Former ministers and members are worshiping with us. And yet we are celebrating without possessing a permanent church home. Nearly three years have passed since that destructive fire which took our beautiful church. Our people have suffered, likewise, from the economic depression. Why then celebrate? Our answer is that we have invited our former members, the (descendants of our pioneer members, our distinguished guests and our friends to meet with us and to witness our sacred pledge that the efforts of all that company of saints who have labored here and gone, before, and all the sacrifices and work of the living shall not have been in vain. By the grace of God we shall go forward in the cause of Christ. We shall with His help, cause to rise from the ashes of our destroyed church and from the ashes of blasted dreams of the recent past, a new church which shall be for the glory of God and the service of mankind!

First Methodist Episcopal Church

Milan, Ohio

May 6, 1934.



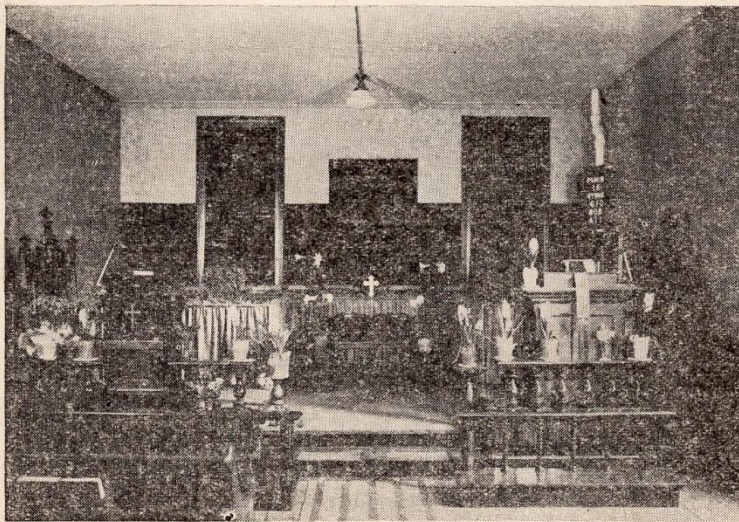
Thomas A. Edison



*To the memory of Milan's most illustrious son,
distinguished servant of the whole world,
we humbly dedicate this booklet.*



Rev. H. Hilton Longberry
Pastor since 1931



Chancel of Temporary Church, now in use
in the Kelley Block, Public Square

Historical Sketch

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Methodism in the "Firelands"—Huron and Erie counties—had its beginning in a sermon preached by Rev. William Gurley in late October 1811, at a newly constructed log school house at a settlement at Bloomingville. Mr. Gurley, a silversmith, born at Wexford, Ireland in 1757, was converted to Wesleyan Methodism at an early age and licensed to preach by the venerable John Wesley in 1787. He was a victim of the Irish insurrection of 1798 and came to America at the insistence of his brother-in-law, Rev. John Beatty, also a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church. A "Memoir of Rev. William Gurley" published by his son, Rev. L. B. Gurley, states that after that first sermon was ended, "Having dismissed the congregation, he (Rev. William Gurley) requested those to remain would unite with a class. Some of these resided five or six miles distant. This was the first religious association of any kind, organized in the county, or on the Western Reserve west of Cleveland.

Present at that meeting, in all probability, was Thomas Jeffrey of Avery Township (now Milan Township). He had arrived from England in 1811. After his name, in a list of early settlers is the simple statement that he was "a communicant of the Methodist Church."

In his "History of a Hundred Years of Methodism in Milan Township," Rev. W. H. Oswalt states: "From several sources it is learned that the first Methodist Class in the Township was organized 'in the Jeffrey neighborhood' in 1816." The Jeffrey neighborhood was near Spears' Corners." Thomas Jeffrey was its Class Leader. It was said of him that he was "an ardent Methodist and the leader of many religious meetings." The Rev A. Newton, D.D., an able Presbyterian minister, in an address made in 1860 refers to the organization of the Methodist class in 1816, and states that in the fall of 1818 "fourteen members were added to the class." He also is authority for the statement that the church in Milan Village was organized in 1825 with seven members.

In 1816 the Ohio Conference appointed Rev. J. B. Finley, Presiding Elder of its Ohio District. True Pattee and James McIntyre were laboring as missionaries in the wilderness of Huron County, the "Firelands". The next year Mr. Finley was returned and John Brooke, his son-in-law was appointed to the "Huron Circuit" which comprised a large territory with twenty-five preaching places—in schools, homes, taverns, blacksmith shops, etc. There were no churches in those early days. He was so successful that the Presiding-Elder asked rev. Alfred Brunson, a local preacher, residing in Fowler, Trumbull County, Ohio, to come and take a part of the circuit. He writes of it "J. B. Finley—gave me a few appointments in Huron County, Ohio." He set out on his journey in January, 1818 to Huron, "clad in homespun the product of my wife's industry. She had spun the wool, woven the cloth, and after the cloth had come from the fuller, made my garments."

He continues, speaking of his trip made on horseback in the mid winter: "The journey was through a country of which I had no knowledge— mostly a dense forest. I reached what is now Medina County by the southern tier of townships on the Reserve, but finding no road further west, I turned north through Pittsfield and traveled some thirty miles before I could find a road leading westward along the lake shore. Where Elyria now stands

there was no bridge and I crossed the river on the ice of one or two nights freezing and found it was six inches thick."

Thus he came to Huron, which was the county seat, and was located a little south of Abbott's Bridge in Milan Township at the head of navigation of Huron River. We usually refer to this settlement as Avery from Fort Avery located there but an old map, drawn by Almon Ruggles who surveyed the township, designated it as "Huron." Thus Huron in Milan Township became the head of the famed Huron Circuit which Brunson describes.

"My circuit extended from Black River along the Ridge Road by where Norwalk now stands ... to the little town of New Haven, thence by a zig-zag course to Sandusky Bay and Venice and Portland (now Sandusky City) thence through Perkins, east along the lake shore to the place of beginning. I soon formed a four weeks circuit of twenty-four appointments with two hundred miles travel to compass it."

The first camp meeting "held in Northern Ohio" was held at Old Huron or Avery this winter. It is described at length in "The Firelands Pioneer."

In an article entitled, "Early Methodism" in the "Pioneer" is found the statement, that the first Sunday School on the Firelands in connection with the M. E. Church was at Reed's School House, two miles south of Norwalk in 1823. John Laylin was superintendent."[sic] This was a part of our circuit.

In 1818 Rev. William Gurley bought a farm near Spear's Corners and from that time until his death was associated with the Milan Church. He was often the Sunday preacher here, for because of the length of the circuit, services had to be held by the circuit preacher when he could get around, and most often were on a [sic] week day.

There is recorded in an old record book, an account by William L. Curtis of early times in the Milan church. In 1834 there were fifty members and a good Sunday School. Services were held in the "old yellow school house" which stood on the plot of ground which is opposite the old church building now used as a flouring mill. In 1836 there was a good revival but results could not be conserved because of lack of a building. In 1838-39 the number was said to have declined until there were only about a half dozen faithful souls left." Mary McMillen, Emmaline Brace, Jane Patch, Milton Horton and Selah Robins "were seldom absent. "

The church was then on the Norwalk Circuit, which was formed in 1831. General Conference minutes list the circuit name in 1834 as "Norwalk and Milan" with three ministers, L. Hill, J. M. Goshorn, D. Burns.

In 1840 a meeting was held to reorganize the Sunday School. The address was given by Rev. Edward Thompson, Principal of Norwalk Seminary, afterward a Bishop. In 1832 he had been second preacher on the Norwalk- Milan Charge. The Sunday School was reorganized and the scattered library books gathered together. The women sewed calico covers for the books. One hundred scholars were enrolled. An old record book shows names of the Sunday School members and amounts paid each year for some years.

On November 10, 1842 a meeting was held and it was decided to build a church on the lot across from the school house. Those present at the meeting were- H. C. Colegrove, Henry Trauger, Archibald Benjamin, Washington Wakefield, Reuben Patch, Milton Horton, Joseph Strickland, Jas. W. Stoakes, and William L. Curtis. Times were hard; wheat was worth 50c, corn 16c, oats 8-10c, flour \$2.50 bbl., pork \$2.00 per cwt., beef 3-4c, eggs 5-8c, per dozen, butter 6-7c per lb.; but the church was built. A great revival occurred in the meantime, lasting from February 1843 to April. Forty were baptized on April 16. At the close of this conference year there were 125 members.

The church was dedicated December 18, 1843. Rev. Gershom Pierce a retired member of the New York Conference preached the dedicatory sermon from Deuteronomy 30:11. There were Class Meetings at 3:00 and 4:00 and a prayer meeting in the evening.

On March 2, 1846 a meeting of the parsonage trustees was held to discuss the building of a parsonage. Those present were: Milton Horton, James Horner, Martin Merry, Henry Trauger, secretary, and Wm. C. Pierce, pastor.

"The Ladies' Sewing Society" presented the lot, which was that now owned by T. O. Bascom on Broad Street. The parsonage was built and a meeting on March 21, 1850, was presided over by L. T. Kellam, pastor. Benjamin Emmons was secretary. "Brother Ordway presented his claim for building parsonage, amounting to \$550, which was allowed. Brother Ordway also presented bill for the barn on the parsonage lot, amounting to \$75, which was allowed providing he would batten it."

On March 1, 1852, Milan was organized as a station. In 1859 it was head of a circuit composed of Milan, Huron and Enterprise. In 1863 the circuit was Milan, Berlin, Berlin Heights, and West Berlin. In 1874 it again became a station with 124 members. Then began a period of decline. The membership dropped steadily until but 68 were reported in 1884. Then for three years Milan was added to Berlin Heights charge under the pastorate of Dr. Charles Gallimore. In 1887 C. A. Westenberg reported 103 members at Milan Station. G. M. Knapp was appointed to the pastorate in 1889 and on August 14, 1891 it was decided to build a new church. The building committee consisted of Peter Williams, Ira Liggett, Captain Henry Kelley, Mrs. J. C. Lockwood and Rev. G M. Knapp.

The building, completed in 1892 cost \$10,000. It was dedicated on Sunday, December 11, 1892 by Rev. David H. Moore, D. D. , then editor of the Western Christian Advocate, later a Bishop. Records of the most minute detail were kept by Rev. G. M. Knapp. His labors were unceasing. He, it was who organized the Epworth League. Previous to that time there had been a Christian Endeavor Society for many years. Meanwhile the Broad Street parsonage had been sold and a property at the north west corner of Main and Judson Streets was purchased.

In 1898 and '99 Milan and Berlin Heights were again linked together. In 1903 and '04 Huron was added to Milan.

In 1908 the Main Street parsonage was sold and the present property at the corner of Williams and Huron purchased, at a cost of \$3,300. In 1911 the brick church was remodeled at a cost of near \$10,000, and the pipe-organ placed. Re-opening services were held November 5, 1911 with Dr. Chas. Gallimore preaching the sermon and Prof. George Beare presenting an organ recital. During the week of April 9-16, 1916. under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Oswalt, the Centennial Celebration was held. Former ministers and others preached. The District Conference sessions were held at the church on Wednesday and Thursday. Speakers were Rev. E. L. Waldorf, D.D. (now Bishop), Bishop W. F. Anderson, and Dr. Charles Gallimore. In the period from 1916 to 1927 the parsonage was remodeled. In 1927 Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hoover financed the redecoration of the church and painting the parsonage. About this time Mr. A. L. Hoover installed an oil-burner in basement of the church.

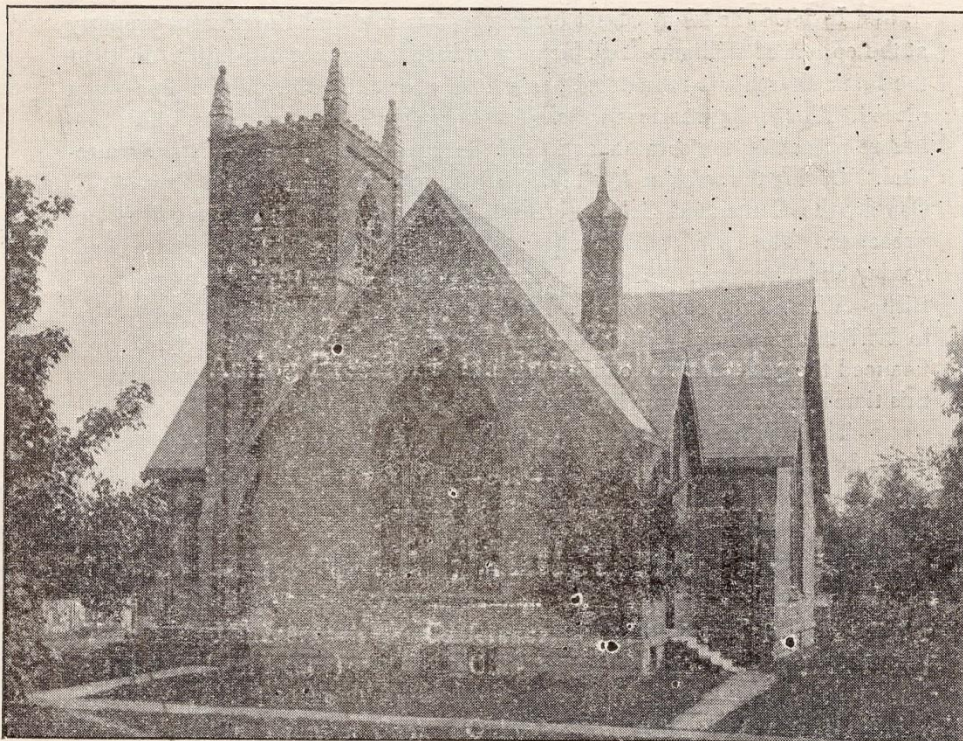
Through the years the names of two women were always associated with every forward-looking project. These women, now sainted, were Emma Lockwood and "Grandrna" Hoover. Though they are gone from us, their influence remains as a benediction to the church.



Bishop H. Lester Smith
Resident Bishop
Cincinnati Area



District Supt. Vernon Wade Wagar



The Brick Church, Dedicated December 11, 1892
Destroyed by Fire Christmas 1930

ITS BUILDER



Rev. G. M. Knapp

Just previous to Christmas 1930, while some necessary repairs were being completed to the heating plant, gas stoves were temporarily installed to permit the presentation of a Christmas pageant. During the night the building was ignited [sic]. By four o'clock, when discovered, it was a mass of flames. People who came to church that Christmas morning found a smoking ruin where had stood the beautiful church.

Trustees of the Presbyterian Church generously offered the use of their church building, as they were worshiping in Lockwood Chapel during the cold months. From then until September 1931 the congregation continued to avail itself of their hospitality. Because of lapsed insurance policies, not sufficient funds were available to rebuild. It was first planned to build the basement story but this scheme was abandoned. Then began a series of joint meetings between the representatives of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches looking toward a federation. Satisfactory agreements were thought to have been reached but such did not prove to be the case. In September 1931 Milan was made the head of Milan Larger Parish with Rev. H. Hilton Longberry and Rev. Louisa P. Litzel as ministers. Other churches were Berlin Heights and Huron. Through the generosity of Mrs. A. L. Hoover and Mr. Frank Kelley, most of the rooms of the second floor of the Kelley Block were made available for use as temporary quarters for the church. Extensive alterations were, made and these temporary quarters were dedicated on February 21, 1932. The morning speaker was. Rev. Clarence Tucker Craig, Ph. D. of Oberlin Seminary, and Mary C. C. Chen of Nankin, China. Dr. Charles B. Hess, District Superintendent preached the Dedicatory Sermon in the evening. In September, 1932. Milan again became a station. Now in these temporary quarters on May 6, 1934, we are observing our one hundred eighteenth Anniversary and the Sesqui-Centennial of Methodism in the United States. Displayed elsewhere in this folder is a picture of the church of our dreams. May the inspiration of this day, reminding us of the sacrificial lives of those brave ones who have gone before, cause us to labor without ceasing to make the dream the reality with God's help.



Dr. Delo C. Grover
Acting President Baldwin Wallace College
Anniversary Speaker

Our Ministers:

Year	Ministers	Conference	District	Presiding Elder
1816	(John Beatty)	Ohio	Ohio	J. B. Finley
1817	John Brooke			
	Alfred Brunson (Jan)	Ohio	Ohio	J. B. Finley
1818	William Westlake	Ohio	Tuscarawas	Ch. Waddle
	(Wm. Gurley)			
1819	Dennis Goddard	Ohio	Lancaster	Chas. Waddle
	(Wm. Garley)			
1820	Dennis Goddard	Ohio	Lancaster	Chas. Waddle
1821	Philip Green	Ohio	Lancaster	Chas. Waddle
1822	Nathan Walker	Ohio	Lancaster	Jacob Young
	John Walker			
1823	True Pattee	Ohio	Portland	William Swayze
	James McIntyre			
1824	True Pattee	Ohio	Portland	Jas. McMahon
	James McIntyre			
1825	Shadrack Ruark	Ohio	Portland	Jas. McMahon
	<i>(Class formed in Milan Village).</i>			
1826		Ohio	Portland	Jas. McMahon
1827	J. Hazzard	Ohio	Portland	Jas. McMahon
	Adam Poe			
1828	John Hazzard	Ohio	Portland	Russell Bigelow
	C. S. Carpenter			
1829	John Janes	Ohio	Portland	Russell Bigelow
	Joab Ragan			
1830*	Ebenezer Chase	Ohio	Portland	Russell Bigelow
	Adam Minear			

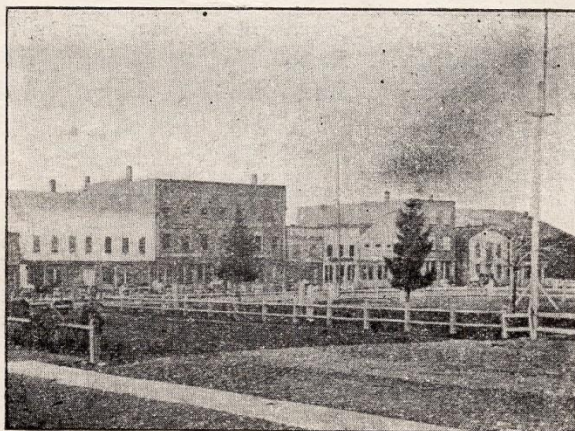
* (Milan was a part of Huron Circuit from the County of Huron
(The Firelands) and County Seat)

Year	Ministers	Conference	District	Presiding Elder
1831 ^r	Adam Minear C. S. Carpenter Benjamin Boydston	Ohio	Portland	Russell Bigelow
1832	H. O. Sheldon E. Thompson (later a Bishop)	Ohio	Portland	G. R. Jones
1833	J. Wheeler E. C. Gavitt (One to be supplied)	Ohio	Portland	H. O. Sheldon
1834 [⊗]	L. Hill J. M. Goshorn D. Burns	Ohio	Norwalk	J. H. Power
1835	L. Hill J. A. Kellam	Ohio	Norwalk	J. H. Power
1836	Jehiel Porter Thomas Barkdull	Michigan	Norwalk	J. H. Power
1837	Thomas Dunn William Huestis	Michigan	Norwalk	L. B. Gurley
1838	Thomas Dunn William Huestis	Michigan	Norwalk	L. B. Gurley
1839	Thomas Dunn Wm. B. Disbro	Michigan	Norwalk	L. B. Gurley
1840 [†]	W. J. Wells C. Sawyer	North Ohio	Norwalk	L. B. Gurley
1841	David Gray W. B. Disbro	North Ohio	Norwalk	L. B. Gurley
1842	James McMahon Thomas Cooper	North Ohio	Norwalk	Adam Poe
1843	D. M. Conant Darius Dodge	North Ohio	Norwalk	Thos. Thompson
(Frame Church "opened" December 18, 1843 by Father G. Pierce)				
1844	Thomas Barkdull Wm. C. Pierce	North Ohio	Norwalk	Thos. Thompson
1845	Jos. Jones Wm. C. Pierce	North Ohio	Norwalk	Thos. Thompson
1846	H. S. Bradley J. L. Johnson	North Ohio	Norwalk	Thos. Thompson
1847*	Wm. Spafford Clark Johnson Orru Mitchell (S'n)	North Ohio	Norwalk	Adam Poe
1848	J. T. Kellam L. W. Earl	North Ohio	Elyria	Adam Poe
1849	J. T. Kellam James Evans	North Ohio	Elyria	Adam Poe
1850	L. M. Pounds G. W. Collier	North Ohio	Tiffin	Thos. Barkdull
1851	G. W. Breakenridge S. M. Beatty	North Ohio	Tiffin	Wm. B. Disbro
1852	W. H. Seeley	North Ohio	Tiffin	Wm. B. Disbro
^r	(Norwalk Circuit)	⊗	(Listed as Norwalk and Milan)	
[†]	(Norwalk and Milan)	*	(Milan Circuit)	

Year	Ministers	Conference	District	Presiding Elder
1853 ⁺	W. H. Seeley	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. B. Disbro
1854	A. Wheeler	North Ohio	Sundusky	Wm. B. Disbro
1855	A. Wheeler	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Pierce
1856	J. C. Lewis	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Pierce
1857	Thos. J. Gard	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Pierce
1858	Thos. J. Gard	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Pierce
	Phineas D. Pelton			
1859 ⁺	J. R. Jewett	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. R. Jewett
	P. D. Pelton			
1860	J. R. Jewett	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. R. Jewett
1861	E. Y. Warner	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. R. Jewett
1862	Heman Safford	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. R. Jewett
1863 [†]	G. H. Hartupée	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. K. Owen
1864 [†]	L. S. Johnson	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. K. Owen
1865	Andrew Pollack	North Ohio	Sandusky	G.W.Breakenridge
1866	Andrew Pollack	North Ohio	Sandusky	G.W.Breakenridge
1867	P. B. Stroup	North Ohio	Sandusky	G.W.Breakenridge
1868	P. B. Stroup	North Ohio	Sandusky	G.W.Breakenridge
1869	P. B. Stroup	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. J. Lyon
1870	G. H. Hartupée	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. J. Lyon
1871	W. M. Conant	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. J. Lyon
	E. H. Dissette			
1872	Wm. Kepler	North Ohio	Sandusky	A. J. Lyon
1873	Wm. Kepler	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. Y. Warner
1874	Wm. Kepler	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. Y. Warner
1875	M. D. Chilson	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. Y. Warner
	J. R. Jewett			
1876	J. R. Jewett	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. Y. Warner
1877	E. S. Thompkins	North Ohio	Sandusky	G. H. Hartupée
1878	E. S. Thompkins	North Ohio	Sandusky	G. H. Hartupée
1879	A. K. Owen	North Ohio	Sandusky	G. H. Hartupée
1880	A. K. Owen	North Ohio	Sandusky	G. H. Hartupée
1881	A. K. Owen	North Ohio	Sandusky	I. H. McConnell
1882	S. R. Clark	North Ohio	Sandusky	I. H. McConnell
1883	C. W. Houk	North Ohio	Sandusky	I. H. McConnell
1884-5-6*	C. Gallimore	North Ohio	Sandusky	John Mitchell
1887-8	C. A. Wuestenberg	North Ohio	Sandusky	John Mitchell
1889	G. M. Knapp	North Ohio	Sandusky	John Mitchell
1890-92	G. M. Knapp	North Ohio	Sandusky	F. S. Hoyt
(Brick Church Dedicated December 11, 1892)				
1893	G. M. Knapp	North Ohio	Sandusky	F. S. Hoyt
	L. S. Huffman			
1894-5	James Gray	North Ohio	Sandusky	F. S. Hoyt
1896	J. W. Thompson	North Ohio	Sandusky	E. T. Hagerman

⁺ (Milan becomes a Station until 1859) [✕] (Milan, Huron, Enterprise)
[†] (Milan, Berlin, W. Berlin, Berlin Hgts) [‡] (Milan and Berlin Hgts to 1875)
^{*} Milan membership fell to 73 members and put on Berlin Heights charge)

Year	Ministers	Conference	District	District Supt.
1897	J. W. Thompson	North Ohio	Sandusky	P. B. Stroup
1898-1900	E. E. Loose	North Ohio	Sandusky	P. B. Stroup
1901	W. R. Reed	North Ohio	Sandusky	J. B. Stroup
1902-1903	J. L. Reeder (To June 26, 1904)		1903—	Wm. C. Endley
1904†	Fred Baker	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Endley
	(To September, 1908)			
1908	W. H. Oswalt	North Ohio	Sandusky	Wm. C. Endley
1909-11	W. H. Oswalt	North Ohio	Sandusky	H. S. Powell
1912-15	W. H. Oswalt	North East Ohio	Norwalk	Ghas. Gallimore
1916-17	E. S. Collier	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	Chas. Callimore
1918	E. S. Collier	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	J. C. Smith
	(Dr. D. C. Grover)			
1919	E. S. Collier	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	J. C. Smith
1920-23	L. A. Ensley	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	J. C. Smith
1924	L. A. Ensley	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	J. T. Alton
1925-26	S. P. Ozmun	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	J. T. Alton
1927	S. P. Ozmun	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	C. B. Hess
1928-30	J. B. Ferguson	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	C. B. Hess
	(Brick Church burned Christmas Eve)			
1931§	H. Hilton Longberry			
	Louisa P. Litzel	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	C. B. Hess
	(Temporary Quarters Dedicated February 21, 1932)			
1931	H. H. Longberry	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	C. B. Hess
1933	H. H. Longberry	N. E. Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon Wade Wagar
†	1903-1904 Milan and Huron)			
§	(After the fire which destroyed the beautiful brick church, Milan became for one year the head of "Milan Larger Parish" with Berlin Heights and Huron. H. H. Longberry and Louisa P. Litzel, Ministers.)			



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1934	H. H. Longberry	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon W. Wagar
1935	E. B. McBroom	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon W. Wagar
1936	E. B. McBroom	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon W. Wagar
* 1937	C. W. Danford	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon W. Wagar
1938	C. W. Danford	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Vernon W. Wagar
1939	C. W. Danford	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Karl P. Meister
1940	W. H. Norman	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Karl P. Meister
1941	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Karl P. Meister
1942	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
1943	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
1944	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
1945	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
1946	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
* 1947	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	H. J. Thompson
1948	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1949	Paul S. Bauders	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1950	Don E. Barss	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1951	Paul E. Kean	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1952	Paul E. Kean	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1953	Paul E. Kean	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1954	Paul E. Kean	NE Ohio	Norwalk	Clark W. Cooper
1955	Alva W. Taylor	NE Ohio	Norwalk	John Williams
1956	Alva W. Taylor	NE Ohio	Norwalk	George C. Beebe
1957	Alva W. Taylor	NE Ohio	Norwalk	George C. Beebe
1958	Alva W. Taylor	NE Ohio	Norwalk	George C. Beebe
<p>July 13, 1958 Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new parsonage (Albert Wharff, Chairman of the Building Committee, others on committee were Mrs. James Limbird, Jr., H. Neill Mason, William Oetzel, William Robbins, and Mrs. Wilbur Simon. Secretary and Treasurer of Building Fund was Mrs. Augusta Metzker.)</p> <p>Architect: Thurman J. Peabody, Norwalk. Contractor: William Robbins. John Miller was Chairman of the Stewardship-Finance Commission. Mrs. L. F. Pancoast, Pres. of WSCS.</p> <p>July, 1959 The Raylor family moved into the new parsonage.</p> <p>November 1, 1959 Service of Consecration for the parsonage and "Open House."</p>				
1959	Alva W. Taylor	NE Ohio	Norwalk	A. George Whiteman

* Milan-Berlin Heights

* August 15, 1937

Laid Corner Stone for the new "Thomas A. Edison Memorial
Methodist Church.

Building Committee: N. S. Jones, H. H. Ohlemacher, J. H.
Limbird, C. R. McLaughlin, C. W. Danford, J. E. Miller,
W. D. Daugherty, and T. O. Bascom.

Dedication of Edison Memorial Methodist Church.