

THE MARION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

There were occasional meetings held in vicinity of Marion, East Mahoning township, in the years from 1830 to 1837, and during the year 1837 there was a society organized known as the "Compton Appointment." There were but nine members. The first house of worship was erected in 1844. The present handsome and commodious edifice was erected in 1871-2 at a cost of \$7,500.

The preachers in succession have been Revs. James Day, John Summerville, William Butt, C. Foster, H. McCall, Joseph Wray (who organized the society), Augustus Lowman, James Henderson, Elijah Coleman, John Coyle, D. Gordon, _____ Rankin, _____ Lane, _____ Hill, M. J. Montgomery, Richard Cartwright, 1856-7; W. Johnson and _____ Yarnell, 1858-9; _____, 1860; J. S. Lemon, 1861-2-3*; M. W. Dallas, 1863-4; N. G. Miller, 1864-5-6; A. P. Leonard, 1866-7; James B. Gray, 1867-8-9; M. B. Sleppey, 1869-72, during whose pastorate the new church was built; John A. Danks, 1872-3-4; W. K. Brown, 1874-5; F. W. Vertican, 1875-6-7; J. J. Moffat, 1877-8; N. Davis, 1878-9-80.

The first officers were: Steward, Robert Craig,; Class Leader, John Compton; Trustees, William Meanor, sr., Robert Craig, William Brady and James L. Park.

The number of members in January, 1880, is one hundred and forty-five, and the Sunday School numbers one hundred and fifty.

The present officers are: Stewards – James McGregor, J. N. Gibson, Adam Braughler and D. Dibler; Class Leaders – Levi Lowmaster, D. H. Bee, James L. Park and Mary Wetzel; Trustees – J. H. Rochester, Henry Wetzel, James McGregor, Adam Braughler, David McLaughlun, A. W. Brown, and John Snyder.

The presiding elders who appear to have preached more than the amount included in regular duties were: D. L. Dempsey, 1856-60; W. Lynch, 1860-4; T. McCleary, 1864-8.

* Parts of years.