

The origin of this church can be traced to the late 1700's. The exact date of its formation is unknown but there are several early accounts, on August 12, 1793 the Rev. John Jamieson was charged to the Brush Creek, Hannahstown and Connimaugh (former spelling) Associate Reformed Congregations. Rev. Jamieson was reported to be the first permanent preacher in Indiana County. However, on May 27, 1795 he was suspended by the Synod for misconstruing the Synod's rules for observing the Lord's Supper.

There are many gaps in the early history of which can only be left to the imagination of the reader for the next account of the church is in 1801 when it was on a list of vacant charges. The next portion of information is from 1808 when Mr. Wilson preached as a supply minister. Another gap exists until 1816 when Mr. David Blair was called to the church, he was ordained in 1818 and continued his service to Conemaugh until 1839. Rev. Blair's congregation included the territories now occupied by Saltsburg, Blairsville, Jacksonville, New Alexandria and the former Olivet Churches. During Rev. Blair's term several members became dissatisfied and in 1822, Moses Thompson, William Coleman and others formed the Reformed Congregation of Clarksburg or Covenantors Church.

Rev. Thomas Gilkerson was ordained and installed pastor in 1840 and preached until 1859. Rev. William Connor served the church from 1859 to his death in 1863. He was a preacher of considerable power and his style commanded the attention of all who heard him.

In 1865 Rev. D. W. Collins, D.D. became minister of the Conemaugh Church and remained there until 1874. He was

followed by Rev. W. McKirahan, who was ordained and installed in 1876 and served to 1882. The next pastor was Rev. J. W. Johnston who served for three years. He was followed by Rev. Quincy Hemill, who died after one year's service. The next pastor was Rev. A.J. Calvin who served for thirteen years starting in 1888 to 1901. Rev. William Minter served from 1902, to 1913 or 1914. He was followed by Rev. Copeland until 1920. Between 1923 and 1927, Rev. Dallas Funk took the charge. Rev. McNary followed, serving until 1934 or 1935. The final preacher of the Conemaugh U.P. Church was Rev. D.D. Dodds, D.D. who served until the church was disbanded in 1949. The church was removed in 1950; however, the cemetery is still maintained by Conemaugh Township.

The first house of worship was the barn of Mr. James McLane about two miles south of the site of the last house of worship. The location was then moved to former grove of church. Here the congregation met in the open air sanctuary and were seated on logs. The pulpit was a 5 foot by 8 foot platform between four saplings. Worship was continued in this manner until 1820 when a log cabin was built. This was followed by a brick building which served the congregation from 1836 to 1874. This church collapsed due to defects in the timbers. Another church was built the same year, but in 1900 an overheated furnace was blamed for a fire which burnt the church to the ground. On October 4, 1900, the final church to house the Conemaugh congregation was dedicated. This church was torn down in 1950 and reportedly used for buildings at a church camp.

The property for the church and cemetery were obtained from Nicolas Coleman 1817, Nathaniel Nesbit 1842, and William McPhelimy 1842, totaling over five acres.