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## 200 YEARS OF METHODISM AND COUNTING

Methodism in Jeffersontown traces back to 1811, almost as old as the town itself. The Jefferson Circuit was first mentioned in church history in 1811. Bishop Francis Asbury wrote in his memoirs that he preached in Jeffersontown on October 20, 1812. He wrote, "on Tuesday, I came to Brunnerstown where I preached in both German and English. O what a work has been done among the Germans and would have been more abundant had they the discipline of the Methodists."

In 1816, a log cabin building was constructed and given the name Union Church. Various denominations shared this building, including Methodists. The building stood where the First Baptist Church now stands on the corner of Old Taylorsville Road and Watterson Trail. As time passed, the people became dissatisfied with the arrangement of a Union Church. In 1860, the plot of land, where our Education Building now stands, was purchased for the purpose of erecting a Methodist Church. The church was dedicated on September, 1865. In the mid-1950's, the church was growing and the sanctuary was becoming too small for the membership. On April 5, 1959, ground was broken for a new sanctuary that was built on ground adjacent to the old sanctuary. Pictures on the front of this brochure are of the old Union Church, the 1865 sanctuary with the old Simpson Educational Annex that was completed in 1955, and our present sanctuary building.

We Methodists have a proud heritage. Our present congregation is in the unique position of honoring the past and celebrating our existence of 200 years in Jeffersontown. Together we will celebrate the many ways in which God has moved in our midst to minister to our community. Your 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee has laid out many events and activities that will begin on October 24 and continue for each month leading up to October 23, 2011.

The purpose of this brochure is to give you an overview of these events and activities that have been planned. As you read the list of items, you will notice that specific dates have been excluded. Many dates have already been scheduled but your Planning Committee has taken the approach that it is best to announce the specific upcoming events and activities on a monthly basis.

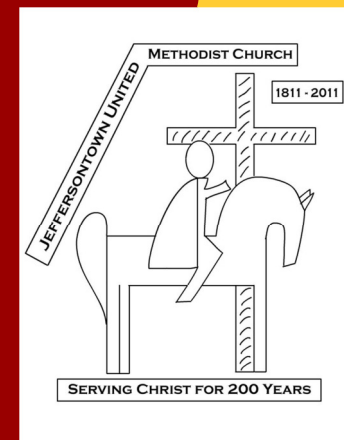
This is an exciting time to be a member of Jeffersontown United Methodist Church. As we look back, it is evident that God has been alive in our church for many years. As we celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the coming months, may the memories of the past draw us closer to the realization that God is not through with us and we are not through serving Him as we move forward.

## JEFFERSONTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 200<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### Overview of Events and Activities

From October 24, 2010 to  
October 23, 2011



# Planned Events and Activities

## Speakers

All former ministers and their families have been invited to attend our celebration. The following ministers have been scheduled to speak at a Sunday morning service:

- Rev. Sam Clark
- Rev. Todd Love
- Rev. Bob Rice
- Dr. Jay Smith
- Bishop Lindsey Davis

Other speakers will include:

- Tom Owen – Historian, Metro-Council member.



## Drama

Re-enactment of the historical drama of our church written by Mary Ellen Smith and Rhoda Peters called "O What a Work". This was presented at our 180<sup>th</sup> Celebration. An expanded, updated version will be presented.

## Special Recognitions

- Former pastors & families
- Former staff
- Long-standing members

## Special Invitations

- District Superintendent
- Former members
- Other churches
- Jeffersontown City Council

**To God be the Glory,  
Your 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Committee**

## Other Activities

- Opening of time capsule and creation of new one
- Participation in Gaslight
- Banners – outside & inside
- Church t-shirts , note cards, Christmas ornaments
- Publicity in Courier Journal
- Archive displays, including photos, in Gathering area
- Special music
- Puppet show
- Photography – group, family, & old-time dress.
- Circuit Rider – Trivia Questions
- Circuit Rider – Remembering Historical Events
- A collection of memories as written by current & former members
- Recipe book – old and new (By Willard Circle)
- Casserole Cook-Off
- Children's Activities
- Trivia Night
- Expand and publish Mary Ellen Smith's historical write-up
- Spiritual Commitment Tree