

Centennial Weekend
Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

Saturday Evening Program, October 8, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Welcome *Rev. Michele Ewers*

Call to Worship *Psalm 122* *Charles Thompson*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Congregation: ***Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!***

Leader: Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together.

Congregation: ***To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.***

Leader: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Congregation ***Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you!***

Leader: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!

Congregation: ***For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"***

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Invocation *Rev. Rene A. Perez, Superintendent*
Central Massachusetts District, New England Conference of UMC

Hymn *"The Church's One Foundation"* **#545**

Video Remembrances

History of Methodism in the Blackstone Valley *Glenn King*

Video Remembrances

Hymn *"1911 Dedication Hymn"*
Lyrics by Rev. Edward S. Best

Recollections from former pastors *John Knight, 1993-1994*
Dick Davis, 1985-1991
Henry J. "Bing" Scherer, 1969-1973

Anthem *"Days of Elijah"* *by Robin Mark*

Video Remembrances

Sending Forth

Leader: O God, by whose word the universe is being created, by whose brooding presence humankind comes to populate the earth,

Congregation: ***We thank you for all those who before us have lived in the faith and now, triumphant, live with you.***

Leader: We thank you for the faith of the founders of this congregation.

All: ***With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we call on your abiding attention, love, and guidance that we may be your faithful people through another day, another week, another year. Amen.***

from Flames of the Spirit by Ruth Duck

Closing Hymn *"They Will Know We Are Christians"* **#2223**

"Heading toward the next 100 Years" *A slide presentation*
created by Bridget Murphy and Dean Fortin

Welcome to all who are with us tonight as we celebrate the 100th birthday of our beautiful church building.

Psalm 122 was included as the responsive reading at the October 19, 1911 Dedication Service of the Church.

The 1911 Dedication Hymn was written by former pastor Rev. Edward S. Best, who served in Whitinsville from 1887-1890.

Our thanks to the following for their video remembrances:

Grace Burns	Sylvia Downing	Glenadine Gilmore
Ralph Gilmore	Ruth Anderson	Beverly Palmer
Merrill McNelly	Doug Farley	Myrtice Doble
Paul Wheeler	Ginny Delang	Tom McKeown

And to our "videographers," Ed Simoncini and Carolyn Mitchell.

The centerpieces on the banquet tables were donated by Lucille's Flowers, Uxbridge, MA.

A Dedication Hymn

(written by Rev. Edward S. Best, pastor
in Whitinsville 1887-1890)

To Thee, the holy and the high
The God who built the earth and sky,
This offering now we bring.
To Thee, for Thee this temple raise
Through all its courts, through all its days
Still may it echo with thy praise
And saints enraptured sing.

Salvation full, salvation free
This glorious gospel, may it be
Forever here proclaimed.
For this accounting all things loss,
Repelling them as worthless dross,
Clinging to the incrimsoned cross,
Pardon and peace obtain.

Here may the weary wanderer rest,
Till with new strength and vigor blessed
He hastens on his way.
This Bethel, find a sacred place
Where God bestows refreshing grace,
Where he beholds him face to face
And night is turned to day.

The saints of other days seem near
A vanished voice, we almost hear
Blending with mine and thine.
The veil that hides them from our sight
Grows radiant with celestial light,
Their day, it never brings the night,
Ceaseless they sing and shine.

Others have toiled, this fane to build
Though now those toiling hands are stilled
They have not toiled in vain.
They labored well, but now they rest
Their sunset in the golden west,
Forever and forever blest
They cease from toil and pain.

This house stands not for earthly fame,
The church unseen, no flood, no flame
Can ever sweep away.
Firm as the throne of God it stands.
Through all the ages, all the lands,
From mountain tops to ocean strands,
Eternity its day.



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Church Building Centennial Celebration



1911 + 2011



- Whitinsville Methodist Episcopal Church**
(1850 – 1939)
- Whitinsville Methodist Church**
(1939 – 1968)
- Whitinsville United Methodist Church**
(1968 – 2006)
- Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**
(2006 – Present)



Celebrating Our Next One Hundred Years