

## ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### *A Celebration of History*

- **1875** Zion Fellowship established. It was known by the name of Door County Mission. It was the second Evangelical congregation in northern Door County. Met for 30 years at homes and Maple Grove School which was a log building.
- **1905** George Reinhard donated an acre of their farm land to the Zion Board of Trustees. Members of the congregation, including the Reinhard's youngest son, Henry, did most of the construction. It was called Zion Evangelical.
- **1906** The one-room, white frame building was dedicated. George Reinhard passed way on Good Friday and the dedication took place several weeks later.
- **1918** German was the only language used at Zion until 1918. Morning and afternoon services were in German and evening services in English.
- **1919** Zion was the only member of the northern Door County Mission.
- **1924** Calvary Church in Egg Harbor completed. Joined northern Door County Mission.
- **1925** English was the sole language.
- **1928** Zion Ladies Aid Society founded. By-laws specified that each should entertain the group once a year and that the hostess "shall serve no more than five articles". Each member was also to furnish a cake at each meeting and to pay 25 cents per meeting in dues. Shared meals became a Zion tradition and during the war years, donations of 25 cents for each adult and 10 cents for each school-age child were requested.
- **1946** The Evangelical and United Brethren in Christ denominations joined becoming the Evangelical United Brethren. Zion became Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- **1949** Parsonage built for the Zion/Calvary pastor next to the Egg Harbor church.
- **1968** The Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches merged, and Zion became Zion United Methodist Church.
- **1970's** The chimney of the old wood stove began to smoke, and was replaced with an oil burner and later a gas wall furnace.
- **1980's** During the oil crisis, Zion closed after Thanksgiving Eve service and reopened on Easter. Members attended Calvary during the winter.
- **1996** Year-round services resumed. Above the pulpit "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" was painted as a focal point for worshippers. Formation of a Circle of Prayer line and the installation atop the steeple of a cross.
- **1999** Zion was recognized for highest giving per member in the Nicolet District for sharing more than half of the church's income each year with local and worldwide missions. Zion received the Town and Country Church of the Year Award.

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