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First Presbyterian.


Methodist Episcopal, South.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Walla Walla in 1875, by F. W. D. Mays. The property where the church now stands, on the corner of Sumach and N. Fourth streets, was bought by Mr. Mays in the spring of 1876. It consisted of two lots, the one on which the church stands and one just east of it. The dwelling house on said lot was used for church purposes by turning the two front rooms and hall into one.

In 1877, J. W. Compton was appointed pastor, but continued only a year. In 1878 Rev. Mays was reappointed pastor. He sold the lot on which the dwelling stood, and, in the summer of 1879, built the church.

In 21 years the church has had a number of pastors. At the annual conference held in Dayton, Wash., Sept. 13-17, 1900, Rev. J. W. Compton was appointed pastor for the ensuing conference year.

The officers are: Trustees, J. F. Ladd, J. W. Keelor and J. B. Cash. Ladies' Missionary Society—Mrs. Emma M. Taylor, Pres.; Mrs. A. L. Starns, Sec.; Mrs. Fannie Ladd, Treasurer. Services—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursdays at 7:30 p. m.
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Free Evangelical Lutheran.

This Church was organized in the year 1876, with Rev. Jacob Hergert, who is now with us, its pastor. At that time the membership consisted of 38, and the necessity of a church building was at once felt, consequently the present church edifice was erected. Our membership kept on increasing from year to year so that at the present we have 65 full members. Our S. S. is in good condition, with 40 scholars.

Services are as follows: Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching service, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday and Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Jacob Hergert, Pastor. Residence 503 Willow street.
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Judge J. H. Lasater donated the ground and on the 12th of April, 1892, our present house of worship was dedicated by Elder Cowden. By the sacrifices of its friends and members the church is in its present strong and healthful condition.

List of services held each Sunday: Preaching, at 11 and 7:30; Bible school, 10; Junior Y. P. S. C. E., 3:30; Senior Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 each Wednesday night; Ladies of the C. W. B. M., first Monday in month at 2:30; Ladies' Aid, every Tuesday afternoon; Business meeting of the Senior Y. P. S. C. E., 1st Tuesday night in month. The annual business meeting of the church occurs on the last Monday night in December.

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Cumberland Presbyterian.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Walla Walla, was organized January 5, 1873, by Rev. H. W. Eagan in the old court house, with seven charter members. The church located on the corner of Poplar and Third streets, was built in 1876, at a cost of $5000.

The present resident membership is 175 and the elders are: J. W. Armstrong, Dr. N. G. Blalock, W. S. Offner, W. P. Winans, N. E. Butler, A. M. Cation, Geo. H. Sutherland. Other officers: Dr. Y. C. Blalock, Choirister; Miss Nellie Johnson, Pianist; Miss Fannie Gholson, Organist. Missionary Society—Pres., Mrs. G. A. Blair; 1st V. P., Mrs. Laura Robinson, 2d V. P., Mrs. Welch; Sec., Miss Hattie Newton; Treas., Mrs. Newton. Pilgrim's Society—Pres., Mrs. Oliver Cornwell; Treas., Mrs. Tabitha Jones. Sunday School—Supt., A. M. Cation, Asst. Supt., P. W. Winans. Y. P. S. C. E.—Pres., Miss Roena Evans; V. P., Fred Foster; Sec., Jesse Blalock; Treas., Al Winans.


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As the managers aim to make the College a place where young people of limited means may get their education, they have spared no pains to reduce all necessary expenses to a minimum. In fact the industrious student, by a wise use of his vacation and the assistance of the College, is enabled to meet his own expenses. The managers have learned that the self-sustaining students are its best.

Walla Walla College is so located that it is the most conspicuous building in the Walla Walla Valley, and in it a thriving city has grown up with the College, known as College Place. It has two merchandise stores, which do considerable business with the farmers for several miles around. The College has become to be closely associated with the economic institutions of the community in which it is located.

But Walla Walla College has a far more important influence. The world needs educated men and women, who are truly educated. True education is the power of doing. Every faculty of the being is to be educated and trained for usefulness. One writer has truthfully defined education as the "harmonious development of all our powers, both physical, mental, and moral." Such an education will expand and define. Without it, the individual is more or less crippled. Correct education makes the essential difference in mental capacity, character and destiny between the simple child of nature and the man of giant intellect.
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Seventh Day Adventist.

SUNDAY, May 17, 1874. Elder J. D. Van Horn, called a business meeting in a tent in the city of Walla Walla for the purpose of completing the organization of a Seventh Day Adventist church and those organized to keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ numbered about 50. The erection of a church was begun on the 18th day of October, 1873, which was completed at a cost of $3094.16.

As we have no resident elder at present some of the Professors of the college are appointed to look after the spiritual interest of the church.

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On May 10th, 1899, the society voted to raise a fund to erect a monument in honor of the Walla Walla volunteers. In one year, it collected, for that purpose, $818.15, of which $814.50 is invested in county warrants bearing 6 per cent. interest.

Special effort will be made next year to increase the monument fund sufficiently to permit the society to arrange for its erection during 1901, and the kindly co-operation of all citizens is urgently requested.

Besides the monument fund, the society has received about the same amount for relief work, of which there is remaining $50.08.

New members are desired—all are cordially welcome. The only credential necessary is the payment of one dollar for annual dues, which will be credited to the monument fund and may be paid to any of the officers.

OFFICERS—Mrs. Lester Wilson, President; Mrs. T. H. Brents, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. D. T. Kyger, 2nd Vice-President; Miss Grace G. Isaacs, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Irene Goodman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. G. W. Whitehouse, Treasurer.

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German Methodist Episcopal.

This Church was organized in the year 1884, with Rev. Wm. Esslinger as pastor and Rev. F. Baum as presiding elder. At that time, the membership being small, they were not able to build a church of their own, therefore the meetings were held in the first Methodist Episcopal church.

From the year 1884 to 1886, the German population increased very rapidly so that there was soon felt an urgent need of a new church building and under the wise leadership of Rev. Wm. Esslinger the membership also grew, so that the present church building was erected. Through the generosity of Rev. J. H. Wilbur, who donated the property, the church was dedicated to the service of the Lord without any debts resting thereon. In the year 1890, during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Hepp, the present parsonage was built.

Our church is in prosperous condition, although the membership, on account of change of residence and other cause; is small. Our Sunday school is attended by about thirty children, who are taught in German.

We are more convinced than ever before that, in order to reach the German speaking people, the gospel must be brought to them in their own language, and as the Germans are coming west in large numbers our duty is growing more and more important.

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The building committee—the pastor, Rev G. M. Berry as its chairman—with the few members, at once took up the work of building the church, which was completed in the fall of 1860. It was the first church of any denomination built in Walla Walla, and was built at a cost of $1046.52, with unpaid bills to the amount of $131.02.

Church and Society Committees.

The First Baptist.

This church was organized in May, 1879, with five constituent members, all of whom are now dead. The organization has received into its membership more than 450 persons, of whom about 180 are still identified with it. The first pastor was Rev. J. L. Blitch, who served the church a little less than one year. The longest pastorate was that of Rev. Joseph H. Beaven, which extended over a period of nearly six years. The present pastor, Rev. H. B. Turner, began his work with the church in January, 1900, and already he is strongly entrenched in the hearts of the membership.

The church owns a good property, is practically out of debt, and the members working in harmony. The society has a board of seven Deacons, who are also the trustees—viz: H. H. Hungate, Joseph Knott, Hampton Huff, B. B. Sanborn, J. F. Stack, E. S. Clark and John Kirkman. The Clerk is Miss L. L. West, who has served the church in that capacity for about sixteen years. The Treasurer, B. B. Sanborn; Church Organist, M. H. Wilkinson; Chorister, J. F. Stack.

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All departments of church enterprise are properly officered and most of them fairly prosperous.

United Brethren in Christ.

The United Brethren Church was organized in the year 1865 with twenty five members. The present church building was erected in the fall of 1869, making it the oldest church edifice in the city. Although during the years of struggle this church had its rise and fall, from its portals have gone out to bless the world, strong men, among whom can be mentioned Louis Banks, who now occupies one of the great pulpits of New York City.

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German Evangelical Lutheran.

This congregation was organized in the spring of 1889, by missionaries A. Horn of The Dalles, Oregon, and H. Riecke of Spokane, Washington, the latter being the present pastor. Until July, 1890, Rev. Horn preached at different times until Rev. C. F. Volmer took the pulpit followed by the Revs. A. Gillman, Adolph Eberle and Henry Riecke.

The church is located on the east side of the city, corner of Lincoln and Clinton streets. It is in a healthy condition, spiritually and financially.

The officers of the church and Sunday School are: L. Bierwagen, Supt. S. S.; John Bade, Clerk; Conrad Knapf, Charles Scheider, Fred Bade, Diedrich Eggers, L. Bierwagen.

In the fall of 1896, the above congregation got a sister congregation on the south side of the city, on Maple street, between Third and Fourth, called the Evangelical Lutheran Christ Congregation, which was organized by the Rev. A. Eberle, and are Russia Germans. This congregation has 65 communicants and the Sunday school 28 pupils. Harmony pervades the atmosphere of this church. The financial condition is excellent, it never having incurred a dollar's indebtedness in its existence.

The officers of this congregation are: Conrad Schiffner, Clerk; Conrad Heinbiegner, George Sterkel, Philip Gradwohl, Fred Gradwohl, Henry Schwarckapf, Geo. Leonheard, Henry Schiffner.

Both above Lutheran churches have one and the same minister, Rev. Henry Riecke. His residence is 624 Lincoln St. Both Congregations and their minister belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and other States.

Saint Paul's Episcopal.

St. Paul's Church, of which a copper plate engraving is presented on another page, occupies a central spot in the city and is the place of worship for a large congregation. In connection with the religious work of the church the organization maintains a high class school.

Church Societies and their officers: The Woman's Guild—Mrs. A. R. Burford, Pres.; Mrs. Wm. Modlat, Secretary; Mrs. Wellington Clark, Treas. Meets every Monday afternoon at the Choir-room. St. Catherine's Society—Meets every Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Sharpstein, Pres. Church services—Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Communion every first Sunday of the month, at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 12 m.
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