

A Self-Guided Tour Of Remaining Early Churches Built Before 1900 in Steuben County, Indiana

"Before the first churches were built, religion was carried to the frontier by the circuit rider, a preacher on horseback. The circuit rider visited pioneer families in their own cabins. He carried a Bible and a hymnbook in his saddlebag. He preached at crossroad settlements, standing on a stump or a wagon bed. He read from the Bible, prayed, and "lined out" hymns, reading one line at a time, which the people sang after him. In remote cabins he performed baptisms and marriages. He prayed over the graves of the dead.

As settlements grew, communities organized congregations and built churches at the crossroads. The church became a social as well as a religious center. It was a place of community socials and suppers, of Christmas entertainments, of Sunday School parties and neighborhood gatherings. The frontier church provided the first strong social bond in new communities."

"Pioneer Life." The New Book of Knowledge. Grolier Online, 2015

Hudson United Brethren Church 516 N. Main St. Hudson



This church in Hudson was completed in the fall of 1887. After several additions this church is still being used.

Salem Center Presbyterian Church 3935 S. 800 W. Hudson



Originally a Methodist church, the Salem Center Presbyterian Church was built in 1867. In the 1920's the building was sold to the Presbyterians and they still worship there today.

Pleasant Lake Baptist Church 1380 W. State St. Pleasant Lake



The church was built in 1880. A brick structure, it forms the main part of today's church. It has always been a Baptist church.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church 3401 S. Golden Lake Rd. Pleasant Lake



Originally a United Brethren Church, the land was purchased in 1865 and the church was built soon after. In 1903, the building was moved across the road where it is still located.

Flint United Methodist Church 510 N. Flint Rd. Angola



Construction on the Flint United Methodist Church started in 1869 and was completed a few years later. It has been of the Methodist denomination since it was built.

Lake Gage Congregational Church
5540 W. Orland Rd. Angola



The Lake Gage Congregational Church was organized in 1889. The church building was erected in 1890 and dedicated in 1891.

Orland Congregational Church
202 E. State St. Orland



The Orland Congregational Church was built in 1852 and is the oldest standing church in Steuben County. It originally was the Union Church.

Orland United Methodist Church
6150 N. St. Rd. 327 Orland



The Orland United Methodist Church was built in 1878. It was fashioned after the old white churches of the early settlers' fathers.

Nevada Mills United Methodist Church
4710 W. Bachelor Rd. Angola



The land for the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church was purchased in 1891 and the building was completed in 1892. The bell was hung in December, 1894.

Ray Community Church
6265 E. 800 N. Fremont



Formerly the Cedar Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church (Covenanters), it was built in 1876 and used by the Covenanters for 50 years.

Clear Lake Bible Church
9050 E. 700 N. Fremont



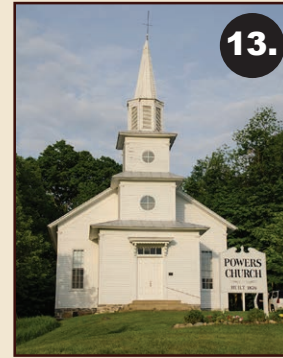
Originally the Clear Lake Baptist Church, it was built in 1872. Since 2011, it has been the Clear Lake Bible Church.

North Scott Church
1605 N. 550 E. Angola



The North Scott Christian Church was organized in 1873. A church building was built in 1886 and was dedicated on Feb. 13, 1887.

Powers Church
1 N. Old State Rd. 1 Angola



Powers Church was built during the summer of 1876 as a free church and was nondenominational. Regular services ceased in the 1920's. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

Metz Christian Church
1945 S. 800 E. Metz



This church was called "the Mother" of the Church of Christ in Steuben County. This church was built and dedicated in 1864.

Alvaredo United Methodist Church
8045 E. 500 S. Hamilton



The Alvaredo United Methodist Church was built in the early 1850's. On Sept. 8, 1853, the church and land were deeded to the Methodist Conference.

Hamilton United Methodist Church
7780 S. Wayne St. Hamilton



The Hamilton United Methodist Church was built in 1899-1900 and dedicated Jan. 7, 1900. It has been remodeled and enlarged several times.

South Scott Church
3285 E. Metz Rd. Angola



South Scott Church was organized in 1886 as the South Scott Union Church. It soon came under the auspices of the Church of Christ and a building was erected in 1886-1887. It was dedicated April 8, 1887.

First Congregational Church of Christ
314 W. Maumee St. Angola

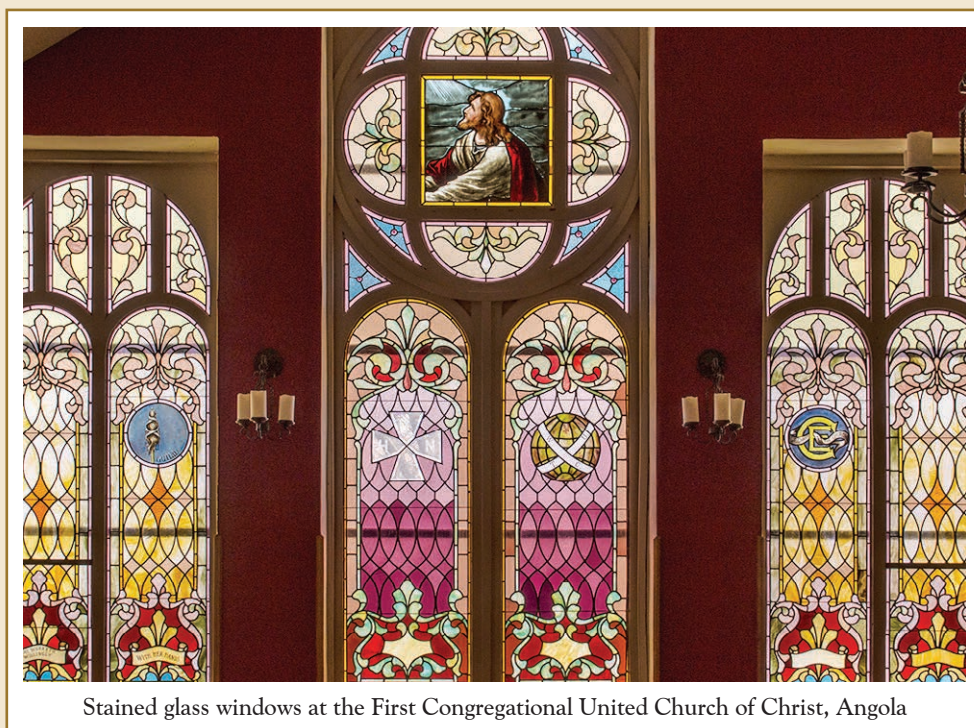


The cornerstone of the First Congregational UCC was laid July 28, 1898 and the church was dedicated Feb. 18, 1900. The church is constructed of native stone and locally manufactured brick and is graced with stained glass windows on two sides. An educational addition was added in the 70's.

Angola United Methodist Church
220 W. Maumee St. Angola



The Angola United Methodist Church was built in 1889-1890 and dedicated May 7, 1890. The building has been remodeled several times, once following a fire in 1948. Additions were added in 1966 and 1994. One of the attractive features of the church is its beautiful stained glass windows, many of them original and all of which were gifts from friends of the church.



Stained glass windows at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola

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