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First Methodist Episcopal Church

Circuit-riding ministers established a Methodist class in Silver Creek Township in 1843. Five families attended the earliest meetings, held in the home of Leroy L. Curtis, the first class leader. In 1844 the Reverend David Whitlock was appointed minister to the group and conducted services in the Indian Lake schoolhouse. During the ministry of the Reverend John R. Richards, church members used lumber from nearby farms to build this Greek Revival-style church in 1869. Two local men, Enos Bowerman and Will Hess, served as contractor and carpenter for the construction. Throughout its history the congregation's societies and charitable fund raising have made it a vibrant participant in the local community.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1996 ***Erected Date:*** 1999

Marker Location

Address: 31944 Middlecrossing Rd.

City: Dowagiac

State: MI ***ZipCode:*** 49047

County: Cass

Township: Silver Creek

Lat: 42.02047700 / ***Long:*** -86.18431000

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