

**Historical Marker - L1659A - Central United Methodist Church / Central United Methodist Church (Marker ID#:L1659A)**



**Front - Title/Description**

**Central United Methodist Church**

The first Protestant society in Muskegon began as a mission station served by itinerant preachers. In 1843 the Reverend M. Warring held Muskegon's first service in Martin Ryerson's boardinghouse. Deacon Abner Bennett, a black lay preacher, and his wife, Mary, a former servant of President James K. Polk, formed the White Lake Sunday School. Bennett frequently preached in Muskegon. The church was formally organized on November 20, 1856.

**Significant Date:**

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

**Registry Year:** 1989    **Erected Date:** 1990

**Back - Title/Description**

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In 1859 Muskegon Methodists built their first church at Clay and Jefferson Streets. Congregationalists met in the church, which also served as the county court. In 1887 a larger church was built on the same site. The present Neo-Gothic-style church, built in 1928-30, was designed by denominational architect, Thoralf M. Sundt of Philadelphia. This Indiana limestone church seats one thousand persons. The tower rises one hundred feet.

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 1011 Second Street

**City:** Muskegon

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:**

**County:** Muskegon

**Township:** Muskegon

**Lat:** 43.23422100 / **Long:** -86.25010500

**Web URL:**