Historical Marker - L1961 - First Methodist Episcopal Church (Marker ID#:L1961)



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Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1996 Erected Date: 2000

Marker Location

Address: 209 Washtenaw Avenue

City: Ypsilanti

State: MI ZipCode:
County: Washtenaw
Township: Ypsilanti

Lat: 42.24344800 / Long: -83.61472200

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When the First Methodist Episcopal Church opened in June 1892, the Ypsilantian called it "an ornament to the city." The church typifies Akron Plan churches, popular among late nineteenth century Protestants. The Akron architectural firm of Weary and Kramer designed the seating in arcs to give each person a full view of the minister. Washtenaw County Methodism dates from 1825 when itinerant minister Reverend Elias Pattee organized a class in the nearby settlement of Woodruff's Grove. Pattee served the Huron circuit, which extended from Detroit west to present-day Jackson. This church building is the third to serve the congregation.

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