

HISTORY OF BUCKHORN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Franklin Moore,
First Minister of the Buckhorn

A small but dedicated group of Christians felt called by God to start a church here in the Buckhorn Valley. On October 10, 1909, the Buckhorn Presbyterian Church was organized with 20 members. Since then it has been The Community Church in Masonville, and an anchor in the lives of many people in and beyond the Buckhorn Valley.

The building was constructed of local stone and lumber. Volunteer help of the community built it. The building was dedicated on November 19, 1911. The structure was doubled in size and modernized in 1964. The manse was built in 1957. The first full time pastor, Rev. George Mahaffey and his wife Carol were its first residents. The manse was enlarged with additions in 1983.

Our congregation has ministered in many ways, through worship, singing, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Club, church suppers, community picnics, ice cream socials, women's association meetings, prayer chain, weddings, arts & craft fairs and many other events. God has provide for our ongoing ministry here in good times as well as in tough times and has blessed us in many ways.

The cornerstone of this congregation's ministry has been its warm and caring fellowship. May we continue to reach out within and beyond this congregation with Christ's love, grace and nurture. May we continue to carry out Jesus' commission to us in Matthew 28:19 & 20: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...'