

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions Douglas Kelsey
Master of Ceremonies and Chairperson,
Vermontville UMC Administrative Council

Pledges of Allegiance Teresa Cook
President, Vermontville and Gresham UM Youth Fellowship

Invocation The Reverend Glenn Litchfield
Pastor, Vermontville UMC

Special Music The Vermontville UMC Chancel Choir

Greetings The Honorable Howard Wolpe, *in absentia*
Representative, United States Congress

Remarks The Honorable Ernest Nash
Representative, State of Michigan Legislature

Special Music Albert and Ruth Mix

Unveiling of Marker Dorothy Carpenter
President, Vermontville Historical Society and grand-daughter
of original church members, Cornelius J. and Etta Kent Hallenbeck
Helen Todd Grand-daughter of original church members,
Samuel and Wealthy Ann Rogers

Presentation of Marker Jerry D. Roe
Michigan Historical Commissioner

Acceptance of Marker Claude VanBlarcom
Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Vermontville UMC
Kenneth Frith Lay Leader, Vermontville UMC

Benediction The Reverend Glenn Litchfield

Vermontville United Methodist Church

Historical Marker Text

A Methodist Class was organized in this area in 1845. Early worship services, held in private homes and local schools, were conducted by preachers traveling the Eaton circuit. In 1859 the Michigan Methodist Conference made Vermontville a separate charge and installed the Reverend Josiah Fowler as its pastor. In 1862 this church was constructed at a site two miles northeast of this location. It was moved here in 1877. After completion of renovation, including the addition of a belfry and tower, the church was rededicated on this site January 8, 1878. The handsome Late Victorian Style Church with its pointed-arch stained glass windows is the home of one of the town's oldest religious organizations.

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