

## A Brief History of Alba United Methodist Church

The first church in Alba began in 1885. The meeting place was a small log cabin with a shaky roof. A year later a new place was dedicated.

Methodist sermons were being preached as early as 1879. In 1885-1886 a Methodist Society was organized. For the next six or seven years, the Congregational Church was organized and it later became the Federated Church with the Methodist Church. In 1929, the Federated Church was dissolved.

As time went by the area grew and more and more Methodists were transferring into the Alba Church. In the Conference of 1890, E. G. Stevens was assigned to Alba and immediately began the erection of a church. The financial depression that culminated in 1883 caused the work to be suspended for almost ten years.

In 1896, Alba was attached to Mancelona, and the work came under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Hart. Alba was later restored as a separate charge.

On January 18, 1948, the church burned in spite of the valiant efforts of several fire departments. The community worked with buckets in 16 degrees below zero weather because the water froze in the fire truck.

The present building was dedicated on August 13, 1950.

