



This Is Our Story

Celebrating and Growing Christ Church's Rich Heritage 2025-2026 Plan

Christ Church turns 70 on November 20, 2025. To celebrate this milestone, we're launching a series of eight interlocking projects, most on or after the anniversary. By telling the stories of Christ Church's past, we hope to inspire present members to contribute to its future.

Key Projects

History Happened Here

A series of eight videos tracing CCUM's history from 1806 to the present. *Kickoff: September 28, 2025*

This Is My Story

A project to collect 70+ oral histories from members by December 31, 2026. *Kickoff: November 20, 2025*

History 101

Sunday school lessons and walking tours to complement the video series. *Kickoff: November 20, 2025*

CCUM History Web Page/Directory

A permanent web presence for historical information, photos, and videos. *Kickoff: November 20, 2025*

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

—Romans 15:4 (NRSV)

Highlighting History

Regular opportunities to tell the stories of specific artifacts in the archives through photos, videos, and descriptions. *Kickoff: January 4, 2026*

Crowdsourced History

Inviting church members to write captions for archival photos and to identify the people in them. *Kickoff: January 4, 2026*

Expanding the Archives

Preserving and expanding the CCUM archives. *Kickoff: Ongoing*

Reaching Beyond the Walls

Sharing the stories of CCUM's history in the broader Louisville and UMC communities. *Kickoff: Ongoing*

Brief History of Christ Church United Methodist

Christ Church United Methodist traces its history to 1806, when a group of Methodists began meeting in a log cabin on the current site of Louisville Metro Hall. Ten years later, that group became Fourth Street Methodist Church. After significant growth, it split into three congregations in 1835. One of them, Brook Street Methodist Church, was our grandmother church.

The Brook Street church moved to East Broadway in 1865, becoming Broadway Methodist Church. There, it thrived for decades until its members and neighbors began to migrate to the eastern suburbs, including Indian Hills and St. Matthews.

In 1954, church leaders began planning to move as well. While efforts continued to sell the Broadway property, Pastor James W. Averitt launched a placeholder congregation, Indian Hills Methodist Church, on August 28, 1955. It met in Garnett Hall on the Masonic Homes campus off Frankfort Avenue. On November 20, 1955, the new congregation merged with the Broadway congregation, thus uniting Louisville's oldest and newest Methodist churches. On January 8, 1956, the combined church became Christ Methodist Church.

Christ Church opened its first building on September 1, 1957. Additional space opened on what is now a 13-acre campus in 1962, 1974, 1997, 2007, and 2009. The original building could almost fit in the footprint of the 2009 sanctuary.



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