
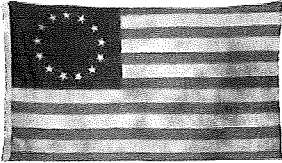


A Brief History of MCC

	<i>At MCC</i>	<i>Near and Far</i>
1750	Winter meeting house established in vicinity of Moose Hill Road	Johann Sebastian Bach died.
May 1762	Colony of Connecticut General Assembly approved creation of a distinct "ecclesiastical society" in what was then New Stratford.	First St. Patrick's Day parade (NYC, not Dublin), March 17,  held 1762.
Jun 1762	"In his Majesty's name, inhabitants were commanded to meet" and voted to hold public worship in the "old house erected for winter preaching" until a more "convenient" place was provided.	Mozart's first concert tour at the age of 6.
Nov 1762	"Voted Unanimously that it is Needful to Build a Meeting house for Publick worship in Sd Society."	Truro Synagogue (oldest in America) established in Newport, RI.
Feb 1763	Voted to approach Mr. Jos. M. White to become minister.	Mason and Dixon begin their survey.
1764	Voted that "Mr. Elijah Rexford Should he be ye person Called on probation to ye work of ye Ministry."	John Adams and Abigail Smith marry (October 1764).
1764	"Voted also that the Society will Call ye Asoiation be Called to form a Chrch in Sd Society on ye 18 th Day of Instant Dec."	Fletcher Christian who led the mutiny on the Bounty was born.
1764	Acceptance letter from Elisha Rexford (ordained January 1765).	James Otis publishes views on taxation without representation.
Jun 1769	First Meeting House "raised."	John Trumbull became Governor of Connecticut.
July 1776		Declaration of Independence - Birth of the United States.
1780s	Parishioners were apparently very pre-occupied with the War of Independence during this time period.	Struggles to split from Stratford as a separate town begin.
Jun 1781		"Lauzun's Legion" (part of Rochambeau's army) encamped near the Green on the way to meet Gen. G. Washington and defeat the British Army under General Lord Cornwallis.
1808	Elisha Rexford's 43 years as pastor comes to an end.	Beethoven's 5 th and 6 th symphonies premiered (December 1808).

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1823	Monroe finally became a town.	Clement Clarke Moore published "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" in the Troy (NY) Sentinel.
1847	Present Meeting House building erected.	Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh.
1865	Steeple blew down and was replaced.	American Civil War ended.
1869	Present parsonage bought for \$1,300 from Ephraim Leach.	National Woman Suffrage Association forms.
1885	Monroe Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor organized (precursor to Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group).	Mark Twain publishes the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn".
1891	New horse sheds were built.	Music Hall (Carnegie Hall) opens in NY, Tchaikovsky as guest conductor.
1922	Monroe Congregational Church (MCC) was incorporated, dissolving the Ecclesiastical Society. Meeting House was electrified.	President Warren G. Harding introduces the first radio in the White House.
1949	First church newspaper published – Parish Piper.	United Nations' permanent NYC headquarters is dedicated.
1957	United Church of Christ was formed (MCC voted to become part of it in 1961).	Civil Rights Act of 1957, first civil rights legislation to pass since Reconstruction, signed by President Eisenhower in September 1957.
1961	Parish Piper replaced by The Steeple.	Robert Frost recites "The Gift Outright" at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration
1968	Rexford House dedicated.	Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.
1971	Mustard Seed Thrift Shop established.	Cigarette advertisements banned on TV.
1972	Beginning of yearly Strawberry Festivals. 	U.S. ends 22 year travel ban to China.
1981	Tradition of Annual Tree Lighting on the Green with St. Peter's started.	52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived back in US. ("Argo" was based on this.)
1982	First seminary student from MCC.	EPCOT Center opens in Orlando Florida
1985-86	Restoration and expansion of Meeting House to current configuration. Tracker organ installed.	Desmond Tutu becomes Anglican archbishop of Capetown.
2011	Became an open and affirming congregation.	U.S. ends "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".
Apr 2012	First female senior pastor settled (Rev. Jennifer Gingras).	Barack Obama secures Democratic nomination for President for the 2 nd time.
2014	<i>Celebrating our 250th anniversary!</i>	

