

Chillicothe Church Facts

Chillicothe was laid out by Nathaniel Massie in 1796.

In 1797 the first church to organize was the New Hope Church, a Presbyterian church led by the Rev. William Speers. New Hope was located in a log cabin at the southwest corner of present-day Bridge and Riverside streets. Chillicothe was at one time home to three different Presbyterian churches.

In 1798 the Methodist movement arrived in Chillicothe. Dr. Edward Tiffin (Ohio's first governor) held outdoor services. A church was officially formed in 1800 and in 1810 they constructed their first building on Second St., between Paint and Walnut. In 1842, due to its large size, the church split into an Eastern (Trinity) and Western (Walnut St.) charge.

In 1824 the first Baptist movement in the city occurred. The First Baptist Church (1865) at 65 W. Fourth St. is the oldest African American Baptist church west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Originally, there were few Catholics in Chillicothe. However, when construction of the Ohio and Erie Canal began in 1826, a number of Irish immigrants came to the area, bringing Catholicism with them. Some 20 years later they were joined by German Catholics. Today, Chillicothe is home to St. Mary's (1869) on S. Paint St., and St. Peter's (1949) on Church St. at Water St. The original St. Peter's (ca. 1846) was destroyed by fire in 1947.

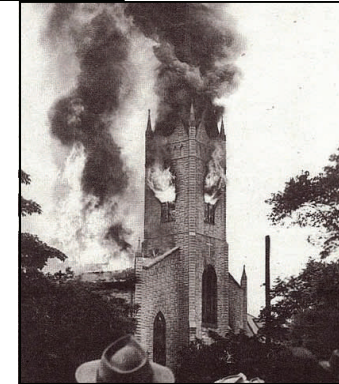
Walking Map and Guide To

Chillicothe's Main Street Churches



Left: St. Peter's Catholic Church, 112 Church St. (1949)

Right: The original St. Peter's (ca. 1846) was destroyed by fire in 1947, and rebuilt on the same location.



Left: St. Mary's Catholic Church (1869), 61 S. Paint St.

Health Facts - Walking

Walking regularly can offer many benefits to your body... and your mind.

Consider these facts:

- ⇒ Walking for 20 minutes a day can burn off around seven pounds of body fat per year.
- ⇒ Walking can extend your life: For every minute you walk you add 1-2 minutes of life.
- ⇒ Shorter, faster walks are best for conditioning your heart and lungs, while longer, slower walks work best when trying to lose weight.

Here are some benefits of walking:

- ⇒ Builds healthier heart and lungs
- ⇒ Burns body fat
- ⇒ Increases metabolism
- ⇒ Reduces cholesterol
- ⇒ Lowers high blood pressure
- ⇒ Can help control and prevent diabetes
- ⇒ Helps you sleep
- ⇒ It may also help control your appetite, increase your physical energy, slow aging, reduce the risks of some kinds of cancer, help you recover from a heart attack or stroke, promote intestinal regularity, and reduce stiffness from arthritis.
- ⇒ Relieve stress: Walking alone or with a friend can also help relieve stress.

1. Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church: In 1910 this building replaced a smaller structure, built in 1857. African American worshippers, tired of segregation in the Methodist Church, left to form their own church in 1821.

2. Glorious Church of God: Built by German immigrants in 1846 as St. John’s Church, and services were performed in German. The structure survived a fire in 1929.

3. (Citizens National Bank) Former Site of two First Presbyterian Churches: 1844-1894 and 1894-1956. The original church (3) was completed in 1846 and razed in 1893. A second church (3a) was built on the same site, but it

caught fire and burned in 1956. First Presbyterian Church is now located off of Bellevue on Mead Drive.

4. St. Paul’s Episcopal: This church was completed in 1833, after the original Episcopal Church, built on Walnut St. in 1821, became the first west of the Allegheny Mountains. That structure later housed a Catholic congregation.

5. Tabernacle Baptist: At one time this church featured a very distinct and unique “wavey wall.” Founded in 1890, the original church was completed in 1900.

6. Trinity UMC: Completed in 1842, remodeled in 1890, and completely renovated in 1906,

this church served as the “Eastern” or “Main Street” charge of the rapidly growing Methodist church in Chillicothe. Those who lived east of Paint St. and south of Main St. comprised the Eastern group. For a time the congregation was known as Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church.

7. Eastern Star Temple (7): Originally built in 1858 as the Third Presbyterian Church (7a), it saw a decline in its congregation and ceased to exist by 1919.

8. Calvary Lutheran: This church was an off-shoot of the German congregation at St. John’s Church. Some of the younger members of that congregation wanted services per-

formed in English, thus in 1903 the cornerstone for this building was laid.

9. Walnut St. UMC: Built on this site in 1905, the congregation has its roots to Chillicothe’s original Methodist movement of 1798, and the original Methodist Church building, that was a block over on Second St.

NOTE: Care should be taken on this walk. Pay attention at the cross-walks. End the walk by crossing at Main at Walnut.

**Also in or near the downtown are First Baptist (71 W. 4th St.), St. Mary’s (S. Paint), St. Peter’s (Water and Church), Salem Church and Wesleyan Church (both on Mulberry St., just south of Trinity).

NOTE: The distance of this walk is measured starting in front of Quinn Chapel, walking east on Main before crossing Main at Hickory and returning west to the front of Walnut St. UMC. Please use caution when crossing at any intersection.