

West Boonville Evangelical Church

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Rev. Earl Meyers, Minister
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Every Sunday
10:30 a.m. Church Service Every 2nd and 4th Sundays

Township:	T-48-N	Organized:	October 1893
Range:	R-17-W	Disbanded:	No
Section:	6	Active:	Yes
Map:	Click Here	Updated:	July 19, 2005

Cemetery: There is a cemetery associated with this church.

Area: West Boonville, Missouri; southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the section six miles west of Boonville, Missouri; on old Santa Fe Road; then on a gravel road, west.

Records: These church records were microfilm in the late 1950s by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

History:

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Sketch From "Cooper County Church Sketches" by F. Chesnutt

West Boonville Evangelical Church
From "West Boonville Evangelical Church Cemetery Records"

The first church service of the West Boonville Evangelical Church, "the little church in the Maples", was in October of 1893. Hugo Heintz owned the land on which the church and cemetery are now located. He donated the land to the church. And lived in the first house east of the church. The early congregation, which numbered over 200 has dwindled to less than fifteen members.

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From "Cooper County Church Sketches" by F. Chesnutt, 1993

The history of this congregation dates from the early immigration of Evangelicals into central Missouri from Germany in the mid-1800's. The old church records are written in classic German script and have not been translated at this time. The old tombstones are also inscribed in German. The use of English was not adopted until the 20th century.

The West Boonville community was dependent upon ministers from Boonville until 1896. At that time it affiliated with St. John's Church in Billingsville when St. John's obtained its first full time Pastor, W.F. Herman. It is reported that Pastor Herman would come to West Boonville to conduct

services on Sunday afternoons twice a month. Rev. Geraldine Grebe Bryant is the present minister.

The Church building is 100 years old this year (1993), of white frame with dark green shutters on the gothic arched windows, and a bell tower with bell rung by pulling a heavy rope. The fishscale shingles and elongated capped arches are in the Eastlake style, a type seen in German builders' catalogues of the time. The pinnacle at the top of the spire is a miniature of the "zwiebel" or onion domes seen in central Europe.

Heating is provided by a wood-burning "box-stove" #4 of the G.F. Filley Company of St. Louis. The top section was manufactured by the Henderson Company. It is a long fitted pipe shape open at each end to release the heat and warm the high ceilinged building.

The light is provided by the original oil lamps now wired for electricity.

Down the road opposite the Church is an unusual seed barn built in 1912 by the Walther family. It is a large white frame structure with rows of high small windows and a tower.

Information provided by Dr. Louis Geiger and by Mrs. Allison Yeager of Central Missouri News.

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