**Summary of Major Events**

**in the History of the Worcester United Methodist Church**

**1836-2016**

1823 Elizabeth Champion formed the Methodist Society of East Worcester.

1831 The Emory Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Town of Worcester purchased land at 132 Main Street for a church in West Worcester.

1836 The West Worcester Methodist Episcopal Church was organized under its first pastor, Rev. Alexander E. Daniels of the Westford Circuit.

1839-1846 The Emory Society sold off its land and building in stages to the Second Baptist Church.

1841 West Worcester was part of a charge with Decatur Hollow and Elliott Hill

and was served by circuit riders from Decatur.

1841-1871 It is not clear where the Methodists met throughout this period. It is likely that they first used the Tusculum schoolhouse and then

the “Old Academy” building near 215 Tuscan Road which appears

on contemporary maps as the “M.E. Church”

1855-1882 East Worcester was the main point on a charge that included Worcester.

1857 A Methodist Society class was organized in the Red Schoolhouse in Tusculum, the first step leading to the Worcester church being on

its own, not being served by circuit riders from East Worcester.

1870 The Methodists began to build the “2nd Methodist Episcopal Church” on the present site at 111 Main Street, which they purchased in

1871. The ministers were located in Worcester for the first time.

1883 Worcester and East Worcester became separate charges.

1884 Property for a parsonage was purchased.

1895 The Church building was remodeled and enlarged.

1901 A new parsonage was built at 112 Main Street.

1917-1993 Decatur was part of the charge.

1927 The present Morey pipe organ was installed.

1946-2000 East Worcester was again part of the charge.

1954 Ella Wade donated adjacent land in back to enlarge Church property.

1956 The Educational Building was constructed.

1965 Union services with the Baptists and Presbyterians were formalized.

1968 Nationally, the Methodists and the United Brethren merged to form the United Methodist Church.

1971 The Centennial Celebration occurred.

1991 Church Directories were published in 1991, 2000 and 2004.

1993 The Church building was extensively remodeled.

2001 The Mission and Missionary Building at 115 Main Street was purchased.

2008 The Church was yoked with the First Presbyterian Church.

2012 Westford was part of the charge.