

# **DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER**

## **OCTOBER 12, 2008**

**October is celebration month - our church is 100 years old.**

**The church building - the fifth one since our denomination was founded here in 1836, was built on property, purchased for \$8,000.00, on Maple St. (now called Capital Avenue.) The new church was claimed to be the handsomest building in the city when it was dedicated. The Greco-Roman style building with the four massive columns and broad dome made it unique. At the time of the dedication there was no other building like it in the State of Michigan and only a few in the entire country.**

**Centennial celebrations began with a sauerkraut dinner on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a recreation of a event first started in 1933 by Dr. Carleton Brooks Miller, our senior minister for over 40 years. The original recipe was used and over 100 people attended the event. A video of interviews with some long time church members relating memories of their life in the church was shown after the dinner.**

**On October 5, our organist and choir director, Al Bolitho, will perform an organ recital at 4:00 p.m. He will be playing some of the same music performed at the dedication of the church in 1908.**

**On October 12 we will have a special worship service at 10:00, followed by a dedication in front of the church as we unveil the historical marker awarded us by the State of Michigan. Before and after the worship service, a special video showing photos from our past will be shown on the screens in the sanctuary.**

**Come join us as we celebrate 100 years in our church.**

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Battle Creek, Michigan