

# Fact Sheet: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *175 Years . . .*

The *Kingsville United Presbyterian Church* was incorporated in 1844 in the heart of Kingsville and has been a cornerstone of the community for the last 175 years. The Kingsville Township Board of Trustees feels strongly about recognizing local institutions that faithfully serve Kingsville residents and the surrounding communities. We would like to acknowledge the church's role in enriching the lives of many residents throughout the years through its ministry, teachings, and charitable acts.

## *A little history . . .*

The first meeting house was built in 1822 on the southeast corner of Lake Street (Route 193) and Creek Rd near the site of the first town hall. In 1844 the church was reorganized as Presbyterian. On July 11 of that year, eight people who had been members of the Congregational Church became members of the newly organized Presbyterian Church of Kingsville. By the end of the year, membership grew to 30.

The first church was destroyed by fire in 1847. It was rebuilt the next year on its present site on West Main Street (Route 84), just west of the town square.

*Source: Kingsville Bicentennial Book, 1805-2005*



## *Join the Festivities!*

In celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary the church is holding multiple events on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> they will have an "open house with an ice cream social, popcorn, corn hole, a fishing pond, face painting, animals from the APL, and stagecoach rides."\* On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> the service will be led by former pastor Heather Dekker and a dinner afterward will feature speaker, Ina Hart, another former pastor.

\*See the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Star Beacon article for more information – [Kingsville church to celebrate 175 years](#)