

In 1866 the lots on the corner of George and Liberty Sts. were bought from Alfred J. Butler who had a pottery there, for \$7,700. White Rev. B. S. Sharp was pastor, 1869-171, the foundation of the present imposing edifice was laid, Mr. Schenck Bennett placing the first stone. The trustees sold the old house and lot to the Hebrew congregation for \$2,000, and applied the money to the new lot. During Rev. John S. Phelps' administration, 1875-177, the new church, 70 x 95 ft. was erected. It was dedicated by Bishop Matthew Simpson, May 1876. But the building was not completed for nearly 20 years. A building committee appointed by Rev. George C. Stanger composed of James Rogers, Frank R. Pette, R. M. Clare, A. H. Snyder, James Bradwood and W. E. Leary, Sr., had the steeple raised to its present height of 144 ft., the outside brick walls stuccoed with Portland cement; the interior remodeled; cushions put in and a large pipe organ built by Jardine and Son, N. Y. City. The steeple was carefully and thoroughly constructed and is one of the land-marks of the city. The cost was nearly \$60,000.

White Rev. William P. Davis was pastor, 1881-5, the Chapel, a commodious and beautiful building, joined to the rear of the church was begun. It was dedicated, Feb. 27, 1885. The Board of Trustees in 1880 were, Adam Green, John Dixon, Theodore Ashmore, David Buzze, Mr. Kidder and Isaac Van Arsdale.

In 1851, at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. John D. Blain, a second Methodist Episcopal Church was formed under the leadership of John Helm, George Price and Robert Miller. A building was started the same year and the new church was dedicated and named "Pltman Methodist Episcopal Church".

One hundred and seventy members were added to the church roll in 1858. The church was getting too small for the congregation, when Christopher Myers made the following proposition to the pastor, "If you can establish a third Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, that will be a pewed church, where I can have my family sit with me, I will pay one third of the cost up to twenty thousand dollars". Mr. Chaliker, the pastor, replied, "This is a proposition too liberal to be ignored", so with the co-operation of James Bishop, Christopher Myer, Joseph Rusling, Albert Spear and Jacob Edmunds a subscription was started, the money raised. The third Methodist Episcopal Church was built and in 1860 was dedicated, "St. James Methodist Episcopal Church".

The name, "Methodist Episcopal Church, Sixth" was the corporate name until Dec. 3, 1912, when by the