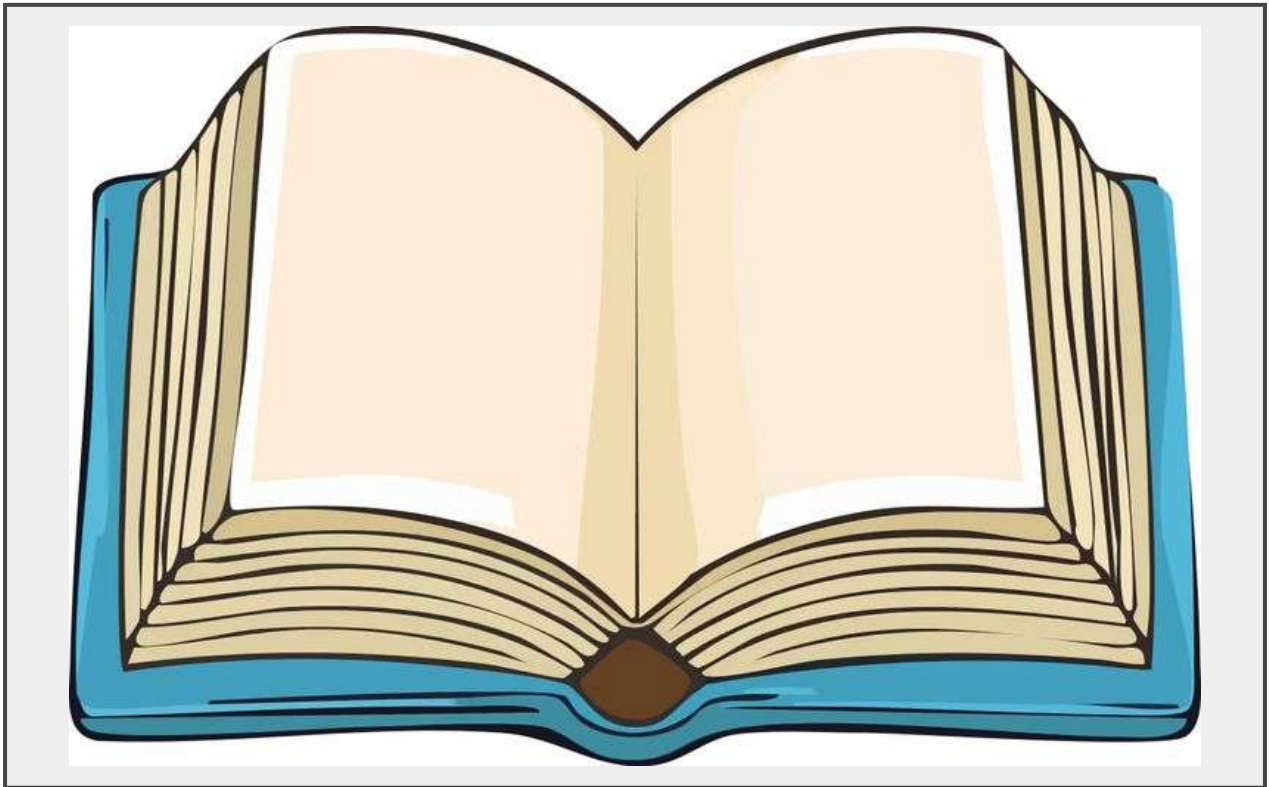


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**LOT 3002 - HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**



**Description**

The Montpelier First United Brethren Church is a historical name for a church in Montpelier, Ohio, which eventually became the First United Methodist Church after a denominational split and merger. The church began in the 1830s and built its first house of worship in 1853.

**History of the Church**

**Early Beginnings:**

The Montpelier United Brethren in Christ congregation was organized in the 1830s, predating the village's formal survey in 1845.

**The Split:**

In 1889, the United Brethren denomination split into "radical" and "liberal" factions.

**Liberal Faction:**

The liberal faction eventually merged with Methodists, becoming the First United Methodist Church.

**Radical Faction:**

The radical faction became the Central United Brethren Church, with their own building dedicated in 1893.

**Original Building:**

The historic brick structure on Empire and Jefferson streets, dedicated in 1894 by the liberal United Brethren (now First United Methodist), served the community for many years.

Recent History:

The building was occupied by the First Church of the Nazarene from 1963 to 1994 and then by the House of Prayer from 1994 to 2009.

**Quantity: 1**



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