



## QUICK FACT FRIDAY



### ***Friendship AME Church***

The African-American community is an integral part of Mount Pleasant. During Reconstruction, building lots were given to the Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians to build churches. Friendship AME was founded during this Reconstruction period and has been at the same site since 1890. The first sanctuary serving the congregation was located on Hibben Street and built on a leased lot by the Town of Mount Pleasant in 1877. After moving there and building a new church under pastorate Rev. F.E. Rivers in 1890, the congregation grew so quickly that it built its third sanctuary, a large frame church, by 1895. A 1911 storm during the pastorate of Rev. Frank Woodbury nearly destroyed the sanctuary, which was essentially rebuilt. Later renovations, including the application of a brick veneer in 1961 during the pastorate of Rev. J.A. Sabb, Jr. gave the church its present appearance. Friendship AME Church also hosted the graduation exercises of nearby Laing School for many years until the school was relocated in 1953.

See also: [Historical Markers](#) (Marker #13) in the *Our History* Section of the Town website and search for [Friendship AME Church](#) on [mountpleasanthistorical.org](http://mountpleasanthistorical.org).


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