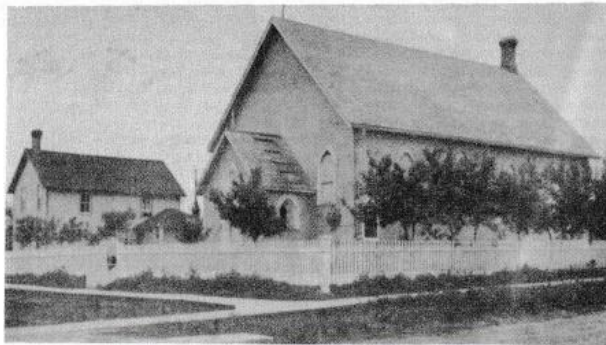


## 5TH AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

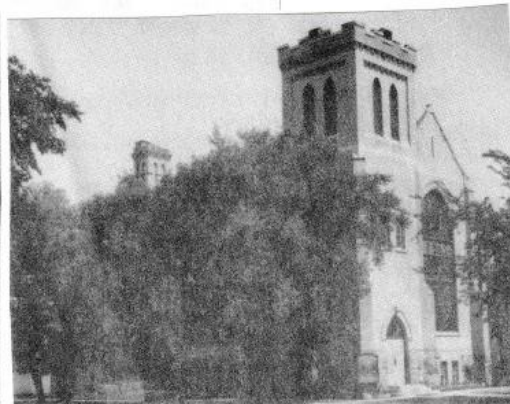
The first Methodist service was held at Capt. Gilbert Wood farm early in 1881. In 1888 a wood frame church was built on the north end of the present Church property. Then in 1908 the beautiful brick Church was built on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Further to the west was Knox Presbyterian Church. In 1925 Church Union happened where many Protestant congregations joined as one. For a number of years both Churches continued to hold services – The East Church and The West Church as they became known as. At the same time many country churches were closing and their congregations were joining the Souris Churches. In 1944 it was decided that The West Church should be the main Church. At that time in the West Church, the ceiling was lowered, and a new furnace put in. The Casavant Frere Pipe Organ was moved from the East Church to the West Church. The name chosen for the new joint church was St. Paul's United Church. Since that time the West Church has been torn down and a Three-plex apartment block built in its place. St. Paul's continues with its faithful Sunday services, even during Covid. The sounds of the beautiful Pipe Organ continue to be heard on Sunday mornings.



Original Methodist Church



*Knox Presbyterian Church*



*Fifth Avenue Methodist Church*