

1620
The Mayflower Landing
(Pilgrims came to America
for religious freedom)



1788: Phelps & Gorham purchased 6 million acres of land in Upstate NY

1789: Protestants migrated from Plymouth, MA to Upstate NY

1794: Rev. John Smith (of Dighton, Bristol County, MA) received his pay for preaching during the Revolutionary War. Purchased an area of land stretching from Canandaigua Lake to Livonia, forming the "Dighton Purchase" (Map Ref. 1794)

1796: Oliver Phelps hired Rev. Zadoc Hunn to preach in Canandaigua, the hub of protestant preaching. Town of Dighton was renamed "Bristol".

1798: Rev. Zadoc Hunn preaches in Bristol and receives a bushel of wheat in payment. Church begins as a Congregational Church, then Presbyterian, then back to Congregational.

1803: Bloomfield and Bristol form a Baptist Church
1809: Worshipping in a log cabin on Oakmount Rd

1812: Congregational Church of Bristol build a 2-story church on Route 64

1833: Universalists worship in the 2-story stone church

1846: Methodist church was formed in Bristol

1861: Construction began on the present day church
1862: Construction completed – practicing Universalist religion (protestant based)



1947-48: Methodist and Congregational churches united to form the Federated Church of Bristol (using both buildings on Route 64)

1957: Community Church of Bristol formed from the Universalist using their building

1960s: Becomes a "Community" church due to lack of funds

1969-71: The Federated Church of Bristol (Congregational and Methodist) joined with the Community Church of Bristol (former Universalist) to become the **United Church of Bristol**, using the present-day building at Bristol known as Baptist Hill.

1957: The United Church of Christ (National Conference) was formed.

1971: The United Church of Bristol becomes affiliated with the United Church of Christ.