

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

After Holden took its first official recorded vote in 1741 “to have the gospel preached in said town,” the First Congregational Church ordained the town’s first Minister, Joseph Davis on December 22, 1742 which is when he offered the first sermon to the people of Holden. Originally built to house a church and all town business, the church was the site of all town meetings and public meetings until 1827, when Town Hall was built next door to the church.

In 1828, the church was lifted from its foundation and turned 90 degrees to face Main Street and moved 35 feet back from the street. In 1954, while under the leadership of Rev. W. Reed Usher, the church added The Parish House where Sunday School was held for the local children.

The Captain George Webb Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized on March 27, 1912 in this Church. The First Congregational Church has sponsored Boy Scouts of America Troops since 1930 and has been the home of Troop 180 since 1941.

