

## **HISTORY & FUTURE**

Conley's was first organized in the Angola Schoolhouse and was called Angola Methodist Episcopal Church. When we were incorporated on February, 1838, the first name was changed to Connelly's ME Chapel in honor of the first pastor, William Connelly. He was a carpenter who was responsible for the first church building in 1838. Eventually the name was shortened to Conley's.

The current sanctuary was built in 1876. It was thoroughly renovated in 1901. More land was purchased in September, 1912. The sanctuary was completely renovated again in 1944. We repainted the outside, added new shutters and installed new carpet inside in 1967. The current red pews and air conditioning were added in 1979. We purchased the digital piano in 1994. We started using the video projector in August, 2000.

In the summer of 1978, the church constructed the fellowship hall. It began with a generous gift of land from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills. Then, church member and master carpenter Charles Baker led several volunteers from the church family on weekday evenings and all day Saturdays to construct the hall. The hall was finished in October. The mortgage was retired two and a half years later. The cost was less than \$50,000.

In the summer of 2001, Conley's purchased 21 acres on Route 24. In 2004, the parsonage was constructed on that parcel. We have also approved a design for the building that will be our new place for worship, fellowship and education to serve a growing population.

The earliest tombstone in our cemetery is over the grave of Mrs. Hannah Lynch, who died April 3, 1862.