

Early history of the May Breakfast

The United Methodist Women will host the annual May Breakfast at the Groton Church on May 2, serving at 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. for the noon luncheon.

This year many Methodists across the nation are celebrating the bicentennial of the founding of their Church denomination. Two hundred years ago, 60 circuit-riding preachers gathered on Christmas Eve, near old Baltimore Harbor, to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church. Several mergers in 1968 made the United Methodist Church one of the largest protestant denominations. A number of special national events are planned and this has also generated much interest in the history of the local churches

surrounding area. As times improved guests came in their Easter finery, which always included a fancy new hat often of the latest styles from Miller's Store or Gambles millinery departments. Some of them will be worn or used as decorations this year. The Methodist ladies are also encouraging guests to wear hats to this May Breakfast. They may be the present fashionable hats being shown today, or the chance to wear some special bonnet from the past. Prizes will be given to the oldest, most novel and other categories.

Make your reservations to attend the May Breakfast by calling Mrs. Carl Strom, 397-8263, or Mrs. Ellen Hietmann, 397-2472. The price will be \$3.50 and will include selections from the Groton High School Music Department.

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