

# WEST GLOVER CHURCH



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The **West Glover Church** was built in 1832 at the original **Parker Settlement** on the Hinman Settler Road overlooking Lake Parker. Then the settlers decided that **Boardman Hollow** (now **West Glover Village**) was a better location to live because of its access to water power via

Roaring Brook, so they took apart their houses to retain the lumber and nails and rebuilt them down the hill.

After continuing to attend church at the Parker Settlement for years through all kinds of weather, the community decided to move the building to Boardman Hollow, which they did in 1850. The 38'x44' building was jacked up, rolled onto logs and pulled down the Hinman Road by teams of oxen to its present location.

The vestibule, a new steeple and bell tower were completed by 1869 with the bell donated by E. O. Randall. In 1962 the building was again jacked up and put on a full basement. In 2008 arsonists attempted to burn down the church, but the historic building was saved by the bravery of local fire fighters and rebuilt thanks to the love and generosity of the church congregation. As the oldest standing public building in West Glover Village, it stands ready to serve the future needs of the community.



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