

Plaid Peacock

The Plaid Peacock is located at 316-318 W 3rd Street in downtown Waterloo. It is notably known as the former Kistner mortuary. The structure was built in 1913 and designed by the architect John T. Burkett with Burkett & Pedicord. The structure included a large chapel; embalming parlor and workrooms Bedford stone trim contrasts the dark brown brick exterior of the building. A residential quarters was also located above the mortuary. Currently the structure is the home to an art gallery gift shop where everything is made by Iowa artists and artisans. The owners are Heidi and Jessica who are a mother/daughter team. The Plaid Peacock does host many classes throughout the year including fused glass art classes and jewelry making classes.



House of Hope

The House of Hope is located at 306-308 Walnut Street near downtown Waterloo. The home was constructed in 1897 and was constructed as a multiple-family dwelling. The home has queen Anne elements and also elements of the Colonial Revival. The home is not perfectly symmetrical potentially indicating that the larger portion was owner-occupied and the smaller portion was utilized as an income property. Currently the property is utilized by House of Hope. House of Hope is a two year transitional home for homeless women with children.



Antioch Baptist Church

Antioch Baptist Church first began as an organized prayer band that met in their homes in 1912. In April of 1913 the prayer band decided to become an official church; making them the first African American Baptist church in the city of Waterloo. In the fall of 1914 Antioch Baptist Church purchased McFarlane School to accommodate the congregation. On June 4, 1950 a cornerstone service was held for the construction of the current location of 426 Sumner Street. Services were held in the basement for two years until the construction was complete on the main auditorium in 1953. Throughout the years the congregation grew to over 900 members.



Pat Morrissey

Pat Morrissey was born and raised in Waterloo. He is extremely active with numerous groups throughout the Cedar Valley including the Church Row Neighborhood Association and has a passion for historic preservation throughout the City of Waterloo. One of Pat's most recent endeavors has included the Wonder Bread building in downtown Waterloo. Pat has been very active and vocal in the preservation efforts of the building, including bringing historians on site to assess the building for potential historical designation. Pat is extremely involved with the Church Row Neighborhood Association and is currently assisting with historic efforts in their neighborhood.

"Patrick is a visible and vocal advocate for historic preservation. He understands the importance of preserving our history as a means of maintaining our identity. He communicates the importance of preserving rather than leveling landmarks that are part of our Waterloo identity. He lives in a historic Waterloo neighborhood and is researching its story at our Church Row Historic Preservation Committee. And he is aware of and advocates for, other historic neighborhoods: Walnut, The Triangle, Highland, for example. Buildings, plazas, parks, streets, the riverfront, neighborhoods need to be protected by restoration for continued use if significant to the Waterloo story of how we began, who we are now.

We appreciate his interest, enthusiasm and advocacy. And his sensitivity."

--Douglas Marshall, Chair