

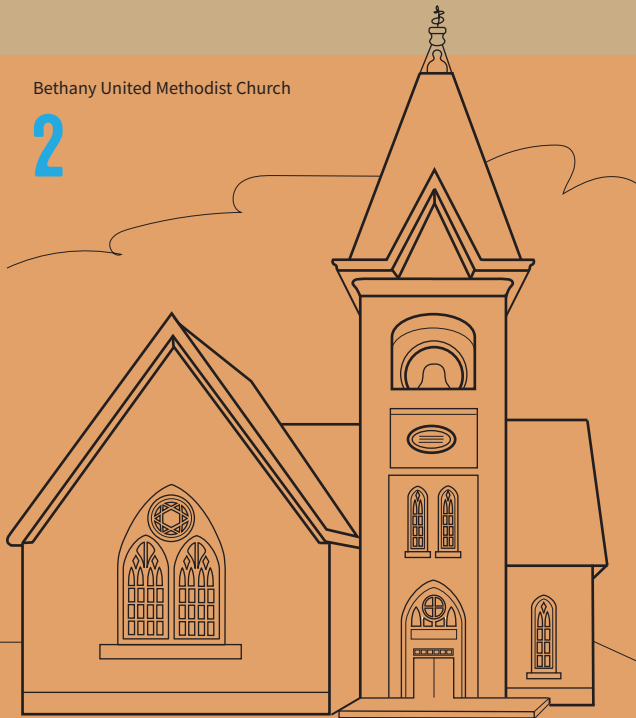
THE REEDVILLE WALKING TOUR

1 The Reedville Historic District begins at Crowder's Lane, on the west side of Main Street. Six Queen Anne-style homes were built in the decade following 1910 and were referred to as "Millionaires' Row." The Covington house at 350 Main Street is an excellent example of the Queen Ann era of architecture with its torrets and asymmetrical design. The curved windows were custom made by laying large sheets of glass over a mold. Steep roof tops and large dormers are another distinctive trait of Queen Ann structures. Here you see an original slate roof still intact after 100 years of weather. The Covington house was a wedding present to William Covington and Idelle McNeal by their collective parents.

2 Bethany United Methodist Church 454 Main Street (c1901) is noted for its magnificent interior use of wood. The bell tower was added in 1921 under the supervision of Captain Fisher who was one of the earliest residents of Reedville. Replacing the original wooden tower, Fisher used bricks hauled from New Jersey on one of his schooners. It cost \$10,000 to build at the time which is the equivalent to \$150,000 today.

Bethany United Methodist Church

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3 The Reedville Fishermen's Museum established in 1988, consists of a campus with four buildings and the Wendall G. Haine Pavilion. (Haine was one of the founders of the RFM). Among the structures is one of Reedville's earliest homes - the William Walker House at 504 Main Street. According to local tradition, the house was built in one day (April 17, 1875) when Walker went oystering. The Butler House at 474 Main Street (c1903) is a charming example of a boat builder's home. It now functions as the Museum's administrative offices.

4 The Robinson House 616 Main Street (c1875) is the second oldest house still standing in Reedville. In 1935 it was purchased and restored by W. Harold Haynie and his wife, Miriam. Both residents made significant contributions to the town. Miriam was a talented artist and author who founded the Reedville Art League. Harold was also a noted author. He wrote several books about Reedville and the Northern Neck.

5 The Reed Monument can be found midway down Main Street and is dedicated to the town founder, Captain Elijah W. Reed. With its obelisk and ancient magnolias, this plot was originally the Reed's family cemetery. Interned here was Elijah, his wife and close friends of the family. (Their remains were eventually moved to the Roseland Cemetery). The fence is a well preserved example of the type of wrought iron that enclosed many yards on Main Street.



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The Albert Morris House

6 The Albert Morris House 826 Main Street (c1895) is a magnificent three-story Queen Anne-style Victorian that Morris built for his wife. The home reflects the beautiful architectural elements typical of wealthy late 19th and early 20th century industrialists' mansions. Morris, along with his brother-in-law, Captain James Fisher, owned and operated the Morris-Fisher Menhaden Factory.

7 The Customs House 858 Main Street. This building housed the customs and coast guard operations and was one of the busiest offices on the east coast. For many years boat owners who registered their vessels would receive the appropriate license but would also receive government health care benefits. This program ended in 1977.

Peoples Bank of Reedville

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8 Peoples Bank of Reedville 876 Main Street (c1910) was built of the same imported brick as The Gables across the street at 863 Main (see #11). Captain Fisher supervised the construction of this building. During the banking crisis of 1933, this was the only rural bank to remain open due to the generosity of Fisher, who personally loaned the bank \$109,000. This is equivalent to \$2.2 million today. The building is now the home of the Reedville Coffee House.

9 Reed's Wharf is the original site of the Reed factory and later the Chesapeake Oil and Guano Company. The area was the business hub of the community. Stores, factories and a bustling dock served the Reedville community for many years. Fishing boats and steamships came in and out reflecting Reedville's wealth and prosperity. Unfortunately, many of the buildings associated with the site were destroyed by a fire in 1925. The wharf is now home to the Reedville Marina, The Crazy Crab restaurant and Pride of Virginia Seafood company.

10 The Reed and Rice Store 861 Main Street was opened in December of 1912 and quickly became a large mercantile establishment. It functioned as a general store selling groceries, building supplies, coal and ice. It had a pharmacy where clients could buy medications or ice cream floats at a grand marble soda fountain. A very handsome stairway led to the upper floor where the lady's millinery department was located. Milliners came to the store each spring and fall via steamboat to stock the store with the most recent fashions.



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The Reed and Rice Store

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The Gables



11 The Gables 863 Main Street (c1909) was built by Captain James C. Fisher. The bricks used for the home were imported in 1902 as ballast in ships and stacked where the house was to be built. They were restacked occasionally so that they would weather uniformly. The mast from one of Fisher's ships was built into the house and now extends from the third floor to the ceiling of the fourth floor. The building to the right was the family's carriage house and is now an updated bed and breakfast. The Gables often represents the town due to its majestic and dynamic architecture. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

12 The George N. Reed Home 811 Main Street (c1899) is a lovely Queen Anne-style house built by Captain Elijah Reed's son, George.

13 Dr. Cockrell's Medical Office 791 Main Street (c1920) Dr. Loren E. Cockrell served his community from this tiny office for many years. The waiting room for the office was outdoors. There was a large bell installed in the yard and it was used to summon Cockrell from downtown when warranted. He eventually bought the house next door (793) and lived there with his wife Nettie. This office has been renovated into a cottage and is now used as a vacation rental.

14 Reedville Market 729 Main Street (c1910) is a restaurant, and true to its name, was originally a grocery and department store called the Blundon & Hinton General Store. Behind the store, creek side, existed the Blundon & Hinton tomato packing house which extended out over the water.

15 Reedville Marine Railway 707 Main Street (c1899) In the late 1800s, Isaac Bailey set up a boat shop at this location behind his house. The house was destroyed by fire and in 1906 Bailey sold the shop to Sam Butler. Butler set up his business and added the railway to the property. Three generations of Butler boat builders operated this company from 1906 to 2021. It is now headquarters for WoodyBoater Global HQ.