Ione Community United Methodist Church 150 W. Marlette St.

The lone Methodist Church, the first church to serve lone and the Jackson Valley, was originally dedicated as the lone City Centenary Church and later, popularly known as the Cathedral of the Mother Lode. The cornerstone was laid in 1862 and the church, constructed of locally fired brick, was completed in 1866. The building is a wonderful example of the Gothic Revival architectural style, popular in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Constructed of 255,000 locally fired bricks, the steeple rises 150 feet into the sky and is meant to be a sign of hope and faith to the community. Early members of the community said that the people built a 'city' church in a village because they had great hope for the future of lone. The church was registered on 7/31/1953.