

The first Congregational Minister, Rev. John Bulkeley, arrived in Colchester in 1703. He was not only a Minister but also a physician and a lawyer. The first "Meetinghouse" was built in 1706 on Old Hebron Road.

Around 1714 another Meetinghouse was built south of the original one because the center of town had moved. The church had no bell to call people to worship; therefore a drum was used in its place.

A new house of worship was built in the year of 1771 facing Linwood Avenue, a replica of Old South Church in Boston. In 1839 the Baptist Church was established in the building now known as Liverant's Antiques



Bacon Academy built 1803
Congregational Church built 1771

on South Main Street. The old Congregational Church was torn down at this same time and a new one built in its place using some of the timbers from the previous church.

Colchester Federated Church was established in 1949, combining the Congregational and Baptist Churches. In the late 1940's, the Baptist Church was sold and the parsonage was built. The Baker-Bunyan addition, consisting of gymnasium, lounge, library, office and Sunday School classrooms was completed also.



This Church built in 1842 replaced the old 1771 Congregational Church

In 1968 the present steeple was removed, rebuilt and put back into place.