

December 8th, 1867: The original wood-framed church with a stone basement was built in 1843.

It faced King Street. Railroad expansion plus a quickly-growing parish created the need in 1859 to build a new church on the same campus. The new church faced north on East Maple Street. The former school structure was moved to the east part of the campus towards Litchfield Street. It was adapted to create a two-story school. A replacement school was erected in a hurry. Thirteen months after this fire, tragedy struck again with the collapse of the second floor in the new school building.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY.—A fire broke out about ten o'clock yesterday morning in a German school-house on King street, which was formerly occupied as a church and known as St. Peter's, though the society some time since built a larger edifice next door to their old one. Some of the trustees of the school or church were in the upper story at the time the fire broke out, and were informed by some persons outside that the building was on fire. The alarm was promptly given and the whole Fire Department soon on the ground, but the building, being of wood, was burned to the ground. The fire commenced in the chimney, and was undoubtedly accidental in its origin. It was insured, as we were told, for \$3,500, though some said for \$5,000.

Two of the members of Truck No. 1 were in the second story when the floor fell, carrying them with it, but they escaped, strange to say, without injury.