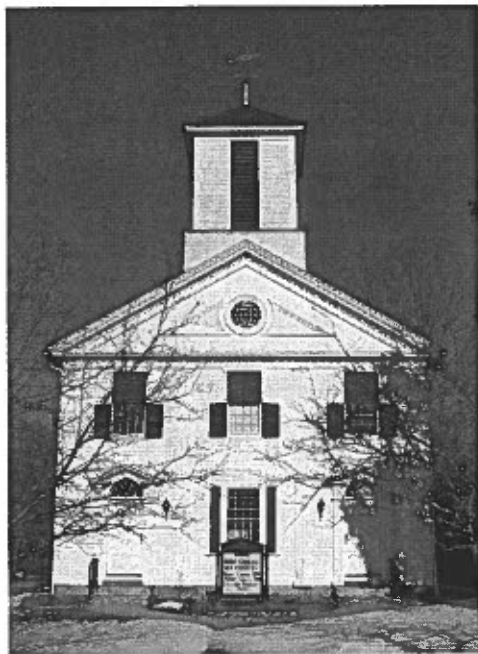


## **THE THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH 1833**

### **29 MAIN STREET**



On December 25, 1828, at Samuel Chapman's home, nine men and women adopted the covenant and the 14 articles of faith and practice as drafted by Rev. Levi Walker. They became the first members of the New Baptist Church inspired by the evangelism of Elder Jebez S. Swan of New London. By June 1829, there were 39 members when the church joined the Stonington Union Association. This Third Baptist Church held its meetings in dwelling houses and in the District #2 Schoolhouse on the riverbank opposite the Post Office. The land for the church was donated by Mrs. Avery (widow of Stephen Avery). In 1833 the new church was built, known as the Milltown Baptist Meeting House. This high-style Greek Revival style church is a prominent element of the Village. It is an excellent survivor of the Greek Revival style with its fully-pedimented front gable roof,