



## Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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## Bay City Fremont Avenue United Methodist Church

Records, 1954-2016

### History Note:

The church began its life as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Portsmouth with the formation of a church society in 1863 and the completion of a church building in 1864. When the area became part of Bay City, the name changed to Fremont Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. Twice in its history the church was lost to fire, but it was rebuilt on the same site. The church closed in 2016.

### Scope Note:

The collection contains minutes, correspondence, newsletters, bulletins, and clippings. Many of the sequences are incomplete and there is little to document the early history of the church beyond the printed histories. The collection is strongest for the last 40 years of its existence.

### Extent:

7.2 linear feet (ca. 14,400 pages)

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Restrictions on Use:

Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

## Appointments List

Lists of early ministers are incomplete.

- 1846-1847: George N. Brown (Circuit Rider)
- 1850-1851: B.N. Paine
- 1853-1855: Israel Cogshall
- 1863-1866: William Fox
- 1866-1867: Addison C. Shaw
- 1867-1868: Alexander Gee
- 1868-1871: Leemon Barnes
- 1871-1872: [Andrew J. Bigelow](#)
- 1872-1874: Frederick William Warren
- 1874-1877: Joseph T. Hankinson
- 1877-1879: James S. Smart
- 1879-1881: John S. Joslin
- 1881-1882: John S. Joslin & James R. Lambley
- 1883-1885: Oliver J. Perrin
- 1885-1890: Roland Woodhams
- 1890-1892: Edward A. Bray
- 1892-1894: Andrew J. Richards
- 1894-1895: Herbert J. Johnson
- 1895-1896: John I. Nickerson
- 1896-1898: Joel B. Goss
- 1898-1900: Frank L. Osborne
- 1900-1906: William W. Will
- 1906-1909: Harvey G. Pearce
- 1909-1913: Norman LaMarche
- 1913-1916: William M. Dawe
- 1916-1920: George P. Davey
- 1920-1925: Frederick A. Lendrum
- 1925-1927: George G. Hicks
- 1927-1928: Frank C. Watters
- 1928-1929: Wesley J. Dudgeon
- 1929-1934: John Wesley LeVan
- 1934-1935: Fred Matthews
- 1935-1946: Joseph O.L. Spracklin
- 1946-1955: Gordon M. Wood
- 1955-1957: Benjamin C. Whaley
- 1957-1963: Lewis P. Compton
- 1963-1966: [Donald O. Crumm](#)
- 1966-1971: Bert Hosking
- 1971-1978: Charles Marble
- 1978-1982: Robert Worgess
- 1982-June 1994: James McLaurin
- July 1994-1999: Robert D. Harvey
- 1999-2002: Dale E. Brown
- 2002-2006: Fredrick D. Neumann
- 2006-2010: William W. Omansiek

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- 2010-February 2011: Raymond D. Wightman
- February 2011-2011: Robert Harvey
- 2011-2016: Susan E. Poynter Platt

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<b>Box 2</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative Board/Council<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1994-1995</li><li>○ 1996-1997</li><li>○ 1998-2005</li><li>○ 2006</li><li>○ 2007</li><li>○ 2008</li><li>○ 2009</li><li>○ 2010-2016</li></ul></li><li>• Audits, 1988 and 2013</li><li>• Bequests, 2002-2003</li><li>• Bulletins<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1990</li></ul></li></ul>
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<b>Box 8</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directories<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1954-1995</li><li>○ 1996-2001</li><li>○ 2005-2016</li></ul></li><li>• Easter Garden, 2001-2014</li></ul>

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<b>Box 9</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2002</li><li>○ 2006</li><li>○ 2007</li><li>○ 2008</li><li>○ 2009-2010</li><li>○ 2011-2012</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Box 10</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2013</li><li>○ 2014</li></ul></li><li>• Floor Plans</li><li>• History File (2 folders)</li><li>• History File – Clippings</li><li>• Inventory of Church, 1992</li><li>• Mary Watson Trust, 1992-1997</li><li>• Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Baptisms, 1992-1997</li><li>○ Certificates of Transfer<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1959-1986</li><li>▪ 2013-2016</li></ul></li><li>○ Changes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1986-1999</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Box 11</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Changes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 2008-2014</li></ul></li><li>○ General (2 folders)</li><li>○ New Members, Removals, Transfers, Baptisms, Marriages, 1998-2002</li><li>○ Record Book, 1982-1996 (including baptisms, marriages, deaths, membership)</li><li>○ Register, 1963-1987</li><li>○ Roll<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1930-2000 (including baptisms, marriages, and deaths) (1 folder)</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

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<b>Box 14</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newsletters<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2005</li><li>○ 2006</li><li>○ 2007</li><li>○ 2008</li><li>○ 2009</li><li>○ 2010</li><li>○ 2011</li><li>○ 2012</li><li>○ 2013</li><li>○ 2015-2016</li></ul></li><li>• Non-Profit Corporation Reports, 1981-2009</li><li>• Nurture/Outreach/Witness Minutes, 2012-2013</li></ul>

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<b>Box 16</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff-Parish Relations Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2001-2006</li><li>○ 2007-2008</li><li>○ 2009-2015</li></ul></li><li>• Trustees<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1983-1993</li><li>○ 2006-2015</li></ul></li><li>• Trustees – Annual Reports</li><li>• United Methodist Men<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1982-1989</li><li>○ 1990-1996 and 2002-2004</li><li>○ 2005-2006</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Box 17</b>	<b>Bay City Fremont</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• United Methodist Men<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2007-2008</li><li>○ 2009-2010</li><li>○ 2011-2013</li><li>○ 2014-2015</li></ul></li><li>• United Methodist Women<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2008-2010</li><li>○ 2012-2016</li></ul></li><li>• Videotape<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Catch the Spirit, 1987</li><li>○ Christmas Eve Service, 1991</li></ul></li></ul>



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