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Bay City Salem United Methodist Church Records, 1878-1972

History Note:

This church was founded in 1878 as Salem Evangelical Church. Due to later church mergers it became Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church and then Salem United Methodist Church. Many of those who organized this church had previously been members of Zion Evangelical Church and some Zion records are included. Salem and Bay City Thoburn shared ministers from 1975 until Salem closed around 1996.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains partially complete sets of minutes of the Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Society of World Service, and other groups within the church; a church record book listing members, baptism, marriages, and deaths; records of quarterly, local, and charge conferences; Sunday School records, and conference and financial records (both in German). Included among the earlier records are two volumes of records of Bay City Zion Evangelical Church, 1894-1909 (also in German). The earliest baptism and marriage records are also from Zion.

Extent:

1.6 linear feet (ca. 3,200 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

- 1878-1879: Franz A. Hamp & Charles C. Staffeld
- 1879-1881: Frederick Schweitzer
- 1881-1882: Frederick Mueller
- 1882-1885: John George Haller Jr.
- 1885-1887: Adolph Halmhuber
- 1887-1888: Frederick Klump
- 1888-1891: Carl Krueger
- 1891-1893: John George Haller Jr.
- 1893-1894: John M. Fuchs
- 1894-1896: John Riebel
- 1896-1898: Jacob Hommel
- 1898-1899: Nicol Wunderlich
- 1899-1902: Adolph Halmhuber
- 1902-1904: John M. Bittner
- 1904-1906: William M. Sippell
- 1906-1909: William F. Vogel
- 1909-1910: [Henry I. Voelker](#)
- 1910-1911: To be supplied
- 1911-1913: Absalom D. Faupel
- 1913-1916: Joseph A. Schweitzer
- 1916-1920: Gideon Knechtel
- 1920-1926: William Koteskey
- 1926-1928: Elmer D. Riebel
- 1928-1931: Frederick W. Kirn
- 1931-1933: George A. Spitler
- 1933-1937: William Theran Bandeen
- 1937-1948: Leon E. Willoughby
- 1948-1955: Orin M. Bailey
- 1955-1972: E. Neil Sheridan
- 1972-1978: Ralph Pratt
- 1978-1986: Donald W. Pinner
- 1983-1993: David Koski
- 1993-1995: Robin G. Gilshire
- 1995-1996: Claire A. Clingerman

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Container	Contents
Box 1	Bay City Salem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albright Brotherhood, 1932-1943• Annual Reports, 1963-1967• Bandeen Bible Class Minutes, 1960-1968• Church Conferences, 1898-1911 (in German)• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Marriages, and Memberships, 1878-1941 (all early records are from Zion Evangelical Church – see Oversize)○ Baptisms, Marriages, Memberships, and Deaths, 1937-1953 and some marriages, 1955-1972• Evening Circle Minutes, 1957-1971• Financial Registers (in German)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1898-1908○ 1898-1901○ 1902-1905
Box 2	Bay City Salem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History File• Ladies Aid Society/Woman’s Society of World Service Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1930-1935○ 1936-1942○ 1943-1948○ 1950-1951○ 1951-1959
Box 3	Bay City Salem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladies Aid Society/Woman’s Society of World Service Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1959-1971• League of Christian Endeavor/Youth Fellowship Treasury Book, 1933-1961• Quarterly Conference/Local Conference/Charge Conference Meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1921-1931○ 1949-1963○ 1965-1970
Box 4	Bay City Salem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday School Record<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1912○ 1913○ 1914○ 1915• Treasurer’s Reports, 1963-1984• Woman’s Missionary Society Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1930-1939○ 1940-1944

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1944-1949• Zion Evangelical Church Records, 1894-1909 (2 volumes)
Oversize 1	Bay City Salem <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Marriages, and Memberships, 1878-1941 (all early records are from Zion Evangelical Church)