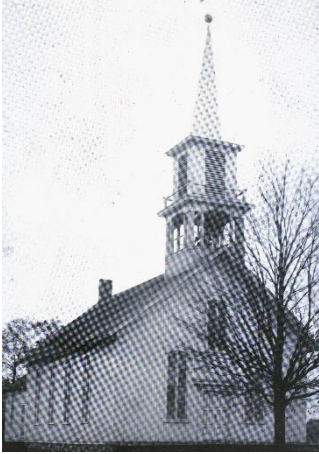




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Bennington United Methodist Church Records, 1869-2005

History Note:

This church was founded as a Methodist Episcopal Society in 1869. The church building was dedicated in 1871 and built at a cost of \$3,200. The church was in a number of circuits over its existence, sharing a circuit with other churches such as Newburg, Gale, Pittsburg, Burton, Laingsburg, Middlebury, and Morrice. The church merged with Middlebury United Methodist Church in 2005.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains meeting minutes, financial and legal documents, photographs, and vital records.

Extent:

2.2 linear feet (ca. 4,400 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.

Finding aid created by Rebecca J. McNitt, February 2012

Appointments List

- 1845-1846: Horace Hall
- 1846-1848: [Seth Reed](#)
- 1848-1849: [Francis Asbury Blades](#)
- 1849-1850: [Francis Asbury Blades](#) & Francis Glass
- 1850-1851: David Thomas
- 1851-1852: James B. Chamberlain
- 1852-1853: John W. Cawthorne & Thomas J. Joslin
- 1853-1854: Rufus C. Crane
- 1854-1855: John J. Whitmore
- 1855-1856: Samuel Wilkinson
- 1856-1858: William Sly
- 1858-1859: To be supplied
- 1859-1860: To be supplied
- 1860-1861: Samuel P. Lee
- 1861-1862: Elias B. Prindle
- 1862-1864: Joseph T. Hankinson
- 1870-1871: John Maywood
- 1871-1872: To be supplied
- 1872-1873: Duke Whitely
- 1873-1874: William J. Clack
- 1874-1876: Henry W. Thompson
- 1876-1877: Aaron R. Laing
- 1877-1880: Frederick Strong
- 1880-1881: [Henry W. Hicks](#)
- 1881-1883: Charles W. Austin
- 1883-1886: Rodney D. Robinson
- 1886-1889: John B. Oliver
- 1889-1891: Alexander S. Fair
- 1891-1893: [Philip J. Wright](#)
- 1893-1894: Judson P. Cooper
- 1894-1896: William H. Lloyd
- 1896-1899: Frederick Strong
- 1899-1900: Benjamin Reeve
- 1900-1901: John M. Wilson
- 1901-1905: William W. Benson
- 1905-1907: Roy C. Lord
- 1907-1909: Martin Wilmot Weaver
- 1909-1911: James F. Emerick
- 1911-1913: Samuel A. Carey
- 1913-1914: William J. Weidenhammer
- 1914-1915: Charles W. Barnum
- 1915-1916: George Wesley Wright
- 1916-1917: To be supplied
- 1917-1921: Burton A. Cramton
- 1921-1925: Edward F. Hildebrand
- 1925-1926: Bert Ede
- 1926-1928: Samuel J. Pollock

Appointments List

- 1928-1929: Unknown
- 1929-1931: Hedley Bennett
- 1931-1932: John E. Austin
- 1932-1935: Arthur C. Thompson
- 1935-1943: William J. Robinson
- 1943-1946: Herbert N. Hichens
- 1946-1949: Ralph W. Brown
- 1949-1951: Carl M. Kilmer
- 1951-1955: Lloyd F. Merrell
- 1955-1960: Leon E. Dayringer
- 1960-1967: George F. Bolitho
- September 1967-1972: Richard Andrus
- 1972-1976: Terry A. Euper
- 1976-1980: James E. Paige Jr.
- 1977-1980: Margaret A. Paige (Co-Pastor)
- 1980-1990: Charles J. Bamberger
- 1990-1993: Donald Woolum
- 1993-1997: John H. Schneider Jr.
- 1997-1998: Penney Meints
- 1998-2004: Arthur R. Turner
- 2004-2005: Jeremy T. Peters
- 2005-2005: J. Gordon Schleicher

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