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Caro United Methodist Church Records, 1905-2012

History Note:

Although Methodists began meeting in what is now Caro in 1855, the construction of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in 1870 marks the first permanent structure. In more recent times, it merged with what was originally the Sherman Street Methodist Protestant Church (1941) and the Caro and Fairgrove Evangelical churches (1971). This church remains open.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains records of women's societies, including the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and United Methodist Women.

Extent:

1.2 linear feet (ca. 2,400 pages)

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Appointments List

Caro and Fairgrove Evangelical Churches

- 1872-1876: William M. Berge
- 1876-1878: John Miller
- 1878-1880: Frederick W. Klump
- 1880-1882: William F. Binder
- 1882-1883: Ernest H. Hess
- 1883-1885: Benjamin F. Wade
- 1885-1887: Henry Voelker
- 1887-1891: Nicol Wunderlich
- 1891-1893: George J. Kirn
- 1893-1895: Adolph Bogen
- 1895-1899: William C. Swenk
- 1899-1902: Phillip H. Pohly
- 1902-1905: Warren Brown
- 1905-1909: Albert Ostroth
- 1909-1913: Oscar C. Penticoff
- 1913-1915: Herman C. Heissie
- 1915-1916: Garfield H. Kellerman
- 1916-1918: Charles H. Howe
- 1918-1923: Charles F. Smith
- 1923-1926: Sumner Young
- 1926-1927: Benjamin Mohr
- 1927-1930: Arthur C. DeVries
- 1930-1935: Charles A. Sanders
- 1935-1939: William F. Boettcher
- 1939-1944: Rex H. Lahr
- 1944-1946: Elmer Pritchard

Caro and Fairgrove Evangelical United Brethren Churches

- 1946-1948: Elmer Pritchard
- 1948-1952: Maurice Beers
- 1952-1954: [Arthur Spafford](#)
- 1954-1959: Donald H. Thompson
- 1959-1966: Murray H. Willard
- 1966-1971: G. Charles Ball

Caro Methodist Protestant Church

- 1899-1901: Gallard Mikel
- 1901-1902: Robert Rutledge
- 1902-1904: Frederick Traver
- 1904-1906: Leonard E. Hague
- 1906-1908: Charles E. Perry
- 1908-1908: Robert Rutledge
- 1908-1909: John C. Searles
- 1909-1910: Mrs. Nene Gray
- 1910-1911: To be supplied
- 1911-1912: Adolph Bush
- 1912-January 1915: Unsupplied (except for two months in 1914, served by William H. Cole)

Appointments List

- January 1915-1915: H.L. Yakes
- 1915-September 1915: In President's Hands
- September 1915-1916: [David N. Earl](#)
- 1916-1917: Mical R. Saigeon
- 1917-1918: Walter Mollan
- 1918-1919: Gallard Mikel
- 1919-1920: Fred L. Crandell
- 1920-1922: John C. Davis
- 1922-1923: Fred E. Hart
- 1923-1925: Davis A. Van Doren
- 1925-1926: Herman A. Hudgins
- 1926-1926: B.A. Tahash
- 1926-1928: Edward Swadling
- 1928-1930: Richard R. Terwilliger
- 1930-1939: William Henry Clark
- 1939-1942: Clayton F. Oliver

Watrousville and Caro

- 1866-1867: Jesse B. Russell
- 1867-1869: James H. Caster
- 1869-1870: Robert C. Lanning

Caro

- 1870-1871: John Whiteside

Caro and Ellington

- 1871-1873: George Stowe

Caro

- 1873-1875: William P. Maywood
- 1875-1878: John W. Campbell
- 1878-1880: George H. Field
- 1880-1882: Joseph F. Berry
- 1882-1882: John P. Varner
- 1882-1883: William W. Benson
- 1883-1886: Isaac H. Riddick
- 1886-1888: Jesse Kilpatrick
- 1888-1891: Elias W. Frazee
- 1891-1892: James A. Lowry
- 1892-1895: Miram W. Gifford
- 1895-1899: John B. Whitford
- 1899-1900: Roland Woodhams
- 1900-1903: Isaac E. Springer
- 1903-1907: [Henry Addis Leeson](#)
- 1907-1911: Howard A. Field
- 1911-1912: Sullivan C. Robinson
- 1912-1916: Edgar J. Warren
- 1916-1917: Hartley Cansfield

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- 1917-1918: Sherman W.F. Garnett
- 1918-1920: Frederick A. Lendrum
- 1920-1922: Norman C. Karr
- 1922-1925: Clifford E. Doty
- 1925-1927: [James T.M. Stephens](#)
- 1927-1929: Peter Isaac Osborne
- 1929-1935: Henry W. Kuhlman
- 1935-1941: Arnold F. Runkel
- 1941-1946: Edward Ray Willson
- 1946-1948: Stanford S. Closson
- 1948-1956: Joseph D. Dibley
- 1956-1963: Ralph D. Churchill
- 1963-1968: Paul M. Cargo
- 1966-1971: G. Charles Ball (Caro & Fairgrove EUB)
- 1968-1971: Benjamin C. Whaley (Caro First)
- 1971-1972: Benjamin C. Whaley & G. Charles Ball (merged church)
- 1972-1975: Ronald Thompson
- 1975-1975: John Marvin (interim)
- 1975-1983: Clive Dickins
- 1978-1981: Brian Kunding (Associate)
- 1981-1983: Bonnie Welch (Associate)
- 1983-1988: John Bunce
- 1988-1999: Calvin Blue
- 1999-2006: Duane E. Miller
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- 2016-Present: Anthony J. Tomasino

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