



Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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Decker United Methodist Church Records, 1895-1992

History Note:

The exact date of founding of the Decker Methodist Episcopal Church is unclear. They celebrated their 75th anniversary in 1968, but one source says that the first class was organized in 1883 and the first church was built in 1896. It is clear that the church was organized at Lamotte, Michigan and moved to Decker around 1913. The church was discontinued on 31 December 2013.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains meeting minutes, church and quarterly conference reports, treasurer's reports, Sunday School records, and the records of the Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the United Methodist Women.

Extent:

1.7 linear feet (ca. 3,400 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.

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Appointments List

- 1902-1903: Benjamin C. Moore
- 1903-1904: Robert A. Emerick
- 1904-1907: John N. McCready
- 1907-1909: George H. Hopkins
- 1909-1911: Wilmot L. Moore
- 1911-1912: Horace L. Donigan
- 1912-1913: R.S. Western
- 1913-1914: H.C. Hammond
- 1914-1915: Joseph K. Dibden
- 1915-1916: To be supplied
- 1916-1917: W. Henry Harris
- 1917-1919: Arthur C. Thompson
- 1919-1920: John B. Sluyter
- 1920-1922: John J. Pacey
- 1922-1923: Paul L. Lowry
- 1923-1925: Walter L. Jones
- 1925-1926: John A. Sherlock
- 1926-1928: Charles H. Wright
- 1928-1929: Bert Ede
- 1929-1935: James H. James
- 1935-1937: Howard A. Cole
- 1937-1942: [Frank M. Purdy](#)
- 1942-1944: George Irvine Friday
- 1944-1945: George W. Hoffman
- 1945-1946: Robert J. Chase & Floyd W. Porter
- 1946-1951: Horace N. Freeman
- 1951-1954: Lewis Edwin Caister
- 1954-1958: George A. Marshall
- 1958-1963: Joseph E. Shaw
- 1963-1968: William J. Burgess
- 1968-1972: Stephen Chapko
- 1972-1973: Carl Shamblen
- 1973-1974: Carl Silvernail & William J. Burgess (interim)
- 1974-1976: Wayne A. Rhoades
- 1976-1981: John E. Tatgenhorst
- 1981-1982: Hayden K. Carruth
- 1982-1986: James L. Rule
- 1986-1991: Wallace Peter Crawford
- 1991-1993: Jan L. Baderstadt
- 1993-1997: James A. Rencontre & Jean B. Rencontre
- 1997-2000: Jean B. Rencontre
- 2000-2010: Ellen F. Burns
- 2000-2001: John Heim (Associate)
- 2001-August 2004: Frederick J. McDowell
- 2005-2010: Robert A. Srock (Associate)
- 2010-December 2013: Frederick J. McDowell

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Box 2	Decker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ladies' Aid Society Meeting Minutes and Record Book<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1926-1937• Official Board• Official Board, 1945-1950• Sunday School Record Book, 1926-1927• Sunday School Secretary's Record Book, 1927-1932• Treasurer's Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1982-1984○ 2013• United Methodist Women Meeting Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1976-1988○ 1988-1992○ 2002-2013
Box 3	Decker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary's Record Book<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1940-1948○ 1948-1957○ 1957-1968• Woman's Society of Christian Service/United Methodist Women Secretary's Record Book, 1968-1975
Oversize 1	Decker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Memberships, Marriages, and Deaths, 1951-2012