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Detroit Bethany United Methodist Church

Records, 1921-1973

History Note:

This church was founded in 1843 as Lee Chapel. It was later known as Leesville Methodist Episcopal Church. It was renamed Detroit Bethany Methodist Episcopal Church in the 1920s. It closed around 1973.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains records of baptisms, weddings, deaths, church membership, and an extensive typed history of the church.

Extent:

1.3 linear feet (ca. 2,600 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 updated by Rebecca J. McNitt, May 2014

Appointments List

- 1851-1852: Thomas Wakelin
- 1852-1853: [Riley C. Crawford](#)
- 1853-1854: Richard McConnell
- 1854-1855: Joseph W. Holt
- 1855-1857: John A. Baughman
- 1857-1858: William C. Way
- 1858-1860: Thomas Wakelin
- 1860-1861: Jason W. Kellogg
- 1861-1863: Thomas Stalker
- 1863-1865: Thomas G. Potter
- 1865-1867: Squire E. Warren
- 1867-1868: [John W. Crippen](#)
- 1868-1870: Thomas Wakelin
- 1870-1871: Alfred Allen
- 1871-1873: John M. Truscott
- 1873-1874: George W. Owen
- 1874-1877: Henry N. Brown
- 1877-1878: James H. Kilpatrick
- 1878-1880: John M. Truscott
- 1880-1883: Isaac Johnston
- 1883-1884: Squire E. Warren
- 1884-1885: John B. Goodson
- 1885-1888: Levi L. Houghton
- 1888-1889: Robert C. Lanning
- 1889-1892: Isaac Johnston
- 1892-1897: John Wesley
- 1897-1898: John A. McIlwain
- 1898-1900: Otto L. Dreys
- 1899-1900: J.L. Mershon
- 1900-1902: Edwin P. Pierce
- 1902-1906: Alvin F. Knoblock
- 1904-1906: Levi P. Goodwin
- 1906-1909: Avery Brugh
- 1909-1910: Frank James Grant
- 1910-1911: Lewis F. Rayfield
- 1911-1921: John H. McCune
- 1921-1924: Erwin King
- 1923-1924: Robert L. Diem
- 1924-1928: John Meredith
- 1928-1935: Edward F. Dunlavy
- 1935-1944: Horace H. Mallinson
- 1944-1946: Charles C. Becker
- 1946-1949: Edwin B. Pearce
- 1949-1951: Robert D. Richards
- 1951-1956: James Douglas Parker
- 1956-1958: Kenneth W. Burgess
- 1958-1960: Robert C. Laphew

Appointments List

- 1960-1963: Lloyd W. Jewett
- 1963-1964: Taylor Carson
- 1964-1969: Alfred Thomas Bamsey
- 1969-1971: Charles Edward Strawn
- 1971-1972: Supplied by East Side Parish
- 1972-1973: To be supplied

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Box 2	Detroit Bethany <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Back rolls○ Current rolls
Box 3	Detroit Bethany <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photographs (2 folders)• Quarterly Conference Minutes, 1906-1911• Typed History (2 folders)
Oversize 1	Detroit Bethany <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, and Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1958-1970