



Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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Detroit Ford Memorial United Methodist Church Records, 1929-2014

History Note:

This church was named in memory of William Samuel Ford, a “staunch Methodist” who lived in Dearborn, Michigan. He welcomed local circuit riders to stop at his home to preach and even reserved one of the bedrooms in his home for the local minister. The first incarnation of this church was dedicated in October 1898. The third incarnation of the church had its groundbreaking in 1952, with the church being consecrated in May 1957. The church celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1998. It remains open in its present location on Warren Avenue, near Asbury Park.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains church records, a pulpit bible, charge conference reports, correspondence, meeting minutes, a scrapbook, and photographs.

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.

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Appointments List

- 1898-1904: D. Burnham Tracy
- 1904-1905: Fraselli Scoltoc DeVona
- 1905-1907: Herbert C. Cooley
- 1907-1910: Lewis F. Rayfield
- 1910-1914: [Russell D. Hopkins](#)
- 1914-1916: Frank N. Miner
- 1916-1917: Unknown
- 1917-1918: George R. Millard
- 1918-1919: Charles P. Bayless
- 1919-1920: Weldon F. Crossland
- 1920-1923: Easton H. Hazard
- 1923-1924: William M. Dawe
- 1924-1925: Elmer W. Foster
- 1925-1927: George A. Bowles
- 1927-1929: Arthur E. Smith
- 1929-1934: William H. MacClenthen
- 1934-1936: John E. Marvin
- 1936-1940: Ensworth T. Reisner
- 1940-1948: Charles P. Bayless
- 1948-1958: Verle J. Carson
- 1958-1959: Gernsey F. Gorton
- 1959-1960: Albert E. Hartoog
- 1960-1965: William J. Rosemurgy
- 1965-1974: Jack Edward Fulcher
- 1974-1978: D. Clyde Carpenter
- 1978-1986: Juanita J. Ferguson
- 1986-June 1994: Faith E. Fowler
- July 1994-1998: Lawrence A. Wik
- 1998-November 1999: Olaf Ludums
- May 2000-March 2016: Kenneth Bryant Jr.
- 2016-Present: Donald Beasley

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Box 3	Detroit Ford Memorial <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History File (2 folders)• Korean Orphanage Letters and Scrapbook• Membership Transitions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1944-1962○ 1974
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