



## Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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## Detroit Zion United Methodist Church Records, 1856-1997

### History Note:

The Mack Avenue Evangelical Church began as a mission of the First Evangelical Church of Detroit and eventually absorbed that older church (founded in 1858). In 1952, it merged with the Hereford Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Mission to form Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church. Grace Church became Zion United Methodist Church upon the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Soon thereafter, Bethel United Methodist Church (which had formerly been Bethany Evangelical United Brethren and even earlier Kercheval Avenue Evangelical United Brethren) merged into Zion. Zion closed in 1996.

### Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on each of the merged churches, the collection records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths; and church membership, quarterly conference minutes and reports, and administrative council and trustee records.

### Extent:

4.4 linear feet (ca. 8,800 pages)

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Restrictions on Use:

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## Appointments List

### Detroit First Evangelical

- 1856-1857: Benjamin F. Keller
- 1857-1859: J.P. Schnatz
- 1859-1861: C. Tramer
- 1861-1863: John Meck
- 1863-1866: John M. Haug
- 1866-1868: Christian Ude
- 1868-1870: Martin Speck
- 1870-1871: Ernest H. Hess
- 1870-1872: John M. Fuchs
- 1871-1872: M. Schweitzer
- 1872-1874: Frederick Mueller
- 1872-1875: Charles Deike
- 1875-1878: Frederick Mueller
- 1878-1879: Jacob Frankhauser
- 1879-1880: Carl G. Koch
- 1880-1883: Frederick Klump
- 1883-1884: William F. Zander
- 1884-1886: Charles C. Staffeld
- 1886-1889: John M. Haug
- 1889-1892: Adolph Halmhuber
- 1892-1895: Andrew Kaechele
- 1895-1898: Nicol Wunderlich
- 1898-1899: Charles C. Staffeld
- 1899-1902: Frederick W. Dill
- 1902-1906: Adolph Halmhuber
- 1906-1909: Henry Schuknecht
- 1909-1914: John Riebel
- 1914-1916: William F. Boettcher
- 1916-1917: Charles F. Giese

### Detroit Mack Avenue

- 1906-1909: Edward Garfield Johnson
- 1909-1910: George Koehler
- 1910-1912: John M. Nyce
- 1912-1919: J. Adolph Halmhuber
- 1919-1922: Chandler B. Stroh
- 1921-1922: Benjamin G. Thomas
- 1922-1926: Clyde C. Gibson
- 1926-1928: William H. Watson
- 1928-1932: [Henry I. Voelker](#)
- 1932-1940: William Koteskey
- 1940-1947: [Henry I. Voelker](#)
- 1944-1945: Garfield H. Kellerman Jr.
- 1947-1948: Cletus A. Parker
- 1948-1952: Lloyd S. Scheifele

## Appointments List

### Detroit Kercheval/Bethany/Bethel

- 1914-1915: Elmer D. Riebel
- 1914-1915: John H. Soltman
- 1915-1917: Lewis H. Hayes
- 1917-1918: Charles F. Giese
- 1918-1919: Leroy Polmanteer
- 1919-1926: John W. Hill
- 1926-1929: Sumner Young
- 1929-1932: John F. Schurman
- 1932-1951: Arthur C. Bauman
- 1951-1957: Edgar S. Faust
- 1957-1961: James W. Dempsey
- 1961-1963: [Chester J. Erickson](#)
- 1963-1968: [Myron R. Everett](#)
- 1968-1969: Roger F. Gedcke
- 1969-1970: Ronald D. Carter

### Detroit Hereford Avenue

- 1925-1926: John W. Hill
- 1926-1926: Sumner Young
- 1926-1930: Harold L. Quint
- 1930-1932: Alvia Reynolds
- 1932-1933: L.E. Chamberlain
- 1933-1951: Paul R. Crabtree
- 1951-1952: Lloyd S. Scheifele

### Detroit Grace

- 1952-1955: Lloyd S. Scheifele
- 1955-1964: Ray H. Kretzschmer
- 1964-1968: Ronald D. Carter

### Detroit Zion

- 1968-October 1970: Ronald D. Carter
- April 1970-1972: William Kendall
- 1972-1976: Elwood Berkompas
- 1976-February 1978: Robert Worgess
- March 1978-December 1978: Richard McCanon
- February 1979-October 1983: Reginald H. Cattell
- November 1983-1989: Troy Lemmons
- January 1989-1992: Sharon Scott
- 1992-1994: Jill Hardt Zundel
- 1994-1997: Bea B. Soots

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