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Dearborn Heights Warren Valley United Methodist Church Records, 1954-2018

History Note:

This church was founded in 1954 by members of Detroit Ford Memorial Methodist Church. It held its first service on 21 November 1954 at Haston Junior High School. The groundbreaking ceremony for the church was held 7 October 1956. The old Detroit Henderson Memorial Methodist Church was moved to the new church site and placed on a fresh foundation with the first services being held in the building on 12 January 1958. It was consecrated 2 February 1958 by Bishop Marshall Reed. Over the first decade in the church building, the church was completely remodeled. The church was discontinued 30 June 2018.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains vital records, bulletins, newsletters, directories, financial reports, and meeting minutes.

Extent:

2.5 linear feet (ca. 5,000 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.

Appointments List

- 1954-1960: William G. Vowell
- 1960-1964: Richard E. Burgess
- 1964-1966: Paul E. Lowley
- 1966-1967: Robert Secrist
- 1967-1968: Dean W. Parker
- 1968-1972: Dwight W. Murphy
- 1972-1976: Leonard C. Ritzler
- 1976-1991: George H. Hawk
- 1991-September 1994: Robert C. Strobridge
- October 1994-1995: Karen Welch
- 1995-1996: Karen Vo To
- April 1998-2012: Robert Sielaff
- 2012-December 2014: Chong Youb Won
- January 2015-2018: Tom Waller

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