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Flint Central United Methodist Church Records, 1867-2002

History Note:

Regular Methodist services began in Flint in 1835 and led to the construction of the Court Street Church a few years later. When that church burned to the ground in 1861, it was rebuilt, but some members who lived north of the river began to build another church on Garland Street. The Garland Street Methodist Episcopal Church replaced its 1861 structure in 1888 and eventually moved to a new location on Ballenger Highway in 1959. Beginning in 1924, the church became known as Central Methodist Episcopal Church. The church closed in 2002.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains vital records, meeting minutes, church conference reports, treasurer's reports, bulletins, newsletters, and Sunday School records.

Extent:

11.6 linear feet (ca. 23,200 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

- 1861-1862: Isaac Crawford
- 1862-1865: Orrin Whitmore
- 1865-1867: [Elisha E. Caster](#)
- 1867-1868: [Erastus R. Hascall](#)
- 1868-1871: William Q. Burnett
- 1871-1873: William Fox
- 1873-1875: Jacob Horton
- 1875-1878: George W. Lowe
- 1878-1879: Thomas J. Joslin
- 1879-1880: Alfred F. Bourns
- 1880-1883: William Q. Burnett
- 1883-1885: Elias W. Frazee
- 1885-1890: Henry S. White
- 1890-1895: George W. Jennings
- 1895-1898: William Wallace Washburn
- 1898-1902: George N. Kennedy
- 1902-1906: Gillespie H. Whitney
- 1906-1912: [Edwin D. Dimond](#)
- 1912-1914: William H. Rider
- 1914-1917: George W. Olmstead
- 1917-1919: James S. Steininger
- 1919-1920: James S. Steininger & Horace Mallinson
- 1920-1921: David Hasler Glass & Samuel A. Carey
- 1921-1926: David Hasler Glass
- 1925-1941: [Edwin D. Dimond](#) (Associate)
- 1926-1928: [Russell D. Hopkins](#)
- 1928-1934: DeWitt C. Littlejohn
- 1934-1938: Walter B. Heyler
- 1938-1946: John Meredith
- 1943-1946: [Edwin D. Dimond](#) (Associate)
- 1946-1949: L. LaVerne Finch
- 1949-1953: Lloyd H. Nixon
- 1953-1961: William Leslie Williams
- 1953-1957: Beatrice Townsend (Associate)
- 1960-1961: Easton H. Hazard (Associate)
- 1961-1967: Harold A. Nessel
- 1965-1967: Charles Robert Marble (Associate)
- 1967-1973: Lewis C. Sutton
- 1969-1973: Alfred P. Landon (Associate)
- 1973-1979: Arthur B. Howard
- 1973-1984: William J. Rosemurgy (Associate)
- 1977-1978: Patricia A. Meyers (Associate)
- 1978-1980: Stanley J. Garment (Associate)
- 1979-October 1987: William Verhelst
- 1980-1984: John Wallace (Associate)
- January 1988-1992: Dale M. Miller
- 1992-1998: Roger L. Colby

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- 1992-2002: Donald E. Hall (Pastor of Visitation)
- 1998-August 2000: Dwight J. Burton
- January 2001-2002: Latha Ravi

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