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Gilford United Methodist Church Records, 1914-2005

History Note:

This church was created as the result of a camp meeting held in the fall of 1887 as a United Brethren Church. It was dedicated in September 1889. The merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches in 1968 resulted in Gilford Evangelical United Brethren becoming Gilford United Methodist Church. In 1969, it was put into a charge with Fairgrove United Methodist Church. A Michigan Historical Marker was placed at the church during its centennial in 1989. This church was discontinued in June 2006.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains meeting minutes, bulletins, vital records, conference reports, Sunday School records, United Methodist Women records, and other 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

Appointments between 1887 and 1899 are missing, Gilford may have shared ministers with neighboring churches.

- 1887-1888: David S. Arnold
- 1899-1900: Eugene J. Hall
- 1900-December 1902: Benjamin Franklin Fowler
- January 1903-April 1904: C.J. Miller
- May 1904-1904: Milton C. Williams
- 1904-January 1906: James Turner
- January 1906-1906: John O. Emerick/Emrick
- 1906-December 1906: G.W. Fisher
- 1907-December 1907: To be supplied
- December 1907-March 1908: C.E. Jarvis
- March 1908-December 1908: Augusta Albertson
- December 1908-June 1909: J.B. Seymour
- 1909-1911: Gladys Hawkins
- 1911-October 1911: David S. Arnold
- October 1911-June 1912: Aaron W. Snapp
- 1912-1913: William J. Tarrant
- 1913-May 1914: Anna Schultz
- May 1914-1914: Emery Loeffel
- 1914-1914: Joseph L. Ickes
- 1914-1915: To be supplied
- 1915-1916: F.E. Presgraves & Charles N. Gladwell
- 1916-1918: Charles N. Gladwell
- 1918-1919: Perry L. Wolf
- 1919-1921: Adam F. Light
- 1921-1921: William D. Stratton
- 1921-1922: Adam F. Light
- 1922-1923: Ernest E. Rhoads & Anna Shultz
- 1923-1925: Anna Shultz
- 1925-1926: I. Earl Longenbaugh & Ghoully E. Warren
- 1926-1929: James A. Reynolds
- 1929-1931: J. Elmer Lutz
- 1931-1932: Ernest Frank Highley
- 1932-1933: Ernest Frank Highley & Robert E. Uhrig
- 1933-1934: Robert E. Uhrig
- 1934-1936: Milton R. Davis
- 1936-1937: Harry D. Meads
- 1937-1938: G. Edgar Schade
- 1938-1941: Lester A. Dana
- 1941-1942: Merl Wolverton
- 1942-1946: Wilbur A. Williams
- 1946-December 1948: Walter W. Arnold
- June 1949-1952: [Chester J. Erickson](#)
- 1952-1953: Walton Crothers
- 1953-1958: Seward C. Walton
- 1958-1963: Daniel F. Binder

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- 1963-1965: Samuel R. Wurtz
- 1965-1969: Carl J. Litchfield
- 1969-1972: David L. Saucier
- 1972-1978: Donald P. Haskell
- 1978-1981: John G. Park
- 1981-1984: C. William Bollinger
- 1984-1992: Otto Flachsmann
- 1992-1996: David G. Mulder
- January 1997-1999: Kevin Harbin
- 1999-August 1999: Kevin C. Zaborney
- May 2000-September 2001: Fredric Heath
- 2002-June 2006: David A. Wichert

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