



Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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Middlebury United Methodist Church Records, 1954-2005

History Note:

Middlebury United Methodist Church began construction in 1872 in response to the religious classes that had been held in local homes over the previous thirty-five years. It was dedicated in 1873. It eventually became part of the Middlebury Circuit, which also included Ovid, Warren, Mungerville (now Burton), Howard, Sciota, and Laingsburg. The circuit changed its name from the Middlebury Circuit to the Laingsburg Circuit in 1876. This church remains open.

Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains quarterly/charge conference reports, bulletins, insurance information, estate contributions, and administrative board meeting minutes.

Extent:

0.8 linear feet (ca. 1,600 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.

Finding aid updated by William H. McNitt, May 2014

Appointments List

- 1857-1858: Elisha C. Wright
- 1858-1859: Elisha E. Caster & Henry W. Hicks
- 1859-1861: William M. Triggs
- 1861-1862: Jesse B. Russell
- 1862-1863: To be supplied
- 1863-1864: Joseph B. Varnum
- 1864-1865: Flavel Brittan
- 1865-1867: Josiah G. Morgan
- 1867-1868: Alfred Allen
- 1868-1869: Thomas G. Omans
- 1869-1870: Albert B. Clough
- 1870-1872: Nathan W. Pierce
- 1872-1874: Samuel Bird
- 1874-1876: Joel B. Goss
- 1876-1879: George M. Lyon
- 1879-1881: John H. McIntosh
- 1881-1884: [N. Norton Clark](#)
- 1884-1885: Oscar W. Willit
- 1885-1888: Alva G. Blood
- 1888-1889: Frank L. Osborne
- 1889-1890: George S. Wier
- 1890-1892: Paul DesJardins
- 1892-1894: Gilbert C. Squire
- 1894-1898: Justus A. Rowe
- 1898-1902: DeWitt C. Challis
- 1902-1907: Manley P. Karr
- 1907-1910: Fred I. Walker
- 1910-1914: Lewis H. Stevens
- 1914-1916: Dow D. Nagle
- 1916-1920: George Wesley Wright
- 1920-1922: Fred H. Townsend
- 1922-1925: Fred Matthews
- 1925-1931: Grant W. Sower
- 1931-1932: James J. Pearson
- 1932-1935: Arthur C. Thompson
- 1935-March 1943: William J. Robinson
- March 1943-1946: Herbert N. Hichens
- 1946-1949: Ralph W. Brown
- 1949-1954: Carl M. Kilmer
- 1954-1956: Robert E. Duff
- 1956-1957: Max Rauschenberger
- 1957-1969: Beatrice Townsend
- 1969-1972: Dale Ferris
- 1972-1977: Brian D. Kundinger
- 1977-1982: David K. Koski
- 1982-1986: L. Michael Pearson
- 1986-1990: Harold E. Weemhoff

Appointments List

- 1990-1993: Robert J. Easlick
- 1993-1996: J. Robert Anderson
- September 1996-1998: Nancy L. Bessemer
- 1998-2003: Weatherly A. Burkehead Verhelst
- 2003-2006: J. Gordon Schleicher
- January 2007-December 2008: Carl R. Cooke
- January 2009-April 2010: Norman R. Beckwith Jr.
- May 2010-2015: Don Wentz
- October 2015-2018: Joyce Wallace
- 2018-Present: Melanie S. Young

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