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Redford New Beginnings United Methodist Church Records, 1954-2020

History Note:

Redford New Beginnings came into existence in 2005 upon the merger of two older churches, Redford Rice Memorial and Redford Lola Valley. Rice Memorial was founded in 1954 and Lola Valley in 1955. When the two churches merged, they chose to use the Lola Valley property and the Rice Memorial parsonage. The church closed at the end of December 2021.

Scope Note:

In addition to History Files on the churches, the collection contains Sunday School records, meeting minutes, bulletins, newsletters, directories, photographs, property deeds, and vital records.

Extent:

5.7 linear feet (ca. 11,400 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 created by Rebecca J. McNitt, January 2022

Appointments List

Detroit Lola Valley/Redford Lola Valley

- 1955-1957: Alfred Ray Neelands
- 1957-1965: Richard C. Glass
- 1965-1972: Jon Marvin Clapp
- 1972-1974: Harold Jon Slater
- 1974-1984: George H. Kilbourn
- 1984-1990: John Wallace
- 1990-14 April 1994: Susan Bennett Stiles
- 15 April 1994-1 January 1997: Paula Timm
- 1997-2000: Raymond D. Wightman
- 2000-31 December: Gregory E. Rowe

Detroit Rice Memorial/Redford Rice Memorial

- 1955-1958: L.C. Lee
- 1958-1964: Floyd H. Sullivan
- 1964-1967: Gordon Earl Ackerman
- 1967-1969: Paul Calvin Frederick
- 1 January 1970-March 1974: James Ralph Barnes
- March 1974-April 1979: Donna Jeanne Lindberg
- April 1979-1986: John Clair Ferris
- 1986-1990: Duane J. Hicks
- 1990-30 November 1994: Robert Duggan
- 1 February 1995-31 December 2004: Gregory E. Rowe

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- 1 January 2005-2006: Gregory E. Rowe
- 2006-2007: Kenneth B. Ray
- 2007-2008: John H. Amick
- 2008-1 April 2009: Ronald L.F. Iris
- 1 April 2009-2015: John J. Pajak
- 2015-12 December 2021: Diane Covington

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