



## Michigan Conference United Methodist Archives

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## Sault Sainte Marie Central United Methodist Church

Records, 1873-2016

### History Note:

This church was founded in 1873. It remains open.

### Scope Note:

In addition to a History File on the church, the collection contains records of baptisms, marriages, and church membership, minutes of church committees, files on the constructions of the education building, and church conference records. A set of spreadsheets created by church member Marvin and Charlene DeWitt provide an index to the records. The collection also contains the records (1966-1977) of the Wesley Foundation of Sault Sainte Marie, which served students at Lake Superior State College (now University).

### Extent:

11.7 linear feet (ca. 23,400 pages)

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Restrictions on Use:

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Finding aid created by William H. McNitt, October 2011 (revised August 2014, September 2015, June and December 2016, March 2017, July 2018)

## Appointments List

- 1873-1876: Isaac Johnston
- 1876-1877: Charles L. Church
- 1877-1879: Samuel J. Brown
- 1879-1882: [David B. Millar](#)
- 1882-1885: [William E. Bigelow](#)
- 1885-1887: Gillespie H. Whitney
- 1887-1890: [David Casler](#)
- 1890-1893: James W. Whalen
- 1893-1897: Calvin M. Thompson
- 1897-1900: Arthur W. Stalker
- 1900-1903: Charles B. Steele
- 1903-1907: Matthew C. Hawks
- 1907-1908: Horace Westwood
- 1908-1912: Simpson W. Horner
- 1912-1915: David Stanley Shaw
- 1915-1918: S. Arthur Cook
- 1918-1922: Eli P. Bennett
- 1922-1926: Joseph Dutton
- 1926-1929: George B. Marsh
- 1929-1934: Marshall W. Hoyt
- 1934-1937: Clyde M. Gearhart
- 1937-1943: Ross W. Stoakes
- 1943-1950: Walter T. Ratcliffe
- 1950-1954: [Walter C.B. Saxman](#)
- 1954-1958: James R. Balfour
- 1958-1965: Verle J. Carson
- 1965-1967: Byron G. Hatch
- 1967-1972: Robert L.S. Brown
- 1972-1980: Theodore E. Doane
- 1980-1992: John Huhtala Sr.
- 1992-1993: David M. Liscomb
- 1993-1998: George A. Luciani
- 1998-February 2001: James H. McLaurin
- June 2001-2004: John N. Hamilton
- 2004-November 2011: Steven A. Miller
- January 2011-2011: John Huhtala Sr. (interim)
- 2011-2014: William R. Seitz
- 2014-2018: Larry D. Osweiler
- 2018-Present: Victoria L. Hadaway

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