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Shabbona United Methodist Church Records, 1899-1917 and 1952-2020

History Note:

The church began in 1887 and continued in existence until it disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church in 2020.

Scope Note:

This is an incomplete collection received from the last Methodist minister before disaffiliation. It contains church records (baptisms, death, marriages, and membership), church conference records, a history file, and other materials concerning the church, primarily from recent years.

Extent:

0.6 linear feet (ca. 1,200 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

- 1886-1887: Norman Karr
- 1887-1888: Unknown
- 1888-1889: Unknown
- 1889-1891: Manley Karr
- 1891-1895: John N. McCready
- 1895-1897: Thomas Nichol
- 1897-1898: Joseph C. Frye
- 1898-1899: John N. McCready
- 1899-1901: Charles W. Seelhoff
- 1901-1903: Arthur E. Beedon
- 1903-1904: David H. Kyes
- 1904-1905: George McCallum
- 1905-1907: Robert Stephenson
- 1907-1908: William Richards
- 1908-1909: George L. Traver
- 1909-1911: Wilmot L. Moore
- 1911-1911: Horace L. Donigan (interim)
- 1911-1912: R.S. Western
- 1912-1914: H.C. Hammond
- 1914-1916: Joseph K. Dibden
- 1916-1917: W. Henry Harris
- 1917-1919: Arthur C. Thompson
- 1919-1920: John B. Sluyter
- 1920-1922: John J. Pacey
- 1922-1922: Paul L. Lowry (interim)
- 1922-1923: F. Merle Townsend
- 1923-1925: Walter L. Jones
- 1925-1926: John A. Sherlock
- 1926-1928: Charles H. Wright
- 1928-1929: Bert Ede
- 1929-1935: James H. James
- 1935-1937: Howard A. Cole
- 1937-1942: [Frank M. Purdy](#)
- 1942-1944: George I. Friday
- 1944-1944: George W. Hoffman (interim)
- 1944-1945: Robert J. Chase
- 1945-1945: Floyd W. Porter (interim)
- 1945-1946: George A. Marshall
- 1947-1951: Horace N. Freeman
- 1951-1951: John Summers
- 1951-1954: Lewis E. Caister
- 1954-1958: George A. Marshall
- 1958-1963: Joseph E. Shaw
- 1963-1968: William J. Burgess
- 1968-1972: Stephen Chapko
- 1972-1973: Carl Shamblen

Appointments List

- 1973-1974: Carl Silvernail & William J. Burgess (interims)
- 1974-1976: Wayne A. Rhodes
- 1976-1981: John E. Tatgenhorst
- 1981-1982: Hayden K. Carruth
- 1982-1986: James L. Rule
- 1986-1991: Wallace Peter Crawford
- 1991-1993: Jan L. Baderstadt
- 1993-1997: James A. Rencontre
- 1993-2000: Jean B. Rencontre
- 2000-2010: Ellen Burns
- 2000-2001: John Heim (Associate)
- 2001-2003: Frederick J. McDowell (Associate)
- 2010-2014: Pamela K. Barnett
- 2014-2016: James Palaszecki
- 2016-March 2019: Dale Barber
- 2019-2020: Nancy J. Bitterling

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