

McLean County Museum of History

**Bloomington Methodist
Congregations Collection**

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box
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History

This collection contains a variety of histories of early Methodism in Bloomington. The focus is on the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Salem Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and First United Methodist.

Scope Note

This collection contains photocopies of histories about Methodism in Bloomington-Normal. There are some pamphlets and church bulletins.

Folder 1: Methodism in Bloomington

- 1.1 "Bloomington Methodism," photocopy of handwritten MS, 4 pgs
- 1.2 "Methodism in Bloomington," photocopy of typescript MS, 4 pgs; has edit markings
- 1.3 "Methodism in Bloomington," photocopy of typescript MS, 4 pgs; includes errata of Funk-Stubblefield genealogy
- 1.4 "This Week at Wesley, Methodism in Bloomington," photocopy of church bulletin, 2 pgs; 2 copies

Folder 2: United Methodism in Bloomington

- 2.1 "United Methodism in Bloomington," Calderwood, Robert C., photocopy of typescript MS, 4 pgs
- 2.2 "United Methodism in Bloomington, Calderwood, Robert C., photocopy of *The Central Illinois Historical Messenger: The United Methodist Church*, v. 10, no. 2, (between 1969-1980), 4 pgs

Folder 3: The Story of Our Church

- 3.1 "The Story of Our Church," photocopy of pamphlet, 4 pgs, no date

Folder 4: Early Methodism

- 4.1 Illinois Conference Historical Society Newsletter, photocopy, 1 pg, no date
- 4.2 "Early Methodism of the Early Churches of Bloomington, Normal," Kaff, John D., photocopy of typescript, 20 pgs

Folder 5: Methodism in McLean County, 1875

- 5.1 "Methodism in McLean County:", *Pantagraph*, March 1, 1875, photocopy, 2 pgs

Folder 6: American Methodist History

- 6.1 "1966 American Methodism's Bi-Centennial Year," photocopy of typescript MS, 2 pgs, January 1966
- 6.2 "1966 American Methodism's Bi-Centennial Year," photocopy of typescript MS, 2 pgs, with note explaining indebtedness to Rev. Henry G. Nylin the Conference Historian for the article
- 6.3 Methodist Church informational sheet, photocopy, no date

Folder 7: B-N Methodist Churches Chronology

- 7.1 "The Bloomington Normal Methodist Churches: A Chronology," Lotz, Chas. J., photocopy, 7 pgs, 2 copies

Folder 8: Bloomington Subscription Book, 1

- 8.1 "Bloomington Subscription Book, No. 1, 1856," photocopy of handwritten book, includes names and dues/donations

Folder 9: Epworth League Meetings

- 9.1 "Epworth Liga," German, photocopy, contains dates of meetings for 1899

Folder 10: Centennial Program 1924

- 10.1 "Centennial Service First Methodist Episcopal Church, Bloomington, Illinois, November 16, 1924," photocopy of bulletin, contains "History of First M.E. Church of Bloomington, Illinois," 2 pgs

Folder 11: Centennial 1836-1936

- 11.1 "Centennial of the Construction of the First Church Building Between Chicago and Springfield, First Methodist Episcopal Church," May 31, 1936, photocopy, 3 pgs

Folder 12: Bloomington First Church

- 12.1 "Bloomington First" [Church], photocopy of typescript MS, 3 pgs, no date

Folder 13: Short History of Salem Church

- 13.1 "A short history of the Salem Methodist Church of Bloomington, Ill.," Muhl, Fred, typescript of MS, 2 pgs, 1950 (also 2 pg photocopy of MS)

Folder 14: Salem Church Pastors

- 14.1 Scan of newspaper advertisement, no date
14.2 2 pg list of pastors, charge, conference, district, no date

Folder 15: Salem Church Abandonment

- 15.1 Photocopy of notes on abandonment of Salem Church Bloomington, Illinois, June 25, 1949
15.2 "To Whom it May Concern," concerning the merger history of the Salem Church, 1 pg
15.3 Notes from the Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, June 11, 1949, 1 pg (2 copies)
15.4 "60 Year Old Church to Be Razed," *Pantagraph*, p. 3, July 8, 1949, photocopy
15.5 Photocopy of various "How Time Flies," from the *Pantagraph*, 1873-1949
15.6 Photocopy of newspaper photos, Grace Methodist Church and Salem Church, *Pantagraph*, March 8, 1970

Folder 16: History of First Methodist Church

- 16.1 "History of the First Methodist Church, Bloomington, Ill.," Lange, Louise A., typescript of MS, 20 pgs, 1950, 2 copies

Folder 17: Pastors Who Served First Methodist

- 17.1 "Pastors who served First Methodist Church Bloomington," photocopy of typescript, 2 pgs, no date

Folder 18: McClun History of First United Methodist Church

- 18.1 "The Church's History," McClun, John, *Pantagraph*, May 30, 1881, photocopy, 2 copies
18.2 "Fathers in Israel, Pioneers of Early Methodism at the Anniversary Exercises at the First Methodist Church," *Pantagraph*, May 28, 1881, photocopy
18.3 List of names corresponding to *Pantagraph* articles from 1881

Folder 19: Jubilamsbuch

- 19.1 "Jubilaumsbuch der St.Louis Deutchen Konferenz", German, by E.C. Margaret, Friedrich Munz, and Geo. B. Addicks, 1907, photocopy, 10 pgs
- 19.2 Translation of "Jubilaumsbuch der St. Louis Deutchen Konferenz," photocopy, 3 pgs
- 19.3 Translation of "Jubilaumsbuch" by the German Methodist Church of Bloomington, Illinois, photocopy, 2 pgs, 2 copies
- 19.4 Translation of "Jubilaumsbuch" titled, "Bloomington, Illinois," photocopy, 4 pgs, no date

Folder 20: First Methodist Episcopal Church Easter Program

- 20.1 "First Methodist Episcopal Church Program for Easter, April 25, 1886"

Folder 21: First Methodist Episcopal Church Items

- 21.1 "Centennial of the Construction of the First Church Building Between Chicago and Springfield, First Methodist Episcopal Church," May 31, 1936, 4 copies
- 21.2 "Our Christmas Offering Sunday School" sheet
- 21.3 "Philathea Class" calendar 1920-1921
- 21.4 "Souvenir Program: Dedicatory Matinee and Concert of the New Organ of the First M.E. Church, May 30, 1937
- 21.5 Notes
- 21.6 "First M.E. Church Father and Son Banquet," Feb. 21, 1936
- 21.7 First Methodist Episcopal Church Bulletin, March 6, 1898
- 21.8 "The Eighth Annual Community Thanksgiving Service," November 28, 1935
- 21.9 "Epworth League" Literary Department, Programme, 1894
- 21.10 First Methodist Episcopal Church Bulletin, January 2, 1921
- 21.11 "The Jubilee Thank-Offering, Northwestern Branch," pamphlet, no date
- 21.12 First Methodist Episcopal Church Bulletin, February 16, 1936
- 21.13 First Methodist Church Bulletin, June 27, 1929, 2 copies
- 21.14 First Methodist Episcopal Church Bulletin, July 8, 1917
- 21.15 "Report of the Current Expense Fund of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bloomington, Ill.," 1921
- 21.16 "Annual Report of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, ending October 1, 1909"
- 21.17 "The Centennial," February 1876
- 21.18 "The Centennial," March 1876
- 21.19 "The Centennial," April 1876
- 21.20 *Bloomington Weekly Pantagraph*, June 3, 1881
- 21.21 Service program for Communion Sunday, June 2, 1935.
- 21.22 *Our Methodist Paper*, newsletter, Vol II, No. 1, Oct 1886. Original.

Folder 22: Membership List 1932

- 22.1 "The First Methodist Episcopal Church Financial Report and Church Directory," 1931-1932
- 22.2 Letter from Raye Ragan, January 1933

Folder 23: Membership List 1933

- 23.1 "Residence and Financial Directory of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, 1932-33"

Folder 24: First Years of Wesley Methodist

- 24.1 "The First Years of Wesley Methodist Church, Bloomington, Ill.," Lange, Louise A., 1950, photocopy of typescript MS, 9 pgs, 3 copies

Folder 25: Wesley United Methodist Church

- 25.1 Wesley United Methodist Church, chronology and pastor list, photocopy 2 pgs, 2 copies
- 25.2 "Wesley Holds Memories of Three Churches," by Diane Miller, photocopy *Pantagraph*, march 8, 1970, 2 copies
- 25.3 News photograph, photocopy, *Pantagraph*, First Methodist Episcopal Church
- 25.4 News photograph, photocopy, *Pantagraph*, Grace Methodist Church and Salem Church, March 8, 1970
- 25.5 "Marie Litta's Funeral Held at Old First M.E." photocopy *Pantagraph*, March 8, 1970 also photograph of Rev. Raye Ragan at the original pulpit
- 25.6 News photographs of Miss Louise Lange, Rev. Calderwood, and Antique Furniture, March 8, 1970
- 25.7 List of written histories of Wesley Methodist Church, 2002

Folder 26: Historical Sketch of Grace Methodist

- 26.1 "Historical Sketch of Grace Methodist Church, Bloomington, Illinois", Eyestone, Lura M., 1950, photocopy of typescript of MS, 28 pgs
- 26.2 "Historical Sketch of Grace Methodist Church, Bloomington, Illinois," Eyestone, Lura M., 1950 photocopy of handwritten MS, 47 pgs

Folder 27: Index

- 27.2 List of names with page numbers corresponding to Church ledger book