

McLean County Museum of History

Church Records Collection

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	8 boxes
Collection Dates:	1833-1992
Restrictions:	None
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Other Finding Aids:	None
Location:	Archives
Notes:	None

Scope Note

This collection contains record books, meeting minutes, financial information, membership lists, floor plans, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and directories. Some information is written in German. The collection includes records from 1883 through 1992. Many items have brittle pages and loose bindings, so please use caution when accessing this collection.

Box & Folder Inventory

Box 1: First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Record 1873-1875

List of teachers, officers, alphabetical register of scholars, record of scholars

First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Record 1874-1876

List of scholars and contributions

First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Record 1879

Alphabetical list of scholars, contributions

First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School Record, no date

List of teachers, officers, list of scholars and contributions

First Presbyterian Church Business Record of the Trustee 1882-1890

Information includes: meeting minutes, information about different organizations and societies within church and their activities, disbursement of funds including salaries

First Presbyterian Church Foreign Missionary Society Minutes 1889-1917

Includes meeting minutes, hymns sung, collections and dues paid, topic of the meeting

First Presbyterian Church Congregational and Committee Meeting Minutes 1895-1908

Includes meeting minutes, account/financial information, and election information

First Presbyterian Church Session Records 1849-1865

Contains records of Sessional Proceedings, church proceedings, baptisms, church members, and annual reports

First Presbyterian Church Women's Missionary Society Minutes 1894-1923

Register of members including names, amount paid in dues, and dates; also includes accounting of cash for group, list of program hostesses, and Star Society certificates from the Woman's Board of Home Missions

First Presbyterian Church Minutes of the Session Records 1917-1931

Include meeting notes, those present at meetings, decisions made by members

First Presbyterian Church Minutes of the Session Records 1904-1917

Include meeting notes, those present at meetings, decisions made by members

First Presbyterian Church Register 1833-1905

Information includes: register of pastors (date installed), register of elders (names, when ordained/installed), register of communicants (names, date of admission, how received, dismissed, death date, remarks), register of Baptisms and Baptised people (includes names, parents' names, birth date, date of Baptism), includes pages for marriages and deaths (no names

are listed), "Manual of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Illinois" attached to front page (April 1890-April 1891)

Folder: First Presbyterian Church 1898-1963

Church directory 1898, Church bulletins 1943, correspondence and news bulletins, magazine clippings, installation programs, "First Joint Services to Be Held at Temple" (2 copies), building fund brochure (4 copies), "Presbyterian Beginnings in Bloomington Illinois" by Richard Day Leonard November 1963 (2 copies)

First Presbyterian Church Minutes 1947-1964

Unbound—in folder, typed, includes official directory, names of those present at meetings, and decisions made by groups

Box 2: First Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church

Second Presbyterian Church Sunday School Attendance Book 1886-1912

Includes names, dates, and collections

First Presbyterian Church Minutes of Session 1861-1887

Includes notes from meetings, those present at meetings, and decisions made by members

First Presbyterian Church Register 1833-1880

Information includes: register of elders, register of deacons, register of communicants, register of Baptisms (parents, dates), register of Marriages (residences, witnesses, dates), register of deaths

First Presbyterian Church Register 1930-1943

Register of Pastors, Registers of Elders, Register of Deacons, Register of Trustees, Music Committee, Register of Communicants, Register of Baptisms and Baptised Persons, Reserve Roll, Suspended, Register of Deaths; also includes Presbyterian Wartime Service Commission in recognition of distinguished service to God and humanity through participation in the Wartime Service Program of the General Assembly for 1943-1944 (dated April 1944)

First Presbyterian Church Minutes of the Session Records 1931-1947

Include meeting notes, those present at the meetings, and decisions made by members; also included an official directory

First Presbyterian Church Session Records 1887-1904

Includes meeting notes, those present at meetings, and decisions made by members; also includes Bloomington Presbytery Permanent Committees and members, Historical Library of Presbytery of Bloomington, and Bloomington Presbytery Roll of Ministers (1903); also includes several items pasted into book: Annual Statement, Manual of the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Organizations, Officers, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Church Calendar, Pavement Assessment Fund, Trustees' Report, Financial Report of the Session, Membership Report, Sabbath School, Ladies' Mite Society, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

First Presbyterian Church Register 1926-1930

Includes Roll of Pastors, Roll of Elders, Roll of Deacons, Roll of Trustees, Chronological Roll of Communicants, Alphabetical Index to Roll of Communicants, Roll of Infant Church Members or Baptized Children, Reserve Roll, Register of Deaths

First Presbyterian Church Scrapbook 1933-1952

Newspaper clippings about First Presbyterian Church and a typed essay "Our Centennial"

First Presbyterian Church Register 1939-1964

Includes Roll of Elders including names ordination, installation; Roll of Deacons, blank; Roll of Trustees, blank; Chronological Roll of Communicants includes names, dates, membership terminated, remarks, Alphabetical Index to Roll of Communicants, Roll of Suspended Members includes names, transfer date, dismissal or deceased date; Roll of Infant Church members or Baptized Children, includes name, parents' names, birth date, date baptized; Register of Marriages includes names, residences, date of marriage, place of marriage

Folder: Union Presbyterian Church

Photocopies of newspaper clippings, bulletins, correspondence, bulletins, "A Plan for the Union of First Presbyterian Church and Pilgrim Congregation Church," slide, church history (typed and handwritten)

Directory, Union Presbyterian Church 1973-1978

Includes names, committee lists, biographical information about church members

Box 3: Union Presbyterian Church, Loving Baptist Missionary Church, First Baptist Church, and Pilgrim Congregational Church, Old Town Baptist Church

Pilgrim Congregational Christian Church 1959-1964

Contains covenant, history, constitution and by-laws, pastors, membership, adult baptisms, children's baptisms, officers, annual meeting and monthly meeting minutes; and "A Plan for the Union of First Presbyterian Church and Pilgrim Congregation Church;" also contains some correspondence and "A Breakthrough to New Life" (brochure)

New Directions 1969-1971

New Directions the publication for the Union Presbyterian Church

Union Presbyterian Church 1964-1975

Contains history, list of members, and meeting minutes including motions carried and events

First Baptist Church Board Minutes 1909-1939

Board meeting minutes, list of flowers and houses, also contains accounting information

Baptist Young Peoples Union 1895-1902

Meeting minutes including financial information, motions passed, officers, membership rosters, newspaper clippings, Baptist Young Peoples Union of Illinois membership list, statistics of Illinois B.Y.P.U for Year Ending Oct. 1, 1895, registration card, constitution

Grace Epworth League—Central Illinois Conference 1907-1917

Contains treasurers reports, bill paid, expenses paid, collections and contributions, alphabetical list of members and contributions, account records and cash on hand records

Women's Home Missionary Society—Bloomington District, Illinois Conference 1899-1926

Contains minutes of the Annual Convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society: includes reports, newspaper clippings, programs, financial information

Old Town Baptist Church Record 1847-1904

Minutes of meetings including the founding of the church, the location of the church meeting place.

Folder: Loving Baptist Church Records 1987-1992

"Thirteenth Anniversary" (4 copies)

Loving Baptist Missionary Society 1987-1988

Meeting minutes including financial information, roll call and contributions, church business

Loving Baptist Missionary Society 1989-1990

Meeting minutes including financial information, roll call and contributions, church business

Loving Baptist Missionary Society 1990-1992

Meeting minutes including financial information, roll call and contributions, church business

Box 4: Evangelical Friedens Church/St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church/and St. Luke's Union Church—Minutes

Folder: Religious Education Board Minutes 1936-1941

Friedens Evangelical Church; includes meeting minutes, financial information, motions

Folder: Sunday School Records 1935-1936

Church not identified; lists date, number of boys and girls, teacher and visitors, attendance, and offerings, birthdays; some notes written on the back of some pages

Folder: Senior Your Meeting Minutes 1962-1963

Church not identified; contains meeting minutes discussing activities for the group

Folder: Women's Union Minutes 1956-1964

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church; includes annual meeting minutes, membership lists, officer lists, correspondence

Folder: Church Board Minutes 1971-1972

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church; includes annual meeting minutes, roll call, membership lists, financial information

Folder: Church Board Minutes 1969-1970

St. Luke's United Church of Christ; includes annual meeting minutes, roll call, membership lists, financial information

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Floor plans for the addition to the church 1956-1957

Evangelical Friedens Church/Church of Peace Meeting Minutes 1884-1887

In German, minutes, financial information, first meeting notes

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Minutes of Council 1901-1916

In German, contains financial information and meeting minutes

Evangelical Friedens Church Board Minutes 1914-1919

In German, meeting minutes and a constitution (?)

Church of Peace/St. Luke's United Church of Christ Board Minutes 1890-1901

In German, meeting minutes

Friedens Evangelical Church Board Minutes 1946-1955

Includes annual meeting minutes and monthly meeting minutes, includes information about motions and permissions granted, in back folded papers include information about changing the Church's name to St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church (dated 1957)

Evangelical Friedens Congregation Church Minutes 1927-1932

“Book Number 4; Minutes of the Congregational Meetings for the Recording-Corresponding Secretary, of the Evangelical-Friedens-Congregation,” includes meeting minutes, list of church board members

Friedens Evangelical Church Board Minutes 1939-1946

Includes annual meeting minutes and monthly meeting minutes, includes information about salaries, building maintenance, and motions carried

Friedens Evangelical Church Board Minutes 1933-1939

Includes annual meeting minutes and monthly meeting minutes, includes information about fundraisers, salaries, and expenditures

United Church of Christ Minutes 1958-1964

Loose leaf papers, includes meeting minutes, church business, financial information, membership lists, annual reports

Church of Peace (Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church/St. Luke's United Church of Christ) Church Minutes 1887-1898

In German, contains meeting minutes

Box 5: Evangelical Friedens Church/St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church/and St. Luke's Union Church—Records

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Membership Lists 1939-1947

Contains membership lists and classification of members, bulletins, correspondence concerning a bell for church building, comments regarding proposed building

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Record Book 1958

Contains Resource Material for Church Officers (budget, prospect list, special committees and projects, minutes, annual reports), Certificate of Baptism and Baptism Memorandum, Wedding Service Instructions to Ushers, Divorce Memorandum, Marriage Memorandum, the Order for Marriage, Funeral Memorandum, handwritten notes, newspaper clippings of obituaries, application for membership, certificate of dismissal, and certificate of reception,

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Record Book 1956

Contains Church directory, Agenda and Annual Reports, Pastor's Report, Church membership list, Visitors Manual, correspondence, requests for transfers, application for membership, "My Church; an application for membership in the Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church," baptisms, marriages, deaths, some newspaper clippings of obituaries, and memorial cards

Evangelical Friedens Church Young Peoples League Record Book 1927-1941

Contains meeting minutes as recorded by the secretary, election information, activity information

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Records 1916-1927

In German, contains meeting minutes

Record Book of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church 1884-1897

In German, contains records of marriages, births, Baptisms, deaths, and confirmations

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Record Book 1884-1928

In German, records of births, marriages, treasurer's records

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Records 1898-1930

In German, meeting minutes and financial information

Church of Peace/Evangelical Reformed Church Records 1894-1924

In German, contains membership list, history, and meeting minutes

Box 6: Evangelical Friedens Church/St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church/and St. Luke's Union Church—Records

Folder: St. Luke Union Church

Contains Constitution and By-Laws (9 pages), Constitution of the Evangelical Friedens Congregation (revised April 5, 1936), Constitutions and By-Laws (5 sheets, 1950-51), Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting January 10, 1960, Proposed Constitution and By-Laws (no date), Poster Certificate Churchmen's Brotherhood (dated May 1937), St. Luke Union Church (United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian) Dedication Day, 1981, release of mortgage, handwritten notes, Record of Incorporation, St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed Church United Church of Christ 75th Anniversary program (2 copies), Looking to Confirmation brochure (2 copies), St. Luke's newsletter (2 items), Constitution and By-Laws revised 1960

Evangelical and Reformed Church Record Book 1949-1951

Contains records of marriages, Baptisms, confirmations, communion, burials

Record Book of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church 1897-1954

In German, contains records of marriages, births, Baptisms, deaths, and confirmations

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Record Book 1952-1975

Includes records of Baptisms 1948-1974; Marriages 1953-1975; Deaths 1952-1975 (includes some newspaper clippings and remembrance cards); Losses 1952; Confirmation 1952-1975; Members Admitted 1952; Constitution 1951 (11 pages); and Communion 1952

Box 7: Evangelical Friedens Church/St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church/and St. Luke's Union Church—Financial Records

Evangelical Friedens Church/Church of Peace Treasurer's Book 1901-1921

In German, list of members and contributions (?)

Evangelical Friedens Congregation Treasurer's Record 1927-1932

Contains monthly collections, disbursements, receipts, and accounts

Evangelical Friedens Church/ Church of Peace Treasurer's Book 1914-1919

In German, lists of members and contributions (?)

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Receipts and Disbursements 1942-1958

Contains receipts and disbursement records

Account Record 1909-1915

In German, perhaps a personal account book of monthly expenses

St. Luke's Church/Church of Peace Accounts Record 1884-1898

In German, contains monthly accounts and financial information

Church of Peace/Evangelical Reformed Church Treasurer's Record Book 1898-1908

In German, contains a monthly account of Church's expenditures

Church of Peace Treasurer's Book 1900-1911

Contains a monthly account of Church's expenditures

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Receipts and Disbursements 1933-1942

Includes list of receipts and disbursements as well as recapitulations

Evangelical and Reformed Church Treasurer's Record 1943-1953

Contains monthly collections, disbursements, receipts, and accounts

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Treasurer's Account Record 1899-1905

In German, includes list of members and contributions, financial information

Evangelical Friedens Church 1907-1927

Includes account information in both English and German; also includes "Concessions to Stockholders in Winona Assembly and Summer School Association" (in English)

Box 8: Evangelical Friedens Church/St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church/and St. Luke's Union Church, Methodist Circuit, Methodist Protestant, and Bethel A.M.E

Gleaners Class Meeting Notes 1946-1951

Contains minutes from meetings, includes collection amounts, decisions made by group, and balance of the account

United Church of Christ Churchmen's Brotherhood Minutes 1945-1957

Contains meeting minutes and financial information

United Church of Christ Women's Guild Minutes 1948-1962

Contains meeting minutes, list of board members, membership list, executive board members list, financial information

Evangelical Friedens Congregation Women's Union Record Book 1933-1938

Contains constitution, meeting minutes, financial information, bylaws, and order of meetings; also includes newspaper clipping

St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church Men's Brotherhood Record Book 1936-1946

Account book including cash deposits, cash on hand, and payments made; also includes record of dues

Evangelical Friedens Congregation Women's Union Minutes 1939-1942

Contains meeting minutes, motions, financial information

United Church of Christ Churchmen's Brotherhood Minutes 1957-1959

Contains meeting minutes

Evangelical and Reformed Church Women's Guild Record Book 1943-1948

Contains meeting minutes and membership lists, also contains information about motions passed, hostesses, and collections; certificate of membership to the "One Thousand Club," reports and statistics, correspondence

Methodist Circuit—Bloomington Station, Meeting Minutes Record Book 1836-1862

Includes meeting minutes: financial information, building committee, resolutions passed, and Baptisms

Methodist Protestant Church North Illinois Conference 1912-1916

North Illinois Conference meeting minutes including quarterly meetings in Holder, Illinois and at Pleasant Grove Church

Methodist Circuit Record Book 1851-1862

Includes alphabetical list of members, alphabetical list of probationers, list of Classes Severally

Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1906-28

Normal church records including board minutes, annual financial reports, lists of members, stewards, baptisms, deaths, etc. 2 books (covers missing) in one folder.