

Bustleton United Methodist Church records

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Summary Information

Repository	Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church
Creator	Bustleton United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Title	Bustleton United Methodist Church records
Call number	08
Date [inclusive]	1830-2010
Extent	5.33 linear feet
General Physical Description note	14 boxes, 1 folder
Language	English
Abstract	Methodists began meeting for worship in the Bustleton neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1827, although Bustleton Methodist Episcopal Church was not officially chartered until 1833. Bustleton United Methodist Church was discontinued around 2010. The Bustleton United Methodist Church records, 1830-2010, include membership and vital records, official board minutes, administrative board minutes, Quarterly Conference minutes, reports to Quarterly Conference, trustee minutes, bequests, building-related documents, newsletters, worship bulletins, anniversary and historical material, newspaper clippings, photographs, and various other documents.

Biography/History

Methodism is a protestant Christian faith based in the teachings of John Wesley (1703-1791), who preached "practical divinity," emphasis on Christian living, and putting faith and love into action. The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784 in Baltimore, Maryland with Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke as its first bishops and held its first general conference in 1792. In May of 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Methodist Protestant Church united to form the Methodist Church (U.S.). In 1946 the Church of the United Brethren in Christ (New constitution) and the Evangelical Church united to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In 1968 the Methodist Church (U.S.) and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united, forming the United Methodist Church (U.S.).

In 1827, a group of Methodists began meeting for worship at the home of Daniel and Jane Starkey in the Bustleton neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Soon after, in 1833, a church building was erected at Bustleton Avenue and Welsh Road and Bustleton Methodist Episcopal Church was officially organized. After a fire destroyed the church building in 1866, a new structure was constructed. In 1944, this building was also destroyed by fire and a new church cornerstone was laid soon after between Lott and Fulmer Streets. Bustleton United Methodist Church was discontinued around 2010.

Bibliography:

"BUMC History," October 7, 1998. Document found in collection.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes: membership and vital records (baptisms, marriages, funerals, probationers, students), 1859-2010; official board minutes, 1898-1969; administrative board minutes, 1970-2010; Quarterly Conference minutes, 1859-2009; reports to Quarterly Conference, 1935-1960; trustee minutes, 1956-1996; bequests, 1954-2001; building-related documents; cemetery-related documents; newsletters, worship bulletins, anniversary and historical material, newspaper clippings, photographs, and various other documents. A folder-level inventory for the collection is available.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

Contact Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

The Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church is the repository for records of member churches when they close.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church directly for more information.

Existence and Location of Copies

Some church records at the Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, particularly membership and vital records, are available in digital form through

Ancestry.com or on microfilm at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and/or the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Bustleton United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- United Methodist Church (U.S.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Bustleton (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Philadelphia (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Church buildings
- City churches
- Methodism
- Methodists

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Membership Record Book, 1859-1893; Historical Record, 1831-1883; Probationers' Record, 1859-1893; Class Records, n.d., 1869, 1875, 1878, 1887; Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, 1836-1898; Chronological Record of Official Members, 1800-1893; Pastoral and Statistical Record, 1863-1883; Record of Baptisms, 1863-1893; Marriage Record, 1863-1892.	1	1
Membership Record Book, 1893-1942; Chronological Record of Official Members, 1893-1899; Probationers' Record, 1893-1941; Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, 1854-1942; Record of Baptisms, 1893-1942; Marriage Record, 1893-1942.	1	2
Membership Record Book, 1935-1960; Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, 1881-1960; Record of Preparatory Members, 1935-1952; Record of Marriages, 1942-1960; Record of Baptisms, 1942-1960; Record of Funerals, 1942-1960.	2	1
Membership Record Book, 1953-1990; Record of Baptisms, 1967-1990; Record of Preparatory Membership, 1953-1985; Record of Full Membership, 1967-1988.	2	2
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Membership Record Book, 1952-1968: Record of Baptisms, 1952-1959; Record of Preparatory Membership, 1952-1959; Record of Full Membership, 1881-1959; Record of Marriages, 1952-1960; Record of Deaths, 1952-1960; Annual Summary, 1953-1968.	3	1
Membership Record Book, 1959-1967: Record of Baptisms, 1959-1967; Record of Preparatory Membership, 1960-1966; Record of Full Membership, 1959-1967; Record of Marriages, 1959-1967; Record of Deaths, 1959-1967.	4	1
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History file.

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History File Scope and Contents note

Essay - "Faith and Determination" (undated); Request for Info; History of Methodism in Bustleton; History of the Christian Church and The Origin of Methodism; (Calendar and Diary 1934); A Brief History 1932; Church School-Family Picnic 1967 Listing; Correspondence Re: Report Presentation; May 1967-Service bulletin; Dedication of Church Building 1947 bulletin; 1952 directory; April 1930 directory; July 1931