

Grace United Methodist Church records

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Summary Information

Repository	Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church
Creator	Grace United Methodist Church (Coatesville, Pa.)
Title	Grace United Methodist Church records
Call number	09
Date [inclusive]	1909-1991
Extent	1 linear feet
General Physical Description note	3 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	Grace United Methodist Church of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania was established in 1907. In 2002, Grace United Methodist Church merged with Asbury Community United Methodist Church to establish Faith Community United Methodist Church in Parkesburg (Chester County). The Grace United Methodist Church records, 1909-1991, consist of official board minutes (1909-1947), Charge Conference and administrative board minutes (1971-1983), and various other documents including administrative reports, a membership directory, anniversary materials, and photographs.

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.).

Grace United Methodist Church of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania was established in 1907. In 2002, Grace United Methodist Church merged with the remaining congregants and assets of the recently discontinued Asbury Community United Methodist Church in nearby Atglen to establish Faith Community United Methodist Church in Parkesburg (Chester County), a congregation which is still active as of 2014.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of official board minutes (1909-1947), Charge Conference and administrative board minutes (1971-1983), and various other documents including administrative reports, a membership directory, anniversary materials, and photographs. A folder-level inventory for the collection is available.

Administrative Information

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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)

- Grace United Methodist Church (Coatesville, Pa.)

- United Methodist Church (U.S.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Chester County (Pa.)
- Coatesville (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Methodism
- Methodists

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Official Board Minutes, 1909-1915.	1	1
Official Board Minutes, 1915-1919.	1	2
Official Board Minutes, 1920-1935.	1	3
Official Board Minutes, 1929-1934.	1	4
Official Board Minutes, 1934-1940.	1	5
Official Board Minutes, 1949-1947.	1	6
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1971.	2	1
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1972.	2	2
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1973.	2	3

Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1974.	2	4
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1975.	2	5
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1976.	2	6
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1977.	2	7
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1978.	2	8
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1979.	2	9
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1980.	2	10
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1981.	2	11
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1982.	2	12
Charge Conference and Administrative Board Minutes, 1983.	2	13

Administrative Reports, 1969-1979.	3	1
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Legacy of Anna S. Kennedy, 1975.	3	2
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Council on Ministries, 18 July 1979.	3	3
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Membership Directory, 1979.	3	4
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Newsletter, 1882-1983.	3	5
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Bulletins, 1981-1983.	3	6
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Missions, 1967.	3	7
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Property, 1946, 1966.	3	8
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50th Anniversary, 1957.	3	9
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60th Anniversary, 1967.	3	10
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70th Anniversary, 1977.

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75th Anniversary, 1982.

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Photographs.

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