

Lansford United Methodist Church records

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Summary Information

Repository	Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church
Creator	Lansford United Methodist Church (Lansford, Pa.)
Title	Lansford United Methodist Church records
Call number	11
Date [inclusive]	1863-1997
Extent	1.33 linear feet
General Physical Description note	3 boxes, 4 volumes
Language	English
Abstract	Lansford Methodist Episcopal Church was located in the Borough of Lansford in Carbon County, Pennsylvania. It was active from sometime after 1816 to around 1997. The Lansford United Methodist Church records, 1863-1997, includes board minutes, trustee minutes, Quarterly Conference minutes, and membership and vital records.

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.).

Lansford Methodist Episcopal Church was located in the Borough of Lansford in Carbon County, Pennsylvania. A Methodist preaching charge at nearby Summit Hill began in 1816, but the church in Lansford was not established until later in the century. Lansford United Methodist Church was discontinued around 1997.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes board minutes, 1896-1965 and 1987-1997; trustee minutes, 1883-1919 and 1938-1971; Quarterly Conference minutes, 1940; and membership and vital records, 1863-1997 (class records, 1885; probationers, 1885-1945; members, 1863-1897; marriages, 1885-1971; baptisms, 1884-1997; funerals, 1942-1994; deaths, 1952-1997). 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)

- Lansford United Methodist Church (Lansford, Pa.)
- United Methodist Church (U.S.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Carbon County (Pa.)
- Lansford (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Methodism
- Methodists

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Minutes of the Board of Leaders and Stewards, 1896-1908.	1	1
Minutes of the Board of Leaders and Stewards, 1908-1923.	1	2
Official Board Minutes, 1924-1946.	1	3
Official Board Minutes, 1946-1958.	1	4
Official Board Minutes, 1958-1965.	2	1
Council Board Minutes, 1980-1986.	2	2
Administrative Board Minutes, 1987-1997.	2	3
Quarterly Conference Minutes, 1940s.	2	4
Trustee Minutes, 1883-1919.	2	5

Trustee Minutes, 1938-1971.	3	1	
		Box	Fold
Church records, 1884-1904.		1	
Church records, circa 1900-1952.		2	
Church records, 1952-1973.		3	
Church records, 1974-1997.		4	
