

Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church records

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Summary Information

Repository	Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church
Creator	Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church (Collingdale, Pa.)
Title	Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church records
Call number	37
Date [bulk]	1948-2006
Date [inclusive]	1833-2006
Extent	1.25 linear feet
General Physical Description note	3 boxes, 3 volumes, 1 folder
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church in Collingdale, Delaware County, Pennsylvania was founded as Central Methodist Church in 1924, and changed its name in 1948. The church closed in 2010. The Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church records, 1833-2006 (bulk 1948-2006), include administrative records, such as minutes, treasurer's reports, and budgets; membership and vital records, including baptisms, marriages, and deaths; photographs; anniversary pamphlets; and various other materials relating to the church and its history.</p>

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.).

Founded as Central Methodist Church in Collingdale, Delaware County, Pennsylvania in 1924, Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church changed its name when it laid the cornerstone in 1948 for a new building at 815 Clifton Avenue. Dr. G. Paul Beck led the congregation from the time of the first service in the new building, 1949, until 1951. In the late 1980s the congregation's first woman pastor, Reverend Alice Cook, became involved. The church closed in 2010.

Scope and Contents

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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)

- Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church (Collingdale, Pa.)

- United Methodist Church (U.S.)

Geographic Name(s)

- Collingdale (Pa.)
- Delaware County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Church buildings
- City churches
- Methodism
- Methodists

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Seventieth Anniversary, 1994.	1	1
Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, 1999.	1	2
Baptism Records, 1923-2006.	1	3
Official Board Minutes 1933-1941.	1	4
Administrative Board/Council Minutes, 1987-1994.	1	5
Administrative Board/Council Minutes, 1995-2006.	1	6
Worship Bulletins (selected), 1937-1997.	1	7
Charge Conference Records, 1981-2003 (incomplete).	1	8
Church Study, 1964.	1	9

Death Records, 1929-2005.	1	10
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Membership Directories, 1930, 1954, 1997.	1	11
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Historical Materials, 1926-2000.	1	12
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Marriage Records, 1933-c. 2000.	1	13
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Membership Records, 1924-2002.	1	14
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Treasurer's Reports, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1998, 2005.	1	15
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Annual Budgets, 1953, 1990, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1991.	1	16
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Administrative Board Minutes, 1975-1979.	1	17
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Photographs, 70th Anniversary, 1994.	2	1
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Photograph, 1996 Chrismon Service.	2	2
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Photograph, George Darby, 1987.	2	3
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Photograph, Altar at Easter, 1987.	2	4
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Photograph, Rev. Paul Buck, c. 1950.	2	5
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Photograph, Rev. Henry Ziegler, c. 1980.	2	6
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Photograph, Rev. George Darby and Children, 1985.	2	7
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Photograph, Pastor Alice Cook Farewell, 1991.	2	8
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Photograph, Rev. Val Hastings, 1984.	2	9
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Photograph, Christmas, 1984.	2	10
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Photograph, Alice M. Cook, Pastor, 1987-1991.	2	11
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Photograph, Jusef Salam, Pastor, 1991-1998.	2	12
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Photograph, George E. Darby, Pastor, 1984-1987.	2	13
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Photograph, J. Val Hastings, Pastor, 1983-1984.	2	14
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Photograph, Steven Waligar, Pastor, 1980-1983.	2	15
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Photograph, Henry Ziegler, Pastor, 1977-1980.	2	16
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Photograph, Rev. David Adam, Pastor, 1969.	2	17
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Photograph, C. B. Cook, Rev. Alice Cook, Elneada Kearny, Kathleen.	2	18
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Photograph, Rev. Don Kniffen with choir, c. 1970.	2	19
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Photograph, Rev. Steven Waligar and family, c. 1980.	2	20
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Photograph, C. B. Cook, Rev. Alice Cook, Myrtle Albright.	2	21
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Photograph, Rev. J. Val Hastings, 1994.	2	22
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Photograph, Rev. Jon Swenson, 1994.	2	23	
Minutes, 1833-1841, 1855-1870.	3	1	
Minutes, 1837-1842, 1844-1846; Subscription Lists, n.d.; List of Members, n.d.	3	2	
Minutes. 1833, 1847, 1874, 1906.	3	3	
Jubilee Program, 1906.	3	4	
Photograph, n.d.	3	5	
Articles of Incorporation, 1954.	3	6	
Contract for Construction of Parsonage, 1959.	3	7	
Photographs, Ground Braking, n. d.	3	8	
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Records, 1959-1991.		1	

Baptisms, 1951-1962; Full membership.

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Baptisms, 1943-1960; Marriages, 1943-1969; Deaths, 1949-1959.

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History file.

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History File Scope and Contents note

Centennial Anniversary 1931; 50th Anniversary 1924; 75th Anniversary Programme 1906;
 Historical Sketch 1899; Drawing of church Interior; Picture of Altar; Drawing-Old Bethel;
 Annual Reports (1882,1922,1924,1929); Sunday School Library-undated; 1927 clipping