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Detroit Waterman Preston United Methodist Church Records, 1874-1996

History Note:

Preston Methodist Episcopal Church came into existence in 1887 with the merger of Fort Street Methodist Episcopal Church (founded in 1874) and Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. Waterman Church was founded in 1895 as West Fort Street Evangelical Mission and, in succession, later became an Evangelical church, a EUB church, and then a United Methodist church. Waterman and Preston merged in 1981 and continued as Waterman Preston UMC until the church was discontinued in 1999.

Scope Note:

The bulk of the collection is records of the Preston church (and its predecessor the Fort Street church), although some Waterman records and some from the combined church appear. The Fort Street/Preston materials include records of baptisms, marriages, and membership. The Waterman materials include minutes of the Council of Administration and the Administrative Board.

Extent:

3.7 linear feet (ca. 7,400 pages)

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

Restrictions on Use:

Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

Appointments List

Detroit Fort Street Methodist Episcopal

- 1874-1877: Raynor S. Pardington
- 1877-1880: William Q. Burnett
- 1880-1881: George W. Lowe
- 1881-1883: Henry A. Merrill
- 1883-1885: Charles M. Stuart
- 1885-1886: Samuel Plantz
- 1886-1887: Perry Ross Parish

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- 1883-1884: Henry A. Merrill
- 1884-1885: James S. Rose
- 1885-1886: Lambert E. Lennox
- 1886-1887: Edward B. Bancroft

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- 1887-1890: Edward B. Bancroft
- 1890-1892: Claudius B. Spencer
- 1892-1897: Arthur W. Stalker
- 1897-1899: Calvin M. Thompson
- 1899-1904: Eugene C. Allen
- 1904-1909: Walter E. Burnett
- 1909-1914: Walter R. Fruit
- 1914-1920: King D. Beach
- 1920-1921: Peter F. Stair
- 1921-1925: William C.S. Pellowe
- 1925-1926: John S. Tredinnick
- 1926-1928: Henry W. Kuhlman
- 1928-1932: Russell D. Hopkins
- 1932-1937: Charles L. Calkins
- 1937-1942: Philip Ray Norton
- 1942-1946: Chester R. Stockinger
- 1946-1948: Ernest E. Robinson
- 1948-1952: Ivan E. Hodgson
- 1952-1956: John S. Jury
- 1956-1959: Owen A. Knox
- 1959-1963: Arthur Raymond Parkin
- 1963-1966: George Vernon White
- 1966-1967: To be supplied
- 1967-1972: George Vernon White
- 1972-1974: Richard O. Griffith
- 1974-1975: To be supplied
- 1975-1976: Charles L. Swan
- 1976-1979: Thomas P. Macaulay
- 1979-1981: William A. Kellerman

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- 1894-1897: Andrew Kaechele

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- 1897-1899: Frederick W. Dill
- 1899-1901: Charles W. Ross
- 1901-1904: Philip H. Pohly
- 1904-1905: William A. Koehler
- 1905-1906: William H. Halmhuber
- 1906-1907: William M. Sippell
- 1907-1908: Delbert C. Ostroth
- 1908-1912: J. Adolph Halmhuber
- 1912-1919: Clyde C. Gibson
- 1919-1926: Edgar S. Faust
- 1926-1932: William Koteskey
- 1932-1940: Frederick W. Kirn
- 1940-1945: Delbert C. Ostroth
- 1945-1949: Harold D. Oeschger
- 1949-1955: Myron R. Everett
- 1955-1958: William H. Watson
- 1958-1961: B. James Varner
- 1961-1968: Otto F. Hood
- 1968-1970: Richard L. Myers
- 1969-1970: Jack Edward Fulcher
- 1970-1972: Richard O. Griffith
- 1972-1976: Douglas K. Olsen
- 1976-1977: Mary H. Rawson
- 1977-1978: Gary William Bell
- 1979-1981: William A. Kellerman

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- 1981-1984: Floyd A. Ellison
- 1984-1989: Pauline Hart
- 1989-1992: David G. Knapp
- 1992-1995: Marilyn C. DeGraw
- 1995-September 1998: Meredith T. Moshauer
- April 1998-1999: Olaf Lidums

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Box 2	Detroit Preston <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Marriages, Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1915-1922▪ 1923-1942 (includes a few death records)▪ 1936-1942 (marriages only)▪ 1942-1971
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Oversize 1	Detroit Preston <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church Records<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baptisms, Marriages, Membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1887-1901