



Thanks to Wesley Chapel UMC in Kenansville, for hosting our spring meeting.

Greetings from the NC Conference Commission of Archives and History and The Historical Society of the NC Conference

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FALL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY - OCTOBER 8, 2011

The fall meeting of the NC Historical Society and the Commission on Archives and History will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 10:00am at the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Building in Garner, NC.



*The United Methodist Building
700 Waterfield Ridge Place
Garner NC 27529*

Church historians and interested persons are invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

Please call Robin Harry toll free at 800.849.4433 or 919.779.6115, ext. 252; or you may email at rharry@nccumc.org to reserve your spot for lunch.

We will begin with a business meeting of the Historical Society, followed by a tour of the Building and the Archives and History Room & and explanation of projects; and then a catered lunch. There will be a Commission meeting in the afternoon.



Map to UM Building

Directions to The United Methodist Building, Garner NC

From the west: take exit 306 off I40 and follow 70 East toward Clayton. Take the first exit (Greenfield Parkway). Turn right at the top of the exit, then take the first right onto Waterfield Ridge Place. The Methodist Building is on the right.

From the east: take exit 306B off I40 and follow 70 East toward Clayton. Take the first exit (Greenfield Parkway). Turn right at the top of the exit, then take the first right onto Waterfield Ridge Place. The Methodist Building is on the right.

OUR ANNUNAL MEETING AT RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society was held at Pine Mountain State Park in Pineville, Kentucky and was hosted by the Red Bird Missionary Conference, Tuesday, June 28 – Friday, July 1, 2011. The theme this year was, "Mission in the Heart of Appalachia." There were 51 persons in attendance from around the Jurisdiction. There were six attending from North Carolina- Jean Lugar, Lawrence Lugar, John Mitchell, Vivian Mitchell, Arthur Warren and Becky Warren. This was a very interesting and spiritually uplifting event. At the opening business session, Dr. A. V. Huff, Chairperson - SEJ Commission on Archives and History, opened with prayer, welcome and introductions were offered, Mrs. Nancy Watkins, Director of the Heritage Center shared her report, and nominations were presented.

Rev. Bob Landis, a Retired Home Missionary who arrived at the Mission in 1962 and who now pastors local churches in Harlan County, gave the keynote address. His presentation was on the Beginnings of the Red Bird Mission, which began in 1921. The Mission celebrated its 90th anniversary on July 1, 2011. The school was established after the faithful prayers of several women in the area and the support of a women's group of the Evangelical Church (a predecessor denomination of the Evangelical United Brethren Church). Rev. John DeWall made his way to the valley and worked in the mission to help start a school, hospital and churches. Many hardships and difficulties were faced by those early missionaries to the southern mountains of Kentucky. It was a fourteen-hour journey by horse and wagon and on foot over the mountain from the nearest railroad station in Pineville to the Mission in Beverly, KY.

We enjoyed ice cream and cake following the session at a nearby picnic area to celebrate the anniversary of the Mission and we traveled on school buses provided by the Red Bird Mission School.

The next two days gave us the opportunity to visit many places. Wednesday tours included the original site of the Red Bird Mission, Beverly UMC with devotion, the present Mission at Queendale Center, and Red Bird Mission School. On Thursday we visited the Henderson Settlement and the Hope United Methodist Church. We had morning devotion at the church, a presentation on the history of the Settlement by Mr. Jerry Lambdin during lunch and a presentation in the afternoon by Mr. Jim Hayes, a Bennett Center board member and former teacher at Sue Bennett College, on The Bennett Center. Our second business session was held at the church with annual Conference reports shared and the election of Mr. Bob George as our Treasurer and Rev. Roy Watkins as our Membership Coordinator.

Thursday evening we enjoyed our Banquet in the Ray Harm Room at Pine Mountain Lodge. Rev. Roy Howard presented an honorary membership to Robert Hilten of the Holston Conference and Rev. Art Swarthout presented an honorary membership to Ken Lyle of the Kentucky Conference. Dr. Steven O'Malley, Professor of Church History at Asbury Theological Seminary, presented a paper on "The Mission Program of the Evangelical United Brethren Church". It was nice this year to have more emphasis on the history of the EUB and predecessor denominations.

Friday morning, we completed the business of the Society and shared in our closing worship service with Communion. The service was led by Rev. Chris Shoemaker, vice-president of the Society, Rev. Robert Amundsen, Jr., SEJ Commission on Archives and History member from KY and the Rev. Jamison J. Brunk provided the message in the absence of Bishop Lindsey Davis of the Louisville Area due to health issues.

We experienced wonderful fellowship and a great spirit among the people of Red Bird Mission with the leadership of Ms. Shirley Crouse and Ms. Phyllis Crouse. Our spirits were renewed and empowered from the events of the week. The stories of the faith shared about the missionaries, workers and volunteers that helped make the ministry at Red Bird Mission possible provided great inspiration for returning to our home communities equipped for faithful service in the Kingdom of God by his grace. Remember that you can order The Proceedings of our meeting with the minutes and articles presented for ten dollars from the Heritage Center.

I trust that you will now begin to make plans for next year's meeting at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, TN, Monday, July 9 – Thursday, July 12, 2012. The theme will be, "The Church Confronts the World: 20th Century Southern Methodism and the Popular Culture".

Thank you to everyone in attendance this year for making this a very special time in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. May we all continue to go forth and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

***In His service,
W. Arthur Warren, Jr.
President SEJHS***

YESTERDAY

The North Carolina Conference Historical Society was in existence as early as 1893. At that time all clergy were members of the society. In 1978, the Commission on Archives and History reorganized the Historical Society and opened its membership to anyone interested in the history of the United Methodist Church. The purposes included in the bylaws of the newly formed Society included: the collection and preservation of materials related to the history of the United Methodist; promotion of writing and historical research; training local church historians; and publicizing information and news.

TODAY

At present time the NC Conference Historical Society meets twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Usually the meetings take place in a church or location within the NC Conference of interest, historically. Meetings may include speakers on historical topics of interest, information for local church historians to share in their own churches, fellowship and a meal.

SOCIETY MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL!!

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Support for Church Historians and others interested in church history is available through participation in the NC Conference Historical Society. Renew your membership today!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE N.C. CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dues are for a year and payable to: N.C. Conference (include: "Historical Society" on the memo line)

Mail to: Archives & History, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner NC 27529

_____ Student \$3.00

_____ Contributing \$25.00

_____ Regular \$7.00

_____ Life \$100.00

_____ Patron \$10.00

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NC CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES - April 9, 2011

The spring meeting for the North Carolina Conference Historical Society was hosted by Wesley Chapel UMC, Kenansville, NC with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. There were 25 persons in attendance which included: Rev. Dennis Lamm, Ms. Maude Smith, John Mitchell, Vivian Mitchell, Jane Greeson, Laura Stalls, Donald Prout, Ruth Copley, Frank Young, Becky Warren, Rev. Arthur Warren, Harvey W. Powers, Fred Shank, David Benton, Jane Benton, Sarah Wilson, Gerald Wilson, Marilyn K. Hroza, Myrlyn Humphrey, Dixie G. Frazelle, Nancy Grady Wilson, Snodie B. Wilson and Mildred S. Swain

President Mildred Swain brought the meeting to order and gave a devotion. Minutes were approved from the last meeting, and the current balance in the treasury is \$3,226.17. Reverend Jack Benfield, a very faithful member of the Historical Society and the Commission, died November 8, 2010. He was serving as secretary of the NC Conference Commission on Archives and History at the time of his death. Our friend will be greatly missed by the

North Carolina Conference and each of us individually. Dennis Lamm, Chairperson of the Commission on Archives and History, shared an update on the move to the new Methodist Building and the importance of making church histories available. This is our heritage and a treasure to have pictures/documents. He stated, "You don't have to be an author to write history. Just compile the facts. We need your church history."

To illustrate the beauty of history, Rev. Lamm told of his hobby to collect stamps and letters. In his collection he has a letter dated 1832 written by a man to his bride-to-be. It begins, "Dear _____, I apologize for missing our wedding." This was due to illness and the two would later be married. However, today, we can only imagine the feelings of this bride in 1832 as much time passed before she received this letter to explain the circumstances, much unlike today with the instant communication we have at hand.

Rev. Lamm will start sending articles about our archives in Raleigh and any history of interest for our newsletter, Saddlebags, to promote membership in the Historical Society.

Dates for Annual Conference this year are June 15-18 in Raleigh. Dates for the SEJ Historical Society are June 28-July 1 in Pineview, Kentucky.

Rev. Arthur Warren, SEJ President, shared memories of the Historical Society of the North Carolina Conference and the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Mrs. Pat Bailey from Graham, NC had sent a letter explaining her absence this day and hand-made cards for the group which he delivered. Rev. Warren reminded everyone of the workshop that is planned for November 11-13 at Lake Junaluska, NC for church historians or anyone interested in history.

Mr. Snodie Wilson and wife, Nancy, member of the church for 59 years, shared the church history with a DVD presentation and oral history. Wesley Chapel UMC was established in 1815 and built in 1844.

The meeting was closed with prayer and a blessing before we gathered for a bountiful lunch provided at the church.

*Respectfully submitted,
Becky Warren, Secretary*

DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

CLERGY

Angus M. Cameron
February 17, 1926 – December 12, 2010
Husband of Catherine Cameron

George Franklin Blanchard
February 22, 1932 – March 16, 2011
Husband of Lillian Blanchard

Argel Harold Payne
March 13, 1926 – May 1, 2011
Husband of Leta Pugh Payne

W. Raymond Peele, Jr.
November 3, 1935 – April 5, 2011
Husband of Callie Peele

Lonnie D. Hedrick
August 27, 1943 – May 8, 2011
Husband of Claudette Miller Hedrick

Jefferson W. Davis
December 2, 1916 – July 18, 2011
Husband of Jean E. Davis

Joseph Kent Bostick, Sr.
July 4, 1922 – August 26, 2011
Husband of Julia Geiger Bostick

SPOUSES

Bernice Salter Lupton
December 17, 1940 – March 2, 2011
Widow of John Clifton Lupton, Jr.

Dorothy Sparrow
March 26, 1926 – March 30, 2011
Widow of Leon Ray Sparrow

Iva Ella Wright
October 26, 1914 – May 7, 2011
Widow of Carl K. Wright

Mary Jacqueline Chrismon
July 1, 1923 – June 8, 2011
Widow of Harold M. Chrismon, Sr.

Patricia Smith Owen
August 14, 1933 – August 9, 2011
Widow of J. Malloy Owen, III



NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The Commission on Archives and History met on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Wesley Chapel, Duplin County. Those present were: Dennis Lamm, Arthur Warren, Harvey Powers, Jane Greeson, Mildred Swain, John Mitchell, Vivian Mitchell, Nancy and Snodie Wilson, Becky Warren.

Chairperson, Dennis Lamm presided. Arthur Warren offered the opening prayer.

The first order of business was to elect a secretary. This position was open due to the death of Jack Benfield. Mildred Swain agreed to fill this position for the next two meetings after which Harvey Powers agreed to be the secretary.

The minutes of the October 2, 2010 meeting were read. Arthur Warren made the motion which was seconded by John Mitchell to accept the minutes as read.

The Income Statement as of April 1, 2011 was distributed. The funds available have been increased. Orders have been placed for equipment for the Archives and History area but they were not received in time for them to be paid for from last year's budget. We were allowed to carry over the unused funds from last year to this year in order to pay for the equipment that had already been ordered.

Much information is available in our Archives but it is not easily accessible. A new scanner has been ordered which will improve this situation.

The Chair expounded on the volume of books in the Archives: numerous sets of journals, information on other conferences, General Conference Minutes, old hymnals. Space is rapidly being filled with items that could and should be eliminated. Two copies of items pertaining to the North Carolina Conference will be retained and preserved. Our table at Annual Conference will have some of the excess available for distribution at no cost. There are three books offered for sale now: "Methodism Alive in North Carolina"; "Early Methodist Meeting Houses in Wake County" and "The Lumbee Methodist".

Every picture that was on display in the old Conference Office is now in the Archives. These need to be sorted and a decision made as to what to do with them.

The North Carolina Commission on Archives and History and the Western Carolina Conference own the copyright to the book "To Be Faithful to Our Heritage". The Western Carolina Conference has requested that we sign our ownership of the copyright over to them. They plan to print an updated version of the book. John Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Arthur Warren that we do so. The motion carried. We would request a copy of the updated book for our Archives.

A grant application was received from the Rehoboth Church Preservation Society for a \$500 grant. Harvey Powers made the motion which was seconded by John Mitchell that we grant their request. The motion was approved. Dennis assigned Arthur Warren, Mildred Swain, Harvey Powers and Nancy Wilson the task of getting a list of the lineage of pastors for as many churches in their area as they could.

Upon a motion by Arthur Warren, seconded by Harvey Powers and approved by the members, our next meeting will be October 8, 2011 at the Conference Headquarters in Raleigh.

Dennis again stressed there was a great deal of information in our Archives that needed to be sorted and made easily accessible. He requested church histories and pictorials from every church. May 5 and 6 will be work days at the Methodist Building Archives.

There being no further business, John Mitchell made the motion, Arthur Warren seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mildred Swain, Acting Secretary*

AREA CHURCH COMMISSIONS CARVING OF CIRCUIT RIDER



Robert Williams was the founder of Jerusalem United Methodist Church (1773) His preaching place on the Brunswick Circuit (26 places) was beneath a centuries old oak that stood until 2007 near the Jerusalem UMC Cemetery. Homecoming crowds still gather around the giant tree trunk (26 feet around). It is known as the Robert Williams Gospel Oak.

Danny Mills, a woodcarver from Wake Forest, carved the figure of a horse and circuit rider from the wood of this historic tree. This is a picture of Danny and the carving, not yet mounted on an oak stump. Danny is a descendant of Daniel Yeagan, another 18th century circuit rider who followed in the tracks of Robert Williams. The carving was commissioned by Jerusalem United Methodist Church.