



Thanks to Concord UMC in Pleasant Hill,
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 6, 2012

The fall meeting of the NC Historical Society and the Commission on Archives and History will be held Saturday, October 6, 2012 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.

NC CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES - April 21, 2012

The Spring Meeting of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society was hosted by Concord United Methodist Church, Pleasant Hill, NC

Welcome was extended to everyone and the meeting was brought to order by Rev. Dennis Lamm, Chairperson of the NC Conference Commission on Archives and History, in the absence of the Society President Mildred Swain who has a foot ailment. She sends her love to everyone and plans to see us at conference.

Devotion was given from Luke 13: 22 – 30 by Rev. Lamm. He emphasized that we have been called as followers of Christ to help others. Our challenge is not to be negligent to help someone because you think, "What little bit could I do?" So, don't listen to Satan and believe you can't make a difference.

Minutes from our fall meeting were acknowledged. John Mitchell moved that the minutes be approved and a second was given. Minutes were approved.

Rev. Arthur Warren was asked to share any updates regarding the Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society. Our next meeting will be July 9-12 in Nashville, TN at the Scarritt-Bennett Center with the theme *The Church Confronts the World: Twentieth Century Southern Methodism and the Popular Culture*. Rev. Von Unruh will be the keynote speaker. The 2013 meeting will be at Lake Junaluska and will be celebrating the centennial anniversary of Lake Junaluska Assembly. He encouraged membership into the historical societies. SEJ Heritage Center budget concerns were expressed as a reduction is expected. We appreciate the donation of \$350 from the NC Conference Commission to the SEJ Heritage Center endowment.

Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives from Enfield, NC had sent a letter to our Historical Society regarding the history of Concord UMC. Concord UMC began in 1794 as a log cabin down the road from this location.

The Nat Turner revolt was near here (early 1800's). Rev. Luther Bridges, born in Margarettsville, wrote the hymn *There's Within My Heart A*

Melody. He wrote the hymn in response to the deaths of his wife and three children who had perished in a fire.

Dr. Bill Simpson, conference historian for the N. C. Conference and a former District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, spoke of his first charge conference at Concord. When he was ready to depart the conference that evening, he was invited to see the sanctuary. It was there that he was informed that he was standing where Frances Asbury once stood. Yes, Francis Asbury had been here to preach, even twice. This is historic property. He also shared that Rev. Brooks Patten, one of our great leaders who was once pastor here at Concord, died this year.

Dr. Simpson has been working on a list of deceased ministers. Ancestry.com lists all death certificates. This is a good resource for information for our church historians. Also, Dr. Simpson continues his work on writing the North Carolina Conference history. All historical records of the twelve districts of the N. C. Conference are to be sent to the Conference Archives at the Methodist Building in Garner before Annual Conference 2012.

Rev. Lamm shared that the conference office has been working on getting things digitized and church histories are being put online. We now have about 30 churches represented and have many more to do to complete the process. Volunteers are needed to scan conference materials.

A request for a historical marker has been received for the site of a former Methodist School in LaGrange. Discussion was made as to what position we wanted to take for placing markers. Suggestions were given that local sites petition the state to see if they would place a marker or if a United Methodist Church in the area may help take responsibility for such requests. John Mitchell made a motion that the persons requesting the marker from LaGrange make a request to the NC Highway Historical Marker Committee for assistance to place the historical marker and if they are turned down, the Historical Society will consider assisting monetarily with the project. The motion was seconded by Rev. Arthur Warren and passed.

Rev. Lamm stated that new officers need to be elected for the society. President Mildred Swain is resigning and does not want to be reelected. Nominations are needed.

Rev. Bill Simpson nominated Rev. Arthur Warren for president of the society. There was a second given by Snodie Wilson. Rev. Warren accepted to be president.

A nomination for vice-president was made for Snodie Wilson by Rev. Bill Simpson, seconded, and Mr. Wilson accepted to serve as vice-president.

Secretary Becky Warren was re-elected to continue as secretary of the society.

Mrs. Inez Bryner was introduced to share church history. She recalled this was the first church she attended and remembers the 1930's very well. There were four Sunday School classes. Until 1997 there was only the one room church building. She remembers the big pot-bellied stove. The outside looks the same as always except the added ramp. Remodeling was done in 2005 to even the floor. Furniture and pews were refinished to remove the black paint that had been used in the 1800's. The floor still has quarter-sawed lumber. That was to prevent splintering. Memories were shared of those coming to church with their mules and then T-models.

Rev. Lamm closed the meeting with prayer. Our next meeting will be at the conference building in Raleigh, early October. Date will be forthcoming.

A delicious lunch was provided by the church— fried chicken, ham, potato salad, corn, and desserts. Donations were given for the lunch. Total in attendance was 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca F. Warren
Secretary

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: NC Conference, 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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**Motivation for Ministry Found Through Our Nashville, TN
United Methodist Heritage**

The 2012 annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society, July 9-12, at Scarritt Bennett Center was another wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement and blessings of the rich history of The United Methodist Church within the Nashville, TN area. The theme of the meeting was: *The Church Confronts the World: Twentieth Century Southern Methodism and the Popular Culture*. We were blessed with the North Carolina Conference being represented by Pat Bailey, Becky Warren and myself. The host conference, Tennessee, did a marvelous job with the leadership of Reverend Leland Carden, Mrs. Linda Collier, Mr. Andy Miller, Reverend Von Unruh, and Mr. Jim Havron.

The Steering Committee meeting began on Monday afternoon with the gathering of many familiar friends and the sharing of concerns for those absent this year. Plans for the future meetings of the Society were discussed with the 2013 meeting to be held Tues.-Fri., July 9-12, at Lake Junaluska, NC celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lake Junaluska Assembly and the 2014 meeting to be held in Georgia.

The keynote speaker for our meeting was Reverend Von Unruh, Tennessee Conference Historian and Archivist addressing *The Impact of Southern Methodist Progressives, 1900-1930*. This was a thorough, well-documented and delightful presentation for our society on the cultural shifts of this era.

It is hard to imagine that four years have passed since my election as president of this Society at the 2008 meeting in Athens, TN on the campus of Tennessee-Wesleyan College. It has been an honor and pleasure for me to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to the leadership of our newly elected president, Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr., from the South Carolina Conference. Other officers elected were: vice-president - Rev. Leland Carden, TN Conference, and secretary - Mrs. Nell Thrift, FL Conference. Also, we are grateful to Rev. Art Swarhout, who agreed to serve as editor of our newsletter, *News and Notes*, by appointment of the Executive Committee. It is also with much gratitude and appreciation that I acknowledge the outstanding ministries of our other outgoing officers: vice-president – Rev. Chris Shoemaker, SGA Conference; secretary – Dr. Nancy Andersen, WNC Conference and *News and Notes* editor – Mrs. Kerri Shoemaker, SGA Conference.

I encourage everyone to purchase a copy of the *Proceedings* to enjoy the papers presented and the conference reports from around the Jurisdiction for ten dollars from The Heritage Center, P. O. Box 1165, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. I certainly want to remind everyone to be sure to keep your membership with our Society current. We are grateful for the opportunity to support and encourage the work of historical preservation and education within the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska along with the Heritage Center Endowment Fund and appreciate your continued financial support in fulfilling our ministry of history. The contact information for our Treasurer is Mr. Bob George, PO Box 3955, Cleveland, TN 37320. Membership dues are 1 Year- \$15.00, 2 years \$27.00, 3 years \$40.00 and Life Member \$200.00.

Our host site at Scarritt Bennett Center was a gracious and lovely setting for our gathering and the closing worship and museum tour at The Upper Room Chapel sent us forth with renewed spiritual vitality. I look forward to seeing many of you at next year's meeting. Mark your calendars now!

W. Arthur Warren, Jr.
President, NC Conference Historical Society

DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

CLERGY

Robert Blair Craig
December 14, 1937 – March 15, 2012

Samuel Sunghwan Lee
November 3, 1925 – March 31, 2012

James W. Hamilton
November 13, 1928 – May 2, 2012
Husband of Betty Hamilton

Simeon Foster Cummings
June 24, 1920 – May 13, 2012
Husband of Maude L. Cummings

Kenneth Eugene Beane
July 31, 1924 – July 4, 2012

Robert F. McKee
December 9, 1927 – July 9, 2012

Timothy James Hazen
June 4, 1947 – July 18, 2012
Husband of Eddice Torrance Hazen

Richard Arthur Lewis
February 19, 1933 – August 6, 2012
Husband of Mary W. Lewis

Ronnie Richard Dawson
April 30, 1956 – August 7, 2012
Husband of Debra H. Dawson

Jeffrey Clarke Rose
February 21, 1951 – August 12, 2012

Walter Neill McDonald
May 29, 1922 – August 28, 2013
Husband of Joyce Ann McDonald

SPOUSES

Rennett B. Worth
March 8, 1945 – February 22, 2012
Wife of Leroy Worth, Sr.

Julia Geiger Bostick
August 3, 1923 – February 25, 2012
Widow of Joseph Kent Bostick, Sr.

Corabob Smith Turnage
July 15, 1917 – February 25, 2012
Widow of Roy L. Turnage, Jr.

Blondell Ellington
March 10, 2012
Widow of Budd Ellington

Lillian Blanchard
March 30, 1933 – March 19, 2012
Widow of George Franklin Blanchard

Marvin Louis Turner
February 27, 1934 – April 12, 2012
Husband of Joann P. Hanger Turner

Frank Worix
January 6, 1939 – May 30, 2012
Husband of Carolyn M. Cummings-Worix

Margaret T. Winstead
November 21, 1921 – July 5, 2012
Widow of Arthur William Winstead

Dorothy J. Dillman
January 27, 1925 – July 9, 2012
Widow of Lewis Albert Dillman

Della Oxendine Locklear
October 14, 1939 – July 30, 2012
Wife of Bill James Locklear

Janet Hackney Schronce
October 11, 1941 – September 5, 2012
Wife of Jerry Schronce

