

**GREETINGS FROM THE NC CONFERENCE COMMISSION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NC CONFERENCE!**



Martha Moyer from St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville, leads members of the NC Conference Historical Society on a tour of the church campus. The church hosted the Society, which is open to

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ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
FOR HOSTING THE FALL 2006 MEETING**

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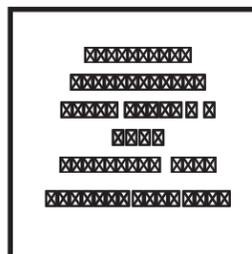
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**FALL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Is "Brooklyn" only famous for being part of New York City or is there a connection between the name Brooklyn and Jenkins Memorial United Methodist Church

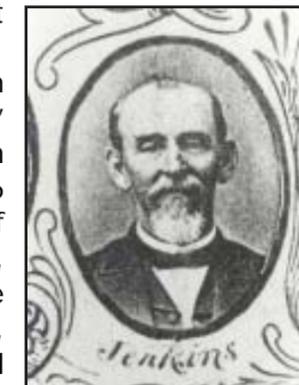


in Raleigh? The spring meeting of the NC Conference Historical Society will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh at Jenkins Memorial. During the meeting Lynn James, Executive Director of the The United Methodist Foundation and member of Jenkins Memorial will share with us the history of church. With its beginning in the 1870's and its shared history with the Methodist Children's Home the story is interesting and unique.

John W. Jenkins

May 4, 1832—July 4, 1906

Lynn James will tell us about the beginnings of the church community and how it was officially opened on September 29, 1907 with the name Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church in memory of the Reverend John W. Jenkins, founder and first superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage.



From Jenkins' memoir in the 1906 Journal of the MECS, W.H. Moore writes, "Long and useful as was his life to the church, it was in his last years the crowning work of his life was wrought in the splendid home he was instrumental in building for the orphan children of our State and church"

**Directions to St. Jenkins Memorial United Methodist Church**

725 North Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina

Jenkins Memorial UMC is on the corner of North Boylan Ave. & Devereux Street just off of Peace Street & Glenwood Ave. Coming south on Glenwood Ave. from the Methodist Building, go three blocks, turn right onto Devereux Street. Go one block turn left on N. Boylan Street. Jenkins Memorial is one block up on the left. Coming North on Glenwood turn left on Peace St. Go one block & turn right on North Boylan Ave. Jenkins Memorial is one block up on the right. Directions to The Methodist Building in Raleigh, are available on the Conference website link: "Contact Us" or call Laura Bailey 800-849-4433 ext 264. Contact # for the day of the meeting: 919-971-5967

The NC Conference Historical Society will meet at 10:00AM-Noon. Lunch will be served at the church at Noon. The NC Conference Commission on Archives & History will meet at 1:00 PM. Please make reservations for lunch by contacting Laura Bailey. 800-849-4433 ext 264 or locally 832-9560 ext 264 Or by email [lbailey@nccumc.org](mailto:lbailey@nccumc.org) Please let us know by Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

October 7, 2006

The fall meeting of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society met on Saturday, October 7, 2006, at St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville, North Carolina. There were 16 present: John Mitchell, Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr., Beverley S. Pierpoint, Snodie B. Wilson, Nancy Grady Wilson, Rebecca F. Warren, Vivian Mitchell, Jane Greeson, Para Drake, Berndt Bohm, (Virginia Beach, VA), Mildred S. Swain, Martha Moye, Ruth G. Copley, Rev. Tony Collier, Rev. C. Franklin Grill, and Laura Bailey. Rev. Gray Southern welcomed the NCCHS to St. James UMC. Martha Moye gave us a guided tour of St. James.

Para Drake, president of the society, had us introduce ourselves and tell which church we are from. She then had a prayer.

The minutes of the April 1, 2006 meeting were approved by consensus with three corrections: 1- at the bottom of the third column it should be Garber Era, 2 — before the last paragraph, the name should be Micki Delano, and 3- in the last paragraph, the presentations of church music history was by Dave Miller.

Jane Greeson was asked by Pam to read the paragraph about a conference historical society from the 2004 Book Of Discipline. The purpose of a society is "promoting interest in the study and preservation of the history of the conference and its antecedents." Dues are also authorized.

Para said she has experienced very little ethnic minority participation of the society meetings she

has attended. To Be Faithful, a history of Black United Methodist Churches in North Carolina is going to be published with corrections. It was written by Linda Addo of the Western NC Conference and Rev. James-MdCallum of NC Conference and covers up to 1958. As an historical society, would we like to affirm this?

Arthur Warren - the WNC Conference contacted us for permission to do an update since the book was a joint project of both conferences. Linda Addo would do the WNC update. We would need someone to replace the late Rev. McCallum to do our updating. Para — we should encourage the NC Conference Commission on Archives & History to pursue along with the WNC Conference updating the book. Arthur — cost would be about \$5,000 for 500 copies and \$7-8,000 for 1,000 copies according to a bid. One of the problems is funding. The WNC Conference has a list of corrections and additional information, not go past 1968. This is the most definitive history of Black churches that we have in our conference. It would be good to update it. Arthur has known about this for a year and doesn't know how much longer the WNC Conference can wait. They want 500 copies, how many would we want? Para — can we sell them if we buy them? Vivian Mitchell — we also have Native Americans, Hispanics, and other ethnic minorities in our conference. Arthur — the 1989 book on the

Lumbee Indians was sold over many years and the last 1,500 copies were finally given out at a session of Annual Conference.

Para— the consensus is that the NCCHS is not ready to endorse the project for the NC Conference, but to give the Western North Carolina Conference permission to go forward with their updating project. The society is not ready to purchase the books.

How many people are out there that the society is not reaching? How could we be more relevant? Para asked if we would like to have a hands-on workshop for historians. We would need 3-4 people to head this up and figure out what we want to do. Vivian Mitchell - use Bill King, retired archivist of Duke University or someone he could recommend. Tim Pyatt is the current archivist. Para — we could offer an overnight weekend or a single-day event. Beverley Pierpoint — Croasdaile Village could host the workshop. She can develop and print the needed publications. Martha Moye volunteered to help. Beverley suggested contacting the North Carolina Historical Society and the North Carolina Genealogical Society. Planning was tabled.

What do we as a society want to look like 2, 5, 10 years from now? Nothing is on paper for our vision of the future. Arthur — how many members do we have, about 70? John Mitchell — most of the members are not active.

Para recommended that the society develop a brochure that can be distributed. We need a purpose. Beverley said she will come up with some samples. Everyone can bring

## DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

### Clergy

Michael Lawrence Tart  
October 1, 1951-August 28, 2006  
Husband of Margaret Tart

William Earl Clements  
January 13, 1937-September 12, 2006

Charles Maynard Litzenberger  
December 12, 1943-October 13, 2006  
Husband of Annette Ruth Lancaster Litzenberger

Guy Vassar Soule, Jr.  
August 22, 1935-October 16, 2006  
Husband of Frances Yvonne Unger Tobin Soule

James Millard Short  
August 21, 1928-October 28, 2006

Vassar Wilson Jones  
March 29, 1920-January 14, 2007  
Husband of Ruby Humphries Jones

Rudolph Hart Hodge  
September 21, 1927-January 16, 2007

Wallace Bradford Lewis  
February 16, 1937-January 27, 2007  
Husband of Lovetta Griffin Lewis

### Spouses:

Charles Sutton  
August 25, 1945-August 30, 2006  
Husband of Josephine Alford Sutton

Helen Lucille Edwards Tyson  
September 2, 1928-September 12, 2006  
Widow of Aaron Grandison Tyson

Marie Gertrude Davis Staton  
February 29, 1924-October 14, 2006  
Widow of Jesse Cloman Staton, Jr.

Lula Mae Smith Olive  
November 29, 1936-October 16, 2006  
Wife of John Gilbert Olive

Helen Hill Bailey  
April 19, 1936-November 21, 2006  
Wife of James Herbert Bailey

Alice Caldwell Richardson  
July 23, 1921-November 23, 2006  
Widow of Allen Richardson

Rose Marie Baron Snyder  
March 18, 1931-December 17, 2006  
Wife of Nevin David Snyder

Ollie M. Hogue  
June 2, 1907-December 25, 2006  
Widow of George Edward Hogue

Clementine Kirby Varnum  
October 28, 1922-January 6, 2007  
Widow of Tracie Varnum



## AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

The General Commission on Archives and History announces the recipients of two of its award programs. Receiving the 2006 Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American United Methodist History Research Grant are Jodi Skipper, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Texas, Austin, for her historical research at St. Paul Church, Dallas; and Andrew Witmer, a doctoral candidate at the University of Virginia writing on "God's Interpreters: African Missions and the Social Construction of Race in America, 1865-1910". The John Harrison Ness Award recognizes two outstanding papers written by M.Div. candidates. This year's winners are Jessie Shuman Larkins for the paper, "John Wesley Among the Colonies:

Wesleyan Theology in the Face of the American Revolution" and J.E. McConnell, II, for the paper, "The Character of Methodism in George Eliot's Adam Bede". Both recipients of the Ness Award are students at Duke Divinity School and were students of Dr. Richard Heitzenrater. While the dollar amounts are modest, these awards are a way for the General Commission to encourage students and scholars to research and write on Methodist history. Good work is being done and we are pleased to recognize such accomplishments. Information for all awards and grants can be found on the GCAH web site at <http://www.gcah.org/AwardsGrants/GrantsLinks.htm>.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

A few months ago Steve Compton, Executive Director of Church Development, donated a small collection of postcards from churches and former churches in the NC Conference. I will be adding them to a few we already have from other churches. This would a good opportunity to ask others churches in the conference if they have images of church buildings that were made into postcard. If your church has an "extra" card that could be donated to the archives, please send it with a separate piece of paper indicating, name of church, year and other information that you feel would be helpful. Your postcard will be included in the collection.

Here is a question for you historians that I have from the example card printed here. In pencil on the back of the photo it says the individuals stayed in Roxboro in 1952. The cars in the photo are older than 1950's cars, and the caption on the card says Methodist Episcopal Church. Can anyone see the how there might be a question about the name in the caption?



Send postcards to: NC Conference Archives, 1307 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27605  
We will publish another one in our next issue.

## Minutes



one to the next meeting. We will plan and review at the next meeting. Arthur — for years we have been going to two churches per year and learning about the history of the churches we met at. Our vision has been to encourage churches to record their history and to interest people in church history. Para suggested meeting before the regular spring meeting next year for a visioning process. The spring 2007 meeting will be held on the Saturday after Easter Sunday, April 14, at a location to be determined. Arthur — in July, 2007 the Southeast Jurisdictional Historical So-

ciety and the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church will meet at the 4-H Convention Center in Chevy Chase, MD, just outside of Washington, DC to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley. In 2008 the SEJHS will meet in Chattanooga, TN. The HSUMC will meet in Mitchell, SD. The biannual SEJ Heritage Workshops will be held at Lake Junaluska Assembly in 2007. Frank Grill, Conference Historian — the North Carolina Conference gave all the ministers new e-mail addresses. He stopped getting information from the Conference. Para — this change means that e-mail addresses for ministers would not have to be changed whenever they move to a new appointment.

Laura Bailey had copies of the histories given out at Annual Conference as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the granting of full clergy rights to women. Directions were given for driving to Cypress Glen, one of our United Methodist Retirement Homes, for lunch. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer and blessing for lunch by Arthur Warren.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Mitchell, Secretary

There will be a vote on these minutes at the next the meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>

## NOTE:

A vote for officers for the Historical Society will be held at the April 14th meeting. Please come and bring Nominations.

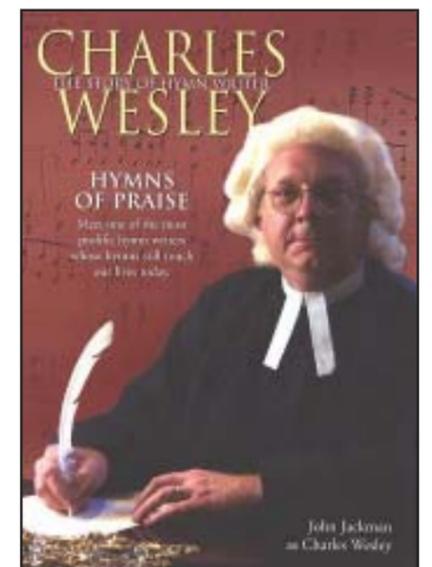
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## Charles Wesley: The Story of the Hymn Writer Hymns of Praise

A 90 minute film starring John Jackman as Charles Wesley in a one man play is now available. "In Wesley's time, congregational hymn singing was a revolutionary idea. Anglican churches had marvelous choirs, but the congregations rarely sang." You many borrow DVD resource from the NC Conference Media Center (800-849-4433) or purchase it from Ecufilm 888-346-3862



## THE WORK OF CHURCH HISTORIANS COMPLEMENTS THE BISHOP'S SEVEN PATHWAYS



Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr. in discussion with General Secretary Robert Williams at the SEJ Historical Society Meeting in June.

In the State of the Conference Report, throughout the budgeting process, in meetings, workshops and seminars our Bishop, Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr. has been outlining the Council of Bishops' Seven Pathways for Making Disciples of Christ to Transform the World.

In an article in the recent issue of Historian's Digest from the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church, Robert J. Williams, the new General Secretary of The Commission on Archives and History challenges us with these words:

"I believe that the community of those who work on archives and history can contribute a historical perspective on each of these pathways.... Let us be challenged to research and to write articles that contribute to this discussion, drawing on our knowledge of our heritage."

He lists the 7 pathways questions and comments to consider.

Developing New Congregations: "What can we learn from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century when the church was starting 2 new congregations every day?"

Transforming existing congregations: "What are the stories of the congregations that have been transformed?"

Teaching the Wesleyan Model for forming disciples of Jesus Christ: The continued need to teach about: "The General Rules, Class Meetings, Personal and Social Holiness" and how they are part of "our rich heritage."

Strengthening clergy and lay leadership: Remembering our foundations: "educational institutions, Sunday School, Chautauqua movement, and periodicals such as the Christian Advocate."

Reaching and Transforming lives of new generations of children: "Can we learn from telling stories of the Epworth league, Christian Endeavor and other ways the church has reached out to children?"

Eliminating poverty in community with the poor: "John Wesley encourage not only ministry to the poor but also the necessity of getting to know those who are impoverished"

Expanding racial/ethnic ministries: "The church can remember", perhaps retaught!, "the work in the language conferences of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and other outreach ministries and be inspired to faithfully to 'serve this present age'."

General Secretary Williams concludes his article by saying, "The whole church can be energized around the clarity of mission that these pathways provide. May we offer our contribution to that vision with the gifts of memory and thus inspire all to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ."



General Secretary Robert Williams with NC Conference Archives and History Chairman, Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr., in Goodson Chapel, Duke University

## 300TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLES WESLEY'S BIRTH

### HERITAGE SUNDAY TO MARK CHARLES WESLEY'S LEGACY

Heritage Sunday is May 20, 2007, designated as the Sunday preceding Aldersgate Day, May 24. (Just a reminder that it was on May 24, 1738 the John Wesley's heart was "strangely warmed" and thus is remembered as a critical moment in his spiritual journey.) This date this year is especially significant as it was on May 21, 1738 that Charles had a profound experience of faith and thus predated his brother's by three days. Worship ideas and celebration suggestions are also available online: [www.gcah.org/Heritagesunday2007essay.htm](http://www.gcah.org/Heritagesunday2007essay.htm) Or call or Email Laura Bailey at the NC Conference if you would like a copy of the essay with study suggestions.

### CHARLES WESLEY TO BE FEATURED AT HISTORICAL CONVOCATION

The sixth Historical Convocation: "Celebrating the Charles Wesley Tercentenary" is scheduled for July 20-22, 2007 at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase Maryland, only a few blocks from Washington, DC. In addition to the Historical Society of the UMC, the Charles Wesley Society, Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History will all hold their annual meetings in conjunction with the with the Convocation. The Convocation will begin at 1:30 PM on Friday, July 20 and conclude with worship on Sunday Morning, July 22. Cost will be \$80.00 registration. There will be an additional cost for meals and lodging at the 4-H Center. For more information, please contact Michelle Merkel at 973-408-3189 or Robert Williams at 973-408-3191 Advanced Registration materials are available online: [http://www.gcah.org/Historical\\_Convocation.pdf](http://www.gcah.org/Historical_Convocation.pdf) If you need help finding out more details about registration contact Laura Bailey North Carolina Conference, 800-849-4433 ext 264 or [archives-history@nccumc.org](mailto:archives-history@nccumc.org)

### DATES OF INTEREST IN THE LIFE OF CHARLES WESLEY

1707 Born the 18<sup>th</sup> child and youngest son of Samuel and Susanna Wesley in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England

1716 Enrolled in Westminster School

1721 Elected a king's scholar and provided with free board and education

1729 Formed the Holy Club with his brother, John, and George Whitfield

1730 Graduated from Christ College, Oxford, with a B.A.

1732 Graduated from Christ College, Oxford with a M.A.

1735 Ordained a deacon and elder, church of England; sailed to Georgia colony to serve as secretary to General James Oglethorpe at St. Simon's Island. He returned to England, preaching at the Old South Church in Boston before he left. Continued writing in his journal from the time in Georgia until 1756 in Bristol

1738 On May 21, following a reading of Luther's commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians, he was "born again"—converted into a new faith—three days before John Wesley's conversion at Aldersgate. He wrote the words of his first hymn, "Where Shall My Wondering Soul Begin" UMH #342

1749 On April 8<sup>th</sup>, he and Sally Gwynne were married, John Wesley officiated.

1771 Returned to London

1788 Died in London

During his adult life, Charles traveled, preached, wrote poetry and hymns, saw to the work of the Methodist Societies, bands, and classes, remaining loyal to the Church of England. He wrote more than 6500 texts, including the poems and hymns.

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Adapted from a listing from the General Board of Discipleship at the 299<sup>th</sup> birthday of Charles Wesley, Dec, 18, 2006

