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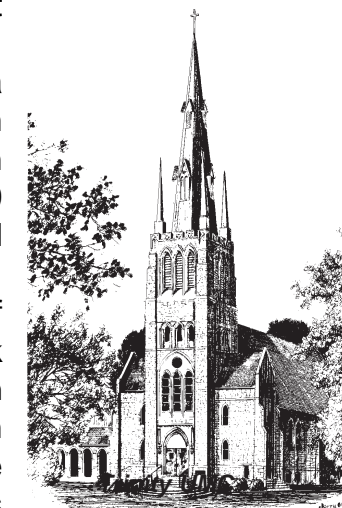
FALL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY - OCTOBER 4, 2008

HISTORY OF TRINITY UMC

A congregation grew from an 1830 revival at a place called Orange Grove and the record reads that on the 25 of April, 1832 one William R. Herndon donated a house and an acre of ground to the Methodist Episcopal Church, for use as a house of worship and an academy. The Methodist church organized with some thirty members. For many years a very small building served as both church and school. In 1861 the congregation moved in to the little hamlet of Durham and established the first Methodist church. It was in 1861 that an acre and a half of land, the present site of Trinity Church, was purchased and a frame building erected there on.

The little pine church seated two hundred people. During the Civil War the building was used as a temporary hospital for wounded soldiers. In spite of all difficulties, the church continued its services. Known

originally as Orange Grove Church, its name was changed to Durham Methodist Church in 1866. A movement for the erection of a new church house began about 1879 and resulted in the dedication of a new brick structure in June 1881. In 1886 the church's name was changed to Trinity. On January 21, 1923, fire destroyed the brick church. The entire plant was lost and 1,000 people were without a church home. The congregation held regular services in local buildings while



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**Directions to Trinity United Methodist
215 North Church Street, Durham 27701**

From Chapel Hill: Take 15-501 N Durham. Merge onto I-40 E. Merge onto NC-147 N via exit 279B toward Durham. Take exit 12B- toward Downtown/ Roxboro St / Mangum St. Turn left onto Roxboro St. Go through second stoplight; take next left onto Parrish St. Parking immediately on right.

From Durham: Take NC-147 S toward downtown Durham. Take the Mangum St exit. Go straight through stoplight on Morehead Ave. Turn left at next stoplight onto Roxboro St. Go through second stoplight; take next Left onto E. Parrish St. Parking is immediately on right.

From Raleigh: Take the I-440/Inner Beltline ramp toward Cary/Durham. Merge onto I-40 W. Merge onto NC-147 N via exit 279B toward Durham. Take exit 12B- toward Downtown/ Roxboro St /Mangum St. Turn right onto Roxboro St. Go through second stoplight; take next left onto Parrish St. Parking immediately on right. (919) 683-1386

The Fall 2008 Meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Trinity UMC, Durham, 10:30-Noon. Lunch will be served at Noon. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch. Please call John Mitchell 919-787-3311 or Laura Bailey 800-849-4433 ext 264 lbailey@nccumc.org to make a reservation by October 4th. A donation to help defray costs will be collected. The Fall 2008 Meeting of The NCC Commission on Archives and History will meet after lunch at 1:00PM.

making plans for a new church. The cornerstone of a new church was laid on October 2, 1924. The new plant included a stone church and brick education building. The opening service was held on September 20, 1925. In April 1982 the church celebrated

the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Trinity United Methodist Church. The Henrietta Shaw Glenn steeple was added to the church tower March 8, 1985. In 2002, Trinity celebrated its 170th birthday as the Mother Church of

Methodism in the heart of downtown Durham. During 2007, Trinity United Methodist Church celebrated the 175th anniversary of its founding.

Harrell Tice



THANK YOU JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, FOR HOSTING THE SPRING 2008 MEETING

JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- John Wesley Methodist Church was founded in 1923 as a Sunday school and Fellowship for families in the neighborhood known as Evans Hill.
- The first church structure, Wesley Chapel, a wooden structure, was built in 1928 on land purchased on Frolic Street.
- The church building burned on Christmas night and the church moved to several different structures that also burned.
- The church was not rebuilt until 1938, one room.
- In 1942 a lot adjoining the church land was purchased, and in 1945 a parsonage was built.
- Beginning in 1954, a new church building was planned and in November, 1958 the present structure at Cumberland and Frolic Streets was dedicated. The name changed to John Wesley Methodist Church.
- June 1968, at the end of the Central Jurisdiction, John Wesley became part of the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. November 10, 1968 the church mortgage was burned.
- May, 1971 the Fayetteville Redevelopment Commission purchased the old church and parsonage land on Frolic Street.
- June, 1971 a new parsonage was purchased on McChoen Drive.
- October, 1996 the present church facilities were re-consecrated after complete renovation of the Sanctuary. Old pews were put in the balcony. The choir sits behind the organ and piano – it used to sit on the sides. A church van was acquired.
- November 1998 the church celebrated its 75th Anniversary; 75 years of witness and service.
- Since its meager beginnings, 22 pastors have served John Wesley UMC in its 85 years. Eleven persons from John Wesley have entered the ministry.
- Membership is now about 400; 300 active.

The spring meeting of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society met on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Present: John Mitchell, Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr., Becky Warren, Laura Bailey, Oxyvenia Hughley, Jane Greeson, Frances B. Thomas, Katie Mims, Harrell Tice, Anne Tice, Katie Robinson, Mildred S. Swain, Vivian P. Mitchell, Rev. Jack M. Benfield, Rev. Ed Morrison, Rev. C. Franklin Grill, Shirley Piphlin, And Rev. Dwayne D. Alston.

Rev. Dwayne Alston, pastor, welcomed the Society to John Wesley UMC and gave a prayer. Rev. Arthur Warren gave the devotional. Arthur reported that the NCCHS does not currently have a president.

The minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2007 meeting, as presented in the Saddlebags newsletter, were approved with corrections: (1) page 1, first paragraph under Program, sentence 2 — Rev. Wentz *assisted* in writing the church history.; (2) third paragraph under Program, sentence 1 — the presenter was *Jayne Wolfskill*.

Arthur presented the Nominating Committee report. Mildred S. Swain was nominated and elected. She will serve a two year term. Other officers — Vice President is vacant; Secretary/Treasurer is John Mitchell. Jane Greeson volunteered to serve as Vice President and was elected.

The fall 2008 meeting will be held at Trinity UMC in Durham on Saturday, October 4. Anne Tice said a meal will be served there after the meeting. Trinity has celebrated its 175th anniversary. The NC Conference Commission on Archives & History will meet after lunch.

Arthur introduced Rev. Jack Benfield, retired, of Garner UMC. Jack will be representing the NC Conference on the Southeast Jurisdiction Commission on Archives & History for the next quadrennium. He

served on the NC Conference Commission on Archives & History 25-30 years ago when he and Rev., Frank Grill were researching church history.

Jack Benfield told us that Garner UMC opened its Church Life Center three years ago. The church will celebrate its 150th anniversary on 2012. A portrait gallery of the pastors of Garner UMC was put up in the Center. Jack researched to find memoirs and pictures of former pastors. There is a notebook in the gallery with information about the pastors. The pages in the notebook are in plastic sleeves, convenient for changes. A lot of the pictures of early pastors are taken from the 1887 oval portrait of NC Conference pastors that is in the Archives. There is a section for the living pastors. Rev. Clyde Dunn was recently moved to the deceased section. Jack said he will be glad to help if your church wants to create a portrait gallery. A copy of the notebook has been given to the archives. This project is time consuming, but it is worth it. Rev. Frank Grill said computers have made this easier.

Treasurer's Report: \$2,556.50 in checking at BB&T and \$1,000 invested in The United Methodist Development Fund.

To Be Faithful to Our Heritage reprint project, a history of Methodist churches in North Carolina that were in the Central Jurisdiction for Black churches in the Methodist Church from 1938 to 1968. We have not heard whether the project will move ahead. We would need \$4,000-5,000 for our part of it. Since the book was originally published, new information has become available and corrections need to be made. This is on hold until we hear further from Dr. Linda Addo. Dr. Addo, of the Western NC Conference, co-authored the book with the late Rev. James McCallum of the NC Conference.

Laura Bailey showed the group a little book: Three Simple Rules. It was taken from John Wesley's "General Rules".

Frank Grill, Conference Historian, shared about his connection with the NCCHS. Rev. Bill Quick was the Conference Historian. When Bill was getting ready to move to Detroit, MI, he had a lot of things in a closet that he packed into a trunk and took to the Methodist Building. Frank said he got stuck with Bill's position. The Archives collection goes back to the first secretary of the NC Conference. The collection was moved several times until it was moved from a closet into the Archives rooms. Now, Frank said, he needs to pass the job on to someone else. He asked that another Conference Historian be appointed before he reaches 80.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Mitchell*

**Dates to remember:
2008**

Sept. 12-13, conference celebrating the 40th anniversary of the United Methodist Church — "Methodism and Pietist: Retrieving the EUB Heritage" at United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, Ohio

2009

June 29-July 2, SEJ Historical Society Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina (in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Meeting of the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church)

Nov. 13-15, Heritage Preservation Workshop, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

These minutes are to be voted on and approved in the October meeting of the NC Conference Historical Society

WHAT IS THE NORTH CAROLINA CEMETERY SURVEY?

The North Carolina Cemetery Survey is a program for recording vital statistics from the state's cemeteries. It operates at the county level and is coordinated through the State Archives at the state level. The program's objectives are:

1. Identifying, mapping, and describing existing cemeteries in North Carolina regardless of size, type, or physical characteristics. Since vital statistics were not kept officially until 1913, the emphasis of the survey is on those graveyards with burials before that date.
2. Permanently preserving historical, genealogical, sociological, demographic, and cultural data contained in abandoned or otherwise not-cared for cemeteries, including epitaphs and photographs whenever possible.
3. Providing more recent and comprehensive survey data than that available in earlier cemetery surveys, such as the one conducted by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s and 1940s.



WHY IS THE SURVEY NECESSARY?

There has been a growing concern about the plight of the forgotten cemeteries that dot North Carolina's landscape. This concern resulted in the formation in 1978 of a legislative study committee (the Abandoned Cemeteries Study Committee) to look into the conditions of abandoned graveyards and to offer recommendations for their protection and preservation.

To assess these conditions, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources coordinated an effort using private individuals and organizations to locate and record cemetery data at the county level. The findings of that assessment were reported to the General Assembly in 1981. As a result, the information-gathering program has continued as the North Carolina Cemetery Survey, and the state's criminal and civil statutes pertaining to burial sites have been strengthened. They protect abandoned public graveyards from the threats posed by urban development, agricultural activity, lumbering operations, vandalism, and neglect.

The North Carolina Office of State Archeology's website includes the above information as well as a list of statutes that protect cemeteries, state agency and contact information and a NC Cemetery form. Data compiled through the project is available in the search room of the NC State Archives, Room 2001, Archives and History/State Library Building at 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh. www.arch.dcr.state.nc.us/ncarch/reporting/cemetery.htm

Spouses:

Kathleen McCormick MacLean
April 21, 1924 – February 7, 2008
Widow of Robert Abner MacLean

Jean Lough Wilson
November 10, 1922 – March 31, 2008
Wife of Kelly Johnson Wilson, Jr.

Mary Virginia Brittingham Coble
May 15, 1915 – April 6, 2008
Widow of Joseph Fillmore Coble

Rosemary Todd Wynn
July 28, 1956 – June 5, 2008
Wife of Samuel Wynn

Georgia Reid Dodson
February 12, 1914 – June 17, 2008
Widow of Samuel Gordon Dodson, Jr.

Ruth Craft Tyson
July 1, 1921 – June 18, 2008
Widow of Marvin Dewey Tyson

Doris Elaine Faircloth
March 27, 1948 – July 1, 2008
Wife of Robert Anthony Faircloth

Sharon Trueman Butson
August 4, 1951 – July 1, 2008
Wife of John D. Butson

Ruby Humphries Jones
August 1, 1917 – August 7, 2008
Widow of Vassar Jones

Flossie Gillespie McNair
January 26, 1930 – August 13, 2008
Widow of Ester Maxwell McNair

Clergy

Robert Freeman Moore
December 7, 1921 – April 15, 2008
Husband of Burnell Kessel Moore

Eric Octavious Murray
December 13, 1914 – May 17, 2008

Walton Needham Bass, Sr.
October 15, 1920 – June 7, 2008
Husband of Emma Dean Simmons Bass

John Robert Blue
January 28, 1929 – June 8, 2008
Husband of Linda Lane Blue

James Albert Auman
March 2, 1923 – June 28, 2008
Husband of Josephine A. Auman

Grady Lee Kinley
October 15, 1919 – June 30, 2008

Clingman Carter Capps
March 20, 1931 – August 7, 2008
Husband of Patricia Lewis Capps



SEJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY - TENNESSE WESLEYAN COLLEGE - ATHENS, TENNESSEE

The SEJ Historical Society annual meeting was hosted by the Holston Annual Conference, Tuesday – Friday, July 8 – 11, 2008. The theme for our gathering was “The Methodist Episcopal Church in the Holston Conference.” Becky and I arrived on Campus and stopped by the Wesley Commons Dorm, a new housing facility opened in August 2007. I then went to the Steering Committee meeting in the Sherman Fine Arts Center where the business sessions and our meals were hosted. Mrs. Pat Bailey of Snow Camp, NC was also in attendance. The evening session was presented by The Rev. Robert L. Hilton on the topic of “The Uniqueness of Holston Conference”. This was followed by an Ice Cream Social that has become a tradition for our first two evenings. We enjoyed the Mayfield Ice Cream produced in Athens, TN.

We began Wednesday morning with devotion by Ms. Janie Lawson with a Native American Heritage influenced by her Grandmother to always do her best. The next presentation was by The Rev. James L. Douthat, “Holston’s Ministry to the Cherokee”. He shared about the work and influence of the missionaries among the Cherokee around 1820. They learned to read, write and trade their products. It was noted in 1835 that twice as many Indians could write as the white population in the area. In the early 1800’s you had to have a passport to travel through the Cherokee Nation. Red Clay State Park is the location of the Capital of the Cherokees. Methodist had a late start in their missionary efforts but had the greatest impact with The Rev.

William E. Rodgers serving for fifty years.

The last presentation of the morning was “History of Holston Conference before 1850” by The Rev. Bradley Scott. He presented the influence of three men in the early years of the Conference. Edward Cox, first Methodist Lay Preacher in TN, was part of frontier Methodism whose home and property is now a Historic Site of Methodism. HRW (Harry) Hill from Halifax, NC, who was converted around 1817 in Franklin, TN, influenced the next generation. Slavery was becoming an issue. In the next generation Methodism was becoming successful but more divisions were occurring. William G. Brownlow in 1822 was encouraging others to belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church but also wanted to have slaves. At the General Conference of 1823 the Holston Conference was formed and organized in 1824.

Following lunch, we heard from Dr. Bill Akins on the “History of Tennessee Wesleyan College”. The College has gone through seven different names and has had nineteen Presidents over the 150 years of its existence. The College began as Athens Female College but by 1858 had a faculty of five, 70 students enrolled and were meeting in an outstanding three stories building as it’s only structure. Today it has 280 acres with 900 students and 200 faculty and staff.

Mr. Steve Cox, Assoc. Prof., U. Archivist and Sp. Collections Librarian, Lupton Library, UT at Chattanooga, spoke on the topic of “U. S. Grant University”. Next, Rev. Roy L. Howard presented “The

M. E. School of Theology at Grant University”.

The Wednesday afternoon Business Session covered information about the Heritage Center at Lake Junaluska and established the next SEJ Historical Society meeting to be held in conjunction with The United Methodist Historical Society, Monday – Thursday, June 29 – July 2, 2009 at Lake Junaluska, NC. The Rev. Art Swarthout, acting Director of the Heritage Center, provided this information emphasizing the 20th anniversary of The United Methodist Historical Society. The Treasurer’s report was given by Rev. Frank Buie and approved.

The Nominations Committee brought their report for a vote and the new officers were elected as follows- President Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr., NC; Vice-president Rev. Chris Shoemaker, SGA; Secretary Ms. Nancy Anderson, WNC and continuing as Treasurer Rev. Frank Buie, SC. Mrs. Kerri Shoemaker, SGA was elected the Newsletter Editor.

After a delightful dinner we heard from a very gifted storyteller, The Rev. Charles Maynard, whose topic was “Entertainment in Stories”. The evening concluded with our Ice Cream Social and fellowship.

Mrs. Jackie Westfield presented the devotion for Thursday morning. Then Dr. William McDonald shared about “Methodist Chaplains During the Civil War”. He pointed out that the southern chaplains proclaimed a religion that was influenced by Camp Meetings. They promised that God would care for the soldier more than anyone

they would ever know, and that God would bless the army of the south. Jefferson Davis, however, did not see any need for chaplains. In 1862, chaplains were given a pay raise of \$80 per month. The soldiers received the Gospel by reading, hearing and through the use of tracts, which encouraged being right with God more than which side of the war you were on. They were often encouraged to give of themselves for the cause to honor their mothers and other women who were absent from their lives at this time. Daniel Webster was quoted as saying, “What makes a good Christian makes a good citizen”.

Following the morning break, Mr. Bob George presented “Two Bishops from the M. E. C.” – Methodist Episcopal Church. It was noted that the population of Chattanooga was 13,238 in 1860 and increased to 150,000 by 1870. The life of Bishop R. J. Cooke and Bishop T. C. Carter were presented. It was noted that Bishop Carter was assigned to the Portland, OR Area and did not have as much influence in the Holston Conference. The Scopes Trail took place in 1925 within the Holston Conference boundaries.

Our last presentation before lunch was “The First African American Female in Full Connection in the East Tennessee Conference” by Rev. Mark Womack. He spoke about the life and influence of The Rev. Sally Crenshaw, born in 1900, ordained Deacon in 1932 and as an Elder in 1936.* She endured the trials and difficulties of her time and her funeral was held on December 17, 1986. He related how in our search

for history we have a record of events, followed by research and reflection on all that is discovered. Rev. Womack related his own personal experiences with the struggle for equal rights among the races and acknowledged his own need for forgiveness.

After lunch we boarded the bus for our tour of Red Clay State Park and the site of the Centenary M.E.C.S. College in Cleveland, TN. We very much enjoyed this part of our meeting and were blessed with rain, which was much needed in the area as we returned to the campus. We had a delightful banquet that evening with presentations of Honorary Memberships being given posthumously to The Rev. H. Joseph Curtis of the Alabama-West Florida Conference who entered the Church Triumphant on April 12, 2008 and to Mrs. Harriet Mays of the South Carolina Conference. Mrs. Beth Burkey presented an outstanding musical program to conclude the evening.

Friday morning concluded our annual meeting of the Society with a Memorial Service and Holy Communion presided over by Bishop James Swanson of the Holston Area and assisted by Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, Athens, TN. We were truly blessed by our time in Athens, Tennessee.

*Sincerely,
Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr.,
President SEJ Historical Society*



**Editor’s note:
The historical timeline posted on by the General Commission on Archives and History on the official UMC.org website lists the following for **The Reverend Sally Crenshaw**: “1958: Sally Alford Crenshaw ordained by the East Tennessee Annual Conference. Crenshaw is the first African-American woman to be so honored.”
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The entire time line comparing events that took place in Methodist history and USA history can be seen as link from the www.GCAH.org site or directly at this address:

<http://www.gcah.org/site/pp.aspx?c=ghKJlOPHloE&b=3504153>

