



Thank you, Pleasant Green UMC, for hosting our meeting in April 2010

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 2, 2010

The fall meeting of the NC Historical Society and the Commission on Archives and History will be held October 2, 2010 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Wilson. Church historians and interested persons are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. Please call Robin Harry, toll free 800.849.4433 or 919.779.6115, ext. 252; or email at rharry@nccumc.org to reserve your spot for lunch.

About First UMC, Wilson

There were three great "epoch" revivals during the formative years, until hundreds were added to the membership and the first church was 'filled to overflowing' during Sunday services. In 1875, a large (50' x 80') church was completed facing Tarboro Street at its northeast intersection with Green Street. The first Women's Missionary Society was organized in 1879. In 1888, the first parsonage was established. Electric lights were installed in the church in 1893. In 1898 the First Methodist Church was officially founded and known as

the "First Methodist Episcopal Church South," until 1939, when it was renamed "First Methodist Church."



By June of 1909 as many as sixty members were unable to be seated for Sunday school. It was not until 1923 when the membership exceeded 850 that a three-story building was added. By 1952, membership reached 1600 and the Methodist church of Wilson, North Carolina was recognized as one of the largest and strongest in the conference. When the Sanctuary burned on January 1, 1984, it carried memories of the past along with its devastation. The congregation rallied together and decided to rebuild on the very same site. Many hours of love and devotion by members of the church were spent planning the future of the new Sanctuary. It was a long time until March 8, 1992, when the dedication day of our new Sanctuary became a reality.

Directions from the west, US 264:

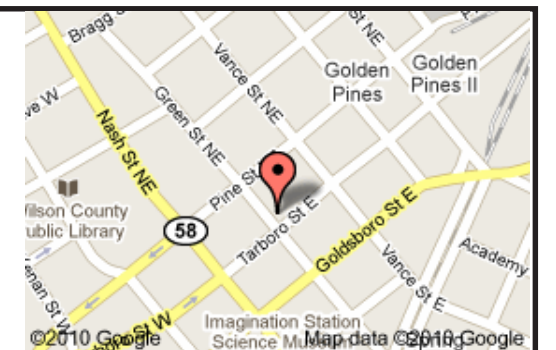
Take Exit 36 B off US 264. Go 6 miles into Wilson. Go straight onto Raleigh Rd. NW Raleigh Rd. becomes Hines St. Left onto Tarboro St. W. FUMC: corner of Tarboro & Green St

Directions from the east, US 264 W:

Take NC 58 exit, exit 49-Wilson/Kinston. Keep right-go on NC 58N. Right onto Ward Blvd/Us 301N/NC 58N. Left onto Lipscomb Rd. E./ NC 58. Left onto Herring Ave. NE. Herring Ave. NE becomes Goldsboro St. E. Right onto Green St. FUMC: corner of Green & Tarboro St

Directions from I-95:

Take exit 121 toward Wilson/Greenville. Go 5 miles into Wilson. Straight on US 264A ; to Raleigh Rd. NW. Raleigh Rd. NW becomes Hines St. W. Left onto Tarboro St. W. FUMC- corner of Tarboro & Green Streets.



NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES April 17, 2010

The spring meeting for the North Carolina Conference Historical Society was hosted by Pleasant Green UMC, Durham, NC. It was a lovely day for our gathering with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Mildred Swain, President, extended a welcome to everyone. Everyone joined voices and sang, "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations", accompanied by Ms. Janice Nicholson, pianist. Rev. Brian Wingo, pastor of Pleasant Green, also welcomed the group and gave an opening prayer.

Mrs. Swain gave a devotion reading Psalm 107: 1-9

Ms. Terri Leonard, church historian, shared with the group the timeline of the church buildings and additions and stories passed down about the church's history. One story is the origin of the name for the first church building. There was a contractor, Mr. Green, who was known as "Pleasant Green", and he referred to the area as a "pleasant green place", so the name Pleasant Green was derived.

An outstanding power point presentation of the church's history was shared.

Pleasant Green began as a brush arbor in 1832, followed by a log building, another log house in 1843, a larger frame church in 1869 and a new sanctuary was built in 1910. After several additions and a renovation, a new sanctuary was dedicated in 2003. The original sanctuary has been retained for special services and meetings. Carr UMC worships in the original sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.

"Uncle" Billy Duke as he was known had attended Pleasant Green. He was the great-great grandfather of

Ruth Copley, age 92, who attended the meeting today from Dukes Chapel. A side note of interest was Mrs. Ruth informing us that she is not done yet as she recently made 31 pies for her church bazaar!

Pleasant Green is a fruitful congregation with many active groups: UMW, UMM, Youth, Scouts, After-School Program, and the Summer Musical Program.

Business Session: New attendees were recognized and everyone gathered was introduced. There were 29 persons present. In addition to attendees from the host church, those registered in attendance were: Mildred Swain, Arthur Warren, Becky Warren, Bill Simpson (Conference Historian), Belton Joyner, Jerry Bryant, Jack Benfield, Jane Benfield, Snodie Wilson, Nancy Wilson, Earl Mangum, Rosa Belle Mangum, Douglas Jonas, Harvey Powers, Fran Parrish, Rannie P. Hilton, Anne Ross, John Bergland, Harrell Tice, Ann Tice, Jane Greeson, Ruth Copley, Julia Alliger, John Mitchell, Vivian P. Mitchell.

Minutes were recognized from the last meeting, Oct 3, 2009. John Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes and they were seconded. The treasury has a balance of \$3,160.95.

Dates announced to remember:

June 6, 2010- Open House at the new Methodist Building. The move will be two weeks after conference. History and Archives and the Media center will be on the first floor.

Dr. Bill Simpson shared there is a marvelous space made available for Archives and History at the new building. Thursday, April 22, 10:00 was designated as a workday to pack

things to move and he asked for any volunteers to assist. He has an original John Wesley letter from 1788. He read the letter written by John to his friend Nancy. Dr. Frank Baker from Duke authenticated the letter by the folding and seals applied. Other items on hand: A Geneva Bible 1606 printing, book on Wesley sermons in Welsh language, Disciplines carried by Circuit Riders. These are invaluable and he may place them in our new Archives. The chapel and large meeting room in the new NC Conference headquarters facility will be dedicated in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon, head of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Prayer was offered by Dr. Belton Joyner - giving thanks for the memory and work of The Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon.

July 6-9, 2010- Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society Meeting- Madison MS and the Lambuth history will be shared.

July 19-22, 2010 – The United Methodist Historical Society- Seattle, Washington.

Oct 2, 2010- Historical Society Fall meeting- First Church Wilson, NC, 9:30-3:00 with Dr. Dale Patterson, certified archivist, to speak on oral history and Harvey Powers on digital history. Registration is needed. All are encouraged to publicize the event.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mildred Swain.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Warren, Secretary

DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

Spouses:

Nancy Wilkes Andrews
March 15, 1930 – January 17, 2010
Wife of John Cleveland Andrews

Margaret Beane
February 17, 1928 – February 23, 2010
Wife of Kenneth E. Beane

Linda Lane Blue
March 19, 1943 – March 8, 2010
Widow of John R. Blue

Louise Brown Lancaster
July 30, 1920 – July 9, 2010
Widow of James Robert Lancaster, Jr.



Clergy:

Pernecie C. Yelverton
January 8, 1933 – November 16, 2009

Patrick Joseph Looney
September 9, 1967 – November 17, 2009
Husband of Karen Looney

Bobby Powell Tyson, Sr.
March 27, 1935 – November 23, 2009

Neil Howard Thompson
September 30, 1919 – May 8, 2010

Herman Nathan Ward, Jr.
November 6, 1938 – May 28, 2010
Husband of Priscilla Ann Ward

Robert Edward Lee Moser
May 3, 1912 – June 5, 2010

Camille Ogle Yorkey
April 18, 1946 – June 13, 2010

NEW ARCHIVES AND HISTORY QUARTERS IS ALMOST READY!



The new Archives and History quarters is almost ready! By the time you read this I hope that they will be. Robin Harry and I have opened and unloaded and moved box after box. You put something on the shelves and later you find another box with material that needs to be placed with material already shelved; so you have to shift the existing to make room for the new. It is at times an aggravating task but the reality of it is that it is a task of love. Once we have all the cartons empty then we can begin the process of recording what we have and seeking out more. You cannot believe the books and stuff that the North Carolina Archives has. The oldest book that I have found is one with a copyright date of 1802. There are numerous other books that are all about early Methodism in North Carolina. I hope that visitors will soon be able to browse our new facilities and get a glimpse of some of our treasures.

Shalom,
Dennis Lamm

North Carolina Conference Archives and History Commission
 The North Carolina Conference Historical Society
 Church Historians' Workshop
 October 2, 2010 - First UMC, Wilson, NC

Attention Church Historians:

Please come to a workshop that will provide teaching and learning for gathering oral histories and employing media to preserve local church history. Excellent leadership will help participants use formats and technologies to collect and store sacred memories. Please help us plan by registering below. Church historians and their guests (including media savvy youth) are encouraged to attend.



Workshop Schedule

- 9:30 am - Opening Fellowship
- 10:00 am - Oral History Workshop - Dr. Dale Patterson
- 11:15 am - Break
- 11:30 am - Workshop Continues
- 12:30 pm - Box Lunch
- 1:15 pm - Internet & historical research & preservation - Harvey Powers
- 2:15 pm - Summary with guest presenters moderated by Dr. Bill Simpson
- 3:00 pm - Conclusion



Dale Patterson serves as as Archivist and Records Administrator with the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church. He received his BS from the University of Denver in 1975, his MCS from Regent College in 1978 and his PhD from Drew University in 1984. Before joining the Commission he was Associate Archivist and Co-Director of the Oral History Center at the University of Louisville. Dale is involved in his local church and in adjunct teaching at Drew University.



Harvey Powers is a retired journalist and web designer and consultant. He received his BA in Political Science from Randolph-Macon College in 1968 and worked most of his adult life in broadcasting. From 1977 until 2008, he served as Editor, Producer, Anchor, News Director and Assistant Vice President - News for WWBT TV (NBC12) in Richmond. After pioneering web development for his station, he was assigned to the parent company, Lincoln Financial Media, to develop internet services for the group's three television stations. Since retiring, he works part time for Southside Virginia Community College and does free-lance web design and consulting.

Register Now:

E-Mail: Robin Harry at rharry@nccumc.org
 919.779.6115

The United Methodist Church
 Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society
 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
 Tuesday, June 28 – Friday, July 1, 2011
 Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, Kentucky



Theme: "Mission in the Heart of Appalachia"

PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

1:00-5:00 pm	Registration	
3:00 pm	SEJ Historical Society, Steering Committee	Ray Harm Room
4:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting – 1 st Session	Ray Harm Room
5:30-7:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)	
7:00 pm	Opening Session	Ray Harm Room
Keynote Address		Rev. Bob Landis

"Beginnings of Red Bird Mission"

Rev. Bob Landis came to Red Bird Mission as a home missionary in 1962 first teaching at the Jack's Creek School and later was appointed pastor of Jack's Creek and Bowen's Creek Churches. He was appointed to Mary Helen United Methodist Church in 1982 where he continues to minister although officially retired. Bob has a special interest in church camping.

	Fellowship (cake and ice cream)	Pavillion
Wednesday, June 29		
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Board bus for drive to Red Bird Mission	
9:30 am	Coffee and restroom stop	DeWalt Senior Center, Beverly
10:30 am	Worship	Rev. Scott Woodworth, Beverly UMC
12:00 noon	Lunch	Queendale Center
1:00-5:30 pm	Video Presentation at Red Bird Missionary Conference Office	
	Tour of Schaeffer Building and Craft Shop	
	Tour of Red Bird Mission School	
6:00 pm	Dinner	Red Bird Mission School Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Entertainment	Mr. Randy Wilson
8:00 pm	Return to Pine Mountain State Park	

Thursday, June 30

7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:45 am	Bus leaves for Henderson Settlement	
9:30 am	Worship	Hope United Methodist Church
10:00 am	Tour of Henderson Settlement	
12 noon	Lunch	Henderson Settlement Dining
2:00 pm	Presentation on The Bennett Center	Mr. Jim Hays, Hope UMC
	Mr. Jim Hays is a member of First United Methodist Church in London, Kentucky, a Bennett Center board member, former teacher at Sue Bennett College and an environmentalist.	
3:00-4:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting - 2 nd Session	Hope UMC
4:30 pm	Return to Pine Mountain State Park	
6:00 pm	Banquet	Ray Harm Room
Keynote Address		Dr. Steven O'Malley

"The Mission Program of the EUB Church"

Dr. Steven O'Malley received a BD from Yale University and PhD from Drew University. Dr. O'Malley has served as professor at Asbury Theological Seminary since 1985 and has written a number of books, including [On the Journey Home: the Mission History of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.](#)

Friday, July 1

7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30-9:30 am	Annual Business Meeting – Final Session	Ray Harm Room
10:00-11:00 am	Closing Worship and Holy Communion	

Preacher and Celebrant
 Bishop Lindsey Davis was assigned to The Louisville Area effective September 1, 2008. He was elected to the episcopacy in July 1996 from the Kentucky Conference and was assigned to the North Georgia Area, where he served for 12 years.

MEETING SITE NOTES

Meeting Site and Accommodations (Each individual must make reservation for lodging before January 31st to ensure group rate and room availability.)

Pine Mountain State Park SEJ Group Rates (taxes not included)
1050 State Park Road 2 – Full Size Beds \$99.95/night
Pineville, KY 40977-0610 1 – Queen Bed \$99.95/night
Telephone: 606-337-3066 1 – King Bed \$104.95/night
Toll Free: 800-325-1712 1 BR Cabin \$129.95/night
PineMountain@ky.gov 2 BR Cottage \$159.95/night
Park Manager – Stephen Easton (10% senior discount available)

REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

(Please print name(s) as you wish them to appear on your nametag and registrant list)

Mailing Address _____

(Confirmation and any additional information will be sent to this address after June 1)

Please give us your telephone number(s) and email address below if you wish us to use them:

_____ I (We) plan to fly to the meeting. Please send information about transportation to Pineville from the Knoxville, Tennessee airport.

I(We) have the following questions or concerns (accessibility, diet, etc.)

COST

_____ \$80 per person – This will cover the banquet and meals (includes all meals, except breakfasts and Tuesday dinner – available at Pine Mountain Lodge), transportation to daily scheduled events, SEJHS registration and other costs associated with daily meeting events.

_____ Copy of Proceedings - \$10 (Proceedings include papers and reports shared at this meeting.)

_____ I would like to join the SEJ Historical Society or renew my memberships indicated below:

2010 Membership Dues Per Person (2011 dues in parenthesis)

One Year - \$10 (\$15) _____ Two Years - \$18 (\$27) _____ Three Years - \$25 (\$40) _____

Life Membership - \$100 (\$200) _____

(Dues may be included with your registration check or paid with a separate check.)

\$ _____ Total Cost Enclosed

(Please enclose your check made payable to Red Bird Missionary Conference, Memo: SEJHS Annual meeting)

Please mail this form and your check by January 20, 2011 to the Registrar: Shirley Crouse, 51 Cove Hollow Lane, Beverly, KY 40913, crouse40913@aol.com, (606)337-8129

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Madison Mississippi - July 6-9, 2010

The trip to Madison, Miss. began on Sunday, July 4th following the morning worship service at Murfreesboro UMC for Arthur and Becky Warren. It was over 900 miles to the Hilton Garden Inn in Madison where the members of the Society gathered. We are always blessed to renew acquaintances with old friends and to meet those attending their first Society meeting. It was so nice to have Vivian Mitchell and John Mitchell attending with us from North Carolina.

Our hosts from The Mississippi Conference were so gracious and made us feel so welcome. We were saddened to here that the Rev. Jerry Williams was ill and would not be able to guide our meeting as he and others had planned. Mr. Sam Price of Vicksburg, Miss. was on hand to give us the guidance we needed and make our visit to Madison and the surrounding area so delightful. The folks at Madison United Methodist Church did an outstanding job providing for our meeting space and serving wonderful meals.

The theme for this year's gathering was "The Lambuth Connection". Our Keynote Address was presented by Bishop Clay F. Lee, Retired - who was elected to the episcopacy from the Mississippi Conference. He shared that this connection is "the story of four Methodist ministers from the same family that forged new horizons in proclaiming the Gospel over a significant portion of the world." Those ministers are The Reverend William Lambuth, The Reverend John Russell Lambuth, The Reverend James William Lambuth and The Reverend Walter Russell Lambuth.

When James W. Lambuth and his wife, Mary Isabella McClellan, set sail for China, "one biographer, W.W. Pinson, offers this detailed description of that long journey, "They said farewell and sailed on the Ariel, a small sailing vessel, about 10 A.M., May 6, 1854, from New York. There were no luxurious steamships then, with quick smooth journeys. They were to sail and drift 16,000 miles down the Atlantic, across the equator, around the Cape of Good Hope, around the continent of Africa, up through the Indian Ocean, across the equator again, among the islands of Malaysia, out by the Philippines, and up the China Sea. Through storm and calm, nausea and monotonous weariness, with bad water, moldy bread, cramped quarters, and suffocating heat for 135 days they sailed and drifted on their heroic journey." It was only two months after their arrival in China that their first born, Walter R. Lambuth was born.

Bishop Clay closed with the thought of Hebrews 12:1 on his mind and then used "Eugene Peterson's translation: "Do you see what this means – All the pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? – It means we'd better get on with it...strip down, start running...and never quit!" May it be so!"

We are all encouraged by the faithful accounts of the saints who have traveled before us on this journey of life. I would invite you to request a copy of our Proceedings of the Society meeting for \$10 from The Heritage Center. Checks made out to the SEJ Historical Society, and mailed to P.O. Box 1165, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. The Proceedings contain all of the papers presented at the meeting, if submitted by the author.

This event included a bus trip to Pearl River Church, Sharon UMC and Cemetery and our Banquet a fabulous covered dish meal at Benton UMC. We enjoyed presentations at each of these sights and on Alcorn State University/Wesley Foundation, Thomas Ford: Preacher and Witness to History, Rust College, Chrysler Family and White Oak Church, Walter Lambuth and the Board of Mission, and Early Methodist Hymns. The General Secretary GCAH, The Rev. Dr. Robert Williams, was among us with information on current events of the General Commission. Our closing Worship – Memorial Service and Holy Communion was led by our Vice-president Rev. Chris Shoemaker and Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, Preacher and Celebrant.

It was a joy to share in all of these activities and I encourage you to become a member of the Society. The dues will go up at the beginning of the year as noted in the 2011 SEJHS information. Please plan to join with us next year at the Red Bird Missionary Conference event.

Grace & peace,
Rev. Arthur Warren, President SEJHS