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SPRING MEETING OF NCC HISTORICAL SOCIETY - APRIL 18, 2015 - First UMC-Washington

Methodists were the first religious group to form a permanent congregation in the town of Washington, NC. Methodism started in Washington in 1775 at the home of Dempsey and Sarah Hinton. In 1782, Francis Asbury, one of the first two bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the US, visited the Hintons. In 1784, he returned and formed the first Methodist Society in town. The first Washington revival was in 1791.

Ralph Potts, Sarah Redding and Rev. James Avent are considered founders of First United Methodist Church, Washington. In 1800, Ralph Potts, known as "the Father of Methodism in Washington," purchased a lot and built a church on Market Street and donated it as a gift to the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was known as the Old Red Church on Market Street and as Pott's Chapel. Records indicate "it was small but large enough to praise God." On February 2, 1802, Francis Asbury dedicated the building and added it to the Pamlico Circuit. With the exception of the "free church," this was the first church building erected by a congregation in the town of Washington. For many years, a cemetery existed on the grounds. But, by a special act of the NC Legislature, the graves were later moved to Oakdale Cemetery.

This original church building served the growing membership for three decades. In 1831, plans were made for a new building. Mrs. Sally Quinn donated "a lot on Second Street, upon which the present church now stands." The deed records show that on January 1832 John Tyler sold, to the "Trustees of the Society or Congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Protestant Church in the United States of America," a piece of land, ...in Respass Town (provided) they shall build or cause to be built thereon

a house or place or worship for said congregation." On April 30, 1864, this second church building, was destroyed by a fire. From 1864 until 1867, the congregation worshiped in the Masonic Lodge. The Methodists built a new church "a rather unsightly building with a very sharp roof."

In 1898, the old church was taken down. Under the leadership of German architect Charles E. Hartge, the present brick sanctuary of First UMC was designed, built and dedicated on December 19, 1899 when Annual Conference was held in the new church. Additions to the church continued. A new education building was completed in 1918. In 1952, Cowell Chapel was erected by Charles F. Cowell, Sr. as a memorial to his parents, brother and wife. 1970 saw the addition of a Fellowship Hall and new Education Building. The "Prayer Garden", was constructed and donated by Tad and Frances Larkin in 1998. Wesley Hall, was completed in February of 2011. The architects for the building were Dunn and Dalton.

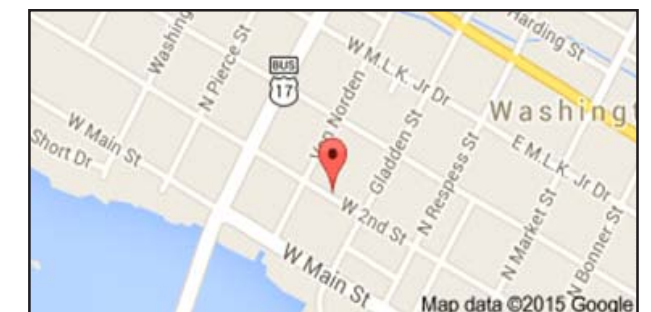


From its very beginnings in Washington, the First UMC family has played an important role in the community. Its members have cared for the poor and carried the Good News of Christ to the community. All are invited into the congregation. The church continues this legacy today with missions in the community and elsewhere. We hope you will visit us and our historic town on April 18th. If you are planning to attend, please contact Robin Harry (rharry@nccumc.org) to reserve your spot for lunch by April 13.

Directions from Raleigh and points west: Take I-440 to US-64 E/US-264 E, merge onto US-264E toward NC-97/Greenville, travel 56 miles then merge onto US-264 E/Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy via EXIT 73B toward Washington. Turn left onto US-264 and drive 17.4 miles. Turn right onto N. Bridge St./US-17 Business S. Turn left onto W. 3rd St./NC-32. Take 2nd right onto Gladden St., Take 1st right onto W. 2nd St. First UMC is on the right.

Directions from New Bern: From NC-43/Washington Post Rd. travel 8.7 miles and turn left onto US Hwy. 17 N/NC-43. Follow US Hwy. 17 N. for 22.7 miles. US 17 N. becomes US-17 Bus. N./ S. Bridge St. Turn right onto W. 3rd St./NC-32. Take 2nd right onto Gladden St., take 1st right onto W. 2nd St. First UMC is on the right.

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NCCOMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 4, 2014

Welcome – President Doug Jonas gave greetings to those gathered for our meeting.

Devotion- presented by Rev. Arthur Warren on Matthew 21: 33-46.

Introductions around the table – Those in attendance were: Bob Warner, Steve Pittard, Effie J. McGill, Russell Richey, Herman Best, Douglas Jonas, Dennis Lamm, Bryan Huffman, Nancy Grady Wilson, Snodie B. Wilson, Frank Thomas, Florence Thomas, Mary McDonald, John C. Mitchell, Dale Patterson, & Arthur Warren.

Rev. Dennis Lamm, Commission Chairperson, gave an invitation to attend the Commission meeting in the afternoon as plans for the 2016 SEJ Historical Society Meeting will be discussed as the NC Conference will host that event.

Minutes of the past meeting, April 5, 2014 were approved as written in the Saddlebags.

Treasurer's report: Balance of the Society funds \$ 3,114.02.

Several in attendance signed up as members of the Society.

Next meeting of the Society –April 18, 2015, First UMC, Washington, NC

Logistics of the day were shared. Program was introduced and Dale Patterson presented – How the Local Church can preserve and illustrate its History

Dale shared an introduction about his work and distributed a handout with resources for church historians. The web site <http://www.gcah.org/resources/celebrating-hisotry> was noted and the guidelines for records retention are available there and can be used as a template for the local church.

New General Secretary of the Commission on Archives and History of the UM Church is Rev. Alfred (Fred) T. Day III as of July 2014. He has served as pastor and curator at Old St George's Church in Philadelphia. His first order of business is to increase the visibility of the Archives of the UM Church and the Ministry of Memory.

As local church historians, we help the church to remember where we came

from and learn from the past with both the good and the bad to remember who we are as a church. Likewise, when we introduce ourselves to others, we may tell about our past in order to help them know who we are.

The work of the local church historian consists of caring for the church's memory.

The question was asked, "What are some of the challenges at the local church?" Some responses were: records in the attic, need more people to help, displays often look tired, keeping the blueprints of the facilities, having a budget or a room – space and storage were several responses noted.

Records Retention Policy historical note – Mrs. Marian Carr from Birmingham, AL started the ideas for this process.

Local Church Archives Workshop

What do we need to keep at our church and how can we use this to celebrate and educate our congregation?

The Ministry of Memory – Why History Matters – Local activities are ongoing in the local church. It is interesting to see how those in the past did their ministry.

- Entertainment – Elsie, A book about her life that is delightful.
- Inspiration – Photo from 1910 of church repair work – Question by a youth, "That was a century ago. Why have we not solved the problem?"
- Understanding - who we are
- Helps us manage our work –

Where are the records of the Ad Board, Policy for Marriage members and non-members
The Mission Statement and Policy Collection Policy

~Mission statement is the guiding principle of the archives
~Items that do not have to be kept, calendars, notes from the church office
~Collection Policy provides the details on how to fulfill the mission
~Describes how broadly or narrowly the church will collect

Planning for the Future

~It is a tool which allows your church to control what comes in to its archive
~Someone noted that we need to be aware of the State & Federal requirements of record keeping, but Dale noted that there are records that the State does not have

authority over.

Survey the Church's Records

- ~Locate local missing records
- ~Create a list of what records you have
- ~The list will show what you have and what you lack
- ~Add on to the list as you get more material

Basic Records to Keep

Be familiar with the people who have the minutes of church meetings if not in the church office. Be on the email list to receive those records for the church archives.

- Charge Conference Reports
 - Church Newsletters
 - Bulletins
 - Committee Reports
 - Church membership registers, baptisms, marriages
 - Records which give evidence of the primary ministry of your church
- To make sure that our future has a past we must be concerned about the records of today.

Church History Committee -Telling Church's Story

- They can be used to celebrate events in the church's life
- Invite the youth to create a scrapbook – people can view it as they go out by the pastor
- Make a video for new members' class
- Do some oral history – photos and memories of the church

Ways to "historicize" your website

- Have a history article on the site
- Make occasional changes to the historical articles featured
- Focus on a variety of activities

Mix history with the stories of your ministries

- UMW, Mission Teams, youth work, Work at local hospitals
- Again mix video, sound, music, with text

We are doing history as we are doing ministry.

Document teaching about electronic records is available online at www.gcah.org/resources/celebrating-history.

At the conclusion of his program, there was a question and answer session.

The closing prayer and Blessing of the meal was given by Rev. Bryan Huffman.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

CLERGY

Wesley Paul Aitken
August 19, 1924 – August 28, 2014
Husband of Ruth Ellen Aitken

Robert Franklin Pierce
October 17, 1954 – September 1, 2014
Husband of Kathy Weaver Pierce

M. Randall Baker
May 6, 1927 – October 28, 2014
Husband of Freda Baker

Glenn Bates Everett
July 3, 1942 – October 29, 2014
Husband of Patricia B. Everett

Jack Manly Hunter
May 2, 1930 – November 2, 2014
Husband of Wilma Holt Hunter

Peleg D. Midgett, III
September 6, 1923 – November 19, 2014
Husband of Carol W. Midgett

Henry Westbrook Lee
October 7, 1936 – December 1, 2014
Husband of Joanne M. Lee

John Gilbert Olive
January 26, 1933 – December 3, 2014

Clarence Garner
October 26, 1927 – December 10, 2014
Husband of Elgie U. Garner

James Milan Waggoner
August 24, 1933 – December 14, 2014
Husband of Margaret J. Waggoner

Amos Henry Stone
July 12, 1921 – January 18, 2015

Leland Jan Fogleman
November 3, 1952 – February 7, 2015

Frank Owen Fitzgerald, Jr.
December 11, 1928 – February 10, 2015
Husband of Mary Owens Bell Fitzgerald

Haywood W. Gillikin
April 13, 1943 – February 18, 2015
Husband of Jenny C. McIntosh

Leon Delanoa Fowler
November 26, 1934 – February 19, 2015
Husband of Neva Ruth Fowler

SPOUSES

Paul Bottari
August 8, 1952 – September 14, 2014
Husband of Rosario V. Bottari

Virginia Lupton
October 8, 1921 – August 22, 2014
Wife of James Glen Lupton

Inez S. Nickens
April 17, 1914 – October 14, 2014
Widow of Charles G. Nickens

Irene H. Mullikin
December 10, 1922 – October 20, 2014
Widow of Wade Allen Mullikin

Wanda Hamilton Dodson
June 30, 1954 – October 25, 2014
Widow of Jerry Stephen Dodson

Alexanne Clarke
July 5, 1941 – November 30, 2014
Wife of William Thomas Clarke

Mary J. Walton
March 13, 1921 – November 5, 2014
Widow of William C. Walton, Jr.

Julia Rogers Mayo
April 18, 1932 – December 15, 2014
Widow of Leonard Edward Mayo

JoAnn W. Mentzer
September 3, 1939 – January 9, 2015
Wife of James G. Mentzer

Sheryl Runge Nelson
April 4, 1955 – January 11, 2015
Wife of Michael Norwood Nelson

Fleeta C. Edwards
October 6, 1926 – January 18, 2015
Widow of John Everette Wood

Betty Lee Jordan Hamilton
July 9, 1932 – January 20, 2015
Widow of James W. Hamilton

Susan Glennon
December 14, 1952 – February 6, 2015
Wife of Dennis Joseph Glennon

Jean P. Jerome
November 13, 1911 – February 17, 2015
Widow of Robert L. Jerome

Christine Crawford Winberry
June 26, 1924 – February 19, 2015
Widow of Herman S. Winberry