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Meeting in July.

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The United Methodist Church
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Saddlebags

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FALL MEETING - OCT 1, 2016 - NCCUMC BUILDING - GARNER, NC

The next meeting of the NCC Historical Society will be held on October 1, 2016, at the NCCUMC headquarters at 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, NC 27529. The meeting will begin at 10:00am. This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in Methodist or Wesleyan history. If you are planning to attend, please contact Robin Harry (rharry@ncumc.org) by Wednesday, September 28, to reserve your spot for lunch.

The program will be a presentation on the Divinity Archive Repository by a member of the Divinity School Library. The purpose of this repository is to serve the common good by organizing and making accessible primary and secondary resources in the field of Religion. The desire is for Divinity Archive to become the go-to place for Methodist research. The Divinity School at Duke University is one of the thirteen theological schools of the Methodist and Wesleyan traditions. The Divinity School Library con-



tains a collection of more than 400,000 volumes in the field of religion. And as a side note, Dr. Frank Baker's collection of Methodist and Wesleyana - which is considered the most comprehensive Wesleyana collection in the United States - is housed in the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library. The Library collects a variety of religious materials in partnership with the Divinity School Library.

Is your church celebrating an anniversary? If you would like an Anniversary Certificate to commemorate the event, please contact Robin Harry at rharry@nccumc.org. You will be sent a form to fill out and you will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Ward and your District Superintendent. Please allow 4 weeks to receive your certificate.

Directions:

From I40 East, take exit 306 to Hwy. 70 East (toward Clayton) and take first exit onto Greenfield Parkway. Take right on Greenfield Parkway and right onto Waterfield Ridge Place.

From I40 West, take exit 306B to Hwy. 70 East (toward Clayton) and take first exit onto Greenfield Parkway. Take right on Greenfield Parkway and right onto Waterfield Ridge Place.

☸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 (please put "Historical Society" on the memo line)
Mail to: Archives & History, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner NC 27529

_____ Student \$3.00

_____ Regular \$7.00

_____ Patron \$10.00

_____ Contributing \$25.00

_____ Life \$100.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DECEASED CLERGY & SPOUSES

Clergy:

Leo Clifford Thompson
January 25, 1935 - March 27, 2016

David Wesley Johnson
January 20, 1930 - April 7, 2016

William M. Gardner
June 10, 1954 - April 13, 2016

Thomas C. Garland
March 24, 1927 - April 14, 2016

Lester C. Bissette
May 13, 1930 - May 28, 2016
Husband of Patricia B. Bissette

Norman Fitzgerald
July 10, 1948 - June 25, 2016
Husband of Brenda Joyce Fitzgerald

Charles E. Woodruff, Jr.
August 4, 1938 - July 15, 2016

Edwin Lee Earnhardt
September 28, 1926 - July 26, 2016

C. Franklin Grill
March 2, 1929 - August 10, 2016
Husband of Helge E. Grill

Carelton Paul McKita
July 24, 1926 - August 31, 2016
Husband of Margaret Louise McKita

Spouse & Family:

Michael Barney Pilgrim
May 10, 1953 - April 8, 2016
Husband of Carolyn Pilgrim

Virginia Shepard Smallwood
December 19, 1946 - April 16, 2016
Wife of Irwin Scott Smallwood

Panthenia "Tennie" Reid
July 28, 1920 - May 16, 2016
Widow of Dermont James Reid

Elizabeth "Betty" B. Shields
February 11, 1932 - May 25, 2016
Wife of Robert S. Shields

Betty Berenthien Wilson
December 29, 1926 - June 2, 2016
Widow of Robert Leroy Wilson

Nina Ray Browning Moore
June 19, 1915 - June 16, 2016
Widow of Jack Warren Moore

Mary Tew Wooldridge
May 18, 1927 - July 4, 2016
Widow of Oscar B. Wooldridge, Jr.

Deborah Moore Murray
January 15, 1953 - July 5, 2016
Sister of Donna Susan Moore

Ruth S. Mosley
April 29, 1939 - August 2, 2016
Wife of John Raymond Mosley

Carolyn B. Byrd
January 28, 1938 - August 6, 2016
Wife of Douglas L. Byrd

Velma Trott High
January 6, 1926 - August 12, 2016
Widow of Luther Vance High, Jr.

Barbara Morrow
August 14, 1938 - August 22, 2016
Wife of Floyd R. Morrow

Mr. Warner’s presentation comprised of a Question/Answer video. These were some of those questions and answers:

- (1) How did Methodism get started in this area? (Roots of 1st UMC are with Asbury Methodist Cementary from 1835. Old Asbury is off of Trinity Road on property owned by Cary. The town of Cary (4/3/1871) was founded just nine days prior to the founding of 1st UMC (4/11/1871).)
- What comprises our witnesses? (Rev. A.R. Raven was the second pastor of 1st Cary Methodist. The Annex was built in 1922; the Merrit Building in 1952; More Classrooms were built in 1956; Children’s Building in 1968; Sanctuary was remodeled in 1970s; Fellowship Building built in 1985; The Templeton Building and Sanctuary expansion in 1995; a Parking Lot in 2008; Columbarium in 2014. The Cabin has been relocated 4 times on the Church Campus.)
- (3) What comprises our ministries through the years? (The Fair Booth since 1916. The Christian Community in Action begun in 1968. Dorcas Ministries. Methodist Preschool in 1969 and Day Care in 1973.)
- (4) The Cloud of Witnesses comprises its people. (Interviews with several church members about church ministries and ministers they remembered.)
- (5) Who are today’s witnesses?

After the presentation, Mr. Warner took us on a tour of the Church grounds.

President Jonas adjourned the meeting for lunch at Serendipity.

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North Carolina Conference Commission on Archives and History – April 16, 2016 (Afternoon)

Welcome – Rev. Dennis Lamm, Chairperson of the Commission, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone attending our meeting.

Attendance – Those in attendance: Mr. Doug Jonas – President of the NCCUM Historical Society, Mr. John Mitchell, Rev. Dennis Lamm, Rev. Arthur Warren, Mrs. Becky Warren, Mr. Bob Warner, and Rev. Bryan Huffman.

Minutes – Rev. Lamm shared that the Budget for the Archives & History Committee has been slashed for the coming year. The Budget will be \$ 15,000.

Ms. Vivian Mitchell’s book on Clergy in North Carolina Conference has been entered into the Conference Archives & History website including 1,000 ministers beginning in the 1800s.

Rev. Lamm has asked the Conference for more shelf extensions for the Archives & History room at the Methodist Building in Garner.

A motion was made to keep 1 Journal and 1 Book of Discipline in the Archives & History room in Garner. Mr. Doug Jonas made the motion and Rev. Arthur Warren seconded the motion. It passed. Extra copies of the Journals and Book of Disciplines will be offered at Annual Conference in Greenville for a donation.

Rev. Lamm informed the committee that he had signed up to do a video in May or June with the Conference Office. What should it be? Ideas are due May 10th.

Annual Conference Table should be entitled “Early Methodist Influences in North Carolina” with pictures of John Wesley, Susannah & Samuel Wesley, etc.

Returning members of the Archives & History Committee are Mr. Doug Jonas, Mr. John Mitchell, and Rev. Bryan Huffman. New officers will be made at the Fall Meeting. SEJ Historical Society Meeting 2016 planning – The 2016 SEJ Historical Society Meeting will be hosted by the NC Commission on Archives and History in New Bern on July 19-22.

The 2016 SEJ Historical Society Meeting will follow the same pattern as the 2014 and 2015 SEJ Historical Society Meetings.

The banquet on Thursday night will be Moore’s BBQ, Chicken (50 fried/50 grilled), slaw, Brunswick stew, potatoes, and banana pudding.

The speakers will be paid \$ 200 and receive 1 night in a hotel.

Ice Cream Social will be paid by the Archives & History Commission and purchased and served by the Centenary UMW.

Focus will be presenting 75 Welcome Bags for the Event. Rev. Dennis Lamm will be in

charge of the bags. Rev. Bryan Huffman will get donation gift from Mt. Olive Pickles. Mr. John Mitchell will get donation gift of crosses. Rev. Arthur Warren will get donation gift of peanuts.

Mr. John Mitchell motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Doug Jonas. The meeting adjourned.

Addendum

The Historical Society of the United Methodist Church met at Centenary UMC in New Bern, NC from July 19-22, 2016. We had representatives from 10 Annual Conferences to attend the event (Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Western North Carolina, Virginia, and Holston). We also had Dr. Dale Patterson (General Conference Archives & History) from Drew University in attendance.

We began our time together on Tuesday, July 19th with Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood, Senior Pastor of Centenary UMC, giving our welcome. We also received welcomes from Dr. A.V. Huff, President of the SEJ Historical Society, and Rev. Dennis Lamm, President of the NC Archives & History Commission.

Our keynote address was given by Dr. Walter H. Conser, Professor of Religion and History at the UNCW. His address was entitled "Religious Diversity in North Carolina". This was followed by an Ice Cream Social hosted by the Centenary UMC United Methodist Women.

On Wednesday, July 20th, we met at Tryon Palace for a tour of Tryon Palace and two local Historical Homes. This was a great opportunity to learn the history of early New Bern and North Carolina.

Our afternoon session began with a program presentation by Rev. Dr. Bill Simpson, North Carolina Conference Historian. His address was entitled "The Antecedents of Methodism in North Carolina". This was followed by evening presentation by Dr. Russell Richey entitled "The Growth of Religious Traditions in Coastal America" specifically centered on Race and Education.

On Thursday, July 21st, we met for a tour of three Historical Churches in downtown New Bern. The tour consisted of St. Paul Catholic Church, Christ Episcopal Church, and First Baptist Church. A banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall at Centenary UMC. After the meal, Mr. Paul Saik, Director of Music Ministries at Centenary UMC, gave a delightful concert.

On Friday, July 22nd, we met at Centenary UMC's Chapel for a Memorial Service and Holy Communion. Rev. Bryan Huffman gave the message entitled "Great Cloud of Witnesses".

Submitted by Rev. Bryan Huffman

North Carolina Conference UM Historical Society Minutes

April 16, 2016 (Morning) @ 1st UMC, Cary, NC

Welcome – President Doug Jonas gave greetings to those gathered for our meeting. Introductions – Those in attendance were: Rev. Arthur Warren, Mrs. Becky Warren, Mr. Doug Jonas, Rev. Dennis Lamm, Mr. John Mitchell, Mr. Bob Warner, Rev. Bryan Huffman, Mr. George Mewborn, and Ms. Sybil Skakle.

Devotion – presented by Mr. Doug Jones from the flyer “Righteousness of Faith – First Believe” by John Wesley dated December 25, 1888. The devotion focused on John Wesley’s Sermon 6 entitled, “The Righteousness of Faith” based on the Scripture from Romans 10:5-8.

Minutes – Minutes were approved as printed. Rev. Arthur Warren made a motion for the minutes to be approved; 2nd by Mr. Bob Warner. Financial Report – President Jonas gave the checking account as being \$ 2,562.80 with \$ 1,008.48 in a CD. The UM Foundation account is \$ 2,005.21. Assets equaled \$ 5,622.19.

Old Business – President Jonas announced that there was no Old Business before the Society.

New Business – President Jonas announced that the following was New Business before the Society:

Petition 60948 to General Conference was designed to disassemble Archives & History and restructure it under Finance & Administration. President Jonas encouraged everyone to email/contact General Conference representatives to vote against this petition. (Aside: At General Conference, Petition 60948 was sent to an Independent Commission and was not supported to continue. The vote was 34 to 10 to Not Support Petition 60948. ☒)

Announcements – Mr. John Mitchell

Mr. John Mitchell made the announcement that the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church (HSUMC) 2016 Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the NEJCAH Annual Meeting would be held May 24-26, 2016 in Delaware. The Historical Society of the United Methodist Church will meet at Whatcoat UMC in Dover, Delaware.

Program – The Program was led by Mr. Bob Warner. Mr. Warner gave an engaging presentation on the History of 1st UMC in Cary, NC.

Mr. Warner shared that 1st UMC in Cary was founded on April 11, 1871. On the previous Monday, 1st UMC celebrated its 145 years of serving Jesus in the Cary community. Room 156 was set aside by the Church Council as Archives & History Room.

Elva Tempton’s father was the first doctor in Cary and prominent member of 1st UMC.