

Our spring meeting was held at Purdie UMC on April 29, 2017. We want to thank Purdie for their gracious hospitality.



NOTE:
To receive Saddlebags via email, send your full email address to Robin Harry at: rharry@ncumc.org

Archives and History
NC Conference of the UMC
The United Methodist Church
700 Waterfield Ridge Place
Garner, NC 27529

FALL MEETING - OCTOBER 14, 10 AM - 3 PM- Methodist Building
Please email Robin Harry – rharry@nccumc.org to reserve a spot for lunch.

Local Church History

We all have a story to tell. Whether our local congregation has had an established history dating back to the 1700-1800s or a few years or decades old, we all have a unique impact on the lives of others for our Lord Jesus Christ. Think for a moment about your experiences of worship, fellowship, study, and fun that have shaped you in your Christian spiritual journey. What are those memories? Think for a moment about the events that have taken place in your church. The pastors who have served and the members and visitors who have been baptized and married. The joy of partaking of Holy Communion in the drinking of the cup and the eating of the bread as we mysteriously celebrate the mighty acts of our salvation in the body and blood of Jesus. United Methodist Women. United Methodist Men. United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The bazaars. The BBQs. The cover-dish meals and the Christmas and Easter Cantatas. Work Days! The Advent and Lenten devotionals and services. The Christmas Eve Services.

The Fat Tuesday celebrations. The Easter Egg Hunts. The Mission Trips. Vacation Bible School! What are those memories? Think for a moment about the behind-the-scenes events that have shaped your church. building committees, worship teams, administrative assistants, choir directors, pianists, organists, brass ensembles, bible study, Sunday school teachers, finance and trustees teams, and many more that help guide the opportunities for fellowship, growth, and care. What did those teams do to help bless the furtherance of Kingdom work? There are many events that have shaped the witness of your local congregation for the Lord Jesus Christ. These need to be remembered for future generations. Now is the time to do that! But how do I do that? How can I and others help recall, research, and share our churches’ story for the present and future congregation? How can our past help influence and guide our present and future? On Oct. 14, 2017, we will explore how to recall, research and share your churches’ story and the resources that are already available for you to tap into.

You are personally invited to our fall meeting. Email Robin Harry by Oct. 5 to attend.

Directions to Methodist Building: 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner NC:
From I40 East, take exit 306B to Hwy. 70 East (toward Clayton) and take first exit onto Greenfield Parkway. Take right on Greenfield Parkway and first right onto Waterfield Ridge place. The United Methodist Building is on the right.

From I40 West, take exit 306 to Hwy. 70 East (toward Clayton) and take first exit onto Greenfield Parkway. Take right on Greenfield Parkway and first right onto Waterfield Ridge place. The United Methodist Building is on the right.

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.

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 at a church or location of historical interest, and once in the fall at the United Methodist building in Garner, NC. 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	_____ Contributing \$25.00
_____ Regular \$7.00	_____ Life \$100.00
_____ Patron \$10.00	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DECEASED CLERGY & SPOUSES

Clergy:

Michael G. Warning
January 27, 1945 - March 15, 2017
Husband of Ramona Jackson Warning

Floyd Ransom Morrow, Jr.
August 31, 1934 - March 21, 2017

Clifford Locke Williams
June 28, 1937 - March 30, 2017
Husband of Linda Routh Williams

William Thomas Clarke
August 6, 1937 - March 31, 2017

James William Caviness, Jr.
July 2, 1941 - April 5, 2017
Husband of Jackie B. Caviness

Ben Horace Wilson, III
July 3, 1929 - May 10, 2017

Benjamin Edward Horton
December 6, 1948 - May 18, 2017
Husband of Jayne Cojocari Horton

James Williamson
February 22, 1955 - May 19, 2017
Husband of Carlene Rush Williamson

Glenn Eldridge Mason
July 15, 1941 - June 1, 2017
Husband of Elaine Bartlett Mason

William Miles Wells, Jr.
August 4, 1924 - June 13, 2017

Emmanuel Gitlin
November 9, 1922 - June 16, 2017
Husband of Lidiya Dubchak

William Peter Cerny
February 13, 1939 - July 1, 2017
Husband of Gay Woodard Cerny

John Rodney Lane, Jr.
February 17, 1936 - July 7, 2017

Mary Peacock
June 25, 1933 - July 19, 2017

Robert Eugene Rattz
September 14, 1930 - August 31, 2017
Husband of Mary R. Rattz

Spouses and Family:

Neal Titus
February 21, 1945 - February 28, 2017
Husband of Linda H. Titus

Nancy Lee Worley
November 5, 1928 - April 12, 2017
Widow of William Earl Worley

Schandra Gale McLeod
October 18, 1969 - April 23, 2017
Daughter of Walter McLeod

Rose L. DeHart
July 26, 1929 - May 20, 2017
Wife of Murry Lee DeHart, Jr.

Lucretia King Gilbert
July 20, 1936 - May 24, 2017
Wife of Milton Heath Gilbert

Steve I. Fox, Jr.
September 12, 1941 - June 8, 2017
Widower of Doris T. Fox

Owen Steinmann
November 29, 2016 - June 13, 2017
Son of Amanda Jayne Dean

Betty Sue Stafford Pearce
September 26, 1930 - August 12, 2017
Wife of Harvey Worth Pearce

Alice C. Richardson
April 30, 2017 - September 3, 2017
Wife of John Earl Richardson, Sr.



In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also"

John 14: 2-3

GEOCACHING FOR NCCUMC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

First UMC of Fuquay-Varina will be exploring its long history in the Upper Cape Fear Valley of North Carolina using a high-tech treasure hunt called geocaching. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other mobile devices - as well as other navigational techniques - to hide and seek containers called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world. In a day of strength, we will come to learn about the struggles of early Methodists, celebrating the courage, devotion, and warmth of heart that characterized congregants, lay leaders and ministers of North Carolina's Upper Cape Fear River Valley. <https://www.geocaching.com/play>

A rather loosely defined area, the Upper Cape Fear Valley begins in Fayetteville – 90 feet above sea level - and tracks northwesterly to the junction of the Deep and the Haw Rivers – 160 feet above sea level - where, as my grandmother used to say, sometimes everything got wet. Originally organized (1778) as the New Hope Circuit, twenty-five churches and meeting houses were recorded as places of worship for the people called Methodists. When Francis Asbury made his first visit to North Carolina, July 15, 1780, he preached at B. Hartfield's, north of what is now Duncan, then moved on to Chatham County. The earliest reference to a specific church was recorded in Asbury's Journal, January 19. 1790, when he kept an appointment at Merritt's Chapel on the New Hope Creek in Chatham County.

Formed in 1793, the Haw River Circuit had, by 1797, completely replaced the New Hope Circuit. This new circuit probably already included Memphis Church, located just a mile across the Cape Fear River from Chatham County and about three miles from Corinth, today's home of Buckhorn UMC. The Buckhorn Circuit was set up in 1838 and continued until 1924. While it is not known how many churches were included on the original Buckhorn Circuit, we know of at least Memphis Church in what was then Moore County, the original Buckhorn location in Chatham County, and Cokesbury Church in what was then Cumberland County. By 1855, the Buckhorn Circuit had over 1500 members and two appointed ministers. The next milestone came in 1857 when these three churches were added to seven others to make up the new Buckhorn Circuit. "Visiting these churches today one can still feel the impression of antiquity, see evidence of age upon tombstones, and experience the phenomenon of standing still amid a modern moving age. Something of the past still linger s within and about these historic building and grounds that cannot be surrendered even to progress." (Grill, p 39.)

- Buckhorn/Ebenezer Charge
 - Memphis Church and Cemetery (one mile south of river)
 - Concord old site (four miles southeast of river)
 - Buckhorn old site (1800, north of river)
 - Buckhorn (Cotton property site, abandoned 1822, no spring)
 - Old Buckhorn across the creek (brush arbor campground site/heart pine weather boarded chapel)
 - New (1925) Buckhorn UMC

- Cokesbury Church (1838, 1871-73, remodeled 1900s)
 - Haile's Meeting House
 - Old Chalk Level Church (1800)
 - First UMC of Fuquay-Varina /Fuquay-Varina UMC (1930)
 - Holly Springs (1917)
 - Kipling (Matthew's Schoolhouse. 1865, Matthew's Chapel, 1866, Olive Branch, 1867, rebuilt 1917, burned and rebuilt, 1934)
 - St Phillips Anglican Church Ruins (1754-1768)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonial_history_of_the_United_States.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES
April 29, 2017 Purdie UMC, Tar Heel, NC

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Bryan Huffman. A devotion was given by John Mitchell followed by a prayer by Bryan Huffman.

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved and then the financial report was given.

CD (UMDF Investment)	\$1,008.48
UMF RIA Investment	\$2,024.87
Cash in Bank	\$1,203.41
Unrealized Gains/Loss	\$122.69
Total	\$4,359.45

Old Business:
SEJ Historical Society will be meeting at Wilmore, KY at Asbury Seminary
John Mitchell reported on the UM Church Historical Society and that they would be meeting in Alaska this summer.

New Business:
Discussed ways to get more churches to write histories of their church or update existing histories.
Discussed how we can reach more historians and get them involved.
How we can acknowledge "Lifetime Members".
Should we start a "GoFundMe" page to help raise more financial help for the Society.

A special meeting was set up for August 12, 2017 at Genesis UMC in Cary to meet with Chris Daniel about making videos to make more people aware of the importance of their individual churches history and how to compile them.

A program about the history of Purdie was then given by Rev. Al Marshburn and a tour followed. After the tour, Rev. Al served us his special "Rice and Chicken" lunch. The meeting was dismissed following the lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dennis Lamm

NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY MINUTES PURDIE UMC
April 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Doug Jonas, Chair of the Commission.
John Mitchell gave a report on the SEJ

Doug Jonas gave a report on Suzanne's work status; what she has done in the past months and what she will be doing in the near future.

Rev. Dennis Lamm gave an update report on the Conference Archives and History Area.

It was decided that Doug would contact Dr. Beth Shepard (Duke University Seminary Library) to work out the details to allow them to scan records of individual churches.

Doug also said that we must have continual discussions on how to improve our marketing techniques to get more people involved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Dennis Lamm