FALL MEETING OF THE NCC HISTORICAL SOCIETY – OCTOBER 12, 2019

Please email Ani Simpkins: ani.simpkins@nccumc.org to reserve your spot for lunch.

FALL MEETING

United Methodist Building - Garner, NC

The fall meeting of the North Carolina Historical Society and the Commission on Archives and History will take place on October 12, 2019, at the NCC United Methodist Conference Building in Garner, NC. We will meet at 10 AM and break for lunch at noon.

Dale is involved in his local church and in adjunct teaching at Drew University. Contact him if you have questions about sending records to the Archives Center, curious about workshops, or if you wonder what types of records your office or church should be keeping: dpatterson@gcah.org

The focus of his talk for the day will be on the types of records your office or church should keep in the local church archives. This will help local churches, like your own, to preserve its history and celebrate its past as it looks forward to the future.

Our guest speaker will be Dale Patterson. Dale has worked on the Commission Staff since 1994. Prior to that time he was Associate Archivist and Co-Director of the Oral History Center at the University of Louisville.

Please contact Ani Simpkins if you plan to stay for lunch: ani.simpkins@nccumc.org or 1-800-849-4433 ext. 252.

METHODISM IN AMERICA

On August 4, 1769, John Wesley made the first appointment of preachers to America. Joseph Pilmore and Richard Boardman were two of the first volunteers to serve in America. In October, the two arrived in Philadelphia. When they arrived, Methodist laity had already formed
MINUTES OF THE NCC HISTORICAL SOCIETY - APRIL 27, 2019

Stonewall UMC, Stonewall, NC

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Huffman, who welcomed those present and thanked Stonewall for allowing us to meet at their church. The devotion was then given by John Mitchell; it was entitled “Do you want to See the Glory of God?” Following the devotion, minutes were approved and then the Financial report was given. They are as follows:

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Total $4753.53

We were then given a very enlightening talk on the early history of Stonewall UMC by Mr. Charles Alexander. One of the outstanding points made by him was how the people decided to turn the church 180 degrees because the main road changed from front of the church to the rear of the church. Mr. Alexander had to leave early so we then returned to our business session.

Old Business: Doug and Stephanie are to team up and work on a video script for how churches become Historical Sites. Bryan and Dennis are to work on a program that would encourage churches to allow the NCC Archives to scan their records.

New Business: Doug is going to work on getting a mailing list of church historians and Historical members that we might contact for various reasons. Our next meeting will be October 12, 2019 at the Conference Building in Garner. At present we have no program due to our speaker cancelling. The SEJ Historical Society will meet July 9-12 at Emory University and we will have a couple of attendees. There will be a work day in the Archives Room on September 28th from 10 am till 3 pm.

As there was no more business to discuss the Society adjourned. We were then given a tour of the church by Barbara Carey and Glenda Benton. They also answered some more questions concerning the church. Following the tour we were given a very nice lunch by the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Lamm

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Is your church celebrating an anniversary? If you would like an Anniversary Certificate to commemorate the event, please contact Ani Simpkins at ani.simpkins@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.

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 Church; promotion of writing and historical research; training local church historians; and publicizing information and news.

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

_______ $3.00 Student
_______ $25.00 Contributing
_______ $7.00 Regular
_______ $100.00 Life
_______ Patron

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Membership Form
METHODOISM IN AMERICA (cont'd from page 1)

Methodist societies. Captain Thomas Webb, known for wearing an eye patch, helped to organize Methodists in Philadelphia. About one hundred faithful Methodists were part of Webb's Methodist Society.

Joseph Pilmore remained in Philadelphia ministering to Webb's Methodist Society as Richard Boardman went to New York. The two men exchanged appointments from time to time. This pattern of exchanging appointments became known as “itinerating” and has continued to this day to be practice of United Methodists.

In 1772, Pilmore left Philadelphia/New York for Georgia. He travelled through Baltimore and Williamsburg before arriving in North Carolina. In early December, Pilmore preached the first official Methodist sermon ever delivered in North Carolina at the Currituck Court House. From there, he traveled through Edenton before arriving in New Bern.

On December 24, 1772, Joseph Pilmore arrived in New Bern, NC. He preached on Christmas Day. He preached to a host of Methodist gathering on Christmas Day marking the founding of Centenary UMC (Methodist Meeting House by John Burgwin Green III). These Methodists that gathered were probably some of those who had heard George Whitefield preach on December 24, 1739 before Whitefield worshipped with the Anglicans in New Bern. Whitefield and Wesley were both part of the “Methodists” at Oxford. In Rev. WL Grissom's book History of Methodism in North Carolina, Grissom acknowledges that Whitefield and Wesley parted ways later on, “Whitefield adhered to Calvinism, while John Wesley was a strong advocate of Arminianism; so that George Whitefield could not properly be styled an itinerant Methodist preacher. But it is claimed that there were Methodists scattered over the eastern portion of the state as early as 1760.”

In 1784, John Wesley dispatched Thomas Coke and Richard Wright to America to formerly establish Methodism in America. Thomas Coke met Francis Asbury at Barratt's Chapel in Delaware on Sunday, November 14, 1784 to discuss summoning a Methodist Conference in America. They agreed to gather on December 24, 1784 in Baltimore, MD at Lovely Lane Chapel.

On Friday, December 24, 1784, eighty-six preachers gathered together at Lovely Lane Chapel for the forming of a new denomination in America. They met for ten days. In those ten days, they established a Discipline, compiled a Book of Worship, ordained preachers, and consecrated Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury as the first two Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Methodism in America was officially recognized as a new denomination on that day.

The following year, from April 20-24, 1785, twenty preachers from 31 circuits in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina met with Bishops Coke and Asbury for the first North Carolina Annual Conference. It was held in Louisville at Major Green Hill's home.

The twenty preachers gave their reports with Grissom summarizing, “The year had been a successful one, the preachers reporting a gain of nine hundred and ninety-one members.” Bishop Asbury would later write that the conference convened in “great peace” and Bishop Coke added, “We had a comfortable time together.” Thus, our North Carolina Conference was born.

Bryan Huffman

DIGITIZING YOUR CHURCH RECORDS

What is digitization?
The conversion of traditional records into digital or electronic form. When referring to digitization of church records, the main group of documents are the historic records of the church. This covers paper records such as correspondence, committee reports, and photographs. Another important group are new ones being received at the current time. These would be fewer in number because most documents now are created and circulated electronically via email and the like.

Why Digitize?
There are many reasons for digitizing your records. One is to preserve them better, especially when they have already become fragile from old age. Traditional records are already in danger of being lost because of their age, the difficulties of storage, or lack of proper care. Another reason for digitizing your records is space saving — which is limited in many churches. Digital records are also easily shared, and they can be copied, printed, and displayed with ease. They can also be integrated into many church’s current administration system where much is already digital. One of the best reasons for digitizing is ease of locating information. This is the case with printed material which can be turned into editable and searchable electronic files. Unfortunately,
DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

Clergy:

Miles Murphy Jr.
August 10, 1928 – March 2, 2019
Husband of Ruth Murphy

Dianne Brinkley Catlett
August 27, 1943 – April 12, 2019
Wife of Roy B. Catlett

Carson Olin Wiggins
January 25, 1935 – June 15, 2019
Richard Farmer Lewis
March 30, 1949 – July 22, 2019
Husband of JoAn Dail Lewis

Milford Oxendine, Jr.
April 12, 1947 – August 2, 2019
Husband of Jeannie H. Oxendine

Claude T. Nethercutt
May 11, 1944 – August 3, 2019
Husband of Betty Lou Nethercutt

Diane June Yentes
September 10, 1955 – August 11, 2019
Elwood Larry Myrick
June 16, 1945 – August 22, 2019
Husband of Judy C Myrick

Spouses:

Joan Nix Drew
March 16, 1921 – March 31, 2019
Widow of Robert M. Drew

Carrie Ruth Dodson
August 5, 1925 – April 20, 2019
Wife of Lewis Hardie Dodson

Wanda Kaye Hayes Seat
November 15, 1949 – May 31, 2019
Wife of Billy Fenton Seat

Barbara Jane Barnes Davis
December 4, 1939 – July 12, 2019
Widow of Donnie Gray Davis, Sr.

Wynell K. Hoogerland
October 24, 1932 – August 17, 2019
Wife of Donald Hoogerland

MINUTES OF THE NCCUMC COMMISION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The annual Spring meeting of the Commission on Archives and History met on April 27, 2019 at Stonewall UMC in Stonewall, NC. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Jonas. Members present included Doug Jonas, Bryan Huffman, John Mitchell and Dennis Lamm. The minutes of the fall meeting were read and approved.

The first order of business was to go over open issues. Our Endowment Charter has been established; it was set up as a “Revocable Investment Account Agreement” and at present contains $4,421.27. We hope to get people to donate to this fund on a regular basis. We next covered our budget for this year and were told that it had been set at $12,822.00 for the year.

We next discussed the workdays at the Conference Building in the Archives Room. Our next scheduled work day will be on September 28 (10am – 3pm). Further discussion led to the decision to consider quarterly work days next year. A final decision will be made at the Fall meeting.

Doug gave us an update on Archives activity; In 2018 a total of 45 request were handled and so far in 2019 a total of 12 request have been handled. Suzanne continues to do a good job on behalf of the Commission on Archives & History. We have paid our dues of $200.00 and $100.00 respectively for the Commission and Historical Society for the year 2019.

New business was the next topic to be discussed. The Marketing Committee is to consider ways that we could possibly raise money for our Revocable Investment Account. Bryan is to formulate a letter that we can send to persons to request donations. Those who are to write articles for the next Newsletter are to have them submitted by September 1 of this year. Doug will continue to work with Open Table UMC on helping them to digitize their records. We will have a Table at Annual Conference and the theme will be “How Can We Help You?”

Doug announced that the SEJ meeting will be July 9-12 at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. We are hoping to have a few members in attendance.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday the 12th of October at 10 am at the Methodist Building in Garner. We are in the process of getting a new speaker as the one we had has had to back out of this commitment.

Respectfully Submitted;
Rev. Dennis Lamm
Secretary