

MS-612: St. John's United Church of Christ Records

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Title: St. John's United Church of Christ Records

Dates: 1840-2015 (Bulk 1920-2000)

Creator: St. John's United Church of Christ (Dayton, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract:

This collection documents over one hundred and fifty years of the church, from its beginnings around 1840 as The German Evangelical Church, then as the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dayton, then St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church to its modern iteration as the St. John's United Church of Christ. The records document all aspects of the church, including administrative functions, finances, membership, ministers, social clubs and organizations, services, and outreach programs. Of note are the vital records including confirmations, births, deaths, marriages and baptism records. The records document early Lutheran and German history in the Dayton area and is a rich source of information on religion and early German culture in the Dayton area.

Quantity/Physical Description: 25.5 linear feet

Language(s):

Collection is predominantly in English; materials in German are indicated at the file level.

Repository:

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Acquisition:

This collection was donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by St. John's United Church of Christ in October 2017.

Accruals: Future accruals are expected.

Existence and Location of Copies:

Confirmation, death, marriage and baptism records from series II, Box 5, files 1-7 have been microfilmed, MFM-138.

Separated Material:

Records relating to the Walnut Hills Christian Church and United Church of Christ have been separated into their own collections. Oversized materials are located in location 214, file 2 and 3.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms612.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Appropriate equipment is required to access audio/visual records in this collection.

Related Material:

MS-619: Walnut Hills Christian Church

MS-620: First United Church of Christ Records

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Processing Information:

Some photographs were removed from individual photo albums and rehoused into binder boxes.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Craig Finnell, Joseph Griffith, and Derek Pridemore, April 2018.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 8 series and 12 subseries.

- Series I: Administration, 1843-2009
- Series II: Vital Records, 1840-1961
- Series III: Financial Records, 1859-1996
- Series IV: Social Clubs and Organizations, 1920-2015
 - Subseries IVA: Mr. and Mrs. Club, 1964-2015
 - Subseries IVB: Fellowship Club, 1920-1980
 - Subseries IVC: Choirs, 1930-1995
 - Subseries IVD: Women's Societies, 1933-1990
- Series V: Major Events, 1899-2015
- Series VI: Publications, 1904-2005
 - Subseries VIA: Calendars, 1972-1991
 - Subseries VIB: Newsletters (Tower Times), 1977-1999
 - Subseries VIC: Publications, 1904-1997
 - Subseries VID: Family Directories, 1933-2005
 - Subseries VIE: Bulletins, 1951-2000
- Series VII: Audiovisual Materials, 1894-2003
 - Subseries VIIA: Photographs, 1894-2003
 - Subseries VIIB: Photo Albums, 1934-2001
 - Subseries VIIC: VHS Tapes and Memorabilia, 1977-1997
- Series VIII: Books, 1882-1981

Historical Note:

St. John's Church stands as a testament to the first German Protestant immigrants who came to Dayton in the early 19th century. Dr. David Winters was the first minister to the growing population of Germans coming to the city. The congregation met in multiple locations, including Dayton's Old Court House on 3rd and Main, before the current building was erected in 1869.

This building, located at 515 E. Third St., was destroyed and rebuilt through two natural disasters. A hurricane destroyed the original structure in 1871. After a remodel in 1887, a fire destroyed the structure again in 1899. Again, it was rebuilt, this time larger and sturdier, measuring ninety-five by one hundred and ninety feet. Construction finished in 1901.

After 1899, the Church initiated an education program during the winter. Intended to teach young people trade skills. These classes were popular and became a defining contribution to the growth of Dayton. Classes in sewing, cooking, mechanical drawing, music, and art were among the skills taught at the Church. By 1909, membership in these classes grew to over four hundred young people.

The focus on education continued in 1965, when an office and education building was added to the property. The education building houses the English as a Second Language International School.

The floor-plan of the Church is in the five-sided “Akron” style, which was popular at the turn of the 20th century. There is also a moving wall that opened to provide seating for as many as two thousand people. The wall does not move currently.

Of architectural note are the stain glass windows, the frescos that were painted by immigrant Herman Dinkler in 1924, the bells from the Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati, which are believed to be the original, and the clock, over one hundred years old, which was last restored in 1999.

Contributions to Dayton include the Patterson Co-Operative High School, which came out of St. John’s evening classes. The Deaconess hospital, now the Miami Valley Hospital, began at St. John’s in 1890 under Reverend Carl Mueller. German POWs, who were interned at Wright Patterson Air Force Base during WWII, were served by St. John’s Dr. W.R. Grunewald.

St. John’s was the first sanctuary for German immigrants to Dayton in the 19th century. Their legacy survives today; in the city of Dayton, and in this collection. Unfortunately, other than the contents of the current collection, most of the Church’s records were destroyed in the flood of 1913.

Scope and Content

The records of the St. John’s United Church of Christ relating to many different aspects of the church, the collection has been divided into nine series; administrative records, vital records, financial records, social clubs and organizations, major events, publications, audiovisual, and books.

Series I, Administrative Records, 1843-2009, contains various records of official business. Meeting minutes of various Church committees and leadership are included. They are arranged chronologically, from 1843 to 2009. These minutes are an excellent resource in learning how the Church dealt with hardships such as funding, disasters, and membership issues. Church history is also included in this series. The story of the Church and its membership are told and re-told over its long history, with names of important early figures and key events being highlighted. Of note are records for a project to expand membership of the church. Correspondence is also included. Some of the minutes have been translated from German to English.

Series II, Vital Records, 1840-1961, includes records on baptisms, communions, marriages, and deaths within the church between the years 1840 to 1961. There are also church directories in this series that list the names of church members during much of the church’s history. Some of the records have been translated from German to English.

Series III, Financial Records, 1859-1996, includes records on annual budgets, special project expenditures, and monthly reports. The bulk of these records consists of monthly financial reports that detail how much money the church is bringing in, as well as how they planned to spend it. There are numerous receipts and invoices relating to contract work done on pew cushions, church maintenance and upkeep, and landscaping.

Series IV, Social Clubs and Organizations, 1920-2015, is divided into four subseries and contains records relating to subgroups and organizations in the church.

Subseries IVA, Mr. and Mrs. Club, 1964-2015, contains the records of the Mr. and Mrs. Club. The group traces back to at least 1964 and organizes social events for married couples. This subseries contains the original constitution and by-laws along with subsequent revisions and minutes and financial records from 1964 to 1992, scattered minutes from the late 1990s and 2000s are also include. Further the subseries includes an event scrapbook from 2008-2010 and scattered event flyers dating from 1964 to 2014.

Subseries IVB, Fellowship, 1920-1980, contains the records of the Fellowship Club. This group, originally all male, was founded in early days of the church in 1920. The group, organized as a social club, provided community outreach and assistance, in addition to organizing events for the club members. The records contain the original bylaws from 1920 and minutes and financial records from 1921-1967 except for 1936-1939. The subseries also includes roles, officer lists, and some assorted correspondence and donation records.

Subseries IVC, Choirs, 1930-1995, contains scattered records relating to musical groups at the church. The subseries includes some programs and sheet music used at the church.

Subseries IVD, Women's Societies, 1933-1990, contains records relating to the different women's groups at the church. Groups include the Ladies Aid Society, with minutes from 1935-1944. The Women's Beneficial Society, with the group's constitution and bylaws, from 1927, minutes from 1944-1957, and financial and membership records. Also included are some notable letters and memorabilia from the Women's Beneficial Society. The last group is the Women's Guild. Records include the groups constitution and logs, ledgers, and minutes from 1933-1972, although there is a gap in the records from 1935 to 1944.

Series V, Major Events, 1899-2015, is a collection of all paper and visual materials regarding major events and programs that were either sponsored by St. John's, hosted by St. John's, or events that happened to St. John's. It contains Anniversary event documents include: bulletins and paper materials for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the church, bulletins and paper materials for the 50th, 100th, 125th, 140th, 145th, 150th, and 175th Anniversaries. These documents are all dated between 1902-1990, as well as 2015. The dates are very specific to the anniversary in which they are celebrating and have been separated into folders to reflect this. This series also contains a folder for a Film Workshop, which hosted their Saturday session at St. John's. This folder contains curriculum, advertisements, sign-up sheets, and worksheets for this workshop. None of the documents are dated by year. It also contains a news piece called "A Disastrous Sunday," as well as photographs from the St. John's fire.

This series also contains the following items:

- Small booklets and documents regarding Educational Classes that were held by the church. The booklets were created in 1909 and displays the work that was done in these classes. These classes were more of the practical sort and was used as an avenue to teach basic homemaking skills as well as other recreational tasks.

- Flyers and other documents regarding the Father and Son Banquets from 1936 and 1938. This flyers and documents mostly deal with the planning of this banquet.
- Bulletins and documents regarding their Tribute to Service in WWI and WWII. This service was held in 1946 and served as a time to honor and thank members of their church that served in these wars.
- Boy Scouts Troop Charter book from 1949. It is not confirmed if this charter was from St. John's specifically, but it is assumed that there were members if the scouts that were a part of the church.
- Correspondence and documents from Miami Valley Hospital. These documents and letters from 1966 and 1990, and contain donation letters, as well as letters and documents regarding the 150th anniversary of St. John's. These letters show the long-time partnership between these two institutions. There is also a book about the history of Miami Valley Hospital called "What Great Matter A Little Fire Kindleth."
- Documents regarding dedications and other charity related efforts. These include the dedication of the Trinity Home, the YMCA Battered Women Project, documents and papers regarding St. John's involvement in an initiative to combat homelessness and the provision of Emergency Housing, the Sponsoring Refugees Program,
- A napkin from the Love Lift Dedication banquet. The banquet took place in 1984 and this folder does not contain any other documentation.
- A folder of materials and documents for Gospel Fest which was held in 2001. This folder contains advertisements, sponsorship inquires, planning materials, musician lineups, and other correspondence. This event took place outside of the church and was sponsored by many Dayton area businesses including the Dayton Dragons.

Series VI, Church Publications, 1904-2005, is divided into 5 subseries. This series is a collection of all publications that were circulated through the church. These publications were published by St. John's or by other organizations associated with St. John's. This series is divided into five subseries based on the type of publication. The subseries are labeled as follows: Calendars, Newsletters, Publications, Family Directories, and Bulletins.

Subseries VIA, Calendars, 1972-1991, contains church calendars that were distributed throughout the congregation. They are dated from 1972-1991 and contain church related events along with the other major holidays and celebratory events.

Subseries VIB, Newsletters, 1977-1999, contains a collection of the church newsletter, which they called the Tower Times. These newsletters are dated from as early as 1930 but run mostly from 1977-1999. The Times served as the main avenue for church related announcements and other church related news.

Subseries VIC, Publications, 1904-1997, contains a collection of other publications that were circulated throughout the church. These publications include publications from a variety of other organizations that partnered with St. John's or that just simply left their publications for the

church to distribute. These publications are dated from 1979-81, 1996, and several of them remain undated. This subseries also includes a Stewardship brochure from 1967, various publications from Church Dedication services from 1979-1997, publications and sheet music used by the Choir and Drama Departments from 1979-1984 as well as other undated publications for this use, and a book titled "Our Story Book: Stories of Churches of the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ," which was published in 1997.

Subseries VID, Family Directories, 1933-2005, contains a collection of Church and Family Directories from St. John's. These directories are dated from as early as 1933, and as late as 2005. These directories contained the names and contact information of the members of the church as well as the Pastoral and Church staff. This subseries also contains a folder of all of the pieces, receipts, photograph orders, and other administrative papers for the making of the 2000 Family Directory.

Subseries VIE, Bulletins, 1951-2000, contains a collection of church bulletins. These bulletins contain information regarding Church Services and the routine of Sunday Services. This collection also involves bulletins from special services such as Advent, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Some of these bulletins are undated, but the rest are sorted chronologically. The date ranges are as follows. Nonlinear bulletins are dated from 1951-1957. A smaller section of the bulletins is dated from 1968-69, 1973, and Jan-June 1974. The rest of the subseries is divided by half year (Jan-June, July-Dec.) and are dated from 1978-2000.

Series VII, Audiovisual, 1894-2003, is divided into three subseries containing photographs, photo albums, and VHS tapes and memorabilia.

Subseries VIIA, Photographs, 1894-2003, contains numerous photographs covering all range of Church business. The series is organized chronologically, with undated photographs at the beginning. Of particular interest is the "St. John's Historical Photographs" with images of each of the church's pastors and group confirmation photos from 1935-1984. The later photographs include many pictures of the building and landscaping of the church relating to different construction projects. Included in this series is a labeled set of individual ID photos of church members taken for the church Directory in 2000.

Subseries VIIB, Photo Albums, 1934-2001, contains 6 bound photo albums and scrapbooks. Included is an album containing confirmation photos from 1934-1992, a scrapbook of general church events from 1988-1989, a scrapbook for the Red Hat Society from 2003, a scrapbook from the Mr. and Mrs. Club from 2001, and an undated scrapbook documenting youth trips to Kirkwood Camp. This subseries also includes the photo album of Rev. J. G. Mueller from the late 1800s. This photo album is in poor condition and multiple photographs have fallen out. Which are likely included in the loose photographs in subseries VIIA. The album contains cabinet card style photographs of the Mueller family and friends, early church events, the church building, and pictures from the church fire in 1899.

Subseries VIIC, VHS Tapes and Memorabilia, 1977-1997, contains VHS tapes, CDs, and assorted memorabilia. The 6 VHS tapes are all undated except for Christmas Eve Service from 1997. The subseries includes 2 CDs, one labeled "photo disk" the other "Christmas." The

memorabilia in this subseries is a plaque from 1997 for Mrs. Maclash a Sunday School teacher, and a button from the early days of the church featuring an image of the early church building with some writing in German.

Series VIII, Books, 1882-1981, contains a number of books. Many are sermon planning books, mostly in German. Also included is a church history book from 1891, a Bible, in German, from 1905, a large book of remembrance from 1963, and a three book series on the history of Dayton published in 1981.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

St. John's United Church of Christ (Dayton, Ohio) -- History
St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (Dayton, Ohio) -- History
German Evangelical Church (Dayton, Ohio) -- History
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dayton (Ohio) -- History
United Church of Christ. Ohio Conference
Evangelical and Reformed Church

Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- Church history
Dayton (Ohio) -- Religion

Subjects (General)

German Americans – Ohio – Montgomery County
Church records and registers -- Ohio

Material Types

Books
Baptismal records
Minutes (administrative records)
Vital records (document genre)
Annual reports
Church bulletins
Newsletters
Photographs
Scrapbooks
Sermons
Video recordings

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I Administration			1843-2009
1	1	Church Histories	1890, 1987, undated.
1	2	Church Histories (In German)	1890, undated
1	3	Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical & Reformed Church	1936
1	4	Constitution and By-Laws	1968, 1976, 1980, undated
1	5	Constitution (In German)	1894
1	6	General Church Minutes	1877-1878
1	7	Meeting Minutes Book (In German)	1857-1881
1	8	Council Meeting Minutes	1941-1943
1	9	Council Minutes Book	1962-1973
1	10	Council Minutes Book	1973-1980
1	11	Council Minutes Book	1981-1990
1	12	Council Minutes Book	1990-1996
1	13	Monthly Council Meeting Minutes	1951-1957
1	14	Monthly Council Meeting Minutes	1971-1975
1	15	Annual Church Meeting Minutes	1971-1976, 1992, 1995, 2014
1	16	Board of Worship Minutes	1983-1986
1	17	Board of Elders and Deacons Minutes	1995-1997
1	18	Committees and Programs	1979-1981
1	19	Correspondence	1958, 1974-1976, 1990-1995
1	20	Ordination Announcements	1942-1969
1	21	Construction Proposal for New Education Unit	Undated
1	22	New Alter Fabric Samples	1986
1	23	List of Dayton Churches with Original Names	Undated
1	24	Pamphlet with Biography of Dr. W.R. Grunewald	1971
1	25	1894 Confirmation Newspaper Article (In German)	1894
1	26	Pew Removal Objections	1991
1	27	Condensed Report of the self-study for Central Church	Undated
1	28	Awards	1997-2009, Undated
1	29	Dedication of New Alter and Pulpit	1935
1	30	Search Committee Files	1977-1980
1	31	Church Growth Task Force	1974-1987
2	1	Memorial Endowment Committee	1992-1996
2	2	Growth Task Force Research	1985-1986
2	3	Central City Coalition	1987-1993
2	4	Visitor and Member Lists	1992-2006

Box	File	Description	Date
2	5	Membership Log Book	1934-1961
2	6	Church Guest Book	1949-1954
2	7	Church Guest Book	1954-1955
2	8	Church Guest Book	1985-1996
3	1	Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes	1915-1948
3	2	Church Council Meeting Minutes	1935-1943
3	3	Church Council Meeting Minutes	1944-1949
3	4	Church Membership Roles Book	Undated
3	5	Church Records Book (In German)	1843-1846
3	6	Church Guest Book	1972-2007
3	7	Newspaper Clippings	1981-1987, 1990, 2010, undated
3	8	Newspaper Clippings (Copies)	1981-1987, 1990, 2010, undated
3	9	Transcription of Church Records Book, file 5 (In German)	1843-1846
3	10	Zum Gruss Newspaper (In German)	1905
3	11	Church Council Minutes	1857-1861
OS 214	3	"Roll of Honor"	undated
OS 214	3	Articles of Incorporation	1913
OS 214	3	Church Covenant	1904
Series II			1840-1961
Vital Records			
3	11	Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	1957-1961
4	1	Congregation, Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death	1941-1956
5	1	Baptisms	1851-1861
5	2	Baptisms	1861-1870
5	3	Baptisms	1880-1941
5	4	Confirmations	1879-1941
5	5	Marriages	1852-1877
5	6	Marriages	1874-1941
5	7	Deaths	1874-1941
5	8	Baptisms (Transcription)	1840-1864
5	9	Baptisms (Transcription)	1865-1874
5	10	Baptisms (Transcription)	1875-1883
6	1	Baptisms (Transcription)	1884-1890
6	2	Deaths (Transcription)	1840-1887
6	3	Deaths (Transcription)	1888-1916
6	4	Deaths (Transcription)	1917-1933

Box	File	Description	Date
6	5	Certificate of Marriage Christian Broxey and Fraulein Seippel (In German)	1875
6	6	Confirmation of Fredrick William Schantz (In German)	1891
OS 214	3	Baptism Record	1900
OS 214	3	Baptism Record	1904
OS 214	3	Baptism Record	1925
Series III Financial Records			1859-1996
6	7	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1970-1976
6	8	Treasurer's Report	1976-1982
6	9	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1983-1984
6	10	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1985
6	11	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1986
6	12	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1987
6	13	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1988
6	14	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1989-1990
6	15	Monthly Treasurer's Report	1991-1992
6	16	Financial Records	1992-1997
6	17	Insurance Values Adjustment Report	undated
6	18	Contractor and Insurance Receipts, Translated Misc. Expenses	1859-1996
6	19	Cash Receipts	1985-1988
6	20	Renovation Invoices	1991
6	21	Financial Log Book (In German)	1899-1901
6	22	Parsonage Fund	1916-1922
6	23	Deposit Books	1955-1967
6	24	Deposit Books	1968-1981
7	1	Treasure's Book	1979-1987
8	1	Dues Record Book	1941
8	2	Dues Record Book	1941
8	3	Dues Record Book	1941
Series IV Social Clubs and Organizations			1920-2015
Subseries IVA: Mr. and Mrs. Club			1964-2015
6	25	Constitution and Bylaws	1964, 1994
6	26	Constitution and Bylaws	2001, 2010
6	27	Minutes and Finance Log	1964-1970
6	28	Secretary's Minutes	1991-2001
6	29	Business Meeting Reports & Financial Reports	1970-1979

Box	File	Description	Date
6	30	Business Meeting Reports & Financial Reports	1980-1989
6	31	Business Meeting Reports & Financial Reports	1990-1992
6	32	Treasurer's Reports	1995-1999
6	33	Financial Statements	1977-1979
6	34	Financial Statements	1980-1982
6	35	Financial Statements	1983-1985
6	36	Financial Statements	1986-1988
6	37	Financial Statements	1989-1991
6	38	Financial Statements	1996
6	38	Bills and Receipts	1992-1994
6	39	Event Scrapbook	2008-2010
6	40	Minutes and Reports	1998-2003, 2010-2011
9	1	Hosts & Call Lists	1990-1994, 2003-2015
9	2	Correspondence	1985-2001
9	3	Anniversaries and Birthdays	undated
9	4	Event Flyers	1964-1966, 1980-1985, 2003-2014
9	5	Progressive Dinner	1996 Jun 15
Subseries IVB: Fellowship			1920-1980
9	6	Bylaws and Organization	1920
9	7	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1921-1935
9	8	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1940-1941
9	9	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1942-1946
9	10	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1947-1950
9	11	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1951-1954
9	12	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1955-1963
9	13	Meeting Minutes and Financial Records	1964-1967
9	14	Annual Report	1921
9	15	Officer List	1921-1973
9	16	Applications	1928-1966
9	17	Role and Dues Records	1937-1958
9	18	Dues and Attendance Roster	1945-1967
9	19	Correspondence	1922-1938, 1950-1970, undated
9	20	The Seniors of St. Johns	1965-1980
9	21	Fellowship Club Resolution	Undated
9	22	Donation Receipts	1925, 1935, 1937, 1941
Subseries IVC: Choirs			1930-1995
9	23	Sheet Music	Undated
9	24	Junior Class	1930

Box	File	Description	Date
9	25	Senior Choir "Singing Saints" Program	1940
9	26	The Treble Ensemble	1943
9	27	You Shall Have A Song	1984
9	28	New Music for Handbells	1995
Subseries IVD: Women's Societies			1933-1990
9	29	Ladies Aid Society Minutes and Cash Log Book	1935-1944
9	30	Women's Beneficial Society Minutes and Cash Log Book	1933-1944
9	31	Women's Beneficial Society Minutes and Cash Log Book	1944-1954
9	32	Membership Log Book	1938-1957
9	33	Women's Beneficial Society Expense Log	1952-1957
9	34	Women's Beneficial Society Minutes and Log	1955-1957
9	35	Women's Beneficial Society Bylaws	Undated
9	36	Women's Beneficial Society Constitution	1927
9	37	Letters to Margaret	1990
9	38	"Souvenir" (In German)	1915
9	39	"Fiesta"	1980 May 11
9	40	Women's Guild Constitution	Undated
9	41	Women's Guild Log Book	1933-1935
9	42	Women's Guild Meeting Minutes and Log	1944-1954
10	1	Women's Guild Ledger	1946-1956
10	2	Women's Guild Ledger	1957-1966
10	3	Women's Guild Board Minutes	1964-1965
10	4	Women's Guild Board Minutes	1966-1969
10	5	Women's Guild Board Minutes	1970-1972
Series V			1899-2015
10	6	50 th Anniversary	1902
10	7	100 th Anniversary	1940
10	8	125 th Anniversary	1965
10	9	140 th Anniversary	1980
10	10	145 th Anniversary	1985
10	11	150 th Anniversary Reunion Banquet	1990
10	12	150 th Anniversary Planning	1990
10	13	150 th Anniversary	1990
OS 214	3	Ohio House 160 th Anniversary Document	2000
10	14	175 th Anniversary	2015
10	15	Film Workshop	Undated
10	16	"A Disastrous Sunday"	1899 Apr 30
10	17	Church Fire Photographs	1901

Box	File	Description	Date
10	18	Educational Classes	1909
10	19	Father and Son Banquet	1936, 1938
10	20	Tribute to Service in WW1 and WW2	1946
10	21	Boy Scouts Troop Charter	1949
10	22	Miami Valley Hospital	1966, 1990
10	23	"What Great Matter A Little Fire Kindleth" Miami Valley Hospital History	1966
10	24	Trinity Home Dedication	1974
10	25	Love Lift Dedication Napkin	1984
10	26	YMCA Battered Women Project	1985
10	27	Homelessness / Emergency Housing	1985-1986
10	28	Sponsoring Refugees Program	1987
10	29	Gospel Music Fest	2001
OS 214	3	Miami Valley Hospital Calendar 90 Years	Undated
OS 214	3	Miami Valley Hospital Calendar 90 Years	Undated
Series VI Publications			1904-2005
Subseries VIA: Calendars			1972-1991
10	30	Calendars and Planners	1972-1977
10	31	Calendars and Planners	1978-1979
10	32	Calendars and Planners	1979-1981
10	33	Calendars and Planners	1981-1982
10	34	Calendars and Planners	1982-1984
10	35	Calendars and Planners	1984-1986
10	36	Calendars and Planners	1987-1989
10	37	Calendars and Planners	1989-1991
Subseries VIB: Newsletters (Tower Times)			1977-1999
11	1	Tower Times	Undated
11	2	St. John's Messenger	1930
11	3	St. John's News	1951
11	4	Tower Times	1972
11	5	Tower Times	1973
11	6	Tower Times	1977
11	7	Tower Times	1979-1980
11	8	Tower Times	1981
11	9	Tower Times	1982
11	10	Tower Times	1983
11	11	Tower Times	1984
11	12	Tower Times	1985
11	13	Tower Times	1986

Box	File	Description	Date
11	14	Tower Times	1987
11	15	Tower Times	1988
11	16	Tower Times	1989
11	17	Tower Times	1990
11	18	Tower Times	1991
11	19	Tower Times	1992
11	20	Tower Times	1993
11	21	Tower Times	1994
11	22	Tower Times	1995
11	23	Tower Times	1996
11	24	Tower Times	1997
11	25	Tower Times	1998
11	26	Tower Times	1999
Subseries VIC: Publications			1904-1997
11	27	Other Organizations Publications	1979-1981, 1996, undated
11	28	Handouts	1904, 1933, 1946, undated
11	29	Stewardship Brochure	1967
11	30	Dedication Publications	1979-1997
11	31	Choir and Drama Publications	1979-1984, undated
11	32	“Our Story Book: Stories of Churches of the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ”	1997
OS 214	3	Help Stop Hunger Poster	Undated
Subseries VID: Family Directories			1933-2005
11	33	Family Directory	1933
11	34	Family Directory	1965
11	35	Family Directory	1971, 1974
11	36	Family Directory	1980, 1985
11	37	Family Directory	1992-1994
11	38	Family Directory	1990, 2005
11	39	Making of 2000 Family Directory	2000
Subseries VIE: Bulletins			1951-2000
12	1	Bulletins	Undated
12	2	Bulletins, non-linear	1951-1987
12	3	Bulletins	1968-1969
12	4	Bulletins	1973
12	5	Bulletins	1974 Jan. – June
12	6	Bulletins	1978 Jan. – June

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12	7	Bulletins	1978 July – Dec.
12	8	Bulletins	1978 Jan. – June
12	9	Bulletins	1979 July – Dec.
12	10	Bulletins	1980 Jan. – June
12	11	Bulletins	1980 July – Dec.
12	12	Bulletins	1981 Jan. – June
12	13	Bulletins	1981 July – Dec.
12	14	Bulletins	1982 Jan. – June
12	15	Bulletins	1982 July – Dec.
12	16	Bulletins	1983 Jan. – June
12	17	Bulletins	1983 July – Dec.
12	18	Bulletins	1984 Jan. – June
12	19	Bulletins	1984 July – Dec.
12	20	Bulletins	1985 Jan. – June
12	21	Bulletins	1985 July – Dec.
12	22	Bulletins	1986 Jan. – June
12	23	Bulletins	1986 July – Dec.
12	24	Bulletins	1987 Jan. – June
12	25	Bulletins	1987 July – Dec.
12	26	Bulletins	1988 Jan. – June
12	27	Bulletins	1988 July – Dec.
12	28	Bulletins	1989 Jan. – June
12	29	Bulletins	1989 July – Dec.
13	1	Bulletins	1990 Jan. – June
13	2	Bulletins	1990 July – Dec.
13	3	Bulletins	1991 Jan. – June
13	4	Bulletins	1991 July – Dec.
13	5	Bulletins	1992 Jan. – June
13	6	Bulletins	1992 July – Dec.
13	7	Bulletins	1993 Jan. – June
13	8	Bulletins	1993 July – Dec.
13	9	Bulletins	1994 Jan. – June
13	10	Bulletins	1994 July – Dec.
13	11	Bulletins	1995 Jan. – June
13	12	Bulletins	1995 July – Dec.
13	13	Bulletins	1996 Jan. – June
13	14	Bulletins	1996 July – Dec.
13	15	Bulletins	1997 Jan. – June
13	16	Bulletins	1997 July – Dec.
13	17	Bulletins	1998 Jan. – June
13	18	Bulletins	1998 July – Dec.
13	19	Bulletins	1999 Jan. – June
13	20	Bulletins	1999 July – Dec.

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13	21	Bulletins	2000 Jan. – June
13	22	Bulletins	2000 July – Dec.
Series VII Audiovisual			1894-2003
Subseries VIIA: Photographs			1894-2003
14	1	Gottlieb Mueller Photograph	Undated
14	2	Florence Fischer Photos	Undated
14	3	Carl Mueller Photographs	Undated
14	4	Portrait of Anna Spengler	Undated
14	5	St. John's Historical Photographs	Undated
14	6	Sketch of First Church Building	Undated
14	7	Group Photo	Undated
14	8	Sanctuary	Undated
14	9	Group of Women	Undated
14	10	Rev. Kern Photograph	Undated
14	11	Family at Train Station	Undated
14	12	Pictures of Fire	Undated
14	13	Halloween	Undated
14	14	Rev. Mark Moore	Undated
14	15	1894 Confirmation	1894
14	16	Confirmation Photos	1935-1984
14	17	Train and Cityscape	1947
14	18	Confirmation Class of 1950	1950
14	19	St. John's Chapel Choir	1961-1962
14	20	Photo Album	1962-1969
14	21	Christmas Dinner Photographs	1972, 1975
14	22	Halloween Photo Album	1975
14	23	Sanctuary Paintings	1983
14	24	Board of Worship Photos	1983-1986
14	25	Christmas	1994
14	26	Choir Appreciation Dinner	1997
14	27	Church Exterior	1998
15	1	Construction Project	1999
15	2	Roof and Dome Renovation	2000
15	3	Landscaping Photos	Undated, 2000, 2001
15	4	Church Picnic	2001 Jul 20
15	5	Gospel Fest	2001
15	6	Camp	2002
15	7	Confirmation	2002
15	8	Christmas	2003
15	9	Church Exterior	2003
15	10	Camp Photos	2003
15	11	Film Negatives	2003

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15	12	Loose Photos	Undated
15	13	Cabinet Cards	Undated
16	1	Directory Photos	2000
17	1	Wreathed Harp	Undated
17	2	Nun Danke Thale Gott Herzen Mun_DND Hanrich	Undated
17	3	View Toward Alter	Undated
17	4	Palm Sunday Man and Women	Undated
17	5	Full Pews	Undated
17	6	Light Bulb Portraits	Undated
17	7	5x7 View Towards Alter	Undated
17	8	Rose Geresicks Daughter in Laws family Picture from Mary Waymire (890-4773)	Undated
17	9	Angel Above, 389 Gilt Mart 85	Undated
OS 214	2	Group Photographs	1864
OS 214	2	Group Photographs	Undated
OS 214	3	Building Pictures	Undated
OS 214	3	Confirmation Class Photos	Undated
Subseries B: Photo Albums			
16	2	Confirmation Photo Album	1934-1992
16	3	Scrapbook	1988-1989
16	4	Red Hat Society Scrapbook	2003
16	5	Mr. and Mrs. Club Scrapbook	2001
18	1	Rev. J. G. Mueller	Undated
19	1	Kirkwood Scrapbook	Undated
Subseries B: VHS, CDs, and Memorabilia			
19	2	Mrs. Maclash Plaque	1977
19	3	VHS Tape "Hymn"	Undated
19	4	VHS Tape "150 th Anniversary"	Undated
19	5	VHS Tape "Germany, Heritage, Camera"	Undated
19	6	VHS Tape "Christmas Eve Service"	1997
19	7	VHS Tape unlabeled	Undated
19	8	VHS Tape unlabeled	Undated
19	9	Button with Church Image (In German)	Undated
Series VIII Books			
20	1	Pastoral Notes	Undated
20	2	Church Constitution	Undated

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20	3	Church Logbook (German)	1882-1895
20	4	50 th Anniversary Book	1890
20	5	God's People in All Times	1891
20	6	Pastoral Notes (German)	1892-1893
20	7	Pastoral Notes	1892-1893
20	8	Pastoral Notes (German)	1892, 1895-1896, 1918
20	9	Pastoral Notes (German)	1893-1894
20	10	Pastoral Notes (German)	1893
20	11	Pastoral Notes (German)	1894-1897
20	12	Pastoral Notes (German)	1895
20	13	Pastoral Notes (German)	1895-1896
20	14	Pastoral Notes (German)	1895-1896
20	15	Pastoral Notes	1896-1898
20	16	Othello Winter's Tale	1894
20	17	Bible (German)	1905
20	18	50 th Anniversary Book	1914
20	19	Church Attendance Book	1951-1953
20	20	Come Through Dayton Part 1: The Age of Settlement (1785-1815)	1981
20	21	Come Through Dayton Part 2: The Age of Transition (1820-1900)	1981
20	22	Come Through Dayton Part 3: The Age of Modernity (1901-1941)	1981
21	1	Book of Remembrance	1963