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**First United Methodist Church Records**  
**Collection Number: 1461 WFCHS/THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated in June 2024.

**EXTENT:** 1.42 linear feet

**CREATOR:** First United Methodist Church

**DATE:** 1870 – 1993

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This Winchester, VA church collection contains church records, directories, bulletins, and blueprints of the Education Building built in 1961 and church alterations made in 1988.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The church began as part of the United Brethren denomination and became a distinct organization in 1800. By 1834, the first regular minister was assigned to the Winchester Mission, and the first church building was erected in 1872. The current church building was built in 1922. In May, 1968, the church merged with a Methodist Church, and adopted its current name, First United Methodist Church.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Carr, Clay B and Mildred L., *Historical Sketches of Places of Worship, Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia*, Winchester Printers, Winchester, VA, June, 1968, pg. 38.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Received as donation and loan of First United Methodist Church.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Blueprint of church alterations, 1988, 14 leaves, manuscript

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 13**

*Pictorial History of the Virginia Conference*, by David Franklin Glovier, 1965, McClure Printing Company, Staunton, VA, 350 pages, printed

Conference reports book, 1910-1948, 153 pages, manuscript

Church directories, 3 items, printed  
1962, 2 copies  
1966

Church directories, 4 items, printed  
1975  
1980, 2 copies  
1985

Church directories, 5 items, printed  
1988, 3 copies  
1991  
1993

Church papers, 1870-1939, folder contains the following items:

List of ministers, 1 page, manuscript  
Deed to lot, June 6, 1912, 2 leaves, typescript; 1 envelope, printed  
Report on lot, October 23, 1915, 1 leaf, typescript  
Resolution for mortgage on parsonage, January 2, 1916, 2 leaves, typescript  
Winchester Station official members list, [1939], 1 page, typescript (copy)

Church papers, 1940-1949, folder contains the following items:

Worship service bulletins  
September 29, 1940, 1 page, printed  
April 6, 1944, 1 page, printed  
Reflections on original church, by Mrs. Mary Ombs, no date, 1 page, typescript  
Ballot for Sunday School election, August 18, 1946, 1 page, typescript  
Minutes of official board, May 19, 1948, 1 page, manuscript

Church papers, 1961-1989, folder contains the following items:

Education Building blueprint, [1961], 1 leaf, manuscript  
Education Building brochure, no date, 2 copies, 4 pages, printed  
Education Building dedication, August 13, 1961, 1 page, printed, encapsulated  
Women's Society of World Service Yearbook, 1968, 22 pages, printed  
Invitation to dedication of organ and sanctuary, May 21, 1989, 5 copies, 1 leaf, printed; 1 envelope, manuscript

Newspaper articles, 1946-1973, 7 items, printed

Programs of special services, folder contains the following items:

75th anniversary, November 30, 1947, 2 copies, 1 page, printed  
100th anniversary, November 25, 1973, 4 copies, 4 pages, printed  
Dedication of Education Building, August 13, 1961, 2 copies, 6 pages, printed  
Homecoming, October 13, 1985, 2 pages, printed

*Virginia Conference News*, 4 items, printed  
April 1947

April 1948  
August 1949  
May 1966

**BOX 2**

Bound church bulletins, 1974-1990, 13 volumes, printed

1974-1975	1983	1988
1976-1977	1984	1989
1978-1979	1985	1990
1980-1981	1986	
1982	1987	

**PHOTOGRAPHS**