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John Mann United Methodist Church Records
Collection Number: 1628 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken by Archives staff in 2021. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in May 2025.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2025.033 THL

EXTENT: 1.04 linear feet

CREATOR: John Mann United Methodist Church

DATE: 1893 - 1994

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 collection consists of three deeds of church property along with a copy of a church mortgage (1893, 1894, & 1933) as well as a variety of items concerning the church and its history. Included in the collection are church bulletins, programs for special events, church history, newsletters, and the names of the church pastors.

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL: Shortly before the Civil War the Market Street Methodist Church, Winchester, VA, decided to organize a new church for the local black population. The result of that meeting was the John Mann United Methodist Church which opened its doors on July 1, 1857 at 119 East Cork Street, Winchester, and still is in operation today. The congregation holds services at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 527 Van Fossen Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: *Historical Sketches of Places of Worship, Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia*, by Clay B. Carr and Mildred Carr, Winchester Printers, Inc., Winchester, VA, 1988.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Choir Day, 11 items, printed

Christmas Advent, 81 items, 10 manuscript, 7 manuscript on printed form, 40 transcript, 23 printed

Church Bulletins, Part One, 94 items, printed

Church Bulletins, Part Two, 89 items, printed

Church Bulletins, 1951, 3 items, typescript

September, 9, 1951

October 21, 1951

October 28, 1951

Church History, 2 items, printed

Cookbook Committee, 2 items, printed

Deeds and Mortgage, 4 items, 7 l. manuscript (photocopy), (folder contains the following)

Deed of trust - parsonage and lot, west side of Kent Street, January 23, 1893, Winchester Deed Book 21, pages 360-362, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Deed - from Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church, April 29, 1893, Winchester Deed Book 21, pages 419), 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

Deed - lot between Kent Street and Market Street, on south side of Cork Street, February 22, 1933, Winchester Deed Book 53, page 98, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Mortgage - church property, June 26, 1894, Winchester Deed Book 22, page 57, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Easter, 16 items, printed

Family and Friends Day, 10 items, printed

Junior Miss Debutante Debut, 6 items, printed

Newsletters – United Methodist Women, 2 items, printed

118th Anniversary program, March 7, 1976, 4 items, printed, (folder contains the following:)

118th Anniversary Commemoration Booklet for John Mann United Methodist Church, March 7, 1976.
10 pages, printed

Program for anniversary meal, 1 leaf, typescript

Program for recital given at John Mann United Methodist Church, 1 leaf, typescript, 2 copies

145 Years of Praise and Worship for Christ, 10 items, 7 printed, 1 typescript, 2 donation envelopes

Organ Dedication Nov. 1, 1959, 1 item, 2 pages printed

Prayer Breakfast, 19 items, 17 printed, 2 napkins

United Methodist Women, 28 items, 27 printed, 1 typescript 3 l.

BOX 2

Board and Committee, 17 items, 7 printed, 10 typescript

Father's Day and Mother's Day, 13 items, printed

Graduation Ceremony, 4 items, printed

Men's Day, 11 items printed, 1 envelope

Miscellaneous Papers and Notes, 55 items, 1 manuscript on printed form, 21 manuscript, 27 printed, 3 typescript, 3 typescript (copy)

News Articles, 52 items printed

Newsletters, 26 items, printed

Pastors, 6 items printed

Pastor's Birthday and Appreciation Day, 13 items printed

Photos, 4 items, photographs, 4 leaves

Programs and Events, 37 items, 36 printed, 1 manuscript on printed form

Women's Day, 49 items, 46 printed, 2 manuscript on printed form, 1 manuscript

BOX 3 - Programs from other churches

Mount Zion United Methodist Church (Woodstock, VA), 2 items, printed

Orrick Chapel United Methodist Church (Stephens City, VA), 3 items, printed

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (Winchester, VA), items, printed

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church (Uniontown, PA), 2 items, printed

Williams Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (Winchester, VA), 1 item, printed

PHOTOGRAPHS

[1628-001] John Mann UMC members on a field trip to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Baltimore, MD. No persons identified, June 26, 1994.

[1628-002] John Mann UMC members on a field trip to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Baltimore, MD. "Dressing Images of Worship" display, June 26, 1994.