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Trinity United Methodist Episcopal Church, South records

2.0 linear feet; 1 manuscript box, 2 half-manuscript boxes
1880-2014, bulk 1910-1930

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Salisbury, Maryland

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Creator: Trinity United Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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Related Materials: Asbury United Methodist Church records, 2008.038
Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church records, 2010.032
Methodist Episcopal Church Multimedia collection, 2010.023

Administrative History: Southern Methodism was brought to the Eastern Shore a year after the close of the Civil War when eight men withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church. This action set into motion the establishment of Trinity Church; a congregation was organized in 1866. A modest wooden structure was built and a pastor, the Reverend Dr. M. Lecato, was obtained. Regular worship services began with the eight founding members. Within the year the congregation grew to 33. The church continued to grow and by 1885, the congregation had more than doubled to 77 members. Fire struck Trinity Church on three occasions, first in 1885 with the structure quickly rebuilt only to be reduced to ashes by the Great Salisbury Fire in 1886. The Trinity congregation was not discouraged by the fire; they continued their worship services for a time in the Salisbury Court House as well as in the Presbyterian Auditorium. A third building was completed in 1887, which would eventually become the home of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church. Governor Elihu E. Jackson and his wife, the former Margaret Anne Rider, became Trinity's benefactors, donating the funding for the present church located at the corner of Division and High Street. It was dedicated on May 21, 1905. Trinity endured its last significant ordeal in 1940, when again fire severely damaged the interior; nonetheless the interior was fully restored. When the unification of Methodism came in 1939, Trinity was the northernmost appointment in the old Southern Methodist Church. In September 1970, the Trinity Administrative Board officially changed the name from Trinity Methodist Church, South to Trinity United Methodist Church of Salisbury, Maryland. Today Trinity has over 1,200 members and is one of the largest congregations on the Eastern Shore.

Citations: Trinity's History, <http://www.trinityumcsalisbury.com/>
Touart, P. B. (2008). *At the crossroads: The architectural history of Wicomico County, Maryland*. Salisbury, Md: Preservation Trust of Wicomico.

Scope and Content Note: Trinity United Methodist Episcopal Church, South records document the congregational activities of the church 1880-2014. Quarterly conference meeting minutes and pastor's reports on the church's activities support the church registers, which include marriage, baptismal, and membership records. Oral histories of parishioners and pastors also document the long-standing Salisbury, Maryland church.

Arrangement Statement: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

Subject Terms:

General Terms

Baptismal records
Baptism and church membership
Church attendance
Church membership
Conference
Marriage records--Maryland--Wicomico County
Stained Glass

Corporate Names

Methodist Episcopal Church

Personal Names

Crower, Horace
George, Vivian
Gordon, Ron
Jackson, Elihu
Lecato, Rev. Dr. M.
Mitchell, John
Patterson, George
Potts, Dr. Thomas N.
Rounds, Sam
Rustin, John W.
Schockley, Olin
Wright, William A.

Box 1

1. Register, Salisbury Station Virginia Conference, Members, Marriages, and Baptisms, 1880-1921
2. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1886-1890
3. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1898-1903
4. Register, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marriages, Baptisms and Members, 1905-1913
5. Register, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marriages, Baptisms and Members, 1905-1957
6. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1906-1910
7. Register, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marriages and Members, 1910-1927
8. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1911-1914
9. Program, Dedication of the Chime, 1921 September 18
10. Report of Pastor to the Quarterly Conference, 1925-1939
11. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Trinity Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1926-1930
12. First Quarterly Conference Minutes, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1927-1934
13. Register, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marriages and Baptisms, 1927-1931
14. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Trinity Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1930-1934
15. Quarterly Conference Report, Adult Women's Missionary Society, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1930-1934
16. Register, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Marriages and Baptisms, 1931-1939
17. Quarterly Conference Minutes, Trinity Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1934-1938
18. Resolution Passed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, undated

Box 2

1. Quarterly Conference Records, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1882-1886

2. Quarterly Conference Records, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1903-1906
3. Quarterly Conference Records, Salisbury Charge, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1917-1920
4. Quarterly Conference Records, Salisbury Charge, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1921-1923
5. Quarterly Conference Records, Salisbury Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1923-1926
6. Meeting Book, Bomar Missionary Society, Jannett Kibble, 1918-1927
7. Bulletins, 1984-1990

Box 3

1. Oral History, Rev. Olin Schockley, 2003 January 20
2. Oral History, Rev. Ron Gordon, 2003 February
3. Oral History, Vivian George, 2003 May
4. Oral History, Rev. John Mitchell, Maria Mitchell, 2004 November
5. Oral History, Sam Rounds, Maple Leaf Dairy / Top Hill Market, 2006
6. Oral History, Rev. George Patterson, 2009 November 16
7. Oral Histories, 50 Year Member's Memories, 2005
8. Presentation, Stained Glass Windows, 2014