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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities.
Title	Gathered at the River project collection
Date [inclusive]	circa 1850-1993
Extent	7.7 Linear feet 15 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	Published in 1993, "Gathered at the river: Grand Rapids, Michigan and its people of faith" details the history of churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The book was written by James D. Bratt and Christopher H. Meehan and funded through the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities. This collection includes questionnaires, histories and other documents collected during the research process, including church directories, programs and books.

Project history

The project began with a church history writing workshop put on by the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities on June 6, 1990. Participants included representatives from the Grand Rapids Press, City Historian Gordon Olson and James Bratt, professor of American religious history at Calvin College, and others. A comprehensive questionnaire was mailed out to area churches.

This survey response and church histories, supplemented by information from various documents supplied by the churches, was compiled into the publication *Gathered at the River*. The broad history of Grand Rapids churches written for the volume by James Bratt and Christopher Meehan is supplemented by a comprehensive list of Grand Rapids churches compiled by Father Dennis Morrow, Pastor at SS Peter and Paul and archivist for the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Also contributing to the publication were: Aaron Phipps, an artist for the Grand Rapids Press; Linda Samuelson, the director of the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities and Grand Rapids City Commissioner; Andrew Angelo, an editor for the Grand Rapids Press.

Since 1993, Father Dennis Morrow has maintained files that update the directory section. An index, missing from the original publication, was compiled by Patricia Bravender of the Grand Rapids Public Library, and is included here in an appendix.

Brief history of Grand Rapids area churches

Since the settlement of the Grand Rapids area in the early 1800s, religion has been a part of its people. Beginning with the missionary work of Bishop Baraga to the building of permanent church structures, Grand Rapids has been the site of many different parishes. Since settlers of the Grand Rapids area were not all of one faith, many denominations began their own church communities. There were Jews, Catholics, Methodists, Baptists and so on. Later on, the emergence of the Christian Reformed faith added more church communities to the map.

From the storefront church to mighty cathedrals, the Grand Rapids landscape was dotted with churches. The amount of different churches in the area is proof that religion is important to the people of Grand Rapids, something *Gathered at the River* illustrates.

Scope and Contents note

Included are materials gathered during the research portion of the Gathered at the River publication project. Only a portion of the churches included in the final publication are represented by the materials gathered here.

However, additional materials on the other churches are scattered throughout the various archival and book collections of the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections department. In particular, Collection 096, the Western Michigan Genealogical Society Church Records Collection, includes historical records from the contributing churches preserved on microfilm.

Additionally, some area churches have their own archives or libraries, where original church records and church publications can also be found.

The Gathered at the River collection contains the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities surveys, correspondences, address listings and examples of unused forms. There are examples of Church directories (many pictorial), minutes from committee meetings, miscellaneous items (such as napkins, postcards, sermon cards), pictures, books, newspaper articles from the Grand Rapids Press and other sources, correspondences from committees and pastors to the parish and individuals, Calvin College student papers, histories by Church community members and outside sources, programs, commemorative programs (for 25th, 75th, 100th anniversaries), brochures, statements of beliefs, records of membership and other statistics, and financial reports.

Most of the material focuses on events during the 1900s, but materials can be dated to the late 1800s. Most material covers the last half-century to about 1990 (when the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities survey was done).

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities, accession numbers 1998.019, 1999.104 and 2004.050.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

For materials related to the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities, see the separate Coll. 156.

For additional research materials on Grand Rapids Area Churches see: Coll. 96, Western Michigan Genealogical Society Church Records

Coll. 259, GRPL Newspapers Collection. West Michigan Catholic

Coll. 299X, Eduard Adam Skendzel Churches Reference Collection, for histories and directories of non-Polish related church congregations. For church congregations which are considered "Polish," see Coll. 299.

Coll. 347, Grand Rapids Public Library Church References Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- church records

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Church history
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Publications -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Series I. General Project Documentation. GR Area Council for the Humanitie

Collection Inventory

Series I. General Project Documentation. GR Area Council for the Humanities

Scope and Contents note

This series includes documents about the project in general, which was funded through the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities. In particular are examples and information on the questionnaire sent to the churches, as well as information on training sessions.

Some correspondence is found here, but correspondence may also be given under the specific church in Series II, unless they are from Linda Samuelson, Director of the GR Area Council for the Humanities, in which case they are with GR Area Council for the Humanities materials.

	Box	Folder
Gathered at the River : Grand Rapids, Michigan and Its People of Faith / James D. Bratt and Christopher H. Meehan for the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities. GR : Eerdmans, 1993. P2007.079.1	1	1
Index prepared by Patricia Bravender	1	2
Initial Correspondence. From Linda Samuelson to Church historians. 1/4/90.	1	3
Training Seminar 6/6/90. "History and Community: A Workshop for Churches"	1	4
Master copy of Cover letter and Initial questionnaire/Registration form. 8/6/90.	1	5

Correspondences (4):

Church History Project Questionnaire, 1990.	1	6
Church History Project Questionnaire, 1990. Found with accession 2004.050 Added 9/11/2006	1	7
		Box
Black binder of completed and returned initial questionnaires.		10
Correspondences (4):		
	Box	Folder
To Linda Samuelson from Mary F. Seymour. 1/26/91.	1	8
To Linda Samuelson from Peter M. Lamberts. 8/30/90.	1	8
To Linda Samuelson from Ronda Small. 12/18/90.	1	8
To Mrs. Dunwall from Linda Samuelson. [no date].	1	8
Project letter of Apr. 26, 1993 to confirm information for the directory section of the book.	1	9
	Box	Folder
The History of Grand Rapids' Churches : progress report and prospectus of a 3-year project (1989-1992) / sponsored by the Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities.2004.050	1	10

Series II. Individual Churches.

Aldersgate United Methodist

Scope and Contents note

Items related to specific churches, whether a published history, or a project document related to that original church, is being filed alphabetically under the name of the church. These are arranged alphabetically by the name of the church, as given in the “Directory of Congregations” section of Gathered at the River.

Types of materials found including church histories and other books, including directories, articles, and ephemera. Ephemera includes programs, bulletins, and other examples of church activities.

Histories range from student papers from Calvin College to informal histories done by church members. Some programs and directories have been included in the “church history” category, because of the historical content usually contained in the preface or other front matter of these publications.

Aldersgate United Methodist

	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities Questionnaire. June 1990.	1.5	1
Histories		
	Box	Folder
Plainfield Charter Township History p.132 (published 1988).	1.5	2
Pamphlets (3)		
	Box	Folder
“Aldersgate: 25 Years & Growing”	1.5	3
“God Working Through Aldersgate: 1959-1989”	1.5	3

Alpine Avenue Christian Reformed

“The Garden of the Pines: Dedicated to the past, the present, the future. Oct. 21, 1990”	1.5	3
Alpine Avenue Christian Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	1.5	26
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
Spiral-bound Church directories 1961+62 (2)	1.5	4
Spiral-bound Church directories 1963+64 (2)	1.5	5
Spiral-bound Church directories 1965+66 (2)	1.5	6
Spiral-bound Church directories 1967+68 (2)	1.5	7
Spiral-bound Church directories 1969+70 (2)	1.5	8
Spiral-bound Church directories 1971+72 (2)	1.5	9
Spiral-bound Church directories 1973+74 (2)	1.5	10
Spiral-bound Church directories 1975+76 (2)	1.5	11

Ephemera

Spiral-bound Church directories 1977+78 (2)	1.5	12
Spiral-bound Church directories 1979+80 (2)	1.5	13
Spiral-bound Church directories 1981+82 (2)	1.5	14
Spiral-bound Church directories 1983+84 (3)	1.5	15
Spiral-bound Church directories 1985+86 (2)	1.5	16
Spiral-bound Church directories 1987+88 (2)	1.5	17
Spiral-bound Church directories 1989+90-91 (2)	1.5	18
Financial Report booklets 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1934 (5).	1.5	19
Area Christian Reformed Church memberships 1978-1987 (listing Alpine Ave. Church).	1.5	22
Profile of Church members. 1984.	1.5	23
Long Range Planning Committee proposal and minutes for 1/15/89 meeting.	1.5	25
Building Committee minutes. May 20, 1985 and June 2, 1985. (2)	1.5	28
Worship and Music Committee minutes. May 29, 1985.	1.5	29

Correspondence

Evangelism Committee minutes. June 9, 1985.	1.5	30
“A Legacy of Service” by Ken Gehrels, Evangelism Coordinator. April 22, 1986. (2)	1.5	30
“Onward and Upward” May 24/25, 1956. program. “75th Anniversary” 1956. Booklet.	1.5	31
“Ninety Years With God as Our Guide: 1881-1971” booklet.	1.5	20
“Fiftieth Anniversary” booklet. 1931.	1.5	21
Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
6/10/85 Letter to parishioners regarding school enrollment 1984-1991.	1.5	24
Correspondence to Cornelia Niemeyer from John S. Brondsema, Oct. 2, 1992.	1.5	27
Books		
		Box
Alpine Church 1881-1981: A Book of Remembrance / Ed. John Brondsema and Betty DeVries, 1981.		10
75 Years: 1881-1956.		10

Bethany Reformed

Bethany Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	2	1
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“The History of Bethany Reformed Church” Dr. Willard Ver Meulen. February 1983. (2)	2	2
“An Historical Analysis of Bethany Reformed Church”. Art Talstra. 5/22/87. [student paper for Herbert Brinks, Calvin College] 1999.104	2	3
Books		
	Box	Folder
“Fifty Years of Progress” 1943. [Church history]	2	4
		Box
Jesus Is the Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever : Bethany Reformed Centennial: 1893-1993.		10
	Box	Folder
“75th Anniversary edition” Pictorial Directory. 1990.	2	5
Bostwick Lake Congregational		

Bowen Congregational

	Box	Folder
“125th Anniversary”. Oct. 24, 1971.	2	6
Bowen Congregational		
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“Brief History...” [unknown author]	2	7
List of ministers	2	8
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
“Plymouth News and Views” Dec. 1956.	2	9
Sample Application for charter membership.	2	10
Programs 5/5/57; 3/12/57; 3/24/57; 4/17/57 (4)	2	11
Caledonia United Methodist		
	Box	Folder
“A Century of Service to Christ + Community”	2	12

Calvary Reformed

Calvary Reformed		
	Box	Folder
“Calvary Reformed Church and the Legacy of M.R. DeHunn”. Calvin College paper by Randall S. epema. 5/5/87. 1999.104.	2	13
Calvin Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	2	14
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
1990 Directory	2	15
Programs and bulletins	2	16
Cascade Christian		
	Box	Folder
“Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds: Centennial Issue”	2	17
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder

Catholic Information Center

“Pocket Directory of the Cascade Area” [no date]	2	17.5
Catholic Information Center		
	Box	Folder
Brief history by Deacon Elmer Zinn	2	18
Central Christian (Disciples of Christ)		
	Box	Folder
“Homecoming, October 29-30, 1983: Celebrating 109th Anniversary”	2	19
Central Seventh-day Adventist		
	Box	Folder
“Central Seventh-day Adventist Church: 1887-1987”	2	20
Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan		
	Box	Folder
“100 Years of Christian Witness”	2	21
Faith Lutheran		
	Box	Folder
“Faith Lutheran Church History, 40th Anniversary. Nov. 1992”	2	22

Faith Protestant Reformed

Faith Protestant Reformed		
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1988 Pictorial Directory	2	23
Faith Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	2	24
First Assembly of God		
	Box	Folder
“A lighthouse to the Community: A History of the First Assembly of God”. Calvin College paper by Melissa Lettinga. 12/8/86. 1999.104	2	25
First Baptist		
	Box	Folder
“One Hundred Years Young! 1859-1959”	2	26
First Church of Christ Scientist		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	2	27

First Community A.M.E.(African Methodist Episcopal)

First Community A.M.E.(African Methodist Episcopal)		
	Box	Folder
“Our Centennial Year: 1875-1975”	2	28
First Free Methodist		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	2	29
Financial and Membership Records (3)		
	Box	Folder
Budget 1992	2	30
Sunday School and Morning Worship Attendance 1965-1990.	2	30
Salaries and Attendance 1960-1990	2	30
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
“100th Anniversary” Program 9/7/86	3	1
Directory 1991-92	3	2

First Netherlands Congregational

Programs and Bulletins(8)	3	3
First Netherlands Congregational		
	Box	Folder
“100th Anniversary of the First Netherlands Congregational: 1870-1970”	3	4
Park (First) Congregational		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	3	5
Annual Reports 1990 (Women’s Fellowship and Programs)(2).	3	13
Church Profile 1990.	3	14
Directory 1987.	3	15
Directory 1990.	3	16
Histories		
	Box	Folder
Ballard, Rev. James. Biography and Sermon (2)	3	6
Bishop, Dr. Edwin. Script.	3	7

Articles

Haldane, Deacon William. Script. 5/25/86.	3	8
Immen, Loraine Pratt. Script. 9/14/86.	3	9
Merriam, Rev. Charles Walcott. 12/86.	3	10
Smith, Morgan J. "Children's Moment". 3/23/86.	3	11
"Proposed Plans for the Enlargement and Improvement of Park (First) Congregational Church". 1929 booklet.	14	2

Articles

	Box	Folder
"Widow of an Early Judge". Unidentified. Script attached.	3?	12
"The Elegance of Tiffany" Museum Winter 1991. Vol.1, No.2. (p.10-18)	3?	12

Ephemera

Brochures and Programs. (7)

	Box	Folder
"Souvenir Program of the Diamond Jubilee. Sept. 17-21, 1911."	3?	17
"Dedication of the Main Altar. 2/19/33"	3?	17

Booklets (2)

“Music Instruments at Park Church”	3?	17
“Chapel Windows”	3?	17
“The Tiffany Collection”	3?	17
“Sanctuary Rededication: A Service of Thanksgiving. 9/17/89.”	3?	17
“Sesquicentennial Banners”	3?	17
Booklets (2)		
	Box	Folder
“Our Heritage”	3?	18
“A People, A Purpose, A Program Worth Preserving”	3?	18
“Commemorating One Hundred and Fifty Years”	3?	18
“Park Church Manual” 1911.	3?	19
“The New Park Church: The Need...The Dream...The Challenge”	3?	20
“The Search for the Unseen”. Historical sermon by Charles Wolcott Merriam, D.D. 5/23/48.	3?	21
		Box

First Reformed of Grandville

Park Congregational Church 100th Anniversary, 1836-1936		11
Park Congregational Church and Its Windows		11
From The Kitchens of Park		11
A Faith Journey		11
Park Has Touched Me		11
First Reformed of Grandville		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	3	22
First Reformed (of Grand Rapids)		
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Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	3	23
Directory 1990.	3	24
Directory 1984.	3	25
Histories		
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Articles

“A Profile”	3	26
Articles		
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“1st Christian Reformed in 125th Year”	3	29
Publications		
	Box	Folder
“The Bridge: Nov/Dec 1990”	3	27
“Missionary News: Sept. 1990”	3	27
Bulletins and Programs (4)		
	Box	Folder
“One-Hundredth Anniversary: 1857-1957”. 3/21/57.	3	28
“One-Hundredth Anniversary: 1857-1957”. 3/19/57.	3	28
“Today: The Family Altar” Nov.-Dec. 1990.	3	28
“Hallelujah God is Faithful: 1857-1982”. 3/21/82.	3	28
Script. “Our Beginnings”.	3	30

First United Methodist

First United Methodist		
	Box	Folder
“First United Methodist Church Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1911-1976. Volume II”	3	31
Fountain Street (Baptist)		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	3	32
Correspondence from Bill MacLeod to Linda Samuelson. “Letter of Transmittal” 6/19/91. (2)	3	33
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“A Church Called Fountain”. Calvin College paper by Ron Byle. 12/12/63.	3	34
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
Manual, Feb. 1, 2007	3	35
Galilee Baptist		

Grand Rapids Friends Meeting

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Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	4	1
Grand Rapids Friends Meeting		
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Grand Rapids Friends Meeting “An Historical Perspective” – “Final Arrangement Plan”.	4	3
Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music		
	Box	Folder
“Reflections of Fundamentalism in the Origin and Development of the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music”. Calvin College paper by Richard Hopkins. 11/29/78.	4	4
Grandville Ave. Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence to Linda Samuelson from Lois Hannink. “Rejoicing in God’s Faithfulness: 1891-1991”. (2)	4	5
Grandville Protestant Reformed		
	Box	Folder

Hagar Park Reformed

Pictorial Directory 1990.	4	6
Hagar Park Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Pictorial Directory 1987.	4	7
Highland Hills Baptist		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	4	8
Correspondence to Linda Samuelson from Dorothy Engelsman. 2/13/91.	4	9
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“From Holland to Highland: A Brief History of the Highland Hills Baptist Church”. Calvin College paper by Julie L. Mol. 12/7/77.	4	10
“Quarry Ave. Baptist Church (formerly Holland Baptist Church) Golden Jubilee: October 1894-1944”	4	11
Programs (5):		
	Box	Folder

Holland Home

“90th Anniversary” 10/7/84.	4	12
“Sol Deo Gloria: Fiftieth anniversary: 1894-1944”. 10/23/44.	4	12
“Dedication Service of the Family Center”	4	12
“Services of Dedication”. 10/29/61 + 11/1-2/61.	4	12
“Highland Hills Baptist Church (Formerly known As the Quarry Ave. Baptist Church)”	4	12
“Burning the Mortgage”	13	1a

Holland Home

	Box	Folder
Cover letter from Mary R. Vander Velde to Linda Samuelson.	5	1
“Souvenir” 1922.	5	1

Holy Family Catholic

	Box	Folder
“Blessing and Dedication” 2/14/71.	5	2

Holy Trinity Catholic

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Immanuel Reformed

Pictorial Directory and Brief History. 1975.	5	3
Immanuel Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities Questionnaire. June 1990.	5	4
“Oral History Workshop” packet	5	5
“Seventy-fifth Anniversary: 1907-1982”	5	6
LaGrave Ave. Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	5	7
Mamrelund Evangelical Lutheran		
	Box	Folder
“The 100th anniversary of Mamrelund Evangelical Lutheran”.	5	8
Marywood Dominican Sisters’ Motherhouse		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence from Sr. Maria Schevind to Linda Samuelson. 8/28/90.	5	9

Mayfair Reformed

“Response: 1877-1977”	5	9
“Diamond Jubilee: 1877-1952”	5	10
“50 Years of Love, Praise, and Service”	5	11
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Memoirs of Mother Mary Aquinata		10
Period Pieces		10
Mayfair Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	5	13
Histories		
	Box	Folder
Dauhof, Rev. Henry. Unknown author.	5	14
Heeres, rev. Jacob L. Unknown author.	5	13?
Hoekstra, Rev. Johannes B. Unknown author.	5	14
Jonker, Rev. Peter Jr. Unknown author.	5	15

Mayflower Congregational

Kett, Rev. John. Unknown author.	5	16
Kuipers, [Rev.] William. Unknown author.	5	17
Rikers, Rev. Henry Jr. Unknown author.	5	18
Vander Vries, Rev. Edward. Unknown author.	5	19
Weidnaar, [Rev.] John. Unknown author.	5	20
Mayflower Congregational		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	5	23
Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
Christian Outreach 1990	5	24
Confirmation information 1990-91	5	24
Programs and pamphlets (13):	5	25
“...committed to promoting spiritual growth”	5	25
“S.A.I.L.” (6)	5	25

Oakdale Park Reformed

“Mayflower Preschool 1991-92” (2)	5	25
“Advent 1990”	5	25
“Church School Newsletter: Dec. 1990, Vol.1, No.1.”	5	25
“Our Occasional Youth Newsletter: March 1991, Vol.1, No.2.”	5	25
“A Christmas Program for Senior Citizens” 12/11/90.	5	25
“Christmas Pageant” 12/16/90.	5	25
		Box
Mayflower Congregational Church: the First 25 Years: 1958-1983		11
Mayflower Congregational Church Grand Rapids, Michigan (founded 1958)		11
Oakdale Park Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence from Stephen Lambers to Linda Samuelson. 7/12/90.	5	26
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“Golden Anniversary: 1890-1940”	5	27

Articles

“Seventy-Fifth Anniversary”	5	27
Articles		
	Box	Folder
“Rev. J. Timmermann”. The Banner 6/23/05 (p.266-267).	5	30
Publications		
	Box	Folder
“Oakdale Observer: Looking Back”. Jan.1977. Vol.9 No.1.	5	28
“Diamond Anniversary: 1890-1950”. Program.	5	29
		Box
A Book of Remembrance		11
Oakview Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	5	31
Pictorial Directory 1988	5	32
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“To God Be The Glory: Oakview Reformed Church 25th	5	33
Anniversary: 1957-1982”.	5	33
Programs and Bulletins (7)		
	Box	Folder
“To God Be The Glory” [25th anniversary]	6	1
“Dedication Services: May 15, 1966; May 18, 1966; May 19, 1966”.	6	1
Program 2/10/91	6	1
Program 2/1/87	6	1
Program 1/9/77	6	1
Program 1/8/67	6	1
“Proposed... Combination Church-Parsonage”	6	1
Photos of the churches.(6)	13	1
Olivet Reformed		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	6	2

Ephemera

Ephemera		
	Box	Folder
“Dedication Booklet”. 2/24-25/54.	6	3
Programs and Bulletins (6)		
	Box	Folder
“Organizational Meeting: 6/22/48”	6	4
“Olivet College Ensemble: 4/30/57”	6	4
“Dedication Service: Educational Unit and Osterink Memorial Chapel: 1/3/58”	6	4
“Let Me Answer Your Questions...”	6	4
“25th Anniversary: 6/22/73”	6	4
“The Service of Installation of the Rev. Peter J. Muyskens: 3/3/61”	6	4
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	6	5

Pennelwood Church of God

Pennelwood Church of God		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence from Ronda Small to Linda Samuelson. 3/26/91. Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	6	6
Photos.(16)	13	2
Plymouth Congregational		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities questionnaire. June 1990.	6	7
Histories		
	Box	Folder
“The History of Plymouth Congregational Church” by Louise Fye.	6	8
“History of Plymouth Church from Its Beginnings” by Tura Loumer.	6	9
“Pastors or Ministers of Old Plymouth”	6	10
“The Proposed Constitution of Plymouth Congregational Church” + “Proposed Constitutional Amendment”	6	11
“The Diplomat” issued by Pastor James W. Hailwood. 1964.	6	12

Articles

“Personnel Record, National Ministerial Registration: James W. Hailwood”	6	13
“Autobiography” Autobiography of James W. Hailwood.	6	14
“Michigan Biography p.153”. (see also Michigan Centennial History. P.150). Biography of James W. Hailwood.	6	15
Articles		
	Box	Folder
Accepts Call to Plymouth Grand Rapids Press 9/28/57.	6	16
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Beatrice Allen of Plymouth 11/10/80.	6	16
Bill Bosler Gets Kentwood JC Distinguished Service Award	6	16
Blue Bells Name Queen The Southkent News 1/10/74.	6	16
[Obituary] "Bosler" Grand Rapids Press 1/27/87.	6	16
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Cowpath Led by Plymouth Church in Its Early Days Grand Rapids Herald 2/7/43.	6	16

Articles

Craft Show at Plymouth Church 1989.	6	16
Debbie Jupstrom in World Contest The Southkent News 12/6/73.	6	16
Detroit Minister Due Here March 1 Plymouth Post 2/64.	6	16
Discussing Book Review Plans Grand Rapids Herald 4/29/57.	6	16
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