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THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PAPERS

The collection contains the minutes of the governing body, lists of members, marriages, and baptisms, of the First United Methodist Church, of Lynchburg, Virginia. Other papers include the papers of the Ladies' Aid and Foreign Missions Society, the reports of the Board of Stewards, the reports of the Workers' Council, and the reports of the treasurer. Also included are miscellaneous church bulletins, a copy of the history of the church (1828-1939), the Proceedings of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (1887-1939), and miscellaneous photographs (some used by Siddons in the history of the church). A collection of miscellaneous photographs and notes on the history of the church by William E. Perkins, Jr., is also included.

[Items listed in Boxes 1-4 are indexed in: James Siddons, ed., *A History of the First United Methodist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1828-1988, with Genealogical Index and Descriptions of the Church Archives* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1992)(F234.L9 H58 1992)]

BOX 1 Minutes and Lists of Members 1828-1880; Lists of Members, Marriages, Baptisms 1828-1880 (Walker Register)

BOX 2 Ladies Aid and Foreign Missions; Sunday School Secretary - Record Book 1852-1858, 1858-1865

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- BOX 10** **10-1** Sunday School Record, 1888-1890
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10-8 Worker's Council Minutes 1938-1940;
 Board of Christian Education 1940
- BOX 11** Miscellaneous Photographs and Notes by William E. Perkins, Jr. (I)
- BOX 12** Miscellaneous Photographs and Notes by William E. Perkins, Jr. (II)
- BOX 13** Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church - Official
 Minutes:
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- BOX 14** Church ledger 1893-1895; Class record books 1899-1929; Miscellaneous
record books/ ledgers; Board of Stewards minutes 1897-1901; Officers and Teachers
Minutes 1924-1925; Methodist Protestant Principles, T. H. Lewis 1899; Ten Thousand
Years, Richard T. Baker 1947; Sermon in Commemoration of the Seventy-fifth
Anniversary of the Founding of the Methodist Protestant Church, 1903; Address
book (n.d.)
- BOX 15** Miscellaneous Photographs
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BOX 18 Deeds and Loans; *Methodist Protestant: Centennial Edition* (1928); *Key-Hole*; Church and parsonage dedication programs; Photo – Choir (undated); Sunday School secretary record (1936); Church School record books (1970-1973); Membership Committee (1958-1959); Missions Committee (1957-1958); Stewardship & Finance Committee (1957-1960)

[Detailed finding guide for items in Boxes 5-14 available with collection.]

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The First United Methodist Church was formed in 1828 from the Third Street Methodist Meeting, when several members of Third Street adopted the principles of the reform movement that was sweeping through the Methodist Church. The new church was first known as the Associated Methodist Church, and later as Wesley Chapel. In 1831, the church united with the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and became known as First Methodist Protestant Church. Following the disbandment of the Virginia Conference in 1874, First Methodist Protestant Church was admitted to the Maryland Conference.

Following a denominational merger in 1939, the First Methodist Protestant Church joined the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church and was known as First Methodist Church.

In 1995, First United Methodist Church merged with Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church.

The church was located on Church Street until 1952, when it was relocated to the former building of the First Presbyterian Church at Ninth and Court Streets, where it remained until its merger with the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church.

Other churches formed from the First United Methodist Church include: Durmid Methodist Church (now Fairview United Methodist Church)(1907); and Second Methodist Protestant Church (now Park View United Methodist Church)(1930).

[The First United Methodist Church Papers, Mss., MS1513, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; James Siddons, ed., *A History of the First United Methodist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1828-1988* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1992); Lib Wiley, *Alongside the River* (Lynchburg: Bicentennial Commission, 1986), pp. 4-5; *Virginia Advocate*, 26 January 1995, p. 7.]