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Chestnut Street Methodist Church (Portland, Me.).

Records

1836 - 1997

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Historical Administrative Note:

The Methodist Episcopal movement was started in England by John Wesley in the mid 1700s and found its way to the new colonies after the Revolutionary War. Early members were drawn from the middle class and women exceeded men as many as five to one. In New England, circuit riders, many of whom were laymen, traveled by horseback to preach the gospel and establish churches. Such was the case in the 1790s when Jesse Lee visited Portland and planted the first seeds of Methodism here. Over the life of the Methodist Movement during the next 200 years, there have been a number of divisions and mergers within the Church. Various protestant denominations spun off the Methodism Movement including the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and Church of the Nazarene as well as a split of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844 over slavery. In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) and Methodist Protestant Churches came together as one. Then in 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to become the United Methodist Church.

The Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in 1795 by eleven lay followers of Jesse Lee. The congregation grew from eleven to sixty four in the next few years until finally in 1811 land was purchased on Chestnut Street in Portland and a new church was dedicated on February 17th 1811. The church was not completed until 1819. The Methodist Episcopal movement continued to grow in Portland, New England and across the United States and with it grew the Chestnut Street Church. The first pipe organ in the history of the Methodist movement in all of the United States was installed in the Chestnut Street Church in Portland in 1836 and was controversial to say the least.

The Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Portland has been called the 'Mother of Maine Methodism' as a number of offshoot Methodist Churches grew from this parent church between the years 1842 – 1856; these included churches in Harpswell, on Chebeague, Long, and Peaks Islands (1842), Pine Street Church (1843), Cumberland Society (1846), Congress Street Church (1851), and two Italian Methodist Episcopal Churches on Federal Street and Warren Avenue (1856), all in Portland.

A new larger Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church was completed in 1856 with Charles A. Alexander the architect. The Gothic Revival style of the structure was noted to be “the finest church edifice in all of New England.” In 1909 an addition was added to the rear of the church and in 1924 the Chestnut Street Community House was constructed next door to accommodate the church’s growing social and service programs within the community.

The 1900’s found business Portland growing and neighborhoods changing. By the mid to late 1900s the Chestnut Street Methodist Church had re-absorbed the declining congregations from the Pine Street, Congress Street, and the two Italian Methodist Churches, as these properties had to be sold. During the 1970 – 80s the Chestnut Street Church was thriving in membership and activities. The church was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1977 and was also designated a Historic Site of the United Methodist Church. However the 1990s and early 2000s brought declining membership and a building in need of major repairs. By mid 2000s, the Church budget could barely meet the cost of heating the 44 room church, much less make necessary repairs and needed restorations that the historic church building so badly needed. Sadly, the Chestnut Street Methodist Church was decommissioned in 2006 and the building sold.

Methodism lives on in downtown Portland in the form of New Light, a new model of urban Christian ministry, operating in the true Methodist tradition. The small but growing membership meets regularly in what are called LIFE Groups an acronym for Live in Community, Invest in Growth, Find purpose in Life, and Embrace God’s Mission. Community outreach and Christian mission are the hallmarks of this model. New Light operates under the umbrella of HopeGateWay, a street front faith community located on High Street.

Chestnut Street Methodist Church was purchased in 2007, underwent extensive restoration and renovations and was transformed into an upscale urban restaurant called Grace in 2009. The exterior of the old church remains intact; the many stained glass windows on both sides and the front entry of the building remain untouched; the original pews serve as seating in the dining area; the old organ (case), although gutted prior to purchase, serves as a wait staff station, the original pulpit has become the hostess station, and the restaurant’s kitchen is where the altar once stood. This urban restaurant, once the historic Chestnut Street Methodist Church, has been described as a spectacular approach to sustainability.

Administrative Note:

This collection contains records from the early Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church (1795-2006) and the Chestnut Street Community House (1924) as well as materials from the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church (1846 - 1939), the Congress Street Methodist Episcopal Church (1851-1973), and the two Italian Methodist Episcopal Churches on Federal Street and Warren Avenue.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains church record ledgers that contain membership, baptism and marriage data dating to the 1840’s, Books of Official Board of Directors/Trustee minutes, financial ledgers

and business records, correspondence and receipts, membership rosters and card files, scrapbooks, newspapers and newspaper clippings and some photographs.

Processing note:

The collection has been broadly organized chronologically under the Chestnut Street ME Church and then again under the individual churches that grew out of the Chestnut Street Church. For practicality of retrieval, volumes are numbered consequentially within the collection (and housed together physically)

In Museum: Metal cornerstone box from the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church, dating from 1875. This cornerstone box was buried in 1875 when the new Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated. The box was dug up and opened on the 23 October 1939 when the old church property was sold.

The architect for the new church was the Kenway Brothers – a Maine firm that worked both in Portland and the Lewiston area. The church was located at 11 Pine St. in Portland. The building was sold by the leaders of the church and the building demolished around 1939. The site became a gasoline station.

The new building replaced an early church that had been built in 1846, and that was designed by the Portland architect Thomas P. Sparrow – the first, recognized architect in Portland and the design of Mechanics Hall amongst other buildings. A stereoview of the earlier church was placed in the time capsule and can be seen in box 17, folder 6.

The entire contents of the box are listed in Folder 8 of Box 17. Remaining items from the box are noted in Folders 1-7 and 9-10 of Box 17 and also in Box 20 of the collection.

Series:

1: Contains all information about Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church. It is further divided into the following subsections: History and Historical Documents, Church Records, Membership Records, Financial Records, Church Business Records, Oversized Volumes, Scrapbooks and Chestnut Street Community House. **[Box 1-16]**

2: Contains Portland churches that spun off the mother church including Pine Street, Congress Street, and two Italian Methodist Episcopal Churches. **[Box 1-24]**

Provenance: Hope.Gate.Way United Methodist Church

Inventory

Series 1: Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church

Box 1: History and Historical Documents

- Folder 1: Early History of Methodism in Portland Maine 1795-1871, Undated (handwritten)
- Folder 2: Chestnut Street United Methodist Church History 1793- 1972 and 1793-1989
- Folder 3: Constitution, Bylaws and Eighteenth Century Annual Report for the Home for Aged Women, Portland, Maine, 1872
- Folder 4: The History of Maine from the Earliest Discovery of the Region by Northmen Until Present Time, advertisement for text, 1875
- Folder 5: Note Cards 1-89 Listing Historical Records from Chestnut Street Methodist Church, undated
- Folder 6: Photograph of Mrs. S. F. Jones, undated
- Folder 7: Letter and last Will and Testament of Mary J. Nichols who left everything to the Chestnut Street M E Church, 1884
- Folder 8: History of...Chestnut Street Methodist Church by Pastor Rev. James W. Bashford D.D., 1884- 1886 and Early History of Portland, undated (both typed)
- Folder 9: *Eleventh Annual Report, Board of Trade, Portland for 1873*
- Folder 10: Memorial Services, Chestnut Street M.E. Sunday School, April 1892
- Folder 11: Postcard of Chestnut Street Church, 1906
- Folder 12: Certificates of Membership from 1909, 1946 and 1998
- Folder 13: Letters from the Board of Home Mission's and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1917-1920
- Folder 14: Conference Claimants, 1918
- Folder 15: Endorsement Fund, 1919-1922
- Folder 16: Certificates of Baptism for 1924, 1938, and 1951
- Folder 17: Blue Rose Stain Glass Window above the front entry of Chestnut Street ME Church
- Folder 18: 5 Sets of twins Baptized at Chestnut Street Methodist Church 24 Nov 1958
- Folder 19: In Memoriam Lester L. Boobar (1904-1970) and Boobar's "The Word is Love Sermon," November 30, 1969
- Folder 20: Handwritten Speech honoring Dr. Charles O. Files, Organist for 60 Years at Chestnut Street Church, undated
- Folder 21: Newspaper Clippings for Chestnut Street Methodist Church, 1960's
- Folder 22: Newspaper Clippings, print Materials Chestnut Street Methodist Church, 1970's
- Folder 23: Note Cards of Items Found in Safe/Shelves of Dick Sheeley's Office, 1971
- Folder 24: Newspaper Clippings Chestnut Street Methodist Church, 1980's
- Folder 25: "Chestnut Street Church to Build Parking Lot," undated
- Folder 26: Cake List and Recipe for Corona Clam Supper, undated
- Folder 27: Photograph of Theresa Phillips, drama coach and Sunday School teacher

See also Box 20 for more photographs and Sunday School certificates (oversized)

Box 2: Membership Records

- Folder 1: Church Directory, 1899
- Folder 2: Church Director, 1902

Folder 3: Membership Roll Cards, 1930s – 1940s
Folder 4: Membership Lists, 1959 - 1960
Folder 5: Membership List, 1972
Folder 6: Church Directories, 1971-72 and 1985
Folder 7: New Members, 1978
Folder 8: Member Registry, May 1995: Recently Received Members
Folder 9: Member Registry and Survey Conducted, 1994-95

Box 3: Membership Transfers

Folder 1: Membership Transfer Letters, 1928-1935
Folder 2: Membership Transfer Letters, 1946- 1955
Folder 3: Membership Transfer Letters, 1955-1969
Folder 4: List of Church members to be Removed from Membership, 1971
Folder 5: Membership Transfers from Chestnut Street Church, 1970 – 1978

Box 4: Card File Box: Membership/Transfer Record Cards 3X5 Card Files, 1960's – 1970's

Box 5: Card File Box: Membership/Loyalty/Transfer/ Geographic 3X5 Card Files, 1965

Box 6: Card File Box: Membership/Loyalty/Transfer Card Files, 1965 – 2001

Box 7: Card File Box: 5X7 Family Record Cards, Undated and Membership/Loyalty/Transfer 3X5 File Cards, 1965

Box 8: Financial Ledgers/Documents

Folder 1: Ledger Expense/Receipts, Feb 1860 – Jan 1870
Folder 2: Account Ledger, July 1956 – Nov 1867
Folder 3: Subscription to Church Debt Book, 1867
Folder 4: Cash Book, 1876 and 1877 and Record of Debt Payments Book, 1876 and 1877
Folder 5: Cash Book and Record of Payment Book, 1880
Folder 6: Church Financial Record Book, 1882- 1884
Folder 7: Subscription for Debt, 1883 and 1884
Folder 8: Subscription of Church Debt and Cash Book, 1886

Box 9: Financial Ledgers/Documents Continued

Folder 1: Report of Treasurer, 1916-1917
Folder 2: Church Treasurer's Account Book, 1918
Folder 3: Church Treasurer's Account Book, 1919
Folder 4: Church Treasurer's Account Book, 1922-1923
Folder 5: Church Treasurer's Account Book, 1925 - 1926
Folder 6: Accounts Ledger for Chestnut Street Methodist Society, 1926-1936

Box 10: Financial Ledgers/ Documents Continued

Folder 1: Church Treasurer's Account Book, No. 3, 1925-1926
Folder 2: Church Treasurer's Account Book No. 3, 1926-1927
Folder 3: Church Treasurer's Account Book No. 3, 1928-1929
Folder 4: Church Treasurer's Account Book No. 3, 1929-1930
Folder 5: Church Treasurer's Account Book No. 3, 1930 – 1931

Box 11: Financial Ledgers/ Documents Continued

Folder 1: Church Treasurer's Account Book, 1933

Folder 2: General Journal ledger, 1943 – 1953

Folder 3: National Bank and Commerce of Portland Church Checkbook and Stubs, 1954 - 1956

Folder 4: Financial Reports to Trustees Dec 1956 – April 1959 (incomplete)

Folder 5: Financial Letters, Notes, Bank Information found in Ledger, 1970- 1974

Folder 6: Earnings Records Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, 1988

Box 12: Church Business Documents/Correspondence/Brochures

Folder 1: Chestnut Street Church Communications, To/From, 1940s – 1960s

Folder 2: United States Income Tax Paperwork Chestnut Street Methodist Church , 1943-1955

Folder 3: Methodist Conference Board of Lay Activities, 1944-1946

Folder 4: Church Correspondence, 1950s

Folder 5: "Legislative Affairs" article from Zion Herald, April 1956

Folder 6: Quarterly Federal Tax Returns, 1956-1957

Folder 7: Chancel Project, 1960

Folder 8: Chestnut Street Church Properties and Valuation, 1971

Folder 9: Receipts for Goods and Services, 1972-1974

Folder 10: Rents and Parking Deposits, 1973-1974

Folder 11: Check Stubs, 1973-1976

Folder 12: Chestnut Street United Methodist Church Report of the Committee on Nominations/Personnel, 1974

Folder 13: Reports to the Annual Charge Conference, February 1974

Folder 14: Check Stubs, 1973 – 1976

Folder 15: Banking, 1974

Box 13: Church Business Documents/Correspondence/Brochures, Continued

Folder 1: Receipts for Goods and Services, 1974-1975

Folder 2: Exploring partnership of Chestnut Street Methodist Church with Boston University School of Theology, 1975

Folder 3: Women's Peace Movement, Dublin Ireland, August 1976

Folder 4: Chestnut Street Methodist Church Materials/Brochures, 1990s

Folder 5: "Through the Back Door of the Church: Stories of United Methodist Men in Ministry, Thomas L. Mallonee, 1990

Folder 6: Payment to Conference Treasurer Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, 1991

Folder 7: Sampling of Monthly Bills for Chestnut Street Methodist Church including Overdue Notices, 1990- 1992

Folder 8: "United Methodists on the Move" as Published in *The Saturday Evening Post*, 1992

Folder 9: "Our Muslim Neighbors," 1993

Folder 10: UMC Data Bank Local Church Profile, Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, 1995

Folder 11: Personnel Policies and Job Descriptions, 1995

Folder 12: "Developing a Mission Statement and Envisioning the Future," 1997

Folder 13: "Transforming Church Boards Into Communities of Spiritual Leaders," 1997

Folder 14: Research Report entitled "Chestnut Street United Methodist Church," 1997

Folder 15: Demographic Trend Report for Zip Code 04101, Cumberland, Maine, late 1990s
Folder 16: Stationary and Various Forms Used by Chestnut Street Methodist Church
Folder 17: Church Sexton Job Description, Undated

Box 14: Chestnut Street M E Church

Folder 1: Deed from Trustees of the Methodist Society to Sarah Homer, 1836
Folder 2: Congregation Subscriptions to Portland Methodist Chapel, John Hobert, Pastor, 1841
Folder 3: Treasurer's Book Chestnut Street M E Church, 1856 – 1868
Folder 4: Receipt Book of the Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 1868 – 1880
Folder 5: Pen and Ink Etching of Chestnut Street M E Church, Undated
Folder 6: Schedule of Notes Pledged to Liquidate Debt for Chestnut Street M E Church, 1891
Folder 7: Reports of Quarterly Conference of the Chestnut Street M E Church, 1932
Folder 8: Prospective new members, Undated (In stack of 1950-1960's materials)
Folder 9: Sampling of Bank Statements and Deposit Slips for Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, 1990-1992

Chestnut Street Methodist Church Scrapbooks Large Red Bound Volumes with newspaper items clipped and pasted inside.

V. 1: Scrapbook 1882, 1924, 1940 – 1945
V. 1a: Scrapbook 1936 - 1942
V. 2: Scrapbook 1946 – 1948
V. 3: Scrapbook 1948 – 1958
V. 4: Scrapbook 1949 – 1952
V. 5: Scrapbook 1953 – 1956
V. 6: Scrapbook 1957 – 1960
V. 7: Scrapbook 1961 – 1963
V. 8: Scrapbook 1960 – 1968
V. 9: Book of Remembrance: Given by Friends in Loving Memory of Reverend Eugene Wilford Shrigley (1895-1965) Pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist Church, 1959 – 1964

Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church Records in Oversized Volumes (V.):

V. 10: Church Records, 1848 – 1876: Contains Records of Baptisms, 1850-1876 and Records of Marriages, 1848- 1875.
V. 11: Record of Probationers, 1851 – 1873: Contains names and street addresses of persons who joined the church and other pertinent information.
V. 12: Church Records, 1853 – 1924: Contains Probationers and Membership Lists from 1853-1923, Record of Baptisms, 1913 – 1924, and Record of Marriages, 1912-1922.
V. 13: Church Records, CH Trustees, 1856 – 1878: Contains Records of the “Trustees of the Methodist Society” in Portland, Chestnut Street, Vol 2, 1856.
V. 14: Church Records, 1861- 1879: Contains Historical Record, Probationers, and Members in Full Connection, Baptisms and Marriages.
V.15: Church Records, 1870 - 1879: Contains Historical Records, Probationers, and Members in Full Connection, Baptisms and Marriages.
V. 16: Church Records, 1879 – 1895: Contains Historical Records, Probationers, and Members in Full Connection, Baptisms and Marriages.

V. 17: Church Records, 1890 – 1912: Contains Pastoral and Statistical Record, Probationers, and Members in Full Connection, Baptisms and Marriages.

V. 18: Records Official Board Chestnut Street M.E. Church, 1912 – 1920: Contains Board names and minutes from Meetings.

V. 19: Records Official Board Chestnut Street M.E. Church, 1921 – 1931: Contains Board names and minutes from Meetings.

Box 15: Chestnut Street Community House

Folder 1: Petitions from Church Congregation to Support Chestnut Street Community House, Undated

Folder 2: Chestnut Street Community House, Inc. Corporate Records, 1924

Box 16: Chestnut Street Community House

Folder 1: Centenary Subscribers for Chestnut Street Community House, January 1924

Folder 2: Grand Opening Program for Chestnut Street Community House, November 1924

Folder 3: Chestnut Street Community House Corporate Records, 1924

Folder 4: Expense Report for Furnishings for Community House, September, 1926

Folder 5: Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Treasurer's Report for Chestnut Street Community House, 1927, 1929, 1938-1944 (One of two)

Folder 6: Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Treasurer's Report for Chestnut Street Community House 1945-1950 and 1951- 1956 (Two of two)

Folder 7: Expense/Income Ledger 1941- 1973

Folder 8: Community House Cash Book, 1952- 1974

Folder 9: Ledger: Names and Accounts Paid by Chestnut Street Community House, 1972-1973

Folder 10: Bank Statements and Cancelled Checks, 1975-1976

Folder 11: Bank Deposits for Rents and Parking, Chestnut Street Community House, 1975-1978

Series 2: Other Portland Methodist Churches that Grew From Chestnut Street Methodist Church

Box 17: Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church (1846-1933)

Folder 1: Pine Street M E Church Bulletin Cover in Handmade Frame (Item from Cornerstone Box)

Folder 2: Handwritten Receipt for \$50 Subscribed to Building Fund for the Future Pine Street M E Chapel, 1846

Folder 3: Information about Ellen White Harmon, Prophet of the Seventh Day Adventist Church

Folder 4: Pine Street M E Church 1846 Pastor and 1875 Pastor (Item from Cornerstone Box)

Folder 5: Handwritten Account of Events Leading Up to the Decision to Build Pine Street M E Church at the time of Laying the Cornerstone, 1875

Folder 6: Side by side photographs of Pine Street M E Church in frame (Item in cornerstone Box)

Folder 7: Typed account of the Steadman Window, 1875 (Item in Cornerstone Box)

Folder 8: Typed List of Contents of the Cornerstone Box (1875)

Folder 9: Additional Paper Items found in the Cornerstone Box (1875)

Folder 10: Additional Cards/Business cards Found in the Cornerstone Box (1875)

Folder 11: Minutes from First Quarterly Conference Pine Street M E Church, 1890

- Folder 12: Pine Street M E Church Official Board Meeting Minutes, 1908 – 1919
- Folder 13: Last Will and Testament of Hannah M. Johnson, 1917
- Folder 14: Pine Street M E Church Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1920 – 1927
- Folder 15: Pine Street M E Church Board of Director Meeting Minutes, 1927 – 1932
- Folder 16: Letters of Transfer of Church membership, 1928-1932
- Folder 17: Letters of Transfer from Pine Street M E Church, 1931-1932
- Folder 18: Summary of Reports to the Fourth Quarter Conference, 1932
- Folder 19: Minutes from Two Meetings of the Special Quarterly Conference to Plan Merger, 1933
- Folder 20: Records of Chestnut Street and Pine Street M E Churches, Re-united, 1933 (1933-1943)
- Folder 21: Newspaper Article of Merging of Pine Street M E Church with Chestnut Street M E Church, undated
- Folder 22: Letters Discussing the Pine Street Church Property , Demolishing the Church property, and Leasing the Property to Shell Oil Company, 1939-1940
- Folder 23: Sale Contract and Letters Supporting the Sale of Pine Street Church Property, 1945

Box 18: Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church Records Continued

- Folder 1: Pine Street M E Church Trustee Minutes of Meetings, 1844 – 1910
- Folder 2: Rise and Progress of the second Methodist Episcopal Sunday School in Portland, Maine, 1844 (Book is deteriorating)
- Folder 3: Pine Street M E Church Meeting Minutes, 1853-1876 (Dated entries to 1889)
- Folder 4: Pine Street M E Church Board Meeting Minutes, 1861 – 1888

Box 19: Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church Records Continued

- Folder 1: Pine Street M E Church Official Record Book, 1864- 1876, Historical Records (1793-1873), Membership (1865-1876), Marriages (1864-1876) & Baptisms (1865-1876), Book old and deteriorating
- Folder 2: History of Pine Street M E Church, 1875 (Typed and eight pages)
- Folder 3: History of the Ladies Circle Connected with Pine Street M E Church, 14 June 1875
- Folder 4: Treasurer's Report/Records for Pine Street M E Church, 1897 - 1901
- Folder 5: Pine Street M E Church Financial Reports, Year Ending March, 1924
- Folder 6: Deed for Property in Bedford Park, Portland from Theodora J. Files to Rose S. Macy, 1930
- Folder 7: Articles of Agreement between Pine Street and Chestnut Street M E Churches, 1933
- Folder 8: Opening of/ Contents of Pine Street M E Church's Cornerstone Box, 23 October 1939
- Folder 9: Contract for Demolition of Pine Street Church Buildings, 1939
- Folder 10: The Chestnut Street Methodist Society Sale of Pine Street Church Property Certificate, 1945
- Folder 11: Historical Warranty Deeds of passageway Between Pine Street Church and Adjacent Properties, 1943
- Folder 12: Custody of Records Transfer from Pine Street to Chestnut Street Methodist Society, 1945

Box 20: Oversized and Flat Box [located in corner shelving unit]

Contains nine (9) newspapers from Portland, Boston and New York, ranging in dates from June 3, 1875 to June 15, 1875, that were placed in the Pine Street Methodist Church Cornerstone Box when the new Pine Street Church was dedicated. The box was buried in 1875 and dug up/opened 1939.

-3 Sunday School certificates (The Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the International Sunday School Association Certificate of Appreciation), 1910, 1911, 1914

-Photographs: Group photograph of the "Me. Methodist Conference, Portland, Me. '10" and a color photograph of the front interior of the church (1991)

Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church Records in Oversized Volumes:

V. 20: Pine Street M E Church Official Record Book, 1879-1932, Pastors (1879-1927), Members (1899-1932), Baptisms (1905-1929), & Marriages (1899 – 1929)

Box 21: Congress Street Methodist Episcopal Church (1851 - 1973)

Folder 1: Golden Jubilee (1851-1901) of the Congress Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 1901

Folder 2: Congress Street M E Church Accounting Book, Debit/Credit, 1926- 1957

Folder 3: Congress Street M E Church Ladies Aid Society Record, 1928-1930

Folder 4: Congress Street M E Church Ladies Aid Society Record, 1931 – 1937

Folder 5: Congress Street M E Church Ladies Aid Society Journal, 1935 – 1936

Folder 6: Congress Street M E Church Centennial Celebration (1851-1951), 1951

Folder 7: Congress Street M E Church Guest Book, 1956 – 1970

Folder 8: Letters/ Bank Book Re: Congress Street United Methodist Church, 1970's

Folder 9: "Farewell to Old Sanctuary," Portland Evening Express, December 1973

Box 22: Congress Street United Methodist Church (1851-1973) Continued

Folder 1: Congress Street United Methodist Church Guest Book, 1970

Folder 2: Congress Street United Methodist Church Checkbook, 1973-1975

Congress Street Methodist Episcopal Church Records in Oversized Volumes:

V. 21: Financial Ledger, 1946 – 1956

V. 22: Financial Ledger, 1958 – 1969

V. 23: Financial Ledger 1970 – 1974

Box 23: Italian Methodist Episcopal Churches on Warren Avenue and Federal Streets (1905 – 1960)

Folder 1: Italian Methodist Hymnal, Il Nuovo Innario Evangelico, 1907

Folder 2: Marriages Performed (1928-1955) and Dates of Funerals (1928 – 1950)

Folder 3: Photocopies of Pictures of Italian Methodist Churches and Prominent Members, 1930's

Folder 4: Financial Reports for Italian Methodist Church, 1930 – 1957

Folder 5: Dedication of the Italian Methodist Episcopal Church (Federal Street), 31 May 1931

Folder 6: Italian Methodist Church Work Receipts, 1931- 1932

Folder 7: Italian Methodist Church Correspondence, 1931-1940, 1946-1949, and 1950- 1959

Folder 8: 1937 Year Book of the Italian Congregation of Morgan Memorial Church of All Nations, 1937

Folder 9: Rededication of the Warren Avenue Italian Methodist Episcopal Church, 7 March 1937

Folder 10: Reverend Tommaso M. Caliandro and Wife, Pastor of the Federal Street and Warren Street Italian Methodist Churches, 1939

Folder 11: Italian Methodist Church Roll Book, 1941

Folder 12: English Italian Hymnal, Presented to Italian Methodist Church, 1941

Folder 13: Italian Methodist Church Membership, Active and Inactive, 1946 and 1948

Folder 14: Christmas Programs of the Italian Methodist Church, 1947 and 1950- 1954

Folder 15: *Record and Report Book for the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Local Church 1952-1956*

Folder 16: *Record and Report Book for the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Local Church 1956-1960*

Folder 17: Italian Church Lists of Members Merging into Chestnut Street Church, 1960 - 1971

Folder 18: The Rededication of the Italian Chapel, Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, 23 September 1989

Box 24: Italian Methodist Church Records Continued

Folder 1: Official Records of the Italian M E Churches on Federal (Sept 1927 – May 1956) and Warren Streets (Sept 1928 – May 1937)

Folder 2: Italian Methodist Church Fourth Quarterly Conference Business, 1930-1940 and 1945-1955

Folder 3: Il Nuovo Innario Evangelico, 3 Small Italian Methodist Hymnals, (With Typed inscriptions on inside cover and handwritten information on who presented the text and when)