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**Historical Note:** Bethany Presbyterian Church was organized on November 1, 1892. The first church, located on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue (now S. 19<sup>th</sup> St.) and Washington St, was dedicated on October 8, 1893. In April 1933, the congregation moved into a new church at 2300 W. Mineral St. In the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood changed and membership at Bethany Presbyterian steadily declined. This development prompted the congregation to close the church in May 2001.

**Abstract:** The records consist of histories, bulletins/programs, reports, directories, newsletters, publications, correspondence, audiocassettes, photos, and the sermons of former pastor Dr. Mooshie Sargis Benjamin.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on June 6, 2001 by Kevin Abing.

**Arrangement:**

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<i>The New Testament</i> (presented to Paul Grossenbach of the Building Committee, 1935)	4	Loose in box
<i>The Persian Yankee</i> by M. Sargis Benjamin (autobiography of former pastor), 1956	4	Loose in box
The Book of Remembrance, 1954-1991	4	Loose in box
"Try It Our Way" (Cookbook compiled by Bethany Women's Association), n.d.	4	Loose in box
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<i>The Bible</i> (in German), ca. 1840s	4	Loose in box
<i>Holy Bible</i> (presented to Roger Nelson, Confirmation Sunday, June 3, 1945)	4	Loose in box
<i>Lessons in Truth: A Course of Twelve Lessons in Practical Christianity</i> , 1940	4	Loose in box

<i>The Precarious Vision: A Sociologist Looks at Social Fictions and Christian Faith</i> , 1961	4	Loose in box
<i>No Salvation Without Substitution</i> , 1941	4	Loose in box
<i>Hymns for Junior Worship</i> , 1940	4	Loose in box
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<i>The Hymnbook</i> , 1955	4	Loose in box
<i>Church Service Hymns</i> , 1948	4	Loose in box
<i>The Worshipbook – Services</i> , 1970	4	Loose in box
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75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Poster	OS SM “B”	
Photostatic copy of <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> , October 7, 1893 (dedication of Bethany Presbyterian Church)	OS LG “B”	