

Title: Zion United Church of Christ

Reference Code: Mss-2350

Inclusive Dates: 1883-2021

Quantity: 6 archival boxes, 6 loose on shelf items, 14 oversize items, and 11 oversize photos

Location: NE, Sh. 71; NE, Sh. 65 (2.8 cu. ft. and 6 loose on shelf)
OS SM "Z" (14 Items)
OP 3076-3086 (11 Items)

Scope and Content: This collection contains various documents from the Zion United Church of Christ. Materials include scrapbooks, photographs, real estate records, administrative records, service programs, directories, birth records, and marriage records. Majority of the contents pertain to events and photographs of members.

The Zion United Church of Christ began in 1883 as the German Evangelical Zion Church, a German-speaking congregation that met in the home of Gustave Kromm. Its first official building was erected in 1884 at 1424 West Greenfield Avenue. In 1887, a new building was erected at 1418 West Greenfield Avenue, and the 1424 West Greenfield one was used as a school building. Then in 1934, Zion merged with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The name Zion United Church of Christ was adopted in 1957 after a second merger, this time with the Congregational Christian Church. A new building was erected at 76th Street and Ohio in 1958. The Church celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1983 and closed in 2021.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English and German

Notes: This collection was arranged and described by Laura K. N. Jones on May 23, 2023.

Conservation Notes: Multiple documents were assessed by Laura K. N. Jones as at risk for degradation of substrate and/or ink and were treated for adhesive removal using white vinyl eraser crumbs and micro spatulas; and/or mending using conservation quality Japanese tissue from Talas and wheat paste from Talas. No further damage resulted from the treatments and all treated documents are now in stable condition. Treated documents include those in the following folders:

- Administrative – Meetings - Annual Meetings, 1977-1997
- Administrative – Meetings - Congregational Meetings, 1977-2007
- Philanthropy - Child Sponsorship, 1961-1985, undated
- Photographs - Building Photos, 1913-2005, undated
- Marriages - Licenses, 1960-1991
- Frances Wells Norris Notebook, 1988-1991

Arrangement: Series are separated by subject and arranged according to size. Materials within series are arranged alphabetically. Materials were mostly kept in original order though some were grouped together by the processor according to subject.

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Administrative		
Annual Reports, 1975-2019	01	01-05
Budget Documents, 1974-1997	01	06-07
Committees		
Auditing Committee, 1961-1984	01	08
Board of Christian Education, 1977-1978, undated	01	09
Committee Directory, 2009	01	10
Committee Group Photos, 1983, undated	01	11
Council Directories, 1986-2012	01	12
Council Group Photos, undated	01	13
Council Minutes, 1971-1994	01	14-16
Council Minutes, 1995-2007	02	01-02
Jubilee Committee – Binder, 1933	02	03
Pastoral Relations Committee, 1987-1997, undated	02	04
Picnic Komitee, undated	02	05
Special Committees, 1975	02	06
Spiritual Council, 1978, undated	02	07
Steering Committee, 1978	02	08
Study Committee, 1977, undated	02	09
Worship Committee, 1975-1977, undated	02	10
Constitutions, 1901-1999, undated	02	11-12
Meetings		
Annual Meetings, 1977-1997	02	13
Congregational Meetings, 1977-2007	02	14
Misc. Meeting Minutes, 2005	02	15
Member Records, 2005	02	16
Mutual Insurance Company Lawsuit, 1976	02	17
New Member Packet, 2003	02	18
Planning Documents, 1973-1980, undated	02	19
Position/ Job Descriptions and Documents, 1974-1994, undated	02	20
Program and Activity Reports, undated	02	21
Property Documents		
Construction Photos, undated	02	22
Construction Plans, 1957-1966, undated	02	23
Churches Property and Real Estate Records, 1934-1988	02	24
Greenfield Church Sale, 1965-1981	02	25
Howard Avenue – Building, circa 1966	02	26
Howard Avenue Property – Purchase, 1966-1967	02	27
Howard Avenue Property – Sale, 1966-1979	02	28

Renovation Scrapbook, undated	02	29
Roof Construction, 1987-1988	02	30
Staff Photos, 1908-1983	02	31
Treasurer's Reports, 1976-1977	02	32
Visibility Indexes, 1960-1974	02	33
Worshippers Reports, 1977	02	34
Services		
30 th Anniversary, 1913	03	01
50 th Anniversary, 1951	03	02
53 rd Anniversary, 1936	03	03
60 th Anniversary, 1943	03	04
75 th Anniversary, 1958	03	05
85 th Anniversary, 1968	03	06
90 th Anniversary, 1973	03	07
100 th Anniversary		
Directory, 1983	03	08
Photos, 1983	03	09
Planning Documents, 1982-1983	03	10
Service Documents, 1982-1983	03	11
Slide Show, 1983	03	12
Window Installation, 183	03	13
115 th Anniversary, 1998	03	14
Closing Service, 2021	03	15
Cornerstone Installation, 1958	03	16
Dedication Services		
1959	03	17
1966	03	18
Installation Services, 1995-2005	03	19
New Century Hymnal Dedication, 1995	03	20
Outdoor Worship Service – Photos, 2006	03	21
Pastor Dan's 50 Years of Ministry Celebration, undated	03	22
United Church of Christ 50 th Anniversary Book, 2006	03	23
Service Bulletins, 1908-1974	03	24-30
Service Bulletins, 1975-1988, undated	04	01-08
Philanthropy		
American Red Cross, 1992-2008	04	09
Back Bay Mission, 1984-1987	04	10
The Bible League, 1997	04	11
Child Sponsorship, 1961-1985, undated	04	12
Christian Children's Fund, 1994-2001	04	13
Donation Records, 1901-1933	04	14
Kindcare, 1982	04	15
Memorial Donation Book, 1934-1991	04	16
Milwaukee Churches in Transition, 1974	04	17
Misc. Missions and Campaigns, 1995-1997	04	18

Prayer Chains, undated	04	19
Samaritan Works, 1992-1998, undated	04	20
Wisconsin Conference, 1975-1982	04	21
Zion Scholarships and Funds, undated	04	22
Photographs		
Building Photos, 1913-2005, undated	04	23
Congregation Members – Unidentified, undated	04	24
Group Photos – Identified, 1948-1953	04	25
Group Photos – Unidentified, 1963, undated	04	26
Member Polaroids, 1991	05	01
Misc. Member Photos, 1983, undated	05	02
Veteran Member Photos, 1921-1944, undated	05	03
Galena, Illinois (?), undated	05	04
Joy Drum L., 1983	05	05
Pastor Portraits		
Framed Portraits, 1883-2005, undated	05	06-09
Portraits, 1883-1977	05	10
Scrapbooks		
Misc. People and Events, 1985-1996	05	11
New Member, 1998, undated	05	12
Educational Programming		
Bible Study Group Photos, 1983	05	13
Childcare Services		
Crib Room Inventory Scrapbook, 1989-1991	05	14
Daycare Handbook, 20013-2014	05	15
Habitat for Humanity, 1992	05	16
Program Proposals, undated	05	17
School Programs		
Nursery School Photos, 1983	05	18
Primary Class Photo, 1974	05	19
Sunday School		
7 th and 8 th Grade Sunday School Class Photos, undated	05	20
Caroling Program, 1997	05	21
Ephemera, 1903-1947	05	22
Lauren's Sunday School Class Photos, undated	05	23
Misc. Sunday School Photos, 1983, undated	05	24
My Book, 1929-1936	05	25
Youth Summer Program Photos, 1977	05	26
Events		
Boy Scouts, 1983	05	27
Fundraisers and Charity Events		
Facility Rentals, undated	05	28
Certificates, 1992-2006	05	29
De Paul Meal Site Photos, 1997	05	30
Feeding the Hungry – Poster, 1993	05	31

Gifts for the Needy, 1996-2006	05	32
Pancake Supper/ Bake Sale/ Craft Sale, 1983	05	33
Holidays		
Christmas Event Photos, 1995-2006	05	34
Easter Event Photos, 1984-2013	05	35
Polka Frank Photos, 2006	05	36
Senior Fellowship Photos, 2006	05	37
Unidentified Events Photos, 1987-2007, undated	05	38
Groups and Guilds		
Boys' Club, 1934-1936	05	39
Choir Photos, 1916-1983, undated	05	40
Choir, Mixed, undated	05	41
The Pillars Guild, 1978-1980, undated	05	42
Women's Guild, 1889-2002, undated	05	43
Women's Guild Notebook, 1987-1989	05	44
Confirmations		
Class Photos, 1919-2013	05	45
Class Scrapbook, 1905-1998, undated	05	46
Pledge Book, 1902-1943	05	47
Records, 1976, undated	05	48
Marriages		
Licenses, 1960-1991	05	49-50
Licenses, 1992-2009	06	01
Wedding Photos, undated	06	02
Bridal Shower Invitation, undated	06	03
Directories		
1976-1999	06	04
Master Copy, 1981	06	05
Parish Roster, 2012	06	06
Undated	06	07
History		
Church History Narratives, 1992, undated	06	08
Origins of the United Church of Christ Poster, 1966	06	09
Zion History Scrapbook, 1900-1959	06	10
Newsletters		
Herald Newsletter Assembly – Photos, 2006	06	11
Ministry Newsletters, 1926-1978	06	12-13
Newspaper Clippings, 1957-1983	06	14
Baptisms, undated	06	15
Cards, 1995	06	16
Civil Rights Issue: Homosexuality, 1972-1976 (content warning: outdated and negative language used to describe the LGBTQ+ community)	06	17
Correspondence, 2005, undated	06	18
Electronic Media		
The Building of Zion, undated	06	19

Congregation Meeting Minutes, 2004-2005	06	19
Frances Wells Norris Notebook, 1988-1991	06	20
Music, undated	06	21
Unidentified Handwritten Documents, 1921, undated	06	22
Unidentified Journal, 1972-1989	06	23
Births, Vol. 2, 1891-1896	06	24
OVERSIZE PHOTOS	SEE OS DATABASE	
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1905		
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1914		
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1915		
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1917		
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1922		
Photo: Confirmation Class, 1967		
Photo: Confirmation Class with Eleanore Glandu		
Photo: Girl's Club Party (Erna Glander Balle)		
Photo: Portrait Gertrude Psynsek, 1928		
Photo: Portrait Reverend Gustav Fisher, 1915		
Photo: unidentified event group with Amanda Gallenslagerk		
OVERSIZED ITEMS	LOCATION	
Baptism Certificate: Frieda Auguste, 1916	OS SM "Z"	
Baptism Certificate: Gertrud Grymek, 1919 (includes envelope of 1 photo)	OS SM "Z"	
Baptism Certificate: Gertrud Thekla Josephine, 1905 (includes envelope of 1 photo)	OS SM "Z"	
Confirmation Certificate: Clarence Kemmer, 1927	OS SM "Z"	
Confirmation Certificate: Erna Glander, 1915	OS SM "Z"	
Confirmation Certificate: Heinrich Meier, 1905	OS SM "Z"	
Covenant Certificate: Zion Church, 1963	OS SM "Z"	
Evang. Zions = Bote. Newspaper, 1903	OS SM "Z"	
Marriage Certificate: Rudolph Hass and Hattie Druminske	OS SM "Z"	
Marriage Certificate: William P. Balle and Erna Glander, 1930	OS SM "Z"	
Plat of Survey: South 14 th Street Location, 1960	OS SM "Z"	
Plat of Survey: West Ohio Avenue Location, 1959	OS SM "Z"	
Proclamation: Zion United Church of Christ Day, 2008	OS SM "Z"	
Robert Raikes Diploma for Ellen Ode, 1937	OS SM "Z"	
Time Capsule: 2008	Loose on Shelf	
Births Ledger, Vol. 3, 1869-1913	Loose on Shelf	
Births Ledger, Vol. 4, 1914-1957	Loose on Shelf	
St. Paul Records Ledger, Vol. 2, 1927-1959	Loose on Shelf	
"Photos" Scrapbook, 1933-1980s (?)	Loose on Shelf	
The Practical Church Record, 1958-2008	Loose on Shelf	