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Abstract

Contains the records of Beechwood Reformed Church from 1942-1991. Minutes, charter member records, women's organizations records, directories, anniversary information, photographs, and audio-visual material.

Accession No.: W92-1046
Provenance: Beechwood Reformed Church
Custody Agreement: Beechwood Reformed Church
Photographs: 155 images (6 in Box 1); 149 slides (Box 2)
Processed by: Carolyn Nienhuis, March 1993

History

Beechwood Reformed Church was organized in 1944 with 114 charter members. Their first building for worship was a chapel, donated by Maplewood Reformed Church. This was placed on their property at 269 Douglas Avenue and enlarged to 24x56 feet. A new church was built and dedication took place on July 8, 1947, and a parsonage built next door to the church in 1951. An educational wing was added to the church in 1954, and another addition was completed in 1972. They recently built a new church at 895 Ottawa Beach Road.

Their first pastor was Reverend John Benes, followed by Elton Van Pernis, Chester Postma, Frank Shearer, Richard VanderKlok and David Breen.

Scope and Content

Contains the records of Beechwood Reformed Church from 1942-1991. Minutes of the consistory and early congregational meetings; charter member records; women's organizations records, which includes minutes of the Women's Mission and Aid Society and various records of the Guild for Christian Service; directories; anniversary information; photographs and audio-visual material, which includes an 8mm film, slides and a reel to reel tape of the 25th anniversary in 1969. Also, slides of the dedication of the educational wing in 1972. The church membership for 1944-1977 is on microfilm. The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Container List

Box 1

Church Records, 1942-1983
Anniversaries, 1969, 1983
25th - Program, 1969
40th - Information, 1952-1983
Consistory minutes, 1942-1969

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Rough draft, 1943-1945 (2 volumes)
Final draft, 1942-1969 (4 volumes)
Consistory and Elders meetings minutes, 1970-1972
Deacon's meeting minutes, 1948-1958
Directories, 1968-1991 (Scattered) (2 folders)
Guiding Light Class constitution and minutes, 1947-1978 (1 volume)
Guild for Christian Service, 1959-1978
 Attendance Records, 1959-1966
 Constitution and By-laws, 1959
 Minutes, 1959-1969 (2 folders)
 Newsletters, 1967
 Programs, 1964
 Spiritual Life Committee, 1965-1972 (1 volume)
Historical summaries, 1943-1983
Wicks organ, 1964
Women's Mission and Aid Society, 1956-1959 (1 volume)
Photographs, n.d., 1943
 Individuals
 Benes, Rev. and Mrs. John, n.d. (1 image)
 Benes, Rev. John family, n.d. (1 image)
 Douma, George and John Overbeek, 1943 (1 image)
 Groups
 Corner stone laying ceremony, n.d. (1 image)
 Women's organization (negative also), n.d. (1 image)
 Church building, n.d. (1 image)

Box 2

Audio-Visual, n.d., 1944-1977
 8mm film, n.d.
 Placement of cross, Rev. John Benes, early church services, n.d.
 Microfilm, 1944-1977
 Membership records (negative), 1944-1977
 Membership records (positive), 1944-1977
 Reel to reel tapes, (7" reel), 1969
 Dedication service (?), n.d.
 25th anniversary, 1969
 Slides, 1972
 Dedication of educational wing, 1972 (59 slides, 1 tray)
 25th anniversary, 1969 (90 slides, 2 trays)