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First Methodist Church
Collection, 1879 - 2000

DESCRIPTION

The First Methodist Church Collection consists of organizational records, correspondence, and programs throughout the church's history in Tucson. Records entail church board meeting minutes, baptism and marriage listings, membership records, and financial materials primarily from the late 1920s to the early 1980s. Scrapbooks and manuscripts highlight church activities and groups including the Wesley Foundation, work of the Campus Christian Center, and the United Methodist Women's Organization. Numerous pamphlets, brochures, and flyers highlight activities and events associated with these organizations and general church activities and workshops. Photographs depict church members and group activities, pastors, and interior and exterior views of the church facility.

83 Boxes, 52 Linear Feet

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1879 a Methodist preacher, the Reverend William Gill Mills, gathered a small group of Tucson Methodist residents together who were interested in having services of worship. With the arrival of the Reverend George H. Adams, appointed as Superintendent of Missions for the Methodist Episcopal Church in Arizona, a congregation of nine members formed the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Tucson on October 12, 1879. The first church building was constructed on the corner of North Stone Ave. and East Pennington St. in the fall of 1881. In 1906 the church was relocated and its third relocation, and present location, was to Park Avenue near the University Campus in 1931.

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