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Revealing glimpses of our creative past

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FALL PILGRIMAGE DATE SET

The United Methodist Historical Society Fall will be Saturday, September 25, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. at the Peace United Methodist Church at the corner of Church and Union Streets in Richland Center. All interested persons are invited. We will tour the church at 10:00 a.m., have devotions by Joan Hornby and a brief history of the church, now celebrating its centennial, by Dorothy Brice.

Business meeting will follow. Following that we will drive to 1400 West Seminary Street to the retirement community center, Schmitt Woodland Hills, for a lovely full dinner at \$5.00 each. Go to the second floor lounge to get your tickets from Dorothy Brice. Dinner will be served promptly at 12:15 p.m.

After dinner you may tour the building and grounds. Reservations for the dinner must be made by calling Dorothy Brice, 608-647-6600 or send to her by September 11, 1993 to her address, 1400 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

The Archives and History members are invited to come and also eat at Schmitt Woodland Hills. Please send your reservation as indicated above.

Dorothy Brice

WYOMING VALLEY CHURCH ON NATIONAL HISTORIC LIST

The Rev. George Anderson called to inform the Historical Society that the Wyoming Valley Church is now listed as an Historical Church by the National Historic Society. Services are still conducted there and once a month on the first Sunday a Hymn Sing is held there. The trustees of the church are seeking to establish a foundation fund to keep the church in repair.

This is an item of business to be considered when the Historical Society meets at 10:00 a.m. on September 25, 1993 at Peace United Methodist Church in Richland Center. All interested persons are invited to be present and to join the group at the dinner at Schmitt Woodland Hills at \$5.00 each. Please call or send reservations to Dorothy Brice, 608-647-6600, 1400 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581 by September 11, 1993.

DEER PARKS TRINITY UM CHURH TO CELEBRATE

The Deer Park Trinity United Methodist Church is celebrating the centennial of the building on Sunday, August 29, 1993. Worship service is at 10:00 a.m. with the Bishop and former pastors participating. There will be a noon meal with an afternoon of reminiscing. Saturday afternoon, August 28, 1993, the church will be open for informal visiting and displays.

Vivian Wildasin, Church Historian

News items from ACTION MEMO, Spring 1993 issue:

Archives and History was well-represented at the five jurisdictional Joint Training Events held from November to January. These events are sponsored by the General Council on Ministries; workshops are offered by the staff of the denomination's general agencies. The Archives and History workshops were led by Charles Yrigoyen and Susan Eltscher of the General Commission staff.

The General Commission invites all Annual Conference Chairpersons (or other representatives) to attend the General Commission's annual meeting, September 17-19. You will be able to observe the General Commission in action, meet with members and staff and talk at length with conference leaders from other jurisdictions. A highlight of the weekend will be the Commission banquet Saturday evening (September 18). The speaker will be Frank Baker, world-renowned Wesley scholar and recipient of the General Commission's Distinguished Service Award for 1993.

The meeting will be held at Xavier Center, a retreat center just minutes from the Commission offices at Drew University. Housing and meal costs are yet to be determined, but will be roughly \$125 - \$150 per person for the weekend. A special mailing will go out to conference chairpersons, but if you are interested in attending, please feel free to contact Susan Eltscher at the General Commission offices, P.O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

Immediately following the General Commission's annual meeting this September will be a Shrines and Landmarks Workshop. -, 19-21, also at Xavier Center. Representatives of all 36 Historic Shrines and Landmarks are invited; commission chairpersons in Annual Conferences are invited; commission chairpersons in Annual Conferences with Shrines or Landmarks within your boundaries may also wish to attend.

The workshop will offer training in specific training in areas of desktop publishing, interpretation, and preservation. There will also be many opportunities for discussion, idea sharing, and fellowship.

CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

In April, 1968, Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren met in Dallas to form The United Methodist Church. From April 23 - 25, 1993, United Methodists will once again meet in Dallas to Commemorate their twenty-fifth anniversary with worship, celebration, and workshops.

The event is sponsored by the Texas United Methodist Historical Society, the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church, and the South Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History. Those bodies will hold their annual meetings that same week.

CAN YOU HELP?

David Enslen, chairperson of the North Alabama Conference Commission on Archives and History, asks if any readers have copies of their Conferences' resolutions adopting guidelines for memoirs in the Conference journal. Second, does anyone have a copy of resolutions adopted by their Annual Conference regarding the disposition of the records of churches closed by Conference action? Please contact David M. Enslen, P.O. Box 387, Fayette, AL 35555-0387 (205-932-4340).

Another question comes from Harry Mays, chairperson of the South Carolina Conference on Archives and History. Does anyone have insights or advice on how to locate the names of closed churches from the period to the date that conference journals stated listing charges? Please contact Harry Mays, 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646 (803-227-6660).

NEW ATTRACTION AT OLD OTTERBEIN

Old Otterbein United Methodist Church in Baltimore now displays the largest panoramic map known ever to be printed in the United States: an 1869 birds-eye view of Baltimore. Only five or six copies are known to exist, and only two are on display anywhere.

The map was donated in 1956 by Mr. and Mrs. Lester McKee. J. William Joynes, church historian, spearheaded the restoration project. The map is 6 by 15 feet, and is the result of four years work by four artists, who sketched every building in the city. Their sketches were then lithographed, and now provide the only view of many buildings which were destroyed in the Baltimore fire of 1904.

Old Otterbein Church is an Historic Shrine of the United Methodist Church. The congregation dates from 1771, and building from 1785. It is the oldest church edifice in Baltimore, and Philip William Otterbein was its pastor for thirty-nine years.

PRESERVATION VIDEOS FOR SALE

University Microfilms International has two videos for sale at \$9.95 each. Both are 13 minutes long "Providing a Future for the Past" focuses on microfilming as an effective preservation tool. "Caring for your Microfilm collection: The Next Step in Preservation" emphasizes techniques for the proper care and handling of preservation microfilm and microfiche.

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