

Salem UMC Archives
Finding Aid for the
Reverend Terri Swan Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Reverend Terri Swan

Title: Reverend Terri Swan Papers

Dates: 2008-2021

Quantity: Five linear inches

Language: English

Biographical Sketch

Terri Porter was born in Harrisburg, Illinois on July 7, 1963. When she was in 6th grade, her family moved to Sandy Run Lake near Norris City, Illinois. There, the Porters lived just two miles from the family farm.

Terri grew up loving the outdoors with her dad and Granny on the farm. Her fondest memories include playing with a new litter of kittens and making pies out of mud or grain from the grain wagon. She would often make a play house out of bales of hay. In high school, Terri participated in band, choir, and the Village Singers, a special choir. She served as drum major her junior and senior years.

Following Terri's graduation from Norris City-Omaha High School in 1981, she met Joe Swan that same year at a junior college. The two married on August 7, 1982 at the First United Methodist Church in Harrisburg, Illinois. Joe finished college, and the couple then moved to Marshall Texas in January 1987. There, they began their family.

Laura was born April 18, 1984 and Holly Jo was born November 9, 1988. Following the birth of her children, Terri began to go back to school little by little. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science from Texas A&M Commerce with a counseling degree on December 18, 1999.

Terri began working at Stonebridge UMC in 1999 as a Program Director. While at Stonebridge, she began seminary at Perkins School of Theology in 2000. Her studies continued as she became Associate Pastor at Stonebridge in 2004, and she graduated with her Masters of Divinity on May 20, 2006.

The Swans moved to St. Louis in 2008, with Terri taking the position of Associate Pastor at Salem UMC in December of that year. Pastor Terri was ordained June 8, 2009 in North Texas as an Elder in Full Connection in the UMC. That honor was transferred to Missouri the following year as an Elder in Full Connection.

On July 1, 2011, Pastor Terri became the first female Senior Pastor in Salem's 180 year history. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Central Methodist University on May 12, 2018.

Scope and Content Notes

Materials for funerals used by Reverend Terri Swan while a pastor at Salem United Methodist Church.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was given to Archives by Reverend Terri Swan. Series 01 is comprised of paper documents which include clergy notes and funeral programs. Series 02 is comprised of paper documents which include notes, letters, and envelopes.

Accruals

Elizabeth Terry adds funeral information to Series 01 as it comes available.

Processing Information

Compiled by Elizabeth Terry, 2018, 2021, and 2022

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Funerals

Box 1

Folders

Jack Salmon & Jane Salmon (H.G. Jack Salmon) (Janette B. Salmon)

Pat Spratt

Willie West (Willie Mae West)

Jamie Caroline Culbertson

Rosamond Whitlock Brown

Eleanor Hardy (Eleanor Lee Collins Hardy; Ellie)
 Elaine L. Ground
 Laura Saettele (Laura Ellen Saettele)
 Thelma Francis (Thelma Lucille Larned Frances)
 John K. Brust
 Robert J. Gaddy & Martha Jane Dunbar Gaddy
 Marian Feerick (Marian E. Blackwell Feerick)
 Dorothy Hungate (Dorothy Wilson Hungate)
 Maxine L. Burgdorf
 Fred Arnold
 Marianne Stuart
 Eugene Scheffing, Jr. (Eugene Shibley Scheffing, Jr.)
 David Sterling & Margaret Sterling (David Martin Sterling; Dave)
 (Margaret Irene Sterling)
 Miriam Dryden (Miriam Louise Maier Dryden)
 Gene Dryden
 Bob Appel (Robert S. Appel)
 Jim W. Hendrich
 Beth Marshall (Elizabeth A. Wood Marshall)
 Fern Wanner (Fern Iola Clark Wanner)
 Dr. Thwan H. Han
 Virginia Wineland (Virginia Segroves Wineland)
 Avril Moore (Avril Suzanne Dewey Moore)
 John Christopher Buckley (Chris)
 Rudy Stinett (Rudolph Cecil Stinnett)
 Paul T. Homsher
 Bonny Wallace (Bonny Jean Wallace)
 John F. Clifford
 Margaret Oppenheimer (Margaret Lois Childress Oppenheimer)

Box 2

Folders

Ellen Marie Weber
 Dr. Miles Clark Whitener
 Kathleen Huss
 Robert Lee Magnetti
 Susan Sedgwick Poling
 Donald Robert Davis
 Betty Jane Tucker
 Ruth Louise Svoboda (Ruth Louise Lamwersiek)
 Timothy Zane McKillip
 Shirley Jean Casey (Shirley Jean Bennett)
 Gaza Bodnar
 Robert Leo Tucker

Collection Contents
Series 02: Correspondence

Box 3

Folders

Pandemic note, July 2020

Unsigned letter written to Salem clergy, staff, and volunteers, thanking them for keeping in touch during the Covid 19 pandemic. Letter writer doesn't "zoom or app or stream" yet still feels connected and is grateful.