

Salem UMC Archives  
**Finding Aid for the**  
*Reverend Miles Stotts Collection*

**Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Reverend Miles Stotts

Title: Reverend Miles Stotts Collection

Dates: 1900-2011

Quantity: 0.416 linear feet

Language: English

**Biographical Sketch**

Miles Stotts was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on May 20, 1900. He was raised in Clinton, Missouri. He graduated from the Methodist Academy and Junior College (Marionville Academy and the Conservatory of Music?) in Marionville, Missouri in 1922. Around that time, Miles Stotts built a church and Sunday School in Brush Creek, Missouri. He then studied the ministry at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas. In 1926, he enrolled at Boston University School of Theology. He graduated on June 9, 1928. That same day he married Edith Pezoldt from Clinton, Missouri. Miles Stotts preached at a couple of churches before he was assigned the role of pastor at Salem in the early 1930s. There, he was instrumental in keeping the church from bankruptcy during the Great Depression.

Miles and Edith Stotts had two children. He continued to serve United Methodism faithfully until his death on November 12, 2002. United Methodist Church dedicated the Stott's Music Hall in his honor on March 27, 2011.

**Scope and Content Notes**

Some of the material in the collection was produced by Reverend Miles Stotts. Other aspects of the collection include working documents from the Reverend's tenure at Salem. A large portion of the collection is comprised of material for Reverend Stotts, either personally or in his name.

**Administrative Information****Source of Collection**

This material was given to Archives by Robert Appel

**Accruals****Processing Information**

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## Collection Contents

### Series 01: Varied Material

#### Box 1

##### Folder 1

Reverend Miles Stott's memoirs

##### Folder 2

Confirmation Class record book, 1930s

##### Folder 3

Robert Appel's tribute to Reverend Miles Stotts, 1999

1930s and 1940s church documents of Reverend Miles Stotts, then pastor at Salem

##### Folder 4

Cards and best wishes for Reverend Miles Stotts, when he was ill at age 99

##### Folder 5

Robert Appel's notes and correspondence in preparation for dedication of Stott's Music Hall.

Dedicated at Salem on March 27, 2011.

##### Folder 5a

Robert Appel's notes and correspondence in preparation for dedication of Stott's Music Hall.

Dedicated at Salem on March 27, 2011.

Folder 6

Robert Appel's speeches for dedication of Stott's Music Hall. Dedicated at Salem on March 27, 2011.

Folder 7

Correspondence in preparation for dedication of Stott's Music Hall. Dedicated at Salem on March 27, 2011.

Folder 8

Photos of Reverend Miles Stotts

Folder 9

Photos of dedication of Stott's Music Hall, March 27, 2011.

Folder 10

Pencil and crayon drawing of a church by Reverend Miles Stotts.