

Salem UMC Archives
Finding Aid for the
Historical Records

Descriptive Summary

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Historical Note

Salem United Methodist Church lends a powerful narrative to the rich history of St. Louis, beginning with the story of its founder, Ludwig S. Jacoby. He was born in 1813 to devoutly Jewish parents in the Alt-Strelitz area of Mecklenburg, Germany. Searching for more in his life, Jacoby was baptized into Christianity by a Lutheran pastor in 1835 and immigrated to the United States around 1838. After becoming a Methodist in Cincinnati, Jacoby married a fellow German immigrant, Amalie, a Catholic-turned-Methodist.

The Methodist Church of Cincinnati sent Jacoby to St. Louis as a circuit rider in 1841. Upon arrival, he rented an “old, abandoned Presbyterian mission church” on Seventh and Biddle Streets and began holding worship services. With 22 members, Jacoby’s church became one of the first German Methodist churches west of the Mississippi. In 1842, the little congregation purchased property on Wash Street, near Eleventh Street, and built their new 32’ X 50’ church. Five years later, a much larger, brick church building was erected on that site.

In 1873, the congregation built a new church at the corner of Fifteenth and Wash Streets, which became known as the “Cathedral of German Methodism.” To provide for other neighborhoods, the church began other branches of Methodist Episcopal churches throughout St. Louis during the last half of the 19th century. The home church on Wash and Fifteenth served as the “mother church” for its branch churches as well as its outreaching missions.

The congregation again relocated in 1905, building a new church at Page and Pendleton. The new Salem Methodist Episcopal Church held revival services in addition to its regular worship. The church offered groups such as the singing Salem Glee Club and the Friendship Club, made up of young women who worked in the city. The women who belonged to Salem’s IAM Society provided aid to St. Louis poor and, during WWI, children of Europe.

Yet another new church was built at Kingshighway Boulevard and Cote Brilliante Avenue in 1925. The congregation faced losing their church during the Great Depression of the 1930s and dedicated themselves to saving their place of worship. Each organization within the church fund-raised for the “Building Fund” and the “Save the Sanctuary Fund.” Even the youth joined the effort by putting on a pageant to “Save Old Salem.” Due to the resolve of its members during those hard years, the church prevailed.

In 1958, Salem moved to its current location on the northeast corner of Lindbergh Boulevard and Daniel Boone Expressway (now Highway 40/I64) in St. Louis County. The congregation first built a chapel for its worship services, which was followed by a series of building-addition projects. Early educational classrooms and a fellowship hall preceded the church’s large sanctuary and office space. The most recent addition, completed in 2005, houses Salem’s multipurpose room / gym and an entire wing of classrooms for Salem’s preschool, Sunday school, and youth activities. In 2016, The Connection, located in south St. Louis, became a valuable addition to Salem. Now boasting large membership, the thriving, mission-oriented Salem United Methodist Church continues its long heritage as a church home for the people of St. Louis, where all are welcome.

Compiled from Robert S. Appel’s *Salem – Congregations of the Faithful: A History of Salem Methodist Church, 1841-1991*.

Scope and Content Notes

Miscellaneous documents related to Salem

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

Salem United Methodist Church, and the conferences in which Salem was a member.

Accruals

Box 1, Folder “1915-1919, Folder 2” The 1916 Friendship Circle Cook Book are the only contents in this folder, added to this collection by Elizabeth Terry during processing in 2017.

Box 3, Folder “1951 – Week of Dedication” was a stand-alone file added to this collection by Elizabeth Terry during processing, 2009.

Box 5, Folder 1965-1969: “Preliminary Cost Summary for Total Project” by Stuart M. Mertz & Associates for landscaping, added to this collection July 2015 by Elizabeth Terry.

Processing Information

Compiled by Robert Appel. Processed by Elizabeth Terry, 2009-2012.

Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Chronological Material, 1905-1982

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
1	1905-1909 <i>Folder 1</i> Correspondence with Hinners Organ Company of Pekin, Illinois regarding the installment of a new organ at Salem.
	1905-1909 <i>Folder 2</i> Photo postcard of the Salem Glee Club Newspaper article regarding cornerstone-laying of Salem's new church at Page and Pendleton Certificates of Membership German letter of membership Correspondence with Hinners Organ Company Contract and specifications with Hinners Organ Company Invoice: Jos. W. Moon Buggy Co. regarding organ parts
	1910-1914 <i>Folder 1</i> Needlepoint sock and poem, given by Salem Bulletin cover for Revival Services I.A.M. Society history Salem Glee Club members list, history, and photo Certificates of church membership Check register pages, listing bills paid
	1910-1914 <i>Folder 2</i> Friendship Circle cookbook
	1915-1919 Documents regarding church membership

1920-1924

Letter for removal and Certificate of Dismission
 Photos of Salem at Cote Brilliante and Kingshighway
 Landscaping receipt

1925-1929

German certificate of membership
 Board meeting minutes
 Newspaper articles regarding dedication of Salem's church

1930-1934

Letter from Mr. Freuenfelder to church congregation
 Letter from district superintendent
 Miscellaneous pamphlets

1935-1939 *Folder 1*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, etc.
 Member lists of boards and committees

1935-1939 *Folder 2*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, etc.
 Member lists of boards and committees

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1935-1939 *Folder 3*

96th Anniversary bulletins
 Insurance coverage information
 Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, etc.

1935-1939 *Folder 4*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, letters, etc.
 Holy Communion bulletin
 Elmbank Methodist Episcopal Church directory, 1935
 Insurance coverage information

1940-1944 *Folder 1*

100th Anniversary programs

1940-1944 *Folder 2*

Photos of Zoar (which united with Salem) at Gano & Carter
 Photo of Bishop John C. Broomfield
 Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, letters, etc.
 Photo of Rev. Stotts and confirmation class
Der Christliche Apologete (The Christian Apologist) magazine
 English translation of "German Methodism in Europe"

1940-1944 *Folder 3*

Photo of St. Luke's Methodist Church
 Photo of Arcadia Men's Retreat
 Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, letters, etc.
 100th Anniversary program

Letters of congratulations for anniversary from former and current
 mayor and governor

Photo of Salem's softball team
 Methodist Youth Fellowship handbook
 Outline of debt reduction

1940-1944 *Folder 4*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, receipts, letters, etc.

1945-1949

110th Anniversary program
 Mortgage Burning and Dedication program
 Photos of:

Ball teams

Circle 3

Correspondence with Schulmerich Electronics regarding amplified
 sound

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Folder1940-1947 *Folder 1*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1940-1947 *Folder 2*

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1940-1947 *Folder 3*

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1947-1954 *Folder 1*

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1947-1954 *Folder 2*

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1947-1954 *Folder 3*

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1951 – Week of Dedication

Pamphlets, letters, etc. related to Week of Dedication, 1951

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Oversized:

Poster about Week of Dedication, 1951

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1950-1954 *Folder 1*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

Letter on White House paper: to Salem, in congratulations for the 110th Anniversary of the church. Signed President Harry Truman

Notes regarding 110th Anniversary expenses

1950-1954 *Folder 2*

110th Anniversary programs

1955-1959

Newspaper article about history of Salem, including Jacoby

Invitation / program for commemoration of Salem's relocation to Daniel Boone Highway and Lindbergh Boulevard (today: Highway 40 and Lindbergh Blvd)

Feb. 17, 1957 bulletin

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

Hymn, "Jesus the King of Glory"

Program for consecration of Rev. Ludwig Jacoby and Amalie Nuelson Jacoby's tomb in Valhalla Cemetery

115th Anniversary programs

Membership certificates

Photos:

Dedication (or cornerstone laying?) of new church at Daniel Boone Highway and Lindbergh Boulevard (today: Highway 40 and Lindbergh Blvd)

Group of youth

Newspaper articles about moving Salem cemetery remains to

Hiram

1956

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

Lease agreement between Salem and LeChateau in Frontenac

The Methodist: "Every Member Canvass Materials"

1956-1960 *Folder 1*

Booklets:

"I Wish You Merry Christmas"

"The Work of the Official Board"

"The Upper Room"

"The Upper Room" air mail ed.

"Christ and Our Mission"

"Christ and Myself"

"The War Cry"

Variety of notes and quotes

Letter soliciting subscriptions for the building of a Methodist Orphan Home

Information regarding Salem's "German dinner"

1956-1960 *Folder 2*

Salem's membership directory – 1957

Booklets:

"My Father's Business"

"Christ and Our Resources"

Programs:

St. Louis Annual Conference

St. Louis Conference: WSCS

Information regarding Salem's "German dinner"

Bulletins: Feb. 24, 1957

1957 *Folder 1*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

Documents related to the new church building

1957 *Folder 2*

Documents related to the new church building, including
 “Specifications for Labor and Material to be Used in the Erection
 of Church Building for Salem Methodist Church”

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1956-1957

Letter, bulletins, notes

1958

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1959

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

Membership certificate

Thumbnail vignettes of “The Twelve”

Documents related to the building fund campaign

1960

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1960-1964

Documents regarding the IAM Society’s 50th anniversary

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1962 *Folder 1*

Membership directory of the Missouri Methodist Church,
 Columbia, MO

Booklet about the Missouri Methodist Church, Columbia, MO

“Wills and Legacies Guide”

Letter regarding insurance for Salem

1962 *Folder 2*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine, Dec. 15, 1963

1961-1962

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1963 *Folder 1*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

1963 *Folder 2*

Variety of minutes, notes, reports, letters, etc.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Sunday Magazine, Dec. 15, 1963

1964

Documents regarding will and trust of Louis J. Lichtenstein

1965-1969

Newspaper articles regarding the construction of new sanctuary at Salem

Programs for church consecration

Photo of groundbreaking

“Preliminary Cost Summary for Total Project” by Stuart M. Mertz & Associates for landscaping

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Oversized:

Certificate designating Irene Appel as President Emeritus of the Women’s Society of Christian Service, 1959

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1964 *Folder 1*

Variety of financial papers

Papers regarding the will of Anna Spoeneman

“Salem Methodist Church Organization of Every Member Canvass – 1964”

List of “Men Church Members”

Documents regarding the growth of the church building

Conference notes

Handwritten note by Robert S. Appel

Sunday, April 19, 1964 church bulletin

1964 *Folder 2*

Numerous sermons by ministers of Flossmoor
Community Church, Flossmoor, Illinois.

Flossmoor Community Church bulletin, Sunday, May 31, 1964.

1964 *Folder 3*

Numerous sermons by ministers of Flossmoor Community Church,
Flossmoor, Illinois.

1965

Handwritten notes by Robert S. Appel, discussing the events of
1965.

1966

Photograph: "Proposed New Church Addition to Salem Methodist
Church"

Dec. 22, 1966 *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* photo and caption about
Salem.

Papers related to the church's location and its access to Highway
40.

Board of Trustees meeting minutes, July 21, 1966.

Handwritten notes by Robert S. Appel, discussing the events of
1966-1967.

Salem Christmas card

"Service of Commission" program for Buck Hill Falls, PA, used as
a mock-up for Salem's program.

1966 Quarterly Conference papers

Variety of papers related to the Quarterly Conference

1967

Board of Trustees meeting minutes

Quarterly Conference papers

Variety of Crossroads newsletters

Program for "The Incarnate Word," a pageant at Salem.

1968

Variety of Conference papers

Salem's church bulletins

1969

Salem's church bulletins

Insurance papers

Board of Trustees meeting minutes

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1970

Letter of certification of donation of Three Wise Men statue by Alexander Marshall

"Word from the Ashbys": Salem's Missionaries in Peru

Board of Trustees meeting minutes

Crossroads newsletter

Salem church bulletins

Responses from questionnaire about Salem's Christian Education Program

1970 Handbooks on ministries

Handbooks on ministries, Program Council of the United Methodist Church

1970 Guidelines for the local church

Handbooks on guidelines for the local church, Program Council of the United Methodist Church

1971 *Folder 1*

Thumbnail vignettes of "The Twelve"

Photographs of Salem's exterior and interior, Pastor Clark Leonard, and children in the sanctuary

Charge Conference reports

1971 *Folder 2*

Charge conference reports

Salem's church bulletins

Board of Trustees meeting minutes

1972

Salem's church bulletins

Conference papers

Survey of Salem's members for areas of interest

Financial papers

1973

"Church Membership and Information Directory"

Reports on Sunday School and church organizations

1974

Charge Conference papers

1975

Charge Conference papers

1976

Council on Ministries meeting minutes

Report of the Trustees for the Year 1976

United Methodist Church diagram

1977

Salem's church bulletin

Finance and committee reports

1978

St. Louis North and South District apportionments

Estimated church maintenance costs

Salem's expense account

Board of Trustees meeting minutes

- 1981
Booklet describing Salem United Methodist Church
- 1982
Crossroads newsletter
- Description of the transition from Reverend Leonard to Reverend Adams
- List of new members
- Handwritten notes by Robert S. Appel, describing the events of 1982
- Program for Leonard Chapel Dedication, October 24, 1982

Series 04: Church Building

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
10	1956-1957 Deeds, Titles, and Ownership Papers Deeds, titles, and documents related to Salem's property ownership
	1957 <i>Folder 1</i> <i>Specifications for Labor and Material to be Used in the Erection of Church Building for Salem Methodist Church, City of Ladue, Missouri</i> Study, Farrar & Majers – Architects
	1957 <i>Folder 2</i> Notebook with handwritten index to drawings / blueprints
	August 30, 1957 instructions for bidders for the proposed Salem Church building
	1965 Building Specifications <i>Folder 1</i> <i>Architectural Specifications for Labor and Materials to be Used in the Erection of an Addition of Main Church Building, Etc. for Salem Methodist Church, City of Ladue, Missouri</i> Study, Farrar & Majers – Architects
	<i>Specifications for Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning for Addition of Main Church Building, Etc. for Salem Methodist Church, City of Ladue, Missouri</i> Study, Farrar & Majers – Architects

1965 Building Specifications *Folder 2*

Continuation of *Specifications for Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning for Addition of Main Church Building, Etc. for Salem Methodist Church, City of Ladue, Missouri* Study, Farrar & Majers – Architects

Specifications for Electrical Work for Addition of Main Church Building, Etc. for Salem Methodist Church, City of Ladue, Missouri Study, Farrar & Majers – Architects

1965 Mechanical Construction *Folder 1*

Papers relating to the mechanical construction of Salem's addition, approved by Belt & Given, Consulting Engineers, Inc.

1965 Mechanical Construction *Folder 2*

Papers relating to the mechanical construction of Salem's addition, approved by Belt & Given, Consulting Engineers, Inc.

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1965-1966 Construction *Folder 1*

Papers related to the construction of Salem's addition

1965-1966 Construction *Folder 2*

Papers related to the construction of Salem's addition

1965-1966 Construction *Folder 3*

Papers related to the construction of Salem's addition

1965-1966 Construction *Folder 4*

Papers related to the construction of Salem's addition

1965-1966 Construction *Folder 5*

List of Dickie Construction subcontractors

Landscape architecture budget proposals

Correspondence and drawings from Architectural Bronze Studio

Architectural drawing of Salem's addition

Specifications for Labor and Material to be used in the Erection of an Addition to the Educational Building for Salem Methodist Church

Building history

Salem's church buildings: locations, costs, etc., 1841-1958

1956-1968 Miscellaneous *Folder 1*

1956 *Architectural Services and Compensation: A Statement and Recommendations of the Saint Louis Chapter, American Institute of Architects*

1957 Certificate of Occupancy

1966-1967 Correspondence from Missouri State Highway Commission

1966 Insurance papers

1956-1968 Miscellaneous *Folder 2*

Papers related to the church building and its future addition, including: insurance papers, attorney notes, construction contracts, etc.

1956-1968 Miscellaneous *Folder 3*

1956 Turfgrass papers

1959 Appraisal of Salem Methodist Church property

1958-1960 Papers related to the church building and its future addition, including correspondence from attorneys, the City of Ladue, Union Electric Company, as well as Salem's treasurer's report and a copy of Salem's Easement.

1968 Blacktop Sealing

1968 Landscaping / soil report

1956-1968 Miscellaneous *Folder 4*

Papers related to the church building, including trustees notes, treasurer's reports, building fund notes, contractor letter, etc.

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Financial papers

1957-1961 Financial papers related to building construction including vouchers, checks, certificates, finance notes and an estimate.

Notes

Handwritten notes related to the church building

Termination of contract with architects

1963 Correspondence between Salem; Robert T. Wright, Inc.; Study, Farrar & Majers; the Secretary of State of Missouri; and attorneys regarding the payments of the church building and the termination of the contract with the architects.

Miscellaneous *Folder 1*

1957-1960 Agreements between Salem and contractors, correspondence regarding kitchen equipment, and The American Institute of Architects *Standards of Professional Practice*

Miscellaneous *Folder 2*

1960 Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem, including banking papers, trustees papers, and insurance papers

Miscellaneous *Folder 3*

1960 Elevator contract and proposal

1959 Letter to St. Louis District Board of Church Location and Building

1966 Building Fund papers

Miscellaneous *Folder 4*

Resolution for Salem to borrow money from Mound City Trust Company

Photographs of Ladue Chapel Addition and Vinta Park Methodist Church

Workman's Comp

1973 Workman's Compensation policy document

Church building dimensions

Square Foot Area and Cubic Foot Area of Salem Methodist Church

Architectural Specifications *Folder 1*

1957 *Specifications for Labor and Material to be Used in the Erection of Church Building for Salem Methodist Church*

Architectural Specifications *Folder 2*

1959 *Specifications for Labor and Material to be Used in the*

Erection of an Addition to the Educational Building for Salem Methodist Church

Architectural Specifications *Folder 3*

1965 Specifications for Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning for Addition of Main Church Building, Etc., Salem Methodist Church

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Salem addition *Folder 1*

1965-1967 Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem.

Salem addition *Folder 2*

1965-1967 Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem.

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1965-1967 Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem.

Salem addition *Folder 4*

1965-1967 Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem.

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Salem addition 1957-1962

Papers related to the construction of the addition to Salem, including correspondence with architects regarding the termination of their contract.

Salem addition 1965-1967

Papers related to the construction of the addition.

Salem addition 1964-1967 *Folder 1*

Papers related to the financing of the construction of the addition, including building fund campaign material, donation pledges, and a letter from the Manchester Bank committing to the first deed of trust.

Salem addition 1964-1967 *Folder 2*

Papers related to the financing of the construction of the addition, including building fund campaign material, and donation pledges.

Salem addition 1958-1968

Papers related to the construction of the addition, including the *Deed of Trust*, insurance information, and petition for the status of a corporation.

Building fund campaign

1964 Building fund campaign material and donation pledges

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Leonard Chapel Dedication 1982

Programs for the dedication and reception, and a photograph of the chapel

Building maintenance 1987

Papers related building electrical and mechanical systems, for the purpose of maintenance and energy savings.

Building maintenance 1985-1989

Documents including: papers related to contractors who provide services and maintenance on the church building; use of facility; operating budget, church staff and membership list, etc.

Building maintenance 1986-1988

Documents including: papers related to elevator maintenance; landscaping; handwritten notes; window coverings; trustees notes; parking lot asphalt; etc.

Financial pledges 1994

List of financial pledges

Miscellaneous 1993 and 1996

Floor plans of Salem
Building committee notes

Master Plan 1993 *Folder 1*

Master plan for Salem addition

Master Plan 1993 *Folder 2*

Master plan for Salem addition

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Miscellaneous 1985-1989

Papers related to Salem: mechanical work and insurance documents

Insurance papers 1988-1991 *Folder 1*
Insurance papers

Insurance papers 1988-1991 *Folder 2*
Insurance papers

Insurance papers 1988-1991 *Folder 3*
Insurance papers

Miscellaneous 1988-1991

Variety of papers, including: special permits from the City of Ladue; Trustees notes; maintenance documentation for painting, landscaping, and general upkeep; etc.

Miscellaneous financial papers 1988-1991

Variety of papers relating to finance, including treasurer's reports; budgets; expense lists; etc.

Construction documents 1996

Addendum to contract documents from L.A. Schaefer Const. Co. and Mark Jenssen, CI Project Architect. Includes architectural, electrical, and mechanical drawing changes, additions, and deletions.

Architectural Woodwork Corporation item information sheet, from Mark Jenssen, architect of Christner, Inc.

Salem activities 1997

Bulletin for Consecration Sunday, April 6, 1997
Brochure for Thursday nights at Salem

"Generation to Generation" 2003

Notes and marketing documents for "Generation to Generation," the campaign fund for Exploration Place

Groundbreaking 2004

Souvenir ribbons commemorating Salem's
Groundbreaking, April 18, 2004