



Elwood First Presbyterian Church Records, 1880-2000

PA 39

Overview

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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

Records of the Elwood First Presbyterian Church located in Elwood, Madison County, Indiana, dated 1880-2000. Session meeting minutes, church registers, congregational meeting minutes, church attendance records, board of trustee meeting minutes, board of deacons meeting minutes, ladies aid society meeting minutes, women's missionary society meeting minutes, Westminster club meeting minutes, women's association meeting minutes, Christian endeavor meeting minutes, Sunday School meeting minutes, and historical booklets. Also includes vital statistics information (baptism, marriage, death).

Historical Information

The First Presbyterian Church of Elwood, Indiana is located in Madison County. Elwood was founded on May 19, 1880. Twelve women and eight men started the church. A Sunday School followed eleven days later. Until 1892, the congregation shared a pastor and a meeting place with several other churches in the community. A small church, built for \$400 under the direction of the Rev. Frank M. Baldwin, served the congregation between 1887 and 1890, on a lot at 18th and S. A Streets, which has been the location of the Church from that time on. In 1994, the church moved to 223 Main St., Elwood after building a new structure on the site.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Session Book	1880-1918	Meeting minutes recording the business decisions of the church including personnel, discipline, finances, membership changes, and spiritual growth; includes church register providing lists of members, baptisms, deaths, and marriages; church history charter members; Annual reports; reports from boards and societies; register of pastors includes names and dates of service
1	2	Session Minutes	1891-1919 (1969)	A reworking of the original session book correcting errors and supplying entries destroyed by fire 1891-1919. This reconstruction was produced in 1969 and offers dated entries with footnotes, clarifications and explanations.
1	3	Session Minutes	1892-1922 (1969)	copies of lost entries from the first session notes produced in 1969
2	1	Session Minutes	1904-1965	Meeting minutes; mortgage papers; state excise stamps; includes reconstructed minutes of items destroyed in a fire; statistical reports; committee reports
2	2	Session Minutes	1920-1943	Original copies of previous session minutes
3	1	Session Minutes	1944-1961	Meeting minutes; membership changes; personnel issues; financial records; church discipline; programs; "home" funerals; annual congregational meeting minutes; suspended membership lists; statistical reports
3	2	Session Minutes	1944-1961	A reconstruction of original minutes.

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3	3	Session Minutes	1944-1961	A copy of the above plus loose-leaf materials including programs, pledge information and planning documents.
4	1	Record Book	1946-1947	Unofficial meeting minutes; some financial records; deaths; reports of fund raising activities
4	2	Session Book	1961-1965	Meeting minutes; committee reports; Pastor's remarks; personnel decisions; Christian instruction programs; financial plans; baptisms; communion reports; membership changes; building renovations; Sunday School programs; annual meeting reports
4	3	Session Minutes Book	1965-1981	Business meeting minutes; Pastor's reports; membership changes; committee reports; personnel changes; annual reports
5	1	Sessions Book Carbon Copy	1965-1969	A partial copy of the notebook above.
5	2	Session Minutes	1981-1991	Meeting minutes; committee reports; pastor's report; annual meeting minutes; correspondence
5	3	Session Minutes	1992-1997	Business meeting minutes; membership; personnel; committee reports; annual meeting notes; financial records; correspondence; Annual statistical analyses of membership
6	1	Baptism Register	1892-1955	Baptismal entries in dated order with names of those baptized, parent names, some birthdates and baptism dates.
6	2	Church Register	1892-1964	Membership book; listing pastors, deacons, elders, and communicants with names, dates of entry and dismissal; deaths; baptisms; marriages
6	3	Membership Lists	1900-2000	Portions of communicants lists giving names, dates and methods of dismissal. Also, portions of entries in church guest book. Also a register of baptisms in loose leaves with minimal information.
6	4	Certificate of Membership Books	1921-1933, 1951-1976	Certificate of membership record books with reception and dismissal forms for members providing a permanent record of entry and exit for membership. Lists names, dates, where received, and where dismissed.
6	5	Membership Records	1919-1972	A collection of documents, letters, forms and certificates regarding membership changes in the church

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7	1	Session Record Book	1882-1889	Notes of sessions meetings with dated entries in a bound ledger book providing records of organization, financial records, notices of deaths and votes.
7	2	Sessions Book	1892-1921	Meeting minutes; membership; staff changes; financial records; events important to the church's mission and history. Many names appear. The book opens with the founding and election of elders and officials. Death notices appear. Church agencies form and begin functioning: Ladies Aid Society, Missions, and Sunday School. Page 46 onward offers an account of the 1896 financial panic and its effects as well as the effects of epidemics causing population changes and movements of large numbers of people.
7	3	Congregational Meeting Notes	1882-1968	A bound paged book of notes of church meetings with typed notes of sessions transcribed from manuscript copies of original notes. Footnotes of explanation appear throughout the book since this was a special project of the church in 1967 to preserve its history.
7	4	Congregational Meeting Notes	1924-1946	A bound paged book of the notes of annual and special meetings of the church used to summarize the activities of the church for the periods covered. There are lists of committees, boards, officials, attendees of the meetings, announcements and reports from various agencies. Many names appear.
8	1	Congregational Meeting Notes	1947- 1961	A book of summaries of the annual meetings of the church providing and over views of the work of agencies with reports from the members of these groups. Many names appear and many projects described. Many loose- leaf documents are included.
8	2	Members Names and Address Book	1925-1927	A bound paged book of the names and addresses of the church members. Names appear in date order with heads of households only. Addresses are brief entries. Names of children or other dependents do not appear. Out of town member entries list city names only and other entries list names only.

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8	3	Church Attendance Book	1928-1931	A record of church attendance by individual members using member numbers to record attendance in Sunday School by listing number and class name Each Sunday. Studies are titled.
8	4	Church Social Register	1925	A book listing social functions of the church with names and addresses of those attending each one. Order of entries is by date.
8	5	Guest Book	1962-1980	A guest book used by visitors to record their appearances at church services. Names. Addresses and names of home churches appear Sunday by Sunday.
9	1	Accounts Book	1892-1903	An accounts book listing monies spent item by item for work on the building and parsonage.
9	2	Financial Records	1924-1957	A furniture proposal and individual giving records for church members.
9	3	Church Accounts and Trustees Minutes	1924-1930	A book of Trustee minutes of meeting with dated entries and a church member pledge book with names and pledges (undated)
9	4	Financial Records	1957	Offering summary forms for each Sunday accounting for cash receipts.
9	5	Deacons Minutes	1977-1993	A record book of Deacon meetings with dated entries recording the ministry work of the Deacons in providing communion services and provision for those in need.
9	6	Deacons Minutes	1962-1986	Meeting records of the Deacons in providing communion services for the church and provision for the needy. Entries are by date.
10	1	Lady's Aid Records	1882-1918, 1918-1925	Notes of meeting regarding the work of the society in decorating the church and assisting the poor. Includes membership lists, attendance records, constitutions, financial records, and lists of officers.
10	2	Lady's Aid Records	1926-1934	Minutes of monthly meeting recording the work of the society in supporting the church and the poor. Also presents rules of the society, membership lists and officers.
10	3	Lady's Aid Records	1934-1937	Minutes of monthly meetings recording the work of the society in support of the church and the poor and includes membership lists, attendance records.
10	4	Lady's Aid Records	1939-1945	Minutes of meeting and membership lists and financial records of their work plus constitution.
10	5	Women's Missionary Society Records	1910-1915	Notes of meetings, membership list and attendance records. Projects and fund raising efforts recorded and described.

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11	1	Women's Missionary Society Record Book	1922-1924, 1930-1934	Books of meeting minutes, membership and descriptions of projects.
11	2	Women's Missionary Society Records	1935-1940	Notes of meetings, membership lists and officers, and finances.
11	3	Westminster Club	1923-1928, 1929-30	Notes of meetings recording attendance, lists of members, financial records and pledges and descriptions of projects.
11	4	Westminster Club	1930-1931, 1935-1942	Notes of meetings recording attendance, finances, and projects.
12	1	Women's Association	1952-1959, 1960-1965	A women's circle group dedicated to the Kingdom of God and its work on earth through giving, prayer, and service. The books contain notes of meeting, membership, attendance and financial records.
12	2	PSCE Society Record Book	1914-1920	The Presbyterian Society of Christian Endeavor was a young people's service group dedicated to supporting the church and its missions in the world and served as a social outlet for youth as well.
12	3	Sunday School Conference Record Book	1925-1930	A bound paged record Book with dated entries listing attendance and business enacted.
12	4	Sunday School Attendance Book	1975-1978, 1978-1979, 1979-1980, 1981-1982.	Sunday School attendance record book listing class names and numbers with running totals for school attendance each week.
12	5	Sunday School Attendance Book	1982-1983	Sunday School Attendance Weekly Record book class by class.
12	6	Church Publications	1980, 1993	Two pamphlets supporting re-decorating the old sanctuary, five church dedication programs from 1993, and a church directory booklet from 1980.