CAPITOL VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (ATLANTA, GA.).
Capitol View United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1916-1991

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Creator: Capitol View United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.).
Title: Capitol View United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1916-1991
Call Number: Record Group No. 015
Extent: 12 cubic ft. (29 boxes)
Abstract: Contains the administrative records of the Capitol View United Methodist Church from 1916-1991.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Capitol View Methodist Church was organized on November 11, 1911 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carpenter, under the direction of the Rev. Joel R. Daves, Presiding Elder of the Atlanta district. Rev. L. B. Simpson was appointed pastor in December. The small congregation held services in the members’ homes until 1912. In January of that year the members organized the Sunday School and began to hold meetings in a tent at the corner of Athens Avenue and Deckner Street. The meeting site was later moved to the corner of Dill and Stewart Avenues. A lot was purchased from Mr. John Shannon in May 1912 and the foundation of the church was laid the following year. From 1913 through 1923 the congregation worshipped in this basement, under the direction of Rev. W. T. Watkins. In March 1928 construction was completed on the present church building. Over the years there were many additions made to the building as the congregation grew and the church offered more services. Church membership reached its peak in 1950 when the congregation numbered 1100 and then began a slow decline. In the summer of 1991 membership was too small to support the extensive structure of the church building, so the congregation decided to disband and surrender the property to the North Georgia Conference.

Scope and Content Note
This collection is composed of the records of Capitol View United Methodist Church, encompassing the years 1916-1991. These materials have been arranged into eight series: Historical files, Church committees, Conference materials, Sunday School, Members, Printed material, Miscellaneous, and Addendum.


Series IV: Sunday School records consist of the General Secretary-Treasurer’s books; Deckner Bible class (Every-Ready Bible class) records; and Friendship class directories (1964-1983) and class rolls (1955-1965). The General Secretary-Treasurer’s books are bound and contain attendance and collection statistics of Sunday School classes, 1935-1971. The Deckner Bible class material includes a class history, 1950; constitution and by-laws, 1949; monthly business meeting minutes, 1931-1955; a list of class officers, 1931-1948; and correspondence, 1931-1934.

Series V: The Members series consists of directories of members, as well as church membership records and transfers.
Series VI: Printed material includes church bulletins, 1935-1991; “The View” newsletter, 1971 and 1974; newspaper clippings; and photographs, ca. 1940s and 1957.

Series VII: Miscellaneous records consists of general correspondence, 1966-1991, and an assortment of papers, including an inventory of church property (1950); the consecration service for the church parsonage, 1967; celebration service for the charter meeting of the Women’s Society of Christian Service, 1968; “Capitol View Methodist Church: Your church”; a hymnal dedication list of donors; and a list of church staff, 1957-1958.

Series VIII: Addendum consists of material added to the collection in February 1995. It contains records for the Woman’s Society of Christian Service and the Friendship class. The Woman’s Society of Christian Service material includes Treasurer’s ledgers, 1953-1977; quarterly reports, 1953-1966; Treasurer’s records, 1941-1944; Treasurer’s remittances; Auxiliary Treasurer’s record and report books, 1915-1917; and a record and report book, 1956-1964. The Friendship class material consists of the contents of a scrapbook; a photo album celebrating the class’s thirty-third anniversary; membership books; and a scrapbook.

**Arrangement Note**
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