

**OGLETHORPE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH (ATLANTA, GA).
Oglethorpe United Methodist Church
(Atlanta, GA) records, 1949-1997**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Oglethorpe United Methodist Church (Atlanta, GA).
Title: Oglethorpe United Methodist Church (Atlanta, GA) records, 1949-1997
Call Number: Record Group No. 046
Extent: 1.6 cubic ft. (4 boxes)
Abstract: Contains weekly church bulletins, financial correspondence and records, attendance records, membership records, and property records related to the Oglethorpe United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Administrative History

Oglethorpe United Methodist Church was founded as Oglethorpe Estates Methodist Church in 1949. Reverend Stephen Dill, a student at Candler School of Theology, was the church's first pastor. The first services were held on Jul 4, 1949, in an apartment at the Oglethorpe Apartment Complex on Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta. The church had twelve charter members.

Although land for a dedicated church building was purchased in the mid-1950s, for several years services were held in a former library building purchased from Lawson General Hospital. A building committee was formed in 1959, and the name of the church was changed to Oglethorpe Methodist Church. The new building, located at 3445 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, was dedicated on June 2, 1962.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the church struggled to attract members and achieve financial stability. Oglethorpe United Methodist Church closed in 1996.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the records in this collection document the activities of Oglethorpe United Methodist Church during the 1980s and 1990s. Included are weekly church bulletins, financial correspondence and some financial records, attendance records, membership records, and property records. There are also membership register with entries from 1949-1971, and a membership record book with entries from 1949-1992. A history written in 1974 provides background information on the founding of the church and its early years.

The records are mostly administrative in nature, but there is limited information on two outreach activities. The first is the Interfaith Outreach Home (IOH), a joint initiative in which 34 North Atlanta churches and synagogues participated. The IOH facility was constructed in Doraville, GA to provide transitional housing for homeless people. The second is the Oglethorpe Child Development Center (CDC), a preschool located at Oglethorpe United Methodist Church. These records primarily concern the transfer of the CDC to Brookhaven Christian Church in 1996.

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