Lexington United Methodist Church (Lexington, Ga.) records, 1973-1994

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Creator: Lexington United Methodist Church (Lexington, Ga).
Title: Lexington United Methodist Church (Lexington, Ga.) records, 1973-1994
Call Number: Record Group No. 056
Extent: 0.40 cubic feet (1 box)
Abstract: Contains financial documents and correspondence related to the Lexington United Methodist Church.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Lexington United Methodist Church was organized in Lexington, Georgia in 1823. In 1827, a church building was constructed on land purchased from John Moore for $100. This building was torn down in 1892-1893, and a new building was constructed in a different location on the same plot of land. A third church building was constructed on the same location as the second in 1955.

The original parsonage was located elsewhere in the town of Lexington, but later a parsonage was built on the land sold to the church in 1827. A 1952 fire destroyed the parsonage, as well as all existing church records. A new parsonage was constructed immediately.

By the 1990s, church membership had fallen sharply. Lexington United Methodist Church closed in 1994.

Scope and Content Note
The records document only a small part of Lexington United Methodist Church’s 171-year history. Records prior to 1952 were lost in the parsonage fire that occurred in the same year.

The majority of files in this record group document the financial status of the church. They include budgets, bank statements, and acknowledgment of contributions made to the United Methodist Children’s Home and to Wesley Homes. There is also a small amount of correspondence between the North Georgia Conference and the church.
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