

**International Friends of Gethsemane
United Methodist Church records
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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Title	International Friends of Gethsemane United Methodist Church records
Date [inclusive]	1994-2013
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Historical Note

The Garden at Gethsemane United Methodist Church is currently located at 1201 W. McGalliard Road in Muncie, Indiana. The church's history dates back to 1895, when it was known as the "Whitely Methodist Episcopal Church" and was located on Muncie's south side. On January 2, 1921, the church burned down and the congregation had to build a temporary building large enough to house its members. Reverend Mont C. Oliver designed the plans for a new building that would look much like the original but include updated features. In February of 1922, construction on the new building was complete and services resumed.

In 1939, the name was changed to Whitely Methodist Church after the church merged with the Methodist Protestant Church. In July of 1953, the church changed its name to "Gethsemane United Methodist Church." Within the same year, church officials decided to build a new church on the corner of Virginia Avenue and McGalliard Road because many families had relocated to that part of town. The new building was completed in December of 1954.

Because the church has grown significantly in recent decades, it was decided in 2012 that the building would be torn down and rebuilt. The multi-million dollar project was completed in 2014 and the name of the church was changed to "The Garden at Gethsemane United Methodist Church." In an effort to give back to the community and help other churches, Gethsemane adopted Main Street United Methodist Church because its members could no longer afford to keep it open. The two campuses now serve the community by providing hot meals to the public, meeting areas for addiction counseling, and temporary shelter for the homeless.

The International Friends of Gethsemane program began in the 1990s and allows church members to create relationships with people from other countries and experience different cultures. Some of their outreach efforts include providing host families for foreign exchange students, having dinners, and fundraising for the missions program in the church.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, meeting notes, newspaper clippings, negatives, photographs, and promotional materials from Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Muncie, Indiana ranging from 1995 to 2013 regarding the International Friends of Gethsemane program's promotional dinners and outreach efforts. The collection was donated by church member Donna Bookout and reflect her experiences/work with the program.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Donna Bookout on 2017/05/30.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2017/09/10 by Makenzie Stahl. EAD finding aid created 2017/09/20 by Lindsey M. Vesperry. EAD finding aid revised 2017/09/20 by Lindsey M. Vesperry.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie IN:

SC.738: Gethsemane United Methodist Church directories

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Gethsemane United Methodist Church. (Muncie, Ind.)

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Muncie (Ind.)--Church history--20th century--Sources
- Muncie (Ind.)--Church history--21st century--Sources

Personal Name(s)

- Bookout, Donna

Subject(s)

- Exchange of persons programs
- International relations
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Bluffton United Methodist Church visit photographs, 1998	1	1
"Dinners For Eight" attendance records, 1996-2001	1	2
"Dinners For Eight" correspondence, 2002	1	3
"Dinners For Eight" photograph negatives, undated	1	4
"Dinners For Eight" promotional materials, undated	1	5
"Dinners For Eight" reservation forms, 2001	1	6
Fall Meeting notes, 1994-1995	1	7
Friendship Family Program promotional materials, 1999-2003	1	8
International Friends correspondence, 1995-2000, 2013	1	9
International Friends member records, 1999-2003	1	10
International Friends newspaper clippings, 1996-2001, 2013	1	11
Lang, Karen for School Board flyer, undated	1	12

Potluck Dinner correspondence, 2003	1	13
Potluck Dinner promotional materials, 2003	1	14
"Soup"er Bowl Sunday promotional materials, 2004	1	15
Thanksgiving Dinner meeting notes, 1999-2002	1	16
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