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**First Presbyterian Church (Urbana)
Records, 1874-1990**

Collection 27

Creator/Corporate name: First Presbyterian Church (Urbana, Ill.)

Inclusive dates: 1874-1990

Physical description: 3 boxes, (2.7 linear feet)

Provenance:

The records of the FPC of Urbana were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives, The Urbana Free Library, in November 2007.

Historical/Biographical note:

In 1850, the first Presbyterian organization was founded in Champaign County by John A. Steele under the Presbytery of Palatine, Illinois. Before the church was officially organized, the congregation met in the Illinois Central depot building, and meetings took place in both the county court house as well as the Blackberry School building.

The church recognizes its official organization date as December 1856, when church was held in the basement of the building at the corner of Race and Green streets. The first record of the Frist Presbyterian Church of Urbana is an 1857 county court record in which the first members of Board of Trustees for the church were elected.

Scope and Content:

The records consist exclusively of church bulletins, 1874-1990. Note: the determination of missing Sunday bulletins was made according to what seemed reasonable on the basis of the calendar year.

Subject terms:

Church bulletins

Presbyterian Church – Illinois – Urbana.

Name terms:

First Presbyterian Church (Urbana, Ill.)

Container list:

Box 1

Feb. 11, 1874 (Adopted) -- Glued in front of The Psalter: or, The Book of Psalms . . . , 1873

April 20-23, 1902

April 15, 1906

Feb. 11, 1923

March 8, 1931

May 10, 1931

Sept. 20, 1931

Dec. 13, 1931

Nov. 4, 1934



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Jan. 20, 1935

June 23, 1935

July 7, 1935

July 14, 1935

Sept. 20, 1936

Oct. 11, 1936

Oct. 18, 1936

Oct. 25, 1936

Nov. 1, 1936

Nov. 8, 1936

Nov. 15, 1936 AM

Nov. 15 1936 PM

Dec. 6, 1936

Dec. 13, 1936

Dec. 20, 1936

1937: 42 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: 1/3; 2/14; 5/16; 6/27; 10/3 . No August services.

1938: 48 Bulletins. Missing Sunday: 11/13. No August services.

1939: 46 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: 1/8; 2/19. No August services.

1940: 38 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: 2/4; 4/14; 7/7; 7/21; 7/28; 9/1; 9/29; 10/6; 10/20; 10/27.
No August services.

1941: 33 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: 3/30; 5/4; 5/11; 5/25; 6/8; 6/15; 6/29; 9/14; 10/12; 11/9;
11/16; 11/23; 12/14. No August services.

1942: 41 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: Jan. 4; 3/8; 4/19; 9/6; 10/18; 11/15. No August Services.

1943: 18 Bulletins. Missing Sundays: 1/17; April 1-30; May 30; June 1-30; 7/11-Dec. 31.

1944: 1 Bulletin. Sunday March 5.

1945: No Bulletins surviving.

1946: 46 Bulletins. Missing Sundays 4/28; 5/5; 9/22.

1947: 52 Bulletins. Missing Sunday 7/13.

1948: 54 Bulletins. No August Services.

1949: 52 Bulletins.

1950: 51 Bulletins. Missing Sundays 4/16; 11/12; 11/19; 11/26; 12/3. Gap 8/13-9/3 likely to be
due to services not being held.

1951: 54 Bulletins. No services 8/19, 8/26, 9/2.

1952: 51 Bulletins. No services 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31.

1953: 52 Bulletins. No August services.

1954: 57 Bulletins.

1955: 56 Bulletins.

1956: 57 Bulletins. Missing Sunday 11/25.

1957: 56 Bulletins. Missing Sunday 8/25.

1958: 56 Bulletins.

1959: 58 Bulletins.

1960: 57 Bulletins.

1961: 57 Bulletins.

1962: 56 Bulletins.



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1963: 56 Bulletins.
1964: 59 Bulletins.
1965: 57 Bulletins.
1966: 56 Bulletins.
1967: 57 Bulletins.
1968: 55 Bulletins.

Box 2

1969: 71 Bulletins.
1970: 57 Bulletins.
1971: 72 Bulletins.
1972: 75 Bulletins.
1973: 54 Bulletins.
1974: 53 Bulletins.
1975: 55 Bulletins.
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1981: 56 Bulletins.
1982: 55 Bulletins.
1983: 54 Bulletins.
1984: 56 Bulletins.
1985: 56 Bulletins.

Box 3

1986: 56 Bulletins.
1987: 57 Bulletins.
1988: 56 Bulletins.
1989: 55 Bulletins.
1990: 54 Bulletins. Missing Sunday 7/22

Listing-Selected Special Bulletins, 1874-1990:

In addition to Sunday worship bulletins, special bulletins of different types are also included. Some of these are listed below.

Feb. 11, 1874 (Adopted)	Order of Sabbath Services [Glued in front of The Psalter: or, The Book of Psalms . . . , 1873]
April 20-23, 1902	Dedication of new house of worship [Also Glued in Sess. Min. Book, p.39]
April 15, 1906	Easter
Nov. 4, 1934	Memorial Service – Dean Thomas Arkle Clark
Nov. 15, 1936	Installation -- Rev. Pearce



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Oct. 29, 1937 (Fri.)	Centennial of the Board of Foreign Missions
Oct. 13, 1940	Re-Dedication Service
Dec. 21, 1941	85th Anniversary Service
Mar. 21, 1943	Installation -- Rev. Doran
Jan. 22, 1950	Installation -- Rev. Wills
May 14, 1950	Ordination Service for William Colwell
Oct. ? 1950 (died 10/23)	In Memoriam Theodore Oscar Mitchell Wills
Oct. 29, 1950	First Sunday Service after Rev. Wills' death
July 1, 1951	Installation -- Rev. Luther Powell
Nov. 9, 1952	Installation -- Rev. Laughlin
Oct. 4, 1953	World-Wide Communion Sunday and Ground Breaking Service for the New Chapel-Education Bldg.
Nov. 14, 1954	Dedication of the New Chapel
Nov. 17, 1954	Education Building/Recognition Night (one booklet)
April 10, 1955	Service of Dedication for the Memorial Furnishings of the Westminster Chapel
Dec. 1956	Centennial Observance – List of Events
Dec. 16, 1956	The Centennial Service
Dec. 23, 1956	Centennial Communion Service
Feb. 16, 1958	Installation -- Rev. Ronald Thorne Allin
April 3, 1960	Installation -- Rev. George Easley
March 31, 1963	Installation -- Rev. Harrison as Assoc. Pastor
Dec. 6, 1964	Booklet: Dedication of First United Presbyterian Church [Ded. & Week Events]
May 2-3, 1964	Two One-Act Plays
Dec. 6, 1964	Dedication Sunday
Dec. 8, 1964	Christmas Oratorio – U of I Chamber Choir & Sanctuary Choir
Dec. 10, 1964	Recognition Night
Feb. 26, 1967	Installation – Rev. David C. Koch
Sept. 29, 1968	Installation – Rev. George Barnitt
July 8, 1973	Installation – Rev. James Dowd
Oct. 12, 1975	Installation – Rev. Hewon Han
Oct. 24, 1976	Anniversary Celebration (1856-1976) Sunday Bull. – includes long-term member list
June 17, 1979	Dedicatory Recital of the Rodgers Pipe Organ Augmented
Oct. 19, 1980	Service of Divine Worship Celebrating the Organization of the Korean Church of Champaign-Urbana



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	as a Congregation of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Sept. 27, 1981	125th Anniversary Celebration (1856-1981)
June 19, 1983	A Tenth Anniversary Celebration – Rev. James F. Dowd
Nov. 18, 1984	20th Anniversary of the Sanctuary Rededication of Sanctuary
Sept. 15, 1985	Tenth Anniversary Celebration – Rev. Hewon Han
Sept. 14, 1986	The Service for the Worship of God and for the Ordination of Suzanne Otterbacher to the Ministry of the Word
June 14, 1987	Dedicatory Organ Recital by William and Mary Bahnfleth in memory of Ruth Tarlton Power
Feb. 28, 1988	Service . . . Ordination of Ann Hansel Burger
May 19, 1990	Service of Worship and Ordination – J. Michael Solberg