

THE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

We are pleased to announce that we have had another successful year. I would personally like to thank the members of the commission for their assistance in all of the commission's endeavors.

SEJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The SEJ Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska, NC, June 29th- July 9th, 2009. **Contact Rev. Frank Buie, 209 Jabay Drive, Columbia, SC, 29229 or fbuie@sc.rr.com for more information.**

GRAVE MARKERS

The Commission is pleased to provide grave markers for deceased clergy. This is a gift of appreciation from the Annual Conference to all who served as itinerant pastors. They are capable to be attached to stone or metal markers. They are available in each district office.

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

This year we are pleased to recognize these **Bicentennial** Churches:

Bethany, Bethany – Zoar Charge, Saluda, Greenwood District

The **Centennial** churches are:

Eutawville, Eutawville Charge (Station), Eutawville, Orangeburg District

McBee, McBee Charge, McBee, Hartsville District

Shandon, Shandon Charge (Station), Columbia, Columbia District

Toxaway, Toxaway – John Wesley Charge, Anderson, Anderson District

Hucks Awards

Time and space do not permit us to go into detail about the works of these devoted local church historians, so these represent only a small percentage of their work on behalf of our connectional ministry of memory this year. Many of these churches celebrated anniversaries, and we note especially that many of the churches that have worked hardest to celebrate their history are younger churches.

Mountain View, Taylors

Mountain View's historian, Mrs. Frieda Anne Liston, continues to lead the church in collecting and promoting the church's history. The church prepared a DVD of its 2008 activities, celebrated Heritage Sunday, and prepared scrapbooks of the year's activities.

Pisgah UMC, Aynor

Pisgah's historian, Mrs. Judy Floyd, has continued their tremendous efforts to preserve and promote their church's history. They continue to collect and preserve artifacts and have updated their church's history.

Dials, Gray Court

Historians Dianne Culbertson and Sara Jane Armstrong led the church through its 200th anniversary celebration this year. They prepared a 435-page history of the church and established a history room for the many artifacts they collected during their bicentennial year.

Duncan Acres, Union

The historian of Duncan Acres, Sara White, led the church's efforts to celebrate a Homecoming service, collected artifacts, and prepared an exhibit on the church's history. She encouraged the church to convert video tapes of some historic events in the life of the church to DVD.

Lee Road, Taylors

Church historian Jane McGahee led the church in celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout the year. The church is collecting materials that document its history and continues to prepare space to protect these artifacts.

Livingston

The church celebrated its centennial and used the opportunity to collect and assemble documents and artifacts. The church celebrated its history with special occasions during the year.

Main Street, Greenwood

Led by historian Miriam Alewine, Main Street celebrated its sesquicentennial during 2008 with several special occasions. Harriet Mays updated the church's history. The history committee collected documents, made scrapbooks, and promoted the church's history on numerous occasions.

Trinity, Conway

Led by historian Jacquelyn Cannon, Trinity celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2008 with a year of celebrations. The history team conducted interviews with charter members and former pastors, which have been preserved on DVD. The church also published an attractive fifty-year history of the church that relied heavily on archival photographs.

Walnut Grove, Roebuck

Historian Jackie McAbee and the heritage team planned a series of events to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary. The church held Heritage Sunday events each month, collected reminiscences and added new materials to the Heritage Room that the committee maintains.

Westminster

Westminster's historian collected many documents and artifacts this year and kept a very thorough chronicle of life at the church. She also compiled membership information and documented several special events in the life of the church.

Windsor

Windsor's historian, the Rev. Franklin Buie, and the church celebration committee planned events around the church's 40th anniversary. Members collected oral history from members of the church, organized files and artifacts, and celebrated their anniversary at several events throughout the year.

First, Winnsboro

In 2008, the church celebrated both its 200th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of its current sanctuary. Historian Betty Bynum led a three-year process that collected materials, planned celebrations, made presentations, and interviewed members. All of the materials collected have become part of the church archives.

Publication Award – Dr. Katherine Davis Cann, for *Common Ties: A History of Textile Industrial Institute, Spartanburg Junior College, and Spartanburg Methodist College*, published in 2007 by Hub City Writers Project. Dr. Cann's book tells the story of the founding, growth, and development of Spartanburg Methodist College. This book contributes to our understanding not only of this college, but of how administrators, faculty, and students at the college interacted with South Carolina Methodists.

Individual Award - Ann Andrus of Bethel UMC, Charleston. Ann has served diligently on the commission in the past. She is an excellent church historian as well as historian of Methodism in Charleston. Her current projects include getting a plaque at site of the Cumberland Street meeting house and working tirelessly on the Bethel sanctuary restoration project.

2010 Award Application and Criteria

2010 Herbert Hucks, Jr. Awards

The S.C. Conference Commission on Archives and History is pleased to receive applications for the **2010 Herbert Hucks, Jr., Award** for Historical Preservation and Interpretation. This award will be presented to all qualified churches and one individual at the 2010 Conference Session. If your church qualifies or if you know of someone who has furthered the interpretation and preservation of United Methodist Heritage in South Carolina, please send the name with answers to the questions below. Please include your name, the name of the church and how to contact the pastor by name. Mail your application to: **Frieda Ann Liston, 620 Gum Springs Road, Taylors, SC 29687**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 1, 2010

Local Church Qualifications

As many churches as have fulfilled the qualifications during the past year will be recognized. Churches may qualify any number of times in a period of years. The purpose of this award is to encourage ongoing efforts to maintain awareness of the heritage celebrated in all churches of the Conference and to create research materials for the future.

1. Describe how the church historian has been active in the local church: projects, publications, collection and preservation of objects/data.
2. What steps have been taken to organize and preserve records or artifacts or what additions have been made to the church's archives in the last year? What is the overall quality of the current collection?
3. In what ways has Methodist heritage, conference or local church history been interpreted for people in the local church in the past year as part of the Sunday school or confirmation class curriculum; UMW, UMM or UMYF program; worship experience; or general interest display?
4. Has Heritage Sunday been celebrated in some form in the past year?
5. Has a record been made on paper or video/audio tape in the past year of recollections of members who witnessed aspects of the church's story?
6. Have copies of published documents been sent to the Archives at Wofford College and/or Claflin University? (May be included with this application.)
7. Please include appropriate documentation for responses to questions above.

Individual Qualifications

Nominees for this singular recognition should be someone who during his or her life, or in some special way recently, has contributed significantly to the preservation or interpretation of United Methodist history/heritage **beyond the local church**. Please describe in a few paragraphs the contributions made by this person. One individual recognition may be awarded annually; re-nominations are welcome any time.

Deadline: February 1, 2010 The Commission regrets that no extensions to the deadline are possible; the Commission meets to finalize all actions on February 15, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa C. Hawkins, chairperson