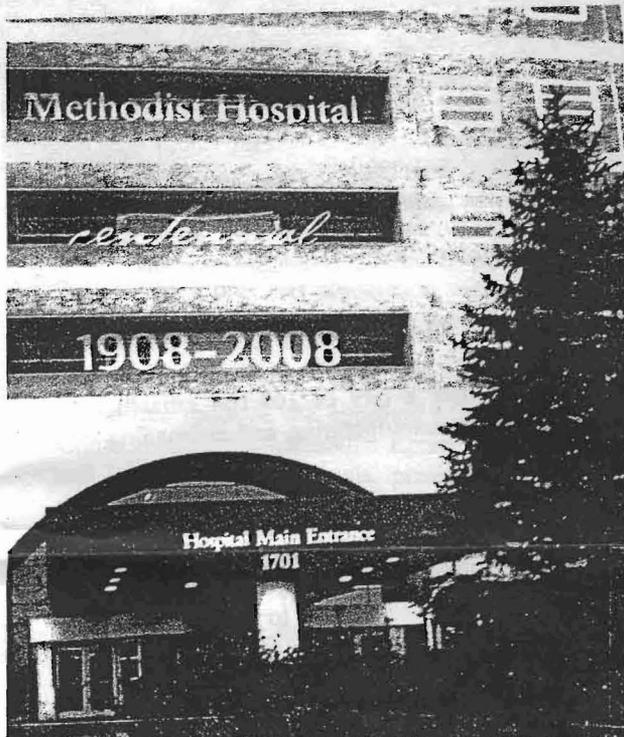


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A Century of Service



In 2008, Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis celebrated having delivered 100 years of medical service to Indiana and the nation. On April 25, 2009, Daniel F. Evans, Jr., the CEO of Clarian Health Partners, will guide those attending the 14th annual meeting of the Indiana United Methodist Historical Society in a retrospective review of the full expanse of the hospital's century of service. Evans' presentation will open the day's sessions at 10:30 a.m., following registration and a hospitality half hour starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Center of Methodist Hospital.

Daniel Evans' presentation will be followed by an exceedingly important business meeting at 11:30 a.m. At this meeting, society members will be called upon to approve a revision of IUMHS's by-laws so that they relate

the society to a single statewide conference. Lunch will follow the business meeting.

In the afternoon session beginning at 1:00 p.m., Dr. Richard Stowe, a member of the Archives Committee of Muncie's High Street UMC and a producer of historical DVDs on church history, will review the careers of Matthew Simpson and E. R. Ames, two bishops elected to the episcopacy from the Indiana Conference in 1852. Dr. Stowe, a retired professor from Ball State University, has teased his subject well by writing:

Both men were... products of their age as well as its shapers, and some of their actions still offend our sensibilities. Beyond doubt, Simpson and Ames were brilliant, complex, pious, shrewd, ambitious, humble, gregarious, indefatigable, opportunistic, visionary, and single-mindedly devoted to duty as they saw it. They were towering preachers and orators, unabashed Unionists, saavy politicians and tender family men. But despite their many similarities, they were as opposite as two men could be. In short, they were flawed but fascinating human beings.

These are men worth hearing about!

Attendance at the annual meeting will cost \$12 for members of IUMHS and \$15 for non-members. The registration fee covers both registration and lunch. (Registration forms and membership renewal forms are at the end of this newsletter.)

Parking will be available off the Senate Boulevard entrance by taking a left turn from the entry drive to the North Garage or Parking Garage Number 2 (detail given on the map at the end of this newsletter) or on Capitol Avenue to the east side of the hospital. A floor plan of Methodist Hospital will be mailed to those registering before the printed deadline of April 15.

Our Young People Started It



Rev. Charles Crowther Lasby

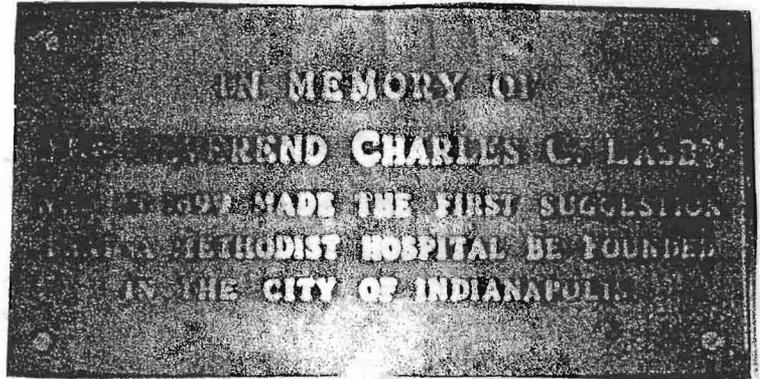
Some teenagers started Methodist Hospital. The seed money toward the start of the building fund for the hospital was an overflow of money raised for an international meeting of the Epworth League, a forerunner of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The League was the official youth organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Individual churches were urged to start Junior Leagues of boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 18. In 1899, there were 42 Indianapolis Methodist churches; each had its own Epworth League.

For four days, from Thursday, July 20, to Sunday, July 23, 1899, Indianapolis hosted the fourth International Convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the largest convention of the year in Indianapolis, with 10,000 delegates, many from overseas.

Roberts Park MEC was selected as the headquarters for the convention as well as the 400-room Dennison Hotel. Additionally, a large number of conventioners were housed in 3,000 private residences. The Commercial Club purchased a tent seating thousands of attendees that was erected on the grounds of the Marion County Courthouse.

Wearing white caps, Indiana Leaguers escorted the visitors from Union Station through bunting-draped streets to the Indiana State House, where the delegates were registered.



Plaque in Methodist Hospital reads: In memory of the Reverend Charles C. Lasby, who in 1899 made the suggestion that a Methodist hospital be founded in the City of Indianapolis

Then they were further escorted to their hotels, boarding houses, or private homes. Early arrivals could tour a city of 169,164 citizens, known as both a manufacturing and railroading center.

The hosts set an example for openness uncommon for a time when there were separate bicycle races for white and "colored" cyclists. When questioned where 1,200 to 1,500 young black men and women were to be seated, Edward L. Gilliam, vice president of arrangements, struck an early blow for civil rights when he wrote in a letter to *The Indianapolis News*, "There was no plan to segregate the blacks attending the convention and the Negro delegates will come and go as they please and sit where they please, just as the other delegates will."

The fourth International Convention of the Epworth League proved to be a huge success. The young people who attended heard discussions on such subjects as "Epworth Houses and Work in the Cities" and "How to Help Revivals." Speakers lectured on "Abraham Lincoln" and "The Last Days of the Confederacy." Virtually all of the city's Protestant churches were used for the various meetings and services in addition to the 5,000-seat Tomlinson Hall and the big tent on the courthouse lawn.

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("Our Young People Started It" continues.)

Meeting at Roberts Park MEC a few days after the convention, the committee in charge agreed the convention had been a success in all respects. The attendance exceeded expectations; Indianapolis had been open hearted and generous; and programs had been well received. Additionally, the convention had been a financial success. After the payment of all bills, \$4,750 of the convention fund remained. Possible Christian uses for the surplus were discussed. Finally, Rev. Charles Lasby, pastor of Central Avenue MEC, suggested donating the money toward the start of a building fund for the construction of a Methodist hospital in Indianapolis, a suggestion prompted perhaps by Rev. Lasby's previous association with the first Methodist hospital in the U.S., in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The proposal of Rev. Lasby and the committee required the approval of the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Rev. Edward B. Rawls, presiding elder of the Indianapolis District, was appointed to prepare a resolution for the annual meeting of the conference to be held in Greencastle on September 13, 1899. Separately and fortuitously, other members of the conference had suggested that a Methodist hospital be established in Indiana. As a result, a committee had been named to conduct a feasibility study. The committee report was favorable and Articles of Association were drawn up and adopted. However, no action had been taken toward fundraising or construction.

Opposition was not absent. Rev. Rawls arose at the Greencastle meeting and read his resolution. An immediate response came from Dr. B. F. Rollins, who boomed out, "Brethren, we have all we can carry on our Church. Now you have come to put upon it one million dollars. Great God, men, where are we going to stop? I am opposed to this hospital proposition."

A young preacher, the Rev. George M. Smith, who had never before addressed the conference, responded. "Men," he said, "in reply to this brother's question as to where we are going to stop, if I understand our Methodist Episcopal Church, it is not looking for a place to stop. The Church does not dare stop until it encompasses all the interests of Jesus Christ and

our Church can never encompass all His interests and leave out sick people."

Rev. Smith's response turned the tide. Adoption of the Articles of Association was voted by the conference, and the new institution was named the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of the State of Indiana. Its stated objective was "to establish and maintain a hospital or hospitals for the treatment of the sick, wounded and injured persons, to dispense charity to the poor, and to establish and maintain a Deaconess Home or other kindred institutions." The resolution was subsequently adopted by the other Indiana conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Greencastle gathering, specifically, also voted to continue its support of Christ Hospital in Cincinnati and Jeffersonville's Deaconess Hospital (now, Clark County Hospital) until "the Indiana hospital could be made ready for operation."

The dedication of Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis took place on Sunday, April 26, 1908. An Epworth League rally was held at Roberts Park MEC on the same day, at which many would recall the beginnings of an idea whose time had arrived.

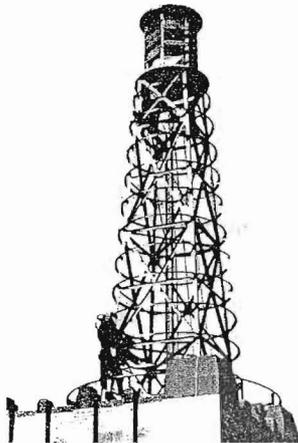
The Epworth League continued its support of the hospital, especially in regard to indigent patients. The board of the hospital had decided, "The poor who are unable to pay will be cared for free of charge to the extent of our ability." The Indianapolis District Epworth League paid for the building and equipping of Hospital Room 105 as a "free room" for those who could not pay for their treatment and raised \$400 to maintain the room for the district year 1908-1909.



Badge for 1899 Epworth League Convention

Lady of the Lighthouse

1857, the Methodist Hospital beacon, first lit in 1933, was a gift of Mary Hanson Carey.



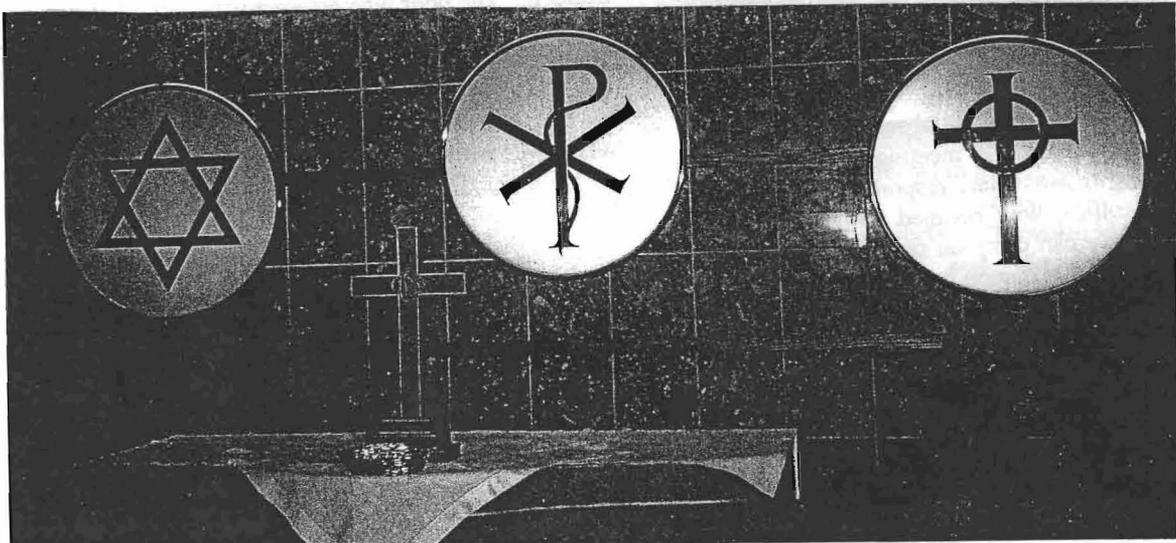
The Lighthouse under Construction

A lighthouse on a building? On a hospital? Yes. The Lighthouse of Health Beacon was formally dedicated “to the servants of religion, who would serve the sick; to the servants of medical science, who would serve humanity; and to the servants of philanthropy, who would live for others.” Patterned after the lighthouse atop the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew, London, which has burned since

In the same year, Mrs. Carey saw the dedication of a second donation, one she had planned as a memorial to her parents, Julius A. and Belle M. Hanson: the Mary Hanson Carey Memorial Chapel. Designed for use by Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic faiths, the chapel incorporated the symbols of each religion, collectively representing Methodism’s principle of promoting cooperation and better understanding among different religions.

Other gifts of Mrs. Carey were \$500,000, with the stipulation \$300,000 of the \$500,000 be used for the building fund, and \$200,000 (a personal gift) to the hospital laboratory as an endowment fund for research.

An oft-repeated story was that Mrs. Carey would sit in the window of her apartment at the Marott Hotel (a distance of twelve city blocks) and focus her binoculars on the lighthouse to check that it was fully lighted and that the beacon was rotating properly. If malfunctions were noted, Mrs. Carey telephoned Methodist Hospital and demanded that corrective action be taken immediately.



The Mary Hanson Carey Memorial Chapel, Methodist Hospital

Methodist Hospital Had a Farm



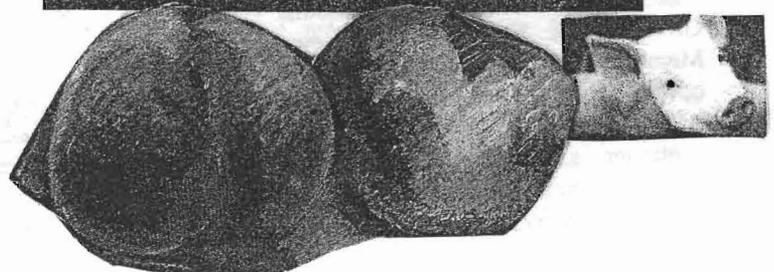
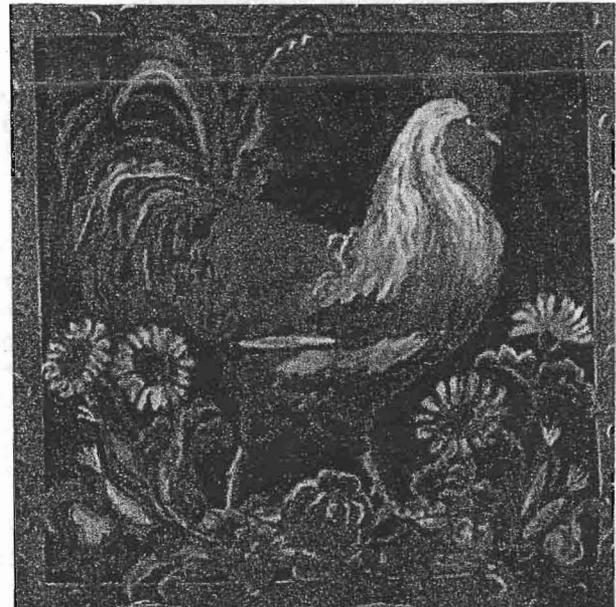
Dr. Benson and his staff negotiated a new contract with the electric company, and the hospital sank its own well for water – all to cut Methodist Hospital’s operating costs. At the same time, Methodist Hospital handled three times as many charity cases as before the Great Depression, according to Arthur V. Brown, president of the Board of Trustees, writing in the May 2, 1935, edition of *The Christian Advocate*.

“As strange as it may seem,” said Brown, who was also the president of Indiana National Bank, Indianapolis, “our hospitals have demonstrated remarkable business management to the end that they have accomplished during the depression what they had never accomplished in the days of easy prosperity; namely, balancing an operating budget.”

The Associated Press has repeatedly called 2008 the worst economic year since the Great Depression. 2009 may well prove worse. How hard were the Hard Times of 1929 into 1933? A partial answer is supplied by observations on the use of barter.

Farmers could exchange sacks of grain for tickets to the Indiana State Fair, and medical institutions were also accepting payment of bills through the use of barter. Superintendent John G. Benson, M.D., spoke of Methodist Hospital’s “hospital farm,” which accepted hogs, chickens, and farm produce as payment on hospital bills. Dr. Benson remarked on what might have been an unusual “in kind” payment: “[W]e took 16,000 strawberry plants in payment for a bill.”

Memories of the time were rarely pleasurable. Emma Beaver, R.N., remembered the hospital policy of accepting payment “in kind.” One farmer paid his account by supplying Methodist Hospital with pears. “They had them almost every day in the cafeteria,” said Beaver, “and even today [speaking in 1935] I can hardly look a pear in the face.”



Other Indiana Methodist Hospitals



**PARKVIEW
HEALTH**



Parkview Memorial Hospital

Some things begin in barest forms. Fort Wayne City Hospital of 1878, forerunner of Parkview Memorial Hospital, had no trained nurses, no electric power, and no telephone. It did have outside plumbing, gaslights, and 18 crowded beds in patient rooms that doubled as the sites for surgery. In 1891, under the name Hope Hospital, the physical building was extended with additions. In 1897, a training school for nurses was established. Indebtedness forced sale of the property to the Y.M.C.A. in 1916, and its operations were moved to the Ways Sanitorium.

In 1918, the Methodist Hospital and Deaconess Home Association of Indiana purchased the Ways Sanitorium and two nearby homes. The two homes served as nurses' quarters. Hope Methodist Hospital had become Methodist Hospital of Fort Wayne. Financial problems remained with the hospital another score of years.

A new hospital organization, legally independent of the Methodist Church, was formed in 1941. It was now free of all debts and was renamed Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital. Ground was broken for a new Parkview Memorial Hospital in 1951. With its doors opened under the facility's new name two years later, Parkview has remained open. Parkview continues as a United Methodist affiliated institution and, in the single year of 1997, provided \$73, 591,000 in uncompensated care.

The faint outline of Fort Wayne City Hospital had filled out with a fulfilled purpose.

Methodist Hospital – Gary

Pitching in for a community concern, in 1911 twenty physicians each contributed \$100 toward the purchase of hospital equipment for a newly organized hospital named Gary General Hospital. The growth of the city of Gary quickly outpaced the facility's ability to extend medical treatment. In the same year (1911), the hospital came under the control of the Methodist Hospital Deaconess Home in Indianapolis. Ground was broken for a new facility in 1919, which was later dedicated as the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and Deaconess Home of Gary in 1923.

The hospital's first full year, 1924, saw 299 births, 2,087 in-patients, and 1,115 operations. In 1941, construction of a new wing and an addition to the nurses' home were approved, as was the hospital's request to become an independent institution to be known as The Methodist Hospital of Gary, Inc.

A satellite hospital facility, Southlake, opened as Broadway Methodist Hospital in 1975. Today, Methodist Hospitals Northlake, Southlake and the newest campus, Midlake, remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church and continue to meet the changing needs of the people of Northwest Indiana.

Articles on this page adapted from "United Methodist Hospitals," Historical Bulletin Insert No. 46, prepared for the South Indiana Conference United Methodist Bicentennial Coordinating Committee and the Indiana United Methodist Bicentennial, 2000-2001, by John R. Riggs, Archives Researcher, Archives of DePauw University and Indiana United Methodism.

That Which Passes Forward



**Rev. Douglas Davies,
President of IUMHS**

A wonderful handcrafted walnut gavel has come into my hands. Bill Barielt, the Historical Society's first president, crafted the gavel from a timber from the Robertson Meetinghouse. The gavel has passed from president to president until coming into my possession. For me, the gavel represents our connection with Robertson Meetinghouse and early Hoosier Methodists. The gavel has come to be a connection to our past, our present, and our future.

John Baughman, another former president of the Historical Society, crafted a motion at the Tenth Annual Meeting on April 30, 2005, to change the name of the South Indiana Conference United Methodist Historical Society (SICUMHS) to the Indiana United Methodist Historical Society (IUMHS) and to extend its borders to the whole state. By the slimmest of margins, the resolution passed the two-thirds majority required. Having made that step, the Society is still interested in making the connection from the past to the present and into the future.

Being foresighted, as we proved to be, the Conference has now caught up with us. The Conference now extends from the Ohio River to

the shores of Lake Michigan. This year of 2009 is one for transitioning, of creating new districts within a new church structure. I hope that the Conference's transition will be as smooth as the Historical Society's, making the connection from the past to the present and to the future.

Even with the transition process underway, there will be some things that will remain the same. The work of IUMHS, in conjunction with the Commission on Archives and History and in cooperation with the Archives of Indiana Methodism and DePauw University, continues in:

- collecting, preserving, and encouraging the use of resources and records pertaining to United Methodism and its antecedents in Indiana;
- promoting research, writing, and the publication of resources;
- locating, encouraging, and remaining active in the work of preserving sites of historical interest;
- holding an annual event;
- developing and sustaining interest in United Methodist history;
- developing skills among local historians;
- promoting observance of Heritage Sunday, historical anniversaries, and other events.

In making the connection from the past to the present and into the future, I invite you to attend our annual meeting, participate in the Historical Society, and pray for the new Indiana Conference.

Continuing in Christ's service,

Doug Davies

President of IUMHS

News from the Methodist Archives

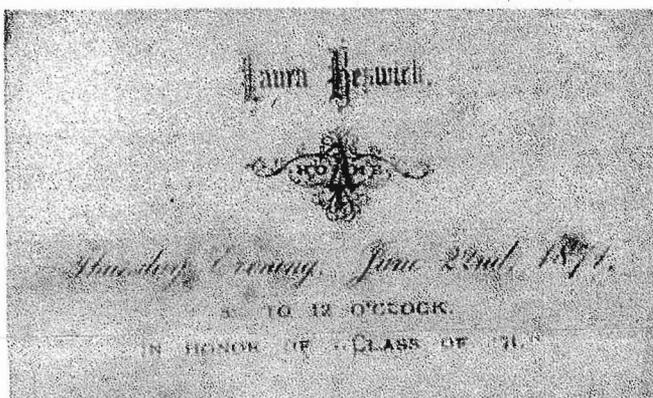
A Special Section Providing News Items and Releases from the Archives of Indiana United Methodism, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana

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Archives of Indiana United Methodism: New Acquisitions

Laura P. Beswick 1871



Invitation card, approx. 4" x 2 1/2", to the home of Laura Beswick. Beswick was the first woman graduate of Indiana Asbury, graduating on June 22, 1871. She married that same evening to Rev. R. N. McKaig. [D009.047]



Percy Lavon Julian (above)

Percy Lavon Julian '20 Business Papers

Business papers of Percy Lavon Julian, including JLI patent data, Ciba Collaborative files, PLJ Chemistry data, and Smith Kline and French Labs contracts and research data.

Julian is one of DePauw's best known alumni. Julian synthesized physostigmine for treatment of glaucoma and cortisone for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. He worked at colleges and in industrial laboratories, and he formed his own chemical company and the Julian Research Institute. He died in 1975. [D009.009]

J. Philip Klinger

Transcript of a speech by J. Philip Klinger given at the Indiana Area Uniting Conference, October 4, 2008: *Remembrances of the North Indiana Conference.*

Klinger has been a member of the North Indiana Conference since 1962. He retired in 2001.

He is also the father of Geoffrey Klinger, DePauw University Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre. [M009.012]

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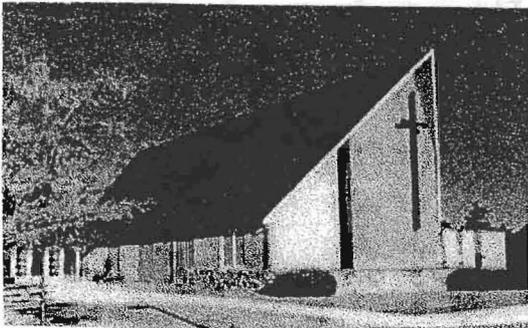


J. Philip Klinger (above)

Plainfield (Hendricks Co.) UMC

Plainfield United Methodist Church records, including secretary minutes, 1949-2003; Fellowship Class history notebook; past class history notebook, 1936-58; pictures and history; Secretary reports, 1937-45; history reports, 1985-97; Fellowship Class reports, 1962-70; picture album, 1948-86; Fellowship Class officers listings, 1972-97.

Plainfield UMC was first organized in 1836 and is still active today. [M009.009]



Plainfield UMC, Hendricks County (above)

Paul Turner '36 Class Sweater

Paul Turner's '36 black wool class sweater.

Turner was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a Rector Scholar. He received his masters from Indiana University in 1940.

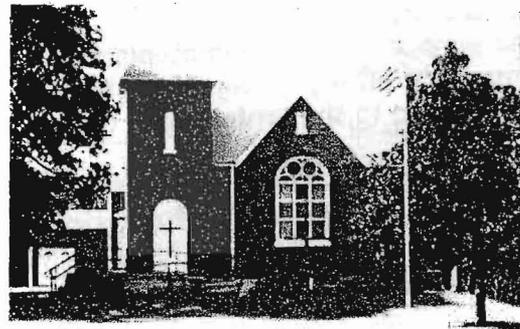
He taught accounting at Earlham College and served on the staff of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. He died in January 2001. [D009.027]



Union Chapel (Putnam Co.) UMC

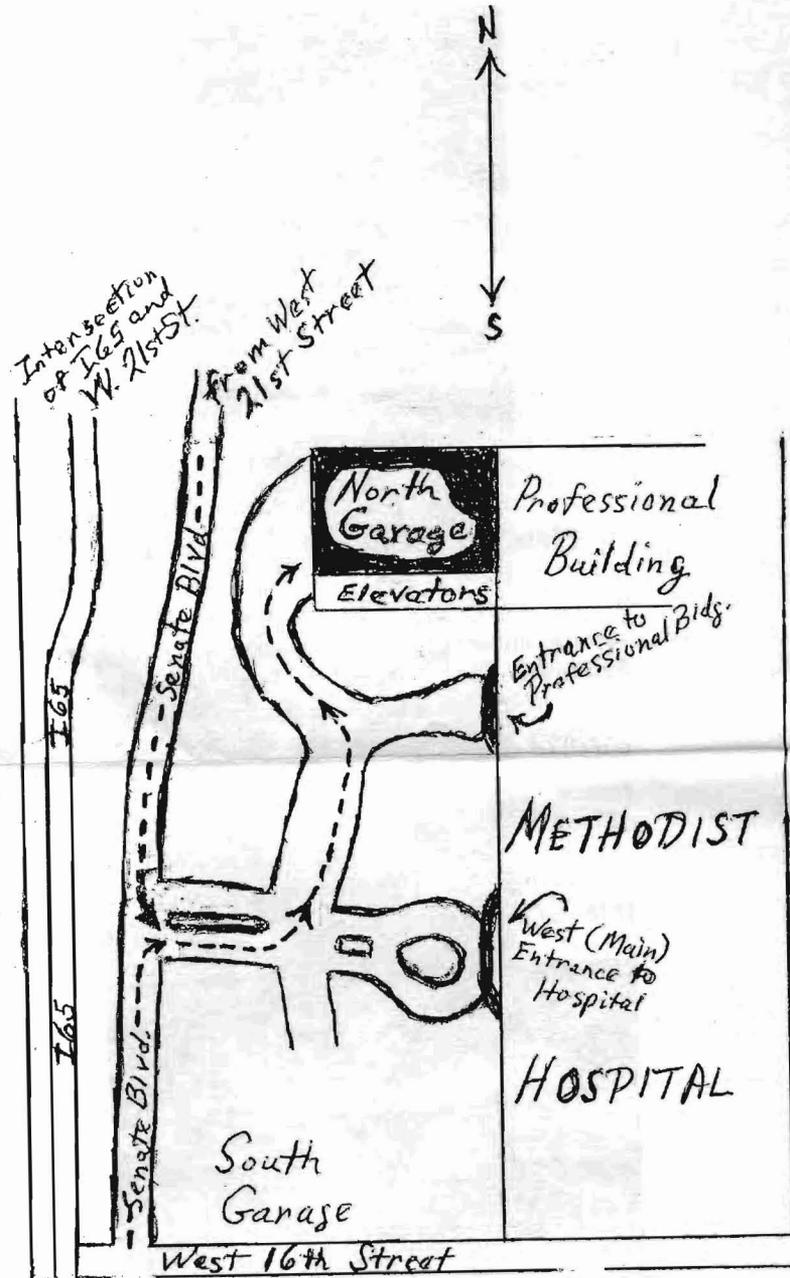
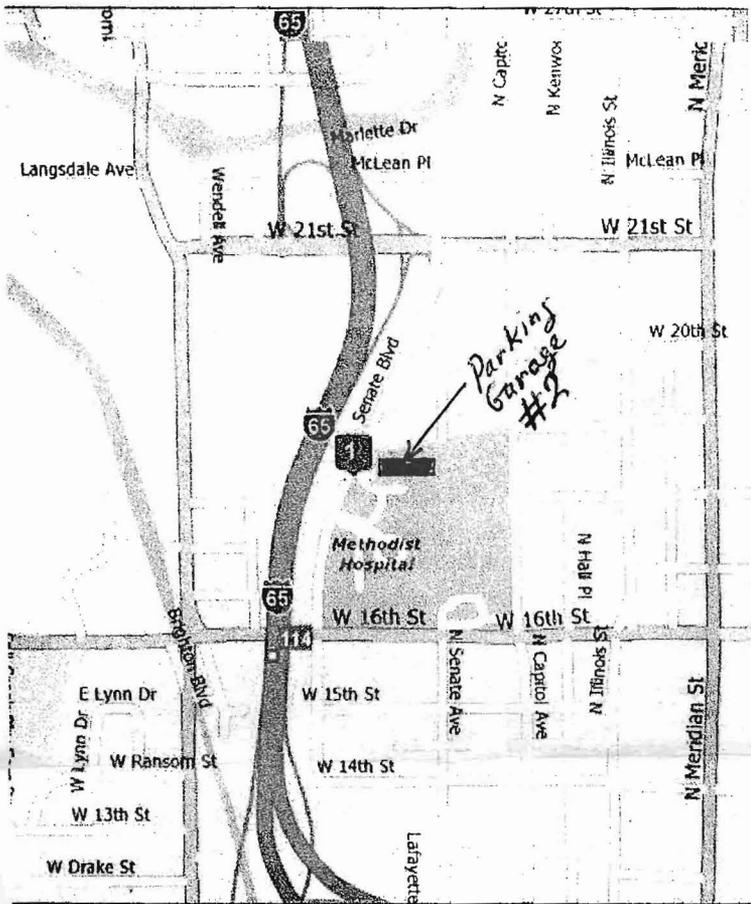
Union Chapel UMC scrapbook, 1896-1966; 1992 pictorial history; 2005 pictorial history; and a history of Morton Circuit and Union Chapel Church.

The church was founded in 1836 and is still active today. [M009.011]



Union Chapel UMC, Putnam County (above)

Directions to the 2009 Annual Meeting of IUMHS



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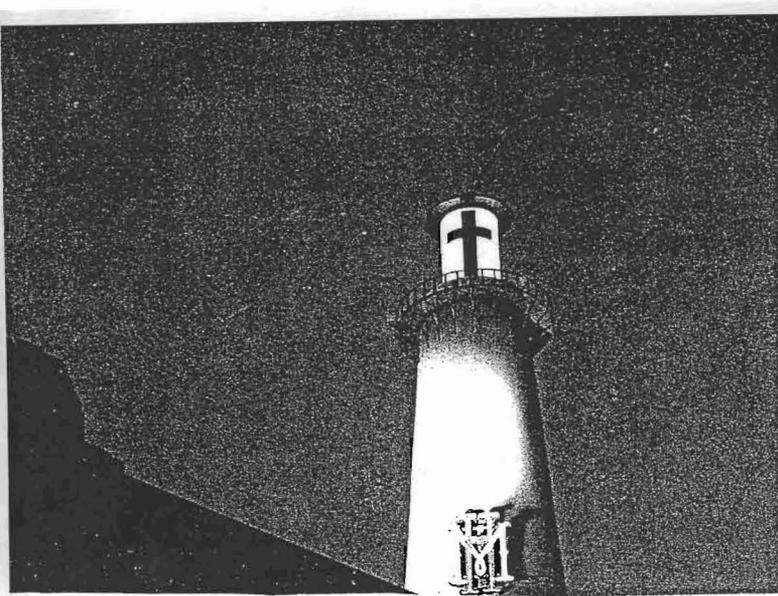
After parking in Garage #2—

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(If you enter the lobby of the Professional Center on its first floor, **you have gone too far south.** Turn around; go back to the elevators.)

Take the elevator to floor G (the ground floor).

Signs will be posted giving directions to the Conference Center.



Follow the Beacon To Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2009 New Membership and Membership Renewal Form

Name _____ Please check your membership request.

Address _____ \$10 Individual for One Year

City/State _____ Zip _____ \$15 Family for One Year

Telephone _____ \$25 Congregation for One Year

e-mail (if available) _____

Life Memberships:
_____ \$100 Personal Life Membership
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_____ \$250 Life Membership for Congregation

Please return by April 15 to: Lois G. Shelton, Treasurer
IUMHS

Make checks payable to: 4189 Troy Road
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Check one: new Membership ____, renewal ____

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2009 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Name _____ Please fill in the number attending:

Address _____ _____ members will be attending
@ \$12 each

City/State _____ Zip _____ _____ non-members will be attending
@ \$15 Each

Telephone _____ _____ Total amount enclosed

e-mail (if available) _____

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