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The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Collection, MS 246

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Collection Number	MS 246
Title	The Presbyterian Church Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1879-2003
Collection Size	16 linear feet
Creator	John Robb
Scope and Content	A collection of minutes, registries, historical notes, and photographs of the First Presbyterian and the United Presbyterian Churches of Pittsburg, Kansas.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English
Historical Note	In the early days of Pittsburg, Kansas, there were two Presbyterian Churches. While both were technically First United Presbyterian Churches, one was locally called the First Church and the other was called the United Presbyterian (UP) Church. The two churches, despite being the same denomination, were different in organization, style, and heritage. The First United Presbyterian Church was started on March 12, 1879. The first full-time minister was Reverend Francis Symmes who served from 1883 to 1885. The church had several more ministers before Rev. Gerritt Snyder. It was during his time that a new church was built in 1907. The United Presbyterian Church was started on April 29, 1880 with Rev. Gibson of the Beulah, Kansas church serving as minister. In 1891, the United Presbyterian Church purchased the Tabernacle Methodist Church, which is now the Memorial Auditorium. In 1915, construction began for a new church, which was dedicated in 1916. Both congregations moved or built new churches several more times before the two churches merged on January 1, 1986, becoming the Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Kansas.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in November 2019

Content Description

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Beulah United Presbyterian Church

Box 1

Register, 1880-1914

Photographs

Minutes of the Session, 1880-1914

Minutes of Annual Meetings, 1901-1916

Junior Missionary Society Minutes, 1897, and Women's Missionary Society Minutes, 1905-1911

United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg

Box 2

Series 1: Organizations/Church Groups

Board of Deacons

1913-1923

1923-1946

1948-1950

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Minutes 1984-1984

Women's Missionary and Church Service Society (United Presbyterian Women)

Minutes, 1952-1964

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Exec Board Minutes, 1972-1984
Women's Service Society Minutes, 1955-1956
Women's Bible Class Minutes, 1913-1924
Women's Missionary Society
Treasurer's Book 1894-1913
Executive Committee Minutes
1892-1900
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Historical Notes
Men's Forum Minutes 1944-1947
Dorcas Class financial records
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor
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Treasurer's Book 1893-1901
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Minutes of the Session
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Membership lists and directories
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Series 3: History

Church history and genealogy notes
75th Anniversary celebration, letters, clippings, and programs 1965
Historical Notes

Series 4: Papers, Publications, and Programs

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Weekly Service Bulletins 1975-1983
Dedication programs and clippings 1915
Pittsburg Daily Headlight, June 12, 1915
Building Specifications 1915
Newspaper clippings and copies
Programs and Publications
Correspondence and Notes

Box 7

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Internal Revenue Service 1987-1988
Miscellaneous financial and administrative documents
"All About Us" 1988, 1989
75th Anniversary Programs
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American Bible Society 1848
Lane and Scott (Barbee family genealogy notes) 1851
National Bible Press (belonged to Esther Stewart)

Series 5: Photographs

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1956

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Groundbreaking, KOAM News 1999

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Juett N. MacDonald D.D.

Gerrit Snyder D.D.

First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg

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Series 1: Minutes and Membership

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1879-1890

1890-1892

1903-1918

1921-1942

1947-1951

Box 13

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Congregational Meeting Minutes 1902-1916

Membership Rolls

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1926-1954

Membership Rosters 1984-1985

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75th Anniversary 1954

Centennial Anniversary 1979

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Undated

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Men's Club and Women's Guild Records

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Series 2: History and Files

Church History

Historical Review of First Presbyterian Church, 1879-1979

Centennial history manuscript

Clippings and histories

Building and Property Files

 Quarterly Report and Proposals 1985

 Building Improvements 1978

 Building and Equipment Committee

 Stained Glass

 Organ

Baptism Records 1985-2001

Dismissal and Transfer Records 1965-1986

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Series 3: Publications and Programs

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 1912-1957

 1944-1970

 1970-1975

 1976-1980

Olive Plants 1894

The Youth's Evangelist 1894

Evangelist Songs 1912

Romanophobia in Pittsburg, Kansas 1923

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Copies of Pittsburg and Crawford County maps

Series 4: Photographs and Slides

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