

Inventory of the

**First United Methodist Church
of Kirkland**
Kirkland, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

RC 146

INTRODUCTION

The First United Methodist Church of Kirkland deposited its records in the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 3, 1986. The Fairdale Methodist records were donated to the Center by Elizabeth A. Johnson on August 7, 1984.

Property rights in the collection are held by the First United Methodist Church of Kirkland. Literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records in this collection partially document the history of the First United Methodist Church of Kirkland and several other congregations that evolved or merged to become First United Methodist. The records span the years from 1859 to 1985. Included are records of baptisms, marriages, pastors, probationers, and members (1859-1926, 1954-1974); Administrative Board minutes (1948-1951, 1973-1982); treasurer's reports (1956-1981); various church organizations (1902-1966); and Conference reports (1949-1958, 1973-1981). The collection does not contain correspondence files or church bulletins.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Although Kirkland Methodists did not have a church building until 1886, they had an organization holding services and also a Ladies Aid Society established in 1880. A movement to raise funds for a building began in 1885, and resulted in the dedication of the new church in March of 1886. As the congregation grew several organizations including Ladies, Men's, Missionary, and Youth were created to serve the needs of the church and the community. The history of Kirkland Methodists has been closely linked to the Fairdale Methodist Church. Fairdale (originally Fielding) established a church in 1860 and served several surrounding communities including: Charter Oak, Lynnville, York Town, Monroe, Flora, Rand School, Driscoll Grove, Hick's Mill, Town of Scott, Decker School, Berkshire School as well as Fielding (changed to Fairdale in 1900). In 1971 Fairdale and Kirkland were assigned to become a two part charge and decided to merge. Since 1974, the church has been known as First United Methodist of Kirkland. Today the church has active men's and women's organizations and a church school. The church is also involved in inter-denominational activities coordinated by the Genoa - Kingston - Kirkland Ministerial Association.

Note: For additional historical background please see Box 1, Folder 1.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Fairdale Methodist Church
 First Methodist Church, Kirkland
 Kirkland
 Methodists

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	History, Dedications, Centennial, 1859-1985
	2	Fielding (Fairdale) and Monroe; Baptisms, Marriages, Pastors, Members, Classes, Probationers, 1881-1897
	3-4	Fairdale and Monroe; Baptisms, Marriages, Pastors, Members, Classes, Probationers, 1897-1926
	5	Fairdale; Certificate of Probation, 1901
	6	Kirkland; Legal Documents, 1869, 1886
	7	Kirkland; Administrative Board, 1948-1951; Finance Committee, 1949-1950
	8	Kirkland; Administrative Board, 1973-1982
	9	Kirkland; Treasurer's Reports, 1956-1981
	10	Kirkland; Membership, 1981-1982, 1986
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2		Ladies Aid Society, 1903-1933
3		Women's Service Guild, 1923-1926
4		Women's Society of Christian Service, 1940-1966
5		Photographs, 1884, 1895; Sunday School Journal, 1885
6		Conference Reports, 1949-1958, 1973-1981
3	1 volume	Official Membership and Church Record, 1954-1974
	1 volume	Fairdale; Baptisms, Marriages, Probationers, Members, 1859-1881