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Dayton, Ohio. Murlin Heights United Church of Christ records, 1948-2011.  
RG4965

## Summary

**Creator:** Murlin Heights United Church of Christ (Dayton, Ohio)

**Title:** Dayton, Ohio. Murlin Heights United Church of Christ records, 1948-2011

**Dates:** 1948-2011

**Extent:** 17 boxes: 2 index card boxes, 1 clamshell, 1 cut down record carton, 14 record cartons (17 cubic feet)

**Collection ID Number:** RG4965

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The Murlin Heights Congregation, established 1847, started out within the Christian denomination. Types of material include: subject files, annual reports, executive board minutes and reports, Sunday bulletins, newsletter, membership records, and financial records.

Note: This collection has been **minimally processed** for access and is available for research. Contact the archivist or librarian for more information.

## Collection History and Status

**Acquisition Information:** Donated as a gift in 2011 by Murlin Heights United Church of Christ.

**Repository:**

Congregational Library & Archives

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<http://www.congregationallibrary.org>

**Processing Information:** Accessioned by Jessica Steytler, September 2013, using DACS second edition.

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## Accessing and Using the Collection

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## Description

**Historical Note:** The Murlin Heights Congregation, established 1847, started out within the Christian denomination. The church's first parsonage was constructed in 1917 allowing for permanent residence for pastors. Dayton was a focal point for Christian leadership, from which Murlin Heights benefited in the church's early years, particularly from McDaniel Howsare, who served as the denomination's secretary of evangelism and life service and Roy Sparks, secretary of home missions. It was a rural church for several decades until Dayton industrialized. It identified as having rural roots and location, but had blue and white collar members in the congregation. The congregation did join the United Church of Christ in 1957. The church struggled with financial concerns and closed in 2011.

### List of Ministers:

A. W. Sparks  
 Clark Denison  
 George Van Zant  
 Ross McNeal  
 McDaniel Howsare  
 Mae Howsare  
 Geroge Van Zant  
 Russell Archer  
 Kenneth Weaver  
 David Robinson  
 Edward Lander  
 Larry Blunden  
 Jacob Coffman  
 Allen Hollis  
 Mark Moore  
 Barbara Cunningham  
 Cheryl Styles

The church did not list its pastors in the Congregational Yearbook in the 1980s.

**Scope of Collection:** The full year scope of the collection has not been fully determined. There are 17 boxes. From the acquisition information, there is 1948-2011. Types of material include: subject files, annual reports, executive board minutes and reports, Sunday bulletins, newsletter, membership records, and financial records.

### *Further Searches*

#### **Subject Headings:**

Church records and registers - Ohio - Dayton.  
 Howsare, McDaniel  
 Sparks, Roy  
 Christian Church (Denomination)  
 United Church of Christ - Ohio - Dayton.

Ohio - Church history.; Dayton (Ohio) - History.  
Registers of births, etc. - Ohio - Dayton.

**Related Materials:** Please search the library's online catalog for related materials.

**Arrangement:** This collection has not been fully processed. The collection items are in the original order in which the records were given to the library.

## Contents

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box</b>
Acolyte duties	undated	B1
Adult services	undated	B1
Annual flea market	undated	B1
Annual officer ballots	undated	B1
Attendance records	undated	B1
Audio equipment	undated	B1
Awards to the church	undated	B1
Baptism info	undated	B1
Bazaar	2000-2009	B1
75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church	undated	B1
110 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church	undated	B1
150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	undated	B1
Rev. Blunden's work reports	undated	B1
Boy Scouts	undated	B1
Brownie troops, Girl Scouts	undated	B1
Budgets	undated	B1
Budgets	undated	B1
Budgets	undated	B1
Building and finance committee	2000-2001	B1
Building fund	1986-1987	B1
Building fund notes	undated	B1
Building loan ballot/vote	undated	B1
Building usage policy	undated	B1
Chairman of exec. bd. reports	undated	B1
Chancel furniture information	undated	B1
Christian ed.	undated	B1
Christian enlistment	undated	B1
Church addition	undated	B1
Church charter	undated	B1
Constitution and covenant	1988	B1
Church directories	undated	B1
Church officers	undated	B1
Confirmation	undated	B1
Consecrating stewards mailings info	2001	B1
Contracts, receipts, mortgage, lien info	undated	B1
Correspondence	undated	B1
Correspondence	1997	B1
Covenant agreement	undated	B1
Covenant to grow	1981	B1

Crossroad children's home	undated	B1
Rev. Bruce Cunningham	undated	B1
Deacon's file	undated	B1
Dessert auction	2000	B1
Dreaming God's Dream, Rev. Donna Moore	1999	B1
E. Lynn app arch.	undated	B1
Executive board job descriptions	undated	B1
Executive board president's notes	2005-2006	B1
Executive board meetings	undated	B1
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box 2</b>
Annual fair	undated	B2
Family life	undated	B2
Fiore v Aloys civil suit	2005	B2
Financial secretary's report	undated	B2
Flower list	undated	B2
FMA list	undated	B2
Friendly circle	undated	B2
Funerals	undated	B2
Greeters list	undated	B2
Gifts to the church	undated	B2
Guest ministers	undated	B2
Head usher's reports	undated	B2
History of MHUCC	undated	B2
Homemakers class of 1961	1961	B2
Insurance	undated	B2
Kathy Frauman Day 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary as minister of music	undated	B2
Lease Agreement New Light temple	2006 May	B2
Lent	undated	B2
Letters from Pastor Cheryl	undated	B2
Litany, labor Sunday, Thanksgiving and renewal	undated	B2
Long range planning committee	undated	B2
Mailing lists	undated	B2
Membership lists	undated	B2
Membership lists	undated	B2
Mortgage, Maxton	undated	B2
Memorial windows dedication	undated	B2
Men's fellowship	undated	B2
Missions committee	undated	B2
Monthly service Schedule	undated	B2
Music committee	undated	B2
Nominating committee	undated	B2
Offering envelopes	undated	B2
Organ	undated	B2
Our church's wider mission	undated	B2
Parish resource center	undated	B2
Pastor's annual reports	undated	B2
Pastor Mark Moore	undated	B2
Pastoral search committee	2000	B2

Personal profiles	undated	B2
Pew registration	1975-1976	B2
Piano fund	1999-2000	B2
Pilgrim Hills church retreat	undated	B2
Pledge cards and lists	undated	B2
Pilgrim fellowship youth group	undated	B2
Pledge	2001	B2
Pony Express stewardship campaign	undated	B2
Prayer chain	undated	B2
Rev. Hollis prayers of confession	undated	B2
Publicity	undated	B2
Pulpit committee	undated	B2
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box 3</b>
Resignations	undated	B3
Self evaluation	undated	B3
Shared ministry	undated	B3
Shepherd's case committee	undated	B3
Special letters	undated	B3
Spiritual education committee	undated	B3
Stained glass windows	undated	B3
Steeple	undated	B3
Stewardship	undated	B3
Sunday school reports	1992-1993	B3
Sunday school reports	1992-1993	B3
Sunday school reports	1992-1993	B3
Sunday school and youth	undated	B3
Sunday school superintendent reports	undated	B3
Transfer memberships- in	undated	B3
Transfer memberships- out	undated	B3
Transient fund	undated	B3
Treasurer's reports	1989-1994	B3
Treasurer's reports	1995-2001	B3
Vacation bible school	undated	B3
Visitor letter	undated	B3
Vital statistics	1968-2000	B3
Wedding forms for members	undated	B3
Women's fellowship	1961-1992	B3
Women's fellowship	1993-2001	B3
Worship material	undated	B3
Youth adventure	undated	B3
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box 4</b>
Annual reports	1962-1963	B4
Official board	1965	B4
Official board	1965	B4
Executive board	1970s	B4
Executive board	1977-1979	B4
Executive board	1980-1981	B4
Executive board	1980-1981	B4

Executive board	1982-1983	B4
Executive board	1982-1984	B4
Executive board	1985-1986	B4
Executive board	1987-1989	B4
Executive board	1986	B4
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Executive board	2003-2005	B5
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	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box</b>
Constitution of the church	undated	B6
Church history and file of clippings	undated	B6
JC	undated	B6
125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	undated	B6
Interesting tidbits	undated	B6
Surveys	2008	B6
Spiritual education committee	1980s-1990s	B6
20 unfolded items: Sunday school, church office, events, membership, financial	undated	B6
Financial monthly ledgers	2001	B6
Financial monthly ledgers	2002	B6
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Bulletins	1949	B6
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Bulletins	1958	B6

Bulletins	1959	B6
Bulletins	1960	B6
Bulletins	1961	B6
Bulletins	1962	B6
Bulletins	1963	B6
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box</b>
Bulletins	1963	B7
Bulletins	1965	B7
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Bulletins	1987	B7
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Bulletins	1988	B8
Bulletins	1989	B8
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Bulletins	2004	B9
Bulletins	2005	B9
Bulletins	2006	B9
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Church meeting minutes ledger	1940s	B9
Legendary religious symbols. Framed shadow box	undated	B9
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Women's fellowship: handbooks, meeting minutes, membership and officers, correspondence, funeral meals	1949-2004	B11
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Bazaar	1998	B12
Bazaar	1999	B12
Bazaar	1999-2001	B12
Spiritual education Committee	1977-1984	B12
Correspondence	1963-1988	B12
Correspondence	1989-1997	B12
Financial/treasurer's reports (monthly)	1977-1985	B12
Financial/treasurer's reports (monthly)	1986-1987	B12
Financial/treasurer's reports (monthly)	1988	B12
Financial/treasurer's reports	1988	B12
Financial/treasurer's reports	1988	B12
Treasurer's reports	1988-1990	B12
Treasurer's reports	1991-1993	B12
Treasurer's reports	1994-1996	B12
Treasurer's reports	1997-2000	B12
Financial committee correspondence, minutes	1960-1986 (gaps)	B12
Building and finance	1989-1995	B12
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Financial monthly ledgers	2000	B12
Financial monthly ledgers	2003	B12
Financial monthly ledgers	2004	B12
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Newsletter	1987-1988	B13
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Newsletter	1976-1985	B14
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Church meeting reports and minutes: congregational meeting, Deacons and lay life, minister's report, annual report, buiding and finance, treasurer's report, executive board. Unfoldered	1965-2002	B14
Membership records		
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box 15</b>
Membership cards	undated	B15
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Box 16</b>
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Photographs	undated	B17