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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Brewton, Marjie
Creator:	Union Congregational Church (Bryant, S.D.)
Title:	Bryant, S.D. Union Congregational Church, 1892-2009.
ID:	RG5431
Date [inclusive]:	1892-2009
Physical Description:	1.49 Cubic Feet (2 boxes, 1 folder)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Union Congregational Church of Bryant, S.D. was founded on March 13, 1892, with the writing of its first constitution. On March 30th, 1892, the church joined in covenant fellowship with Congregational churches in DeSmet, Hetland, Erwin, Lake Preston, and Willow Lakes. The church building was finished in 1897 and later remodeled in 1945. This collection records the activities of the church and its community through annual reports, membership records, church correspondence, yearbook reports, and financial records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Union Congregational Church of Bryant, South Dakota, was founded on March 13, 1892, with the writing of its first constitution. On March 30th, 1892, the church joined in covenant fellowship with Congregational churches in DeSmet, Hetland, Erwin, Lake Preston, and Willow Lake. The congregation originally met for worship in the Baptist church and other places until a church building was financed and built in 1897. In 1945 a building fund was established to

remodel the Church, and a basement was later dug and bricked. In 1911, the church voted to separate from the Congregational Home Mission Board and become financially self-supporting. From 1929 to 1943, the church struggled with both finances and attendance, and until 1984 struggled to keep pastors employed. As a result of this, the church shared several pastors with the Willow Lake Congregational Church from 1946 to 1987. The church was part of the United Church of Christ. In 1993, the Prairie Retreat, a nonprofit led by Rev. Marjie Brewton, was sponsored by the church and ran as an extended ministry. The church was dissolved in 2020.

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Scope and Contents

The Bryant, S.D. Union Congregational Church records include annual reports, membership records, church correspondence, and yearbook reports. Also included are financial records, in the form of ledgers, receipts, treasurer's records, and building records.

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Arrangement

The collection has been arranged in chronological order with closely related materials grouped together as appropriate.

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by Rev. Marjie Brewton in February 2022; Accession 2022-02.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church buildings.
- Church correspondence.
- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Clergy -- Resignation.
- Constitutions.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Obituaries.
- Sunday schools.
- Women in church work.
- Bryant (S.D.) -- Church history.
- Union Congregational Church (Bryant, S.D.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Union Congregational annual reports, 1892-1924 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Material was removed from this volume and made into the folder titled "Letter of Resignation, 1924."	box 1	volume 1
Union Congregational annual reports, 1924-1956 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Material was removed from this volume and made into the folder titled "Materials from the Union Congregational Annual Reports, 1924-1956."	box 1	volume 2
Materials from Union Congregational annual reports, 1924-1956 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials This material was removed from the Union Congregational Annual Report, 1924-1956.	box 1	folder 4
Union Congregational annual reports, 1956-2004 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Material was removed from this volume and made into the folder titled "Materials from the Union Congregational Annual Reports, 1956-2004."	box 1	volume 3
Materials from Union Congregational annual reports, 1956-2004 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials This Material was removed from the Union Congregational Annual Reports, 1956-2004.	box 1	folder 9
Building records, 1897-2009	box 1	folder 1
Sabbath reading, 1908	box 1	folder 2
International Sunday School Association certificate, 1913	folder 1	
Treasurer's record books, 1918-1944	box 1	volume 4

Treasurer's record books, 1918-1950	box 1	volume 5
Treasurer's record books, 1945-1952	box 2	volume 1
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials		
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Materials from treasurer's record books, 1945-1952	box 1	folder 8
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials		
This Material was removed from the volume "Treasurer's Record Books, 1945-1952."		
Treasurer's record books, 1953-1958	box 2	volume 2
Treasurer's record books, 1958-1961	box 1	volume 6
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials		
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Materials from treasurer's record books, 1958-1961	box 1	folder 10
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials		
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Treasurer's record books, 1962-1973	box 1	volume 7
Letter of resignation, 1924	box 1	folder 3
<u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials		
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Correspondence, 1938-1992	box 1	folder 5
Yearbook reports, 1939-1983	box 1	folder 6
Membership papers, 1940-1978	box 1	folder 7
Anniversary books and constitutions, 1964-1996	box 1	folder 11
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		

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The volume "'Heart of the Earth', 1989." was removed from this folder.

Sunday school secretary's records, 1971-1975	box 1	volume 8
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"Heart of the Earth", 1989	box 1	volume 9
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Women in mission, 1999	box 1	folder 12
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Donations "in memorium", undated	box 2	folder 1
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