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Summary Information

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Arrangement

The Sayles Memorial Church records are arranged into three series and seventeen sub-series. Each individual sub-series is arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Organizations, 1860-2011.

Subseries 1: Sunday School Records, 1860-1977.

Subseries 2: Women's Auxiliary Records, 1900-1930.

Subseries 3: OJS Reports, 1916-1954.

Subseries 4: Organizational Reports, 1918-1942.

Subseries 5: Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1943-1982.

Subseries 6: Pastoral Supply Committee Records, 1953-1954.

Subseries 7: Pilgrim Fellowship Reports, 1962-1966.

Subseries 8: Women's Guild Reports, 1962-1970.

Subseries 9: Diaconate Board Meeting Minutes, 1968-2011.

Subseries 10: Naomi Chapter Records, 1972-1986.

Series 2: Church Records, 1860-2012.

Subseries 1: Annual Reports, 1860-2011.

Subseries 2: Projects and Programs, 1881-1998.

Subseries 3: Historical Information, 1910-2012.

Subseries 4: Pastoral Records, 1918-2005.

Subseries 5: Printed Materials, 1930-2010.

Subseries 6: Membership, 1955-1998.

Subseries 7: Executive Council Records, 1982-2012.

Series 3: Finances, 1894-2000.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Pastors.
- Community organization.
- Church history.
- Women church historians.

- Church newsletters.
- Worship programs.
- Walker, Kurt
- Sayles, William Francis, 1824-1894
- Einerson, Richard J.
- Erikson, David M.

Bibliography

Laxton-Kelley, Mildred. "Brief History of Sayles Memorial Church". 1976.

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Collection Inventory

Organizations, 1860-2011

Physical Description: 62 Items (61 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This series contains records on the various organizations of the Sayles Memorial Church. Organizations include the Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary, OJS, Prudential Committee, Pastoral Supply, Pilgrim Fellowship, Women's Guild, Diaconate Board, Naomi Chapter, Missionary Society, Priscilla Chapter, Music Committee, Board of Christian Education and Men's Club.

Sunday School Records, 1860-1977

Physical Description: 5 Items (4 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Sayles Memorial Church Sunday School.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sunday School Records, 1860-1876	box 4	folder 1
Sunday School Records, 1876-1882	box 4	folder 2
Sunday School Records, 1882-1898	box 6	volume 1
Sunday School Information, 1903-1905, 1977	box 4	folder 21
Sunday School Records, 1930-1944	box 4	folder 3

Women's Auxiliary Records, 1900-1930

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains Women's Auxiliary minutes, finances and secretary's notes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Women's Auxiliary Finance Book, 1900-1910	box 4	folder 4
Women's Auxiliary Secretary Book, 1907-1918	box 4	folder 5
Women's Auxiliary Minute Book, 1918-1930	box 4	folder 6
Women's Auxiliary Payments, 1924-1925	box 4	folder 12

OJS Reports, 1916-1954

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains reports and meeting minutes for the OJS, which is believed to be the "Order of Jubilee Societies" (although not a certainty).

Title/Description	Instances	
OJS Meeting Minutes, 1916-1936	box 4	folder 8
OJS Meeting Minutes, 1936-1945	box 2	folder 12
OJS Reports (copies), 1937-1946	box 2	folder 13
OJS Membership and Finances, 1937-1953	box 2	folder 14
OJS Meeting Minutes, 1946-1953	box 2	folder 15
OJS Meeting Notes, June 1949-June 1950	box 2	folder 16
OJS Programs, 1953-1954	box 2	folder 17

Organizational Reports, 1918-1942

Physical Description: 16 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains organizational reports of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Organizational Reports, 1918-1919	box 1	folder 9
Organizational Reports, 1919-1920	box 1	folder 10
Organizational Reports, 1924-1926	box 1	folder 11
Organizational Reports, 1927-1928	box 1	folder 12
Organizational Reports, 1928-1929	box 1	folder 13
Organizational Reports, 1929-1930		

	box 1	folder 14
Organizational Reports, 1930	box 1	folder 15
Organizational Reports, 1931	box 1	folder 16
Organizational Reports, 1932	box 1	folder 17
Organizational Reports, 1933	box 1	folder 18
Organizational Reports, 1933-1934	box 1	folder 19
Organizational Reports, 1935-1936	box 1	folder 20
Organizational Reports, 1936-1937	box 1	folder 21
Organizational Reports, 1938-1939	box 1	folder 22
Organizational Reports, 1939-1940	box 1	folder 23
Organizational Reports, 1940-1942	box 1	folder 24

Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1943-1982

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains Prudential Committee meeting minutes of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1943-1950	box 1	folder 25
Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1947-1951	box 1	folder 26
Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1961-1969	box 1	folder 27
Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1970-1976	box 1	folder 28
Prudential Committee Meeting Minutes, 1977-1982	box 1	folder 29

Pastoral Supply Committee Records, 1953-1954

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records for the Pastoral Committee of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Pastoral Supply Committee Records, 1953	box 2	folder 18
Pastoral Supply Committee Records, 1954	box 2	folder 19

Pilgrim Fellowship Reports, 1962-1966

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains meeting minutes and reports of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Title/Description	Instances	
Pilgrim Fellowship Reports and Handouts, 1962-1965	box 2	folder 20
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting Minutes, 1962-1965	box 2	folder 21
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting Minutes, 1965-1966	box 2	folder 22

Women's Guild Reports, 1962-1970

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains meeting minutes and records of the Women's Guild.

Title/Description	Instances	
Women's Guild Notes, 1962-1970	box 2	folder 23
Women's Guild Report, 1969	box 2	folder 24
Women's Guild Board Meeting, 1969-1970	box 2	folder 25

Diaconate Board Meeting Minutes, 1968-2011

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains meeting minutes of the Diaconate Council.

Title/Description	Instances	
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1968-1972	box 1	folder 30
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1975-1980	box 1	folder 31
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1981-1983	box 1	folder 32
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1984-1985	box 1	folder 33
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1986-1989	box 1	folder 34
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1989-1996	box 1	folder 35
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 1996-2001	box 1	folder 36
Diaconate Meeting Minutes, 2001-2009	box 1	folder 37
Meeting of the United Diaconate, 2010-2011	box 1	folder 38

Naomi Chapter Records, 1972-1986

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records of the Naomi Chapter of Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Naomi Chapter Records, 1972-1981	box 2	folder 26
Naomi Chapter Records, 1981-1986	box 2	folder 27
Missionary Society Meeting Minutes, 1927-1930	box 4	folder 9
Priscilla Chapter Meeting Minutes, 1969-1970	box 2	folder 29
Music Committee Meeting Minutes, 1983-1997	box 2	folder 30
Board of Christian Education, 1988, 1997	box 2	folder 31
Outreach Meeting Minutes, 2000, undated	box 2	folder 32
Men's Club By-Laws, undated	box 2	folder 47

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Church Records, 1860-2012

Physical Description: 124 Items (122 folders, 2 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This series contains annual reports, projects and programs, historical information, pastoral records, printed material, membership and executive council reports of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Annual Reports, 1860-2011

Physical Description: 11 Items (10 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains annual reports of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Church Records, 1860-1954	box 6	volume 3
Society Meeting Minutes, 1882-1915	box 4	folder 7
Annual Meeting Minutes, 1963-1982	box 2	folder 28
Annual Reports, 1964-1970	box 1	folder 1
Annual Reports, 1971-1978	box 1	folder 2
Annual Reports, 1978-1985	box 1	folder 3
Special Meeting Reports, 1982-1999	box 1	folder 4
Annual Reports, 1986-1992	box 1	folder 5

Annual Reports, 1993-1999	box 1	folder 6
Annual Reports, 2000-2004	box 1	folder 7
Annual Reports, 2005-2011	box 1	folder 8

Projects and Programs, 1881-1998

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records on projects and programs from the Sayles Memorial Church such as the Tower Repair project and the Camp Friendship program.

Title/Description	Instances	
Activities, 1881-1967	box 4	folder 20
Building Assessment, June 3, 1955	box 4	folder 22
Tower Repair Project, 1976-1981	box 4	folder 24
Events and Entertainment, 1979-1993	box 4	folder 25
Tower Repair Project Photos, 1980	box 4	folder 26
Tower Repair Project, 1982-1985	box 4	folder 27
Programs and Flyers, 1990-2002	box 4	folder 28
Weather vane Purchase, 1995-1996	box 4	folder 30
Camp Friendship, 1996-1998	box 4	folder 31

Historical Information, 1910-2012

Physical Description: 20 Items (19 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains historical information of the Sayles Memorial Church, including by-laws, histories, anniversaries and reflections.

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook, 1910-1946	box 6	volume 2
Call to Military Service, September 12th, 1918	box 1	folder 47
Constitution and By-Laws of Memorial Chapel Congregational Church, January 17, 1925	box 2	folder 33
Resolutions, 1928-1929	box 2	folder 34
Tercentenary Review, 1936	box 2	folder 35
Appointment of Acting Treasurer, December 22, 1939	box 2	folder 36
Historical Sketches, 1940-1973	box 2	folder 37

Job Responsibilities, 1946, undated	box 2	folder 38
Birthday Calendar, 1947	box 5	folder 2
Sayles Memorial Church By-Laws and First Meeting, 1954	box 2	folder 39
By-Laws, 1954-1955	box 5	folder 3
Incorporation Information, 1954-1992	box 5	folder 20
By-Laws, 1957	box 2	folder 40
100th Anniversary, 1960	box 2	folder 41
Church Historian's Notes and Reports, 1961-1982	box 2	folder 42
By-Laws, 1973-1975, 1981	box 2	folder 43
Architectural Sketches, October 1, 1981	box 5	folder 21
125th Anniversary, 1998	box 2	folder 44
Sharing Reflections of the Century, 1999	box 2	folder 45
Sayles and Pawtucket Merger, 2006-2012	box 2	folder 46

Pastoral Records, 1918-2005

Physical Description: 10 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information related to the various pastors of Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Par Raise Authorization, December 2, 1912	box 1	folder 46
Letter of Thanks, January 19, 1918	box 2	folder 48
Charles W. Chase Letters and Notes, 1953-1954	box 2	folder 49
Installation of Reverend Stuart Camp Brush, 1961	box 2	folder 50
Ministry of Reverend Richard J. Einerson, 1968-1984	box 2	folder 51
Ministry of Reverend David M. Erickson, 1976-1981	box 2	folder 52
Pastoral Call of Reverend William Cabell, Jr., 1981-1982	box 2	folder 53
Sermons, 1988	box 2	folder 54
New Pastors, 1991, 2005	box 1	folder 45
The Rebellion of St. Timothy, undated	box 2	folder 55

Printed Materials, 1930-2010

Physical Description: 54 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains printed material created by the Sayles Memorial Church, including order's of worship and newsletters.

Title/Description	Instances	
Order of Worship, 1930-1935	box 2	folder 56
Other Church's Order of Worship, 1953-1954	box 2	folder 57
Order of Worship, 1956-1964	box 2	folder 58
Order of Worship, 1983-1985	box 2	folder 59
Order of Worship, 1991	box 5	folder 4
Order of Worship, 1992	box 5	folder 5
Order of Worship, 1993	box 5	folder 6
Order of Worship, 1994	box 5	folder 7
Order of Worship, 1995	box 5	folder 8
Order of Worship, 1996	box 5	folder 9
Order of Worship, 1997	box 5	folder 10
Order of Worship, 1998	box 5	folder 11
Order of Worship, 1999	box 5	folder 12
Order of Worship, 2000	box 5	folder 13
Order of Worship, 2001	box 5	folder 14
Order of Worship, 2002	box 5	folder 15
Order of Worship, 2003	box 5	folder 16
Order of Worship, 2004	box 5	folder 17
Order of Worship, 2005	box 5	folder 18
Order of Worship, 2006-2007	box 5	folder 19
Order of Worship, 2008	box 2	folder 60
The Lamp, January 1963-May 1965	box 2	folder 61
The Lamp, June 1965-October 1967	box 2	folder 62
The Lamp, November 1967-December 1968	box 2	folder 63
The Lamp, January 1969-December 1970	box 2	folder 64
The Lamp, January 1971-December 1972	box 3	folder 1
The Lamp, January 1973-October 1975	box 3	folder 2
The Lamp, November 1975-June 1977	box 3	folder 3

The Lamp, September 1977-May 1979	box 3	folder 4
The Lamp, June 1979-December 1980	box 3	folder 5
The Lamp, January 1981-December 1982	box 3	folder 6
The Lamp, January 1983-April 1985	box 3	folder 7
The Lamp, May 1985-June 1987	box 3	folder 8
The Lamp, July 1987-May 1989	box 3	folder 9
The Lamp, June 1989- February 1991	box 3	folder 10
The Lamp, March 1991-December 1992	box 3	folder 11
The Lamp, January 1993-August 1994	box 3	folder 12
The Lamp, September 1994-November 1995	box 3	folder 13
The Lamp, December 1995-September 1996	box 3	folder 14
The Lamp, October 1996-August 1997	box 3	folder 15
The Lamp, September 1997-March 1998	box 3	folder 16
The Lamp, April 1998-March 1999	box 3	folder 17
The Lamp, April 1999-June 2000	box 3	folder 18
The Lamp, July 2000-May 2001	box 3	folder 19
The Lamp, June 2001-August 2002	box 3	folder 20
The Lamp, September 2002-November 2003	box 3	folder 21
The Lamp, December 2003-January 2005	box 3	folder 22
The Lamp, February 2005-March 2006	box 3	folder 23
The Lamp, April 2006-September 2007	box 3	folder 24
The Lamp, October 2007-September 2008	box 3	folder 25
The Lamp, October 2008-June 2009	box 3	folder 26
The Lamp, 2009-February 2010	box 3	folder 27
Youth's Echo, October 1966	box 4	folder 23
Newsletters, 1994-2001	box 4	folder 29

Membership, 1955-1998

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains membership information of the Sayles Memorial Church, including a yearbook, directory and roll call list.

Title/Description

Instances

Yearbooks, 1955-1962	box 4	folder 17
Roll Call Book, 1955-1965	box 4	folder 18
Handbook and Directories , 1960-1998	box 4	folder 19

Executive Council Records, 1982-2012

Physical Description: 17 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains meeting minutes from the executive council of the Sayles Memorial Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1982-1984	box 1	folder 39
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1985-1987	box 1	folder 40
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1988	box 1	folder 41
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1994	box 1	folder 42
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1995	box 1	folder 43
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1996	box 1	folder 44
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1997	box 2	folder 1
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1998	box 2	folder 2
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 1999	box 2	folder 3
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2000	box 2	folder 4
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2001-2003	box 2	folder 5
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2004	box 2	folder 6
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2005	box 2	folder 7
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2006	box 2	folder 8
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2007	box 2	folder 9
Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 2008-2009	box 2	folder 10
Combined Meeting of Executive and Governing Board, 2011-2012	box 2	folder 11

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Finances, 1894-2000

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains financial information related to the Sayles Memorial Church, including financial books, stewardship campaigns and a copy of William F. Sayles will.

Title/Description	Instances	
Copy of William F. Sayles Will, 1894	box 4	folder 11
Account Book for Golden Rule Class, 1913	box 5	folder 1
Finance Book, 1917-1937	box 4	folder 10
Related to William Sayles Will, 1939, 1961	box 4	folder 13
Stewardship Campaigns, 1961-1978	box 4	folder 14
Stewardship Campaigns, 1979-1985	box 4	folder 15
Stewardship Campaigns, 1996, 2000	box 4	folder 16

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