

**Congregational Library & Archives**  
Springfield, Mass. Emmanuel United Church of Christ records, 1881-2000.  
RG4392

## Summary

**Creator:** Emmanuel United Church of Christ (Springfield, Mass.)

Emmanuel Congregational Church (Springfield, Mass.)

White Street Congregational Church (Springfield, Mass.)

Auburndale Baptist Church (Auburndale, Mass.)

**Title:** Springfield, Mass. Emmanuel United Church of Christ records, 1881-2000.

**Dates:** 1881-2000

**Extent:** 16 document cases, 1 half record carton, 2 clamshell, 2 flat storage, 1 lantern slide box, oversize folio, Bible (6.70 cubic feet)

**Collection ID Number:** RG4392

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The church started as White Street Congregational Church in 1881, but did not officially start until 1888. The collection includes topics on church records; pastor files; church groups; historical material; and photographs.

## Collection History and Status

**Acquisition Information:** Donated as a gift in 1998 by the Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

**Repository:**

Congregational Library & Archives

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Boston, MA 02108

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**Accruals:** There have been two accruals since the collection was accepted in 1998. No further accruals are expected.

**Processing Information:** Processed by Virginia Hunt in 1998. Accrual and re-description added by Jessica Steytler, 2000, 2005. Accrual added and re-described using DACS Second Edition January 2015.

## Accessing and Using the Collection

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## Description

**Historical Note:** The community started to meet regularly in 1881 in Springfield, Massachusetts. It was not officially formed until 1888, and then under the name White Street Congregational

Church. In 1894, the governing body changed the name to the Emmanuel Congregational Church. Orville Reed was the first ordained minister at Emmanuel (1883-1885). The Auburndale Baptist Church merged with Emmanuel in the 1940s and Faith Church in the 1960s. The final name change came in 1962-1963 when the community chose Emmanuel United Church of Christ. The community went through several buildings during its lifetime. The first official chapel was built at the corner of Orange and White Streets and dedicated in 1884 when the congregation numbered forty-five. By 1905, the community started planning to expand and completed the new church by March 1907. Thanks to land purchased in 1919 at White and Sumner Streets, the church could continue to grow. A new church was built in 1927; the old church was sold in 1928. The final building was constructed in 1939 when the congregation numbered over 600 members.

**Pastors:**

Orville Reed, 1883-1885  
 Henry Todd, 1885-1888  
 E.H. Byington, 1888-1889  
 L.F. Giroux, 1889-1895  
 D.L. Kebbe, 1895-1901  
 J.J. Newton, 1901-1903  
 O.C. Bailey, 1903-1904  
 O.W. Means, 1904-1913  
 A.H. Hope, 1914-1918  
 E.H. Thayer, 1919-1929  
 Andrew J. Stanton, 1929-1963  
 Nevin M. Kirk, 1963-1977  
 Philip H. Ward, 1977-1979  
 George A. Paboojian, 1979-1981  
 Harris B. Hinchcliff, 1981-1982  
 Robert Lambert, 1982-1988  
 Linda W. McFadden, 1988  
 Paula Nordhem, 1988-1994  
 David H. Reinke, 1994-1995  
 Marion Hansen, 1995-1998

**Scope of Collection:** This collection includes topics on church polity; reports and minutes of meetings; membership and vital statistics; correspondence; legal and financial documents; tenants to the building; auxiliary group records; photographs; scrapbooks; newsletters. The earliest the church governmental records go back to is 1925. The very earliest records are from the Sunday school. The scrapbooks have been reformatted for preservation purposes.

## **Further Searches**

**Subject Headings:**

Emmanuel United Church of Christ (Springfield, Mass.)  
 Emmanuel Congregational Church (Springfield, Mass.)  
 White Street Congregational Church (Springfield, Mass.)  
 Auburndale Baptist Church (Auburndale, Mass.)

Baptismal records.  
 Church membership.  
 Church records and registers – Massachusetts- Springfield.  
 Congregational churches - Massachusetts- Government.  
 Installation (clergy).  
 Ordination.  
 Registers of births, etc. - Massachusetts - Springfield.  
 Women - Societies and clubs.  
 Christian education.  
 Sunday school.  
 Hansen, Marion W.  
 Means, Owen W.

**Arrangement:**

Series I- Church Records  
 Series II: Church Life  
 Series III- Administration/Pastor Files  
 Series IV- Church Groups  
 Series V- Historical Material  
 Series VI- Photographs

**Contents**

**Series I: Church records**

**Date:** 1925-1999

**Extent:** 7 boxes

**Scope of Series:** This series includes topics on polity; clerk records; membership; annual meetings; and committee meetings and reports. There are ledgers with meetings and vital statistics; notes; correspondence; membership files. Some of the membership files are not dated and there are gaps in the record-keeping for vital statistics. The annual meetings and church meeting records start in the 1920s.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 1/Folder</b>
Constitution and by-laws (2 copies)	1925-1993	B1/F1
Minutes, membership, vital statistics	1924-1937	B1/F2
Minutes and membership	1937-1954	B1/F3
Nominations	1942-1946; 1930;1960	B1/F4
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 2/ Folder</b>
Minutes, clerk's reports	1954-1995	B2/F1
Church clerk's records	1953-1990	B2/F2
Congregational meeting minutes	1973-1987	B2/F3
Meeting minutes	1980-1989	B2/F4
Special business meeting and annual meeting minutes	1989-1996	
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 3/ Folder</b>
Calls for meetings	1965-1986	B3/F1

Council minutes	1965-19870	B3/F2
Council minutes	1971-1975	B3/F3
Council minutes	1976-1979	B3/F4
Council minutes	1980-1982	B3/F5
Council minutes	1983-1985	B3/F6
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 4/Folder</b>
Council minutes	1986-1988	B4/F1
Council minutes	1989-1991	B4/F2
Council minutes	1992-1994	B4/F3
Council minutes	1995-1999	B4/F4
Special meetings minutes	1982-1995	B4/F5
Annual reports	1957-1979	B4/F6
Annual reports	1960-1969	B4/F7
Annual reports	1970-1979	B4/F8
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 5/Folder</b>
Annual reports	1980-1989	B5/F1
Annual reports	1990-1995,1997	B5/F2
Correspondence	1929-1948 gaps	B5/F3
Correspondence	1960s	B5/F4
Correspondence	1970s	B5/F5
Correspondence	1980s	B5/F6
Correspondence	1990-1995	B5/F7
Correspondence	1995-1998	B5/F8
Clerk's records	1963-1981	B5/F9
Church clerk reports, annual reports	1972-1977	B5/F10
Church clerk reports	1978-1985	B5/F11
Wedding, runerals, memorial funds, baptisms	1982-1991	B5/F12
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 6/Folder</b>
Church records, vital statistics	1930-1952	B6/F1
Clerk's records, membership notes	1972-1985	B6/F2
Membership directories	1901, 1960-1983	B6/F3
Membership directories	1984-1996 gaps	B6/F4
Membership	1995-1996	B6/F5
Letters of dismissal/verification letters	1963-1977	B6/F6
"Transfers in" [membership] Forms and correspondence	1966-1989	B6/F7
"Transfers out" membership correspondence	1967-1972	B6/F8
"Transfers out" membership correspondence	1973-1989	B6/F9
"Transfers Out" membership forms	1964-1989	B6/F10
Membership revisions	1964-1975	B6/F11
Membership revisions	1964-1975	B6/F12
Membership revisions	no date	B6/F13
Certificates of transfer	1993-1995	B6/F14
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 7</b>

Membership files	undated	B7
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### Series II: Building, Financial, Legal

**Date:** 1887-1999

**Extent:** 3 boxes

**Scope of Series:** This series includes information about mergers and name changes; law suits; repairs; dissolution; reports; bequests; tax; personnel; leases; mortgages; deeds; building improvements; building tenants. Much of the financial reports are incorporated into the ledgers in Series I.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 8/Folder</b>
Auburndale Baptist and Emmanuel consolidation	1929, 1941-1943	B8/F1
Name change, Emmanuel UCC	1964	B8/F2
Materials pertaining to merger of Emmanuel and Faith Church	1966-1967	B8/F3
Parish appraisal committee	1982	B8/F4
Embzzlement problems: notes	1995-1996	B8/F5
dePaz, Edgar, larceny lawsuit	1996	B8/F6
Reinke lawsuit	1994-1996	B8/F7
Reinke lawsuit	1994-1996	B8/F8
Reinke lawsuit	1994-1996	B8/F9
Reinke lawsuit	1994-1996	B8/F10
Parsonage damage	1996	B8/F11
Chalice theft	1996	B8/F12
Church repairs	1996	B8/F13
Church dissolution	1999	B8/F14
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 9/Folder</b>
Financial reports, correspondence	1925-1942, incomplete	B9/F1
Bequests, trusts	1966-1997	B9/F2
Daily financial journal, ledger	1965-1973	B9/V1
Financial	1992-1997	B9/F3
Taxes, personnel	1993, 1995-1999	B9/F4
Massachusetts conference remittances	1995-1998	B9/F5
Financial summaries	1996-1999	B9/F6
Membership dues list	no date	B9/F7
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 10/Folder</b>
Deeds	1920,1928, 1965	B10/F1
Congregational Church Building Society, mortgage papers	1918-1947	B10/F2
14 Irvington St.- deed	1965-1985	B10/F3
26 Irvington St. contracts	1968-1985	B10/F4

761 Sumner Ave, Springfield; original deed, capital improvements	1958	B10/F5
Church: Orange/White Streets: parsonage Grand St. contracts	1887-1954	B10/F6
New building	1907-1911	B10/F22
Boiler replacement	1986	B10/F7
Building fund brochures	1909, 1938	B10/F8
Building fund correspondence	1969	B10/F9
Building notes	1919-1939	B10/F10
Construction	1926-1939	B10/F11
Floor plans	1981	B10/F12
Irvington Street parking problems	1975-1977	B10/F13
Organ fund, memorial gifts	1958	B10/F14
Report of the sanctuary improvement committee	1988	B10/F15
<b>Building tenants</b>		
Building use	1995, 1996	B10/F16
Inglesia Pentecostal Fuente de Liberacion	1997	B10/F17
Make Way For Ducklings (daycare)	1984-1998	B10/F18
Perlman, Mark	1997	B10/F19
Russian Church- Hope	1997	B10/F20
Tenants' meeting	1996	B10/F21

**Series III: Administration/Pastor Files**

**Date:** 1883-2000

**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Scope of Series:** There are several files that were created by the last pastor, Marion Hansen. Within Reverend Hansen's records are worship services. Following Reverend Hansen's records are pulpit searches, by-laws, church constitution, legal suits, damage reports to the property, guest books, and other administration files. A late addition added material created and collected by Pastor Owen W. Means. That section includes correspondence, sermons, and a new church building project.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 11/Folder</b>
John Oliver Means tribute and biographical information	1883-1885	B11/F1
Oliver Means correspondence, documents, programs	1887-1926	B11/F2
Oliver Means newspaper clippings	1888, 1919, 2000, undated	B11/F3
Oliver Means address, essay	1911, 1925	B11/F4
Oliver Means biographical record	1934	B11/F5
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 22</b>
Oliver Means photograph	undated	B22/F1
The Strict Congregational Church of Enfield by Oliver Means	1899	B22
Sermons by Oliver Means	undated	B22
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 11/Folder</b>

Minister changes	1978-1984	B11/F6
Pulpit search, Rev. Paboojian	1978-1979	B11/F7
Hansen, Marion correspondence	1995-1998	B11/F8
Hansen, Marion Woods license renewal	1998	B11/F9
Manuscript and sermon Colossians II, 2-4	undated	B11/F10
Sermons, Hansen	1996-1997	B11/F11
Church service programs	1923-1978, 1998 gaps	B11/F12
Funeral and wedding services by M. Hansen	1996	B11/F13

**Series IV: Church Groups**

**Date:** 1881-1995

**Extent:** 7 boxes, oversize folio

**Scope of Series:** Includes church newsletter; records from the Mother's Club; the Study Club; the Brotherhood; Education Committee; Fireside Forum; Women's Guild; and the Pilgrim Fellowship.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 12/Folder</b>
Open Door newsletters	1975	B12/F1
Open Door newsletters	1976	B12/F2
Open Door newsletters	1977	B12/F3
Open Door newsletters	1978	B12/F4
Open Door newsletters	1979	B12/F5
Open Door newsletters	1980	B12/F6
Open Door newsletters	1981	B12/F7
Open Door newsletters	1982	B12/F8
Open Door newsletters	1983	B12/F9
Open Door newsletters	1984	B12/F10
Open Door newsletters	1985	B12/F11
Open Door newsletters	1986	B12/F12
Open Door newsletters	1987	B12/F13
Open Door newsletters	1988	B12/F14
Open Door newsletters	1989	B12/F15
Open Door newsletters	1990	B12/F16
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 13/Folder</b>
<b>Auxiliary Groups</b>		
Lay life and work committee	1970-1971; n.d.	B13/F1
Church life committee: leadership, records	1979-1982	B13/F2
Fellowship, Executive committee	1943-1944	B13/F3
Christian education committee	1969-1977	B13/F4
Christian education committee	1978-1981	B13/F5
Cookbook	1898	B13/F6
Women's guild records	1949-1962	B13/F7
Women's guild records	1949-1958	B13/F8
Women's guild minutes	1959-1962	B13/F9
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Oversize Folio</b>
Emmanuel guild	undated	

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 13/Folder</b>
Emmanuel brotherhood, records	1946-1962	B13/F10
Emmanuel study club records	1961-1969	B13/F11
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 14/Folder</b>
Emmanuel study club records	undated	B14/F1
Emmanuel study club records	1931-1941	B14/F2
Emmanuel study club records	1945-1946	B14/F3
Emmanuel study club records	1946-1951	B14/F4
Emmanuel study club records	1947-1954	B14/F5
Emmanuel study club records	1955-1958	B14/F6
Emmanuel study club records	1959-1961	B14/F7
Emmanuel study club records	1956-1969	B14/F8
Emmanuel study club records	1965-1969	B14/F9
Emmanuel mother's club records	1949-1964	B14/F10
Emmanuel mother's club records	1954-1963	B14/F11
Emmanuel mother's club schedules	undated	B14/F12
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 15/Folder</b>
White St. Mission Sabbath School roll, church and Sunday school directories, Sunday school record book	1881, 1898, 1900, 1901, 1941-1942	B15/F1
Cradle roll	1927	B15/F2
Early history of troop 21	undated	B15/F3
Missionary correspondence (typed copies)	1840-1841	B15/F4
Congregational Christian compact for world order	1944	B15/F5
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 16/Folder</b>
Fireside forum	1944-1945	B16/F1
Fireside forum, guest book	1946-1948	B16/F2
Fireside forum, records	1952-1953, 1955	B16/F3
High school fellowship records	1933-1934	B16/F4
Pilgrim fellowship records	1936-1940	B16/F5
Pilgrim fellowship records	1945-1946	B16/F6
Pilgrim fellowship records	1946-1947	B16/F7
Pilgrim fellowship records	1947-1949	B16/F8
Scrapbook	1881-1963	B16/F9
Scrapbook	1917-circa 1940s	B16/F10
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 17/Folder</b>
Scrapbook	1929-1979	B17/F1
Scrapbook	1931	B17/F2
Stanton, Mrs. Inez- scrapbook	1938-1984	B17/F3
Women's guild scrapbook	1947-1952	B17/F4
Stanton, Rev. Andrew J.- scrapbook	n.d. [ca. 1950s]	B17/F5
Scrapbook	1957-1965	B17/F6
Scrapbook	1979-1993	B17/F7
Scrapbook	1979-1993	B17/F8
Scrapbook	1994-1995	B17/F9

**Series V: Historical Material****Date:** 1917-1994**Extent:** 2 boxes, oversize folio

**Scope of Series:** Includes many scrapbooks, which document the earliest activities up to the last years of the church. There are anniversary records; brochures; pamphlets; correspondence; newspaper clippings; and other such ephemera.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 18</b>
Guestbook	1947-1976	B18/F1
Guest books	1946-1994	B18/V1
Guest books	1946-1994	B18/V2
Photograph album	undated	B18/F2
Cambridge Platform of 1648, 300 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	1948	B18/F3
Church histories	multiple dates	B18/F4
50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	1931	B18/F5
75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary notes	1956	B18/F6
100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary notes and materials	1984	B18/F7
Minister installations and farewells	undated	B18/F8
Church dedications and anniversaries	undated	B18/F9
Awards	1917, 1988, 1994, n.d.	B18/F10
Church historian report	undated	B18/F11
Newspaper clippings	undated	B18/F12
Ephemera	undated	B18/F13
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 21</b>
Role of honor,	undated	B21
Book of remembrance	undated	B21
clippings	undated	B21
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Oversize folio</b>
Declaration of conscientious objection to World War II	1940s	

**Series VI: Photographs****Date:** 1900s-1996, undated**Extent:** 2 boxes

**Scope of Series:** The dates of the photographs range from the 1900s all the way to 1996 (approximate). Not all the photographs are dated, nor are all the individuals or events identified. Some featured events are: the Strawberry Festival, anniversary celebrations, and holidays.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 19</b>
Photographs	1900s-1996	B19
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 20</b>
Glass plate negatives	undated	B20