Overview

The goal of this one day workshop is to provide direction and inspiration in the writing of a church history and tips to make it so.

A good history is more than dates from the records and minutes, more than when the walls were painted or the annual church fair began, more than a ramp being added in 1993. History should inform the reader through stories of the congregation and its church members who made a difference. History explores why the ramp was built and its benefits in the life and ministry of the church. What make or break situations challenged the life and ministry of the church or deepened the member’s faith?

Besides research and writing, other aspects of the history need to include understanding the research, compiling, managing, editing and printing a history to compliment the church’s ministry of memory.

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A copy of Ms. Amerson’s Dusty Books & Faded Records is included in registration fee.

A suggested resource is Church Historian from Cokesbury’s Guidelines series.

An online resource is found through the General Commission’s Archives and History website, www.gcah.org/resources/basic-archives.

Coming Event

Writing a Church History
“Make It So”

Flanders U.M.C.

Marie J. Amerson,
workshop leader

Friday, September 18, 2015
Archives and History Center
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

Saturday, September 19, 2015
Chews United Methodist Church
Glendora, NJ

Hosted by Greater New Jersey Commission on Archives and History
Leadership

Marie J. Amerson
Ms. Amerson is from Georgia. A semiretired college professor, Braille text instructor, certified visually impaired instructor, writer, Christian, she is noted for her book, Dusty Books and Faded Records. Other books include Braille Dots, Remembering LeBerg’s Restaurant (a local institution in her husband’s family). She spearheaded a program to engage prison inmates in the printing of visually impaired manuscripts.

Local Leadership includes

Dr. L. Dale Patterson
General Commission on Archives and History

Mark Shenise
General Commission on Archives and History

Dr. William Wilson
Pastor and Chair
GNJ Archives and History

Walter Jones
Archivist
GNJ Archives and History

Rev. Don DeGroat
Registrar
GNJ Archives and History

Schedule

Registration begins 9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m
10:00 a.m.
Workshop Introduction
10:15
Session 1 Case Study
11:15 Break
11:30
Session 2 Getting Started
12:30
Lunch
1:30
Session 3: The World of Archives
2:30
Break
2:45
Session 4: Moving Forward
3:45 to 4:00
Wrap-up

Cost
$25.00
(includes lunch and workbook)

Registration

_____ Friday at Madison
_____ Saturday at Glendora

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Name

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Town/city

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State and Zip

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