

Centerville Christian Endeavor Church 1812-2014 (Bulk 1906-1975)

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Abstract:

This collection details the historical development and community impact of the Centerville Christian Endeavor Church, originally known as the Christian Endeavor Society, in Beverly, MA. Rooted in the early settler traditions of the 17th century, the church has evolved through various forms, reflecting the changing dynamics of the community it served. The collection provides an in-depth view of the church's journey from a small religious gathering in the Bald Hill District to a significant evangelical institution in Centerville, a community in Beverly.

Collection Creator:

Historic Beverly

Provenance:

The collection was given to the Society in 2010 by Judy Kent.

Conservation/Processor's Note:

There were some items that could fit under more than one series. Where this occurred, the items were kept in their original place to maintain the original order constructed by the donor of the collection. Additionally, all original folder groupings are maintained. For this reason, all items are ordered in each series by format, then chronologically, so that loose documents and items are not damaged by being interspersed with books. Any un-dated material is included at the end of each format category. There are two spellings of the town name: "Centerville" and "Centreville." Most records reflect the current spelling – "Centerville." Some records, however, are spelled Centreville, which reflects the original spelling of the town name before it changed in the early 20th century. When it is spelled "Centreville," the spelling is copied directly from the record that it describes. Many bound books are in the collection; they are listed by book number (assigned by the donor) under the "Folder" column. The spines of some bound books are crumbling. Items that were too big to be stored in their proper place have been overflowed to a larger box labeled "Oversized."

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Biographical/Historical Note

The roots of the Centerville Christian Endeavor Church trace back to the early settlers of Beverly in 1630, who sought to "worship God in purity and according to His Word." The region saw the establishment of several churches over the centuries, including the first church in Beverly in 1667, the First Baptist Church in 1801, Dane Street Congregational Church in 1803, and others in subsequent years. The area, initially known as the Bald Hill District and later as Montserrat, evolved into Centerville, a community centered around agriculture and faith.

Education and community life in Centerville were closely intertwined, with the schoolhouse serving as a focal point for various activities. By 1870, significant religious developments unfolded. The year marked the beginning of structured Bible study classes and the consolidation of these efforts into a Sunday School, thanks to the initiatives of Mrs. Enoch Knowlton and Reverend Ephriam A. Edwards. This period also saw the organization of revival meetings led by Reverend Mars, resulting in the establishment of regular worship services. The congregation, initially known as the Church of The Disciples, later evolved into the Centerville Religious Union and finally incorporated as the Centerville Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor Corporation in 1897.

The construction of the church building commenced in 1907, under the guidance of general contractor Alfred J. Gallagher, and was completed in 1908. This period was marked by active community involvement, both in terms of financial contributions and physical labor. The church was officially named the Centerville Christian Endeavor Church in 1908, following a dedication service. The early 20th century saw further developments, including the purchase of additional land for expansion and the mortgage-burning ceremony in 1914.

The church's identity and mission crystallized in 1920 under the leadership of Reverend Rial Benjamin, transitioning into a Bible-centered, evangelical church. This significant turning point was marked by the acceptance of the Evangelical Creed and the unification of members from various denominations. The church continued to grow and serve the community, embodying the spirit and dedication of its early founders and congregants.

Scope and Content Note

The archival collection for Centerville Church, previously known as the Christian Endeavor Society, encapsulates a diverse range of materials that chronicle the church's establishment and growth from the late 19th century to the late 20th century. The Centerville Church collection offers a panoramic view of its history and community impact through six series: foundational church histories and property documents; annual church meetings and reports; records detailing governance, administration, and membership; materials on church activities and groups, including the Sunday School and Ladies Aid Society (LAS); church communications; and visual and miscellaneous records capturing the church's physical and social milestones. Together, these series show the church's journey from its roots as the Christian Endeavor Society to a central community institution in Beverly, MA.

Keywords/Access Points

Ladies Aid Society (LAS); Sunday School; Christian Endeavor Society (CES); Beverly, MA; 19th century American Churches; 20th century American Churches; Centerville Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor (CYPSC); Building photographs; 19th century photographs; 20th century photographs

Related Material

No related material

Series List:

This collection is arranged into 6 series:

- Series I: Church History and Property, 1870-1989
- Series II: Annual Meetings and Reports, 1945-2014
- Series III: Governance, Administration, and Membership, 1894-1990
- Series IV: Church Activities and Groups, 1906-1972
- Series V: Church Communications, 1918-1983
- Series VI: Pictures and Miscellaneous, 1812-c.1990

Content List:

Series I: Church History and Property 1870-1989

Series/Arrangement Note: Arranged by content (general history; Christian Endeavor Society history; property), then by format (history books; loose history documents; CES books; loose property documents; property plans). Items are ordered chronologically within each format. The blue binder is undated but serves as an overview of the entire collection, so it is listed first.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
CH MV Unit 3 Shelf 4	Oversized	Blue Binder	Gleanings from the historical records of the Centerville (Christian Endeavor) Church, by Judy Kent	Undated
	Oversized	Book 39	Album compiled by Esther Standley. Historical Documents, Vol. I	1870-1949
	Oversized	Book 1B	Subscribers to Support of the Gospel in Centreville Chapel	1881-1911
	1	Book 16	Record of church founding, including by-laws at March 1929 incorporation	1920-1945

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	Oversized	Book 40	Scrapbook compiled by Esther Standley. Historical Documents, Vol. II	1950-1989
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about the church's 25 th anniversary service	1933
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about church's 25 th anniversary banquet	c. 1933
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about annual church supper	c. 1946
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about church business and a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Appleton	1948
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about new church business, new officers, Sunday school, a tribute to Abbie Patch and Hannah Osborne, and Young People's Society	1949
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about church business meeting, missions committee, and men's club	c. 1950
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about annual church banquet	1951
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about vesper service pageant	1952
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about annual banquet, annual business meeting, attendance on Easter Sunday, and tributes for Deacon Milton Davis and George Pedrick	1953
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about election of moderator, nominating committee, and Lenten service	1954
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper clipping about church supper	1956

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	1	Histories of Church	Letter from Louis Dodge to Esther Standley relaying inability to provide records and also members who left Wenham Baptist Church to attend at Centerville	1967
	1	Histories of Church	A brief history of the Centerville Christian Endeavor Church Part 1	1968
	1	Histories of Church	A brief History of the Centerville Christian Endeavor Church	1970
	1	Histories of Church	Beverly Times newspaper clipping featuring a picture of Fred Sillars, Bill Hopkinson, Mayor Herbert Grimes, and Reverend Lee Carter with a cake to celebrate the Centerville Church Centennial	1970
	1	Histories of Church	Church directories including history of church (2 copies)	1988
	1	Histories of Church	Bound Centerville Christian Endeavor Church history compiled by Jane H. Reedy	1989
	1	Histories of Church	Handwritten history of Centerville Christian Endeavor Church	Undated
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about church building and appointing of pastors and committees	Undated
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper clipping about meeting led by John Prest of Beverly Farms, 7:00pm opening service for church's anniversary week	Undated
	1	Histories of Church	Newspaper article about votes for sending thank you letters, and election of officers for Ladies Aid Society (LAS)	Undated
	1	Book 2	Christian Endeavor Society (CES) Meeting minutes of the Young	1896-1899

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
			People's Society of Christian Endeavor	
	Oversized	Book 3	CES minutes of annual and other meetings of the Centerville Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor (CYPSCCE)	1897-1929
	1	Book 4	CES minutes	1899-1913
	1	Book 10	Centerville Religious Society minutes	1912-1916
	1	Book 11	CYPSCCE records and minutes	1913-1917
	1	Book 12	CES Another book for various purposes	1914-1945
	1	Book 18	CES monthly business meeting minutes	1922-1927
	1	Land and buildings	Survey of Bald Hill, Beverly, MA. photocopies	1887
	1	Land and buildings	Bills when church was built	c. 1908
	1	Land and buildings	Letter from the Mayor of Gloucester about church bell, along with check stub and receipt	1946
	1	Land and buildings	Letter from Meneely & Co. about church bell	1946
	1	Land and buildings	Letter from International Bronze Tablet Co. explaining need for larger plaque size	1947
	1	Land and buildings	Invoice for engraved brass plate from International Bronze Tablet Co.	1947
	1	Land and buildings	Letter explaining need for a lawyer to get the state to pay the church; also record of painting	1952
	1	Land and buildings	Diagram of old and new Standley Streets and path of Route 128	1952

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	1	Land and buildings	Diagram of land owned by CYPSCCE, along with footprint of church building	1954
	1	Land and buildings	Set of building plans and specifications, along with building fund records	1955-1956
	1	Land and buildings	Newspaper clipping about new building addition to church	1956
	1	Land and buildings	Parsonage fund records	1965-1967
	1	Manila envelope	Parsonage location	1968
	1	Manila envelope	Parsonage location (copy)	1968
	1	Manila envelope	Parsonage site plot of land	1968
	1	Manila envelope	Blueprint for church addition	Undated
	1	Manila envelope	Sketches for kitchen in basement of building addition	Undated

Series II: Annual Meetings and Reports

1956-2014

Series/Arrangement Note: Arranged chronologically by format (loose annual meetings documents; annual meeting reports)

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	2	Annual meetings	Reports for annual meeting (2 copies)	1957
	2	Annual meetings	Typed attendance list of annual supper	1957
	2	Annual meetings	Typed attendance list of annual meeting	1962
	2	Annual meetings	Clerk's report	1963
	2	Annual meetings	Typed attendance list of annual meeting	1963

	2	Annual meetings	Clerk's report	1964
	2	Annual meetings	Typed attendance list of annual meeting	1964
	2	Annual meetings	Report of nominating committee	c. 1970
	2	Annual meetings	Annual Meeting Agenda	1972
	2	Annual meetings	Warrant & Agenda for annual meeting	1973
	2	Annual meetings	Warrant & Agenda for annual meeting	1974
	2	Annual meetings	Typed notes of annual meeting	1974
	2	Annual meetings	Memorandum re. making Memorial Committee a standing committee	1974
	2	Book 26	Church reports: annual meetings, clerk's reports, treasurer's reports, committee reports	1945-1956
	Oversized	Book 30	Minutes of cabinet meetings, annual meetings, other special meetings	1947-1972
	2	Book 30B	Excerpts from cabinet, board, church, and annual meetings	1973-1984
	2		Annual meeting report	1956
	2		Annual meeting report	1958
	2		Annual meeting report	1959
	2		Annual meeting report	1960
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	2		Annual meeting report	2011
	2		Annual meeting report	2012
	2		Annual meeting report	2013
	2		Annual meeting report	2014

**Series III: Governance, Administration, and Membership
1894-1990**

Series/Arrangement Note: Arranged by content (by-laws; administration – deacons and cabinet, pastors, treasury; directories), then arranged chronologically. The category “directories” is further divided by loose documents and bound books, ordered chronologically by format.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	3	By-laws	Typed by-laws	c. 1950
	3	By-laws	Amended by-laws (2 copies)	1954
	3	By-laws	Proposed amendments to by-laws	1955
	3	By-laws	Proposed amendments to by-laws	1961
	3	By-laws	Amended by-laws (2 copies)	1963
	3	By-laws	Discussion of proposed by-laws	1963
	3	By-laws	Amended by-laws (2 copies)	1966

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	3	By-laws	Amended by-laws (2 copies)	1977
	3	By-laws	Proposals for alteration of church structure (2 copies)	1980
	3	By-laws	Amended by-laws (2 copies)	1980
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about phone conversation with Reverend Howard Joslyn	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about phone conversation with Reverend Robert Dempsey	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about phone conversation with Reverend Larry Hawkins	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about christenings	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about visit to North Springfield, VT	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Fred Sillars about phone call from Reverend John Gilmore	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Memorandum from Ray Patch: Christenings	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Deacons Pastoral Report	c. 1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Visit to Reverend Warren Russell's church report by Fred Sillars with bulletin	1960
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Report by Fred Sillars	1960-1964
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Cabinet Meeting Report from Ruth Hopkinson	1969
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Cabinet Meeting notes	1972
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Cabinet Meeting notes	1973
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Cabinet meeting notes	1973

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	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Meeting notes	1965
	3	Deacons & Cabinet	Statements "required in stone"	Undated
	3	Pastors	List of pastors who have preached in Centreville	1894
	3	Pastors	List of pastors who have preached in Centreville	1901-1902
	3	Pastors	Centreville Christian Endeavor Church bulletins featuring Reverend Charles Garran (2 copies)	1933
	3	Pastors	Easter letter from Pastor Spires to church congregation	c. 1950
	3	Pastors	Invitation from Board of Deacons to church congregation about Pastor Spires upcoming sermon	1957
	3	Pastors	Letter to Fred Sillars from Massachusetts Baptist Convention regarding pastoral salary grant	1960
	3	Pastors	Correspondence to and from Fred Sillars in regard to finding a new pastor	1960
	3	Pastors	Ordination of Reverend Herman Heintz (2 copies)	1961
	3	Pastors	Program for service at Calvary Baptist Church recognizing anniversary of the ordination of Russell Martin, along with a note written to Fred Sillars	1962
	3	Pastors	Thank you letter from Calvary Baptist Church to Roy Patch	1962
	3	Pastors	Final report of the Pulpit Committee	1965-1966
	3	Pastors	Pulpit Committee Candidate Interviews (2 copies)	1966
	3	Pastors	Reverend Lee Carter resignation letter	1970
	3	Pastors	"So you need to find a pastor" pamphlet	1971

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	3	Pastors	Letter to Norman Howarth offering position of pastor	1976
	3	Pastors	Request to the Secretary of State for a license allowing Norman Howarth to perform marriages	1976
	3	Pastors	Resume and Statement of Faith from Winston Rand in being considered for the pastorate	1985
	3	Pastors	Suggested Guide for Developing a church profile for pastoral leadership	Undated
	3	Pastors	The Pastor's Candidating Procedure (2 copies)	Undated
	3	Treasurer	Received payment from Milton Davis to Arthur Brown	1910
	3	Treasurer	Received payment from Centreville church to Eli Hodgkins for painting outside of church	1924
	3	Treasurer	Expenses card	1924
	3	Treasurer	Ladies Aid Society (LAS) expenses written on back of dividend check	1937
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Treasurer, Charles, Elliott, regarding payment of legacy, along with copy of clause of will of Elizabeth Foster	1938
	3	Treasurer	Tax Records	1951-1953
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Treasurer, Charles Elliott, regarding Estate of Lucy M. Roundy assent	1952
	3	Treasurer	Scrap paper with expenses listed	c. 1953
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Paul Grant from Lucille J. regarding tithe	1954
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Paul Grant from assistant treasurer regarding fire insurance policies	1955
	3	Treasurer	Church Financial Budget	1958
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Treasurer, Charles Elliott, regarding construction of Route 128	1963

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	3	Treasurer	Report from investigation committee regarding financial status of church	1964
	3	Treasurer	Letter of gifts from the Gertrude Foster Estate to Mr. Paul Grant, along with copy of Gertrude Foster's will	1970, 1973-1974
	3	Treasurer	Letter from John M. Dooling to Robert Boettger regarding increasing amount of insurance for church	1974
	3	Treasurer	Copy of memorandum from Fred Sillars regarding minutes of treasury meeting	1974
	3	Treasurer	Proposed budget	1975
	3	Treasurer	Letter from Ruth Hopkinson to Beverly Savings Bank regarding account made in memory of Norma Patch.	1975
	3	Treasurer	Copy of record showing disbursements and other expenses	c. 1975
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Paul Grant from President of Beverly National Bank	1976
	3	Treasurer	Copy of Treasurers report	1977
	3	Treasurer	Transfer of land on corner of Essex and Standley Streets from Michael Pisani	1977
	3	Treasurer	Letter to Board of Aldermen at City Hall requesting to abate previous sewer assessment of vacant lot owned by church	1978
	3	Treasurer	Statement of money required for furnace	Undated
	3	Treasurer	Letter regarding \$50 paid towards church debt	Undated
	3	Book 34	Book of appreciation presented to Horace Elliott upon his retirement after 50 years as church treasurer	1951
	3	Directories	Centreville Christian Endeavor Church Directory	1980

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	3	Directories	Centreville Christian Endeavor Church Directory	1983
	3	Directories	Centreville Christian Endeavor Church Directory (2 copies)	c. 1988
	3	Book 33	Membership/participants lists with loose clipped pages, including list of children christened at church	c. 1947-1990
	3	Book 29	Membership/participant list, small book	c. 1950-1960

**Series IV: Church Activities and Groups
1906-1972**

Series/Arrangement Note: Arranged by content (Sunday School; Daily Vacation Bible School; Ladies Aid Society), then by format within each group (Sunday School books; Sunday School loose documents; LAS small envelope documents; LAS big envelope documents; LAS loose documents; LAS books). Items are ordered chronologically within each format.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	4	Book 1	Notebook from Esther Standley with Sunday School notes, as well as copied records of various early church documents	1870-1930
	4	Book 5	Sunday School (SS) Annual SS reports	1903-1915
	4	Book 8	Primary Dept. reports, rosters, scholars' birthdays	1911-1924
	4	Book 13	Annual reports and rosters recorded mainly by Isabelle Cole	1916-1932
	4	Book 15	Attendance records and addresses of SS scholars for various years by Esther Standley	1920-1960
	4	Book 22	Brief SS Primary Dept. reports with a treasurer's report	1929-1930, 1936-1945
	4	Book 22B	Cradle Roll lists	c. 1930-1945
	4	Book 23	Reports and some rosters recorded by Isabelle Cole	1932-1945

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	4	Book 24	Membership list	1936
	4	Book 27	Reports by Isabelle Cole and Esther Standley	1946-1952
	4	Book 31	Misc. lists, addresses and SS reports by Esther Standley	1949-1956
	4	Book 32	Rosters of scholars and teachers with birthdays and addresses by E. Standley	1949-1956
	4	Book 27B	Minutes of Sunday School teacher's meetings and special Sunday School programs	1952-1957
	4	Book 35	Daily Vacation Bible School: teacher and student lists, addresses	1952-1961
	4	Book 37	Reports and scrapbook kept by Esther Standley	1957-1962
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article for Sunday School 50 th anniversary	1920
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article for Sunday School 60 th anniversary	1930
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article for Sunday School 65 th anniversary	1935
	3	Sunday School	Bulletin commemorating Sunday School 65 th anniversary	1935
	3	Sunday School	Sunday School by-laws	1935
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article about supper hosted by the Sunday School	1955
	3	Sunday School	Annual reports of the Sunday School, 86 th anniversary	1956
	3	Sunday School	Annual reports of the Sunday School, 87 th anniversary	1957
	3	Sunday School	Annual reports of the Sunday School, 90 th anniversary	1960

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article for Sunday School 91 st anniversary	1961
	3	Sunday School	2-page writing possibly from Esther Standley	Undated
	3	Sunday School	Newspaper article about history of Centerville Sunday School	Undated
	3	DVBS	Daily vacation bible school (DVBS)	1954
	3	DVBS	Newspaper article about closing of DVBS, list on back labeled "1961 juniors"	1959
	3	DVBS	Newspaper articles about DVBS	c. 1960
	3	DVBS	Newspaper article about children's closing exhibit for DVBS	1961
	3	DVBS	Letter reminding congregation about upcoming DVBS	c. 1960
	3	DVBS	DVBS participant list	1961
	3	DVBS	DVBS closing program	1961
	3	DVBS	Newspaper article about children's closing exhibit for DVBS	1962
	3	DVBS	DVBS closing program	1962
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	3	LAS, small envelope	Received and paid out slips	1923-1926
	3	""	Financial records from Elsie Hobbs	1926-1927
	3	""	Received and Paid records	c. 1926
	3	""	Check from Elsie Hobbs with receipt	1927
	3	""	LAS expense sheet with refreshments profit on back	1929
	3	""	General building contractor received payment	1930
	3	""	Expense for exit to church basement	1935

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	3	“”	Plumbing, heating, and sheet metal work bill	1937
	3	“”	Letter confirming installation of water closet and lavatory	1937
	3	“”	Work on cesspool bill	1937
	3	“”	LAS membership and committee list	1943-1945
	3	“”	Chicken pie supper info card	1947
	3	“”	Removing organ platform, refinishing wall, cleaning, refinishing floor and woodwork bill	1948
	3	“”	Handy Drying Racks order	1948
	3	“”	Danvers Motor Co. bill	1948
	3	“”	Newspaper clipping about appointment of committees	1949
	3	“”	Collegiate Cap & Gown Co. shipping confirmation	1949
	3	“”	Collegiate Cap & Gown Co. bill	1949
	3	“”	Pitman & Brown bill	1950
	3	“”	Flour, grain, hay, feed bill	1950
	3	“”	Payment receipt for replacement bead screen	1950
	3	“”	Received and paid slip	1950-1951
	3	“”	Pitman & Brown Co. Building Materials bill	1951
	3	“”	Wholesale Confectionery bill 189-48	1951
	3	“”	Wholesale Confectionery bill 203-10	1952
	3	“”	Wholesale Confectionery bill 148-32	1952
	3	“”	Wholesale confectionery bill 134-39	1952
	3	“”	Wholesale confectionery bill 136-48	1952
	3	“”	Wholesale confectionery bill 140-9	1952
	3	“”	Thank you letter from Centerville church to LAS for financial contribution	1952
	3	“”	Delivery list	1952

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	3	“”	Secret pal party list of expenses	1952
	3	“”	Salem paper company bill	1953
	3	“”	Salem paper company bill to Esther Standley	1953
	3	“”	Chapman’s Greenhouse flower bill	1953
		“”	Pilgrim Press delivery slip	1953
	3	“”	Nutter’s Beverly shop bill for drapes	1957
	3	“”	Receipt note from Charles Kimball	c. 1975
	3	“”	Note about choir reimbursing LAS for robes	Undated
	3	“”	Geo. A. Foster bill	Undated
	3	“”	Thank you card from Geo. F. Choste	Undated
	3	“”	“Plates left at church” note	Undated
	3	“”	Stanley Home Products order no. 770 bill	Undated
	3	LAS, big envelope	Small book of expense records	1908-1912
	3	“”	Rated water charges bill	1907
	3	“”	Receipts for money paid by Mrs. Davis for debt on chapel	1909-1913
	3	“”	Beverly water rates bill, Folio No. 107	1910
	3	“”	Beverly water rates bill, Folio No. 128	1911
	3	“”	Groceries bill	1912
	3	“”	Water department bill, Folio No. 128	1912
	3	“”	Water department bill, Folio No. 141	1913
	3	“”	Letter thanking LAS for donation to organ fund	1914
	3	“”	Water department bill, Folio No. 141	1914
	3	“”	Receipt of payment from LAS for painting church building	1915
	3	“”	Eli Hodgkins Co. bill for painting church	1915

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	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 147	1915
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 147	1916
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 147	1917
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 147	1918
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 109	1919
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 109	1920
	3	“”	Warranty certificate for sewing machine	1921
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 113	1921
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 113	1922
	3	“”	Annual report by Alice Standley	1923-1924
	3	“”	City collector bill, Folio No. 100	1923
	3	“”	Rummage sale report	1924
	3	“”	Letter from Cynthia Lewis to Mrs. Albert Standley	1924
	3	“”	Letter from B.I. Edwards thanking LAS for contribution to camping fund	1924
	3	“”	Money on hand, paid, and received, on Miss Rebecca Appleton's stationery	Undated
	3	“”	Total paid out and total received financial record	Undated
	3	LAS	Retyped alphabetical tribute delivered by Nellie Ham at LAS banquet	1911
	3	LAS	Newspaper article about LAS annual lawn party	1932
	3	LAS	Review of LAS	1935
	3	LAS	Letter urging financial contributions for church bell	1945
	3	LAS	Vote for a deed of land to be granted to Mary S. Mattson	1956
	3	LAS	Check from LAS to Beverly School for the Deaf	1964
	3	LAS	Letter from Marion Grant to "Alice"	1964

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	3	LAS	Newspaper article about LAS annual business meeting and banquet	Undated
	3	LAS	Newspaper article about LAS covered dish supper	Undated
	3	LAS	LAS by-laws	Undated
	4	Book 6	Brief account of formation of a Circle to raise funds for furnishing the new chapel	1906
	4	Book 7	Minutes/records	1909-1916
	4	Book 9	Nellie Ham's notebook - Text of an alphabetical tribute (retyped and inserted) to the LAS at their April 1911 banquet, at center is a list of members in 1912	1911-1913
	4	Book 14	Minutes/records	1917-1921
	4	Book 17	Minutes/records	1922-1924
	4	Book 19a	Treasurer's record book	1922-1926
	4	Book 19b	Treasurer's record book	1926-1931
	4	Book 19c	Treasurer's record book with member list	1937-1943
	4	Book 19d	Treasurer's record book with member list	1943-1946
	4	Book 19e	Treasurer's record book with member list	1947-1950
	4	Book 19f	Treasurer's record book with member list	1961-1974
	4	Book 19g	Treasurer's record book with misc. income/expenses	1961-1962
	4	Book 19h	Treasurer's record book Beverly Savings Bank passbook	1918-1930
	4	Book 19i	Treasurer's record book Beverly Savings Bank passbook	1931-1944
	5	Book 20	Record of expenditures for supplies for making towels, sheets, clothing, aprons, and profits from their sale	1924-1939
	5	Book 21	Minutes/records	1928-1932

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	5	Book 21B	Ladies Aid Society Minutes	1932-1939
	5	Book 25	Minutes/records	1939-1947
	5	Book 28	Minutes and reports	1947-1970
	5	Book 36	Membership, attendance, and hostess records (sparse)	1953-1957
	5	Book 38	Minutes of Women's Christian Association (formerly LAS)	1970-1972

**Series V: Church Communications
1918-1983**

Series/Arrangement Note: Organized chronologically by format (bulletins; newsletters)

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	5	Bulletins	Friday meetings bulletin	1918-1919
	5	Bulletins	25 th anniversary of dedication of church building bulletin	1933
	5	Bulletins	Bulletin commemorating Sunday School 65 th anniversary	1935
	5	Bulletins	Bulletin commemorating Sunday School 75 th anniversary	1945
	5	Bulletins	Reverend Emerson W. Smith Bulletin	1949
	5	Bulletins	Reverend Emerson W. Smith Bulletin	1949
	5	Bulletins	Easter Sunday Sunrise sermon bulletin "Horace Elliott"	1949
	5	Bulletins	Ordination of Harold Lloyd Herbert bulletin	1955
	5	Bulletins	Children's Day Program bulletin	1964
	5	Bulletins	Centerville "The Church by the Side of the Road" Sunday bulletin	1966
	5	Bulletins	Special events for February bulletin	Undated

	5	Newsletters	Profile: The Howarths	1980
	5	Newsletters	Profile: The Blatchers	1980
	5	Newsletters	Committee reports with calendar	1980
	5	Newsletters	Profile: Mary Shakelton	1980
	5	Newsletters	Profile: The Beauregards	1980
	5	Newsletters	The Centerville Connection: pastor's corner and Congress '81	1981
	5	Newsletters	Tentative job description for new pastor	1981
	5	Newsletters	The Centerville Connection: Hearts, Minds, and Prayers	1981
	5	Newsletters	Profile: Marion S. Morgan with calendar	1981
	5	Newsletters	Profile: Faith Thompson	1981
	5	Newsletters	Profile: The Hiltons	c. 1982
	5	Newsletters	Profile: Kathy Tracy	1982
	5	Newsletters	A Family Hayride	1982
	5	Newsletters	Letter to organize a financial ordination gift for new pastor	1982
	5	Newsletters	Advent observance	1982
	5	Newsletters	The Centerville Connection: Christmas Memories	1982
	5	Newsletters	Annual meeting notes; a mother's meditation	1983
	5	Newsletters	The Centerville Connection: a challenge to reach out	1983
	5	Newsletters	Adult Sunday School	1983

Series VI: Photographs and Miscellaneous

1812-c. 1990

Series/Arrangement Note: Arranged by format (photographs; documents), then by original storage format (loose pictures in folder, photos in white envelope; photos in brown envelope; loose photos in bag; mounted photos; additional items envelope, miscellaneous documents folder). Items are finally ordered chronologically within each original storage format.

Location	Box	Folder	Content	Date
	6	Pictures	Photocopy of church congregation picture with names provided by the Sillars	1935
	6	Pictures	Marjorie and Bill Appleton	1983
	6	Pictures	Manila Campbell	1983
	6	Pictures	Centerville Church Easter	1986
	6	Pictures	Centerville C.E. Church	1988
	6	Pictures	Easter at Centerville C.E. Church	1989
	6	Pictures	Centerville C.E. Church 1	c. 1990
	6	Pictures	Centerville C.E. Church 2	c. 1990
	6	Pictures	Photo A: Annie Elliot's class	Undated
	6	Pictures	Photo B: Church committee	Undated
	6	Pictures	Photo H: 4 th of July Parade	Undated
	6	Pictures	House at 15 Hull St.	Undated
	6	Pictures	Founding members of church and LAS	Undated
	6	Pictures	Centerville C.E. Church	1908
	6	Pictures	Pine Grove Hall	Undated
	6	Pictures	Mrs. Ella McNatt, member of 1870 founding Sunday school class	Undated
	6	Pictures	Rebecca Appleton and sister, Esther Standley	Undated
	6	Pictures	Esther Standley and Martha Sims, others unknown	Undated
	6	Pictures	Centerville C.E. Church	c. 1908
	6	Pictures	Pastor Tidd	Undated
	6	Pictures	Old chapel at Pine Grove Hall	Undated

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	6	Pictures	Annie Elliot and Sunday school class	Undated
	6	Pictures	Pastor Talbot	Undated
	6	Pictures	Pastor Ransom	Undated
	6	Pictures	Student Minister Mr. Hobin	Undated
	6	Pictures	Pastor Setzer	Undated
	6	Pictures	Pine Grove Hall 30 Standley St.	Undated
	6	Pictures	Wenham Baptist church at Larch Row and Dodges Row	Undated
	6	Pictures	1935 congregation	1935
	6	White envelope	Unidentified photographs of church's youth	1967
	6	White envelope	2 Unidentified photographs of church's youth	1968
	6	White envelope	18 unidentified photographs of church's youth	1970
	6	White envelope	Cake for centennial banquet	1970
	6	White envelope	Church parsonage	1970
	6	White envelope	Unidentified photo of 5 children in costumes	Undated
	6	White envelope	Unidentified photo of 3 children in costumes	Undated
	6	Brown folder	William Talbot	1925
	6	Brown folder	Mr. Ransom	1942
	6	Brown folder	Mr. and Mrs. Tidd	Undated
	6	Brown folder	Mr. Tidd	Undated
	6	Brown folder	Mr. Hoben	Undated
	6	Brown folder	Mr. Sawtell	Undated

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	6	Brown folder	Mr. Setzer	Undated
	6	Loose photo in bag	Mrs. Ella Dodge McNatt	1870
	6	Loose photo in bag	Beth Patch Colts, Manilla York Campbell, Anna Patch Foster, and Mr. Setzer	1913
	6	Loose photo in bag	C.E. Church	1924
	6	Loose photo in bag	Newspaper photo of Rebecca Appleton and Esther Standley	1953
	6	Loose photo in bag	Rebecca Appleton and Esther Standley	1953
	6	Loose photo in bag	6 women sitting at a table	c. 1960
	6	Loose photo in bag	Church along with service times	Undated
	6	Loose photo in bag	Annie Elliot with Sunday school class	Undated
	6	Loose photo in bag	9 people at Wenham Baptist Church	Undated
	Oversized	Mounted photo	Pine Grove Hall, view 1 of 2	c. 1812
	Oversized	Mounted photo	Pine Grove Hall, view 2 of 2	c. 1812
	6	Mounted photo	Centerville C.E. Church (small)	c. 1908
	6	Mounted photo	Centerville C.E. Church (large)	c. 1908

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	Oversized	Mounted photo	Members of LAS	c. 1909
	6	Mounted photo	Old chapel Pine Grove Hall	Undated
	6	Framed photo	1935 Centerville Church Congregation	1935
	6	Additional Items envelope	Letter from downtown Beverly Baptist church to congregation at Centerville requesting meeting to organize "independent interest" as a branch of First Baptist Church of Beverly	1893
	6	Additional Items envelope	Women's Christian Association bank book	1965-1974
	6	Additional Items envelope	Charles H. Patch Fund book	1929-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Edward F. Roberts Fund book	1929-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Ezra C. Standley Fund book	1929-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Henrietta Patch Fund book	1929-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Phoebe A. Standley Fund book	1929-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Beverly National Bank Savings Department	1934-1938
	6	Additional Items envelope	Gideon F. Foster and Elizabeth H. Foster Fund book	1939-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Centerville C.E. Church Fund book	1944-1953

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	6	Additional Items envelope	York Fund book	1948-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Washington Land Fund book	1948-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Bell Fund book	1948-1953
	6	Additional Items envelope	Lucy M. Roundy Fund book	1952-1953
	6	Misc.	Photocopied letter	c. 1825
	6	Misc.	Yearly report of Parish Committee	1915
	6	Misc.	Handwritten note printed in C.E. World	1916
	6	Misc.	“Tent meetings on Beverly Commons” Envelope containing bill for tent and bill from horse and hay dealers	1923
	6	Misc.	Attendance sheet	1926
	6	Misc.	Newspaper article in yellow envelope about Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and church 25th anniversary	c. 1930
	6	Misc.	List of people baptized	c. 1932
	6	Misc.	Letter from members of Centerville church to “Philip” thanking for contributions to the church	1949
	6	Misc.	Church tentative budget	1949
	6	Misc.	Blank Harvard Divinity School report sheet	1956
	6	Misc.	Missions program	1956
	6	Misc.	Missions program	1957
	6	Misc.	List of ministries and programs with urge to contribute to the church financially or physically	c. 1960

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	6	Misc.	Letter from Mildred Baker to current pastor asking for baptism records	1960
	6	Misc.	Report of the church	1962-1963
	6	Misc.	Letter to congregation from canvass chairman urging financial pledges	1962
	6	Misc.	Proposed budget for 1963 program	1962
	6	Misc.	Proposal for alteration of church structure	c. 1980
	6	Misc.	91 st Psalm manuscript bound in suede	Undated
	6	Misc.	Graduate Biblical Seminary card	Undated
	6	Misc.	Handwritten note, includes "bias tape, etc. apron patterns"	Undated
	6	Misc.	The Reason Why booklet	Undated
	6	Misc.	Letter from members of Centerville church to Mr. York thanking him for his donation	Undated
	6	Misc.	Handwritten list numbered 1-12, front and back	Undated
	6	Misc.	Missionary pamphlet for the Konrads	Undated
	6	Misc.	Chart of church organization regarding members, committees, and departments	Undated
	6	Misc.	Handwritten note about baptismal service and "mothers giving milk"	Undated

Bibliography

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