

History of the First United Methodist Church: 1982

The year 1982 began with Rev. Jim Corbin serving as pastor. In June of that year, he was succeeded by Rev. Al Michener, who took over pastoral leadership of the church.

The music ministry of the church remained strong during this period, as reflected in both ongoing programs and choir participation. One notable change documented in the scrapbook photos was the renovation of the kitchen in the church basement, which took place in 1982.

As in previous years, the church remained active in youth and family events. Photographs show the Vacation Bible School, likely held during the summer, and what appears to be a church-wide picnic, possibly in late summer or fall. The church also continued its tradition of hosting a Halloween party, which was well-attended and documented in the album.

It is worth noting that some of the photographs from this period were stored in plastic photo album pages, and over time, the plastic has deteriorated slightly. As a result, some images are not as clear or sharp as in previous years. For preservation reasons, no attempt was made to remove or rearrange these photographs.

Also discovered during this time was a separate album prepared by the Open Door Class. While this album began around 1980, it continues through to approximately 1990. Some photos are clearly from 1988 or other later years. Again, due to preservation concerns, the album has been kept intact, even though it spans multiple years and includes out-of-sequence images. As with the 1982 scrapbook, some photos in this album have been affected by the aging of the plastic covers, but they remain an important part of the church's visual history.