

Guide to the Jeremiah S. Fitterer Papers

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

Jeremiah S. Fitterer (1848-1924) was an Evangelical Association and Evangelical Church minister. In 1874 he united with the Pike Evangelical Church west of Bellevue, Ohio. He received a license to preach in 1881 and served the following churches: Tontogany Circuit, Broken Sword, Bucyrus, Richland County, Columbus, Bradner, Bettsville, Flat Rock, and Mt. Cory. Fitterer was granted supernumerary relation with the Ohio Conference in 1900. He married Rosena E. Mook.

Scope Note

The Jeremiah S. Fitterer Papers contain sermons, addresses, record books, clippings, and correspondence. The bulk of this collection is comprised of approximately 900 sermons which document the preaching career of Fitterer.

The remainder of the papers contains four addresses, two record books, clippings related to topics on which Fitterer preached, and a stewardship appeal. Sermons make up the largest part of this collection, and most are undated. Those with dates also usually contain references to the location where the sermon was preached. A few sermons are in German. Most of the sermons, written on small sheets of paper or note cards, have been grouped by books of the Bible. However, there are three small books of bound sermons and sermonettes.

In addition, there are nine small booklets of sermons on specific topics, including children, the church, Christians, the conference year, missions, tithing, revivals, the Sabbath, temperance, and education. One folder contains incomplete sermons and fragments. Fitterer used many illustrations and examples in his sermons. One folder contains a small book of illustrations. Another folder contains small pieces of paper with notations and inspirational references on them.

The collection contains an index to fifty of the sermons. This index contains a short title and a text reference. Four addresses are contained in this collection. The addresses are titled, "Decision Day," "Before the Liquor League of Ohio," "G.A.R. Memorial Service," and "Socialism." The G.A.R. address was presented at Bettsville, Ohio, in 1904. The address on socialism was given to the Mt. Cory Reunion in 1909. The other two addresses are undated.

Two record books are part of these papers. One is a 1892 pastoral record book which contains a text reference to the sermon preached on Sunday, notations on weather throughout the week, and lists of

visitations. At the back of this book, there is a list of expenses. A second record book is an account book from 1892-1893. Dozens of clippings Fitterer accumulated on topics of importance to him are contained in this collection. Many were used in preparation of his sermons, and some were incorporated into them. These clippings are on a variety of topics including temperance, missions, tithing, and the religious aspects of dancing. The clippings are in the form of short articles, poems, and inspirational thoughts. They have been photocopied from the originals due to deterioration. Most have no reference to date or to the newspaper or periodical from which they were taken. The last item in this collection is an undated letter on the topic of stewardship. It is a handwritten form letter from the Board of Officials of the Evangelical Church to church members regarding financial contributions to the church.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Materials in this collection have been organized by record types. Sermons were divided by book of the Protestant Bible, topic, fragments, and supporting illustrations and notations. On the majority of Fitterer's sermons there was a scripture reading, denoted as S.R., and a text reference. His sermons have been arranged by the first text reference. They are arranged by books of the Bible and then by chapter and verse. Fitterer grouped some of his sermons by topic, and these have been arranged alphabetically. Sermons that were partials and incomplete have been grouped as fragments. The remainder of the materials are arranged chronologically within record type. Undated items have been placed in front of dated material.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, George Washington Farmer Collection, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the items' call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Subject Terms

Subject Topics

Children
Dancing-Religious aspects
Education
Missions
Socialism
Stewardship, Christian.
Temperance
Tithes

Subject Geographic

Ohio.

Genre

Clippings
Correspondence
Financial records.
Poetry
Sermons

Speeches

Occupations

Minister.

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1080-2-3:1	Sermons: Genesis	Undated
1080-2-3:2	Sermons: Exodus	Undated
1080-2-3:3	Sermons: Leviticus	Undated
1080-2-3:4	Sermons: Numbers	Undated
1080-2-3:5	Sermons: Deuteronomy	Undated
1080-2-3:6	Sermons: Joshua	Undated
1080-2-3:7	Sermons: I Samuel	Undated
1080-2-3:8	Sermons: II Samuel	Undated
1080-2-3:9	Sermons: I Kings	Undated
1080-2-3:10	Sermons: II Kings	Undated
1080-2-3:11	Sermons: I Chronicles	Undated
1080-2-3:12	Sermons: II Chronicles	Undated
1080-2-3:13	Sermons: Ezra	Undated
1080-2-3:14	Sermons: Nehemiah	Undated
1080-2-3:15	Sermons: Esther	Undated
1080-2-3:16	Sermons: Job	Undated
1080-2-3:17	Sermons: Psalms	Undated
1080-2-3:18	Sermons: Proverbs	Undated
1080-2-3:19	Sermons: Ecclesiastes	Undated
1080-2-3:20	Sermons: Song of Solomon	Undated
1080-2-3:21	Sermons: Isaiah	Undated
1080-2-3:22	Sermons: Jeremiah	Undated
1080-2-3:23	Sermons: Ezekiel	Undated
1080-2-3:24	Sermons: Daniel	Undated
1080-2-3:25	Sermons: Hosea	Undated
1080-2-3:26	Sermons: Joel	Undated
1080-2-3:27	Sermons: Amos	Undated
1080-2-3:28	Sermons: Jonah	Undated
1080-2-3:29	Sermons: Nahum	Undated
1080-2-3:30	Sermons: Habakkuk	Undated
1080-2-3:31	Sermons: Zechariah	Undated
1080-2-3:32	Sermons: Malachi	Undated
1080-2-3:33	Sermons: Matthew	Undated
1080-2-3:34	Sermons: Mark	Undated
1080-2-3:35	Sermons: Luke	Undated
1080-2-3:36	Sermons: John	Undated
1080-2-3:37	Sermons: Acts	Undated
1080-2-3:38	Sermons: Romans	Undated
1080-2-3:39	Sermons: I Corinthians	Undated
1080-2-3:40	Sermons: II Corinthians	Undated
1080-2-3:41	Sermons: Galatians	Undated
1080-2-3:42	Sermons: Ephesians	Undated
1080-2-3:43	Sermons: Philippians	Undated
1080-2-3:44	Sermons: Colossians	Undated
1080-2-3:45	Sermons: I Thessalonians	Undated
1080-2-3:46	Sermons: II Thessalonians	Undated
1080-2-3:47	Sermons: I Timothy	Undated
1080-2-3:48	Sermons: II Timothy	Undated
1080-2-3:49	Sermons: Titus	Undated
1080-2-3:50	Sermons: Hebrews	Undated
1080-2-3:51	Sermons: James	Undated
1080-2-3:52	Sermons: I Peter	Undated

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1080-2-3:53	Sermons: II Peter	Undated
1080-2-3:54	Sermons: I John	Undated
1080-2-3:55	Sermons: III John	Undated
1080-2-3:56	Sermons: Jude	Undated
1080-2-3:57	Sermons: Revelation	Undated
1080-2-3:58	Bound text sermons	Undated
1080-2-3:59	Bound text sermonettes	1895-1896
1080-2-3:60	Bound text sermons/account book	Undated
1080-2-3:61	Sermons: Children	Undated
1080-2-3:62	Sermons: Church/Christians I	Undated
1080-2-3:63	Sermons: Christians II	Undated
1080-2-3:64	Sermons: Conference Year (Offerings/Closings)	Undated
1080-2-3:65	Sermons: Missions/Tithing	Undated
1080-2-3:66	Sermons: Revival I	1906-1907
1080-2-3:67	Sermons: Revival II	1907
1080-2-3:68	Sermons: Sabbath	Undated
1080-2-3:69	Sermons: Temperance/Education	Undated
1080-2-3:70	Sermon fragments	Undated
1080-2-3:71	Illustrations used in sermons	Undated
1080-2-3:72	Notations used to supplement sermons	Undated
1080-2-3:73	Sermon index	Undated
1080-2-3:74	Addresses	1904-1909
1080-2-3:75	Pastoral record book	1892
1080-2-3:76	Account book	1892-1893
1080-2-3:77	Clippings	Undated
1080-2-3:78	Appeal for stewardship	Undated