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150 Years at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

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This book chronicles the history of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church from its origin as a splinter congregation within the Minneapolis Methodist community—albeit one with prominent civic leaders among its parishioners—through the first hundred and fifty years of its existence. From the spirited revivals and temperance lectures of the late 1800s to the challenges of a global pandemic, it's the story of how the people of one church were touched by the social, political, and religious times in which they lived, and how they, in turn, continued to practice their faith, working to enhance their community and the wider world around them, through periods of growth, decline, and renewal.

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