

History of United Methodist Church prior to April 1968 union of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church

Wesley at age 35 has Aldersgate experience "heart strangely warmed" in May 1738

1760s: Methodism in America begins as lay movement.

1773: First conference of Methodist preachers in America

American Revolutionary War ends in 1783. Wesley recognizes need for change in US Methodism. Thomas Coke sent to America to superintend the work with Francis Asbury

December 24, 1784: Coke organizes Methodist Episcopal Church. Francis Asbury first bishop.

1828 split

Methodist Episcopal Church

Methodist Protestant Church

1844 split

MEC

MEC South

1939: The Methodist Church

Late 1700s-early 1800s: Philip William Otterbein + Martin Boehm preach to German-speaking Americans

1800: The Church of the United Brethren in Christ begin meeting annually

1946: The Evangelical United Brethren Church

Both of these originally among German-speaking Americans

Jacob Albright conversion in 1791 under Methodist teaching

1803: Albright's followers have first council meeting.

1816: The name "The Evangelical Association" adopted

1891 split

TEA

The United Evangelical Church

1922: The Evangelical Church

