

UNITED METHODISTS

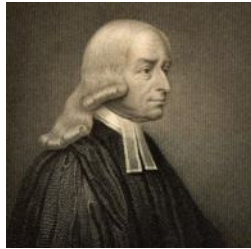
Who are we, anyway? What makes us special?

In a few words:

We are a Protestant church, episcopal in our organization and global in our ministry, begun in the US in 1784, an offshoot of the Church of England.

God's Grace

is FREE – goes before us to prepare the way –
cannot be earned – is present in baptism & communion –
is available to ALL people through Jesus Christ

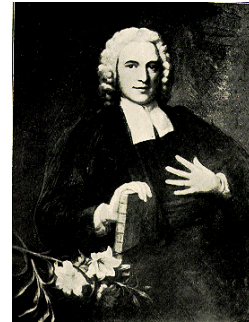


John Wesley
1703-1791

- Great organizer & evangelist
- Preached 40,000 sermons, riding 200,000 miles on horseback
- Published dozens of books



"United" =
1968 merger
w/Evangelical
United Brethren



Charles Wesley
1707-1788

- Musical soul of the movement
- Wrote 6,000 (9,000?) hymns
- Greatest hymnwriter of all time?

**We are growing in HOLINESS empowered by the Holy Spirit –
concern for the POOR & oppressed – going on to PERFECTION in love**

A BALANCED approach to the Christian faith:

Personal Piety AND Social Justice
Head AND Heart
Faith AND Good Works
Preaching AND Sacraments

We are CONNECTIONAL:

We work together to do ministry
that no one congregation could do alone
J.W.: "The world is my parish"

Three Simple Rules:

- 1) Do no harm
- 2) Do good
- 3) Stay in love with God

Our Response

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The Wesleyan Quadrilateral:

SCRIPTURE / Tradition / Reason / Experience