

# **Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church
<b>Creator</b>	Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church (25th and Brown Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.)
<b>Title</b>	Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church records
<b>Call number</b>	39
<b>Date</b>	circa 1875-1986
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear feet
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	11 volumes, 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church was located at 25th and Brown Streets in the Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Started as a mission of the Spring Garden Street Church, it was founded in 1875 and discontinued in 1985. The Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church records, circa 1875-1986, consist primarily of membership and vital records, with one minute book, twenty years of "The Emmanuel Observer" newsletter, and various other documents.

## **Biography/History**

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Methodism is a protestant Christian faith based in the teachings of John Wesley (1703-1791), who preached "practical divinity," emphasis on Christian living, and putting faith and love into action. The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784 in Baltimore, Maryland with Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke as its first bishops and held its first general conference in 1792. In May of 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Methodist Protestant Church united to form the Methodist Church (U.S.). In 1946 the Church of the United Brethren in Christ (New constitution) and the Evangelical Church united to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In 1968 the Methodist Church (U.S.) and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united, forming the United Methodist Church (U.S.).

Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church in the Fairmount neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, started as a mission of the Spring Garden Street Church. Founded in 1875, the congregation built a church building designed by Hewitt Brothers at 25th and Brown Streets in 1881. The church was discontinued in 1985.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection consists primarily of membership and vital records, such as baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1875-1984. There is also one minute book, 1894-1934; issues of "The Emmanuel Observer" newsletter, 1893-1916; and various other documents. A folder-level inventory for the collection is available.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Sponsor**

This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

### **Access Restrictions**

Contact Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition Note**

The Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church is the repository for records of member churches when they close.

### **Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church directly for more information.

### **Existence and Location of Copies**

Some church records at the Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, particularly membership and vital records, are available in digital form through Ancestry.com or on microfilm at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and/or the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials Note**

Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church: Nineteenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church records, 1860-1938.

Historical Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church: Spring Garden Street United Methodist Church records.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church (25th and Brown Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.)
- United Methodist Church (U.S.)

### Geographic Name(s)

- Philadelphia (Pa.)

### Subject(s)

- City churches
- Methodism
- Methodists

## Collection Inventory

	Volume
Issues of "The Emmanuel Observer" newsletter, 1893-1916.	1
Minute book, 1894-1934.	2
Class lists, undated.	3
Church records, circa 1882-1905.	4
Church records, 1875-1879.	5
Membership list, 1984 (folder).	6
Church records, circa 1875.	7
Church records, 1965-1982.	8
Church records, circa 1925-1965.	9

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Member list, 1904 (packet).	10
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Church records, circa 1905-1920.	11
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Volume

**History file.**

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**History File Scope and Contents note**

Historical Sketch - Emanuel Beacon 1882; Report of the Treasurer 1891; History 1867-1892; Annual Treasurer's Statement 1893; 62nd Anniversary 1929; Dedication and Directory 1936; Record of Discontinuation of church 1984; History undated; 58th Anniversary 1925; 60th Anniversary 1927; 62nd Anniversary 1929; 1 photo (Church); Sunday School - Opening Day Jubilee 1883; Correspondence Re: "Emmanuel Experience" 1982; complaints to the Bishop 1982; Appointment Information Sheet; New part-time pastor appointment; School District of Phila. for leasing space in Church 1984; Agreement of Lease for School District; Letters to transfer Membership 1985; Church Conference Worksheet 1984-1985; Request for and Cancellation of Day Care 1984; Boys and Girls Meeting Forms 1902; 1904; Sale of defunct church; Picture of church; Confirmation of entry in safe 1986 (Business Card); Request for funds 1939; Thanksgiving bulletin 1983; 1984 bulletin; "Emanuel Observer"--Golden Anniversary 1917; 1951 directory; 1939 newspaper article (Church merger); 1841 Daily Chronicle newspaper article; 1930 newspaper article