

combine two or three fields of learning.

■ Religious Tradition and Affiliation with the United Methodist Church

Albright College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. In 2005, Albright formally reaffirmed its affiliation with the Church, noting the College's historic roots in the Evangelical and Methodist tradition, as well as a strong present-day relationship with the Eastern and Central Pennsylvania Conferences and the Wyoming Conference of the Church.

Jacob Albright, after whom the College is named, was a Pennsylvania German evangelical preacher. (Born in 1759 as Johannes Jacob Albrecht, his family changed their name to Albright after his death in 1808.) "[The Life and Times of Jacob Albright](#)" by Kenneth R. Good '47 tells the story of Jacob Albright.

Greatly influenced by the teaching of the Methodist Church as a young man, Jacob Albright became the founder of the Evangelical Association, later the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The beliefs of the Evangelical Association and the Methodist Church were closely related. In 1968 the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church merged to become the United Methodist Church.

Today, Albright College is a multifaith community, with a full-time chaplain and associate chaplains representing a number of faith traditions. The Chaplain's Office and the Albright MultiFaith Center, located at 1811 Linden Street, together provide a wide variety of programs and services.

■ Our Mission



Our mission is to inspire and educate the scholar and leader in each student, building on a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences and a commitment to the best of human values, fostering a commitment to a lifetime of service and learning.

■ The Spiritual Ties of Albright College

Evangelical Association (1803 -1922)

- 1803 Evangelical Association started by Jacob Albright.
- 1856 Evangelical Association establishes Union Seminary, New Berlin PA.
- 1881 Evangelical Association establishes Schuylkill Seminary, Reading, PA.
- 1887 Union Seminary becomes Central Pennsylvania College under its affiliation with the Evangelical Association.

United Evangelical Church (1895 – 1922)

- 1895 United Evangelical Church is formed by members of the Evangelical Association after a schism within the association.
- 1895 United Evangelical Church establishes Albright Collegiate Institute, Myerstown PA.
- 1898 Albright Collegiate Institute becomes Albright College at Myerstown.
- 1902 Central Pennsylvania College (formerly Union Seminary) merges into Albright College at Myerstown, changing