

**Historical Marker - L1835 - Union City Methodist Episcopal Church / Side Two
(Marker ID#:L1835)**



Front - Title/Description

Union City Methodist Episcopal Church

During 1836-37 cabinetmaker David Hull led the organization of the township's first religious society. Circuit-riding ministers held services for Union City's fledgling Methodist congregation on alternate Sundays. The group met in several places until a "New and Commodious" church was built in 1848, one-half block west of here. In 1880 the Coldwater Republican announced that the Methodists would "build a new brick church next season." The present church was dedicated in 1881.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1991 **Erected Date:** 1993

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Side Two

This High Victorian Gothic auditorium-plan church was constructed in 1880-81. Because this church so closely resembles the Constantine Methodist Episcopal Church, designed by the Grand Rapids architectural firm of Robinson and Barnaby, it is believed to have been the work of the same firm. John R. Simmons, a Scottish woodworker from nearby Girard, reportedly built the church. The church was dedicated on August 28, 1881.

Marker Location

Address: 200 Ellen St.

City: Union City

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Branch

Township: Union

Lat: 42.06688100 / **Long:** -85.13679500

Web URL: