

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AL-VI-B-049  
Church Hill, Midland  
1891

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-049

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The United Methodist Church

Telephone #: 463-2649

STREET & NUMBER

Church Hill

CITY, TOWN

Midland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 291

Folio #: 428

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-VI-B-549

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The United Methodist Church is located on Church Hill in Midland, Maryland. The one and a half story frame structure has a basic rectangular shape with gables meeting at a 90° angle on the west side. Novelty siding covers the walls, which rest on a low stone foundation now reinforced by cement blocks. A different array of windows are present in this structure. The front southwest corner features a large, centrally located tracery window with stained glass panes; to each side lies a gothic sash window also with stained glass panes. Just east of the main entrance are four double hung gothic sash frames with eight over six lights. Lancet windows with stained glass panes are found along the north side of the structure. The main entrance includes six wide concrete stairs leading up to the six-paneled double door. A stained glass fan light and a gabled hood supported by black iron railings complete the entrance-way. Directly above the entrance-way is the tall church tower, including from bottom to top, a louvered tower, an open belfry containing one large church bell, a spire and a white Cross. Two smaller entrances also covered by gabled hoods are found on the structure; one in the rear and one on the far east side of the facade. Replaced asphalt shingling covers the gabled roof, which features a soffit around the perimeter and a fancy verge board in the peak of the gable on the facade's west side.

The United Methodist Church of Midland is structurally sound and is in good condition. It was originally completed on October 24, 1891, but was remodeled in 1951.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      October 24, 1891

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The corner stone of the Grace Methodist Church of Midland was laid on October 24, 1891. Funds to build the church were largely obtained from the sale of an earlier Methodist Church in Woodland. The pastor of the Church upon its completion was Reverend D. Haskell.

The first church on the Midland charge, was located at Wright's Crossing. According to records, that church was in operation as early as 1823. The Bible used in that church was presented by Meshach Frost, the founder of Frostburg. That same Bible was placed on the pulpit of the present church upon its completion.

The original block of the church was the western one and a half story, three bay structure. 1914 found the addition of a large Sunday School room and the belfry. Two new Sunday School rooms were added in 1948. From 1951 to 1952, a complete new basement, rest rooms, kitchen and new heating system were installed, thus completing the remodeling process. The present structure stands as it did at that point, and is currently ministered by Reverend Catherine Bratton.

"Grace Methodist Church", Anniversary 1891-1954, Louis L. Emerick, Minister of 1954.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

M-VI-B-049

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .71 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AI-UI-B-049

291/428

DATE: 11/30/76

.71 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: The United METHODIST CHURCH

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: CHURCH HILL, MIDLAND

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 173° SOUTH

NAME OF OWNER: The United METHODIST CHURCH 463-~~337~~<sup>2649</sup>

ADDRESS: CHURCH HILL, MIDLAND

STORIES: <sup>1 1/2</sup> 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: <sup>Masonry siding</sup> Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) ICG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONE + Cement Block

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) <sup>8/4</sup>  
LANCET <sub>pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )</sub>  
<sub>STAINED GLASS</sub>

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

STAINED <sup>Board</sup> BARGE LEAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

BELL TOWER

CORNICE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LEANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) <sub>FRONT GABLED 1 BAY</sub>

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Church  
Significance - Arch Rel  
Date Constructed - Oct. 24, 1891 - Remodeled 1951  
Condition - Good

# SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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- AI-VI-B-030
- AI-VI-B-031
- AI-VI-B-032
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- AI-VI-B-047
- AI-VI-B-048
- AI-VI-B-049
- AI-VI-B-045
- AI-VI-B-035

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John Nelson

11/30/76

North



United Methodist Church

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Church Hill, Midland

John Nelson

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Southeast



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GRACE METHODIST CHURCH, Midland

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