

St. Mary's United Church of Christ  
is the second oldest church with a German  
Reformed background in the County. St.  
Mary's Lutheran (Carr.-173) and this church  
were organized in 1762. The present  
picturesque structure is very large with  
decorative corbelling , pinnacles, and  
windows. It is eclectic, but unified.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **St. Mary's Evangelical Reformed**

AND/OR COMMON  
**(St. Mary's) United Church of Christ**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER <sup>East</sup> **Mayberry Road**

CITY, TOWN **Silver Run** VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT **3**

STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Carroll**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **St. Mary's Reformed Church (UCC)**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER **Mayberry Road**

CITY, TOWN **Silver Run** VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code **Md. 21157**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Carroll County Office Building**

Liber #: **NONE**  
 Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER **225 North Center Street.**

CITY, TOWN **Westminster** STATE **Md.**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1762/1821/1893

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1762 & before log "Union" structure, described as a "small, unpretentious", log edifice, standing probably about 200 yards N/W of the present Reformed (United Church of Christ). No longer extant.

1821 Union Structure sat on an elevation on the east side of the old cemetery of brick. no longer extant.

the following is from "Of Lutheranism 1762-1912 in Silver Run, Md. publication "... a high, square building, no chimney, heated by stoves, the pipes pierced the ceiling, depositing the smoke and soot in the upper story...straight back benches, deacon and elders amen corners, the almost perpendicular galleries on three sides."

"...most interesting was the wine glass pulpit placed halfway between the galleries and floors, on small round pillars, with the winding stairway leading thereto, and the large round sounding board suspended within a few feet from the top by a stout iron rod made to represent a sunflower stalk with its leaves and flowers hanging from the side."

the following is from Volume 9, no. 1 March 1975 quarterly of the Pennsylvania German Society

"At a cost of about \$2500 the congregation erected a brick house of worship in the ecclesiastical style then prevalent: the main entrance along one of the long walls which faced directly to the pulpit mounted high on the opposite wall, surrounded by steep galleries and rows of pews on the main floor. An altar table, fenced in, was directly before the pulpit. Heat was gained from two stoves, which had no pipes. The smoke simply found its own way out through the ceiling. As typical, the pulpit was surmounted by a sounding board, a primitive means of amplification."

"The flowers were the careful creation of a tin-smith, reputedly migrant and when the church was demolished, local families are said to have received a flower or two as a keepsake."

...the following taken from "St. Mary's Lutheran Church and her people 1762-1962" publication, these quotes from Rev. John O. Yoder.

"The sanctuary had then an up-to-date appearance, and was the revelation of the general status of the people of the community. It was a high, square brick building and seemed to have been started with no positive knowledge as to where the last course of brick would be laid heavenward."

from one Rev. Hoover "... the interior was by custom and tradition laid off into sections by imaginary lines ... a section for older men, one for women, another for the younger men and one for younger women. It is not recorded at what age "promotions" were supposed to take place.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

1762/1821/1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Mary's formally known as St. Mary's Evangelical Reformed and since the 50's, known as a United Church of Christ, is the second oldest German Reformed Church in Carroll County, and one of a group of those organized in the mid-1700's in the middle colonies.

Because the Reformed's insisted on the preaching of the pure gospel they preferred the call themselves "Evangelical Christians." Only later on were they named Reformed by a French influence. The church was established by the teachings of Ulric Zwingli and John Calvin in the early to middle 1500's. Zwingli taught the doctrines of the Reformation, and Calvin, under the instruction of Melchoir Wolmar, converted to the cause of the Reformation. In 1535, the council at Geneva declared the city over to the Reformed Church with Calvin as its leader and thus became "the most quiet and orderly city in Europe". After much discussion and debate, the church of Zurich and Berni united with Geneva under the common confession of faith, in 1549.

Rev. George Michael Weiss and Rev. John Philip Boehm, the latter the first Reformed minister in America, went to Pennsylvania and laid the foundations of the Reformed Church in the colonies.

In 1729, a number of Germans on their way from Lancaster County, Pa. to Virginia came to what was then Frederick County, Maryland (now Carroll County). Because of Lord Valtimore's rental terms they went no further. Between 1730-1740, large numbers of Germans and Swiss from Hanover, (Conewago) filtered in, settling primarily in the Manchester area. (see Carr. -162) There was also an influx of Germans coming from the south by way of Baltimore and Annapolis about the years 1748-1754, but it is probable that they remained in the southern portions of the county and beyond.

Those who settled in this territory were said to have been followers of mostly Luther and Zwingli, Lutherans and Reformed. A scarcity of ministers was probably the main reason organization was not earlier.

St. Mary's Lutheran and Reformed Union congregation were organized under one constitution in Many of 1762. They were 22 persons combined. Rev. Jacob Lischy, a Calvinist minister from York, Pa. and the leader and representative of the Reformds and Rev. George Bager, Lutheran minister from York, Pa., signed for their congregations.

Lischy came to America in 1742, was ordained the following year and made his headquarters in Philadelphia. By 1743 he was serving 10 different congregations in Pa. Counties. About 1760, he left York, moved near to the Maryland-Pennsylvania line, and continued to preach to county congregations until his death in 1781. Lischy probably did not preach long at St. Mary's

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3-19-37

"St. Mary's United Church of Christ -200th Anniversary" 1762-1962 program

"175th Anniversary of St. Mary's Evangelical & Reformed Church 1762-1937 program

"A Review of the history of St. Mary's Reformed Church" 1762-1912 publication  
by S. C. Hoover

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Carroll
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STATE		COUNTY	
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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STATE Md.

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

after its founding, but remained long enough to complete the Union constitution which included provisions for the purity of the faith, its proper preservation and protection. A log structure was built, or had been built prior to the constitution, and was used as the union church until 1821. St. Mary's at this time and up until 1812 was grouped together with other local congregations and received itinerant or nearby preachers. The first regular pastor, one Rev. Jacob Wiestling began his ministry in 1812, as did the complete church records. The next, Rev. Jacob Geiger, 1817 -1848, had a charge including six or seven other churches, some in neighboring counties. Under his pastorate the second union church, a brick two story structure described in #7 of this form was built. A new constitution and articles of incorporation were adopted in 1820 giving greater attention to matters of organization, Again in 1850, new articles of incorporation were drawn, making the trustees of St. Mary's a corporate body.

In 1852, St. Mary's was detached from the Manchester charge and stood alone for twelve years without a regular pastor. After this time the congregation has been part of several different charges.

1880- the new union, Lutheran and Reformed cemetery was laid out and lots sold.

In 1890, a lot just west of the parsonage lot was deeded to St. Mary's by one Absolom Koontz. The new building was to be of brick. Ground was broken in 1890, the dedication in 1893.

1912 - 150th anniversary celebrated

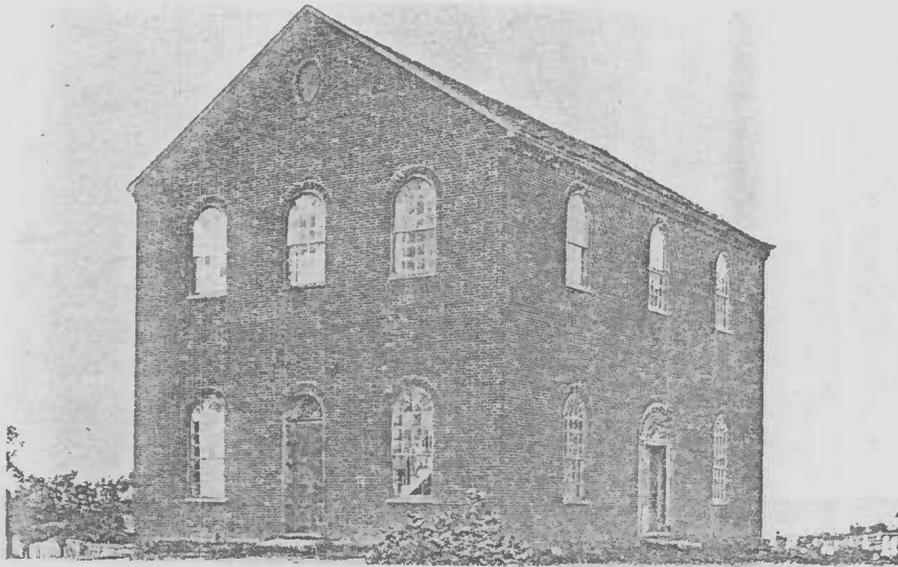
1920 - improvements made; extra room in basement added.

late 1920's - \$4,000 worth of repairs and improvements

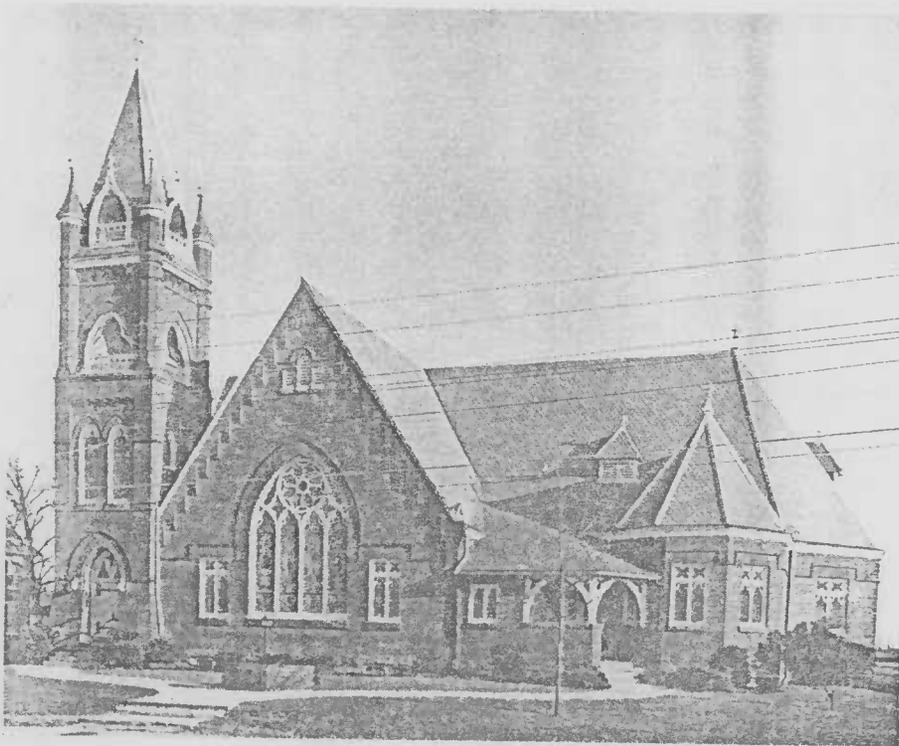
mid 1950's - \$56,000 worth of renovation and reconstruction, basement enlarged,  
main floor completely renovated and painted.

Also, in this year the Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church and named themselves (St. Mary's) United Church of Christ.

ST. MARY'S EVANGELICAL  
REFORMED

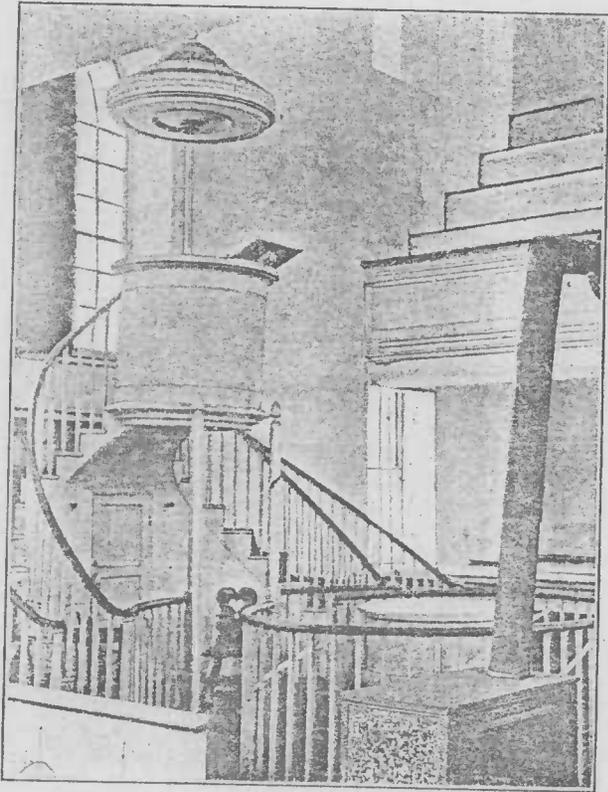


*St. Mary's Union Church—1821*



*St. Mary's United Church of Christ—1962*

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STMARY'S Evangelical  
Reformed



ELEVATED PULPIT—CHURCH OF 1821.



St. Mary's U. Ch. of Christ, Silver Run

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North elevation + tower

fred E.



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East elevation

fredi E.