

CARR-1096

MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1894;1959

25 Middle Street
Taneytown

private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MESSIAH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHERN CHURCH

and/or common MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number 25 Middle Street ___ not for publication

city, town Taneytown ___ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Messiah United Methodist Church

street & number 25 Middle Street telephone no.: 756-6085

city, town Taneytown state and zip code MD 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Messiah United Methodist Church was originally a frame Gothic Revival style structure representative of rural ecclesiastical architecture in this region. Architectural characteristics typical of this style in rural areas include the gable front main facade, pointed arch windows, and the entrance in a corner tower with belfry. In 1959, the structure was remodeled and enclosed in brick, with several changes made that altered the original character of the structure.

Description: The Messiah United Methodist Church is located at 25 Middle Street in Taneytown. A photograph in the September 1954 edition of "Bulletin of the Historical Society of Carroll County," shows the characteristics of its original construction. The building was of frame construction covered in weatherboard. It had a square corner tower with pointed arch entrance. The tower retains its hipped roof supporting an open belfry with octagonal spire. The gable front main facade had a large ornamental pointed arch window, flanked on each side by smaller pointed arch windows, and with a small pointed arch window in the gable.

In 1959, the church building was enlarged with substantial changes made to the main facade. The entrance was moved to the center of the gable front requiring the removal of part of the window. The entire structure was encased in brick with all of the other windows being altered -- the flanking windows were replaced by 8-over-8 sash windows, 6-over-6 windows were inserted on the second story, the gable was changed to a round-arch window, and the tower entrance was replaced with a window.

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Messiah United Methodist Church began as an Evangelical United Brethern congregation in the mid-19th century. Their first house of worship was the Mount Pleasant church built 1851-52 on the Taneytown Pike just east of Taneytown. In 1894, they relocated to the present site and constructed the church on Middle Street.

History: The Messiah United Methodist congregation dates to the mid-19th century when the Mount Pleasant United Brethern Church was founded. Their first house of worship was the Mount Pleasant church built 1851-52 on the Taneytown Pike just east of Taneytown. This site is where the Mount Pleasant U. B. cemetery is located.

In 1894, the congregation relocated to middle Street in Taneytown, where they constructed a Gothic Revival style structure, representative of rural ecclesiastical architecture in this region. Architectural characteristics typical of this style in rural areas include the gable front main facade, pointed arch windows, and the entrance in a corner tower with belfry and octagonal spire.

The church building was remodeled in 1959 in a manner that destroyed the Gothic Revival design of the original. In 1968, the church's name was changed due to a demoninational merger.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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SPECIAL TANEYTOWN ISSUE. "Bulletin of the Historical Society of Carroll County." September, 1954
Greater Taneytown Area Bicentennial Celebration. Taneytown Bicentennial Committee, June 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Taneytown

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster state Maryland

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2. Carroll County, Md.
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4. December 1984
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
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