

CARR-1102

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1889

1205 N. Main Street
Hampstead

private

The St. John's United Methodist Church began as a Methodist Episcopal congregation. The first building was a log structure that served as a church and school for the Hampstead community. It was built by Rev. Amon Richards, a local preacher and surveyor, on a "Meeting House Lott or School Lott" laid out by Joshua Tipton. The building was known in 1809 as Richard Richard's schoolhouse. During the early 1840s, the Methodist congregation in Hampstead became better organized. In 1846, the present church lot and cemetery were donated and a stone church was built by contractor Richard Richards.

The present brick church building of St. John's United Methodist Church was built in 1889 in a rural Gothic Revival style. It is a two-story, three-bay by five-bay brick structure in stretcher bond. It has an imposing tall, narrow brick tower presenting a strong sense of vertical movement to the main facade. The centrally located tower contains the major ornamentation of the structure including the bell tower with an unusual sloped roof covered in patterned shingles. Adding to the ornamentation of the structure are the corner pilasters, brickwork brackets and molded brick lintels over the windows and main entrance.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ST. JOHN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

and/or common ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number 1205 N. Main Street (MD 30) not for publicationcity, town Hampstead vicinity of congressional district Sixthstate 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 St. John's United Methodist Church

street & number 1205 N. Main Street telephone no.: 239-8088

city, town Hampstead state and zip code MD 21074

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

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1102

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 St. John's United Methodist Church was built in 1889 in a rural Gothic Revival style. It is a two-story, three-bay by five-bay brick structure in stretcher bond. It has an imposing tall, narrow brick tower presenting a strong sense of vertical movement to the main facade. The centrally located tower contains the major ornamentation of the structure including the bell tower with an unusual sloped roof covered in patterned shingles. Adding to the ornamentation of the structure are the corner pilasters, brickwork brackets and molded brick lintels over the windows and main entrance.

Description: The St. John's United Methodist Church is located on the southeast corner of Hanover Pike (Md. Rt. 30) and Md. Rt. 833. The structure is sited close to the road and it has an imposing tall, narrow brick tower presenting a strong sense of vertical movement to the main facade. An early postcard of the structure, however, shows that with the early dirt road, the site was tree-lined and set back which conveyed less of a stark contrast to the building than exists today.

Early photographs also show that the exterior of the church was originally left unpainted, but was painted in the early 20th century. Church records show that it was painted gray in 1913. Later, the color was changed to white. Unfortunately, the church was sandblasted in the 1970s, leaving it today with a rough surface and orange-cast appearance.

The building presents a rural example of the Gothic Revival style. It is a two-story, three-bay by five-bay brick structure in stretcher bond. Emphasis is placed on the central tower with its central pointed-arch entrance, double pointed-arch windows, circular window, bell tower with four corner finials, and unusual sloped roof with a patterned shingle design. The main facade has a gable front, corner pilasters, and a brick bracket cornice. The windows and doors throughout the structure have projecting brick pointed-arch lintels.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1102

"Golden Jubilee and History of the St. John's Methodist Church, 1888-1938." Vertical files of the Historical Society of Carroll Co.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

B

Zone	Easting							Northing	

C

Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

G

Zone	Easting							Northing	

H

Zone	Easting							Northing	

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll Co. Dept of Planning date May 1985

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2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. May 1985
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. West elev. (camera facing east)
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