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Mount Pleasant German Reformed Church

The Mount Pleasant United Church of Christ, formerly the German Reformed Church of Mount Pleasant was built as indicated by the cornerstone in 1870. Initial planning work was begun on the church by a committee of church members in 1869 who chose the site on the south side of Route 26 facing north on a lot owned by Jacob Diller, a prominent landowner of Mount Pleasant. The construction of the church began in the spring of 1870 by the builders, Daniel S. Kemp and Kolb.¹ The cornerstone of the church was laid on Ascension Day, 1870 by the pastor of the time, Reverend A. R. Kramer. The congregation was officially organized and officers elected in 1871.²

The German Reformed Congregation of Mount Pleasant counted among its members some of the most respected and prominent citizens of the area. The church is significant in its historical/religious background and because of its distinctive stained glass windows, all of which are original.

¹T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967. I, p. 469.

²Ibid.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mount Pleasant German Reformed Church
(United Church of Christ)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Route 26 Sixth
 CITY, TOWN Frederick Mt. Pleasant VICINITY OF E.D. 13 M58
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 United Church of Christ
Congregation of Mt. Pleasant Telephone #: _____
 STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE, zip code Maryland 21701
 VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse Liber #: _____
 Folio #: _____
 STREET & NUMBER _____
North Court St.
 CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____
 DATE _____
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____
 _____FEDERAL _____STATE _____COUNTY _____LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Mount Pleasant United Church of Christ structure is a common bond brick structure which faces south from the north side of Route #26.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance is located in the second bay. It is a twin arch paneled door with a fan shaped stained glass window above with the words, Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church printed in the glass. The step up to the main entrance is a single stone doorstep. Above the fan shaped window in the upper portion of the principal facade there is another fan shaped stained glass window with a dove design as the principal motif. The second fan shaped window is located in the gable of the principal facade.

Occupying the remaining two bays are stained glass windows with paneled entablature over the windows.

There is a wooden cornice in the gable of the principal facade with egg and dart design trim work. Turning to the west or east side of the structure it is apparent that the cornice is composed of a stepped brick design with brick dentil replacing the wooden dentil. The east and west sides are four bays wide. Plain wooden lintels decorate the side stained glass windows. A paneled door is located in the east side. The door like the main entrance is original. The entire structure is built upon a high coursed quarried stone foundation.

The standing seam tin roof rests upon the stepped brick cornice. Connected to the tin roof is a belfry with moulded roof. The bell is still intact in the belfry surrounded by a railing which may have been added at a later date. On top of the belfry there is a weathervane.

A one story shed roof brick addition is located to the rear of the structure.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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 COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6/13/79

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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Chestnut Grove

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Church

Mt Pleasant

Silver Hill
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Wayman
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Mt Zion



THE CHURCH
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
WOMAN'S SOCIETY

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Church
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