

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74A-9 Building Date: 1881, 1936, 1981

Building Name: Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

Location: 14100 Mt. Oak Road, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Religious/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

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Significance:

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Acreage: 1 acre

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

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city, town Mitchellville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Md. 20716 county Prince George's

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<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Mt. Oak United Methodist Church

street & number 14100 Mt. Oak Road telephone no.: 249-2230

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Md. 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G.'s County Courthouse liber 6

street & number Main Street folio 397

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division -M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. PG#74A-9

Condition		Check one	Check one
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The sanctuary section incorporates the original meeting house style frame church of 1881; it has, however, been rebuilt several times.¹ Most recently (1981) it has been extended to the east to include an entry vestibule, the entrance to which is through modern glass double doors in the first bay of the north elevation. The building has been covered with a white cut-stone facing. The five bays of the sanctuary are lighted by narrow vertical four-section aluminum-frame windows filled with stained glass. The east gable end is lighted by larger multi-section windows of the same type, separated and defined by shallow buttresses in the stone facing. A slim modern spire rises from the ridge near the east gable end.

Mount Oak Church has evolved from the simple one-room gable-roof meeting house of 1881 to its present form, consecrated 100 years later. The 1881 church was a small gable-roof structure, three bays long, with entrance centered in the east gable end between two windows. Windows were double hung sash, and both windows and double door were round-arched. A stove chimney rose from the north plane of the roof. In 1905 a bell-tower was added at the southeast corner and it became the entry vestibule; the original doors were moved to this new tower entrance.

In 1926, a three-room educational wing was constructed at the southwest corner of the sanctuary; it rested on a high basement. A furnace was installed in this basement at approximately this time.

In November 1935 a fire which apparently started in the furnace destroyed the interior of the sanctuary. Carpenter Millard Schafer (cf. MHT Files PG #70-39, PG #71A-8 and PG #71A-21) was hired to rebuild the interior, and during the next year the original building was raised and a basement excavated underneath. The raising of the floor level necessitated a change in the grade entrance; consequently the entry/bell tower was torn down, and a new entry vestibule was built, centered in the east gable and accessible by a flight of steps. The interior furniture of the sanctuary was replaced.

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In the mid-1950's a belfry was built at the ridge near the east gable end, and the educational wing was extended at the northwest corner of the church, completing the crossbar of the T configuration. The completed educational wing is three bays deep, and four bays long on each side of the perpendicular sanctuary section.

A new building program was initiated in 1979, resulting in the present form of the church which was completed in 1981. The sanctuary was extended to the east, incorporating the small entry vestibule, adding three more rows of pews and a balcony, and providing a full-gable-width entry vestibule at the east gable end. The modern double-door entrance was built in the north side of this vestibule. The building was covered with a white cut-stone veneer, and the long aluminum-frame vertical windows were installed in the sanctuary section. The resulting building, which was consecrated in May 1981, is a noticeable landmark with a modern appearance.

To the east of the church, on the other side of the entrance drive from Mount Oak Road, is a two-story side-gabled parsonage which was completed in 1940. Across the intersection, on a hill to the southwest, is the church cemetery.

¹ See Note #3, Item #8.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1881, 1936, 1981 **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

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Starting with a small, gable-roof, meeting-house style structure, the church has undergone a series of changes, e.g., windows and doors have been removed or replaced, additions have been made to the building and then removed, wings have been added and another is planned. In November 1935 a major fire gutted much of the interior of the sanctuary and, in the course of making the necessary repairs, the level of the main floor was raised to accommodate a basement. In the late 1970's the last reminder of Mount Oak's original appearance vanished when the exterior wooden siding was replaced with stone.³ The new building was consecrated, May 17, 1981.

In May, 1905, John and Sarah Bowie of Mount Oak farm (PG #74A-8) deeded to the church trustees a six-acre parcel of land on the southwest corner of the road intersection. A cemetery was established there in that year; the gravestones record burials from that time to the present.⁴

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Although Mount Oak began as a rural church, serving the residents of the large farms which surrounded it, it now stands in a developing suburban area. In meeting the needs of the present, little effort has been made to preserve the earlier aspects of the church building. Although some of the current parishioners represent the third and fourth generations of membership at Mount Oak, the present church no longer reflects the original church building. There are several other late nineteenth century Methodist churches in Prince George's County which retain much of their original appearance: Perkins Chapel at Springfield (#64-5), a rural meeting-house style structure with gabled entry vestibule, dating from the 1860's; Grace Methodist Church at Cedarville (#85B-4), a similar structure, but with gothic-arch windows, dating from 1879; Westwood Methodist Church at Cheltenham (#82A-21), a board-and-batten covered building with round-arch windows and three-story entry/bell tower, also from 1879; and Immanuel Methodist Church at Baden (#86B-18) a rural meeting-house style church with gothic-arch windows and gabled entry vestibule, built in 1896.⁵ These four church buildings are good representatives of rural Victorian chapels in Prince George's County.

Mount Oak United Methodist Church has a long and important history, dating from the beginnings of McKendree Church in 1841. The building, however, has undergone a sequence of five major changes, and can no longer be said to represent the historic church.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed WAJ #3:257.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #6:542.
- 3 Mount Oak United Methodist Church Centennial Booklet, printed 1981; cf. also attached chart, "Evolution of Mount Oak Church (74A-9) 1881-1981."
- 4 Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1984, p. 432.
- 5 cf. Inventory files PG #64-5, #82A-21, #85B-4 and #86B-18.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. 74A-9

See Chain of Title
Mt. Oak United Methodist Church history, 1981

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Lanham, Sec. F

Quadrangle scale _____

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state	<u>Maryland</u>	code	county	<u>Prince George's</u>	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Susan Pearl/Shirley Baltz</u>		
organization	<u>P.G.'s Co. Preservation Commission</u>	date	<u>January 1985, March 1988</u>
street & number	<u>c/o County Planning MNCPPC</u>	telephone	<u>952-3521</u>
city or town	<u>Upper Marlboro</u>	state	<u>Md. 20772</u>

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Chain of Title

Mt. Oak Church
P.G. #74A-9

#6:397
11/16/1901
Deed

Corilla W. Mullikin, unmarried, to Jeremiah Duckett, Walter Duckett, Rufus Bell, Grafton C.D. Townshend, John Peach, Edward S. Walker and Richard L. Peach, trustees; 1 acre, part of Mt. Oak "to be used as a place of divine worship"; same which grantor acquired by JB#3:542.

JB#3:542
12/13/1898
Deed

William B. and Kate C. Clagett to Corilla W. Mullikin; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak; same which William B. Clagett received by the will of his father.

JBP #1:172
6/28/1894
Will

After several bequests to female members of the family, Charles Clagett devised all the residue of his property, real and personal, to his son William B. Clagett; legacy included 41 11/20 acres of Mt. Oak which Charles Clagett acquired by HB #13:427.

WAJ #3:257
10/27/1881
Deed of Gift

Charles and Mary Clagett to Jonathan Walker, Richard E. Peach, et al, trustees, and their successors; 1 acre in Queen Anne District, part of Mt. Oak; trustees required to build a house of worship for the use of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South - reversion clause if the land ceased to be used for the stated purpose; same which grantors acquired by HB #13:427.

HB #13:427
6/3/1878
Deed

Joseph K. Roberts, trustee under decree of Equity dated 11/10/1877, to Charles Clagett; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak "of which John B. Mullikin died seized."

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¹ Centennial Booklet, Mt. Oak Church, 1981.

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11. Form Prepared By

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Oak Methodist Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Church Road and Mt. Oak Road (NE quadrant)				
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Mt. Oak United Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a frame structure with a gabled facade. The entrance porch has a central double door with a segmentally arched transom light. The window in the gable is circular. The sidewalls have segmentally arched window heads. The church is sheathed with clapboards.

Before the church burned, it was smaller with a gabled facade with double windows. In one corner was an entrance porch with an open bell cote and pyramided roof.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

(This area is currently blank for the user to provide a statement of significance.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 7 Oct 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

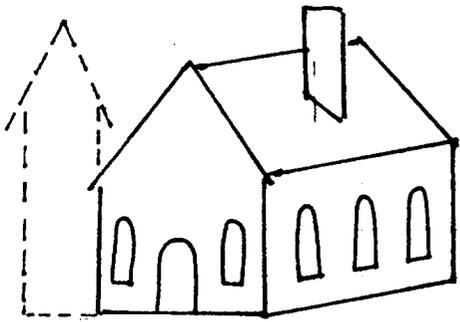
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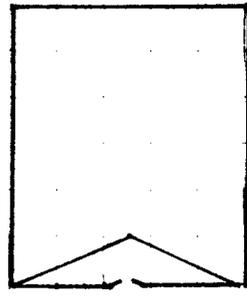
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EVOLUTION OF MOUNT OAK CHURCH (74A-9) 1881-1981

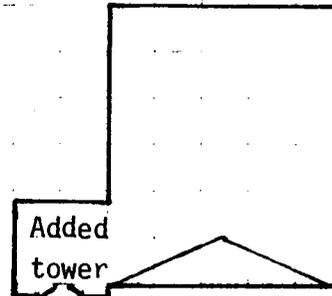


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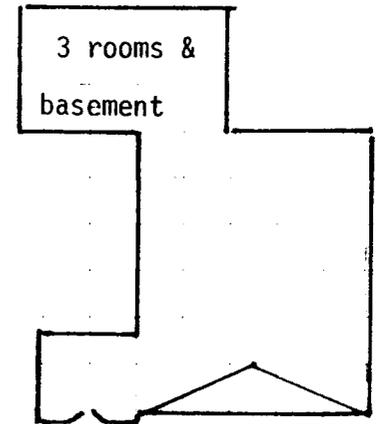
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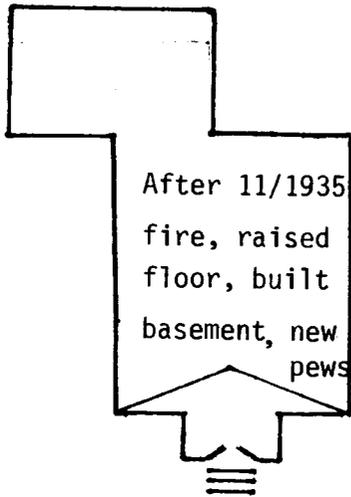
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1905



3 rooms &
basement

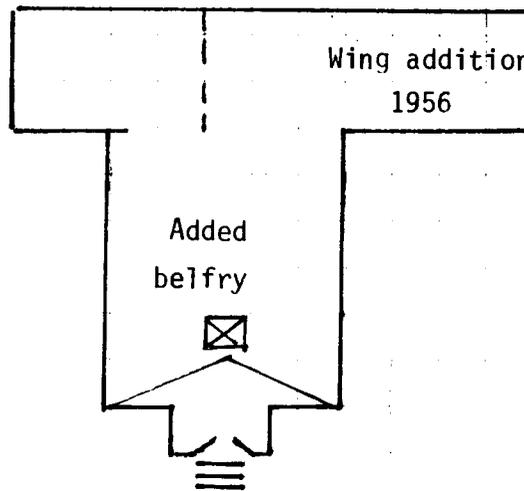
1926



After 11/1935
fire, raised
floor, built
basement, new
pews

Rehung original doors

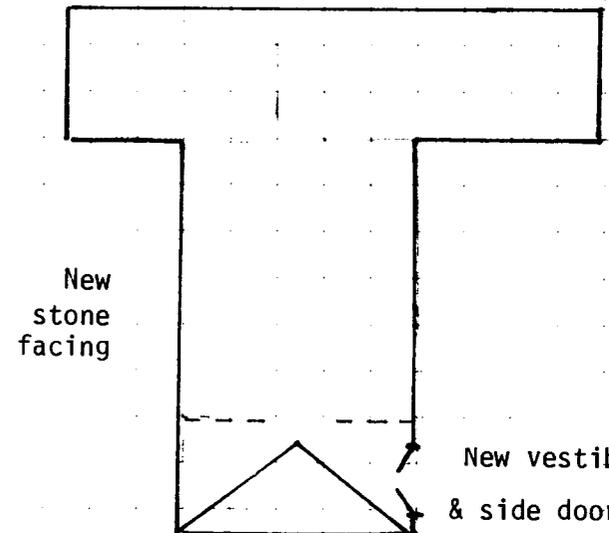
1936



Wing addition
1956

Added
belfry

1955/56



New
stone
facing

New vestibule
& side doors

1981

Chain of Title

Mt. Oak Church
P.G. #74A-9

#6:397 11/16/1901 Deed	Corilla W. Mullikin, unmarried, to Jeremiah Duckett, Walter Duckett, Rufus Bell, Grafton C.D. Townshend, John Peach, Edward S. Walker and Richard L. Peach, trustees; 1 acre, part of Mt. Oak "to be used as a place of divine worship"; same which grantor acquired by JB#3:542.
JB#3:542 12/13/1898 Deed	William B. and Kate C. Clagett to Corilla W. Mullikin; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak; same which William B. Clagett received by the will of his father.
JBP #1:172 6/28/1894 Will	After several bequests to female members of the family, Charles Clagett devised all the residue of his property, real and personal, to his son William B. Clagett; legacy included 41 11/20 acres of Mt. Oak which Charles Clagett acquired by HB #13:427.
WAJ #3:257 10/27/1881 Deed of Gift	Charles and Mary Clagett to Jonathan Walker, Richard E. Peach, et al, trustees, and their successors; 1 acre in Queen Anne District, part of Mt. Oak; trustees required to build a house of worship for the use of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South - reversion clause if the land ceased to be used for the stated purpose; same which grantors acquired by HB #13:427.
HB #13:427 6/3/1878 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts, trustee under decree of Equity dated 11/10/1877, to Charles Clagett; 41 11/20 acres, part of Mt. Oak "of which John B. Mullikin died seized."



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Mt. Oak Methodist Church
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

December 1984

Southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Mt. Oak Methodist Church
Prince George's County, MD

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December 1984
Northeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME MT. OAK CHURCH

LOCATION MT. OAK Rd + CHURCH Rd (MT. OAK) MITCHELLVILLE MD

FACADE SW

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