

WI-372
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
Athol
Public worship

1911

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-372

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Religion

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Church

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-372

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church

and/or common Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Hurley's Neck and Athol roads not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

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 Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code MD 21837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository 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.

Historically known as the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, and now the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, the single story gable-front frame building stands at the intersection of Hurley's Neck and Athol roads southwest of the village of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1911, the single-story frame church is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising atop the front end of the gable roof is a pyramidal roofed tower.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a pointed arch double-door entrance flanked by pointed arch windows. A pointed arch transom has three triangular panes of opaque bubbled glass, and the flanking windows are filled with the same. Fixed in the southwest corner of the brick foundation is a marble datestone inscribed, "Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church, 1911." The upper gable end is pierced by a round window divided into four pie-shaped panes. The rooftop tower is pierced by louvered openings on three sides. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave, and the soffit is encased with a vinyl covering.

The south side of the church is three bays across with a series of three pointed arch windows filled with opaque bubbled glass. Piercing the side of the church roof is a single flue brick stove chimney. The north side is similarly defined with a series of three pointed arch windows.

The rear (east) wall is partially covered by a single story gable roofed apse pierced by single-pane windows filled with opaque glass as well. The rear wall of the apse is a blind surface without openings.

The interior was not seen.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 1911 **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.

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The Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is listed in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that have architectural and historic merit and should be preserved.

