

WI-384
Emmanuel M. P. Church
Mardela Springs
Public worship

1869, 1906

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-384

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Church
Cemetery

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-384

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church

and/or common Emmanuel United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 310 Main Street ___ not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input 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 Emmanuel United Methodist Church

street & number 310 Main Street 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

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, historically known as Emmanuel Methodist Protestant Church, is located at 310 Main Street in the center of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story gable-front frame church faces north with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1869, the single-story gable-front frame building is dominated by a two-story tower that is capped by a square belfry and spire. The three-bay frame main block is extended to the east by a story-and-a-half lateral wing erected in 1906 and a second lateral wing on the west side assembled in 1962. The entire building is covered with form stone, and the gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Located behind the church is a large nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery.

The north (main) elevation of the church is dominated by a two-story entrance tower that is topped by a slightly smaller frame belfry, which supports a slender octagonal broach spire. The double replacement doors are topped by a Gothic arched transom filled with colored glass. The second level of the tower is defined by a cross set in a color of form stone that differs from the rest of the wall. The top of the tower is trimmed with a series of widely spaced brackets. Resting atop the tower is a small frame belfry covered with aluminum siding and pierced by Gothic arched louvered vents in each side. The belfry roof is trimmed with widely spaced brackets as well. A narrow broach spire rises atop the belfry. The main body of the church is covered by a medium pitched gable roof trimmed with a heavily bracketed eave. Piercing the wall to each side of the tower are long rectangular window openings filled with colored glass sash.

Attached to the east side of the church is story-and-a-half cross-gabled frame wing mostly covered with formed stone. The centrally placed cross gable is covered with fishscale shingles, and the top of the roof is trimmed with a delicate scrollwork trim. Piercing the center of the gable is a squarish window that has a border of colored glass panes. The gable end of the east wing is pierced by long windows of colored glass panes on the first floor and a paired set of squarish windows filled with colored glass panes in the gable end.

The west side of the church is largely obscured by a single story hyphen that connects a two-story education building erected in 1962. The concrete block education building, also covered in formed stone, is three bays across by seven bays deep.

The interior of the church 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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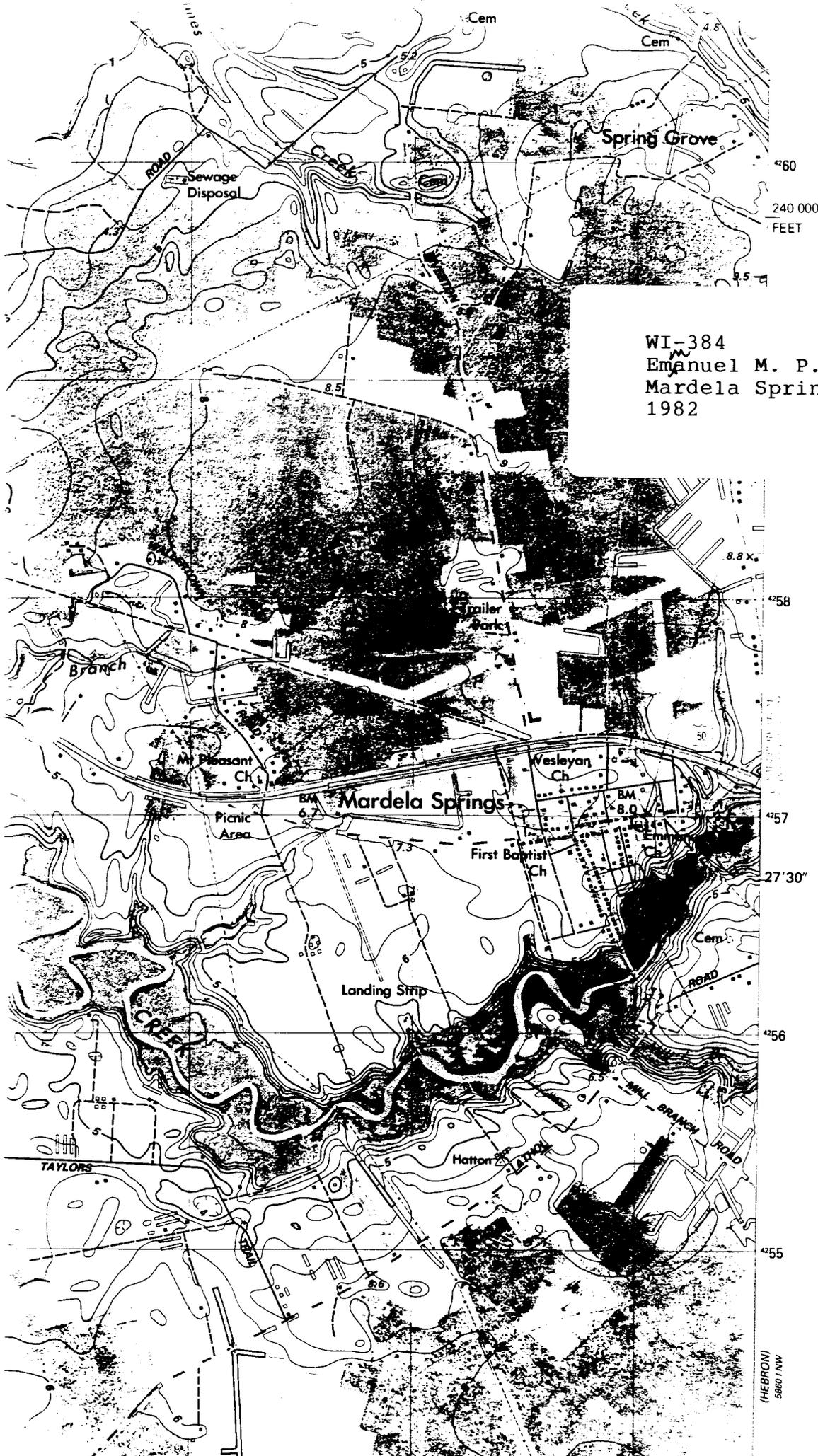
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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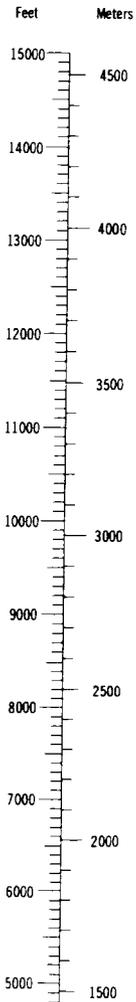
The church deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings of moderate architectural and historical merit.

¹ E. C. Hallman, *The Garden of Methodism*, Peninsula Annual Conference, 1948, p. 345.



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 Mardela Springs, Maryland Quad.
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