

Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE Maryland  
 COUNTY Baltimore  
 TOWN Lutherville VICINITY  
 STREET NO.  
 1400 Block Bellona Avenue  
 ORIGINAL OWNER  
 ORIGINAL USE church  
 PRESENT OWNER Methodist Church  
 PRESENT USE church  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION frame  
 NO. OF STORIES 1

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

2. NAME Edgewood United Methodist Church  
 DATE OR PERIOD ~~2000-2002~~ 1908  
 STYLE late Gothic Revival  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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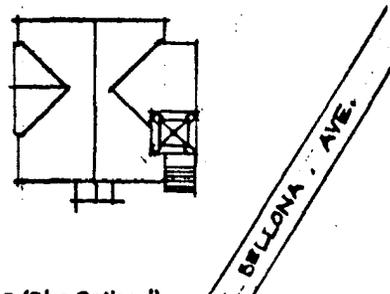
A rather typical example of simple church architecture in the late Gothic Revival mode, this church presents a wide, front gabled facade set with a large central, pointed arch window with simple wooden tracery flanked by smaller, narrower pointed arch windows. Similar bay spacing is set into the high stone foundation and consists of a central hooded doorway and flanking windows with two over two sash.

The main northern entrance is at the base of the belfry tower set somewhat behind the front gable with its plain rake fascia but in front of the east side gable which along with the west side gable provide rudimentary transepts. The tower has simulated corner piers or buttresses with pinnacles and a steep pyramidal roof with a finial all above the belfry with its louvered tracery. The double entry front doors have a pointed arch transom with additional tracery.

The church is presently shingled with modern asbestos siding.

See sheet 2 for photograph of the Sunday school around 1897, showing the first church, a simple Gothic Revival board and batten structure. It was built "on the edge of the woods", hence the name, "Edgewood", on property given by Mr. George I Richardson.

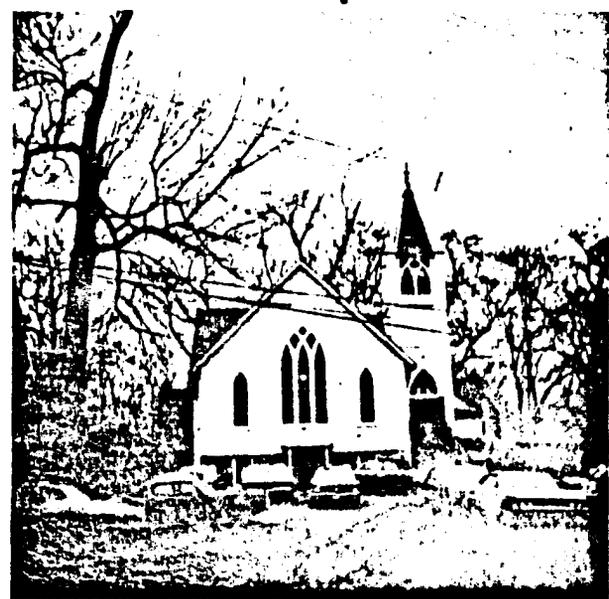
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered



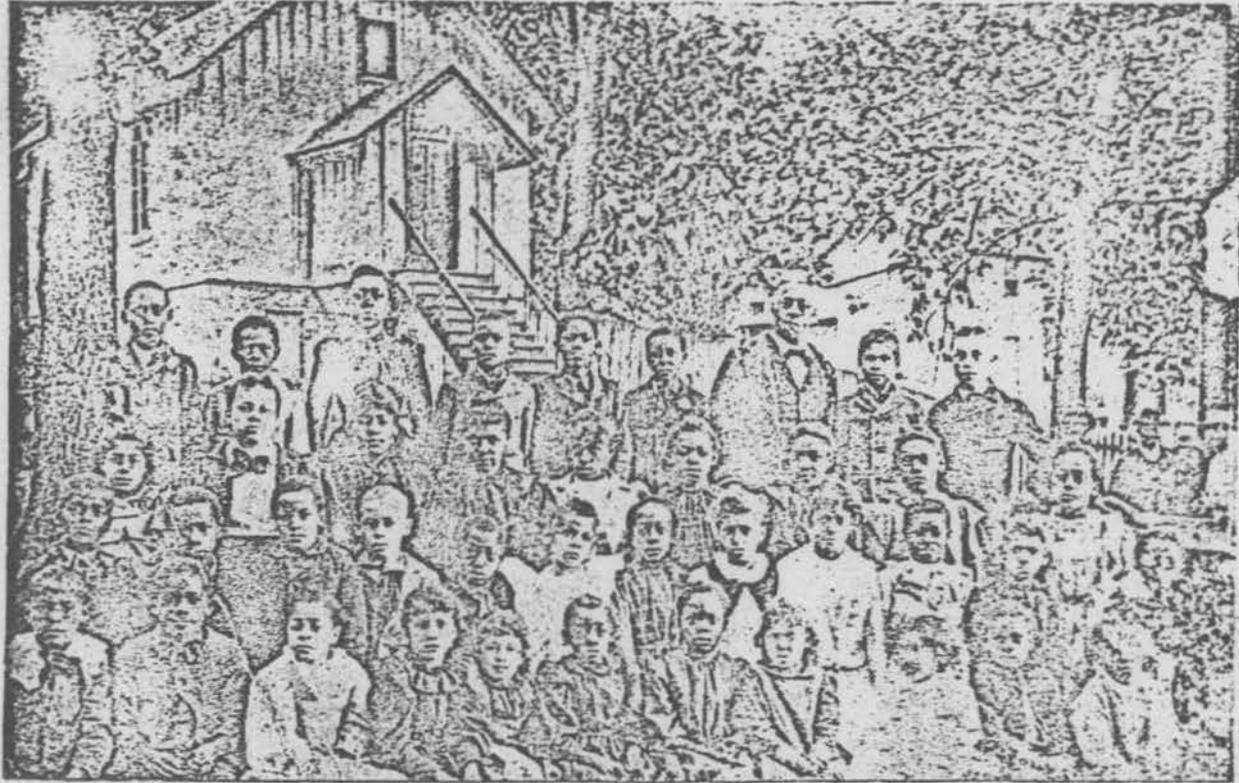
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

Historical sketch of Edgewood Church prepared for its 100th anniversary in 1970  
 Rodd L. Wheaton January 1972



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Around 1897**

Rev. Thomas H. Dansbury, third from right. back row.

Note: First Church Building in Background.

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF EDGEWOOD CHURCH

Methodism had its beginning among the Negroes of Lutherville around the year 1870. It is believed that the church was born in a small prayer meeting. It soon became necessary to find a place of worship. A Mr. George I. Richardson sensed the need and gave to this band of Christians a plot of ground for the purpose. The church was built "on the edge of the woods," hence the name EDGEWOOD.

When Rev. William Brown (1906-1920) came to us a new church building was needed. He led the congregation into this present building and remained about 12 years, thus eliminating the greater part of the debt.

1908

The Edgewood Church has developed down through the years. It has been pastored by some of the great leaders of the Washington and the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Four pastors of Edgewood became District Superintendents, namely Rev. Ezra E. Williams, Rev. C. A. Johnson and Rev. Edgar A. Hall, deceased, and Rev. Raymond White.

In terms of length of service, Rev. M. M. Jefferson gave seventeen years of faithful service.

In 1958 Bishop E. A. Love appointed Rev. White, a young man whose leadership and programming challenged the members to move forward. The church budget nearly doubled between 1958-1964. In 1964-1967, the leadership was still carried on by another dynamic young man, the Rev. Joshua Hutchins. Edgewood continues to move forward the late Rev. Julius O. Williams served us faithfully for two and a half years.

In spite of his failing health, he was anxious to carry on the administrative work of the Annual Conference. He wanted to get all reports in on time. He frequently visited the sick and shut-ins at home and in the hospital.

After the passing of Rev. Williams, Rev. Mrs. Katherine Luckett was sent to complete the year's work.

At the 1970 Annual Conference Rev. Mrs. Luckett (our first female pastor) received the appointment for 1970-71.

### MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED EDGEWOOD CHURCH

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. Washington Murry          | Rev. L. A. Carter, 1924-1926         |
| Rev. Alfred Young              | Rev. A. H. Whitfield, 1926-1929      |
| Rev. J. H. Valentine           | Rev. J. G. Grant, 1929-1932          |
| Rev. Thomas H. Dansbury        | Rev. E. E. Williams, 1932-1934       |
| Rev. J. M. Beane               | Rev. C. A. Johnson, 1934-1935        |
| Rev. J. H. Moten               | Rev. E. D. Hall, 1935-1941           |
| Rev. Charles H. Arnold         | Rev. M. M. Jefferson, Sr., 1941-1958 |
| Rev. J. H. Williams            | Rev. R. E. White, 1958-1964          |
| Rev. R. R. Riggs               | Rev. J. Hutchins, Jr., 1964-1967     |
| Rev. W. H. Draper              | Rev. J. O. Williams, 1967-1970       |
| Rev. W. Brown, 1906-1920       | Rev. K. B. Luckett, 1970-            |
| Rev. C. G. Cummings, 1920-1924 |                                      |