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Bush Creek Church of the Brethren  
Monrovia  
Private

1907

The Bush Creek Church of the Brethren is a Victorian Gothic one and one-half story brick building laid in stretcher bond, three bays wide and six bays long. Two gothic entranceways with triangular glass transoms, side lights and paneled doors are located in the first and third bays on the south side. Two segment round windows and a gothic window are situated in the south gable. Decorative recessed brickwork accents the south side of the church.

Brethren families had settled along the Linganore Creek as early as 1790; the first two meeting places were at Beaver Dam and Pipe Creek. Sometime before 1848 the Beaver Dam Congregation was divided into three parts consisting of Beaver Dam, Monocacy, and Bush Creek. At first, services at Bush Creek were held in the woods or private homes, but in 1848 a wooden structure call the Pleasant Hill Church was built on the present site of the church.

In 1907, the church was rebuilt and, except for an addition on the east side, is still the same.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER East side of Route 75 Sixth ED 9

CITY, TOWN Monrovia VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Frederick

STATE Maryland COUNTY Map 88, Parcel 81

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Bush Creek Church of the Brethren Telephone #: 663-3025

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Monrovia VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21770

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 508  
 Folio #: 411

STREET & NUMBER Court Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Bush Creek Church of the Brethren is a one-and-a-half story brick building which faces south from the east side of Route 75 near Monrovia.

The church, laid in stretcher bond, is three bays wide and six bays long. Two gothic entranceways with triangular stained glass transoms, side lights and paneled doors are located in the first and third bays on the first level of the south side. A smaller double hung gothic stained glass window is located in the second bay. Two segmented round windows and a gothic window are situated in the south gable. Decorative recessed brickwork accents the south side of the church.

Segmented double hung gothic windows are located in each bay of the east and west sides. The east side is four bays wide; the west is six.

Eight smaller gothic windows and a modern entrance are located on the north side of the building.

The entire church is built on a high random stone foundation. The asphalt roof is finished by a plain cornice.

Generally, the building is in excellent condition and is used every Sunday for worship services.

Two cornerstones state "German Baptist Brethren" and "Pleasant Hill Church Built 1848, rebuilt 1907".

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES      1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bush Creek Church of the Brethren is important to the area of Monrovia and to Frederick County as one of the earliest Brethren congregations in the area preceded only by the Beaver Dam and Pipe Creek groups.

Brethren families had settled along the Linganore Creek as early as 1790; the first two meeting places were at Beaver Dam and Pipe Creek.<sup>1</sup> Sometime before 1848 the Beaver Dam Congregation was divided into three parts consisting of Beaver Dam, Monocacy and Bush Creek. At first, services at Bush Creek were held in the woods or in private homes, but in 1848 a wooden structure called the Pleasant Hill Church was built on the present site of the church.<sup>2</sup> The first two ministers of this church were David Rinehart and Howard Hillary.<sup>3</sup> In 1881 the church congregation was incorporated and in 1885 the Frederick City congregation branched off.

In 1907 the church was rebuilt and, except for an addition on the east side, is still the same.<sup>4</sup>

A cemetery is located south and east of the church.

1 History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland, Brethren Publishing Company, Jerry Maurice Henry, 1936, p. 106.

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

4 Ibid.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland, Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, Ill., Jerry Maurice Henry, 1936, P. 106.

History of Frederick County Maryland, T.J.C. Williams, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, Maryland, p. 463.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 37.68 A

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

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

9/7/77

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church Street

663-8300

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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SOUTH ELEVATION



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NORTH ELEVATION