

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Mount Zion United Methodist Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. Route 40, .5 mile east of Green Lantern Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP  <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	STATUS  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: West Virginia Conference, Romney District, United Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Romney		STATE: West Virginia		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Garrett County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Third Street and Alder Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Oakland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Zion United Methodist Church sets on the south side of U.S. Route 40, .5 mile east of Green Lantern Road in northeastern Garrett County.

The church is a one and a half story, frame structure with a gable roof and a cement block foundation. The roof line runs east/west and the exterior is covered with aluminum siding. The building is rectangular in shape with a one story, flat roof extension the width of the church attached to the east end. The main portion has three, tall stained glass windows on both the north and south sides and a circular window on the west end. An enclosed set of steps leading to the basement projects from the south side. The main entrance to the church is through the east addition which has three, double hung, wooden sash windows with one-over-one lights.

The interior of the church was renovated in the 1960's with a new ceiling, wall paneling, new pews and a new altar.

While the building is structurally sound, apparently little more than the exterior shell remains of the original building.

There is a cemetery to the southerly and westerly sides of the structure.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Late 19th century.

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 checked="" 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**

The building known presently as the Mount Zion United Methodist Church is typical of the ecclesiastical structures erected throughout rural America in the late nineteenth century. Generally, these buildings are one story structures, rectangular in shape and devoid of elaborate ornamentation.

The exact date of construction of this building is not known. It probably dates, however, from the 1880's. In an 1886 deed covering the purchase of a large tract of land in this area by Benjamin F. Michaels from Sarah Wright there is reference to this land being used by the church (Garrett Co. Deed Book 12, p.21). It states in description of the land "excepting one acre of ground heretofore conveyed to and now occupied by the Methodist E. Church as a place of Devine worship....." The transaction involving the church apparently was not recorded in the courthouse.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church is now included in the Grantsville Circuit. In notes compiled by the church, it is stated that the oldest Bible in the possession of the church was signed by the Reverend S. P. Archer who was pastor from 1884 to 1886.

Until the mid-1950's, the building stood on stone pillars. In 1955, a basement was dug and constructed and an addition was built in the east end. The present stained glass windows were installed in 1960. Throughout the 1960's the interior was renovated and the exterior was covered with aluminum siding.

A cemetery surrounds the church building on the south and west sides. The cemetery contains several late nineteenth and early twentieth century tombstones. It is said that the first person buried here was a member of the Layton family, but the marker has no date visible.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Garrett County Land Records, Oakland, Md.  
 Lovejoy, The Reverend Paul H., Grantsville, Md. notes;  
 May 3, 1974.

**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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE:	COUNTY:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant - Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for W. Md., Inc.      DATE: 7/31/74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

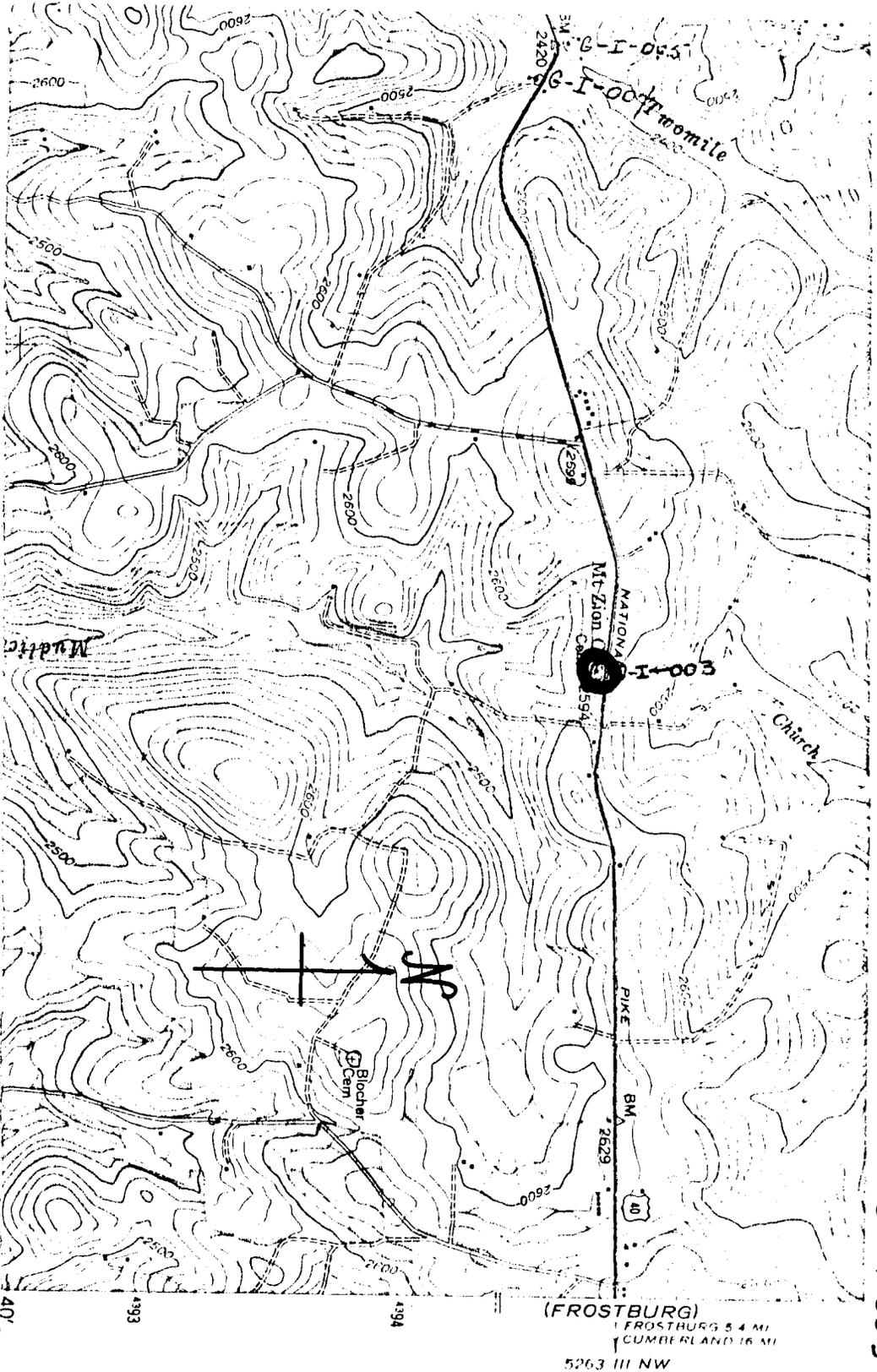
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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 Signature

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G-I-A-003

Mt. Zion Methodist Church  
 Route 40  
 .5 mile east of Green Eastern Road  
 Garrett County, Maryland

Avilton, Md. - Pa.  
 7.5 Minute Series  
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Mount Zion United Methodist Church

U.S. Route 40

1/2 mile east of Green Lantern Rd

Barrett Co., Maryland

February, 1974

SW view



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NE view