

HO-1067
Harwood Methodist Church
6635 Highland Avenue
Private

Description

Harwood Methodist Church is a one-story "L" plan structure with a raised basement, and with a two-story tower in the re-entrant angle of the ell. There is a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and asphalt shingle roof. The main block is one bay by three bays and has a gable with a northwest-southeast ridge, while the ell is two bays by two bays and has a gable with a northeast-southwest ridge. The tower is one bay square and has a hip roof with a cross at the peak. The northwest elevation of the main block has triple sash that is segmentally arched on the first story. The northeast elevation has three pair of diamond-light sash in the first story. The southeast elevation has a lower one-story addition that is two bays by two bays, with the same foundation, siding, and roofing, and has a hip roof. The tower is flush with the northwest wall of the main block of the church. On the northwest elevation is a pair of six-panel doors with a lancet-profile transom of three lights. There are nine brick steps below the doorway, with brick cheek walls, and a gabled porch above the transom, supported by square posts that sit on the cheek walls. The upper story of the tower, on all four elevations, has a triangular-topped louvered vent.

Significance

Several hundred of the unimproved lots that remained in the development of Harwood were purchased in 1938 by Jenevie Roth of Baltimore, and the following year she sold four of these lots to the Trustees of Harwood Methodist Church. The date stone on the building is 1940, confirming that the building was started shortly after the acquisition of the property. The building has strong affinities with the Methodist church plan book designs by Benjamin D. Price found throughout Maryland and much of the east coast, popularly used in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and first quarter of the twentieth century. The "L" plan with a tower in the reentrant angle was very common, though it is not certain in the case of Harwood that the ell was built at the same time, it may have been a later addition. The ell was typically used for Sunday school rooms, with a movable partition that enabled the room to be used for overflow sanctuary space. The windows on the main block have a generally Tudor feel, while the tower is more Gothic, though these are simple touches to what is otherwise an astylar building. However, the Harwood Methodist Church does represent the continuing popularity of traditional American vernacular ecclesiastical architecture right up to the Second World War in Howard County.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1067

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Harwood Methodist Church

other

2. Location

street and number 6635 Highland Avenue __ not for publication

city, town Elkridge vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Harwood Methodist Church

street and number 6635 Highland Avenue telephone

city, town Elkridge state MD zip code 21075

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 164 folio 68

city, town Ellicott City tax map 38 tax parcel 873 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Harwood Methodist Church is located at 6635 Highland Avenue, at the southern corner of the intersection with Euclid Avenue, in Harwood Park, about 2 miles southwest of ElkrIDGE in eastern Howard County, Maryland. The church sits on a flat lot and faces northwest, toward Highland Avenue.

The church is a one-story "L" plan structure with a raised basement, and with a two-story tower in the re-entrant angle of the ell. There is a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and asphalt shingle roof. The main block is one bay by three bays and has a gable with a northwest-southeast ridge, while the ell is two bays by two bays and has a gable with a northeast-southwest ridge. The tower is one bay square and has a hip roof with a cross at the peak.

The northwest elevation of the main block has two pair of one-over-one sash in the basement and a triple sash that is segmentally arched on the first story. There is no opening in the gable end. The northeast elevation has three pair of one-over-one sash in the basement and three pair of taller diamond-light sash in the first story. There is a box cornice with returns.

The southeast elevation has a lower one-story addition that is two bays by two bays, with the same foundation, siding, and roofing, and has a hip roof. This addition has a door with four lights over three lying panels in the north bay of the northeast elevation. There is a gabled hood on triangular brackets over the door. The east bay has a single one-over-one sash. The southeast elevation of the addition has two pair of one-over-one sash, and the main block has no openings above the roof of the addition.

The tower is flush with the northwest wall of the main block of the church. On the northwest elevation is a pair of six-panel doors with a lancet-profile transom of three lights. There are nine brick steps below the doorway, with brick cheek walls, and a gabled porch above the transom, supported by square posts that sit on the cheek walls. The soffit of the porch is of bead boards in a lancet profile, with the eaves of the porch at the height of the transom bar. The upper story of the tower, on all four elevations, has a triangular-topped louvered vent.

The northwest elevation of the ell has a door in the north bay of the basement, with a shed-roofed porch covering it, and a one-over-one sash in the west bay. The first story has two one-over-one sash. The southwest elevation of the ell has a door in the west bay of the basement and a one-over-one sash in the south bay. The first story has two one-over-one sash. The southeast elevation of the ell has two one-over-one sash in both the basement and the first story.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates 1940

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Several hundred of the unimproved lots that remained in the development of Harwood were purchased in 1938 by Jenevie Roth of Baltimore, and the following year she sold four of these lots to the Trustees of Harwood Methodist Church. This deed still retained some of the restrictions that were common to all deeds of Harwood lots, dating back to the 1890s, controlling the location of building on the lot, the use of the lot, and its ownership or occupancy by African-Americans. Since the trustees were establishing a church on the land, these restrictions were generally irrelevant. The date stone on the building is 1940, confirming that the building was started shortly after the acquisition of the property. The building has strong affinities with the Methodist church plan book designs by Benjamin D. Price found throughout Maryland and much of the east coast, popularly used in the last quarter of the nineteenth century and first quarter of the twentieth century. The "L" plan with a tower in the reentrant angle was very common, though it is not certain in the case of Harwood that the ell was built at the same time, it may have been a later addition. The ell was typically used for Sunday school rooms, with a movable partition that enabled the room to be used for overflow sanctuary space. The windows on the main block have a generally Tudor feel, while the tower is more Gothic, though these are simple touches to what is otherwise an astylar building. However, the Harwood Methodist Church does represent the continuing popularity of traditional American vernacular ecclesiastical architecture right up to the Second World War in Howard County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .55 A
Acreage of historical setting .55 A
Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 38, parcel 873, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

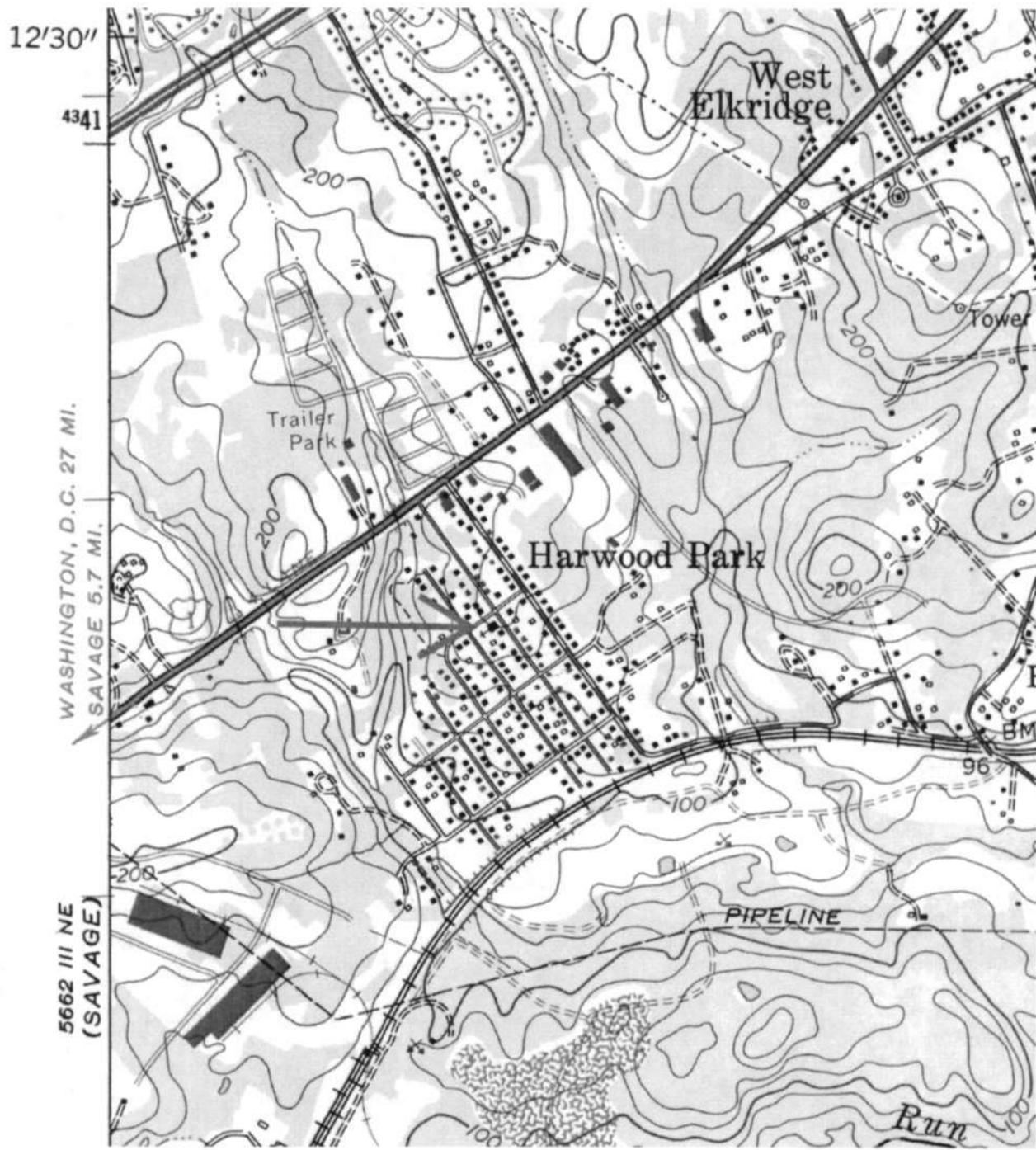
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Harwood Methodist Church
6635 Highland Avenue, Harwood Park
Relay quad

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Harwood Methodist Church
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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northwest elevation

HO-1067_2011-11-10_02
Southeast & northeast elevations



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Northwest elevation

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Southeast + northeast elevations

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