

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: St. James United Methodist Church Inventory Number: S-179
 Address: 8730 Crisfield Highway City: Westover Zip Code: 21871
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston
 Owner: St. James United Methodist Church of Westover, Inc. Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 0124 Tax Map Number: 0040 Tax Account ID Number: 13-006377
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – MIHP form S-179

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The St. James United Methodist Church is located along the Crisfield Highway in Westover. It was organized in 1886 to serve the rural African-American population in and around Westover, and has remained in this location since that time. The church was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-186 in MHT Library) and has undergone extensive alteration since that time. At the time of the previous survey, the church was noted to have already experienced considerable alteration to its historic materials and form in the form of aluminum siding, as well as shed additions on the north and south facades of the church and tower. The walls of the main block of the church are now clad in vinyl siding, and the east façade of the tower entry is clad in brick. All windows have been replaced with one-over-one vinyl sash windows. A large, modern addition has been constructed on the north side of the church since the previous survey. The east (street) façade is clad in brick, while the north and west facades are clad with vinyl siding. All roof surfaces are clad with asphalt shingle. A one story hyphen connects the older church building to a one-story center-gabled entry hall, with a steel and glass entry door flanked by a twelve-light transom and sidelight array, and two fixed sash windows on either side. The northernmost portion of the addition is a one story square chapel with regularly spaced fixed ash windows, and pyramidal roof topped with a spire. An additional entry door is located on the north façade, topped by a side-gable roofed entry porch. The small cemetery noted in the previous survey remains intact but does not appear active.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>Janeth Sayer</u>	<u>4/2/14</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>NA</u>	
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

Despite its historic significance for serving the African-American population of Westover at this location since 1886, the St. James United Methodist Church is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to the extensive alterations and addition to the historic church building that have comprised any historic materials, form, and workmanship.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR)

Date Prepared: February 2014



Great Bay Wind Energy Center
Somerset County - Maryland

Historic Resources Assessment
February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined





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St. James United Methodist Church

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VIEW NN TOWARD SOUTH & EAST FACADES OF CHURCH

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ST. JAMES UNITED METHODISTS CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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VIEW SW TOWARD EAST SIDE OF CHURCH

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St. James United Methodist Church
Somerset County, MD.

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View SW toward East & North Facades of Church Addition.

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ST. SAMUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW NE TOWARD WEST & SOUTH FACADES OF CHURCH

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c. 1886

St. James United Methodist Church
Westover
Public Worship

St. James United Methodist Church was organized and erected in 1886 by the rural black population living in the vicinity of Westover. A few Victorian details survive, but for the most part, this church has been extensively reworked. It is one of three churches still standing in Westover, and one of two which are still active.

7. Description

Survey No. S-179

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.

St. James United Methodist Church stands on the west side of MD 413 between Sign Post Road and MD 361 in Westover, Maryland. Facing east, the single-story aluminum-sided frame church rests on a concrete block foundation and is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Shed additions have been added to both sides of the church as well as to each side of the three-story tower. The marble datestone is inscribed with the 1886 date. The three-story tower is capped by a pyramidal roof which is distinguished by a small turned-wood spire. The first floor has a pair of molded-panel double doors, while the second floor is lighted by single pane window sash. Louvered vents are built into the third floor.

The interior was not seen at first visit. A small cemetery with above-ground concrete vault caps is located to the rear of the church.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-179

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input 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 1886 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

St. James United Methodist Church was built in 1886 by the rural black population living in the vicinity of Westover. A few Victorian details survive, but for the most part, this church has been extensively remodeled. It is one of three churches still standing in Westover, and one of two which are still active.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Kingston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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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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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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38°07'30" 4219000m N





St. James United Methodist Church S-179
Westover, Somerset County
Southeast elevation
2/84 Paul Touart
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