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John Wesley Methodist Church  
Mount Vernon vicinity  
public worship

1887

The John Wesley United Methodist Church, erected in 1887, is a prominent Gothic Revival frame church erected on the north side of Mount Vernon Road. In contrast to many other tee or ell-plan churches, John Wesley Church was designed with an axial plan and a corner bell tower. Instead of pointed arch openings the windows are finished with round arches. Surrounding the church on three sides is a nineteenth and twentieth-century cemetery that is bordered by a modern linked chain hung between brick piers. The church hall stands on the south side of Mount Vernon Road.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley Methodist Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Md. 362, Mt. Vernon Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Mt. Vernon \_\_\_\_\_  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Somerst

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Trustees of John Wesley United Methodist Church

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Vernon \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code Md.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court \_\_\_\_\_ liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ folio

city, town Princess Anne \_\_\_\_\_ state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

## John Wesley United Methodist Church description

John Wesley United Methodist Church is located on the north side of MD 362, 5.7 miles west of Princess Anne. Somerset County, Maryland. The large, single story frame church faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. The church hall stands on the south side of the road.

Built in 1887, this large single-story gable frame church is supported by a minimal brick foundation, and it is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof has extended eaves. Rising on the southwest corner of the building is a three-story bell tower. Surrounding the church on three sides is the church cemetery.

The double leaf front door is topped by a two-light transom, and the entrance itself is protected by a shed roof that stretches between the tower and a one-bay gabled section that fills the right (east) bay. The upper gable of the sanctuary is pierced by a round, colored glass windows, whereas the third floor is pierced by a large louvered bellfry. The pyramidal roofed spire is marked on each side by a gabled vent. The single-story gable roofed section to the east of the entrance is lighted on its south side by a round arched sash window. Fixed in the southwest corner of the foundation is a marble date plaque engraved, "John Wesley M.E. Church, A.D. 1887."

The east and west sides of the rectangular sanctuary are divided into four bays with each bay defined by a round arched colored glass window.

The north (back) side of the church is extended by a shorter single-story altar supported by raised foundation. The brick foundation wall is pierced by three-light windows. Defining each side of the apse is a paired round arched window. Rising against the north wall is an exterior brick stack.

The interior was not open on the initial visit.

Surrounding the church on three sides is a nineteenth and twentieth-century graveyard that is bordered by a modern chain fence linked between brick piers. The church hall is a single-story frame structure erected on the south side of the road.

# 8. Significance

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1887 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

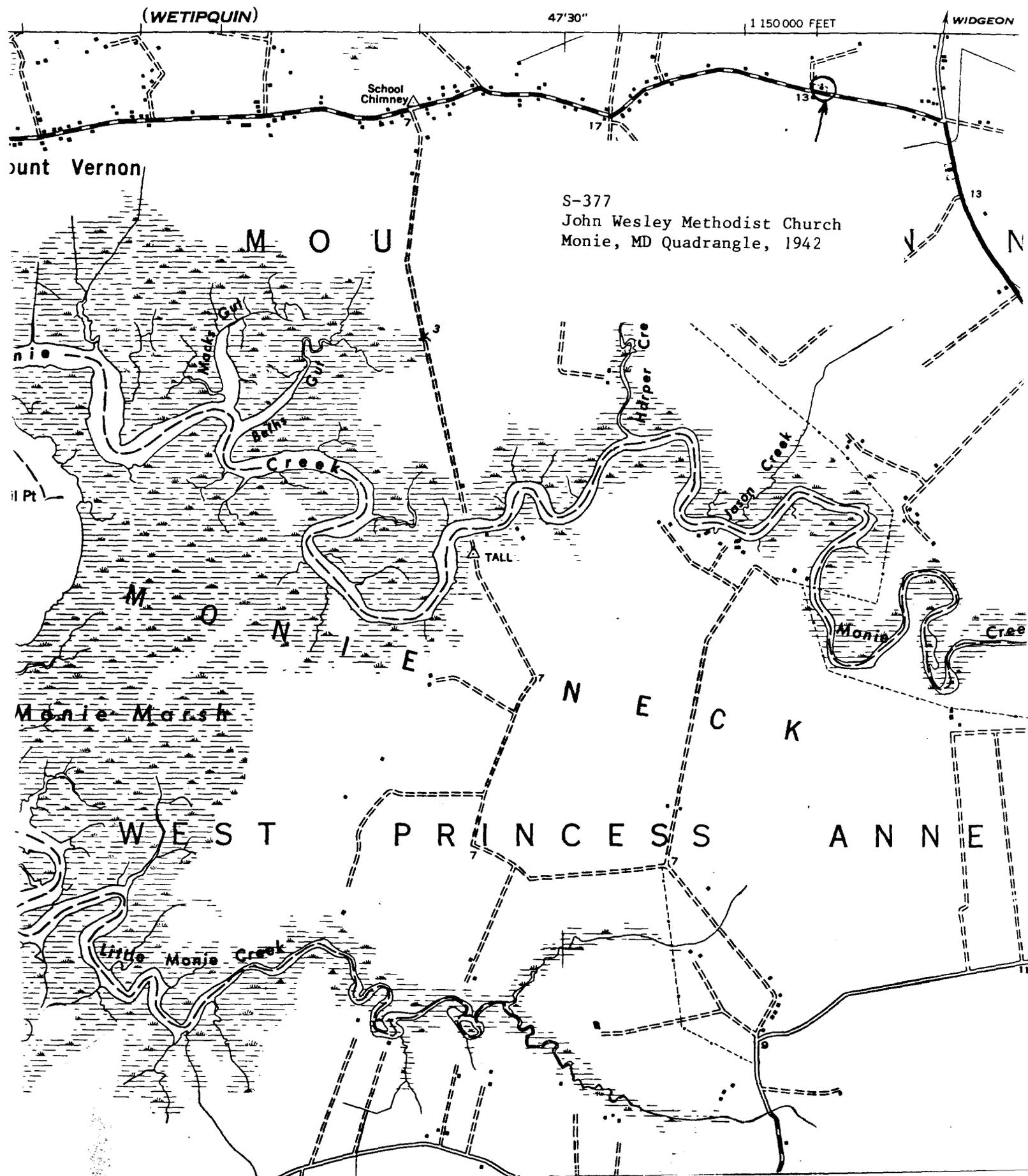
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### SIGNIFICANCE

The John Wesley United Methodist Church, built in 1887, is a prominent structure which was built directly on the main road to Mount Vernon. In contrast to many other tee or ell plan churches, John Wesley of Mount Vernon was erected with an axial plan and a corner bell tower. Instead of pointed Gothic windows the openings were built with round arches. The John Wesley Methodist church is one of the older Methodist congregations in the immediate vicinity of Mount Vernon.



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