

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Inventory Number: WA-I-312
 Address: 14615 Fairview Church Road Road (MD 494) Historic district: yes no
 City: Clear Spring Zip Code: 21722 County: Washington
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Mason-Dixon
 Property Owner: Mt. Tabor Church of Washington County Tax Account ID Number: 2213026068
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0008 Tax Map Number: 0063
 Project: MD 494 at Fairview Church Road Geometric Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: Skelly and Loy, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Gerald Kuncio Date Prepared: 4/16/2012

Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property:
 Inventory Number: Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)
 Description
 The Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is located on the east side of Fairview Church Road in the village of Fairview in Washington County, Maryland. Fairview is northwest of Hagerstown and just south of the Mason-Dixon line. Fairview Church Road intersects with Fairview Road (MD 494) at the south end of the church property. The property includes the church and the church cemetery, which is located to its immediate north. The property is triangular in shape, with the narrow end at the intersection of Fairview Church Road and MD 494. The total acreage is 1.35 acres.
 The church, built between 1909 and 1910, is a one and one-half story high, L-shaped brick building whose form, massing, and details evoke Colonial Revival style architecture, although the windows are Gothic Revival style. The building rests on a dressed stone foundation. Within the legs of the ell is a three story high bell tower that also houses the main entrance to the church. The church is finished with a steeply pitched, black asphalt shingle, cross gable roof placed in 2001. It replaced a slate roof.
 The south and north elevations are three bays wide. The east and west elevations are six bays wide; the sanctuary is contained in

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the three bay cross gable section of the roof. The brick walls are laid in common bond. All three bay sections under the gable roofs feature a tall and wide stained glass lancet window flanked by two smaller and narrower ones with brick Gothic Revival arches and stone lintels. All lights have aluminum storm windows on the exterior. The windows are placed in recessed panels framed by four courses of corbelling above and four courses of stepped bricks below. There are small circular rosette windows in the gable ends of the south and west elevations.

The north wall of the church has a five sided projecting chancel in which the altar of the church sits. Only the angled walls of the chancel have lancet windows; the remaining walls are blank. The projection is topped by a hipped roof. Also projecting from the north elevation is a brick covered stairway that originally led to the church's furnace room and that now provides access to the church basement. The covering was added approximately 30 years ago (Spickler, personal communication 2012).

The tower is located near the southwest corner of the building. The stacked-mass tower has a two-story square brick section topped by a wood belfry with a flared pyramidal roof and a copper finial. The belfry contains a steel alloy bell. The tower walls feature the same motifs as the other walls – recessed panels and brick corbelling. The tower's first story contains the church's main entrance, double-leaf wood paneled doors recessed in a brick Gothic Revival arch. (There is a second entrance located at the south end of the church's east elevation.) The doors are accessed by four concrete steps. The doorway is topped by a stained glass lancet window with the words "Mt. Tabor Ev. Lutheran Church." One of the church's two cornerstones is located on the west side of the tower. It reads "Mt. Tabor Ev. Lutheran Church 1909." A second cornerstone located at the north end of the west wall commemorates the date the original church was started, May 13, 1858. There are rosette windows on the second stories of the south and west elevations of the tower. The belfry sits upon a truncated hipped asphalt-covered roof. Three wood posts on each side support the belfry's roof. Between the posts is a wood balustrade with picket style balusters.

Both church entrances provide access into an anterior room known as the gathering room or the Sunday school room. The room is an open space with a pressed tin ceiling. Along the back, or south, wall is a stairway leading down to the church basement. The Sunday school room is separated from the sanctuary by a three-section wood partition wall. The center panel features a pocket door that pulls down from the top. The side partitions are made of folding doors. All doors are paneled.

The sanctuary is entered from the rear via the Sunday school room. The sanctuary features curved wood pews arranged around a center aisle and two side aisles. The pews are thought to be original (Spickler, personal communication 2012). The sanctuary seats between 100 and 125 people. The altar is recessed in the chancel, while the lectern, pulpit, and a marble baptismal font are outside the recess but behind the chancel railing, a curved wood railing with turned bedpost columns. The railing dates to 1940 (Spickler 1979:233). The east end of the railing is higher than the rest, and this is where the pipe organ and choir space are located. The pipe organ is not original to the building. It was salvaged from the Moller Organ Company, a local Hagerstown institution, when it went out of business in the 1990s. Although installed in 1993, the organ is much older than that (Spickler, personal communication 2012). There is a small spinet piano to the west of the altar. The sanctuary ceiling, like that of the Sunday school room, is pressed tin. Ceiling fans suspended from it are not original and the carpeting placed on the floor dates to ca. 2006. Otherwise, the interior of the church is essentially unaltered since 1940.

The church basement is a full-height, open plan social hall. Transverse steel I-beams and steel posts support the ceiling. The basement has a linoleum floor and overhead florescent lights. There is a kitchen area on the west side and bathrooms at the north end.

The cemetery is located just to the north of the church. It predates the current church building, having been begun when the first church was constructed in 1858. Near the southwest corner of the cemetery, along the line with Fairview Church Road, is where the original church is thought to have been located, by a recently removed oak tree. The cemetery contains between 470 and 500

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graves (Spickler, personal communication 2012). The graves are oriented in a generally east-west direction. The only vegetation is a low boxwood hedge along Fairview Church Road, approximately nine cedar trees scattered throughout the burial ground, and one beech tree near the south end. The only building in the cemetery is a small concrete block equipment shed with a shed roof at the northeast corner of the property.

The cemetery is composed of three sections. The original cemetery is nearest the church. To its north, up to the cemetery lane, is Section A. Section B is located on the north side of the lane. The entrance to the lane is framed by gateposts of dressed ashlar topped by large round finials.

History

The Mt. Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized August 3, 1856 at Rockdale as part of the Clear Spring Parish. It was the smallest of the Clear Spring parishes; sister congregations were St. Peters, Clear Spring, and St. Paul's, Western Pike. In 1858-1859, the first church building was constructed in Fairview on a site deeded to the church by the widow and heirs of John Fiery, a church member, for \$10 (Spickler 1979:229, 233). The building was described as brick and of plain architecture. In 1879, the congregation incorporated as Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church (Williams 1906:471-472).

The original church building served the congregation into the twentieth century. In 1908, with the church now under the pastorate of Reverend William Diehl, the congregation's longest serving pastor (1908-1937), two new land parcels were annexed to the original holdings. In Spring 1909, the congregation resolved to build a new church. On September 25, 1909, the cornerstone was laid. The church was built with bricks salvaged from the original church building plus new bricks brought in from Greencastle, Pennsylvania (Spickler 1979:230). The church was officially dedicated on July 24, 1910. A history written just 10 years after the dedication described the building (Wentz 1920:449):

The new church is of brick, auditorium and Sunday school room, connected by sliding doors, metal ceiling, heating and lighting plants, organ, piano, baptismal font, with bell in tower, making a modern and beautiful house of worship.

The Sunday school room at the rear of the church was a gift of congregation member Annie Dulebohn, who assumed the burden of its cost and secured the necessary funds from her own resources and through solicitations of other members of the congregation. The stained glass windows were gifts of individuals and families, and the names of the donors appear on most of them. The bell was purchased from the C.S. Bell Company of Hillsboro, Ohio and installed in 1917. The bell was a steel alloy bell that still graces the tower (Spickler 1979:232).

The architect and builder of the new Mt. Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church is reported to have been Moses Hartman of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. No additional information could be found on Hartman. John Graham was the chief mason, and Beck and Brothers supplied the lumber (Spickler 1979:2).

The congregation used a variety of methods to raise the funds necessary to construct and furnish the church. These included auctioning off items from the old church; festivals and socials; waffle and oyster suppers; church collections; and contributions and donations (Spickler 1979:230-231).

In addition to worship services, the church played a larger community role. For example, the Fairview Singing School used the church for practice and shows, and church and community meetings were held in the building (Spickler 1979:232).

During the 1930s, the church underwent some changes. The carbide lighting system was replaced with electric lights and an iron

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fence was removed from the property. In 1940 the church was painted, new carpeting was placed, and an open railing was installed on the chancel. The church was rededicated between October 16 and 20, 1940. Shortly thereafter, a new altar was purchased (Spickler 1979:233).

The most major change occurred in 1947, when a basement was dug out under the entire building to serve as a Sunday School classroom and social hall. At that time, a new oil burning furnace replaced the coal-fired power plant. In the 1950s, the rest rooms and kitchen were added (Spickler 1979:233).

In the early 1960s, the Clear Spring Parish dissolved. Mt. Tabor and St. Paul's then joined together to form the Conococheague Lutheran Parish, of which it is still a member (Spickler 1979:233).

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Assessment of Eligibility

Churches are a property type not usually considered for eligible for NRHP listing. NRHP Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties states, "A religious property is eligible if it derives its primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance" (Andrus and Shrimpton 2002:26). To be significant for architectural design or construction, resources should be evaluated as other properties are under NRHP Criterion C (Andrus and Shrimpton 2002:28).

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is recommended as eligible on a local level under NRHP Criterion C as an intact example of an architecturally distinctive country church from the early twentieth century. The recommended period of historical significance is from 1910, when the church was completed, to ca. 1950, when the kitchen and rest rooms were added to the basement.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is a well-executed example of a rural church with Colonial Revival and Gothic Revival style elements. The building is well-proportioned and handsome. It evokes the Colonial Revival through its massing, ell-shaped (though roughly square) plan, symmetry, choice of materials (brick and wood), stacked entrance tower, large gable roof lines, and design details such as the recessed wall panels and the stepped and corbelled brick courses. The interior lacks the embellishments of the exterior, but the paneled panels dividing the Sunday school room are very much in keeping with the Colonial Revival idiom. The Gothic Revival lancet windows are well-designed and well-proportioned, and while they are not generally used with Colonial Revival architecture, they are a staple of ecclesiastical design. The melding of the two styles seems to indicate that the church was not architect-designed, but rather that it represents a folk or vernacular approach to the Colonial Revival style.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church also has integrity. It retains all seven elements of integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. On the exterior, the only noteworthy changes are the asphalt shingle roof, which replaced a slate roof in 2001; the storm windows on the exterior of the stained glass windows; and the brick structure built over the exterior stairway at the north end of the building. These alterations are minor in nature. The roof line is unchanged from its original appearance, and the roof material is not a character-defining feature of the building. The storm windows match the shape of the stained glass windows and are an unobtrusive addition. The brick structure that covers the stairway matches the exterior material and style of the church.

On the interior, there have been very few noteworthy changes. The basement was added in 1947 and updated with kitchen equipment in the early 1950s. Both changes occurred during the proposed period of significance, and neither affected the character-defining sanctuary and Sunday school room. The only changes to these spaces include placing the open chancel railing in 1940, replacing the pipe organ in 1993, and installing new carpet ca. 2006. The railing is in keeping with the building's architecture, as is the pipe organ, and carpeting is the type of material that needs to be renewed periodically. It is not character-defining.

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The architecture of the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is enhanced by the setting. The church's original cemetery, a resource older than the church itself and inextricably associated with it, is part and parcel of the resource and adds to the setting, feeling, and association. The church's rural setting remains. Although modern houses exist in the vicinity of the church, they are widely scattered and do not detract from the rural feeling of the area or the village setting of the church.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is recommended as not eligible for NRHP listing under the second part of Criteria Consideration A, historical importance. The church served as a house of worship and meeting place for its parish. Research did not uncover an association with historically significant events in the area or in church history.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is also recommended as not eligible for listing under NRHP Criterion D for information potential. The church is the worship site of a Lutheran parish, a well-known and well-documented denomination. The building is not likely to yield information not available from other sources.

Recommended NRHP Boundary

The recommended NRHP boundary for the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church includes the entire church property, as shown on the attached United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangles and property site plan. The boundary includes all 1.35 acres associated with the church, as shown on Washington County Tax Map 0008, Parcel 0063. The recommended boundary encompasses all elements associated with the property, including the church, cemetery, and land owned by the church.

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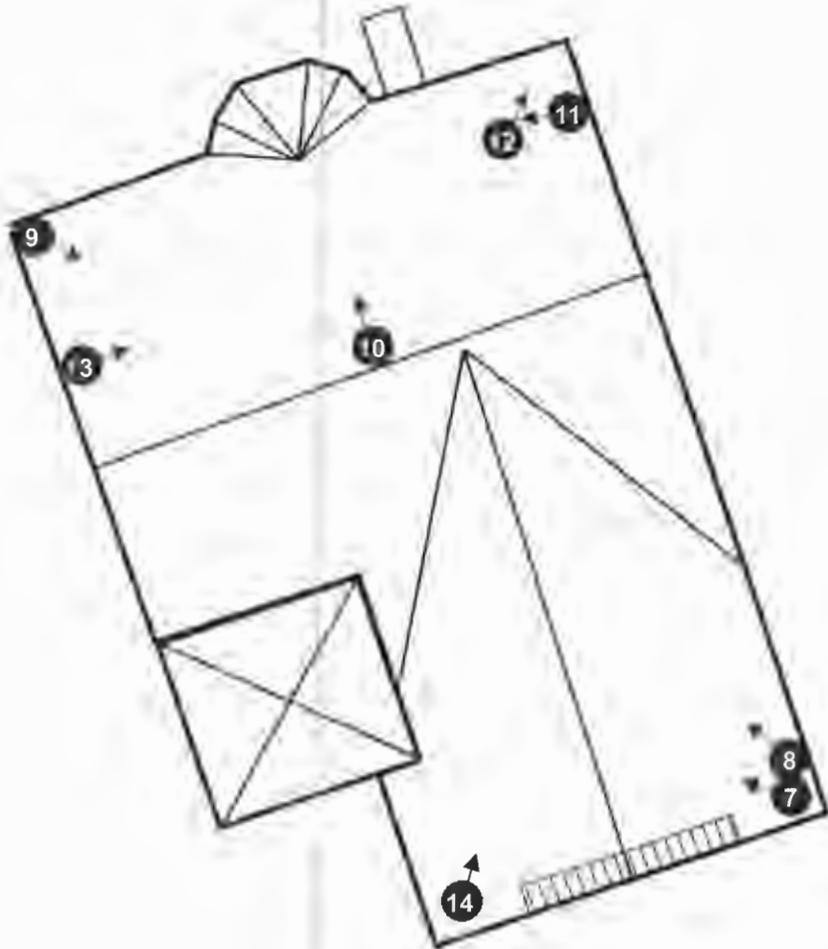
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BUILDING SITE PLAN

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MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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MASON-DIXON, MD-PA
7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
RECOMMENDED NRHP BOUNDARY

Cemetery Ln

Fairview Church Rd

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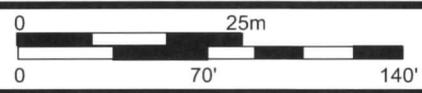
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PROPERTY SITE PLAN



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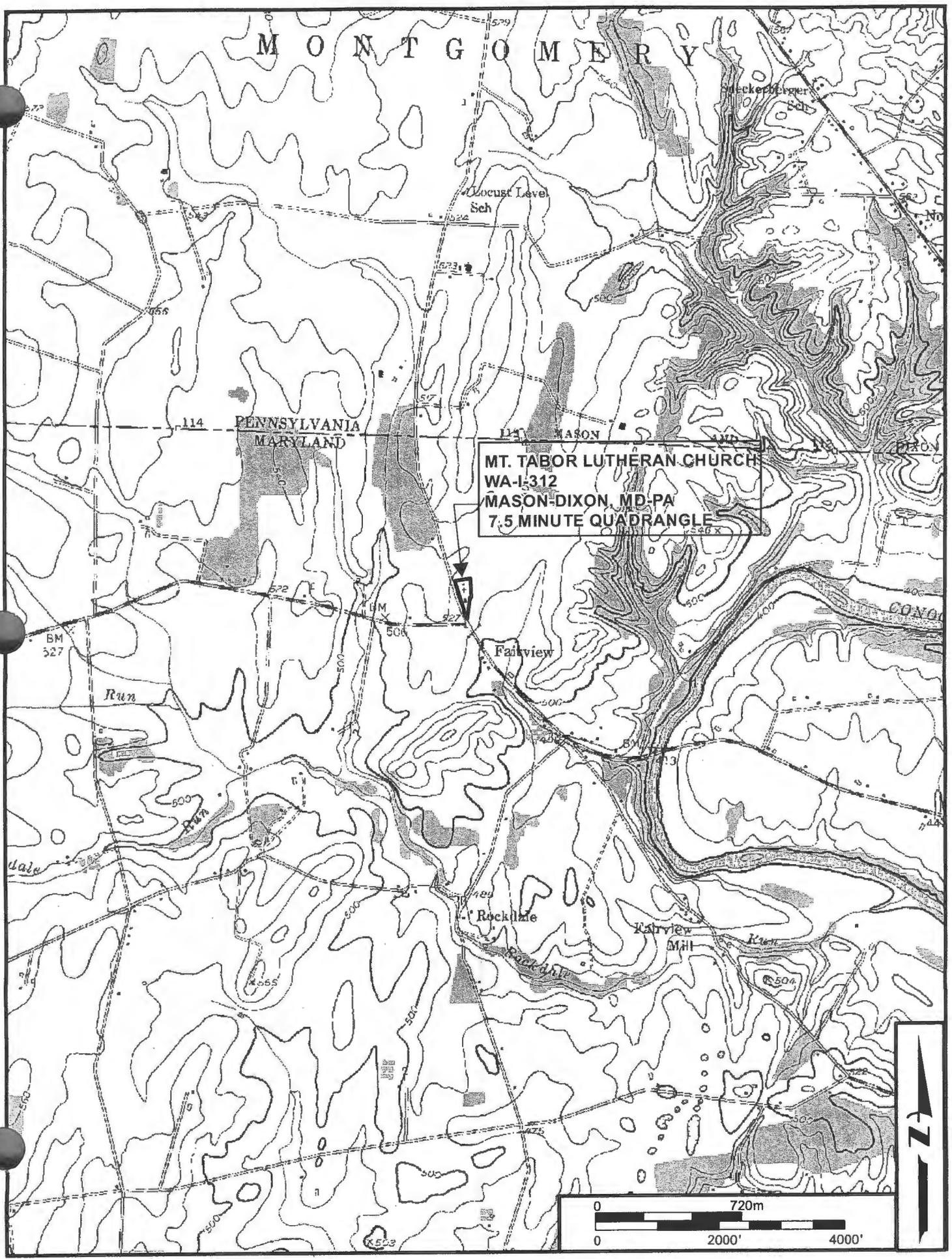
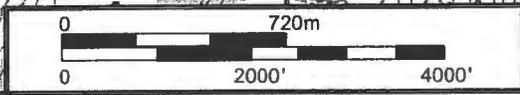
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MD 494 at Fairview Church Road Geometric Improvements

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WA-I-312_2012-04-02_03.tif.	East and north elevations, facing southwest.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_04.tif.	North elevation including the projecting chancel, facing southwest.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_05.tif.	Detail of the lancet windows, wall panels, corbelling, and stepped courses, facing southwest.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_06.tif.	Entrance door and stained glass window above, facing northeast.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_07.tif.	Sunday School Room from the east entrance, facing northwest.
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WA-I-312_2012-04-02_09.tif.	Sanctuary from the northwest corner, facing southeast.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_10.tif.	Altar from the center aisle, with the piano on the left and the pipe organ on the right, facing northwest.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_11.tif.	Chancel railing from its east end, facing southwest.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_12.tif.	Pipe organ in northeast corner of the sanctuary, facing northeast.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_13.tif.	Sanctuary ceiling detail, facing northeast.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_14.tif.	Church basement, facing northeast.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_15.tif.	Possible location of the original church, with the stump of the oak tree mid-frame, the boxwood hedge, and Fairview Church Road in the background, facing west.
WA-I-312_2012-04-02_16.tif.	Cemetery from the southwest corner, facing northwest.

WA-I-312_2012-04-02_17.tif. Cemetery gateposts and lane, with Section A on the right and Section B on the left, facing east.

WA-I-312_2012-04-02_18.tif. Cemetery from the northeast corner, facing southwest.

WA-I-312_2012-04-02_19.tif. Cemetery utility shed in the northeast corner, facing northeast.



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SOUTH ELEVATION AND BELL TOWER, FACING NORTHEAST.



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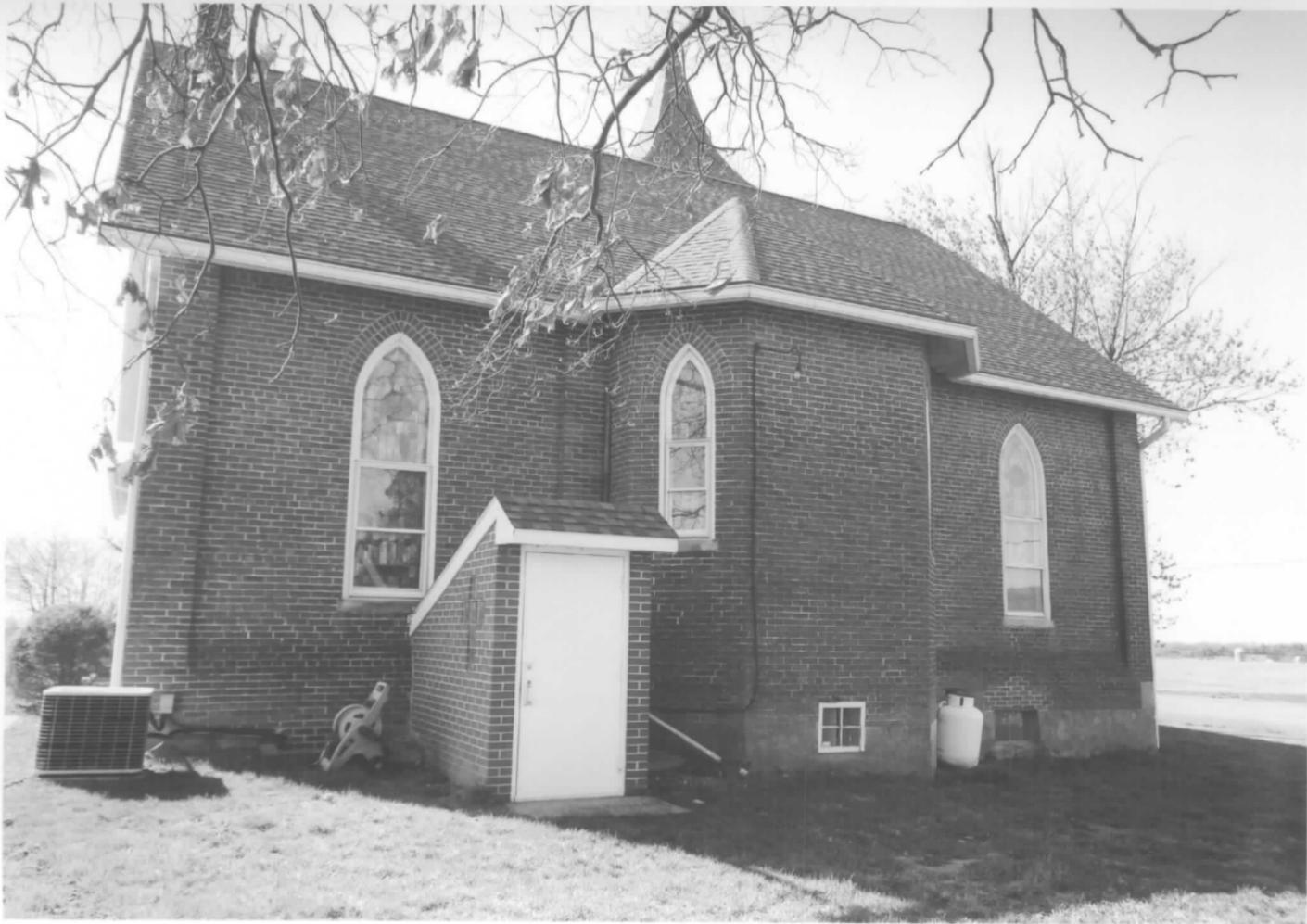
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EAST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS, FACING SOUTHWEST

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NORTH ELEVATION INCLUDING PROJECTING CHANCEL,
FACING SOUTHWEST

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lancet windows, wall panels, corbelling, +
stepped courses, facing southwest

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ENTRANCE DOOR AND STAINED GLASS WINDOW ABOVE,
FACING NORTHEAST

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM FROM THE EAST ENTRANCE,
FACING NORTHWEST

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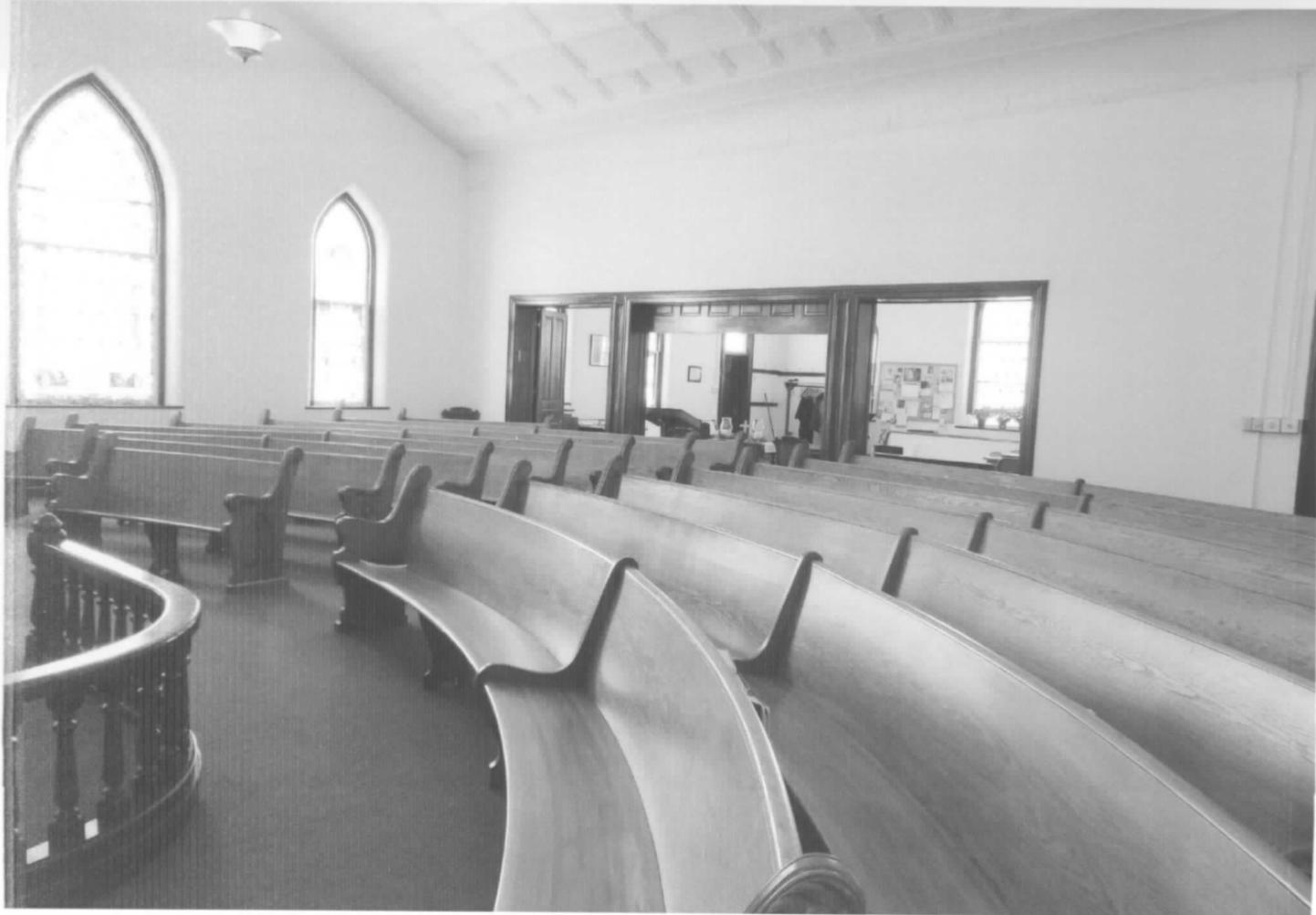
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PARTITION SEPARATING SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM AND
SANCTUARY, FACING NORTHWEST

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SANCTUARY FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER, FACING
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ALTAR FROM THE CENTER AISLE, WITH PIANO + ORGAN,
FACING NORTHWEST

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CHANCEL RAILING FROM ITS EAST END, FACING
SOUTHWEST

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PIPE ORGAN IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SANCTUARY,
FACING NORTHEAST

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SANCTUARY CEILING DETAIL, FACING NORTHEAST

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CHURCH BASEMENT, FACING, NORTHEAST

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POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WITH FAIRVIEW
CHURCH ROAD IN THE BACKGROUND

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CEMETERY FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER, FACING NORTHWEST

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CEMETERY GATEPOST AND LANE, WITH SECTION A ON THE
RIGHT AND SECTION B ON THE LEFT, FACING EAST.

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CEMETERY FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER, FACING SOUTHWEST

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CEMETERY UTILITY SHED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER,
FACING NORTHEAST

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ABSTRACT

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Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Clear Spring Vicinity

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Built in 1909, the brick Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of simple gothic-inspired design, replaced an earlier wooden church dated 1858. It appears to have served a number of local families and remains active at the present time. The church building, located near Fairview in Washington County is larger than most rural churches.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Welsh Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Fairview

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF Clear Spring

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

 DISTRICT PUBLIC OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE MUSEUM BUILDING(S) PRIVATE UNOCCUPIED COMMERCIAL PARK STRUCTURE BOTH WORK IN PROGRESS EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS OBJECT IN PROCESS YES: RESTRICTED GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC BEING CONSIDERED YES: UNRESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION NO MILITARY OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

C/O Donald Spickler

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 078

Folio #: 523

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

WH-I-312

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is located on the west side of Welsh Run Road just north of the village of Fairview and south of the Mason-Dixon Line in Washington County, Maryland.

Built in 1909, the church is an L-shaped brick structure resting on stone foundations. It is three bays wide at each gable with a one bay bell and entrance tower located in the angle of the L. The walls are constructed in American or common bond with horizontal bands of decorative corbeling above the windows and doors. Lining the openings are double arches of header bricks. Centered in the gables and in the faces of the tower are round windows encompassed by a single course of header bricks.

Windows and doors are tall and narrow with pointed or gothic arches. In the gable walls, one large window in the center is flanked by two that are smaller. The main entrance is located in the south facade of the bell tower.

The roof is steeply pitched, sheathed with slate and extends beyond the end walls. The tower has a two tiered roof, the lower portion being hipped and supporting the belfrey which has a curved hip roof terminating with a finial. A band of decorative slates trim the roof surface. The belfrey roof is carried by square wooden posts with decorative brackets. Between the runs a wooden balustrade with turned balusters.

The church appears to be in excellent condition. It replaces a wooden church building which was constructed in 1858.

North of the church is the cemetery where the surnames Firey, Cox, Cook, Reed and Wisherd were observed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<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/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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1909	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre +

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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Fairview

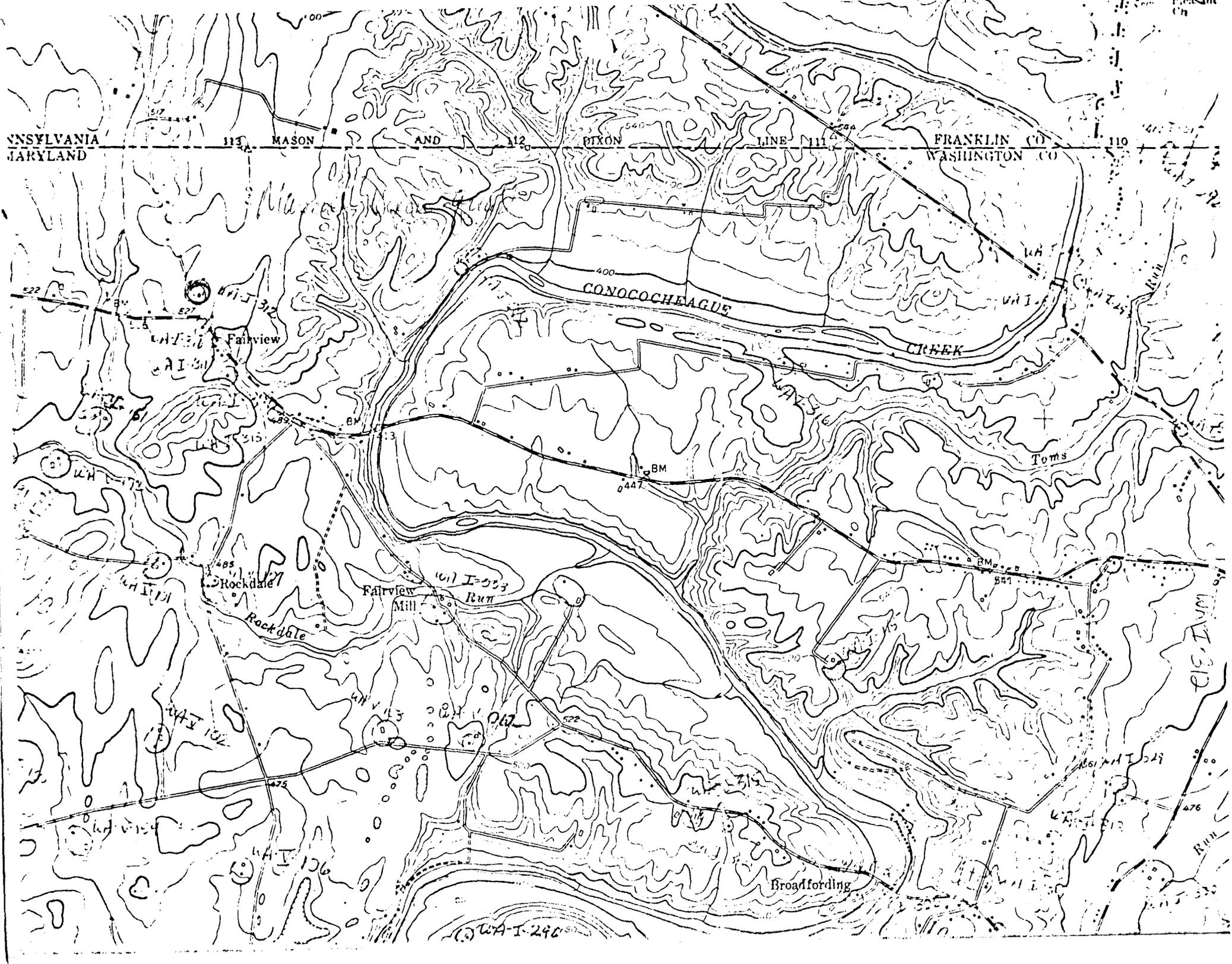
Rockdale

Fairview
Mill

Run

Broadfording

Toms





WA-1-312
Mt. Tabor Evangelical
Lutheran Church
from east/northeast

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14615 Fairview Road
S. Goodrich
7.23.93
East



WA-1-312
Mt. Tabor Evangelical
Lutheran Church
From northwest

Mt. Tabor Evang. Lutheran

WA-1-312

14615 Fairview Blvd

St. Cloud, MN

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Northwest



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Mt. Tabor Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Cemetary from south east

Mt Tabor Evang. Lutheran

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14615 Fairview Rd

S. Goodwin

7-23-93

South east



WA-1-312
Mt. Tabor Evangelical
Lutheran Church
from south

Mt Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Ch

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14615 Fairview Rd

S. Goodrich

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South



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Mt. Tabor Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Entrance door from south

Mt. Tabor Evangelical Lutheran

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South



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