

WI-300
Friendship Methodist Church
Wetiquin
Public worship

c. 1900-1910

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Friendship Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-300

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture
Religion

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s):
Church
Lodge Hall

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-300

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Friendship Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number North side of Wetipquin Road not for publication

city, town Wetipquin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 Friendship Methodist Church

street & number c/o Reverend Y. W. Penn telephone no.:

city, town Hebron state and zip code MD 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

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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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input 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.

The Friendship Methodist Church stands on the north side of Wetipquin Road (478) in the vicinity of Wetipquin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The tee-shaped frame church faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1900-10, the single-story, tee-shaped frame church is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing to the west of the church is a two-story rectangular frame lodge building.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a corner tower that contains a double door entrance topped by a pointed arch, colored glass transom. The tower spire has been removed, and the second level is marked by rectangular louvered openings on each side. The gable front of the main block is marked by a center set of paired multi-pane sash with small colored panes filling the perimeter of the window. Located to each side of the center window are single multi-pane windows with colored glass panes. Fixed in the upper gable is a round window of colored glass. The gable end is finished with an extended eave and open soffits. The exposed rafter ends are decorated.

The east side of the main block is covered by the corner tower as well as a modern concrete block addition. A single flue brick stove chimney rises through the east slope of the gable roof. Attached to the west side of the main block is a single story gable roofed wing that gives the church its tee shape.

The interior was not seen.

Standing west of the church is a late nineteenth century, two-story gable roofed lodge building that rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves of the roof are extended with exposed and decorated rafter ends. The south (front) wall of the building is defined by a center four-panel door. Marking the second floor is a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The side elevations are defined by three two-over-two sash windows on each floor. Rising through the west side wall is an interior brick stove chimney. The interior of the building was not seen.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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 **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.

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The church deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies building that should be preserved since it is a structure that exhibits good architectural features and it represents the African-American cultural history of the immediate area.

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