

WI-372  
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church  
Athol  
Public worship

1911

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-372

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

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church

and/or common Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number Intersection of Hurley's Neck and Athol roads  not for publication

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

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

name Trustees of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code MD 21837

## 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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<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.

Historically known as the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Protestant Church, and now the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, the single story gable-front frame building stands at the intersection of Hurley's Neck and Athol roads southwest of the village of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1911, the single-story frame church is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising atop the front end of the gable roof is a pyramidal roofed tower.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a pointed arch double-door entrance flanked by pointed arch windows. A pointed arch transom has three triangular panes of opaque bubbled glass, and the flanking windows are filled with the same. Fixed in the southwest corner of the brick foundation is a marble datestone inscribed, "Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church, 1911." The upper gable end is pierced by a round window divided into four pie-shaped panes. The rooftop tower is pierced by louvered openings on three sides. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave, and the soffit is encased with a vinyl covering.

The south side of the church is three bays across with a series of three pointed arch windows filled with opaque bubbled glass. Piercing the side of the church roof is a single flue brick stove chimney. The north side is similarly defined with a series of three pointed arch windows.

The rear (east) wall is partially covered by a single story gable roofed apse pierced by single-pane windows filled with opaque glass as well. The rear wall of the apse is a blind surface without openings.

The interior 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 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/ 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
<input checked="" 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	1911	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<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	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is listed in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that have architectural and historic merit and should be preserved.

**10. Geographical Data**

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

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

state	code	county	code

**11. Form Prepared By**

<b>name/title</b>	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
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<b>city or town</b>	Westover	<b>state</b>	Maryland 21871

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Dist N<sup>o</sup> 1  
WICOMICO C<sup>o</sup>

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Mt. Pleasant M. P. Church  
Mardela Springs vicinity

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
Atlas 1877

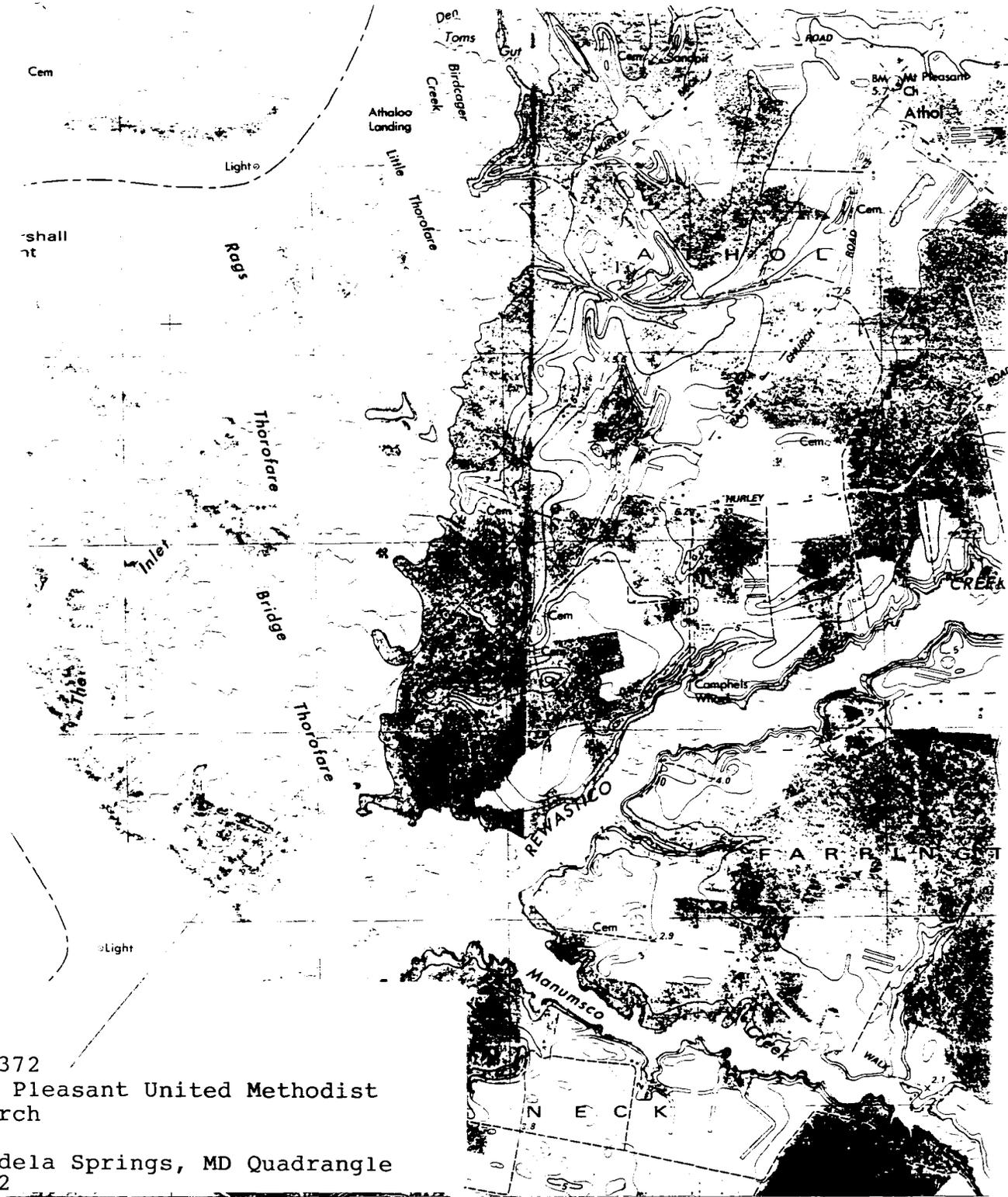


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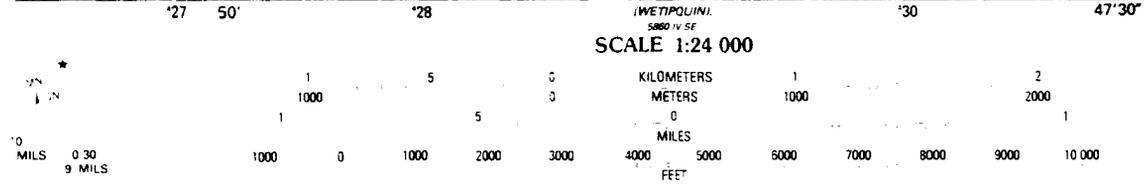


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Mardela Springs, MD Quadrangle  
 1982



CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 CONTROL AND OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.7 METER

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