

WI-626

c. 1910

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
Powellville vicinity
Public worship

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A Methodist congregation has been located on this site since the third quarter of the nineteenth century. A church is designated on this spot in the Pittsburg District map of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, printed in 1877. Before unification during the mid twentieth century, the Mt. Pleasant membership was a Methodist Episcopal congregation.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-626

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church
 other Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number Mt. Pleasant Church Road not for publication
 city, town Powellville vicinity
 county Wicomico

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

name Trustees of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
 street and number Mt. Pleasant Church Road telephone _____
 city, town Pittsville state MD zip code 21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber _____ folio _____
 city, town Salisbury tax map _____ tax parcel _____ tax ID number _____

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | 1 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | _____ |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | _____ |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | _____ |
| | | | Noncontributing |
| | | | _____ buildings |
| | | | _____ sites |
| | | | _____ structures |
| | | | _____ objects |
| | | | _____ Total |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |
| | | | _____ |

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, historically known as the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church, is a single-story gable-front frame building standing on a high sandy knoll on the north side of Mt. Pleasant Church Road northeast of Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1910, the single-story, gable-front frame church is supported on a stretcher bond brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the front of the main block is a two-story entrance and bell tower topped by a tapered spire. Located to the west of the church is a single-story gable-front frame church hall. To the north is a nineteenth- and twentieth-century cemetery.

The south (main) façade is a symmetrical elevation with a center entrance and bell tower flanked by narrow colored glass windows. There is a diamond-shaped colored glass window in the tower, and a modern spire rises from the roof. The edge of the roof is trimmed with an extended eave and returns at the base.

The east side of the church is marked by three colored glass memorial windows. The edge of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The west side of the church is partially covered by a single-story, gable roofed frame addition, and the addition features several colored glass windows.

To the north is a gable roofed apse, and around round, colored glass window pierces the rear gable. There are narrow colored glass windows on each side.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name Ninepin, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| name/title | Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian | | |
| organization | Private Consultant | date | 10/30/2001 |
| street & number | P. O. Box 5 | telephone | 410-651-1094 |
| city or town | Westover | state | Maryland 21871 |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

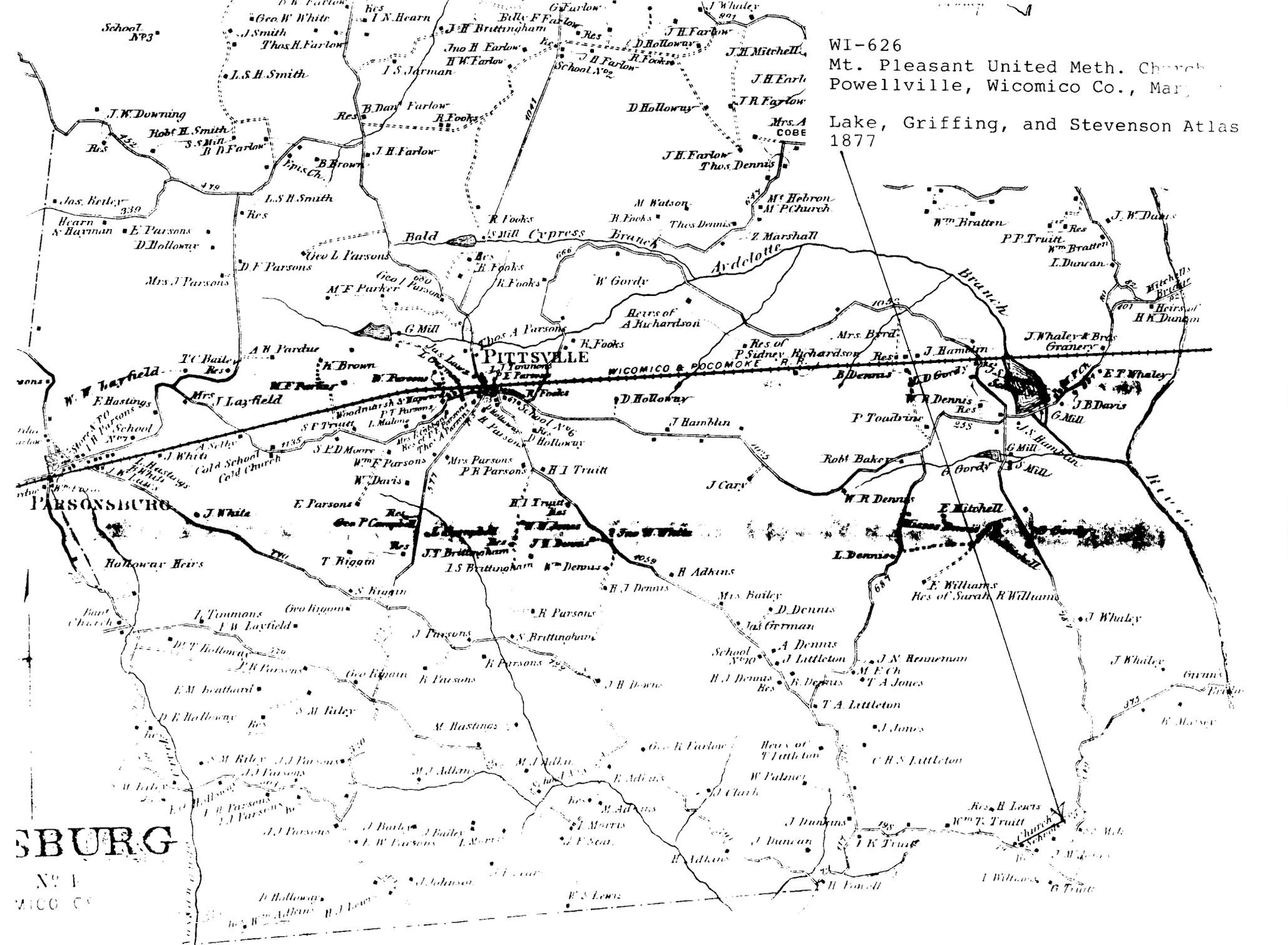
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Mt. Pleasant United Meth. Church
Powellville, Wicomico Co., Maryland

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



POWELLVILLE

WICOMICO CO.



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Mt. Pleasant United Meth. Church
Powellville vic., Wilkes Co., MD.
Southwest elevation

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MT PLEASANT UNION METHOD.
CHURCH

POWELLVILLE, WASHINGTON CO. MD

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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