

WI-631

1915

John Wesley M. E. Church, Wango
Powellville vicinity
Public worship

One of the few historic structures to define the former crossroads community of Wango is a single-story, gable front frame church originally known as John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church. The single-story frame structure was erected in 1915 following a fire that destroyed the nineteenth-century church on the site. True to the Gothic Revival still in vogue, the most gable roofed frame church was erected with pointed arch, colored glass windows.

The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal congregation was established in 1887, and the denomination remained the same until 1968. The congregation erected the 1915 church during the pastorate of Reverend Essell P. Thomas according to E. C. Hallman's, *The Garden of Methodism*, printed in 1948. Between 1968 and 1988 the congregation shifted to the Wango Wesleyan Church, a Pilgrim Holiness denomination. Since 1988 the congregation has gone by the name, The Carpenter's Church.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-631

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Wango Wesleyan Church

other The Carpenter's Church

2. Location

street and number 33524 Wango Road not for publication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 Jesus Christ of Nazareth Ministries

street and number 33524 Wango 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

- district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

- public
 private
 both

Current Function

- agriculture
 commerce/trade
 defense
 domestic
 education
 funerary
 government
 health care
 industry
 landscape
 recreation/culture
 religion
 social
 transportation
 work in progress
 unknown
 vacant/not in use
 other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total

Number of Contributing Resource
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.

The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, also known as the Wango Wesleyan Church and currently, The Carpenter's Church stands at 33524 Wango Road just west of the intersection of Wango and Waste Gate roads, southwest of Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front frame church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. Joining the church on the property is a nineteenth and twentieth-century cemetery.

Built in 1915, the single-story, gable-front frame church is supported on a stretcher bond brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. A medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to each side of the 1915 are single story additions.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical front with a gable roofed vestibule covering the left (western) bay, while a tripartite window of colored glass occupies the right (eastern) bay. Piercing the gable end of the vestibule is a pointed arch colored glass window above modern double doors. A half round vent pierces the main gable. Trimming the edge of the roof is an extended eave with an open soffit.

The east and west sides of the church are largely alike with pointed arch colored glass windows lighting the sanctuary. Single flue brick stove chimney rise through each side. Attached to each side and covering the northern bays are single-story gable roofed additions. The edge of the roof is defined by a series of exposed rafter tails.

The north gable end is covered by a shed roofed addition.

The interior has been remodeled but it retains a pressed metal ceiling.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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 1915

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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E. C. Hallman, The Garden of Methodism, Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, 1948, p. 346.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre
Quadrangle name _____

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

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organization	Private Consultant	date	10/22/2001
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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.

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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John Wesley M. E. Church
Wango, Maryland Quadrangle, 1982



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JOHN WESLEY, M. E. Church

WANGO, WILKOMICO Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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Wango, Wicomico Co., MD

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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