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1866

Friendship United Methodist Church  
West Post Office vicinity  
public worship

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Friendship United Methodist church is a prominent historial and architectural landmark in western Worcester County that stands near the West Post Office crossroads. Due to its site next to the county line, a large part of the congregation has lived or currently resides in Somerset County. The bracketed frame church retains a nineteenth-century appearance with untouched features such as the Gothic arched paneled doors and pedimented entrance. A bracketed eave trims the perimeter of the building. The pointed arch colored glass windows, although not original to the building, add character and historical interest with donor names remaining at the bottom of the lower sash. Also worthy of note is the altar rail and altar platform which retain a layer of yellow-brown graining.

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name OLD FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number Meadow Bridge Road  not for publication  
city, town West Post Office  vicinity  
state Maryland code MD county Worcester code 047 zip code 21863

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> objects
			<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER 11-15-95  
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious Facility

RELIGION /Religious Facility

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVAL  
ITALIANATE

foundation Brick  
walls Wood  
Weatherboard  
roof Asphalt  
other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

Old Friendship United Methodist Church is a one-story, gable-front, frame building erected in 1866, located near the village of West Post Office in western Worcester County, Maryland. The building rests on a brick foundation and is sheathed in plain weatherboard siding; the corners are trimmed with paneled pilasters, and the eaves are bracketed. The south gable facade features a central entrance with double doors, surmounted by a transom and a small pedimented hood supported on consoles. Flanking the entrance on either side are large rectangular colored-glass windows with lancet arches inset in the upper sash; identical windows mark the three bays of each side elevation. The gable is treated as a pediment, with brackets following the raking cornice and a lancet-arched, louvered opening centered in the tympanum. The interior remains substantially intact, retaining its original decorative detailing, including symmetrically molded architrave trim with corner blocks, and original furniture, including pews and pulpit. The building is sited within a small churchyard containing several hundred nineteenth and twentieth century grave markers, which is partially enclosed by a Victorian-period iron fence. Also on the property is a one-story frame gable-front meeting hall of twentieth century date, which does not contribute to the significance of the resource.

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Old Friendship United Methodist Church stands at the intersection of West Post Office Road and Meadow Bridge Road on the north side of the Worcester/Somerset County line in Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-front church faces south.

Built in 1866, the rectangular, gable-front frame church is supported by a low, continuous brick foundation, and is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The corners of the church are trimmed with paneled pilasters, and the eaves are bracketed. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Surrounding the church on three sides is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery which is partially enclosed by a Victorian iron fence. The cemetery contains several hundred burials marked by upright tombstones. The principal entrance to the church yard is marked by later brick posts topped by concrete ball finials.

Standing on the west side of the church is a single-story, gable-front frame meeting hall supported on a low masonry foundation and sheathed with vinyl siding. The medium sloped tin roof has exposed rafter feet. A small one-room wing extends from the southeast corner. This building does not contribute to the significance of the resource.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center double-door entrance and flanking rectangular colored-glass windows, with lancet arches inset into the upper sash. The colored-glass windows were added during the early twentieth century as memorials to various congregation members. The upper panels of the doors have pointed arches as well. Topping the double doors is a single-pane transom. To each side of the doorway are paneled pilasters that rise to meet ornate consoles which support a slightly projecting entrance pediment. The outside corners of the church are trimmed with pilasters that rise to a bracketed eave. The gable front pediment is trimmed with brackets as well, and piercing the tympanum is a pointed arch louvered opening.

The east and west sides of the church are largely alike with three colored-glass windows evenly spaced across each wall. The

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decorative cornice brackets continue along each side, and paneled pilasters trim the rear corners of the church. The north wall of the church is a plain weatherboard surface with slightly extended eaves.

The interior retains much of its original fabric with plaster walls and wide fluted surrounds with corner blocks framing the window openings. The original pews have survived and feature paneled ends and scroll-shaped railings at each end. A raised platform with a turned baluster railing and an elaborate bracketed pulpit with paneled sides distinguish the chancel. Early twentieth century globe chandeliers hang from the ceiling, which has been lowered with acoustical tiles. The front wall of the sanctuary, featuring a modern mural painting of Christ and Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection at the Garden Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, is surrounded by modern wood paneling.

**8. Statement of Significance**

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
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Period of Significance

1866-c.1920  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates

1866  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Builders, Jones Bounds and William Dykes  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:**

Old Friendship United Methodist Church is significant under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a type of religious building erected to serve Methodist congregations in rural Worcester County, Maryland in the second half of the nineteenth century. Most other examples of this type in the county have been more extensively altered, moved, or have lost integrity through abandonment and deterioration. Typical of rural churches in the lower Eastern Shore region in the mid-to late nineteenth century, the building is eclectic in its architectural character, combining a conservative gable-front temple form associated with the Greek Revival with exterior decorative detailing derived from picturesque Italianate influence. The colored-glass memorial windows, with lancet arches in the upper sash, were added in the early twentieth century, reflecting a trend toward improvement of rural churches in Worcester County during the period 1890-c.1920, when relative prosperity in the local agricultural economy made possible the renovation or replacement of earlier church buildings. The building retains a high degree of integrity, with the majority of its exterior and interior architectural fabric and decorative detailing intact, including original pews and chancel furniture. A small churchyard, partially enclosed with a Victorian-period iron fence, provides the historic setting. The period of significance is defined as extending from 1866, the date of construction of the building, to c.1920, by which date it had substantially achieved its present form.

See continuation sheet no. 3  
for Historic Context and Maryland  
Comprehensive Historic Preservation  
Plan data.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet no. 6

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1 acre  
USGS: Dividing Creek, MD

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet no. 8

Boundary Justification

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian  
 organization Private Consultant date 11/30/93  
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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Religion/Religious Facility

Known Design Source: None

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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:**

Old Friendship United Methodist Church is a prominent historical and architectural landmark in western Worcester County. It is one of five rural Methodist churches listed on the Worcester County Historic Sites Inventory, and it remains as one of the best preserved. The exterior has had few changes to its historic appearance, and the interior has been modified only slightly.

The church is located on the Worcester/Somerset county boundary line, near the small crossroads village of West Post Office in Somerset County, where many of the congregation members have resided. Especially significant to the architecture of Old Friendship Church is its eclectic mixture of mid-nineteenth century stylistic features.

The temple-front body of the church has a steeper pitch to the roof than other Greek Revival churches in the county, and the exterior features picturesque elements with its eave brackets and Gothic points to the door and louvered vent within the pediment. The colored-glass sanctuary windows were added in the early twentieth century; their Gothic arches strengthen the picturesque quality of the exterior and add historic interest with the donor's names at the bottom of each lower sash. The interior survives with its mid-nineteenth century pews and altar furniture. Bordering part of the church lot and framing the cemetery is an original iron fence.

The first appearance of Methodism in Worcester County dates back to the late eighteenth century and the teachings of Reverend Francis Asbury and other ministers who traveled through the region. An early group of Methodists formed in the vicinity of Newark during the late 1790s, and the Snow Hill congregation had purchased a lot for a church by the early nineteenth century. While the Anglican Church suffered large setbacks in attendance and support after the Revolution, the Methodist Church grew rather rapidly with new congregations forming in various towns and rural communities. By the third quarter of the nineteenth century, Methodist congregations, both white and black, dominated religious life in Worcester County.

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The Friendship Methodist congregation traces its formation back to 1836, when John Pusey, Jr. of Worcester County transferred ownership of a half-acre of a tract called, "Friendship", to Whitty Pusey, Jones Bevans, Thomas Brown, Purnell Pusey, Sr., Purnell Pusey, Jr., William Carey, James Brown, John L. Zeiber, and Tubman Lankford, trustees of the newly formed congregation. A second parcel of land was deeded to the church trustees, also part of "Friendship", in December 1878, by Whitty T. Pusey and his wife, Annie, while a third piece was granted in 1884 for a parsonage. It is not known if an earlier building preceded the 1866 structure, but the site was used for burial during the earliest years. The construction of the present building is credited to Jones Bounds and William Dykes, local carpenters.

The turn of the twentieth century was a period of relative prosperity in the agricultural economy of the rural lower Eastern Shore region. This prosperity enabled the renovation or replacement of church buildings, and a distinct historical pattern is notable in the alteration or new construction of churches in the region between about 1890 and 1920. The colored-glass memorial windows dating from the early twentieth century, illustrate the participation of Old Friendship United Methodist Church in this trend.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:**

All that tract or parcel of land upon which the said Church is now located, lying and being in Worcester County, and a part of the tract of land called "Friendship" and a part of land called "Addition", or by whatever name or names the same may be known or called, situated in the county aforesaid, and directly on the county road leading from Beaver Dams to Forktown; beginning at a stone placed in the ground by the northeastern side of the said road, thence running by and with said county road and bounded thereby the three following courses; North fifty-one degrees West eleven and three-fourths perches, thence north forty-one degrees west ten perches, thence north thirty-one degrees west six perches to the end of the bridge across said county road and thence by and with the ditch bounded thereby South sixty-four degrees east twenty-seven perches to a post set up by the side of the said ditch, thence with a sight line to the first boulder, containing one acre more or less. Recorded among the land records of Worcester County as Liber 1498, folio 26, October 26, 1988. This property is indicated as Parcel No. 35 on Worcester County Tax Map No. 44.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:**

The nominated property, approximately one acre, comprises the entire parcel historically associated with the resource. It corresponds to the churchyard which surrounds the building and represents its historic setting.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: 000-227

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, RELIGION

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL  
TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

A. CHURCH

2. OBJECT

B. CEMETERY

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic FRIENDSHIP METHODIST CHURCH

and/or common FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2. Location

street & number Meadow Bridge Road at intersection of West  not for publication  
Post Office Road

city, town West Post Office  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 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 Friendship United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<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.

Friendship United Methodist Church stands at the intersection of West Post Office Road and Meadow Bridge Road on the north side of the Worcester/Somerset county line in Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1866, the gable-front frame church is supported by a minimal, but continuous brick foundation and is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The building is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt tile roof. A nineteenth-century cemetery is located west of the church, and the church yard is surrounded by a metal Victorian fence.

The south (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center double door entrance and flanking Gothic arched colored glass windows. The upper panels of the doors follow a Gothic arch, and a single-pane transom is fixed above the entrance. To each side of the doors are paneled pilasters that rise to meet ornate brackets beneath the slightly projecting pediment. The colored glass windows to each side were added during the early twentieth century to replace the original plain glass windows. The corners of the building are trimmed with paneled pilasters that rise to a bracketed eave. The gable-front pediment is trimmed with brackets as well, and piercing the tympanum is a pointed arch louvered opening.

The east and west side elevations are largely alike with three colored glass windows evenly spaced across each wall. The decorative eave brackets continue around each side. Paneled pilasters trim the rear corners of the building as well. The north wall of the church is a plain weatherboard surface with slightly extended eaves.

The interior has been remodeled to some degree with modern paneling across the north wall, and a religious mural has been set with a frame behind the pulpit. The ceiling has been dropped to a level above the window openings. Aside from these changes the interior survives with Victorian pews, and a raised platform altar is surrounded by a turned baluster altar rail. The altar rail in addition to the paneled and bracketed pulpit retain layers of yellow-brown graining. The pews have been repainted. Framing each window opening is a widely fluted surround with plain corner blocks. Turn of the century chandeliers remain in place as does a Victorian organ.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WO-227

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/
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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** 1866 **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.

Friendship United Methodist Church is a prominent historical and architectural landmark in western Worcester County that stands near West Post Office crossroads in Somerset Co. A large part of the congregation, in fact, has lived or currently resides in Somerset County. Erected in 1866, the bracketed frame church retains a nineteenth-century appearance with untouched features such as the Gothic arched paneled doors and pedimented entrance and bracketed eaves that encircle the building. The pointed arched colored glass windows, although not original to the building, add character and historical interest with donor names remaining at the the bottom of the lower sash. The interior has been altered with a drop ceiling and modern paneling across the north wall. Surviving inside are period pews and altar furniture. The altar rail and platform retain a layer of yellow-brown graining.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Friendship Methodist church traces its formation to 1836 when John Pusey, Jr. of Worcester County transferred ownership of a half-acre of land called, "Friendship" to Whitty Pusey, Jones Beavans, Thomas Brown, Purnell Pusey, Sr., Purnell Pusey, Jr., William Carey, James Brown, John L. Zeiber, and Tubman Lankford, trustees of the newly formed congregation. A second parcel of land was deeded to the church, also part of "Friendship," in December of 1878, by Whitty T. Pusey and his wife, Annie, while a third piece was granted in 1884 for a parsonage. It is not known if an earlier building preceded the 1866 structure, but the site was used for burial during the earliest years. The construction of the present building in 1866 is credited to Jones Bounds and William Dykes.



HISTORICAL STATEMENTS TAKEN FROM CHURCH RECORDS

"Friendship Methodist Church, East Princess Anne, RFD #2, Md. is located on Beaver Damn Rd. leading to Forktown "alias" Fruitland, Md. on the Worcester side of the line separating Worcester County from Somerset County.

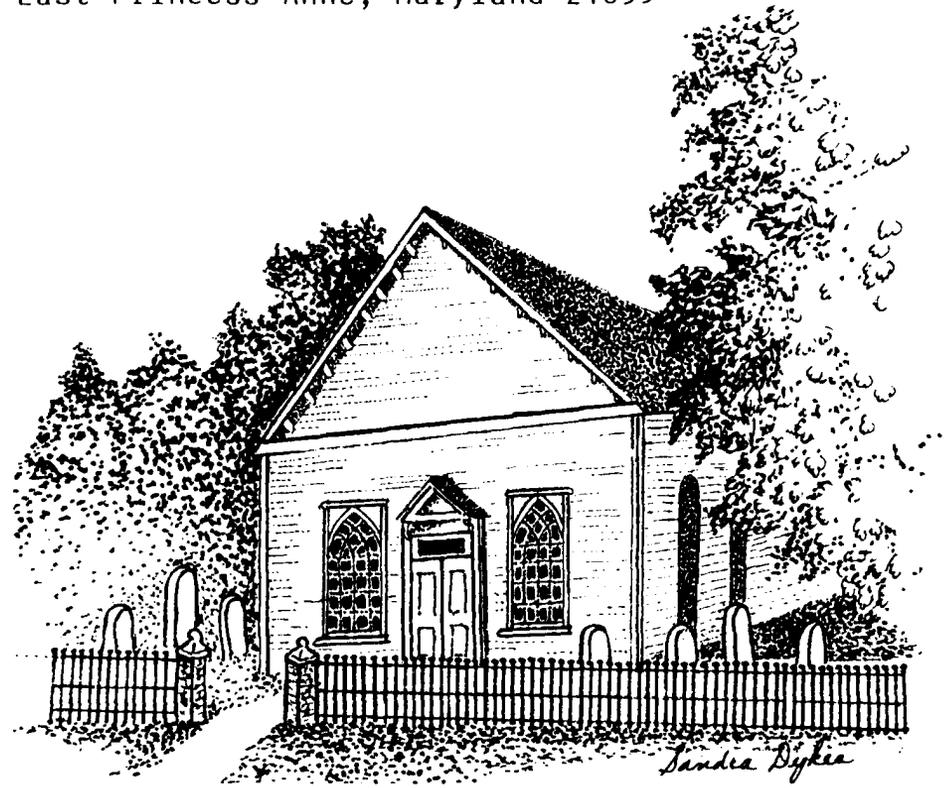
The first deed for the church was granted by Mr. John Pusey in the year 1836. The worship services were held in individual homes until the church was erected. Lay speakers, class leaders, and local preachers conducted the worship service.

Volunteers from the community under the supervision of carpenters, Jones Bounds, William Dykes, and others constructed the present church. Wooden pegs were used to joint together the framing, still found to be in good shape in 1968 when certain repairs were made. Old hand tooled lathes were also in good shape.

The second piece of land was granted to church trustees and their successors in 1878 by Whitty Pusey and his wife, Annie. The third grant was made in 1884 for a parsonage that was first occupied by Rev. D. W. Anstine, who served the church 1884 - 1886 and again 1933 - 1935. The parsonage was sold in the year 1967. The parsonage was the home next to the Community House.

The first recorded minister to serve Friendship was Rev. Samuel Ferguson - 1870."

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Post Office  
East Princess Anne, Maryland 21853



FOUNDED 1836

Friendsh Morning Homecoming Service 10/18/1987

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Minister: Let us give thanks to God that we are once again able to share in a homecoming service at this historic old church. Let us praise our God that he has sustained this worshipping community for yet another year.

Congregation: Let us praise God for the mercy and strength of God's love found in his Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us raise our voices in praise to almighty God so that the saints from this church who have gone before us to prepare a place for us will rejoice in our faithfulness and thanksgiving.

\*Hymn of Praise: "Nearer My God to Thee"  
Blue Hymnal #362 - Red Hymnal #29

The Prayer of Confession: "Almighty God, who by thy love hast made us, and through Thy love hast kept us, and in thy love wouldst make us perfect, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hast loved us. Thy life is within our souls, but our selfishness hast hindered thee. We have resisted thy spirit. We have neglected thine inspirations.

Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy spirit direct what we shall be; that thou mayest come into the full glory of thy creation, in us and in all people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Meditation

The Words of Assurance by the Minister

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Testimony of Congregation

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Amazing Grace"  
Blue Hymnal #209 - Red Hymnal #140

Offering and Doxology\*

Scripture Lesson

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

\*Hymn of Dedication: "Just As I Am"  
Blue Hymnal #198 - Red Hymnal #300

Benediction

Postlude

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REMEMBER: AFTERNOON SONG SERVICE WITH SPECIAL MUSIC AND GUEST SPEAKER, REVEREND HERBERT GLADDEN - 1:30 P.M.  
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Friendship welcomes you to Homecoming and invites you to the Homecoming Fellowship Dinner following the morning service. Many thanks for your continued support and prayers.

Special Prayers for shut-ins: Members: Minnie Ashley and Ethel Shockley; Friend: Lila Dennis.

Special Thanks to: Sandra Dykes McKenna, cover illustration - Lay Speakers: Clayton Ball and John Fitzgerald - Special Music today by: Charles and Susan Overholt, Priscilla Ward, Brent Horner and St. Paul's Methodist Choir - Organist: Lydia Lang.

Friendship regrets the passing of members Ira Ashley and Mildred Pusey. Memorial gifts in memory of them has contributed toward the new carpet installed in the church. Many thanks for your memorial gifts.

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1986	Total Full Members	23
	Total Associate Members	12
	Average Sunday Attendance	20
1987	Total Full Members	26
	Total Associate Members	9
	Average Sunday Attendance	22

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A very special welcome to our new minister, James Hartman.

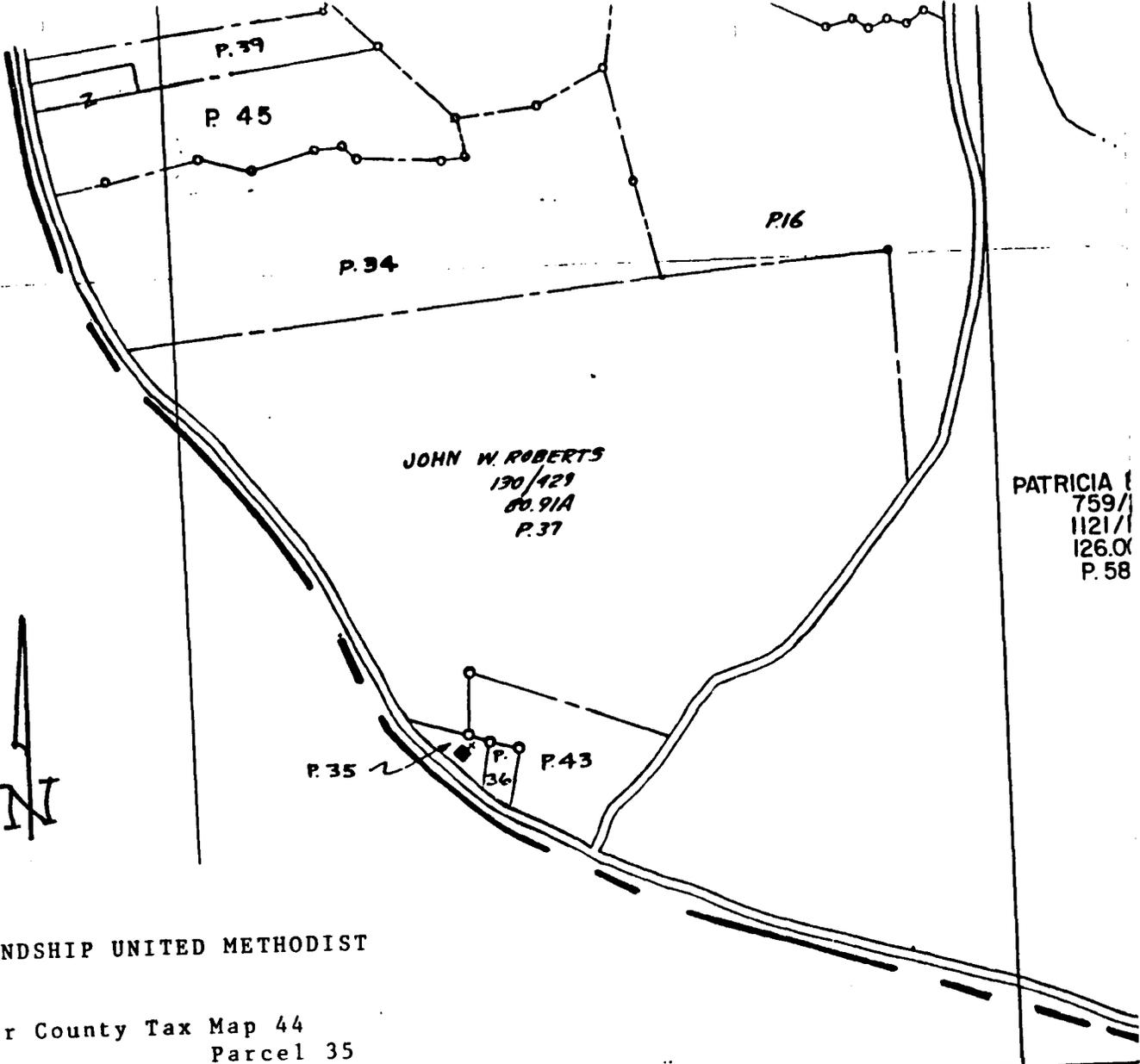


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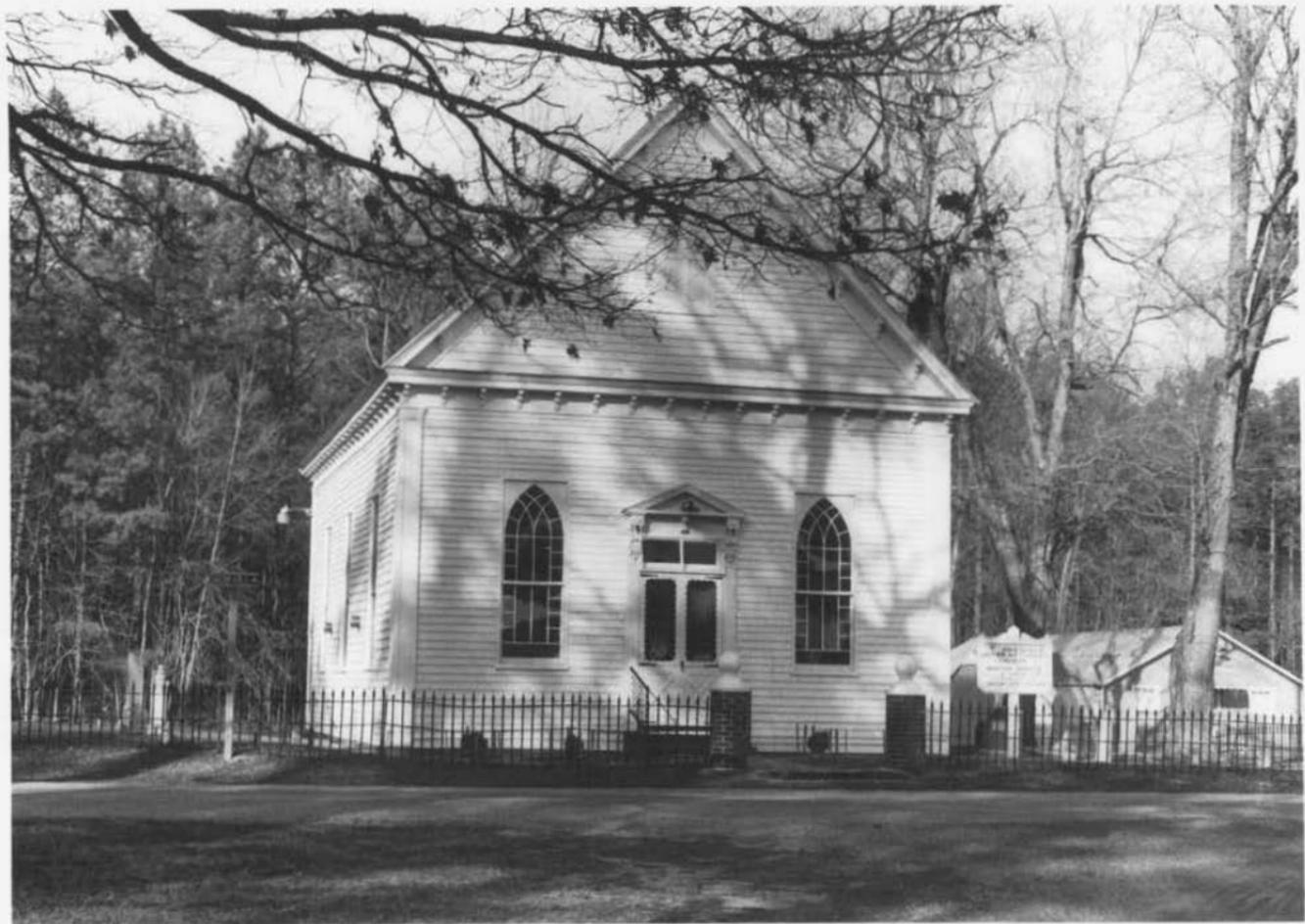
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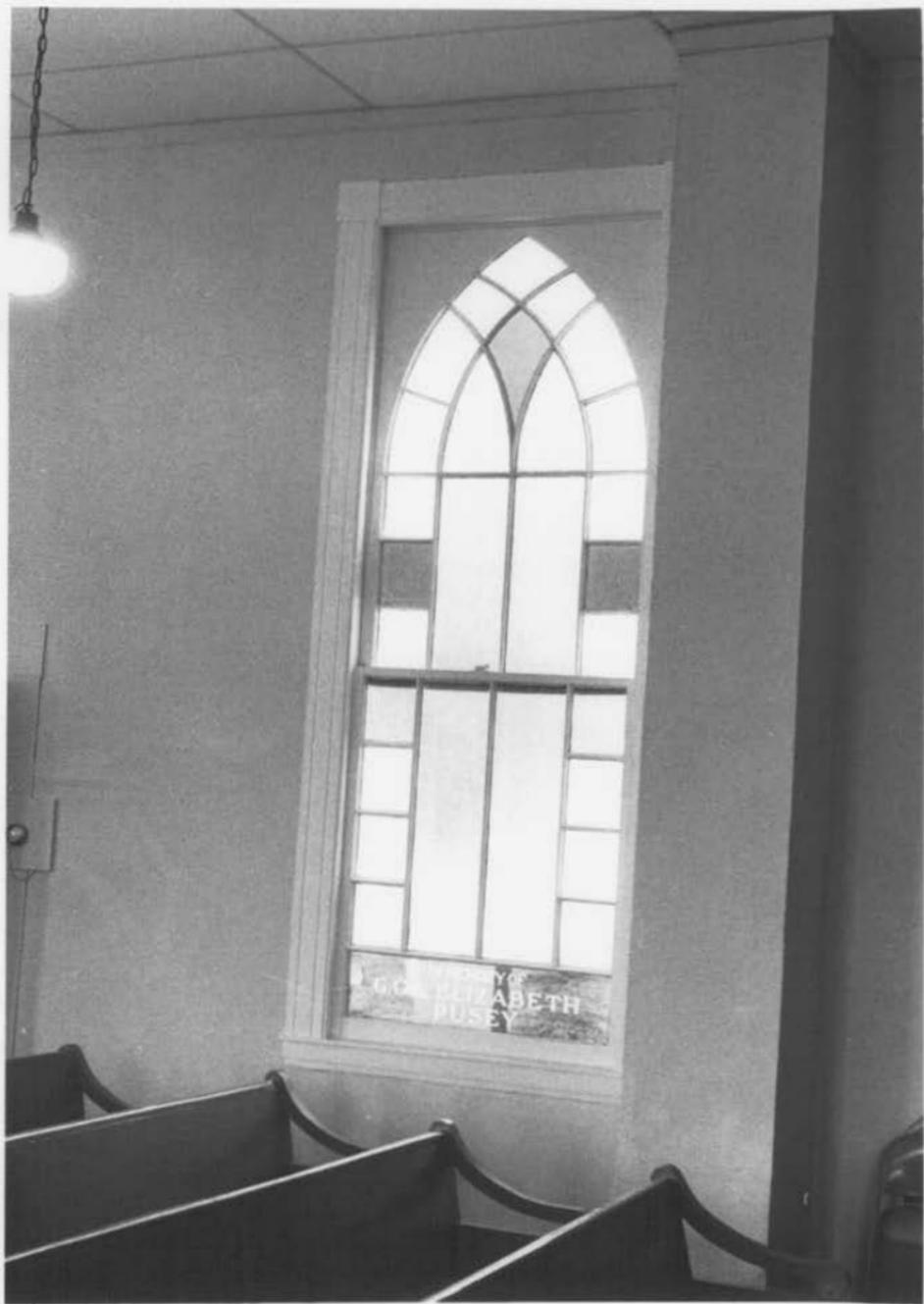
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West Post Office vicinity,

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Interior, west window

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Interior, pulpit

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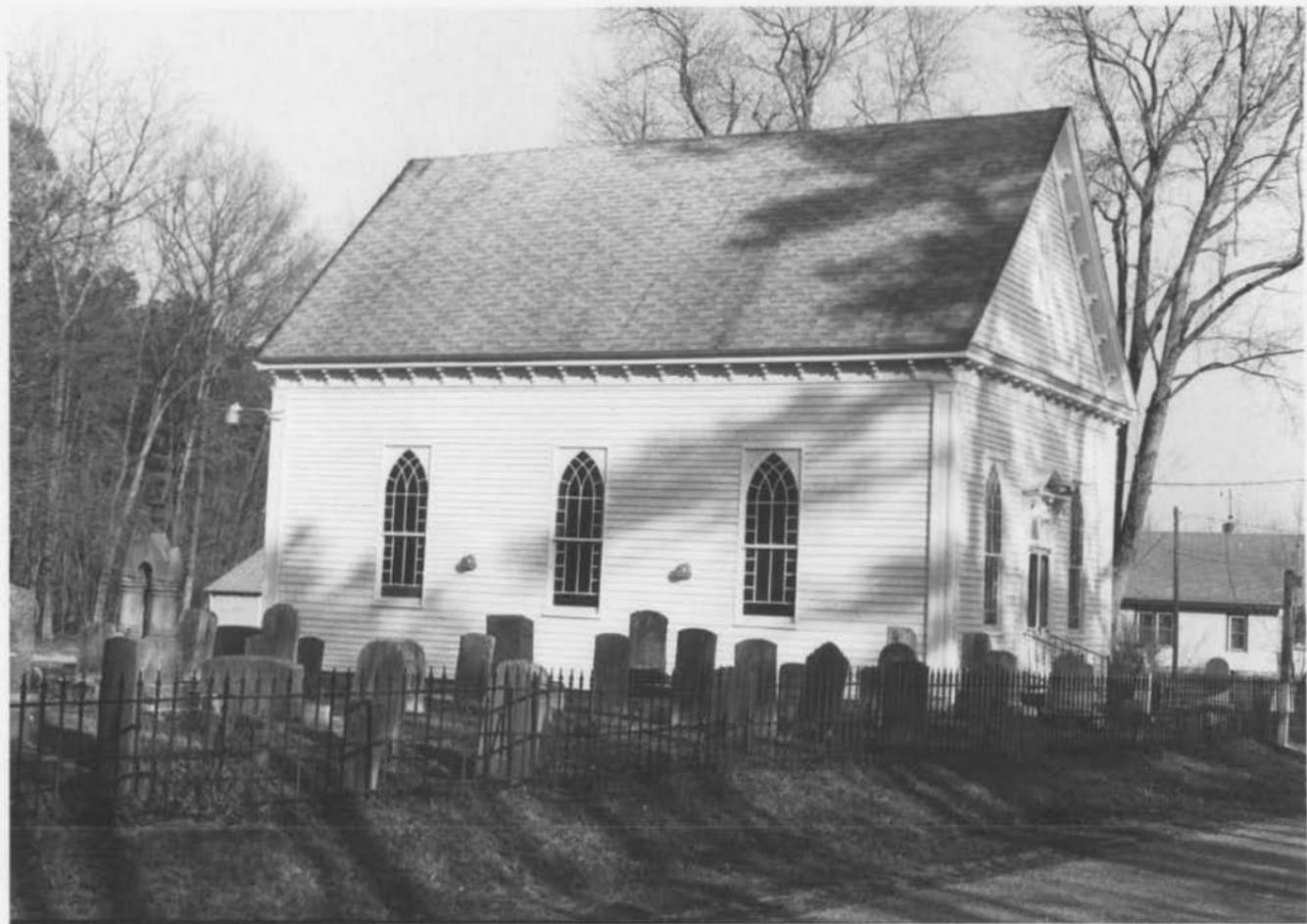


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