

WO-444

1891

Trinity United Methodist Church
Unionville
Public worship

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HISTORIC CONTENT INFORMATION

Resource Name: TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: WO-444

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Church

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-444

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

and/or common TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number North side of Unionville Road not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Trinity United Methodist Church

street & number Unionville Road telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland 21851

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

Trinity United Methodist Church, historically known as Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, stands on the north side of Unionville Road in the small black community of Unionville, located three miles west of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story rectangular frame church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1891, the single-story three-bay by five-bay church is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation. Fixed in the southeast corner of the foundation is a marble datestone inscribed, "Trinity M. E. Church, 1891." Sheathed in asbestos shingles, the church is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The rafter feet are exposed. Fixed against the front wall of the church on axis with the roofline is a two-story entrance tower.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with the center entrance tower flanked by new single-story shed roofed additions to each side. The east and west sides of the church are marked by five colored glass windows. To the rear is a single-story off-center apse that is pierced on each side by colored glass windows as well. A round colored glass window marks the wall above the apse.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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		

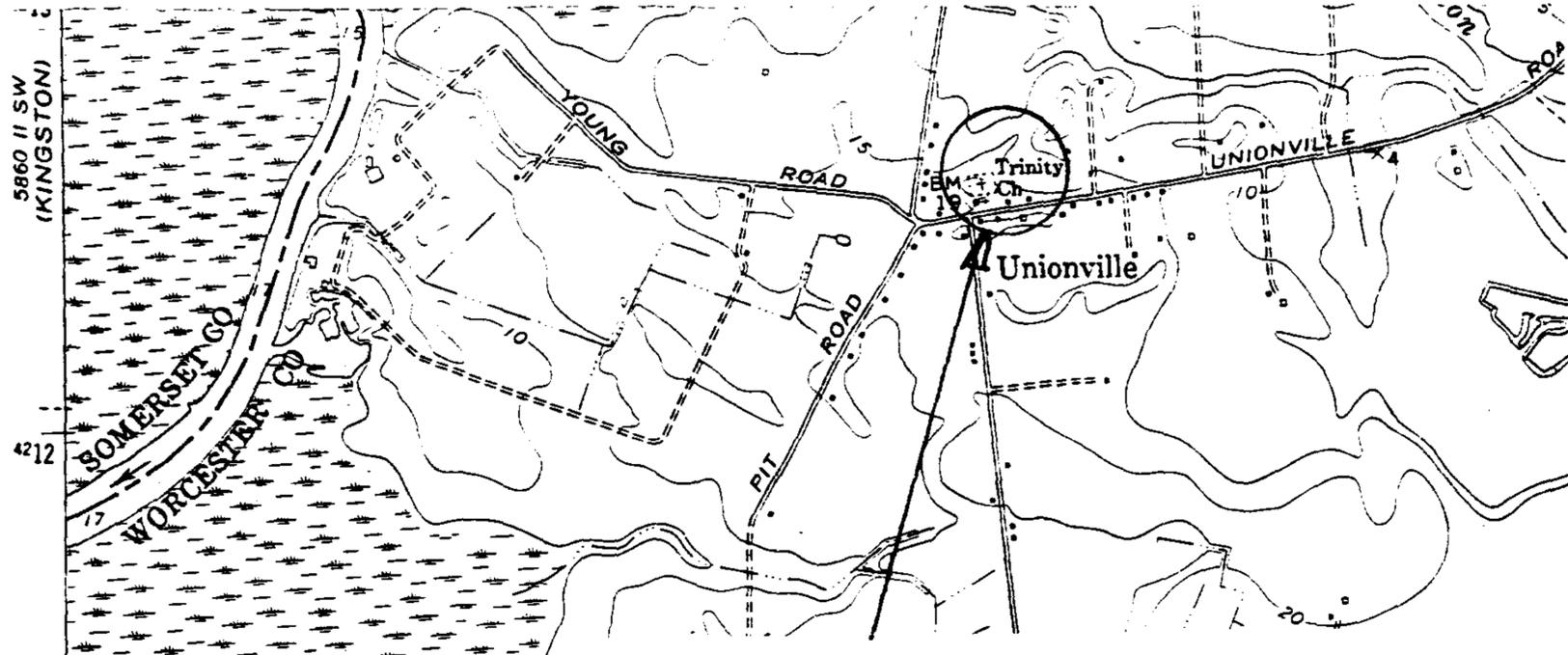
Specific dates 1891 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

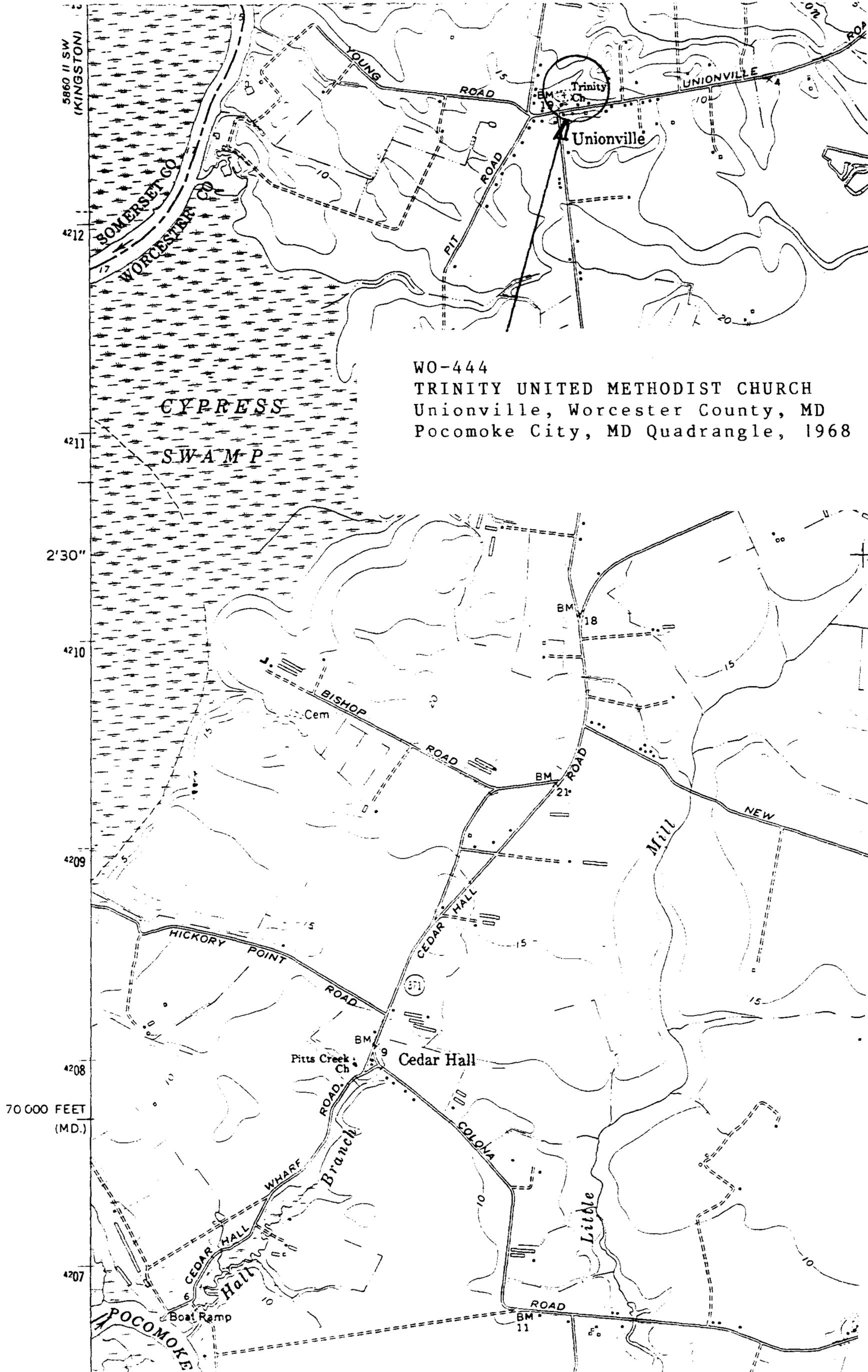
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Unionville, Worcester County, MD
 Pocomoke City, MD Quadrangle, 1968



70 000 FEET
 (MD.)

5860 11 SW
 (KINGSTON)
 4212
 4211
 2'30"
 4210
 4209
 4208
 4207
 POCOMOKE