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Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

Architectural Survey File

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side of Route 75

6th E D 9

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

VICINITY OF

Pleasant Grove, Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

Map 97 P99

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ijamsville

MD

21754

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: DSB 1

Folio #: 607

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pleasant Grove Church is a rectangular one-and-a-half story shallow gable roofed frame building which faces from the east side of Route 75.

It is a functioning church which is unrelated to any other buildings, but is surrounded on the south and east side by a cemetery enclosed in an ornate cast iron fence.

The principle facade is three bays wide, the main entrance door which is a replaced five panel double door with segmented stained glass transom is located in the second bay. Two double hung segmented stained glass windows with plain trim occupy the first and third bays. A three bay wide eight step wooden front porch with railing extends from the east side of the building. The replaced asphalt roof is finished by a boxed cornice. The main chancel is built on a low random stone foundation.

The north and south sides of the building are identical - each three bays wide with double hung segmented stained glass windows with plain trim.

A modern cinder block addition extends from the west and northwest of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☒ RELIGION		
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE		
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE		
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER		
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION		
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		☐ INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1867-1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Poole

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pleasant Grove Church started as a community effort in the mid nineteenth century.

Some time before 1867 Mr. Eli Davis offered to give the land for a church and cemetery if the community would build a church on the property. Until that time the congregation met in the old Pleasant Grove School building about a half mile south of the present church on Green Valley Road (now Route 75). This building, which has been converted into a private residence, still stands next to the small original cemetery of the church.

Plans for the new church were made by Eli Davis, George Kindley, James Lawson, Richard Davis, Thomas Baker, Samuel Brandenburg, Samuel Williams and Mill Burger. Work on the building began in May of 1867 and was completed during the summer of 1867. The church was built by James Poole, his laborers were John J. Baker and Milton Buxton. The foundation was constructed by Charles Ford.¹

On August 15, 1867, the Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church was incorporated. Reverend John Roberts was the first minister.² In September of 1867' the building was dedicated and the congregation moved into its new house of worship. The school building was used for social meetings and church suppers until the 1960's. Later, the church became a member of the Methodist Episcopal denomination and finally, United Methodist.

In 1903 the church underwent repairs during J.A. Wright's pastorate. The original plain white windows were replaced by the present colored windows. George Easton was in charge of the work.³ The church continues to have weekly church services with a circuit preacher.

1 Personal letter from James Barnes to Robert Windsor dated March 23, 1934.

2 Frederick County Church Corporate Records 1808/1880 p.264

3 Personal letter, March 23, 1934.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal letter to Robert Windsor from James Oliver Barnes concerning the Church in custody of Mrs. Murray Day, dated March 23, 1934.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.60

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/7/77

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, East Church Street

TELEPHONE

663-8300 Ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

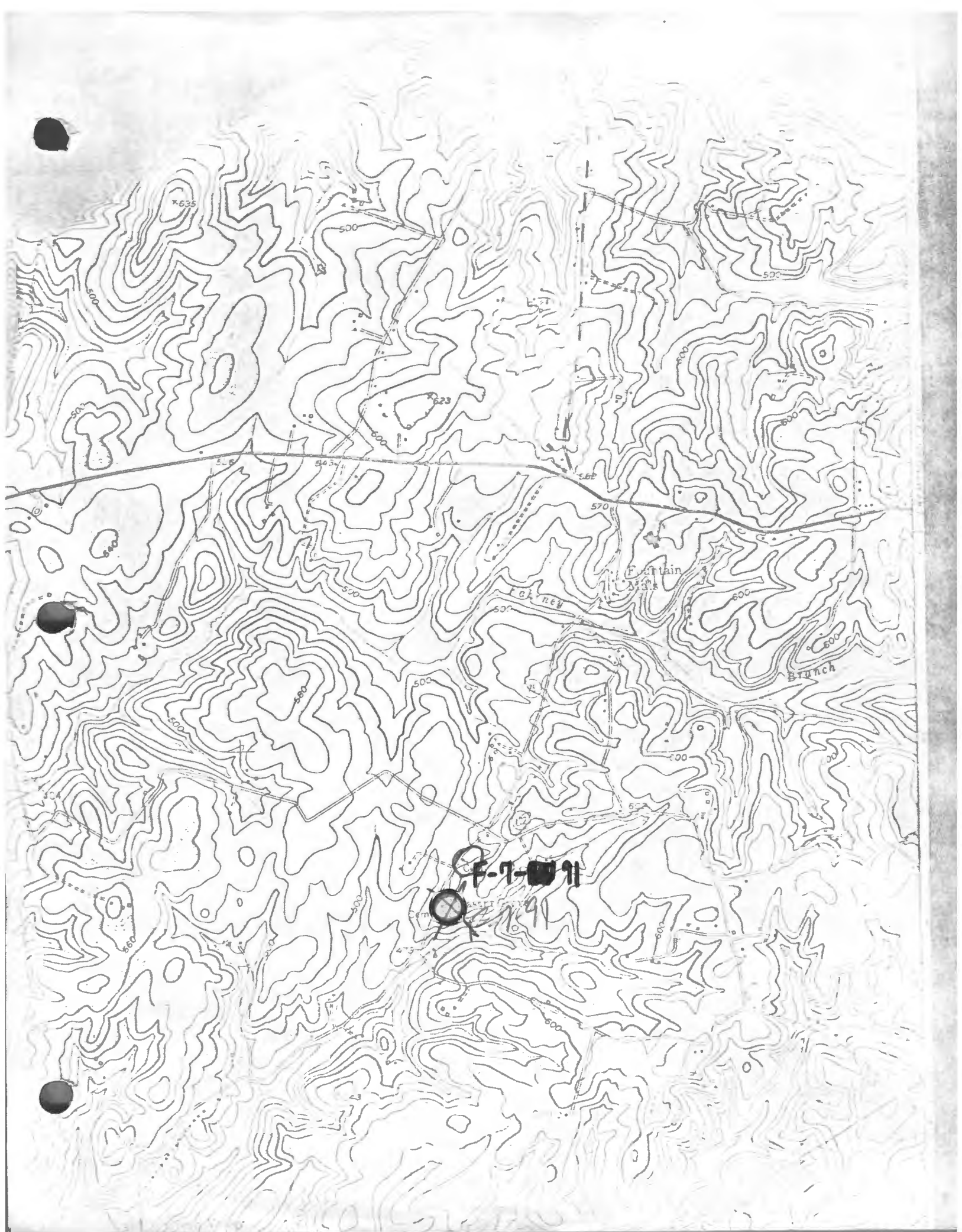
STATE

Maryland

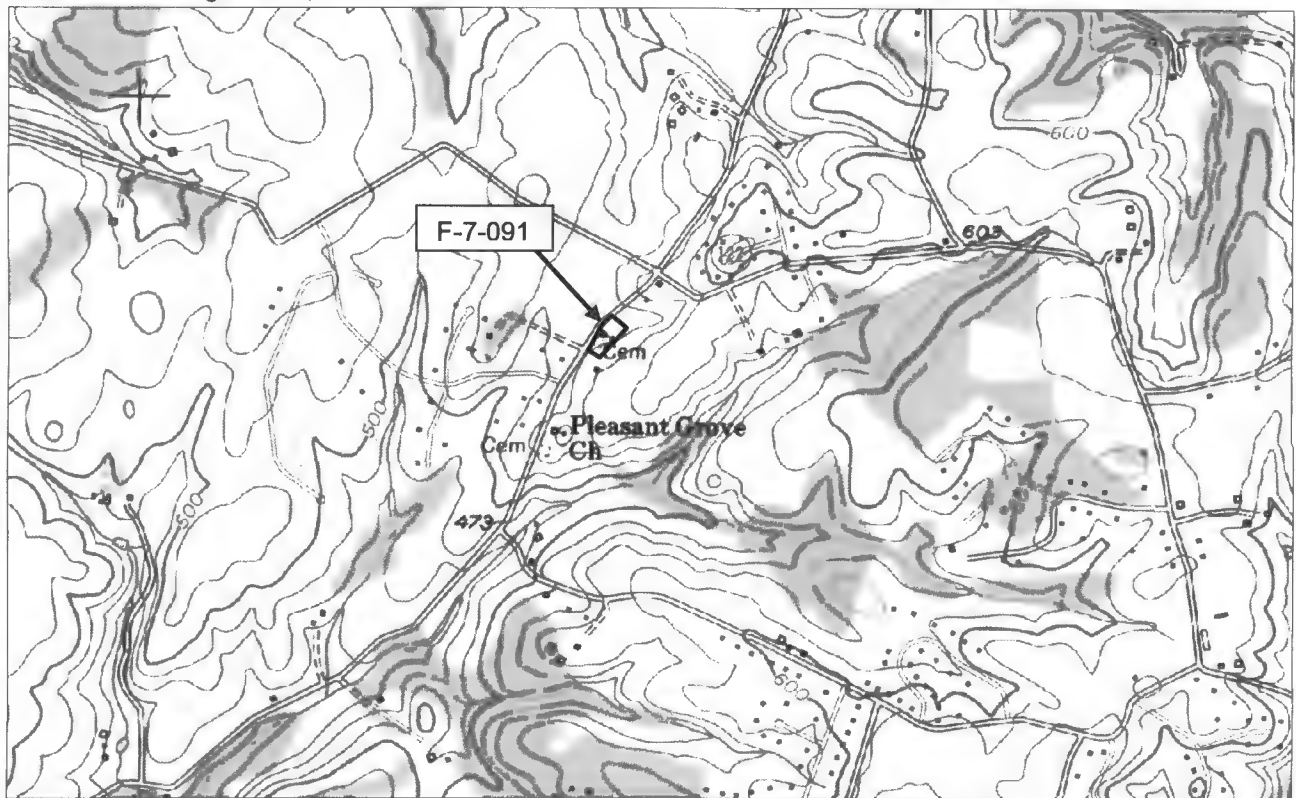
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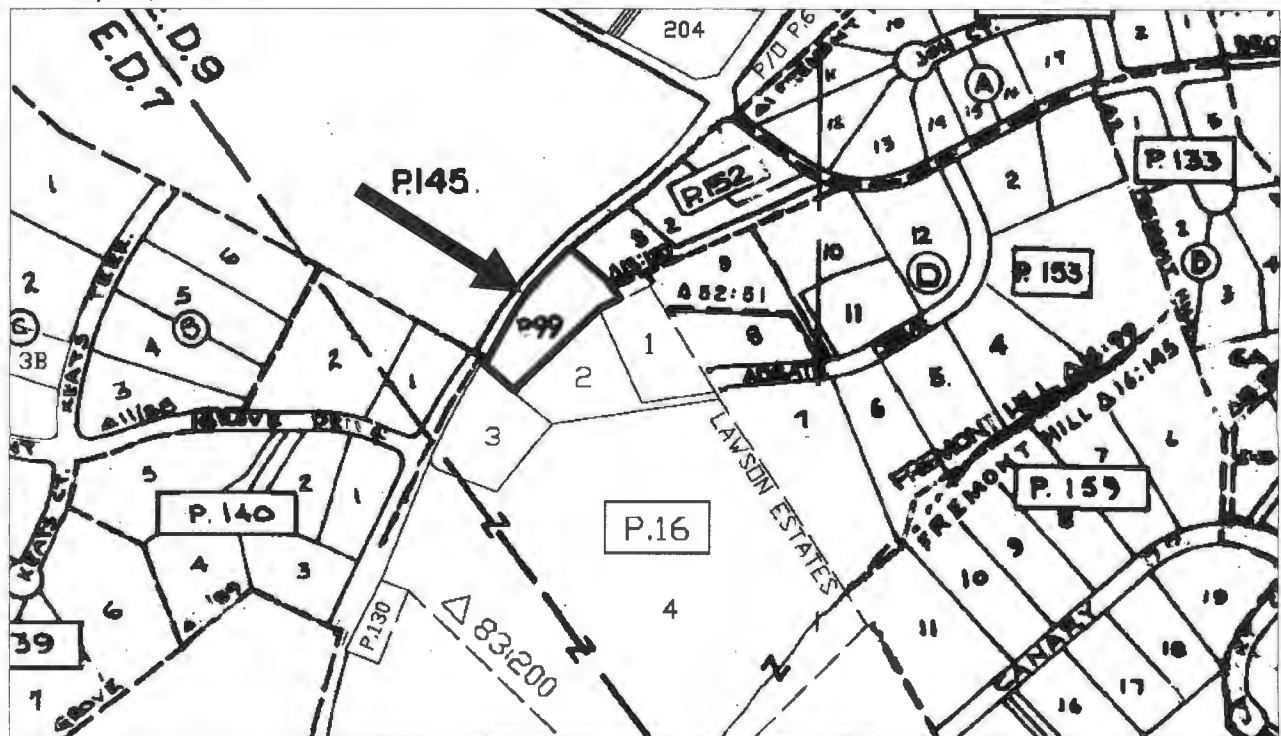
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3425 Green Valley Road, Ijamsville
Urbana Quadrangle 1953, Photorevised 1979



Tax Map 97, Parcel 99



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Section 7:

Updated architectural information:

On October 18, 1993, photos were taken of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, showing the following exterior changes: vinyl siding; a one-story frame enclosure projecting from the northwest elevation, forming a foyer over the principal entrance; the sign panel above the foyer, which read Pleasant Grove U.M. Church 1867-1903, now includes the date 1981, undoubtedly the date the foyer was added. All other exterior architectural description remains as in the 1977 inventory form.

Section 8:

The church is minimally significant for its architecture, illustrating the general rectangular form of its original design, although now altered by the 1981 foyer and vinyl siding.



Pleasant Grove Church
Northeast View

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Pleasant Grove Church F-7-91
Southwest View





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Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

October 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Northeast corner view

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October 1993

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South elevation

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