

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2025 Soder, S., M. McKnight, & Z. Singer
Fieldwork report: ground penetrating radar survey and test excavation of Old Otterbein United Methodist Church (18BC218), Baltimore City, Maryland.
Library ID No: 95010486 Catalog/Shelving ID: BC 229

Sites examined:

18BC218

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The survey was conducted because parishioners at the church had uncovered artifacts while gardening to the east of the church. Overall, the GPR data and the ground truthing excavations will help the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church protect and avoid impacting historic features and potential graves.
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Project Objectives: Three ground penetrating radar grids were investigated: (1) in the east yard, (2) on the paved patio and part of a meditation garden, and (3) in the sloped garden area. MHT elected to ground truth the anomalies in Grid 1 and Grid 3. Overall, the GPR data and the ground truthing excavations will help the Old Otterbein United Methodist Church protect and avoid impacting historic features and potential graves.
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Research Potential:

Further excavation at Feature 1 may uncover information about the historic activities, both religious and domestic, that occurred on the church property.
