

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no

Property Name: Mount Carmel United Methodist Church Inventory Number: M: 23-42-1
 Address: 22222 Georgia Avenue (MD 97) Historic district: yes no
 City: Brookeville Zip Code: 20833 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring
 Property Owner: Mount Carmel United Methodist Church of Montgomery Co Tax Account ID Number: 160100006371
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P806 Tax Map Number: HV
 Project: MD 650 @ MD 97 Agency: MD State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: MD State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 05/19/2008

Documentation is presented in: MIHP form M: 23-42: Sunshine Historic District
http://mtcarmelsunshine.org (accessed 4/16/2008)
http://www.sandyspringmuseum.com/e253.html (accessed 5/19/2008)
http://www.sandyspringmuseum.com/e290a.html (accessed 5/19/2008)

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description

Mount Carmel United Methodist Church of Montgomery County is a Neo-Classical structure featuring a two-story high pedimented portico supported by Doric columns with engaged pilasters against the façade. It has a rectangular plan with a small hipped-roofed wings towards the rear of the north and south sides. It has a symmetrical, three-bay front-gabled façade. To the front of the gable roof is a small, open bell-tower with a pyramidal roof. The church is wood frame, and covered in aluminum weatherboard with raised faux-grain. The church faces east, at the southwest corner of the intersection of MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) and MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue). The landscaping consists of a maintained grass lawn, and a number of mature trees and shrubs. Cement sidewalks lead from both MD 97 and MD 650 to the front of the church. Another sidewalk connects the rear of the church with MD 650. An L-shaped gravel driveway wraps around the south side and rear of the church; parking is designated along the south side of the church. One sidewalk leads from the parking lot to the front of the church and a second leads from the parking lot through boxwoods to a basement entrance midway along the south façade.

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MHT Comments:

Jim J. [Signature] 6/24/08
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
[Signature] 7/2/08
 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

The church is symmetrical, with a front facing portico with three bays. The portico is supported by four Doric columns on a poured concrete foundation. The entrance is comprised of double-leaf doors under a transom and pediment. The entrance is flanked by square stained glass windows. The north and south sides of the church each have five bays, and the center three bays have clerestory windows. Exterior brick stove chimneys are located on both the north and south facades at the junction of the additions to the main block.

Fixed windows with metal sashes are located in the basement level, aligning in bays with the stained glass windows above. The rear of the church has one six-paneled vinyl and steel door and two windows to the south. The door is accessed via a wood wheelchair ramp. A shed-roofed basement level extension is at the southwest corner of the church.

The interior of the sanctuary is rectangular in plan, with a recessed chancel accessed via three steps. At the top of the platform is the altar and two podiums. A wood panelled reredos lines the wall behind the altar, and a small religious painting is located above it. The chancel is flanked by doors leading to other parts of the church. An approximately three-foot tall chancel screen of turned wood balusters separates the chancel from the nave. The nave has a central aisle, fixed wood pews with curved ends, and a flat floor (rather than slanted as in an auditorium). The floor is carpeted.

The congregation dates to the early nineteenth century, when the Mt. Carmel Methodist Episcopal Church stood in the town of Triadelphia (established 1809). In 1858, the Mt. Carmel Methodist Protestant Church was built just north of Sunshine on property where Mount Carmel Cemetery is now located. In June of 1927, the congregants laid the cornerstone of the current building on land donated the previous June by Carrie M. Oland, the owner of the surrounding 150 acres. According to the church website, the timber for the church came from congregants farmland. The glass for the eighteen stained-glass windows came from England, and the windows were crafted in Baltimore. The church underwent renovations in 1975.

Significance Statement

The Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church retains integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling, and association. Its original materials have been altered by the 1975 addition of aluminum siding and storm windows. The setting has been diminished as none of the other buildings at the crossroads of Georgia and New Hampshire Avenues at the time the church was built are still extant. As a religious property, Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church is subject Criteria Consideration A, and must be eligible for architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance. Although Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church is an example of a neo-classical church from the first third of the twentieth century, it lacks architectural and artistic distinction. Additionally, although Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church has a long history as a congregation, the current building does not convey the historic associations of a two-hundred year old congregation. Thus, Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church is not eligible for the National Register under Criteria Consideration A.

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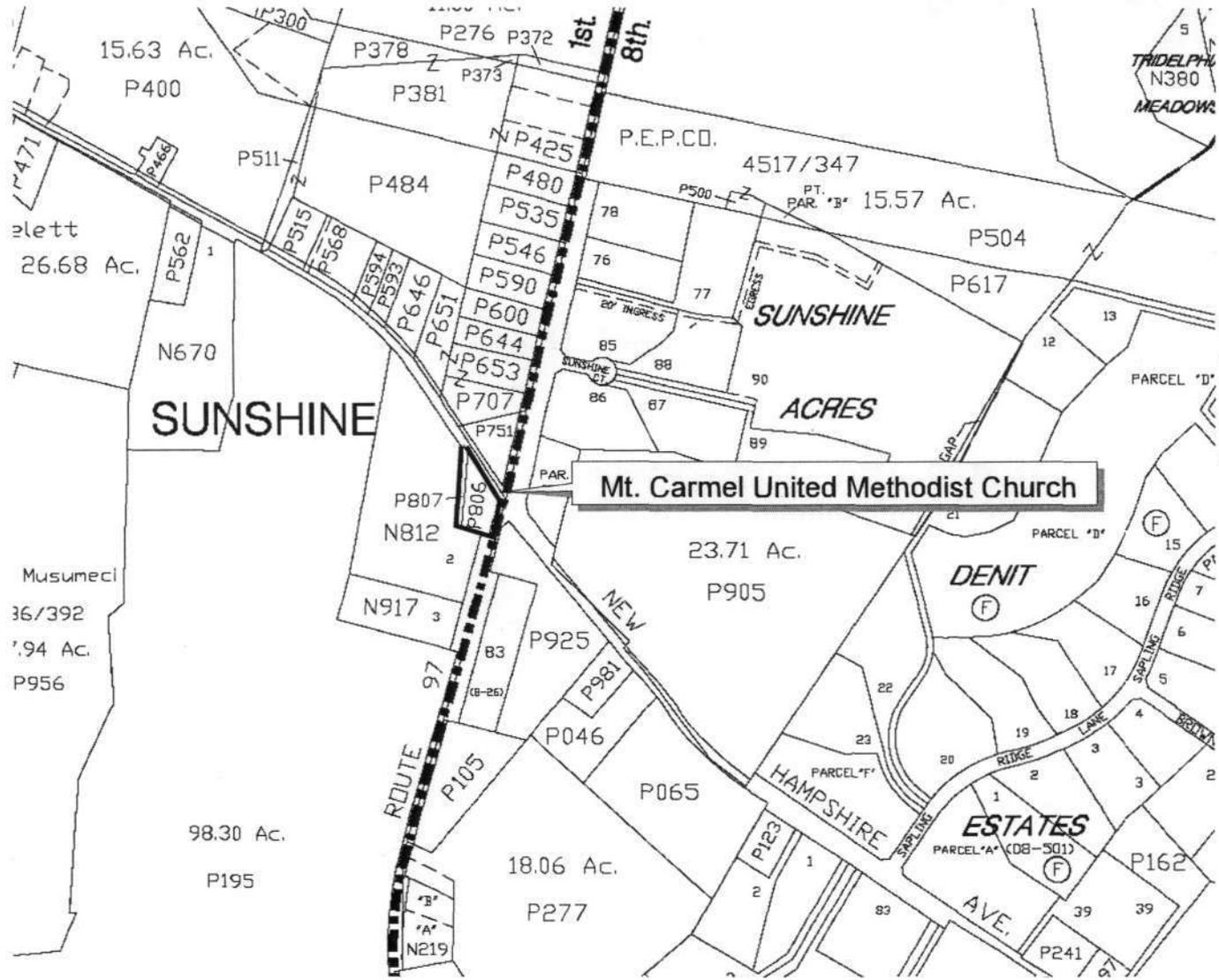
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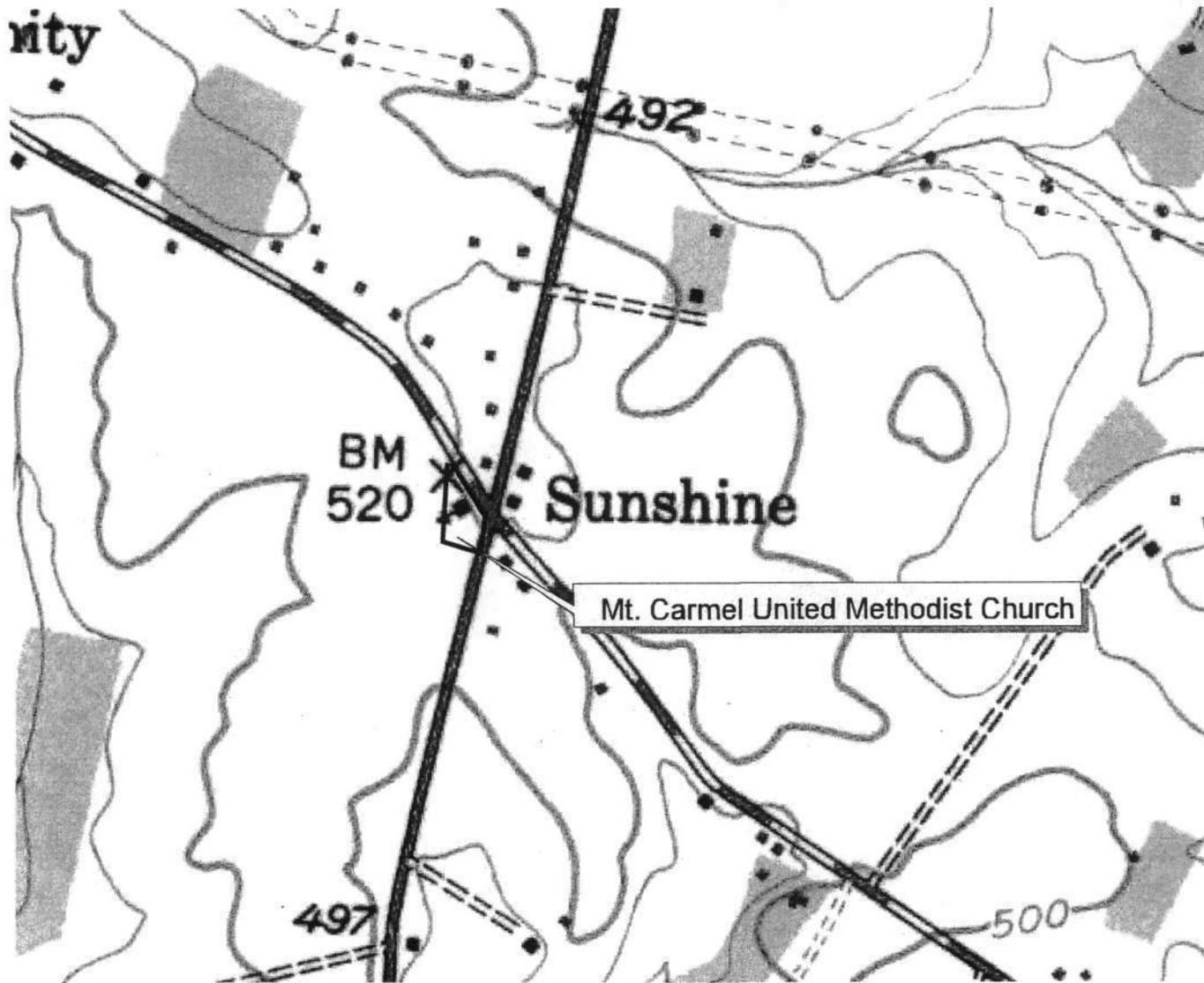
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MD SHPD (neg.)

View facing W towards church

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View facing NW towards church

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View facing SE towards church

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MT. CARMEL M.P.
CHURCH.
1858 — 1928.

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View (detail) of keystone

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