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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Waterbury Center Methodist Church  
AND/OR COMMON  
Waterbury Center Community Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 100  
CITY, TOWN  
Waterbury  
STATE  
Vermont  
VICINITY OF  
Washington  
COUNTY  
Washington  
CODE  
50  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Vermont  
CODE  
023

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Waterbury Center Community Church  
STREET & NUMBER  
Route 100  
CITY, TOWN  
Waterbury Center  
STATE  
Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the Town Clerk of Waterbury  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Waterbury  
STATE  
Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
VT State Register of Historic Places  
DATE  
1977  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS VT Division for Historic Preservation  
CITY, TOWN  
Montpelier  
STATE  
Vermont

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in the center of Waterbury village, off VT Route 100, the Waterbury Center Community Church is a 2 1/2 story, federal style structure constructed in brick with a 3-bay gable front facade. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A central entry is provided through double paneled doors set into a flat arch with radiating voussoirs above. The entry is flanked by a pair of 12/12 double-hung windows with brick relieving arches. The windows on the second floor also have relieving arches. Each window is framed by shutters. The 2nd story windows have 1/1 sash with stained glass borders, installed in 1894. A wooden fan, with the date 1833 painted in its center, graces the gable.

The four bay side elevation contains 12/12 double-hung windows on the first floor with brick relieving arches. The second floor has stained-glass double-hung windows with flat arches and radiating voussoirs above. The windows were presented to the church in 1894, and replaced the originals. The structure is capped with a two-tiered wooden tower, topped with an octagonal fleche.

In April 1858, the church interior was remodeled, and the second floor built. The side gallerys were removed at this time, and the present pews installed. At a later date, the lower part of the church was divided by partitions, boards from the box pews being used, and a kitchen was installed. An oil furnace was installed in 1970, replacing wood-burning box stoves. Structural roof repairs were made in 1976.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 1833

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waterbury Center Community Church is the primary visual landmark of the Waterbury Center Historic District, entered in the VT State Register of Historic Places in 1976, as well as a local spiritual and historic landmark. Completed in 1833. It is a fine example of rural federal-style architecture.

The bell was cast in Troy, New York, in 1836. The building is constructed of the same pinkish local brick as a series of early area houses, said to originate in a brickyard once located near Mill Village, several miles away.

The building was remodelled, and in 1894 memorial stained-glass windows were donated by Mrs. Marancy Hopkins in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Lyon and other founders of the church. In 1919, the Methodist and Baptist Churches joined until the sale of the Baptist Church to the Grange in 1929.

The church was incorporated as the Waterbury Center Community Church in 1963. The church, as well as its pleasant green, provide an important focus to this Vermont village.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	6,8,16,2,0	4,9,1,6,50,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Coextensive with the Waterbury Center Community Church property lines.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Harvey Kaplan

Richard C. Cote, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

VT Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

June 24, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE X

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*William B. Pinney*

TITLE William B. Pinney

Director/ State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-5-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Wm. Pinney*

DATE

1-9-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles H. ...*

DATE

1-6-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER