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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

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First Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

322 East Third Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Latah

CODE

057

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

First Methodist Church

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322 East Third Street

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Latah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

MOSCOW

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Methodist Church is distinguished by its contrasting towers and rugged black basalt stonework. The large southeast corner clock tower and belfry dominates the building and is balanced by a shorter northeast corner tower and an abbreviated southwest corner tower with a steep hipped roof. These towers give the church an asymmetrical picturesqueness which is augmented by its Romanesque massing and Gothic stained glass windows. The Romanesque character is enhanced by the use of roughhewn basalt from Colfax, Washington as the primary building material, and the truncated hipped roof with protruding gables and a mock dome.

All the windows are stained glass and with the exception of the gables' keystone round windows, all openings are framed by smooth Moscow granite Gothic arches. This stone is also employed on all the trim and as caps for the buttresses.

The building retains its original appearance, although two major additions have been constructed. In 1923 a Sunday school, which was consistent with the main building was added to the north side. In 1959-1960 an education building with a modern design was added to the rear.

