

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

First United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

corner of S. Lincoln Street and SE 5th Avenue —NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 1

STATE

South Dakota

CODE

46

COUNTY

Brown

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

First United Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

corner of S. Lincoln Street and SE 5th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Aberdeen City Hall

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

May, 1974

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, South Dakota is an Eclectic Revival adaptation of the Byzantine style of architecture. The walls are composed of brick upon a high basement of cut stone. Red tiles cover the roof. The dome on pendentives has an open lantern atop the Terneplate-covered roof. The floor plan of the Church does not follow the pattern of a Greek cross established in Byzantine architecture. Basically, the Methodist Church is a rectangular building with the apse protruding out on the northeast corner. To either side of the protruding apse is a parapet encasing a large round-headed window. Circular and small round-headed windows appear in the apse, while various sizes of rectangular double-hung windows appear in the apse, while various sizes of rectangular double-hung windows are found around the building. Encircling the dome are circular windows, also seen in the top of the parapets.

The east and apse entrances have Renaissance doorways. The north entrance is recessed behind a large segmental arch. Decorations include brackets under the cornice of the apse and broadfoot crosses in circles to either side of the parapets and on the dome.

A two story modern addition was attached to part of the north and all of the west walls of the building. Unfortunately, the addition was not done in sympathy with the original design.

The interior and exterior of the old church are in excellent condition. The Church, at the corner of S. Lincoln Street and SE 5th Avenue together with its parking lot to the south, occupy the west half of the block. Travelers along U.S. Highway 212 can easily see the prominent First United Methodist Church.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" 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 1904-05

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Byzantine style of architecture influenced few buildings in South Dakota. Most examples of the style appear on public buildings and churches. The Aberdeen First United Methodist Church remains as extant evidence of this important style's limited influence in the state.

Originally known as "First Methodist", the Church has been the main setting for Methodist religious activities in Aberdeen since its construction in 1904-05.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

South Dakota Writer's Project, WPA, Aberdeen: A Middle Border City
Pierre, 1940

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre celebrated 2.24.76
UTM REFERENCES

A	1 4	5 4 0 1 4 0	5 0 3 3 9 5 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Edith French

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

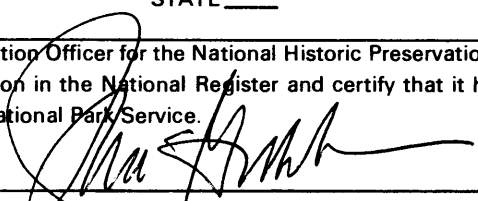
NATIONAL

STATE

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE



TITLE

Cult Pres Director

DATE

1-13-76

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

DATE

1/28/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

5-25-76

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Even though Byzantine architecture has limited influence, it stands out wherever it exists. Thus, the First United Methodist Church is not only unique to the community, but it is one of the most impressive architectural features in Aberdeen. It probably could not be replaced.