

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

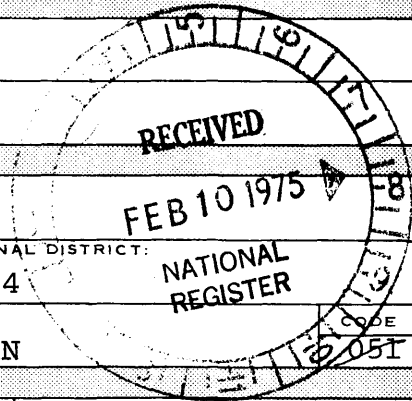
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STATE:  
Colorado

COUNTY:  
Pitkin

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ENTRY DATE  
MAY 12 1975



1. NAME

COMMON:  
ASPEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 NORTH ASPEN STREET

CITY OR TOWN:  
ASPEN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
04

STATE:  
COLORADO

CODE:  
08

COUNTY:  
PITKIN

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
STATE:  
CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Clerk and Recorder's Office, Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
506 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Aspen

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Townsite Plat

DATE OF SURVEY: 1880  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
City Engineer's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
130 South Galena Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Aspen

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

It took a little more than ten months to build the imposing stone structure that remains today an example of true Victorian church architecture. It is nearly square with a steep roof, and a large, round tower; being somewhat in the style of an ancient fudal castle. The comfortable oaken pews, arranged in semi-circular form, the floor sloping towards the pulpit and covered with a body Brussels carpet, the galleries on three sides of the auditorium, and the beautiful stained glass windows. Cost was \$20,000, and it was lighted with incandescent electric lights and heated by steam. The original oak pews and oak floors still remain in the sanctuary. There are fine Victorian stained glass windows with a new round window on the Bleeker Street side that was installed in 1966. The tower contains a 1901, 700 pound bronze church bell installed in 1943.



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**4. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1886 The church was founded August 1, 1886 by the Reverend H. S. Beavis.

1890 The corner stone was laid on Sunday, April 20, 1890 for the Presbyterian Church.

1891 The building took about ten months to complete. It was dedicated March 3, 1891.

1920 First Federated Community Church, composed of First Presbyterian Church of Aspen and First Methodist Church.

1934 Presbyterian and Methodist churches voted to exchange properties in Aspen and Loma, Colorado. Methodist property at Loma was transferred to the Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian property in Aspen was transferred to the Methodists.

1934 Aspen Community Church incorporated and continues in existence. The building serves not only as a church, but also as a center for community activities.

An example of true Victorian church architecture, the massive stone structure retains its original character. The beautiful oak pews and oak floors remain. There are fine Victorian stained glass windows.

The corner stone was laid on Sunday, April 20, 1890. It took a little more than ten months to build the imposing stone structure that remains today an example of true Victorian church architecture. An article published in the Aspen Daily Times, March 3, 1891 to celebrate the dedication of the church described the edifice as somewhat in the style of an ancient feudal castle. "The comfortable oaken pews, arranged in semi-circular form, the floor sloping towards the pulpit and covered with a body Brussels carpet, the galleries on three sides of the auditorium, and the beautiful stained glass windows, were among the first features that attracted attention upon entering." According to the article, 500 people attended the first Sunday service to hear the dedication and to view the new structure, which had been built at a cost of \$20,000, and was lighted with incandescent electric lights and heated by steam. The original oak pews and oak floors in the sanctuary remain. There are fine Victorian stained glass windows with a new round window on the Bleeker Street side that was installed in 1966. The tower contains a 1901, 700 pound bronze church bell installed in 1943.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Aspen Times 1881 to date.

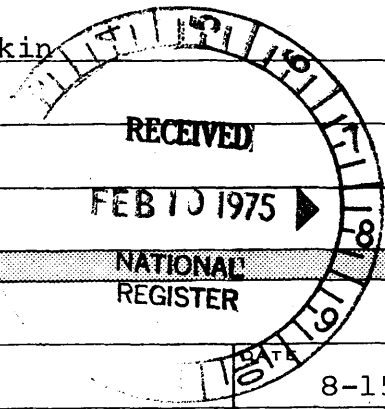
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.28 acre (one and 28/100 acre)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Colorado	08	pitkin	051
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Ramona Markalunas, President

ORGANIZATION:  
Aspen Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
620 West Bleeker St., P.O. Box 1323

CITY OR TOWN:  
Aspen

STATE:  
Colorado

CODE:  
08

8-15-74

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Walter H. Cross

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 1/24/75

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert A. Connolly  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/12/75

ATTEST:

Ronald M. Brunberg  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/19/75

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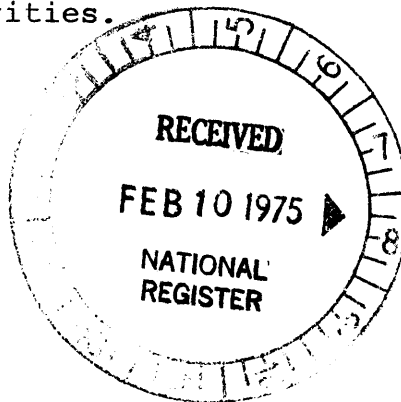
Statement of Significance

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In 1881, the Reverend E. A. Paddock crossed the mountains on foot to come to Aspen. He held his first services in a little building on Durant, and later in a little building erected on Cooper. The Presbyterian Church was the "successor in trust" of this prior organization. Founded on the first day of August 1886, the Presbyterians were served by the Reverend H. S. Beavis through 1891. His popularity diminished, the Reverend H. S. Beavis was replaced in March of 1892 by the Reverend E. C. Ralston.

The building has been in continuous use as a church from 1890 on:

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Date/Signature

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Substantive Review

for Keeper

*William B. Bushong*  
7/1/87