

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

MDB-2

Site No.

1. Historic Name(s) **Brandenburg Methodist Episcopal Church, South Congregation of Brandenburg Methodist Epis. Church**

Original Owner _____

2. Present Name **Brandenburg United Methodist Church**

3. Location **215 Broadway, Brandenburg, Kentucky**

4. Owner's Name **Congregation of Brandenburg United Methodist Ch.**

5. Owner's Address **215 Broadway, Brandenburg, Kentucky**

6. Open to Public Yes No

7. Ownership Private Local State Federal

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. Architect/Builder _____

10. Date **1855; 1893** A. B.

11. Style A. **Vernacular** B.

12. Original Use **Church**

13. Present Use **Church**

14. Condition **Excellent**

15. Stories, No. of **1 1/2**

16. Description
 A 1 1/2 story brick structure with one-story spiral. The church building has a Greek Revival massing with Gothic Revival bays. Three bay facade with a center entrance. Facade features lancet windows of stained glass with label molds and Gothic style entranceway. Four-bay on each side with stained glass lancet windows with label molds. Common bond with a header course every five rows. Round stained glass window above entranceway. Both gable ends have denticulated and brackets cornices. Sides have overhanging eaves. A one-story brick addition constructed on the rear in 1893. One bay on each side

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17. Single Pile _____ NA _____
 Double Pile _____

18. Floor Plan

19. Structural Fabric **Brick** A. B.

20. Decorative Fabric **Common Bond** A. B.

21. Roof Form & Material **Gable; Asbestos Shingle**

22. Foundation Material **Limestone**

23. Outbuildings

24. Alterations Additions
 Moved Wall Treatment

25. History
 The first Methodist Society in Brandenburg was organized by George Washington Brush in 1828. In 1835 a building site was purchased from the Brandenburg Seminary and church members

26. Significance
 The Brandenburg Methodist Church is architecturally significant as an excellent representation of mid-18th century vernacular architecture in Brandenburg. The structure

27. Source of Information
 Brandenburg United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial September 16, 1979.
 Meade County Messenger, Bicentennial Edition, Jan. 24, 1974.

28. ADD/County **Lincoln Trail/Meade** **082**

29. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'75') **Guston**

30. UTM Reference
 Zone **16** Easting **5,7,2,9,6,0** Northing **4,2,0,5,9,0,0**

31. Coordinate Accuracy

32. Prehistoric Site _____ Object _____
 Historic Site _____ Structure _____
 Building _____ Other _____

33. National Register, District Name: **Historic Resources of Brandenburg**

34. Significance of Evaluation **National Register**

35. Status _____ Date _____

National Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landmark Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>
HABS/HAER	<input type="checkbox"/>

36. Historic Theme
 Primary **Architecture**
 Secondary **Religion**
 Other _____

37. Endangered Yes No

38. ATTACH PHOTO

Roll No. **4**

Picture No. **12 - 36**

Direction **Roll 15 #20-34**

39. Prepared by: **William G. Johnson Senior Historian**

40. Organization **Kentucky Heritage Council**

41. Date **Fall 1983**

42. Revision Dates _____ 43. Staff Review _____

16. with stained glass lancet window with label mold. A one story brick education building was constructed in 1950 adjacent to the church with an open courtyard between the buildings, and connected by a one-story brick passageway.

Interior - A center passageway leads to the congregation seating area and the altar area. A gallery is located at the front of the building. Ceiling features wood paneling and exposed cross beams. Intricate woodwork with bull's eye corner blocks. A lancet doorway leads to courtyard. Altar area separated from congregation area by a railed partition with turned banisters. Certainly, an outstanding element of the church's interior appointments is the magnificent Oppus 661 pipe organ situated at the rear of the altar area. The organ was built in 1886 by the Johnson and Son Organ Company of Westfield, Massachusetts, for the First Methodist Church of Warren, Pennsylvania. The Oppus 661 organ was purchased from the Organ Clearinghouse in 1974 by Mr. Ralph Fontaine, Sr., of Brandenburg and given to the church. In March 1974, the Music Committee of the church contracted with the Steiner Organ Company of Louisville for renovation, tonal adjustments, enlargements and new case work. The instrument was enlarged from the original 13 ranks to 21 ranks of pipes. Mr. Phases Steiner created the tonal design, and Mr. Gattfried Rock completed the new case work and mechanical design. The Fontaine Memorial Organ was dedicated on September 28, 1975.

25. constructed the 1 1/2 story brick building which had a flat roof, two main entranceways, green shuttered windows and a squat belfry. As was the custom, men and women were segregated by a wooden partition, four feet in height, which extended through the center of the building from the entranceways to the altar. In 1893 the church was renovated. The two original entranceways were converted to windows and replaced by a center entranceway, and spire was added to the building. In 1914 memorial stained glass windows were incorporated into the structure, and an interior renovation was completed 13 years later. In 1950 a one story brick education building was constructed adjacent to the church, connected by a one-story brick passageway.
26. is also significant in the area of religion as the first Methodist Society organized in Brandenburg.
27. Ridenour, George. Early Times Meade County, Kentucky. 1929.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Brandenburg United Methodist Church Site # MD-B-2

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Historic Resources of Brandenburg, KY

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 572960 4205900 D. _____

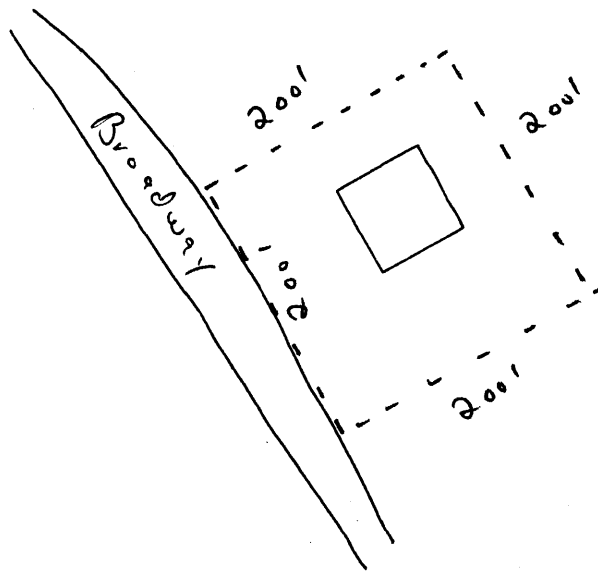
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 1

Beginning at a point on the east side of Broadway Street, approximately 100 feet from the center of the church, proceed 200 feet in a northwestward direction along the east side of Broadway Street; thence 200 feet in a northeastward direction; thence 200 feet in a southeastward direction; thence 200 feet in a southwestward direction to the point of origin.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Meade County Deed Book