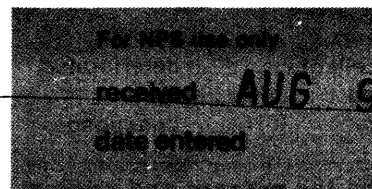


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Hamline Chapel, United Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number High and Vine Streets, N/A not for publication

city, town Lawrenceburg N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Indiana code 018 county Dearborn code 029

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name United Methodist Church

street & number High and Vine Streets

city, town Lawrenceburg N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47025

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dearborn County Courthouse

street & number West High Street

city, town Lawrenceburg state Indiana 47025

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hamline Chapel, situated on High Street two blocks from the Ohio River front, is a large, two-level, red brick structure. Constructed in 1847, it follows the simple Greek Revival design which characterized many church buildings of the 19th century. Extensive renovations in 1979 restored and preserved the original brick and stone materials used in the construction of the church. The building still serves as a church for its United Methodist congregation.

The building is elevated above the surrounding grade because of the danger of flooding from the Ohio River in the past. The structure is now protected by a levee constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after the flood in 1937.

The church has a large, gabled front and characteristic Greek Revival styling and wood trim. Six brick pilasters line the main, or north, facade. The church entrance is approached by a wide concrete stairway, which was originally constructed of stone. There are two sets of double oak doors with stone lintels. Installed after 1937 flood waters destroyed the original church doors, these doors are slightly smaller than the original doors. Wood transoms fill the remainder of the original doorway.

The pediment roof and raking cornice have wood cyma recta molding which is painted white. At the center of the gable is a tablet inscribed with the name of the church and its date of construction.

The most prominent feature of the main facade is the three-tiered steeple. Originally constructed of white flush wood siding, the entire steeple is now covered with white aluminum siding. The lowest section of the steeple forms a broad square base. Above this section is a taller and narrower square-shaped section. Paired pilasters, also white, mark each corner of this middle section. Four circular ornaments which decorated each side of this section are no longer evident. The top section is an eight-sided cupola. A cornice and domed shingle roof cap the steeple.

Along the long east and west facades of the structure the two levels of the building are visible. On the upper level, there are tall, two-over-two, double-hung windows placed between brick pilasters. Along the lower level, there is a row of one-over-one, double-hung windows, with ten lights in each section. Rails, stiles, and muntins have been painted white. All windows have stone sills and lintels. On the east facade, at the northern end of the lower level, there is a set of double wooden doors with paneled transom. The doors and transom are painted white, and a stone lintel is above the door.

In the interior, the sanctuary on the second level is of the most interest. The double-hung, stained glass windows which line each side of the sanctuary have shouldered architrave trim. At the front of the sanctuary, there are two smaller, square-shaped, stained glass windows, also with shouldered architrave trim. Between these two windows is a large pipe organ.

The most prominent feature of the sanctuary is the ceiling. It is made of pressed tin, which has been painted white, and displays recessed panels of diamond and triangular shapes, surrounded by decorative edging. Decorative crown molding, also of pressed tin, lines the edge of the ceiling. It has been painted white to match the walls and ceiling.

The building's basement is used for Sunday school and educational purposes.

In approximately 1900, a red brick addition was added to the south end of the sanctuary to house the mechanisms for the large pipe organ which is still in the church. The addition was designed to harmonize with the existing structure.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Built in 1847 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Hamline Chapel is significant as a prominent landmark in Lawrenceburg, and as an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. The chapel is also noted for the fine craftsmanship in the interior, particularly its ornate tin ceiling. The structure, because of its elevation above the grade, has served since its construction in 1847 as a navigational landmark for traffic on the Ohio River. It is only two blocks from the site of early wharves for the city of Lawrenceburg.

The structure is the best example of simple Greek Revival styling in Lawrenceburg. The simple wood trim on the gable and cornices neatly accents the red brick on the exterior. Its most distinctive exterior feature is the steeple, with its eight-sided cupola and domed roof.

In the interior, the wide span ceiling and roof structure over the main sanctuary area represent a high degree of structural technology. The ornate pressed tin ceiling, with its recessed panels and decorative detailing, is the most prominent feature of the interior. The shouldered architrave trim on doors and windows is typical of the Greek Revival style, and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The present structure was erected in 1847 when the Methodist Episcopal congregation of Lawrenceburg outgrew its old church building on Walnut Street. The church was dedicated in 1847 by Bishop Hamline. Flood waters damaged the structure in 1937, but the building was repaired. A levee constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now protects the area. Hamline Chapel still serves as a church for its United Methodist Congregation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland Counties, Indiana. Chicago: Weakley and Harraman Co., 1885

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Lawrenceburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Dearborn County, Indiana, Deed Record Book X, page 161. In-lot #36 bounded on North side by High Street, East side by Vine Street, South side by levee and railroad property and on West side by Ewbank Law offices.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Philip W. Miller

organization Space Team/Phil Miller, Inc.

date July 2, 1980

street & number 319 Front Street

telephone 812/537-4100

city or town Lawrenceburg

state Indiana 47025

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

James M. Ridenour

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7-30-82

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is located in

James M. Ridenour
Keeper of the National Register

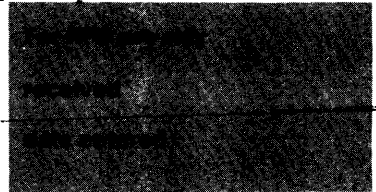
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Continuation sheet Hamline Chapel

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During the 1950's, a second addition was built behind the 1900 addition. It extends across the back of the church to the southeast. Of contemporary styling and constructed of glazed red brick, this addition houses offices and educational facilities for the church. The structure is partially hidden by the church and does not disturb the integrity of the church and its site. A small log cabin for the use of a Boy Scout troop is located at the rear of the property. It is also hidden from view and does not contribute to the significance of the church.

In 1979, major renovations were begun on both the interior and exterior of the building. The wide stone stairs in the front of the church were replaced with concrete, water-proofed, and covered with skid-proof surface. The exterior brick work was cleaned with steam pressure and a chemical solution, tuck-pointed, and waterproofed. All trim was repaired or replaced and the stone lintels were cleaned and sealed to protect them from moisture. A new roof was installed, and gutters and downspouts were repaired or replaced. The steeple was covered with siding.