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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC **Stockholm United Methodist Church**

AND/OR COMMON

Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church of Snufftown**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER **Sussex County Route 515**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stockholm (Hardyston T.) VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
13th

STATE

New JerseyCODE
034COUNTY
SussexCODE
037**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 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 PROPERTYNAME **Members of the Stockholm United Methodist Church**

STREET & NUMBER

Sussex County Route 515

CITY, TOWN

Stockholm (Hardyston Township) VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Hall of Records**

STREET & NUMBER

4 Park Place

CITY, TOWN

Newton

STATE

New Jersey**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE **NJHSI 2956.1 New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory**

DATE

1972 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 1420

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

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 Stockholm United Methodist was built in 1826.

The main church building is 34' x 42'. The front entrance is served by two original doors, each 3 1/2' x 7', six panels with strap-hinges. There are six windows on each side of the church. Originally, all the windows were double-hung 12/12 sash. However, the sashes on the first floor level were replaced by stain glass windows in 1939-40. Both ends of the building have two gothic arch-type windows. The windows above the door are colonial design and the altar side ones are stained glass.

The first floor includes a large semi-circle two raised platform altar with wooden rail and balusters. The pulpit was originally elevated but was lowered sometime between 1857 and 1893. The church was originally furnished with straight back pews with a partition in the middle of the center section to separate the women from the men. They were replaced by the present ones in 1898. The back wall is paneled a width of 8' and a height of 7'. The floor boards are T.G. 1 1/4 inches thick, random with oak of 8, 10, 12, and 13 inches, supported by floor beams or joist, being nothing more than logs smoothed on one side resting on a hand-hewn center girder nearly a foot square. On either side of the entrance doors are stairs leading to the top balcony.

The top level is an open sloped balcony on the three sides of the building projecting out 8' on the side walls and 11' on the entrance end of the building, being supported by girders with 8 1/2" solid rounded pillars or columns (hand turned). The floor is in stepped levels or oak plank and the straight back. Wooden pews are the original build-ins. The walls and ceiling of the interior are plaster on wood lath. The rafters and ceiling beams are hand-hewn truss type joined by mortise and tenon with wood pegs, which makes any ceiling beam support unnecessary. The exterior roof covering which originally was believed to be hand split wooden shingles, was replaced approximately 50 years ago by asbestos. The balloon-type frame of the building is 2" by 7" studs, with a 7x7 corner post, resting on an 8" x 12" hand-hewn sill. The gable roof has a boxed-in overhang and a rake of one foot in width, with decorative molding. The exterior sidewalls and gables of the building are covered with 1/2" x 8" clapboard or bevel siding with a weather lap of approximately 6". There is no plumbing and electricity was added in the late 1930's.

At first the church was heated by an old cook stove with the stove pipe extending through the window to the left of the pulpit under the balcony. Later there was a round cast-iron stove in the center of the room with a long crooked pike to the small chimney in the center of the roof. In 1957 a masonry addition was added to the rear of the building to house a central heating system. The addition

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is 9' x 11' and has a sled roof and the gables are 1/2" x 8" clapboard or bevel siding to match the original structure.

Shortly after the Civil War, the church was hit by lightning, but was restored to its original appearance. The only other alteration was in 1967 with a steeple being added to house a bell and new steps added in the front of the church. Terraces were constructed in the front of the church and a parking lot. The Parish house also received a new "used" Brick front.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 1826

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the organization of any community one of the first buildings to be erected was the church. Besides the religious needs a church fulfilled it served other needs as well.

It was a public building where all could meet to discuss important town business. Since it was the only church in the area for almost a century it served as a church for all denominations, besides the Methodist, under which it was organized.

The Stockholm United Methodist Church has been in constant use for almost 150 years, since 1826.

It was organized as the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Society of Snufftown in the spring of 1800 as a regular preaching place on the Flander Circuit of the Jersey District of Philadelphia. At first meetings were held in private homes, schools, and even outdoors. The first church was believed to have been built about 1819. However, there is no information on this building.

In 1825, a committee was formed to study the erection of a new building. The building site and burial grounds were selected and purchased in May of 1826. The original deed is kept in the National Community Bank at Franklin, New Jersey. The building was started in June and completed in December. The dedication was on January 1, 1827. There were 55 original members.

From 1800 to 1859, there was a gradual increase in the membership and at one time had 400 members. The Sunday school organized in 1815, has a membership of 85 in 1826. In 1831, the enrollment has increased to 105 with 15 teachers.

With the coming of the railroad in 1872, the new station was called Stockholm and the village of Snufftown was changed to Stockholm as was the church. The railroad brought prosperity to the village and the church. Tourism became big business and the church prospered with the community.

At the turn of the century, the City of Newark searching for watershed for its reservoirs, began buying up farms and acreage near

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.75 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	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 Church Historical Committee Kostrub, Historic Sites Section (Revisions Nanci)
 ORGANIZATION Stockholm United Methodist Church DATE _____
 STREET & NUMBER R.D. 1, Box 90A TELEPHONE _____
 CITY OR TOWN Stockholm STATE New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL x

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 [Signature]
 TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection DATE November 10, 1975

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

NOTE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATE 3/26/76
 ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 3-21-76
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
Acting

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the church. Many farmers and their families moved away and church membership went down to 72. Only half of those lived in the community.

After World War II the town was developed as a resort area and the membership increased to 150 where it stands today.

The Church is significant because it has been in constant use for almost 150 years. For almost a century it was the only church in the area. This was an important meeting place for the community for it was the only place they could gather for worship and to discuss town affairs. Most of the work that has been done on the church was done by the members of the congregation and they continue to donate their time and services to the upkeep of this church.

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