

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Park City Community Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 402 Park Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Park City ___ vicinity of congressional district 01

state Utah code 049 county Summit code 043

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church

street & number 2200 South University Blvd.

city, town Denver ___ vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Summit County Courthouse - Recorder's Office

street & number 50 North Main Street

city, town Coalville state Utah 84017

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Utah Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Utah State Historical Society

city, town Salt Lake City state Utah

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Park City Community Church exhibits a rectangular plan, with gable roof and the pointed doors and windows of the Gothic style. Constructed in brick, the one story structure has Queen Anne lancet windows, with the bellfry located to the south side of the building, topped by a steeply pitched, bell cast pyramid roof. The engaged corner bell tower, with rectangular openings now closed in at the top, contains a pointed arched entry topped with stained glass. A narrower entry exists to the north, also topped by decorative glasswork. The interior consists of one large room, a small entry, pastor's office and stairwell. This structure was rebuilt after the 1898 fire with only portions of the original foundation incorporated into the rebuilt building.

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
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899 **Builder/Architect** P. Anderson & Co., contractors

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Park City Community Church built in 1899, is locally significant as the remnant of the Congregationalist and Methodist efforts in the important Utah mining community of Park City, and in representing the perserverance and growth of the congregationalists after the great fire of 1898 which leveled much of the city. The Gothic style brick edifice also reflects the use of this style in religious institutions, built in a more permanent material. The building still serves a religious function and attests to its congregation's effort to preserve and maintain a Protestant tradition in Park City.

The history of the Park City Community Church is the story of two churches in Park City, Congregational and Methodist, and the perserverance of their members to preserve and maintain a Protestant congregation and building.

The present church building represents the remnant of the Congregationalist's early arrival in the mining camp, which numbered 300 inhabitants, where they established a Sunday School in 1879, an incorporated church in 1881, and a brick edifice in 1886.

The land was secured by the First Congregational Church of Park City in July 1883. A \$2199.21 mortgage was taken out from the American Congregational Union of New York in 1884 (paid 11-9-98) and \$180.93 Machanic s Lien to Geo. C. Kidida taken in 1885 for the construction of a sanctuary.

Prior to the fire which destroyed a large portion of Park City on June 19, 1898, the Congregational Church was actively involved in proselytizing among the miners of Park City. This sect had been active in other parts of Utah and was the first to establish regular Protestant services. When fire raged through the town, destroying this structure along with over two hundred others the members were faced with rebuilding and with financing a new church.

In 1899, a \$2100.00 Trust deed was granted to the Congregational Church Building Society, with another for \$21 00.00 and a third for \$504.00 released in 1919.

Services were held in the Lincoln School but in September 1898 the minister and Trustees stated to Park Ciy Mayor Deming their intentions to rebuild, and to use the walls left standing after the fire. In October, plans for the Gothic style edifice were complete and the bids put up for contracting and it was not until June 1, 1899 that P. Anderson & Co. began construction. Timbers arrived in July and apparently the church completed in the fall.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Clyde Wayne Hansen, "A History of the Development of Non-Mormon Denominational Schools in Utah" (M.S. thesis, University of Utah, 1953).

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Park City East

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	2	4	5	8	1	4	0	4	4	9	9	0	4	0
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Verbal boundary description and justification

50.5 feet by 75 feet of lot 32, Block 3, Plat 10 Park City Survey

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara H. Dyer

organization Church Member

date April 25, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 1936

telephone 649-9881

city or town Park City

state Utah

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Melvin T. Smith*

title Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 19, 1980

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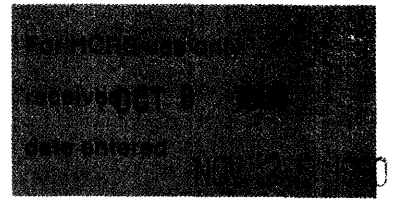
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

M. Dwyer
Keeper of the National Register date 11/25/80

Paula Stoner Reed
Attest Chief of Registration date 11/24/80

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Along with the development of the Congregational Church, was a parallel growth in Methodism. In 1883 a mission was initiated, followed in 1884 by the building of a wood church structure a block from the Congregational Church. A publication reported "The most successful church in any mining town, and one of the most successful Methodist Churches in Utah, was at Park City. Work was started in 1884 and by 1889 Methodists in this booming silver town boasted a church worth \$2000 and a Sunday School with 300 members - largest in the territory. By 1891 the church at Park City had become entirely self-supporting. This was the first Methodist Church in Utah to achieve this coveted goal."

Following the fire of June 19, 1898, the Methodists rebuilt immediately on the same site, for about \$3000 and dedicated the building January 8, 1899. Members gathered together in May of 1902 to build a parsonage.

Financial problems apparently plagued the Congregational Church with the Congregational New West Educational Commission coming to its aid in 1892. For both churches there was the conflict arising from political rather than theological differences with the Mormons. Cooperation between non-Mormon churches was necessary for success.

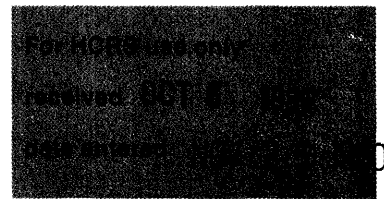
In an interdenominational effort to coordinate the activities of different Protestant churches, a Home Missions Council was formed in 1915. Agreeing not to establish a church in a community where a Protestant church was functioning and to transfer memberships, they were able to survive. The two Park City churches exemplified this cooperation by joining congregations on April 11, 1919 in the Congregational Church building but coming under Methodist Church government. (In Provo the reverse took place with the Methodists coming under Congregational government). The name of the new church became Park City Community Church with many denominations attending, making this a truly ecumenical church.

Improvements have been made to the building over the years, including a new furnace, sewer, powder room, kitchen plastering, painting and partial rewiring. A deck was added last year but no structural changes have been made.

Continuous operation of this church since it was built has provided the community with religious and educational facilities (it houses a nursery school on weekdays), a place for fellowship, weddings, baptisms and funerals. It contemplates many more years of community services.

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Summit County Records

Excerpts from research prepared by Philip F. Notarianni, Utah State Historical Society, August 1978.