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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. James United Methodist Church

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 916 Adams Street N/A not for publication

city or town Monroe N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Ouachita code 073 zip code 71201

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Jonathan C. Fricke Sept 21, 1992
Signature of certifying official/Title Jonathan C. Fricke Date
Deputy SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 - determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain:)

entered in the
Signature of the Keeper National Register Date of Action
Andrew Byers 10/29/92

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof asphalt

other concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

St. James United Methodist Church, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, LA

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St. James United Methodist Church (1923) is a restrained Gothic Revival church constructed of brick and trimmed in cast concrete. It is located on a relatively small corner lot in a low-scale early twentieth century neighborhood of Monroe.

The basilican plan building features a lower story containing several rooms, most notably a large central common room. The nave, which takes up most of the second story, is reached via a pair of stairs in the narthex. In terms of the plan, it corresponds to the common room below. An additional range of rooms is set to the rear of the nave.

The building has a straightforward gabled mass culminating in a relatively small crenelated side tower containing a bell. Openings are accented with medieval-looking cast concrete quoins. Bays are marked by two stage buttresses with cast concrete caps.

The nave is entered through a pair of doors ornamented with lancet shaped panels. The nave ceiling, which follows the shape of the gable roof, is supported by openwork trusses connected by exposed purlins. The trusses are formed of laminated planks. The nave culminates in a massive lancet-shaped proscenium formed of plaster. The arch is accented with a continuous band of egg and dart molding. Behind the proscenium is the altar area. On the west wall of the nave, near the proscenium, is a wide lancet opening with folding doors which leads to a side conference room. Originally all of the rectangular nave windows had large panes of green and brown opalescent glass. About 75% of this remains, with the missing panes having been replaced with either mauve or white glass. Other changes include the construction of a small gabled entrance porch, the whitewashing of the brick exterior, the installation of acoustical tiles in the nave, and the covering of part of the front gable with what is probably a fiberboard product.

Assessment of Integrity

These changes have not compromised the church's Gothic Revival features, which are the source of its significance.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

1923

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

St. James United Methodist Church
Name of Property

Ouachita Parish, LA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than an acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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1	5	5	8	4	0	4	0	3	5	9	7	1	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

2

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3

Zone			Easting					Northing						

4

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff
organization Division of Historic Preservation date June 1992
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name St. James United Methodist Church
street & number 916 Adams Street telephone _____
city or town Monroe state Louisiana zip code 71201

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St. James United Methodist Church is locally significant in the area of architecture as a rare example of the Gothic Revival style within the context of Monroe.

The comprehensive structures survey has identified over 1350 structures in the city that are 50 years old or older. The vast majority of these are relatively plain shotgun houses, cottages and bungalows. Monroe also contains some impressive residences (mainly in some form of the classical style), along with a downtown commercial district (NR) which features mainly neo-classical and Italianate buildings. St. James Church is significant as one of only two convincing examples of the Gothic Revival style in Monroe. The only other hint of the historic Gothic Revival taste one can find in the city is in a few bungalows which feature a shallow pointed arch here or there.

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Cornerstone bearing date 1923, no architect given.

Historic Structures Survey, Ouachita Parish. Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

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Boundary Description/Justification

Boundary lines follow the property lines of the lot on which the building is located, said lot being Lot 28 of Filhiol's Second Addition to Monroe, measuring 60' along Adams St. and 140' along Congo St.