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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Methodist Episcopal Church	
LOCATION 256 South First Avenue	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Yuma	COUNTY Yuma
OWNER First Church Christ Scientist	
OWNER'S ADDRESS P.O. Box 510 Yuma, AZ 85364	
FORM COMPLETED BY Yuma County Historical Society	
ADDRESS 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364	
PHOTO BY P. Callahan	DATE 4/78
VIEW Front elevation from east	
PRESENT USE Church	ACREAGE less/acre
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Mission Revival	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Constructed 1905	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
The Methodist Episcopal Church is a one story building, 35 ft. wide and 50 ft. deep. The main body of the structure is covered by a pitched roof which is concealed by a gable wall with curvilinear lines. A string course articulates the top of the facade. The main entry is through a two story bell tower situated at the southeast corner of the building. A mission tiled roof caps the tower. This roof, removal of a semi-circular element atop the main facade, and exterior paint are the most significant changes in the church. Major features include a round ventilator, arched doorways, and a "Gothic" window in the front facade.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
The Methodist Episcopal Church on First Avenue is noteworthy as an example of Mission Revival architecture and for its association with the development of religious institutions in Yuma. Built in 1905, the building is located on the site of the first Protestant church in Yuma. The church itself was organized in 1892 by the Rev. J.A. Crouch, an industrious Methodist missionary whose service in Arizona began in 1888. In 1937 the church was sold to finance construction of a newer and larger facility. Structurally sound and substantially intact, the Methodist Episcopal Church is a local landmark of great significance.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
Block 96; Lot 5; Yuma Townsite