

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Algood Methodist Church

and/or common Algood United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 158 Wall Street _____ not for publication

city, town Algood _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Fourth

state Tennessee code 047 county Putnam code 141

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 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 Jack Wirt, Chairman and Trustees of Algood United Methodist Church

street & number 1091 Wall Street

city, town Cookeville _____ vicinity of _____ state Tennessee 38501

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registrar's Office

street & number Putnam County Courthouse

city, town Cookeville _____ state Tennessee 38501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Tennessee Historical & Architectural has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June 24, 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town 4721 Trousdale Drive, Nashville _____ state Tennessee 37220

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 Algood Methodist Church faces State Route 42 in Algood approximately one block southwest of the town hall. It stands in a residential area and does not have the adjoining cemetery so customarily found associated with rural nineteenth century churches.

The frame church is cased with weatherboards painted white and covered with a composition shingle roof. A one-story frame schoolhouse built in 1894 was moved from a nearby location and attached to the rear (southeast) wall of the church ca. 1914; this part of the building now serves as a fellowship hall and church office.

The facade, northwest elevation, is accented by one large window composed of a pair of windows separated vertically and divided horizontally by wooden mullions and surmounted by a fanlight. All are glazed stained glass installed in 1909. Attached to the corner of the church is a two-story bell tower; the first story contains the entrance door and vestibule and the second story houses the bell which was installed in 1909. Its pyramidal roof with flaring eaves is covered with pressed metal shingles.

The northeast elevation is punctuated by four regularly spaced, double-hung windows which balance three identical windows and the entrance from the vestibule to the sanctuary of the southwest side of the building. All of these windows are glazed with textured glass.

The interior of the church retains almost all of its original treatment and finishes. The original Gothic Revival pews are still used, and the king-post-with-struts roof system has never been concealed. Narrow, vertical beaded-board wainscoting, so typical of rural churches of this vintage, remains in place at Algood Methodist Church, and the woodwork retains its original varnish. The original altar rail and pulpit furniture are treated in a similar manner.

The connecting fellowship hall has been adapted to serve the modern needs of the congregation and retains none of the features from its original use as a schoolhouse.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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 type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1899

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1880 the Tennessee Central Railroad tracks were completed to the site known as Algood. A community named for the Scottish founder Joel Algood, came into being to serve as a hub of trade and transportation for the Upper Cumberland Region.

In 1894, several families of Algood organized a Sunday School in a one-room schoolhouse completed the same year. Inspired by American Methodist circuit riders, the families built the Algood Methodist Church in 1899. The church, the first in the community, was shared by the Methodist, Baptist, Church of Christ, and Presbyterian congregations for many years. Negroes were early accepted for membership.

In 1909, a tornado considerably damaged the roof and removed the building from its foundation, but the membership repaired it. During 1914–1919, the one-room schoolhouse was moved to the site of the church and became Fellowship Hall. In 1942 and 1970, respectively, the Algood Civitan Club and the Algood Lion's Club were organized in the Church.

The Algood United Methodist Church is the oldest surviving church building in Putnam County, the oldest surviving quasi public building in Algood, and the only surviving nineteenth century church in Putnam County.

It is an excellent example of the type of frame Victorian church frequently found in the countryside in other parts of the state; but in Putnam County this one is unique, architecturally, and has occupied an unequalled place in community life in that town. Fortunately, it has survived in virtually original condition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Federal Writer's Project, Tennessee, American Guide Series, New York; The Viking Press, 1939
 Phillips, Jonny, et al, A Brief History of the United Methodist Church, Algood, Tennessee, 1979, a manuscript in the files of the Tennessee Historical Commission
 Pointer, Will H., Interview, Algood, Tennessee, August 22, 1979

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property .689 acre
 Quadrangle name Cookeville East, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6	6	3	9	4	3	0	4	0	0	6	3	3	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing					

C

Zone				Easting				Northing					

D

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F

Zone				Easting				Northing					

G

Zone				Easting				Northing					

H

Zone				Easting				Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Algood Methodist Church nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled Algood, Putnam County Tennessee and drawn at a scale of 100 ft. to the inch. This is the entire tract owned by the trustees of Algood United Methodist Church

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

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Tennessee Historical Commission date _____

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city or town Nashville state Tennessee 37220

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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 Herbert L. Hargis

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 9/20/79

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Carol D Shull</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>11-15-79</u>
Attest: <u>Beth Groover</u> Chief of Registration	date <u>11/15/79</u>