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The church is in good condition, interior and exterior. Its redbrick exterior is trimmed with white wood casings and topped by a white steeple, which in symmetrical plan and actailing is suggestive of Georgian colonial meetinghouse churches, but the exterior belongs more literally, perhaps, to the mid-19th century Romanesque Revival. A beautiful rose window occupies the upper central portion of the facade; by day the white wood tracery prevails, at night its lighted rich-colored stained glass dominates. Unfortunately, the rose window was not meant to be seen from the interior, as the area near it in the balcony choir loft is unfinished and behind the pipe organ.

The original apse was semi-circular, but has been added onto on the rear. It was once, however, a 2-level apse, with the upper level covering the whole apse and containing the pulpit to which the pastor ascended for the sermon. This was changed, however, to even more unique treatment many years ago when the "German beer baron" Hensler, a member whose brewery stood nearby until c. 1960, donated imported German wood cared reredos, with a pulpit contained within it. The area under the headboard, occupied by the pastor during the sermon, is occupied by a rotating statue during the rest of the service. This merry-go-round alternation of pastor and statue is reminiscent of Bavarian or Swiss artifacts such as the rotating bell ringers of the Town Hall Clock Tower of Munich. The wood carving is all in elaborate Gothic. This most unique merry-go-round pulpit is reached by ascending steps to the side-rear. A fold-out lectern completes the pulpit.

The rear balcony choir is large and protrudes forward from around the organ in the shape of a portion of an octagon which echoes the pulpit at the opposite end. EEINSTRUCTIONS

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Stephan's has many valid claims to distinction:

On April 19, 1874 Mr. G. Stahlin, the architect, presented his plans for the erection of the church ediface. The cost of the building was estimated at \$17,000. Ground was broken on Tuesday morning May 26, 1874 and the cornerstone was laid June 21, 1874.

This is an exceptionally quaint anchor feature at the head of an extended street vista, dominating, by its artistry rather than its size, the principal business street of the old-worldish Ironbound Section of Newark.

It has an **inter**esting history as the most strategically situated German Protestant church in this polyglot area of the city, which history is not fully reported here. The church organization is an offshoot of another German Church - Wolff Memorial.

In addition to its many endearing and quaint architectural features, the visual and symbolic relationship to its neighborhood make it a must for retention, lest there be a gaping void at this key but vulnerable location for an old church - at the fork of two main streets.



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