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STREET & NUMBER					
322 Eas	st Third Street		NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
CITY, TOWN		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT			
Moscow		VICINITY OF	First		
STATE Idaho		CODE 16	county Latah	CODE 057	
CLASSIFICA	ATION				
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS :	PRESENT USE		
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM	
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STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE	
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS	
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CONDITION

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XORIGINAL SITE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Methodist Church is distinguished by its contrasting towers and rugged black basalt stonework. The large southeast corner clock tower and belfry dominates the building and is balanced by a shorter northeast corner tower and an abbreviated southwest corner tower with a steep hipped roof. These towers give the church an asymmetrical picturesqueness which is augmented by its Romanesque massing and Gothic stained glass windows. The Romanesque character is enhanced by the use of roughhewn basalt from Colfax, Washington as the primary building material, and the truncated hipped roof with protruding gables and a mock dome.

All the windows are stained glass and with the exception of the gables' keystoned round windows, all openings are framed by smooth Moscow granite Gothic arches. This stone is also employed on all the trim and as caps for the buttresses.

The building retains its original appearance, although two major additions have been constructed. In 1923 a Sunday school, which was consistent with the main building was added to the north side. In 1959-1960 an education building with a modern design was added to the rear.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1904	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT H. N. Black	
<u>X_1900</u> -	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRYINVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
1700-1799 1800-1899	ARTCOMMERCE	ENGINEERINGEXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	MUSIC	THEATERTRANSPORTATION
1600-1699	^_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1500-1599	V AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Methodist Church, conceived as a late Romanesque-early Gothic blending, is architecturally significant in Idaho as a rare and successful departure from the more tradition oriented church building with its attention to historic detail. Its substantial basalt massing, good stained glass Gothic windows and towering belfry make the building a distinct landmark in Moscow and a unique contribution to Idaho's architectural heritage.

This is one of two churches designed by H. N. Black in Idaho. This architect apparently made his living following the zealous, church building, Reverand William Tell Euster from pastorate to pastorate. Prior to coming to Moscow, Black designed Methodist Churches in Great Falls and Anaconda, Montana and later followed Euster to Lewiston, Idaho, and Pendleton and Portland, Oregon. While in Pendleton Reverand Euster published The Philosophy of Church Building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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