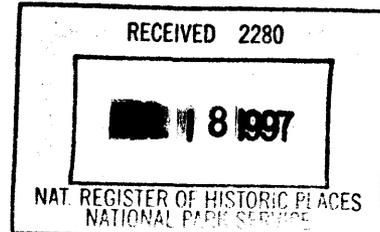


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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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 Echo Methodist Episcopal Church

other names/site number Echo Methodist Church (preferred titled for listing)

2. Location

street & number 1 Bonanza Street N/A not for publication

city or town Echo N/A vicinity

state Oregon code OR county Umatilla code 059 zip code 97826

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.)

Jana Hamrick July 1, 1997
Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SHPO Date

Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
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:)

Signature of the Keeper G. L. H. Ryan Date of Action 8/28/97

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		Total

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

City of Echo and The Meadows Historic Resources

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

N/A

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)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century Revivals:
Gothic

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls wood: weatherboard

roof wood: shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

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

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SUMMARY

The Echo Methodist Church was constructed in 1886 and remodeled in 1910 with characteristics of the Craftsman style. The building form changed from a rectangular shape in 1886 to a T-shaped building in the 1910 remodeling. A crenelated bell tower is added between the western part of the T-shaped configuration as part of the 1910 remodel. Arched windows embellish the north and west facades of the church. In good conditions, the building has minor alteration.

SETTING

The Echo Methodist Church is located on Lot 7 and 8 of Block 3 of the Koontz Addition to Echo. The building is situated on a flat lot on the eastern edge of downtown Echo on Bonanza Street. The fire station is located south of the building and a grassy field is located to the north and east. A line of conifers defines the northern property line and a row of lilacs define the eastern property line. A sidewalk abuts the building on the west. Residential dwellings are west of the building and the downtown district is southwest of the church.

PLAN

The two-story building measures 46 ft. (north-south) by 50 ft. (east-west). The main body of the church is T-shaped in plan. The corner tower measures approx. 10 ft. by 10 ft. and is in the northwest corner of the T. A one story addition had been added to the east elevation. The double-split exterior entrance staircase is finished with a high horizontal board wall. A wheel chair ramp has been added to the north side of the building.

The interior of the church is divided into the main chapel, on the south side, and auxiliary rooms on the north side. The church has a full basement that is divided into a fellowship room, kitchen, Sunday school rooms, and restrooms.

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EXTERIOR

The T-shaped building has a moderately pitched gable roof sheathed with wood shakes. A brick chimney is on the east elevation. A hip roof covers the east side addition and shed roofs cover the staircase on north elevation and the entrance door. The boxed eaves project over the main body of the church and a frieze board extends around the perimeter of the building. Clad with shiplap siding, the building is finished with cornerboards that have simple classical caps.

The majority of the windows are one over one double-hung wood sash windows and have projecting window cornices. Some of the windows have been boarded up and others replaced by stained glass windows. Two large arched windows are located on the north and west elevations. The arched window on the north elevation is composed of three one over one double-hung wood sash window and the west elevation arched window is composed of stained glass windows (installed in the 1950s). The stained glass windows are divided by three muntin bars; two vertically and one horizontally. Stained glass windows (installed in the 1980s) have also replaced three of the four south side one over one windows. The fourth window on the south elevation has been boarded up. Fixed pane windows have been added to the basement level on all elevations of the church. The building has a coursed sandstone ashlar foundation with raised beaded joints (reddish in hue).

The church has a crenelated corner tower that houses the entrance vestibule. Double wooden doors, with a cross design, open to the vestibule. Rectangular vents punctuate the upper elevations of the tower. The original 1886 church had a steeple, however, when the church was remodeled in 1910, the steeple was removed.

The main entrance doors and the basement doors are located on west elevation. The main entrance doors are covered with a shed roof supported with brackets. Another entrance is located on the rear (east) addition. This smaller hip roof addition has the brick chimney extending through the addition. Stairs descend from the back door of the addition to the back lot. Another stairway built on the north side of the rear addition accesses the basement. The staircase is enclosed and has a shed roof.

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INTERIOR

Main Floor

The main floor is divided into three areas; the main chapel, the activities rooms or "crying rooms", and the office. The rectangular chapel is the original part of the church and the north sections, the 1910 addition.

The sanctuary, at the east end of the chapel, is slightly elevated (two steps) above the main floor. An oak altar, and communion table are located in the sanctuary. The chapel has stained glass windows on the south and west elevations which were installed in the 1950s (large arched window on the west elevation) and the 1980s (south windows). The original walls have been covered with firtex wallboard and the ceiling covered with acoustic tiles. The floors are fir. Oak pews flank a central aisle. The pews, the oak altar, and communion table were donated by the Presbyterian Church in Pilot Rock when a new church was built. Three windows which surround the sanctuary are boarded-up. Original, wide sliding doors separate the main chapel with the other side rooms. The doors are clad with beaded boards. The staircase to the basement is in the northwest corner of the original portion of the church. The wall of the stair hall is clad with beaded boards.

The vestibule is a small room with doors to the main chapel and the adjacent auxiliary rooms. A window on the north wall lights the vestibule. The larger side room, east of the vestibule, has been divided into two smaller rooms. The walls have been covered with firtex wall board. The chimney is located on the east end of the room. A door in the northeast corner of the room leads to the office. The office has a door on the east elevation which leads to the back yard of the church.

Basement

The basement is divided into several rooms including the main fellowship hall, a kitchen, activities rooms, restrooms, and class rooms. The kitchen is located in the northwest corner of the room, the fellowship room (the largest room) encompasses the southern portion of the basement, an activity room on the north side, and restrooms and class rooms on the east side of the basement. Wide sliding doors separates the main fellowship

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hall from the north side rooms. Knotty pine covers the north and east walls and wood paneling covers the south wall. Carpet covers the concrete floor. The basement was enlarged in 1948 which allowed construction of the fellowship hall, kitchen, and additional classrooms.

ALTERATIONS

Historic alterations (1910) include removing the original steeple, enlarging the church, adding crenelated corner tower; addition of shed roof over entrance door; and addition of office.

Recent alterations include replacement of original glass with stained glass in the west arched window and some of the original one over one windows on the south elevation; some of the windows on the east and south elevations have been boarded up; top portion of the arched window on the north side boarded up; windows added to the basement; wheel chair ramp added in late 1980s to the north side of the building.

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

1886-1910

Significant Dates

1886 (date of construction) (info only N/A)

1910 (date of historic alteration to current configuration)

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):

- 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:

Echo Methodist Church

Name of Property

Umatilla County, Oregon

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 0.15 acres, approximately

Echo, Oregon 1:24000

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

UTM grid boxes 1-2 with Zone, Easting, Northing labels

UTM grid boxes 3-4 with Zone, Easting, Northing labels

See continuation sheet checkbox

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, Organization, Date, Street & Number, Telephone, City or Town, State, Zip Code

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, Street & Number, Telephone, City or Town, State, Zip Code

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ECHO METHODIST CHURCH

The Echo Methodist Church, the town's early Protestant church, is associated with the development of transportation and agriculture in the Echo and Meadows area. This development followed the completion of the Union Pacific railroad line through Echo in 1884 and allowed for the movement of cattle, sheep, grain, and other agricultural products to markets in many parts of the United States. Rail transportation continued to be a major source of business and income in Echo through the 1940s when new highway construction and improvements in barge traffic on the Columbia River signaled major changes in transportation patterns and the eclipse of the railroads.

The Echo Methodist Church, built in 1886 and modified in 1910, meets Criterion C as the best example, albeit a vernacular version, of late 19th-early 20th century Gothic Revival architecture.

The Echo Methodist-Episcopal Church was built in 1886 on two lots given to the church by James and Cynthia Koontz. At that time, the church was formally organized after holding informal meetings in a grove of trees called Spike's Grove on the Umatilla River. With the donation of property in the city, construction on the new building began immediately. Built in a traditional New England style, it was to be a small, rectangular building with four symmetrical double-hung windows on each side and a small, square tower with louvred windows and a spire. Funds for the building fell short of completion, however the national Methodist Church loaned the congregation \$250.00 to finish the building. The first minister of the new church was Rev. H.F. Williams, L.D., who traveled under the Elder Gascoin of The Dalles District.

In 1910 the Koontz family donated more land and a wing was added to accommodate the growing congregation. The old tower was removed and a new, larger tower with crenelated top was built which, with the added wing, resulted in an asymmetrical building. Two large windows were modified with an arched top light. In 1946 the church was officially reorganized as the Echo Community Methodist Church, reflecting its role as the only Protestant church in Echo.

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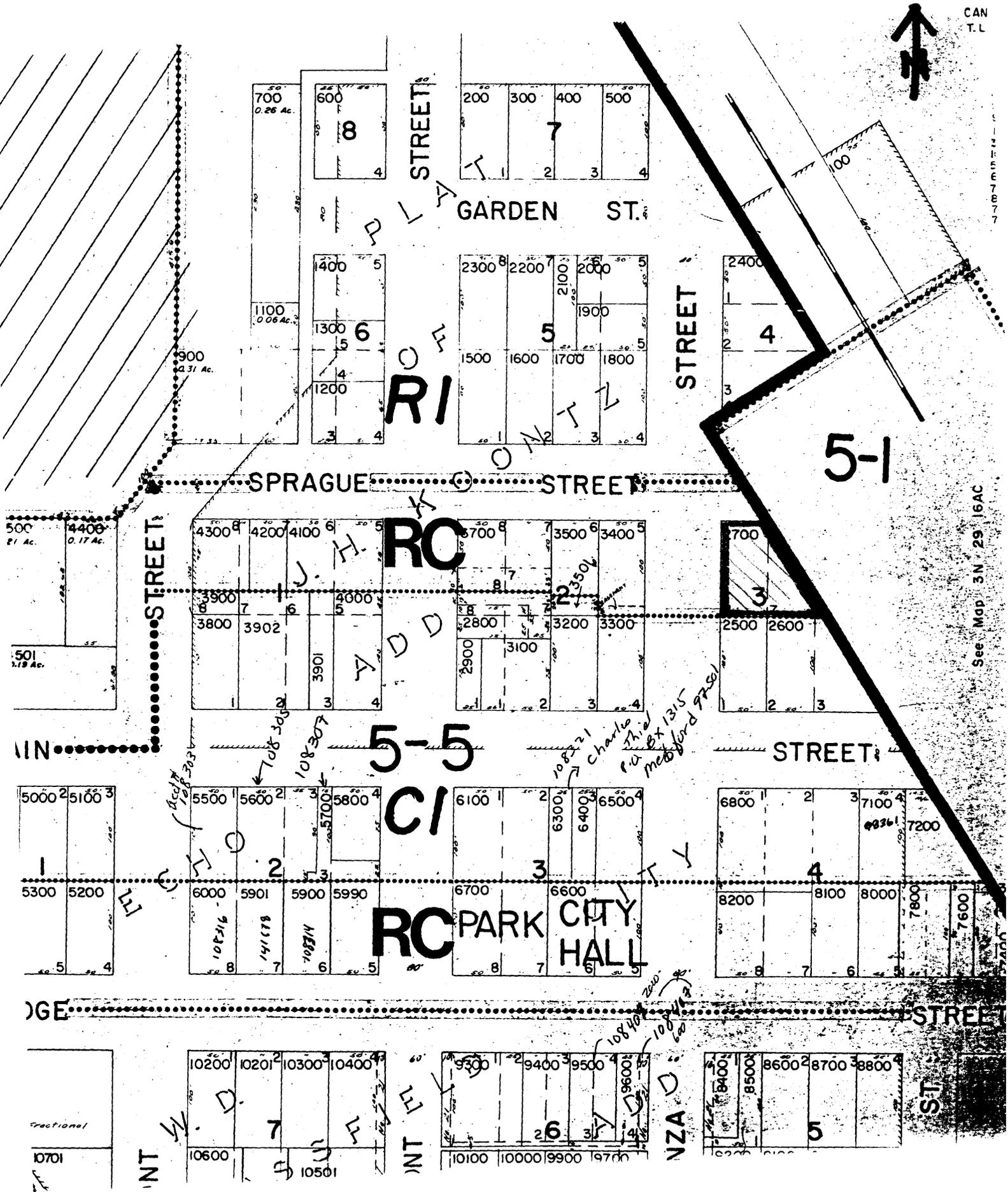
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated area is in Section 16, T3N, R29E, Willamette Meridian and is legally described as Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3, the Koontz Addition to Echo, Umatilla, Oregon. It is otherwise identified as Tax Lot 2700 at said location.

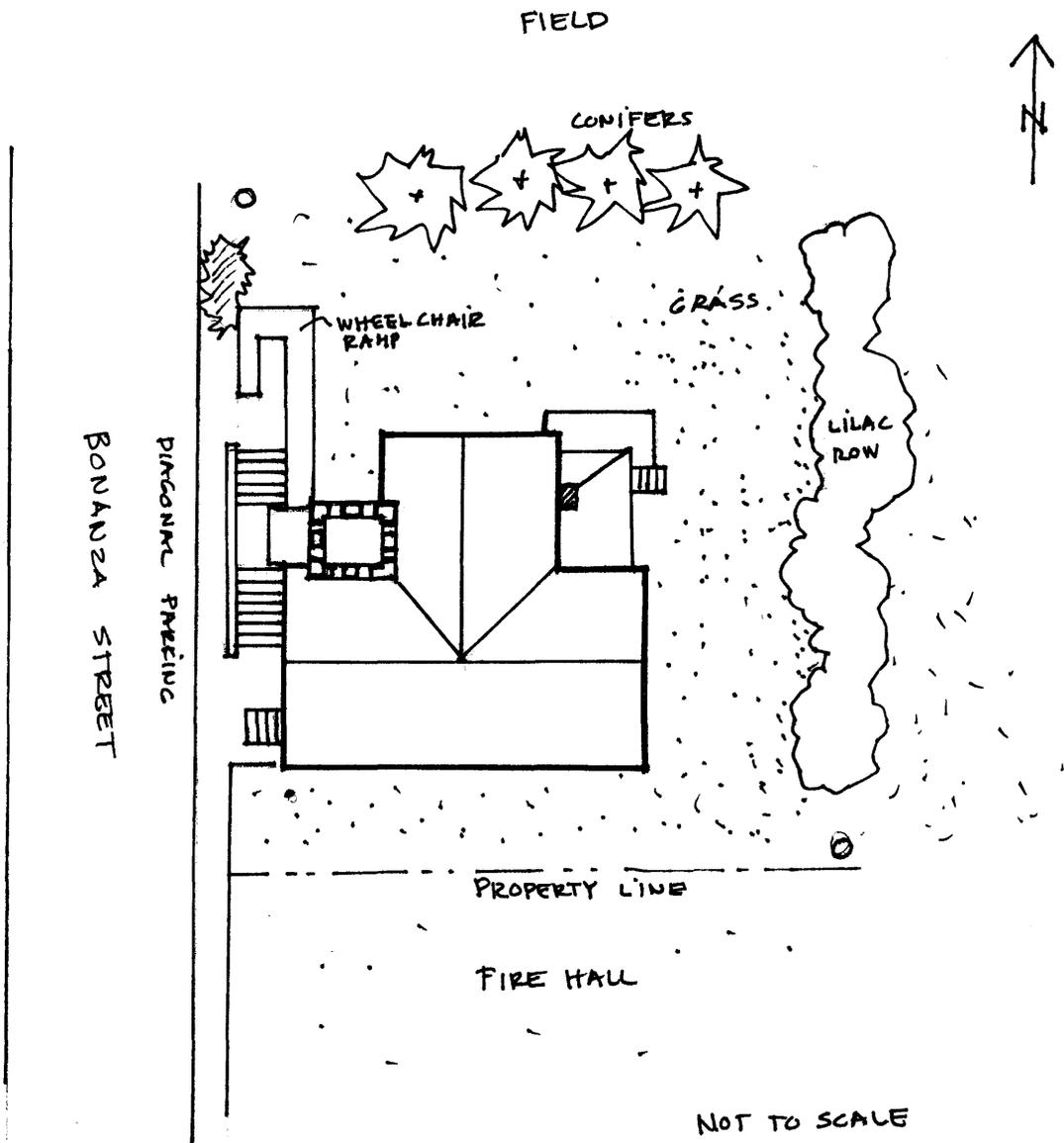
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The nominated area defines the historic and current property boundary.

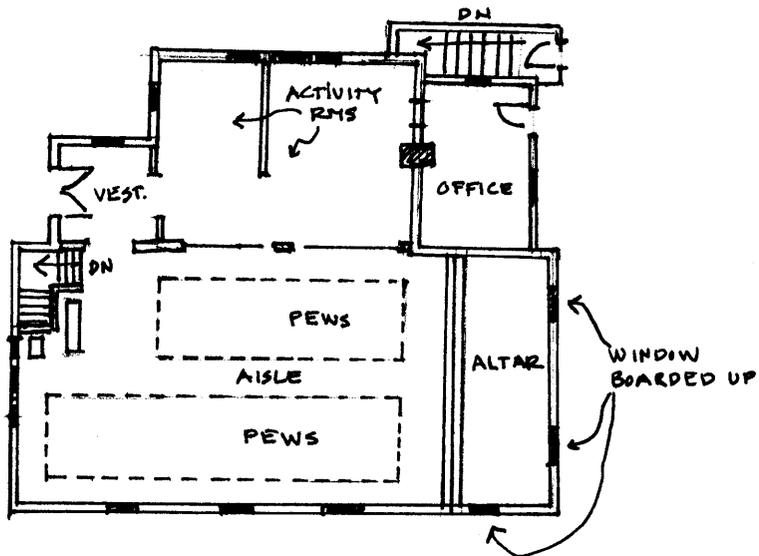


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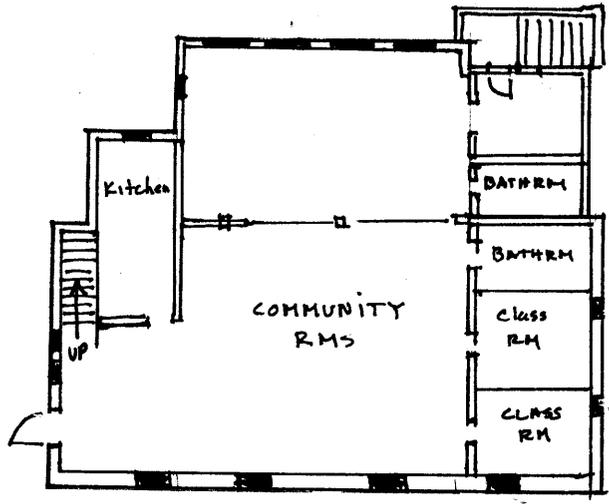
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SITE PLAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



MAIN FLOOR



BASEMENT

NOT TO SCALE

METHODIST CHURCH
FLOOR PLANS

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The following information is submitted for all photographs:

Property: Echo Methodist Church
Address: 21 N. Bonanza Street
 Echo, Umatilla Co., Oregon 97826
Photographer: Sally Donovan
Date: June 1996
Negatives: Marianne Kadas
 3602 SE Alder
 Portland, OR. 97214

Photographs:

Photo #1: General view of church looking southeast from N. Bonanza.
Photo #2: North and west elevations, looking southeast from N. Bonanza
 Street.
Photo #3: South elevation, looking northeast from N. Bonanza Street.
Photo #4: North and east elevations; looking south.
Photo #5: Interior view of chapel, looking east.
Photo #6: Interior: view of church pew.