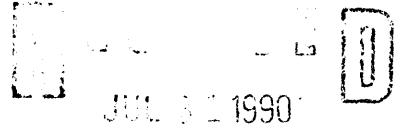


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL  
REGISTER

1. Name of Property

Historic Name: St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

Other Name/Site Number: St. Paul's United Methodist Church

2. Location

Street & Number: 40 School Street

Not for Publication: \_\_

City/Town: Point Arena

Vicinity: \_

State: CA County: Mendocino

Code: 045

Zip Code: 95468

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
___ 1 ___	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
___ 1 ___	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

Architectural and Historic Resources of Point Arena, California

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Stade R. Craig Signature of certifying official 7/24/90 Date

California Office of Historic Preservation State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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):

William Byrum Signature of Keeper 8/13/90 Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Religion Sub: Religious facility  
Current : Religion Sub: Religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Late Victorian: Gothic

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation concrete\_\_ roof asbestos\_  
walls weatherboard other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally\_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A\_\_\_

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : A\_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: Religion\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1907-1940 \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates : N/A\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Unknown\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas of significance noted above.  See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

\_X\_ See continuation sheet.

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:

X State historic preservation office

\_ Other state agency

\_ Federal agency

\_ Local government

\_ University

\_ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A 10 439980 4307245 B -- -- --  
C -- -- -- D -- -- --

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Assessor's Parcel Number 27-091-24

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The boundary includes the lot that has been historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Donald S. Napoli and Maryln Lortie, State Historians \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: State Office of Historic Pres. Date: 2/21/90 \_\_\_\_\_

Street & Number: P. O. Box 942896 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (916) 445-8006 \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Sacramento \_\_\_\_\_ State CA ZIP: 94296-0001 \_\_\_\_\_

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This single story building has two gable roofs that intersect in a T. The siding is of horizontal wood. In both gable ends are large multi-paned pointed-arch windows. These and smaller windows of the same design are surrounded by plain wood molding. The building's most striking design element is the four-sided tower that rises on the front elevation at the intersection of the roofs. At the top is a balustrade of turned posts and corner piers capped by finials. Beneath that, the opening for the bell has decorative bracing, another balustrade, and a horizontal band. Further down the tower is a circular stained-glass window. At the foot of the tower a hipped roof portico shelters the main entrance. The portico has another small balustrade of turned posts, but the supports and the bannister are plain. The building occupies a prominent hilltop site just north of the town's commercial district.

Photo data

Photographers: Don Napoli and Maryln Bourne Lortie  
Neg. Location: Ca. Office of Historic Preservation, Sacramento

1. Date - March 1990, View - Facing northwest.
2. Date - March 1990, View - Facing north

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St. Paul's Methodist Church is Point Arena's only religious building constructed within the town itself more than fifty years ago. It thus provides the clearest remaining link to the town's long history of organized religion. The Methodists founded the town's first congregation in 1867 and erected its first church on this site in 1874. This building served Point Arenans until 1906, when it and the neighboring public school burned during the great earthquake. The congregation began work on a replacement by the end of the year. Although larger than its predecessor, the new building, with its pointed-arched windows and finely detailed central tower, maintained a nineteenth-century appearance. In the words of the Mendocino Beacon in 1908, "It is a model of convenience and stands as a monument to the self-sacrificing labor of the membership and it is a credit to the town." Since that time the building has continued not only to meet the religious needs of local parishoners but also to serve as a center for many community activities of a religious or quasi-religious nature. The building meets the registration requirements for its property type.

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