

## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Please send completed form to: National Register and State Register Coordinator,  
State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Economic and Community Development,  
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford CT 06103

\* Note: Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) United Methodist Church of Georgetown.

Building Name (Historic) Methodist Protestant Church

Street Address or Location 37 Church Street 12/93

Town/City Wilton Village \_\_\_\_\_ County Fairfield

Owner(s) United Methodist Church ☐ Public ☒ Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Church

Historic Use: Church

Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Interior accessible? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain during services

Style of building Greek Revival Date of Construction c.1839

Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

- |                                                |                                                 |                                      |                                       |                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                       |                                                     |

### Structural System

- ☒ Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☐ Balloon ☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Roof (Type)

- ☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ Sawtooth  
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### (Material)

- ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Asphalt Shingle  
☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 29 x 27

Structural Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Exterior Condition: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

Location Integrity: ☒ On original site ☐ Moved When? \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_

District: ☐ S ☐ NR If NR, Specify: ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

**PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)****Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- ☐ Barn    ☐ Shed    ☐ Garage    ☐ Carriage House    ☐ Shop    ☐ Garden  
☒ Other landscape features or buildings: parsonage

**Surrounding Environment:**

- ☐ Open land    ☐ Woodland    ☒ Residential    ☐ Commercial    ☐ Industrial    ☐ Rural  
☐ High building density    ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site

- Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

See continuation sheet.

- Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

See continuation sheet.

Architect N/A Builder N/A

- Historical or Architectural importance:

See continuation sheet.

- Sources:

See continuation sheet.

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Name Mary E. McCahon, Arch. Historian Date 5/89

Organization Wilton Historical Society

Address 249 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897

- Subsequent field evaluations:

**Threats to the building or site:**

- ☒ None known    ☐ Highways    ☐ Vandalism    ☐ Developers    ☐ Renewal    ☐ Private  
☐ Deterioration    ☐ Zoning    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_    ☐ Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTINUATION SHEET**

**37 Church Street, Wilton**



Photograph 37 Church Street. View northeast.

**Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings**

Located on a corner lot in a residential section in Georgetown Center. Parsonage to south.

**Other Notable Features or Buildings on the Site**

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### 37 Church Street, Wilton

The handsome, well preserved, gable-ended, Greek Revival church has a contiguous stepped architrave and frieze and denticulated cornice as well as a flush-sided tympanum. The side elevations are opened by three large, six-light, triple hung windows. The entrance doors date from the late-19<sup>th</sup> century, but the pilastered frontispiece reflects the chaste, bold detailing for which the Greek Revival style is known. A handsome steeple crowns the building. A shingled, octagonal spire with a wind vane finial is set on an octagonal drum pierced by lancet panels. They rest on a square tower also broken by lancet panels filled with louvers. The interior is arranged on the open, auditorium plan and it too is well preserved.

#### Historical and Architectural Importance

The church was constructed in 1839 by a small sect of the Methodist Church known as the Stillwellists. They broke from the Methodist-Episcopal conference 1818 with William Stillwell, the first minister of the church, leading a group of dissenters who had their own views of church policy. The group called themselves the Methodist Protestant Church and Society of Wilton Circuit, the first class included Ebenezer Hill, Banks Sherwood, David Nichols, Isaac Osborn, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gilbert. John O. Saint John, credited with being one of the builders of the church, was the first treasurer and clerk. Many of the members of the church are also associated with the anti-slavery movement that was active in Georgetown in the 1840s. The church is well preserved, and the parsonage is located to the south.

#### Sources

Todd, Harold. History of Redding. 1880.