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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Egg Hill Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Egg Hill Road, off George's Valley Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Spring Mills, Potter Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Centre

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

900 South Arlington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Centre County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Beliefonte

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

2/10/78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
GOOD
FAIR
X DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Egg Hill Church was constructed in 1860 replacing an earlier church. The single storied banked church was erected on a stone based foundation and is composed of pine. The steeple has since been removed due to deterioration.

The Church measures rectangular 42 feet in length and 35 feet in width. The Church rests on a stone foundation and is supported by a center beam which measures 10" by 9". The floor joists are cut 2 1/2 by 10" and are spaced 25" to 25" apart. They are attached to the sills by a mortised and tenoned joint and wooden pegged. The church is composed entirely of pine. The church consists of two construction techniques. The front and sides of the church are of random width vertical boards with bevelled battens, while the rear of the church uses shiplay construction with 7" boards. There are three, nine over nine light windows on each side of the building accompanied with louvered shutters.

The remaining base of the steeple is a four sided rectangular construction with a single louvered shuttered window on each side. Entrance to the building is from the gable end of the building through two centrally positioned double doors. The door also consists of a transom window. The roof is gabled style with the corners pushed inward at its base.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1860 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Egg Hill Church is an outstanding example of the early country churches and meeting houses built in this region of the country in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The Church was built in 1860 by members of the Evangelical Association in this area of Penns Valley. The Association, founded in 1800 by Jacob Albright, had its nucleus in the predominantly German counties of central Pennsylvania. The religion was governed by the conviction that "the Gospel should be preached first to the Germans in its purity and power." The simplicity of the church's design and the sturdiness of its construction is indicative of the craftsmanship of the early, predominantly German, settlers of Pennsylvania. In addition, it is a tangible expression of the members' commitment to the principle of humility - one of the main premises of this denomination. The Egg Hill congregation had its beginning with the formation of a class in 1810. Reverend A. Stapleton's "Historical Notes - No. XIII" contains the story of the early beginnings of this charge:

"Among the early settlers of New Berlin, in Union County, Pennsylvania, were the Dauberman and Shreffler families . . . About 1799 John (Dauberman) removed to the western end of Egg Hill in Penns Valley, Centre County. Bro. Bauberman and Bro. Dillman, who lived a few miles further west, were the first to receive our early preachers in the early days. A class was formed on Potter's Plains about 1810, of which these families were the chief members.

Thus it was that the Egg Hill charge figured significantly in the very earliest development of this infant Church, making it significant to the propagation and the success of the religion as a whole. Locally, it served to fulfill the peoples' spiritual needs at a time when the hardships and disruptions of early settlement were burdening.

Various events and personalities of this area mentioned in the earliest historical accounts of the Evangelical Church give testimony to the significant role that this area played in the development and expansion of the faith. The homes of John Dauberman and John Adam Hennig were cited as frequent stopping places for Albright and his itinerate preachers.

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In 1816 a Mr. Adam Hennig was sent as the first missionary of the Church to the West (Ohio). Westward emigration soon followed. The most notable Evangelical emigration body was an entire class that went in a party from Penns Valley in 1839.

Much mention is made of some victorious and "miraculous" camp meetings held on Egg Hill. Camp meetings were the main arena for early conversions, preaching and penitence. The convening of the Fourth General Conference of the Church in 1830 at the home of John Adam Henning of Penns Valley is again another indication of the central role of this area in the development of the Church. This Conference was the first of six sessions that were to determine more largely than the general conferences of any other period the form, polity, and doctrine of the Evangelical Church.

Since its beginning, the Evangelical Church has taken part in two church mergers. From the name Evangelical Association of North America, it became known as the Evangelical United Brethren. In 1968 a second merger occurred which brought the Church under the auspices of the United Methodist organization.

Egg Hill Church has been closed and regular services suspended since 1927. Since that date an annual Homecoming service is the only service celebrated in the Church.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.3

QUADRANGLE NAME Centre Hall

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 278600 4522800
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

Centre County Historic Registration Project / William Burke

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

203 North Allegheny / PHMC, Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Ed Weintraub

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE 10-16-75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The Egg Hill Church is located on a lot of 2.3 acres. Starting at a point on west side of Township 407 then northwest 660 feet then southwest 247 feet then south east 660 feet then northeast 82 feet to Township 407 then along west side of Township 407, 82 feet to starting point.

