

**OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM**

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

				*County: Clackamas	
*Street Address: 156 Greenwood Road			*City Lake Oswego		
USGS Quad Name: Lake Oswego			GPS Reading, UTM Format (Universal Transverse Mercator): Longitude: 45.41427 -122.66477		
Township: 2 South	Range: 1 East	Section: 10	Block/Lot: Block/Lots 60&61	Tax Lot #: 8800	
Historic Name: Methodist Episcopal Church			Grouping or Cluster Name: N/A		
*Date of Construction: 1896		Other Name: N/A			
Historic Use or Function: DOMESTIC: Church		*Current Use: DOMESTIC: Unknown		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown	
Architectural Classification(s): Queen Anne		Plan Type/Shape: Compound Plan/Irregular		Number of stories: 1.5	
Foundation Material: Poured-In-Place Concrete		Structural Framing: Wood		Moved? Yes	
Roof Type/Material: Cross Gable/Asphalt Shingles			Window Type/Material: Four-Over-Four Double-Hung/Wood		
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Wide Textured Clapboard Wood Siding		Secondary: N/A		Decorative: Bargeboards	
Exterior Alterations or Additions, Approximate Date: Moved from original site in 1929; Tower and second unit added after 1929; Four-over-four single-hung wood windows with hood molds replaced after 1929; Shiplap siding replaced after 1929; Gable awning added to main entrance after 1989; Upper portion of the tower enclosed after 1989; Roof balustrade removed after 1989; Two decks, carport, and picket fence added after 1989.					
Number and Type of Associated Resources: One carport					
Integrity: Fair		Condition: Good		Local Eligibility: Eligible/Contributing	National Register Listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Preliminary National Register Findings:					
Potentially Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a District					
Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction or <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old or <input type="checkbox"/> Altered - Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ potentially eligible individually or in a District <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/ ineligible, lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable lack of integrity					
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Description of Physical and or Landscape Features:

The Methodist Episcopal Church is located along Greenwood Road on a .08-acre, four-sided parcel in the Evergreen Lakewood neighborhood of Lake Oswego. The site is flat and includes landscape features, such as mature trees, bushes, and thick vegetation, which creates a grove-like setting that surrounds the church. The site also includes a white, scalloped picket fence, gravel parking lot and carport to the east.

The Methodist Episcopal Church faces northeast toward Greenwood Road. It is a one and one-half story, irregular-shaped form with a cross-gabled roof. The church consists of three units: the primary one and one-half story, side-gabled unit to the west; a one-story, side-gabled unit to the northeast; and a two-story, octagon-shaped tower with pointed roof to the north. Collectively, the church sits atop a poured-in-place concrete foundation with six-over-six double-hung wood windows. The north, east, south, and west façades are faced with wide textured clapboard wood siding and feature four-over-four double-hung, Palladian style, and fixed octagon-shaped, wood windows with wood casing. Six-over-six double-hung vinyl windows are located in the upper portion of the tower. The main entrance is located on the east façade and consists of a multi-panel wood double door with wood casing under a gable awning supported by chamfered wood posts. The awning posts sit on a concrete stair with metal handrails. An uncovered wood deck with wood balustrade is attached to the west façade. Wood lattice covers the deck posts. A covered wood deck is also attached to the south façade. This deck features a shed roof supported by wood columns and flanking flower boxes. The gables of the church protrude slightly from the primary unit and feature detailed bargeboards on the north and south gables. The roof is finished with asphalt shingles and aluminum gutters. A brick centrally located chimney protrudes from the secondary unit roof.

Based on the 1929 Sanborn fire insurance map, the Methodist Episcopal Church site was undeveloped. The church at this time was located next to the Lakewood School along State Street on a .23-acre lot. At this time, the church only consisted of the primary side-facing gable unit with a bell tower on its north façade. Based on a historic photo, it featured shiplap siding with chamfered corner boards and rectangular four-over-four single-hung wood windows with wood casing and hood molding. Round multi-light windows with wood casing and hood molds and detailed bargeboards were located under the west and east gables. The bell tower featured the primary double-door opening with pointed arched multi-light transom, fish scale shingles, and spindlework and detailing. The church was moved to its current location in 1929 after which point the secondary unit and tower were added. The dates of these additions occurred after the church was moved.

Since the last survey was recorded in 1989, the gable awning was added to the main entrance and the existing swan neck pediment with dentil molding and flanking pilasters was removed. Other changes include the enclosing of the tower's upper portion, the removal of a roof line balustrade, the addition of the two decks to the east and south, and the addition of the picket fence and carport. The roof's wood shakes have since been removed and gutters added. The dates of these alterations and additions are unknown.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has many of the features used to define Queen Anne style architecture common from 1880-1910. These features include bargeboards, Palladian windows, textured siding, towers, and steeply pitched roof with dominant front-facing gable. Originally, the church's architectural styling aligned more closely to that of Gothic Revival, which was common from 1840-1880. These details included the steeply pitched roof, use of decorative bargeboards, pointed arched windows, and window hoods.

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Statement of Significance: [Required only for Intensive Level Surveys] (Use additional sheets if necessary)

The Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 368 S State Street in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Originally built in 1896 by Albert Clinefelter and son Tom in the Lakewood neighborhood, this church has retained little historic integrity since its original construction. However, it has served as a community gathering place that was instrumental towards the development of Oswego.

The Methodist Episcopal Church sits on land originally owned by Albert Alonzo Durham as part of his 640-acre Donation Land Claim. After having arriving in Oregon in 1847, Albert and Miranda Durham platted a town site and named it Oswego three years later in 1850 (McArthur 273). Early development of Oswego revolved around the Old Town neighborhood, where the Durhams built their home. In 1855, the Durhams started to sell their 640-acre Donation Land Claim for the sum of \$20,900 (Lake Oswego Preservation Society "1850 Oswego"). In 1915 "Ward Catton Smith had come 'out to Oswego to look for the lake and... found a mud hole down here on State Street.'" Ten years later in 1925, Paul C. Murphy, a developer with the Ladd Estate Company who was "instrumental in the creation of the Oswego Lake Country Club... [and] surrounding residential districts." (Colver "Paul C. Murphy") was not impressed with the condition of the site. However, with the help of the Ladd Estates Company, the lake was transformed in 1928 with the creation of the Lakewood Bay. Years earlier in 1925, the Ladd Estate Company advertised Lakewood as a beautiful wooded point "which you have passed many times on the West Side Pacific Highway and which has been reserved for so many years is not open for sale" (Ladd Estate Company). The home sites at this time were sold in irregular shapes at the price of \$500 to \$1500 with sewers, gas, electricity and convenient transportation. Transportation included the Auto stage and Red Electric trolley every thirty minutes.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its site extend the 1920s development of the Lakewood neighborhood. The Methodist Episcopal Church served as one of the first churches in Oswego, as was the case for other Oregon communities. Before the Church was built in Lakewood, "the populace was so anxious that the children have the benefit of Sunday School that they held classes under the [Peg Tree]" (Goodall 133). For lighting, a peg was driven into the Douglas fir tree for which a lantern was hung. In 1894, the "Congregation purchased a lot from Oregon Iron and Steel Company on State Street" (Goodall 133). One year early in 1893, it was stated that Methodist society would build a \$2000 church on the "elevated ground between South Oswego and the new town" (Oregon City Enterprise 1893). The Methodist Episcopal Church was completed in 1896 by Albert and Tom Clinefelter with the help of the congregation. In 1896 the church was progressing during good weather (Oregon City Enterprise 1896). The church would host Sunday School and religious congregations. The church was moved in 1929 by ropes and rollers to a grove of fire trees where it is currently located on Greenwood Road. The original parsonage was also moved to the corner of Leonard and Durham Streets (Goodall 1933).

According to the last survey recorded on this property in 1989, Reverend Jason Lee, a Methodist missionary, arrived in Oregon in 1834. His work proved very successful, beginning with a Methodist Mission working with Native Americans near Salem, and expanding to reach early settlers. For those of Oswego, congregation was held at various sites such as the old Grange Hall where A.R. Shipley conducted Sunday School. The Oswego Grange used the building on Saturdays and the school met there during the week. On Sundays it became the Methodist Church. Some of the early ministers to preach at the church in the 1890s included Christopher Alderson, Rev. A. S. Mulligan, and Rev. E. B. Smith. These men earned small salaries but the congregation was often generous with food donations, such as the Ladies Aid Society, which served monthly meals to townfolk to raise funds for church improvements, charging an admission of 20 to 35 cents.

The Lake Oswego Community Theatre purchased the building in 1961 and converted the main floor into seating for 125, and a basement kitchen was set up as a refreshment center for theatre goers. The theatre has produced everything from traditional drama and Broadway musicals to plays written by local residents. In recent years the theatre moved into the Lakewood Center (formerly Lakewood School), which had been built on the original Methodist Church site after the church was moved in 1929.

Overall, based on the information gathered for this survey and further research, it is more than likely that the Methodist Episcopal Church can be found significant in the areas of community planning and development, and education. Over time, it has lost all aspects of historic integrity such as, Location, Setting, Design, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association. However, with a strong history in the early development of Oswego, this property could also be a contributing resource in a potential historic district.

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Tower (Viewing Southwest)

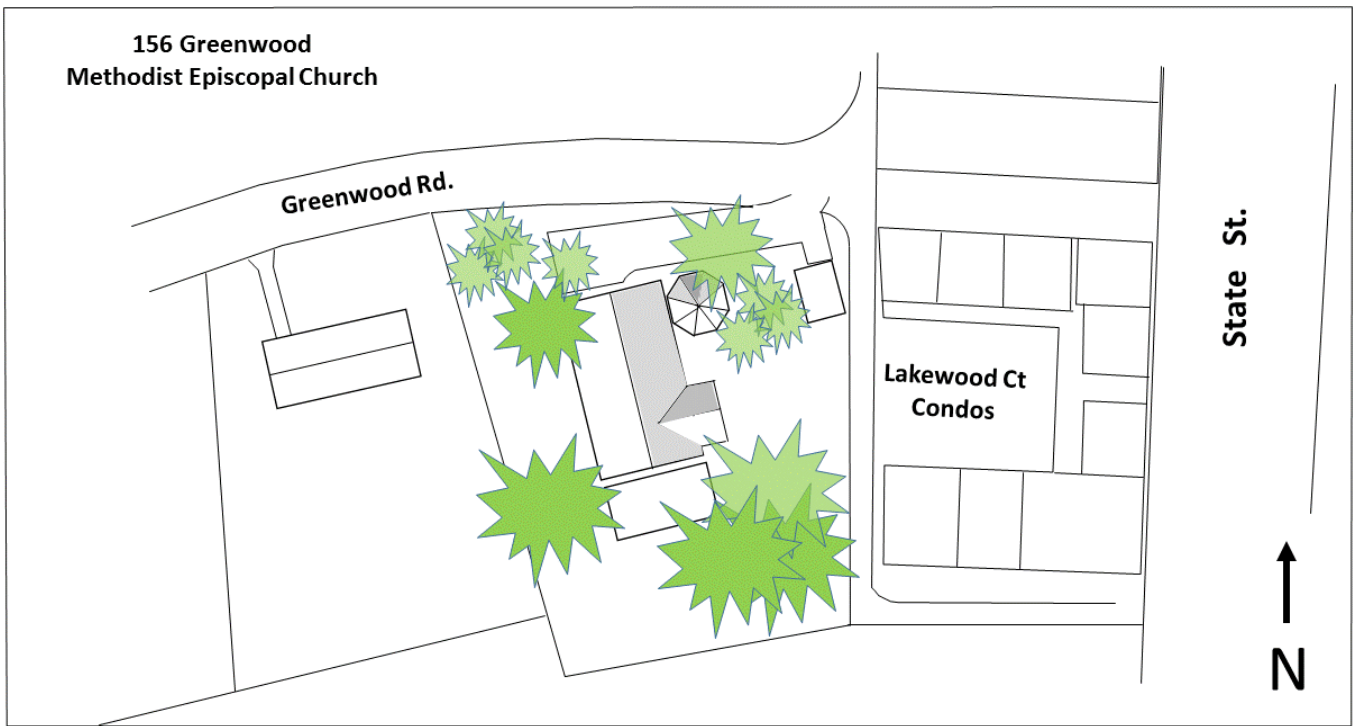


West Façade (Viewing Southeast)

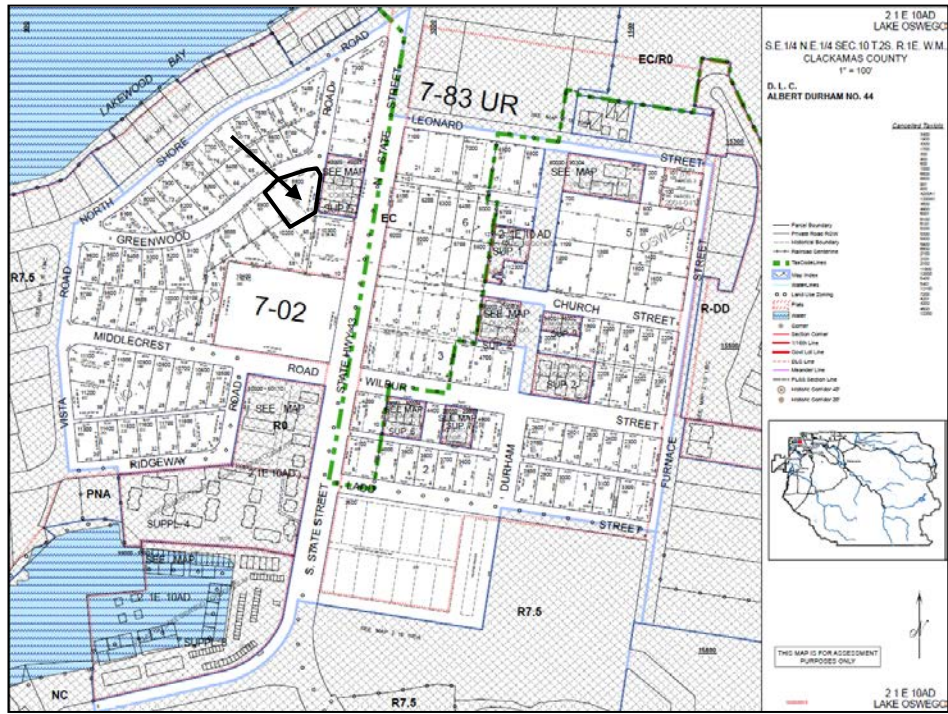
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Methodist Episcopal Church Site Plan



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Note: This page of the survey form is required only for Intensive Level Survey

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Architect and / or Builder(s): Tom W & Albert Clinefelter	Owner Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed	
	Owner Name(s):	
Addition or Subdivision Name: Lakewood	Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Phone Number(s):	
Area(s) of Significance: Community Planning and Development, and Education.		
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District		
Documentation		
Research Sources: <input type="checkbox"/> Title/ Deed Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): Lake Oswego Public Library Multnomah County Library University Library (specify): Historical Society (specify): Other (specify):
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