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DATA SHEET

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

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First Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

322 East Third Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Latah

CODE

057

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

First Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

322 East Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Latah County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE
Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Methodist Church is distinguished by its contrasting towers and rugged black basalt stonework. The large southeast corner clock tower and belfry dominates the building and is balanced by a shorter northeast corner tower and an abbreviated southwest corner tower with a steep hipped roof. These towers give the church an asymmetrical picturesqueness which is augmented by its Romanesque massing and Gothic stained glass windows. The Romanesque character is enhanced by the use of roughhewn basalt from Colfax, Washington as the primary building material, and the truncated hipped roof with protruding gables and a mock dome.

All the windows are stained glass and with the exception of the gables' keystoned round windows, all openings are framed by smooth Moscow granite Gothic arches. This stone is also employed on all the trim and as caps for the buttresses.

The building retains its original appearance, although two major additions have been constructed. In 1923 a Sunday school, which was consistent with the main building was added to the north side. In 1959-1960 an education building with a modern design was added to the rear.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES	1904	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	H. N. Black
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Methodist Church, conceived as a late Romanesque-early Gothic blending, is architecturally significant in Idaho as a rare and successful departure from the more tradition oriented church building with its attention to historic detail. Its substantial basalt massing, good stained glass Gothic windows and towering belfry make the building a distinct landmark in Moscow and a unique contribution to Idaho's architectural heritage.

This is one of two churches designed by H. N. Black in Idaho. This architect apparently made his living following the zealous, church building, Reverend William Tell Euster from pastorate to pastorate. Prior to coming to Moscow, Black designed Methodist Churches in Great Falls and Anaconda, Montana and later followed Euster to Lewiston, Idaho, and Pendleton and Portland, Oregon. While in Pendleton Reverend Euster published The Philosophy of Church Building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spokane Spokesman Review, April 10, 1904, p. 1, c. 4-5.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	1	5	0	0	2	6	0	5	1	7	5	2	3	5
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

D

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

20 May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X LOCAL

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.

~~FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE~~

Merle Wells

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

20 May 1977

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

William Lebourch

DATE

10/5/78

ATTEST:

William Lebourch
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

Sept 28, 1978



Hotel Moscow

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Moscow, Idaho

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1978

view of front and side from
southwest.

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Site Survey file

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