

Historic Name: Bethel Methodist Church (Old)

Date or Period: 1850

Original Use: Church

Vicinity: Bethel

Source: Prince William County Historical Commission "A Past to Preserve"

This is a simple, one-story, one-room, frame church with a shingled, gabled roof. Bethel Church was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock, and it is said that it was erected by its members. During the Civil War, the church served as a hospital and required reconstruction after the war. Over the years, the building has been used as a community center and meeting hall, as well as a church. Moved in the 1870s, it is now located 200 feet from its original location, on which a modern church now sits. With its simple architecture, Bethel Church reflects the needs of a small, once-rural community.