



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

Form with fields: 1. No. LOR-1918-21, 4. Present Name(s) Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2. County Lorain, 5. Historic or Other Name(s) Park Street Church, 6. Specific Address or Location 99 South Park, 19a. Design Sources, 35. Plan Shape Rectangular, 20. Contractor or Builder, 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct, 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900086110041, 21. Building Type or Plan Basilican Plan Church, 17b., 7. City or Village Oberlin, 22. Original Use, if apparent Church/Religious Structure, 37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, 9. U.T.M. Reference Oberlin, 23. Present Use Church/Religious Structure, 38. Building Dimensions 70' x 30', 10. Classification: Building, 24. Ownership Private, 39. Endangered? NO, 11. On National Register? NO, 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Seventh Day Adventist Church, 40. Chimney Placement Corner, 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO, 26. Property Acreage 0.2, 27. Other Surveys, 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 25' approx, 15. Other Designation (NR or Local), 28. No. of Stories One and a half story, 51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair, 16. Thematic Associations: Adventist, 29. Basement? Yes, 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type, 17. Date(s) or Period c. 1948, 17b. Alteration Date(s), 30. Foundation Material Brick bearing, 31. Wall Construction Metal/steel frame, 18. Style Class and Design Dominant Modern Movements, 32. Roof Type Gable, Roof Material Asphalt shingle, 18a. Style of Addition or Element(s), 33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 6, 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI), 19. Architect or Engineer, 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stucco, Stretcher or running bond, Archaeological (OAI)

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
This Contemporary-style church is composed of a combination of brick and stucco. The main (west) facade is brick, with centrally-located concrete steps and iron railings leading to double doors. Each door has three panels with a decorative wood overlay of squares with concave corners, almost creating a cross shape. A triangular hood covers a triangular transom with a blurred glass pane. The lines of the hood are parallel with those of the roof, and the box cornices and exposed rafters in the peak of the gable echo those of the roofline. On either side of the doors, long, narrow blue textured glass windows extend down from the roofline to a few feet above the ground. Muntins divide these windows into five panes; one pane in the window at left has been replaced with plain blue glass. The wood steeple, located along the ridgeline toward the front gable, is triangle-shaped, narrowing to a point with a cross at the top. The south elevation contains 1 1/1 double hung window in the small brick portion at left. Most of the elevation is stucco, and divided into 5 bays by 4 stepped buttresses, though the steps are rounded. Each bay contains a 1/1 double hung window, with continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
According to Demchick & Kreniske, this church was built around 1948, though it does not appear in the city directory for that year. It was listed in the next available city directory in 1956, with James Thomas as the pastor. The parish was founded several years earlier by a few townspeople, particularly the Jackson, Battle, & Holmes families. The early members of this faith in Oberlin experienced general animosity as a 'delusive & pernicious' group of people, who were attempting to spread their 'peculiar views' about the Bible in town. As animosity faded, the congregation grew. Before the current structure was built, the families worshiped in the Holmes' house, the Oberlin Inn, & finally the Methodist Church when the first pastor, Charles Stewart arrived in 1943. The current church, built continued...

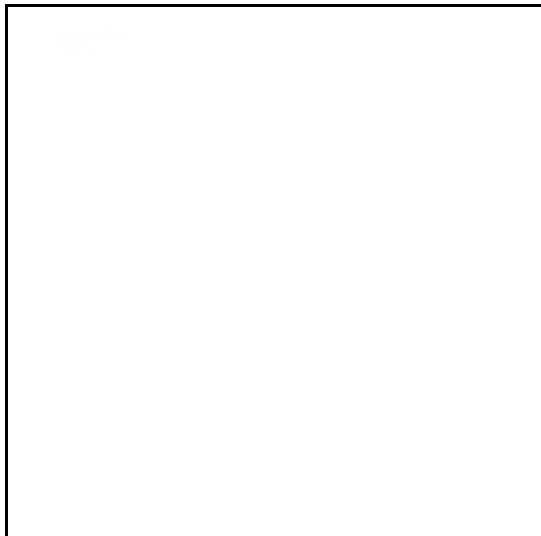
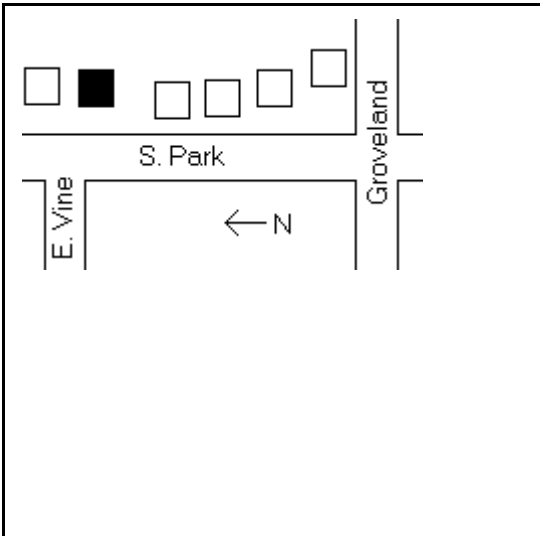
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
This church is located on a residential street. The lot includes a small parking lot to the south of the building.

45. Sources of Information
Demchick, Harrison & Phil Kreniske, 'Park Street Seventh Day Adventist Church A History,' Oberlin College, Fall 2003, Internet, www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/AfAmChurches/ParkStreetChurch.htm, Accessed 18 July 2005.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio continued...

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Two doors symmetrical**

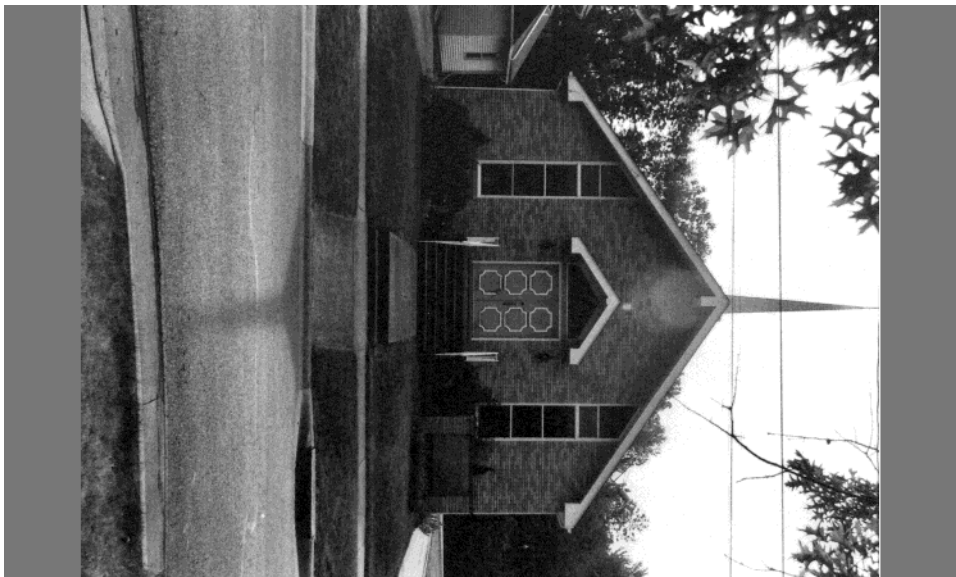
Door Position:  
**Flush**

Orientation:  
**Gable end axis**

Symmetry:  
**Other**

Report Associated With Project:

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*42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

**a side door in the far left bay. The north elevation largely mirrors the south, except instead of the side door, a small entry with a gable roof and west-facing door juts out between the fourth buttress and fifth bay.**

*43. History and Significance (Con't)*

**between 1948-56, was constructed by parishioners such as general contractor Charles Stewart, brick masons & contractors Luther Palmer, Espy Carter, Burrell Scott & George Harris; & painter Horace Jackson. Bessie Carter & the Dobbins family also contributed to the construction of the church. The congregation began to focus on community service in the 1950s, and has since set a standard for improving race relations in the community.**

*44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

*45. Sources (Con't)*

**Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960).' Oberlin College, 1961.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2005.**