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A) Identification

Historic Name: **Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church**

Common Name: **McLoughlin Heights Church of God**

Address: 901 Winchell Ave

City: Vancouver

County: Clark

B) Site Access (describe site access, restrictions, etc.)

Site is located on the northeast corner of Winchell Ave and E 9th St in Vancouver. The church is private property and is not open to the general public.

C) Property owner(s), Address and Zip

Name: McLoughlin Heights Church of God

Address: 901 Winchell Ave

City: Vancouver

State: WA

Zip: 98661

D) Legal boundary description and boundary justification

Tax No./Parcel: 034230000

Boundary Justification: Block 6, Lot 1 & 2 of Lamka's addition to the city of Vancouver except to North 50 feet of said Lot 2

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Nomination Date: March 2026

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E) Category of Property (Choose One)

- building* *structure (irrigation system, bridge, etc.)* *district*
 object (statue, grave marker, vessel, etc.) *cemetery/burial site*
 historic site (site of an important event) *archaeological site*
 traditional cultural property (spiritual or creation site, etc.)
 cultural landscape (habitation, agricultural, industrial, recreational, etc.)

F) Area of Significance – Check as many as apply

- The property belongs to the early settlement, commercial development, or original native occupation of a community or region.*
- The property is directly connected to a movement, organization, institution, religion, or club which served as a focal point for a community or group.*
- The property is directly connected to specific activities or events which had a lasting impact on the community or region.*
- The property is associated with legends, spiritual or religious practices, or life ways which are uniquely related to a piece of land or to a natural feature.*
- The property displays strong patterns of land use or alterations of the environment which occurred during the historic period (cultivation, landscaping, industry, mining, irrigation, recreation).*
- The property is directly associated with an individual who made an important contribution to a community or to a group of people.*
- The property has strong artistic, architectural or engineering qualities, or displays unusual materials or craftwork belonging to a historic era.*
- The property was designed or built by an influential architect, or reflects the work of an important artisan.*
- Archaeological investigation of the property has or will increase our understanding of past cultures or life ways.*

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G) Property Description

Built in 1908, the Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church sits on the northeast corner of Winchell Avenue and E 9th Street in Vancouver. The L-shaped church faces south and is currently surrounded by a chain link fence. Landscaping on the flat site is limited to a few select evergreen bushes on the south and west sides of the 7,245 sq ft lot.

The church has a raised, poured concrete foundation. Punctuated by former window openings (now covered in plywood). There is direct access to the basement space via a concrete stairwell next to the main entrance stairs on the south facade. The main sanctuary is L-shape, with an entrance at the southwest corner. An addition/annex was constructed to the east of the sanctuary in 1944.

Once defined by a tall bell steeple, the entrance to the building remains in the original location but is now defined by a shallow pitched roof. The steeple was removed down to eave level shortly after it was purchased by a second congregation. The cross-gable style roof is supported by simple Craftsman-style knee braces and is clad with asphalt shingles. The western slope has a tall, simple brick chimney, originally servicing a small wooden stove. The one-over-one double hung windows have pointed arched upper sashes with simple trim and boast a variety of frosted glass patterns. Per historic images the exterior of the church was clad with a combination of horizontal clapboards and courses shingles in the gable ends. Now covered with aluminum siding, the stringcourse separating the original change in materials at gable ends of the building is still evident. The entry doors are newer solid wood slabs, and the porch is enclosed by solid concrete baluster walls.

The rear/east addition also has a raised foundation but is constructed using clay tile blocks. The east wing has a gable roof and is clad with aluminum siding. Here rectangular one-over-one double hung windows are found directly under the eave line and have simple wood moldings. A secondary entrance is found on the south façade. Raised above the ground, the entry is recessed approximately 4' under the eave line. Basement window openings have also been enclosed with plywood.

Inside the main sanctuary space boasts a cathedral-like ceilings covered with original boxed beadboard panels approximately 4' x 8'. Here eight original glass pendant lights drop from the ceiling at the intersections of the panels. The plaster walls are anchored to the floor by wooden 4' tall wainscotting. The west wall shows evidence of the

location of an original, round rose window with simple trim, however the glass has been replaced with plaster. The original pews have been replaced by modern, movable pews and the floor is covered with carpet. The chancel is defined by a tri-part arched opening supported by round steel columns resting on wood paneled railings. Additional wood paneled railings define the communion alter and raised pulpits (one on each side with the north pulpit being slightly larger). All woodwork has been painted. The south elevation of the sanctuary has a cased opening which allowed for expansion of the sanctuary and additional gathering/narthex space. Originally closable, via sets of folding doors, the space is now open. Entry to the church, via the set of double doors at the southwest corner of the building, is through a small vestibule. The space is now covered with 1970s era paneling, but retains the original, multi-paneled, wood sanctuary entry doors. The rear wing of the church has modern finishes and contains offices, workroom space, and restroom facilities.

The basement is accessed from the inside via two sets of stairs, one in the narthex and one in the 1944 addition. Basement space is utilitarian in design. Here several storage rooms, a kitchen, and fellowship hall can be found.

H) Significance

The Irving Methodist Episcopal Church is historically significant for its direct connection to serving the spiritual needs and aspirations of the Vancouver community. Completed in 1908, since its construction the church has served two congregations: the Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church (1908-1961), and the McLoughlin Heights Church of God (1962 to the present).

The Methodist church has a long history in Vancouver, having first established a pastoral presence to the area as early as 1854. Construction of the first Methodist church followed in 1856 and by the turn of the century, the community had several congregations.

Fifty years later, east of the downtown core, a group of individuals in the community of Irvington established a church with the help of Rev. Ezra Hayes in 1906. Hayes was a circuit riding preacher who traveled the Pacific Northwest to help establish Methodist congregations in Washington and Oregon. By then Hayes was based in the Vancouver area and started preaching to a core group of souls at the Harney Schoolhouse - at first enticing potential congregants to an organizational meeting via an advertisement in the October 4, 1906, issue of The Columbian.

At the time the community of Irvington (referred to previously as the area "East of the Garrison") was growing rapidly. Established by a core group of families, the area was being subdivided into lots which sold from \$100 to \$300 each. Still not within the legal boundaries of the city, Irvington remained a suburb for several additional years.

Rev. Hayes and other ministers continued to preach in the community until the church was legally established on February 6, 1908. The founding trustees were Alpha B. Hathaway, George W. Lamka, and John A. Hayden. The newly established church quickly expanded its presence in Irvington. They started a weekly service, established a Sunday School, a choir, and a youth program (the Epworth League). Initially all the activities were held in the Harney Schoolhouse.

Shortly after forming, the church began making plans to build a sanctuary to house its growing congregation. One 50 x 100 ft. lot was donated by trustee George W. Lamka at the northeast corner of 9th & Winchell (originally called Church St.) in his newly platted Lamka's Addition. Forecasting additional growth, the congregation decided to purchase two additional lots (\$333). This would allow for a landscaping buffer around the new sanctuary and an additional lot for the construction of a parsonage in the future. The estimate cost for the sanctuary, which included a basement, was between \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Work began on March 27, 1908, with the son of George Lamka, Arthur, turning over the first ceremonial shovel full of dirt at 6:30 am. Reportedly by early April an unknown contractor from Portland had already begun construction. Within a month the Columbian reported on April 30th, that construction of the new Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church would be completed within a few weeks. While the architect of the sanctuary is unknown, accounts note that the 32 ft. x 30 ft. auditorium/sanctuary could accommodate 240 seats. By that time donations for construction of the building had already reached \$1,200.

Formal dedication of the church took place on August 30, 1908. The day-long event featured sermons by Rev. Clarence True Wilson, pastor at the Centenary Church in Portland, in the morning with music by Mrs. Kimball, accompanied by Professor Charles Cundiff (music director of Hagar Theatre). In the afternoon, the 2:30 services were led by Portland resident Dr. Daniel L. Rader (editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate), before the church was formally dedicated by Dr. G.A. Landen presiding elder of the Vancouver District of the Methodist Church. Evening prayers were offered by Rev. E.H. Todd (Vice President of Willamette University) and Rev. Alfred Bates. Throughout the day, the church continued to raise money in order to clear the remaining debt on the building, which amounted to additional donations of \$1,719.46.

Pastoral leadership of the church varied throughout the years as well as membership numbers. The physical name of the church also changed throughout the years. In 1915 the church officially changed its name to Bethany Methodist Church of East Vancouver. Shortly thereafter they changed their name again, this time to East Vancouver Methodist Church (1918).

Early Pastors

Rev. Alfred Bates (1908)

Rev. E.R. Tracy (1909)

Rev. J.H. Berringer (1909 - 1915)

Rev. Horace Williston Jr. (1915 - 1918)

Rev. Arthur W. Brown (1919 – 1923)
Rev. E.E. Reisner (1923 - 1924)
Rev. Earl Hanna (1924 – 1925)
Rev. B.G. Clemens (1926)
Rev. E.J. Body (1926)
Rev. G.H. Quigley (1926 – 1927)
Rev. Ethel L. Williams (1927 - 1928)
Rev. W.W. Mills (1928 – 1931)
Rev. J.W. Reynolds (1931 – 1933)
Rev. Cowdy (1933 – 1934)
Rev. T.J. Hazelton (1934 - 1935)

Reports to the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Church, note that the church had 86 full time members in 1910. Over the years the church hosted numerous events including countless baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, and meetings. It also became a community meeting location for a variety of local events such as school bond meetings, W.C.T.U. parties and meetings, and even served as a polling place.

Congregational membership took a significant dip in the 1920s and they went through a series of pastors in short order. By 1928, church membership had dropped to just 20 full time members; with 64 inactive members. Among the pastoral leadership during this time was their first female pastor, Ethel L. Williams who served in 1927-28.

Hard times eventually gave way to significant growth in the church during the post-Depression years and the build-up to WWII. The fellowship hall was remodeled and redecorated in 1939, and a new educational wing/annex was built in 1944. The 26 x 32 ft. annex attached to the east side of 1908 sanctuary housed a nursery, teen and adult meeting rooms, and women's society parlors on two floors.

At the time, Vancouver's population was surging due to a variety of wartime defense industries, rising from 18,788 citizens in 1940 to nearly 85,000 within four years, before settling back down to 41,664 in 1950. The increased population brought many new parishioners to the church. And the location of the church, at the East end of the city, was fortuitous. It sat at the base of a hill near a massive temporary housing project that was established by the Vancouver Housing Authority.

After the war, when the population of the city leveled off the church continued to expand. The congregation celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1956 and began to dream about their future. After careful study and prayer, they made the decision to move the congregation to a new, larger building. The new building at 5701 MacArthur Blvd, in the McLoughlin Heights area of the city, was in the heart of Vancouver's expansive suburbs; a perfect location to grow the congregation. The last service held at the 9th & Winchell property was September 2, 1961.

Their old church facility on Winchell Avenue was then sold to a new congregation - the McLoughlin Heights Church of God. The congregation had been established during the war years with the help of the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) who formed a

Vancouver Council of Churches in 1942. The Authority had welcomed some fourteen different denominations to use various community facilities scattered across the Housing Authority projects; with the goal that the congregations would eventually be able to construct their own facilities once their individual congregations had become more established. The VHA community center in the Heights area - Harney Hill Community Center (3605 E 13th Street), offered space to many different denominations, including United Churches, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and to the McLoughlin Heights Church of God.

The Church of God, also called the Church of God Ministries, grew out of several evangelistic efforts in Indiana and Michigan in the early 1880s. One of its more distinctive features is that there is no formal membership, since the movement believes that true salvation is through Jesus Christ, the son of God, and that makes one a member. Similarly, there is no formal creed other than the Bible. Accordingly, there is a wide breath of diversity and theological dialogue, even though the movement's culture is strongly rooted in Wesleyan holiness theology. Although not part of the organization's formal name, "Anderson, Indiana" is usually associated with its name to distinguish it from these other groups with similar names; but established elsewhere. The McLoughlin Heights Church of God is associated with the Anderson branch. From its beginnings, the Church of God had a strong commitment to pacifism and antiracism, and in fact, the Vancouver congregation was racially diverse but mainly served as home to a Black congregation.

The McLoughlin Heights Church of God began in 1944 with the relocation of Rev. John W.V. Smith from Cleveland, Ohio, who came to Vancouver to start a church in the city. Smith was a well-known pastor and longtime professor of church history at Anderson University. Services were initially held at the Harney Hill Community Center (3605 E 13th Street). Over the course of the next ten years the congregation grew and saw a variety of pastors including W. Harvey Wallace (1957), and N. H. Payne (1958). In mid-February 1962, Rev. Walter R. Grisel took over pastoral duties at the church. Under his leadership the congregation began looking for a permanent home. Timing was perfect with the recently vacated East Vancouver Methodist Church Building. Grisel and the congregation purchased the building.

Grisel was a dynamic pastor who would lead the congregation for another 20+ years. Pastor Walter Robert Grisel was born May 19, 1888, in Gulfport, Mississippi. Ministry was a second career for Grisel. He spent his early years working for the Union Pacific Railroad as a shop helper in Kansas but had also become a part time minister by the age of 45 according to 1933 newspaper records. Reportedly he attended a Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, however specific records to his attendance have not been located. His earliest recorded pastoral duties are noted in a 1933 Kansas City newspaper article which states he was the pastor of the Church of God on 3rd & Richmond Ave in Kansas City, Kansas however, census and Polk directories do not list him as a pastor. Other records indicate he later served as pastor at the Church of God at 23rd & Woodland Ave in Kansas City, Missouri (1937).

For unknown reasons, Grisel, and his wife, Hattie, moved to the Pacific Northwest in the mid-1950s. He initially served at the Vancouver Avenue Church of God in Portland, Oregon (1914 N Vancouver Ave), having joined the congregation in 1956. Growth led the congregation to seek a new location and that year they purchased the former Woodlawn Methodist Church at 3700 N Beech Street. Shortly after the move the congregation renamed the church to the Beech Street Church of God. Grisel continued to preach there for several years before coming to Vancouver in 1962.

By 1963, Vancouver had three Church of God congregations: First Church of God (3612 F Street) led by Vernon H. Guttenfelder (188 members); the Fruit Valley Community Church of God (Unander Ave) led by Ervin L Cultice (32 members); and the McLoughlin Heights Church of God (3605 E 13th St) with 30 members.

Under the leadership of Rev. Grisel, the first recorded business meeting was held on October 30, 1963. Parishioners remember Pastor Grisel as loquacious and a conservative preacher. "He was very strict, and ... didn't believe in the kids doing sports, or providing any activities for the children," parishioner Hosea Lewis' recalled. "All the women had to wear dresses down to their ankles and nobody was allowed to wear makeup," Debra Davis noted. "My mom didn't like the fact that the men could wear whatever they wanted but for the women it was much more restrictive."

Such strictness drew members to the church and turned others away. However, through his tenure the congregation demonstrated consistent organizational stability, careful financial oversight, and intentional stewardship of the church property and the community. Regular business meetings document active auxiliary ministries, community support efforts, and ongoing facility maintenance. Ministries included numerous Community & Fellowship Life Youth meetings, church dinners, holiday programs, and Sunday School remained a central anchor.

Grisel served as the pastor of the McLoughlin Heights Church of God until his retirement in May of 1983. During those years the church became the center of life for a small community of close-knit families. Since its establishment, the church has seen countless weddings, baptisms, funerals, dances, and pot-luck dinners. Rev. Grisel passed away on July 17, 1984, at the age of 96, a year after his retirement. Services were then conducted by associate pastor Sister Ethel J. Brown for several years. Today pulpit supply pastors are provided by a rotating group of ministry and lay people.

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I) Documentation

Xerox and attach any information or evidence that supports the property's significance.

Written Sources (books, articles, newspapers):

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"Irvington Church Announcements" The Columbian, October 10, 1907.

"Irvington New Methodist Church" The Columbian, January 16, 1908.

"Irvington" The Columbian, April 9, 1908.

"A Correction" The Columbian, April 16, 1908.

"Excellent progress is being made in the construction of the new Irvington Methodist Church.."
The Columbian, April 30, 1908.

"Church Dedication" The Columbian, August 27, 1908.

"The Irvington Methodist Church – Prayer Meeting...." The Columbian, November 12, 1908.

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"Rev. J. H. Barringer, the new pastor of the Irvington Methodist Church.." The Columbian,
September 24, 1909.

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"City Methodist Pastor Receive Appointments" The Columbian, September 16, 1915.

"Farewell Reception Tendered Pastor of Irvington Church" The Columbian, September 20,
1915.

"Bethany Methodist Church – East Ninth and Church..." The Columbian, April 29, 1916.

"Successful Revival Services Concluded" The Columbian, January 24, 1923.

"East Vancouver Methodist Church" The Columbian, September 12, 1925.

"Ladies at the parsonage of the Rev. and Mrs. A.A. Calendar" The Columbian, April 8, 1936.

"Methodist Aid Plans Dedication" The Columbian, October 3, 1939.

"Bishop Baxter to be Speaker" The Columbian, February 25, 1944.

"Methodist Meeting Set" The Columbian, October 17, 1946.

"Permits Issued" The Columbian, December 6, 1955.

"Anniversary Celebration Begins Oct. 7" The Columbian, September 28, 1956.

Advertisement - "McLoughlin Heights Church of God" The Columbian, February 1, 1957.

Advertisement - "McLoughlin Heights Church of God" The Columbian, March 15, 1957.

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Church of God Yearbook – 1961

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"Services will Terminate on Sunday" The Columbian, May 31, 1963.

Advertisement - "Church of God, McLoughlin Heights" The Columbian, February 5, 1965.

Original Ledger of the first business meeting at McLoughlin Heights church of God from
October 30, 1963.

"Permits Issued" The Columbian, November 24, 1966.

"Permits Issued – Church of God" The Columbian, July 2, 1982.

"McLoughlin Heights Church of God held an Appreciation Service to honor..." The Columbian,
May 29, 1983.

Obituary – Walter Grisel The Columbian, July 25, 1984.

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December 5, 1986.

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Oral History/Interviews:

J) Map and Photographs

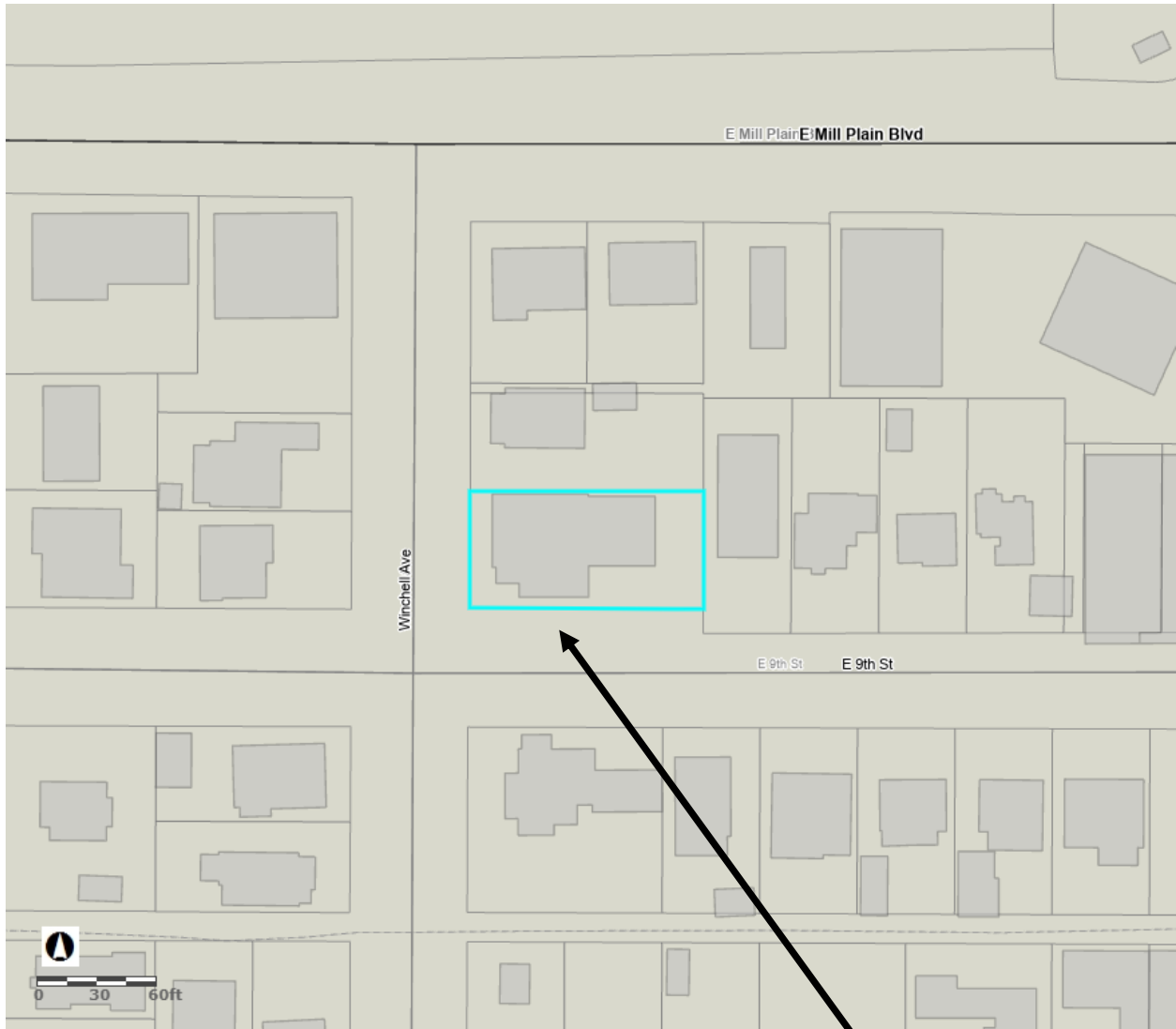
Attach copies of historic maps or photos if available, and current photos (min 5 x 7 digital images, 300 DPI). Include a current map – appropriate Google Earth/U.S.G.S. map and parcel map – with the location of the property and its boundaries clearly marked. (see instructions)



Google Earth Map

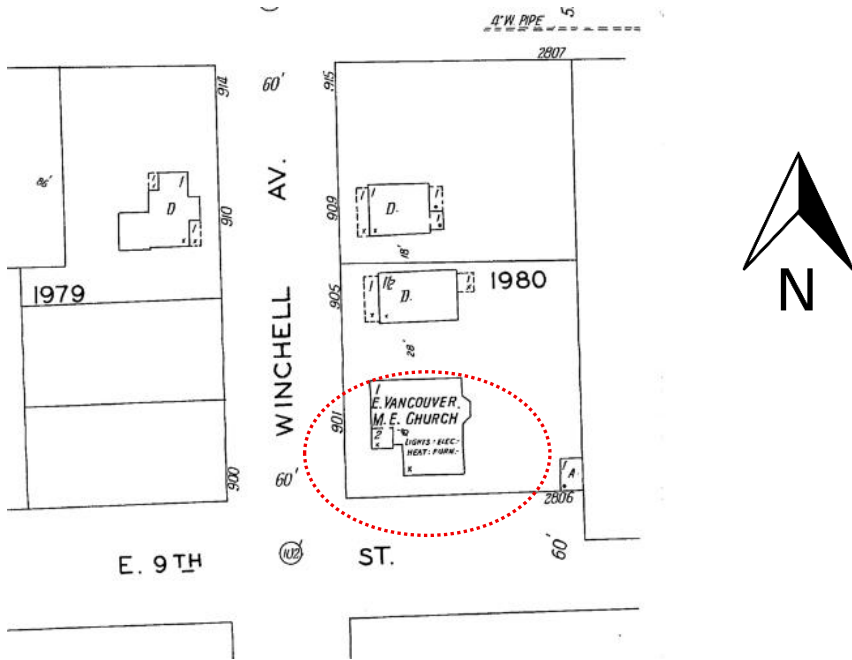
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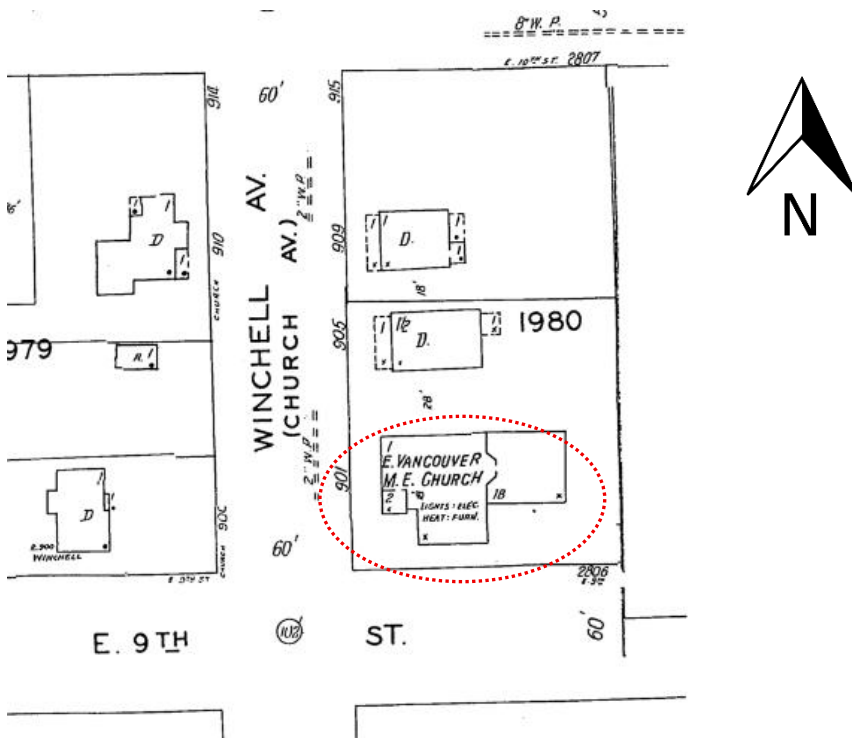


Maps On-line

Clark County Assessor
Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church
901 Winchell Ave
Vancouver, WA



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map - Vancouver 1928, Sheet 63



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map – Vancouver, Nov. 1949, Sheet 63
 Note addition to the east completed in 1944.

**IRVINGTON CHURCH AN-
NOUNCEMENTS**

The Ladies Aid will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Petticoord.

Choir practice on Friday evening at Mr. Lamka's home

The Ladies Aid have arranged to give a basket social at the Harney school on Saturday evening. Everybody welcome

Sunday morning Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Service at 11 a. m., preacher, Rev. Alfred Bates.

Irvington Church Announcement – The Columbian, October 10, 1907.

**Irvington Church
Dedication**

Irvington church dedication last Sunday was a most interesting event for that locality east of the garrison. The church, which is a magnificent structure, was built at a cost of \$3000, and \$1719 was needed to pay debt on same. Rev. Clarence True Wilson preached in the morning and Mrs. Kimball, with Professor Cundiff as accompanist, sang "The Lord is my Shepherd". At that service \$1400 was raised by subscription. In the afternoon Dr. D. L. Rader preached and the \$400 remaining was raised and the church was dedicated free of debt by Dr. G. A. Landen. Rev. E. H. Todd preached in the evening and the pastor, Rev. Alfred Bates, sang "O Rest in the Lord", by Mendelssohn. The pastor and trustees wish to thank all who have so kindly helped them in this noble enterprise.

Irvington Church Announcement – The Columbian, September 3, 1908.



Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church – c. 1955



View towards chancel - Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church – c. 1955
 Photo Courtesy of – Clark County Historical Museum, P.13.4.6

Methodist Meeting Set

The Methodist young people of Clark county will meet at the East Vancouver Methodist church, 901 Winchell, Sunday afternoon at 5:30, according to announcement. It is expected that 150 young people will be in attendance from the approximately 15 Methodist churches in this vicinity. The program of the afternoon and evening will include registration, a sack luncheon, song fest and instruction on the Methodist youth speaking contest given by the Rev. Daniel Taylor of Vancouver. In addition there will be a recreational period and a worship service conducted by the members and as a climax the Rev. Elmer Beckman, pastor of the Methodist church in Camas, will deliver an address on the topic, "An Introduction to Stewardship." Mr. Robert Michelson of East Vancouver is president of the group, the Rev. Claude A. Brown of East Mill Plain, counsellor and the Rev. Lloyd Alden of East Vancouver is host pastor.


**Methodist Aid
 Plans Dedication**

The Ladies Aid of the East Vancouver Methodist church have planned a harvest home social and potluck dinner at 6 o'clock Friday evening at the church, as a part of the dedication of the recently remodeled and redecored basement. An entertaining program has also been slated. The public is invited.

Vancouver Methodist Church
 Ladies Aid meeting –
The Columbian – Oct 3, 1939.

Vancouver Methodist Church
 youth meeting –
The Columbian – Oct 17, 1946.

McLoughlin Heights
Church of God
 W. Harvey Wallace
 Pastor
 Phone AT 2-0627



SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:30 a.m.
 Church Hour
 11:25 a.m.

EVENING SERVICE
 7:25 p.m.

YOUTH SERVICE
 6:45 p.m.

Morning Sermon Topic: "It's the Water that Makes the Difference."
 Evening Sermon Topic: "The Sin No One Wants to Mention"
 Youth Service Topic: "Boy Dates Girl"
 WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING—Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
 Listen to the Waves of Devotion Program broadcast over radio station KHFS at 7:30-8:00 every Sunday.
 1150 on your dial.

Church of God, McLoughlin Heights:
 East Ninth Street and Winchell Avenue.
 Pastor, W. R. Grisel, phone AT1-7350.
 Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; church, 11
 a.m. Youth fellowship and adult Bible
 study, 6 p.m. Evening service, 7. Prayer
 meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Earliest notice in newspaper showing
 Rev. W.R. Grisel as pastor of
 McLoughlin Heights Church of God
 – The Columbian, February 23, 1962.

McLoughlin Heights Church of God Sunday
 advertisement – The Columbian, March 15, 1957.



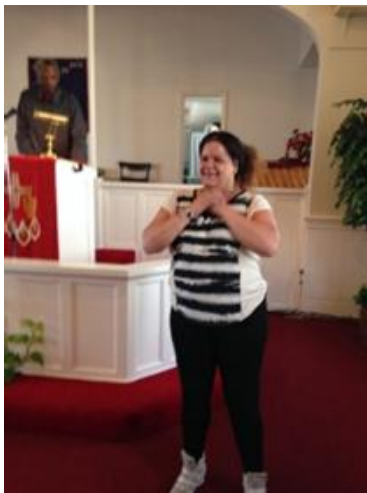
Church shortly after purchase by the McLoughlin Heights Church of God – c. 1965. Note bell was later removed and tower height reduced.



Rev. W.R. Grisel and wife, Jesse –
Clark County Historical Museum



Images of various parishioners over the years during the Church of God ownership.
Photos Courtesy of McLoughlin Heights Church of God.



Images of various parishioners over the years during the Church of God ownership. Photos Courtesy of McLoughlin Heights Church of God.

● McLoughlin Heights Church of God held an Appreciation Service to honor the Rev. Walter R. Grisel, 3405-A Fruit Valley Road, who celebrated his 95th birthday on May 19. Grisel has served in the ministry for 65 years. He began his association with the Heights' church in 1961 and has served it for 22 years.

McLoughlin Heights Church of God Appreciation Service – The Columbian, May 29, 1983.



c. 1980 image of Church of God before installation of aluminum siding.

CURRENT PHOTOS



View of southwest corner of sanctuary.



View of west facade of sanctuary showing 1910 parsonage (far left).



View of east side of building showing 1944 annex.



View of northwest corner of sanctuary.



Sanctuary space looking northeast from bell tower entry. View towards alter.



View of sanctuary looking west from pulpit towards location of former rose window.



Detail view of alter area showing dual pulpit and alter rails.



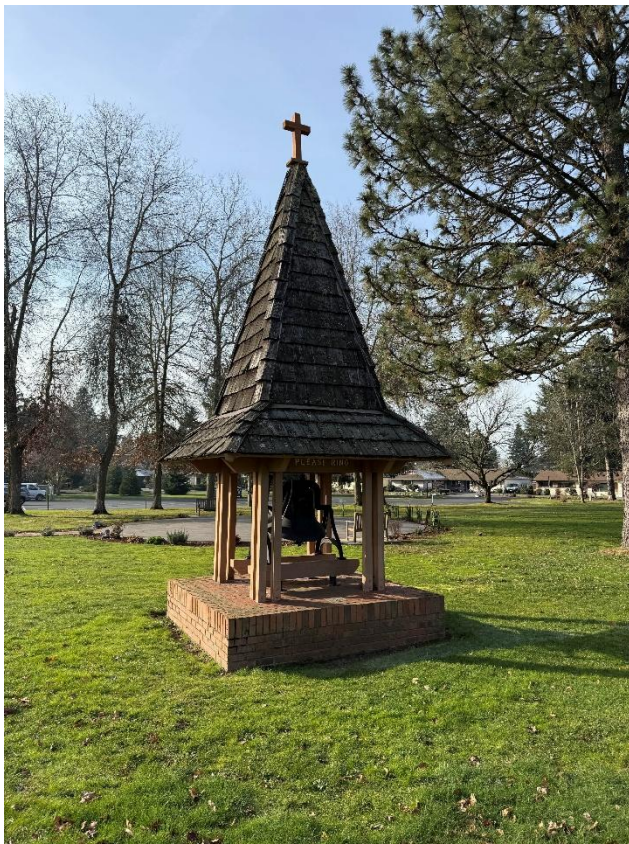
Detail of basement stairs.



Detail of former bell tower entry vestibule.



Basement fellowship hall



Original Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church bell now located at East Vancouver United Methodist Church – 5701 MacArthur Blvd.