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Date of Construction: 1914

Building Permit: 2516/1914 (Plans at City Storage)

Architect: Tuttle, Eldred Dodsworth¹

Contractor: Smith and Peterson²

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST:

The original church, listed as a brick veneer structure on the original City of Winnipeg Building Permit, has seen major renovations and alterations over the years and continues to function as a West End church.

Very little remains of what was a red brick and stone structure completed and officially dedicated on November 15, 1914. From a contemporary photograph, we know that the front porting, including a crenellated corner tower, have been replaced by a more modest entrance area and that the original brick veneer cladding is now covered in stone. It is believed that the only original exterior element remaining is an east-facing window.

Architect for the church was E.D. Tuttle. Little is known about this designer; he lived for a time in St. James and appears to have practiced in the city from 1907 until World War I.



Front (south) and east façades, 2009

He designed a number of single-family dwellings throughout the city as well as schools in St. James, Elmwood and Roseisle, Manitoba. In 1907 he designed Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Elmwood and during World War I designed a number of small schools in rural Manitoba including Pratt, Pinawa and Oakner and Fork River.³

The building stands on its original site and appears to be in good structural condition. Numerous additions and alterations to the building have completely changed this structure from its original design.

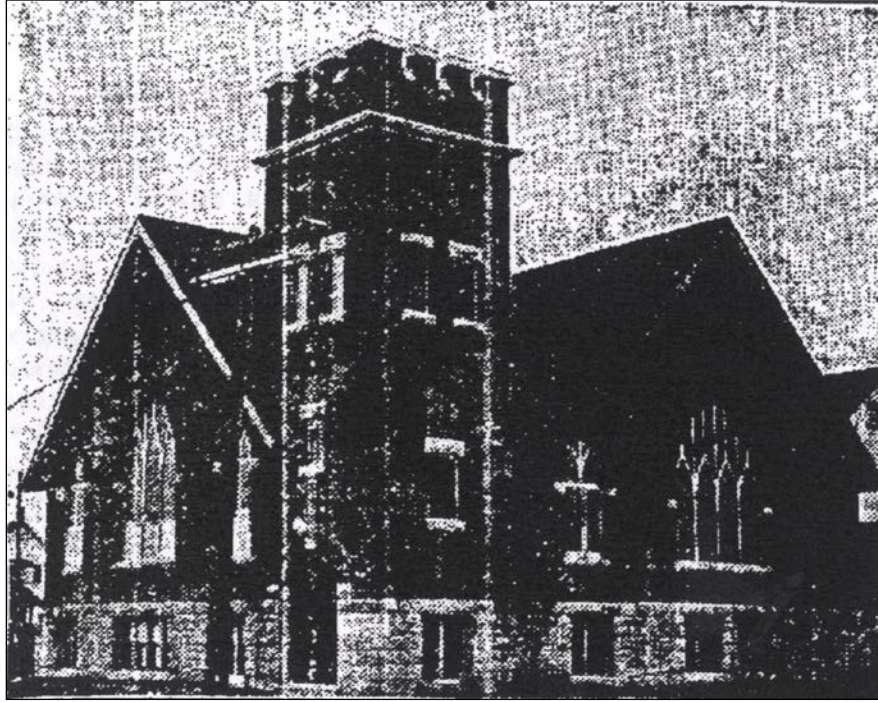


Rear (north) and east façades, 2009

HISTORICAL INTEREST:

This was the second church building and second congregation for the Evangelical Association, a Methodist sect formed in the 18th century in Pennsylvania by Jacob Albright that ministered to German immigrants through the organization of evening prayer meetings.⁴ The first missionary was sent to Western Canada in 1899 and the Ebenezer Evangelical Church organized with 14 charter members later the next year. They operated for many years out of a building at 333 Alexander Avenue.⁵

The second congregation, Calvary Evangelical, was created and built the fine church in the West End on Alverstone, sharing the pastor with Ebenezer and building a parsonage to the north at 592 Alverstone Street.⁶ In the late 1940s, it became the Bethesda Church and then in the early 1960s, it became Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church.



Front (south) and east façades, 1914 (Winnipeg Free Press, November 14, 1914, p. 19)

RECOMMENDATION TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE:

Under the Historical Buildings By-law, this building meets a number of important criteria:

- its historical importance- an example of a post-1910 church built for a growing denomination in the City;
- its associations- its long-term connections to the Evangelical denomination;
- its design- N/A;
- its architect- E.D. Tuttle was a respected and important practitioner;
- its location- contributes to its historic streetscape; and
- its integrity- N/A.



Front (south) and east façades, 1978

ENDNOTES:

- 1 Tender published in the Manitoba Free Press, June 27, 1914, p. 2.
- 2 Manitoba Free Press, November 14, 1914, p. 19.
- 3 Author's files; City of Winnipeg Building Permit Ledger Books, 1899-1926; Manitoba Free Press, 1914-1920.
- 4 Information from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_Albright, January 8, 2007; and http://www.albrightchurch.com/who_we_are.htm, no date.
- 5 Information from http://www.albrightchurch.com/who_we_are.htm, no date.
- 6 Manitoba Free Press, November 14, 1914, p. 19; Parsonage built via City of Winnipeg Building Permit #1893/1914.