

Windsor Ave Congregational Church

2030 Main St

Hartford, CT

Booklet: (gold)

150th Anniversary 1826-1976

Faith Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

Description of Site

This reddish brick church, whose cornerstone was laid in 1871, is an example of High Victorian Gothic, elements of which can be seen in the steeply pitched roof of the ~~roof~~ ^{NAVE}; the predominance of round arches, each decorated with alternate bands of light + dark painted brick, which frame not only the entryway and the group of clerestory windows above it, but the 1st floor + uppermost tower windows as well; the tracery of diamond patterning within the arch above the three aforementioned clerestory windows; the square tower topped with a pyramidal roof; the heavy wooden doors reinforced with planks + the deep lustrous varnish of the interior oak woodwork.

Other features: the transept of the church intersects the nave at the entryway and its arms culminate at one end in an apse + at the other in the tower. Except for the fenestration above the main portal, the clerestory windows are narrow + square-headed + grouped in pairs across the front of the bldg. + around the tower + apse. On the front facade, within the peak of the gable surmounting the 2 arches above the entryway, is located a quatrefoil window.

Bldg appears in sound condition. 1904, with funds provided by Hillyer Family, an addition, in keeping with the style of the existing bldg., was constructed on the rear of the church to provide space for a dining room, kitchen

The corporation is known as the Pavilion Congregational Society. It was organized Dec 10, 1870, and owns the house of worship occupied by the church. The bldg is constructed of brick, is modern in its form & convenience, & is particularly well adapted to church purposes; it was dedicated June 26, 1872.

Other Congregational Church
Talbot St Church - 1st composed of 7 mbrs. who came by letter from the Congregational church in the ~~vicinity~~ vicinity, was organized on the 28th day of Aug, 1833. The Rev. Joel Hawdas, D. D., pastor of 1st church conducted the service, assisted by the pastor of the second church. For time w/o settled pastor, & was supplied by several ministers. July 16/1840 the Rev Pennington installed Present pastor - Rev. W.W. Mallory. The Society owns, free of incumbrance, the house of worship used by the church.

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WAC church - outgrowth of a Sunday school, This school organized June 10, 1864, in a house on the corner of Wooster + Pavilion streets. A weekly prayer-meeting followed, + as the #s increased, clergymen in the city + students of the Theological Seminary preached Sunday evening. 3/23/1870, a church was constituted, consisting of ~~constituted~~ 62 mbrs. Oct 31, 1871 Frank H. Buffum ordained + installed pastor, July 11, 1873 he dismissed to take another charge. Successor - James B. Gregg - ordained + installed Sept 29, 1874. Church grew + strengthened - Society debts pd. 1882 Gregg accepted chrg in Colorado Springs. - dismissed 1882. The Rev. Charles E. Stone now pastor of the church (1886 = now) he was installed Jan 10, 1893. Present membership 271 - ^{the corporation} know as Pavilion Congregational Society. It was organized Dec 10, 1870, + owns the house of worship occupied by the church. The bldg is constructed of brick, is ~~now~~ modern in its form + convenience, + is particularly well adapted to church purposes; it was dedicated in June 26, 1872.

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