1. Name of Property

historic name Wesley Center

other names/site number Methodist Educational Building, Downtown Survey Map # DT-107

2. Location

street & number 220 West Second Street

city or town Washington  □ vicinity, county Washington

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name □ Township No. Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block(s) Lot(s)

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

06: religious 06: religious

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B: 8” poured concrete

walls (visible material) 03: brick

roof 15C: rubber

other

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark “x” representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

[ ] Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended A Property is associated with significant events.

[ ] Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

[ ] Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

[ ] Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.
Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Significant Dates

Construction date

check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography [ ] See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
1 _______ _______ 2 _______ _______
3 _______ _______ 4 _______ _______

[ ] See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Stacy A. Nielsen, volunteer

organization: Washington Historic Preservation Commission

date: May 6, 2012

street & number: City Hall – 215 E. Washington St

city or town: Washington

state: Iowa

zip code: 52353

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

1. Map: showing the property’s location in a town/city or township.
2. Site plan: showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
3. Photographs: representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

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[ ] See continuation sheet or attached photo & slide catalog sheet for list of photo roll or slide entries.

Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

1. Farmstead & District: (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
2. Barn:
   a. A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
   b. A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
   c. A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn’s exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] More Research Recommended

☐ This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

Evaluated by (name/title): ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
The Wesley Center was built as the educational building for the First Methodist Episcopal Church to the east in 1977-1978. This is a two-story brick-veneer building with single pane, metal framed windows on all sides. The facade (south) of the building has a double, single paned metal frame entry in the center of the first story with two windows on either side. Five sets of these windows are found on the second story. The five bays of the facade are divided and flanked by concrete panels with arches, likely intended as a simple reflection of the architecture of the facade of the church. The west side has a side entry and two sets of windows on each story. On the east side of the building there are three windows. On the upper right hand corner of the building where the fourth window would be is where the skywalk connects leading to the main church building to the east. The north (alley) side of the building has eight windows.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Wesley Center falls within the Washington Downtown Historic District as it is located on the same parcel as the Methodist Episcopal Church (#92-00346), which contributes to the district. Due it its later construction, the Wesley Center is counted as non-contributing on the church property. However, it was documented on its own Iowa Site Inventory form.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as the United Methodist Church, purchased this property on May 3, 1921 from a Perry Beenblossom. Sanborn maps show a house on this corner through 1943. Per the local 1978 history: “The Methodists are just completing a drive to raise $375,000 to finance construction of a new educational unit west of the church; groundbreaking ceremonies took place on July 3, 1977. Norman Schoonover is chairman of the building committee; Ed Augustine and Robert Koehler are finance chairmen; Russell Davidson is chairman of the board of trustees. Dr. J. Roland Carndall is pastor of the 1,300 member congregation.” (Fisher 1978: 152)
Wesley Center  
Name of Property                  Washington  
County

220 West Second Street  
Address                        Washington  
City

9. Major Bibliographical Reference


Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:
  *Washington Evening Journal*
  *Washington Gazette*
  *Washington Press*

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Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
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Building plan (from assessor's website)
Wesley Center                                                                                       Washington
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Address

Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00584-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
Wesley Center
Name of Property

220 West Second Street
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Washington
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Photograph 92-00584-002 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)