1. NAME
   COMMON: Old Stone Church (Presbyterian)
   AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: Church and Foster Streets (Old German Street)
   CITY OR TOWN: Lewisburg
   STATE: West Virginia
   CODE: 54
   COUNTY: Greenbrier
   CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   ☑ Building
   ☐ Site
   ☐ Structure
   ☐ Object
   OWNERSHIP
   ☑ Public
   ☐ Private
   ☐ Both
   STATUS
   ☑ Occupied
   ☐ Unoccupied
   ☐ Preservation work in progress
   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   ☑ Yes
   ☑ Restricted
   ☐ Unrestricted
   ☐ No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME: The Trustees of Old Stone Church
   STREET AND NUMBER: Church and Foster Streets
   CITY OR TOWN: Lewisburg
   STATE: West Virginia
   CODE: 54

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
   Office of the Clerk of Greenbrier County
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   CITY OR TOWN: Lewisburg
   STATE: West Virginia
   CODE: 54

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY:
   None
   DATE OF SURVEY:
   ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   STREET AND NUMBER:
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The building originally constructed of native limestone and was approximately 44 feet square. In 1830 an extension was added to the west end to make the building 75 x 44 feet. At this time (1830) the entrance was moved from the east to the west end of the building. Some of the original windows were closed (by stone) but the top arch was left to indicate the location of the windows. There was a balcony (still in use) constructed around 3 sides of the sanctuary to accommodate the slaves of the worshipers. This balcony is supported by posts set on the sanctuary floor. The building has been in continuous use since 1796 except for a brief period in 186-64 when it served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate forces.

The roof is adorned by an open cupola belfry in the center. The bell has not been used since 1940 when chimes replaced it. The church is surrounded on 2 sides (East and South) by the customary (of that day) cemetery.

The entrance is marked by double doors opening onto Church Street on the West end of the building.

An education building (an addition) has been added to the northeast corner but in no way detracts from the stone structure which is the main sanctuary and the old stone church.
**SIGNIFICANCE**

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**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1796

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Old Stone Church (Presbyterian) is the oldest church in continuous use west of the Allegheny Mountains in this region. The churchyard burial ground was the first west of the mountains and is still used to fulfill its sacred function.

One stone, polished and engraved by one of the earlier members and placed in the original building over the doorway indicated the attitude of these early worshipers. "This building was erected in the year 1796 at the expense of a few of the first inhabitants of this land to commemorate their affection and esteem for the gospel of Jesus Christ reader if you are inclined to applaud their virtues give God the glory."

The architecture is simple and yet massive. Rectangular in shape, two stories tall, basic to the Old Virginia style buildings.


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre Church, 1 1/2 acres cemetery

STATE: LOURNE SORHOR SP. QUAD
UTM 17 548050 4183070

NAME AND TITLE:
C. Doyle Kester, Field Research Agent

ORGANIZATION
West Virginia Antiquities Commission

CITY OR TOWN:
Morgantown

STATE: West Virginia

12. STATE LIASION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name: Dallas B. Shafer
Title: State Liaison Officer
Date: July 26, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:
Keeper of The National Register