



61-009 St. John's Episcopal Church and Cemetery

11040 Baltimore Avenue

Beltsville

Based on the design "Plan for a Country Church" by Vienna-born Baltimore architect John R. Niernsee, this building was constructed in 1877 to replace an earlier church destroyed by a tornado. The Stick-style bell tower can be compared favorably with those adorning Niernsee's Camden Station in Baltimore. The cornerstone was laid by Episcopal Bishop William Pinkney; the 1920s parish hall to the west is attached by a 1960s breezeway. The adjacent cemetery contains more than 1,000 monuments, cornerstones, and artifacts, with the earliest markers dating to 1836.