



**A, D, & G. SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**846 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs**

Constructed in 1913 by local builder and stone mason Art Gumprecht, whose craftsmanship influenced the character of the town, the Episcopal Church was a vital center of social as well as religious life in the frontier community. The first Episcopalian diocese in the area was organized in the 1860s, but intermittent services, based on the availability of priests, were held every other week in the Masonic Hall. The land on which the church is situated was purchased in 1897; the Women's Guild sold cookbooks to raise funds to build the church. The stone for the church came from the Steamboat Town and Quarry Company on Emerald Mountain; the addition was built of the same stone, recovered after the Mount Harris General Store was razed. The cross-shaped, stone-founded church has a gothic-arched wooden door, a front gabled vernacular masonry vestibule with gothic-arched stained glass windows made in the 1970s that replaced the original amber/green windows, and a steeply-sloped metal roof. In 1959, an addition was constructed that included a second story on the north end and provided living quarters for the resident pastor. While the rear addition slightly diminishes the building's integrity, the remainder of the building retains its original character-defining elements.