



# WE ARE FAIRFIELD

Preserving Our Heritage

## **A Proposal for the Repair and Restoration of Fairfield's Historic Building (1857)**

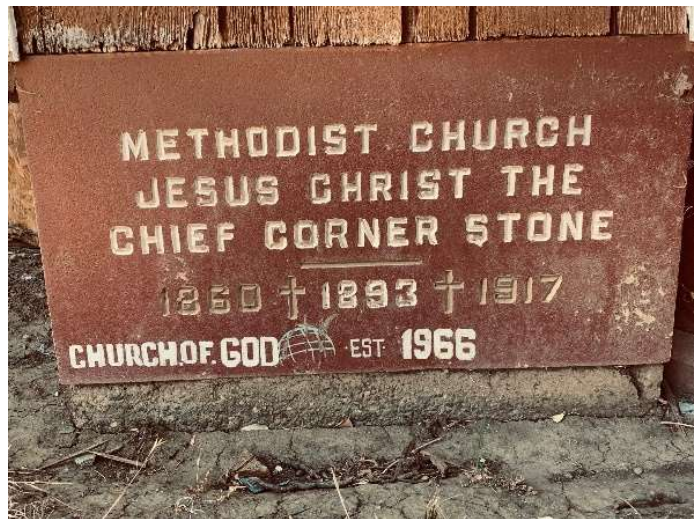
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## **Introduction**

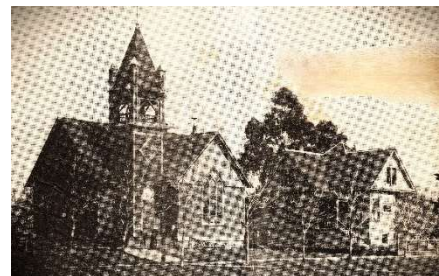
The historic building on Empire Street stands as one of Fairfield's oldest and most treasured landmarks, a symbol of resilience and community spirit. Originally built in 1857, the church was tragically destroyed by an earthquake on September 12, 1892. However, just two months later, on November 9, 1892, the new church—still standing proudly today—was constructed as a testament to the enduring faith and determination of the people of Fairfield.

For over 165 years, this building has witnessed the unfolding of our town's history, serving as a beacon of hope and continuity. As the seat of Solano County, Fairfield is rich in history, and this church remains a cornerstone of our heritage. However, time has taken its toll, and the building now requires urgent repairs and restoration to preserve it for future generations.



## **The Historical Value**

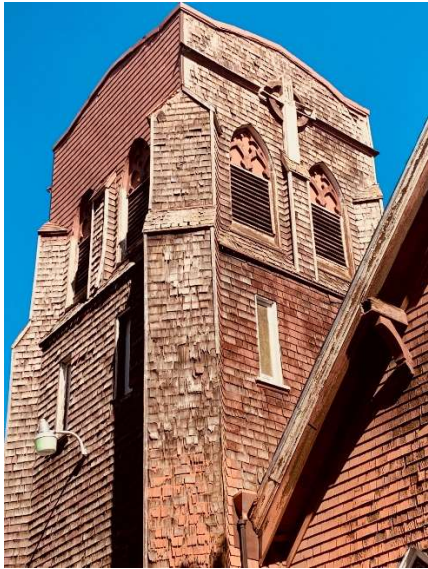
This historical building; it is a symbol of Fairfield's resilience and a testament to the enduring spirit of our community. Its walls have echoed with the voices of our ancestors, and its steeple has stood tall through decades of change. As one of the oldest buildings in Fairfield, a living monument to our shared past.





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### Why This Restoration Matters



**Cultural Significance:** The church is a rare surviving example of mid-19th century architecture in Fairfield. Its preservation is crucial to maintaining the character and identity of our town.

**Community Legacy:** Restoring this building is about more than bricks and mortar; it's about preserving the stories and memories that have shaped our community.

**Educational Value:** The church can serve as a historical landmark, providing future generations with a tangible link to Fairfield's past.



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### The Restoration Plan

To restore the church to its former glory, we have outlined a detailed plan that will be carried out in stages. Each stage addresses critical areas of the building that need repair or restoration.



### Stage 1: Repair Roof Leaks, Stop Wood Rot, and Address Eave Damage

- **Scope:** Repair all eaves, address wood rot to prevent further deterioration, and install new gutters
- **Estimated Cost:** \$15,000 - \$20,000
- **Status:** Moreno Roofing has generously agreed to donate labor for this project.



### Stage 2: Exterior Repairs

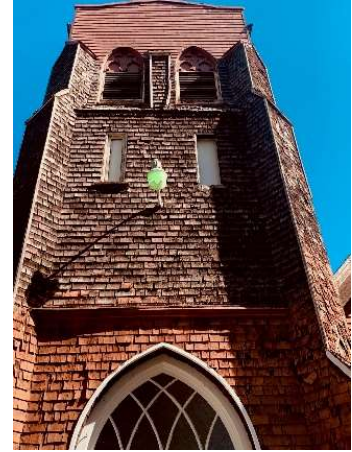
- **Scope:** Replace broken stain glass. Repair main doors, replace the secondary door. Repaint trim and doors (white). Install plexiglass to protect all windows.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$15,000



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### Stage 3: Tower Restoration

- **Scope:** Restore the tower, replace or repair broken windows, rebuild crosses, address wood single where needed, repaint all trim. Interior – add attic ladder inside tower for access.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$100,000 - \$125,000
- **Additional Needs:** Rental of a Snorkel lift at \$1,000 per day for up to 30 days.



### Stage 4: Roof Replacement

- **Scope:** The original cedar singles are covered by three layers of old singles, requiring extensive labor to remove. With a building 166 years old, there will be underlying wood and truss damage. Replace with a modern shingle to resemble old look.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$200,000 - \$300,000



### Stage 5: Stairs, Foundation and Signage

- **Scope:** Repair cracks on concrete stairs and still exploring foundation repairs. Replace signage with new sign explaining historical significance.
- **Estimated Cost:** To Be Determined

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### Stage 6: Miscellaneous Upgrades

- **Scope:** Repair leak damage and paint inside ceiling under the tower. Simple makeover to main entrance ways. Additional necessary repairs and enhancements as identified during the restoration process.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$25,000

# Total Project Goal: \$500,000



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### How You Can Help

We are calling on the community, local businesses, and historical preservation enthusiasts to join us in saving this iconic piece of Fairfield's history. Your support is crucial, and we offer several ways to contribute:



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### **Donation Levels**

#### **BELIEVERS | \$25-\$499**

Recognition on website

#### **Good Faith | \$500 - \$4,999**

Recognition on a commemorative plaque displayed at the church

#### **Raising hope | \$5,000 - \$9,999**

Inclusion in the project's press releases and invitations to special events

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#### **Holly Rollers | \$10,000-\$49,999**

Naming rights for specific restoration components (e.g., windows, doors). With plaque in honor of, Inclusion in the project's press releases and invitations to special events

Recognition on a commemorative plaque displayed at the church

#### **Heaven Sent | \$50,000 and above**

Major donor recognition, including naming rights for the tower restoration and a permanent place of honor within the church & All of above

All donations are 100% tax-deductible. We also welcome kind donations of materials and services.



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### **Conclusion**

The restoration of this historic church is more than just a construction project—it is an opportunity to preserve the heart of Fairfield for future generations. With your help, we can ensure that this irreplaceable piece of our history continues to stand as a proud symbol of our community.

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**LET'S SAVE THIS HISTORIC BUILDING TOGETHER.**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We want to take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously given their time and resources to help restore one of Fairfield's cherished landmarks, significant for both its historical and spiritual value. As a small congregation, meeting the needs for essential upgrades and building code compliance has been challenging. Yet, our vision remains to fully restore this building, preserving its legacy as a symbol of our shared past and hope for the future.

If you wish to contribute to this project, our tax ID number is 68-0144491. Please find our QR code below for easy access to donation options.

May God bless you for your support in making this vision a reality.

With sincere appreciation,

Rev. G.W. Green  
District Overseer

