

TIMELINE Fairfield United Church

the story of amazing people, a unique and persistent people, a people of God.



1912 FOUNDING

The construction of a new church building was interrupted by the war, so our forebearers met in the newly constructed scout hall. When building resumed, construction used post-war materials. Generally, materials were not up to standard, undercooked bricks, for example.

Fairfield United began its life, as a church plant from the Metropolitan Methodist Church; you may know it as the Victoria Conservatory of music. We were known as the Moss Street mission. It began as a large white school tent with a wooden floor; the first worship service took place in April

1926 CHURCH BUILDING COMPLETE



The site plan shows that the church property created space for the community, including a gym to support the basketball league and a tennis court.

CULTURE OF THE COMMUNITY

25 ministry staff have served in leadership in this community.

1940

Three candidates for ministry were identified and supported through their ministry.

1950

1960

Multiple Sunday services were held on Sunday, including a Sunday School at 2 pm – which served more than 400 children.



1970

Concern was noted that the back & outer walls were leaning. Large beams and columns were added to stabilize the building.

Interior of the Sanctuary was renovated. Church hall was renovated. UCC and Anglican were discussing an amalgamation pulpits exchanges happened.



1980

Meetings with representatives from James Bay, Belmont United, Oak Bay, and Fairfield to discuss mutual problems of aging and diminishing congregations. Emerging was a conversation about outreach to the neighbourhood and the community for young families. There was no follow-up. Many Justice making projects such as support of the creation of Our Place.



1990

Presbytery wanted to shut the doors on this community of faith due to a disastrous period of leadership, they concluded God was not in this place. Gaye Sharpe and the congregation at that time did not get that memo because new life emerged.

2000

2010



In the 2012 the manse on Moss St was sold Rev Gail Miller and Rev Beth Walker came to Fairfield United. 2016 the building and the land was sold. We then moved to the Garry Oak room in 2018, when we no longer had heat in the sanctuary.

Spiritual practices that define us:

- Community greeting
- the Christian story
- the Christ candle
- Communion
- Music

2023

Our Story continues... from now ONWARD

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