# With Community Support, We've Come A Long Way!



## Cumberland Church selected as "endangered" site

Albany's historic Cumberland Church has been chosen by Restore Oregon as one of the most endangered places in the state for 2019.

Democrat-Herald Nov 10, 2018

## **Cumberland Church goes national**

Late last month...the National Parks Service officially placed the 132-year-old building on the National Register of Historic Places.

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## **National Register of Historic Places**

Approval is the result of 5 ½ years of research.

Naysayers doubted success, felt nothing significant about the building.

Property qualified due to its architectural significance.

The Queen Anne style is rare in Oregon churches (less than 4% listed in the state database).

Found to be the most elaborate Queen Anne in the state.

The method used for the 1917 addition – bisecting, separating & infilling – was common in New England but unique in Oregon.

Listing a relocated building is a challenge. However, keeping it in the same neighborhood, on the same street with the same orientation retained its locational integrity.







#### **Window Restoration**

Repairing & restoring the original wooden windows. 12 of the 21 windows have been completed to-date. A window sponsorship campaign is currently underway.











Interior Demolition Removing interior partitions & false ceilings. Removing lath & plaster on exterior walls to expose existing conditions. 350 volunteer hours expended to-date.



#### **Structural Reinforcement**

Adding framing for lateral reinforcement of north & south exterior end walls. Adding sheathing to both sides of pocket door opening for lateral stability. Work performed by licensed contractor with building permit.



Continue developing community connections by partnering with other area nonprofits and hosting events for children and families.





#### 2024 Impact Report

**Our Current Reach** 

\$1600 donated in

226 Title 1 Students

\$200 food donated to

food insecure families

\$400 worth of goods

community stability

700 homeless youth

donated toward

& Growing

**14** Community Partners

educational materials & wellness resources

#### <u>Our Mission</u>

To preserve Albany's heritage by restoring Albany's Cumberland Church building and to promote the social well-being of the community by repurposing it as a community events center.

#### Community Profile

This east Albany neighborhood is designated by the federal government as a Qualified Opportunity Zone; an economically distressed community.

#### Community Need

The median household income for this east Albany neighborhood is 35% below that of Albany overall; 18.2% of the neighborhood population is below the poverty line compared to 10.9% for the general Albany population.



## **Upcoming Activities**

#### Design

Initiate the design process for the building and site.

Create a plan to make the necessary improvements to obtain a certificate of occupancy so the facility can be used as quickly as possible.

Proposals for design services were received from architectural firms last week.

Varitone Architecture was selected with the intent to start the design process soon.



#### **Annual Dinner and Fundraiser**

The event is planned for Thursday evening, September 5, and will be held at Springhill Cellars Winery.

