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Fairview Methodist Church

The early beginnings was in 1870 when the Fairview School was built. Mrs. Jesse S. McElhoes organized the Sunday school. A. T. (Pappy) Reigle was one of the first Sunday School superintendents and served as preacher as well. From 1899 to 1901, Duncan, Columbus, Kalamazoo, and Fairview societies were under one minister.

On July 5, 1903, Pappy Reigle deeded a corner of his farm for the building of the church. It was organized under the West German Conference with Charter members from the families of Gottfried Schulz, Charles Witzel, August Volk, Wm. Volk, and Fred Linse.

A break with the German language took place in 1917 and the congregation merged with the Nebraska Methodist Conference. Trinity Methodist in Madison, NE and Fairview were joined together at that time. The church was destroyed in a tornado. The piano survived the tornado of April, 1933. It was the only piece of furniture left whole. The church was rebuilt and only in the 1990's closed its doors.

Source: [125 Years Madison, Nebraska 1867-1992](#) book.