

October 2026

**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift
each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10**



Dear Church Family,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and our 248th Church Anniversary this month, we have much to remember with gratitude.

Over the past several years, our church has walked through a significant season of change and challenge. For many years, we recognized the need to make our building more accessible, but questions about funding, design, and our financial circumstances caused us to hesitate.

Yet, through all these uncertainties, God continued to provide.

Previous generations of our congregation had faithfully given, leaving funds that became part of the foundation for what we have accomplished today. Members of our congregation also offered their time, knowledge, skills, creativity, and financial resources. In June 2024, after much prayer, discussion, and discernment, the congregation voted to proceed with the accessibility project.

There were still many challenges ahead, including delays, rising construction costs, electrical and permitting issues, and many practical decisions. Yet the congregation continued to move forward.

And now, we can give thanks.

In May 2026, the accessibility project was completed. It is about more than a building improvement. It is a testimony to what can happen when a community brings together its gifts, trusts God's provision, and seeks to leave no one behind.

Today, our building is more accessible to people who may not have been able to participate fully before. We have an opportunity to welcome a wider community—not only through physical accessibility, but also through spiritual formation, fellowship, learning, worship, and service.

During this interim season, Pastor Glen has encouraged us to pay renewed attention to **spiritual formation**: how we grow in faith, how we become more deeply formed as followers of Christ, and how our formation is ultimately not only for ourselves, but **for the sake of others**.

So, as we give thanks for what God has already done, we might also ask: **What would you envision for our church?** What talents, experiences, ideas, time, prayers, or financial resources might God be inviting you to share?

We have been blessed by the faithfulness of those who came before us and by those who continue to give today. We now have the opportunity to build on that legacy—not simply to maintain a building, but to make this place increasingly accessible to our community and to make opportunities for spiritual formation more accessible and available to others.

On Sunday, October 25, we will celebrate both our heritage and our future. Dr. Anna Robbins, President of Acadia Divinity College and Dean of Theology at Acadia University, will be our guest preacher at our 10:30 am worship service as we mark our 248th Church Anniversary. That afternoon, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, we will continue the celebration with *Open Hearts, Open Doors*, giving thanks for the completion of our accessibility project and officially opening this new chapter in the life of our church.

This October, may we remember with gratitude what God has provided, celebrate the many gifts within our congregation, and prayerfully consider how we might use what we have **for the sake of others**.

An envelope is enclosed for those who would like to make an Anniversary gift.

What gift might you bring?

What could we do together, for the sake of others?

With grateful hearts,

The Board of Deacons

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