

Accessibility



- All our entrances are wheelchair accessible.
- All stairs have sturdy handrails and there is an elevator to the second floor.
- Hymns are projected on dual screens in large font for the visually impaired
- The congregation uses clear, appropriate signage, in media and language accessible to all who would use it.
- We encourage participation of people with disabilities in such congregational activities as worship, choir, retreats, and social events. Goals – Full participation in congregational life is possible for all people with and without disabilities Recommended Policies and Practices Create accommodations and reduce barriers that enable full participation for all people with all disabilities.
- Congregational documents including minutes, directories, and bylaws are made available in an electronic format that is accessible for those who use screen readers.
- All areas of the church are accessible to people with mobility difficulties. Including ramps, elevators, and accessible restrooms.
- We provide assisted listening devices in worship and at church meetings
- We avoid scented candles, aerosols, and cleaning products.
- We are sensitive to possible food allergies when food is served.
- We allow for the participation, without segregation, of people with service dogs in congregational life. Congregants need to know service animal etiquette:
 - Do not pet guide dogs or service animals because they might lose their concentration, which could put their owners in danger.
 - Do not make noises at the service animal; it may distract the animal from doing its job.
 - Do not feed the service animal; it may disrupt his/her schedule.
 - Do not be offended if the person does not feel like discussing his/her disability or the assistance the service animal provides. Not everyone wants to be a walking-talking “show and tell” exhibit.
- The minister is responsible for setting and maintaining the attitude of inclusiveness.