

Dear Builder's Club of the Dakotas,

Thank You

Blessings to all of those who gifted money to the most recent plea from the Builders Club for the Milnor UMC for funds to help us get our "house in order" and helped make our building more inclusive for everyone. The saying, "Many Hands Make Light Work" is becoming a reality before our eyes. Although we have had the luxury of having a building all on one floor, there are many obstacles and updates needed to our existing building; especially in our restrooms and travelways. With the money from the Conference plea from the Builder's Club we are able to update the restrooms "to code", so they will be handicap accessible. This includes removing the bathroom stall doors and enlarging them to accommodate wheel chairs and walkers. Both toilets were changed to high rise toilets and accessible bars added to the walls. A new coat of paint will finish our new handicapped restrooms. In addition, our sidewalks and an accessible parking pad will be widened and replaced as the years have taken their toll on them. This will allow for a safe and secure path for worship attendees and as well as other community activities hosted at our church. Most recently, an AA group has begun meeting here each Tuesday evening. A couple of our entrances will receive new weather-proofed doors which will make the heating more efficient in our winters. Our church is also going to raise funds to upgrade and put in air conditioning. This will allow the church to be used year-round and be a comfortable and more useable space. We plan to remove a pew to make them more accessible for wheel chairs and walkers to be part of our worship services. The many gifts from around the Conference and beyond will allow us to make all these changes without further burdening our aging congregation while increasing accessibility and ability to include a variety of people in our worship and church activities.

Thanks again for blessing us with your generosity!

Rev. Rick Pittenger and the people who call themselves United Methodists here in Milnor, ND

