

WSUU Accessibility - Statement of Commitment

At WSUU we strive to have an inclusive and welcoming community and our intention is that this be reflected in all areas of congregational life. The fewer barriers we have to full and joyful participation in all activities by all members, the healthier our congregation will be.

By creating this Congregational Commitment to improving accessibility, our intent is to make our programs and activities accessible to the widest number of individuals, including but not limited to those with visual or hearing impairments and mobility limitations.

I. Statement of capacity (what we have and can provide now):

- Accessibility through both lower and main floors of the church
- Wheelchair and transport chair
- Marked loading zone close to entrance of church
- Assisted listening devices
- Service dogs permitted throughout building
- Childcare provided on Monday evenings

II. Information for committee leads to consider and use when planning and conducting activities:

- Consider times of day/evening for events and meetings—try to make accessible to the widest range of people possible.
- Provide childcare when possible to make meetings and events more accessible for parents and guardians.
- Consider transportation needs of congregants when planning locations for meetings or events.
- For large events, consider enlisting volunteers to help address parking and access needs (especially when events take place in parking lot).
- Consider the cost involved for congregants to attend your event.
- Suggestions for meetings and presentations to best reach participants with hearing and visual impairments:
 - Speak loudly, clearly, and directly into microphone at a moderate pace.
 - Look at your audience rather than the screen or your paper. Keep hands away from mouth so that people who read speech can understand you.
 - Always repeat comments and questions into the microphone.
 - Videos used in presentations should be captioned.
 - For PowerPoint slides, use default font of 44-point bold font for headings, font size 32-point or higher for bullets), and include no more than 6 lines of text on each slide.
 - Describe the content of pictorial slides orally during the presentation.
 - Ensure that only one person speaks at a time by asking members of the group to wait until they are acknowledged before commenting or asking questions.

III. What we hope to provide in the future:

- More large-print hymnals
- ADA bathrooms
- Access to upper floors via lift or elevator