



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

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A YEAR OF WORKING THROUGH CHANGE,  
BUILDING TOWARD LONG-TERM STABILITY,  
WITH STEADY GROWTH IN OUR  
COMMUNITY HUB AND RENEWED MOMENTUM



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# REACHING UP



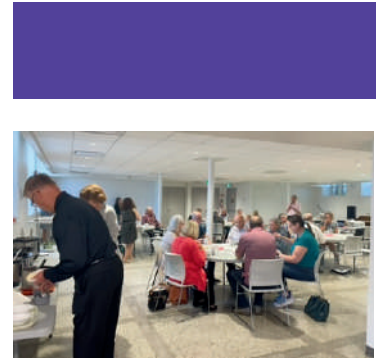
1. Meaningful, varied, engaging worship services that draw people in, nurture faith, and reflect the life of the community
2. Collaborative Lenten series with United and Lutheran congregations
3. 25 households listened on average via livestream each Sunday
4. Worship audio started being uploaded to our Worship Archive so that services can be listened to at any time
5. Our high-quality music programme included a Lenten organ recital series, “St. Matthews presents” concerts, and a new December Cabaret and Carol Sing with community partners
6. Yoga in the Sanctuary



CREATE AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY & WELCOME



# REACHING IN



1. Continuing programming such as Senior Socials, Sunday School, Day Camps, Special Events, Devotional booklet delivery, birthday and condolence card ministry
2. A Congregational Spiritual Retreat: a meaningful time of faith reflection and fellowship
3. New programming: "Revive Lent", "Faith and Fellowship" small groups, and a Confirmation class
4. Revision and new implementation of our AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) policy
5. A values-based, broad congregational process (including workshops and surveys) to clarify our mission and vision and prepare for setting congregational goals



FAITHFUL DISCERNMENT AND COURAGEOUS ACTION

# REACHING OUT

1. Continuing the Wednesday Out of the Cold meal, Noontime Oasis hour of reflection and camps
2. Feather & Cross implemented a multifaceted indigenous reconciliation strategy involving education, partnership, advocacy, and cultural engagement
3. The 2025 Property Tithe Task Force selected five new mission partners and directed \$160,000 to the following organizations: HopeSpring, Marillac Place, Child Witness Centre, Olive Branch for Children, and our Out of the Cold
4. The St. Matthews Centre community hub managed by Relèven:
  - Gross revenue exceeded \$200,000 for the first time, with most major spaces nearing a sustainable utilization range
  - 7 congregations now worshipping here.
  - New concert series: “Fever Candlelight Concerts” with near-capacity crowds
  - Increasing number of arts and charitable groups and events



CULTIVATE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS