

# Always Making Room

Our mission is to make a lasting impact on the community around us with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has called us to invite every person to know Christ and grow as a follower of Christ.



For thirty-six years Thornapple Covenant Church has made room in our hearts and lives for those who are far from God. We have always been eager to welcome the visitor, befriend the stranger and reach out to the refugee. We do these things all in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to offer hope and life to people, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. By the grace of God we have made room for others, opening our hearts and lives to embrace all those that God has sent our way.

The **Always Making Room** building initiative and capital campaign captures our desire to expand the impact of our mission to our community and beyond. Over the past three years, our elders, staff and congregation have been praying and exploring how to modify our building so that we can continue to have a flexible, creative, and welcoming ministry facility. In February, our members overwhelmingly affirmed the next step to proceed with a capital campaign. Now it is time to take a significant faith-filled step by inviting everyone to participate in **Always Making Room!**

Save the Date  
**Sunday, August 14**  
Always Making Room  
Launch Events



We believe that the proposed building modifications and expansion address critical space needs and provide future ministry opportunities to enhance our mission to love God, grow in grace and serve sacrificially.

Our plan is to create more effective spaces for:

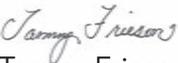
1. Children and students
2. Gathering in the lobby
3. Learning, community, fellowship, sharing and meeting
4. Food preparation in the kitchen
5. Varied ministry opportunities in a multipurpose room
6. Offices and storage



It is an exciting time as we embark on Thornapple's largest funding project in our history. The projected cost of **Always Making Room** is 6.5 million dollars. While the figure is significant, we believe that together with God we can reach this amount. For us to reach our goal, we all will be encouraged to make a prayerful gift commitment later this fall by walking through a "Biblical Stewardship Journey." This process is gentle in its approach but challenging in its call to invest in God's mission to His world. Our hope and prayer is that each gift, though maybe not equal in size, will be equal in sacrifice.

Our **Always Making Room** initiative begins with the Sunday, August 14 launch events, continues this fall and concludes with a time of thanksgiving in early December. Our campaign will include, a prayer vigil, Bible study, small group gatherings, a sermon series, aids to help us visualize our new space and a celebration dinner. We trust in the Holy Spirit to continue working in the lives of Thornapple Covenant Church during this next chapter of our life together. We invite you to begin praying about your role and participation in this important faith journey called **Always Making Room**. We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, August 14 at 10:00am in worship and at our afternoon launch event at 4:00pm!**

  
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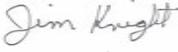
  
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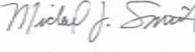
  
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