

Corinth AC Report to Presbytery of Miami Valley 9/8/26

August 30 was Corinth's last worship service in the building on Corinth Blvd. in Dayton. The beautiful service was attended by people from throughout the Presbytery and throughout the life of Corinth Presbyterian Church. On September 6, the congregation had their first worship service nesting in the building of Ohmer Park United Methodist Church on Arbor Ave. in Dayton. The congregation and Pastor Cynthia did a wonderful job over the summer preparing for this move. Each committee was tasked with determining what items would be taken to the new location from their ministry area. A team organized the move itself with a caravan of cars taking items, and later, a moving truck for the biggest items.

COM provided a chaplain, Tracy Paschke Johannes, who did weekly session with the congregation to discuss grief, transitions, mission to the neighborhood, and new beginnings. In August, a special Memorial Service was done outside by the Memorial Garden to remember the folks memorialized there, and to give families an opportunity to move them to a new location. Corinth's last Community Dinner in the building on Corinth Blvd. was a great success with many guests from the neighborhood. We look forward to the local ministry they will do in their new location. They are already speaking with the Ohmer Park congregation about ways to collaborate on their shared ministry interests in feeding and clothing people in the neighborhood.

The auction of the Corinth Blvd. buildings will take place in October. Over the next few months, the AC will work alongside the committees to do ministry with a balanced budget. We will begin work on identifying and training possible elders. When the lease with Ohmer Park expires after Easter 2027, the AC and church leaders will be in a time of discernment about the location going forward.