

Our Journey

Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church was organized on July 17, 1925, by 39 families and fifteen single people from Oakdale Park CRC and two families from Sherman Street CRC. The congregation initially held services in the Oakdale Christian School gymnasium. The church purchased property at Fuller Avenue and Noble Street, and the cornerstone of our building was laid on July 7, 1926. The first service there took place on March 7, 1927.

The first decades of Fuller's history were very difficult. The Great Depression struck as the congregation was constructing its building and struggling to pay its bills. Then World War II took 111 members into military service; four of them were killed in action. After the relatively peaceful 1950s, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Civil Rights movement, and the assassinations of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Robert Kennedy threw our nation into turmoil in the 1960s, culminating in the tragedies of the Vietnam War.

In every generation Fuller has faced challenges within and outside the congregation. It was originally a church of Dutch immigrants who lived in the Oakdale Park neighborhood and sent their children to Oakdale Christian School. With the growth of the suburbs, many members moved out of the neighborhood, but they did not want the church to move. Beginning with ministry in the Madison Square neighborhood (which ended with the organization of Madison Christian Reformed Church), Fuller has always been committed to ministry in the neighborhood.

For many years Fuller's Cadet and GEMS programs served boys and girls in the neighborhood as well as church members. In 2000 Fuller helped to create Fuller Area Neighbors, which worked to improve communication and living conditions in the area. Since then, frequent Neighborhood Nights, Bible studies, a weekly Food Pantry, dumpster days, and community gardens demonstrate our commitment to work with neighbors for the good of all.

God has blessed Fuller Avenue Church with a century of fruitful work in this neighborhood and around the world. We are thankful for how God has provided and called us to love and serve our neighbors. We are confident that God will continue to lead us to deeper and new expressions of ministry. And we are hopeful that God will help us flourish as we seek to carry out our mission of helping an ever increasing number take next steps ever deeper into a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

To God be the glory!

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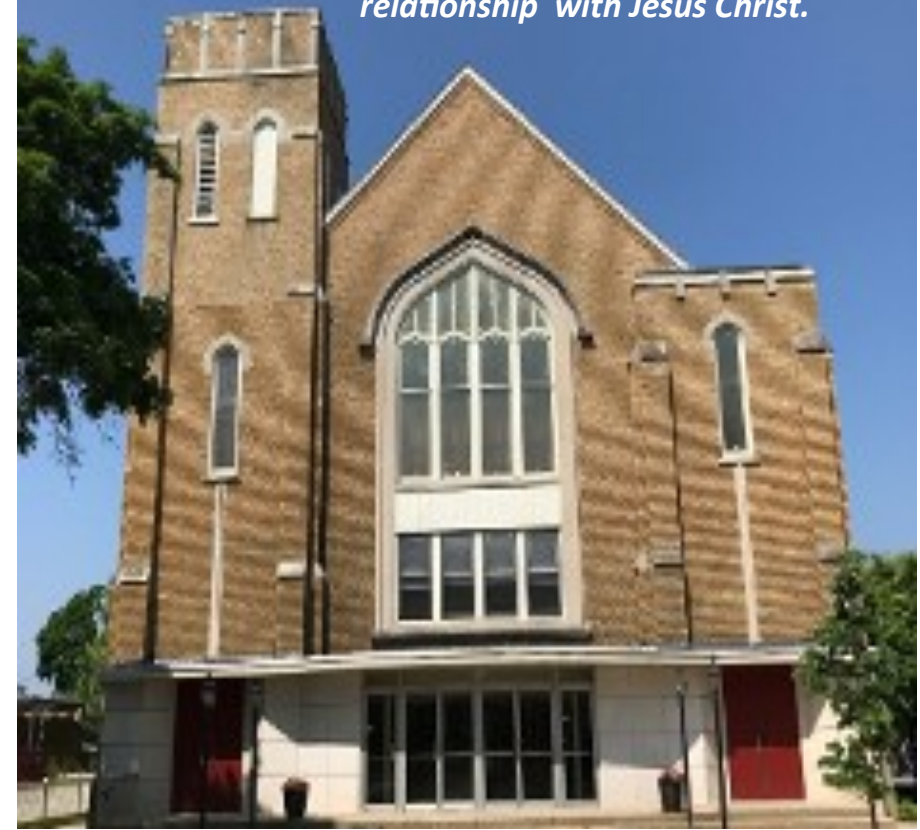
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FULLER AVENUE CHURCH

1925-2025

*We exist to help people take their
next step into a life-changing
relationship with Jesus Christ.*



Ways to Engage

Worship at 10:00 AM Sundays & Christian holidays

(livestreamed and recorded, nursery available)



Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies: Sundays at 11:15 AM

Neighborhood Nights: Summer, Fall & Spring



Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study: Mondays at 8:30

Faith Formation Classes for Children & Youth



Food Pantry, Grill & Chill: Tuesdays 2:30-7:00 PM



Green Sprawl Gardening & Fuller Community Centennial Gardens

Trunk or Treat: Halloween



Missionaries around the world!



Mission Statement

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