

FRIENDSHIP CRC HISTORY

1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The “idea” of Friendship CRC was born at Heritage CRC. Corinth Reformed Church building became available as they were about to move. ▪ June 21 – congregation met for the first service with Rev. Alvin Vander Griend officiating. ▪ September 22 – service of organization, ordination, and communion held (first service as an organized church), led by Rev. Thomas Vanden Heuvel. Officially organized with 37 families and 2 singles. ▪ September 23 – old Corinth Reformed Church purchased. ▪ FCRC shares the facility with Corinth Reformed while Corinth waits for its new building to be completed.
1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ August – Pastor Cal installed. ▪ August – bought house at 759 – 79th St SE for parsonage.
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Renovate and redecorate church building. ▪ December – lot at the corner of Monte Vista and Sorrento Drive donated as future sight of a new parsonage.
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January – due to overcrowding in the sanctuary, members are assigned to sit in the basement to view the service by way of TV/video. ▪ October – the new parsonage is completed, located at 348 Sorrento Drive.
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September – the DeMann house on the southeast corner of the church parking lot is purchased. ▪ October – additional staff proposal approved.
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January – Ministries Coordinator hired. ▪ January – began having two AM worship services. ▪ March – DeMann house sold. Remaining property kept. ▪ September – began renting former Corinth Reformed parsonage for use as classroom space.
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ August – Council approves proposal to reroof the sanctuary. ▪ September – fund drive for new building begins.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer – church mortgage paid off.
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ December – congregation passes proposal to purchase 15 acres near SE corner of 100th St. and Division Ave. ▪ Decide to sell the original FCRC church building and property.
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May – congregation approves proposal to proceed with building plans.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January – additional staff approved. Staff includes: 2 part-time Ministries Coordinators, a part-time Youth Director, a custodian, and a church secretary. ▪ April 12 (Easter Sunday) – congregation worships for the first time in the new FCRC building.
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staffing now includes: 2 part-time Youth Coordinators and 2 part-time Ministries Coordinators, a secretary, and a custodian. ▪ Congregation approves plans for a small building addition.
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete the Youth/Cadet wing building addition. ▪ Congregation approves proposal to restructure Council using a Pastoral/Administrative model. ▪ We have about 450 professing members and over 300 children/young people.
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ September – Pastor Tim installed.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Addition to parking lot, including: surveying, landscaping, irrigation changes, asphalt and cement work. ▪ Church sponsors Liberian family (Brooks).
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kid’s Hope Ministry Coordinator hired. ▪ September – begin formal use of “overflow room” for AM church services.
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Projection system for sanctuary approved and installed. ▪ Building expansion plan approved – includes expanding the sanctuary, office space, nursery, and adding additional classrooms, a kitchen, a new library, and a large multi-purpose room.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May – Sanctuary expansion is completed. ▪ July – Church mortgage paid off. ▪ September – the new Ministry Center is opened and fully utilized. ▪ December – budget approved to include adding a Youth Ministries Coordinator.
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staffing now includes: 2 Pastors, an Adult Ministries Coordinator, a Youth Ministries Coordinator, a Kids Hope Director, a Facilities Coordinator/Custodian, and 2 Secretaries. We also have a volunteer Bookkeeper, a volunteer Church Administrator, and a volunteer Treasurer, as well as several volunteers in various ministries.