



The Spark

The Newsletter of
the Chalice Lighter
Program Committee
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This winter, your support of the CER Chalice Lighter program is helping The Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing, in Titusville New Jersey, transform its building so that people of all ages and levels of mobility can enjoy full access in dignity and comfort. Here is their description of what their grant will help make happen.



The Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing embarked on a Capital Campaign in 2018 to fund a number of repairs and improvements, many of them targeted at improving accessibility. Chief among these is improving street-level access to the church and installation of an elevator that will be accessible on three levels- street level entrance, upper level (lobby, sanctuary, offices, and classrooms), and downstairs (fellowship hall, kitchen, and classrooms).

Currently, anyone using a wheelchair or experiencing mobility issues that preclude them from using stairs must enter the church via an uncovered outside ramp. They must also use the ramp to move from the sanctuary level to the fellowship hall downstairs. Our indoor chair lift is only used when absolutely necessary due to the age of the unit. Unlike the wheelchair lift, we foresee an elevator being used by people of all ages experiencing temporary or minor mobility issues, as well as those who always rely on walkers or wheelchairs.



UUCWC has an “elevator speech” that we use when people ask about our vision and mission. We tell them that we seek to “Create Community, Celebrate Life, and Change the World”. Thanks to the generosity of CER Chalice Lighters, the actual elevator will soon be a reality!

Chalice Lighter Program Renewed and Refreshed: Coming Soon!



We are working on new guidelines, new forms and new deadlines to make the CER Chalice Lighter Program more accessible to all congregations and keep up with changing trends. Our [website](#) will be updated by April 30 with all the details. Thank you for continuing to support this program, and we think you will be pleased with the changes.

Your continued generosity keeps the spark lit. Thank you, on behalf of the CER Chalice Lighter Program Committee and staff. If your congregation has a project that could benefit from a grant, you can get further information at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter>.