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### **Cascade Christian Church Sanctuary Receives \$400,000 Facelift** *Sanctuary re-opens after undergoing six-month renovation*

CASCADE, Mich., – (April 2, 2019) – Cascade Christian Church, a Disciples of Christ denomination, today announced it will re-open its 54-year-old sanctuary with a worship celebration on Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. after undergoing an extensive six-month renovation.

“The Sanctuary at Cascade Christian Church is one of our most treasured assets,” said Cascade Christian Church Senior Pastor Jill Forton. “The transformation of this space will enhance our worship services and longevity of the space, and we look forward to the coming years and the future generations who will gather there.”

Originally dedicated in April 1965, the Sanctuary has received a much-needed facelift including new pews and chairs, making room for more than 200 people. Additional Sanctuary renovations include new carpet, wall structures, sound panels, paint, tile and bathrooms. State-of-the-art lighting elements, audio visual technology, rear screen projection, and beautiful re-staining to the existing wood ceiling were also added as part of the renovation.

What started as a generous donation from Cascade Christian Church member and organist, Robert Achterhof, quickly grew to a \$400,000 collection, allowing the church to move forward with renovations without taking on any unnecessary debt.

Since September 2018, the church’s congregation has worshiped in its 150-year-old chapel holding three separate services every Sunday to accommodate attendance. The joint worship ceremony on April 7 will be the first time in six months that the entire congregation will be together under one roof. All are invited to join the worship service followed by a celebration in Centennial Hall.

#### **ABOUT CASCADE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Cascade Christian Church is a member of the Disciples of Christ denomination, serving Christ, Communication, and Community with an open hearts, open doors, and open minds policy. Formed in 1868, Cascade Christian Church is located at 2829 Thornapple River Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. For more information visit: [www.cascadechristian.com](http://www.cascadechristian.com).

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