

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Some good ideas used by congregations to welcome persons with disabilities and their families in the area of accessibility:

- It is possible to get from a parked car to worship services without going up or down a step.
- A bathroom with wheelchair-accessible facilities is available on the worship floor.
- A button can open at least one heavy entrance door.
- Marked, accessible parking spaces for cars and vans are close to accessible entrances.
- Front pew kneeler has been removed for persons using wheelchairs, canes, crutches, or walking frame and their families.
- Sanctuary area is accessible. Podium and/or microphone are adjustable for person's height or a lapel microphone is available.
- Architecture committee consults with persons who use wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or canes in every phase of evaluation and planning for modification or addition to all church buildings.
- Sidewalks have curb cuts and entrances have ramps.
- A whole fundraising strategy is created to raise money for long-term architectural modifications. Fundraising can include bake sales, car washes and memorial contributions.
- Choir area allows persons using wheelchairs to participate.
- Doors are 36 inches wide and are level with the doorsill of each entrance.