



First United Methodist Church

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Rev. Emily Carroll, Pastor

April 1, 2025

Rotary District Grant P-5089

Re: Citywide Childcare Cooperative project at First UMC

The Rotary District Grant P-5089 has been completed. This project helped to prepare the kitchen at First United Methodist Church to be able to host the Citywide Childcare Collaborative project, a full-time childcare center with capacity for up to 62 kids ages infant through elementary school. Numerous Rotarians volunteered with community members to help bring this project to completion. More than 15 people gathered over two volunteer days to paint the cafeteria and kitchen together, and new floors were installed over the worn-out asbestos containing tiles. This cafeteria and kitchen renovation will allow us to open an elementary aged program in June of 2025. This program will be launched in tandem with a Cooperative Childcare Administration Training to foster growth in workforce development in the childcare field, eventually seeding three additional classrooms to open at First UMC serving infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and increasing much-needed full-time childcare in downtown Anchorage. Many thanks the Rotarian network across the world that makes projects like this possible.

Peace,

Pastor Emily Carroll
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