

Development Timeline

The work behind us, and the work in front of us



Teachers Move In

THE GOAL

Local educators move into their new homes — the reason for all of it.



Ribbon Cutting

CELEBRATION

We celebrate the completed Teacher Village together with the congregation and the neighbors who helped shape it.



Construction

BUILDING

Ground is broken on the Teacher Village.



Final Drawings

DESIGN

Plans are finalized and readied for permitting.



Re-Zoning

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

As we work through the Zoning Board's requirements, we'll hold community meetings to hear directly from our neighbors.



Plan Approval

CHURCH POLITY

Before any finished plan goes public, it has to clear our own church process — the Board of Trustees, Church Council, Charge Conference, and Church Conference.



YOU ARE HERE

Predevelopment

TURNING A DREAM INTO REALITY

Right now: working through city requirements, water runoff, and everything else that goes into designing a walkable neighborhood for educators.



May 2026

SHARE VISION

We shared the vision of a Teacher Village with the congregation and our neighbors — and received a grant to fund the predevelopment work ahead.



March 2026

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

We formalized a development partnership with New Chapter Ventures.



Summer 2025

RENOVATION

We renovated the Herman Building — new space for youth ministry, plus five classrooms. Families First, Inc. moved into that office space in August 2025.



2024–2025

PLACEMAKING LAB

We joined the Ormond Center's Placemaking Lab — deep asset mapping, community listening, and exploring what our property could become.



Spring 2024

BOOK STUDY

With Bonnie Burkett, we studied Mark DeYmaz's The Coming Revolution in Church Economics — and learned what our buildings actually cost us.



2023

PROOF OF CONCEPT

With our Transformation Guide, Rev. Kyle Thompson, we studied how Sharon UMC transformed into SouthPark Church.



2022

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

150 surveys went out to our neighbors, asking what ministry we should focus on. The answer: children, youth, and young adults.

Not an apartment complex — a neighborhood asset, built for the people who already serve this community.