

## **“FAITH”ful Congregation to Settle In at New Orland Park Location**

Since November (2009), the congregation of **Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park** has been taking its show on the road, literally. With its East Campus building (159<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest) up for sale and its West Campus building (West Avenue, Orland) already sold, the Marcus Theater complex on LaGrange Road provided a temporary worship site (rented) to the more than 600-member congregation while they waited for final plans to be worked out for the purchase of a new church building here in the area.

“We knew that it would be hard work. Setting up, tearing down, using make-shift classrooms, running “pack-and-go” programs... all of those things were obviously challenges at the theater. But lots of dedicated people put in the time and energy to make it happen each Sunday. We actually got pretty good at it... but we’re so glad to finally be making the move to the 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue facility.” (QUOTE BY AMANDA BROWN, Church member)

The move to that new facility, located at **15101 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Orland Park**, and currently home to the Calvary Reformed Church, will take place during the first few weeks of May. An inaugural service will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., and a community Open House is being planned for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> when Rally Day festivities will kick-off the regular church programming (Sunday School, Youth Group, Choral Groups, Bible Studies, etc.) again for the school year.

While Faith United Methodist Church, the largest congregation of its denomination between New Lenox and Chicago, boasts a variety of worship services, a full calendar of spiritual, service, educational, and fellowship activities will round out a lively weekly agenda. With a strong Christian history dating back over a hundred years in the community, church leaders hope that settling into a more modern and larger church and facility will provide an opportunity to expand current programming beyond its 40+ different ministries.

“We have been looking for a place to be united; a place to centralize our many programs and community groups. This new location will provide us the space needed. We will be able to step it up and do more now that our physical constraints are gone.” (QUOTE BY STEVE BRUNDRIDGE, Church member)

More information about Faith United Methodist Church and its upcoming activities and events can be found at the church’s website, [www.faithumcop.org](http://www.faithumcop.org).