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“The building isn’t the church.”

Easy to say until you’ve experienced the devastating loss of your church building, as the members of Lazarus UCC in Lineboro, Maryland did. Early on Dec. 3, fire destroyed the century-old structure almost entirely. “The church is our home, and we’ve lost that. But there’s a congregation here that still loves God and wants to worship,” said Lazarus’ pastor, the Rev. Sam Chamelin.

They also want to serve. Lazarus’ Re:Deem Food Pantry began serving the community a year ago on the third Saturday each month. There were concerns in the community this holiday season about what would happen on Dec. 21 because of the fire. But on the pantry’s one-year anniversary, its temporary place was stocked and open.

The outpouring of support from the surrounding Carroll County was a confirmation of the church’s impact in the community. Calls came in from every church within a 20-mile radius offering space for worship, donations and food to stock the pantry.

While the 200 members of Lazarus worship in the Lineboro fire hall, they envision a new building which could incorporate Lazarus’ still-standing exterior brick walls and a soup kitchen to expand the food pantry. “The building now looks like a sign of death,” said Chamelin. “But [the food pantry] reminds us that we’re alive and well, and can still be a church.”

That’s the vision of the Strengthen the Church offering... growing churches that offer a continuing testament to our still-speaking God.

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