Autism Awareness & Acceptance

A Year of Faith, Understanding, and Inclusion

Mission:
Rooted in faith, our mission is to grow in understanding, compassion, and inclusion for individuals with autism —recognizing the dignity, gifts, and God-given worth of every person.

Goal: Increase understanding of Autism across the lifespan (infants to adults)

Calendar Overview:

July - September Faith Reflection: *All are wonderfully made*
(In Psalm 139, we hear the words: *"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.")*

- ➢ Understanding Autism
  - Autism basics and common myths
  - Sensory processing differences

October - December Faith Reflection: *God speaks in many ways*
(In Psalm 139, we hear the words: *"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.")*

- ➢ Communication and Connection
  - Understanding different communication styles
  - Accessibility and welcoming practices

January - March Faith Reflection: *Many parts, one body*
(In 1 Corinthians: *"There are many parts, but one body.")*

- ➢ Families and Caregivers
  - Supporting parents, siblings, and caregivers
  - Community resources

April - June Faith Reflection: *It was very good.*
(In Genesis, we read: *"God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good.")*

- ➢ April - Autism Acceptance Month
  - Participate in local community activities during April
  - Wear blue. Red, autism puzzle piece
  - Celebrate care and compassion for the whole person

Simple Ways to Participate Throughout the Year

Monthly prayer intention
Bulletin or newsletter highlight
Ongoing education and reflection
Guest speakers
Support a local Autism Support group/agency