

# Bethel AME Memorial Site Design

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## Historic Bethel AME Church

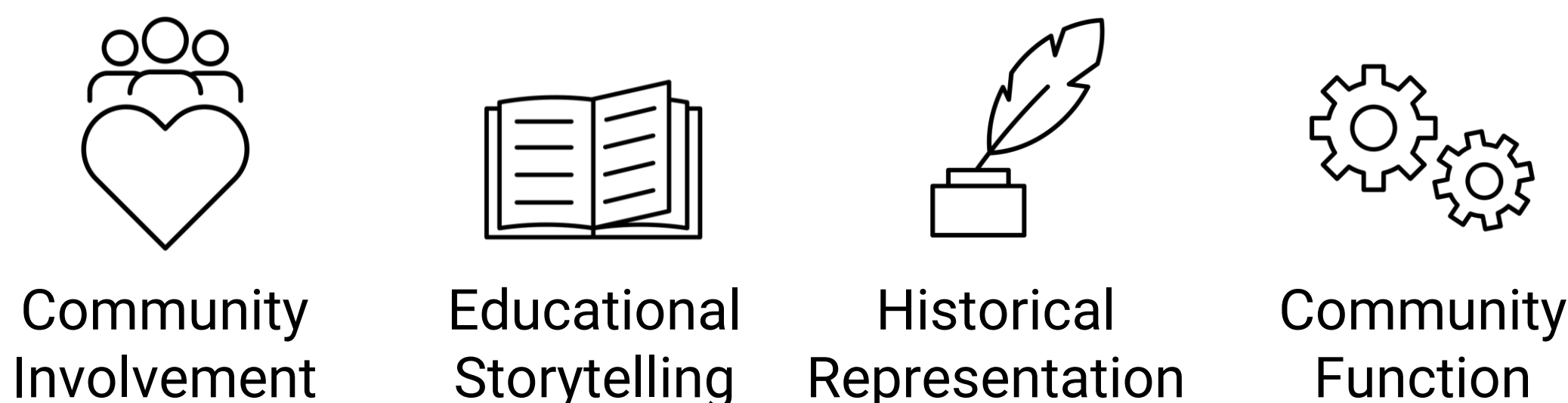


303 S 3rd St, Clinton, IA

- Church organized in 1868 and building erected in 1884.
- Melissa Glanton, a former slave, was a founding member, selling \$600 worth of books to fund construction.
- Pillar of the African American community.
- Unfortunately, the church must be torn down.

**Local advocates envision a commemorative site using elements of the church to tell Bethel's story**

### Goals for the Design Effort

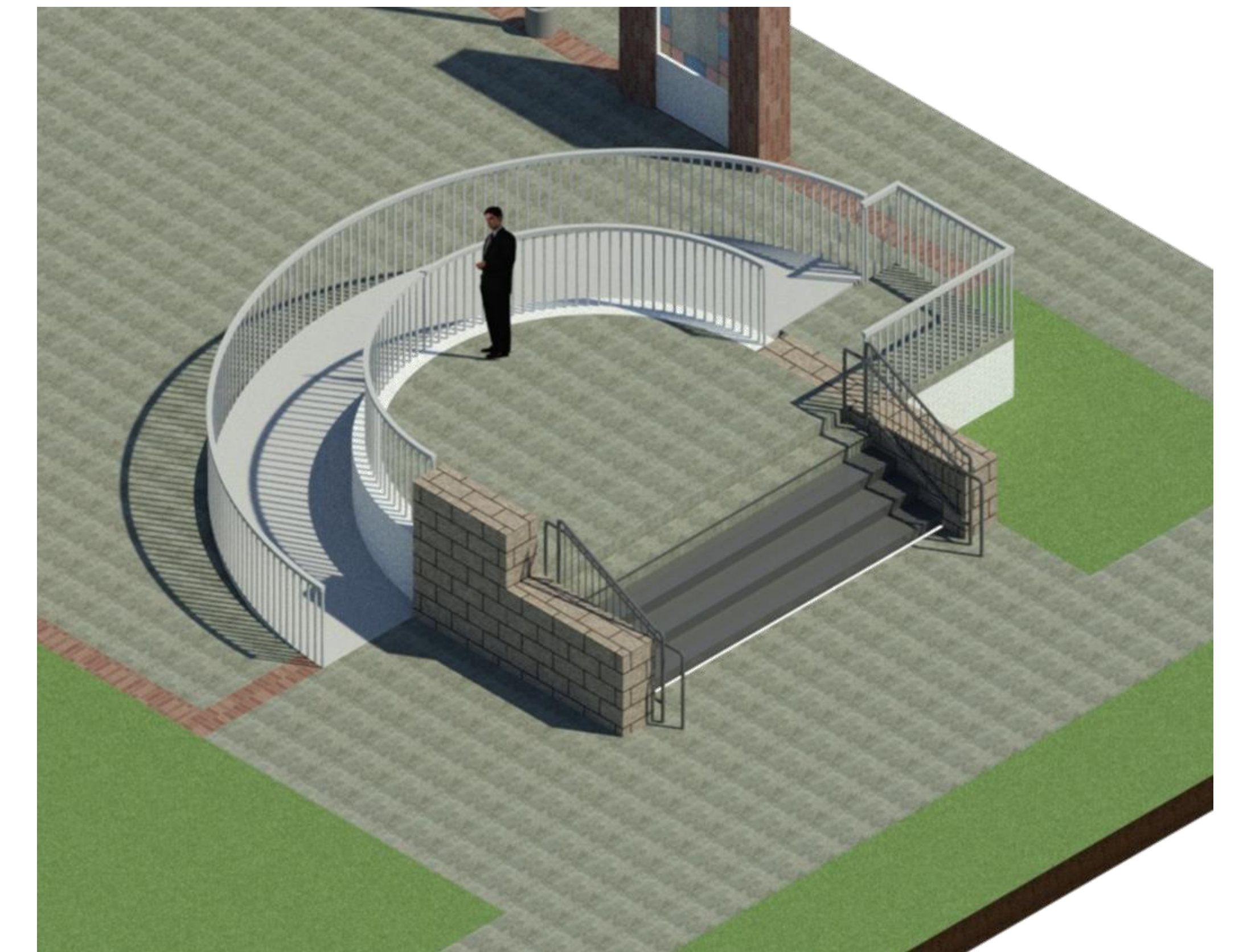


The final design is open-air, low maintenance, and promotes community use. Design alternatives are available.



The stained-glass windows will ideally be preserved and displayed in a configuration that reflects the original layout.

Enter the Bethel AME Church commemorative site to reflect on a legacy of faith, perseverance, and community.



Walls that outline the original altar area will have plaques and murals that tell the story of Bethel and its people.



Other existing elements that could be displayed on walls or on site



Stained glass above original church entrance

Arches above front windows