

Visioning the Addition (design considerations from the building committee)

- To be a lighthouse for Christ within our community, to attract new members, to inspire current members, to connect with others, and to grow spiritually.

Project Goals

- To create new spaces to help achieve this vision.
- To attract and welcome the neighborhood into a friendly setting with a pleasant design.
- To connect with our membership families and friends within an inspiring gathering place.
- To provide additional spaces which invite our community for fellowship, ministry, bible study, as well as programs of special interest to seniors, teens and children.
- To create a comfortable and positive atmosphere where we can establish commonality through spiritual growth, ministry, music, recreation and other activities.
- To provide needed maintenance to our existing church facility.

Design considerations from the building committee

Multipurpose room

- The addition is to provide a multipurpose room that is large enough for congregational meetings and community gatherings.
- The use of good quality collapsible dividing partitions should create at least four smaller rooms for group meetings, classrooms, workshops, Alpha, discovery group, Bible study and similar member activities, as well as community uses such as neighborhood association meetings, scouts, AA, etc.
- As an area to be used by guests, the rooms should have easy access for the community, perhaps a key system separate from the rest of the building (which could include the current restroom area but deny access into the double entry doors to the current Gathering area).
- Each room should have separate exterior entrance with a welcoming appearance, inviting guests into the room.
- Similarly, the entrance into the hallway of the multipurpose area should appear welcoming to guests.
- The existing Church building's structure, layout and architecture should be evaluated to provide for a seamless integration of the addition with a welcoming, friendly and comfortable feel.
- The addition should maintain the current, modest, architectural style (unless architect has better ideas!) and match the materials of existing roof, siding and trim. A roofline that joins the sanctuary under the stained-glass windows might look nice.
- Provide architectural features which provide for and highlight the display of Christian decor (Cross, art work, etc.) and which creates a comforting environment (such as plant shelves, etc.).
- Provide new features that are characteristic of contemporary multipurpose rooms/meeting spaces (such as acoustical design /materials, multimedia presentation system, basic telecommunications infrastructure, sound system, centralized clock system, WI FI, etc.).
- The area at the northeast corner should have wiring for microphones, speakers, musicians, etc.
- Provided with ADA accessible elements including a sound system to aid the hearing impaired.
- Minimum small room size: 270 sq. ft. area, minimum dimension: 13 ft., High ceiling: 9 feet or higher.

- Natural light: A natural light environment is desirable and the east windows could take advantage of the morning sunshine. Also, natural light could be provided into the hallway via door lights at end of hall.
- Artificial light: A complimentary selection of light fixtures that create a friendly and positive environment. Should integrate switched “day-lighting” zones at window areas to reduce energy usage.
- The meeting rooms could be provided with built-in casework, such as storage cabinets under each of the exterior windows along with floor to ceiling cabinets where possible on exterior walls.
- If budget allows, consider one or more rooms to have the pleasing feel of sitting rooms (w/gas fireplace) like at a Starbucks.
- One room could have a substantially mirrored wall for recreation/fitness activity uses.
- A patio, courtyard, sculpture, tree, statue, Cross and/or similar features, located in the area defined by the end of the old church and the new addition, could be an inviting viewpoint from the church and from the road. Perhaps an outside patio and new roof drains could feed a rain garden which could serve as focal point from the new spaces.

Serving area

- An area for food serving/food warming/food prep/dish-wash and serving counter could be located against the wall of the existing bathrooms. Area to include counter with power outlets for crock pots, food prep, 2 compartment prep sink, hand washing sink, instant hot water, food warming cabinets, dishwasher, refrigerator, coffee station, etc. This area will need to accommodate numerous volunteers staging for pot lucks and banquets for the congregation, so area should have an accommodating layout (minimum 16 foot width). Also, an exterior door for easy meal delivery, as well as an area to stage food carted from kitchen. This area should be separated from other rooms by a collapsible divider.

Storage

- Will need a storage area for chairs and tables that is easily accessible from other rooms. Seek recommendations for chair, table and storage systems.
- Investigate potential and cost for attic “decoration-type” storage with drop down ladder access

Building systems

- Seek recommendations relative to the installation of various building systems (e.g., heat pumps vs. VAV, lighting, fenestration, etc.).
- The addition project should include needed maintenance work to the existing building, especially items which makes sense to integrate at the same time.
- Bathrooms- none added.

Potential building site:

- Northeast lawn area, accessed by hall to current bathrooms. Pros - easier to tie into the existing structure and retain current architectural style, no affect on existing STEP system; Cons - long distance to current kitchen.

Other

- If cost friendly and budget allows, consider including decorative upgrade at entry of the church and decorative exterior lighting.