

2018/ 2019 Building Committee

QUESTIONS ABOUT CHANGING THE SCOPE OF THE BUILDING PROJECT

Why is the church changing the scope of the 2008 building project?

We have come to see that the needs of both the church and the community have changed in the years since we first envisioned a family life center on our property. In early 2016, the Church Council appointed a Vision Team to research current and future needs and help us prayerfully discern God's path for Main Street. At our January 2018 Church Council meeting, the council approved the following motion: *Having looked at the original family life center project, the Building Committee would like to modify the scope of the project addressing the current needs as presented by the Vision Team. Those needs are:*

1. a clearly identifiable central entrance with a covered drop-off area;
2. a central gathering place where people would cross paths, connect, mingle, have coffee or sit and talk, and build relationships;
3. a central communications hub where people can find information, sign up for events, or pick up resources;
4. elevators and ramps that would provide greater accessibility to all of our building for persons with mobility issues;
5. better security for our children by connecting our worship spaces to our education spaces and a single indoor gathering area – and limiting the number of entrances to spaces used primarily by children;
6. increase the size of the current fellowship hall.

Our Vision of ***Fostering Vital Communities*** will be better served by space that meets the needs of all generations of our church family – needs for accessibility, security and a place where people naturally connect with each other.

Will the Fellowship Hall be expanded? Will the kitchen be renovated? The Vision Team recommendations that the Church Council approved, and the Building Committee accepted, included expansion of the Fellowship Hall and renovation of the kitchen. This current project tackles all the Vision Team recommendations except the Fellowship Hall. To tackle all of this at one time would be too disruptive and too expensive. We would almost have to shut down the preschool and many activities without the fellowship hall and the other construction area going on simultaneously. Also, once the central gathering area is finished it will give us some extra space to work with while we work on the Fellowship Hall.

Will there be a covered entry for the new building?

Yes. The primary covered drop off will be at the present Narthex entrance of the Sanctuary building; however, the existing steps will be eliminated, and the covered area will be able to accommodate two lanes of traffic. **The current height of the narthex entry is 16'6" which will accommodate the church bus, but the architects can adjust the height of the porte cochere if necessary.** In addition, there will be another area which will be partially-covered leading into the new main entrance as well as the Fellowship Hall.

Why is a central gathering space important? People in our world today are hungry for connection. This God-given need is the impetus behind our vision of *Fostering Vital Communities through Love and Life-Changing Experiences*. A central gathering space is one way to facilitate connection whenever people are on our campus. As people travel from worship to Sunday School, or from one activity to another, their natural pattern of travel will take them through this warm, inviting space where they will at least say “hello”, and might even sit down on a comfortable chair and spend some time together. In addition, this central space will increase our accessibility and security, and provide a clearly identifiable main entrance to persons coming onto our campus for the first time.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is to foster vital communities thru love and life-changing experiences. We do this by the four principles: Engage, Connect, Equip and Send. This project, this space, will facilitate our ability to engage, connect and equip. This addition will help connect us with the community.

How will this building project impact pedestrian flow on the church grounds? The vast majority of attendees will enter the building through the central entrance, from which they can easily access three of the current buildings. Travel from building to building will be through a central gathering area, which will be more direct and more comfortable (i.e. you will be indoors rather than outdoors). Pedestrian flow on other parts of the church grounds should not be impacted.

How will the new space make our other buildings more handicap-accessible?

Basically, this central gathering space will make it possible for us to install a centrally located elevator – visible, and visitor-friendly. This elevator will serve as handicap-access for all 3 floors of the Chapel building and for the upstairs of the Children’s Education Building and the new facility.

How will the new building make our church more secure? Currently we have three separate buildings with multiple entrances allowing access from multiple directions. Connecting the building would allow us to reduce the number of entrances. Creating a centrally located main entrance would cause people to enter through a highly visible location that would be easier to monitor.

Security for a church means different things on Sunday mornings than during the week. We will work to coordinate the security for the preschool, the counseling center, the office and the multiple church meetings that go on during the week days and nights to provide safe sanctuary for all. On Sunday, the safety and convenience of the congregation will be considered but all of this will be the responsibility of the Trustees.

How can the new building space be used when we need more space in the Fellowship Hall? There are two possible times where space in the Fellowship Hall could be completely full and overflow space may be necessary. One is community gatherings for meals and the other is during a program or presentation. In both of these cases, the new building’s common space could be arranged to accommodate overflow either by the set-up of tables and chairs for dining purposes or by using a theater style set-up of rows of chairs. The new space would need to be fully connected technologically,

so that video and audio stream of any program or announcements made in the fellowship hall would also be viewable and audible from the common space of the new building.

Can this same space be able to be used as overflow space for the Jubilee Service? With the close proximity to the Chapel Building, the stairs leading down from the Chapel to the Commons space floor area, and the close proximity access to the elevator, the Commons area could easily be used for overflow in the event the Chapel seating becomes full. With the appropriate audio and video technology everything that takes place in the Jubilee service could be streamed into the new buildings Commons area as well.

With the current building plan, will it still allow us to expand in the future; Fellowship Hall, build a Family building or build a new office building? Yes, if that becomes a need, the campus footprint will still allow for construction or expansion. (The size and exact location of new construction such as a Family Life Building or new office building will not be as the original 2008 plan showed.) The Fellowship Hall can be expanded.

Other than the building what else will be included in this project?

- The central gathering space with covered drop-off and parking lot reconfiguration are the major components.
- The current sanctuary entry will have a new covered drop-off to assist members in gaining entrance.
- New parking lot will be constructed

How many total tables with chairs can be set up in new space?

- Round table seating with 15 tables (90 to 120 depending if seating 6 or 8 at the tables).
- There could be expansion into the smaller room off main area for possibly 4-5 more tables.

How many chairs can be set up in new space?

- Auditorium seating of 200-250 chairs.
- Walkway connecting the Sanctuary and Chapel can be used as presentation or limited stage area.

How else can the space be used?

Possible additional uses for the new Commons Space main area include:

- Receiving lines (funeral or wedding)
- Children's choir performance
- Other small gathering musical performances
- Wedding or baby shower gatherings
- Sunday morning mingling and coffee time
- Taking refuge from rainy stormy weather and/or frigid temperatures outside on Sunday mornings

- Space to take a fussy baby or toddler out of a Sunday morning service but still stay in touch with the proceedings of the service
- Piano recitals
- Small group gatherings

Why are we having a kitchen space?

- This is more a “warming and serving kitchen” (household appliance not commercial) and not for large meal preparation.
- A place to make coffee and warming or storing food for a special event. Easy service and clean up for same.
- Small wedding receptions with use of room 5 and/or gathering space.
- Facilitate service of Fellowship Hall overflow. Place to consolidate dirty dishes for return to Fellowship Hall for cleaning. Place to distribute food that has been prepared elsewhere.

How will an elevator make our campus more handicap accessible?

- Elevator will be placed between Chapel and new gathering space.
- Elevator will have a door on each side
- It will be accessible from:
 - Education building lower floor level across gathering space
 - Education building upper level across 2nd level of gathering space
 - All three levels of the chapel
- Access to other areas of our campus via
 - Ramp from Narthex to Gathering Space
 - Ramp from Gathering space entry to Fellowship Hall
 - Ramp to Chapel
 - Elevator in Sanctuary

How big will the elevator be?

- Hospital-size with doors on each end.

Will the Chapel handicap ramp still be used? The Chapel ramp will continue to be used and at this time we have no plans to change it.

Will we be able to get a casket from the sanctuary through this new space to cemetery?

- Yes, there is a ramp from the Sanctuary Narthex to the new area and an exterior door from there to the cemetery. The exits will be adequate for handling large crowds at funerals.

Will there be changes made to the church office space? The size and location of the office will not change. There will be a new traffic pattern from the new facility and 2 new offices will be added.

Why is the parking lot being redone? The parking lot needs repair. This space needs to be regraded to make our drop-off sites tie in with the new building construction. Due to handicap accessibility, soft curb would be used in the areas near the entries and hard curbs in the other areas. However, light bollards, bollards and planters can be placed in areas for added protection. The new parking lot will completely change the curb side appearance. Leveling the parking lot will allow us to make it handicap-

accessible. All entrances and exits will be off Oakhurst Street. The architects will work to the ordinances of the City of Kernersville to maximize the efficiency of the entrances. All parking will be straight in, not on an angle, so traffic will flow in both directions. Currently the design has one lane into the lot and two going out turning in each direction onto Oakhurst. Thru fixture design and layout light pollution will be minimized (and there should be no up light). Also per code, there will be trees and / or shrubbery in the greenery islands.

If the parking lot is redone, will we have additional parking spaces? Plans are to reconfigure the main parking lots between the buildings and Oakhurst to increase safety, improve aesthetics, and better utilize the space. There will be approximately 175 marked, paved parking spaces. (We currently have 159 marked handicapped and regular parking spaces.)

Where will the children's playground move?

- Playground is moving to either where the bus shelter was behind the Wolfe's house or beside the other playground at the current bus shelter. The Preschool is currently trying to discern the best location for their ministry.

Will this be an energy efficient design? Yes. It will be green-friendly using best practices for energy efficient building design. In some ways it should help with the power usage by providing an insulation factor. With the new storm vestibule at the main sanctuary entry, it will help with the draft in the narthex. The products used will be high efficiency and help minimize power usage. However, there will still be an increase in square footage and other expenses will increase.

What is the forecasted budget for this project? We are projecting a budget of less than \$3.6 million.

How much do we have in the building fund? As of August 2018 , we have approximately \$1,572,600. which is invested at the United Methodist Foundation.

What is needed to make the bank's requirement for a loan? Banks and lending institutions frequently make building loans on a one-third basis. We must have a third on hand, a third pledged over a three-year period and they will loan the balance. Therefore, if the next capital campaign is as successful as Building Up Reaching Out, and if the project cost roughly \$3,600,000. Then with the cash we have on hand and the pledges from the next successful campaign, we should be able to begin construct shortly there after.

What is the approval process? First the architect must create schematics (basic drawings) of the proposed project (which has been completed). Then the District Board of Church Location and Building will need to approve the project and a rough estimate of the cost and the financial plan for meeting the cost. After the DBCLB gives the go-ahead, a church conference will be held at which every church member is invited to vote on moving forward with the project. After bids are received, the Building Committee will make a recommendation to the church congregation and another vote will occur to accept the bid.

When will construction start? Depending upon the results of the capital campaign, estimated time of start of construction could be as early as the summer of 2019.

NEW QUESTIONS:

Do we need 3 doorways/ drop off points to the new connection building? (cost effective) That will be decided in that final design stage.

Where will the Pumpkin Patch be located? Approximately the same place.

How many new classrooms will be available? The current design provides 2 new spaces that the church will determine its use.

Where will the parking be during construction? That has not been determined yet. That is a job for the architects and contractors. We do have the parking at the garden lot, and other lots around town that we can use when we cannot use our lot. Our lot will only be unavailable during a portion of the construction project.

Will we charge for having functions (such as wedding receptions) in the new building? That is an issue for the Trustees not this committee.

What is the time of construction? Without final drawings it is hard to determine but best estimates would be 12 to 18 months.

When will the pledge campaign start and how will this project be paid for? The pledge campaign will begin on January 13, 2019 if the church votes to proceed on November 18 at the Church Conference. The project will be paid for with the money on hand and with the pledges from the campaign and with a loan if necessary.

Who gets to vote at the Church Conference? All church members including all the youth that have been thru confirmation.

Will the parking lot on the cemetery side of the building be paved? That is in the plans now.

What kind of furniture will there be in the new space? That has not been determined yet.

Is the cost of this expansion going to affect the budget allocations for the youth mission projects? There are no plans to ever cut the youth budget.

Will a security camera system be used and where? We currently have a security alarm system with multiple cameras with capability of adding on more.

Why is there no basement being considered to add square footage? Basically cost. Even though it adds square footage, it adds additional cost, and no one wants to be underground.

What are the current classroom spaces available? Currently room 102 is being used for storage since there is no class in there, Room 223 is vacant, 1/3rd of the JC Grose room is used for storage and multiple Sunday School classes have room for more members. In the children's area, 6 rooms are not used.

Will there be any more handicap parking spaces? The number is required/ set by code.

Are the three family bathrooms going to be enough for this new space? The bathrooms that are adjacent to the new space as well as the 3 new bathrooms are enough for the new space.

Will the HVAC unit in the new area be integrated with the present system? No

Is this building for the needs now or the future? Both

How does this building help with our mission goal? Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is to foster vital communities thru love and life-changing experiences. We do this by the four principle: Engage, Connect, Equip and Send. This project will facilitate our ability to engage and connect. Our facility is also very much a community church. This addition will help connect us with the community.

Is this more about taking care of our own needs and not for those outside of this church? The people of this church are who take care of the needs of those outside of this church. No facility goes out into the world. As we grow in Christ inside this church we equip those to go out into the world to serve, either in person or with our tithes and offerings. We equip and send from this location. As we grow in the Love of Christ, we will serve the needs outside this church.

Features of the project:

- New space – 11,285 sq. ft. indoor heated space, 1,905 sq. ft. outdoor covered space
- First Floor –
 - Welcome Center
 - Main space 84' x 32'
 - Small storage room
 - Warming/ prep kitchen
 - Room 23'x24'
 - Family style restroom
 - Covered drop-off to sanctuary
 - 2 new offices
 - Entry vestibule with covered walk
 - Large, doors on both side of elevator
 - Covered walk to Fellowship Hall from new space
 - Handicap ramp
- Second floor –
 - Room 23' x 24'
 - Two family restrooms
 - Mechanical room