

CORE CONCEPTS FOR THE PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECT

Central United Methodist Church (Rev. 7/24/08)

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PURPOSE:

To develop a ministry facility that facilitates the Church's Mission to offer Christ's unconditional love as we reach up to God, reach within ourselves and reach out to our community.

CORE VALUES:

Intergenerational, multi-purpose, accessible, connecting with the architecture of the current building and introducing strong elements of hospitality, group gatherings, meaningful conversations, community service, comfort and experience of the Holy. Attention to the arts, families and student culture around the church should be evident. "Green" and/or renewable resource design will demonstrate the church's commitment to faithful stewardship of the earth and its resources.

TIMING:

LATE SUMMER-FALL 2008:

- Architect secured
- Ministry Interviews
- Renderings developed

JANUARY-MARCH 2009:

- Financial feasibility study
- Congregational interpretation

SPRING 2009:

- Architect plans secured
- Congregational Vote to approve
- Contractor bids

SUMMER-FALL 2009:

- Capital Campaign developed
- Bids and permits secured

SUMMER 2010:

- Possible construction to begin

BASIC ELEMENTS OF PROJECT:

- Large community, gathering space for multi-use including (but not limited to) small conversation areas, hospitality, food service, contemporary worship, lighting and sound for large groups.
- Multi-use classroom/small group space for adults and youth
- Children and Family Center space, accommodating a full day childcare facility
- Possible Office Suite for Shepherd's Center Central (in consultation with SCC Board)
- Office suite for new and existing staffing/ancillary groups with boardroom
- Mission areas which might include bunk rooms, shower facilities
- Enhancements to hospitality space adjacent or connected to the sanctuary (main worship space)
- Redevelopment of existing spaces for accessibility, hospitality and updated aesthetic.

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2009 Building Committee Timeline (rev. 1.27.08)

A central part of our Ministry Plan is to have a ministry facility that offers space, accessibility and hospitality for carrying out our mission and ministry. Below is a basic timeline of the meetings, conversations, and preparations which will guide our planning toward a congregational meeting to approve the core concepts of a building plan, the phases of construction and development, and the launch into a capital campaign to develop funds for the project. Join us in prayer and gatherings as we do this work together!

- January** Secure fundamental concepts of a Master Plan for Central UMC's facility.
January 27 Ad Council meeting to survey program/space needs/core concepts
- February** Complete above in consultation with Building Committee, Staff and Vision Team.
Gather Congregational Awareness Team to prepare for congregational gatherings in March.
Feb. 3 Vision Team meeting
Feb. 14 Building Committee and Architects to determine phases and drawings
Feb. 16 Trustees and Architects
- Gather Financial Development Team to prepare for Feasibility Study
Feb. 23 Ad Council Meeting to affirm concepts for Congregational Awareness in March
Late Feb—Training for Financial Feasibility Study with Mick Tune from RSI
- March** March 1—(tentative) 9:30 Sunday School gathering about Building Committee Process
Congregational Awareness Home gatherings
Financial Development Team secures plans for Feasibility Study
- 1st 2 weeks of Apr** Feasibility study Interviews: April 6-8 Interview dates and online process begins
April 20 Deadline for feasibility info to come in
- April – May** Feasibility document preparation.
May 20 Feasibility Study findings complete and presented by Mick Tune
- June** Congregational Meeting to give 'green light' to building concepts and capital campaign

Q: Who can I speak with about questions I might have or information that I need?

A: Contact Roger Odneal, Building Committee Chair, Warren Green, Finance Chair, or Rev. Amy or any of the staff leaders at Central. If we don't know the answers, we'll help you get them!

Q: How can I begin to support this effort and Building Project?

A: Pray daily for the work of our leaders and those with whom God resources us for this work. To make a special or regular contribution to the Building Fund, designate a check to Central UMC, Building Fund, or contact Rev. Amy or Larry Taft, Endowment Chair, about an estate or stock gift or other planned giving.