

Sanctuary Update Ad Hoc Committee

April 2019 Recommendation to Session



Related Items

2014 Mission Study

□ Leadership Theme

- Optimize the utilization of the church's facilities: modernizing, organizing and redecorating where necessary
 - Church office lobby
 - Technology

□ Outreach Theme

- Make the facilities available as a vehicle for community outreach



Related Items

2014 Mission Study

□ Finance Theme

- Develop a capital expenditure plan that anticipates the physical plant needs that includes maintenance and upkeep projects

□ Worship Theme

- Modernize the sanctuary to include upgrades to sound equipment and dynamic audio-visual capacity

Purpose

- Modernize the Sanctuary to include upgraded sound equipment and dynamic audio-visual capability
- Reconfigure the Sanctuary to enhance the worship experience
- Receive input from the congregation
- Make a recommendation to Session
 - Renovate, re-organize or leave as is



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What is our history?

Seems like we just made had a major renovation project.....



Major Dates

- Spring 1953: Lots purchased by Presbytery
 - Cost of \$3,500
- May 9, 1954: Church services begin in manse (office) garage
 - Mother's Day
- October 9, 1955: Laying of the Cornerstone for Chapel build (Red Door)
- February 5, 1956: Sunday School and church services moved into chapel and education wing

Dates, cont'd

- December 14, 1962: Sanctuary ready for worship
 - Balcony not in use
 - Sunday School rooms below also not ready
- April 3, 1966: Use of organ began
 - Palm Sunday
 - Dedicated on Easter Sunday



Past Church Revisions approx. date

- Painted the interior of the Sanctuary. 1977
- Painted the woodwork in the educational wing. 1978
- Painted woodwork & installed new floor in Social Hall 1981
- Planted the “Fox Memorial Garden”(trees in back lot) 1985
- Constructed the North side parking lot 1988
- Removed about ten trees from the back parking lot. 1993
- Remodeled the Manse into our church office. 1997
- Constructed handicapped parking next to Sanctuary 2000
- Remodeled the Chapel into a more flexible space. 2005

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- Replaced many asbestos tile floors with ceramic tile (Narthex) 2005
 - Repaired steps and installed coating to front steps of Sanctuary. 2006
 - Installed the elevator and enclosed the Colonnade. 2008
 - Removed several pews from Sanctuary. 2009
 - Painted the entire exterior of the church. 2012
 - Renovated the office lobby area 2015



Why talk about those now?

- Over the years we have done various renovations and/or reconstruction when needed
- Other than some cosmetics changes, we have not made many changes to the sanctuary

OK, tell us again what you
have been doing



Review of Current Worship spaces

- Current utilization
 - Frequency of use
 - Purpose of use
 - Size and features compared to use/need
- Technology supporting worship
 - Current
 - Anticipated future needs
- Accessibility

Were there reasons why this review was initiated?

Here are a few of the issues or current state view of our worship spaces that led Session to request a review:

RED DOOR

ADVANTAGES

- Flexible space: used for both worship and meetings
- Technology more updated than sanctuary

DISADVANTAGES

- Attendance has been increasing and the space is “tight”
- Could not accommodate a large group up front
- Limited ability to accommodate non-traditional worship

SANCTUARY

ADVANTAGES

- Appropriate for traditional service
- Can easily accommodate current attendance
- “Feels” like a place of worship
- Works well for weddings and funerals

DISADVANTAGES

- Choir loft is not easily accessible
- Can not easily accommodate non-traditional worship (dance, drama)
- Technology not up to date
- Difficult for members to see and hear

So what did you do?

Our process was very simple

- Reviewed worship spaces
 - Researched recent sanctuary renovations elsewhere
- Tried to anticipate our future needs
 - 5% decrease
 - A church that is not growing is dying.....
 - 10% growth
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- Received input from the congregation
- Conclusion presented to Session



How we received input

- Met with all ministries, staff and volunteer worship participants
 - All provided suggestions that we tried to accommodate in the final plan
- Met with small groups who requested
- Spoke with leadership at other churches who have recently renovated



Professional Guidance

- Engaged experienced architectural firm to assist us
 - Many church renovation projects
- Architects participated in both worship services
 - Gave them a firm grasp of Westminster to be in a more informed position to assist us
- Provided input, questions to consider, drawings and examples at each step of our process

Conclusion: Renovate the Sanctuary



Why renovate? ***So we can be:***

- Good stewards of the space
- Respectful of the differing views
- Flexible for community outreach goals



What are a few details?

- Placing a ramp to make all areas of the sanctuary accessible (except the balcony)
- Chairs instead of pews to increase flexibility
 - Pews will remain in the balcony
- More space in front to accommodate all of our music groups and potential community use



Details, cont'd

- Upgrade sound and video capabilities
 - 2 screens for video
- Add a restroom in the Narthex
 - Both current and new will meet code for accessibility
- Add a kitchenette to the Narthex
- Move seating to create more space in between rows to provide more comfort

Review drawings & video



Estimated cost of renovations

- TBD

QUESTIONS?
