



Project Facts | Wesley United Methodist Church | 2010

The Proposed Project:

1. Adds a new space designed for traditional or blended worship.
2. Expands lobby or “narthex” space.
3. Renovates the existing Celebration Space for use in contemporary worship.
4. Improves circulation between worship and classrooms.
5. Increases parking and improves traffic flow.
6. Improves building access for senior adults and others with limited mobility.

Cost

The project will add approximately 18,000 gross square feet and renovate about 7,000 square feet. The cost of the project is expected to be about \$6 million, including all expenses.

Courtyard

The organizing centerpiece is a new, paved entrance plaza that provides much-needed outdoor gathering space.

Exterior

The walls of the new building are clad primarily in brick and stone. The roof of the new building is metal, insulated for heat and sound.

Sanctuary

The new sanctuary measures about 12,000 square feet on the main level and can accept a future balcony. It will seat approximately 900 persons at 21 inches/per person (1050 at 18 inches), including choir loft (80 seats). The room measures just over 40 feet at its highest point. Interior finishes include wood and carpeted floors, stone and painted walls, wood ceiling, and wood chancel surround. Wood pews have upholstered seats. Most of the glass is clear, with the exception of some colored accent panels and a hoped-for rose window over the chancel.

Celebration Space

A stage and new control booth, along with new audio-visual systems, will allow the Celebration Space to host contemporary worship for 400-500 people. The space will be further updated by new carpet, wall finishes and room darkening shades.

Questions

1. How was the cost reduction accomplished?

- Sitework was reduced by relocating the addition out of the existing parking and drop-off area, eliminating the need to demolish and reconstruct significant amounts of pavement and utilities. Additional savings were found by deferring new parking originally envisioned on the south side of the addition and by eliminating a new, long covered drop-off and landscaped courtyard. A second exit lane that was to be added to the existing driveway entrance was deferred.
- Structural costs were reduced by simplifying the way the addition connects to the existing building and by changing the configuration of the sanctuary ceiling.
- The building area was reduced by deferring new choir rehearsal, hand bell rehearsal, and associated storage areas adjacent to the new sanctuary. The balcony originally shown in the sanctuary has been deferred.
- Renovations were reduced by leaving existing toilet rooms intact, and adding new ones outside the footprint of the existing building. Renovations originally planned for the main office area, that would have consolidated staff work areas, were deferred. The covered drop-off was left intact.

2. How many parking spaces do we need? How many does this design include?

The zoning ordinance requires only 369 spaces. The new design includes about 600 spaces.

3. What is the net gain/loss of handicapped spaces? There is no change in the number of handicapped parking spaces. Fourteen are provided; 11 are required.

4. Will there be any impact on the playground? No.

5. As construction begins, will we have to vacate the current Celebration Space?

Only while the Celebration Space itself is being renovated.

6. How will construction impact the Preschool? Construction will be scheduled and enclosed to allow Preschool to continue without interruption.