

Rocky River
United
Methodist
Church



SCOPE OF THE CAPITAL PROJECT

The project consists of 10,000 square feet of new space to be used for contemporary worship, youth events, large fellowship opportunities, and possible sports ministry. The new addition will increase the total facility size by approximately 10%. The project will also include the renovation of existing space.

MINISTRY NEEDS ADDRESSED

The project addresses the followings four major ministry needs:

- additional space for fellowship
EXAMPLE – space for Sunday all-church potluck dinners
- added space for our growing youth ministry
EXAMPLE – being able to accommodate up to 200 youth at 5th quarter meetings
- increased space for multiple worship opportunities
EXAMPLE – a youth service
- on-going security concerns, especially for staff and evening events

NEW AND UPGRADED SPACE

The new addition includes multi-use space for worship, youth and other ministries, a lobby/gathering place, restrooms, and an upgraded toddler and nursery area. Portions of the existing building will be renovated to achieve maximum usage. Some restrooms will be included in the renovation.

The **PURPOSE** of our capital campaign, *Building on our Mission. Continuing Our Tradition*, is to raise funds for our new capital project. The primary purpose of the campaign is to enhance and expand our ministries as we seek to fulfill God's vision for our church. While our capital project includes new and renovated facilities – our focus is on becoming better equipped to serve our church family and our community.

BUILDING PLANS UNVEILED MARCH 31

The architect has begun work on the building plan drawings. It is our plan to present the architect's design for the first time at the March 31st Church Family Gathering This is an event that you will not want to miss!

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE NEW PROJECT?

The estimated cost of the project at this time is \$2.5 million. We have told the architect that the project is not to go beyond this amount.

In addition to the new multi-purpose space, several renovations are being considered by the Trustees. These considerations include: some restrooms updated, the bell, choir and youth rooms updated, renovation of 209 and 210, and some exterior brick work.

HOW MUCH CAN WE RAISE IN A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Historically churches raise from 1.5 to 3 times their annual operating budget. Many churches move beyond this level when receiving significant major gifts. Our annual operating budget is approximately \$800,000, which places us close to the upper level of this historical range.

Please see other side for information about the history of the project and our projected timeline.



HISTORY OF OUR PLANNING FOR THE NEW FACILITY

Planning began in
FEBRUARY 2003 with
the Administrative Board
establishing a Facilities
Study Team. The purpose
of this Team was to review
the current usage of
the church facility and make
recommendations to the
Administrative Board.
A final report was made in
December 2003.

In 2004, the
Administrative Council
authorized a Building
Committee to study the
feasibility of adding space
to our church facility. Also
the study was to include
current space needs and
additional space needed for
future growth.

In APRIL 2004,
the Building Committee
brought recommendations
to the Administrative Board
and in May reported to
a special Board meeting.

In JUNE 2005, a
special Church Conference
voted to move forward with
a capital campaign.

DATES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Planning and organizing for the campaign began last month with the Pastor enlisting campaign leaders. Jack McGreevey is serving as Campaign Chair and Jen Machado is serving as Campaign Director. About forty persons have been enlisted to serve on the Campaign Leadership Team.

March 31 will mark the beginning of the public phase of the Campaign with a Church Family Gathering. This event will bring the entire church (all ages) together for an evening of fun, fellowship and food. A presentation will be made of the new project.

There will be special campaign activities and events during April with the final Sunday being on April 29, 2007. On Celebration Sunday, May 13, 2007, the total amount raised will be announced and we will celebrate what God has helped us accomplish.

**Our goal is to have
financing for the
project in place so that
we can break ground
in the fall of 2007.**

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