

Dear partners in ministry,

The leadership of Good Shepherd is excited to begin this new 2017-2020 capital campaign. As you look over these materials, we invite you to prayerfully consider giving your financial support to the proposed building renovation and expansion project.

Based on congregational meetings and conversations, research of other churches, work and revisions made with the architect and project manager, we believe the proposed building renovation and expansion project will provide much needed space for our current and future ministry needs while also addressing critical structural needs of the building.

Our church building begins to tell our story to people before anyone associated with Good Shepherd says a word. Being a church that un-churched people want to attend and where all feel welcomed means that we need to provide space to enter the building without experiencing a traffic jam of people coming and going, while also offering a time and a place for fellowship, building relationships and community. Space that allows for conversation and for people to meet and greet one another is essential both for welcoming guests and caring for our members.

A new Fellowship Center and a Kitchen that connects to both the Gathering Space and Fellowship Center also further ministries of building community, as well as being able to hold activities in both the Educational Classrooms and the Fellowship Center at the same time. In addition to more Sunday meals, educational large group activities, and cooking meals for others, the large space of the Fellowship Center will be open for community use. This space could host banquets, fundraisers, some sporting activities, birthday parties, community classes and events. As a church we could also expand our ministries to offer a space for Mothers of Preschoolers and/or an after school program on Wednesday evenings.

A church building should serve the purpose of providing us with the space necessary to fulfill our mission. Here at Good Shepherd we value our children, youth, and families and recognize the importance of walking with them as they learn and grow in their faith. However, we currently lack enough educational classrooms to provide a space where students and teachers can listen, hear and discuss. Under the proposed plan, just think of how our dedicated teachers will be able to teach students without competing against the noise from four other classrooms.

Our goals are much more than renovating and expanding our building, although we certainly need to repair and renovate the structural issues of the Western wall and roof. The central purpose of the renovation and expansion project is to further our ministry. We are and will continue to be a church that supports ministries here at Good Shepherd, out in the area communities, and out into the world. God has placed before us both our current building that must be renovated and ways that we can better use our building for ministry. We seek to be responsible stewards of the gifts God has given us and the ministries that God has placed before us. The renovation and expansion plans help us to fulfill the ministry God is calling us to.

I invite you to join me and the leadership of Good Shepherd in completing the response form and making a financial gift to this capital campaign. In order to step forward with this building plan, we need your support. Look over the campaign materials, pray by asking what God wants to do through you for our church, then decide what God wants you to give to support this project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the Capital Campaign Committee. Thank you in advance for your support and your gift.

In Christ,

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