

PROPOSED CHURCH EXPANSION
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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How close is the proposed expansion to the first row of the cemetery?

The south side of the drop off driveway is 12' from the first row of headstones.

How wide is the gathering room?

24'

What is the distance from the road to the plaza?

The distance from the front of the church to the edge of the road, as shown on this concept is 64 feet. The plaza distance is 44' from the road. A setback variance from the building department would be required to proceed with this plan.

Is anything proposed for the upper area of the gathering room?

The concept is open to the top of the windows. A balcony could be constructed and the organ moved back, which would allow seating to be added upstairs.

Does the balcony need to be accessible with an elevator?

No, churches are treated differently

Will excavation of the new basement affect the current foundation?

Special care will be considered during design and construction to maintain the integrity of the existing church.

Are we addressing replacing the parish hall?

This concept is the first phase of building. If the congregation would like to tear down the parish hall and replace it as phase two, this plan does not limit where an addition could go.

Does the expansion take away parking from the front?

Yes, a few parking spaces have been removed to allow more space between the plaza and the road.

Will the present ground level access at the northwest door be maintained?

Yes

Proposed cost?

The estimated cost is \$780,000.

Is the construction masonry or framed veneer structure and what is the cost difference?

The estimated cost is for wood frame construction with brick veneer. Total masonry construction would most likely be more expensive.

Has company done other churches in the area?

Grinsfelder Associates have designed projects at Zion in Fort Wayne, St Peter in Huntington and many other churches. They have received numerous awards for their work!

Is there a designated purpose for the new basement at present?

Mechanical room is needed for HVAC purposes and the remaining space could be used for anything the church desires.

How long would the project take?

Construction could take approximately 6 months to complete.

Would a car port be possible with the current proposal?

Yes a drive through could be built but was not shown so as to limit the amount of new construction seen from the front.

Has turning the inside of church 180 degrees been considered?

Yes it was considered but required major structural change which was cost prohibitive.

What were the detractors from building between the church and the parsonage?

Encroachment on the parsonage (using up the green space),
Limiting natural light through the north stain glass windows,
Would make a much larger change to the front view of the church,
Adding considerable cost to match present church construction,
The proposed option is most sensitive to the building roofline.

The church council and the planning committee chose to present this concept because it improves access to the church, adds an accessible restroom to the main floor of the church, will allow funeral viewing, and will add a gathering area both inside the building and outside on a plaza. This plan shows the least amount of change to the front view of the church and will match the unique existing architectural detail that is present in our church.

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What happens to the organ?

Nothing happens to the organ on this concept. If more seating upstairs is desired a balcony could be added in the gathering area to make a place for the organ.

What will happen to the west stained glass windows?

They will be moved to the new front wall and be replaced with clear plate glass. The clear glass will allow viewing from the gathering area while limiting noise from the sanctuary.

What will happen to the existing wall on the front of the church?

The existing west outside wall will become the inside wall of the gathering room. This will make a very striking and attractive element in the gathering room.

Is the elevator enclosed?

Yes.

The building committee and the church council has presented this parish hall concept to show what could be done if the congregation decides to build new at or near the church. We would suggest that the parish hall be made Phase 2 and not be started during Phase 1 (gathering room) addition. The cost to this Parish Hall concept would be approximately \$600,000.