

REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Over the last several months the Planning Committee and the Church Council have presented conceptual design information for a gathering room for the front of the church and a parish hall.

The planning committee suggests dividing the projects into Phase 1, the gathering room, and Phase 2, the parish hall improvement.

Phase 1, the gathering room, concept addresses the following needs of our congregation:

- Restrooms on the main floor.
- Enhanced access into the church for those with decreased mobility.
- Provides an area to gather before and after services, as well as to use for funeral viewings, staging for weddings, a cry room for babies during services, overflow seating for large services and a common entry.
- An addition to our building that is the most architecturally correct and the least disruptive to our campus atmosphere.
- Additional traffic flow "to the door" without compromising safety.
- Allows for completion of a Phase 2 in any concept.

Phase 2, the parish hall improvement, needs more study to determine what is needed and the best method to proceed. The planning committee will continue studying Phase 2.

We would like the congregation to vote on Phase 1, the gathering room concept, at the July 12, 2009 voters meeting.

If the support is positive for building, we suggest allowing the finance committee to begin fundraising for a building project. We also suggest establishing a Building Committee to enter into a contract with an architect, develop working drawings, and hold frequent informational meetings with the congregation during the plan development.

The architects budget estimate for Phase 1, gathering room addition, is as follows:

Construction cost	\$778,721.42
Architect/Engineering fees	62,297.71
Septic System	50,000.00
Total Estimate	\$891,019.13

This is a very important vote! We encourage everyone to attend the July voters meeting and join in the decision process.