

RESPONSES TO SURVEY ON SANCTUARY, CHANCEL, AND MORE

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1. What are your views, opinions, suggestions or questions about the following?

Make the Chancel more flexible and useable with minor construction in choir loft, piano pit, and organ pit. Remove the front wall of choir loft, so there can be four rows that lead up from the chancel. This would make the choir loft more open and more accessible. Reconfigure the wall on the outside end of the choir loft, so that the wall is straight. This would allow for more even seating of the choir and would look better.

- Agree with this in making it more user friendly
- I like this idea. I think making the choir loft and other parts of the chancel more open and flexible will: 1. enhance our worship experiences (help with flow of people); 2. make worship set-up easier (moving the keyboard as it is now is a pain); 3. Make the sanctuary look more open (and openness is one of church's hallmarks); 4. make the sanctuary more visually appealing.
- I think this is fine. What kind of architect did the church have originally? There seem to be too many problems with the original design. I also am in favor of handicapped access. I just think a church should be accessible to everyone, everywhere.
- This sounds like a good idea to me.
- I have no issue with this process.
- This seems a reasonable goal.
- Proceed with all suggestions above.
- too expensive--wait until we build a new sanctuary
- I do not see how this would look better. I would want to see the price for this to make a better informed decision. Even more so since it was mentioned at the last meeting that three to five years from now we would hopefully be looking at a whole new building for the Chancel.
- Why have a wall on outside end of choir loft. If it is a step down, put up a rail between choir & pit. The wall divide seems very unnecessary. OK with rest.
- I agree
- Sounds alright to me. Minimal expense and I know the opening up of the chancel area would be beneficial in some's opinion.
- I definitely think the change will be more convenient and accessible, so that's a good idea. I'm a little bit worried about losing the modesty panel. I'm not sure that straightening out the wall will look any better (sounds more boring to me) but it will improve accessibility, which is the main problem right now.
- It's my understanding that eventually a new sanctuary building may be in the works. If so, I would prefer to take more of the money and place it into a sanctuary fund for the future than to make costly changes now.
- sounds good
- SOUNDS LOGICAL TO ME IF ALL SAFTEY ASPECTS ARE ADDRESSED
- Sound good.
- Love it. It is needed. There is little room left in the choir loft to allow new choir members to join. It's awkward to be a musician or worship leader in the current arrangement. More can be involved if we make just a few changes.
- Very good idea.
- sounds good
- I agree. No comments.
- I will trust the opinions of those who participate in the choir on this one.
- Sounds good.
- Really wish we could level the chancel completely, to allow ultimate flexibility. Though, removing the walls will certainly help.

- O.K.
- This seems a practical approach to this area.
- Only need to replace the curtain in front of the baptismal pool – that's all. On the rest – wait until we have the money.
- Go for it!
- I have no problem with the Sanctuary as it is now; however, I have no problem with the changes suggested. I assume the major items such as flooring will receive further discussion and input prior to actually being done.
- Although wooden base boards would be nice, they would look better in the NEW sanctuary. If the rubber baseboards are deteriorating then change them out. Any chance of removing the baptismal pool. We've just been here about a year and have not seen it in use - OR if not too difficult to move, move to another area.
- OK, repaint the walls in the sanctuary. Install new floor (carpeting, tile, marmoleum, or stained concrete). New VAT with Carpet Runners. Replace the rubber baseboards with wooden baseboards. No Wood to expensive. Paint the trim around the stained glass window, so it matches the walls and allows the window to be the focal point, not the dark trim. The dark trim makes the window the focal point - leave it alone. Remove or paint the wood half-paneling around the baptismal pool, so that the baptismal pool blends in with the rest of the area. Leave the wood and paint to match walls less expensive Replace the curtain in front of the baptismal pool, so it matches the walls. The curtain is just fine the way it is do not change. Remove the chair rail around the sanctuary walls, so the banners are more the focal points and the room feels "unbelted" and bigger). The chair rail has no meaning to me it can stay the way it or paint to match walls.
- I think that the work in #1 and #2 should be the first priority in this remodeling effort.
- This sounds fine to me. The acoustics for the choir and other musical groups is important to consider when choosing carpeting vs. tile or concrete. I remember it said that the minister wants a different sound than the choir, but that is hard to reconcile in any room. I go for making the music sound the most celebratory and worshipful as possible and let the sound person tinker with the minister's robust or soft voice.

2. What are your views, opinions, suggestions or questions about the following?

Make the Sanctuary more appealing with some fairly minor, cosmetic changes. Repaint the walls in the sanctuary. Install new floor (carpeting, tile, marmoleum, or stained concrete). Replace the rubber baseboards with wooden baseboards. Paint the trim around the stained glass window, so it matches the walls and allows the window to be the focal point, not the dark trim. Remove or paint the wood half-paneling around the baptismal pool, so that the baptismal pool blends in with the rest of the area. Replace the curtain in front of the baptismal pool, so it matches the walls. Remove the chair rail around the sanctuary walls, so the banners are more the focal points and the room feels "unbelted" and bigger).

- Repaint walls - Good idea to lighten up things. I would like carpeting in aisle and stained concrete where pews are. Don't think replacing the baseboards would even be noticeable. Painting the half panel lighter would help but again I don't think it is necessary to remove paneling unless you are going to remove the wall there and put the baptistry in the floor where you could cover it and use that extra space as needed. It would be a good place for the extra music people, etc. I like the contrast of the colored curtain. Chair rail could be painted the same color as the wall and would not detract from the banners.
- As long as the paint is a nice neutral but bright light color that will bring more light in the room not darken it.
- I think these are good ideas. I think these changes will enhance our worship experiences by making our sanctuary more attractive.
- paint walls-do; floor is fine the way it is, except for the chancel area; baseboards--leave as is; trim around window-do; blending curtain color-good, do it. Chair rail--hard to visualize...not sure that would help. The banners might then need to be lowered...
- All of this is fine with me. Although I understand that we are trying to create a more flexible space and I agree that is the right thing to do, I am a little bit concerned that the complete uniformity of paint color may make the sanctuary feel much more like a "hall" than a sanctuary.
- I would leave the chair rail and paint to match walls. It would be less repair work to the walls.

- Paint the trim around the window would be OK.
- I would paint the wood around the baptismal pool. It would look just and be less costly. Flooring for the sanctuary either stained concrete with carpet runners in the aisles or just replace the old carpet with a color that does not show the stains as much. The rubber base boards are just fine. No need to spend money that no one notices.
- New floor covering is essential, and a matching curtain will soften appearance of baptistry. However, to remove the wooden half-paneling, chair rail, and painting the window frame would make the sanctuary more sterile rather than inspirational. The banners already have "pop" and if everything on the front wall of chancel is monochromatic, the window will float in space. Leave the beautiful wood as is. Since money is an issue, hold off on the baseboards and repainting the walls.
- Do all the above!!!!
- also too expensive for now--paint and new carpet would do nicely
- I like this idea; this is an upgrade to the Chancel that will continue to stay even after we won't be using that space as a Chancel in the future. These are more general maintenance upgrades to the Chancel, and they are overdue.
- I like stained concrete (it's in style), repainting walls, why are baseboards so important - more cost, do believe in remaining painting ideas & deemphasizing the "pool" & highlighting window. Removing chair rails costs more money and is it really necessary.
- I agree
- I agree with the first four items.
- I don't know if painting the wood paneling and changing the curtain are necessary. I'm not sure it would be a big improvement.
- It's about time for a general sprucing up.
- New flooring? Absolutely. It's way past time for this.
- Not particularly worried about the baseboards one way or another.
- I'm not sure that all the warm wood tones are all that distracting. I think they might help us to focus on, i.e., the window. But I'm not really worried about it.
- I've said from day one that the baptismal needs to blend with the back of the chance, and not pop.
- I would support these minor changes.
- All sounds good. I would say do not get carpet, but some other kind of floor.
- SOUNDS GOOD
- Sounds good.
- Please do this!
- All good ideas; along with new curtains over the baptistry.
- I would prefer to leave the paneling around the baptismal pool. I know that is not the focal point but I feel if the walls were all the same it is too institutionalized and not ""homey"" and welcoming. Let's decorate a little.
- If possible, just get rid of the baptismal pool and replace it with a portable baptismal font.
- I agree without comment.
- I am fine with these changes.
- Only concern is that any flooring besides carpeting may have acoustic issues.
- Not so keen on the neutral theme. I prefer the contrast between the light wall color and the dark paneling.
- The color of paint has never been specified. Why?
- I see no reason for removing the trim around the stained glass window. I think it enhances the window and current interior decorating practice encourages framing everything on a wall. Making the curtain the same color as the wall makes the cross and candlesticks virtually invisible. Won't we need a chair rail of some sort to protect the wall? Besides, the chair rail protects the banners and helps us navigate through a dark room. Repainting makes sense.

- The flooring needs to be replaced with the material used in the new classrooms. If there is new flooring, there will need to be new baseboards.
- The chair rails are more for protection so maybe they just need to be painted the same color as the walls.
- The soft color of the walls now is pleasing to the eyes. Bright lighting (for me) detracts from the atmosphere during the service. By all means remove the carpeting in the sanctuary. Replace with "soft" flooring that will look "natural," complement the walls, and enhance the acoustics in the sanctuary.
- Yes! Yes! Yes!
- A little money spent will greatly improve the look and feel of the sanctuary.
- I think this should be viewed as necessary maintenance even more so than it is "remodeling." All buildings need to be repainted and flooring repaired and replaced due to use and time. To not do so is to NOT care for our resources and gifts."
- Sounds good to me.
- I agree
- I guess it would depend on what color they would paint the walls. A light, restful color would be nice. I like the marmoleum with maybe carpeting down the center aisle and on the chancel floor. I already commented on the curtain.
- The new flooring should be #1 before anything else is done as it would have the most profound effect on the look & feel of the Church in general.
- After that is done, and then open the back sanctuary wall up.
- Next, we paint everything that needs it.
- Only re-do the baptismal and choir area if there is money left.
- Would removal of hair rail make it easier for the congregation to brush up against the banners? Why not paint them to match the wall?
- Sounds like a good plan.
- I agree with all of these changes
- Would favor painting the paneling instead of removing. That option should be cheaper. Otherwise looks good.
- I agree with this. I think the flooring should be something easily cleaned. I understand the sound concerns for anything other than carpet. Are carpet squares an option? Any of the other options sound good for cleaning. I also think it would be a good idea to paint the paneling a slightly darker color than the rest of the sanctuary. It would not change the focal point from the window, but it would provide more visual interest than a wall that is all the same color, which would be large and dull.
- I like all of these ideas. New flooring is important in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. I do not know what would be the best, but I hope an acoustically, attractive option is found.
- Seems reasonable
- Also good. Tile or marmoleum - not carpet or stained concrete.
- These aesthetic improvements seem to be a good idea and I think the cost would be minimal.
- Repainting the walls would be good. New flooring in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall is a must and should not be carpet as we will just recreate an old problem. I would be for a lighter wood trim around the stained glass window but painting wood trim with latex wall paint is out. I see absolutely no reason to try to hide the baptismal pool however I have no objection to replacing the curtain. Removing the chair rail may create a cosmetic problem that you cannot repair without using something
- I think painting everything the same color would be monotonous even with the banners. Replacing the rubber baseboards with wood ones is a good idea. Make the trim around the stained glass window the same color as the baseboards. I don't think removing the chair rail will make the room feel bigger. I think the chair rail adds elegance and again it can be matched with the baseboards and trim around the stained glass window. Blending the baptismal pool and replacing the curtain is a good idea.

- I am fine with these changes except for the possibility of stained concrete in the sanctuary. I would prefer carpet or linoleum with a carpet runner because I think stained concrete would echo noise in the sanctuary too much.
- Wait until we have the money.
- Go for it!
- I have no problem with this change; however, as we have discussed I wish there were a way to add more seating for the choir. I understand that the choir has no problem with not having a modesty panel, as a member of the congregation I have been a little concerned some Sunday summer mornings even with the modesty panel.
- Is that wall to keep the choir members from falling off the end? If the baptismal pool is moved to one side or the other, the choir can be pushed back and centered across the back.
- Suggestions for this sound okay for it would give more flexible room for music. For the early service the piano would not have to be hauled out, etc?
- Remove the front wall of choir loft, so there can be four rows that lead up from the chancel. This would make the choir loft more open and more accessible. This might be the Smartest thing to do in the sanctuary remodel. Reconfigure the wall on the outside end of the choir loft, so that the wall is straight. This would allow for more even seating of the choir and would look better. This would be OK with me.
- I think that the work in both #1 and #2 should be the first priority in this remodeling effort.
- This sounds fine to me. I feel anyone who wants to join the choir should be able to and this means having flexibility in the choir loft to add more people or subtract people as the numbers call for or the piece of music calls for.

3. What are your views, opinions, suggestions or questions about the following?

Make the Sanctuary more flexible for worship, education, and fellowship. For example, during Vacation Bible School, we often need a large open space; for special worship services such as Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday, we need to be able to rearrange the worship area to create a "smaller" sanctuary; and perhaps most importantly, we desperately need more accommodating spaces for adult Sunday School classes. Replace the pews with comfortable, attractive "church" chairs. To see examples, Google "church chairs." -

- As long as the chairs are interconnected and easily moveable/foldable.
- I like the idea of replacing the chairs with pews. This will make the sanctuary space much more flexible. A more flexible worship space can be used for creative worship times, educational groups, and fellowship events.
- While I recognize the expense of this change, it seems far less expensive than building a new sanctuary and seems to be the most affordable way to gain additional space.
- I think a real analysis needs to be done on this in terms of how many actual services/events need flexible seating. Have many attendees? Who will move the chairs? I think our current pews are very nice and have a lot of life left in them. I am more in favor of putting glass doors on the back wall and then buying some nice chairs to use in the FH for large events. I think there are environmental issues with taking something that is barely used and replacing it--even if another church can use it.
- We absolutely need to have a more flexible space for Sunday School classes and special events. Although I much prefer pews over chairs, I agree that chairs are our best option at this point. I'm hoping that we can find some that meet people's needs for comfort and easy mobility, but that are also "worshipful" --as was stated in an earlier survey. I've been in several churches with chairs, some of which were "worshipful" and others that were not at all so.
- New chairs would be very expensive just to make more useable space when I doubt members would like moving chairs all the time. Spending money like this would be useless and not gain any more seating capacity. Pews belong in the Sanctuary.
- Moveable chairs are a fine idea--as long as they are comfortable and truly moveable for anyone who must handle them. Do you have a storage place in mind when they are removed from the sanctuary?
- This is fine to make all these adjustments.

- I am not against chairs nor flexibility but I don't think we need to do it now
- I am completely against this for several reasons. First off, you don't gain any seating room, and that in my opinion needs to be the focus. During the holidays, there isn't enough seating room. As the congregation grows, this will only be more of a problem. Then you want to spend money on an area that once again may only be our Chancel for the next three to five years. Chairs are expensive, too expensive to justify the cost of being "flexible".
- Why not compromise and use both. Pews in front & if you want to sit on one, get there early. Chairs in back that can make 2 or 3 class areas when rearranged. Can be same wood & fabric and we wouldn't waste those benches. Those few taken out could be cut in half & used in classrooms, etc. or something creative. I understand importance of chairs, but let's compromise & please both sides.
- I was all for this until I heard about starting a new building fun in three years. I also support a new sanctuary, but am currently not in favor of spending \$20,000 on chairs.
- I'm not sure the cost would equal the proposed benefits. I think it SOUNDS good but don't think we would really move chairs and reconfigure the seating as much as we think we would. There's always the problem of where to put extra chairs that are removed.
- Also, the pews would be "throw aways" and would we want them if and when we build a new sanctuary in a few years? It's a lot of money to replace the pews."
- I've wanted chairs instead of pews from the moment we started planning this building. Too bad we didn't do it right off and save money on the pews.
- I like the idea of removing pews only with the idea that eventually another sanctuary may be built that creates a more formal worship setting.
- I would rather have pews
- I WOULD NEED TO SEE BETTER EXAMPLES OF CHAIRS AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES BEFORE A SOLID ANSWER. IT WAS SAID AT THE LAST MEETING THAT CHAIR SAMPLES WERE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING SOMEWHERE. HAVING GROWN UP WITH PEWS I STILL DO NOT HAVE OBAMA'S URGENT DESIRE FOR CHANGE. I HOPE I'M CONVINCED CHANGE IS BETTER.
- I support whatever is needed.
- I would make this top priority. The need for adult education space is vital -- it will begin to turn people off and away if we do not address these needs. Flexibility in the space will answer several issues -- adult education, special occasions, and social experiences as a church community. Vacation Bible School will be greatly enhanced if we can get up and move around to worship together!
- Good idea; There can be some really good chair choices and some really bad ones. I think we need the chairs but my fears revolve around the ones we choose and what the majority want. We can never please everyone.
- ok
- I AGREE without comment!!!!
- Yes, this is priority in my mind. I have seen beautiful church chairs.
- I prefer pews as they feel more like church to me and make church unique.
- Pews make my family feel more together and closer during church. If my son wants to put his head on my lap, the pew we share allows for this better.
- The priority I give to the above outweighs all reasons given to move to chairs.
- Adult Ed is important, but not a reason to move to chairs.
- The Sanctuary doesn't need flexibility for worship.
- I don't want a chair that could be tipped or moved by a child looking for a toy."
- I am all for flexibility. Count me in to buy chairs for the whole family.
- O.K.
- Replacement of the pews with attractive church chairs I can live with. I would hope that the pews could be sold to help pay for their replacements.
- Attractive cushioned chairs would also enhance/open up the sanctuary.

- Moving around chairs to accommodate classes doesn't sound appealing."
- I am in favor of this but I heard a surprising concern on Sunday after the meeting that made me question my support. Someone who had bought a pew in memory of his dead wife was very concerned that the memorial would be thrown away. Whoa. How sad that would be for him. I think going forward this is an interesting lesson. We should be careful NOT to ask people to give money for big ticket items that might become obsolete or need to be replaced. Please see below for pew compromise idea
- Not to keen on chairs but if it will make things better go for it.
- I think chairs are a good idea. More flexibility as well as possibly more comfort for members.
- I have no objection to the chairs. I have been in churches with chairs and they looked nice.
- We need to have chair reps bring in sample chairs and use them for adult Sunday school one Sunday to take them "out for a spin" and get folks a chance to decide.
- We recognize the need for space and reluctantly agree to chairs.
- I believe this may be the best answer for our church's needs within our space. While I tend to think that pews=church, I understand the need to make the Sanctuary space more flexible, especially during events like Vacation Bible school and for Sunday School. I would simply suggest that the weight (as well as the look) of the chairs be taken into account.
- I agree with the idea. However I am not comfortable with the change from pews to chairs.
- Replacing the pews with chairs will give us a lot more flexibility even though it will not change the capacity of the sanctuary. Any money spent on this will not be wasted as the chairs will become part of the fellowship hall when we are able to build a new sanctuary. Every effort should be made to recoup some money from the pews to offset some of the cost of chairs. Some chair cost could be covered by people buying chairs as a memorial (as was done in the existing building).
- I think this would be a good idea and I am in favor of the flexibility. I think people would have to understand that whoever wants to use the space for anything other than church on Sunday would be responsible to arrange and rearrange the chairs. However, I do not feel chairs are a MUST HAVE solution. I am flexible to whatever is decided on this issue.
- I love the idea of chairs!
- In favor of these changes Suggested lightweight-easily movable chairs
- Get rid of the pews! Chairs are great and more flexible.
- The chairs, along with new flooring, would be at the top of the list in my opinion. I think that we really need the flexibility to accommodate small groups. Those groups, particularly adult Christian education classes on Sunday morning, are key to our life as a community as we continue to grow. We need to have the ability to have multiple small classes where people can interact and get to know one another.
- For numerous reasons, I am adamantly opposed to replacing the pews with chairs. It's too expensive for the gain. If ain't broke don't fix it. Creates a problem of what to do with the pews. One size does not fit all but pews can accommodate any size person. Although I do not personally object to the use of chairs, many of our members do. Additional chairs for overflow services are fine with most people. Even those will present a problem of storage and moving but that could be overcome.
- Although I feel using chairs in the sanctuary makes it feel less "church like" and not as inviting, I still feel like this is the way to go. We would have a lot more flexibility in using the space. Other things to think about - where would bibles/hymnals be kept; what about communion cups; additional time needed to set up/remove chairs and keeping them "neat"; how to divide the responsibility of set up/take down, etc.
- I think I prefer pews to chairs, but I would be okay with chairs if the congregation as a whole supports it. I prefer wood finish chairs over metal. Where would communion cups go if we went with chairs?
- Wait until we have the money.
- Go for it!
- I understand the need and the solution proposed. My greatest concern is the waste of very good pews that are going to be difficult to sell or use for other purposes. I believe "selling" the chair concept would be easier if everyone had a firm grasp on what the ultimate goal of the Master Plan was; which as I understand it will add a larger sanctuary to the east and make the current sanctuary a Fellowship area. Perhaps that Master Plan could be posted somewhere that members would see it and be reminded that we are taking

intermediate steps with our current planning.

- We weren't sure when the NEW sanctuary will be started, but is there any chance of using the pews in the new sanctuary and getting the chairs then? If not, chairs are okay. Will each group be responsible and able for setting up and taking down?
- I am one of the few that still prefers pews for worship. I have been in beautiful churches that have the moveable chairs and have to remind myself that I am in church. If you need to use the space for something other than worship and have to store these chairs, it looks like they would have to be piled on the side of the room. These chairs are not appropriate for sitting around a table to eat, etc.
- When I first read this proposal, my first response was "no, a church means pews". But I knew that wasn't a compelling reason. The more I thought about it, the more I realized it was a compelling reason – because a church also means family to me. Church services are times for us to be together as a family, to sit quietly next to each other and rejuvenate, restore, and prepare for the week ahead. Many times, Sunday mornings are the only hour and a half I get each week to sit quietly beside my husband.

Someone noted that chairs give everyone personal space. I don't want personal space at church. I want family space. I want to sit snuggled up next to Steve or the kids. Or close enough to Lynn Brown to whisper something during the service. Or close enough to Dotty Casey to ask how she's doing. And I'm not alone. If you look out in the sanctuary on any given Sunday, you can tell the family units by how they are sitting close together in the pews. You may not always know the names, but you can tell who goes with whom by how they are sitting.

I also have concerns with the chairs and how they will interact with my children. Will my kids be able to lay their heads down in my lap and still be comfortable? As my kids noted, will the chairs move and make noise if they drop their crayon and get down to pick it up? Will the chairs tip back and be a hazard for the kids (since we want easily moveable chairs, this is a valid concern)?

Then, there are the logistical concerns. Who's going to be responsible for moving the chairs around as they need to be moved? Tim? The Deacons? The Elders? If certain chairs have holders for hymnals and Bibles, this can easily become a logistical nightmare, to ensure you have the right placement of chairs – or you'll have one row with too many hymnals and one row without. Will the chairs stack with the holders on them?

The most compelling reason I've seen offered is to create more flexible adult education space. I've been in adult classes in the sanctuary, and I feel they have worked. The large class that meets in the Fellowship Hall seems to be working – and is functioning with much less constraints now than it has in the past. I do not believe creating smaller group settings for smaller services will work. People will either stand in the back, or not come. Some will sit in the more intimate seating arrangements – but many people will be uncomfortable with that. To me, it's a lot of work to reconfigure the seating without proven results. We do not like the argument that chairs will add the flexibility to expand the Fellowship Hall into the Sanctuary. It is a Sanctuary, not a Fellowship Hall, and needs to remain that way.

Finally, as you can see, this is a very emotional discussion point for us. I feel I am not alone with that viewpoint. I'm extremely sad that this has come up, as I feel there will be no winners if a decision is made. I don't want this to divide the church, but this has the potential to become an extremely divisive topic.

- For example, during Vacation Bible School, we often need a large open space; for special worship services such as Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday, we need to be able to rearrange the worship area to create a "smaller" sanctuary; and perhaps most importantly, we desperately need more *accommodating* spaces for adult Sunday School classes. Replace the pews with comfortable, attractive "church" chairs. To see examples, Google "church chairs." Leave the pews alone we do not need to spend money on Chairs just to be flexible to expensive and would gain nothing.
- I think that this work should be the third priority in the remodeling effort.
- I think that God wants his/her people to use the building in the best way that it can be used. The space will be no less worshipful with pews or with chairs. I have worshipped sitting on wooden logs and on the ground. I have worshipped on hard pews and on hard chairs. In all these instances, I felt God's presence. I think God will be present amongst us when we worship whether we are sitting on pews, wooden chairs with cushions or metal chairs with cushions.

One thing I feel strongly about is that pews are less inclusive. If four people showed up in worship in wheelchairs on Sunday morning, all for the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we would be hard pressed to include them, except in the foyer. As it is now, those in wheelchairs are relegated to sitting near the back of the

sanctuary. Having chairs would make it a lot easier to accommodate more people in wheelchairs and it would allow those in wheelchairs to be able to sit near the front if they chose that area.

4. What are your views, opinions, suggestions or questions about the following?

Have a "moveable wall" that opens up so that the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall can become one room. Replace the back wall of the Sanctuary with clear glass folding doors. -

- excellent idea but will not completely solve the problem as the Church continues to grow the third phase will need to begin with the fellowship hall that will be big enough to also be divided into classrooms
- I think this is a good idea. It will allow the two rooms (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) to be separate rooms or to be used as one. Also, I think doors with windows will create a much more visually open sanctuary, even when the doors are closed.
- Love this idea--makes perfect sense--will be very nice
- I think this is a great idea! I think it will be beautiful as well as functional. My one concern is that there are often various goings-on in the fellowship hall during the 10:30 service (setting up for meetings, birthday celebrations, and other special occasions). If we have a glass wall, those activities have the potential to be distracting to the worship environment. However, completely disallowing those activities during the service is impractical as well.
- Clear glass folding doors sounds good with one exception the doors would require tempered glass and would be very expensive just to gain more room for 4 or 5 Sundays a year. Moving the wall is good idea. There are other ways to do this with less expense.
- The money spent on chairs and the back would be better used for a new Sanctuary."
- GREAT! GO FOR IT!
- OK with me!!!
- good idea--I like it
- I like this idea because it will make the Chancel larger when we need it to be. We need a bigger area for service, this definitely to accomplish that. I am also not against getting the moveable chairs mentioned above for this area so that we can use them when needed.
- I love the glass windows/doors and so approve of glass folding doors. Would really open up sanctuary and add light.
- I really like opening up the sanctuary with the glass doors. It seems so dark and closed in now.
- This sounds okay to me but am somewhat concerned about the cost of the project.
- It sounds pretty. And expensive. I think it would make a much more interesting sanctuary.
- A great idea for creating a bigger space in which all members of the church may fit.
- I think moveable wall is good, not crazy about the idea of clear glass
- VERY GOOD IDEA
- I think glass walls would be distracting to some and that movable wall would allow noises to move from one area to the other.
- Love it.
- Not crazy about this. Folding doors or panels ok for future growth but hate the clear glass; worry about reflections, look & feel.
- I like the glass door idea. I know someone who visited our church and they made the comment that there were no windows in the sanctuary and they didn't like that.
- I couldn't agree MORE -- no comment!
- Yes, this is also priority in my mind.

- Two concerns on this issue: One, our family does not want the Sanctuary to be an overflow for the Fellowship Hall. We feel the Sanctuary needs to stay the "serious part of church" (as our daughter put it). It's hard enough to instill this in the children today, and will only be more difficult to explain that sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't. Two, glass doors will cause distractions with the amount of activity that goes on in the Fellowship Hall during any given service. Make them solid.
- Great to have the clear glass as long as there is no activity in the fellowship hall during worship. Might be a distraction for worship leaders.
- Love the moveable wall idea. We need the space!"
- Moveable" yes, "clear glass" not so good. Even with the small windows in the current doors, everyone in the chancel area can be distracted by what's going on in the Fellowship Hall during a service. If we opt for glass, use of the Fellowship Hall during a regular service will need to be restricted.
- The "moveable wall" is a good idea. I am concerned about it being glass. Maybe including the according doors on the east half of the fellowship hall (as in the original plans) would allow for one of the needed adult class rooms.
- Extend the flooring in the sanctuary out to the north wall corners in the middle of fellowship hall.
- [Add more doors/windows to increase visibility into the sanctuary the width of the extended flooring.]"
- I think that is a very creative and good idea.
- Compromise on pews: Remove first row of pews and remove last 2 rows of pews. Use chairs on those rows to gain flexibility and lower cost. We could keep donated pews and honor the donations made. Folks who love pews can sit on pews. Whatever flooring is chosen should allow for removal of those pews and their reuse in future sanctuary without huge flooring damage other than normal maintenance, repair and replacement."
- NO
- Very good idea
- I'm not sure how I feel about the glass folding doors. I like the concept, but am not sure about being able to see through them. When people are setting up the fellowship hall for an after church function, being able to see them doing it might be distracting. Maybe a frosted glass?
- Either idea is great, but whatever is cheaper is good enough. Could we see sample sketches of each idea?
- Agree
- My opinion is still out on this idea. I am not sure about the sound control of this wall when there are events in both spaces (such as when people are setting up for an after-worship event during services). However, I am not opposed to opening up the two spaces and this may be the best way to do that, given the constraints of our budget.
- I agree with these changes
- This again gives us flexibility for both the existing fellowship hall and the sanctuary (allowing to open up the sanctuary for overflow crowds, Christmas, Easter, etc.) and room for large fellowship dinners. Since this will probably be the most expensive part of the remodel, it can be done as a second phase of this project. The only drawback would be adjusting for the floor covering if the wall was not done at the same time as the floor.
- LOVE IT!!! Having been a deacon on Sundays where we have had to pile chairs outside the main doors, I have to say it does not seem like a particularly welcoming option. I also like the idea that it would let more light in.
- Great!
- In favor of this
- Good idea. Do it.
- I think this is a fantastic idea that will add needed flexibility. If I had to prioritize due to funding constraints, I would put this after "replace the pews with chairs". I believe we need the flexibility in the sanctuary for adult education and other events that the chairs would provide perhaps even more than opening up the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. I would like to do both, but if I had to choose, chairs would be first.
- A moveable wall would be a good idea if we can find something that will work and not be too difficult to install or too ugly. I don't know about the glass folding doors. It seems to me that would kill the feeling of sanctuary.

- I think this is a great idea. We could then open up the sanctuary to allow additional seating on high occupancy Sundays or for social events.
- I am okay with this suggestion, especially if the flooring in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall match.
- Wait until we have the money.
- Go for it!
- Terrific idea!! Do this if we do nothing else.
- Clear glass folding doors sounds like an accident ready to happen! And FINGERPRINTS! Is it too late to do pocket doors, or sliding barn type doors, or even regular folding doors?
- A removable wall would be ideal for when we have overflow crowds. I only hope they do not take up too much room when opened.
- Replace the back wall of the Sanctuary with clear glass folding doors.
- I think that the work in #4 and #5 should be the second priority in the remodeling effort.
- Great idea!!

5. What are your views, opinions, suggestions or questions about the following?

Improve the look of the Fellowship Hall, Room 110, and Room 114. Repaint and re-floor the Fellowship Hall and Rooms 110 and 114. When we had mold in Room 110 and 114, part of the carpeting was removed and never replaced.

- I think the carpet needs taken out due to cost of cleaning it and the tile flooring or stained flooring would be easier to care for.
- I think these are good ideas.
- all fine--do it
- Absolutely the right thing to do!
- I would like to see the fellowship Hall floor redone with either tile or stained concrete. Rooms 110 and 114 need new flooring of some kind
- New floor covering is essential. Make them functional and acoustically comfortable. Again, hold off on repainting walls as last item to be done so as to save money for more essential projects.
- Ok to do all this!!!!
- definitely good idea
- I am not familiar with room's numbers in the building.
- Redo these rooms so they don't stick out as odd balls. Isn't there a concrete foundation to this whole building that we will be using. Concrete floors are nice & rugs can be added if someone wants to give them as memorial, etc.
- Agree. I HATE that dirty carpet in the fellowship hall. Could we all bring rug cleaner and shampoo it on our own?
- Flooring replacement in these areas is a must.
- Yes, let's get the floors taken care of already.
- I think the renovations in these parts are important and should be fixed.
- definitely get rid of all carpet and get another kind of floor and repaint
- ANOTHER GOOD IDEA. GOING RIGHT DIRECTION
- I support this idea.
- Do it.
- Very good idea.
- Should be done.
- I agree and would recommend carpet for sound issues.

- yes
- Sounds good.
- All carpet must go! I would support replacing it with any surface that can be mopped.
- O.K.
- We should finish Rooms 110 and 114.
- Turn the east/west wings of fellowship hall into usable adult classroom space. Perhaps adding roll-away room dividers when all of fellowship hall is used for dinners, receptions, special programs, at the like.
- Refloor the class spaces with (similar) flooring that will complement the ""extension"" of the sanctuary."
- Yes. We need to view this as required maintenance. It isn't optional. It isn't remodeling.
- I am all for that.
- I agree
- Repainting the rooms and fellowship hall would be a nice "pick-me-up". I think the fellowship hall should be the same color as the sanctuary to give it a smoother transition. The flooring should be the same as in the sanctuary for the same reason. I really do like the marmoleum.
- Rooms 10 and 114 should be done only after the flooring in the Sanctuary and Fellowship hall if we can afford it.
- This should be the first priority. First impressions count!!
- These rooms desperately need attention.
- I agree with these changes
- This is a must. The current carpeting in the fellowship is a most unwelcome site to visitors. Members are not overly fond of it either (ha-ha).
- Sounds good to me. Not sure where this fits in with what is currently budgeted and proposed for the other improvements. Maybe do all of these improvements in a "phased" approach and have the congregation decide on the priorities of the phases?
- Awesome! I do not really favor more carpet.
- In favor of this
- Do it.
- I think replacing the carpet is an absolute necessity. I think I would put this at the top of the list above any other aesthetic improvements. We need flooring that is designed for high traffic, is easy to maintain/keep clean and will remain attractive over a long period of time.
- We definitely need new paint and most especially new flooring in the fellowship hall. Also the rooms in question need to have the mentioned repairs.
- I definitely think the fellowship hall flooring needs to be redone. Since this area is high traffic and subject to coffee/juice spills, etc. I think it should be some type of flooring that can be swept and mopped. Also some type of flooring should be done in Rooms 110 and 114 since it was not replaced after the mold issue.
- Yes! New flooring is a necessity in the Fellowship Hall.
- Yes, they should be made whole. This is valuable church space.
- Whatever is used in the sanctuary should be carried through to the fellowship hall. Brown speckled (dirt-like) carpet would be a plus. Is there someone that cleans the carpet on a regular basis? Perhaps groups using the space could vacuum after their use. Hydrogen peroxide works wonders on any spots.
- I think a rubberized paint would be ideal for the Fellowship Hall and Rooms 110 and 114.
- Do not have issue with 110 and 114 they need to be fixed. New floor in the fellowship would be better than spending money on the back wall.
- Those of us who worship regularly at UCC don't always notice the way our church looks because we are busy talking to the people. But newcomers do notice dirty walls and dirty rugs and rooms that are half finished. I once choose not to return to a church to worship because the walls were painted a pink color and the religious drapes were bright orange, yellow, purple, and blue. It all clashed so awfully, it was very distracting and not very worshipful. Yes, please improve the fellowship hall and rooms 110 and 114.