

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the project scope?

The project includes renovations to and near the sanctuary as well as constructing a two-story addition to the back of the sanctuary. The sanctuary entrance, chancel and bathrooms closest to the worship area will be upgraded to provide handicapped accessibility. The lobby will be expanded to create a welcoming café area. The two-story building behind the sanctuary will house offices on the first floor and the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges on the second floor.

What is the project cost?

The project scope is estimated to be \$2.2 to \$2.6 million.

How do we plan to fund the project?

We plan to raise these funds through a Capital Campaign with a three-year giving commitment period which will begin June 2017.

Will all members of the church be asked to make a commitment to the capital campaign?

Yes, the Campaign Leadership Team hopes all members and attendees will pray and seek to be a blessing through their financial commitment to the campaign.

How long is the commitment period?

A financial commitment may be paid out over a three-year period in weekly, monthly, yearly, or one-time donation. There also will be an opportunity for "add-on" giving once a commitment has been reached fully. The campaign will also accept assets of tangible value through the assistance of the Finance Committee.

How will this impact my annual giving commitment to the general, capital or mission budgets?

We are asking people to make a second-mile gift, over and above their giving to our operating budgets. It is important that you do not decrease your operating giving so that you can give to the capital campaign, as this would have a negative impact on our day-to-day ministry.

When will construction begin?

In order to lock in variances obtained from New Castle County, new construction must begin by December 3, 2019. Construction most certainly will begin before that date – as soon as possible once all funding has been pledged, construction bids received and all construction plans finalized.

How will the church be impacted by the construction?

Operating in an active construction zone will require patience and flexibility from all during the messiness of a building project. Our Early Learning Center will not be affected by the construction and will be able to operate as normal. During the times the sanctuary will not be available, we will worship in Faith Hall. The church and pastors' offices will relocate when necessary.

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CARING ENOUGH TO GROW

VISION BROCHURE

"After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building."

1st Corinthians 3: 5-9 NLT



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Dear Hockessin Church Family,

“Caring Enough to Grow” is the title chosen for our campaign to be in ministry and mission through the church in these exciting days ahead. We are fortunate people to be a part of this church at this time and have the chance to do something truly lasting and memorable for Hockessin United Methodist Church.

My hope is that you will begin to pray about what God’s will is for you in light of this exciting campaign. If everyone in our church will start to pray about God’s will, then something extraordinary will happen.

This Vision Brochure is an informative device to detail the Caring Enough to Grow campaign’s purpose. Please read and study the material carefully. It should answer any of your questions concerning the journey we are taking together as a congregation.

The whole campaign is undergirded in prayer. Our dedicated Prayer Team is determined to share information about Caring Enough to Grow, the vision for our church and answer any of your questions. They are reminding us to make the campaign a matter of daily prayer and to ask how they might be in prayer for us. Each person in our congregation is being asked to pray, “Lord, what would you have me do?” I have been stretched significantly by this prayer. I can’t wait to see what God is going to do in our midst.

The days ahead are some of the most critical in the history of this church. It is my great hope that we will come together in prayer and respond in such a way that we will see the hand of God in our work.

In Christ,

Rev. Rob Townsend
Lead Pastor



History

Our congregation first organized in 1881. Founders’ Hall was built in 1882 and a fellowship space was added in 1946. Our present sanctuary was dedicated in 1965. It has served our congregation for the last 50+ years. The Education Wing was built in 1976. Faith Hall was built in 1987 and in 2003 the Music/Education Wing was added. Throughout our congregation’s history, we have not ceased to expand our campus in order to meet the growing needs of our community of faith.

Today’s Opportunity

- By renovating the chancel area of the sanctuary, we provide accessibility to persons of all capabilities so they can participate in worship leadership.
- By widening the hallway and building handicapped-accessible bathrooms, we will eliminate the requirement for handicapped members and guests to use facilities on the other side of the complex.
- By creating closer handicapped parking and a covered portico at the sanctuary entrance, we will care for those who cannot travel long distances within our building.
- By building new office space, we will be able to open up the present lobby space to create a new café and fellowship area and eliminate crowding in the narthex.
- By building space for the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges, we will honor the pledge we made to them nine years ago when we acquired their land.
- By adding square footage to our current complex, we lock in county variances and maximum land development of our property for future congregations to expand, if needed.

Future

As members of Hockessin United Methodist Church, we are grateful for our predecessor members who had the vision and foresight to create space on this property where thousands have worshiped, studied and engaged our community with the love and grace of Jesus Christ. As the current generation of this church’s dedicated stewardship, we endeavor to do our part to ensure that those who come after us will find us faithful, and take great joy in what is being created, all of which shall be passed along for future generations to enjoy.

