



Faith United Methodist Church's

Capital Campaign to Improve Accessibility

Committed to Loving, Growing, and Serving in Faith

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What inspired this project?

The trustees recognized a need for accessibility for our church. The congregation voted to address accessibility needs with an elevator. The trustees interviewed four architects; Christopher Fye from CF&A Architecture in Freeport was chosen. An elevator committee was formed: Jim Jefford, Phil Frey, Judy Norris, Randy Ocken, and Barb Sims. At a congregational meeting on July 19, 2015, the consensus was to direct CF&A Architecture and the elevator committee to proceed with plans for the accessibility project.

2. What is included in the project?

The plan designed by CF&A Architecture will provide a new walk-in entrance without stairs or lift at the main (west) entrance, double entrance doors, and an expanded drive and parking lot on the west side of the building, including 16 parking spaces, 4 designated handicapped. The plan also provides for an elevator from the sanctuary level to the lower level Fellowship Hall, Sunday School rooms, and Polo Community Preschool.

3. Why not put the elevator on the east side of the building that already has a huge parking lot?

Placing an elevator on the east side is not feasible due to the existing kitchen and plumbing, gas, and electric lines.

4. Why not build elevator access onto the outside of the west entrance?

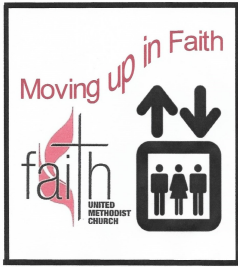
Our architect, Christopher Fye, determined that by placing the elevator inside the building, we would eliminate the need for an outside structure and realize a savings of \$90,000. The parking lot and sidewalk elevation work will also eliminate the need for stairs at the west entrance.

5. Where will the elevator be placed?

The elevator entrances will be across the hall from the men's restrooms on the sanctuary level and on the lower level. Approximately a 7x7 foot area of the lounge on the sanctuary level will be taken up with the elevator. The kitchen in the lounge will be remodeled to continue to accommodate fellowship needs.

6. How large is the elevator?

The inside area is 18 square feet. Four people will easily fit. There will be room for a wheelchair and one or two persons.



7. What can I say to those who question funding an elevator they might not even use?

Take into consideration the church members of the 1950's whose faith, vision, and generosity brought into reality this awesome church building. We can say with assurance that they "paid it forward" for us to enjoy in 2016. Now it is our responsibility to continue their generosity as we offer hospitality and love in Jesus' Name to all in our congregation and our community who have accessibility needs. We support the elevator project knowing we are opening doors for people we don't even know who are the next wave of persons who will choose Faith UMC as their home.

8. How much will the project cost?

Approximately \$250,000 will cover the cost of the grading and external work on the west side of the building, the remodeling of the west entrance, the installation of the elevator, and the architect's and consultant's fees.

9. How will the project be funded?

We are asking everyone to consider making a 3-year pledge to the campaign.

An additional source of funding is major gifts from alumni and friends.

While we hope everyone is able to contribute something to the campaign, we also realize financial circumstances are different for everyone and not everyone will be able to make a pledge.

Please don't decrease your annual giving in order to give to the campaign.

10. How much money has been raised to date?

11. When will my pledge be expected?

On Celebration Sunday, May 1, 2016, we will bring our pledges to worship. ***Everyone is invited*** to a special time of fellowship with refreshments following the service as a thank you for being a part of the church and this campaign.

12. The capital fund is scheduled to last three years. Why?

This is meant to be a convenience to the contributors. Whether you give a lump sum contribution or spread it out over the three years is completely up to you.

13. How will my pledge be reported?

Your tax-deductible pledge will be part of the quarterly giving statement prepared by our financial secretary.

Confidentiality at Faith UMC is protected as always. Only Laura McKean and Judy Norris record the pledge cards and the details of your giving.

14. What if we don't reach our goal?

We will borrow the remainder of the money needed. We assume a substantial portion of the goal will be met, so only a fraction of the goal would need to be financed.

We are Moving Up in Faith!

We know that a church our size has the financial strength to meet this goal.

The vision for this project is based on faith. We are confident that this Faith UMC project will be funded.

15. How do we access the building during construction?

Greeters will be on hand to help anyone who needs help to get into the building. During construction, entrance will be through one of the two east entrance doors.

16. What is the projected time frame for the entire project?

Grading on the west side will begin as soon as weather permits. This work will take about two and a half months. The architect is focused right now on the exterior work.

Once the elevator work begins on the inside of the building, expect it to be finished in another two and a half months.