

Have you ever been asked any of the following questions about Olivet?

- ❖ Where is your contemporary service? (Climb 7 steps please.)
- ❖ Where is the potluck being held? (Descend 14 steps to the Undercroft remembering to use the restroom before doing so since there is none “down there.”)
- ❖ Where are Sunday’s Education Classes for Children? (Climb 28 steps please.)
- ❖ Where is the nursery? (Climb 28 steps please.)
- ❖ Where is the wheel chair ramp? (Oh, that’s non-existent!)

There are many other questions that could be asked. If you have had to wrestle with any of these questions then you know we are in need of a new worship space if our loving, warm, friendly, faithful community is to grow both physically and spiritually by offering a place where we can meet a variety of needs in our diverse parish.

We see ourselves as a very warm and friendly church. The question that needs to be asked is, “Do we really believe that is all it takes...do we really believe we have the facilities that make newcomers feel this church is a loving, welcoming, and inviting place to worship God with their family?”

The opening of new worship space will enable us to:

- Have a space that has outside aisles and a center aisle for entering and exiting easily and more seating capacity than we now have.
- Be handicapped accessible with a roll-up area for wheelchairs.
- Have an off-set for musicians so they are not in the sanctuary space.
- Have a nursery/play area on the ground floor.
- Have a vesting area for clergy, liturgy servers, and choir.
- Have a separate area for flower arranging.

Once we are utilizing the new space, we will be able to remodel the current building to:

- Install an elevator for handicap accessibility to all four floors and upgrade a restroom for handicap accessibility.
- Convert the larger space to a more functional, multi-purpose area with a small kitchenette.
- Revamp storage space and classrooms.

Finally, as we move forward to build the new worship space, we must continue to practice good stewardship by maintaining and caring for the space we now have.

With God’s help, and everyone’s strength, courage, and determination, we can be a brighter beacon for God here on the corner of Beulah and Franconia Road as we continue to welcome people with open arms, warm hearts, and friendly smiles. And a more welcoming and user-friendly facility, too!