

WELCOME TO SERVE!

Why us? God has worked through our church for 198 years to serve this community through the grace and gospel of Jesus Christ. His love and power sustained our church through the Civil War, the Great Depression, two World Wars, and countless other difficult military, social, and economic struggles. Now, God has chosen us in this time to serve our community on His behalf through Cornerstone Global Methodist Church! We are the ones God has called to continue that legacy. What an honor!

It's time for us to update our building to match the energy and calling of our people. Through our recent disaffiliation process we now own the building outright. So today, in this spiritual and financial **SERVE** Campaign of 2025-2028, we need to answer two questions before this year's financial Commitment Sunday on November 23rd.

- 1. How can we best improve the building to serve our community?
- 2. How can each of us individually use our God-given gifts to serve the community through our church?

I envision a day when every person in our community has had a reason to find our building and experience God's love herein. They may come here for worship or a community meeting or coffee with friends or one of the many dozens of other ways we'll serve them. We're a multi-generational ministry in the heart of town that provides a heartbeat of hope for our community because we have a heart of service.

Jesus challenged us by saying in Mark 10:43, "whoever would be great among you must be your servant." I'm proud to serve alongside each of you as we love God, love people, and serve both!

— In Christ's Service, Pastor Nathan



HOW CAN I HELP?

Please PRAY for the overall plans to be what GOD wants, and for your own participation: how does God want you to participate in this **SERVE** campaign? We'll utilize much volunteer help throughout this year and then receive financial pledges in November.

Please stay informed! We'll create an extensive booklet with more information as it is developed and hold other meetings and discussion times over the next 6 months. So please listen, read, and attend whenever possible to know and share the details. You can be our ambassador of good information!





WHAT IS THE PLAN?

Based on extensive input and planning, we plan to renovate the current facilities in the following ways:

TO SERVE CHILDREN & FAMILIES:

- ▶ Children's ministry (nursery through 4th Grade) move to the second floor.
- ▶ New children's welcome center, nursery, and toddler room with a restroom.
- ▶ New sensory room for children with special needs.
- ▶ Refresh the other children & preschool rooms.

TO SERVE LOW-MOBILITY FRIENDS:

- ▶ New ADA restrooms on same level as the sanctuary.
- ▶ New ADA family-style restroom near BFLC entrance.
- ▶ New elevator to sanctuary from Court St.
- ▶ Improved wayfinding signage.

TO SERVE YOUTH AND ALL ADULTS WITHIN & OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH:

- ▶ New café with plumbing & two new first-floor gathering areas with natural light.
- ▶ New multiuse room with natural light.
- ▶ Refreshed youth ministry rooms.
- ▶ Traditional sanctuary upgrades including wooden wall enhancements, new seating, renovated stage with handrails and movable pulpit, improved flooring and lighting, balcony and bell choir loft safety improvements.
- ▶ Newcomer hospitality improvements including better exterior and interior signage, fresh paint, new flooring, safety & security enhancements.
- ▶ Kitchen ventilation and electric power improvements.
- ▶ Office space renovations.
- ▶ Chapel enhancements for usage as Prayer Room.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THIS?

Sacrificial giving over and above our yearly giving to the ministry of the church pledged to be given within the next three years of the **SERVE** campaign. Our ongoing ministries exist because of regular 'tithes and offerings' given throughout each year that will need to remain strong and vital. This campaign will require giving over and above that, and everyone can contribute with equal sacrifice rather than equal gifts. Where are you on your generosity journey? Wherever you are, simply take the next step God leads you to take without pressure or condemnation.

Between now and Commitment Sunday in November, prayerfully consider whether your next step in your journey might be:

- ▶ To become an initial giver who starts giving regularly?
- ▶ To become a consistent giver who moves into tithing?
- ▶ To become a sacrificial giver who gives over and above annual support of the church to support our **SERVE** Campaign?
- ▶ To become a lifetime giver, who gives a legacy gift that empowers the church for decades to come?

God has prepared you for such a time as this. He sacrificed for us, and in response we sacrifice for Him. Just take your next step with His guidance.



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WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

STEP ONE: 2022 – Disaffiliated--therefore own our property now; revived discussions of desired renovations with renewed enthusiasm!

STEP TWO: 2022-2024 – Refresh Team gathered input from congregants, ministry leaders, and staff; compiled a 251-row spreadsheet of all ideas; created 18-page summary for architects; architect & builder contracts started master-planning conceptual design.

STEP THREE: 2024-April 2025 – Refresh team replaced with Building Committee to take the design process forward; added Generosity Team for fundraising development.

STEP FOUR: April 2025-November 2025 – Construction Team refines design as funding can support; Generosity Team communicates with congregation for financial support through multiple meetings, a sermon series, and ongoing communication, culminating in Nov. 23 pledge-receiving "Commitment Sunday." Current estimated cost of renovations and design cost is \$6 Million.

STEP FIVE: (Simultaneous to Step Four) April 2025 - perhaps into 2026 – As Fundraising allows, "Design Development" work done by the architects to refine the design and the interior decoration plans, followed by final "Construction Drawings."

STEP SIX: December, 2025 - Church Vote of all "Professing Members," mandatory for the taking on of a construction loan, and if necessary, any mortgage debt. Exact details will be established after final scope & fundraising are complete.

STEP SEVEN: 2026 - Renovate and pay for the renovations! Renovations start; pledged money received through 2028. Expect some need for creative adaptation of our normal ministries while various parts of the building are "closed for renovations"...but it will be worth it!