

# Mt. Carmel Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## *Faithful to the Generations*

### *— A Vision for Our Future*

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## Location, Location, Location!

Real estate agents often say the 3 most important factors regarding the value of a property are "location, location, and location."

At Mt. Carmel, one of the best pieces of real estate is located right in the middle of our building -- the concrete patio. While this is a prime location, it currently offers very little in the way of functionality. The patio goes largely unused throughout the year, and prevents connectivity between all areas of the first floor of our building.

One of the proposals

being made in our "Faithful to the Generations" plan is to take advantage of that prime location by repurposing that space and integrating it into the daily use of our building. By enclosing that area, we can utilize it as a stand-alone meeting/education/reception space. Through the use of pocket doors, that same space can be opened up to connect with and serve as an addition to the fellowship hall. This flex-space is a great way to fully utilize our existing square footage without having to construct a costly building addition.

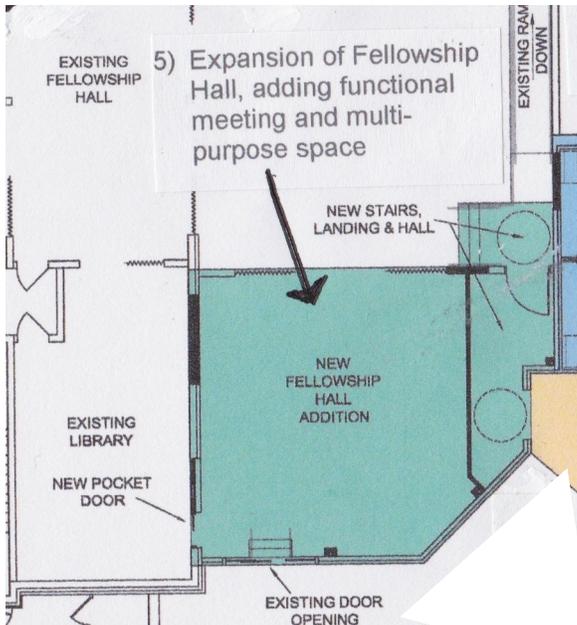
In this new space, the floor height would remain at the same level as the fellowship hall, and the existing doors and steps to the fireplace area would remain for direct access to the narthex. In addition, we will provide a doorway from this new space into the



library, offering the potential for even more flexibility within the building.

To improve traffic flow throughout the building, the existing wheelchair ramp in the fellowship hall will be extended forward into the narthex. This renovation will allow direct access to/from the fellowship hall and narthex, once again taking advantage of our current building layout.

As you can see, the plans that are on the drawing board are intended to maximize every square inch of our existing space as efficiently as possible. In this way, we are eliminating the need to pour new foundations and construct new exterior walls, which would be very expensive. We believe we can create new and exciting possibilities for our building while being good financial stewards. Let's be faithful to the generations by faithfully and responsibly taking care of our resources.



# Q

**In this space, we will address some of the questions congregation members have been asking . . .**

# Q.

*I'm concerned about the proposed orientation of the doors into the new restrooms. Can something be done to ensure better privacy?*

# A

This is a great question and, based on it, we've had a few new drawings made to address this issue. In one version, privacy walls are included to shield the restroom doors from direct view

from the narthex. In another version, the men's bathroom is re-oriented 90 degrees, which allows the door to be moved to achieve privacy, and a privacy wall included for the women's restroom.

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