



“How we treat our space is a reflection of our faith...our faith isn’t tired so our building shouldn’t look tired, it should look alive and vibrant, like this community is alive and vibrant.”

-Rev. Rob McClellan

Welcome to our beautiful new narthex, expanded community building, and light-filled office spaces. Welcome to Westminster2020!

How did we get here?

2014/2015	A committee formed to review deferred building maintenance, interview key stakeholders, and plan for future church needs. Preliminary design ideas, rough cost estimates, and goals for a building renovation and revitalization project were presented to session.
2016	Session enlisted a team to hire a consultant and conduct a feasibility study to determine the appetite for a capital campaign and the probability of success. The feasibility study showed that there was great support and enthusiasm for the project.
2018	The Westmister2020-Forward in Faith capital campaign was launched in January and completed in June. The campaign raised approximately \$2.5 million, just short of the estimated project cost of \$2.8 million. It was a great success thanks to the generosity of our church community!
2019	The Renovation Committee was formed, the architect and general contractor were hired, financing was secured, and permits were approved to begin construction.
2020	Construction of the new narthex, community building, and office space was completed in 10 months - even with a six-week delay for COVID-19. Landscaping, new signage, and solar panel installation should be completed by the end of the year.

What have we accomplished?

We have accomplished all goals put forth in the building renovation and revitalization vision!

Essential Renovation to Facility Infrastructure

- address years of deferred maintenance ✓
- perform seismic upgrades ✓
- install energy-efficient upgrades including windows, siding, solar, and roofing ✓
- replace plumbing and sewer infrastructure ✓

Strengthening Service and Community

- build a large and efficient kitchen ✓
- revitalize fellowship space in Findlay Hall and Fireside ✓
- provide increased classroom space ✓
- create flexible and modern meeting spaces ✓
- reconfigure and expand office space ✓

Creating a Welcoming Environment

- enlarge the Narthex to provide a dynamic and welcoming entry ✓
- improve curb appeal ✓
- provide ADA compliant access to the entire facility ✓

Where do we go from here?

Our work is not yet done. Construction costs rose significantly over the past four years. To complete the project, Session approved a loan of up to \$1 million from the Synod with the expectation that there would be a subsequent capital campaign to pay off the debt. Through diligent expense management we should be able to keep the final loan amount under \$1 million. We will be asking the church community to again consider the value of this revitalized space when we launch a combined annual and capital campaign next fall.

The church is much more than a building. This project has allowed us to enrich and broaden the future ministry of the church and show that our faith is indeed alive and vibrant. Thank you!