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March 2008 Study Committee Report on Feasibility of
Church Building Extensive Renovation

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This report intends to show that the Christ UMC study committee has analyzed the needs of the church and community, projected potential membership, average attendance, financial trends, and the church’s program of ministry, including the development of an accessibility plan in accordance with para. 2543 of the Book of Discipline. It is this study committee’s recommendation that Christ UMC pursue extensive renovation. The current focus of the extensive renovation is the expansion of the fellowship hall and kitchen, better use of the rooms off of the sanctuary, more space in the narthex, and storage.

Outline:

- I. Analysis of the needs of the church and community
- II. Projection of the past, present, and potential membership with average attendance; and financial trends
- III. Analysis of the church’s present and future programs of ministry
- IV. An accessibility plan for renovated areas

I. Analysis of the Needs of the Church and Community

Our Community

The study committee (SC) began with an analysis of the 34748 area code. This area contains most of the retirement communities that surround Leesburg. Our source was the 2000 US Census Bureau¹. The 2000 Demographic Profile Highlights are stated in Table 1.

Table 1: Demographics of 34748 area code

General Characteristics - >>	Number	Percent	U.S.
Total population	30,806		
Male	14,305	46.4	49.1%
Female	16,501	53.6	50.9%
Median age (years)	56.1	(X)	35.3

¹ www.factfinder.census.gov

Under 5 years	1,367	4.4	6.8%
18 years and over	25,585	83.1	74.3%
65 years and over	11,314	36.7	12.4%

Table 1 shows that the average age of those living in area code 34748 is 56.1. Those 65 and older make up 36.7% of the population. The US population over the age of 65 is 12.4%.

We then analyzed the demographics of Leesburg city limits (See Table 2). The median age of Leesburg is 41.5 years old. The percent of those in Leesburg over the age of 65 is 26.2%.

Table 2: Demographics of Leesburg, FL²

General Characteristics -	Number	Percent	U.S.
Total population	15,956		
Male	7,275	45.6	49.1%
Female	8,681	54.4	50.9%
Median age (years)	41.5	(X)	35.3
Under 5 years	1,006	6.3	6.8%
18 years and over	12,209	76.5	74.3%
65 years and over	4,188	26.2	12.4%

We then compared these demographic numbers with those of our congregation and membership. Our church’s estimated median age is 71. Our percentage of people over the age of 65 is approximately 65%. The SC has come to the conclusion that Christ UMC does not reflect the population of Leesburg city limits nor does it reflect the population of area code 34748.

Therefore:

The SC recommends that this extensive renovation contain visions and plans for ministry and outreach that seek to make Christ UMC’s membership and worship attendance a reflection of the demographics of the community in which it serves. Our first task would be to reflect the demographics of area code 34748 and after that, to reflect the demographics of Leesburg city limits.

² www.factfinder.census.gov

Needs of our Community- The Sr Adults

Given the elevated population of those over 65 years of age, the SC has found that there is an increased need for ministries to the aging. Issues that continue to arise are: support for the spouses and families of aging elderly, specifically those supporting family members suffering from dementia. Also, support for those who have been widowed continues to be a need. This includes grief support and alleviating loneliness. Feeding those who are at or below the poverty line or are homebound is also a need to be addressed. Another important need of the aging population is education on the aging process. Surveys indicate that this is one of the most popular areas of interest.

Therefore:

The SC recommends that the space created by the extensive renovation be used to address the needs of the aging population by implementing ministries that support family members of those suffering from dementia, address the hunger needs of the aging, and create educational programs for the community addressing the aging process.

Needs of our Community- Young Adults with Children

In addition to needs related to the Sr. adult population in 34748 and Leesburg, single parents in this same area are in need of care and concern. Table 3 (below) lists the family demographics of Leesburg including how many adults are in the home and the age of the children. It then gives the percentages of those families below the poverty line. The area of most concern for Christ UMC over the past three years has been single parent families with children under five years of age. According to Table 3 65.3% of single mother households with children under five are under the poverty level.

Table 3 Families in Leesburg Fl³

Families in Leesburg	4,119	100%
POVERTY STATUS IN 1999 (below		

³ www.factfinder.census.gov

poverty level)		
Families	668	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	16.2
With related children under 18 years	529	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	27.6
With related children under 5 years	240	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	32.1
Families with female householder, no husband present	<u>489</u>	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	<u>40.3</u>
With related children under 18 years	459	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	50.6
With related children under 5 years	207	(X)
<u>Percent below poverty level</u>	(X)	<u>65.3</u>
Individuals	3,045	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	19.8
18 years and over	1,763	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	15.0
65 years and over	437	(X)
Percent below poverty level	(X)	11.9

Therefore:

The SC recommends that Christ UMC continue to support our quarterly thrift store program that offers age specific (13 and under) clothing and children's products. The extensive renovation of the fellowship hall could provide additional space for this program. Additionally, it is recommended that Christ UMC greatly enhance its relationship with Beverly Shores Elementary School across the street to include after school programs aimed at mentoring. This would require use of the space provided by the extensive renovation.

Needs of our Church

First, one of the clearest and most immediate needs of Christ UMC is room to have fellowship with all who attend the Sunday morning worship services. Currently there is an average weekly worship attendance of 147. Our fellowship hall can fit 95 people for a meal if space and comfort are sacrificed. During our winter months, Sunday attendance ranges from 190 to 230. In addition to the monthly fellowship meals after worship, the fellowship hall is used daily throughout the week. On average, there are approximately 26,000 people using the fellowship hall annually. That is about 550 people a week using the fellowship hall. AA has 50-60 in attendance 3-4 times a week. The after-school Karate Kids program has 60 in attendance 4 -5 days a week. Weekly church meetings have 25-30 in attendance. Weekly Kids Club has about 20 in attendance. And the Doll club and TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meet monthly and have approx 15 in attendance.

These programs have some room to grow but realistically they are limited in their growth by the size of the fellowship hall. Christ UMC needs more space in the fellowship hall if the ministries of hospitality and outreach to the community are going to grow to meet the needs of the community and the church.

Second, there is a need for more space to transition in and out of the sanctuary before and after services.

Third, there is a need for more storage. Rooms that have been designated for ministries have been instead used for storage.

Fourth, there is a need to have another meeting room. The sacristy cannot contain the number of participants in many of the groups currently using this room.

In addition to the physical needs of Christ UMC regarding space, many of the same needs that concern the community that relate to the aging process are the felt needs of many of the members of our congregation. If we are to reflect the age of the community in which we serve, programs that appeal to working parents with children are needed. The fellowship hall could provide space for contemporary worship if it were expanded.

Therefore:

The SC recommends that an expansion of the fellowship hall is needed. That would directly address the lack of space for fellowship and enhance our practice of hospitality by offering a welcoming place for all who attend worship to attend fellowship gatherings in the fellowship hall. Also attention to the space needed for transition before and after worship will enhance the welcoming and inviting practices already in place. In addition, changes to the front of the sanctuary are needed to accommodate the needs of the people who have handicapping conditions. This includes a ramp to get onto the stage, hearing aid devices for those attending worship, and large print bibles and hymnals. Lastly, attention to storage will free up current space previously dedicated to ministries.

II. Projection of Membership, Actual and Potential, with Average Attendance and Financial Trends

Table 4 – Actual Weekly and Average Attendance

Month	Sunday	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Jan	1	79	136	119	184	168
Jan	2	85	140	155	178	169
Jan	3	86	161	172	186	194
Jan	4	103	148	153	226	228
Jan	5		166	161		
Feb	1	106	133	129	173	193
Feb	2	124	149	156	171	187
Feb	3	110	170	160	191	191
Feb	4	147	135	140	186	170
Feb	5	112				
Mar	1	102	149	157	163	195
Mar	2	116	169	152	171	183
Mar	3	101	157	167	208	
Mar	4	?	195	167	188	
Mar	5					

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Apr	1	98	121	153	197
Apr	2	106	132	129	262
Apr	3	106	131	187	98
Apr	4	100	127	128	149
Apr	5			103	144
May	1	80	112	118	125
May	2	100	97	142	141
May	3	63	105	105	108
May	4	68	98	105	112
May	5	59	98		
Jun	1	53	92	96	124
Jun	2	84	95	93	111
Jun	3	79	118	86	117
Jun	4	69	103	87	88
Jun	5				
Jul	1	72	88	110	103
Jul	2	70	64	103	100
Jul	3	72	81	101	123
Jul	4	76	99	105	108
Jul	5		98	100	99
Aug	1	85	88	104	106
Aug	2	78	94	102	115
Aug	3	71	95	111	103
Aug	4	63	92	97	126
Aug	5	74			
Sep	1	h-cane	74	92	110
Sep	2	66	106	100	157
Sep	3	94	118	112	133
Sep	4	h-cane	110	130	158
Sep	5				135
Oct	1	89	130	134	120
Oct	2	94	113	129	120
Oct	3	103	132	126	145
Oct	4	103	114	140	142
Oct	5	119	140	158	
Nov	1	121	123	156	145
Nov	2	123	133	143	171
Nov	3	154	163	155	140
Nov	4	116	137	174	134
Nov	5				
Dec	1	117	153	172	153
Dec	2	135	143	175	171
Dec	3	125	148	184	173
Dec	4	95	94	144	177
Dec	5			153	165
Weeks		49	52	53	52
Ann. att		4651	6367	7030	7633
Average		95	122	133	147
%<			<28%	<9%	<10%

Table 4 contains weekly worship attendance numbers over the last four years. Each column reflects the year represented. At the bottom of each column the number of weeks is totaled, annual attendance is totaled, and the average weekly attendance is listed. The row entitled (% <) is the percent increase of average attendance from the year before.

For 2004, the average weekly attendance was 95. Worship was cancelled two times because of hurricanes that year. In 2005, the average weekly attendance increased by 28% and averaged 122 people in attendance per week. In 2006 the average weekly attendance increased by 9%. Our average weekly attendance grew to and average of 133 people per week. In 2007 Our average weekly attendance increased by 10%. Our average weekly attendance grew to 147 people per week in 2007.

These average attendance numbers have been charted below (see Chart 1) Chart 1 shows the annual attendance average in the first column on the left. It is named “Month.” The rest of the line representing each year is the average attendance for that month. The box to the right of the chart identifies the year of the line by the shape found on the line as well as its color.

Projection of Attendance

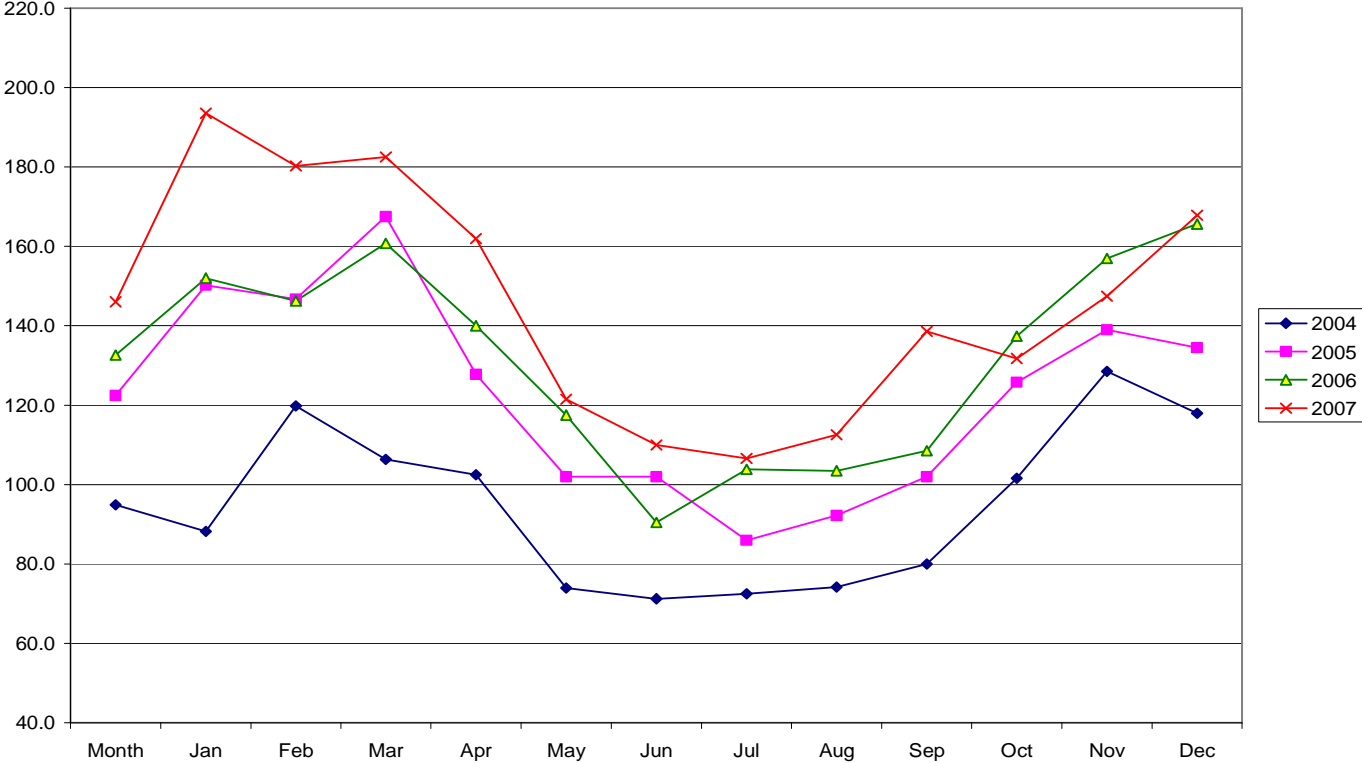
Attendance in the first ten weeks of 2008 continues to show and upward trend. There is a 3% increase in average attendance. Given that there has been about a 10% annual increase. A projection over the next five years has been determined based on an annual increase of 10%.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>
2007-	146
2008-	160
2009-	176
2010-	193
2011-	212
2012-	233

With a maximum seating capacity of 240 in our sanctuary, it will be necessary to make changes to accommodate these projected attendance numbers.

Chart 1- Annual average attendance (see 'Month' column at bottom left)-
 Followed by average attendance of each Month

Christ UMC Attendance by Month



Analysis of Membership

Membership in 2007 reached 277. Since 2004, 130 new members have been received. Given the nature of church membership, some of these new members have since passed away, moved away, or transferred their membership. Other long time members have experienced similar changes. Overall, membership has grown consistently alongside attendance. In general, annual increases in membership have been about 10%.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Actual Membership</u>	<u>% <</u>
2004	207	
2005	233	12.6
2006	252	8.2
2007	277	10
Mar 2008	296	

<u>Year</u>	<u>Membership Projection- (with a 10% annual increase)</u>
2008-	305
2009-	336
2010-	370
2011-	407
2012-	448

Attendance fluctuates during the year because of the population whom we serve. There is an increase in winter attendance over summer attendance of 70 to 90 persons. In the peak months of Jan-March the sanctuary appears mostly full. On the Sundays when there are more than 210 in attendance additional chairs and pews are brought in to accommodate the crowd. It will not be possible to accommodate more than 240 in the sanctuary during one worship service.

Therefore:

It is the SC's recommendation that the unused rooms next to the sacristy, and the sacristy itself be considered in the renovation plans. Space in the sanctuary can be added by removing the walls separating these three rooms and creating a multipurpose area that could be partitioned off by a sliding wall. When worship space is required, the wall would be opened and chairs lined up to increase worship capacity by 60-80 persons. When needed for meetings the wall would simply be closed.

Analysis of Finances

The current Estimated Market Value of Christ UMC is \$1,100,000.00.⁴ Because expenses are projected to be more than 10% of the value of the property, UMC District and Conference involvement is necessary⁵: hence the need for this report.

Christ UMC received a donation in October 2007. \$50,000 was given for the renovation of the fellowship hall. In addition, the same donor agreed to match all other donations for expanding the fellowship hall up to an additional \$100,000.

⁴ 2007 Christ UMC Annual Report of Trustees

⁵ 2004 Book of Discipline

Currently Christ UMC has just over \$90,000 in savings dedicated to the expansion with an additional \$90,000 guaranteed to be matched with an additional \$90,000 in donations to be given in a capital campaign. Realistically, we should have \$270,000 in hand to spend on an extensive renovation.

In an article by Stephen Anderson reported on www.churchdevelopment.com,⁶ it is recommended that not more than 3 or 4 times the amount of a church’s annual budget be spend on a building project. Christ UMC has a projected budget for 2007 of \$141,000. Given these numbers, projected maximum recommended spending limits are:

$$3 \times 141,000 = \$423,000$$

$$4 \times 141,000 = \$564,000$$

Average total giving was also looked at. In a study of 200 churches, average annual giving per person was \$1,038⁷. This is consistent with Christ UMC. One way of coming to that number is to look at average weekly attendance and comparing that to the annual budget. Christ UMC’s average annual attendance per week for 2007 was 147. The budget for this year is \$141,000. That is approximately \$1000.00 per person in annual giving. As attendance and membership increase on average by 10%, it is believed that giving and the annual budget will also increase by 10%. The numbers in the analysis of projected attendance should reflect the future financial trends as well. For example:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Projected Budget</u>
2007-	146	\$141,000 ⁸
2008-	160	160,000
2009-	176	176,000
2010-	193	193,000
2011-	212	212,000
2012-	233	233,000

Any money borrowed for this extensive renovation will need to be raised in a capital campaign over and above tithes received related to the operating budget.

⁶ eBook Anderson, A. (2006) “Preparing to build”

⁷ www.churchbizonline.com

⁸ Actual amount

Decisions to take loans to reach Christ UMC's desired extensive renovation will be made after more detailed costs are arrived at based on renovations needed for current and future ministries.

III. Analysis of the Church's Present and Future Programs of Ministry

The momentum of Christ UMC has been the product of consistent visioning and goal meeting. The Church's present programs of ministry are led by our church's motto and vision.

Motto: Live your Faith through Christ UMC

Vision: Our vision is for Christ UMC to be a place through which you can live your faith. A place where your faith is strengthened in worship, deepened through study, enriched in service, and shared with your neighbor, community, and the world.

Analysis of Church's Present Programs of Ministry

We believe that the local church should be the place where one can live out their faith in Jesus Christ. For example, if someone is new to the faith, one should be able to learn about, experience, and practice their faith in and through their local church. This should be true for anyone at any place on their walk of faith. Because of this belief, Christ UMC places importance in the four areas within our vision statement. These areas are worship, study, service, and mission. Table 5 has been created to be able to quickly determine which programs relate to each of the four areas.

In Table 5 (below) each ministry at Christ UMC is listed in the column that best describes the type of program it is. Each ministry is then placed in the row which best describes its frequency. This table is meant to make visible the types of ministries currently in place and to show the gaps in the areas without ministries.

Ministries begun with the last year are: Visitation team- 20 members visiting approx 40 who are ill or homebound. Prayer shawl ministry- people make

and donate prayer shawls to those who are ill. About 20 shawls have been made. Game Day- weekly fellowship time dedicated to fun and fellowship.

Table 5. Christ UMC Present Ministries

	Worship	Study	Service	Sharing with others
Weekly	Sunday 10am	Bible study	Ushering	AA
	Kid's club	Sunday school	visitation min	Karate Kids
	Choir	Disciple 4	mobility min	Lsbg food bank vol
	Kids Club	Kid's Club	Prayer shawl	Game day
Monthly	Prayer chain		UMW lunch	Pantry Sunday
			Scrapbooking	
			Doll club	
			TOPS	
Quarterly			Kid's Chili	HandMeDown-Town
Bi-annually		UMW seminars		
Annually	Easter Sunrise		Sweethart dnr	Pumpkin Patch
	Tenebrae			Chicken bbq
	Christmas Eve			Back To School Bash
				Bazaar
				UMW x-mas dnr
				UMM x-mas dnr
				Missionary support

Worship

One weekly worship service currently addresses the needs of the Sr. adult community. Kids Club on Sunday evenings participates in a 30 minute time of worship aimed at children and youth. Other annual worship services address the Christian calendar. We currently do not have worship that addresses the parents of our children attending Kid’s Club. It is evident that those who invite people to worship tend to invite people most like themselves. One of our goals is to be a church that better reflects the median

age of our local community. Currently the average age of those attending worship is significantly higher than the surrounding community including Leesburg city limits, and the 34748 area code.

Therefore:

The SC believes that the areas that are blank, quarterly worship for example, are the areas that need to be enhanced with future programs of ministry. It is evident that for there to be future growth consistent with past growth, additional worship services are going to be needed.

Study

Weekly study is a strength at Christ UMC. Sunday school, bible study, Disciple 4 and Kid's club generally offer study for those who have been acquainted with Christianity. Some of the noticeable gaps in the area of study are in monthly and quarterly events aimed at Christian study.

Therefore:

The SC recommends that it will be necessary to enhance the area of study by creating ministries that reflect the needs of the congregation and create a place for the age groups not previously addressed. Quarterly studies aimed at addressing the aging process, as well as informing new Christians about their faith are needed. This might include Alpha and Disciple 1, which is offered as needed. There may be a need to offer a different type of Sunday school to meet the needs of differing age groups. Space provided by a larger fellowship hall and an additional multi-purpose room would provide the areas needed to expand these ministries.

Service

There have been consistent improvements and additions to the ministries addressing service to others within the congregation. The ministries meant to address the needs of Sr. adults have been growing in popularity and have been well received. Follow up and consistent attention to these ministries is needed. There is a growing need for leadership in this area as well.

Ministries that address the aging population, adult day care, for example, and feeding ministries are popular areas of interest not currently being addressed. Ministries that address the younger generations are needed too.

Therefore:

The SC believes that improvements in the ministries of service need to address the issues of aging and poverty in the local families of Leesburg.

Space provided by a larger fellowship hall and an additional multi-purpose room would provide the areas needed to expand these ministries. A larger kitchen could provide space for ministries addressing hunger in the Sr. population in Leesburg.

Mission – Sharing with your neighbor, community, and the world

The annual outreach ministries of Christ UMC are generally well received and participated in. All of the annual events listed are considered highlights of the missional year at Christ UMC. While the church offers its space to groups including AA and the Karate Kids, there is little interaction with the participants of these programs. Outreach that brings people into the church generally consists of members inviting their neighbors. Large, well planned functions seem to be key in providing places for members to participate in missional activities. The smaller outreach ministries are supported by a few dedicated members. Christ UMC's goals of addressing the needs of the aging community and addressing poverty of the young families could be enhanced by efforts to reach out to the people using the facilities and adding well structured events.

Therefore:

The SC recommends using the space created by the extensive renovation to expand ministries to the groups of people consistently using the fellowship hall. The expansion will also allow for an increase in those ministries already using the fellowship hall but are limited by space. These include AA and Karate Kids.

Analysis of Church's Future Programs of Ministry

Table 6, (Below) represents Christ UMC's future programs of ministry. The programs in blue represent the recommended future ministries were we to proceed with the extensive renovation. The SC has determined that the members of Christ UMC consistently hold ministries to the aging population and ministries to the young families in the area as important and necessary. In addition, it is our belief that Christ UMC needs to better reflect the median age of the surrounding population as stated in part I of this report. With these two goals in mind various surveys and discussions with the members of the leadership and congregation of Christ UMC has led to additions to our program of ministry that will equip us to be able to better minister in the areas of our vision statement. We believe that knowing where we are going in ministry together will allow this building project to become

the means through which we are able to reach the ministry goals we set for ourselves. In effect, table 6 provides the blueprint of the look of the church after the extensive renovation. To buy a computer begs the question “What are you going to use it for?” To build onto a church begs the same question.

Worship

In order to address the increasing numbers in attendance and to address the need to better reflect the median age of the surrounding area, it is recommended that a worship service be added. Where and when this service happens needs to be consistent with our intended direction for the church.

We could add an early service on Sunday or a contemporary service.

Contemporary worship offers worship to a different age population. It may not need to be held on Sunday morning, rather Saturday evening for example, and it could be held in the fellowship hall.

Also bi-annual revivals could greatly enhance our worship experience by creating a large, well-planned event that involves many people.

Study

If Christ UMC is going to be a place through which one can live their faith, then there needs to be programs offered to people in all stages of Christian life. One of the areas that need attention is in programming for those who are new to the Christian faith. Alpha study programs address the needs of the new Christian. This is a program for the unchurched, which is a people group previously unaddressed by the programs of Christ UMC.

One of the most important areas of concern for the Sr. adult community is issues concerning the aging process. These include grief in the passing of a spouse, caring for family members with dementia, financial stability, etc.

Quarterly seminars on aging would provide important information for the enhancement of the life of the Sr. adult community. Space is needed for these types of events.

Service

Additional space in the fellowship hall would make room for the creation of a Spouses Day Out program where one could drop off their spouse who is suffering from early stages of dementia for a couple of hours in order to have time to run errands or to simply rest. The additional space could be used to enhance our relationship with the elementary school across the street. After school mentoring and reading to students during school hours are two ministries that would directly address the needs of our local

community and move us closer to reaching our goal of ministering to the young families in our community.

Mission – Sharing with your neighbor, community, and the world

Part of the vision for the extensive renovation is the improvement of the kitchen. While the kitchen is used for various monthly meals, future programs of ministry using the renovated kitchen should include ministries of feeding the local community. This could include meals for the Sr. adult population who struggle living below the poverty line. Also, there is consistent interest in the HandMeDown town thrift store. This ministry is meant to directly address the needs of the single parent households in this community who have young children, as stated before, where 65% of those families with children below 5 live below the poverty line.

Table 6 Christ UMC Future Programs of Ministry

	Worship	Study	Service	Sharing with others
Weekly	Sunday 10am	Bible study	Ushering	AA
	Kid's club	Sunday school	visitation min	Karate Kids
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	Contemporary worship	Alpha	Spouses Day Out After sch mentors	HandMeDown Town
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			Scrapbooking	Meal for hungry Sr.
			Doll club	
			TOPS	
Quarterly		Seminars on aging	Kid's Chili	HandMeDown- Town
Bi-annually	Revivals	UMW seminars		
Annually	Easter Sunrise		Sweethart dinner	Pumpkin Patch
	Tenebrae			Chicken bbq
	Christmas Eve			Back To School Bash
				Bazaar
				UMW x-mas dnr
				UMM x-mas dnr Missionary support

IV. Accessibility Plan for Renovated Areas

This section concerns accessibility for all who will benefit from the ministries of Christ UMC. This includes those whose mobility is limited or restricted to areas accessible to wheelchairs and other mobility devices. In addition to mobility impaired, it is recommended that issues concerning the visually and hearing impaired be addressed in this extensive renovation.

First- A ramp must be installed to allow access to the stage in the sanctuary.

Second-large print hymnals, bibles, bulletins, newsletters and other written material need to be available for the visually impaired especially since one of Christ UMC's goals is to address the needs of the aging population in the community and within its congregation. In addition, hearing impaired devices are recommended for the sanctuary. This includes personal headphones and speakers for other areas of the church, the nursery and fellowship hall for example, in order for those not in morning worship to still be able to benefit from the service.

Third- Transition space in the narthex needs to be considered. A vision of what that space might look like in order to accommodate projected attendance numbers in five years is needed. It is projected that in five years average attendance will be 233. Winter attendance could be well above 300.

Fourth- storage space will be needed. It is recommended by the SC that at least one room be designated for storage. This may also include the addition of another shed.

Conclusion

The Study Committee recommends that Christ UMC pursue extensive renovation. This report is meant to serve as a guide and template for the future building committee to follow as the next steps in this process are addressed. Decisions based on this report are to include the calling of a charge conference to decide to proceed with the extensive renovation, to approve the creation of a building committee, to secure written consent of the Pastor and District Superintendent as well as the District Board of Church Location and Building.

The 2008 Study Committee