

A Chronology of DVPC Building Needs

1808 Harmony Church (Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist & Christian) built '1 mile west of Draper town'

1824 Rev. George Painter is pastor among the Presbyterians of Draper's Valley

1832 Presbyterians leave old Harmony - 38 Communicant members (1837)

1840 Current brick sanctuary built

1925 Plans presented to the session to build Sunday School rooms

1948 The plans were finally fulfilled by building the two-story annex addition

1954 Sunday School wing expanded

1989 Fellowship Hall, kitchen, choir room added

2002 Attendance necessitates two Sunday Morning Worship services

2004-5 Facilities Development Study completed by Tom Koontz

New Sanctuary seating 300 and new classrooms, nurse's, etc. Est. cost \$3,500,000

Feb 13, 2010 A desire was communicated to the Deacons to upgrade our sanctuary furnishings.

New pew covers, paint, carpet etc. At that time the Deacons wanted to determine if something needed to be done to the West Wall, having notices increasing cracking in the masonry.

_____ An engineering study recommended the placement of tie rods to hold the walls together.

4/7/2015 Deacons and Elders made a preliminary list of church building needs

- Wiring exposed, paint peeling, pews need recovered
- West wall bowing considerably
- 2 services vs. 1 service – Not all together- detrimental to church life
- When pews are full – it stunts growth potential
- No interior ramp – people must go outside to get to accessible toilets or Annex/SS/Choir level
- Chime bars displace balcony seats several Sundays a year
- Special services overflow seating (Easter, Christmas, funerals, weddings)
- Narrow 2' side aisles 3' should be min. Narrow center aisle, should be 6'
- No gathering place near sanctuary
- Side annex removed from rest – Unity of worship & singing is stunted
- Communion table crowding
- Worship service length difficult to adjust with 2 services
- Vestibule too small
- Vestibule noise flows into sanctuary
- Line of sight in balcony blocked – would be worse or impossible with tie rods
- Elder seating difficulties for Lord's Supper.
- No room for literature or information center
- Choir seating during communion (front pews not available)

5/26/15 Sunday Special Church meeting, info. presented, then survey handed out

6/6/15 Survey results compiled - Majority look towards fixing/adding, not planting a new church

7/26/15 Deacons/Elders meeting to plan - Committee estbld, Goal Oct 2015

9/22/15 Meeting w/ T Koontz architect

12/7/15 thru Spring 2016 - Several Building Comm. Meetings

6/5/16 Informational meeting

9/25/16 Congregational meeting – To vote on the following motion:

"To affirm the proposal of the DVPC session that we pursue the building of an addition to the current sanctuary which would repair the failing west wall, provide new bathroom facilities, an interior accessibility ramp and other desired improvements."

(this plan removed west wall and extended current sanctuary - Est. Cost \$ 1.2 Million. 2584 sq. ft.)

- A "Yes" vote declares that the people of DVPC agree to support this project with their prayer and sacrificial giving above and beyond their regular giving of tithes and offerings.
- A "Yes" vote enables the session to seek the counsel of a consultant and to undertake a capital funds campaign. Such a campaign will seek pledges which will enable the session to determine the extent and timing of the addition.
 - If the pledges are insufficient the project would need to be scaled down or reconsidered.
 - With sufficient pledges the session will appoint a building committee that would obtain complete architectural drawings and to solicit and receive construction bids.
 - If the pledges are more than sufficient then further improvements to our buildings will be considered.
- A "No" vote will require seeking alternative solutions to address current issues of the failing wall, overcrowding at 11:00 worship, inadequate bathrooms, (see details below), etc...

9/25/16 Statement of need:

The purpose of church is to glorify God. As we continue to do so we will not only maintain our current congregation but will likely continue to grow in numbers. As our congregation has expressed little desire to plant a new church with some of our members, expanding and upgrading our facilities has been determined to be the best solution to meet all the issues facing us. Those issues include:

- The sanctuary west wall is structurally compromised and the roof timbers have spread.
- There is inadequate space for our CURRENT congregation: The ideal is for the body to worship together. We now have two services and crowding at the 11:00 worship, special services, weddings, funerals.
- We have inadequate bathroom facilities in total and very limited ones near the sanctuary.
- There is no interior ramp to move from the sanctuary to other parts of the building
- There is little space for pre/post worship gathering, and information center, no room for further growth, limited space for the chime bars, choir seating, Lord's Supper, vestibule noise overflows into sanctuary, annex seating splits congregation, balcony seating would be hindered by other solutions.
- We have building code violations in the sanctuary with narrow aisles, exposed wiring, and inadequate exits.

Result of the vote: 71% 'Yes' 29% 'No'

Oct – Nov. 2016 The Session asked for responses, particularly as to why people voted "no"

Primary responses given were:

1. We need to see if we have enough money first
2. We need to address other concerns in the rest of the building
3. We would like to get a second engineering assessment on the west wall

Thus in Nov. the session announced that it would pursue these areas.

Dec 2016 Session sought affirmation from congregation to undertake a Capital Campaign – Vote: 81% yes

Spring 2017 A second Engineer was employed and he largely confirmed the assessment of the 1st.

Spring 2017 Capital campaign designed & conducted to seek funds for maximum needs of entire building. \$ 843,000 pledged over 3 years. \$100,000 had already been contributed. Total anticipated \$943,000 With that knowledge, Session asked for two committees to design new plans to address all previous needs. Also, approximate costs for these plans would be ascertained.

March 21, 2018 - Sanctuary Design and Building Needs committees report to congregation.

Meetings also held on April 15 and 17th

May 6, 2018 Congregation votes 82 'yes' 19 'no' to proceed with addition and remodel and approved formation of a Building comm. to work out the details

June 2018-Sept 2019 Building comm. Meet regularly with Architect, choose a builder, worked a Design Build with many modifications, Architect worked with county and building inspector, engineers (environmental and structural) to develop a final plan. Committee agrees to final plan, plan is then finally priced by builder.

Nov 3, 2019 Called meeting to present the latest plan

Nov. 27, 2019 Called meeting to vote on final plan