

Lewisville United Methodist Church Sanctuary Renovation Project



Why now?

Our current sanctuary was completed in 1984. Without any major upgrades to the sanctuary in almost forty years, there is now visible damage to the ceiling, the wood around the cross, and in the narthex. In October 2021, after a large amount of money from G. Galloway "Buck" Reynolds' estate became available for building improvements, the Trustees formed a study committee to explore a sanctuary and narthex renovation. The renovation proposal from Church Interiors is the product of many months of hard work and compromise by the Trustees, in consultation with the Evangelism Committee, and with the unanimous approval of the Finance Committee and Church Council.

What are the benefits of renovating the entire sanctuary and not just fixing the damaged areas?

The current wood paneling, light colored wood, chancel furniture, light fixtures, carpet, and audio equipment were designed in the 1980s to fit together but have become dated over time. To repair the ceiling, the pews would have to be removed to make room for the scaffolding, which provides an opportunity to install new flooring and seating. New audio/visual and streaming equipment would need to be coordinated with any electrical upgrades. Any changes to the wood in one part of the sanctuary affects the look of the whole room. By renovating the entire sanctuary, the church can create a worship space that is comfortable for both traditional and contemporary services and will benefit every member of our church family. This aligns with the church's strategic goals of revitalizing the contemporary worship service and reaching new families moving into the community.

Why move both services into the sanctuary?

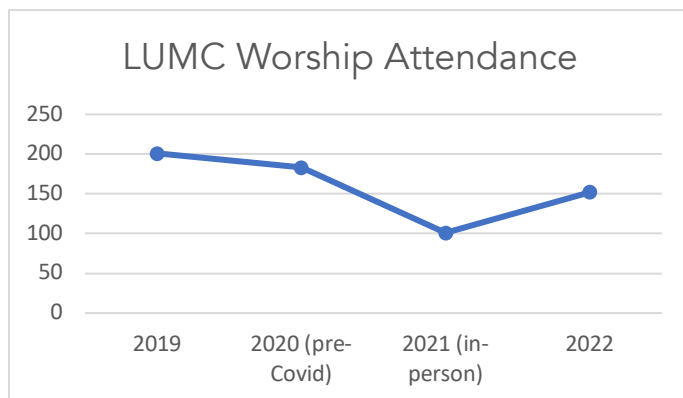
The Fellowship Hall was not designed as a worship space. Although it has served the needs of our contemporary service for twenty years, it has required the church to maintain, in effect, two sanctuaries, and has limited our ability to use the Fellowship Hall for other activities. By investing in one worship space, the church will save money in the long term, bring the entire church family closer together, and be able to more regularly use the Fellowship Hall for meals, activities, and community ministries. With both contemporary and traditional services in mind, the renovation proposal is a careful compromise, including enhanced accessibility, comfortable seating, and up to date lighting and technology, as well as a larger central cross, pew ends, new chancel furniture, and altar rail that complement the sanctuary's classic wooden arches and stained-glass windows.

Why did the Trustees choose to work on a renovation proposal with Church Interiors, Inc.?

Church Interiors has participated in over 10,000 church renovations since 1981, including positive referrals from nearby Clemmons United Methodist, Mount Tabor United Methodist, Wesley Memorial United Methodist, and Sedge Garden United Methodist. Although the Trustees did receive price comparisons from other companies on individual parts of the project (e.g., painting, technology), they did not identify another company with more experience than Church Interiors in managing comprehensive start-to-finish church renovation projects.

How can we afford it?

God's people are generous! Our church has a long history of rallying together, constructing our first brick sanctuary during the Great Depression and rebuilding our current sanctuary during the economic downturn of the early 1980s. For large building projects in the past, we have used the principle of having one third of the cost in hand, one third raised, and one third borrowed. The total estimated cost for the sanctuary renovation is \$603,654. Thanks to the generosity of Buck and Louise Reynolds and other church members, along with a forgiven PPP loan, our church already has half of that total renovation cost in hand. Despite record inflation and challenges related to the pandemic, worship attendance is rebounding, and we are continuing to operate on a balanced budget, with tithes and offerings exceeding expenses during the first third of 2022. We have been told by two lenders that we easily meet benchmarks for a construction permanent loan. We have been offered both a fixed rate as well as variable rate terms, with a choice of amortizations. These terms will be subject to their usual underwriting process. If the renovation project is approved, the plan is to distribute pledge cards and initiate a capital campaign, using the proceeds to reduce the amount we need to borrow.



General Budget Giving through April 2022

Budgeted Needs	\$189,472
Tithes and Offerings	\$170,918
Expenses	\$165,497



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PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Item I. Construction	\$118,589.00
Item II. Painting and Refinishing	\$60,389.00
Item III. Electrical and Lighting	\$82,055.00
Item IV. Floor Covering	\$42,800.00
Item V. Sanctuary Seating	\$92,192.00
Item VI. Choir Chairs	\$5,120.00
Item VII. Chancel Furniture	\$25,590.00
Item VIII. Audio / Video System	
Sound	\$64,253.00
Video	\$58,552.00
HD Camera Streaming	\$18,204.00
IMAC Propresenter	\$8,410.00
General Requirements	\$27,500.00
Total for Proposed Renovation	\$603,654.00

Sales tax is not included in the above prices. Sales tax is required but is refundable by the State of North Carolina.

Note: This proposal is good for 30 days. Due to the volatility of prices as we move through the approval process, we will pass through price increases at our cost without additional markup for overhead and profit.