



Rooted In Christ • Branching Out In Faith
Disciples Growing Disciples

FUMC Town Hall Meeting

October 29, 2017





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The VCI Worship Excellence Team has recommended to Council that FUMC Orange continue the current suspension of the 8 a.m. Chapel service until further consideration in January 2018.



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OVERVIEW

- **Characteristics of “Effective Worship” at FUMC Orange**
- **Vision for Worship**
- **Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: WHY?**
- **Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: WHAT?**
- **Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: HOW?**
- **Funding Opportunities**



Characteristics of “Effective Worship” at FUMC Orange, TX

- ▶ **Forms the basis for discipleship and social transformation**
 - ▶ **Mission Statement:**
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
 - ▶ **Vision Statement:** **Rooted in Christ ...**
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- ▶ **Believer or nonbeliever, saint or sinner:**
 - ▶ **encounter a holy and living God through the Holy Spirit, and in that encounter confess their brokenness, discover God’s grace, and are made new (experience healing and transformation)**



Vision for Worship (July 2017 Town Hall)

- **Congregational unity in support of Vision Statement:
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- **Recommended remodeling the Sanctuary to the Church Council**

- **Allow Traditional and Praise Services to be held in the same worship space at their respective times**

- **Maximize benefits to congregation**

- **Cost savings**

- **Return Family Life Center to its intended purposes**

- **Youth activities**

- **Church activities**

- **Community Activities**

- **Worship Excellence Team to function as Worship Design Team**

- **Saturday evening service in the Chapel being considered**



Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: **WHY?**

- **Contribute to meeting Purpose of the VCI Consultation so that FUMC-Orange will more effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the community and the world.**
 - **Hope & Readiness to Move Forward: “We want to be known in this community”**
 - **Use existing space more effectively (accommodate different worship and related activities in one common worship space while freeing up the Family Life Center for other activities)**
 - **Build Bridges to the Community: “FUMC-Orange genuinely wants to invite and share their faith with others and look more outward than inward”**

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- **Prescription 4: Strive Toward Excellence in Worship and Faith Formation for **All****
 - **Develop and present a plan that includes how to meet worship staffing and resources**
 - **Evaluate present worship experiences to assess their effectiveness as meaningful and relevant worship for the churched and unchurched**
 - **Implement strategies to create consistent quality, meaningful worship experiences**



Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: **WHAT?**

- As unobtrusive on the worship space as possible
- Remove the first two rows of front pews
- Extend the platform
- Move Altar, Pulpit, and Lectern forward around 3 feet
- Move Communion kneeling rails to remain at forward edge of platform
- Upgrade sound system
- Add video capabilities



Proposed Sanctuary Remodeling Project: **HOW?**

- **Hire an architect to ensure the proposed remodeling project maintains the historic features of the Sanctuary worship space**



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