



CHURCH CONFERENCE

June 2, 2019

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" -Mark 1:15, NIV



Shalimar
United Methodist Church

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FROM PHILIP

Friends,

God has blessed the congregation of Shalimar United Methodist Church since our humble beginnings in a concession stand at the drive-in theater back in 1951. Our church and community have grown and changed in the last sixty-seven years, yet our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ has stayed the same. As we look to the future, we have new and exciting plans for our church to affirm at our Church Conference on June 2, 2019.

January of this year, I shared a vision during the 21 Days of Stirrings, that we would seek to reach 1,000 people meeting weekly to grow as disciples by 2022. Can we imagine 1,000 persons growing in their faith each week all over our church campus? This would include Sunday school classes, small groups, Bible studies, 12x12 teams, prayer groups, Emmaus reunion groups, and a wide variety of ages including children, youth, and adults ranging from young to senior adults.

My duties as the presiding elder of this congregation are to: 1) preach the word, 2) offer sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, and 3) order the church. Everything we do in the church needs to be done in order. The ordering of our congregation is essential to counter a world that often lives in confusion, fear, chaos, and disruption. Our prayer team often prays, "We seek to do all with unity, Godly order, good communications, and cooperation." Order is in keeping with the words of the Apostle Paul which says, "*For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.*" (1 Corinthians 14:33, NIV). As we move into the future, we seek order and clear plans for our church.

Our elected lay leadership seeks to order our church life for both the present and the future. Our Master Planning Committee is one of the teams we have elected to help us plan. This team comprised of laity, staff, and clergy have worked for over two years to aid our

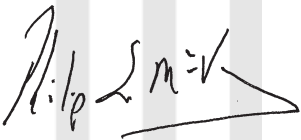
church to continue making disciples. This team has worked tirelessly seeking constant input, frequent conversation and dialogue, and regular updates to our Church Council. In all my years, I have never seen a team devote so much time and commitment to prepare for the future. The past two years of preparations have produced incredible fruit.

The formal period of planning is over and now we look to our congregation to help make it happen! I invite you to our Church Conference where our congregation will vote on these plans for the future. I enthusiastically support the plan because it has involved so many from our congregation in the process.

As we journeyed through the Gospel of Mark during Lent this year, Mark 1:15 came to my mind many times. Jesus' first recorded words are, *"The time has come...The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"* (NIV). As I read these words I think of Shalimar UMC. There is a great Kingdom opportunity in front of us! Our time to plan for the future is now!

This booklet contains the fruits of our laity's labor. At the end of the booklet, you'll find information about meetings we are holding so you can watch, listen and ask questions. Please mark those dates on your calendar. It's important to us that everyone is involved. Please keep all we do at Shalimar UMC in your prayers and plan to be present for our **Church Conference, June 2 at 10:30** (Note: All Members of Shalimar UMC have a vote). The Master Plan is a good orderly plan. Is it possible to make it happen? I think about one of my favorite passages, *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,"* (Ephesians 3:20, NIV). The time is now to live into the future of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip E. McVay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Philip E. McVay, Lead Pastor



WHAT & WHY

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The Master Planning Committee's recommendations for renovations will address multiple areas of our church: 1) hospitality, 2) worship, 3) security, and 4) discipleship.

- **Hospitality** First impressions are important. Our new front door and lobby will help new people find their way on our campus and will be a central fellowship space for all worship services.
- **Worship** is at the heart of everything we do at Shalimar UMC. We will be improving the quality all worship experiences through renovations and equipment upgrades.
- **Security** Our new secure check-in for children and youth will enhance campus security and help parents feel confident in our growing ministries.
- Our **discipleship** spaces for children, youth, and adults will be enhanced to help grow people's spiritual journeys.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The current plan has an estimated cost of 3 million dollars. We will present a final budget and building plan to the church for a final vote before starting construction.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

With congregational approval at the Church Conference on June 2, we will conduct a capital campaign this fall. Please begin now by praying about this plan to expand our campus for God's Kingdom and our church's future now. God told Moses, "*Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on,*" (Exodus 14:15, NIV). We must step forward. Our next step is the Church Conference.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

Our mission is to be a Christ-centered, multi-generational, family and community relevant church. We REACH, TEACH, and SEND. In 2018, we saw family relationships healed, people come to Christ for the first time, 3rd and 4th generations of Shalimar UMC families be baptized, and the Holy Spirit move through prayer and fasting. People need the Good News of Jesus and our church is making a positive impact. We must plan now to make our church campus an environment that continues to reach, teach, and send for generations to come.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT NOW?

Mark 1:15 says, *"The time has come, the kingdom of God is near."* Now is the time for us to act and make space for God to continue to act. We must have faith that we can plan for God's movement and future growth in our church. If we seek to have 1,000 people meeting each week in discipleship groups, this plan helps us accomplish that vision. We must do everything we can so that our church is ready for the future generations at Shalimar UMC.

HISTORY OF CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

1951	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church was started in the concession stand of the drive-in theater• Mr. Clifford Meigs donated land for the church
1952	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Original Sanctuary Construction Started (current Music Suite)
1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library Building Built
1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two-story Office Building Built
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Sanctuary Built, First Service Held Saturday, January 27, 1973 the Day the Vietnam War Ended
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building of the Chapel and restrooms
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building of the Family Life Center
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sanctuary Remodeled
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchased Property Haverty's Leases

WHAT IS THE PROJECTED TIME-LINE FOR COMPLETION?

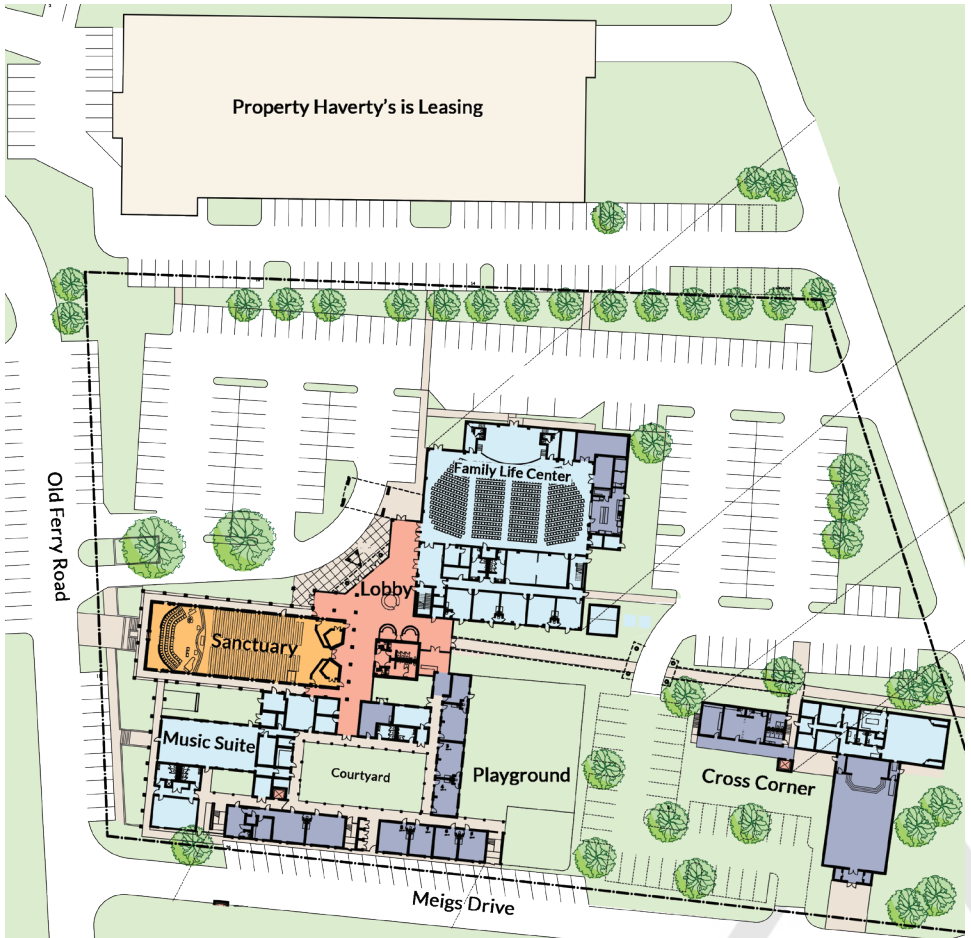
2019

- June - Church Conference to Approve Recommendations
- Fall - Capital Campaign

2020

- Capital Campaign Giving Phase Begin
- Final Vote on Plans
- Break Ground

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RENOVATIONS



- New Gathering Lobby
- Additional Renovations
- Rental Property
- Renovated Sanctuary
- No Changes



NEW GATHERING LOBBY

- 4,600 sq ft of enclosed climate controlled space
- 2-Car covered drop-off
- New front door with Bell Tower as our Community's symbol of Shalimar UMC
- Central entry way for Sanctuary, Family Life Center, and Children's Ministry
- New conveniently located restrooms



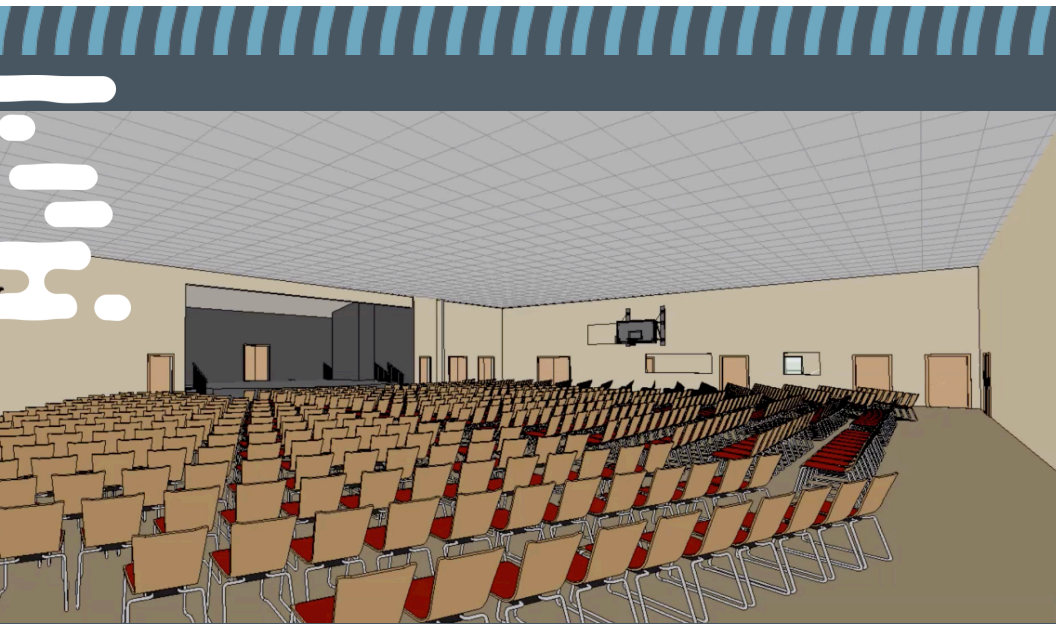
SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

- Reverse worship space
- AVL System Overhaul, focusing on improving all technologies similar to the Family Life Center improvements (see pg. 10)
- Increases Choir seating by 25 – from 45 to 70. Increases Orchestra seating by 7 – from 23 to 30
- All stained glass is retained
- Congregation facing stained glass depicting Jesus' Ascension and away from morning sun
- All seating is moved to floor without losing seat capacity
- New Cry room with seating for 10



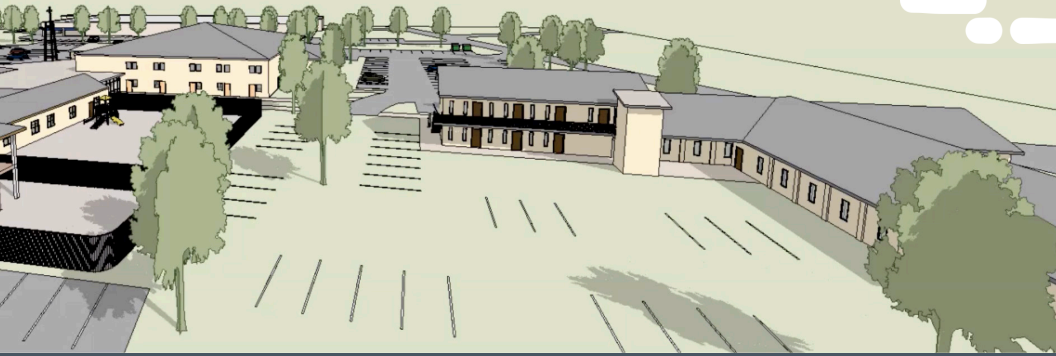
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CENTER CHECK-IN & YOUTH ROOMS

- Central and secured children's area with no other entry points
- Enhancing preschool and children's rooms and adding restrooms
- Youth ministry expands to most of second floor of courtyard



FAMILY LIFE CENTER

- New padded chairs
- AVL System Overhaul keeping activities modern and relevant
 - Audio - Upgraded Sound System
 - Visual - New Projection Capabilities; Improved Livestream Capabilities
 - Lighting - Theater Grade Lighting System
- The coffee moving to new lobby adds space for an additional 186 seats - seating capacity on Sunday increases from 494 to 680



CROSS CORNER RENOVATIONS

- Pastors and Staff offices moved to Cross Corner
- Elevator added to continue ADA improvements
- Trustees are currently working on a separate plan to renovate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- Additional 37 parking spaces conveniently located right next to the offices - total on-campus parking increases from 286 to 311



FAQ

WHY DID I RECEIVE THIS?

God is doing exciting things at Shalimar United Methodist Church. We want every member and attender to know what's going on.

WHAT IS THE MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE?

The Master Planning Committee was a group of laity and staff commissioned by the Church Council to discover how to improve the campus. After two years of work, the Church Council approved their recommendations on January 28, 2019 and passed it to the congregation for approval on **June 2, 2019**.

WHY SHOULD WE RENOVATE THE CHURCH CAMPUS?

After listening to people within the church, the Master Planning Committee determined there were major needs on our campus for additional bathrooms, improvements to parking, better children and youth facilities, and renovations to the sanctuary.

SHOULD WE BUILD IF WE HAVE LESS PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE?

If we want to grow, we must prepare for growth. Jeremiah bought the field of Anathoth to prepare for the future God was going to give him (*Jeremiah 32*). Over the past 18 months, we have been preparing for our future. We tasked a team to improve 11:07, we brought in three consultants to work with our staff and laity, our Master Planning Committee completed their two-year assessment of our campus and ministries, we hired an architect to evaluate our buildings, and we hired a generosity coach to help us increase our giving. We have seen God work through all these efforts, so now we must respond just as Jeremiah did, preparing for God's future growth.

CAN WE AFFORD TO DO A MAJOR RENOVATION TO THE CHURCH CAMPUS?

Yes. 2017 was a record giving year and the success of the Fall 2018 “Will You Grow?” campaign promises 2019 will be a record year as well.

- We had a 77% increase in commitments for 2019 over 2018.
- We had an 82% increase in dollars committed for 2019 over 2018.
- Our first quarter of 2019 was a record in giving.

God’s people are ready to do God’s work.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T RAISE ENOUGH MONEY?

Our building committee will adjust the plan based upon the money that is raised. We won’t overbuild our fundraising.

WILL THE CONGREGATION VOTE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS?

Yes. After the capital campaign is completed in November 2019 and we have commitments in hand, the building committee will make any necessary adjustments to the plans and present those to the congregation for approval in 2020. We will not move forward with the project without the appropriate congregational approvals.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH HAVERTY'S?

The property Haverty’s is on gives us so many options. We’re so thankful for the church’s support to purchase it in 2010. The Master Planning Committee reviewed all options for expanding and improving the campus. To be good stewards of all the property God has given us, the committee decided to wait on developing the property that Haverty’s is leasing until after we have maximized our current properties.



YOU'RE INVITED

JOIN US MAY 18-19 TO LEARN MORE

In **all our worship services**, May 18-19, we will have a short presentation to talk about the plan along with a video.

After worship, you're invited to talk with members of the Master Planning Team. These Talk-Back Sessions will be in the Family Life Center. You can drink your coffee, eat your snacks, look at the architect's drawings, and see our 3D model of the renovations. We will have handouts available with more information if you want it.

If you won't be here for worship that weekend, we'll have another presentation and Talk-Back Session **Thursday, May 30**. Learn more online at sumc.io/cc.

TALK-BACK SESSIONS:

Saturday, May 18	Sunday, May 19	Thursday, May 30
7:00pm Family Life Center Gym	9:00am 10:30am 12:07pm Family Life Center Gym	7:00pm Family Life Center Room 207



CHURCH CONFERENCE

WHAT IS A CHURCH CONFERENCE?

A Church Conference is an official meeting of the church for all church members. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tim Trent, leads the meeting. Usually, the meeting will only have one agenda item. Rev. Trent will read what is being voted on, ask if everyone is ready to vote, then call for the vote.

We plan to address everyone's questions at one of the six presentations and Talk-Back Sessions (May 18, 19, and 30) so that the conference is simple.

WHEN IS THE CHURCH CONFERENCE?

We will hold a **Church Conference at 10:30am, June 2**, in the Sanctuary to vote on moving forward with the proposed plan to improve our facilities for God's Kingdom. All of our church family is invited to be a part of this momentous occasion.

A STAKE FOR THE FUTURE

It is our hope to be like Jeremiah, and prepare for what God is going to do with and through our congregation. Just as Jeremiah purchased the field in preparation for what God was going to do, we too must prepare Shalimar UMC for the work of God's Kingdom on earth.

*Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me:
Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to
come to you and say, 'Buy my field at Anathoth,
because as nearest relative it is your right and
duty to buy it.'... so I bought the field at Anathoth
from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him
seventeen shekels of silver. -Jeremiah 32:6-7, 9 NIV*

