



ST. GABRIEL Episcopal Church

St. Gabriel the
Archangel
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Church

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PROPOSED TOTAL GOAL \$1,700,000

The mission of St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church is to share the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and to help each other on our spiritual journey with God.

St. Gabriel's Yew Life Center plans and coordinates our outreach programs. Its mission is "Nurturing a centered life."

The mission of St. Gabriel Episcopal School is to provide a nurturing community and empowering environment dedicated to teaching young children to thrive in the world through learning experiences based on imagination, creativity and curiosity

Background

How we got here: The first St. Gabriel's congregation formed in 1983, and built our first building in 1997, in our new building. As we grew, we planned the church of St. Gabriel the Archangel to match our expanding spiritual and communal identity by drawing more members into the family of God.

Our Location: Washington County has a rapidly growing population. St. Gabriel Episcopal church is near the center of the county and serves the communities of Bethany, Oak Hills and Cedar Mill, about 50 thousand people. We believe the community is currently underserved and, with its planned growth, will

continue to be underserved for the foreseeable future.

Our membership is now 392 people and we project future growth to approach 525 members by 2025. Our focus is on balanced growth, with emphasis on new and expanded programs and facility use to serve our neighbors.

Our goals: We believe that St. Gabriel's has two primary responsibilities: The first is to serve God by being a vibrant and welcoming spiritual community, where people who are seeking a personal relationship with God will find guidance, enrichment and common purpose with others. The second is to serve our neighbors in ways that enhance the quality of life, resilience and common good for all, regardless of

their religious background. We believe these two goals should be woven together into a continuous fabric of love and caring.

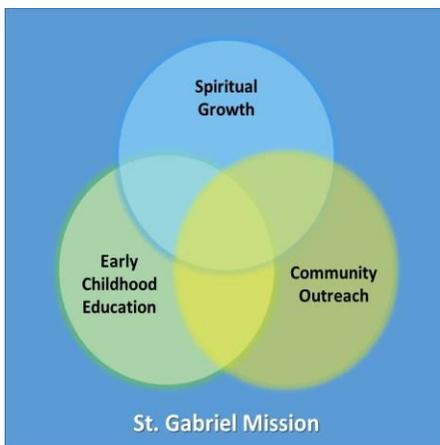
We have conducted a series of "town halls" to discern the needs and wishes of our members. There was broad support for improving the space and flexibility of the church, expressed in three primary goals for St. Gabriel's physical space:

1. Continue to provide a place of worship that reflects the open spirit of our spiritual community, with support for inspiring music, religious study for adults and children, and social events to deepen our relationships with each other.

2. Build up our space so people in the Bethany area can find services, activities and new acquaintances that deepen their roots in this rapidly growing community.

3. Expand our pre-kindergarten education experience that enhances the joy of learning and exploration of our world, and readies children to succeed in school.

Here is a view of how these goals fit together:



St. Gabriel's is already active in all three endeavors:

Spiritual Growth: We hold three communion services each week, and our worship community participates in a broad array of activities, including the Music Ministry, Family Ministry, Fellowship dinners and events, Church School and Youth Group, multimedia library, Prayer, Rosary Guild and Ministry of Healing Prayers. We have also created a Labyrinth as a place for contemplative worship and meditation.

Early Childhood Education: In the fall of 2014, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church opened St. Gabriel's Episcopal School (SGES) with 5 students enrolled in one classroom. The school has continued to grow with the school opening with 20 students this past fall (2017) in 2

classrooms, almost to our maximum number for morning classroom capacity(12 and 10), sharing existing church school space in the current facility. We had a waiting list for the younger classroom since it was full.

SGES is inspired by the Early Childhood Education centers in Reggio Emilia, Italy. In our school, all learning is driven by student interests and questions. These questions become the curriculum as the teacher and student work together to gain knowledge. The parents of our students have shown extraordinary support and dedication, and continue to be our best advertisers for our school helping fuel the growth of the school.

Community Outreach: The Yew Life Center, named for the 150 year old yew tree growing in our meditation garden, is a community resource center whose mission is to assist individuals and families in nurturing a centered life. We define a centered life as one balancing physical health, financial stability, and spiritual growth. Currently, we have a community garden, patio labyrinth, Goodwill donation station, music recitals, caregiver classes, a summer math camp, estate planning seminars and outreach funding to Washington County area agencies and nonprofits. We have developed a relationship with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and host classes for families of the mentally ill. We are working with William Temple House on how to work jointly to further their mission. We hold a popular annual Harvest dinner which brings together families from our community garden, our preschool, and our congregation.

Our situation: Our sanctuary is large enough to seat our attending congregation for at least the next ten

years. We stand shoulder to shoulder in our Narthex during coffee hour after the main service, and the crowd is difficult to navigate for our less able parishioners. We hold our annual Harvest dinner both in the Narthex and outside on the patio; we pray for good weather as we have no indoor space sufficient to host the event. The rest of our church space, including classrooms for Sunday School and education, meeting spaces, kitchen and service facilities and storage, is at capacity. We have no large event space other than the sanctuary. We turn away event requests from the community on a monthly basis because all the rooms are scheduled. We cannot meet our plans for future activities unless we expand our facility to offer new space to accommodate them.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS AND COSTS

Background: We performed a feasibility study in 2016 to determine our fundraising potential. That study recommended a primary target of \$727,000 with high confidence and suggested that with an exciting project we might achieve a stretch goal of \$1 million. With this in mind we hired Dennis Thompson as our architect with 3 goals:

- 1) Large gathering hall with a remodeled kitchen to support our fellowship events
- 2) New classroom space to alleviate crowding in our church school and preschool
- 3) Flexible design of the new space so that it could be used to support our community outreach

In addition to these primary goals we presented our broader issues of space and growth for all of our programs as we foresaw them through 2035 for architectural consideration.

Also, as we have discussed expansion plans with our congregation, several parishioners have expressed a strong desire to retire our current debt before we start a new project. We have \$130,000 remaining on the \$700,000 mortgage that helped finance the original building 21 years ago. In addition to achieving spiritual closure on our original building, having a clear deed would put us in a stronger position to negotiate the short term construction loans that may be required during construction, and although we hope to avoid more long term debt, retiring the mortgage would increase our long term borrowing potential should that be required to complete the project.

Design Concept: Two building designs were developed. Both designs center around a large gathering hall that will be built on the patio where our labyrinth exists today. One (Option A) meets the immediate needs of overcrowding in our fellowship space and classrooms, and is close to our estimated budget stretch goal. The second (Option B) is a 2-story approach that meets all our foreseeable needs including growth in the congregation, the preschool, and our outreach programs but costs 50% more. Both designs maintain harmony and continuity with our existing building, and both will incorporate that labyrinth pattern into the floor of the gathering hall. Both plans preserve the beauty of our wonderful views to the west.

We believe these plans will significantly improve our ability to meet our three goals. With the entire physical church in better balance, we believe this will create a “virtuous circle” where each of our three goals will be better achieved because the others are being achieved as well.

Costs of the Project

The costs below are conservative estimated ranges based on 2018 construction costs and include construction, soft costs, and contingency funds. Once a plan is chosen, we will finalize the design and develop a more detailed cost estimate.

Current mortgage: \$130,000

Option A, Gathering Hall + Classroom + Kitchen remodel (2400 sq ft): \$1.0-1.2 Million

Option B, Second floor with classroom and meeting spaces around a ground floor Gathering hall (3700 sq ft): \$1.5-1.7 Million

Gifts Essential Chart

This chart illustrates the size and number of gifts necessary for a successful \$1,700,000 capital campaign.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Cumulative Total	Monthly (over 3 years)
\$340,000	1	\$340,000	\$9,444
\$250,000	1	\$590,000	\$6,944
\$100,000	1	\$690,000	\$2,778
\$75,000	3	\$915,000	\$2,083
\$50,000	4	\$1,115,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	6	\$1,265,000	\$694
\$15,000	10	\$1,415,000	\$417
\$10,000	12	\$1,535,000	\$278
\$5,000	17	\$1,620,000	\$139
\$2,500	20	\$1,670,000	\$69
\$1,000	28	\$1,698,000	\$28
\$500 or less	Many	Goal Achieved	Variable

Rector:

The Rev. LouAnn Pickering

Associate Rector:

The Rev. Marianne Allison

Deacon:

The Rev. Roger Reynolds

Assisting Priests:

The Rev. Kevin Putnam

Church Secretary:

Ann Horton

Family Minister:

Page Clothier

Treasurer:

Ellen Adamosky

Music Director:

Jessica Israels

Expansion Committee:

LouAnn Pickering

Polly Bass

Tim Bernard

Tim Reifsteck

Julie LeGrove

Aaron Gillespie

Rod MacDow

Tim Reifsteck

Joan McCumby

Ann Horton

Here are some views that show how this concept would be realized in our project:



Exterior view of Option A



Exterior View of Option B



Schematic floorplan of the ground floor of Option B which contains the new gathering hall and some ground floor remodels:



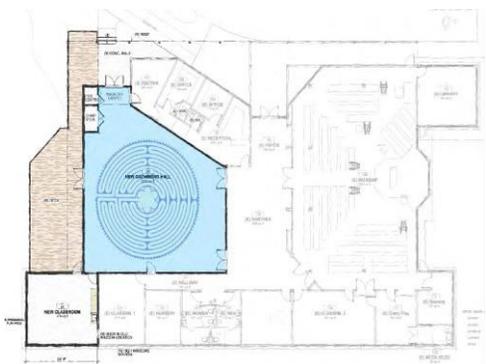
Interior view of the Option A gathering hall



Interior view of the gathering hall of Option B as seen from the second floor walkway balcony.



Schematic floorplan of the second floor of Option B which contains two classrooms, a meeting room, and office space.



Schematic floorplan of Option A with the gathering hall and one additional classroom