



Frequently Asked Questions



Future Exploratory Team – September 2016

“For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans for hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

What is the Exploratory Team?

It is a team that has been working to optimize the future of BUMC related to fulfilling the church’s mission through its physical location and building. By serving our community with excellence, we fulfill our mission to **Worship God. Grow with God. Share God with Others.**

What is the current statue of the Exploratory Team?

The team has been working on the following activities:

- Incorporating feedback into the architectural design with the architect and evaluating cost options
- Holding one on one conversations and listening for ideas
- Facilitating focus groups
- Preparing for a late October all congregation meeting where we will share our proposal

Who is on the Exploratory Team?

The team representing you includes skill sets from City Management, Project Management, Construction, Architecture, Education, Design, Finance, Change Management and Spiritual Growth. We have a combined 257 years of experience we are bringing to the table for you. The team includes:

Team member	Role	Team member	Role
Sheila Alishouse	Chair, 720.391.2050	Brian Janssen	Team Member
Ken Brown	Spiritual Leader	Peg Nebergall	Team Member
Bill Christopher	Team Member	Bob Roof	Sub-Committee Chair
Mindy Davidson	Team Member	Pat Steeno	Sub-Committee Chair
Bruce Donaldson	Team Member	Victoria Zanin	Team Member
Tod Harris	Team Member		

What about accommodating the needs of the choir and band?

Acoustics is a special challenge in our current space. It is not designed to help our band and choir as they share their gifts with us. These folks do a GREAT job with what they have, however, we are working on two specific items to increase our capabilities in this area:

1. We have a designated choir practice room.

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2. We are working with our architects to identify an acoustical engineer to give us an opinion on the space so we can ensure any build includes great sound! This includes shape, size, and furniture.

Is safety and security being addressed?

Yes. We are considering current safety and security needs and planning for the future as well including how to “lock-down” the children’s area in an emergency and ensuring security video monitoring.

Will we still be able to cook for the homeless?

Yes! We have planned for a full kitchen to accommodate this need.

How are we working to control costs?

Our Architectural Sub-Committee is doing a fantastic job of challenging some original assumptions. For example, building up is more cost effective than building out and adding square footage. So they are working through some ideas on how that might work. Much of it depends on what land we might be able to purchase, so the plan is still preliminary until we can purchase the land so we know the real configuration.

They are also exploring how to use a high level of finish in certain areas, but a lower level finish in other areas. They are working very closely with the architects to find adjustments that can help us continue to be good stewards of the financial gifts we receive.

Is there enough storage?

We asked the same question! Although we doubt that any plan could incorporate a perfect level of storage, we feel good that we have much more than we currently have available. There have been multiple new storage areas added to the plan including a planning space for our Appletree and Children’s Ministry teachers!

Appletree and Children’s Ministries have some very specific needs. What happened to their feedback?

We have met with Appletree and Children’s Ministry Leadership and have recorded their feedback including looking at a potential new design together. We have recorded their needs and have worked to understand first and foremost, how we **create a spiritual and positive experience for every child that walks through our doors** – whether it’s on Sunday morning, at a PJ Party, or in Preschool. We have a common goal that we all believe in.



Photo (right): The gym isn’t just being used to play ball! It’s also used for elementary age Sunday School. Visit during services and you will see children sitting on the gym floor for their lessons.

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