

**CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING – October 21, 2018** (45 people in attendance)

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US?** (shared values)

- Caring for all
- Spiritual growth
- Inclusiveness
- Community
- Connection
- Making a difference

**KEEP IN MIND:** (our visioning priorities)

- Use of facility as a multi-functional space
- Use for worship
- Promotion of growth
- Use for outreach
- Accessibility
- Explore grants/Ask Justin & Colin to do a lower level makeover
- Opportunities for partnership with Arts Community to help defray costs
- Begin raising money for chairs (motion at Oct. 24/18 UB)

**LOWER LEVEL (OUTSIDE):**

- More parking/More spaces for differently abled (be mindful of accessibility needs & park farther away + kitchen staff/Provide information about where parking is available)
- Mark sides of driveway for winter/Concern about hill being sanded in winter
- Better lighting on steps outside & at back door
- Remove shed (new size to be determined)
- Lot line is 50 ft from back of church (add extension at back for kitchen & storage)

**LOWER LEVEL (INSIDE):**

- Kitchen = raise dish washer to counter height (saves bending over)/enlarge kitchen/replace cupboards
- Bathrooms = musty...better ventilation/need upgrading with raised toilets & other accessibility needs
- Storage = generally + specifically for Knitting for Warmth
- Paint walls & new floor
- Furnace = upgrade by removing plenums & consider drop ceiling/connect heat duct to back entry & stairwell

- **Mold (addressed in stairwell/leave door ajar for ventilation)**

**UPPER LEVEL (OUTSIDE):**

- **HHUC on church sign**
- **No key for entry to ramp door**
- **Community garden on lawn space for food bank**

**UPPER LEVEL (INSIDE):**

- **Choir loft = better lighting/arrangement of risers is affecting acoustics...may need to move them forward/dimmer switches are hot**
- **Speakers in sanctuary/Hanging microphones**
- **Minister study for privacy**
- **Heat in church office**
- **Address winter freezing of pipe from upstairs bathroom toilet (wrap it)**
- **Remove pews & replace with chairs (start with centre & do a row at a time)**
- **Choose chairs with comfort & less weight + storage**
- **Lift (hydraulics will eliminate front stairwell. Move staircase to other side of sanctuary for access to lower level)**

**VISIONING:**

**Sean Chevalier and Donna Darby announced that a similar congregational gathering will be held in a month to brainstorm a new vision for HHUC to reinvigorate ourselves. He asked us to begin reflection and to refer to the “*Bloom & Grow*” flower diagram. Identify our strengths & needs, as well as the community needs...concerning worship; local community outreach & support; how to get community input; how to get information out to community, etc.**