

Central Presbyterian Church Renovation Update

There have been several activities and events recently concerning the church renovation. The Session agreed to use Schmidt Associates to lead a study group on the feasibility of re-modeling our church in its present location. These events included:

- October 15th Start Up Meeting with Schmidt Associates
- November 9th Drawing Input and Engineering Team visit
- November 13th-14th Information Gathering Sessions

The tentative dates for the additional reviews are as follows:

- November 27th Finalize Existing Drawings
- December 4th Meet with Building Renovation Task Force
- December 18th Finalize Recommendations at Schmidt Associates
- January 3rd Meet with Building Renovation Task Force
- End of January Meet with Full Church

The date of the final meeting will be determined after the review of the ceiling support for the Sanctuary. This review is being done by a separate engineering firm that specializes in older building renovation and structural integrity.

Thanks to church members Warren Clem, John Whalen, Bruce McClaren, and Lant Davis for supporting the engineer visit on November 9. The church members provided information about church history and past re-modeling activities and also besides held ladders and tape measures. The engineering group from Schmidt included specialists in structural, electrical, plumbing, technology, and architecture. This group was lead by team leader Allan Palmer from Schmidt.

I want to thank everyone from the congregation who participated in the information gathering sessions held on Nov.13th and 14th. Sarah Hempstead, the Overall Project Manger for Schmidt Associates, conducted the meetings. Over the two day period many pages of notes were accumulated concerning space allocation and the churches structural and physical needs. If you did not get a chance to attend or participate in the information gathering it is still not too late to voice your concerns and recommendations.