



# Davidsonville United Methodist Church

819 Central Avenue, Davidsonville, Maryland 21035

## *Completing the Vision 2010 Master Plan*

### *Vision Statement*

*To provide a warm, supporting environment in which all of Christ's children may grow in faith and understanding and meet changing community and global needs.*

### *Mission Statement*

*To live, serve, and communicate Christ's love within and beyond our church.*

## **History of Davidsonville Church**

Our church is believed to have started on a parcel of land purchased from Thomas and Jane Davidson in 1846. Shortly thereafter Mount Wesley chapel, the forerunner of Davidsonville Methodist Episcopal Church (today's Davidsonville UMC), was built on the corner of Birdsville Road and what is now Central Avenue. New church buildings were constructed in 1883 and 1924, the latter being the present sanctuary. In subsequent years the parsonage and the 1952 educational addition were completed.

Over the next fifty years the rural setting of Davidsonville changed dramatically from being largely agricultural to that of being a bedroom community with large and expensive homes. With the growth in population the need for more space became critical. The former parsonage became a Sunday school annex, and a Master Plan was developed in 1997 to meet the current and anticipated needs of our congregation. 2001 saw the completion of Phase I, an addition housing new classrooms, a kitchen, and a large social hall. Much of this work was done using the hands and skills of our congregation.

The 2007 opening of the Crossroads Child Care Center, the continuing growth of the community, and the increasing scope of our outreach missions have brought about even more needs. To that end, we began working on this revised Master Plan in 2008.

## **Our Vision and Ministry at Davidsonville Church**

In the process of developing a Ministry Needs List for a revised Master Plan, it was affirmed that one aspect of our mission is to serve our community. We seek not only to provide opportunities for persons to learn of our church (Evangelism), but also to offer hospitality to community groups for meetings and activities.

Our outreach and public relations ministries are sourced and strengthened by our "open doors." We presently have a number of community activities that "work out of our church," like our CrossRoads Child Care Center and Cornerstone Theater. The Building Committee and Church Council affirm that this vision will adequately meet the growing needs of our Outreach Ministry.



## Master Plan Update

To begin this process a Building Committee was established at the October 2006 Charge Conference. One of the steps in revising our 1997 Master Plan was to put together a Needs Assessment Task Force. The Committee evaluated existing and future needs for classrooms, specialty use rooms and programs. Projected growth rates for our community were examined and interviews were conducted with ministry teams and staff as to their particular needs. From the initial report of the Assessment Team two directions were recommended by the Building Committee. First existing older facilities were in need of significant maintenance before further development of a Master Plan could proceed. The next couple of years were spent painting and repairing existing facilities.

In 2008 the Building Committee began to explore the second step - designing for future needs. From the Needs Assessment Task Force report and open congregational meetings, future space needs began to be clarified. In response to the Needs Assessment research the recommendations listed below were developed. The Needs Assessment Report was given to a design-build firm *Building God's Way (BGW)* to begin a design plan that responded to our needs. In the winter of 2009 a design team from BGW came on site for three days to complete the Master Plan Update. *BGW's* recommendations are the basis of this booklet. ***All our identified present needs and future wants have been built into this design.***

## Priority Listing of DUMC Needs/Wants

***“The guiding principle is to construct a building large enough for future growth and outfitted based on need and financial ability “***

### Needs

1. Parking spaces
2. Storage for UMM, C&N, Trustees, Missions, Tongues of Fire, Youth, Music and Child Care
3. Two Child Care classrooms (for infants and toddlers with bath and storage)
4. Lobby and large fellowship/coffee/gathering area
  - a. to greet worshippers
  - b. to provide full time use of old fellowship hall for before & after school child care
5. Six Sunday School rooms with bath and storage
6. Gym/Theater/Auxiliary Worship space with bath and storage will...
  - a. allow for removal of existing stage & transformation of that area into either storage or classrooms
  - b. provide a stage capable of supporting worship, public gatherings, theatrical productions, and concerts
  - c. include a generously-sized proscenium & stage floor, fly space, wings, folding risers, lighting and a first rate sound/video system
  - d. provide under stage storage for tables, chairs and other items
  - e. provide a full-size recreation area for sports and youth ministry activities.
7. Future kitchen (for food prep & storage for festivals and larger dining events)

### Wants

1. Pastor and all Church offices with conference room and bath
2. Choir space

Shown here is the DUMC plant with current buildings shown in white. The proposed addition shown in gray extending below the new social hall and into the field below. Fifty eight (58) parking spaces will be added.

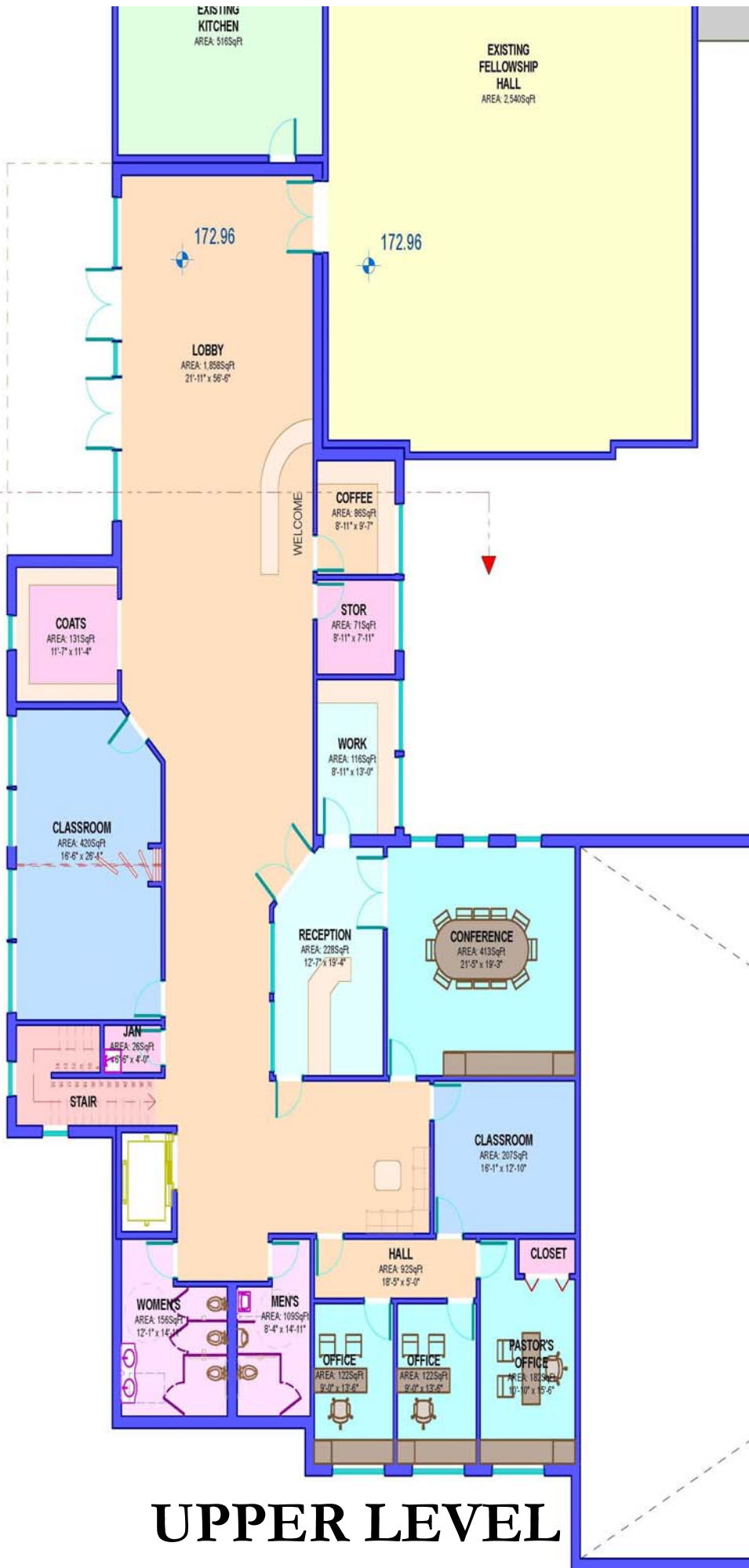


A redesigned main entrance with a large open space lobby (shown below) with coffee and fellowship stations would provide for a larger and easier "traffic and fellowship flow" at church functions. This sketch is looking south from the new main entrance into the new fellowship space with the church offices at the end of the room and class rooms and cloakroom on the right. This fellowship space will replace the existing "doughnut room" and give us the ability to move about easily to meet and talk with one another. The existing "doughnut room" would then be space available for the needs of Before/ After School childcare.

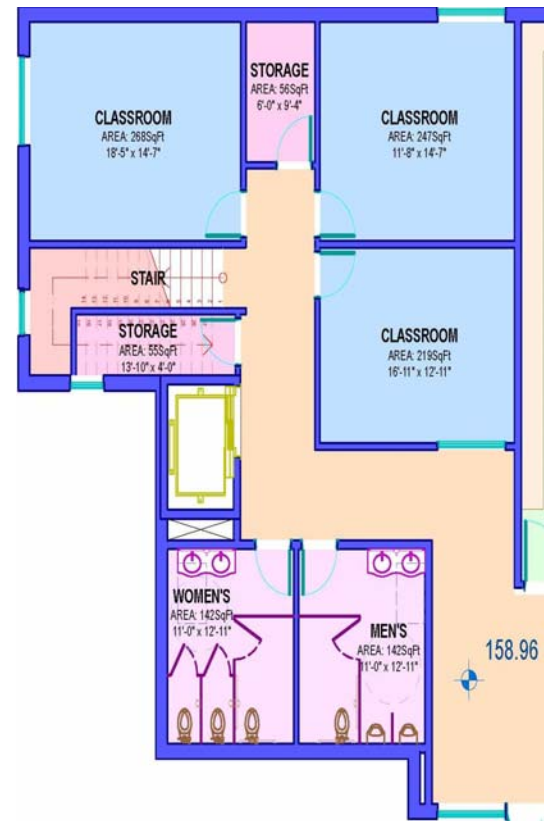


## UPPER LEVEL

1. *New entry/large fellowship area*
2. *Three classrooms*
3. *Conference room*
4. *Reception/church office*
5. *Pastor's/offices (3)*
5. *Coatroom*
6. *Bathrooms*
7. *Coffee room*
8. *Storage area*
9. *Janitor's room*
10. *Stairs/elevator*
11. *Lounge*



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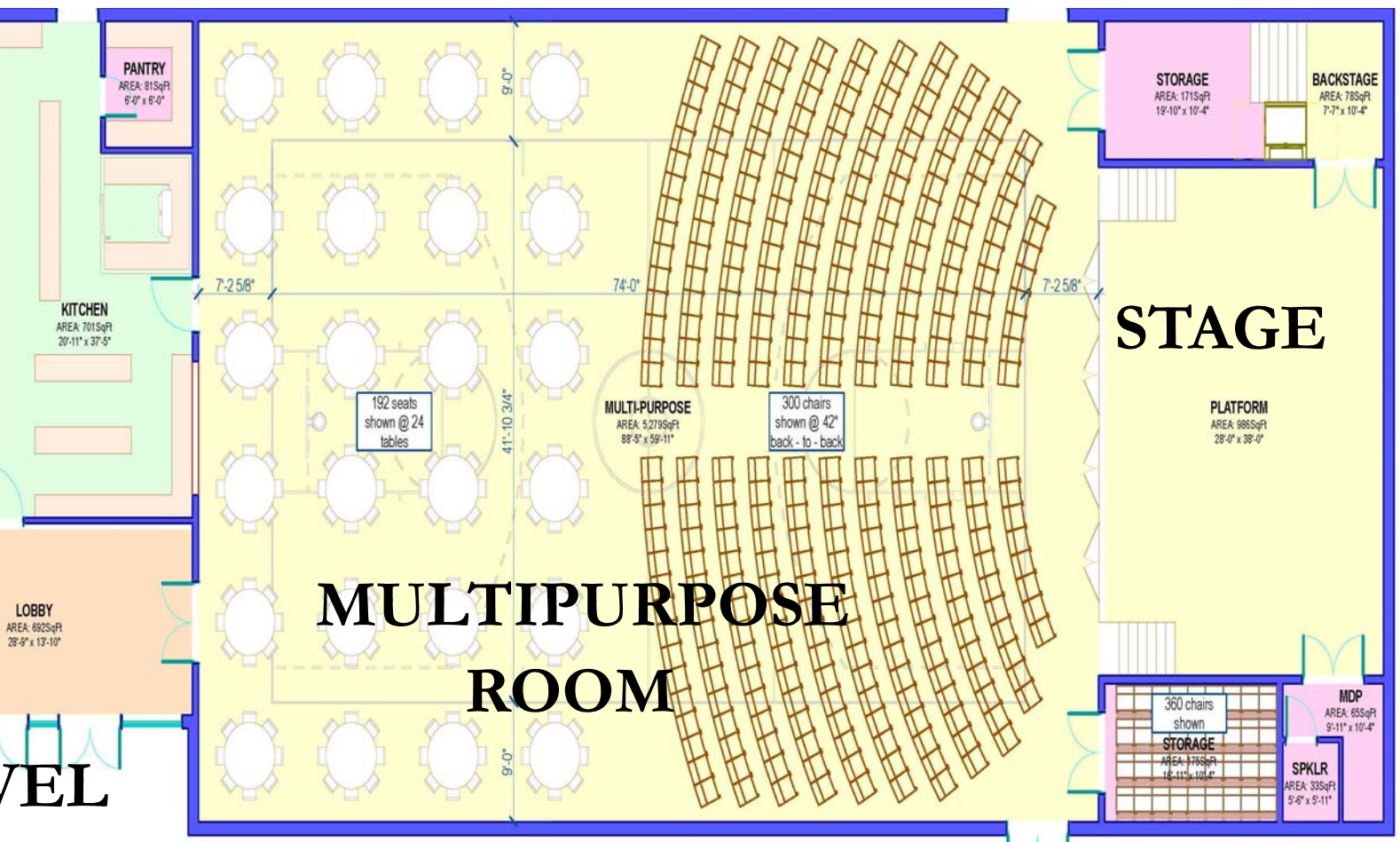
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## LOWER LEVEL

1. Entry
2. Three classrooms
3. Future kitchen
4. Bathrooms
5. Storage
6. Large stage to support worship, public gatherings, theater & concerts and open space for children and youth programs
7. Storage under stage for tables, chairs and other items
8. Janitor's room



**BGW's** design provides for three upper and three lower level classrooms for youth and adults as well as an upper level conference room that could also be used as a classroom (*see floor plans on center fold*). At present our office/annex is being used for two classrooms and additional meeting space - like confirmation classes. With the growth of our CrossRoads program at least two additional classrooms are needed. The BGW design provides for all anticipated classroom needs both for the present and in the future.

**Storage and Parking** On both levels of the building ample storage space is provided for our ministry teams. The design provides for an additional 58 parking spaces adjacent to the new building.

## Community Outreach

One of the growing and exciting edges of our ministry is our community outreach programs, which presently



includes our CrossRoads Child Care Center, Cornerstone Theater, performance programs, community association meetings, AA, Scouts, the Woodworkers Guild, receptions for special events (weddings, anniversaries, funerals and other functions). Our present social hall was suppose to seat about 250 persons at tables, when in actuality we can comfortable seat about 165. The new Multipurpose Room will eliminate this problem (*the floor plan shows seating for 192 at 24 large tables with more tables easily added*). The open space will serve for an indoor play space for our growing CrossRoads program, and will be available to the youth and our community as an open space for new programs. The *BGW's* drawings separate the spaces so multiple functions can be conducted at the same time, without conflicts.

### *Church Leadership*

#### *Pastor*

*Jim Stutler*

#### *Building Committee*

*Roger Vales, Chairman*

*Herb Wilson, Vice Chairman*

*Ken Baird*

*Cindy Borchelt*

*Ken Fowler*

*Linda Hall*

*Betty Hardesty*

*Mo Hawk*

*Jim Hopkins*

*Steve Leonard*

*Chuck Moeslein*

*Damon Ostis*

*Tom Roh*

*Bill Scrimgeour*

*Blair Smith*

*Bob Tomlinson*

*Tommy Tucker*

**Senior Programs** One of the growing edges of our ministries is to develop additional outreach programs with the seniors of our church and community. We not sure of all the possibilities that this might include but with *BGW's* help we have a design that provides space for exercise, classes, games, fellowship and lunch activities.



# Notes

