



BUILDING EXPANSION UPDATE

Spring 2023

Cotuit Federated Church is a vibrant church where people experience being in a beloved community. We dreamt of a larger space for worship. We also envisioned a modern and attractive Community Hall. Our goal was a hall that could serve Cotuit and our surrounding villages with space for gathering to share meals, hold cultural events, and engage in local community life. Our new Community Hall is beyond our dreams of a sacred and welcoming space.

The building expansion project continues to move full steam ahead. Electrical and HVAC contractors have been wiring the building for much needed utility updates that will drastically increase the efficiency of our energy use. Our newly installed solar panels will keep it sustainable. Our historic stained-glass windows arrived over the last month bringing to light beauty and history long obscured. The building expansion team continues to meet weekly to direct the progress and get work updates.

Our goal of completing this project debt free is nearly accomplished as all that we have done thus far has been completed without the use of our bank loan. Completing the last 10% of our fundraising will keep the church debt-free. We hope to raise another \$400,000 to complete the project with a primary focus on funding the elevator, solar panels and emergency generator.

Building Expansion

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Blessing the New Hall, March 2023

Accessibility has been front and center for our building design. We are committed to all areas being accessible for all people. There will be an elevator to the lower level/nursery school, a lift in the chancel area, openings in the pews for wheelchairs and walkers, and ramp access to both the Sanctuary and Community Hall entrances. These updates will make every space in the building fully accessible for the first time in history, including the nursery school, which will allow students who require these accommodations to be included.



Pete Rohner at new elevator



BET Team in New Hall



Worship in New Hall



Liza Joseph

Sunday School child rendering of New Hall

What Your Gifts Could Do

These three key pieces of fundraising—Elevator, Solar Panels and Generator, have the most direct impact on the local community. Funding these pieces allows us to serve our neighbors in need.

Elevator

Love Lifts Us Up

Make the elevator rise:

9 feet= \$150,000

1 foot= \$16,500

1 inch= \$1,400

1/4 inch= \$350

Solar Panels

Here Comes The Sun

Entire solar array: \$100,000

4 Panel Rack \$4,800

3 Panel Rack \$3,600

2 Panel Rack \$2,400

1 Panel Rack \$1,200

Generator

Shelter in the storm

Day of shelter= \$10,000

Hour of warmth= \$1,000

Pot of soup= \$500

Phone charging station= \$100

Bowl of soup= \$100

Cup of coffee= \$25

Historic Windows

Long talked about by our congregation and the Building Expansion Team are the windows that are hidden behind the wall of the altar, for 81 years visible only from the street -- and placed in such a way that no light can pass through and reveal their beautiful colors. Early on, BET determined that based on their size, they would be overpowering opened into the altar space.

Imagine our joy when looking through some of our historic records, we found a pencil drawing of our church from circa 1901 which revealed what the black and white photographs had obscured: the windows behind our altar had originally faced the village green! We are delighted that in our current plans, we have moved the windows back to their original orientation to the village green.

When our now restored windows were delivered, they are more glorious than we had imagined! We also discovered a story hidden in the windows:



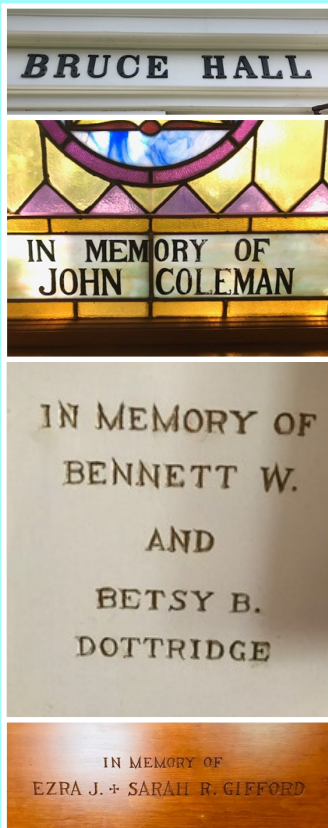
One window featuring a cross and crown was behind the wall of the altar, only visible on the exterior of the building from High Street since the 1941 remodel, but as it was restored and returned to its 1901 orientation facing the Cotuit Village Green, we learned that it was originally given in memory of Oliver N. Dottridge. Oliver was only twenty-one when he was lost at sea in the year 1895. His gravestone reads "Our Darling Ollie, How We Loved Him." As our church does so much ministry with parents who have lost a child, we hope Ollie's window will be a source of solace for grieving families.

Solar & Sustainability

As part of our building expansion we want to be good stewards of God's creation. An important issue to consider was our "sustainability." One definition from the EPA of sustainability is "to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations."



CFC, through the Building Expansion Team, made a couple important decisions towards the sustainability of our new building. The first was to use electric power instead of natural gas to heat and cool the building. We chose clean energy, electric, over carbon based energy, natural gas, which creates pollutants. The second decision we made towards sustainability was to install solar power generation that would provide the electricity we would need to run the heat pumps.



Purpose

The Campaign Recognition Framework and Naming Policies help to ensure that philanthropic gifts with associated naming opportunities at Cotuit Federated Church are managed in a consistent manner. These policies will help to ensure that CFC provides donors with equitable, consistent, and appropriate recognition and stewardship for their generous support.

Recognition Policies

Campaign recognition will be given for all non-anonymous gifts of cash and pledges made toward the objectives of the Campaign. Donors will be recognized and honored in select publications, unless anonymity is requested.

Naming Opportunities As of April 2023

#	Space	Minimum Pledge Level	Status
1	Community Hall	\$500,000	<i>Claimed</i>
2	Main Sanctuary Entrance	\$500,000	<i>Claimed</i>
3	Altar Area Redesign	\$500,000	<i>Claimed</i>
4	HVAC System	\$300,000	Available
5	Music Room	\$250,000	<i>Claimed</i>
6	Kitchen	\$200,000	Available
7	Elevator	\$150,000	Available
8	Lower Level Cotuit Nursery School	\$150,000	<i>Claimed</i>
9	Total Landscaping	\$150,000	Available
10	Solar Panels	\$100,000	Available
11	Main Hall Entrance	\$100,000	<i>Claimed</i>
12	Interior Sanctuary Entrance	\$100,000	<i>Claimed</i>
13	A/V System: New Hall & Sanctuary	\$100,000	<i>Claimed</i>
14	Emergency Generator	\$100,000	Available
15	Outside Terrace	\$75,000	<i>Claimed</i>
16	Large Group Sunday School Space	\$55,000	<i>Claimed</i>
17	Pastor Study	\$50,000	<i>Claimed</i>
18	Admin Office	\$50,000	<i>Claimed</i>
19	Small Group Sunday School Space	\$50,000	Available
20	Church Nursery	\$50,000	Available
21	Restore Historic Window-Diamond Wall of Windows	\$50,000	Available
22	Restore Historic Window-Maltese Cross	\$25,000	Available
23	Restore Historic Window-Cross & Crown	\$25,000	<i>Claimed</i>
24	Restore Historic Window-Keystone	\$25,000	Available
25	Vestibule Windows`	\$25,000	<i>Claimed</i>
26	Landscaping as Appropriate	\$25,000 - \$50,000	Available
27	Sanctuary Lift	\$25,000	<i>Claimed</i>

Naming Framework and Policies

Building on the generosity of previous generations, CFC's building expansion will offer several opportunities for donors at the highest levels to acknowledge the importance of our community in their lives. Campaign naming opportunities publicly recognize leading gifts from significant donors. Proposed naming opportunities are honorary only and do not reflect actual expenses associated with the space that bears the name. Physical spaces will be recognized via signage, plaques, displays, or another physical installation to be determined by Campaign Leadership. The nature and attributes of the physical recognition will be commensurate with the level of the gift. Signage must be well-designed, tasteful, and consistent. Donors can identify verbiage preferences when naming a space, but the design of the signage will be determined by Campaign Leadership. It is important to note that only written and recorded commitments are eligible to reserve naming opportunities. Planned gift intentions are not eligible to reserve named spaces. CFC leadership may revoke a naming right if the pledge obligation is unfulfilled and/or written off.