



ST. DAVID'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL



In May 2017 the Vestry and Trustees embarked on an initiative to move forward with developing a proposal to add badly needed space on the St. David's campus. A Parish Hall Committee was reconstituted with three parts: a building committee; a project finance committee; and several stakeholder's groups.

Over the course of the summer and fall the groups met to gather data about what parishioners, ministry leaders, and staff, envisioned about our current capabilities and our future ministry needs; how we might finance any expansion; and where on the campus any expansion might be located.

An initial "wish list" of space included a large parish hall and the redevelopment of the Belmont Chapel site to include an outdoor chapel. Total square footage requests exceeded 25,000 square feet. From that wish list the building committee eliminated duplicated space and focused on those requests representing the most critical need for space. They recommended moving forward with the outdoor chapel and parish hall space to include a commercial kitchen; gathering and seating space to accommodate large gatherings and seating for 400; additional classrooms; meeting rooms; administrative space; and expanded multiuse space to accommodate the needs of various ministries including music, quilting, BOSA, DoK, and community meetings including AA, NA, and others. The total new space would approximate 10,000-12,000 square feet.

In December the Vestry decided to move the initiative forward and approved an outdoor chapel concept pictured upper right and asked for estimates to construct; and they approved funding to move forward with a conceptual design of the parish hall space. We brought in the original sanctuary architect to help with that work. Additionally they approved a parish readiness assessment survey consisting of two parts: intensive one-on-one meetings with parishioners and an esurvey. We are beginning work with our survey partners CCS and expect to start the survey in early February.

What are we asking? What is your part?

CCS will contact you. Please take their call, respond to their request to meet or take the survey. Your participation and guidance is critically important to determine our readiness to undertake this project.

The estimates to construct the outdoor chapel and the parish hall addition total about \$4 million dollars and the project will take about three years to complete. If the survey suggests that we are ready, we will then conduct a capital campaign in the spring to raise the needed funds to move forward with the project. These are exciting times. **Live without fear!**

Photos of classrooms, meetings space, and the kitchen from St. Matthew's in Sterling

