



“All ~~Are~~ *Will Be* Welcome”

## Capital Campaign

**Narthex, n.:** *An entry space, foyer, or anteroom of a church between the door and the nave. The term is from the Greek for a “small case.”* - We'd like to make a **big case** for our “small case.”

### Why?

The proposed narthex will advance our work and our mission in many crucial ways:

- Handicap Accessibility from Parking Lot
- Handicap Accessible Bathrooms
- Full Accessibility to Parish Hall downstairs
- Increased Visibility and Witness
  - people driving or walking by will definitely know (and many don't now!) that this building is a church!
- Increased welcome
  - people will know where the main entrance is!
- More space for hospitality
  - smaller events such as light fellowship before and after church, pre- and post- wedding and funeral gatherings, and more can be held in the Narthex.
- More comfortable for newcomers
  - foyers in all sorts of buildings allow people to transition their way into the space.
- Acts as a buffer from bad weather
  - opening the back door to the church currently on windy, rainy, or snowy days, can send shivers down the spine, and make our entrance area messy and slippery.
- More space for group meetings
  - although the ultimate use of the downstairs space of the new narthex hasn't been allocated to any specific purpose, it will give us increased flexibility.
- Extra entrance to basement
  - another basement exit increases our safety in case of emergency; and whether it's a parishioner with hands full going to a potluck supper or parents dropping off kids to a daycare, the ability to go straight into the basement from the parking lot will be much appreciated!

## How Big Is It?

Each floor figures in at 1001 square feet.

## How Much Will It Cost?

The official cost opinion from Cornerstone Design Architects is between \$250,000 and \$300,000. However, construction costs rise over time. The longer it takes for us to raise the funds necessary for this project, the more it will cost.

## Is There Outside Financial Help?

We are continuing to look for grants in a variety of fields, have several leads, and will apply for every one that even has a remote connection to the work that we are doing. There are some other churches in the diocese that have successfully gotten grants to cover some of their construction costs, and we are learning what we can from their experience.

## Next steps

The next thing we need to do is raise the necessary funds for the project. The architect will need to create blueprints and get approvals from the appropriate authorities, we will need to decide on contractors, and agree on a construction schedule; but all of these must wait until we have the money to do so. To that end, we will be starting a capital campaign soon to go along with any and all grants that we may receive. The time-line and other details for the campaign need to be decided upon soon, but it's never too soon to think about giving to this project – we have some money already given to the project, and are currently accepting gifts earmarked for the Narthex.

## What's the Bottom Line?

This is our church. We will all need to pitch in. When all is said and done, we will be able to look at what we have accomplished together. Not *Some Big Company's* Narthex, but *Our* Narthex. Our church. Where All Are Welcome.

