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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

STEP BY STEP

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How Important is Space to a Congregation? A UU Story

(The following excerpts are from, "Volunteers, Physical Spaces Create Vitality:

<http://www.uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/100728.shtml>

From resource material provided by our UUA consultant, Bill Clontz.)

Sue Parilla, Jefferson Unitarian Church's (JUC; Golden, CO) volunteer coordinator, helps people find places to connect within the church. "I ask them,

'What's missing in your life? What would you like to do here? You came here for a reason. What is it?' "

. . .The right physical layout can be an asset in stimulating growth and vitality. At JUC, the church's front door opens into a wide entrance hall. At the end of the short hall is the welcome table where visitors get a friendly welcome and a temporary name tag.

Turn left from the welcome table and the sanctuary is right there. Walk straight ahead and you find yourself in a large open foyer and commons area. . .It enables [the volunteer and membership coordinators]. . .to easily move around and talk with people. There is no claustrophobic "cattle chute" at JUC.

"It's hard to overestimate the value of our foyer in growing the church," says [membership coordinator] Annie Hedberg. The space immediately outside the sanctuary doors is reserved for new people. All others are encouraged to move deeper into the commons for their conversations.

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists - Congregational Meetings on Space Issues

Purpose: Presentation and Discussion of Visioning Circle Results

Place: Sanctuary

Dates: Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 12:30 (light lunch & childcare provided)
Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:30 pm (childcare provided)



Over 1,500 comments from 23 Visioning Circles are posted on the sanctuary walls

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

Steps beyond Phase 1 are contingent on results of Phase 1

2013

PHASE 1 EXPLORATION

June	Board charges Building our Future
July 7	Kickoff Sunday
July-Sept	Visioning Circles - WE ARE HERE
Oct. 20	Congregational Meeting: Present and Discuss Visioning Circle Results
Oct. 21	Evening: Present and Discuss Visioning Circle Results
Nov 17	Congregational Meeting: Vote on Continuing with Phase 1
Dec	Architect Selection

2014

Jan-Mar	Preliminary architectural design options prepared
April	Congregational Meeting: Presentation & Review of building options
May-June	Fundraising Feasibility Study
July	Congregational Meeting: Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote

PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

July-Dec	Capital Campaign commences
October	Architect proceeds with drawing of chosen options

2015

February	Capital Campaign concludes
March	Congregational Meeting: Final Determination of options to build - vote
April	Bidding for construction
May	Awarding of construction contract

PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June	Begin Construction
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2016

April	Building ready for occupancy
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