

The Congregational Church of Brookfield

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." -1st Letter of Peter 1:5

#### INSIDE YOU WILL FIND:

A new vision for Fellowship Hall A preview of plans An invitation to give

## **A New Vision for Ministry**

After years of dreaming and planning and discussing, we are finally ready! We are ready to launch a new era of ministry where our buildings are fully accessible. We are "Sharing to Build" so that we have a "Building to Share" for generations to come. We are ready to place our treasure where our hearts are, to paraphrase Jesus, and live into his inclusive vision of loving **all** our neighbors.

### Make Fellowship Hall Accessible

Our proposed Building Addition includes:

- An Elevator linking Church School Wing to Fellowship Hall
- New Stairs that wrap around the Elevator
- 2 new accessible Bathrooms on Fellowship Hall level
- 2 new Bathrooms on Church School level
- New Welcome Hall at the Courtyard entrance (with automatic doors)



Renderings based on proposed plans



"Our first encounter with the accessibility challenges of our church building was when our son was in grade school and broke his leg. Years later, we moved my mother to CT, and she used a wheelchair. She would have loved our church, but she was unable to attend. Currently Larry's mobility issues limit us. We look forward to a fully accessible Fellowship Hall, which will bring us closer to the 'full participation' in the life of our church promised in our Open and Affirming statement."

~ Nancy Vodra

# **An Accessible Fellowship Hall**

### Update Fellowship Hall

- Add new flooring
- Install energy-efficient LED Lighting
- Replace existing room divider
- Upgrade interior finishes

## Add Storage:

Build spacious, new closets

"Having helped with Serendippers, memorial receptions and annual meetings, I am hopeful that we can be even more welcoming by having an attractive room in which to hold these events." ~ Eleanor Loesch







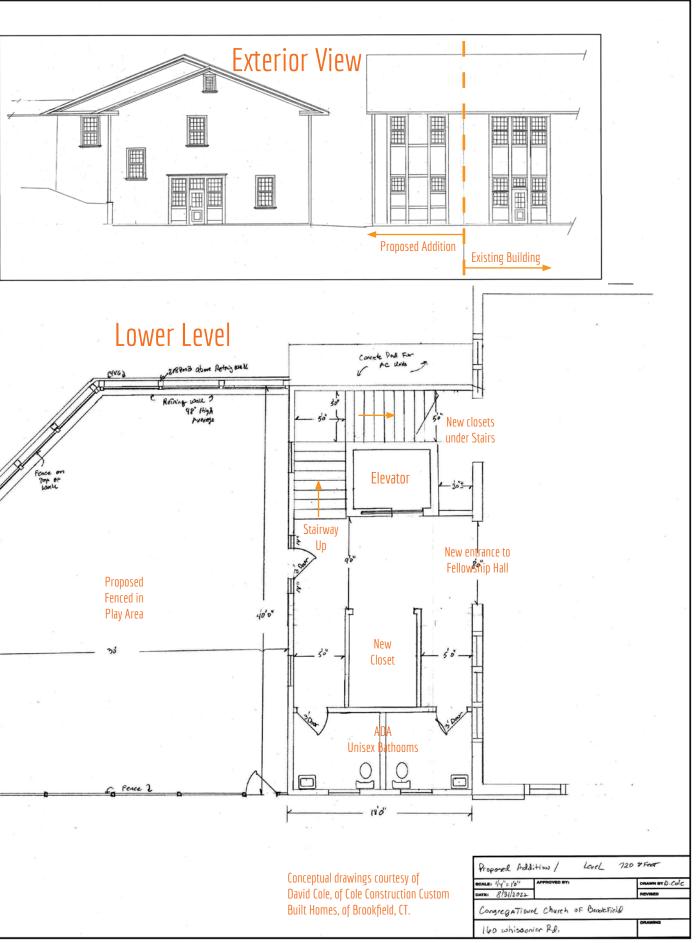
"I can't wait to see fresh paint, a new ceiling and a new divider. Plus, I feel it's important to get storage space for the chairs and tables, a handicapped bathroom and an elevator for accessibility. All of these things will make our Fellowship Hall warm and welcoming for all who enter it." ~ Sue Ronan

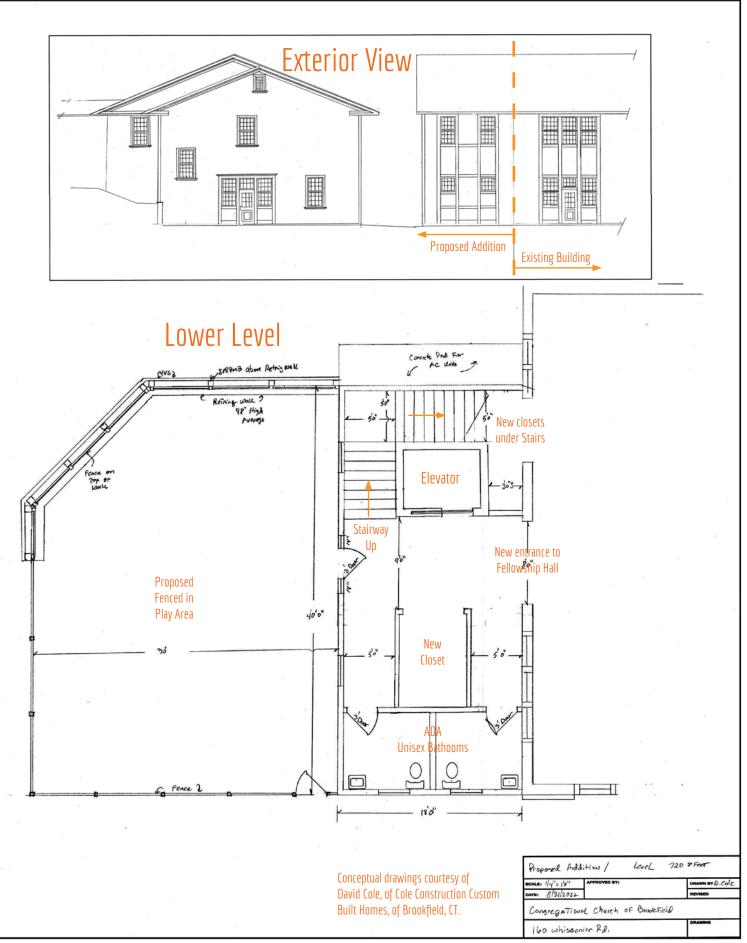
## **Preliminary Design**

- The estimated budget for the proposed project is \$750,000, which should cover both campaign fees and construction.
- Construction start depends on how much money we collect and how soon, as well as what our congregation votes to do next.
- New Entry Hall Fire exit to Courtyard Upper Level Existing 60 Classroom Stairway Landing Down Closet Elevator Closet 30000 40'0" Apple Tree Room ADA en's Room 0 53 ( 0 Proposed Addition

Existing Building

Main Entry from Courtyard





#### Update Fellowship Hall

- New side entrance to our Playground, so caregivers can gather while keeping an eye on children
- Playground safety enhanced, with a fully fenced-in yard and new retaining wall



"A fence around the Playground, YES, YES, YES! Our Playground is in a very high traffic area with easy access to a major road. I have tested my vocal cords not only on my own children, but a few church school children, as I have watched them run across the exit driveway as cars are leaving church, or go to pick apples on the tree next to the road. Thank you for including our children's safety as an important part of the future of our church."

~ Barbara Crandell, Church School Coordinator

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## How to Give

#### When do we need a commitment from our congregation?

We'd like for all our giving cards to be returned by Nov. 18 so they can be dedicated in Celebration Sunday worship on Nov. 20.

### What are the options givers have to give and what is the timeline to give?

Giving can happen weekly, monthly or in one lump sum. We will keep a separate account for your Capital Campaign gifts and happily help you understand how to designate your gifts so that they are properly recorded. The total time to fulfill your commitment will be 3 years – from December 2022 through November 2025.

### How can payments be made?

We have a few options. We can help you learn how to give electronically, or transfer gifts of stock or other assets. We want to make it as convenient as possible for everyone to contribute to this wonderful project.

#### How do I know what to give?

The answer is between you and God. We are asking you to open to the journey of prayer, faith and sacrifice when it comes to your gift. Prayerfully consider your gift and see where God leads.

#### **Gift Level Chart**

Gifts Needed	Gift Level	Annual Gift of	Monthly Gift of	Gift Level Total
1	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$75,000
1	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$1,389	\$50,000
1	\$36,000	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$36,000
1	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$694	\$25,000
1	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$18,000
2	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$30,000
6	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$333	\$72,000
12	\$9,600	\$3,200	\$267	\$115,200
30	\$4,800	\$1,600	\$133	\$144,000
40	\$3,600	\$1,200	\$100	\$144,000
Many	1500 or less	\$600	\$50	\$40,800
Total Gift Goal				\$750,000



## **Campaign Timeline**

## "Building Our Hope" Oct. 23-Nov. 13, 2022

Informational and inspirational messages in worship and small groups

## Oct. 23: Gratitude Sunday and Campaign Launch

Small Group Gatherings - Oct. 23, 28, 29, 30, and Nov. 8

### Nov. 20: Celebration Sunday!

- A Thanksgiving Dedication of Giving Cards in Worship
- A Festive Dinner at 5pm in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our success!

## Dec. 18: First Gifts Sunday

Our offerings begin, through November 2025

For more information, you may contact one of our Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, Laurie Matson or Jim Sugden, or the Church Office at office@uccb.org or 203-775-1259.

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