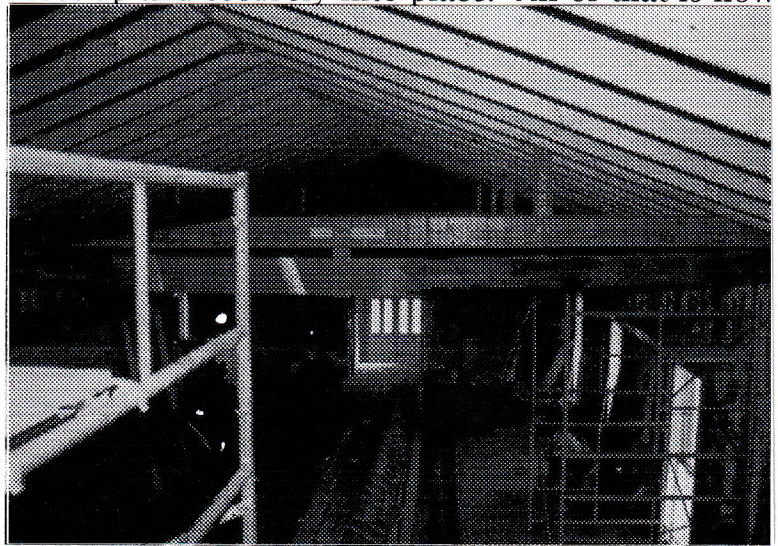


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RECENT PROGRESS: Saturday, April 26th was a big day in the history of our Renovation Project. A large group of volunteers, numbering 15-20, were hard at work on the very difficult job of installing the drywall on the ceiling of Fellowship Hall. (It is nice to see the church parking lot full on work Saturdays - on the 26th there were at one time 15 cars, 2 bikes, and a tractor.) Some help was provided by a mechanical lift, but it took 4-7 people to get each large and heavy piece of drywall fifteen or more feet up and securely into place. All of that is now done, and we can more fully appreciate how spacious the hall will be when the job is completed. Many other aspects of the work on the Hall can now proceed more quickly - the insulation, finishing of the interior walls, and, in a few weeks, the new windows.



While this work was underway on the first floor, Lennie Brill and his crew were continuing their plumbing in the basement, where the women's restroom is nearing completion. The floor tile is in, and some of the fixtures installed. The men's restroom is also coming along, and they have started on the plumbing for the new women's restroom on the first floor.

Before the Drywall

PLANS: As noted above, the new windows for the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen have been ordered. The ones for the Hall are of the same size and general design as the current ones, but will be installed higher in the wall to leave about 12-16" from the sill to the floor. The kitchen windows will be of the same design but shorter than the current windows to give more usable wall and counter space.



We hope to start soon the next, and the last, big element of the renovation - the rebuilding of the center entrance. This will involve removing the floor and the existing stairway to the second floor in the current entrance area, removing the existing front wall, installing the new stairway, and installing the new windows and door in the new, expanded front wall. Part of this work will involve opening the backside of the furthest front stained-glass window (the one up by the organ), and providing backlighting for it and for the other stained-glass window that has become an "internal" window. The spring weather will also give us the opportunity

to clean up and grade the front lawn of the church and finish fixing the siding where needed.

There are many jobs remaining - big and small. To volunteer, call Dan Sheldon at 494-2442.

FINANCES: Total cost to date is about \$280,000, with the outstanding loan from the Bank of Castile at \$220,000 (details below).

Basement Contractor	34,408.00	Finishing Labor	3,820.00	Kitchen Equip.	795.69
Basement Materials	29,684.54	Finishing Materials	7,518.91	Loan Interest	9,038.96
Doran-Yarrington Arch.	34,539.73	Front Entry Extension	6,569.25	Management	10,986.24
Arch. & Eng. Studies	7,840.00	General Lumber	8,948.07	Miscellaneous	2,011.09
Electrical Work	29,201.02	General Materials	4,188.21	Plumbing	10,052.61
Fellowship Hall Labor	2,771.50	Handicapped Lift	11,100.00	Rear Entryway	3,238.00
Fellowship Hall Mtls.	9,744.29	Heating System	54,233.06	Total	\$280,689

GIFT OPPORTUNITIES: A "Wish List" is being put together of elements of the renovation that might be appropriate gifting opportunities if someone would like to identify a specific item to fund, rather than make a general pledge to the Fund Drive. Some of these items could also be gifts "in memory of" a loved one or past member of our church family. Some of the items on this Wish List are: *The new windows for the Fellowship Hall and kitchen - 8 windows at about \$600@

* Backlighting for the two stained glass windows in the sanctuary wall that are inside of the new entryway - \$500@

* Folding walls to divide the two new large basement classrooms - \$500-1000@

Some other items will be added to this list when we know the expected costs (kitchen equipment, new furniture for the pastor's office, etc.), but if you are interested in designating a gift to these or other needs, contact Ruth Morse, Tom Jones or Dan Sheldon. Thank you.



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