

JULY 19, 2020



GRACE FOR TODAY

AN UPDATE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS



This summer, change is in the air. Everyone has had to adjust to the current pandemic – staying home, wearing face masks, and the fluctuation in their incomes. As a result of issues related to COVID-19 safety and other uncertainty, the Community Center project will be put on hold until we are prepared to re-launch the Capital Campaign. Expenditures on architectural and engineering fees should cease. Planning activities should be limited to communications, quarterly financial analysis, securing the IRS 501(C)(3) non-profit status for the Center, pursuit of supplemental grant funding and preparation to re-engage the design team when appropriate.

The Project Design Committee selected the architectural firm of Atkins, Olshin and Shade (AOS) to design the new community center. In conjunction with AOS, the committee has continued to convene virtual meetings since March 2020. Because of the dedication of committee members and the flexibility of the AOS

architectural design team, work on the project never stopped. On June 2, 2020, AOS completed the final draft of the conceptual design for the project. This was followed by a completion of the Schematic Drawings and Technical Specifications Manual. These documents were reviewed by J. S. Cumby, a general contractor and professional cost estimator.

It was also decided that the building should have attractive, functional, and flexible spaces and should be energy efficient with solar panels, plenty of windows and a green roof. The building's exterior should complement the Church with an easy-to maintain brick and metal façade. The focal point of the building, a large multi-purpose area, would face the Church building and two-way auto and emergency vehicle access needed to be maintained from both Johnson Street and Emlen Street. PECO was contacted to help with the heating and air conditioning equipment and lighting design.

In 2018 Deacon Tyrone Beach and Trustee John Williams completed a grant application from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), for the New Community Center. Pennsylvania State Senator Art Haywood pushed the application forward for legislation that authorizes projects under the RACP, and it was approved and signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf. Grace Baptist Church of Germantown received

notification on July 2, 2020 that we have been awarded a \$2,000,000 Construction Grant from the State of PA. This grant will be used for construction and other related costs for our New Community Center. This is truly a testimony of what God can do! With this new revenue source, the Planning and Building will meet to comprehensively develop next steps.

The new **Grace Community Family Life Center** will be built on the site of the former G.C.C.C., at 29-31 W. Johnson Street. This 16,000 Square Foot, two-story brick building will have colored metal panels on the Second floor. The Johnson Street Entrance, which is directly across from the Church Entrance, will have an Elevator Tower and Glass Enclosed Stair Tower that complements the Church Bell Tower. The site will be landscaped to present a welcoming

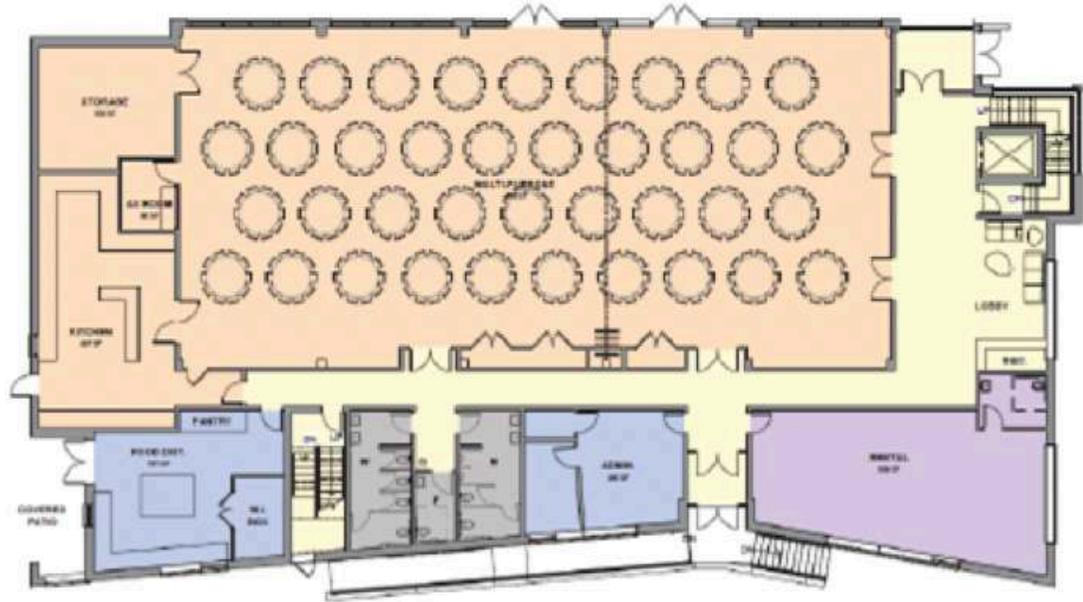


environment to members and visitors. Other building elements include:

- *First floor main entrance (Emlen Street) with Handicap Ramp and Stairs
- *Administrative Offices for the Center Director and Staff
- *Food Distribution Service Area with Pantry and Walk-in Refrigerator/Freezer
- *Covered Porch Adjacent to Parking Lot
- *Rental Space for Current or Future Health Professionals

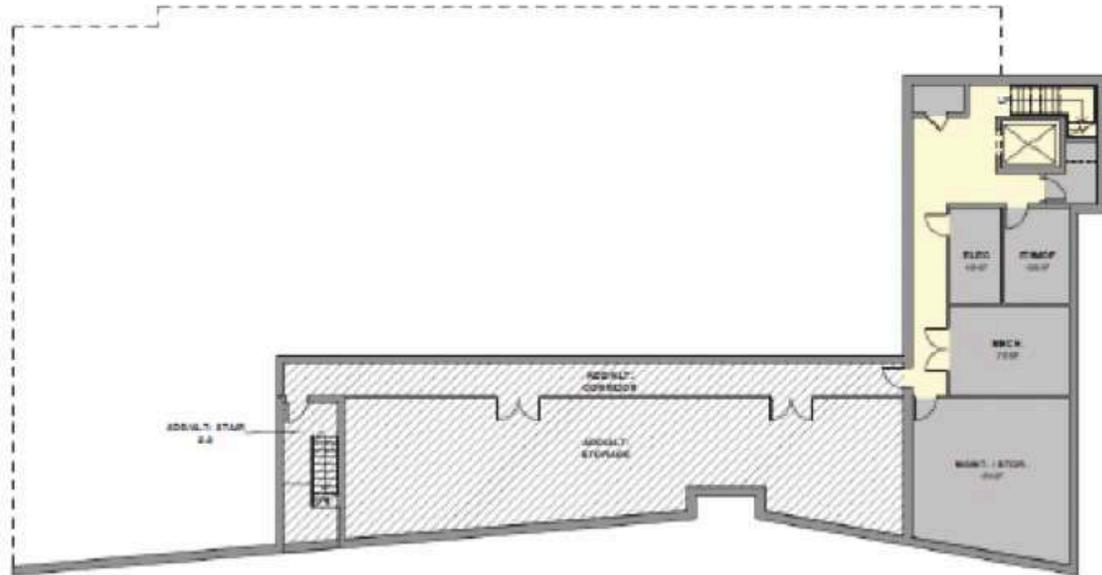
- Elevator Lobby and Reception Area with a Security Desk
- Large Multi-purpose (5,000 SF) Room/Banquet Hall 400-Seat Capacity) with Room Divider, Storage and A/V Room
- Commercial Kitchen
- Modern Hands-free Men's Room, Women's Room and Family Rest Room.
- 3 Multi-purpose Rooms/Classrooms
- Reading Nook for Children
- Business Center with Work Pods for Daily Rental by Small Entrepreneurs
- Conference Room/Classroom
- Green Roof Above Multi-Purpose Room/Banquet Hall
- Partial Basement (2,000 SF)

LEVEL 1 PLAN



LEVEL 2 PLAN





**Don't miss the third Communion kit pickup.
We will have cloth masks available also.
Saturday, August 8, 2020
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**



Let's Worship God in our cars!

Have you missed our family and fellowship?

Let's wave at each other as we worship God in the safety of our cars!

Where? ... Parking Lots of GBCG

When? ... Communion Sunday- August 9, 2020- 10:15 am

More Information will be coming via "One Call Now"

We will maintain safety measures to prevent the spread of Covid 19

so come prepared to exercise safe distancing.

