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Matthews UMC Sanctuary Renovation Project

Comprehensive List of Changes

Overview

This document outlines a comprehensive list of changes implemented as part of the Sanctuary Renovation Project. The changes are organized by category for clarity. The purpose of this list is to assist the Church community with understanding changes implemented which affect their Sanctuary experience.

Structural Improvements

- Replacement of aging Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning equipment with energy-efficient materials for the Sanctuary and reception areas.
- Increased the capacity of heating and cooling of the Sanctuary and reception areas with additional equipment.

Accessibility Upgrades

- Construction of a chancel ramp.
- Installation of handrails in the choir loft and the chancel steps.
- Installation of accessible seating options for individuals with mobility needs, including additional wheelchair spaces and commercial grade armed chairs in standard height, hip height, and bariatric width.
- Installation of automated doors with wave motion activation (with push-button remain open operation) on all Sanctuary interior doors.
- Installation of automated doors with wave motion activation on both Family Restroom doors outside the Sanctuary.
- Replaced the flooring of the Chancel area from stamped concrete to engineered wood planks for a more even and stable walking surface.
- Lowered the new video walls by four feet below the prior projection system video to enhance ergonomic viewing.
- Addition of hearing aid compatibility with the newly installed sound system.
- Addition of hearing to text translation capability into multiple languages.

Interior Enhancements

- Installation of new flooring throughout the sanctuary, including engineered wood planks on the chancel/choir loft and carpeting on the stairs and main floor.
- Fresh paint and updated color schemes to brighten the Sanctuary interior space.
- Improved all house and theater lighting fixtures with adjustable brightness and color, and energy-saving features.
- Replaced and improved lighting in the Reredos Cross and spotlights on the Open Arm Jesus stained glass window.
- Improved maneuverability of furniture, instruments, and equipment on the chancel floor.
- Increased size and space for choir and instruments in the Chancel area.
- Constructed a level for handbell tables above and behind the choir to include them as part of the music and choir group.

Technological Advancements

- Integration of modern audio and visual systems, including video walls, speakers, and microphones.
- Replacement of all Sanctuary house and theater lighting with centralized color and brightness controls.
- Replacement of the organ with a new digital organ and new speakers.

Environmental Sustainability

- Replaced all Sanctuary lighting with energy efficient LED canisters and lights.
- Changed the cooling equipment for the Sanctuary and associated reception areas from a refrigerant system to a more efficient water-cooled system.
- Replaced aging, outside boilers for heating with more efficient inside natural gas boilers.

Additional Notes

- Regular project updates and progress photos/videos were communicated each week during the project.
- The Building Committee sought feedback from Church community members.
- There is potential for additional changes based on budget and stakeholder input. For example, the Trustees are investigating bathroom renovations and a Portico from the Narthex to the small parking lot to improve accessibility, as well as completion of accessibility audit items and tasks.