

# AHUMC Master Plan Update

This summary is intended to provide an update on the current status of the Master Plan for Anderson Hills United Methodist Church's physical facilities needed to carry out its Vision and Mission for ministry.

## Background

In early 2008 a Master Plan committee held discussions with pastors, ministry leaders, lay leaders, staff, administrators, trustees, various members of the congregation, and the church's architects about what changes were needed to the church's facilities in order to meet the ministry needs for the next 5-10 years. Through these discussions a Space Needs Assessment document was generated providing a list of Master Plan goals. Using this document as a guide an Architectural Master Plan was developed. The Plan was presented to the congregation at a meeting on August 26, 2008. After discussions, the Plan was approved and became the roadmap for future changes to the church's facilities. At a Charge Conference on October 28, 2008 the Master Plan was approved and the District directed our church to form a Building Committee to generate detailed plans and associated costs to implement the Plan.

In the spring of 2009, an opportunity to purchase the Wellington property at 7663 Five Mile Road (building and 70 parking spaces) became available at a very competitive price. The primary benefits of purchasing that property were a chance to 'own' more parking spaces and provide additional building space for relocating the church offices and adding a new, much larger Student Ministries area. The move of the church offices to the new building would make the renovation of the existing church buildings easier, more efficient, less disruptive, and less expensive than the Master Plan portrayed at that point in time. In addition, the property was adjacent to the current church buildings and would provide direct access to Five Mile Road.

The proposed purchase of the property was presented to the congregation at a Charge Conference on June 14, 2009. An updated Master Plan was also presented, which reflected the effect the purchase would have on the original Master Plan. In addition, the congregation was advised that there would be a capital campaign in the near future to pay off the mortgage and proceed with other phases of the Master Plan. After questions and discussion, the Charge Conference approved the purchase of the property and AHUMC took out a mortgage loan of \$815,000 to help pay for the purchase and renovation of the property (now called The Annex). The property was purchased on July 29, 2009 and renovation of the property was begun.

## Current Status

The renovation of the Annex was completed Labor Day weekend 2010, with an official move-in date of September 8, 2010. A consecration service and open house tour was held on Sunday, September 5, 2010.

With the Annex renovation complete, the Building Committee has turned its focus to further updating the Master Plan, having the architects prepare more detailed drawings for the various phases of the Plan, and updating the cost estimates. These updates will be completed in early September and will be communicated to the congregation for their input, feedback and approval.