



Mantua Center Christian Church

Third Century Building Team

Building project update

- 1) We have secured the services of two local contractors, Dan Wysznski and Scott Jakosh, to thoroughly waterproof the outside of the sanctuary (the oldest part of the building) for less than half of the previous lowest bid. They will dig down to the foundation, make any needed repairs, coat the underground portions of the walls with a rigid, impermeable foam and a recycled plastic mesh that draws water away from the foundation, then restore the soil up to ground level with river rocks on the north and south sides. On the east side (the front of the building) they will build a new stoop and new stairs, along with all new concrete walks in front of the church (tying into the existing walk along the parking lot toward the Civic Center).
- 2) We have also secured the service of a respected local contractor, Jim Zella, on a per-hour basis to look over all project plans before they are begun to be sure that we are getting the best, most appropriate services. He is pleased with the waterproofing plans.
- 3) Waterproofing work will begin right after Easter, as weather permits. **The front steps and ramp will have to be removed to waterproof the east side, so the only entrance to the building we be through the lower door by the parking lot.** Anyone unable to come up the stairs to the sanctuary level can participate in the worship service by the television in the Fellowship Hall. Communion will come down to you. This disruption will last about six weeks, and we appreciate your patience in this essential step in improving the building.
- 4) A registered architect in Cleveland, Keith Hayes, has prepared the design, free of charge, for a new accessible ramp to be built after the new concrete sets for the steps and front entrance. Turn this page over to see the plan, where the church building is at the right edge of the drawing. The ramp will take the same basic path as what we have now, but will be wider and more gentle, with two landings. We are looking for a contractor to build the ramp, out of Trex, a nice looking and low-maintenance recycled plastic.
- 5) The Board also approved necessary improvements in the sanctuary sound system, with more wireless microphones on proper, legal frequencies, and other important additions.
- 6) These improvements will be paid for from cash on hand and an investment with the Disciple Church Extension Fund. No debt will be incurred for these initial projects to make our building last and make it more accessible.

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