

# Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

## Charge Conference

March 8, 2009

## Master Site Plan Study Committee Report

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Executive Summary

In early 2006, a Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church study committee developed and presented to the congregation a Long Range Plan for Pleasant Hill that demonstrated a future thinking scenario and proposed plans for what we felt our church would need to look like and need to be 3, 5, 10 years into the future.

The Administrative Council consequently created a Master Planning Committee in late 2007 to start a process that would end up with an architectural vision of the best use of current and proposed buildings and facilities to meet our church's needs as we continue to grow. The committee comprised of 11 people, has faithfully, conscientiously, and prayerfully worked on this project over the past 12+ months preparing a master plan to help us take a big step into the future of Pleasant Hill.

As part of our research, we saw first hand how a vision could become a reality and were fortunate to be able to enlist the advice and guidance of Sandie Weaver, who led the 6 year project to build Philadelphia United Methodist Church's new additions in Fort Mill. She has given excellent advice and helped us rapidly pick up the momentum of this project.

In May and June of 2008, we invited the entire church to volunteer thoughts, ideas, and dreams of how we envision Pleasant Hill should be in the future. About 40+ members graciously gave of their creative time, attention and ideas to this project in two separate meetings. We ended up establishing a list of priorities that they suggested we pursue.

In August 2008, we presented these suggestions to our full congregation requesting that each interested person fill out a Master Site Research Priority Ballot. From this, we've arrived at key priorities, which coincidentally mirrored our earlier volunteer meeting results.

The committee interviewed and selected an architectural firm, WGM Associates in Charlotte to help us incorporate congregational input in developing a Master Site Plan which prioritizes development and expansion of current facilities at Pleasant Hill to accommodate the growth of the church and its ministries.

The Master Plan is now completed, and we're able to visualize how we can better utilize our existing facilities and add new and exciting facilities to the church. If approved, the Master Site Planning committee's task is complete. A Building Committee will then be formed to take this project to the next step and we will begin looking at financial avenues to make our dreams become a reality over the next several years.

We ask your prayers and your support as we go forward in our dynamic mission for Pleasant Hill's future.

Dale Jordan, Master Planning Committee Chairman

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Community and Church Needs Analysis

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church has over 125 years of history within our community. Pleasant Hill is a very friendly, open and welcoming church in a great location. We are and have been for quite sometime surrounded by growth that is not showing any signs of slowing down.

It is Pleasant Hill's mission to be sure that we can meet not only the needs of our current members and visitors, but of those in our community of Indian Land and neighboring communities.

How can Pleasant Hill help meet the needs of our growing Church and the needs of our community by improving the facilities we have and adding new building structure? The first thing we must all do is pray. Pray for God's guidance through this entire process.

Pleasant Hill's average weekly giving, worship attendance for both services, Sunday school and fellowship gatherings have steadily climbed over the last 5 years. If we look 5 years down the road we have to ask ourselves are our facilities and our programs going to be able to handle the growth. We need to be aware of what God is calling us to do to help further His kingdom on earth.

- **Membership** - Our membership has grown from 460 to 550 within the last 3 years.
- **Worship** - Our worship space uses more than 80% of the sanctuary on an average Sunday. When we hold special services at Easter, Mothers Day, Christmas, funerals and weddings we are often over our capacity of 199. Our choir loft is full which is great; however there are potential choir members in our congregation who would like to join the choir, but feel there just is no more space.
- **Education** - Our current educational space is not meeting the needs of our children or adults. We have a pre-school starting in the fall of 2009. We have 2 nurseries which are crowded; we have 4 small elementary Sunday school rooms which are small and in need of updating. Several children attend Sunday worship, but not Sunday school. Our attendance could grow if our facilities were more current and appealing. We need our education space to be inviting and a place where our children are comfortable; a place where parents are comfortable bringing their children. We have 6 adult Sunday school classes. One class has to meet in the parlor in the fellowship hall and another class shares a room with the hand bell choir. The other adult classes are full and often crowded. If we have interest in another class, where would we place them?
- **Parking** - We currently have 122 parking spaces. We need to have enough parking available and visible so when community members drive by they do not feel as if they have no place to park. Our future needs for parking are 200 + parking spaces. We currently have 1 church bus and will soon need another.

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- **Offices** - We currently have staff members without office space of their own. Our Director of Children's Ministries is using a former class room within the educational building; prior to that she shared an office with our Director of Christian Education. Our Music Director has no office of his own.

This needs analysis is based on the needs of our community and how our church can help meet these needs. It is time for Pleasant Hill to take a look at how we can improve what we have in order to accommodate the needs of all. This analysis is based on physical structure. With more space and updated facilities we can offer more programs that can benefit all ages.

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| Average Attendance Comparison - 2004 to 2009 |                          |            |                         |            |                             |            |               |            |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Year                                         | Early Service Attendance |            | Late Service Attendance |            | Combined Service Attendance |            | SS Attendance |            |
|                                              | Average                  | % Increase | Average                 | % Increase | Average                     | % Increase | Average       | % Increase |
| 2004 <sup>1</sup>                            | 44                       |            | 113                     |            | 157                         |            | 93            |            |
| 2005                                         | 46                       | 4.55%      | 109                     | -3.54%     | 155                         | -1.27%     | 92            | -1.08%     |
| 2006                                         | 61                       | 32.61%     | 126                     | 15.60%     | 187                         | 20.65%     | 108           | 17.39%     |
| 2007                                         | 69                       | 13.11%     | 136                     | 7.94%      | 205                         | 9.63%      | 105           | -2.78%     |
| 2008                                         | 68                       | -1.45%     | 179                     | 31.62%     | 247                         | 20.49%     | 102           | -2.86%     |
|                                              |                          | 12.20%     |                         | 12.90%     |                             | 12.37%     |               | 2.67%      |
| 2009 <sup>2</sup>                            | 73                       | 7.35%      | 149                     | -16.76%    | 222                         | -10.12%    | 130           | 27.45%     |
|                                              |                          | 11.23%     |                         | 6.97%      |                             | 7.87%      |               | 7.63%      |

<sup>1</sup> 2004 includes last 14 weeks

<sup>2</sup> 2009 includes first 8 weeks

| First Eight Week Comparison - 2007 to 2009 |                          |            |                         |            |                             |            |               |            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Year                                       | Early Service Attendance |            | Late Service Attendance |            | Combined Service Attendance |            | SS Attendance |            |
|                                            | Average                  | % Increase | Average                 | % Increase | Average                     | % Increase | Average       | % Increase |
| 2007                                       | 68                       |            | 132                     |            | 200                         |            | 117           |            |
| 2008                                       | 63                       | -7.35%     | 134                     | 1.52%      | 197                         | -1.50%     | 111           | -5.13%     |
| 2009                                       | 73                       | 15.87%     | 149                     | 11.19%     | 222                         | 12.69%     | 130           | 17.12%     |
|                                            |                          | 4%         |                         | 6%         |                             | 6%         |               | 6%         |

| Attendance Projections thru 2015 |                          |            |                         |            |                             |            |               |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Year                             | Early Service Attendance |            | Late Service Attendance |            | Combined Service Attendance |            | SS Attendance |            |
|                                  | Average                  | % Increase | Average                 | % Increase | Average                     | % Increase | Average       | % Increase |
| 2009                             | 76                       | 12.00%     | 192                     | 7.00%      | 268                         | 8.38%      | 105           | 2.94%      |
| 2010                             | 85                       | 12.00%     | 205                     | 7.00%      | 290                         | 8.42%      | 110           | 5.00%      |
| 2011                             | 96                       | 12.00%     | 219                     | 7.00%      | 315                         | 8.47%      | 116           | 5.00%      |
| 2012                             | 107                      | 12.00%     | 235                     | 7.00%      | 342                         | 8.52%      | 122           | 5.00%      |
| 2013                             | 120                      | 12.00%     | 251                     | 7.00%      | 371                         | 8.57%      | 128           | 5.00%      |
| 2014                             | 134                      | 12.00%     | 269                     | 7.00%      | 403                         | 8.62%      | 134           | 5.00%      |
| 2015                             | 150                      | 12.00%     | 287                     | 7.00%      | 438                         | 8.67%      | 141           | 5.00%      |

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| <b>Membership Growth 2005 thru 2008</b> |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                             | <b>Members</b> | <b>% Increase</b> |
| 2005                                    | 473            |                   |
| 2006                                    | 495            | 5%                |
| 2007                                    | 517            | 4%                |
| 2008                                    | 537            | 4%                |
|                                         | 506            | 4%                |

| <b>Membership Projections thru 2015</b> |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                             | <b>Members</b> | <b>% Increase</b> |
| 2009                                    | 558            | 4%                |
| 2010                                    | 581            | 4%                |
| 2011                                    | 610            | 5%                |
| 2012                                    | 640            | 5%                |
| 2013                                    | 672            | 5%                |
| 2014                                    | 706            | 5%                |
| 2015                                    | 741            | 5%                |

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Worship Services

- 8:30 am Casual Service
- 11:00 am Traditional Service
- 8:30 am Children's worship
- 11:00 am Children's worship
- Special Seasonal worship services

Sunday school Classes

- Infants & Toddlers
- 2 year olds
- 3-4 year olds
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Middle school – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Senior High – 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wings and Anchors – College and young adults
- Examiners - Adults – generally in their 20's and 30's
- New Beginnings – Adults – generally 30+ (any age welcome)
- Agape Seekers – Adults – generally 50+ (any age welcome)
- Extraordinary Life Class – Adults all ages
- John McGinn Class – Senior Adults

Music Ministries

- Chancel Choir – performs regularly at 11:00 worship service
- Praise Choir – performs regularly at 8:30 worship service
- M&M Choir – performs at area nursing homes and assisted living centers
- Adult Handbell Choir – performs periodically for worship services and special events
- Orchestra – performs at Christmas Eve services, Independence Day services, and other special events
- YMDT – Youth Music and Drama Team
- Children's choir
- Children's handbell choir

Studies:

- Morning and Evening Bible Studies
- Financial Classes – Peace Financial University
- Parenting Classes – Offered yearly in the fall
- Marriage Class – Next one will be on the movie "Fireproof"

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Family Ministries

- United Methodist Women's Fellowship – morning and evening circles
- United Methodist Men's Fellowship – breakfast meeting and evening study
- M&M's – Mature members fellowship for ages 50 and above
- Elevation – Youth fellowship for grades 6 through 12
- Youth Missions – Youth Thanksgiving Basket Drive, Souper Bowl Collection
- DYD – Dynamic Youth Days – Summer events for rising 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Terrific Tuesdays – Summer daytime events for children ages 3 - rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- MCF – Methodist Children's Fellowship for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Cubs for Christ (K4 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Explorers (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Explorers Puppet Ministry
- MCF Mini Missions – Summer program for stay at home moms and/or grandparents to bring their children to the church for a light breakfast, followed by visitation with shut-in's in the church family.
- Vacation Bible School – all ages
- Seasonal Ministries – Lenten Luncheons, Ash Wednesday Service, Pastors Egg Dye, Palm Sunday Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Picnic, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving Meal for youth & children with their families, Christmas Play, Hanging of the Greens
- Men's softball team
- Women's softball team
- Breakfast club – monthly breakfast outing for anyone interested
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Congregational Fellowship meals
- Fall Family Retreat
- Carnival Cruise Congregational Trip

Missions and Community Outreach Programs:

- Relay for Life team – Cancer awareness
- Family Promise – Member of a network providing assistance to homeless families
- Salkehatchie Summer Service – Summer program to rehabilitate homes for homeowners in need
- Fort Mill Care Center – Monthly food drive for local food pantry for people in need of assistance
- Christmas Angel Tree – Provide Christmas gifts for local children
- Christmas Red Stocking Tree – Provide food for local families in need at Christmas time
- Community Blood Drive – Sponsor Red Cross community blood drives
- Weekday Preschool program – Christian based preschool for 2, 3 and 4 year old children
- Community use of facilities

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Accessibility Plan

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church's current facilities are accessible with the exception of the following areas:

- The chancel area of the sanctuary
- The stage in the fellowship hall
- The sound room in the fellowship hall

It is the intent of the planning committee to verify compliance of the Federal ADA Guidelines with additional consideration for any specific future needs of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation.

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Acceptance of Proposal

Upon the approval of the Master Site Plan as presented to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Charge Conference, we request the written consent of our pastor and district superintendent.

Signature

Date

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The Reverend Michael D. Ritter  
Senior Pastor  
Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Sara A. White  
District Superintendent  
Rock Hill District  
United Methodist Church  
South Carolina