

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH HALL MEETINGS - FACILITIES

February 8 & 9, 2015

CURRENT CUMC FACILITY

- We have engaged the assistance of three contractors to help us formally assess the condition of our current facility and prepare cost estimates for necessary repairs, upgrades and renovations to be completed if we vote to permanently remain at this location. Tuckey Mechanical, McCorkel Construction and Weaver Roofing & Exteriors will be preparing reports on various components of the work.
- We are also looking at options to creatively add more usable space within our current campus.

ALTERNATIVE SITE LOCATIONS

- Following evaluation of an expanded search area (3-mile radius from the center of Carlisle), the Site Location Task Group together with our Leadership Council continue to focus on two choices as our top alternative sites - Carlisle Events and the Smith Farm. We now have offers in hand from both entities.
- Carlisle Events has thus far offered us 7 acres at \$135,000/acre located on the south side of Spring Road adjacent to the existing Carlisle Fire & Rescue facility. This acreage differs from that originally discussed, and we continue to negotiate the details. This option comes with permission to use the remaining 15 acres of grass year-round with the exception of large car show weekends. Future adjacent development and road extensions are not yet clear. This property is in the Borough of Carlisle.
- Smith Farm comprises approximately 100 acres located adjacent to the Giant shopping center on S. Spring Garden Street. Due to zoning constraints, we are considering 23 acres at \$45,000/acre. The vast majority of this tract is in South Middleton Township, with a small portion in the Borough of Carlisle.
- Access to Smith Farm is an issue. E. Baltimore Street currently enters the site off of S. Spring Garden Street. We have been actively pursuing two possibilities for additional site access. The first is a ROW off Giant Lane along the boundary of Seven Gables Park which would involve a land swap. Carlisle Borough and S. Middleton Township jointly own the park, and have been reasonably positive in our discussions thus far. Discussions with Giant and the owner of Carlisle Marketplace are in progress regarding a second access driveway from that shopping center. The Borough of Carlisle favors this access if possible. We believe we need one of these two additional access points to make this site viable.
- Once all information is available to us, Leadership Council will make a recommendation as to the optimal alternative site in our opinion. Congregational meetings and small groups will then be held to fully explain our options followed by a congregational vote on whether or not to acquire an alternative site or remain at our present location. We are working diligently towards a vote in this regard in 2015.

PARSONAGES

- Last November the Conference approved our proposal to sell our 1014 S. West Street parsonage together with our 420 W. South Street (Mira's residence) parsonage. Following \$4,200 worth of necessary renovations, on February 2, 2015 we sold 1014 S. West Street after being on the market for only 30 days. We cleared approximately \$151,600 from this sale.
- Mira's home will go on the market this spring. We will use a portion of the proceeds from selling these two residences to purchase an improved parsonage for Pastor Mira this year. The Conference also approved our using the balance of the proceeds from these sales plus the escrowed funds (\$158,000 ±) from the former First parsonage and apply these funds towards our permanent facility.