

## Remembering our Mission + Renewing our Main Campus

### REACHING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST – NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

#### REMEMBERING OUR MISSION

The people who came to be known as Immanuel began as home missionaries around 1835, reaching out to share Christ with the large wave of German immigrants coming into Ohio, Indiana, and Northern Kentucky. From the outset this ministry was both evangelistic and service oriented. The people of Immanuel have always been focused on sharing faith in Christ and serving those in need in Jesus' name.

First meeting in homes, they soon expanded to a small frame schoolhouse on lower Scott Street and then to a humble chapel located on Craig Street. By 1869 the German Methodist Episcopal Church in Covington had outgrown its building on Craig Street, so they built and then dedicated a new brick church building on the corner of 10th and Russell Streets in 1876. In 1885 they adopted the name Immanuel, which means "God is with us." These various changes were the means to this end – carrying on the ministry of making disciples.

After 70+ years of fruitful ministry in Covington, many of our members moved to the suburbs, so the congregation began to look for a new location. They found a new home on Dixie Highway in Lakeside Park and ground was broken for the new church on June 10, 1949 at the current location of our main campus. As new needs and opportunities for ministry became apparent, the faithful members of Immanuel responded by expanding and improving our facilities to fulfill our mission. The first phase was the building of the Fellowship Hall (basement) called the Garden level. The congregation worshipped there until the completion of the second phase, our current Sanctuary, in 1956. The next phase was the education building which was completed in 1964. The final phase was the new Wesley Hall and kitchen, meeting rooms, choir room and relocated Chapel, which was dedicated in 1998.

In each era our church family has risen to the challenge of making the changes and contributions needed to reach the next generation for Christ by being good stewards of our ministry facilities. Over the past 67 years in Lakeside Park, working through our faithful members, God has prospered Immanuel and allowed us to continue our mission of ***making disciples, sharing faith, and serving others.***

#### RENEWING OUR MAIN CAMPUS

Christ has called us to make disciples until He returns. While our mission field is the whole world, we have particular responsibility to minister in Northern Kentucky. Demographics tell us that only 20% of our population is active in any church. This means there are more than 300,000 people within driving distance of our main campus without faith in Christ, or without a church home to help them grow as disciples – or both. Our work in Northern Kentucky is far from complete. We need to reinvest and commit to the future. We need to renew our main campus – which sustains all our other campuses and outreach ministries – so we can continue to lead people to a saving faith in Christ and help them grow as His disciples.

For the past few years, members of our church have carefully assessed the state of our facilities and how they help or hinder our current ministries, as well as how they can position us to reach people for Christ and His church in the future. Their conclusion is that we must, once again, make changes and contributions which will enable our church to respond to the needs and opportunities the Lord has placed before us.

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***Our aging facility is used heavily virtually every day of the week, and it has been showing signs of wear and tear for several years. Many areas badly need to be updated for appearance and functionality. Other spaces need to be repurposed to reflect current needs and to enable growth and future vitality.***

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**Renovations Underway (Summer of 2017):** Extensive renovations this summer will improve our *children and youth ministry* spaces. This includes the conversion of our current Children’s Hall into a “Next Generation Worship Center” for our youth and children as well as becoming a mid-sized worship and meeting venue. Also underway are plans to widen Arcadia (by six feet) to improve traffic flow. More detailed information about these renovations (and a schedule) will be coming soon. The cost of these renovations is approximately \$400,000 (using existing funds).

### Key Areas of Focus for Renovations

**Sanctuary (and Chapel):** Respecting traditional aesthetics we plan to restore the sanctuary to “like” new condition. Includes: new flooring; painting; pew refinishing & new cushions; reconfigured choir loft; improved lighting and audio; improved heating & air systems; pipe organ improvements; add a new family restroom on the north side of the sanctuary foyer. Renovations to our chapel will include new paint and carpet, and improved lighting.

**Wesley Hall (and hallway):** This space is used for worship, fellowship, recreation, and meetings. While improving it for multipurpose use, we will upgrade this space for our growing contemporary worship service. Renovations will include: new flooring and paint (including hallway); upgrades to décor; improvements to HVAC (with attention to noise level); upgrades to audio, visual, and lighting systems; new chairs; better window treatments.

**New Entrance / Welcome Center:** To enhance the arrival experience we hope to build a new central entrance and foyer space as a gathering and meeting center and ministry showcase area. This new space will welcome people to our facility and help them find their way. This will also serve as our children’s check in area. We will improve directional signage inside and outside our facility. To enhance the general flow throughout the building, we will renovate and redecorate halls and doorways.



**New Music Suite:** Remodel second floor (current offices) to become a new music suite (including rehearsal space). The location of our existing Choir Room creates challenges for volunteer musicians making numerous round trips between the Choir Room and Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The relocated music suite will create a more comfortable experience for the many dedicated musicians that volunteer each week at Immanuel. Additionally, having dedicated music storage space nearer the Sanctuary will make our ministry much more efficient.

**Youth Area:** Complete the move of our youth ministries to first floor, including the conversion of our current choir room to a youth recreation and meeting center.

**New Office Area and Adult Discipleship:** Pastoral and staff offices will be moved to the third floor along with renovated space for adult discipleship and ministry team meetings. Centralizing our staff offices will improve communication and collaboration.

**General Renovations:** Improve and/or replace HVAC units and upgrade related mechanical systems; remodel all bathrooms; playground improvements; correct sources of chronic water damage and repair damage; new trash collection station on kitchen level; upgrades to kitchen including new appliances and improved décor; new LED lighting throughout building; add handicap accessible doors at several entrances; install hold-opens to fire doors; new main exterior sign and other cosmetic exterior improvements. All levels of the church will continue to be multipurpose – but they will be better equipped for their primary uses. The first floor will be primarily designated for youth and children’s ministries. The second floor will be used primarily for worship, music, and adult discipleship. The third floor will be used primarily for offices, adult classrooms and meeting spaces.

**Anticipated Renovation Cost:** *Approximately \$2.5 million (excluding renovations already underway).  
To be funded from member pledges paid over a 3-year commitment period.*