

UUFD Multipurpose Hall - Spring 2025 Visioning Series Summary

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The UUFD board hosted a visioning workshop in late March to engage members and friends about a potential new multipurpose hall and overall refreshed campus. Visioning comprised three engagement opportunities, including both in-person and web-based sessions and attracted more than 60 participants. Long-time church members John and Aline Schwob shared just how far UUFD has come since the early days of meeting in the Smiley building. Participants then broke into small groups to imagine what a new hall and campus might do for us.

The visioning effort produced many great ideas, possibilities, opportunities, and questions to ponder as the process evolves. There was general enthusiasm for a new multi-purpose/fellowship hall, enhanced sanctuary, and other thoughtful campus upgrades.

INPUT HIGHLIGHTS

What to Keep?

- Sanctuary (mentioned 5x)
- Outdoor patio, gathering, and garden areas (mentioned 4x)
- Existing Campus and Property: 1 Acre, 3 buildings
 - Keep all land and incorporate into overall design
- Current members and friends & overall feel
- Columbine House (mentioned 3x)
- Existing Aesthetic (mentioned 3x)

What Do We Need?

- Multi-purpose/Fellowship Hall with space for up to 200
 - Fellowship connected to sanctuary (mentioned 5x)
 - Area for receptions, celebrations, more people
 - Professional A/V in fellowship hall, large screen for sanctuary overflow days
 - ADA-accessible, small elevator to second floor (if we go that direction)
- Enhanced and accessible restrooms (mentioned 5x)
- Sanctuary with more space, better A/V
- Commercial Kitchen (mentioned 4x)
- Social justice areas (mentioned 3x)
- Enhanced outdoor spaces for all ages (mentioned 3x)
- Green Sanctuary, fellowship hall, and campus
 - Environmentally-sound construction
 - Carbon-neutral, energy-efficient – Solar

What Do We Need? (continued)

- Organized and safe storage areas throughout for various operational needs
 - Custodial
 - Maintenance/workshop
- Parking - safe and adequate for growing community (mentioned 5x)
 - Close-by handicap parking
 - Identify area parking for weekends

What Does Success Look Like?

- **New** Fellowship Hall
 - Fully ADA compliant, universal design
 - Integrated A/V throughout campus
- Facilities to serve broader community with different needs
 - Resource library
 - Monetize space
 - Rent from non-profits
- Office (professional) space connected to fellowship area
- Artistic Space
 - For artwork (creation and display), music, sharing
 - Stage for performing arts, bands, etc.
 - Musical practice room, recording room
 - Choir space & stage
- Youth spaces in and out (Faith Formation)
- Expanded Outdoor Areas
 - Memorial Garden
- Large welcoming foyer/lobby/main entry
- Sanctuary spaces
 - for meditation, quiet conversation

General Design Considerations

- Don't overbuild
 - We can't afford nor does the neighborhood want the Taj Mahal
- Capture the light
 - Skylights, windows, atrium
- Room to grow
- Engage neighborhood throughout process
 - Pre-design > design > build > operations
- Identify willingness - to share, co-use, co-exist with other organizations
 - Rental for small orgs □ income