Mission of Spirit & Space Team as established by Session of Christ Presbyterian Church – Canton, Ohio:

Continue to build up this congregation’s reputation as a warm and welcoming, “Gather Us In”, community.

In this issue we feature:

• DBOT, our internal Design Build Oversight Team
• Progress on our Capital Campaign
• Spirit & Space Luncheon Recap

We hope you were among the 65-70 attendees of all ages at the Spirit & Space Lunch presentation October 13th. It was truly an inspirational experience to see what God has in mind for our church!

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MEET THE PLAYERS

Over the next several months you will hear the term **DBOT**. No, we are not automating our work nor adding robots to CPC. This is the acronym for our internal Design Build Oversight Team — a sub-committee of Spirit and Space whose core responsibility is to oversee the architects and the general contractor as they finalize details, and set out to bid work for the first phase of construction in CPC’s project. **DBOT** is comprised of 3 members with individual skill sets and expertise to understand the design and construction process, as well as serve as liaison between the church and the architects and the general contractor. **DBOT** was formed to stay small enough to be responsive and available to those architects and contractors, and to make good decisions in the field. **DBOT** will be included in weekly construction meetings.

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From time to time other resources have supported **DBOT** in layouts and architectural review, ensuring that the designs are evaluated from many perspectives. Architectural Review, Worship, and Music Ministries come to mind. We are blessed to have so many knowledgeable members willing to give of their time and talents.

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**Lorraine Murphy**, Chair of **DBOT** sub-committee as well as a member of Spirit and Space, will help to ensure that CPC’s work, goals and Space Objectives translate into the final design product. You may recognize Lorraine’s name associated with the Food and Clothing Ministry; but by education, Lorraine is an interior planner and designer with over 40 years of experience in the field. She helped with the design and detailing of the Westminster Hall remodeling project in 2010; and is committed to making sure that the new renovation speaks to the historical beauty and detail of Christ Presbyterian Church.

**Andy Roth** brings 32+ years of experience in purchasing, including insurance and risk management. He has a strong grasp of contracts, time-frames and processes. Additionally, Andy sits on the Property Ministry at CPC, so he is aware of existing conditions and materials used throughout the church. As Director of Purchasing for the City of Canton, Andy’s office is just two blocks from the church. Therefore, he can easily attend a quick meeting at CPC if needed during the construction phase.

**LUNCHEON RECAP:** Following Oct. 13th service, Spirit & Space Team sponsored a lunch presentation outlining specific design elements that are planned for renovation. Colored tape placed on walls and floors indicated the changes proposed in the schematics. Staff were strategically stationed to answer questions from those exploring the building. Pastor Dave, Jennie G., and Jerry N. each showed conceptual drawings and spoke of the “spirit” component, along with physical changes that will help to achieve our Space Goals of flexibility, accessibility and invitation. They expressed S&S Team’s desire to complete their whole, unfractured vision; thus asking parishioners to pray and extend giving in order to:

1) Fully reach our **Gather Us In** capital campaign goal of $2.5 million, and
2) Avoid dilemma of cutting any element of planned space improvements.