

Spirit & Space Team Report

Christmas greetings from Spirit & Space Team! Session charged the Spirit & Space Team to determine how CPC can continue to be a welcoming community through empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. Check out our **Spirit & Space link on CPC's Web site** to access past *Tydings* articles and other information. We want to keep you informed of our progress!

We wish to thank those of you who attended the charrette to which you all were invited last month. If any additional design ideas occurred to you after the event, or if you weren't able to attend the charrette and wish to convey those thoughts to someone, please contact Lorrain Murphy @ (330) 495-8963. We certainly look forward to what architects Elizabeth Murphy and Lauren Burge from the firm of Perspectus Historic Architecture, Chamber, Murphy & Burge Studios gleaned from that "brain storming" experience!

In past issues of *Tydings*, we discussed highlights – specifically affirmations, observations, and some opportunities for generosity growth – of a Generosity Climate Report prepared by a professional consultant with Generis, with whom the church has now signed a contract. This month we share with you additional **opportunities for generosity growth** identified in that report.

- **OFFERING TIME DURING WORSHIP:**

1. It should be cast as a time of celebration by adding music, stories of impact, and emphasizing mini-teaching moments.
2. "Grace in Our Midst" – for some of these moments of "grace" consider messaging how generosity is achieved.
3. Use the worship experience to teach sound theology about Biblical stewardship and generosity, continue to build trust, cast and re-cast our CPC vision, and present stories of impact, e.g., relate how giving to the operating budget has real impact on the ministries within the church.

- **TEACHING AND DISCIPLESHIP:**

1. Growing in our generosity is a lifelong development process. So consider offering at least annually at time(s) other than the stewardship campaign a series on finances, stewardship or generosity.
2. Teaching Biblical money management should be a part of a congregation's discipleship curriculum.
3. Generous churches are led by generous leaders. Church staff and lay leaders should be explicitly encouraged in matters of their own financial stewardship to the church.

- **ON-RAMPS FOR NEW GIVERS:**

1. Improve and modernize the online giving portal experience on the church's website and consider developing a smart phone online giving app.
2. Especially for new givers, be creative and innovative with insuring that existing on-ramps for giving are strengthened and new ramps for generosity, other than cash or checks, are continually being evaluated and implemented.

The Spirit & Space Team