



Frequently Asked Questions East Entrance Addition

1. What does the East Entrance Addition look like? Attach/see drawings of March 2018, Rains Architecture. Also, the addition can be found on the church web site – www.newhopedsm.org.
2. How does New Hope benefit from the East Entrance Addition? It improves appearance, the drive through provides shelter during inclement weather, improves footing in slippery weather, replaces the current walk way covering which is rotten and is leaking at the building, it will make the East Entrance look like it is really the main entrance.
3. What are some of the other intended uses of the East Entrance Addition? Can be used as covering/protection for Pastor during COVID period or other outdoor services and functions, a protection for serving lunch during work day, loading and unloading for other events such as Hand of Luke, and rummage sale, and a possible ministry offering of “Grain Bin” drive-thru.
4. How are the funds going to be raised?
 - a. Pay as we go – Ask for donations specifically for this project. A pledge campaign may occur soon to better plan our loan financing.
 - b. Borrow – Open a construction loan prior to demolition/construction.
 - c. Combination – What is left over will be converted to a longer-term funding plan, if needed.
5. What is the timing of the project? March to August of 2021.
6. What happens if we delay the project? Building cost goes up, current overhang becomes less stable, and entrance walking/weather safety issue would still exist. We realize the time interval from announcing this addition until construction might be short. We will try to quickly answer any questions or concerns that you might have; talk to Pastor Lilian, a member of the Task Force or email eastentrance@newhopedsm.org. East Entrance Task Force members are – John Rains (chair), Pastor Lilian, Clark Howland, Barb Mather, Mike Wakeman, Robin Harlow, and Jerry Kielsmeier.
7. Besides the East Entrance Addition, what other items would the project cover? Install stone inlay under windows on east side, replace support columns at original entrance to church (walk between Courtyard and offices), inlay stone on north side of Sanctuary basement wall.
8. What is the project cost breakout?
 1. East Entrance and stone inlay under windows, south of the main doors - \$101,348.
 2. Install stone inlay under windows north of east main doors and north basement wall of Sanctuary - \$24,963.
 3. Replace support columns, original walk way (Court yard/offices) - \$3,229.
 4. Total project cost \$129,540.
9. Why now?
 - a. Mortgage paid off - We waited until mortgage was paid off, not to disrupt cash flow of Mortgage pay off.
 - b. Current entrance has a leaking roof. Good to make an improvement such as this sooner rather than later.
 - c. Avoid further rising cost of material and labor.

10. Can't we wait until we get through the COVID-19 crisis? Now is a good time to start this. It will give the congregation a focal point and help the congregation feel New Hope is alive and well and is in a good financial posture.
11. With the talk of the splitting of the United Methodist Church around the LGBTQ issue, is this a good time to take on a capital project of this size? New Hope is a strong viable church with a growing congregation. There are always reasons not to do something. Beautification of a church facility tends to draw new people. Regardless of the outcome of the LGBTQ vote, New Hope will survive nicely.
12. Will the cost of the project come from the general fund? Perhaps. Our goal is to raise as much as possible via a campaign at the end of January. Depending on what is raised, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will develop a funding plan which may include the general fund.
13. How will support for the project be gauged?
 - a. On December 7th, the project concept was approved by a majority vote by the Board of Trustees. On December 15th the concept was approved by a majority vote by the Finance and Stewardship Committee. On December 17th the concept was again approved by a majority vote by the Administrative Council. The final approval and signing of a construction contract would occur if sufficient congregational support exists per communication to and pledge commitment received from the congregation. The Board of Trustees will be the group to coordinate the signing of a construction contract.
 - b. On January 10th, we introduced the project to the congregation via an architectural drawing for those attending the parking lot services, Tim McCulley and Mike Wakeman gave a 5-7 minute explanation of the project, a video presentation was included in the online distribution the same Sunday morning and it will be in the weekly news bulletin (both email and USPS).
 - c. For the following two weeks, the Task Force will be providing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet (Jan 17th). Additionally, the Task Force will be soliciting and responding to congregational questions about the project.
 - d. In the last week of January, the East Entrance Task Force will provide a survey card that will both gauge congregational support and allow members to indicate whether they can support the project with their prayers and/or monetary gifting.
14. What other capital projects are in the 5-to-10-year schedule? The next major project, at this time, is attention to the parking lot.
 - a. How does the East Entrance Addition prioritize against these projects? The East Entrance Addition takes top priority.
15. Does the East Entrance Addition have to be so "Grand"? Yes. It has to meet Polk County Code, and to provide the benefits it does turn out to be a large structure. This provides a reasonable amount of weather/safety protection.
16. Can the addition include a new greeting area? Yes, it could. This was discussed four years ago with Pastor Jon, Architect, Jeff Rains, Contractor, Dave Peterson and John Rains. It was decided in the initial drawing not to include it due to cost vs. the anticipated benefit and that it would become an area that debris would blow into. The current method of "Greeters" work well as to directing traffic. The Fellowship Hall has become the greeting area before and after services.

NEW HOPE CONSTRUCTION HISTORY: Our construction history over the past 56 years shows how New Hope's facility growth progressed from its initial sanctuary (1965), to another new sanctuary (1990), to the addition of Ruby Chapel (2004), to the addition of the Family Life Center (2005). This growth and changes to the location of our main entrance has led to the east side becoming the main entrance. The "East Entrance Addition" is another chapter in the growth of New Hope; and doing the best we can in serving our congregation and its Christian service to others.