

I would like to talk about our Sunday School and Child Care rooms and what I envision for them in the future.

As we heard in the children's time, the ceilings have been water damaged because of leaky roofs over the last few years. The Trustees have worked hard to get rid of the leaks, and they are almost completely gone, just a couple of spots that have seepage when we have a large amount of water on the roof. We need to replace the ceiling tiles, but that is just a cosmetic fix.

There is no bathroom attached directly to our nursery. When we only had one child care provider, she would have to take all of the children down the hall to the bathroom when one needed to go. It isn't quite as much of a problem now that we have two child care providers. Our children's bathrooms are narrow and dark.

The only classroom with a sink is the preschool/nursery room. When we do messy crafts with the older children, we fill a washtub with water to get the worst of the mess off their hands before sending them down the hall to the bathrooms to wash. It isn't very sanitary. I would like built in cabinets in all of the classrooms with sinks in the children's classrooms.

There is some very nice paneling upstairs. Not all of the Vision Committee agrees on the paneling, but we all agree that it makes the rooms too dark. Some of us would like to see the rooms only partially paneled with it, perhaps with a wainscoting.

I would like to have an architect look over the whole upstairs area and provide us with a design that would be more efficient. At this time, we have two nice storage rooms with nice windows.

Speaking of the windows, many years ago the original windows were replaced with smaller thermal-paned windows. It would be good to replace them with newer, more efficient vinyl windows. When the windows were replaced, a very cheap, rather ugly paneling was used around them. Whether or not we replace the windows with ones of the original size, we need to get rid of that paneling. We have covered some of it with curtains and painted others with bright colors, but it still doesn't look very good. If we keep windows of the current size, we should put dry wall around them and paint them.

It is hard for some people to get up the stairs to the Sunday School area. It would be very nice to put in an elevator, but they are very expensive. A less expensive alternative might be to put in a chair lift. Perhaps we could then have an adult class upstairs as well.

We need to attract young families to our church. As it is now, it is not very inviting. A brighter, more inviting Sunday School will help with that..

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