

## Final Design Elements for the Renovation of Ripley Chapel

*Behold, I make all things new. (Revelation 21:5)*

This was the scripture that Jena Roy referenced back in 2016 when we embarked on the Ripley Chapel renovation project. We got off to a roaring start: brainstorming ideas with the congregation, receiving congregational approval, embarking on an ambitious fund-raising campaign, and hiring an architect for the initial design. When the cost for that initial design came in significantly over budget, we took a time-out to re-visit the design process and our list of priorities, all the while focused on our original vision of a sacred space which honored both the chapel's history but also aligned with our church's new purpose statement. The vision: a modernized, flexible, accessible, multi-purpose and light filled sacred space with both a view to the outside and a welcoming invitation to gather within. We are now beginning to see some of that hoped for light at what may have seemed at times a very long tunnel. The bidding for the project has begun with all bids due by November 16, 2018. The Ripley Chapel Working Group anticipates, after congregational review and a congregational vote in December, that construction will begin during the winter months and hopefully be completed by spring 2019. Come and see! Designs will be on display in Ripley and opportunities for your feedback and questions will be available in the coming weeks.

**New Elements:** [numbers in brackets reference architectural drawings in Ripley]

- New ADA compliant exterior door with power assist for easier access [A503]
- New ADA compliant interior door [A502]
- New clear glass window below existing Mother's Window (back wall of chancel) to allow for view of pond, natural light and increased air flow. [A500]
- New engineered wood floor to lighten and soften chapel [A101]
- Installation of tiled medallion of original design in the center of chapel floor [A101]
- New wall and baseboard paint [A200]
- New wood picture rails along the side walls [A200]
- New audio/visual system [A401]
- New acoustical ceiling tiles to enhance overall sound [A401]
- New handrails leading up to the chancel for safety and increased accessibility [A504]

**Repair & Refurbishing of Existing Chapel Features:**

- Cover existing chancel steps with composite wood flooring to match new chapel floor
- Removal of choir loft, pulpit, and organ in chancel
- Remove tiered levels of chancel floor, creating more open and uniform space
- Repair walls and baseboards
- Refurbish and clean original light fixtures
- Refurbish and clean original beams and artwork
- Repair back stairwell and install secure hand railings to create safe secondary exit
- Re-locate radiator from back chancel wall
- Conform all fire sprinklers, electrical and plumbing to meet code requirements