
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, June 13, 2021

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This week during worship, we celebrate our graduates. Some transitions or marks in time cause us to pause and reflect upon what has been accomplished. We extend heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to all those who are graduating. We pray for them as they step into their next chapter!

Whether you are graduating or not, we all face transitions in life. By definition, transitions are movements into something different. And moving into new places and phases can be exciting, as well as somewhat scary. Yet, as we seek to journey with Christ, we know we don't journey alone, and we discover that we have direction and purpose.



The disciples responded to Christ's call to follow (Matthew 4:12 – 21), and provide insight into how we can embrace transitions. I hope you will join us for worship as we explore the gift Jesus offers us as we journey to new places. Be sure you take Jesus with you wherever you go!

On the journey
Pastor Sondra

Congratulations to our Graduates

High School Seniors:

Charlie DiFranco Elaina Dynes Karlye Fletcher Lauren Kilpeck Halle Leroux
Alexander Lippert Cassandra McFadden Jonathan Shields Emma Simons
Jake Szabo Ryan Poje

Congratulations to all our graduates receiving their Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and other advanced degrees. We are excited for where God is leading you in your lives and careers.

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48711801>

Join us for online worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and
our [website www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

There is no longer a need to preregister to attend in-person services. Please join us at 9 AM for Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall and 11 AM for Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Please see the revised Building Reopen Strategy on the website and app for more details.

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is Annual Conference and Ordination.

Annual Conference

Please see [this link](#) for the Annual Conference website. The conference is June 16 - 19, 2021, and will be streamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron OH. Rev. Mikayla Doepker and Rev. Jennifer Lam will be ordained June 16 at 3 PM.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: Ahuja - Richard Carpenter

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Joan Barnum • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owens
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Lake Med - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Nora Kieser • Kirtland Rehab - Nancy Markell
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Dale Snyder, Joan Evans, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver,
Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Spike Sudekum, Marty Ellsworth, Nancy Stack, Shirley Drobnick,
Ed Rhoades, Don and Ginny Stein

Our sympathy to Kathryn Bevacqua and family in the passing of Ross on June 5.

Our sympathy to Don Brown and Carole Leland in the passing of their sister, Susanne B. Dauler, on June 10.

Congratulations to Brian and Andrea (Bruno) Warning on the baptism of Brian and their daughter Savannah today.

Blood Drive Canceled

The June 15 blood drive has been canceled by The Red Cross. Our next drive is August 10.

Evangelism Training Postponed

Watch for more information to come for evangelism training.

Nursing Home Worship Ministry

Our nursing home worship ministry will begin again this fall. We are meeting in August for a "post-COVID" meeting. Interested in lending a hand? Contact Mary Jane Scott at mjs@ncwb.com or Pastor Barb at bholzhauser@mentorunc.org.

Community Service Opportunity

Painesville City Local Schools have developed summer plans that will extend learning opportunities for students beyond the end of the school year. This is intended to reduce learning loss suffered during the pandemic. Catalyst Ministry is recruiting volunteers for the outdoor Summer XP program. Details can be found at www.CatalystMinistry.org.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

June 13 - Return to In Person Sunday Mornings

PLEASE refer to an email sent from Tammy and/or the website for details.

There is still a need for [LEADERS](#) sign up or email Tammy at tpalermo@mentorunc.org

9 AM: 3 leaders needed

11 AM: 5 leaders needed

FAMILY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. Children and Youth are encouraged to [sign up](#) to be an active part of worship.

[YOUTH 56](#) will meet at Veterans Park TODAY, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, for the Hello/Goodbye Party for current 4 through 12 grades. See [the website](#) for the remaining dates and details!

[MOPS & MOMSnext](#) meets Thursday, June 24, at 8:00 PM. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at mops@mentorunc.org for more information.

MUM Preschool is currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Colleen Judson at Judson.preschool@mentorunc.org for all the details! There are openings for 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, and PreKindergarten.

Summer 2021: Volunteers are still needed for VBS

June 28-July 2

Vacation Bible School &
Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

July 12-16 & 19-23

Theatre Arts Camp



[REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#)

Middle School Mission Week

If you are in grades 6-8 we invite you to be part of our Middle School Mission Week on July 6-10. MSMW meets from approximately 9 AM - 4 PM each day, and works with local organizations, church community members, and mission sites on a variety of projects. These can include making meals, sorting donated clothing, having a car wash, etc. The main mission is to serve others through community, learning more about God each day!

Sign up with the [registration form here](#).



Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to help with Middle School Mission Week! We need lots of people to make this happen including drivers, volunteers with games, and group leaders. Please [sign up here](#) or contact Leah Nash with any questions at lnash@mentorunc.org.



Scholarship Recipients

The June Pfeiffer Scholarship

Roxy Beers
Hannah Gingrich
Eliana Palermo
Annika Carlson

The A. Hugh Brown Scholarship

Benjamin Gingrich

The Eleanor D. & Herbert W. Weil Scholarship

Emma Simons

The Ed & Dorothy Carter Scholarship

Ellie Busch

The Rebecca Horvath Scholarship

Morgan Gunsch and Mary Best

2021 School Supply Drive

There is a bin in the Community Center to collect needed supplies for the Salvation Army School Supply Bash. Donations accepted until July 31.

Items are 3 ring binders, backpacks, blue/black pens, bottle glue, 12 pk. colored pencils, 24 pk. crayons, dry erase markers, glue sticks, highlighters, index cards, large pink erasers, pencil pouches, pencils, pocket folders with prongs, red pens, children's pointed scissors, supply box, washable markers, wide rule loose leaf paper, wide rule notebooks.

Mail a monetary donation: 69 Pearl Street, Painesville, OH 44077. Please make checks payable to The Salvation Army of Lake County with a note designating Back to School Supply Bash 2021.

If you will be in need of supplies for your children and live in Lake County, call 440-354-3774 for an appointment for the distribution by The Salvation Army.

Help pack school supplies at the Salvation Army Monday, August 2, from 9 AM until noon. Advance registrations are necessary. Please contact Donna Bullis at donna.bullis@use.salvationarmy.org or 440-357-2008 to register.

Sanctuary Choir Loft Renovation Project

The Board of Trustees is excited to present the Sanctuary Choir Loft Renovation Project. Music is a hallmark of MUMC and a vital part of our worship experience. This project involves reconfiguring the Chancel and replacing the pews with upholstered individual seating. We are so fortunate to have close to 50 choir members. With the current seating, the Order of Worship must be adjusted to accommodate the movement of the choir within the service. With the proposed changes, the choir can remain in place and the integrity of the worship service is preserved. The overall look of the Chancel will be not be altered. Choir members with mobility challenges are very grateful for the proposed changes, allowing all to participate in this vital ministry.

Larry Fram has completed drawings that show how the choir loft will look with the proposed changes. (see the following pages)

1. Most importantly, the altar remains as the focal point of the front of the church.
2. The current terraced floor is extended for the seating to be configured in a 45° angle. The height of the altar area remains the same.
3. The pews in the loft are removed and replaced with upholstered seating.
4. The balustrades are reconfigured to conform to the new design.
5. The balustrades are secure yet can be removed for flexibility.

Per Jeff Smith, a contractor who is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the cost for construction materials is minimal. The largest expense is the seating. Funds earmarked for the music department are available to complete the project. However, we would offer anyone in the congregation a chance to purchase a chair to acknowledge a loved one. Construction will be done in-house and take about two weeks. We do not need a permit as we are not tearing down any walls or adding any new construction. We are looking at August to complete the project. The seating is custom made and estimated to arrive 3-4 months from placing the order. The construction would be completed in August and temporary seating used in the interim.

We estimate the total cost is in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$13,000, depending on the cost of construction materials.

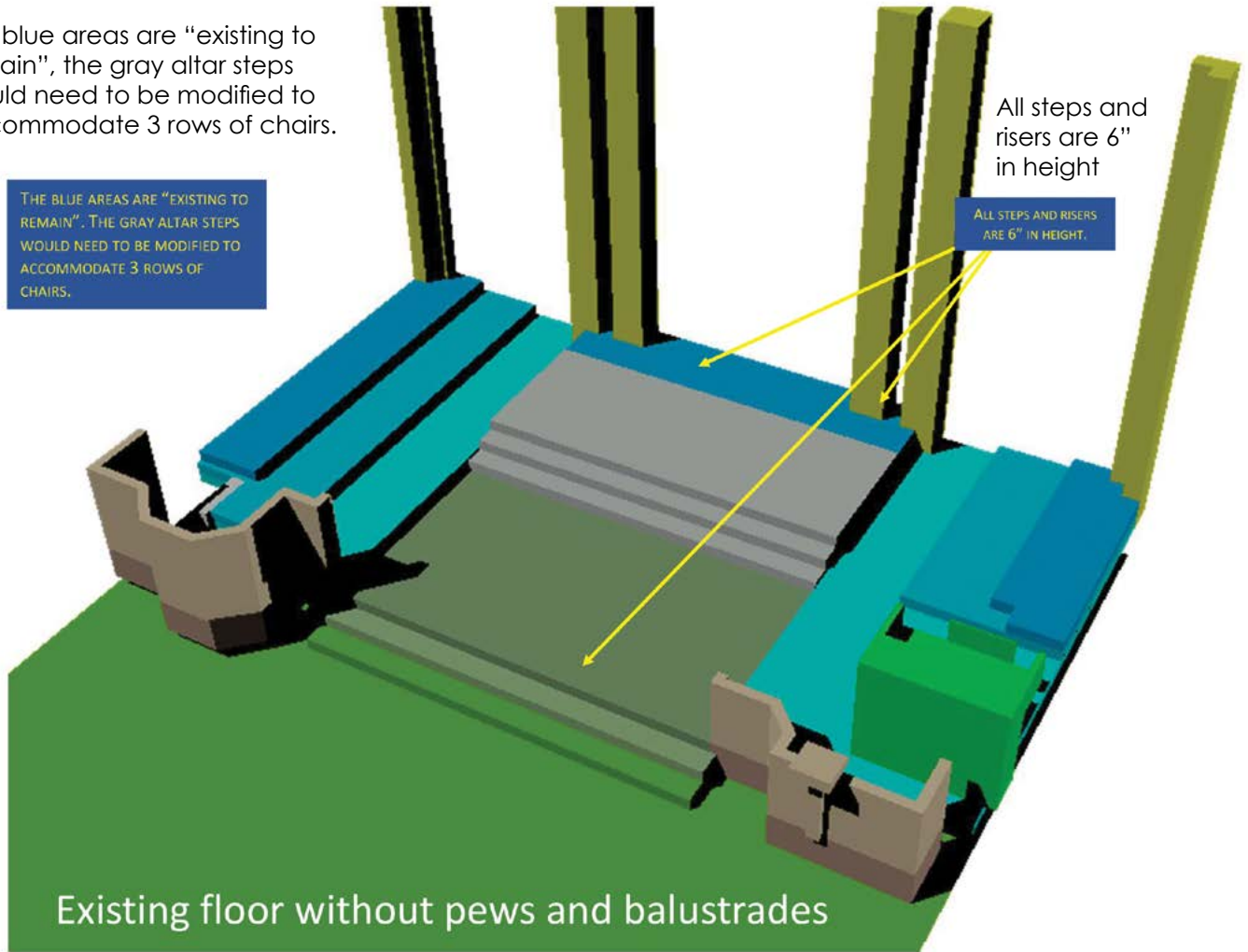
Please take some time to view the drawings that are included. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Jack Donahue at jdonahue067@gmail.com or Amy Bender at abender@mentorumc.org. We will begin accepting donations once the project has received final approval by the Board of Trustees.

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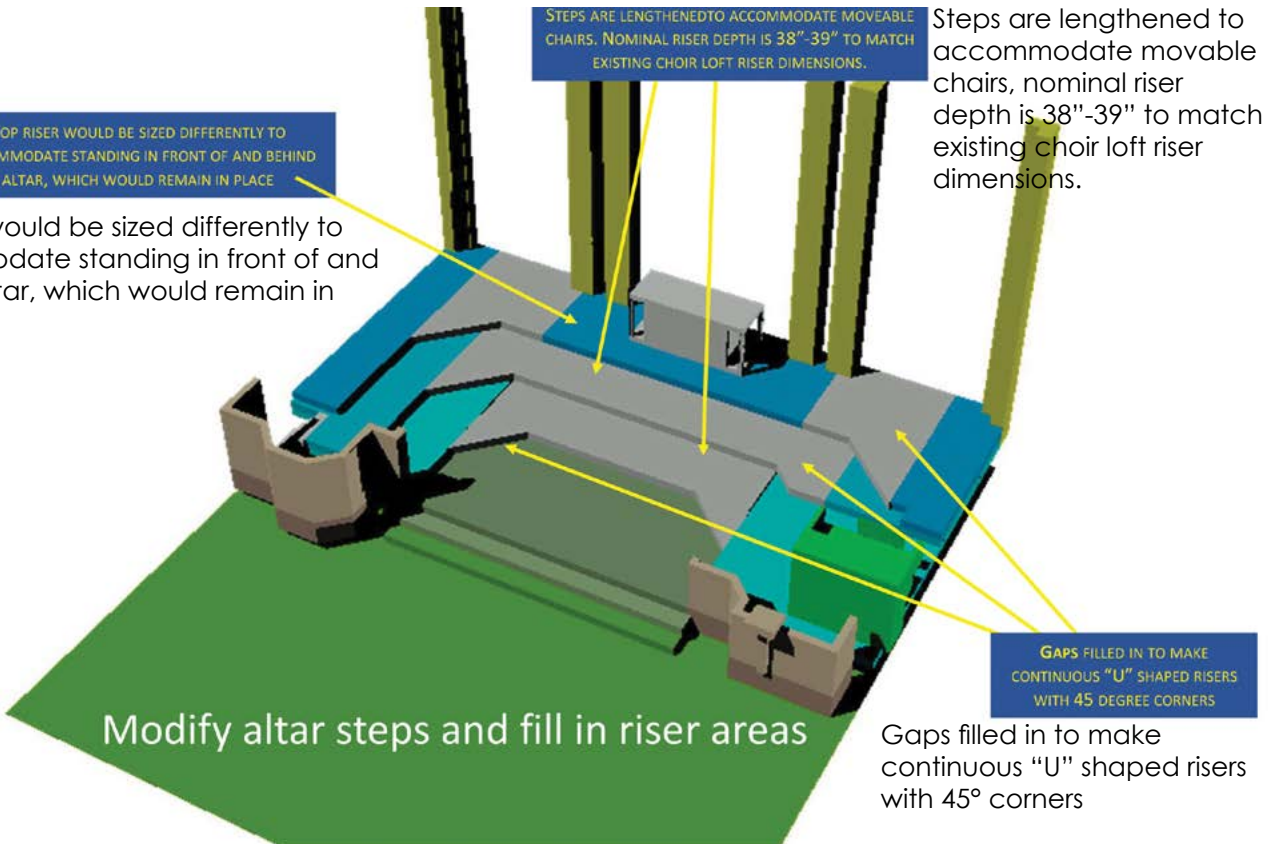
Existing floor without pews and balustrades

Top riser would be sized differently to accommodate standing in front of and behind altar, which would remain in place.

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Modify altar steps and fill in riser areas

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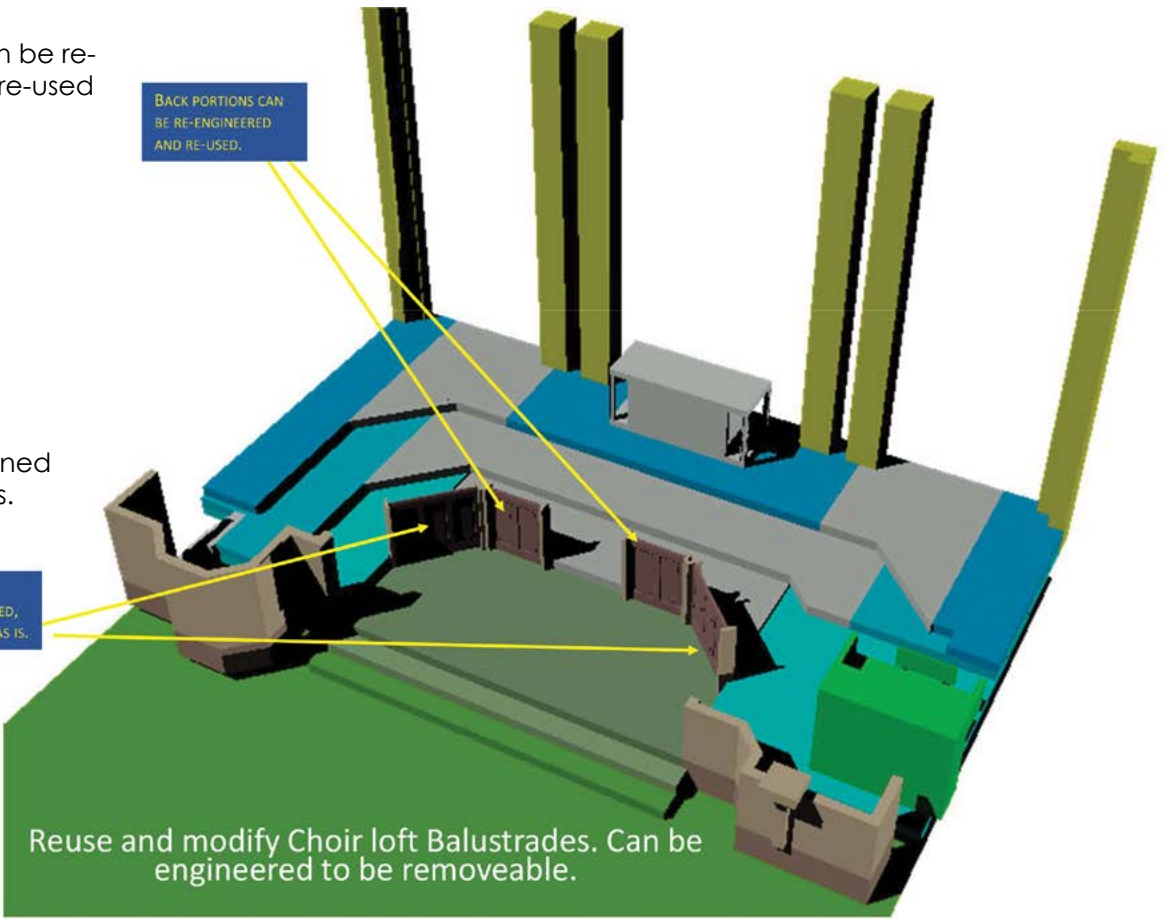
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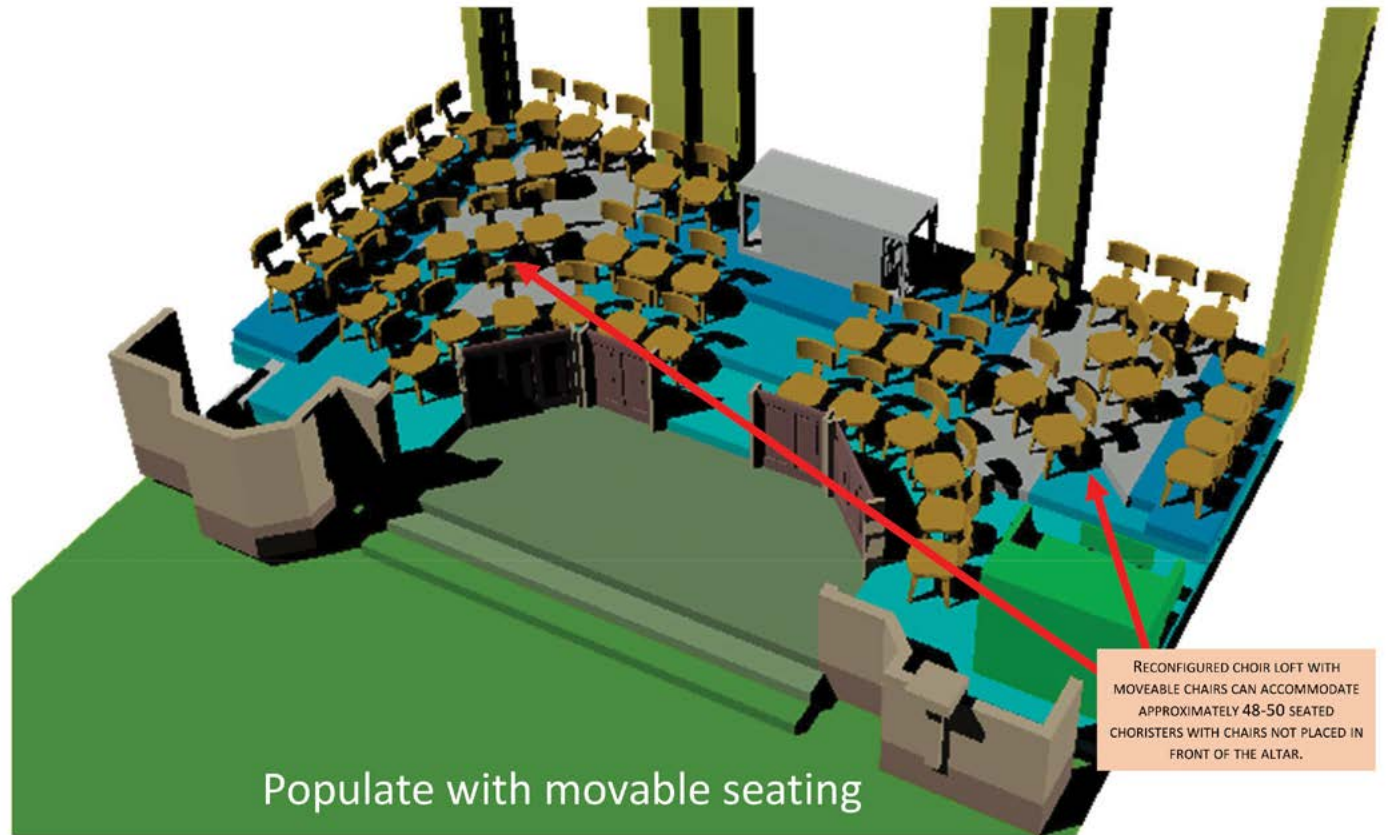
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Reuse and modify Choir loft Balustrades. Can be engineered to be removable.



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Populate with movable seating

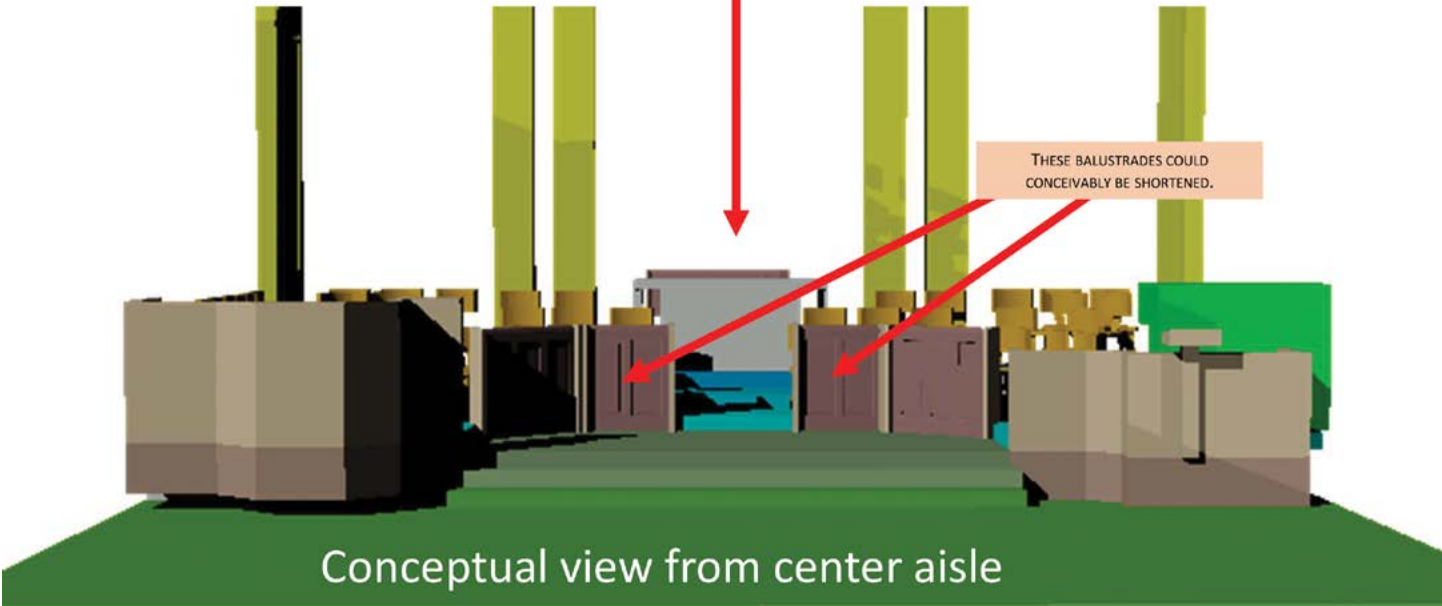
Reconfigured choir loft with movable chairs can accommodate approximately 48-50 seated choristers with chairs not placed in front of the altar.

Opening is designed
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These balustrades
could conceivably
be shortened.

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Conceptual view from center aisle



DONATE KIDS' BOOKS!

Help us put books in the hands of families in need.

The Kids' Book Bank needs EARLY CHILDHOOD BOOKS for new moms to read with their babies and preschoolers.

We are collecting gently-used & new books from June 27th to July 8th for [Middle School Mission Week](#). For more info contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org

Learn more about the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank at www.kidsbookbank.org



**Help us to Celebrate
Pastor Mikayla Doepker and Rev. Jennifer Lam
On their Upcoming Ordinations**

**Let's shower them with words of support,
congratulations, and recognition
Please consider mailing a card to them and/or putting a comment
on the MUMC Facebook page during that week**

Their ordinations will take place on *Wednesday, June 16th*, 3 PM, at conference. Use this link <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac21/index.html> to watch virtually. Pastor Mikayla is being ordained as an Elder
Rev. Jennifer is being ordained as a Deacon

Our church family will present them a gift
And pray over them in person
on Sunday, June 20th, at each service

Pastor Mikayla Doepker
7441 Murray Ave.
Mentor, OH 44060

*Rev. Jennifer Lam
1865 Beechwood Ave NE Apt B11
North Canton, OH 44720

*As a member of Mentor UMC, Jennifer was affirmed and sent into the ministry from our congregation. She is currently serving as a chaplain at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

John 15:16

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

