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BUILDING PLAN

10 HOLLENBUSH LANE
ORWIGSBURG

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**For Jesus
For Sch. County
For Your Family & Friends
For You**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to an exciting new chapter in the life of Grace Free Church! We are thrilled to announce a few changes to our new building located at 10 Hollenbush Lane in Orwigsburg, which will serve as the central location for our growing community. Our vision has always been clear and focused: to be a church that is for Jesus, for Schuylkill County, for your friends and family who don't attend church, and for you.

The decision to transition to a new building comes with a heartfelt commitment to our mission. Our primary goal is to reach more people with the message of Jesus Christ, creating a welcoming and comfortable environment that speaks to both church and unchurched individuals in our community. This new space is not just a physical change; it represents a fresh, distinct, and recognizable expression of who we are as Grace Free Church.

Our new building will be a place where everyone feels at home, whether they are long-time members of Grace Free Church, members of Lighthouse Church, or stepping through our doors for the first time. It is designed to foster meaningful connections, inspire spiritual growth, and offer a sanctuary where the love of Jesus can be experienced by all.

Join us in this transformative journey as we move into a space that is crafted to embody our vision and culture and is dedicated to serving Schuylkill County and beyond. Together with those joining us from the Lighthouse Church, we will continue to be a beacon of hope, love, and community in this new and exciting setting.

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OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

We aim to implement external changes that highlight the many positives of this property, giving the building a fresh and modern look that will appeal to the unchurched population of Schuylkill County.

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THE EXTERNAL SIGNAGE

We aim to update the signage to maximize our view from the highway as well as point people to the main entrance of the building. This is extremely important for new people to feel welcomed and comfortable attending.

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INSIDE THE BUILDING

We aim to implement some fresh ideas to help with the flow of people through the building and to make this building feel like home to those who attend Grace Free Church. We also plan to implement ideas that have proven to help unchurched people attend and feel comfortable engaging in the worship and the message.

outside of the building

The changes to the outside of our building are designed to be inviting to all people, featuring a clean, clear, and distinct appearance that stands out to people passing by on Route 61.

We aim for it to be visually appealing and eye catching. The design is crafted to be attractive to younger people and families, creating a welcoming and engaging environment for everyone in our community.

We will also highlight the main entrance to the building giving first time guests easy and comfortable directions for entering the building, as well as providing a patio area outside of the main entrance to help facilitate personal connections.



outside of the building

The main entrance will be opened up and made a focal point for those arriving in the parking lot. Extending the patio area will enhance the visibility and accessibility of the front entrance. This space will be noticeable from both the highway and the parking lot, serving as a prominent entry point and a gathering place for people to connect. Outdoor speakers will also be installed in this area.



outside of the building

The entrance will be revamped with a modern design featuring wooden posts, adding substance and style to the main entryway. The white trim will create a striking contrast against the black brick building, making the entrance stand out when viewed from the highway.

The full logo on the front of the building will be a backlit, high-quality cutout sign. This is also an option to add to the back of the building if cost allows.



outside of the building

The back of the building could also have the Grace Logo sign on it depending on cost. This should be considered since we are encouraging people to come into the parking lot from the back of the building.

The back awnings will be recovered, and the Little Lights Learning Center will be emphasized.

Security cameras will be upgraded on the outside of the building to make sure all outside areas are sufficiently covered.



the signage

The sign located by Route 61 will be updated with our new logo and repainted to give it a fresh, eye-catching look. To drive traffic to our website, we will also include a small website domain on the sign. This addition will be placed either on the digital board or directly on the sign itself, ensuring it is highly visible to passersby.

To make the front of the building, particularly the main entrance, a focal point for new attendees, we will clear out the flower bed in the parking lot and highlight the front corner of the building. Additionally, we will relocate the current handicap parking spaces to more convenient locations, ensuring that no cars are parked against that corner of the building. A welcome sign will be installed, directing visitors to the front outdoor patio area and the main entrance, creating a more inviting and noticeable entryway.



inside of
the building

STAGE

The sanctuary stage walls will be removed and replaced with heavy-grade theater curtains, facilitating the easy movement of equipment and gear, such as the piano and drum set, on and off the stage. This change will allow us to effortlessly create different looks for our worship sets and special events while also enhancing the picture quality for our live stream.



inside of
the building

SANCTUARY CEILING

We will remove the drop ceiling and fluorescent lights, replacing them with fully dimmable can lights integrated into our system. This removal will make the room feel much larger, and the ceiling will be sprayed with sound-absorbent foam and painted black. All lights and cameras will be installed in the ceiling, creating a much cleaner and more professional appearance.



inside of the building

Optimizing the flow of people is crucial for fulfilling our mission and fostering meaningful connections. To enhance accessibility, we will add another set of double doors at the back of the sanctuary, providing two entry points from the lobby. Additionally, the single door leading to the foyer will be converted into a double door, facilitating easy access to the kids' area for pickup and the refreshment coffee area.



**inside of
the building**

INTERNAL UPGRADES

(un-photographed)

SANCTUARY SOUND & LIGHTING

As part of the Sanctuary remodel, the top of the front wall of the sound booth will be opened up to facilitate better mixing for our audio team. This will allow them to hear the sound coming from the stage more accurately without obstructions.

To maintain compatibility with our livestream equipment, we will install a new PreSonus mixer and sound system, and relocate other audio equipment currently in use at Grace Cressona. We will work with a leading audio system designer to implement a system appropriate for the size and shape of the space. As we plan on continuing to host larger services at Schuylkill Haven Area High School, the system design will also take into account flexibility and portability, especially for those components that will need to be relocated for those services.

We will install a modern, automated DMX lighting system in the Sanctuary. Taking into account the sight lines for the room, the lighting will enhance visuals for both in-person and livestream attendees. The system will be fully-automated with the existing software used to run our services, providing for a consistent look and feel for each service.

SANCTUARY VIDEO

We will install a LED video panel near the upper back center of the stage. This strip will be used primarily for lyric display during times of worship, and will otherwise “disappear” from view.

We will also replace the projectors on either side of the stage with large, LCD TV panels. These panels will be used to display lyrics, but can also be used to show other content such as announcements, sermon illustrations, and livestream replays.

Finally, we will install a powered projection screen and accompanying projector towards the front of the stage. This is similar to what we have in place at Grace Tremont and will allow us to show replay and remotely-broadcast talks in the Sanctuary.

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COFFEE HOUSE/KIDS ROOM SOUND & LIGHTING

We will utilize one of our older PreSonus mixers to enhance the sound system in the Coffee House/Kids Room. The system is compatible with our new system, so we can share stage boxes and technical knowledge across all the church's venues.

We will also install a small, DMX-controllable lighting system in this area to further enhance planned events, and also to provide kids and youth with an exciting environment when they use this space.

COFFEE HOUSE/KIDS ROOM VIDEO

We will install a powered projection screen at the rear of the stage, and mount an accompanying projector in the ceiling. This multi-purpose video system will be used for kids programming on Sunday mornings, youth programming on Sunday nights, and other content for meetings and special events. A LCD TV will also be included in the rear of the room to allow those leading from stage to see the video content.

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LIVE-STREAM & VIDEO

Our two existing video cameras will be positioned in the Sanctuary to capture content for our livestream and for broadcast to Grace Tremont. Additional cameras will be purchased as budget allows to provide additional scenes and looks for the livestream broadcast. In addition, inexpensive small cameras can be used on stage to capture views of the drums, keyboards, piano, etc...

While running other cabling, we anticipate putting cabling in place to facilitate live-streaming from the Coffee House/Kids Room as well. While we don't plan on installing permanent cameras in this space initially, this would allow us to livestream from this room by simply relocating a camera or two into this space.

The existing Nursery room on the side of the stage will be converted to our Live-stream Studio. This will give our team an area to mix sound and switch video for the live-stream, without being a distraction to other activities happening throughout the church. All audio and video feeds will be terminated into this room, and it will also house live-stream equipment such as our encoder, studio computers, etc...

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

We are also planning on implementing a new security camera system to provide viewing and recording capabilities throughout external and internal areas of the church. The system would be similar to what we have in place in Grace Cressona, and would provide remote and local access to current and past recordings.

In addition, we are planning on adding key card access to several of the external doors. This provides for easier monitoring and access control to those who need access to the church outside of regular service times.

Both the security camera and access control systems will leverage the same computer system and network, which will help reduce the overall implementation cost.

NEEDS

- Bids for contracted work.
- Volunteer teams for non-contracted work.
- Cost analysis.
- Funding.
- Timeline for construction.



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