



CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM

# WHAT are the next steps?

The decision to enter into a loan agreement will be decided by the congregation at a called Charge Conference over which the District Superintendent presides.

**There will be a called Church Conference at Saint Paul's UMC on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All members present at this Church Conference are eligible to vote.**

## QUESTIONS?

We have set up an email address:

[makingroom@saintpaulsumc.org](mailto:makingroom@saintpaulsumc.org)

Where you can send your questions. Every Friday during the month of May, the leadership of the church will send out an email newsletter to the congregation that will address questions submitted that week.

The mission of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church is to be a **faithful community of disciples** who serve as the **heart, hands and feet of Christ** so that **all people come to know the love of God.**



YOUTH CLASSROOM/GAMEROOM



*I want my church to be a lighthouse on the hill, calling people to come and know Jesus Christ. I want us to always place emphasis on the children and youth, they are the church of tomorrow. Let us never forget the elderly because they are the church of yesterday. Without them we would not be where we are today. I want us to keep planning programs of service that will reach out to the community, using our buildings throughout the week, not just on Sundays. And let us never forget when we gave our church the name "Saint Paul's" we agreed we would always be a church of missions.*

Clifton Smith, 1952

Founding member Clifton Smith had a dream for Saint Paul's United Methodist Church from the day that ground was broken!

**MAKING ROOM** is a plan to renovate our aging facilities at Saint Paul's **so that** we might better fulfill our mission and vision. Existing facilities will be updated and repurposed to allow ongoing ministries to grow and to **MAKE ROOM** for new ministries!

**Over 20,000 square feet of our existing 33,000 square feet of space will be updated as part of the MAKING ROOM renovation.**

# WHAT are we doing?

**The Governing Board recommends to the congregation that the cost of the MAKING ROOM project (no more than 1 million dollars) be funded through a loan from the Florida United Methodist Foundation.**

- A construction line of credit of no more than 1 million dollars will be secured for which Saint Paul's UMC will pay interest only for a period of two years.
- During those two years, the church will complete a Capital Campaign to raise as much of that principal amount as possible.
- The amount raised in the Capital Campaign will then be applied to the loan principal at the end of two years and the loan will convert to a conventional principal/interest loan for the remainder of its term.

**Check out the Saint Paul's UMC website for more details about this project and how this loan program works.**





CONSULTATION LOUNGE/CAFÉ

# WHY do we need this?

**Our buildings communicate.** They tell the community who we are and what we do and how we feel about ourselves. One of the goals of **MAKING ROOM** is to refresh what we are communicating through our facilities...that we are an active, vital congregation that participates in engaging ministries in the community and beyond...that we are welcoming and inclusive...that we care about people of all ages and stages of their lives. Consistent and updated technology in all the classrooms will enhance our teaching ministry, a second worship space will be easily accessible and function as both classroom and chapel. **MAKING ROOM** will give our current facilities a much needed and long-planned update, provide greater flexibility in use, and maximize our impact in ministry and outreach!

**The facilities of Saint Paul’s are used often and in meaningful ways by our community. We want to continue this ministry of outreach and hospitality in a way that reflects the love of Christ to all people.**

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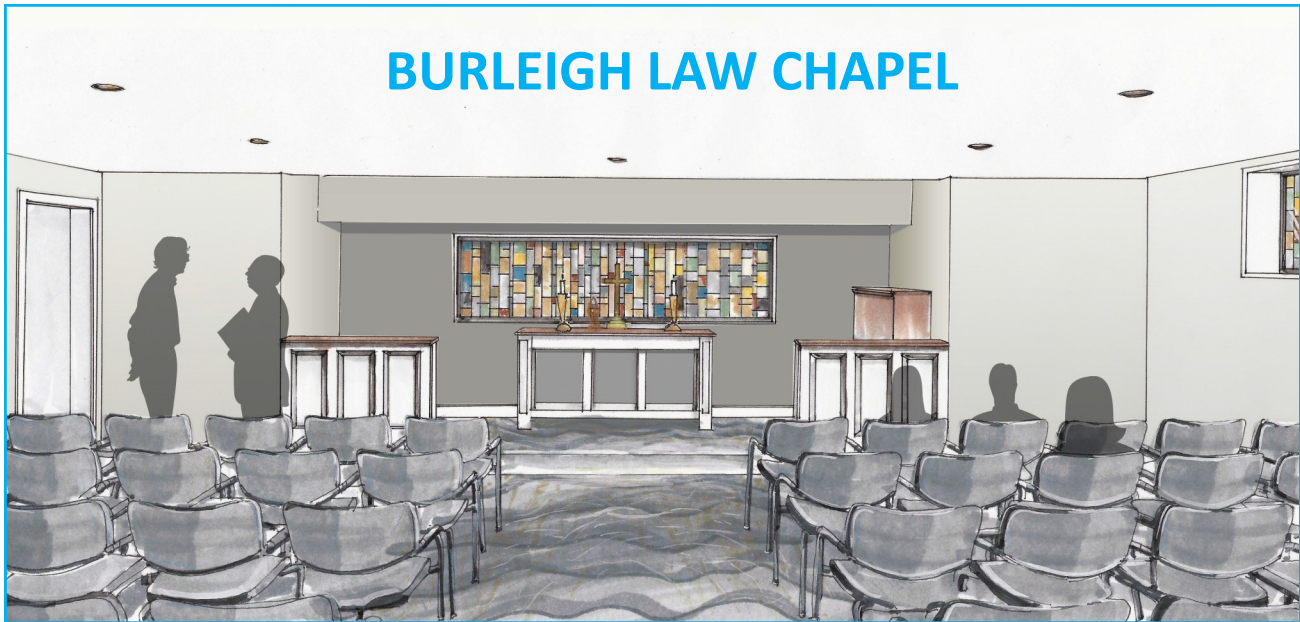
Demographic studies (MissionInsite) indicate that the population immediately surrounding Saint Paul’s UMC will grow (2025 projections).

Elementary age children	7.9% growth
Families (35-54)	4.8% growth
Retirees (65+)	2.8% growth

With this growth, there will be an increased need for **expanded ministries** for children, youth and older adults. Our MOPS program (Mothers of Preschoolers) is oversubscribed, and we are turning families away! **More room is needed to expand this ministry, and others like it, to serve our children and young families.**

**MAKING ROOM** will allow the children’s ministry to be housed all together in the 200 wing and Foundation, have easy access to two playground areas, and **MAKE ROOM** for the children’s ministry to grow!

Our youth program has outgrown the Foundation and has need for large group meeting space, smaller classroom gatherings, a fun place to hang out during the week, and a worship space for our youth to grow in their faith. The parlor, parlor kitchen, 200 level classrooms and chapel will provide wonderful space for multiple uses by our youth and others throughout the week.



BURLEIGH LAW CHAPEL



PARLOR

# WHY do we need this?

**Accessibility is important!** We are well aware that Saint Paul’s sits on a piece of land that is difficult to maneuver, and our fully accessible spaces are limited. **MAKING ROOM** includes plans to renovate the Burleigh Law Chapel and Parlor, providing easily accessible multi-use and sacred space that can function equally well as a chapel or classroom.

**Imagine that someday we might be able to offer a “Mommy and Me” or “Daddy and Me” worship experience for families with little ones; a quiet weeknight prayer service; or a chapel service for those living with dementia who might prefer a smaller worship space.**

The renovation will include sound reduction in the Parlor and Chapel ceilings so that these beautiful spaces might be used at the same time as Sanders Hall to increase the usage of our facilities by church and community groups.

The Parlor Kitchen update will also enhance the use of our downstairs space to provide hospitality to ministries such as the Alzheimer’s Project and other community organizations.