

2025-2026 Building Our Vision Annual Report

This will be the last report of the Building Our Vision Team, as construction wrapped up in spring of 2026.

This year, the Building Our Vision project was managed by Frank Grossman and Rev. Allison Palm, with consultation from the larger BOV Team: Ellen Fisher, Emma Rearick, Victoria Agnew, Jon Laselle, and Bob Barry, as well as from Church Administrator Ericka LaValley.

Most daily decisions during the construction phase were handled in real time between Rev. Allison, Frank, and Ericka. A few decisions that felt larger than could be handled by the small team, such as flooring color, we brought in more of the congregation, either through the BOV team or the new Finishing Touches team.

Rev. Allison, Frank and Ericka met weekly with Hutter Construction, and The Architects through January 2026 with occasional, as needed, support from other members of the committee. After January, meetings became less regular, with the bulk of the project complete.

In Summer 2025, construction was in full swing, and things really started moving fast in August, as we prepared to move back into our building. The return to the sanctuary went more slowly than hoped, in part due to changes in personnel with our construction company. We did return to our sanctuary for worship on October 5, and moved back into the Parish House as of October 25. On November 8, we celebrated our return to the building with an Open House and Building Rededication Service. We received our final official certificate of occupancy in December.

There was still a good deal of major work after the official reentry. This included skylights, paving the Lemon Street Lot, a fire door separating the lobby and narthex, a new electrical panel in the Parish House, storm windows for the Sanctuary building, installing a fence for the cemetery by the Parish House, and a repair to the Sanctuary roof. In addition, there were many smaller details to complete.

We also decided to remove a large portion of the recently installed wood floor in the Sanctuary to level the floor underneath. This was completed in February.

As of the date this report is being prepared, we have received the closeout books from Hutter Construction, as well as our final bill. We are waiting on three more small repairs before paying that final amount. We anticipate that those will be done before the end of the fiscal year.

In addition to working with Hutter on managing the construction, we put together a small team in June 2025 to manage the Finishing Touches on the project. This team included Kim Steele, Victoria Agnew, Patricia Reynolds, Ellen Fisher, Frank Grossman, Sadie Kahn-Greene, Ericka LaValley, and Rev. Allison Palm. This team helped to make decisions about details at the end of

the project. They also, separately from Hutter's work, completed the following projects:

- AV decisions and equipment for the Sanctuary
- Blinds for the Parish House windows
- A fence in the cemetery as a barrier between the Memorial Garden and the new HVAC equipment
- Interior signage and new names for our spaces
- Chairs for the Sanctuary
- Shelves for the new Sanctuary closet
- A photo gallery with before and after photos of the project
- New furniture for the Skylit Connector
- A new Fellowship Gallery space in the Connector
- A new "You Are Home" banner for the sanctuary
- Placement of furniture in the Lobby and Narthex
- Placement of the Peace pole
- Thanks to a generous extra donation, they were also able to help select color and style for new pew cushions for the Sanctuary.

There are some finishing touches still in progress:

- New nametag holders for the Narthex - the plan has been approved for these and they are being built
- Converting the old pulpit into a moveable sit-stand pulpit
- Deciding what to do with the oak wood from our old oak tree - the wood has been dried over the last year and is almost ready to use.
- Consulting with an Acoustical Consultant about our sanctuary and how to optimize the sound in the space
- Depending on the budget left over after these projects, we may be able to move forward on other things on our wishlist

This is the current snapshot of the construction budget:

Income	Projected	Actuals to date		
CC/Window of Opportunity	\$2,780,932.00	\$2,563,595.13		
Window Donation	\$303,000.00	\$298,000.00		
CC over payments	\$15,325.00	\$15,325.00		
Interest	\$58,600.00	\$58,600.68		
Rebates	\$21,685.02	\$21,685.02		
Total Income	\$3,179,542.02	\$2,957,205.83		
Expenses				
Architect contract	\$193,328.75	\$193,328.75		
Construction contract	\$2,687,694.00	\$2,562,119.73		
Contingency	\$185,000.00	\$171,680.63	expected additional expenses:	\$13,080.96
Furnishings & Fixtures	\$66,000.00	\$35,943.17		
Breeze Fees	\$5,000.00	\$3,737.38		
Interest on Endowment Loan	\$20,000.00	\$8,960.06		
Anticipated CC Noncompletion	\$22,500.00	\$13,903.00		
Total Expenses	\$3,179,522.75	\$2,989,672.72		
Difference	\$19.27	-\$32,466.89		

We are grateful to all of the people who have served on the Building Our Vision Team and the various subcommittees over the last seven years, as well as everyone who contributed to the Capital Campaign. We look forward to seeing how we continue to live into our vision in our new space in the years to come.