



Hillcrest United Methodist Church

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Dear Builder's Club,

Hillcrest UMC has been in ministry for 74 years. In 2015 we formed a building committee to study the feasibility of building a brand-new fellowship hall. After much work with an architect and the City of Fredericksburg it was deemed that the cost of a new fellowship hall (1 million dollars) was not a debt that Hillcrest was ready to take on at this time.

Not willing to give up because we needed the space, we decided to enter into a remodeling project which meant taking down walls to open up the existing fellowship hall. In taking down the wall's we had to move the Pastor's office and the Administrative Assistant's office into the space in which the Choir Director and the Choir occupied, which meant we had to build them a new space behind the sanctuary. With these renovations we also wanted to make the entire building handicap accessible so we installed a lift so that everyone can now have access to the second floor.

By creating more space in the fellowship hall, we are able to have everyone gathered in one room instead of separate rooms for such functions as funeral receptions, wedding receptions, church dinners, and our afterschool program. The lift makes the entire building handicap accessible, and the new choir room offers the choir direct access to the sanctuary.

The congregation was generous in their giving towards the remodeling project by giving a total of \$50,700.

This remodeling project was a great alternative to building a new fellowship hall and does meet the needs of the church and our service to the community at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in giving towards this project.

God's Blessings,

Justin L. Williams
Pastor
