

SURPRISING SPACE TRANSFORMATION: FAQ

1. HOW DO I PLEDGE AND FULFILL MY 30TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO OMPC?

Gifts can be pledged online or through the pledge card and given online or by mail/drop-off at OMPC.

PLEDGE: You can fill out a pledge card and mail it to the church anytime before October 20. You can also make a pledge online at ompc.org/transformation or through the OMPC App. Please fulfill your pledge by October 31, 2019.

GIVE: Gifts not made online can be mailed to the church or dropped off in-person. Please be sure to designate your gift to "30th Anniversary." To give a gift online, you may visit ompc.org and click the "GIVE" link or visit ompc.org/transformation for a direct link. The link to give may also be found on the OMPC App. Please be sure to select "30th Anniversary" as the drop-down menu item for the designation of your gift.

2. BY WHAT DATE DO I NEED TO FULFILL MY GIFT?

Please fulfill your pledge/give your anniversary gift to OMPC by October 31, 2019.

3. WHAT MAKES THIS A "SURPRISING SPACE TRANSFORMATION?"

With a space designed to reflect the values of OMPC, we envision seeing fruit through many of our measures:

- Surprising Grace: Place of prayer and space for people to meet with the Lord and others for spiritual conversation; opportunities created for sharing the Gospel.
- Surprising Growth: Counseling/mentoring from impromptu conversations among those already present in the building; places for Life Groups, Bible Studies and accountability partners to meet.
- Surprising Community: Space for authentic relationships to be built.
- Surprising Generosity: OMPC becoming even more of a place open to the community to gather and feel a sense of "home."
- Surprising Impact: Through the building of community here within our walls, more people might be led to join our church, and therefore a greater impact could be made over the fence, over the mountain and overseas as our congregation grows!

4. WHAT DOES THIS SPACE TRANSFORMATION COMMUNICATE ABOUT GOD? AND ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS A CHURCH?

We believe this proposal reveals and reflects our God to be creative and beautiful, warm and welcoming, relational and excellent. With our current open space that is highly trafficked throughout the week, we have the opportunity to create an environment where people can engage in meaningful conversation and build authentic relationships, aligning our building with our values as a church. Left untouched, our current space is bleak, empty and lacking in warmth and the presentation of excellence. With a transformation of the space we already have, we envision OMPC to be a place where people can experience more of who God is in the context of the community of our church.

5. HOW DOES THIS PROPOSAL PRESERVE THE CHURCH AS A SACRED PLACE?

We long to see OMPC become a place where people feel welcome to gather on Sundays before and after worship, as well as throughout the week; a place where people can engage in grace-driven conversation, prayer, or personal time with the Lord. Creating intentional space that is warm and welcoming purposefully provides an environment to engage every neighbor “over the pew” with the surprising power of grace here within the walls of OMPC.

This space is not only for the members and regular attenders of OMPC, but is also for the many non-members and potentially unchurched individuals who come and go throughout our building for various events throughout the week. People can experience surprising grace and authentic community as they find themselves longing to return to a place where they feel welcome and at home.

In addition, our building is already being used for community-based events such as Cub Scout meetings, American Heritage Girls meetings, youth basketball leagues, outreach-based pickle ball and soccer clubs. Creating everyday space for people to gather encourages the reality of OMPC being a purposeful place for the community. We hope this sense of community and feeling of “home” will encourage people to consider OMPC as their church home as well.

6. HOW DOES THIS PROPOSAL ADDRESS SECURITY CONCERNS?

An implementation committee will review the schematics and consult our OMPC Protection Team to ensure that the final plans for this transformation adhere to best safety practices for our church and schools.

7. DOES THE FILLING OF UNOCCUPIED SPACE WITH FURNISHINGS DISRUPT SETUP FOR SPECIAL EVENTS?

With the exception of built-in shelving, all proposed furnishings are moveable and can be relocated if we need to clear an area for open space. However, our staff agrees that the concept of new furnishings will not hinder event setup but will instead help with events and gatherings and will create an overall welcoming feel for event participants.

8. HOW WILL THE STAFF UTILIZE THIS SPACE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK?

Off-campus meetings are regularly scheduled by our ministerial staff to connect with people throughout each week. These regular meetings require transportation time and additional cost for food and drink purchase. A relational and welcoming space where our staff can host informal meetings, interviews, and relationship-building appointments can save time and money. More importantly, this type of space can provide those meeting with our staff the opportunity to experience the culture of OMPC through on-campus meetings. Staff have also expressed that casual meetings inside offices can feel too formal and business-like, so having a space to meet outside of the office sets a relational tone for meetings and appointments.

Lastly, ministerial staff can connect with and minister to people who are already here for various reasons when there is intentional space for people to sit down for a conversation, time of prayer, informal counseling, etc.

9. HOW DOES THE CONCEPT OF AN UPDATED COFFEE BAR CONTRIBUTE TO THE VISION FOR THIS SURPRISING SPACE TRANSFORMATION?

Coffee is so often a medium for people to gather. Enhancing our coffee bar will provide a warm and inviting experience to everyone looking to enjoy a cup of coffee Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

An implementation committee will re-evaluate the use, benefits and design of the coffee bar before final plans are put into action.