

## TPC VISIONING 2/26/06 DATA

### IMPROVING OUR BUILDINGS

#### GENERAL

- Complete restoring of both historic building and buying a neighboring house for growth.
- Maintain and enhance the main church as a space for worship (i.e., address leaks, structure, accessibility)
- A meditation garden between church and parish hall, perhaps with a labyrinth, with access from breezeway (obtain permission to cut access into wall of breezeway).
- Would like a new kitchen.
- Stained glass preservation.
- We need to focus on maintaining our buildings. The sanctuary is still leaking and the walls are damaged again. Also, maintaining the stained glass windows, the tower, etc.
- Increase space for growing RE program and youth

#### TOWER

- My picture was of the tower, with rays of energy going out of front entrance, rays of attractiveness to the community, with a handicapped access ramp as a symbol of welcoming, with a restored interior with a youth group meeting in a circle in a lounge on the second floor – symbolizing a commitment to educating children and finding a place for youth in the church and community. To realize the picture – A restored tower, attractive entryway, restored steps with handicapped access, with usable interior space that could serve as a youth group room.
- Fix the tower.
- Fix the bell tower!
- Bell Tower?

#### ACCESSIBILITY

- Maintain the physical plant of the church and make the sanctuary wheelchair accessible.
- Make both buildings handicap accessible.
- Disability Access – wheelchair, hearing/ deaf, blind, etc.
- Handicapped accessible!! (including for hard-of-hearing)
- Accessibility: wheelchair ramps to different areas of the sanctuary.
- Accessibility – make the church handicap accessible. This may attract people with disabilities. It would also enable older members to remain involved. (In my old church, older people would start blaming themselves for their increasing limitations, then stop coming.) Also – personal amplification devices for hearing impaired – so we can hear everything. Large print written materials.
- Physical accessibility

### IMPROVE FINANCIAL HEALTH (4CARDS):

- Build pledging revenues so church won't be dependent on renters in Parish Hall, thus freeing up use of Parish Hall during the week for church use.

- Become freed from rentals so that we can have our building back for church community
- Reduce rentals so we can use our Parish Hall
- Would like the church to be less reliant on tenants for operational funding.
- Church budget open source:
  - Discuss budget needs
  - Meetings at night on budget open to church community
  - Get someone to donate \$3 million to church. i.e. Bill Gates, Roman Polanski, Roche Bros.
- Practical stuff – increase hours for minister, musical instructor, administrator.