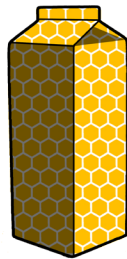


# Assembly Mennonite Church



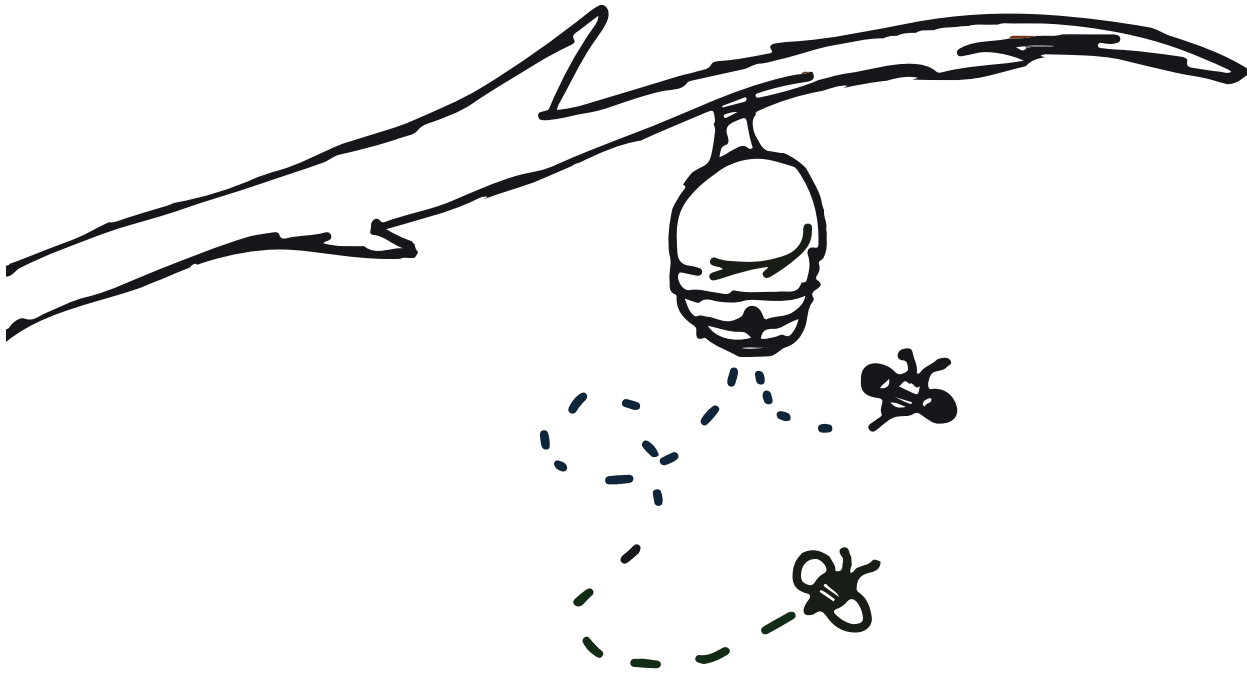
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**Milk & Honey**, the theme for this building project campaign, is aptly rooted in our physical location, our history, our theology, and our future.

As a church, we are located in the heart of Goshen, a city named for the “Land of Milk and Honey” in the Old Testament. The Dairy Farmers of America cooperative operates a milk processing facility to the west of the church building. The original building at 1201 S. 11th Street was a cheerleading uniform factory, and legend has it the first uniforms produced there in the 1960s were for the “Honey Bears,” the squad for the Chicago Bears football team.

We are on a journey as a progressive Anabaptist congregation. Our growth over the past decade created a need for more ministry space as a welcoming congregation, which is home to more than 100 delightful young people. Like the Children of Israel, we haven’t always known where God is leading us. But now it seems clear that we need to share our overflowing abundance for a new and renovated building in order to create more room for hospitality, ministry, and worship on our sweet journey to the promised land.

**Let the milk and honey flow!**



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## Why are we giving joyously to this project?



“As pastors, we give ourselves to guiding and enhancing Assembly’s mission — a mission focused on worshipping the God of creation, the prophets, and of Jesus; advancing God’s reign of justice, love, healing, and inclusion; and passing this vision on to children and adults who come our way.

We believe this mission is a compelling one. It’s a vibrant, progressive, Anabaptist vision which is attracting young and old alike.



Furthering this mission requires many things — some intangible, like prayer; some very tangible, like meeting space, offices, and classrooms. We support this renovation project because it enhances our mission. It makes space for the community that has grown around this mission; it better enables us to teach and nurture our children; and it allows us to offer space and hospitality to justice workers and peacemakers in our community.

From Assembly’s beginning, we’ve emphasized that our mission calls us to give abundantly of our time, money, and creative talents. This tangible aspect of our mission — creating adequate worship and meeting space — is no different. May we all be led to give joyously and freely to this project.”

— **Karl Shelly and Lora Nafziger, pastors**



“From small ones moving quickly to tall ones talking in small groups to venerable ones moving slowly with canes and wheels — being able to collectively gather in worship and safely mingle in fellowship will help us continue living into our desire to be a welcoming and hospitable church for all.”

— **Jeanne Liechty, Leadership Group chair**



“At Assembly, we believe in children. Children learn well from caring adults, including our older adults. We attempt to teach by example, by honoring children’s contributions, by telling our own faith stories and by teaching them life lessons, based on our understanding of Scripture and other stories. Our new and remodeled facility will give us more room for teacher-student interaction, a more welcoming handicap entrance, worship space that is user-friendly for children and people with physical limitations, and office space and a community room to demonstrate to our children one way we welcome immigrant families.”

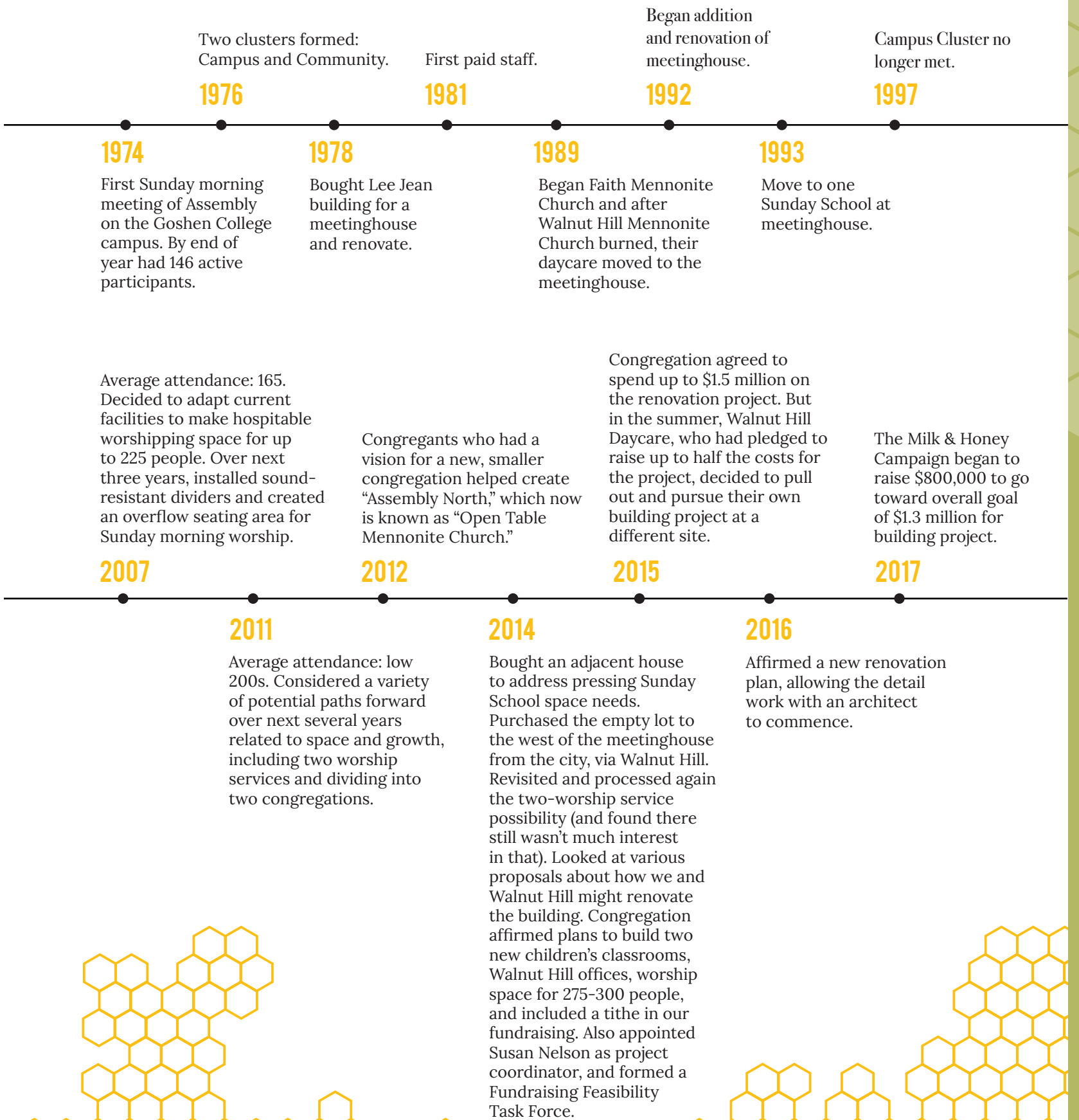
— **Jep Hostetler, capital campaign co-chair**



“Freshly renovated and newly crafted church space gives our congregation, and our congregational partners, a building we can proudly use, share, and worship in. A beautiful and functional church building continues to preserve our valuable community asset. Adaptable and current spaces will create new opportunities for growth, fellowship, and community engagement.”

— **Justin Rothshank, capital campaign co-chair**

# Assembly Mennonite Church and building project history:



# Creating space to encounter God and to share God's love with others

## We are doing this project so that we can:

- Better share our vibrant, progressive, Anabaptist faith with the many people receptive to this Good News.
- Nurture, make room for, and pass on our faith to the children and youth in our midst.
- Offer space and hospitality to justice workers and peacemakers in our community.

Since 2010, we have had a 25 percent increase in average Sunday morning attendance. This response to God's Good News has created a need for additional space.

## Outside:

We will prepare the site to include 105 parking spaces, a memorial garden, playground, green space, and stormwater management.



## Building addition:

An addition will add worship space that includes seating for 299 people, five single-use bathrooms, a welcoming entry, and a gathering space.

## Building renovation:

The current building will be renovated to create or enlarge 11 classrooms, offices for pastors and staff, the multipurpose space, the library, and the kitchen, and to upgrade the mechanical equipment.



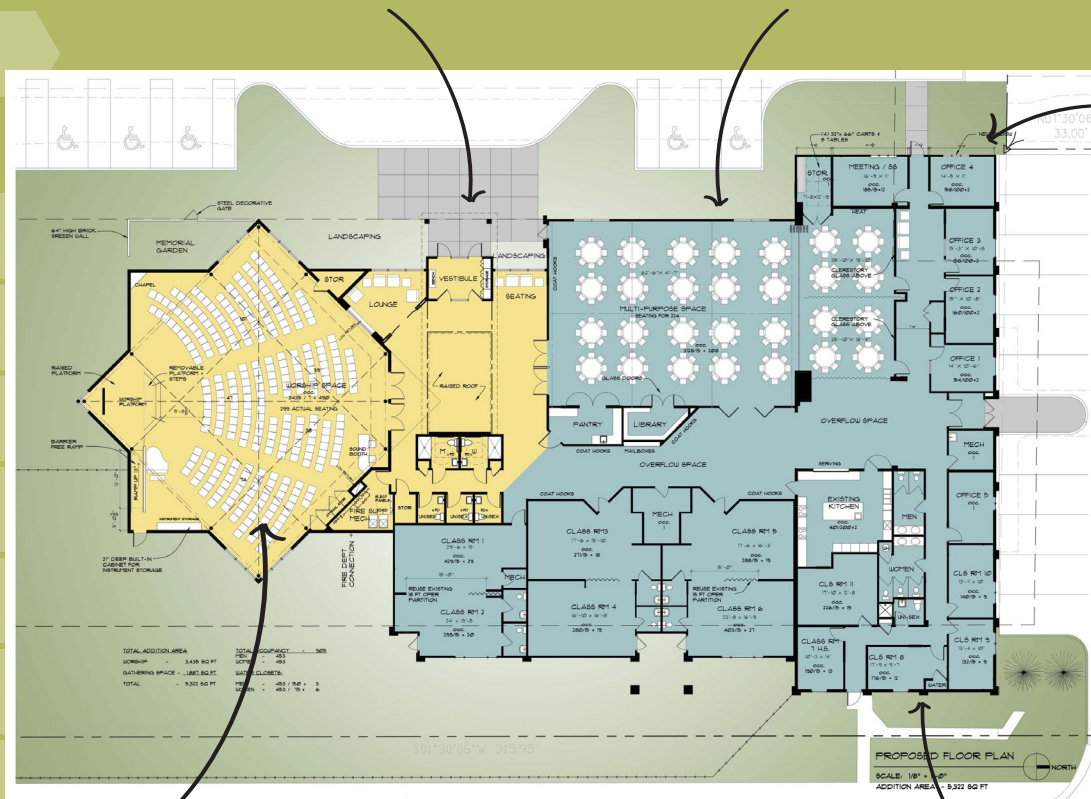
# How each new or renovated space will contribute to Assembly's mission:

## Parking lot, entrance, and lobby

- Visitors will be able to quickly find parking and the main entrance. Upon entering, they will be able to easily find the worship space and restrooms. Single-use restrooms will allow for privacy and flexibility.
- Everyone will be able to move smoothly from the parking lot to their seats.

## Multi-purpose room

- Adults will enjoy quiet space in the divided area of the multi-purpose room for second hour, without interruptions. During carry-ins, everyone will be able to sit at tables.
- Those preparing for fellowship meals will have more time and space to set up during second hour without interfering with other activities.



## Offices and conference room

- Pastors will have their own private offices for study, prayer, and counseling. Committees will be able to use the conference room without the need to set up or disturb other areas of the church.

## Worship space

- People will be able to easily find seats together and will be able to see and hear clearly.
- Children and adults will be able to move around easily for children's time, communion, offering, and dance. People will be able to focus on preparing for worship rather than setting up the worship space.
- A separate worship space will make it easier to hold weddings, funerals, and other services on days other than Saturday and Sunday.
- An enhanced sound system will make full participation easier.

## Classrooms

- All student classes will take place in the renovated classroom area.
- The removal of daycare property will make more space available.
- Classrooms will be assigned dynamically based on the number of students and the room size. A reconfigured Sunday school space will allow students more time to learn and grow, because they will not have to leave the building.



### **Entire building**

Our commitment to biblical peace, nonviolence, and justice continues to be a central and important part of our identity. We have been blessed by our relationships with Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center and Faith Mennonite Church, who we have shared our building with. We believe that new opportunities for sharing our building, engaging our community, and being good stewards of our resources will be identified. Groups working on causes important to us will be able to use appropriately sized spaces for their activities.





# 108+ REASONS

to Support this Campaign





## Funding Plan

The Milk and Honey Campaign has two fundraising phases. In Phase 1, we will raise at least \$800,000 through direct donations from church members, attendees, alumni, and friends. We anticipate approximately \$400,000 of this to be committed early in the campaign through Advance Commitments. The remaining \$400,000 will come on or before Commitment Sunday for a total of approximately \$800,000. If we can raise more than \$800,000 during Phase 1, we will have less liability through Phase 2 of the campaign.

Phase 2 of our campaign will include creative financing, such as loans from members, friends, and alumni of AMC, mortgage funding, and possibly grants from institutions that appreciate church expansion. This part of the plan will provide additional funding of approximately \$500,000 for a total cost of \$1.3 million. This total cost includes a 10 percent tithe to benefit those in the body of Christ who cannot afford a renovation project like ours.

## Helping You to Define Your Contribution

As we seek \$800,000 in above-budget giving over the next three years, where do you fit in this chart of gifts?



### Individual Giving Unit Amounts ~ 3 Year Goal: \$800,000

# Individual Households	3-Year Amount	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount	Total 3-Year
2	\$100,000	\$641	\$2,778	\$33,333	\$200,000
3	\$50,000	\$321	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$150,000
4	\$25,000	\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$100,000
5	\$15,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$75,000
8	\$10,000	\$64	\$278	\$3,333	\$80,000
25	\$5,000	\$32	\$139	\$1,667	\$125,000
20	\$2,500	\$16	\$69	\$833	\$50,000
20	\$1,000	\$6	\$28	\$333	\$20,000
87					\$800,000



# What do I do now?

1.

## PRAY

That God would offer you clarity and joy in your decision to make a commitment.

2.

## DISCUSS

Your commitment with your spouse, small group, and/or other members of your family.

3.

## COMMIT

Complete the Commitment Card and place in the envelope provided.

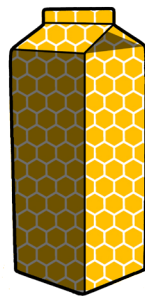
4.

## RESPOND

**For those attending the Advance Challenge Meeting (May 6):** Return your sealed envelope personally to Jep Hostetler or Justin Rothshank (campaign co-chairs) or the church office by May 14.

**For the congregation:** Return your sealed envelope on Commitment Sunday, May 28, during the worship service.

The envelopes will be given to John Nafziger, church treasurer, who will calculate the total amount pledged for the Capital Campaign. John Nafziger and his assistant, Chris Bowers, will be the only people who will see your pledges.



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