

The Saratoga Hall Taskforce is providing this update on our Saratoga Hall project in advance of our **Spring Saratoga Hall Special Offering, Sunday, May 21, 2017**. We seek your continued prayers for God’s direction and provision in completing this space for His work.

There are **five milestones** remaining to complete this project according to our original 2006 plan:

CURRENT MILESTONE STATUS:

- 1. **Complete Saratoga Hall as defined by Island County Building and Health Departments:\$118,442**

First, thank you Chapel Family for your continued support! **PRAISE:** Classroom cabinets and countertops, lighting controls and vinyl flooring are complete. Kitchen and restroom counter-tops, restroom stall dividers, carpet and window sills are ordered. Plumbing, security, phone and internet cable connection/hardware are wrapping up. Construction of the fire escape should begin this month. Second, the **remaining funds needed** for carpet installation labor, interior doors, hardware and installation labor is approximately \$118,000. Our building permit is now extended through July 2018. This finish line is near!

Please prayerfully consider how your family can help finish this milestone.



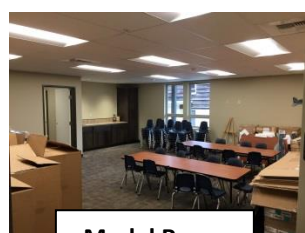
Kitchen



Drinking Fountains



Restrooms



Model Room

REMAINING MILESTONES STATUS:

- 2. **Occupy Saratoga Hall – First & Second Floor classrooms:\$142,882**

In October the Saratoga Hall Task Force made the decision to fully complete room 4, staging the room so that our Chapel Family could see a sample of how the completed and occupied building will look. This room is now available to view upon request. **In April, the Administrative board affirmed the decision to expand milestone 2, to include furnishing and equipping classrooms on the second floor as part of this milestone.** *The reasoning for this milestone adjustment is to accelerate the availability of needed classroom space for adult Sunday School classes, currently at or exceeding available space, and to position the building to be able to fully support classroom ministry needs in Saratoga Hall.*

- 3. **Repurpose Harrington Hall – First Floor; and/or Jackson Hall:\$84,000**

The Saratoga Hall Taskforce, Administrative Board and Elders continue to evaluate ministry needs and functions as a part of determining designated space for ministries. We have reached out to gain professional evaluation of space usage and to evaluate building code and permit requirements for any identified improvements to existing buildings. Upon receipt of those evaluations, we will be able to determine required improvements and associated costs.

- 4. **Complete Saratoga Hall – Second Floor, Upper Room & Kitchen:\$142,900**

Tables, chairs, appliances, audio/video/lighting for the large upper room and serving kitchen.

- 5. **Repurpose Harrington Hall – Second Floor & Montgomery Hall & East Hall:\$162,000**

Part of the professional evaluation underway identified in milestone 3 includes looking into the additional spaces listed above for future repurposing.

Remaining Total:\$650,224

A Note from Camano Chapel Board Chairman, Lance Curry:

Walking by faith: As followers of Jesus, we can choose to walk straight in the midst of ever-changing daily living, by focusing on our steadfast Savior. By keeping our perspective on the long-term goal (the prize), God shows us He has a plan, and that He is good. So is the way of the farmer who, when setting out across the field for that first run of furrows, focuses on a steady and unmovable object. By keeping his sights on “the prize”, his furrows are laid straight. For the farmer, success comes by efficiency of systems, and for the Christian, success comes **by faith in Jesus**.

Building by faith: The adventurous path we are on to build and occupy Saratoga Hall is **by faith** on many levels. It’s by keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ – expanded room for Children and Youth Ministries, safer and newer infant and toddler facilities, accommodating space for adult Sunday school classes, and a host of other benefits – that God will continue to build His ministry with Camano Chapel. We must trust Him together. We must trust Him individually.

Last week Island County extended our permit to complete Saratoga Hall through July 2018. While this now gives us more time to finish, we want you to know just how close we are to finishing milestone 1. Lord willing, if the remaining need of \$118,000 was met by summer’s end, all remaining work could be completed by the end of the year, allowing us to **satisfy Island County** and work toward milestone 2, **furnishing and equipping 1st and 2nd floor classrooms** for occupancy.

Thank you to the very many of you who have generously given so much these years; some of you in one-time gifts and some in consistent giving year in and year out. God has demonstrated His faithfulness and power through you! And, even now, He is directing some of you as you read this, to set aside funds to complete milestone 1. I want to encourage you to obey His leading in your life. May your service and obedience to God bear fruit of greater faith in Him.

How can we reach this next important milestone together?

- **Pray** –By asking the Lord to give through you, He will get all the credit!
- **Support** – There are several ways to help meet the Island County Permit Deadline.
 1. Consider **giving monthly** above and beyond your regular tithe.
 2. Consider making a quarterly or annual **cash gift** above and beyond your tithe.
 3. Consider gifting **appreciated stocks, bonds, and mutual funds**, or for those over age 70, consider gifting the required minimum distributions from your retirement accounts (*Talk to your CPA about how to reduce your tax liability before the end of the year by giving to the Saratoga Hall building project*).
 4. Consider naming the Foundation of Camano Chapel as a **beneficiary in your advanced directives, retirement accounts or life insurance** policies, turning a portion of these assets into life-changing gifts to God’s work through Camano Chapel.

(NOTE: For more information please contact **Jon Rice, Church Administrator at (360) 387-7202**.)

Thank you for prayerfully joining us to complete Saratoga Hall! If you have any additional questions concerning the remaining milestones of the project, we would be glad to arrange for someone to meet with you and provide more detail or to answer any concerns. Please contact Tim Bardon @ 360-629-5208 or at papatasaor@gmail.com with your questions or concerns.

Trusting Christ Together!
Saratoga Hall Taskforce,
(*Tim Bardon, Lance Curry, Jim Nichols, Paul VanSant and Jon Rice*)