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Church plans new parish hall

The vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church has unveiled plans for a new building to house the church's parish hall, nursery school and music program. The new building will replace the church's current facility on Lyons Plain Road and sit on the same site.

At a luncheon following the church's annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22, Bob Uzenoff, senior warden, announced the launch of a capital campaign to raise funds for the project. David and Christine Juneau, members of the campaign leadership committee, reported at the luncheon that pledges have been already been received for more than half the \$1.5 million goal.

Architect Jack Franzen presented preliminary plans for the building. He noted that the entire area on the east side of the church will be reorganized as part of the project to solve some existing problems with "flow."

The nursery school playground and the parking area will be relocated so children will not have to cross a driveway to reach the play area. The new layout will also encourage parishioners on their way to church to pass through the parish hall, hang their coats and

greet friends.

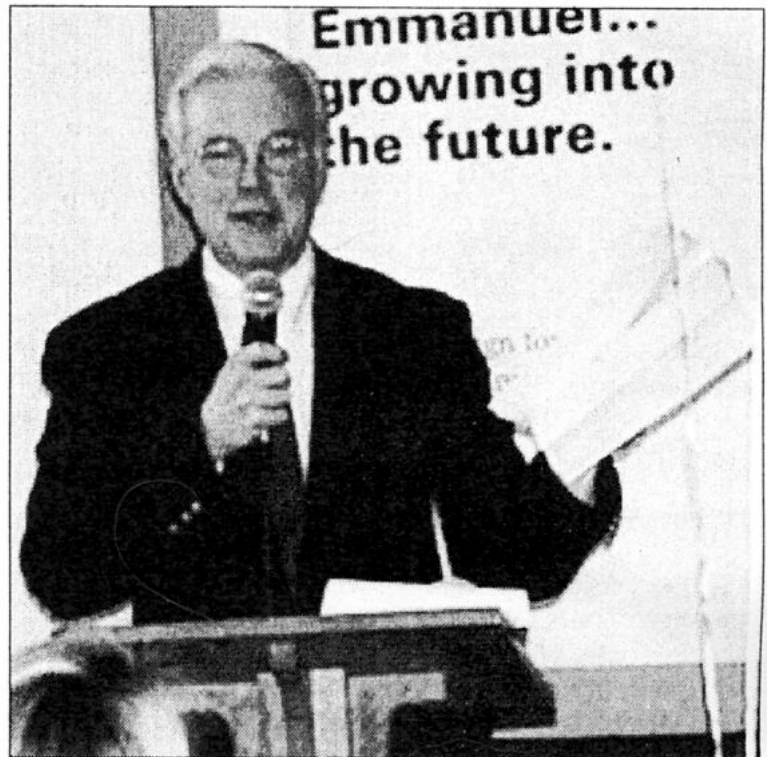
The building itself will house the church office, a kitchen, the nursery school, music rooms, and a meeting hall. Mr. Franzen said the building will be somewhat bigger than the current parish hall, but some of the space will be below ground, which will preserve the country road feeling of the current streetscape.

As part of the project, the undercroft — the space underneath the church sanctuary — will also be remodeled. The space, currently used by the nursery school, will be modified to accommodate the music school and the Sunday School.

In discussing the project, Father David Feyrer, rector of the church, noted that to do its work the church needs the right "tools" and that the new facility will allow the church to pursue its mission for many years to come.

Mr. and Ms. Juneau, along with Mr. Uzenoff and his wife Ellen, and Hollis Truax are heading up the Campaign for Emmanuel Leadership Committee.

In addition to a fund-raising committee, committees have been formed to oversee the construction and to provide input



Jack Franzen, a noted Fairfield county architect, made a presentation of plans for a proposed new parish hall at the annual meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Weston.

on the design of the kitchen, the church office and the nursery school/Christian education programs. There is also a spiritual

support committee and a campaign marketing committee.