



June 25, 2023

Dear partners and friends,

Our church has been on an exciting journey! God has brought us from 12 years of meeting in our local school to our new home at Lake Wallenpaupack. Quite simply, we are blessed! **In fact, we are so blessed that we have exhausted our current space capacity to do all that God is calling us to do.** Did you know that:

- Our worship space and WallyKids classrooms were so overextended on Sundays that we had to move to three services this past Easter?
- Even with the additional service, we do not have a classroom large enough for our largest age cohort of 3-5 graders? We're currently using a temporary tent structure which has been prone to needing repairs and requires portable air conditioning and heating units to be utilized on a regular basis.
- The building gets used every day of the week, some nights with the lobby, sanctuary and classrooms all being used at the same time?
- Tables and chairs get set up and broken down each week for the sanctuary to double as administrative meeting and workspace?

Based on current growth patterns, even despite the pandemic which left many churches in a period of decline, we've continued to grow and discern the need for more space. This will not only allow us to better to serve our current congregation, but also enable us to serve even more individuals and families, showing them the love of Christ.

Wallenpaupack Church leaders are in the process of meeting with designers and builders to determine what options may suit our needs and our budget. Church leaders have also retained the services of our friend, Jeff Knauer, who was instrumental in guiding our move from the school to this facility. He will again conduct a **Feasibility Study** in order to gather your opinions, concerns, and potential giving to this project. As former pastor of many years, as well as a consultant for over 20 years, Jeff brings a no-pressure approach in gathering input from all who are willing to participate. **Jeff will explain the study process during services on July 2nd.**

Once we learn our options from the builders, see how we all feel about moving forward, and have some sense of what we may be able to commit to financially, we will prayerfully decide how to proceed. **Nothing will be done without a sense of God's leading.** All information related to the potential expansion and Feasibility Study can be found at wallychurch.org/expansion.

Your Partner in the Kingdom,

Pastor Ken Platt