



Kent Island United Methodist Church is known for making historic decisions that enable our church to *Offer Them Christ*. In 1959, Dominion, Kingsley and Trinity-Downes Methodist Churches made the decision to become one church in order to better offer Christ to this community. On October 19, 1963, the newly formed Kent Island United Methodist Church moved into their newly constructed facilities which continue to be used to offer Christ to this community today.

In 1976, a new education wing was built so that KIUMC could better offer Christ to our children and the many groups that utilize our fellowship hall. In 2003, a property adjacent to our church was leased for our staff offices. This lease enabled our staff to be more efficient and more rooms in the church became available, which resulted in being able to better offer Christ to our community.

In 2003, the Long Range Planning Committee offered a list of recommendations to our Administrative Board that included the creation of a Building Committee. That committee was formed in December and Torchio Architects was contracted in 2004. Finally, after a successful initial financial campaign in which one million dollars was pledged, the historic decision was made in 2007 to break ground on the Reverend Roy B. Phillips Memorial Building. This new addition will now help us to *Offer Them Christ* to a new generation.

For years, our Sunday School and Youth Ministry have been cramped. This is especially evident with our youth ministry where 40 or more youth can be meeting in a room designed for half that number. The second floor of the “Phillips Building” is dedicated to our youth ministry and Sunday School. Both of the youth rooms will be able to accommodate groups of 75-100 students!

Our present facilities predate any expectations of accessibility. Our new addition is not only fully accessible, but it also provides access to the second floor of our existing space by means of a full service elevator. This alone is a much needed improvement.

Our present lease of our offices has served us in a dynamic way. However, we all look forward to being “back in the church.” The new office suite in the “Phillips Building” is going to better enable us to facilitate ministry. In planning for our present church building in the early 1960’s, a multiple staff church was not a consideration. Today, because of our vibrant church, it is a necessity.

Offer Them Christ is an opportunity for us to support what God is doing through this church for this community. To whom are we offering Christ? We are offering Christ to the children, youth and adults who come to worship God at our church. We are offering Christ to the families and individuals living in our communities. We are offering Christ to those that come to our church who need assistance and those in our community who feel they are above asking for help. We are offering Christ to your neighbor next door and our neighbors around the world.

The cost of offering Christ through this new construction is significant. With the completion of the Reverend Roy B. Phillips Memorial Building, our church will have incurred debt of approximately \$3.75 million dollars. To simply manage that debt, we will have to make monthly payments of approximately \$25,000, for thirty years. It would certainly be our goal to pay down that debt in less time.

God’s vision for our church is still as fresh as it was when our sanctuary was built in 1963. The scope of the work God has for us to do may have changed... but it is not any less significant. Rev. Phillips shared with us in our first capital campaign that “every generation has a work of God to do.” *Offer them Christ* is an opportunity for all of us to be involved in the work of this generation.