

OUMC FACILITIES SURVEY REVIEW FORM - MUSIC MINISTRY

	QUESTION	SUMMARY
1	On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being worst and 10 being best, how would you rate our music ministry facilities? buildings? ministry environments? furnishings?	Our Music Ministry Facilities, Buildings, Ministry Environment and Furnishings received an average rating of 6.2 out of 10. The high was 10, and the low 2, with the most frequent response being 7. This diverse set of responses, while for the most part positive, also reflect some of the current challenges our music ministry is experiencing. There are needs to be addressed here. A 6.2 rating is very low.
2	On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being worst and 10 being best, how would you rate our music ministry environments?	Our Music Ministry <i>Environments</i> received an average score or 6.6 out of 10. Slightly better than our overall rating of 6.2, but still not nearly as high as it should be. The high score was 10, and low of 2, just as with the overall rating, with the most frequent response being 9. Music Ministry Environments can be much improved upon.
3	On a scale from 1-10, with 1 being worst and 10 being best, how would you rate our music ministry furnishings?	Our Music Ministry Furnishings rated lowest of the group, at 6.0 out of 10. The high score here was also 10, and the minimus was 0, with 6 being the most frequent response. We think this is largely due to the lack of a Music Room and/or space to rehearse and keep/store instruments and other supplies.
4	If money were no object, what improvements would you like to see made to our facilities related to our music ministries at OUMC? Buildings and/ or furnishings/ equipment.	<p>Music room so musicians can prepare for worship before service without an audience. All equipment can be in one place - no setting up and tearing down. Build a separate choir/music room. A place for all to rehearse, store handbells, robes, and other equipment. Place to store equipment and good lighting when playing so easy to read music. Add a building to accommodate a rehearsal hall or develop the rehearsal hall in the existing worship building. Suggest a rehearsal hall with at least 2 practice rooms; need ample room for storage of sheet music, instruments etc. Obtaining remote control spot lights. Controlled from the booth with joy stick..Need additional space in choir loft.. Complete overhaul of the audio system in the sanctuary. I really think that at our church our music, at least in the contemporary worship service is actually pretty awesome. Our Chancel Choir needs a Choir room to rehearse and get dressed when they perform. They have NO room and have got to get dressed in the hall way. As part of the Hand Bell Choir, I would like to see the choir have a specific space for practice and storage of handbells and equipment. At present, all equipment has to be moved across the buildings before and after each practice. I would like to see the choir be able to obtain additional handbell octives, additional chime octave and other complementary instruments. A place where the Worship Leader could also have his office. It would make sense to have it all together then separate. Make sure the correct lyrics are placed on the screens. Providing a more convenient process of storing music supplies - book case limited. Space fory music limited. It would be fabulous to have a large music room which would accommodate choir rehearsals, instrumental rehearsals, handbells rehearsals, etc. This is the only church we've been in that doesn't have dedicated music facilities. We only have worship facilities, not regular music facilities. it takes a tremendous amount of time, and energy to constantly tear down and set up bells, chimes, and children's piano, chairs, folders. This room should be connected to the worship pastors office and the back entrances to the choir and bell lofts. The space should include white boards and staff boards for music education for both children, teens, and adults, as well as large caldenars to allow groups to keep tack of music planning. Monitors for the choir would be good. Music Suite with piano for rehearsals, place to hang our robes, and cubicles where we could store our music folders. Area for handbells and musical instruments to be stored. Have private entrance from music suite to sanctuary. Also, arrange choir loft to be centered facing congregation (where organ is located). A safe for our personal items during service, regular piano tuning, a practice piano. Better microphones for the choir and better lighting.</p>

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5	<p style="text-align: center;">With our Mission, Vision, and Strategic objectives in mind, what improvements to our music facilities will help us pursue those goals?</p>	<p>Music room, having a place that is just for music ministry, with equipment storage, We really don't have a physical area to improve just getting robes out of the hall would be an improvement, Live Stream the Traditional Service. The Worship Center Stage where the praise and worship band practices and performs is really nice. Diligent participation, commitment and contribution from the financial committee and congregation. The faithfulness of the people involved in the music ministry. This seems pretty adequate from my perspective in the audience. The music ministry has no specific room in the church dedicated to the production of music. Yes, there is the worship areas, which are used currently for rehearsals, but they are inadequate for availability, acoustics, and storage. Having this resource will only further enhance the preparation and artistry of worship. Vibrant, well-rehearsed music, which creates the atmosphere of worship, will only aid making our church more vibrant. Also, having a space set aside for our children to rehearse their music will not only make it exciting for them: it will also provide more opportunities to expand our music ministry and create space to create new ensembles for our students and young adults as well. It will also give our Drama participants a place to rehearse, and there are a lot of young people interested in getting involved. Music and the Arts is such an important part of this church, and providing a place to create this art will aid this church in creating those disciples that we strive to obtain for the betterment of the kingdom. The music program brings people into the church. It is a big reason we joined OUMC. It can/does create a worshipful atmosphere on Sunday. Communicating the value of the music ministry to the church in general can be seen in the facilities dedicated to the music program. If growth continues, will need more space for the choir, and other musicians More music opportunities in the contemporary service. Collaborate with other musicians, such as Janelle Glass' beginner violin studio, providing opportunities for young children to practice performing in front of crowds and diminishing stage fright. Church congregations are usually forgiving audiences. Christian music reaches all ages and teaches the stories of our religion and our Bible.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">What improvements could be made to our Music Ministry facilities in relation to worship services and rehearsal space?</p>	<p>Music room with storage space. We have a lot of set up and breakdown for our practice which takes time. Sound Proof Rehearsal Space. The Chancel Choir needs a Choir Room and we need a place for them to practice. Does our hand bell choir have a place to practice, NO! Music plays such an important role in worship. Preparation needs and deserves a place of quiet, order and proper storage and order in an effort to make things run as smoothly as possible for God's Glory. A convenient room for putting on and taking off robes or costumes for events such as Christmas and Easter, Organize music and materials. Some of the seasonal decorations could be stored at the present closet with holds the pastor's robes and assorted items. Communion items are stored there too. Managed well in small space. In a hurry people bump into each other. There is no rehearsal space other than the worship spaces. It is hard to rehearse the choir in the Sanctuary, because the choir members cannot hear each other as well as they should. The handbell choir has no rehearsal space, so their equipment needs to be build and taken down constantly, causing wear and tear on the equipment. There are only 2 options for their storage: either a small closet in the Worship Center, in which everything has to literally be crammed inside it, or the utilities closet in the Sanctuary, in which the equipment is subjected to humidity. It would be nice to have a rehearsal space where the handbells can rehearse and keep the equipment in one place. A rehearsal space would be good for all ensembles, so that there is always a space available. For example, the brass ensemble usually plays in the Sanctuary, but they rarely get to rehearse in that space, because there is usually something happening in there when they can. So they have to find some place adequate enough for this. A classroom is not an option, and the Worship Center's acoustics are not as good as the Sanctuary. A rehearsal space specifically for music and the arts will allow these ensembles to have a central place to rehearse when they need it.</p>

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7	In regards to Children's Music Ministry needs, what facility related improvements could be made?	<p>Music room could also be used for children Hire a part time person to lead children choir. Hope this will lead to a great YOUTH choir someday. Well it seems like we have a lot of children in our church. I don't really know what is being done with our children's music ministry. A facility to show the Children how important music is to worship and how important it is that they learn about instruments and singing and see things around them to encourage the growth and understanding of music and the importance of it in the church setting. Not just in the sanctuary but in a learning environment (such as a music room). I think having a music room for rehearsal would also give the kids a place to go to rehearse. Rehearsal space. It will give the kids a place to rehearse, and they will not have to take up space in the children's wing, which, unfortunately, has been an issue of conflict in the past. They could benefit from the same dedicated space. The children's music doesn't have a regular home base, the children need to be included. The Hybergers do an amazing job, considering their accomplishments with limited space, imagine the ease of not having to constantly set up and move rehearsal space. Advertise and Promote what the Choir is doing. Let the community know about kids choir and we will bring in people that way.</p>
8	What other thoughts would you like to share on how we could improve our Music Ministry facilities here at OUMC?	<p>Music room for practice and storage would be the most helpful It takes time and energy to set up tables just to practice. Plus, the wear and tear on the equipment. We need a Choir room for the Chancel Choir, and space to practice and rehearse. Please consider how important music is to our worship and how we need to encourage the growth of our music department in being able to have access to a place where music is what the space is all about. Not only for practice but creating an environment for learning and having the equipment and facilities available for MUSIC in every aspect needed. Also a place for the Worship Director to have an office. I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to voice these opinions. We have too many talented people in this congregation to not have some kind of area dedicated to the arts and music. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. Thank you for asking. We need music facilities, not just a choir loft on Sunday. Monitors for the choir would be great, if the choir is expected to stay up front during the service. They should be able to hear from a speaker, not an echo. Appreciate the people who give their time. Create opportunities in the contemporary service. More handbell octaves!</p>