



## Welcome Center

- Welcome to Lord of Life's new Welcome Center! This warm and inviting space is the first project funded by our members through the Welcome One Another Capital Campaign.
- The Welcome Center is designed as a gathering place for members, guests and friends. Coffee, donuts and bagels will be served here on Sunday mornings, and it will also be where our congregation celebrates special events, members can hold committee meetings, and everyone can come to share in fellowship. It also provides access to the new Hands of Faith store.
- The addition of a new gathering place will free up the Fellowship Hall for the many activities it will continue to host.
- The Welcome Desk will be staffed with volunteers every Sunday morning, providing information and directions to Sunday School classes, bible studies and church services. Television screens will provide this information as well.
- The room will seat 50 people. Sofas, chairs, tables and new coffee machines have been ordered.
- The Church Council selected church members to serve as a Building Team to oversee construction and work with the architect and contractor on plans, costs and detailed design. Many of these team members have experience in engineering or design.
- Construction on the Welcome Center began in June 2017. Lancaster and Associates is the architect, and Slate Construction is the General Contractor.
- The total cost of the Welcome Center is \$543,832. The Building Team worked closely with the contractor to reduce costs through value engineering, modifying lighting fixture choices and HVAC controls, and redesigning the foundation.
- Additional cost savings were the result of the hard work and talent of members who hand made ceiling tiles (a savings of \$16,000 alone!), and provided foster homes for landscape plants. Boy Scouts also helped to remove pavers.