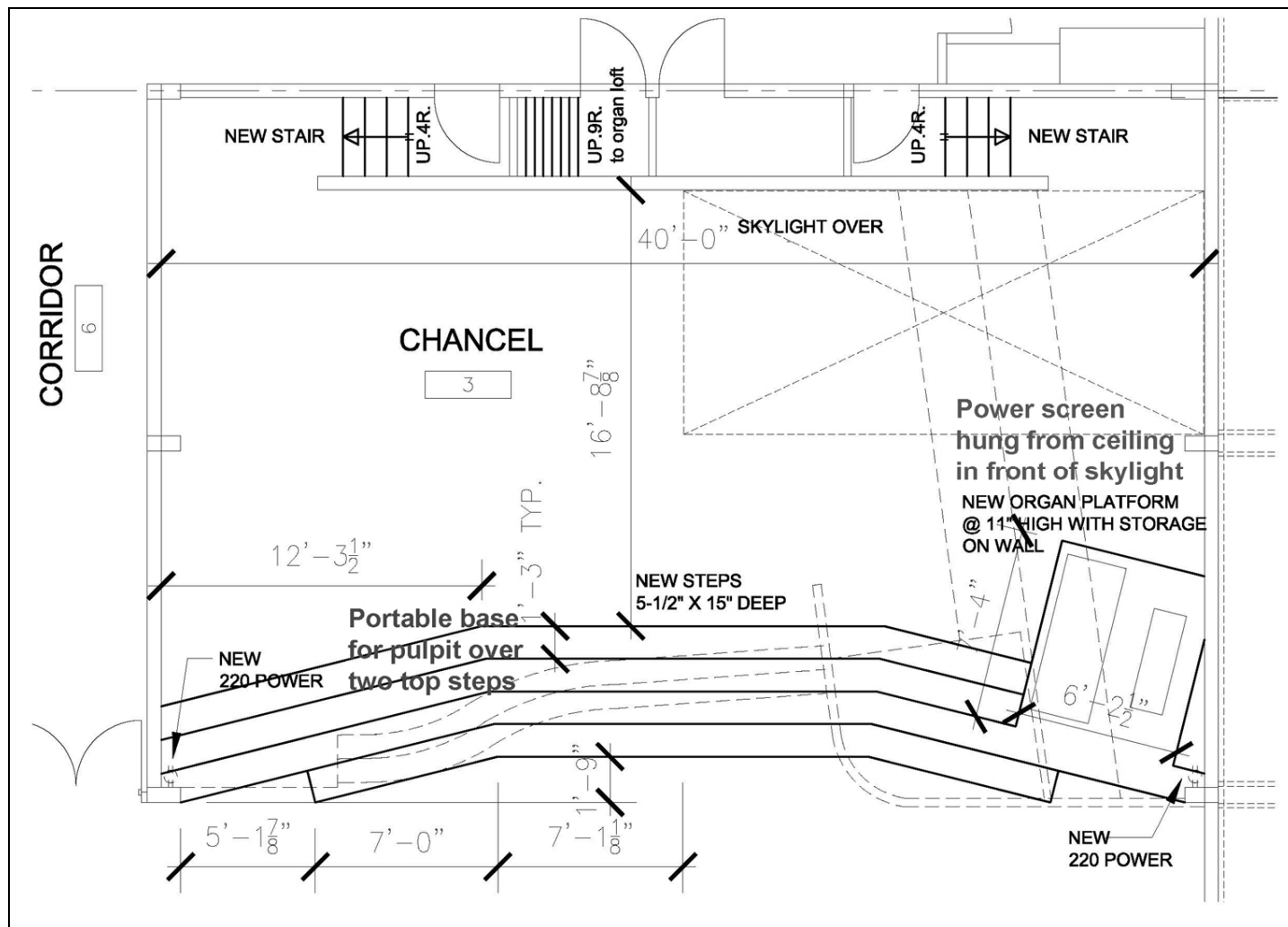


Highlands United Church  
 Chancel Remodeling Update  
 December 15, 2011



Last Sunday, Al Lill from the Building Committee outlined plans for remodeling the chancel prior to *Godspell* in February. It will feature much wider steps for the choir and be 11 inches (two-steps) higher than the existing chancel to improve visibility. The organ will be rotated and moved to the right to give more clear space in view of the congregation.

The sketch plan (above) of the remodeled chancel was prepared by Laurenz Kosichek and presented to the Leadership Board on Tuesday. The board approved proceeding with the project after Christmas at a cost of up to \$18,000 for the materials, carpentry, electrical and relocated sound connections. The work is expected to take up to two weeks so there will be some disruption of services and other uses of the sanctuary while it is being done.

The floor and new steps will be painted a dark colour for *Godspell*. We will install wood or wood-look flooring later (at an additional cost of up to \$12,000) that will be consistent with the overall Master Plan for the sanctuary. Since the organ will need to be moved, it will likely not be reconnected until the final finishing is in place. We also plan to install a new power projection screen in approximately the same location as the recent temporary one, but suspended from the ceiling. It will allow for full use of the newly raised chancel when the screen is not needed.