

## Congregation Fellowship

A trend we have been seeing is the enhancement of an established congregation's facility for fellowship. Historically, many churches get started by building a sanctuary and minor support spaces. As the congregation grows and matures the addition of a "fellowship style" narthex, multipurpose spaces, and weather appropriate entries are required to enhance the congregation's interaction.



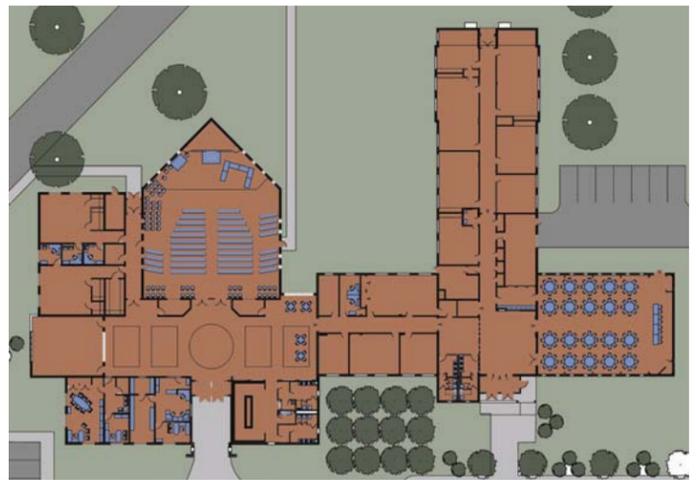
**Pearce Memorial Church**  
North Chili NY

This "fellowship style" narthex is at the hub of 3 primary areas: Sanctuary, multipurpose room, and classrooms. This space encourages interaction of congregation members before and after activities.

## Penfield United Methodist Church

Penfield NY

The congregation at PUMC is expanding and growing their ministry presence in the greater Rochester area. Architectura facilitated a design charrette with the congregation and their ideas were developed into a master plan, which provided phasing options. This clarified for the congregation which projects were an immediate need and which could be addressed at a future time. Phase one includes: Covered walkway and vestibule entry, naturally day lit narthex and fellowship areas and increased restrooms. Future projects include: A new 600 person sanctuary, new main narthex, church office suite and music ministry support areas.



Elevation

# Worship Facility Trends



## Rochester Chinese Christian Church

Penfield NY

The RCCC desired to enrich their congregation's fellowship by adding a multipurpose room and adult education classrooms. During design, preliminary construction estimates were assessed to understand how best to utilize available funds.

Architectura then carefully examined how best to align the new spaces to allow for continuity from the existing church while adhering to the budget. The final product was a Multi-purpose space partially surrounded by classroom space. Natural light was accomplished via decorative glass block windows in the multi-purpose space and commercial style windows within classroom spaces. The addition is clad in face brick to match the existing facility and split face block for economy. The roof forms mimic that of the Sanctuary space.

## Grace Lutheran Church

Bradford PA

Grace Lutheran is well known for its impact on the City of Bradford & surrounding communities. Their ministry positively affects the surrounding neighborhoods and they have grown beyond current facilities. A master plan was developed for a new 500-seat sanctuary to address these needs. Classrooms, chapel, office spaces & new storage were created to better serve the people of Bradford. Interior renovations include an expanded multi-purpose space and gathering (Narthex) space. To improve the church's visibility within Bradford, new front entries and site improvements have been designed.



Proposed Sanctuary