



IT'S TIME

YARROW ALLIANCE
CHURCH

FOREWARD

By Pastor Shawn

We're surrounded ... by beautiful rivers, lakes, mountains and forests, and by growing and expanding communities right here in Yarrow, in Chilliwack, and up and down the Fraser Valley. We're also surrounded by people with deep needs who struggle with spiritual questions, physical and mental health, difficult economic times, isolation and loneliness; even our kids and teens are struggling to find meaning, purpose and direction in life. That's why we believe at Yarrow Alliance – now more than ever – that it's time to act in the Way of Jesus as we seek to bring connection – with one another, our communities, and Christ.

Over the years, as our communities have changed and the times have changed, Yarrow Alliance has had to adapt and innovate. One of the restrictive factors on our ability to meet needs, to grow, and to serve our communities with greater effectiveness has been our aging facility. In the past few years alone, we've experienced numerous flood events in the church basement, run out of adequate space for our kids and youth programs, haven't been able to welcome those with mobility concerns, and have lacked adequate gathering spaces for hospitality and relationship building.

The plan that God has impressed on us in response to these limiting factors is to renovate, update and expand our entire facility, bringing it into the 21st century. This is long overdue, and we're very excited that in the spring of 2023, our congregation overwhelmingly voted in favor of proceeding. Enclosed in this brochure, you'll find all the information you need to understand the project and get involved in this exciting next step at Yarrow Alliance Church.

As we journey together on this project, there are three things I would ask you to consider:

- First – Reflect on the plans and on the needs, both in the church and in the community. Look at what God has put on our hearts to do, ask questions, and envision the future that God is leading us into.
- Second – Pray for God to lead us through this season and the project; pray that God would move in our hearts and make clear what each of us can contribute, and pray that God will continue to prepare us for the next season at Yarrow Alliance Church.
- Third – Consider what God would have you do by way of a faith pledge. This is a way that each of us can contribute in order to see this project through.

As I consider all this, let me say: I'm thankful to be working with such a great community of leaders on this project, I'm humbled to be serving as your Lead Pastor, and I'm excited to see how God will guide us into this next season at Yarrow Alliance Church, even as we renew our spaces. Let's follow Jesus into this together - IT'S TIME!



IT'S TIME TO MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



Jared Falk
Campaign Director



Shawn Vickar
Lead Pastor
Building Committee



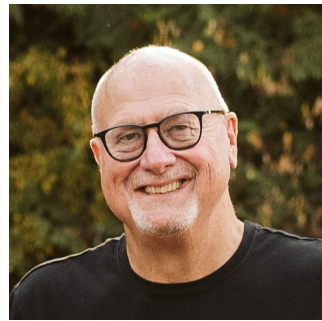
Danyka Van Santen
Print Media Coordinator
Social Media Team Leader
Administrative Assistant



Joy Zaporozan
Follow-Up Team Leader
Banquet Team Leader



TJ Galmut
Multi-Media Director



Brian Derksen
Leadership Commitment
Co-Leader
Building Committee



Mia Van Stalduinen
Board Rep/Liaison



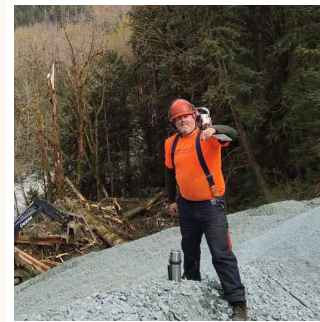
Anna Keller
Youth Team Leaders



Kent Dunham
Communication Team
Leader



Kim Douglas
Treasurer



Curtis Fast
Prayer Team Leader



Charlene Toews
Childrens Team Leader



Ken Falk
Leadership Commitment
Co-Leader
Building Committee



Scott Block
Building Committee



Jim Schroeder
Building Committee



Herb Schmidt
Building Committee

65 YEARS OF YAC

1958

Yarrow Alliance Church originated from an extension ministry of Chilliwack Alliance Church, starting with our first service on June 8, 1958, led by Reverend J. T. McNair. These gatherings were held in the Yarrow School basement as we sought our permanent home.

1959

And so began the very first building project in Yarrow Alliance Church history! Fast forward to November 15th, 1959 – a date etched in our history books as the official day of dedication. More than 60 years later, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our visionary founders who, with a future-focused mindset, erected a place of worship that has faithfully served our community for all these remarkable years.

1960'S

Yarrow Alliance Church experienced remarkable growth during its early years, with an average Sunday morning attendance soaring to 183 people by the 1960s.

1970'S

In the 70's the church stabilized at about 100 people; but then, in 1995, it confronted a challenging turning point, facing a decline in attendance that would test its resilience.

1995

On some Sundays there were scarcely more than 35 – 40 people in attendance. Many wondered if the church could weather the challenges it was facing. However, a resolute core group of approximately 30 individuals made a heartfelt commitment to stand by the church “no matter what”; firmly believing that God held the power to breathe new life into this struggling congregation. Little did they know the extraordinary journey that lay ahead, guided by God's divine plan.

1996

In July 1996, Pastor Scott Fortnum, formerly the Youth Pastor at Sevenoaks Alliance Church, answered the pastoral call, believing God had led him to serve our congregation.

1999

The once-small country church, which had maintained an average attendance of 95 for over 25 years, was transformed. By 1999, church attendance had surged past 250 people, with many young families becoming integral to our church community.



DRIVEN BY LOVE



Attendance exceeded 300, Sunday school had 200 kids, and on July 26th, 2000, we bought portables due to space constraints. We also expanded our staff with new roles. The purchased portables were already 12 years old, with a typical lifespan of 20 to 30 years.

2000

During the Annual General Meeting of 2011, a report read as follows: "The portables have served us well beyond their projected time. They need to be removed, and necessary classroom, office, and meeting space need to be constructed". Guess what we still have?

2011

"The church continues to wrestle with its need for space and improving the condition of its aging facility ... The building is an aging obstacle to ministry." - John Gray, Interim Pastor

2017

Our decision to relocate our offices from the Vedder Road plaza back into Yarrow was a significant one. This move has brought us closer to our church's home and the community we are deeply committed to serving.

2020

Fall 2021 may not have had the greatest of all the floods but it was undoubtedly historical. Our basement experienced not one but two floods as the town of Yarrow went through numerous cycles of evacuations and call-backs in a situation totally unprecedented.

2021

The time had come to take control of the recurring basement flooding issue. Without a dependable basement, our ministry efforts were hampered. The church rallied together and collectively contributed \$125,000, which enabled us to revamp the pump system, install emergency generators, and replace damaged materials.

2022

This summer marked the renovation and renewal of our kitchen and the kids' ministry classrooms in the basement! Interestingly, our portable buildings are still standing, defying the years. However, it's worth noting that it's time for a change. The exact year? We'll leave that to you to calculate how long overdue this transition is. While our portables have served us admirably, providing space for our Children's and Youth programs, it is undeniably time to say "farewell" to these faithful servants and to say "hello" to the future of Yarrow Alliance Church...

2023

IT'S TIME TO BUILD

For years, the idea of a building project has lingered on the horizon of Yarrow Alliance Church, but time and again, various factors have put the brakes on our plans. However, that's all changing now!

As you may already be aware, the church has recently taken significant steps forward, including installing a major stormwater management upgrade for our existing building and successfully renovating our basement after substantial flooding. But the mission can't stop at where we were before. This next step in the campus development is absolutely essential to realizing the vision and mission of Yarrow Alliance Church. IT'S TIME to start preparing for the future.



A small disclaimer for you: please keep in mind that the 3D renderings are meant to provide a visual concept of our project's size and scope. While they're a helpful tool for envisioning the future of our church, they may not represent every exact detail!



IT'S TIME TO UPGRADE



The upcoming new building will be a single-storey wood frame structure built on a sturdy concrete foundation. A crawlspace will be situated beneath the floor, facilitating maintenance while keeping the vital parts of the building well above flood concerns. The roof design will feature a combination of flat and peak areas crafted using pre-engineered trusses. To adhere to safety standards and minimize costly upgrades to our existing sanctuary building, a 2-hour fire-rated concrete block firewall will separate the new structure from the original sanctuary, which dates back to 1959. While the original building remains in good overall condition, the seismic upgrades alone would be significant without delivering substantial benefits.

To accommodate the new construction, we'll need to make site upgrades for drainage, landscape enhancements, driveway access, and parking. Additionally, an electrical service upgrade is imperative, as the current capacity won't suffice for the new facilities.

We've engaged Titan Construction as our trusted Project Manager. Working closely with them, we've selected an architectural firm recommended by their team to design the project. Preliminary plans have already been generated and endorsed by the Building Committee. As we move forward, we'll enter the working drawing phase.

Now, as you all know building costs are liable to change so this budget is as accurate as we can provide for now!

And now we come to the part that everyone is always curious about:

The Budget Breakdown:

New 2200 sq ft multi-purpose space x \$600/sq ft	\$1,320,000
Kitchen equipment and furnishings	\$50,000
Additional parking and site works (allowance)	\$150,000
Electrical service upgrade (allowance)	\$75,000
Exterior finishes (new windows and siding) for existing	\$185,000
Air conditioning for existing (allowance)	\$25,000
Contingency	\$150,000*

Total Budget Price **\$1,955,000**

*We have allowed a generous contingency as there are several unknowns at this time.



IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR HOUSE A HOME

The new addition will significantly benefit our ministries:

- Comfort and Versatility: Improved comfort and flexibility for year-round use.
- Expanded Ministry: Space for a variety of community activities and events.
- Seismic Safety: Enhanced safety during seismic events.
- Energy Efficiency: A modern electrical system supports HVAC and energy-saving solutions, reducing costs.



IT'S TIME TO CREATE SPACE FOR COMMUNITY

The new addition will help us serve the community better:

- Community Gathering Space: Addressing the need for a local gathering place.
- Event Versatility: Hosting various events like weddings, classes, and more.
- Welcoming Cafe: Creating a friendly space for Sunday gatherings and connections.

IT'S TIME TO WELCOME EVERYONE

The new addition will help us build deeper connections:

- Visible Kids' Check-in: Easy-to-find kids' check-in center for parents.
- Welcoming Reception: A friendly desk for newcomers to spot.
- Clear Signage: Improved signage for clear directions.
- Open Accessibility: Barrier-free design with enhanced wheelchair access.



IT'S TIME TO KNOW YOUR NEXT STEPS

STEP 1:

Stay up to date! Make sure that we have your mailing address, subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on social media — whatever way you like to get information!



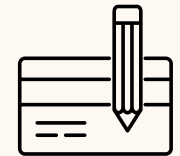
STEP 2:

Read through the prayer guide and join us in praying for the success of this campaign.



STEP 3:

Spend some time with God and ask him honestly what you can give over the next 3 years, and fill out your pledge card.



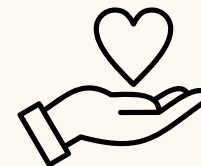
STEP 4:

Scan this QR code, get your tickets and save the date for our Celebration Banquet on Sunday, December 10th.



STEP 5:

On Sunday, December 17th, bring your completed pledge card and join us in offering it to the Lord.



IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR PLEDGE

Starting the conversation with God about what your pledge should be can be intimidating.
That's why we've included this grid to help!

Monthly gift	Yearly Gift	3 Year Total
\$40	\$480	\$1,440
\$60	\$720	\$2,160
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$300	\$3,600	\$10,800
\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$600	\$7,200	\$21,600
\$700	\$8,400	\$25,200
\$800	\$9,600	\$28,800
\$1000	\$12,000	\$36,000
\$1200	\$14,400	\$43,200
\$1600	\$19,200	\$57,600

1 Year Tax Credit	3 Year Tax Credit
\$187	\$560
\$306	\$917
\$544	\$1,632
\$782	\$2,346
\$1,139	\$3,418
\$1,735	\$5,204
\$2,330	\$6,990
\$2,926	\$8,777
\$3,521	\$10,563
\$4,116	\$12,349
\$4,712	\$14,135
\$5,903	\$17,708
\$7,093	\$21,280

*Tax credit based on 2023 CRA rates of 20.06% of first \$200 and 45.8% for amounts over that
* All tax credits dependent on individual income based on resident of BC

* Not applicable to corporations

IT'S TIME FOR A FEW FAQ'S

WHAT ARE WE ASKING?

We are asking every individual who calls Yarrow Alliance Church home to make a 3-year pledge to this project. Because we are all individuals, that pledge will look different for each of us. Maybe your sacrifice is your weekly coffee run. Maybe your sacrifice is to not take that trip to Mexico this year. Maybe your sacrifice is to sell an asset and offer those funds as a gift. The key is that they are not equal gifts but equal sacrifices.

WHAT IS A PLEDGE?

A pledge is a commitment that is above and beyond your regular Sunday-to-Sunday tithe. While your standard giving supports the church's daily operations, including youth, children's, worship, and other ministries, a pledge is a personal conversation between you and the Lord. It involves determining what you can contribute to the building campaign over the next three years.

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

Because we can't do it without you! It's time for all of us to unite and take responsibility for the house that God has entrusted to us. While the church isn't defined by its building, it's essential to care for it as the space where we gather to worship. If we don't invest in upgrading our building, in a few more years, all that might remain is a roof.

IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE

On behalf of the Steering Committee, I am very excited to invite you and your family to join us at an all-church gala banquet on December 10th to celebrate our new building project fundraiser!

Food and fun are included. The red-carpet event is fully catered, with music, games and entertainment for all ages throughout the evening.

Although there is a small event fee for individuals (\$10) and families (\$30), we do not want the cost prohibiting anyone from attending. If you'd like to join us but can't find room in the budget, contact Danyka (danyka@yarrowalliance.org) at the church office, who will hook you up with complimentary tickets.

More event details are provided below, and you can find out how to secure your tickets by scanning the QR code or visiting YarrowAlliance.org/it's-time. Also, if you have any further questions about the capital campaign, please browse the FAQ on the same page.

-Jared Falk
Campaign Director



When: December 10th
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Chilliwack Alliance Church
Parking: Ample parking on site
Cost: \$10 per ticket, \$30 per family
Tickets: Scan QR or go to YarrowAlliance.org/its-time
Dress: Dress to impress!

