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The little church that could

Rapid growth sends Hillsdale Presbyterian Church to CDC for expansion loan

When Laurie Johnston became the supply pastor at Hillsdale (Kan.) Presbyterian Church in 1997, the perks were obvious.

First, the part-time assignment serving the 30-member congregation would leave her ample time to care for her three children. Second, Hillsdale's location is just six miles north of the First Presbyterian Church of Paola, where her husband Kirk is the pastor, making navigating family responsibilities even easier.

But, in eight short years this small church has grown by more than 300%, outgrowing the rapid growth of the community where it resides just 30 minutes south of the Kansas City metropolitan area. The result: A lot more hours for the "part-time" pastor, and a need to upgrade and expand their



The new space for the Hillsdale (Kan.) Presbyterian Church began to take shape quickly, once the trusses were set.

space.

"When I started here we had a sanctuary space, two educational rooms, a kitchen, a small fellowship area and rest-rooms," says Pastor Johnston. "That was fine at the time. But as the congregation saw the growth in the community, they became energized about the possibilities of reaching out to the community and sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ. We really focused on the needs of the families coming into our area, and those families responded."

As the congregation's ranks began to swell, it became obvious that they'd need to do something to their space to adequately serve their membership, both new and old.

After considering their options, the congregation settled on constructing a large multi-purpose building housing a combined fellowship hall/sanctuary space that seats 200, five large educational rooms, a new office for the pastor and the church secretary, and a brand new kitchen.

They also considered a host of options for the \$200,000



loan needed for the project, and ended up turning to Church Development Corporation.

"Kirk had had such a good experience with CDC on loans for his church that totaled more than \$1.5 million," says Pastor Johnston. "We found that even with a much smaller loan, we got the same service and a great rate. The CDC staff was very supportive, and always available to advise us throughout the process. That was extremely helpful, because the congregation had never undertaken something like this before."

Construction was completed earlier this summer – just in time for a very busy Vacation Bible School. The first service for the now 130-member congregation was held in the new space on July 15, 2005.

"Dave Hintz and the rest of the CDC staff were as excited as we were about the first Sunday in our new sanctuary," says Pastor Johnston. "We just can't say enough good things about our experience with them."

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The kitchen is now equipped to handle fellowship events for the growing congregation.

New sanctuary space has allowed room for even greater growth.



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