



STEEPLE SQUARE NEWS

WINTER 2022

Final Construction Milestone Completed

John Schmidt, Steeple Square Board
Past-President

We are excited to announce our final construction milestone for the campus was completed in November 2021. The newly-renovated lower level of the Steeple Square Community Event Center now consists of three fantastic areas.

The entire lower level is the Sisters of Charity BVM Community Center. Steeple Square is eternally grateful for the support of the BVM community in helping save the former St. Mary's campus. This beautiful space hosts two sections:

- The McCoy Multipurpose Room, which is a versatile space for small events/parties, meetings, training, conferences, networking events, and more. Seating capacity is 136 people and has state-of-the-art AV equipment.
- The Sister Helen Huewe OSF Culinary Kitchen, which hosts vocational training in partnership with Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and is available for other rentals and partnerships. When Steeple Square was founded, a culinary kitchen was one of the initial ideas supported by Sr. Helen, and the BVM's generosity allowed for naming the space in honor of her.

At our annual meeting and donor reception in February, I turned over the presidency reigns to Judy Wolf,

past treasurer of Steeple Square. As you know, Judy has been hands on assisting with the success of our campus and mission, and we are excited to continue on our mission work with the construction phase now completed. We are also honored that Terry Friedman was elected vice president, while we thank outgoing vice president, Dick Gregory, for leading us through critical strategic planning during his term.

Also at the donor reception, we recognized friends of Steeple Square who have contributed immensely to our growth and mission:

- Board past-president, Jack McCullough, received the Sr. Helen Huewe Service Award, for exemplifying the values of Sr. Helen for the betterment of Steeple Square. Jack's son, Pat McCullough, accepted his award in his absence.
- Gronen team members and volunteers, Terri Droessler and Adam Schwendinger, receiving Volunteers of the Year Awards for going above and beyond for our campus projects.

It was an honor to serve as Steeple Square president these past three years, and I look forward to continuing to serve as past-president for the next three years, delivering on our mission to use our campus to serve the good of our community.



Programming & Partnerships

With the construction phase now complete, our mission has turned to partnering with local community organizations, business, non-profits and people to utilize our renovated campus for the good of our community. Leading this effort are board members, Nancy Kann, from Gronen, and Wendy Mihm-Herold, from Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC).

One of the initial programming and partnership efforts has already come to fruition with NICC's culinary training in our Sr. Helen Huewe OSF Culinary Kitchen, located in the Sisters of Charity BVM Community Center. A critical vocational need in our community, culinary classes started in October.

Nancy shares, "Steeple Square's community engagement efforts and outreach over the years provided the vision, inspiration and



support to reclaim previously unusable space in the basement of the former church to create flexible multipurpose spaces and classrooms for transformational programming, job training, health and wellness education, and culinary. The lower level supports the event center as a hub for community gathering, breaking bread, involvement and spirit. It also allows opportunity for the Marita Theisen Childcare Center and supportive housing programming in partnership with Opening Doors. We are thankful for so many dedicated and generous supporters and are excited to grow neighborhood and area partnerships that support our mission of enhancing lives."

Wendy adds, "The Northeast Iowa Community College is privileged to partner with Steeples Square, the mission of serving all students to assure they are working towards self sufficiency and obtaining meaningful careers. The strong partnership with Opportunity Dubuque is enhanced by having this additional partnership to assure we have funding for stipends while in training, childcare onsite and training in a great updated historical facility in the Washington neighborhood."

Steeple Square looks forward to many more partnership and programming initiatives on our campus that deliver value to Greater Dubuque.



SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

**HONKAMP HALL, STEEPLE SQUARE
COMMUNITY EVENT CENTER**

5:30 p.m. : Cocktails & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m. : Concert Act One

7:30 p.m. : Intermission & Dessert

7:45 p.m. : Concert Act Two

TICKETS : \$ 100

All proceeds benefit the non-profit organization, Steeple Square, including auction items throughout the evening

IN THE MOOD

MORE INFO / PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:
steeple-square.com/events/in-the-mood-2022



**FEATURING HUNTER
FUERSTE & THE AMERICAN
VINTAGE ORCHESTRA**

SPONSORSHIP TABLES

Levels include dinner, drink tickets and a premier location in Honkamp Hall:

Platinum = \$2,500 | Gold = \$1,500 | Silver = \$1,000

To reserve, contact: jwolf@steeple-square.com or 563.599.1479

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR STEEPLE SQUARE



Check out our updated video on our mission and campus!

visit youtu.be/6voEaITYFOU



Marita Theisen Childcare Center Updates

Judy Wolf, Marita Theisen Childcare Center board past-president and treasurer

In January, the center welcomed our new childcare director, Dawn Harrison. In addition to having a Master's Degree in Special Education, Dawn brings with her 20 years of experience in education and social services. This makes her a great fit for our non-profit childcare center, where we serve 70% low income families. Please help me welcome Dawn to our childcare team.

In July of 2021, we opened and dedicated our new outdoor play and learning area in memory of Jan Malone Spahn. Thank you to all of our donors, grantors and contractors for this fabulous space for our students and teachers!

It's also time for fall Pre-K enrollment! Our childcare center offers the free state of Iowa voluntary preschool program so please refer any families interested in this programming our way. We have a solid group of three-year olds moving up to preschool, but we currently have several spots available. If you or someone you know is interested in a private tour of the center for any of our classrooms (6 weeks to Pre-K), contact Dawn at childcare@steeple-square.com or 563-587-8830.



Finally, last spring, our childcare center was awarded Level 4 of the Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS) by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS). According to the DHS website, "The Quality Rating System (QRS) was created in 2006 to raise the quality of child care in Iowa, to increase the number of children in high-quality child care settings, and to educate parents about quality in child care. This voluntary program provides a rating of between one and five stars for providers who go the extra mile to offer exceptional child care." We are very proud of achieving this status with the brief time our center has been open.

MTCC IN THE NEWS

Check out the Wall Street Journal article and Fox Business News video as MTCC board president, Judy Wolf, advocates for a public-private solution to the childcare staffing crisis facing our country. Way to go, Judy!

THE ARTICLE :
tinyurl.com/2cxbatt4



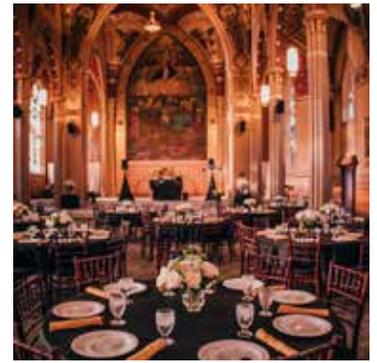
THE VIDEO :
tinyurl.com/mrx42dd5



YOUR RENTAL AT STEEPLE SQUARE SUPPORTS OUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND OUR MISSION.

To inquire about renting Steeple Square for your next event – including weddings, receptions, celebrations, business meetings, end-of-life services, concerts, art shows, and more – contact:

563.235.3584 | events@steeple-square.com
or visit us online: steeple-square.com/rent



Event Center Activity

The Steeple Square Community Event Center continues to host dozens of events, both public and private, especially now with three amazing, flexible space options:

1 The iconic **Honkamp Hall**, was host to the following since January of 2021:

- Wedding receptions = 13
- Wedding ceremonies = 21
- Celebrations of Life = 5
- Progressive Dinners = 7
- Historic Tours = 21
- Job Fairs = 2
- Anniversary Parties = 2
- Music Concerts = 2
- Wedding Shows = 2
- Marys & Mimosas and Just for Her Shopping Events

2 The **Steeple Square Courtyard** is now open and available during warm weather months for outdoor weddings, receptions, parties, business social hours, community events, etc. Center of the courtyard is the new Woodward Foundation Playscape designed by local artist, Adam Eikamp, from Eikamp Arts.

3 Our final construction projects are complete with the opening of the lower level, the **Sisters of Charity BVM Community Center**. On that level are two spaces. The McCoy Multipurpose Room is perfect for businesses and organizations looking to rent space for medium-sided meetings and training sessions, and also anyone looking for a medium-sized space for family celebrations or social events. Also in the BVM Community Center is the Sr.

Helen Huewe OSF Culinary Kitchen, used in partnership with NICC for vocational training and available for rent for those looking for a large, state-of-the-art kitchen space. We are excited to partner with Project Rooted who utilizes the BVM Community Center for their mission to deliver healthy foods to kids.

Finally, mark your calendars for our monthly Social Hours, in which we host guest bartenders. All proceeds go to Steeple Square. Social Hours run 5 - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates in 2022:

- March 30
- April 27
- May 25
- June 29
- July 27
- August 31
- September 28
- October 26
- November 30
- December 28

"Everything went smoothly and perfect! We truly appreciate everything you guys did for us. Our wedding was perfect and memorable. Everyone was professional, and our wedding day turned out perfect. We couldn't be any happier!"



— Savannah H, 2021 bride

Stained Glass Window Update

Article courtesy of Gronen

Dating back to the mid-19th Century, the stained glass windows that make up the Steeple Square Community Event Center are truly unique. Created in the “Munich-Style” by Franz Xaver Zettler, the depicted scenes were painted on larger sheets of glass, and then fused to the glass through firing in intense heat. The results were extremely detailed depictions of the subjects.

In November 2021, the very last restored stained glass window was placed back into its newly reconstructed frame. Since 2015, over 40 stained glass windows have been rehabilitated through community workshops, Four Mounds HEART Program, and most recently with the help of Tim Olson and our very own window expert, Adam Schwendinger. Thank you to the many partners, sponsors, donors, and talented volunteers who have made such an impact on this project.

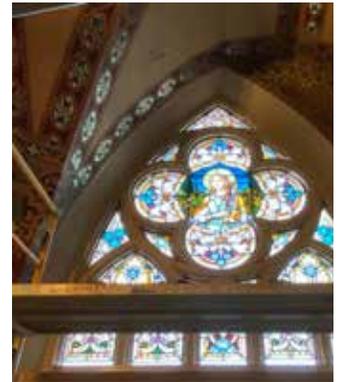


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AWARDS RECEIVED

Steeple Square was honored to receive Best of Show from the 1000 Friends of Iowa's Best Development Awards in 2021

For the 2nd year in a row, Honkamp Hall was named WeddingWires Couples' Choice Awards

The Knot recognized Honkamp Hall with the Best of Weddings award

Wedding Rule named Honkamp Hall a 2022 Editor's Choice Award Winner



GRANTS RECEIVED

Thank you for your support!

- Iowa Arts Council Marketing Grant and COVID Relief Grant
- McDonough Foundation
- Future Ready Iowa Child Care Challenge
- Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund
- City of Dubuque Purchase of Service
- Community Foundation Community Impact
- 2021 Tourism Reboot Grant from Travel Dubuque

Welcome to Steeple Square!

Welcome to the Marita Theisen Childcare Center

Dawn Harrison, Childcare Director

Welcome to the Steeple Square Board of Directors

Dave Spahn, President, Dubuque Stamp & Manufacturing

New MTCC executive board elected in January 2022

President: Julie Griep, M.ED., Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Early Childhood Faculty

Vice President: Rick Runde, CFO, Dubuque Archdiocese

Treasurer: Judy Wolf, Retired, John Deere Dubuque Works

Secretary: Nicole Gantz, Community Leader/Marketing Professional



Dawn Harrison



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