

# Sanctuary AV Project

Our new AV system in the Sanctuary will be a multi-purpose system to address many needs of the church.

**Screens** – There will be two 70-inch screens in the front of the church for those in the sanctuary and a 55-inch screen in front of the balcony so the choir can enjoy the service.

**Sight and Sound** – the sound system will be upgraded to give us better control. We presently record all services on a CD. We have a camera at the back of the church and the new equipment will allow us to record DVDs of the service and other things that happen in the sanctuary. The choir sometimes uses recorded music to represent a full orchestra accompanying them. At present we have to play the recorded music quite loud, in order for the choir to pick up their notes. Two small portable speakers will be aimed at the choir allowing them to better hear the music they are singing.

**Outreach** – with the new DVD recorder we will be able to download the pastor's message or special service to our webpage. We will also use the system to record the choir and have them on our webpage. In addition, we will be able to record baptisms, weddings, receiving new members, children's programs, and other events that happen in the sanctuary. Many families would like to have recordings of these events for themselves and to share with others. In today's digital world, many people check out potential churches via websites. We need to have not only a sharp website, but one that reflects what we do.

**Cost** – this new system was not in the budget. The council has projected the cost of the project at \$10,500. It will be necessary to raise the funds from donations to the church. Much like our recent stained glass project we are asking members to donate above and beyond their usual giving. The UMM have already pledged \$2,500 to the project. Any funds you donate should note the money is going to the AV Project.