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The Hamstra Group Builds A New Church For A New Era



First Reformed Church utilized traditional steel framing with charcoal split-faced block. Silver aluminum composite panels and horizontal metal siding complete the look. The tilted windows over the entry doors, as well as the tilted wall in the front of the church, break up the look of the building and add visual interest. The two unique tapered and tilted entry canopies give the church a modern look.

The Hamstra Group has built many churches, but its most recent—First Reformed Church in DeMotte, Indiana—should stand the test of time. This church features the amenities and room for growth that typify many modern churches, and in delightfully creative ways.

While the motivations for attending church have changed little in the past centuries, the facilities that animate today's churches are multiple and flexible. First Reformed Church was not designed merely for brief services on Sunday mornings, but as a gathering place with active programs in outreach and community every week of the year.

Personal Reflections from Wilbert Hamstra

“I have attended First Church since my childhood and grew up in this church. I was involved in the leadership and was on the board for 25 years or more. My wife and I were also youth sponsors for about 12 years. It has been a big part of my life and my growth in my faith because of the church.

Both my wife and I wanted to see a new church built because the old building was built in the 1800s. It was first a small frame church and our company added onto it on three different occasions.

When I was a freshman in high school, my family moved to the property that the church now sits on. I think that was probably the best location because of the intersection of two main north-south and east-west roads. The site could have worked well for a regional shopping center. But, when the church became interested in purchasing land for the new building, which they did about seven or eight years ago, I was even more pleased to use that site for the

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new location of what I can say is my church, because I have been involved with it for a long time.

I think it is a great site and the building turned out to be one of the best buildings. Our company has built many churches and I think this is the best designed and nicest looking church that we have been involved with as a company. It was designed to be very functional, and it works and flows so well. I want to give Betty

Lamp credit for that, as she was the main designer along with others who designed the layout of the building. Since I am retired, I want to thank everyone in The Hamstra Group who designed and built the church. To me, it's a work of art which I hope will be used in the right way for years to come."

—Wilbert Hamstra, *Founder and Former President*
The Hamstra Group



The Children's Area: The 40,000-square-foot facility includes every modern amenity. The children's area is designed with wide hallways and flexible spaces to make learning fun and interesting. Technology includes integrated sound and visual upgrades, including three large televisions at the kids check-in area that project a beautiful aquarium. Bright colors and textures make a space that the kids enjoy visiting. The nursery includes an infant's room, crawlers room, and a walkers room, as well as an adjoining nursing mothers room. Kid's classrooms include large gathering rooms with adjoining break-out spaces for classroom time.



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