

#24 Clinton Frame Mennonite Church

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"The challenges of creating a 1,200 seat worship space without municipal water and the ability to sprinkle the building was a huge challenge in the 1999 expansion. The desire of church leadership to keep worshipers as close to the platform and not allow the balcony to feel disconnected from the main worship space drove us to the concept of creating loge seating. The loges allowed us to 'connect' the balcony with the main floor. This was the first time we had used loge seating in a worship environment. I think we successfully created the ability for a small church in the country to have a worship service with a really large gathering of people!"

--Doug Wogoman, President
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History:

- In 1999, DJ built a 59,140 sq. ft. addition for the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, one of the largest church expansions in the Goshen community's history at the time. It nearly quadrupled the congregation's existing space from 21,000 sq. ft. to 75,000 sq. ft. The project included a new sanctuary with the capacity to seat 1,200 people using loge seating, new Sunday school classrooms, a new fellowship hall with seating for 585, and an office complex containing nine offices, a conference room, and a work room.
- DJ renovated a portion of the circa 1954 section of the building in 2007 when we expanded the first floor junior youth area. Also, the library and two other rooms were combined to create a single large space, and the youth area on the second floor was upgraded.
- DJ currently is back on the Clinton Frame campus, renovating 45,000 sq. ft. of its current church facility, focusing on the worship and children's ministry areas. The church and DJ will update the children's environment with age appropriate themes in order to attract more children and families to the church. The area will have larger classrooms with learning and craft areas, a gym, and added safety and security. The gym will be equipped for children's and youth activities, basketball, and volleyball. Projection, video, and décor upgrades will be included at the same time to the worship setting, creating an intimate, less formal feel.

