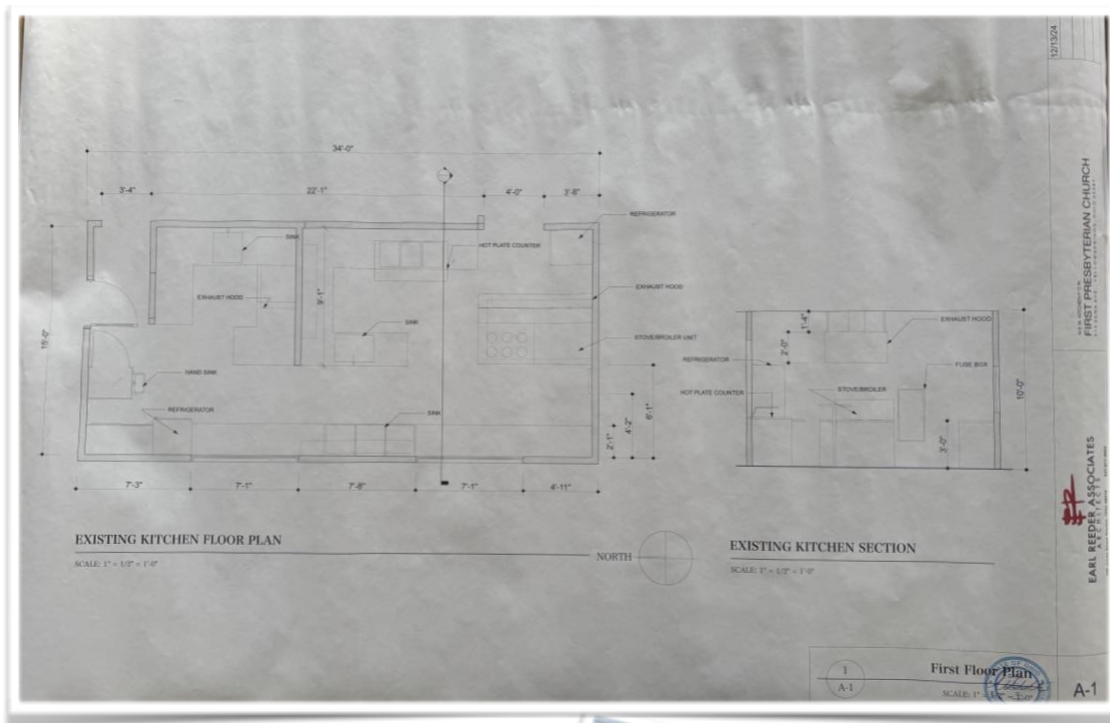


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YSCF and the YAB Response to Food Security

Our community has a surprising number of individuals, representing all ages who are food insecure. The YSCF Youth Action Board (YAB), made up of students ages 14-18 identified food insecurity and access to nutritious food as the top concern for our community youth for 2024. The need for a community soup kitchen had been discussed, requested and researched. The First Presbyterian Church of Yellow Springs kitchen was selected due to its location, the once state-of-the-art equipment and the Foundation's and Presbyterian's shared mission to support our community. The Foundation committed to providing funds up to a maximum of \$20,000 with a directed grant of \$7,750 from funds raised by the Youth Action Board in 2024. These funds were specifically allocated for the restoration and improvement of the current kitchen facilities.

Progress to date:

- The YSCF created "Community Kitchen, LLC" a wholly owned subsidiary of the YSCF, specific to this project and staff the LLC
- Liability Insurance for the Kitchen was paid for by the Foundation.
- Required drawings were created by Earl Reeder & Associates of the current floor plan.
- Repairs and checks were made to the following:
 - Electrical checked by Paul at Regulator Watts
 - Range, Ovens and Warming Pans checked & temped by Robert, Range Repair
 - Plumbing at three compartment sink and bathrooms repaired by Andy at AC Service
 - Grease Trap cleared by CT Brown
 - Hood Fan by Dishwasher area and Stove checked by Dayton Hood & Fan. Estimate submitted for potential installation.
 - Village Building Inspector from NIC and Meg Leatherman did walkthrough of kitchen space.

Next steps:

1. Convene users for review of use and needs including Who's Hungry, The Beloved Community Project, among others.
2. Purchase additional appliances needed and create plan for lockable storage, church storage, and schedule users.

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