

## INTRODUCTION

Situated on an ancient route just north of the site where Boone's Ferry made regular crossings of the Willamette River for more than 100 years, the McMenamins Old Church & Pub location and surroundings are steeped in history.

The graceful church was built in 1911 by the Wilsonville Methodist Society. Reverend John Exon, its first minister, was better known as a riverboat pilot. The spirit of the local Methodists ran high at this site until 1992, when the congregation moved to a new building in an area closer to where the majority of its members were living.

At the time of its construction, the church stood at the north end of the original village, a few blocks from the Willamette River and ferry crossing. The street leading by the church, Boone's Ferry Road, bisected the small commercial center to the ferry and followed the same route as an ancient Native American trail leading up the Willamette Valley.

The namesake of the road and ferry, Alphonso Boone, was grandson of famous American frontiersman Daniel Boone. (He was also cousin to John Daniel Boon, who had dropped the final "e" in the family name and became the builder of what is now McMenamins Boon's Treasury in Salem.) Alphonso had settled this area in 1846, establishing a regular ferry service. Native Americans, who had a centuries-long tradition of crossings here, were said to have helped ferry Boone's earliest patrons via their canoes.

Well into the automobile age, Boone's Ferry remained a vital link in this route between Portland and the Willamette Valley. While the Boone name persevered in connection with both the ferry crossing and the thoroughfare, family members died and others relocated. By the late 1800s, the community known as Boone's Landing bore the new name of Wilsonville, for newcomer Charles Wilson, the local postmaster and storeowner. To this day, a debate continues among some longtime residents over the "rightful" name of the town.

In the 1950s, change came quickly to Wilsonville. Bulldozers and road graders knocked on Wilsonville's door, bringing with them the latest in transportation technology: the Interstate. What was lauded as a great harbinger of civic improvement nearly killed the town.

The construction of I-5 and the associated Boone Bridge over the river brought an end to the ferry service. It also effectively re-routed traffic that had flowed through town (where merchants made their livelihoods from the "stop-offs" caused by ferry-crossing back-ups) to a 60mph non-stop torrent that bypassed the community altogether.

Wilsonville survived by relocating its town center to a new site east of the freeway, convenient for commuters and travelers. Consequently, Old-Town Wilsonville became a ghost town. Many of its landmarks have disappeared. However, the church is a keen and historic reminder of Wilsonville's original river-landing community.

We hope you enjoy your event at McMenamins Old Church & Pub — know that you are adding your own history to this fabled location.



## MEETING & BANQUET CAPACITIES

	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS	
	<i>Seated</i>	<i>Reception</i>
Boones Ferry Room	20	20
Steamboat Room	32	32
Old Church	96	125

## BOOKING INFORMATION

Meeting and celebration spaces are reserved through our Sales staff.

Food and beverages are catered by our onsite restaurant.

Minimum food and beverage purchases apply to each room, varying based on the size of the room, time of day, and day of the week.

Each function requires an advance deposit(s) with the balance due upon conclusion of the event.

Direct billing is also available for corporate events with advance arrangements.

The catering department offers special menus for all events, from conferences to wedding receptions.

For more information, contact our Group Sales coordinators at (503) 427-2506.



## SITE PLANS



## OLD CHURCH

Adjacent to the elegantly landscaped and tiered Amphitheater, the Old Church was built in 1911 and has been renovated to its original splendor. With renovated stained glass windows, soaring ceilings with antique chandeliers, a beautiful hardwood stage and dance floor, it is the perfect venue for weddings, social events, presentations and corporate meetings alike.

Not just pretty to look at, the Old Church is also equipped with state of the art audio visual equipment, including an LCD projector, drop-down screen, sound system with iPod connections, hand held wireless microphones and free WiFi.

The first floor is home to an onsite brewery, wood paneled bar with reclaimed wood from our very own Crystal Ballroom, private restrooms and an ADA lift.

