

Faith



Forward

University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, 2012-2015 Capital Campaign Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I am getting excited. I hope you are, too. After a considerable amount of work over the last two years, the Session is now setting before the congregation a vision of several challenging projects to help make our church facilities more accessible and welcoming, to ease crowding in our classrooms and meeting spaces, to give our splendid choral programs a more usable space, and to strengthen our infrastructure, particularly with regard to our heating and air-conditioning system.

This vision will be fleshed out before our church family in many ways during the coming weeks through the capital campaign we've entitled "Faith Forward." This effort will require hundreds of volunteers to be fully effective. Through the direct involvement of people like you, every member of University Church will be given the opportunity to grasp the vision that we believe has been set before us by the Spirit of God.

This congregation has risen to meet countless opportunities and challenges across the better part of two centuries, and now it is our turn in this time. I am confident that you will respond when you are contacted to serve.

Let me encourage you now to begin your own spiritual journey in support of our effort. At our initial orientation meeting back on July 15, our consultant, John Hewett, asked us to let this journey of faith be guided by three questions:

- ▶▶ **Where is God in this endeavor?**
(Have I prayed about it?)
- ▶▶ **Where am I in this journey?**
(Have I left room for faith?)
- ▶▶ **How can I make this experience holy?**
(Is my gift a sacrifice?)

You and I are the beneficiaries of the remarkable forethought and planning of those who have gone before us. Now, it is our turn to help secure the future for those yet to come. I am confident that together we can do just that.

Sincerely,

Bob Dunham
Pastor

SAVE THESE DATES!!

Vision Awareness Gatherings*
October 25, 26, 28 and 29

Labyrinth Prayer Walk*
Saturday, November 3

Ministry Celebration
Sunday, November 4

Leadership Commitments Event
Thursday, November 8
Rizzo Conference Center

Commitment Services
Sunday, November 18

First Fruits Sunday
Sunday, December 2

**More information about the Prayer Walk and Vision Awareness Gatherings available on back cover.*

BLOG WITH and/or FRIEND US!

As well creating several newsletters and other communications pieces, the Faith Forward Communications Team will also be publishing information about the campaign online via a blog at:

<http://faithforwardupc.wordpress.com/>

We will also be posting announcements on the church's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/upcch>

Join us online, give us your thoughts and feedback, and ask us questions.



Your Faith»Forward Leadership Team

Continuing the great tradition of UPC members giving their time and talents to help our community of faith thrive and grow, the following people have volunteered to fill the various roles needed to carry out successfully the Faith *Forward* campaign:

The Leadership Team asks that you make every effort to learn about the campaign, while asking the questions that will assure you that this is a worthy effort.

CAMPAIGN COORDINATORS

Sarah Owens, Juli Kim, Lou Pons

Act as liaisons between all the directors, pastor, campaign director, and consultant through out the campaign

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

Lee and Myrah Scott, Sandy and Tabitha Alexander

Coordinate the work of the Leadership Team and inform the congregation of progress

COMMITMENT DIRECTORS

Bob Woodruff

Provide contacts to homes to receive commitment responses

CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIRECTORS

Sara Nicholson, Brian and Karen Vandersea, Jim and Laura Baxley

Ensure that the children and youth of the church take an active part in the campaign

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS

Matt Marvin, Lee White, John Wilson

Coordinate the campaign publicity and inform the congregation of the meaning and message of the program through video, print, and online media

MINISTRY CELEBRATION DIRECTORS

Courtney and Neil Edwards, Norm and Portia Cristensen

Plan and execute the church-wide celebration event

HOSPITALITY DIRECTORS

Kathy Clemmons, Roberta Copeland

Organize the logistics of campaign events

MAILING DIRECTORS

Martin and Barbara Hedgepeth, Linda Plunkett, Shelley Adams

Coordinate all materials, mailings, and other information used during the campaign

VISION AWARENESS DIRECTORS

John and Mellicent Blythe, Jay Klompaker, Jeffrey and Hollie Hart

Lead and implement a church-wide effort to contact every household to share information and encourage prayer for the program

SPIRITUAL LIFE DIRECTORS

Brian Curran, Mike and Mary Ellen Olson

Organize and implement Labyrinth Prayer Walk and Devotional Guide

FOLLOW-UP DIRECTORS

James and Pamela Smith, Matt and Linda Arnold

Provide support throughout the giving period and involve new members as they join

LEADERSHIP CULTIVATION DIRECTORS

Bill Whisenant and Kelly Ross, Jim Copeland

Organize and solicit advance commitments, providing support for the campaign

What's in a Name?

What's it all For?



Architectural rendering of the proposed new building

We are calling this capital campaign “Faith Forward” because we want to invoke a sense of momentum for the church. We are not standing still, complacent with the way things are. We are carrying our faith forward, striving to do more for our community, strengthening our church, and building a legacy for those that will follow us.

Over the next few weeks you will see and hear a lot about how \$4 million (or more!) would enhance and expand our ministries. In particular we encourage you to attend one of many Vision Awareness Gatherings to learn more and ask questions (*details in this newsletter*). But here and now, to understand better where we are going, we want to share what happened in the past to lead us to this point.

In Spring 2010, a task force was asked to determine church needs of such significant cost that they would be best financed through a capital campaign. Additionally, the task force sought to identify (1) uses for church-owned property at 212 East Rosemary Street and (2) whether the house at that address could be renovated for those uses or should be removed. They sought wide input on church needs through a survey of church staff, committee chairs and representatives of other church groups. They also asked participants to tell us about needs related to church infrastructure, including the HVAC system and the pipe organ.

In brief, participants identified the following needs:

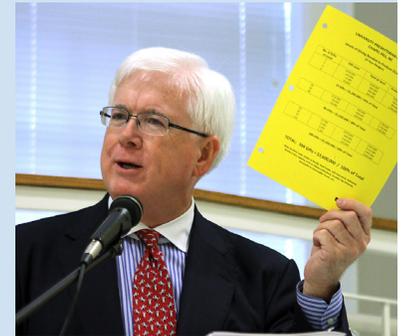
- Dedicated meeting space
- Expanded space for church choirs
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Renovations to the playground, including replacement of play equipment
- Organ repairs/updates

- Replacement or upgrade of the HVAC system
- A second elevator
- A possible reconfiguration of church offices
- Renovations to make the narthex a more open and welcoming space
- Additional storage space for choir music, classroom materials and church documents

During the past 18 months task force members and the recently-constituted Building Committee have worked with a team of architects, landscape planners and mechanical engineers to draft plans for a building addition and church renovations to address the identified needs. Those plans are still being refined, and the latest designs will be shared at the Vision Awareness Gatherings.

About Our Campaign Consultant

As the many people who have already had extensive interaction with him can attest, the choice of John Hewett by the Session as our campaign consultant was a wise one.



John Hewett is founder and president of Hewett Consulting LLC, a firm guiding nonprofits nationwide in strategic planning, board and staff training, annual and capital fundraising, leadership development, conflict resolution and executive coaching.

A native of Florida, he was graduated from Stetson University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, which awarded him the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. At the completion of his doctoral work he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Seminary. His ministry experience spanned congregations in Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina and Texas in a variety of senior pastorates.

He entered development work as a consultant with and ultimately president of Cargill Associates, the national fundraising consulting firm, and later as Director of Development of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Vice President of Development at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Senior Vice President of Development and Marketing at the historic Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and Director of Development at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C.

He is a past president of the North Carolina Council on Christian Higher Education, charter board member of the Baptist Center for Ethics, former member of Americans United's national advisory council, and the first moderator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the national organization begun in 1991 in response to the fundamentalist takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Please Join Us

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

The Spiritual Life Committee of Faith »Forward will host a Labyrinth Prayer Walk at UPC on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 3-8 p.m. to focus on the needs of UPC members and our church home. This self-guided walk will create an opportunity to explore UPC at your own pace with pauses at prayer stations to reflect and pray.

We encourage you to complete a prayer request card – located in the Narthex and Sanctuary (as of 10/14). Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or in the collection box in the Narthex and will be used by participants in the Prayer Walk.

We hope you will join us on November 3rd! Also, look for our Daily Devotional Guide which will be distributed in mid-October. The guide features entries by UPC members of all ages. We hope it will provide you and your family with some meaningful quiet moments during these busy days.

Jay Klompmaker, John & Mellicent Blythe, and Jeffrey & Hollie Hart

Cordially invite you to a

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VISION AWARENESS GATHERING

To learn about proposed changes to our church facilities and how they will strengthen our community of faith

Please choose the gathering most convenient for you and your family:

- Thursday, October 25
7:00-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 26
8:30-10:00 am*
- Sunday, October 28
12:15-1:45 pm
- Sunday, October 28
6:30-8:00 pm
- Monday, October 29
11:30 am-1:00 pm*
- Monday, October 29
7:00-8:30 pm

All gatherings are in the Fellowship Hall

Childcare Available Upon Request

RSVPs appreciated (not required)
rsvp@upcch.org or 919.929.2102

* UPC Preschool will be in session.
Please do not park in the church parking lot.

Vision Awareness Gatherings

The Vision Awareness Team will host a series of Gatherings Oct. 25-29 for members of our congregation. During the Gatherings we will answer important questions about our capital campaign:

1. What are we planning to do? We will show the specific changes that we hope to make to our church following a successful campaign.
2. Why this, and why now? More than building plans and scheduling, our focus for the Capital Campaign needs to be on how we can expand the mission of our church. The Gatherings will provide an opportunity for us to consider together how we can use our church's space and programs to spread God's presence in the world. Members of the congregation will share their perspectives on how the campaign might allow us to make our gratitude and faith visible in the world.

You should already have received "Your Ticket To Share Our Dreams" in the mail. We hope you'll join us for these brief but precious opportunities for fellowship and reflection.