

Tuesday April 7, 2015

FUPC Members & Friends:

Eastertide greetings to you all! As we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death we are also blessed to finish the Easter story in our lives and life together as we reflected on last Sunday in Mark's Gospel. One of the tangible ways we are seeking to finish the Easter story this year is through our shared commitment to renovate our building—a core component of revitalizing our ministry and mission.

Enclosed is the information we have made available throughout the *Rebuilding Walls* campaign, with some updated facts and figures on the FAQ sheet. To date we've raised almost \$500,000 through leadership commitments and we are not far from our minimum campaign goal of \$600,000. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

To meet our goal we are asking you to consider pledging a tithe (10%) of annual income over the 3 years of the campaign (3 1/3% a year), over and above regular giving. Some will be able to give more, some less. The goal is for all of us to embrace the spiritual discipline of sacrificial giving, offering to God our first fruits rather than leftovers as we seek to renew this house of prayer for all nations.

Below is a proportionate giving chart based on annual household income, in case that is a helpful tool.

AHI	/year	/month	/week	10%-Tithe
\$100,000	\$3,333	\$278	\$64	\$10,000
\$90,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58	\$9,000
\$80,000	\$2,667	\$222	\$51	\$8,000
\$70,000	\$2,333	\$194	\$45	\$7,000
\$60,000	\$2,000	\$167	\$38	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$1,667	\$139	\$32	\$5,000
\$40,000	\$1,333	\$111	\$26	\$4,000
\$30,000	\$1,000	\$83	\$19	\$3,000
\$20,000	\$667	\$56	\$13	\$2,000
\$10,000	\$333	\$28	\$6	\$1,000

**We ask that you please submit the enclosed pledge card to Hall Jones this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> if that is possible. There is also an online pledge form on the church website—[fupc-cambridge.org](http://fupc-cambridge.org)**

April 19<sup>th</sup> is Dedication Sunday and we'll celebrate God's faithfulness and the generous expressions of stewardship and discipleship that have characterized this campaign. From the very beginning we've known that this process is not just about the renovation of the building, but the renovation of our hearts, lives, and life together.

Over the last many weeks there have been many wonderful stories of members discovering or rediscovering the call to generous stewardship of the resources God has entrusted to them for the

common good; stories of lives rebuilt in significant ways around the cross and the costly discipleship it requires; stories of looking not simply to personal or familial interests but to the interests of our shared mission and the neighbors we serve in Jesus' name; and stories of deep love for this congregation and a desire to see it become all that God intends as a beautiful community of worship and witness to the Gospel. I trust some of these stories will be shared in the weeks and months ahead, and perhaps even as we gather on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will also hold a congregational meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> following the time for food and fellowship. You will hear an update on the campaign and projects, and members will vote on Session's recommendation to take out a loan with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

May this season of rebuilding help us to more fully participate in Christ's dying and rising, and to grow ever more deeply in our love for God, for one another, and for our neighbors.

Please continue to pray as we finish plans for the renovations, and please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to help finish the Easter story through your commitment.

Blessings in Christ,

Kevin

P.S. We are more than happy to meet with folks who would like to talk about their commitment and the particulars of the project. In that case, please let Hall Jones know.