



**Klamath Falls
United Methodist Church**

20/20 Vision Campaign

We're Changing...We're Growing!

Vision 2020 Capital Funds Drive

We are now entering the intensive phase of our Vision 2020 Renovation Capital Funds Campaign. Your Vision Committee, Board of Trustees, and Administrative Council are excited about the possibilities before us as we look to remodel and upgrade this wonderful facility that our forebears in the 1920's built and handed on to us. You will find elsewhere some of the projects being planned, as well as an additional list of things needing to be done, should we be able to have additional funds, or costs for individual projects are less than anticipated. (We already found this to be true for our first two projects, so we are hopeful!)

In some ways, \$250,000 sounds like a lot of money to raise over a period of a few years, and we might wonder how we can do it. Imagine how the people in the 1920's and 1930's must have felt as they considered building what we have today! Of course, the Roaring 20's was a period of optimism, but that was dampened by the crash of 1929. We're in a similar period today, where we may not feel as optimistic financially as we did a few years ago. Can we do it? We think we can, with God's help and your prayerful consideration of the possibilities and response to God's guidance in your giving.

The experts in capital campaigns say that we should be able to raise 1 ½ to 3 times our operating budget over a three-year period, so our \$250,000 goal over four years is modest by those standards. Capital campaigns also depend upon series of gifts at various levels in order to be successful. Prayerful consideration indicates we have the capability of receiving those gifts. (Please note the gifts needed chart in the packet you received or will receive in a visit from one of our members.) A generous donation of \$5,000 at the end of last year for this project gives us even greater optimism, as we realize we already have on hand 1/50th of our goal!

How can we afford to give to this project while maintaining the level of giving we are

already giving to the operating budget? Each of us has to carefully and prayerfully consider this. Operating budget giving normally comes from our monthly and annual income. Capital giving can come from this source, but for capital projects we are also encouraged to consider giving from savings and investments.

Chris and I believe that we as a congregation can and should do the proposed work—and more! We are considering giving a fairly major gift up front, plus an additional amount in the subsequent years of the campaign, because we think this congregation can do it, and we, as a couple and as a congregation, need to do it!

We are glad to join with the people of First United Methodist Church in making our building and grounds more attractive and serviceable for the people of our community who come to grow in Christ and to be empowered to serve in the world in his name, all for the glory of God and the upbuilding of God's family!

Please join us in prayerful consideration of how God is calling you to support this project. And, please pray for all who are helping lead us in this project!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Chris

Pastor Steve and Christine Mitchell

Please visit our Vision 20/20 table in the Narthex for more information and answers to your questions.