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Informational Events

There is still time to attend one of the campaign's informational events held in members' homes or at church on various Sundays. Go to www.cccckc.org and click the link on the front page for more information, and call 816-333-4917 to sign up.

Campaign Carnival

Join us on Sun., May 1 at 4:00 p.m. for a special event for children 3 years to grade 5, including a bounce house, face painting, arts and crafts, and food. Parents will attend an informational session about the campaign. Child care will be provided for children under 3 years. Please RSVP by calling 816-333-4917 or email marymargareth@cccckc.org and let us know how many adults and children will be attending.

Q&A, *continued from page 3*

Q: What is included in the kitchen update?

The current plan includes replacing the dishwasher and freezer (\$10,000) and repairing the flooring around the icemaker and back hallway (\$2,500).

Q: Which restrooms will be updated?

Some of our current restrooms have original fixtures and many have not been updated for decades. Third floor restrooms, which are used by many visitors, will be completely gutted and updated. The other restrooms will receive partial remodel where needed, such as new paint, countertops, tile, fixtures, and will be industrially cleaned. Total estimated cost is \$83,500.

Q: What is included in updating the brides' and grooms' rooms?

The church conducts approximately 25 weddings and 25 funerals a year in the chapel. The updates include new paint, added and improved lighting, replacing the carpet and furnishings. Total estimated cost is \$20,000.

Q: How can we involve our children in the Campaign?

Our CYF (grades 9-12) and Chi Rho (grades 6-8) youth groups jointly made a commitment to raise \$3,000 for the campaign over the next three years. Children in grades kindergarten through fifth have created artwork that the campaign committees are considering using as the campaign moves forward. On May 1, there is a Campaign Carnival at 4:00 p.m. at the church, which will feature fun activities for children 3 years to grade 5, while their parents attend an informational session on the campaign. Child care will be provided for children under 3 years. In addition, you are encouraged to talk with your children about your personal plans to make commitments to the church, for both the capital appeal and the annual appeal.



SUSTAIN OUR LEGACY, STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATION



From the Senior Minister



I am pleased to announce that Wayne and Laura Heady have accepted our invitation to be honorary co-chairs for our campaign. As members of this congregation for 35 years, Wayne and Laura are well respected for their devotion and active service. They bring wisdom, compassion and experience to the campaign.

Please take the time to review the information in this newsletter. You will find details about the projects included in the capital appeal, and answers to questions you may have.

I am excited about this campaign which culminates in two different appeals for our church, our annual appeal for our operating budget and our capital appeal for our building needs and special projects. We have nearly 100 church members working on the campaign, all with a single focus: strengthen Country Club Christian Church's mission station, allowing us to continue to live out the vision to which God has called us.

Thank you to everyone who is involved with the campaign. Your involvement reminds me of how blessed I am to be your pastor.

Grace and peace to you,



Wayne and Laura Heady

"We strongly support the capital campaign because this church and its mission are important. We are known for our building but this building is not the church. The people who worship here are the church. But we do need a building to carry out our mission and the building needs to be kept safe and functional as well as beautiful. We believe this campaign has been crafted by competent, dedicated church leaders, and we have confidence in their judgment. We plan to join hundreds of our fellow church members in making our campaign a success and we urge you to join in this effort."

Update on Hands-On Outreach Project

The Congregational Board appointed a task force, headed by Esther Giffin, to determine the best way to use 10 percent of the money raised in the capital appeal which will be set aside for a special outreach project or projects. This money is not to be directed to our annual outreach budget but to be used to support an effort or efforts that include the following parameters:

1. Requires an ongoing (multi-year) church commitment.
2. Provides a church-wide service opportunity in which everyone can partake.
3. Makes possible a transformative experience for our church members and for our community.

The Board is eager to receive the task force recommendation.

Update On Campaign Projects

The Congregational Board first learned of the repairs needed to the exterior of the building at its April 2010 meeting. Since then, suggestions for other repairs have been received from several sources, including the Design Committee, Practical Services Council, and church staff.

On Jan. 16, 2011, a congregational town hall meeting was conducted to review the compiled list of projects, and through the process of placing dots on posters, the project list was prioritized.

At the Campaign Steering Committee meeting on Apr. 5, the campaign goal was set at \$3,300,000. With the campaign goal, the information from the town hall meeting and the feasibility study to guide them, the Congregational Board on Apr. 12 voted unanimously to include the following projects in our list of capital appeal projects.

The list includes updated estimates.

- Exterior restoration of the stone and mortar plus painting all exterior wood surfaces: \$1,987,000 (includes contingency fund)
- Repair leaking Solarium roof: \$30,000
- Repair waterline under 61st Street between the main building and chapel: \$20,000
- Repair the sanctuary organ: \$450,000
- Replace stained glass window covering and restore the stained glass windows for church and chapel: \$200,000
- Use green material and procedures: (No cost estimate)
- Replace worn carpet in the second and third floor hallways: \$12,000
- Update kitchen appliances and several bathrooms on the second and third floors: \$96,000
- Update the chapel brides' and grooms' rooms: \$20,000

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| Total Cost of Projects: | \$2,815,000 |
| Administrative Costs and Contingency Allowance: | \$185,000 |
| Hands-On Outreach (10%): | \$300,000 |
| (See article at left.) | |

Capital Campaign Total: \$3,300,000



Campaign Q&A

Q: Why conduct a campaign at this time?

A construction engineer completed a study of the exterior of our building, identifying repairs that must be done to ensure the safety and the continued viability of the building. To delay these repairs would create a potential safety problem. Both the sanctuary organ and the window coverings have aged and are in critical need of repairs.

Q: Is this a good time to conduct a financial campaign?

The feasibility study indicated that the congregation is ready to raise the money for essential projects, and the church's financial health has improved in recent years. See related article in the *Country Club Christian* newsletter or on the church web site at www.cccckc.org.

Q: What does it mean to have one campaign with two appeals?

For the best use of our time and church resources, we are conducting an annual stewardship campaign concurrently with a capital appeal. The annual campaign is a yearly request for church members to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to support the work and ministries of the church for the coming fiscal year. The capital appeal is an effort to raise money over three years to pay the projects referenced on page 2. This is an extra sacrifice asked of members, in addition to the annual stewardship commitment. It is critical that the capital campaign does not negatively impact the annual appeal because the annual stewardship drive funds church ministries and programs.

Q: Do we have to replace the window coverings now?

The current coverings were installed in 1984 and had a life expectancy of 20 years. The coverings have become very brittle and discolored. They do not have a system of vents which allows moisture to escape which, over time, compromises the lead in the windows. The new coverings will have a life expectancy of 40 years and will include a venting system. The actual stained glass windows, which are estimated to be valued at \$2 million dollars, will also be examined and, where necessary, repaired.

Q: What is being done to increase the endowment funds?

Upon the conclusion of the solicitation phase of this campaign, we will initiate a more intentional planned giving effort with the endowment fund as its focus.

Q: What happened to all the other projects that were included on the original list of projects?

The Board understands that keeping our facilities up to date and meeting our members' ever-changing needs is not just a one-time event. We must regularly assess our facility needs and develop a long-range plan. The projects that did not make the current list will become part of our long-range plan to be reconsidered at a later date. If we are able to raise more than the \$3.3 million goal, we will address additional projects.

Q: What are the projects in the long-range plan to be addressed in the future?

1. Social Hall expansion and renovation, including installing video projection equipment - \$231,500
2. Making the entire building wireless internet accessible - \$28,000
3. Adding television screens in 20 classrooms - \$100,000
4. Installing a hidden screen and projector in the Sanctuary - \$83,000
5. Expanding the Parlor and adding classrooms and small group spaces by moving The Well Book and Gift store and rearranging first floor office spaces - \$401,700

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Campaign Prayer

O Wellspring of Creative and Supportive Love, throughout the ages, by your Spirit, you have guided those who have responded to the call of Jesus to love you and one another. In these moments in the life of our congregation, rekindle us once again to carry forward our generous heritage of service and celebration within this beautiful facility and beyond its walls. Following your generous example, please give us hearts that love as you love, minds that learn your wishes and hands that work and give. May the outcome of this campaign result in a more effective church home, more joyful shared lives and greater hope for all of our earthly sisters and brothers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Abbreviated Prayer

Creative and Supportive Love, through your Spirit we respond to Jesus' call. Rekindle us to carry forward our generous heritage of service and celebration. Please give us hearts that love as you love, minds that learn your wishes and hands that give and work. May this campaign result in a more effective church home, more joyful shared lives and greater hope for all. In Jesus' name, Amen.