

# BUILDING THE FUTURE

## Capital Campaign Update

### LEADERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that Dick and Marilynn Miller are chairing our Capital Campaign. They are in the process of recruiting and training others to help provide leadership. Please contact them if you would like to serve as a host or presenter for one of the Cottage Meetings.

Dick and Marilynn are enthusiastic about this project and the future of our church. They have indicated that is a way for them to give back and invest in the future at the same time.

They are planning a special time in the worship services on March 14 & 15 to launch the Cottage Meetings

### CAMPAIGN GOALS

We will be soliciting three-year commitments toward the following goals: (listed in priority order)

1. Pay off the remaining debt on the 2000 renovation/building project. (about \$40,000)
2. Pay for the recently completed emergency repair and upgrade the Heating and Cooling System. (\$240,000)
3. Finance the building remodeling that was approved by our congregation in December. (total estimated cost: \$2,350,000)

Between March 15 and May 31, we hope each of you will attend a small group meeting to learn more about the project.

#### Endowments, Investments, and Estates

TUMC is fortunate to have several **Endowment Funds**. Most of these funds are invested through the Trust Department of Wells Fargo Bank with a set percentage of them being spent each year. About half of our endowment funds are money given for a specific use making them restricted. About half of the funds are unrestricted which means that the money was simply given to the church without any specification for use.

It was from these unrestricted Endowment funds that a loan was made for the last Building Project and another for the emergency repairs and upgrade on our Heating and Cooling System last September.

Financial **Investing** has been a rough business over the past year and half. Our funds have lost about 40% of their value during that time. Many of us have experienced similar declines in personal finances. Some of us are asking, "What constitutes a good investment?" We joked in the Endow-

ment Committee that the best investment we made in the last year was in our heating and cooling system. Every day some of us benefit from having a heated or cooled building. We will raise the money to pay it back. It may take years for our endowment fund investments to recover.

Perhaps a good investment is one that is made for more than a monetary return. Maybe an investment in our community is more important than one in the stock market. Luke tells us that Jesus said, "*And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home.*" (Luke 16:9)

Most of the gifts in our endowment funds came from **Estates**. We have been blessed with people who have included the church in their final "give away".

We hope that you will think of our Capital Campaign as a good investment now and that you will consider it in your estate planning.

#### DID YOU KNOW (Our history at 5<sup>th</sup> and Elm)

- In our 143 year history our congregation has occupied at least 10 buildings.
- Our present building was built in three phases from 1927 to 2000.
- The 1927 part of the building is the longest serving structure at 82 years and counting.
- A ground breaking was held in the space where the Gathering Place stands in 1950, but nothing was erected there until 2000.