



The Capital Campaign Update ~January 19, 2019 **Rev. John and Ken Vogel, President - Board of Trustees**

Dear Fellow TUCW Congregants,
The leaders of our congregation, including the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Ministry, Year Round Stewardship and Rev. John Morehouse, have been exploring the idea of launching a capital campaign.

These groups believe that our shared vision and mission would be best served by our stepping up to address a number of key issues with our buildings, to ensure our sacred space can be a home for many generations to come.

In our wonderful congregation-led community, a large decision like launching a campaign to renovate our space can only be made by a vote of our members at a duly called annual meeting. So while many people have been tirelessly working to explore the idea of a campaign, all their work is only preparation for the entire congregation to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Concern for our building is hardly a recent development. When architect Victor Lundy opened our beautiful building in 1965, he envisioned but we were unable to afford a copper covering for the sloped roof.

The congregation held onto this vision until 1985, when water damage caused by the temporary tar paper covering led us to hold a capital campaign to finish the roof with asphalt shingles. In 1996, our most recent capital campaign was held to renovate the kitchen, bathrooms, and meeting house.



In 2015, the board commissioned a study to get an accurate assessment of the state of our buildings and grounds. John Turmelle, a professional construction estimator, provided a 50-page report to TUCW leadership that outlined in detail the state of our building, citing its current condition and giving priority ratings for the various

aspects of work to be done.

Last fall, many congregants participated in the "Creating Our Future" visioning exercise, where we explored a shared vision of where TUCW should be headed, and which resulted in a strategic plan for our congregation.

To achieve this plan, it's clear we need a building that is both inspirational and structurally sound.

So, we are in a process of exploration. The board has hired a consultant to lead us to a decision about a capital campaign, and the Board of Trustees will bring in an architectural firm to create a vision of the work to be done and to meet with the congregation.

The facilities team is offering tours highlighting the condition of our building and Town Hall meetings to both communicate our thoughts, and to garner feedback from our congregation on these important issues.



Eventually, the congregation will vote on whether or not to move forward with the capital campaign. Depending upon how much money we raise and after all the appropriate studies have been completed, the Board will ask the congregation for a final vote to proceed

with the work.

This is a long process taking most of this year. Along the way there will be ample opportunity to make your views known as well as to ask for your help.

Our leadership appreciates all of your understanding and patience. We also welcome your questions and concerns.

In Faith,
Rev. John Morehouse, Senior Minister
Ken Vogel, President, TUCW Board of Trustees