



November 18, 2008

Offer Them Christ

Capital Campaign Newsletter



A Message from your Senior Pastor

It is pretty amazing to consider that it has been over a year since we broke ground on the Reverend Roy B. Phillips Memorial Building. I remember it vividly. It was a beautiful day, but the ground was very hard due to a lack of rain so the contractor had prepared a soft place for us to break ground. The picture to the left shows Rev. Phillips explaining to me why it would not be appropriate to break ground the easy way. He explained that we had a

monumental task before us and it was going to be difficult, so we needed to take the challenge head on. So we broke ground the hard way. What good advice.

Now that construction is completed, we need to turn our attention to the debt we have taken on. Managing our debt is a “monumental task” which has been made more challenging by the difficult economic times. The opportunity now before us is to trust God to provide! To trust that God will provide for our church budget and mortgage through us... while providing for our personal needs as well.

It was so exciting to be able to announce this past Sunday that 50 pledges from our church leadership have already been made to our campaign for a total of \$617,340. That is so encouraging! Even in these challenging times... men, women, and families are trusting that God will provide!

We are inviting you to make a 3-year pledge to our capital campaign this coming Sunday, November 23rd. You will find a pledge card enclosed with this mailing. Please take time to prayerfully consider what an appropriate three-year commitment would be for you. Then come to church this Sunday prepared to joyfully present your pledge to God.

Lori and I believe that this generation has an important work of God to do, so we are making an “IT” pledge to the Offer Them Christ capital campaign. What is an “IT” pledge? It is an “I Trust” pledge! Will you trust God with us?

David Bennett, Senior Pastor

Day of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Brunch served after each worship service.

This Sunday, November 23rd, you are invited to enjoy a special brunch after you attend worship. It will be served in the fellowship hall.

KIUMC Family Photos

Church photos to be taken at each worship service.

We will be taking a group photo of those in attendance at each worship service. You will also have the opportunity for family pictures to be taken.



Coming this Weekend

November 22
Day of Prayer and Fasting

Please spend time in prayer and fasting for the campaign. Visit our website for more information regarding a spiritual fast.

November 23
Day of Celebration and Thanksgiving

Brunch served after each worship service.

Church and family photos to be taken

KIUMC family is invited to offer three year pledges to the “Offer Them Christ” Capital Campaign.

Future Dates

December 7
Harvest Sunday

You are asked to bring your first gift to the capital campaign on this day.

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Youth Encounter

This generation clearly has a work of God to do!

The youth and young adults of KIUMC planned and led all three services this past Sunday, November 16th. The young people served as greeters and ushers, prepared communion elements, served communion, anointed with oil, led worship, read scripture and even served in the hospitality room.

Many of the worship songs were written by Robbie Sheehan. Nicole Ponds shared an inspiring testimony of how she is simplifying her life and supporting the Capital Campaign. Brian Ballard, a student at Eastern University, a Christian college near Philadelphia, gave an inspiring and challenging message. Caitlyn Russell provided the leadership to coordinate this special day.

This was a day to celebrate the diverse gifts of our young people. The comments following the service truly expressed how blessed we are to have young people with such gifts, but more importantly... with such passionate faith in Jesus!

What is an appropriate pledge?

That is between you and God, but we would ask you to prayerfully consider what a sacrificial gift would be for you. What is a sacrificial gift?
It is a gift that causes you to trust God.

Here is a sample gift chart to help you visualize how we could meet our financial goal for the next 3 years.* At what level is God asking you to give?

- 1 @ \$100,000
- 1 @ \$75,000
- 2 @ \$50,000
- 2 @ \$36,000
- 2 @ \$30,000
- 12 @ \$20,000
- 10 @ \$15,000
- 15 @ \$12,000
- 20 @ \$7,200
- 25 @ \$5,000
- 50 @ \$3,600

All Others @ \$1,800 or less

*Pledges are given over a 36 month period and are over and above your regular giving (4 tax years)

