

Building Humanism from the Inside Out Issue #3: Chalice Room

Welcome back to the newsletter of **Building Humanism from the Inside Out**, the First Unitarian Society Capital Campaign. This is the next in a series, leading up to a Campaign Presentation in the Upper Assembly Hall at noon on December 11, and beyond that, leading up to the construction that will begin in 2017.

The Capital Campaign was launched to help put into action the values we share here at FUS. Among those values are a strong commitment to inclusiveness and accessibility for everyone.

Please continue reading to learn about what we're doing.

This issue's highlights:

**Fundraising Update – Challenge Fund
Chalice Room Project
Building Update
Design Presentation, 12/11 @ noon**

Fundraising Update: Challenge Fund

The fundraising efforts have now surpassed the \$2.4 million base goal! Thanks and congratulations to everyone who has contributed.

And we have more exciting news—the fundraising team is delighted to announce that we now have \$250,000 in the Challenge Fund. This pool has been funded by members who have already given to encourage members who have not yet contributed. Every Capital Campaign commitment made between now and the end of December will be matched dollar-for-dollar from the Challenge Fund. We are grateful to those who have helped establish this matching fund.

Contact the Capital Campaign Fund-raising team to find out how to take advantage of the match!

Chalice Room Project

During the month of December, the Chalice Room will be refurbished with new carpet, ceilings and lighting. At their last meeting, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Steering Committee to proceed with

this part of the overall project. The Aesthetics Team and the Buildings and Grounds Committee have been working to finalize the details, and a contract with Watson Forsberg has been drafted and signed and approved by the board.

We'll provide more details in the near future as they become available.

Building Activity

Otherwise, a lot has been happening around the building.

- The Environmental assessment company has done the asbestos measurements, and lead paint testing.
- A new fire panel has been installed.
- Many prospective bidders have toured the building and examined the plans, and now –
- The bids are in, and the Project Management team is working through them in order to prepare our final plans and the project budget.

Final Words

As we approach year-end, now is a great time to consider giving a gift that is meaningful to you, and that takes advantage of the one-to-one match of the Challenge Fund. If you haven't yet talked to a member of the fundraising team, there are several ways you can get plugged into the process.

- Visit the [capital campaign website](#) to request a meeting.
- Drop us a message at fustomorrow@gmail.com.
- During coffee hour after the Sunday Assembly, stop down at the **Building Humanism from the Inside Out** table
- Contact the chair of the Capital Campaign, Greg Giles, at 651-307-2252, or the chair of the Fundraising Team, Linnea Asp, at 612-345-7095.

Look for the big chalice poster in the gallery when you arrive at FUS. It shows us just how far we have come already, and how close we are to reaching our goals.

Next Issue

We'll talk about the new restrooms

Coming Soon

Don't Forget: Sunday December 11 @ Noon in the Upper Assembly Hall

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee will be presenting the finalized plans and the construction schedule, and will be answering all your questions, leading up to the ground-breaking that will follow early in 2017.

Watch your email and check the [Capital Campaign website](#) regularly.

(Last week's answer: There are 59 stair steps from the Groveland sidewalk to the Upper Assembly Hall, counting the steps from the sidewalk to the Groveland entrance, the staircase to the Lower Assembly Hall, and finally the staircase to the Upper Assembly Level. Whew!)