

Building Humanism from the Inside Out Issue #4: Final Project Scope

Welcome back once again to the newsletter of **Building Humanism from the Inside Out**, the First Unitarian Society Capital Campaign. This is the fourth of a series that will provide you with occasional news and updates on the progress of our campaign and capital improvements projects. We eagerly anticipate big doings around Mount Curve in 2017.

The Capital Campaign was launched in November 2015 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've been up to lately.

This issue's highlights:

Final Project Scope
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Final Project Scope

Last Sunday after the Assembly, Greg Giles, the chair of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, gave a presentation in the Upper Assembly Hall, announcing the final project scope and sharing a current update on our fundraising progress. About 60 members and friends attended.

The project will include the following:

- **Elevator** – access all three floors of our building
- **New Restrooms** – expanded capacity and welcoming for all-genders
- **Education Wing** – rooms are reconfigured and refreshed
- **Roof** – new membrane surface and improved insulation
- **Heating and air-conditioning** – new energy-efficient forced-air systems
- **Windows** – new windows throughout offices and classrooms
- **Groveland entrance** – comprehensive remodeling for accessibility
- **Patio & Playground** – redesigned and more accessible
- **Other improvements** – including hazardous material abatement and improved drainage

To view the presentation, click [here](#). To hear a recording, click [here](#).

Construction Schedule

Construction work will begin in mid-January, and is scheduled to be completed in September. We expect our Mount Curve home to be a very busy place for those 9 months, and we will all need to be flexible as some of our activities may be temporarily relocated around the building. We will do our best to let you know in advance how the construction activity is will be impacting our programming.

Stay tuned!

Fundraising Update

The fundraising efforts have now reached \$2.95 million, well beyond our base goal! Thank you and congratulations to everyone who has contributed.

And also, our Challenge Fund has now reached \$350,000! Remember, every Capital Campaign commitment made between now and the end of December will be matched one-to-one from this Challenge Fund. Thank you to those who have helped establish this matching fund.

Chalice Room Project

Refurbishing work on the Chalice Room project began December 7, and it is on track to be completed by December 18. The new carpeting, ceiling and lighting will be ready to welcome us for the big Winter Solstice festivities next Thursday and Friday.

Final Words

As we approach ever closer to year-end, now is a great time to consider giving a gift that is meaningful to you, and to take full advantage of our Challenge Grant. 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.
- 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 restroom facilities

Closing Words

Don't Forget: Chalice Room work will be complete by Monday December 18. Stop in and take a look at our spiffy new space!

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