

# CONNECTING HEARTS



First UMC Katy



2016 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (2017-2019)

2017 ANNUAL MINISTRY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

CONNECTING THE HEART OF GOD  
AND HIS PEOPLE TO THE HEART OF KATY

## Q & A

### HOW CAN I DETERMINE WHAT MY CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE?

*“Not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice”*

Using the biblical model of giving, we ask that every family give not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice gift. God does not focus on the size of our gifts, but on the proportion we offer in relation to how we’ve been blessed and the attitude of our hearts.

### WHAT IS OUR GOAL FOR THIS CAMPAIGN?

The Church Council established a three-year goal of \$1.1 million to be given during 2017-2019. Reaching our goal will eliminate the remaining Connection Center debt, interest and fees of \$793,500, and provide \$300,000 for facility improvements to the Family Life Center and Education Buildings.

### HOW MUCH WAS PLEDGED DURING THE FIRST TWO CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS?

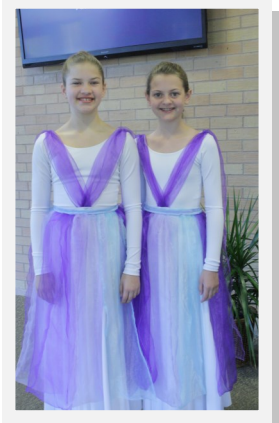
The amount pledged during the 2011-2013 “Connect” Capital Campaign was \$1.6 million. Pledges for the 2014-2016 “Growing in Faith” Capital Campaign are \$1.15 million, and we are on track to receive that pledged amount.

### WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO HELP?

Please keep our church in your daily prayers, asking for God’s blessing on our church leaders as they prayerfully plan the future of FUMC. We will also be handing out prayer clings for your cars and homes to serve as a daily reminder to pray. Please join us in praying for:

- Yourself: Ask, “*Lord, what do you want to do through me?*”
- Our congregation’s faithful response in our capital and ministry campaign commitments.
- The youth of our community.
- The sick in your family, church and town.
- Those who are hungry.

Remember, this campaign is not primarily a financial endeavor, but a spiritual journey!



### SHOULD I DEDICATE PART OF MY ANNUAL PLEDGE TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

No. Your contribution to the capital campaign should not be affected at all by your annual pledge to the church’s operating budget. Separate pledge cards for the capital campaign and the annual operating budget will be handed out at the same time. Both are important, but your pledge to the capital campaign should be determined by what you are able to give over and above your annual operating budget pledge.



## A GOOD WORD FROM OUR LEADERS!

Dear friends in Christ,

A wise person once told me that first impressions are easy to make and hard to overcome. The Connection Center is a wonderful first impression of our church for all who drive by and enter through its doors. It has made a significant difference in our welcoming and fellowship ministry.

The 2016 Connecting Hearts Capital Campaign goal of \$1.1 million is the final installment in the Connection Center construction loan. The Church Council prayerfully set this goal to completely retire the debt and make some improvements to our campus. We will be debt free by the end of 2019, paying off a \$3.2-million-dollar loan in 9 years.

Commitment Sunday is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Each church household will receive two estimate of giving cards. The first is for the 2017 Annual Ministry Operating Budget and the second is for the Three-Year Capital Campaign 2017-2019. Please prayerfully consider how your gifts will significantly impact the ministry of our church.

Grace and Peace,  
*Dick White, Pastor*



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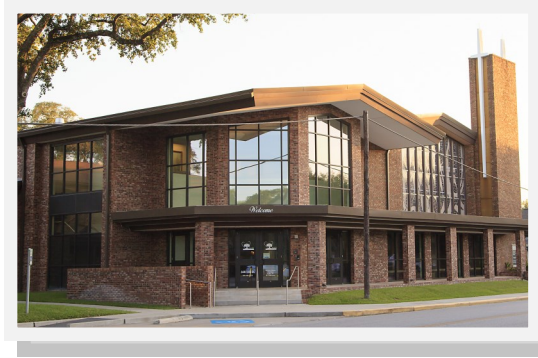
We are excited, yet humbled, to be serving as the Co-Chairs for the “Connecting Hearts” Capital Campaign. We can all be grateful for the decision to construct our Connection Center which created a warm and welcoming place for us to come together in fellowship as we gather for worship each Sunday. More importantly, the Connection Center provides a place for us to share with others the good news of the Gospel. The Connection Center is the focal point of where God is connecting the heart of the church to the heart of Katy.

We invite you to join us in prayer over the next few weeks in anticipation of the Connecting Hearts Capital Campaign. We believe that when we connect to God in prayer we discover that God is able to do far more than what we can ask or imagine. As we listen for God’s response, we are reminded of these words from Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:6–7, “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” These words take on a different meaning as we think about how we can expand our ministries and reach more people to bring into a relationship with Jesus Christ once we eliminate our debt.

For the last six years our congregation has been faithfully supporting their pledges made over and above their yearly contribution to the operating budget. How each of you will contribute to Connecting Hearts is a personal and spiritual decision that only you can make. We are not asking every family to give an equal share, but to consider making an equal sacrifice.

We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration Event on November 13th,

*Billy and Marsha Cooke & Jim and Jeanna Meek*



PLEASE PRAY DAILY....

**Lord,  
what  
do you  
want  
to do  
through  
me** ?

**DON'T MISS THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**

**Sunday, October 30—Prayer Team**  
Receive & Display Prayer Reminder Clings

**Sunday, November 13—Celebration Event**  
A special brunch immediately following  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
in the Family Life Center

**Sunday, November 13—Commitment Sunday**  
2017 Stewardship Campaign pledges given  
Capital Campaign pledges given

**Sunday, December 18—Announcement Sunday**  
Pledge total announced

**Sunday, December 18—First Fruits Offering**  
Official first day of giving to the Capital Campaign

**“We are excited to announce a Celebratory Brunch on November 13th after the 8:30 AM service. We are celebrating the 2017 Stewardship Campaign pledges and the Capital Campaign pledges given during Worship Services! Come enjoy a delicious brunch and celebrate what God can do through you!” -Tom & Lou Thweatt**



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TESTIMONIALS

“The Connection Center is a place to make new friends” -Barbara Chastain

“The access to the church is so much better. The Capital Campaign is a faith journey and we’ve got to see this through” -David Chastain

