

HUMC Construction Progress Update

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Objective: "To faithfully oversee the construction of the HUMC Expansion project as approved by the HUMC congregation".

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As we progress on our new Faith & Fellowship Center (F&FC) we are reminded daily that God is guiding us in this expansion of his ministries in our community. Work continues at a steady, planned pace. Work is approximately 40% complete of our new facility—**God's space for God's ministries**—offered to the HUMC congregation for their oversight. A worship space, a community outreach space—HIS space.

Even before our new building is ready for our use, the requests for space evolves. Our building is designed for flexibility, to allow for varying uses throughout the week. This was done purposefully and with careful consideration. As much as God calls us to be good stewards and to provide proper oversight, we need to walk in FAITH knowing that if we respond to HIS call, all things will work out.

Some have expressed concern over how the additional square footage will increase our utility bills and make additional work for our Sextons. We acknowledge that expenses will increase but with the high energy efficiency in this building, the costs will be manageable. We can all help the sextons by being as neat & clean as possible as we use these new facilities. We need to be prudent and have FAITH that we can handle these additional expenses.

Through the coordinated efforts of the General Contractor, the sub-contractors, the Architect & the HUMC Construction Oversight Committee decisions are confirmed; tasks are completed on time & ahead of schedule. Numerous Committees meet weekly to validate the plans & finalize the many decisions required. At this stage of construction we are validating that we will have the fundamentals where they are needed for efficient operation. Conduit allows for electrical, networking (internet & phones) etc., to all areas of the building—giving us flexibility for future changes as our demands grow. We are planning ahead for the next couple of decades. Our two buildings—existing and new—will be networked to allow for consolidated use.

It is exciting to see the progress to date. We have watched weekly as the new F&FC reaches skyward toward heaven. Now comes the slower progress—the interior finishing. This is an exciting and challenging time for us as God's people.

Fund-raising Update Tom Stribling, Fund-raising Chair, tells us that we have raised approximately \$2.25 million of the project total of \$3.5 million. His Major Gifts Committee is joined by The Mainline Giving Committee who will offer us giving opportunities regularly over the coming months. The **MATCH-A** generous family has offered \$5,000 monthly for 10 months—a total of \$50,000. **They have asked us to MATCH their gift.** Through gifts of all sizes from a number of people—that gift can grow to \$100,000. Give as God directs you. **ALL gifts are important—\$5, \$10, \$20 weekly & more. It all adds up.**

If you have given, Thank You. If you have yet to give, please pray for God's guidance as to how you should respond. **JOIN HANDS with God—his generosity multiples our gifts as we progress with HIS ministries. HUMC—Growing with God; growing for God.**

Blessings.
Wiley Sloan

Together with God's love we will reach the goal of expanded facilities for HIS ministries.