



July 2006

Dear Members and Friends,

“Excited” hardly describes the way your College Street Project Task Force feels with the resounding success of our Building Fund Appeal! As of July 10, 102 members and friends have pledged \$610,000. It is extremely important if you have not turned in your pledge card to do so right away, knowing that for every \$1.00 pledged, the Zeppa Family Foundation will add \$2.00! Any amount will help us build our new home – a green building with the beauty, accessibility and functional space that our members and friends have long dreamed of. Plus, it will help us avoid a mortgage.

The Aesthetics Subcommittee of the Task Force held a Town Meeting to get your input Thursday, July 13. If you were unable to attend and still have ideas, please send them in writing before the end of July to the church to the attention of Ann Fryberger.

The latest drawings of the site plan, floor plan and entry walkway should be posted soon on our Web site: <http://www.cpinternet.com/~firstuu>. City setback regulations forced us to reposition the driveway and outside parking lot. You may notice that our 50-year old white pine is gone. A ceremony to celebrate the white pine is being planned. It is our intention to harvest its wood to use it somewhere in our new building or outdoors.

The front entry to our new church has evolved into a truly beautiful interior garden walkway (no stairs!), which can be accessed from either the underground parking lot or from the street. It will be surrounded by natural light, with flowing water, abundant vegetation and benches for conversation and meditation. This design comes from your expectation (in the Program Statement): “It shall serve as a physical and mental transition from the outside world to our facility and shall integrate the two. It shall impart to all who enter a feeling of community and recognition that this is a special place.”

And West Winona... twenty-six people over three days spiffed it up. True to our covenant, we “Reduced, Reused and Recycled.” It is listed with Christine Fairchild, of Century 21 Gilderman Associates. We are aggressively marketing it with the condition that we will be able to lease it back until our new facility is ready

Everything we projected is on target: the formation of a Task Force, drafting an updated Program Statement, hiring an architect, conducting a feasibility study and completing a successful Building Fund Appeal. Because of that, we should be able to begin construction this September and move in next July. We are on a roll! Thanks everybody.

Sincerely,

Your Task Force – Lori Bauman, Alisa DeRider, John Evans, Ann Fryberger,
Richard Fryberger, Warren High, Dave Stinson, Beth Travis-Betts and Geiger Yount