

Capital Campaign & Building Fact Sheet

Within First United Methodist Church's long term master site plan, the focal point of our Phase I design is a new 3,000 square foot Welcome Center with covered drive-through. The Welcome Center will include handicap accessible restrooms and a gathering area for members and guests before and after worship and other events. The Welcome Center will connect our Fellowship Hall and our sanctuary and provide overflow space for both areas. We plan to expand Fellowship Hall on the east side and south end to accommodate more people and to provide ample ground-level storage space.

New construction will be primarily of brick to match our current buildings, with stone and stucco accents. Concrete parking lots and landscaping will be added on the east and south sides of campus. A covered drive-through will be added at the entrance on the south end of Fellowship Hall for protected access to Sunday school classrooms and the preschool. This building expansion will modernize our facility and enhance our visibility, accessibility, and outreach to the community.

Our building project will provide greater opportunities to serve through increased availability of meeting spaces for community and social groups, as well as providing a welcoming area for small lectures, celebrations, music performances, fund-raisers and worship experiences. Our growing preschool program will enjoy a more secure site through the connection of the buildings. Our congregation, community, and future generations will all benefit.

The Building Committee has estimated a cost of \$700,000 to \$1.2 million for the expansion plan. We anticipate construction beginning in the fall of 2009 with completion approximately eight months later. First United Methodist Church of Crowley has no current indebtedness. It is our goal to keep any debt load at a minimum to encourage forward momentum toward future ministry and growth.

A capital campaign informs, involves, and inspires all members and friends of the church with the excitement of the proposed project and raises funds outside of regular tithing and giving to provide a solid financial foundation for the building project. Commitments to the campaign will be made now, and as new members join. Commitments will be paid out over a three (3) year period, ending in June 2012 (4 tax years).

Each person will be asked to commit to praying for our church and for God's will to be done through this capital and building campaign. Each household will have the opportunity to respond as they are called and able to commit funds or property from their accumulated wealth and/or additional funds from their regular income sources. Our goal is "equal commitment, not equal gifts." If each of us is committed to do our best, our goals will be reached and new possibilities of ministry will open.

Major Campaign Dates

April 19, 2009	Kickoff Sunday
April 26, 2009	Prayer Commitment Sunday
May 11 – 16, 2009	In-Home Small Group Meetings with Video Presentations
May 17, 2009	Celebration Sunday: 6pm Church-wide Catered Dinner and Program
May 29-30, 2009	Prayer Vigil
May 31, 2009	Commitment Sunday
June 7, 2009	Gratitude Sunday
June 14, 2009	First Fruits Sunday