

## Capital Campaign Corner

### *Building Unity with God*

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Unity Presbyterian Church is a very special place in a very special community. Fort Mill is known for its commitment to excellence in education for our young people –in spite of population growth and increased costs. I have a dream that Fort Mill can become equally well known as a community of faith. Education and Faith - Faith and Education. Our sanctuary is where Christian education, faith and discipleship begin! After worship and learning, we are sent into the world with the words, “And now the service begins.”

“Building Unity with God” is at the very heart of this dream. The light of Unity is comprised of an unending stream of disciples of Jesus Christ. As each of us fulfills our chosen ministry, the light we spread does far more than illuminate our individual paths. Our light can reach those dark corners of despair in our own community and extend to the far corners of our troubled world as faith and hope are personally delivered to those less fortunate.

***“I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5***

As God resides in our hearts and gives us free will, the decision to build a new sanctuary is a decision of the heart that we must individually and collectively choose to make. Jesus never drew a line when it came to helping others. He never said, “I have done enough; let someone else do it now.” The forefathers of Unity did not leave it to someone else when it came time to build our current sanctuary 127 years ago. God called... they answered!

As you prayerfully consider the question of a new sanctuary and ask for God’s guidance for your time, talents and treasures, reread John 15:5 and prayerfully meditate on whether the fruits you seek in this life are material or spiritual.

This coming Sunday, we will travel to Sharon Presbyterian Church and catch the vision of what can be. Our choir will provide beautiful music; our youth will provide inspiration; and we will see first hand many of the features that will be incorporated into our new sanctuary. This event will begin an exciting and informative time that will lead to our congregation’s final commitment on June 1 to build a new sanctuary. During this time, I ask you to pray for the campaign, the congregation and the future of our church.

Fort Mill, Unity Presbyterian Church... Education, Faith, Discipleship, Hope...  
This is Our Time to **Build Unity with God.**