

MARK 12:30-31

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND
WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.



PLEASE PRAY DAILY...

- That all we do will glorify God
- For all who serve in leadership of the campaign and of our church
- For the people of First United Methodist Church Katy to embrace our mission of building disciples through worship, study, fellowship, and service to others.
- Lord, what do you want to do through me?

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2016 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

A message from

BILLY & MARSHA COOKE AND JIM & JEANNA MEEK

2016 Capital Campaign Connecting Hearts Co-chairs

We are excited to be serving as the Co-Chairs for the “Connecting Hearts” Capital Campaign. As children, many of us enjoyed Connect the Dots workbooks. What appeared to be a random series of numbered dots soon revealed a work of art once all the dots were connected. Our Connection Center is, in essence, a Connect the Dots canvas through which God is connecting himself to us and the Katy community. While these connections may seem random to us, God sees a beautiful picture of ministry that he is creating through us.



Billy & Marsha Cooke



Jim & Jeanna Meek

When we welcome guests into the church, we are actually welcoming Christ. The Connection Center is the focal point of where God is connecting the heart of the church to the heart of Katy. Just as we stepped out in faith six years ago to build the Connection Center, now we are being called to complete that journey through the next step of faith.

We have been given a living legacy that is First United Methodist Church. We honor the commitments of those who have come before us by building upon the foundation they have laid. The significance of the Connecting Hearts Capital Campaign is much larger than retiring debt and updating facilities. It is about changing lives and transforming hearts for Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us in prayer 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.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DICK WHITE



One of the first things I noticed as a newcomer to First UMC-Katy was the beautiful Connection Center. Its modern design and bright open space was the first indication of the radical hospitality that is practiced here. Once inside I was greeted by a warm and loving congregation. It didn't take long for me to realize that I had found a new spiritual home.



The vision for the Connection Center was to create a place where the heart of God could connect with the hearts of people. It is here that our love of God and neighbor is expressed in tangible ways;

and from here that we are sent into the world to serve in Christ's name.

This fall we will enter into a third capital campaign that is named "Connecting Hearts." The purpose of this campaign is to retire the remaining debt on the Connection Center and to provide funds for needed improvements in the Family Life Center and Education Building. The Church Council has set a target goal of \$1.1 million.

I ask that you be in prayer for the Connecting Hearts Campaign. We have a great leadership team in place who are excited to see what God will do through your generosity. They are committed to the ideal that when God's people respond in faith it sets in motion countless blessings for our church and community.

November 13th is Commitment Sunday. On that day we will dedicate our estimates of giving for the capital campaign and our annual ministry support. God is doing a great work in and through you -Connecting Hearts is what it is all about.

INTRODUCING THE CONNECTING HEARTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Connecting the heart of God to First UMC and the Katy Community is the vision of the 2016 Connecting Hearts Capital Campaign. Building upon the foundation of the 2010 and 2013 capital campaigns, we are stepping out for a third time to complete the \$3.2 million Connection Center project. The Church Council set a goal of \$1.1 million which will retire the remaining debt and provide for limited building improvements to our campus. Your generous gifts, over and above our ministry tithes and offerings, will make this happen. God is doing a mighty work here — connecting his heart to First UMC and to the hearts of those who are seeking him.



LORD,
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO DO
THROUGH ME

In the coming weeks you will be sent additional information on how you can be part of the 2016 Connecting Hearts Capital Campaign. Enclosed is a prayer marker to remind you to pray daily for our church and the capital campaign. It asks a simple question: "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Let this prayer be your guide as you discern your financial commitment to the Connecting Hearts Campaign.

CONNECTING HEARTS TEAM



Left to right: Rachel & Chris Mallett, Lou & Tom Thweatt, Carol & David Minze, Jeanna & Jim Meek, Melanie DaSilva, Rev. Mark Kimbrough, Rev. Dick White, Marsha & Billy Cooke, Barbara & David Chastain, and Patty & Rodney Sartor. Not Pictured: Alexa Hyde, Zach Cheeseman & April Vaden

- Billy & Marsha Cooke, Jim & Jeanna Meek — Campaign Co-chairs
- David & Barbara Chastain — Prayer
- David & Carol Minze — Lead Gifts
- Rodney & Patty Sartor — Advance Gifts
- Zach Cheeseman & April Vaden — Youth & Children
- Tom & Lou Thweatt — Celebration Team
- Bart & Marisa Adams — Gratitude & Ministry
- Chris & Rachel Mallett — Connection Team
- Melanie DaSilva — Coordinator
- Alexa Hyde — Communications

DETAILS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Connecting Hearts Campaign goal 1.1 million
- Campaign giving period January 2017 - December 2019
- Connection Center debt and interest \$793,500
- Commitment/Celebration Sunday - November 13th

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